

# KANSAS TERRITORY ~ 1860's

## *Western Express Mail Routes*

### Central Overland California & Pike's Peak Express Company

The company operated in 1860 and 1861 between Denver City and St. Joseph, Missouri and Leavenworth, Kansas Territory. The company known as the "C.O.C.&P.P" formed in February 1860 by Russell, Majors and Waddell after failure of the Jones and Russell Express Company in early 1860. The added new capital to buy equipment, expanded stage stations and routes making the company the largest express carrier in the territory.



Denver City, K. T. December 20 ~ St. Joseph, Mo. December 29, 1860

Letter to Col. J. B. Patterson, Ed. Spectator, Oquawka, Illinois with oval express date stamp tied to magenta express label added at Denver. The label notes "The Only Through Express, Direct Your Letters Care C. O. C. & P. P. Express, St. Joseph, Mo. or Leavenworth, K. T." Entering the mail at St. Joseph with double postmarks on 3 cent Nesbitt with 3 cent dull red #26 added with grid cancels. Obverse error dated Nov. 20 Denver City, K. T. St. Joseph Dec 28 making. ex-Lichtenstein-Dale

