

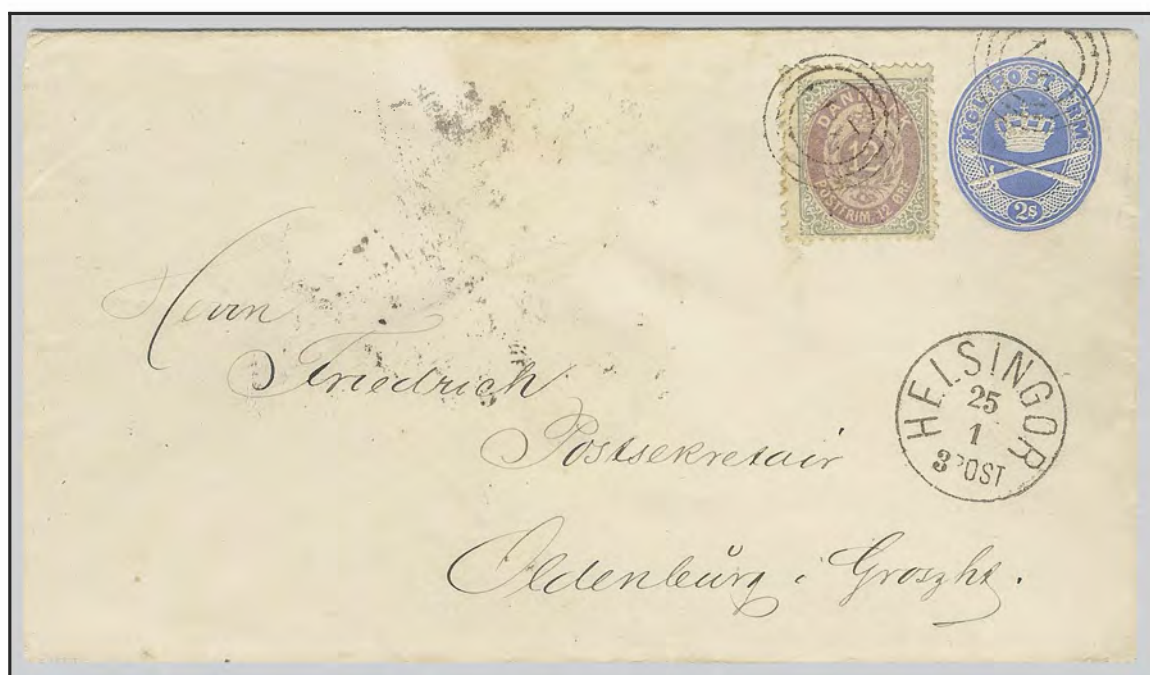
Danish pre-UPU Letter Rates paid in Øre Currency to Foreign Destinations

The aim of this 1-frame exhibit is to tell the story about the pre-UPU letter mail rates in the øre-period. Denmark introduced a new currency based on "kroner" and "øre" on 01/Jan/1875. Since Denmark introduced GPU/UPU rates for foreign letter mail 01/Jul/1875, pre-UPU øre letter rates to most European destinations only ran for 6 months. Pre-UPU rates to overseas destinations were charged until a given country joined UPU or till 31/Aug/1893 when the last pre-UPU letter rates ended. The covers are structured geographically starting with nearby countries followed by more and more exotic destinations. Rates based on bilateral agreements both before and after a country joined the UPU (Sweden, Norway, Iceland and mail in the Danish-German border region) are not shown, because it makes no sense to differentiate between pre-UPU and UPU rates.

The exhibit shows 33 of the 34 different recorded pre-UPU øre rates, and the completeness is therefore 97%! Fifteen of the shown rates are unique. Furthermore, the shown items always represent the best quality known for the given rates! Covers with faults are only shown when no faultless covers have been recorded (for instance, all known 25 øre, 106 øre and 196 øre letters to DWI and all known pre-UPU letters to USA are more or less defective). Karsten Jensen's very comprehensive recording of Danish covers sent to foreign destinations before 1906 (<http://www.member.uni-oldenburg.de/henrik.mouritsen/frimintr.html>) documents, why pre-UPU øre letter mail are among the most sought-after rarities of Danish Philately:

Exhibit plan (also represents a complete survey of known pre-UPU letter mail rates paid in øre currency)							
Country	Rate	# recorded	Shown on page	Country	Rate	# recorded	Shown on page
Germany	16 øre	6	1	USA	25 øre	6	9
	32 øre	3	2	USA	50 øre	1	9
	48 øre	1	2	Canada	47 øre	1	9
Austria	16 øre	4	2	Caribbean and most South- and Central-American countries via Great Britain	106 øre	4	10
Holland	20 øre	1	3		98 øre	23	10
Great Britain (GB)	20 øre	8	3		196 øre	2	11
	36 øre	2	3		294 øre	1	11
France	33 øre	23	4	DWI via Hamburg	25 øre	7	12
	66 øre	2	4	Unpaid DWI via Hamburg	74 øre	2	12
Belgium	42 øre	1	5	DWI via France	45 øre	1	12
	68 øre	1	5	DWI via GB	99 øre	1	13
Switzerland	42 øre	1	6	Chile via Belgium	63 øre	1	-
Portugal	35 øre	1	6	Chile via GB	141 øre	1	13
Russia	29 øre	7	7	China or Japan via Brindisi	56 øre	3	14
Finland	29 øre	3	7	Australia and New Zealand	56 øre	10	14
Cape Colony via GB	56 øre	6	8	Unpaid Australia	112 øre	1	15
Transvaal via GB	70 øre	1	8	China after 01/Sep/1893	UPU B	6	16

*A 156 øre cover to Siam is recorded as sold in 1976 described as "strongly affected by long journey". However, the cover was not illustrated and has not been seen since. Its existence therefore cannot be confirmed.



Pre-UPU letter to Oldenburg in Germany sent 25/Jan/1875 showing the 16 øre pre-UPU letter rate.

Mixed franking: a 12 øre stamp used on a 2 skilling (= 4 øre) stationery envelope.

ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THIS SKILLING-ØRE COMBINATION

2.1 International letters.
 Pre-UPU letters:
 Germany and Austria

Rates: Registered pre-UPU letters 0-15 g. to Germany 32 øre 01/Jan/1875 to 30/Jun/1875.
 Registered pre-UPU letters 15-250 g. to Germany 48 øre 01/Jan/1875 to 30/Jun/1875.
 Pre-UPU letters to Austria 16 øre 01/Jan/1875 to 30/Jun/1875.

Before the monetary reform, pre-UPU letters to Germany and Austria cost 8 skilling. On 01/Jan/1875, this rate was converted to 16 øre.



Registered pre-UPU letter to Germany sent 07/Apr/1875 showing the 16 + 16 (registration fee) = 32 øre rate.

ONE OF FOUR RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THIS RATE



Second weight (blue "2") registered pre-UPU letter to Germany showing the 2x16 + 16 (registration fee) = 48 øre rate.

ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THIS PRE-UPU RATE



Pre-UPU letter to Austria sent 20/Jun/1875 (handwritten date "22/6 74" is wrong: no øre stamps were issued before 01/Jan/1875) showing the 16 øre rate.

ONE OF FIVE RECORDED PRE-UPU ØRE LETTERS SENT TO AUSTRIA

2.1 International letters.

Pre-UPU letters:

Germany and Austria

Rates: Pre-UPU letters to Great Britain 20 øre 01/Jan/1875 to 30/Jun/1875.

Registered pre-UPU letters to Great Britain 36 øre 01/Jan/1875 to 30/Jun/1875.

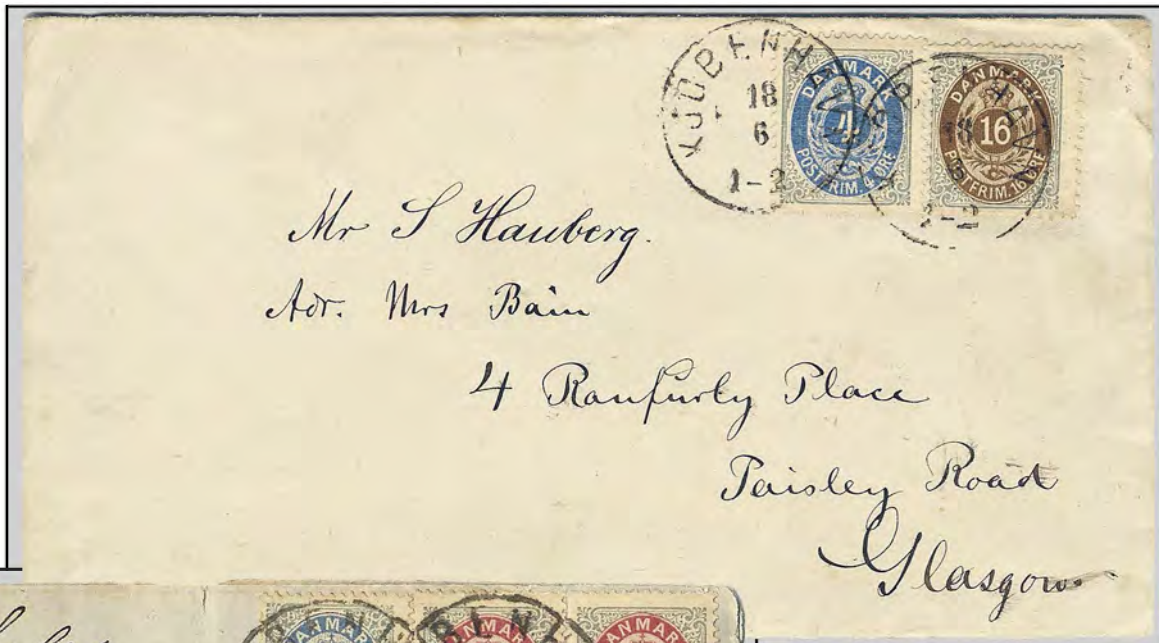
Pre-UPU letters to Holland 20 øre 01/Jan/1875 to 30/Jun/1875.

Before the monetary reform, pre-UPU letters to Great Britain and Holland cost 10 skilling and registered letters cost 18 skilling. These rates were converted to 20 øre and 36 øre, respectively. These rates happens to be identical in price to the UPU rates valid from 01



Copy of backstamp

Letter to Great Britain sent 18/ Jun/1875 (see copy of Glasgow receiving mark from the back of the cover) showing the 20 øre version of the 10 skilling pre-UPU rate, which happens to be equal in price to the post-UPU rate.



Registered letter to Great Britain sent 25/Jun/1875 showing the 36 øre version of the 18 skilling pre-UPU rate, which happens to be equal in price to the post-UPU rate. "10" is the Danish and "94" is probably the British registration number.

Pre-UPU letter to Holland sent 08/ Jun/1875 showing the 20 øre pre-UPU rate, which happens to be identical in price to the UPU letter rate of 20 øre introduced on 01/Jul/1875.

ONLY RECORDED PRE-UPU ØRE LETTER SENT TO HOLLAND



Copy of backstamp



2.1 International letters.

Pre-UPU letters:

France

Rates: 0-10 g. pre-UPU letters to France 33 øre 01/Jan/1875 to 31/Dec/1875.

Unpaid 0-10 g. pre-UPU letters to France 60 centimes 01/Jan/1875 to 31/Dec/1875.

10-20 g. pre-UPU letters to France 66 øre 01/Jan/1875 to 31/Dec/1875.

Before the monetary reform, the letter rate to France was 16 skilling. This was converted to 33 øre on 01/Jan/1875. France was a founding member of GPU/UPU, but due to delayed ratification in parliament, France introduced GPU/UPU rates on 01/Jan/1876.

Letter to France sent 22/Apr/1875 showing the 33 øre pre-UPU letter rate. Mail from Denmark entered France at Erquelines (Now Erquelinnes, Belgium). Blue transit cancels were applied to all Danish pre-UPU and some early UPU mail at the French point of entry. P.●. = "Prepaid to destination".



Insufficiently prepaid letter to France sent 19/Jan/1875. The pre-UPU letter rate to France was 33 øre, but the letter is only prepaid with 32 øre. Therefore, it was marked "Utilstrækkelig frankeret" and the value of the stamps in centimes (45) was noted next to the stamps. The rate for Danish unpaid letters arriving in France was 60 centimes. Insufficiently prepaid letters were charged at the unpaid rate minus the value of the franking: 60-45 = 15 centimes, which had to be rounded up to the nearest decime. Therefore, "2" decimes (20 centimes) were charged postage due.

ONLY RECORDED INSUFICIENTLY PREPAID PRE-UPU LETTER TO FRANCE

Pre-UPU second weight (red "2") letter to France sent in the 'øre'-period (07/Jan/1875) but showing pure skilling franking: strip of four 8 sk. = 32 sk. = 66 øre (12 sk. = 25 øre, amounts under 12 sk.: 1 sk. = 2 øre). Red "2" = second weight.

ONLY ONE OTHER COVER SHOWING THE 66 ØRE RATE (the other with øre stamps) HAS BEEN RECORDED



2.1 International letters.

Pre-UPU letters:

Belgium

*Rates: Pre-UPU registered letters to Belgium 42 øre 01/Jan/1875-30/Jun/1875.
Pre-UPU 2nd weight registered letters to Belgium 68 øre 01/Jan/1875-30/Jun/1875.*

Before the monetary reform, pre-UPU letters to Belgium cost 13 skilling and the registration fee was 8 skilling. ● On 01/Jan/1875, these rates were converted to 26 øre and 16 øre, respectively.



Stamps: above: 2x3 øre print 1, 12 øre print 1, 25 øre print 1; below: 3 øre print 2, 16 øre print 1, 50 øre print 1b.

Registered letter sent 03/Apr/1875 to Belgium showing the 26+16 = 42 øre pre-UPU rate. ● Overpaid by 1 øre, probably because the sender wrongly thought that the rate had to be added up in skilling before conversion to øre. **ONE OF THE TWO RECORDED DANISH PRE-UPU ØRE LETTERS SENT TO BELGIUM**

Second weight registered letter sent 26/Jun/1875 to Belgium showing the 2x26+16 = 68 øre pre-UPU rate. ● Overpaid by 1 øre

THE SECOND OF THE TWO RECORDED DANISH PRE-UPU ØRE LETTERS SENT TO BELGIUM

● *Other stories told by these covers:* The upper cover shows registration number "163" and "NB" + boxed "Anbefalet" (Danish marks for registered). "20" in red crayon indicates the 20 pf. that Denmark credited to Germany. Lower cover: registration number "49" and "NB" + "Anbefalet" are Danish registration marks. "40" in red crayon indicates the 40 pf. that Denmark credited to Germany. "20" in blue crayon indicates the 20 pf. that Germany credited to Belgium. "40/14" and "32/11" are non-postal archival markings.



2.1 International letters.

Pre-UPU letters::

Switzerland & Portugal

Rates: Registered letters to Switzerland 42 øre 01/Jan/1875 to 30/Jun/1875.

Letters to Portugal 35 øre 01/Jan/1875 to 30/Jun/1875.

Before the monetary reform, the letter rates to Switzerland and Portugal were 13 skilling and 17 skilling, respectively. These rates were converted to 26 øre and 35 øre on 01/Jan/1875.

Stamps: above: 5x8 øre print 1, 4 øre print 2. below: 3 øre print 2, 2x16 øre print 1 .



Registered letter sent 22/Jun/1875 to Switzerland showing the 26 + 16 = 42 øre pre-UPU rate.

●verpaid by 2 øre. **ONLY RECORDED PRE-UPU ØRE LETTER SENT TO SWITZERLAND**



Letter to Portugal sent 06/Apr/1875 and therefore showing the 35 øre pre-UPU rate.

"30" in red crayon indicates the 30 pf. that Denmark credited to Germany.

ONLY RECORDED PRE-UPU ØRE LETTER SENT TO PORTUGAL

●ther stories told by these covers: Upper cover: Shows registration number '449' and 'NB' (Danish for 'registered') in manuscript. "20" in red crayon indicates the 20 pf. that Denmark credited to Germany. "10" in blue crayon indicates the 10 pf. that Germany credited Switzerland. Lower cover: "PD" means "Prepaid to destination". ●val cancel "FRANCA" also indicates that the cover is fully prepaid.

2.1 International letters.

Pre-UPU letters::

Russia & Finland

*Rates: Pre-UPU letters to Russia 29 øre 01/Jan/1875 to 30/Jun/1875.
Unpaid pre-UPU letters to Finland 60 penni 01/Jan/1875 to 30/Jun/1875.*

The 14 skilling rate to Russia including Finland was converted to 29 øre on 01/Jan/1875. Insufficiently prepaid letters sent pre-UPU were treated as unfranked and charged the full unpaid rate minus the value of the franking.

Stamps: above: 4 øre print 2, 25 øre print 1. below: 3x4 øre print 2, 16 øre print 1.



Pre-UPU letter sent to Warsaw (part of Russia at the time) on 30/May/1875 showing the 29 øre pre-UPU rate.

Boxed "Franco" is a Danish marking for fully prepaid.



Insufficiently prepaid (therefore marked "Utilstrækkelig frankeret") pre-UPU letter sent to Finland via Russia 28/May/1875. Unpaid letter rate according to the Finnish postal guides: 60 penni. The Finnish post office indicated the value of the 28 øre franking = "39" penni in red crayon. However, since Finland was under Russian control, the missing franking had to be calculated in kopeks: 21 penni = 5,25 kopek, which had to be rounded up to 6 kopek = 24 penni ("24 p" in pencil), which was charged postage due. So by this extra conversion, the post made an additional 3 penni.

**ONE OF THREE RECORDED PRE-UPU ØRE LETTERS TO FINLAND
ONLY RECORDED COVER ILLUSTRATING THE 60 PENNI UNPAID RATE**

**2.1 International letters.
Pre-UPU letters: Cape
of Good Hope & Transvaal**

**Rates: Letters to Cape of Good Hope via GB 56 øre 01/Jul/1876-03/Dec/1888.
Letters to Transvaal via GB 70 øre 01/Apr/1885-03/Dec/1888.**

Egypt was the only African founding member of the UPU (no Danish pre-UPU covers are recorded to Egypt). Cape of Good Hope joined UPU on 01/Jan/1895 and Transvaal joined on 01/Jul/1892. These are the only two African countries to which pre-UPU øre letters are recorded.

Letter sent to Cape of Good Hope 24/Nov/1877 showing the combined 56 øre UPU and pre-UPU rate via GB. The rate consisted of the 20 øre UPU letter rate for the transportation from Denmark to GB plus "50" centimes (credit in red; equivalent to 36 øre) for the onward non-UPU transportation from GB to Cape Town.



Stamps: above: 2x20 øre print 1b, 16 øre print 4; below: 50 øre print 2, 4x5 øre coat of arms 1884-issue.



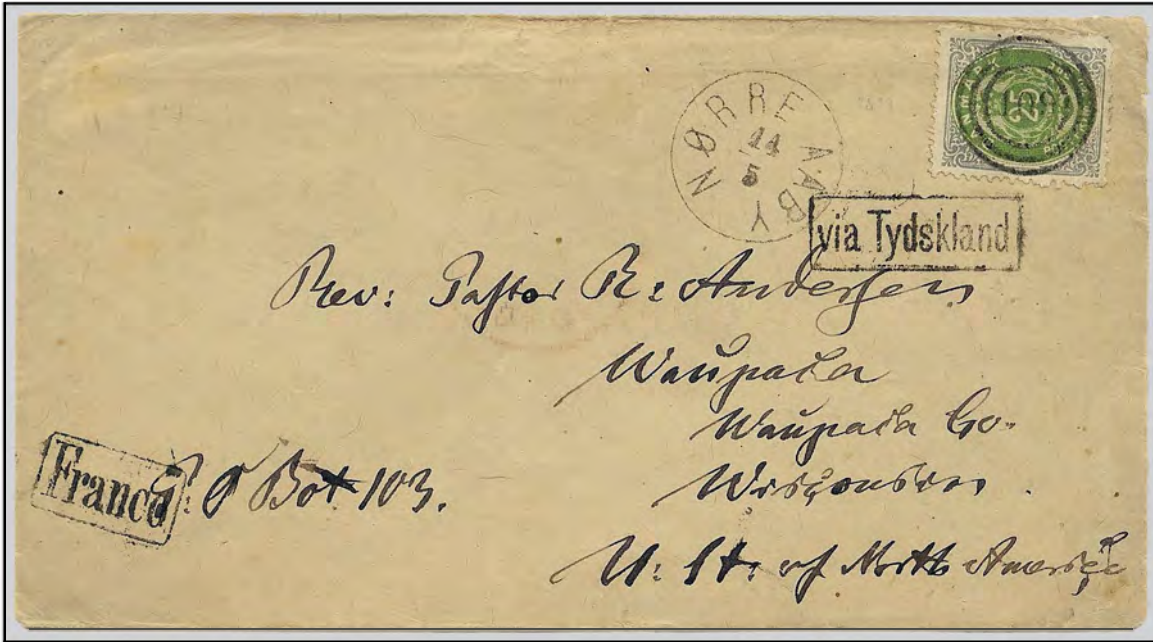
Letter sent to Transvaal 12/Jul/1888 showing the combined 70 øre UPU and pre-UPU rate via GB. The rate consisted of the 20 øre UPU letter rate for the transportation from Denmark to GB plus "70" centimes (credit in red; equivalent to 50 øre) for the onward non-UPU transportation from GB to Transvaal. ● of the 70 centimes, 2 pence were credited to Transvaal for local transportation and delivery. **ONLY RECORDED DANISH PRE-UPU LETTER SENT TO TRANSVAAL**

2.1 International letters.

**Pre-UPU letters: USA,
Canada & Chile**

**Rates: Pre-UPU letters to USA via Hamburg 25 øre 01/Jan/1875-30/Jun/1875.
Second weight unpaid letters to USA via Hamburg 74 øre 01/Jan/1875-30/Jun/1875.
Pre-UPU letters to Canada via USA 46 øre 01/Jan/1875-30/Jun/1875.**

In the Americas, USA was the only founding member of the UPU. The pre-UPU rate was 12 skilling, which was converted to 25 øre per 15 grams on 01/Jan/1875. Canada joined the UPU on 01/Jul/1878. Danish pre-UPU letters to Canada was sent via Great Britain.



Stamps: above: 25 øre print 1; middle: 3 øre print 1, 4 øre print 1, 5x8 øre print 1; below: 3x3 øre print 2, 2x16 øre print 2, 2x50 øre print 1b.

Letter to USA sent 14/May/1875 showing the 25 øre pre-UPU letter rate via Hamburg.

Second weight letter insufficiently prepaid (Utilstrækkelig frankeret) with 24 øre and sent to USA 10/Apr/1875. Rated as unpaid minus the value of the franking: the unpaid second weight letter rate was 74 øre, so the cover is underpaid by 74-24 = 50 øre = 13 cents, which was charged postage due in USA.

**ONLY RECORDED
SECOND WEIGHT
PRE-UPU ØRE LETTER
SENT TO USA**



Letter (front) sent to Canada 03/Feb/1875 showing the 46 øre pre-UPU rate via USA. "3d" and "2" are credits to GB in pence and to Canada in cents. 1 øre overpaid, probably because the postman had calculated the rate in skilling (23) and then converted it to øre according to §18.1 of the currency reform as dictated for domestic mail before 01/Apr/1875.

**ONLY RECORDED DANISH
PRE-UPU LETTER SENT
TO CANADA**

2.1 International letters.
Pre-UPU letters: The Carribean,
South and Central America

Rates: Letters to DWI via Great Britain 106 øre 01/Jan/1875 to 30/Jun/1875.
Letters to British Guiana via GB 98 øre 01/Jul/1875 to 31/May/1877.

The rates for letters to most Caribbean and South American countries via Great Britain were the same as to DWI. Before 01/Jul/1875, the rate consisted of 16 øre to Denmark + 1 shilling to Great Britain. From 01/Jul/1875, the rates changed to standard UPU rate 20 øre to Denmark for the transportation to Great Britain plus 110 centimes = 78 øre to Britain for the sea transportation to the overseas destination.

Stamps: above: 2x3 øre print 2, 2x**50 øre print 1a (not bleached)**, below: 8 øre print 3, 2x20 øre print 1a, 50 øre print 1b.



Letter sent to Danish West Indies 29/May/1875. Rate: 106 øre (16 øre to Denmark + 1 sh = 90 øre to GB).
ONE OF ONLY FOUR RECORDED LETTERS SHOWING THE 106 ØRE RATE TO ANY DESTINATION



Letter to British Guiana sent 29/Oct/1875 illustrating the 20+78 = 98 øre pre-UPU rate to most Caribbean and South American countries via Great Britain.
ONLY RECORDED DANISH PRE-UPU LETTER SENT TO BRITISH GUIANA

Other stories told by these covers: "1 sh" and "110" in red crayon indicate the 1 shilling and 110 centimes, respectively, that Denmark credited to Great Britain. "4" on the upper cover indicates that the local delivery fee of 4 cents per 15 grams was charged in DWI. The "1" in brownish-orange crayon on the lower cover refers to a 1 penny delivery fee charged in British Guiana.

2.1 International letters.

Rates: Letters 15-30 grams to DWI via Great Britain 196 øre 01/Jul/1875-31/May/1877.

Pre-UPU letters: The Carribean, South and Central America

Letters 30-45 grams to DWI via Great Britain 294 øre 01/Jul/1875-31/May/1877.

The rates for mail to the Carribean, South and Central America via Great Britain were charged per 15 grams. The DWI charged 4 cents to the receiver for local delivery. This fee was not charged, if the addressee picked up his letter at the post office (see 99 øre cover on page 14).

Stamps: above: 2x3 øre print 2, 2x50 øre print 1a (not bleached), below: 8 øre print 3, 2x20 øre print 1a, 50 øre print 1b.



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Second weight pre-UPU letter sent to Danish West Indies via Great Britain 29/Aug/1876. This cover is, despite its repairs, by far the best recorded 196 øre cover (the other 196 øre cover is very defective). **ONE OF TWO RECORDED COVERS SHOWING THE 196 ØRE RATE TO ANY DESTINATION**



Third weight pre-UPU letter sent to Danish West Indies via Great Britain 30/Dec/1875. **ONLY RECORDED THIRD WEIGHT DANISH PRE-UPU ØRE COVER TO ANY DESTINATION**

Other stories told by these covers: Notice that the DWI delivery charges of 4 cents per 15 grams = "8" and "12" cents is charged on both covers. "220" and "330" in red crayon indicate the 2x110 = 220 and 3x110 = 330 centimes, respectively, that Denmark credited to Great Britain for the onward transportation to the DWI.

**2.1 International letters.
Pre-UPU letters: The Carribean,
South and Central America**

**Rates: Pre-UPU letters to DWI via Hamburg 25 øre 01/Jan/1875 to 31/Aug/1877.
Pre-UPU letters to DWI via Le Havre 45 øre 01/Jan/1875 to 04/Feb/1877.
Unpaid letters to DWI via Hamburg 11 cents 01/Jan/1875 to 31/Aug/1877.**

The route to DWI via Hamburg in a closed Danish mail bag was much cheaper than the route to DWI via Great Britain. The steamers bringing mail to the DWI from Hamburg made a two-day stop in Le Havre (France). Thus, if a Danish letter was posted one day after the steamer left Hamburg, it could still catch the steamer in Le Havre by being sent by train. This cost an additional 20 øre.

Stamps: above: 25 øre print 1.
middle: 8 øre print 6, 2x20 øre
print 1a. below: 20 øre print 1b.

Pre-UPU letter to DWI sent 05/
Jan/1877 showing the cheap 25 øre
rate via Hamburg.



Letter sent to DWI 23/Jan/1877. The mail steamer left Hamburg 22/Jan/1877 and Le Havre on 25/Jan/1877. By paying the 45 øre rate via Le Havre, the sender hoped that the letter would catch the steamer in Le Havre. ●overpaid by 3 øre.

ONLY RECORDED LETTER ILLUSTRATING ANY PRE-UPU ØRE RATE VIA FRANCE (LE HAVRE)

Insufficiently prepaid (Utilstrækkelig frankeret) pre-UPU letter to DWI sent via Hamburg 11/Jun/1877. The rate for insufficiently prepaid letters was the unpaid rate minus the value of the franking: Unpaid rate 11 cents - "20" øre (5 cents) = "6" cents charged postage due.

ONE OF TWO RECORDED LETTERS ILLUSTRATING THE UNPAID RATE TO DWI VIA HAMBURG



**2.1 International letters.
Pre-UPU letters: The Carribean,
South and Central America**

*Rates: Letters to DWI via Great Britain 99 øre 01/Jun/1877 to 31/Aug/1877.
Letters to Chile via Southampton 141 øre 01/Jul/1875-31/May/1877.*

Due to changes in the conversion rates between French francs and Danish kroner, the 98 øre rate became a 99 øre rate from 01/Jun/1877. For mail to the eastern side of South America, Great Britain charged 170 centimes instead of 110 centimes for the onward sea transportation from Britain to the port of arrival.

Stamps: above: 2x3 øre print 2, 2x50 øre print 1a (not bleached), below: 3x3 øre print 1, 2x16 øre print 2, 2x50 øre print 1b.



Letter to the Danish West Indies sent 26/Aug/1877 showing the 20+79 = 99 øre pre-UPU rate via Great Britain, which was only valid for three months.

ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE 99 ØRE RATE TO ANY DESTINATION



Letter sent to Chile 12/Aug/1875 showing the combined 141 øre UPU and pre-UPU rate via Southampton. The rate consisted of the 20 øre UPU letter rate for the transportation from Denmark to GB plus "170" centimes (in red; equivalent to 121 øre) for the onward non-UPU transportation from GB to Chile.

The total 141 øre rate paid only for transportation to the Chilean port of entry.

For delivery in Chile, the receiver had to paid "10" centavos (red marking).

ONE OF TWO RECORDED DANISH PRE-UPU LETTERS SENT TO CHILE.

ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE 141 ØRE RATE

●*ther stories told by these covers:* Notice the lack of a "4" delivery charge on the upper cover: the addressee picked it up at the post office.

2.1 International letters.

Pre-UPU letters:

Asia and Australia

Rates: Letters to Japan via Brindisi 56 øre 01/Jul/1875 to 31/May/1877.

Letters to Tasmania via Brindisi 56 øre 02/Mar/1883 to 30/Sep/1891.

Most Danish mail to Asia and Australia went via Brindisi. In both cases, but during different periods, the rate was 56 øre, which consisted off 20 øre to Denmark for the UPU transportation within Europe plus 36 øre (50 centimes) to Britain for the sea transportation from Brindisi to the overseas destination.

Stamps: above: 2x3 øre print 2, 2x25 øre print 2. below: 8 øre print 48, 2x20 øre print 7.



Letter sent to Japan 03/Aug/1875 showing the typical 56 øre rate to Asian destinations via Brindisi and British ships in effect from 01/Jul/1875 until a country joined the UPU. "50" in red is the credit to Britain in centimes. This letter was routed via Singapore and Hong Kong.

ONLY RECORDED DANISH PRE-UPU LETTER SENT TO JAPAN



Letter 21/Oct/1887 sent to **Tasmania** showing the 56 øre rate to Australia and New Zealand via Brindisi and British ships in effect from 02/Mar/1883. credit "50" in red crayon is the credit to Britain in is centimes.

Other stories told by these covers: "K.T. og franko" means that this was a service letter (sent from the foreign ministry), but since Denmark had no agreement with Japan that allowed the use of service stamps on mail between the two countries, normal postage stamps are used.

2.1 International letters.

Pre-UPU letters:

Australia

Rates: Letters to New South Wales via GB 56 øre 02/Mar/1883 to 30/Sep/1891.

Unpaid letters to Australia via Brindisi 1 sh. 02/Mar/1883 to 30/Sep/1891.

Insufficiently prepaid and fully unpaid pre-UPU letters could also be sent, but since the unpaid rate was usually two times the prepaid rate, very few such letters were ever sent.

Stamps: 4x8 øre print 58.



Letter sent to New South Wales, Australia 22/Oct/1890. Since New South Wales was not yet member of UPU, the rate was 56 øre via British mails and the cover is underpaid by 24 øre = 30 centimes ("30c" next to the T-marking). Upon arrival, the 24 øre was doubled, and the British equivalent of 48 øre (6 d.) were to be charged postage due. Advertised, unclaimed, and returned to sender.

ONLY RECORDED INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID OVERSEAS PRE-UPU LETTER 1875-1906



Unpaid letter sent to Victoria, Australia 23/Jan/1890 cancelled "T" (Taxe) at departure. The rate for unpaid letters to Australia was 1 sh. (= 112 øre) as noted in the Australian "MORE TO PAY" marking. After the letter was "NOT CALLED FOR", it was redirected to Canada, since the address "Victoria BC" could also mean Victoria in British Columbia. Here, 10 cents (the unpaid UPU rate) was demanded postage due, but again the letter could not be delivered. Finally, the cover was returned to the sender.

ONLY RECORDED UNPAID DANISH PRE-UPU LETTER SENT IN THE ØRE-PERIOD

Other stories told by the lower cover: "16" øre was charged postage due on return, since returned international letters were treated the same as returned domestic letters before 01/Jul/1892. An unpaid domestic letter cost 16 øre 01/Jan/1875 to 30/Sep/1902.

2.1 International letters.

Pre-UPU letters:

China, end of pre-UPU rates

Rates: Second weight letters to non-UPU states 60 øre 01/Sep/1893 to 31/Dec/1898.

Registered fourth weight letters to non-UPU states 136 øre 01/Sep/1893 to 31/Dec/1898.

The last pre-UPU letter rates ended on 01/Sep/1893. From this date, the letter rate to the few remaining non-UPU member states (e.g. China) was reduced to the 50% surcharged UPU letter rate: 30 øre per 15 grams, which Denmark also charged to overseas UPU member states.

*Stamps: above: 2x5 øre coat of arms print 15, 5x10 øre coat of arms print 16.
below: 10x10 øre coat of arms print 17, 16 øre print 19, 20 øre coat of arms 1884-issue.*



Letter sent to China 23/May/1894 showing that letters to non-UPU member states were charged at the overseas UPU rate after 01/Sep/1893. Normal UPU letter rate 20 øre per 15 grams plus 50% surcharge = 60 øre for a second weight letter.



Fourth weight registered letter sent to China 18/Dec/1894 showing the overseas pre-UPU rate after 01/Sep/1893: 4x30 + 16 = 136 øre.
ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THIS RATE TO ANY COUNTRY