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1861 / 1862 - Domestic Use Prepaid 20 lepta / Prepaid 40 lepta



14 November 1861 Patras to Aegion, prepaid 20 lepta single weight domestic rate
ΠΑΤΡΑΙ (9) origin postmark

Postal Rate:

20 lepta for prepaid letter to 15g
rate in effect from Oct 1, 1861

Adhesive:

1861 Paris Prints: 20 lepta
canceled "9" in dots of Patras (Nov 14, 1861)



11 March 1862 Syros to Athens, prepaid 40 lepta for double weight domestic rate
ΣΥΡΟΣ (67) origin postmark

Postal Rate:

40 lepta for prepaid letter between 15 and 30g
rate in effect from Oct 1, 1861

Adhesive:

1861 Paris Prints: 40 lepta
canceled "66" in dots of Syros (Mar 11, 1862)

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1862 - French Levant to Greece Postage Due 115 lepta



7 May 1862 cover to Spetres posted onboard French Levant Line steamer *Phase* at Constantinople via French Levant Line packet *Phase* to Piraeus (arv Apr 27), postage due 115 lepta
1 May 1862 ΣΠΙΕΤΣΑΙ (66) arrival backstamp



Postal Rate:

French Levant to Greece by French steamer
115 lepta for letter between 15 and 20g
rate in effect from Oct 1, 1861 to Oct 31, 1867

Adhesives:

1861 Paris Prints: 5, 10, 20 and 80 lepta
canceled "66" in dots of Spetres (May 1, 1862)

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1862 - Italy to Greece
Postage Due 112 lepta



18 December 1862 Ancona, Italy by Austrian steamer to Athens, postage due 112 lepta
18 December 1862 ΑΘΗΝΑΙ (1) arrival backstamp



Postal Rate:

Italy to Greece by steamer of choice
112 lepta for letter to 10g
rate in effect from Mar 1, 1862 to Jan 19, 1865

Adhesives:

1862 Athens Fine Prints: 2, 10, 20 and 80 lepta
canceled "1" in dots of Athens (Dec 18, 1862)

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1863 - Papal States to Greece Prepaid 21 bajocchi, Postage Due 20 lepta



24 January 1863 Rome to Athens, prepaid 21 bajocchi with Papal States 5 bajocchi and 8 bajocchi pair by French Italian Line steamer *Quirnal* that had departed Marseille Jan 22, via Civitavecchia to Messina by French Levant Line steamer *Amerique* from Messina to Piraeus (dep Jan 24)
16 January 1863 ΑΘΗΝΑΙ (1) arrival postmark, 20 lepta postage due



Postal Rate:

Papal States to Greece by French steamers
21 bajocchi plus 20 lepta due for letter to 7.5g
rate in effect from Oct 1, 1861 to Nov 22, 1870

Adhesives:

1862 Athens Fine Print: 20 lepta
canceled Athens postmark (Jan 16, 1863)

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1864 - Austria to Greece Postage Due 75 lepta



23 April 1864 Trieste, Austria via Athens to Kalamata, Greece, postage due 75 lepta
16 April 1864 ΑΘΗΝΑΙ (1) transit backstamp, 19 April 1864 ΚΑΛΑΜΑΙ (31) arrival cancels



Postal Rate:

Trieste to Greece by Austrian steamers
75 lepta for letter to 15g
rate in effect from Oct 1, 1861 to Oct 30, 1866

Adhesives:

1861 Paris Print: 5 lepta in combination with
1862 Athens Fine Prints: 10, 20 and 40 lepta
canceled Kalamata postmarks (Apr 19, 1864)

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1865 - France to Greece Postage Due 132 lepta



8 December 1865 Paris, France unpaid letter to Athens, postage due 132 lepta
9 December 1865 depart Marseille on French Levant Line packet *Danube* to Piraeus
4 December 1865 ΑΘΗΝΑΙ (1) arrival postmarks



The route was via Marseilles and Messina, Italy to Piraeus by French Levant Line steamers.

Postal Rate:

France to Greece by French steamers
132 lepta for letters to 7.5g
rate in effect from Oct 1, 1861 to Oct 31, 1867

Adhesives:

1862-67 Consecutive Prints: 2, 10, 40 and 80 lepta
canceled with Athens postmarks (Dec 4, 1865)

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1866 - France to Greece Postage Due 132 lepta



9 March 1866 Paris, France unpaid letter to Athens, postage due 132 lepta
10 March 1866 depart Marseille on French Levant Line packet *Phase* to Piraeus
3 March 1866 ΑΘΗΝΑΙ (1) arrival postmarks



The route was via Marseilles and Messina, Italy to Piraeus by French Levant Line steamers.

Postal Rate:

France to Greece by French steamers
132 lepta for letters to 7.5g
rate in effect from Oct 1, 1861 to Oct 31, 1867

Adhesives:

1862-67 Consecutive Prints: 2, 10, 40 and 80 lepta
canceled with Athens postmarks (Mar 3, 1866)

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1866 - Greece to Austria
Prepaid 75 lepta



19 June 1866 Patras to Trieste, Austria, prepaid 75 lepta
19 June 1866 ΠΑΤΡΑΙ (9) postmark and numeral "9" cancels, red ΠΕΔ (Paid) handstamp
5 July 1866 Trieste arrival backstamp



Postal Rate:

Greece to Trieste by Austrian steamers
75 lepta for letter to 15g
rate in effect from Oct 1, 1861 to Oct 30, 1866

Adhesives:

1862 Paris Print: 5 lepta in combination with
1862-67 Consecutive Prints: 10, 20 and 40 lepta
canceled "9" in dots of Patras (Jun 19, 1866)

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1866 - Greece to Austria Prepaid 75 lepta



10 September 1866 Athens to Trieste, Austria, prepaid 75 lepta
ΑΦΗΝΑΙ (1) postmark and numeral "1" cancels, red ΠΕΔ (Paid) handstamp
27 September 1866 Trieste arrival backstamp



Postal Rate:

Greece to Trieste by Austrian steamers
75 lepta for letter to 15g
rate in effect from Oct 1, 1861 to Oct 30, 1866

Adhesives:

1862-67 Consecutive Prints: 5, 10, 20 and 40 lepta
canceled "1" in dots of Athens (Sep 10, 1866)

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1867 - France to Greece Postage Due 188 lepta due



30 March 1867 Marseilles, France unpaid letter to Athens, postage due 188 lepta
30 March 1867 French Packet "Ligne U" departure postmark, Levant Line packet *Godavery* to Piraeus
23 March 1867 Piraeus transit backstamp and 23 March 1867 ΑΘΗΝΑΙ (1) arrival postmarks



The route was from Marseilles, via Messina, Italy to Piraeus by French Levant Line steamers.

Postal Rate:

France to Greece by French steamers
188 lepta for letters from 7.5 to 10g
rate in effect from Oct 1, 1861 to Oct 31, 1867

Adhesives:

1862-67 Consecutive Prints: 1, 2, 5, 20 and 80(2) lepta
canceled with Athens postmarks (Mar 23, 1867)

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1870 - Great Britain to Greece Postage Due 115 lepta



6 April 1870 Manchester, England unpaid letter "via Italy" to Patras, Greece, London transit KEPKYPA (106) transit backstamp and ΠΑΤΡΑΙ (9) arrival postmarks, postage due 115 lepta



The route was via Marseilles overland to Brindisi and then to Piraeus by French Levant Line steamers.

Postal Rate:

Great Britain to Greece via France and Italy
115 lepta for unpaid letters to 15g
rate in effect from Jan 1, 1870 to Sep 15, 1870

Adhesives:

1862-67 Consecutive Print: 80 lepta in combination with
1868-69 Cleaned Plate Prints: 5, 10, and 20 lepta
canceled with Patras postmarks (Apr 3, 1870)

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1871 - Great Britain to Greece
Postage Due 115 lepta



12 September 1871 Manchester, England unpaid letter "via Brindisi" to Patras, Greece
KEPKYPA (106) transit backstamp and ΠΑΤΡΑΙ (9) arrival postmarks, postage due 115 lepta



The route from England was via Belgium and Italy to the Greek exchange office at Corfu and onward to destination. The route via France had been closed from September 1, 1870 due to the Franco-Prussian War.

Postal Rate:

Great Britain to Greece via Belgium and Italy
115 lepta for unpaid letters to 15g
rate in effect from Sep 15, 1870 to Jul 1, 1875

Adhesives:

1862-67 Consecutive Print: 80 lepta in combination with
1868-69 Cleaned Plate Prints: 5, 10, and 20 lepta
canceled with Patras postmarks (Sep 8, 1870)

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1871 - Great Britain to Greece Postage Due 115 lepta



12 December 1871 Manchester, England unpaid letter "via Brindisi" to Patras, Greece
KEPKYPA (106) transit backstamp and ΠΑΤΡΑΙ (9) arrival postmarks



The route from England was via Belgium and Italy to the Greek exchange office at Corfu and onward to destination. The route via France had been closed from September 1, 1870 due to the Franco-Prussian War.

Postal Rate:

Great Britain to Greece via Belgium and Italy
115 lepta for unpaid letters to 15g
rate in effect from Sep 15, 1870 to Jul 1, 1875

Adhesives:

1862-67 Consecutive Print: 80 lepta in combination with
1868-69 Cleaned Plate Prints: 5, 10, and 20 lepta
canceled with Patras postmarks (Dec 16, 1871)

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1872 - Greece to Russia
Prepaid 120 lepta



30 August 1872 Argostolion (Cephalonia) prepaid "Via Vienna" to Taganrog, Russia
ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ (ΚΕΦΑΛΛ) (110) origin postmark, ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (106) transit backstamp
Vienna, Podwoloczysk, and Russian Postal Wagon 47- 48 transit backstamps, Taganrog arrival



The route was via Corfu and Austrian steamer to Trieste and then overland via Vienna to Russia.

Postal Rate:

Greece to Russia by Austrian steamers
120 lepta for unpaid letters to 15g
rate in effect from May 1, 1868 to Dec 31, 1873

Adhesives:

1862-67 Consecutive Print: 80 lepta in combination with
1868-69 Cleaned Plate Print: 40 lepta
canceled with "110" in dots of Argostolion (Aug 30, 1872)

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1873 - Austrian P.O. in Crete to Greece
Prepaid 20 soldi, 40 lepta Postage Due



21 July 1873 Austrian Post Office at Rettimo (Rethymon), Crete, to Syros, Greece
prepaid to debarkation port in Greece with Austria offices in Levant 10 soldi pair
postage due of 40 lepta noted in blue crayon, numeral 67 cancel and ΣΥΡΟΣ (67) arrival backstamp



Postal Rate:

Austrian Levant to Greece by Austrian steamers
20 soldi plus 40 lepta for letter between 15 and 30g
rate in effect from May 1, 1868 to Dec 31, 1874

Adhesives:

1871-75 Mesh Paper Print: 40 lepta
canceled "67" in dots of Syros (Jul 11, 1862)

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1875 - Greece Post Office in Turkey to Greece Prepaid 30 lepta

First Week of GPU Postal Rates

On September 27, 1874 Greece became a founding member of the General Postal Union (GPU). The Treaty was implemented by Greece on June 19, 1875 (Gregorian calendar) which was July 1, 1875 in Julian calendar. The territories of the signatory countries were considered as one postal district.



26 June 1875 Salonika, Turkey to Syros, Greece, prepaid 30 lepta
ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ (ΤΟΥΡΚΙΑ) origin postmarks and ΣΥΡΟΣ (67) arrival backstamp



Postal Rate:

Between GAFU Members
30 lepta for letters to 15g
rate in effect from Jun 19, 1875 (Gregorian)

Adhesives:

1871-75 Mesh Paper Print: 10 and 20 lepta
canceled postmark of Salonika (Jun 26, 1875)

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1887 - Greece to France
Prepaid 5 lepta Printed Matter

UPU Postal Rates



4 March 1887 Athens unsealed cover to Soissons, France, prepaid 5 lepta
AΘHNAI 78 origin postmark (numerals transposed), March 20, 1887 arrival backstamp

Postal Rate:

Between GAFU Members
5 lepta for unsealed printed matter
rate in effect from Jun 19, 1875 (Gregorian)

Adhesives:

1880-86 Cream Paper Print: 5 lepta
canceled postmark of Athens (Mar 4, 1887)