Boston PAID In Grid - Stolow Sale - E.C. Krug Wrote July 9 1952 7/12 -52

A Question: In the SUS the notation under #17, the 12¢ 1851 shows this stamp as issued July 1, 1851. Does that also mean that covers are in existance with such an early date? And if not how early have they been known? I am informed by Sy Colby who bid for me at the Stolow sale that I got the pair of 12¢ 1851 on cover tied with the small black Boston Paid, about which we have talked. I paid \$110.00 for it, maybe too much. But as you thought the competition came from Boston, Mr. Jack Molesworth was the runner-up. It opened very low and he was the one who made me pay. I think it is dated in 1851 on the back.