

Covers of the World before 1860

This is a collection of covers rather than an exhibit with a storyline. However, there are parameters that dictate what covers are included in the collection. Excepting the title page, the scope is limited to imperforate adhesives used before 1860. All letters and covers are single-weight and franked with a single adhesive. Further, most are domestic uses, or domestic rates used to foreign sovereign areas allowed by treaty. Covers included have been selected based on exceptional quality combined with unusual use where possible.

The collection is organized by country in alphabetical order and coats of arms are included as a homage to early album stickers that one could place on the old printed pages.

Only the most basic information is given. This includes the type of postal rate being paid. This information appears in a colored box next to each cover. A key to that information follows:

<i>Interior</i>	<i>Postal rate applied to all areas within boundaries of country</i>
<i>Under 46 Miles</i>	<i>Postal rate was by distance mail was carried which has been converted to miles</i>
<i>Local</i>	<i>Postal rate was for letters for distribution within city or small distance only</i>
<i>Printed Matter</i>	<i>Special postal rate for printed matter such as circulars</i>
<i>Foreign</i>	<i>Foreign postal rate for which adhesive was primarily issued</i>

GREAT BRITAIN 1840 Mulready Issue - 1 pence



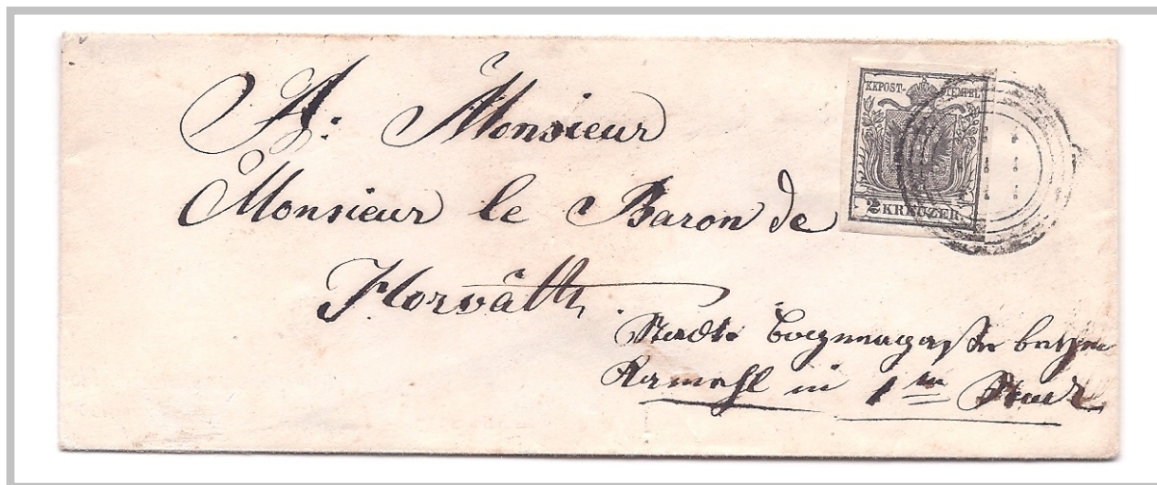
Interior

16 June 1840 Hull to London, misplaced stereo A68

AUSTRIA



1850 Issue - 2 kreuzer



Local

14 December 1850 Vienna local use, mute cancel

1850 Issue - 3 kreuzer

Under 46 Miles



17 November 1854 Perchtoldsdorf to Vienna

AUSTRIA



1850 Issue - 3 kreuzer

Legal use from Lombardy - Venetia



Under 46 Miles

25 May 1851 Venezia to Treviso

1850 Issue - 6 kreuzer

Legal use from Lombardy - Venetia

46 to 92 Miles



25 March 1851 Milano to Verona

AUSTRIA



1850 Issue - 9 kreuzer



Over 92 Miles

23 July 1850 Neupacka to Vienna

1850 Issue - 9 kreuzer

Use from Bosnia

Over 92 Miles



30 October 1851 Banjaluka (Bosnia) via Kostainiza (Croatia) to Trieste (Venezia)

BELGIUM



1849 Issue - 10 centimes



Under 19 Miles

3 August 1849 Berzele, rural box origin, to Steenhuisen

1849 Issue - 20 centimes

Over 19 Miles



27 August 1850 Anvers to Bruxelles

BRAZIL



1843 Issue - 60 reis



Interior

20 January 1844 S. Joao Del Rei to Rio de Janeiro

BUENOS AIRES



1859 Issue - 1 peso



Interior

12 November 1859 Buenos Aires to Goya, Argentina

BRAUNSCHWEIG



1852 Issue - 3 silbergrochen

Over 20 Miles



6 November 1854 Braunschweig to Bramsche

CANADA



1851 Issue - 3 pence



Interior

19 August 1858, Toronto to Hamilton, 3 pence soft ribbed paper

NOVA SCOTIA



1851 Issue - 3 pence



Interior

6 June 1857 Halifax to Bridgetown

CANTON GENEVA



1850 Issue - 5 centimes

Local



14 December 1850 Geneva local use

CHILE



1854 Issue - 5 centavos



Interior by Land

14 September 1854 Santiago to Valparaiso, 5c Desmadryl print

1854 Issue - 10 centavos

Interior by Water



22 December 1855 Concepcion to Valparaiso, 10c Desmadryl print

DENMARK



1851 Issue - 2 rigsbankskilling

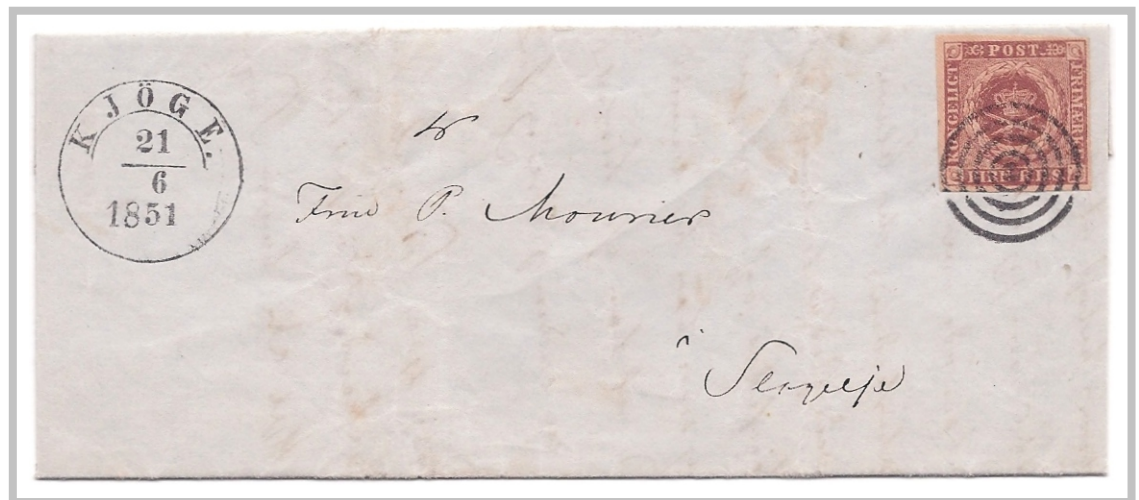


Local

10 May 1853 Copenhagen local use, Thiele print

1851 Issue - 4 rigsbankskilling

Interior



21 June 1851 Kjøge to Slagelse, Ferslew print

DENMARK



1854 Issue - 4 skilling



Interior

25 April 1859 Holstein railway (numeral 169) to Lehe, Schleswig-Holstein
Schleswig-Holstein was part of Denmark at this time

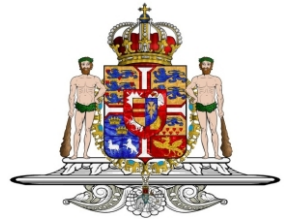
1855 Issue - 2 skilling

Local



2 skilling, 13 October 1858 Copenhagen local use

DENMARK



1858 Issue - 4 skilling

Interior



30 December 1859 Fanø, Frisian Islands to Warde
blue postmark and numeral 205 cancel

FINLAND



1858 Issue - 5 kopecks



Under 83 Miles

31 October 1859 Helsingfors to Tavastehus

1856 Issue - 10 kopecks

Over 83 Miles



7 July 1856 Helsingfors to Ny Karleby

FRANCE



1849 Issue - 20 centimes



Interior

30 March 1850 Mascara, Algeria to Elbeuf, France

1850 Issue - 25 centimes

Interior

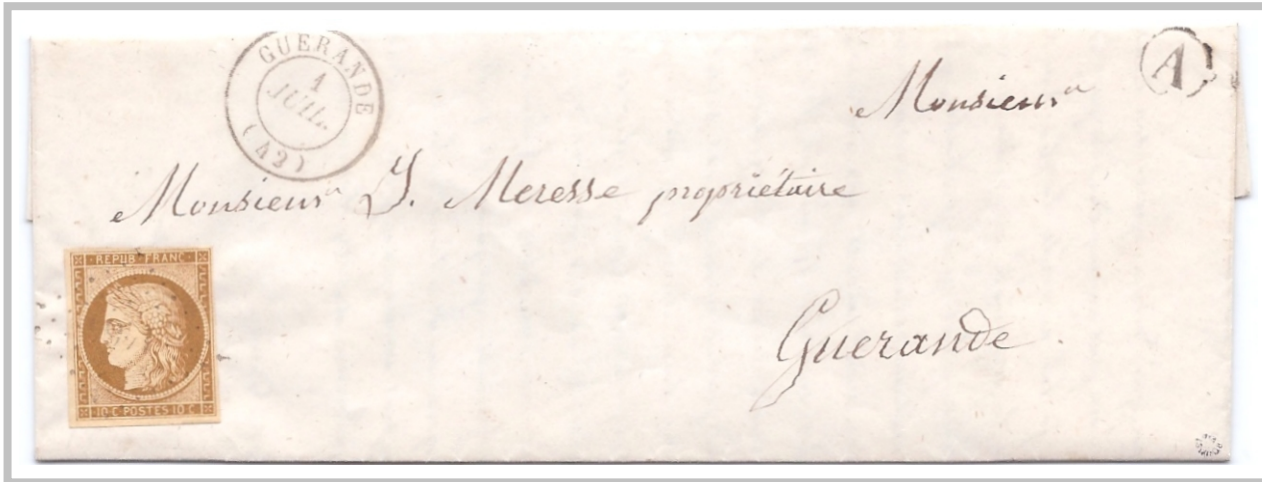


1 July 1850 Axat to Montpellier, first day rate and first day of issue of stamp

FRANCE



1850 Issue - 10 centimes



Local

1 July 1853 Guerande local use, rural bureau "A" handstamp (Feriac), late use of 1849 issue

1853 Issue - 10 centimes

Local



17 April 1853 Guerande local use

FRANCE



1859 Postage Due Issue - 10 centimes

Local



24 February 1859 Chalons local use, postage due missed local mail delivery on 24th, "Après Le Départ" handstamp

GREAT BRITAIN



1840 Issue - 1 pence



Interior

17 April 1841 Stroud, via Nailsworth to Sheffield, adhesive from plate 8

1841 Issue - 1 pence

Interior



26 September 1845 Mansfield to Clitheroe, adhesive from plate 156

GREAT BRITAIN



1847 Issue - 1 shilling

Foreign



11 August 1848 London to New York, US, 1sh packet postage prepaid, US retaliatory rate 29 cents due carried by Cunard steamer *Britannia* to Boston, down-streamed and rated due at New York



25 August 1848 London to New York, US, 1sh packet postage prepaid, US retaliatory rate 29 cents due carried by Cunard steamer *Hibernia* to Boston (next sailing to Boston after above), rated due at Boston

GREAT BRITAIN



1848 Issue - 10 pence

Foreign



8 December 1854 London to Carentan, France, 10p treaty postage prepaid
Calais entry postmark and French "PD" handstamp, arrival backstamp

HANOVER



1851 Issue - 1 gutegrochen

Interior



14 June 1852 Herzlacke to Meppen

HANOVER



1851 Issue - 1/30 thaler



Under 10 Miles
to G.A.P.U.

1 September 1852 Glandorf to Münster, Prussia, corner copy with numeral

Under 10 Miles
to G.A.P.U.



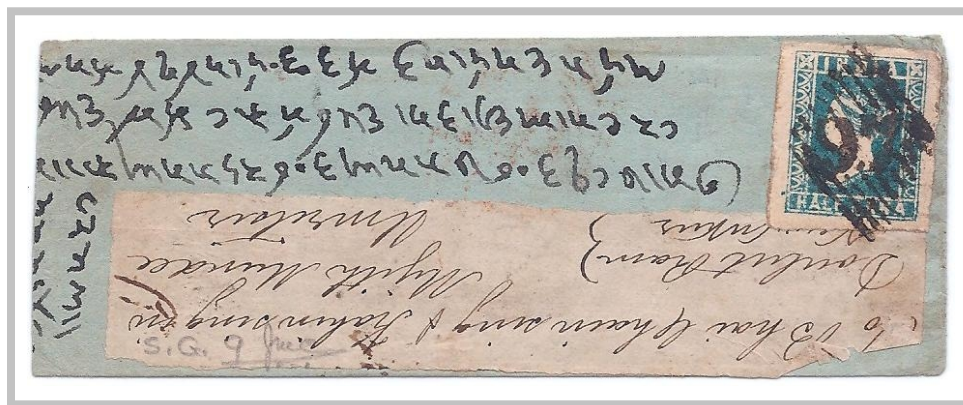
9 January 1853 Schladen to Wolfenbüttel, Saxony

INDIA



1855 Issue - 1/2 anna

Interior

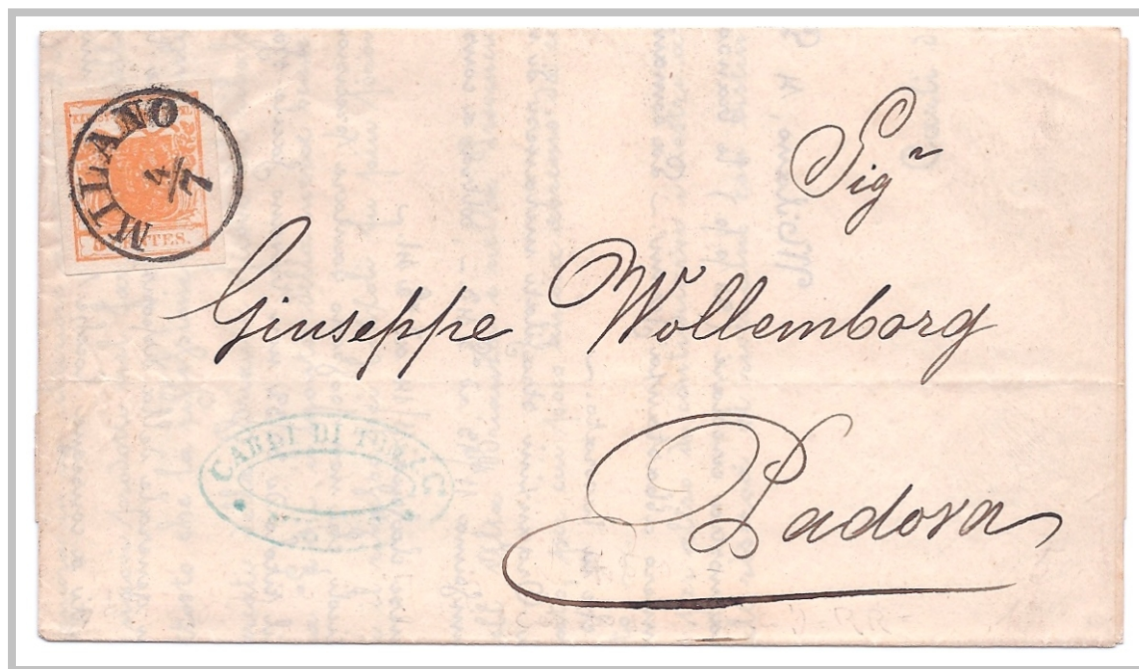


13 September 1856 Sukkor to Amristar, 1/2 anna die III

LOMBARDY - VENETIA



1850 Issue - 5 centesimi



Printed Matter

4 July 1857 Milano to Padova, printed circular

1850 Issue - 10 centesimi

Local



18 August 1854 Verona to Borolone

LOMBARDY - VENETIA



1850 Issue - 15 centesimi

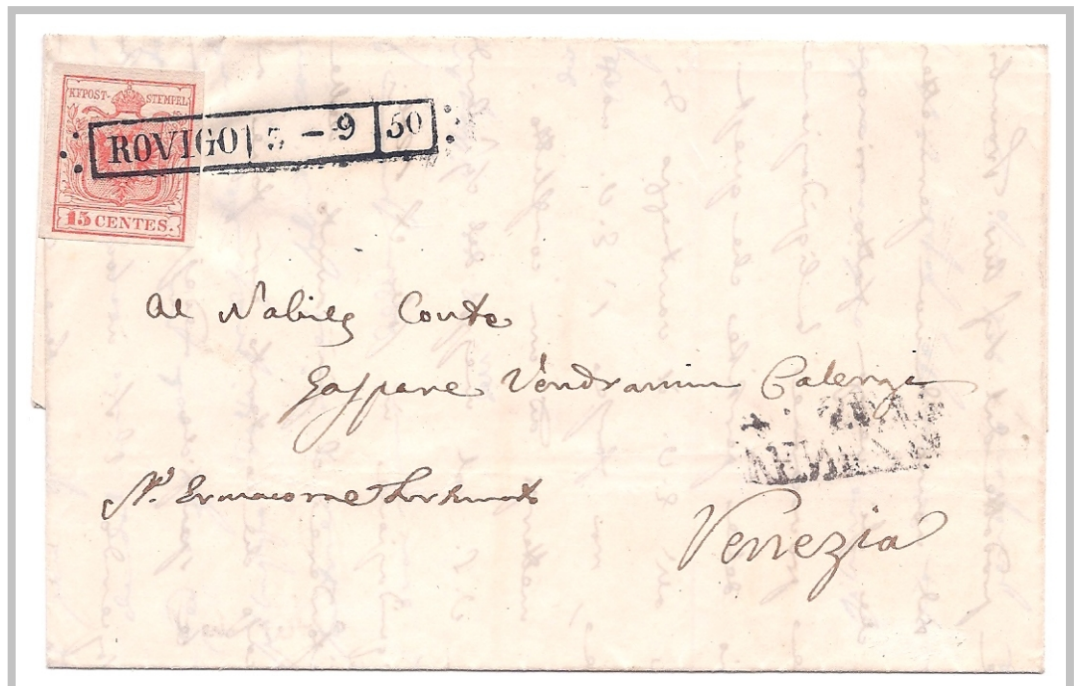


Under 46 Miles

27 January 1850 Rovigo to Dolo, first month use

1850 Issue - 15 centesimi

Under 46 Miles



9 May 1850 Rovigo to Venezia

LOMBARDY - VENETIA



1850 Issue - 30 centesimi

46 to 92 Miles



23 October 1850 Treviso to Montova

LOMBARDY - VENETIA



1850 Issue - 45 centesimi



Over 92 Miles

10 August 1852 Milano to Padova

1850 Issue - 45 centesimi

Over 92 Miles



2 January 1851 Venezia to Klagenfurth, Austria

LUXEMBOURG



1853 Issue - 10 centimes

Interior



14 June 1853 Remich to Luxembourg, 10c first printing, mute cancel

MEXICO



1856 Issue - medio (one-half) real



Interior

17 December 1856 Mexico City to Puebla, used three days prior to rate increase

1856 Issue - one real

Interior



28 July 1859 Soyaniquilpan to Mexico City

MODENA



1852 Issue - 5 centesimi



Under 47 Miles

16 March 1857 Reggio to Modena

1852 Issue - 10 centesimi

Over 47 Miles



5 October 1853 Reggio to Modena

NETHERLANDS



1852 Issue - 5 cents



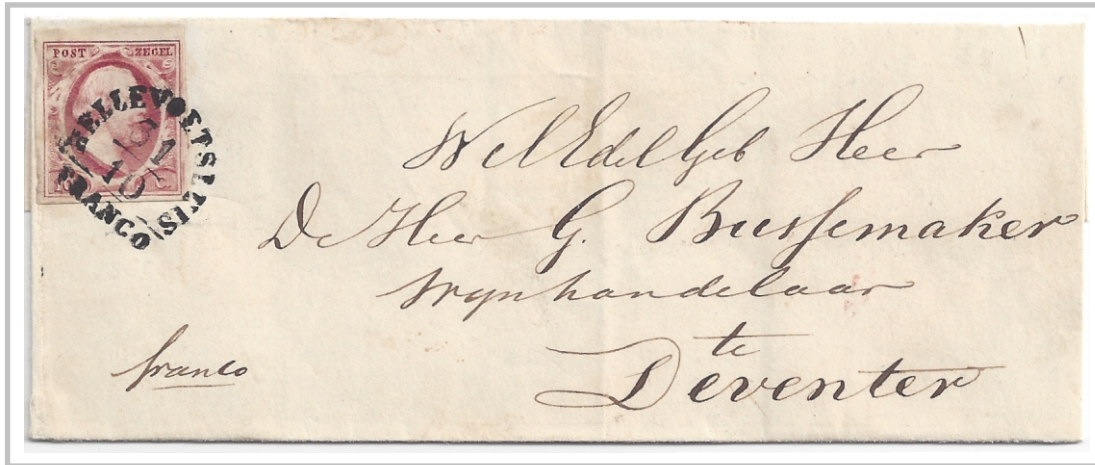
Under 30 Miles

9 October 1858 Haarlem to Wormerveer

NETHERLANDS



1852 Issue - 10 cents



Over 100 Miles

31 October 1858 Hellevoetsluis to Deventer (rate from September 1, 1855)

1852 Issue - 15 cents

Over 100 Miles



3 July 1854 Goor to Amsterdam (rate before September 1, 1855)

NORWAY



1855 Issue - 4 skilling

Interior



29 February 1856 Trondheim to Steinkjor

NOVA SCOTIA



1851 Issue - 3 pence



Interior

15 August 1855 Annapolis to Montreal, Canada

1851 Issue - 3 pence

Interior



23 July 1855 Amherst to Westmoreland, New Brunswick

PARMA



1853 Issue - 15 centesimi

Under 47 Miles



1 December 1854 Parma to Piacenza

PORTUGAL



1855 Issue - 25 reis

Interior



10 February 1858 Mirandella to Lisbon, numeral "184" cancel

ROMAGNA



1859 Issue - 1 bajocco



Same District

15 October 1859 Copparo to Ferrara

1859 Issue - 3 bajocci

Far District



15 September 1859 Firenze to Bologna

ROMAN STATES



1852 Issue - 2 bajocchi



Next District

5 October 1858 Citta della Pieve to Montefiascone

1852 Issue - 4 bajocchi

Far District



22 May 1855 Fano to Spoleto

RUSSIA



1857 Issue - 10 kopecks

Interior



23 June 1858 Kovno (now Lithuania) to St. Petersburg

SARDINIA



1851 Issue - 20 centesimi



Interior

22 July 1853 Chambery to Samoens

1853 Issue - 20 centesimi

Interior



10 June 1854 Torino to Chiusa di Cuneo

SARDINIA



1854 Issue - 20 centesimi

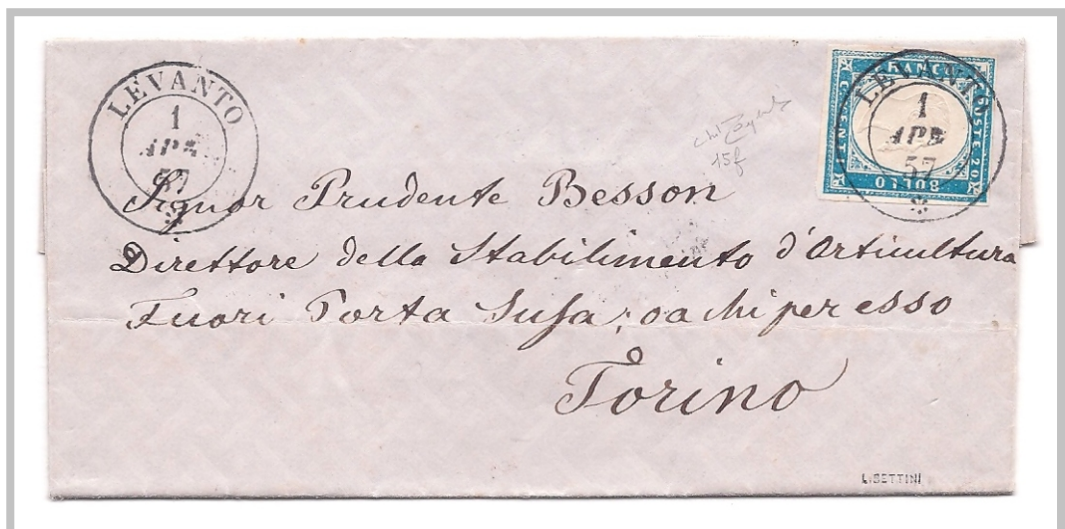


Interior

23 December 1855 Pontestura to Vercelli

1855 Issue - 20 centesimi

Interior



21 April 1857 Levanto to Torino

SARDINIA



1851 Issue - 5 centesimi

Local



1 January 1860 Torino local use, 5c brilliant yellow green shade

SPAIN



1850 Issue - 6 cuartos



Interior

10 February 1850 Valencia to Orense

1856 Issue - 4 cuartos

Interior



1 January 1856 Barcelona to Vich, first day of issue of stamp and first day of rate

SWITZERLAND



1850 Issue - 5 rappen



Under 30 Miles

18 November 1850 Lausanne to Moudon

1854 Issue - 15 rappen

Under 30 Miles



18 May 1855 Chur to Brigles, 15r Munich print

THURN AND TAXIS



1852 Issue - 2 silbergrochen



10 to 20 Miles

18 November 1853 Cassel to Frankfurt

1852 Issue - 3 silbergrochen

Over 20 Miles



5 December 1857 Cera to Coeln

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THURN AND TAXIS



1852 Issue - 1/2 silbergrochen

Printed Matter



11 November 1852 printed circular Weimar to Stotternheim

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TUSCANY



1851 Issue - 2 crazie

Interior



2 July 1852 Livorno to Massa Carrara

TWO SICILIES



NAPLES 1858 Issue - 1 grana

Local



22 December 1859 Castrovillari to Cerchiana, local district use

TWO SICILIES



NAPLES 1858 Issue - 2 grana



Interior

16 January 1858 Naples to Campobasso per S. Elia, plate I, double transfer

SICILY 1859 Issue - 2 grana

Interior



15 February 1859 Palermo to Messina

UNITED STATES



1847 Issue - 5 cents



Under 300 Miles

20 August 1847 Syracuse to Albany, New York, second month of use of stamp

1847 Issue - 10 cents

Over 300 Miles



16 May 1850 Cincinnati, Ohio to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

UNITED STATES



1851 Issue - 1 cent



Local

15 April 1854 New York "Paid US Mail City Delivery 1" carrier postmark

1851 Issue - 3 cents

Under 3,000 Miles



28 July 1851 Lowell to Roxbury, Massachusetts, first month of use of stamp

UNITED STATES



1855 Issue - 10 cents

Over 3,000 Miles



1 April 1856 Auburn, New York to San Francisco, California

URUGUAY



1859 Issue - 60 centesimos

Interior



14 October 1859 Salto to Montevideo

VENEZUELA



1859 Issue - 1 real

Interior by land



15 February 1859 Valencia to Caracas, second month use of stamp

VICTORIA



1850 Issue - 2 pence



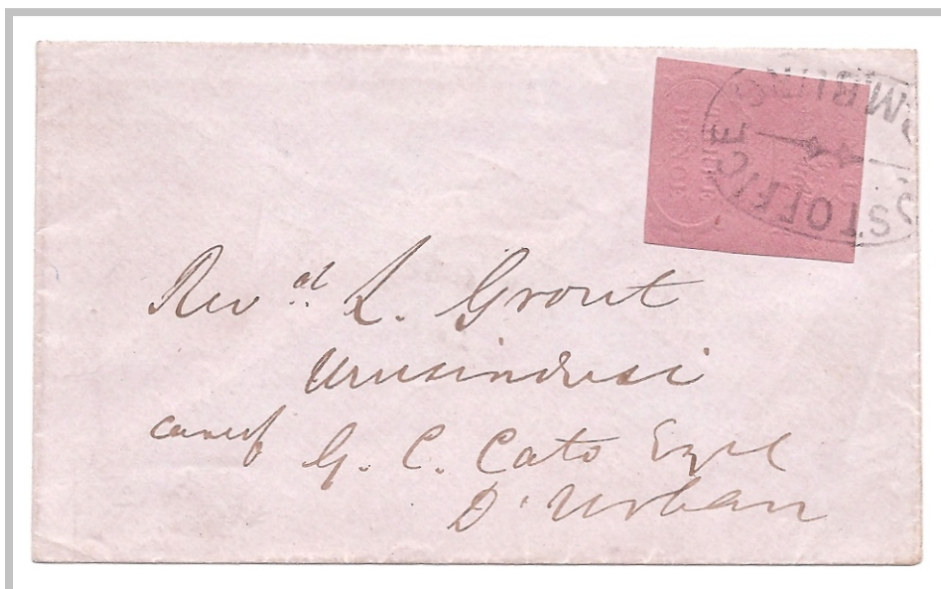
Interior

18 April 1850 Geelong, Port Phillip to Melbourne, 2 pence, third printing numeral 15 butterfly cancel of Geelong

NATAL



1857 Issue - 3 pence



Interior

circa 1857 Pietermaritzburg (PM Burg) to Durban

WÜRTTEMBERG



1851 Issue - 3 kreuzer

Under 12 Miles



5 November 1854 Biberach to Buchau