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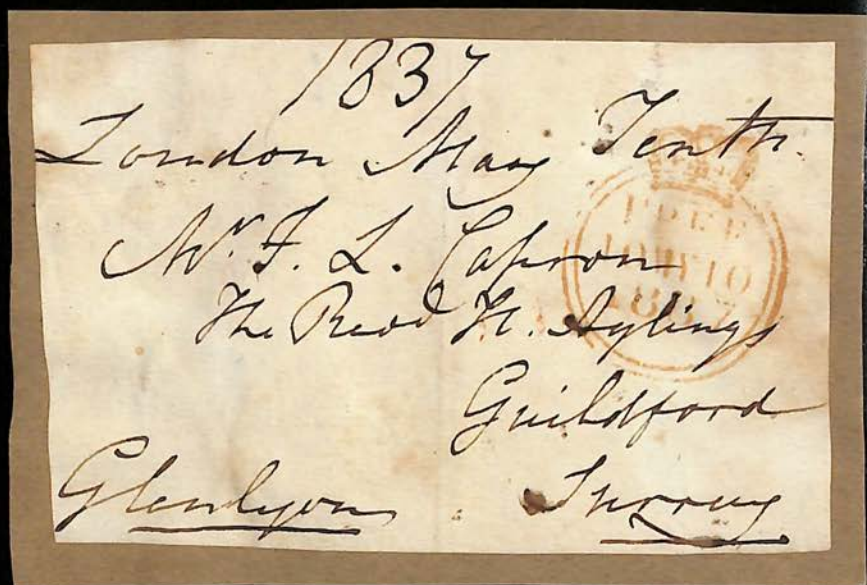
Pre-1840 Signed Letter Fronts

Up to 1840 the postal service operated very unfairly. At one extreme, ordinary members of the public had to pay an extortionate sum for their letters. At the other extreme, however, were a privileged few who were allowed to send and receive mail free of charge. This privilege was granted to members of both Houses of Parliament, which meant, in effect, that peers of the realm had free postage for life.

Such a system was open to abuse. Voters were bribed by MPs who were only too ready to 'frank' letters for them. At first this consisted merely of the MP or lord writing his name in the bottom left-hand corner of the front of the letter. To curb this abuse, an Act was passed in 1715 which obliged

the MP to write out the name and address as well in his own hand. The rules were tightened in 1784 when MPs were required to write the day, month and year in full, as well as the place of posting. This was intended to stamp out the practice whereby voters gave their MP blank sheets of paper to endorse, and then used them at a later date and in another place.

Even with these regulations, people continued to evade the postage by this method, right up until the end of 1839 when the franking privilege was abolished. Even Queen Victoria relinquished her rights to free postage and used adhesive stamps like the rest of her subjects.



Letters from London
Dated July 25, 1901.
Ans. Aug 8, 1901.



Mr Atkins Palmer
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Via Albany

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Solicitors

43 Chancery Lane

London

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Adv. und Gerichts-Advocat
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Berggasse 30

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5. Baton Square
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Mrs W. Bernard
Seapulo



Via Panama

Honourable Mr & Mrs



Mrs Patrick
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Miss Sarah E. Hiken.

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Shanrock Hill
Sept 26 1871

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287 Beanehire St
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