

Trans-Oceanic Uses of the 30 Cent U. S. Issues of 1861-1868

Purpose and Scope: the intended trans-oceanic uses of the 30 cent National Bank Note Company (NBN Co.) issues from 1861 through the "F" grill of 1868. No on cover use of a 30 cent "A" grill is recorded. Fewer 24 or 30 cent "F" grills are recorded on cover than are 90 cent stamps. They are noted. **Important, complex and rare uses are emphasized.**

Background: At the start of Civil War the Union ordered new stamps to stop the Confederacy from selling existing supplies of stamps to finance their war efforts. **Maintaining and expanding worldwide trade was critical to the Union,** which used a blockade to cripple the Confederate war efforts, despite British support. These covers document the breadth of trans-oceanic communication during this period.

Condition and Rarity: The highest levels of rarity are shown in the best available condition. **Very rare items** are indicated in **blue**. **Expertized items** are marked **e**.

Research and Personal Study: The exhibitor is the leading authority with 40 years of contributions to understanding these issues including expertizing for all the major services, catalog changes and courses taught. Research is pervasive and has been recognized internationally.

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Contract mail from Hawai'ian out island



2 cent contract ship fee +3 cent Hawai'ian rate +10 cents to United States per 1/2 oz. 9/67 - 7/70

then to Scotland 24 cents per 1/2 oz. 2/49 - 1/68 : combined rates possible for only 4 months

Only three 30 cent stamps recorded used from Hawai'i. e

Northern European Destinations

Denmark, Sweden and Russia

Prussian Closed Mail

American packet

to Denmark

35 cents per 1/2 oz.

1/68 - 1/70



Bremen - Hamburg mail

via Bremen

to Sweden

33 cents per 1/2 oz.

7/57 - 2/67

Prussian closed mail

American packet

to Russia

35 cents per 1/2 oz.

5/63 - 1/68



European Destinations

Prussia, Belgium and Holland

Prussian Closed Mail
to Prussia
American packet
28 cents per 1/2 oz.
1/62 - 1/70
convenience overpay
at unpaid rate



French Mail
British packet
to Belgium
2 x 21 cents per 1/4 oz.
4/57 - 2/67

French mail
to Holland
French packet
3 x 21 cents per 1/4 oz.
4/57 - 1/68 e



European Destinations

French treaty mail
to **Switzerland**
British packet
paid at 2 x 21 cents per 1/4 oz.
4/57 - 1/70



Switzerland and Unified Italy



French treaty mail to **Italy**
(Kingdom of Sardinia)
British packet
2 x 21 cents per 1/4 oz.
1/62 - 1/70
signed Ashbrook e

French treaty mail to **Italy**
(Kingdom of the Two Sicilies)
American packet
"TOO LATE"
for ship **Hammonia**
2 x 21 cents per 1/4 oz.
1/62 - 1/70



European Destinations

France, Portugal, Malta

French treaty mail
to France
American packet
2 x 15 cents per 1/4 oz.
4/57 - 1/70
first month of use of "F" grill



Bremen-Hamburg mail
to Portugal
"Care of American Consul"
2 x 21 cents per 1/2 oz.
7/57 - 2/67

French mail
British packet
to Malta
30 cents per 1/4 oz.
4/57 - 1/70

5 covers recorded
all pay single rate



French treaty mail
British packet
to Greece
30 cents per 1/4 oz.
4/57 - 1/70

Hingham "bat" cancel



Prussian Closed Mail
British packet
via Trieste
to Greece
40 cents per 1/2 oz.
5/63 - 3/67 e

2 40c covers known
to Greece by PCM

French mail
British packet
to Smyrna, Turkey in Asia
30 cents per 1/4 oz.
4/57 - 1/70

Underpaid for 38c PCM, but
light enough for French rate.



British mail
British packet
to Melbourne, Victoria
33 cents per 1/2 oz.
1/57 - 1/68

ex Herzog



British mail
British Packet then French
via Marseilles
to Melbourne, Victoria
39 cents up to 1/4 oz.
4/57 - 1/68
**Rarely used due to cost and
longer transit time.**

ex Knapp

British mail, British packet
via Southampton to Sydney,
New South Wales.

4 x 33 cents per 1/2 oz.
1/57 - 1/68 e

Also signed Ashbrook.
One of only 5 90 cent 1861
covers recorded to New
South Wales, all from the
Hogan correspondence.

**This is the only cover
franked with additional
1861 issue stamps.**

ex Gibson, Wunderlich,
Paliafito, DuPuy and
Forster.



Asian Destinations

Indian Sub-Continent

French mail
British Service
to Wellington, India
mis-sent to
Wellington, New Zealand
30 cents per 1/4 oz.
4/57 - 1/68



British mail
via Southampton
to India
3 x 28 cents
per 1/2 oz.
3/68 - 1/70

24 and 30 cent
"F" grills

British mail
to India via Brindisi
via Marseilles
36 cents per 1/2 oz.
3/68 - 1/70 e
30 cent "F" grill

"SEA POST OFFICE"
in dated oval on reverse
26 12
69
ex Ishikawa



Asian Destinations

Burma, Philippines Two Ways

French mail
American packet
to Calais mail train, then
to **Burma**
30 cents per 1/4 oz.
4/57 - 1/68



British mail
American packet
via Marseilles
to **Philippines**
57 cents for 1/4 - 1/2 oz.
12/61 - 6/63

French 1/4 oz. rate steps:
\$.51, \$.57, \$1.08, \$1.14

British mail
via Southampton
via P & O Route
to Hong Kong, then
to **Philippines**
45 cents per 1/2 oz.
9/61 - 1/68 e

1d colonial credit
2 reales due



British mail
British packet
via Marseilles
to Macao,
Portuguese China
53 cents up to 1/2 oz.
6/63 - 1/68



British mail
British packet
via Southampton
to Amoy, China
45 cents per 1/2 oz.
9/61 - 1/68 e

French mail
British packet
via Marseilles
to Shanghai, China
57 cents : 1/4 - 1/2 oz.
12/61 - 6/63

French 1/4 oz. rate steps:
\$.51, \$.57, \$1.08, \$1.14





British mail, via Marseilles to Singapore, East Indies

57 cents for 1/4 - 1/2 oz. 12/61 - 6/63 e

2nd French rate step, 1st British rate step



British mail, via Marseilles to Singapore, East Indies

\$1.14 for 3/4 - 1 oz. 12/61 - 6/63 e

4th French rate step, 2nd British rate step



Attempt to pay British mail, via Marseilles to Singapore, East Indies.

INSUFFICIENTLY / PREPAID

Over 1/2 oz. required \$1.08 for 3rd French rate step, 2nd British rate step.

Sent instead using British mail via Southampton

2 x 45 cents per 1/2 oz. 9/61 – 1/68 e

2d colonial credit for double rate ex Paliafito



British mail, British packet via Southampton
to Singapore, East Indies

“Care of American Consul”

34 cents per 1/2 oz. : 1/68 - 1/70

1d colonial credit for single rate

British mail
via Marseilles
to **Japan** e
42 cents per 1/2 oz.
1/68 - 1/70
"F" grill and 12 cent
1869 combination

ex Ishikawa



British mail
British Transit
via Southampton
to **Island of Celebes** e
Netherlands East Indies
28 cents per 1/2 oz.
1/70 - 11/70
overpaid at 30 cent French
rate discontinued one month
earlier on 1/70
"F" grill

British mail
American packet to
Andaman Islands - India
33 cents per 1/2 oz.
e 4/59 - 1/68
treated as fully paid at the
30 cent French mail rate





British mail, British packet to **St. Helena** (1200 miles West of African coast)

"Care of American Consul"

33 cents per 1/2 oz. 5/54 – 6/63



British mail, American packet via **Fernando Po** to **Corisco Island**, now claimed by **Equatorial Guinea**

8 x 33 cents per 1/2 oz. 5/54 - 1/68

only recorded example : signed Ashbrook e 18 miles SW of Rio Muni estuary, 5 sq. miles

British mail
British packet
to Cape Coast Castle
(Gold Coast)
33 cents per 1/2 oz.
7/57 - 1/68

ex Herzog



British mail, Br. Packet,
Boston via Cunarder
Persia, London NO 1 62
transit, to Port Elizabeth,
Cape of Good Hope.
2 x 33 cents per 1/2 oz.
7/57 - 1/68
Unusual franking for
this correspondence,
early use of red brown.

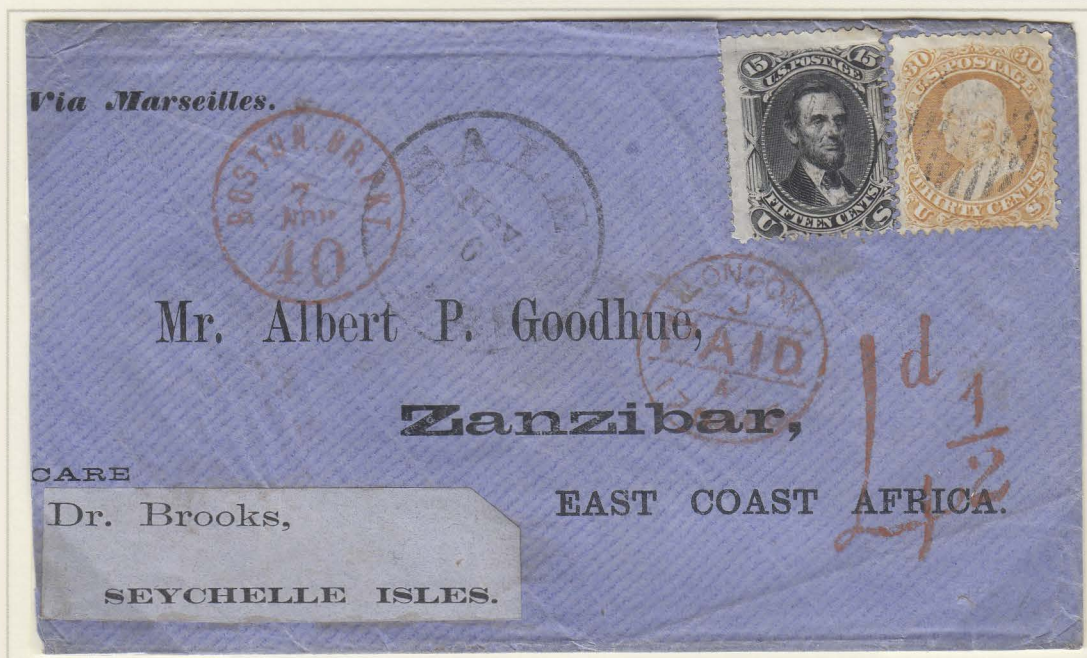
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British mail
British packet
via Plymouth
to Natal, Cape Colony
45 cents per 1/2 oz.
5/63 - 1/68



African Area Destinations

British mail
via Marseilles
to **Seychelles**
2 x 30 cents per 1/4 oz.
1/68 - 1/70 **e**



British mail
British packet
via Marseilles,
Seychelles & Mauritius
privately carried to **Zanzibar**
45 cents: 1/4 - 1/2 oz.
1/57 - 1/68

British mail
British Transit
via Marseilles then
to **Aden**, Arabia
privately carried
to **Zanzibar**
36 cents per 1/2 oz.
3/68 - 1/70

