

# Florida Express Mail 1836 - 1839

## James Milgram's "Express Mail of 1836-1839 Usages In Florida Territory" in *Florida Postal History 1763 – 1861*: pp. 17-20

In 1836 letters were rated for the distance carried in the mail. The following is a list of those rates:

<u>Rates</u>		Ordinary	Express Mail			
		<u>Single</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Double</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Quadruple</u>
Not over	30 miles	.06	.18	.36	.54	.72
Over 30 and no over	80 miles	.10	.30	.60	.90	1.20
Over 80 and not over	150 miles	.12½	.37½	.75	1.12½	1.50
Over 150 and not over	400 miles	.18¾	.56¼	1.12½	1.68¾	2.25
Over	400 miles	.25	.75	1.50	2.25	3.00

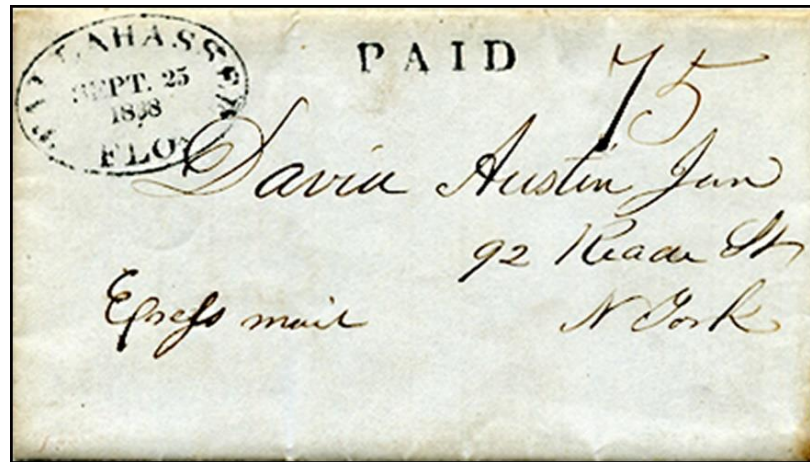


Tallahassee Flo<sup>a</sup> 02-01-1839 (Milgram)

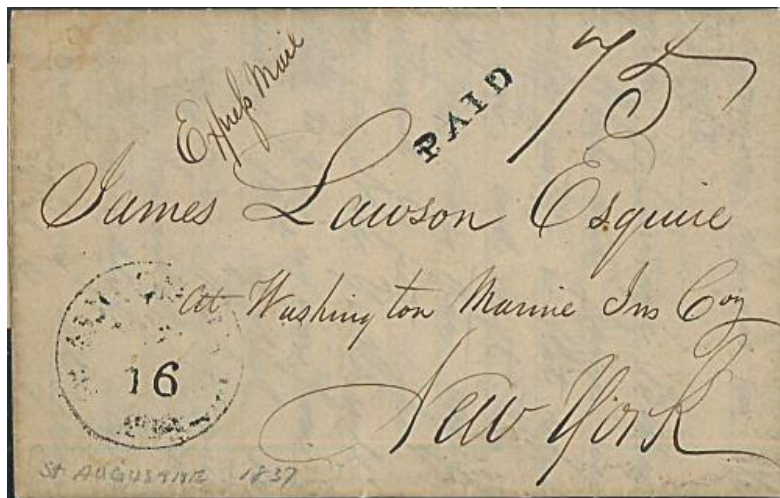


St. Augustine to Charleston November 15, 1837 (Milgram)

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Tallahassee 09-25-1838 (Milgram)



St. Augustine ??-16-1837 (Dr. William Johnson Estate)



St. Augustine 10-12-1837 (Dr. William Johnson Estate)



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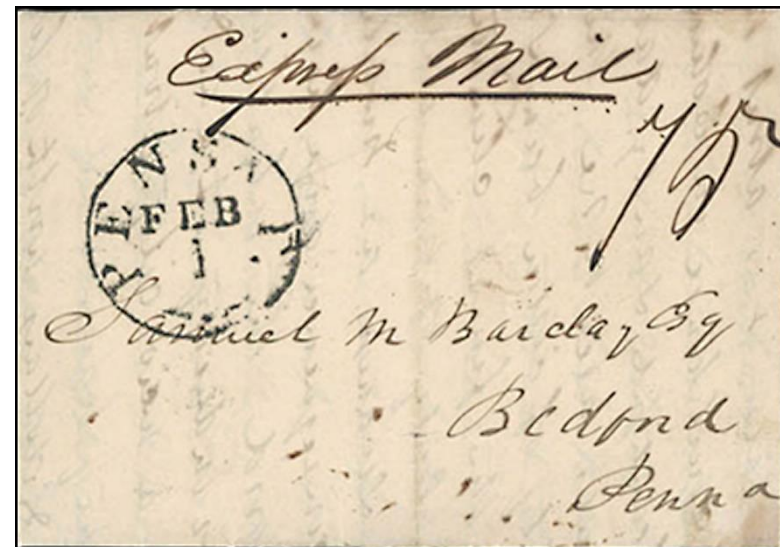
Pensacola 8-3-1838 Express mail related to 18 ¾ (Milgram)



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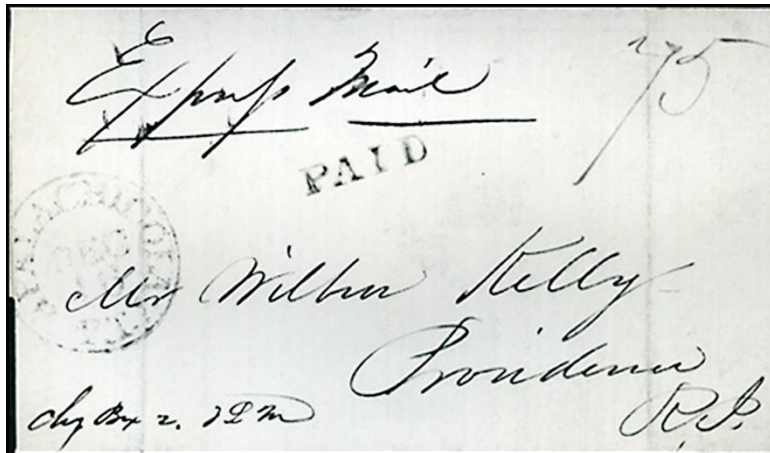


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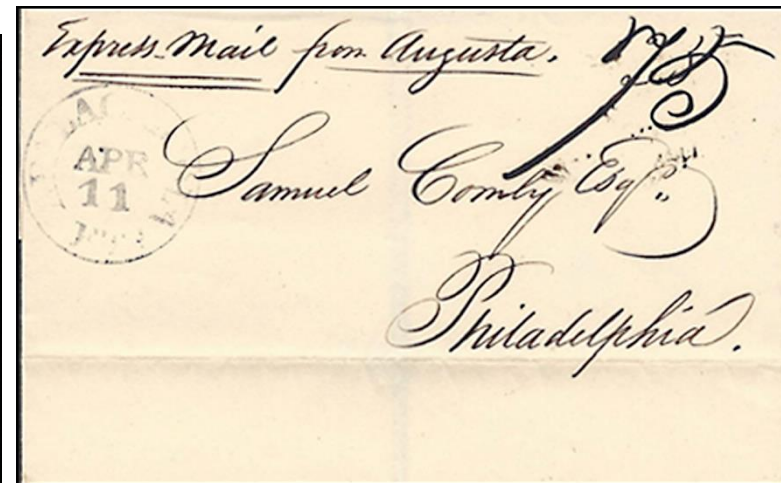


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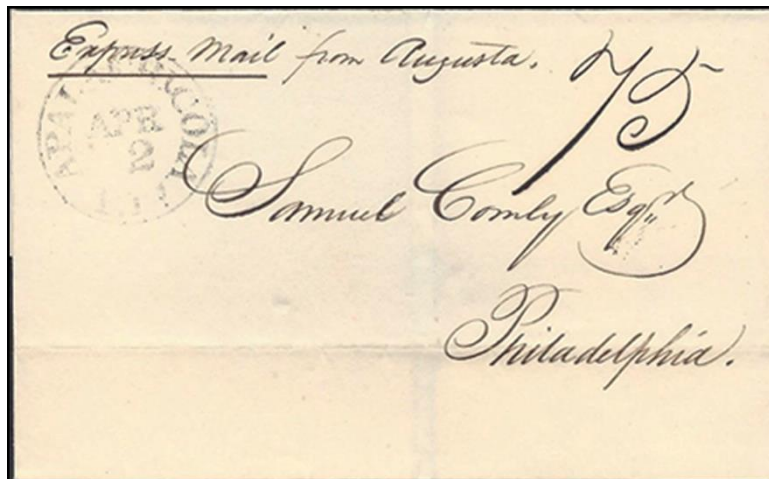
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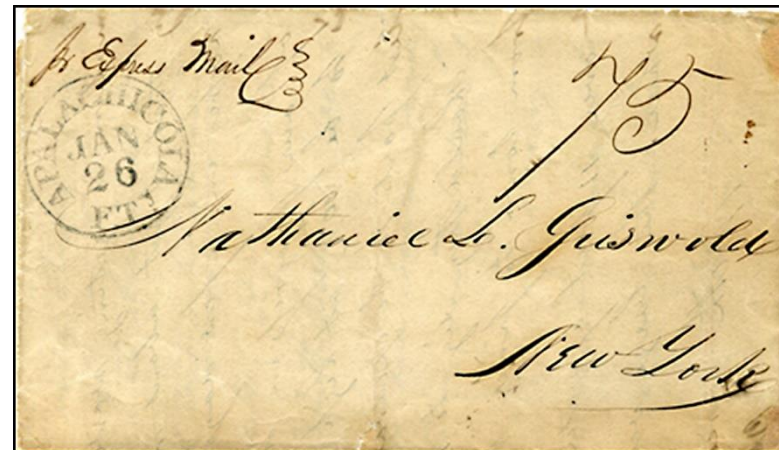
Apalachicola 12-16-1838 (Milgram)



Apalachicola 4-11-1837 (Dr. William Johnson Estate)



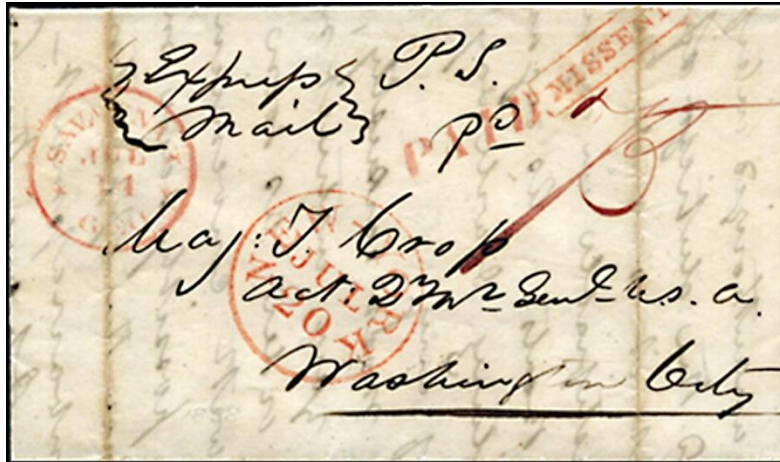
Apalachicola 4-2-1837(Dr. William Johnson Estate)



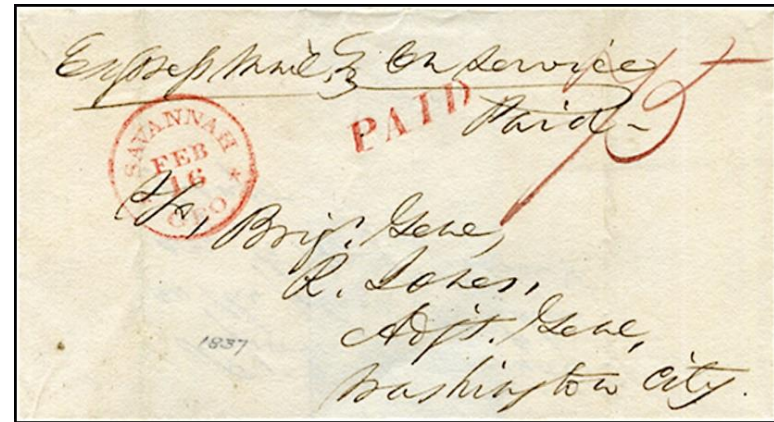
Apalachicola 1-26-1837 (Milgram)



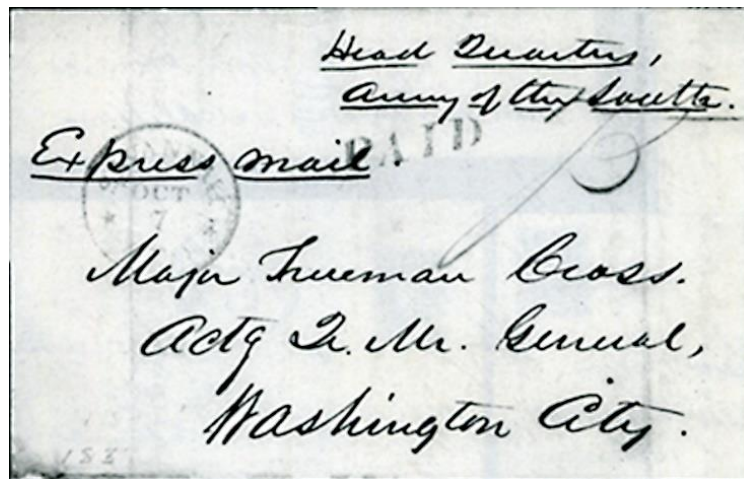
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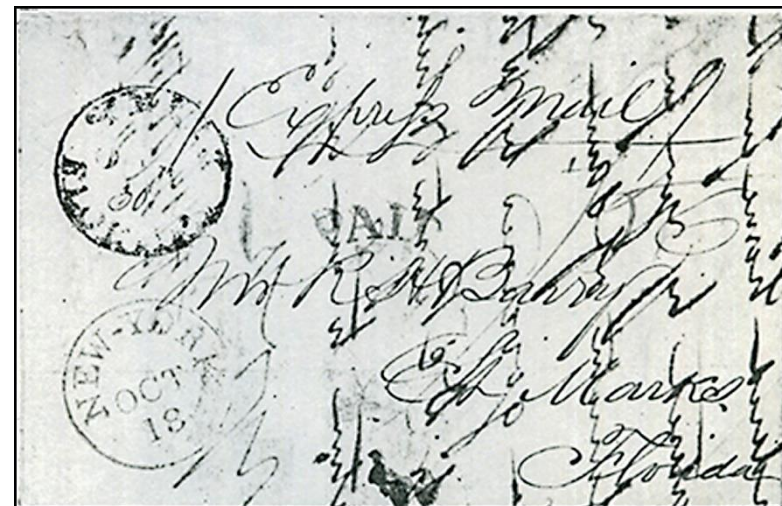
MISSENT Fort Heilman, E. F, Savannah July 14, 1838 (Milgram)



Savannah 2-16-1837 (Milgram)



St. Augustine to Savannah 10-7-1837 (Milgram)



\$1.50 St Marks Receiving Postmark St. Marks 10-13-1838 (Milgram)

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## FLORIDA EXPRESS MAIL CENSUS

### Sent Mail from Florida

APALACHICOLA	TYPE	DATE	NOTES
APALACHICOLA F.Ty.	Type III	JAN 26 (1837)	Manuscript "pr Express Mail" and unpaid 75
APALACHICOLA F.Ty.	Type III	APR 2 (1837)	Manuscript "Express Mail from Augusta" and unpaid 75
APALACHICOLA F.Ty.	Type III	APR 11 (1837)	Manuscript "Express Mail from Augusta" and unpaid 25 but corrected to reflect the 75 cent Express Mail rate
APALACHICOLA F.Ty.	Type III	DEC 16 (1838)	Manuscript "Express Mail" and PAID 75
PENSACOLA	TYPE	DATE	NOTES
PENSA F.	Type VI	FEB 1 (1837)	Manuscript "Express Mail" and 75
PENSA F.	Type VI b	SEP 25 (1837)	Manuscript "Express Mail" postmark "PAID" crossed out and red 75
PENSA F.	Type VI b	OCT 3 (1837)	Manuscript "Express Mail" postmark "PAID" red 75
PENSA F.	Type VI b	AUG 3 (1838)	Manuscript "Express Mail" crossed out with 75 crossed out to 56¼ and modified to 18¼
ST. AUGUSTINE	TYPE	DATE	NOTES
ST. AUGUSTINE FL. T.	Type XIV	OCT 12 (1837)	Manuscript "Express Mail" with 25 rerated to 75
ST. AUGUSTINE FL. T.	Type XIV c	(1837)	Manuscript "Express Mail" with PAID 75
TALLAHASSEE	TYPE	DATE	NOTES
TALLAHASSEE FLOA.	Type VI c	SEPT 25 1838	Manuscript "Express mail" with PAID 75
TALLAHASSEE FLOA.	Type VI c	FEB 1 1839	Manuscript "pr Express mail" with PAID 75 and later charged "Due 75" for an enclosure

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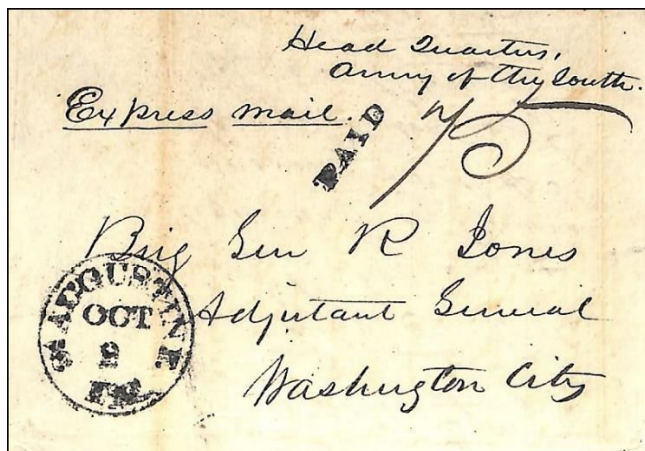
### Received Mail and Non-Florida Postmarked Express Mail Covers with Florida Origin

CITY	DATE	NOTES
NEW YORK	OCT 13 (1838)	Manuscript "Express Mail" with curved PAID 1.50 and St. Mark Florida receiving postmark
SAVANNAH GEO	FEB 16 (1837)	Manuscript "Express Mail, On Service" Red PAID postmark and Red 75 from Fort Oglethorpe
SAVANNAH GEO	OCT 7 (1837)	Manuscript "Express Mail" with "PAID" postmark and manuscript 75 and Head Quarters Army of the South
SAVANNAH GEO	JUL 14 (1838)	Manuscript "Express Mail P.S." with red PAID postmark and 75 from Fort Heileman
CHARLESTON S.C.	NOV 15 (1837)	Manuscript "By Express Mail" with red PAID postmark and 75 datelined St. Augustine

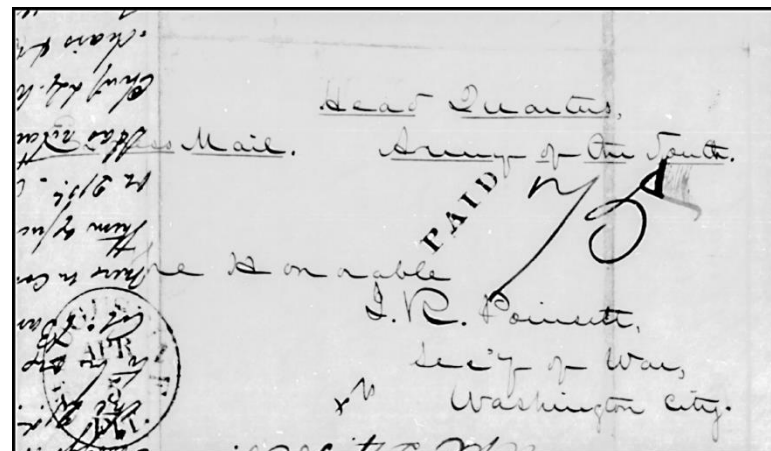


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## Examples from the National Archives (Department File Where Found)



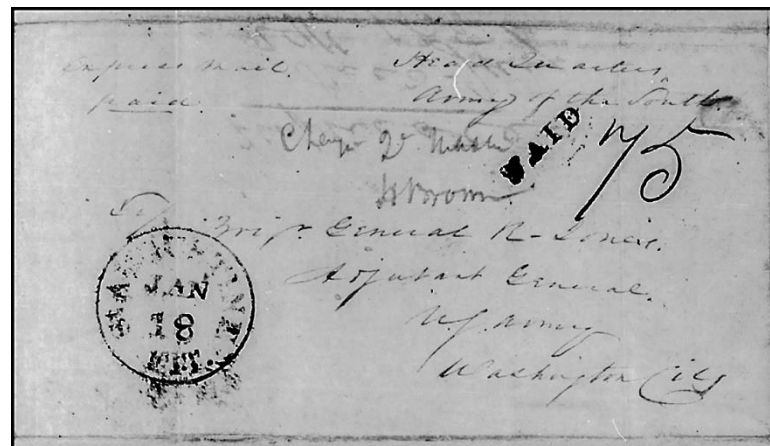
St. Augustine 09-27-1837 (War)



Fort Jupiter 03-25-1838 (War)



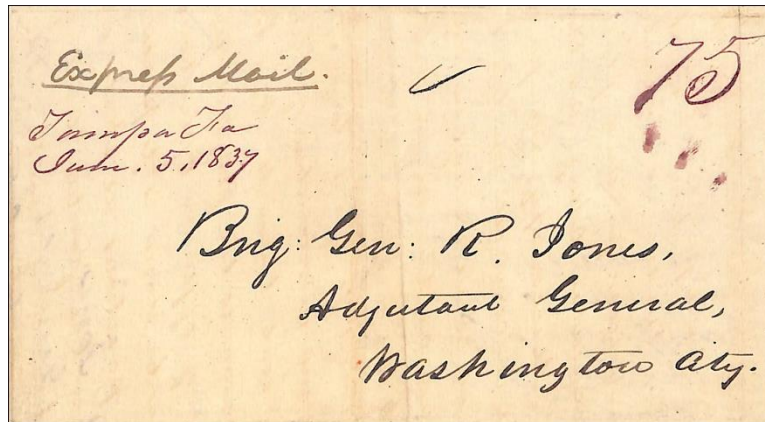
Headwaters St Johns 1-9-1838 (War) (Location of Paid Handstamp)



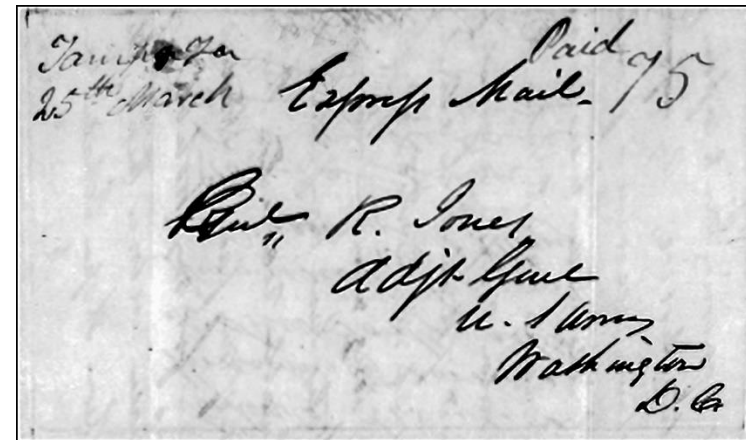
Headwaters St Johns 1-9-1838 (War)



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Tampa Fa 06.05.1837 (War)



Tampa Fa 03.25.1838 (War)

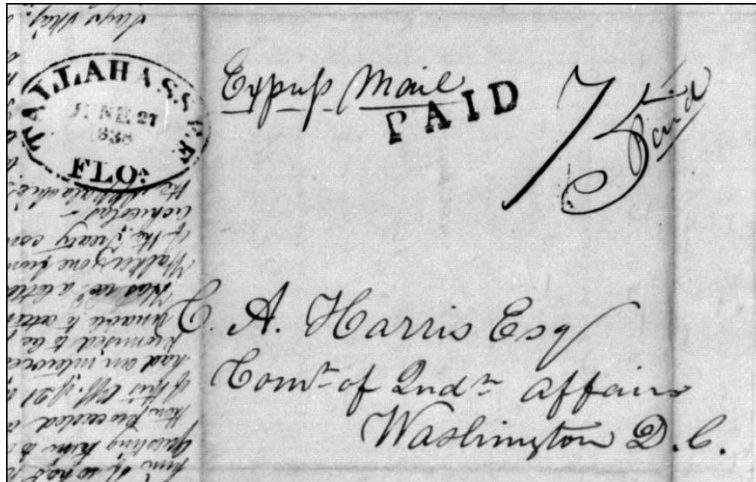


Pensacola Flor. 12.03.1838 (Navy)

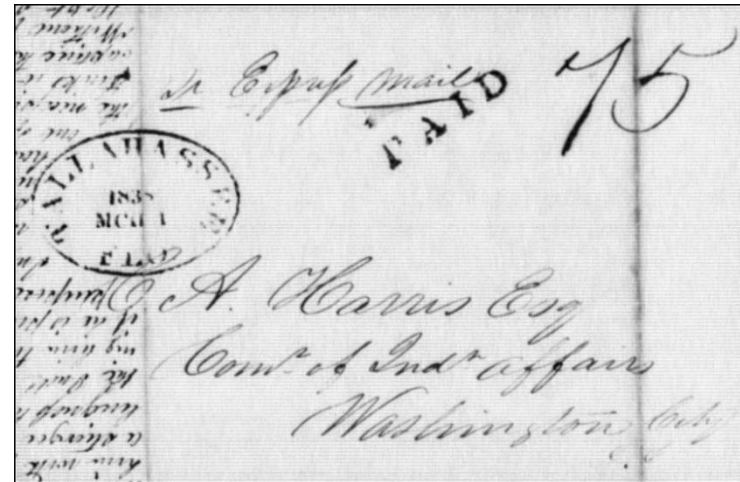


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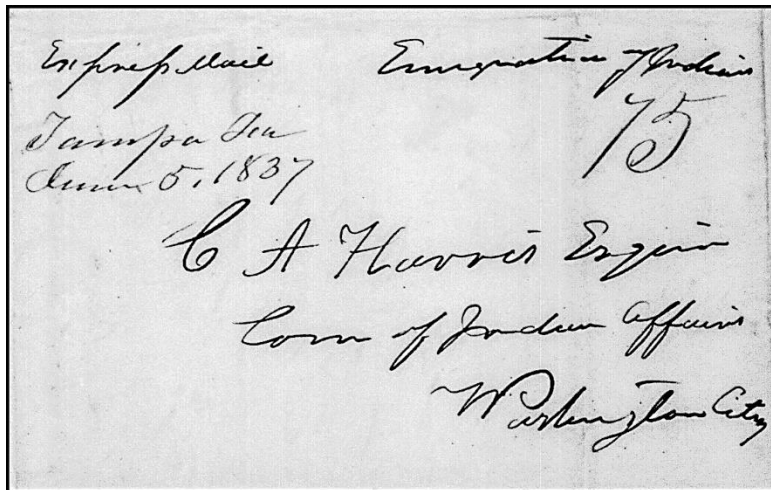
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Tallahassee FLO<sup>A</sup> 06.27.1838 (Indian Affairs)



Tallahassee FLO<sup>A</sup> 03.01.1838 (Indian Affairs)



Tampa Fa 06.05.1837 (Indian Affairs)



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## War Department Covers

FLORIDA EXPRESS MAIL LETTERS 1837-1838						
ID	Letter Origin	Dateline	Port of Call	CDS	Destination	Received
D122	Garey's Ferry	05.26.1837	Charleston	06.01.1837	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	06.06.1837
J116	St. Augustine SHIP 77	07.10.1837	Charleston	07.17.1837	Adjutant General R. Jones	07.21.1837
J185	St. Augustine FREE	10.02.1837	Charleston	10.13.1837	Adjutant General R. Jones	10.23.1837
J193	Garey's Ferry	10.14.1837	Charleston	10.17.1837	Adjutant General R. Jones	NA
J20	Fort Armstrong	02.07.1837	Charleston	02.17.1837	B. F. Butler Secretary of War	02.21.1837
J201	St. Augustine	10.21.1837	Charleston	NA	Adjutant General R. Jones	10.31.1837
J208	Garey's Ferry	10.31.1837	Charleston	11.07.1837	Adjutant General R. Jones	11.11.1837
J215	St. Augustine	10.29.1837	Charleston	11.06.1837	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	11.10.1837
J216	Garey's Ferry	11.04.1837	Charleston	11.06.1837	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	11.10.1837
J217	Garey's Ferry	11.04.1837	Charleston	11.06.1837	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	11.10.1837
J228	Garey's Ferry	11.16.1837	Charleston	11.27.1837	Adjutant General R. Jones	12.07.1837
J230	Volusia	11.21.1837	Charleston	11.27.1837	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	12.05.1837
J231	Volusia	11.22.1837	Charleston	11.27.1837	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	12.05.1837
J241	St. Augustine SHIP 77	07.11.1837	Charleston	07.15.1837	Major General A. Macomb	07.21.1837
J243	Fort Heilman	07.25.1837	Charleston	08.11.1837	Major General A. Macomb	08.16.1837
J248	Fort Mellon	11.28.1837	Charleston	12.05.1837	Adjutant General R. Jones	12.07.1837
J254	Fort Mellon	11.28.1837	Charleston	12.05.1837	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	12.07.1837
J255	Fort Mellon	11.29.1837	Charleston	12.05.1837	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	12.09.1837
J268	Fort Mellon	12.12.1837	Charleston	12.18.1837	Adjutant General R. Jones	12.22.1837
J270	Lake George	12.06.1837	Charleston	12.12.1837	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	12.18.1837
J271	Fort Mellon	12.14.1837	Charleston	12.25.1837	Adjutant General R. Jones	12.29.1837
J280	Fort Mellon	12.14.1837	Charleston	12.25.1837	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	12.29.1837
J281	Fort Mellon	12.19.1837	Charleston	12.31.1837	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	01.04.1838
J282	Lake Harney	12.20.1837	Charleston	12.31.1837	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	01.04.1838
J283	Fort Lane	12.22.1837	Charleston	12.31.1837	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	01.05.1838
J284	Fort Lane	12.24.1837	Charleston	01.07.1838	Adjutant General R. Jones	01.11.1838
J300	Volusia	11.22.1837	Charleston	11.24.1837	Major General A. Macomb	12.04.1837
P21	Fort Heilman	02.10.1837	Charleston	02.16.1837	Adjutant General R. Jones	02.22.1837
C48	Fort Christmas	01.03.1838	Charleston	01.29.1838	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	02.01.1838
J 5	Fort Taylor	01.06.1838	Charleston	01.22.1838	Adjutant General R. Jones	01.26.1838
J16	Fort McNeil	01.05.1838	Charleston	01.22.1838	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	01.30.1838
J30	Fort Jupiter	02.09.1838	Charleston	02.17.1838	Adjutant General R. Jones	02.22.1838
J42	Fort Jupiter	02.28.1838	Charleston	03.12.1838	Adjutant General R. Jones	03.17.1838
33	Total Charleston = 33					

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FLORIDA EXPRESS MAIL LETTERS 1837-1838						
ID	Letter Location	Dateline	Port of Call	CDS	Destination	Received
D3	Garey's Ferry	01.03.1837	Savannah	01.09.1837	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	01.14.1837
J140	Garey's Ferry	07.24.1837	Savannah	08.11.1837	Adjutant General R. Jones	08.15.1837
J141	Fort Heilman	07.25.1837	Savannah	08.11.1837	Adjutant General R. Jones	08.16.1837
J142	Garey's Ferry	07.25.1837	Savannah	08.11.1837	Adjutant General R. Jones	08.16.1837
J185	St. Augustine	10.02.1837	Savannah	10.07.1837	Adjutant General R. Jones	10.12.1837
J201	St. Augustine	10.21.1837	Savannah	10.26.1837	Adjutant General R. Jones	10.31.1837
J207	St. Augustine	10.22.1837	Savannah	10.26.1837	Adjutant General R. Jones	11.08.1837
J202	St. Augustine	10.23.1838	Savannah	10.26.1837	Adjutant General R. Jones	11.08.1837
J246	St. Augustine	09.25.1837	Savannah	09.29.1837	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	10.04.1837
J247	St. Augustine	10.02.1837	Savannah	10.07.1837	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	10.12.1837
J247	St. Augustine	10.02.1837	Savannah	10.09.1837	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	10.16.1837
J25	Fort Pierce	01.17.1838	Savannah	02.11.1838	Adjutant General R. Jones	02.14.1838
J26	Fort Jupiter	01.31.1838	Savannah	02.11.1838	Adjutant General R. Jones	02.16.1838
J269	Fort Mellon	12.12.1837	Savannah	12.17.1837	Adjutant General R. Jones	12.22.1837
J27	Fort Jupiter	02.04.1838	Savannah	02.11.1838	Adjutant General R. Jones	02.16.1838
J295	Fort Micanopy	08.21.1837	Savannah	08.25.1837	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	08.30.1837
C84	Fort Heileman	02.07.1838	Savannah	02.14.1838	Adjutant General R. Jones	02.22.1838
J42	Fort Dade - Free	02.22.1837	Savannah	03.01.1837	B. F. Butler Secretary of War	03.09.1837
J62	Fort Jupiter	03.14.1838	Savannah	03.24.1838	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	03.31.1838
D72	Camp Jupiter	03.27.1838	Savannah	04.11.1838	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	04.17.1838
T94	Fort Heileman	05.10.1838	Savannah	05.12.1838	Major General A. Macomb	05.17.1838
T113	Fort Heilman	06.05.1838	Savannah	06.06.1838	Adjutant General R. Jones	01.14.1838
22	Total Savannah = 22					



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## War Department Covers

FLORIDA EXPRESS MAIL LETTERS 1837-1838						
ID	Letter Location	Dateline	Port of Call	CDS	Destination	Received
	<u>Miscellaneous Towns</u>					
J 9	Headwaters of St. Johns	01.09.1838	St. Augustine	01.18.1838	Adjutant General R. Jones	01.29.1838
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J188	St. Augustine	09.27.1837	St. Augustine	10.02.1837	Adjutant General R. Jones	10.16.1837
J73	Fort Jupiter	03.25.1838	St. Augustine	04.05.1838	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	04.16.1838
J13	Fort Armstrong - Free	01.21.1837	Jacksonville	01.26.1837	Adjutant General R. Jones	02.09.1837
J149	Fort Heilman - Free	08.07.1837	Jacksonville	08.11.1837	Adjutant General R. Jones	08.23.1837
J94	Tampa Bay	06.05.1837	Tampa Fa	06.05.1837	Adjutant General R. Jones	06.21.1837
J160	Garey's Ferry - No Rate	08.10.1837	NA	NA	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	08.24.1837
J290	Fort Christmas - No Rate	12.30.1837	NA	NA	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	01.18.1838
J34	New Orleans	03.15.1837	New Orleans	03.16.1837	Adjutant General R. Jones	03.24.1837
N14	Fort Basinger EF	03.15.1838	Tampa Fa	03.25.1838	Adjutant General R. Jones	04.04.1838
J201	Tampa Bay	09-02-1837	Mobile	09-15-1837	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	09-21-1837
J44	Camp near Jupiter River	02.24.1838	Tampa FA - Free	03.04.1838	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	03.26.1838
13	Miscellaneous Towns = 13					

Highlighted IDs are covers shown above.

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FLORIDA EXPRESS MAIL LETTERS 1837-1838						
ID	Letter Origin	Dateline	Port of Call	CDS	Destination	Received
<u>US Navy Covers</u>						
Wyche, G.	USS Vandalia	07.31.1838	No Postmark	07.01.1838	J.K. Paulding, Secretary of the Navy	NA
Dallas, A.	US Frigate Constellation	12.12.1837	Pensa F.	12.12.1837	Lieut. John L. Jaundry Norfolk Virginia	NA
Ward, J.S.	US Ship St. Louis	05.02.1837	Pensa F.	05.02.1837	Mahlon Dickerson, Secretary of the Navy	NA
Buchanan, M.	US Navy Yard Pensacola	07.15.1837	Pensa F.	07.15.1837	Mahlon Dickerson, Secretary of the Navy	NA
Hunter, W.W.	US Frigate Constellation	11.04.1837	Pensa. F.	11.04.1837	Lieut. John L. Jaundry Norfolk Virginia	NA
Cassedy, J.	US Navy Yard Pensacola	07.31.1837	Pensa. F.	07.31.1837	John Boyle, Esq. Acting Secretary of Navy	NA
O'Shanesfsy	US Schooner Grampus	03.30.1838	Pensa. F.	03.31.1838	Mahlon Dickerson, Secretary of the Navy	NA
Houston, H.M.	US Naval Hospital Pensacola	04.25.1838	Pensa. F.	04.27.1838	Mahlon Dickerson, Secretary of the Navy	NA
Maury, A.C.	USS Vandalia	08.04.1838	Pensa. F.	08.05.1838	J.K. Paulding, Secretary of the Navy	NA
Warren, N.	US Navy Yard Pensacola	12.03.1838	Pensacola Flor.	12.03.1838	J.K. Paulding, Secretary of the Navy	NA
10	Total Navy = 10					
<u>Indian Affairs Covers</u>						
M234-238	St. Augustine	7.18.1837	St. Augustine	07.20.1837	C. A. Harris, Esq. Comm. of Indian Affairs	07.31.1837
M234-239	Apalachicola River Fla to	06.03.1838	Columbus, Ga	06.13.1838	C. A. Harris, Esq. Comm. of Indian Affairs	06.22.1838
M234-239	Tallahassee FLO <sup>A</sup>	03.01.1838	NA	NA	C. A. Harris, Esq. Comm. of Indian Affairs	03.10.1838
M234-289	Tallahassee FLO <sup>A</sup>	06.27.1838	NA	NA	C. A. Harris, Esq. Comm. of Indian Affairs	07.06.1838
M234-239	Chattahoochee River Fla to	05.24.1838	Columbus, Ga	05.30.1838	C. A. Harris, Esq. Comm. of Indian Affairs	06.08.1838
M234-290	Tampa Bay	06.05.1837	Tampa Fa	06.05.1837	C. A. Harris, Esq. Comm. of Indian Affairs	06.19.1837
M234-290	St. Augustine	09.22.1837	Savannah	09.29.1837	J. R. Poinsett Secretary of War	10.04.1837
7	Total Indian Affairs Covers = 7					
85	Total Covers = 85					

Highlighted IDs are covers shown above.



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**Total Covers From Florida at the National Archives = 85**

- **Department of the Navy:** The Pensacola Navy Yard and Hospital was very active during the Second Seminole War. (10)
- **Department of Indian Affairs:** One Express Mail letter from Tampa, two from Tallahassee, two from St. Augustine, one on the Chattahoochee River, and one on the Apalachicola River. (7)
- **Department of War:** Between 1837 and 1838 Express Mail letters from Florida (33 from Charleston, 22 from Savannah, 4 from St. Augustine, 2 from Jacksonville, 3 from Tampa, 1 each from New Orleans and Mobile, and 2 unknown). (68)
- Note 61 Express Mail letters were written by Jesup.

It should be noted four covers were recorded as express mail but marked FREE and did not travel by express mail. Two covers had no rate markings but were listed as express mail. Since they were listed as Express Mail they are included in these figures.

**Total Covers from James Milgram's Article in *Florida Postal History 1763 -1861* = 17.**

**Total Express Mail Covers from Florida = 102.**