

THE  
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❧ COLLECTION ❧  
OF INDEPENDENT MAILS

INCLUDING THE HISTORY, FORGERIES, & FANTASIES OF  
UNITED STATES, LOCAL POSTS, CARRIERS,  
INDEPENDENT MAIL ROUTES, & EXPRESS CO.S

CARPENTER & CO. EXPRESS

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# CARPENTER & CO.'S EXPRESS

## COMPANY HISTORY

The Carpenter & Co.'s Kennebec Express service was founded by G.S. Carpenter in the early 1840s. The company specialized in carrying private mail and packages between cities from Massachusetts to Maine, including Boston, Augusta, Hallowell, Gardiner, Richmond, and Bath. They also connected with Hale & Co. for forwarding to New York, and to cities outside of New England. In 1857, the company was absorbed by the Eastern Express Company.

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### EXPRESS LABELS

Early labels from this company were rectangular in shape with a decorative border. By the 1850s, the labels were round-shaped and came in a variety of colors.



#### KENNEBEC AND BOSTON PACKAGE EXPRESS.

THE subscriber, in connection with Messrs. P. C. HALE & Co. of Boston, would respectfully announce to his friends and the public, that he has effected arrangements for the season, to transport

**PACKAGES AND BUNDLES OF GOODS,** from Augusta, Hallowell, Gardiner and Bath, and the intermediate towns, per Steamer JOHN W. RICHMOND to Boston, and through HALE & Co's Express to New York, and other Southern and Western Cities. Personal and prompt attention will be given to delivering Packages and Money, Paying and Collecting Bills, and Purchasing and Selling Merchandise.

All Packages intended for this line should be marked KENNEBEC EXPRESS. Large articles will be called for if suitable notice is given. Offices—AUGUSTA Bookstore, Augusta; PALMER & STEVENS, Gardiner; A. H. HOWARD, Hallowell; P. KNIGHT, Bath; P. C. HALE & Co. No. 8, COURT STREET, Boston.

N. B. The subscriber is alone responsible for the loss or injury of any articles or property of any description soever, committed to his care; nor is any risk assumed by, nor can any be attached to the owners of the boats by which their crates are or may be transported, in respect to their contents at any time.

G. S. CARPENTER.



CPNX-L2 BLACK ON MAGENTA  
USED ON FOLDED LETTER FROM AUGUSTA TO BOSTON  
JANUARY 15, 1852



# CARPENTER & CO.'S EXPRESS

## EXPRESS LABELS



### DAILY EXPRESS!

CARPENTER & CO. now Run a DAILY EXPRESS from

Augusta, Hallowell, Gardiner, Richmond, and Bath, Via Portland,

Leaving Office at AUGUSTA, at 9 o'clock A. M. They will also leave, per

Stmr. Ocean, every Monday and Thursday,

Leaving Office at AUGUSTA, at 1 o'clock P. M. RETURNING—Will leave Office, Rail Road Exchange, Court Square, BOSTON, DAILY, at 4 o'clock P. M.; and by STEAMER OCEAN every Tuesday and Friday at 6 o'clock P. M.

Prompt and Personal Attention will be given to the Buying and Selling of Merchandise, Collection and Payment of Drafts, Notes, &c. Large and Small Packages of Merchandise Transported with Speed and at REASONABLE RATES. Business can be Transacted in Portland and in all the towns between that place and Boston, on the line of the Eastern Rail Road.

Old Countrymen can be supplied with BILLS OF EXCHANGE ON LIVERPOOL, for amounts of £1 and upwards.

Offices and Agents—EDWARD FENNO, Augusta; MASTERS, SMITH & CO., Hallowell; B. SHAW & CO., Gardiner; DAVIS BLANCHARD, 2d, Richmond; SAWYER & MAGOUN, Bath; A. L. STANWOOD, Brunswick; LONGLEY & CO., Portland; JOHN R. HALL, Rail Road Exchange, Court Square, Boston.

Augusta, April, 1850.

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ADVERTISEMENT  
MAINE FARMER  
MAY 6, 1850



CPNX-L2  
BLACK ON  
MAGENTA



CPNX-L2 RED ON BUFF  
USED ON FOLDED LETTER FROM AUGUSTA TO BOSTON  
APRIL 14, 1851