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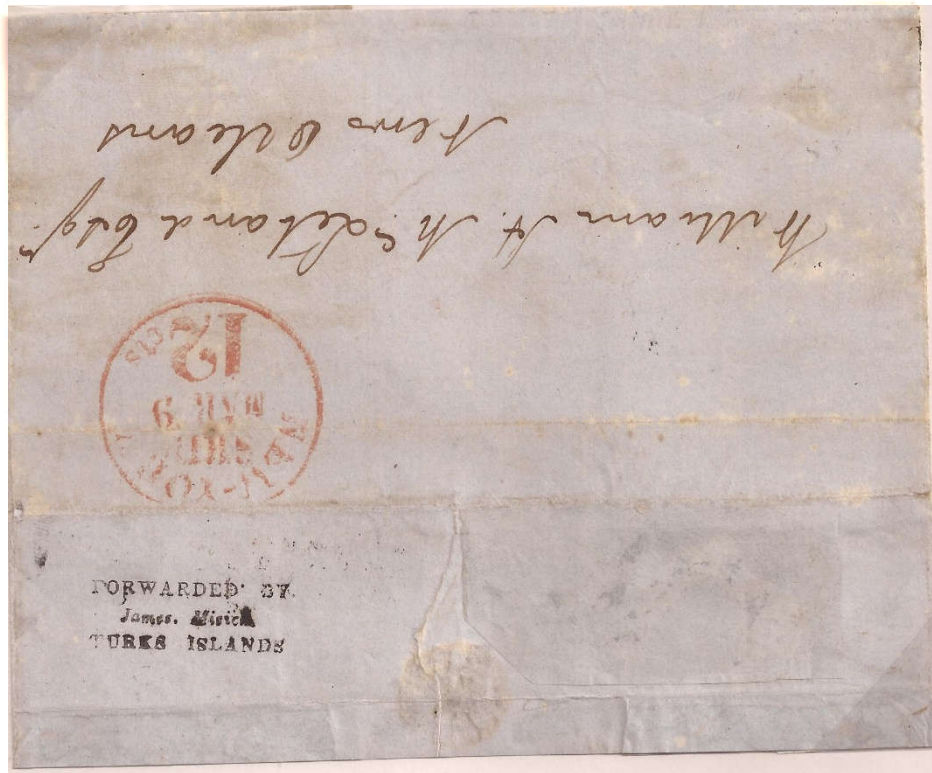
Sent from Turks Islands 16 August 1849, transit New York 29 August 1849, and on to Castine, Maine. Captain Rufus S. Parker reporting to employers in Castine that he lost his ship *Brig Susan Currier* on the reefs northeast of Grand Turk. Most of the cargo was saved as were the sails, rigging, chains, and anchors, although the hull was a total loss.

RATE U.S.A. 1816 - 1863 - Non-Contract Ship Letter beyond port of entry (New York):

2¢ ship fee + 5¢ domestic postage- distance less than 3000 miles (x2) = 12¢

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Sent from Turks Islands 9 January 1850 to New Orleans.

Forwarded By - James Misick - Turks Islands

Via New York 9 March 1850.

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Sent from **Porto Plata, Dominican Republic** 11 April 1850 to Kingston, Massachusetts via Turks Islands.

Forwarded By - James Misick - Turks Islands

Via New York 8 May 1850.

RATE U.S.A. 1816 - 1863 - Non-Contract Ship Letter beyond port of entry (New York):

2 cents ship fee + 5 cents domestic postage-distance less than 3000 miles = 7 cents.

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Received October 1851
W. Everett
Turks Island 10/26/51

From Turks Island to London via New York. Sent 10 September 1851, carried privately and posted in New York 3 October 1851. First sent on 4 October by U.S. steamer *Washington*, because of mechanical problems resented on 15 October on British Cunard steamer *Canada*, arrived London 27 October 1851.

RATE United Kingdom 1842 - Packet Letter: 1/- per 1/2 oz. (New York originally debited U.K. "5 cents" inland as marked + 16 cents transatlantic = "21" cents).