1201  29 July 1801, HMS *La Topaze*, Part Entire Letter, Jamaica Port Royal. INWARDS LETTER addressed to Seaman George Farrington, Concession Rate 1d Letter. Faint Handstruck Mileage Mark WALTHAM CROSS. It is questionable whether George Farrington received this letter, as he died of Yellow Fever in August 1801. Cavendish Auction June 2006 – One of the earliest Concession Rate letters addressed to overseas.

1204  c.10 May 1860. HMS *Icarus* Jamaica Port Royal, 1d Concession Rate Letter from Seaman Henry Richman, it has not been countersigned. Backstamped LONDON and PORTSMOUTH 28 May 1860. Seaman Henry Richman died of Yellow Fever and was Discharged Dead on 5 October 1860. Harmers of London Auction September 1993 –

1205  17 September 1860. HMS *Icarus* Truxillo, Belize, Bay of Honduras, 1d Concession Rate Letter from William Anderson Royal Marine, it has not been countersigned. GB 1d Red cancelled LONDON Duplex 88 within diamond, applied with the Pearson Hill machine. Backstamped LONDON, 15 October 1860. Letter addressed to William Milestone, William Anderson died of Yellow Fever and was Discharged Dead on 3 October 1860. See the next item 206 which is the letter sent from William Milestone in reply.

Purchased as a unique pair, see next item, 1206.
1206  31 December 1860. HMS Icarus London Inwards Letter to the WEST INDIES, 1d Concession Rate Letter from William Milestone, Letter addressed to William Anderson who had died of Yellow Fever and was Discharged Dead on 3 October 1860. See the next item 206 which is the letter sent from William Milestone in reply. This letter has been retuned, endorsed “D.DEAD” DISCHARGED DEAD, and received back at London on 1 March 1861.

_Purchased as a unique pair. See previous item 1205. Argyll Etkin c1993 –_

1207  14 July 1861. HMS Mersey Jamaica Port Royal, 1d Concession Rate Letter from James Young, Yeoman of Signals, countersigned by Lieutenant James S. Twysden. GB 1d cancelled at London 13 August 1861 and backstamped BATH, 14 August 1861. Spink July 2005 –
1208  c.20 February 1862 HMS Rinaldo Bermuda, 1d Concession Rate Letter from Seaman William Wright, countersigned by Lieutenant Ralph L. Turton. GB 1d cancelled at Plymouth with the Plymouth Numeral obliterator No. 620. Handstruck figure “1” indicating 1d due (The Master’s Gratuity) carried on HMS Cleopatra from Bermuda. Backstamped with the PLYMOUTH SHIP LETTER unframed cds 6 March 1862 and DARTMOUTH 7 March 1862 Argyll Etkin September 1992 –

1209  c. April 1862. HMS Buchante Flag Ship Pacific Station, on Patrol Duties. 1d Concession Rate Letter from Charles Hutchins, Boy, countersigned by Lieutenant Francis M. Prattent. GB 1d cancelled at London 12 June 1862, with the London Duplex. Backstamped HURST-PIERPOINT 13 June 1862. Trevor Davis February 2004

1212  c March 1863. HMS *Phaeton* Jamaica, Port Royal. 1d Concession Rate Letter from Seaman Isaac Dawson, countersigned by Lieutenant Charles A.F. Paget. Received at London on 31 March 1863. Cavendish June 2006 –

1213  c September 1864. HMS *Phaeton* Jamaica, Port Royal. 1d Concession Rate Letter from Seaman Isaac Dawson, countersigned by Lieutenant Andrew J. Kennedy. Received at London on 14 October 1864. Cavendish June 2006

1215  c 15 February 1864. HMS Columbine Valparaiso, Chile. 7d Concession Rate, Letter via Panama (6d underpaid) from Boatswain’s Mate John Austin, countersigned by Lieutenant Charles E. Pearse. Received at London on 29 March 1864, where it received the Handstruck figure 6d indicating sixpence to be paid plus the red Inspectors Mark (Quartered circle. Backstamped YARMOUTH NORFOLK 30 March 1864. The London Coin datestamp is struck in blue. A cover full of character, and as at that time 1990, was thought to be the only recorded Seaman’s Concession Rate cover from Chile. Provenance G. Blank collection. The via Panama Concession Rate of 7d applied from 4 June 1859 to 28 June 1865. Robson Lowe (Christies) Zurich, December 1991 –
1216  c 9 June 1864. HMS *Bombay* Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. 1d Concession Rate Letter from William Hall, Boy, countersigned by Lieutenant Edward Kelly. Received at London on 4 August 1864. *HMS Bombay* was completely destroyed by fire on 14 December 1864, and Boy William Hall was Discharged Dead. Argyll Etkin, c1990 - 

1217  c 9 June 1864. HMS *Bombay* Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. 1d Concession Rate Letter from Stephen Wooley Royal Marine, countersigned by Lieutenant Edward Kelly. Received at London on 4 August 1864. Argyll Etkin, April 1999 - 

HMS *Bombay* was completely destroyed by fire on 14 December 1864, and Stephen Wooley was Discharged Dead, with all Marines acting as sentries and dying at their posts.
1218  c.29 August 1864. HMS Bombay Montevideo, Uruguay. 1d Concession Rate Letter from Sick Berth Attendant William Wiggett, countersigned by Lieutenant Edmund S. Poe. Received at London on 1 October 1864. HMS Bombay was completely destroyed by fire on 14 December 1864, and William Wiggett was Discharged Dead. Private sale September 1996

1219  c.29 November 1864. HMS Bombay Montevideo, Uruguay. 1d Concession Rate Letter from Sick Berth Attendant William Wiggett, countersigned by Lieutenant James Buchanan. Received at London on 2 January 1865. Richie Bodily c.1994 -

HMS Bombay was completely destroyed by fire on 14 December 1864, and William Wiggett did not survive and was Discharged Dead, before this letter arrived.
1220  c.28 November 1864. HMS Bombay Montevideo, Uruguay. 1d Concession Rate Letter from Sick Berth Attendant William Wiggett, countersigned by Lieutenant Francis Sterling. Received at London on 2 January 1865. HMS Bombay was completely destroyed by fire on 14 December 1864, and William Wiggett did not survive and was Discharged Dead, before this letter arrived. This cover almost looks as though it was in the fire! Cavendish July 2004 –

1221  7 August 1864. HMS Royalist Jamaica, Port Royal. 6d Officer’s Concession Rate Letter from Commander Edwin Pollard. Received at London on 29 August 1864 and at DUNKELD 30 August 1864. Allan Berman, June 1996
1222 24 October 1864. HMS Royalist Jamaica, Port Royal. 6d Officer’s Concession Rate Letter from Commander Edwin Pollard. Received at DUNKELD on 10 November 1864. Cavendish September 2004 –

1223 1 April 1865. HMS Royalist St. Thomas, British West Indies. INWARDS 6d Officer’s Concession Rate Letter to Captain Edwin Pollard. Received at St. Thomas 1 May 1865 (Backstamped) Allan Berman, June 1996

A Uniform British Rate of Sixpence to be payable on all letters not exceeding half an ounce, to or from any Commissioned Officer (whether in the Navy or Royal Marines), or any Warrant Officer, Midshipman, or Master’s Mate, was introduced as from 1 June 1857.

The Concession Rate for Officers was withdrawn on 31 December 1869
1224  c. February 1866. HMS Scout Vancouver Island. 7d Officer's Concession Rate Letter via Panama, 1d extra as from 26 June 1865, from Midshipman Edward Henry Bayly. Addressed to Ireland Cover Front only. Received at London on 30 March 1865. Allan Berman, June 1996

1225  c. June 1867. HMS Scout Vancouver Island. 7d Officer's Concession Rate Letter via Panama, 1d extra as from 26 June 1865, from Midshipman Edward Henry Bayly. Backstamped, London 15 July 1867, H & K PACT and MONKSTON, 15 July 1867. (see also 312 for HMS Scout) Allan Berman, June 1996 –
1226  21 April 1868. HMS Topaze PANAMA. 1½d Officer’s Double Concession Rate Letter, 1d extra per ½ ounce as from 30 December 1867, from an Officer on board. No other double rate Officer’s letters via Panama have been recorded during this period. Embossed “TOPAZE” Crest on rear flap. Received at London on 12 May 1868 also at MANCHESTER. Lugdunum (France) March 2008

1227  26 June 1868. HMS Phoebe COLON, COLUMBIA. 2d Seamen’s Concession Rate Letter via Panama, 1d extra as from 30 December 1867, from William Lintott, Captain’s Steward, countersigned by Lieutenant George Roberts. Backstamped London and BRIGHTON, 28 July 1868. Argyll Etkin, September 1993 –

1230  c. April 1873. HMS Nereuse Valparaiso, Chile. 2d Concession Rate, Letter via Panama from Harry Newbould, Armourer, countersigned by Warrant Officer Gunner 2nd. Class, James W. Saunders. The two GB 1d reds, cancelled with the C51 obliterator used at St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, (23 April 1873). Received at London on 14 May 1873, where it received the LONDON PAID cds. The via Panama Concession Rate of 2d applied from 26 June 1865. Argyll Etkin Auction, June 2005 –

1231  c. February 1873. HMS Nereuse Valparaiso, Chile. 2d Concession Rate, Letter via Panama from Harry Newbould, Armourer, countersigned by Staff Commander William H. Sharp. The two GB 1d reds, cancelled with the C51 obliterator used at St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, (28 March 1873). Received at London on 14 April 1873, where it received the LONDON PAID cds. The via Panama Concession Rate of 2d applied from 26 June 1865. Eric Paaskesen, Denmark Certificate of Authenticity No. 157006, 10/02/95. Argyll Etkin, September 2002 –
1232  c.15 December 1875. HMS Woodlark Jamaica, Port Royal. 1d Concession Rate Letter from Alfred Fricker, Seaman, countersigned by Sub-Lieutenant Arthur A. Broughton. The GB 1d red, cancelled with the C51 obliterator used at St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, (28 December 1875). Received at BATH on 16 January 1876. RPSL Certificate 161838, 20 October 1993. Argyll Etkin, February 1996 –

1233  c.22 December 1876. HMS Pert NASSAU, BAHAMAS. 1d Concession Rate Letter from Chief Boatswain’s Mate William Edmiston, countersigned by Assistant Paymaster in charge, Beresford C. Scott, sent via Halifax, Allan Line ss Sarmatian. Handstruck Figure 1d, indicating One Penny to pay, this was for the Master’s Gratuity of 1d (American Steamer Leo) between Nassau and Halifax. The GB 1d red, cancelled with the Barred oval obliterator D67 used at Queenstown, Ireland on the DUBLIN and CORK Railway Travelling Post Office. Backstamped GOSPORT on 13 January 1877. Private Sale, Gerald Sattin, October 1996 –
Reputed to be the only example of the D67 obliterator used on cover, and no records exist of the use of the D68 obliterator.
1234  14 February 1879. HMS Pelican Coquimbo, Chile.  2d Concession Rate, Entire Letter via Panama from F.W. Wrigg, Signalman, countersigned by Commander Henry H. Boys. The two GB 1d reds, cancelled with the C35 obliterator used at Panama, (8 March 1879 “A” cds), Peru-Chile War of 1878 - 1883. Received at MANCHESTER on 29 March 1879 cds. The via Panama Concession Rate of 2d applied from 26 June 1865. David Morrison, December 2005 – Interesting contents re the Earthquake “The sea was boiling hot and the sky was so rd we thought we had come to our world’s end.”

1235  c.1 September 1879. HMS Turquoise Callao, PERU.  2d Concession Rate, Letter via Panama from Seaman, Joseph Philip Leopold Marcelis, countersigned by Lieutenant Charles T. Turner. The two GB 1d reds, cancelled with the C35 Duplex obliterator used at Panama, (20 September 1879 “A” cds), Peru-Chile War of 1878 - 1883. Received at LONDON on 13 October 1879 cds. The via Panama Concession Rate of 2d applied from 26 June 1865. William Carson, March 1996.
1236  c.27 March 1881. HMS Turquoise Callao, PERU.  2d Concession Rate, Letter via Panama from Seaman, Joseph Philip Leopold Marcelis, countersigned by Lieutenant Charles T. Turner. In addition to the two GB 1d Rose Reds, a further four 1d Reds have been added, cancelled with three strikes of the C35 Duplex obliterator used at Panama, (16 April 1881 “A” cds). Received at LONDON on 13 May 1881 cds. The via Panama Concession Rate of 2d applied from 26 June 1865. A Possible explanation for the extra postage is that it was treated at the standard 6d rate? Argyll Etkin, January 1997 – RPSL Certificate 166910, 15 May 1996.

A Fascinating cover during the Peru-Chile War of 1878 - 1883!

1237  4 May 1885. HMS Swiftsure Coquimbo, Chile. NON - Concession Officer’s Rate, Entire Letter via Panama. INWARDS Mourning Letter from SANDWICH to Lieutenant John Hannan Henderson. Ashford Stamps (NZ) January 2001 –

Interestingly, although Henderson had served on at least thirteen ships and had a very good conduct record he never advanced further in his rank and was retired on account of age with lack of command!
1238  c 30 September 1895. HMS Retribution Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. 1d Concession Rate Letter from G. Bennett, Stoker, countersigned by Lieutenant Lawrence E. Power. Received at London on 26 October 1895 and at BARNSTABLE on 27 October 1895. Embossed name of ship H.M.S. RETRIBUTION on back flap Argyll Etkin, March 1996

1239  c 10 March 1898. HMS Rambler Port of Spain, TRINIDAD. 1d Concession Rate Letter from T.W. Fitz, Chief Carpenter, countersigned by Lieutenant Charles E. Monro. Received at London on 31 March 1898 and at SHEPHERDS BUSH on 1 April 1898. RMSP Orinco left Trinidad on 10 March 1898, arrived Plymouth on 31 March 1898. Private sale Geoffrey Osborne August 1997 –
1240  c.13 September 1898. HMS Rambler Red Bay, LABRADOR, NEWFOUNDLAND. 1d (2 cents) Concession Rate Letter from Percy W. Fitz, Chief Carpenter, countersigned by Lieutenant Charles E. Monro. COASTAL TPO. NORTH NEWFD cds 13 September 1898 and Backstamped St. JOHNS NEWFD 18 September 1898 Received at LIVERPOOL on 29 September 1898 and LONDON & PADDINGTON 30 September 1898. Allan Steinhart, June 1996 –

1241  15 August 1898. HMS Rambler Belle Island, LABRADOR, North America. 1d (2 cents) Concession Rate Letter from Percy W. Fitz, Chief Carpenter, countersigned by Lieutenant Charles E. Monro. COASTAL TPO. NORTH NEWFD cds 15 August 1898 and Backstamped St. JOHNS NEWFD 20 August 1898 Received at LIVERPOOL on 29 August 1898 & PADDINGTON on 30 August 1898. Argyll Etkin, January 1996 –
1242 20 October 1898. HMS Imperieuse COMAX, VANCOVER ISLAND. 1d (2 cents) Concession Rate Letter from N.N. Treays, Master at Arms, countersigned by Captain Charles H. Adair. COMAX cds 20 October 1898 and Backstamped LONDON (Hooded Type) on 5 November 1898. Placed in the Canadian Postal System, and carried overland and by British Packet, Cunard Line Pavonia left Halifax 27 October 1898. Embossed crest and ship’s name on back flap. British Philatelic Association Certificate No. 34019, June 1958. Allan Steinhart, June 1996 –

This is reputed to be the only known example of the use of the Two Cents Numeral Issue used on a Concession Rate Letter.
1243  c January 1903. HMS Tribune La Guayra (Caracas) VENEZUELA, South America. Unpaid Concession Rate Letter from Ainslie, Engine Room Artificer, endorsed “HMS Tribune Blockading La Guayra. PORT OF SPAIN TRINIDAD cds 15 January 1903. Handstruck Figure 2d FB, Twopence to Pay, this was the charge for all unpaid Seamen’s Letters, also a large letter T in framed octagon Received at HARWICH on 29 January 1903. William Carson March 1996 –

A Blockade by British and German Naval ships was imposed on 20 December 1902 and was raised on 14 February 1903.

*It is believed that this is the only surviving British Cover from this operation, three Postcards are known, One British and Two German (see next item).*

See also the next item 1243
1244 1 January 1903. SMS Falke La Guayra (Caracas) VENEZUELA, South America. German Field-Postcard (MARINE SCHIFFSPOST No. 40), addressed to DORNUMEERSLIEL. A Blockade by British and German Naval ships was imposed on 20 December 1902 and was raised on 14 February 1903. It is believed that this is one of only two surviving German Navy Postcards from this operation, also included is a P.C showing SMS Falke). Michael Piggins and others, November 2004 –

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