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OF INDEPENDENT MAILS

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INDEPENDENT MAIL ROUTES, & EXPRESS CO.S

BARKER'S CITY POST

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# BARKER'S CITY POST

After Cheever & Towle's City Post was sold to George H. Barker in 1852, he changed the name to Barker's City Post. Only handstamps were used by this Boston local post, which operated until around 1861.

## C I R C U L A R .

### Suffolk District Medical Society.

The Regular Monthly Meeting for *Medical Improvement*, will be held at the Society's Hall, in *Phillips Place*, on **SATURDAY** June 30, 1855, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

JOHN B. ALLEY, SECRETARY.

Dr. H. I. Bowditch will read a paper upon the evidence in the case of Dr. Brown vs. New York and New Haven Railroad.

THE Undersigned were appointed a Committee, by the BOSTON SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL OBSERVATION, in accordance with a vote, recently passed by that Society, in reference to the establishment of a *Medical Monograph Library*. It is believed that there is a large number of old and recent monographs, now in the possession of individuals, which will eventually be destroyed, unless they are placed in some public collection. The Society, already, has a valuable Library of Medical Journals. It proposes now to gather, if possible, all the pamphlets relating to medicine and its collateral sciences, which are lying unarranged and unused, upon the shelves of members of the profession, and arrange them systematically. It hopes, moreover, to make a collection, which shall be of continually increasing value, by donations from members and others. As it will be open to the Medical Profession for consultation, and as it must be evident that it may be made of very great value to the Profession, the Undersigned feel no hesitation in suggesting the matter to you, and would remark, that if you have any pamphlets which you are willing to contribute to this object you will

35 Boylston street,  
on to take charge

BOWDITCH,  
H. CLARKE,  
WILLIAMS,  
MINOT,  
ALLEY.



GENUINE HANDSTAMP ON COVER  
BLACK "BARKER'S CITY POST. / 10 COURT SQ." IN OVAL  
WITH BLACK "PAID" HANDSTAMP  
1855 CIRCULAR

The circular above was delivered locally to Dr. Josiah Curtis at 19 Franklin St. by Barker's City Post. The circular relates to a June, 1855 meeting of the Suffolk District Medical Society.



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While only handstamps were used by this Boston local post, a fictitious stamp design was created by S. Allan Taylor. The design is loosely based on the Union Despatch stamp (170L1) but with a beehive in the center in stead of a horse's head.



BOGUS  
TAYLOR - FORM AA1  
5¢ DULL BLUE  
ON WHITE



BOGUS  
TAYLOR - FORM AA1  
5¢ DULL GREEN  
ON WHITE



BOGUS  
TAYLOR - FORM AA1  
5¢ DULL RED  
ON WHITE



BOGUS  
TAYLOR - FORM AA1  
5¢ RED  
ON WHITE



BOGUS  
TAYLOR - FORM AA1  
5¢ MAROON  
ON WHITE



BOGUS  
TAYLOR - FORM AA1  
5¢ MAROON  
ON GREEN SC