

# UNITED STATES DOMESTIC LETTER RATES FROM THE ACT OF 1792 TO OCTOBER 1, 1883

## REFERENCES, RATE CHANGES, and POSTAL MARKINGS

### POSTAL RATES

“**POSTAGE RATES, 1789 – 1930**, *Abstract of Laws Passed Between 1789 and 1930 Fixing Rates of Postage and According Free Mail Privileges*” United States Post Office Department, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 1939; **Reprinted by Virginia Postal History Society, Nov. 12, 1982.** Pages 1 to 15.

- **Advantage of Literature:** Information from each POSTAL ACT is condensed and includes only significant data.

### POSTAL ACTS

Available online at [www.rfrajola.com](http://www.rfrajola.com). From Website Homepage, scroll down to **Postal History Resources** and “Click” the banner. New page activated listing Reference Material in three columns. “Click” the specific **Postal Act** (Left-hand column) for the PDF File of the ACT. **Note:** “**1792 Postal Rates**” (middle column) is a good summary of the 1792 Rates rather than the entire 1792 Postal Act.

- **Disadvantage of Website:** Most POSTAL ACTS contain extensive information extraneous to the Exhibit. Recommend obtaining pages from the *Virginia Postal History Society* booklet available from the APS Library.

### RATE CHANGES

In order of *appearance within the exhibit* are the following examples of Rate Changes:

- LAST DAY, 12¢ WAR RATE of 1815. [Frame 3 / Page 2]
- FIRST BUSINESS DAY, 12½¢ RESTORED RATE of 1816. [F 4 / P 6]
- FIRST BUSINESS DAY, 17¢ RESTORED RATE of 1816. [F 4 / P 7]
- LAST DAY, 6¢ Rate of the Act of 1825. [F 5 / P 9]
- LAST DAY, 12½¢ Rate of the Act of 1825. [F 5 / P 14]
- FIRST DAY, 18¾¢ Rate of the Act of 1825, and Forwarded. [F 6 / P 9]
- LAST DAY, 18¾¢ Rate of the Act of 1825. Express Mail. [F 6 / P 12]
- FIRST DAY, 5¢ Rate of the Act of 1845. [F 7 / P 2]
- FIRST DAY, 10¢ Rate of the Act of 1845. [F 7 / P 5]
- LAST DAY, 5¢ Rate of the Act of 1845. [F 7 / P 10]
- LAST DAY, 10¢ Rate of the Act of 1845, Express Mail. [F 7 / P 11]
- FIRST DAY, 3¢ Prepaid Rate of the Act of 1851. [F 8 / P 1]
- FIRST DAY, 5¢ Not Prepaid Rate of the Act of 1851. [F 8 / P 4]
- FIRST DAY, 10¢ Not Prepaid Rate of the Act of 1851. [F 8 / P 7]
- Posted June 24, 1851 (near end of Act of 1845) and Forwarded on the FIRST DAY of subsequent Act of 1851. [F 8 / P 9]
- FIRST DAY, 2¢ Rate of the Act of 1883 and FIRST DAY of 2¢ Issue of October 1, 1883. [F 10 / P 32]
- FIRST DAY, 2¢ Rate of the Act of 1883 with 3¢ issue, 1¢ Overpaid. [F 10 / P 32]

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*AMERICAN STAMPLESS COVER CATALOG, Volume I*, Fourth Edition, David G. Philips Publishing.

In order of *appearance within the exhibit*, the following pages, from the above reference, apply to discoveries:

- Page 23: “Notes on Postage Rates and Payment of Postage, The 6-1/4¢ Rate.” [Frame 1 / Page 2]
- (No Reference Page): Discovery: Previously unknown manuscript from East Douglas (Rhode Island) in 1797. [F 1 / P 3]
- Page 216: Discovery: Latest usage of New York City Straight Line Handstamp during First Federal Rates. [F 1 / P 8]
- Page 75: Discovery: Previously unlisted Augusta (Georgia) handstamp used during **WAR RATES**. [F 3 / P 12]
- Page 55: Discovery: Norfolk (Connecticut) unlisted and earliest example of green CDS. [F 6 / P 2]
- Page 315: Discovery: Previously unlisted usage of Philadelphia 30mm CDS in 1845. [F 7 / P 2]
- Page 52: Discovery: Previously unlisted usage of blue Bridgeport (Connecticut) CDS used in 1846. [F 7 / P 3]
- Page 52: Discovery: Previously unlisted (latest) usage of Bloomfield (Connecticut) 28mm CDS in 1852. [F 8 / P 2]
- Page 379: Discovery: Previously unlisted (earliest) usage of Staunton (Virginia) “high” a variation in 1852. [F 8 / P 2]
- Page 254: Discovery: Previously unlisted usage of red Pleasantville (New York) 31mm CDS used in 1868. [F 8 / P 2]