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The CORRESPONDENCE SERIES is an investigation into the background of recipients of British pre-stamped postal stationery. The "collection" was purchased in South Africa in 1999 as a job lot, the which took me six months to sort and mount, creating a collection spanning 140 years. I have no idea of the provenance.

The Reference work is British Postal Stationery, A K Huggins.1970. The first date with catalogue number refers to the year when the pre-stamped envelope was first issued; the second, the year when the envelope was actually used.

Philatelic Description of the item of Postal Stationery:

1857-1859 (EP11) Thomas Bateman Esq., 2 Elm Court, Temple, London (actually used JA 18 60)

Brief Comment:

On 4 July 1833, Thomas Bateman, bookbinder and bookseller of 37 Goodge Street Tottenham Court Road, was insured by the Sun Fire Office. Ref. 1 includes a succinct history of the Sun Fire Office.

References:

1. Guildhall Library. Records of Sun Fire Office 1706 - 1996 [MS 11936/539]
2. Diehl, E. Bookbinding, its background and technique, Volumes 1-2. 1980