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(1) Fran Carleton in Liverpool, England to Jacob Harvey. --4 p. of textual records. -- Purchased from Warren Baker of Montreal in 2012. -- File consists of a letter written by Carleton (likely Francis Carleton, a director of the British and Irish Steam Packet Company in Dublin) to Harvey, a partner in the Abraham Bell Shipping Company of New York, regarding the "Liverpool" (a wooden-hulled, twin-funnel paddle steamer built in Liverpool in 1837. later known as the "Great Liverpool") just before the ship departed on its third crossing in the service of the Trans Atlantic Steam Ship Company. He discusses progress in the construction of the "British Queen" which will hold nearly 200 passengers, "a greater number we think than she is likely to get, or accommodate with satisfaction to all," as well as the effects of following Harvey's suggestion to exclude several passengers from the "Liverpool"'s impending voyage, complaints and "libellous resolutions" regarding the previous voyage, negotiations with Samuel Cunard regarding a share in the contract with the British government to ship mail to Halifax, Quebec City and Boston, the appointment of two engineers on the "Liverpool" with one devoted to managing the fuel (coal), and the company's relationship with the ship's master.

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