

# Postal History of the World, 1840 - 1860

This is a traditional postal history exhibit that examines the postal uses of single adhesive postage stamps and postal stationery of the classic era.

Although the scope is wide geographically, it is limited by other constraints. The time frame is limited to the classic period of postage stamp and postal stationery use, defined here as the period from 1840 to 1860. Additionally, for each stamp issuing entity, the time frame is further limited to postal issues that preceded the introduction of perforated adhesives. Also, only letters and covers franked with single imperforate stamps, or postal stationery entires, without supplemental franking are included. Each of the stamps shown correctly prepays a postal rate for domestic mail, or prepays external mail to the extent that prepayment was possible. In essence, the stamps and stationery are shown prepaying the postal rate, or rates, most often seen. Such uses are often coincident with the intended use of the franking.

A colored box describes the class of mail service shown as summarized here. The specific postal rate shown is described below each item and includes the effective dates.

The exhibit is presented by country in alphabetical order and within each country by year of issue. Uses from the various German postal entities are grouped together as are the Italian States. Only items that were deliberate design or color changes are considered to be separate issues

<b>interior</b>	<b>postal mail rate within country</b>
<b>to 46 miles</b>	<b>postal mail rate by distance</b>
<b>local</b>	<b>postal rate for mail within city</b>
<b>printed matter</b>	<b>postal rate for printed matter</b>
<b>foreign</b>	<b>postal rate for external mail</b>

# AUSTRIA



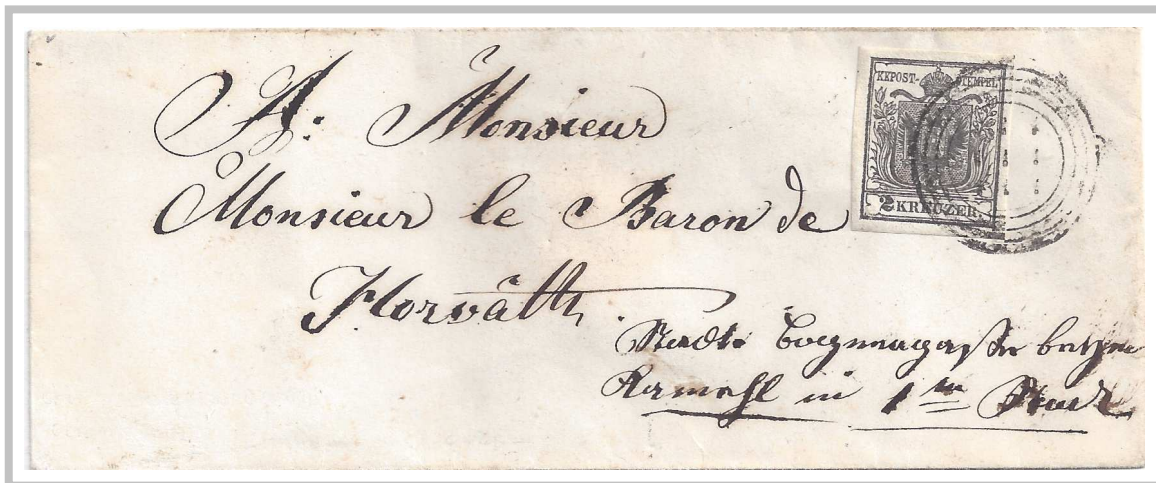
## 1850 Issue - 1 kreuzer

printed matter



4 September 1855 Trieste printed circular used locally  
domestic printed circular rate to any distance from June 1, 1850 to October 31, 1858, per loth

## 1850 Issue - 2 kreuzer



local

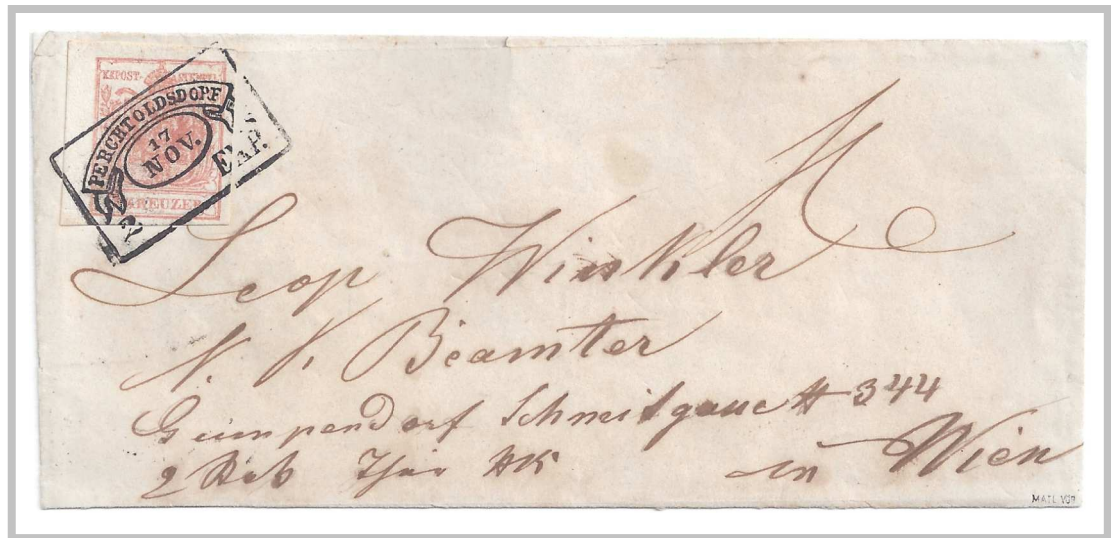
14 December 1850 Wien local use, mute Stadtpost cancel  
domestic letter rate within district from June 1, 1850 to October 31, 1858, any weight

# AUSTRIA



## 1850 Issue - 3 kreuzer

to 10 meilen



17 November 1854 Perchtoldsdorf to Wien

domestic letter rate for distance to 10 meilen from June 1, 1850 to October 31, 1858, per loth

## 1850 Issue - 6 kreuzer

return receipt fee

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Briefpost.

**Retour = Receptisse.**

Das ich das, bei dem k. k. Postamte zu **PILGRAM**  
am 20 ten August 1853 rekommandirt aufgegebene Schreiben unter Adresse:  
*für Löbl. P. v. Lenz in Bymühl*  
am untengefeschten Tage richtig erhalten habe, bezeuge ich mit meiner eigenhändigen Unterschrift.  
*Kollin* den 22 ten August 184  
Unterschrift: *Alte...*

**Zur Nachricht.**

- 1) Die Receptissegebühre ist vom Aufgeber entrichtet worden.
- 2) Der Empfänger ist gehalten, das Datum einzusehen, und die Namensfertigung beizufügen.

Dieses Receptisse wolle mit erstem Posttage an das obengenannte Postamt der Aufgabe zurückgesendet werden.

20 August 1853 return receipt card for registered letter Pilgram (Czech Republic) to Kolin (Czech Republic)  
fee for domestic return receipt from June 1, 1850

# AUSTRIA



1850 Issue - 3 kreuzer

Used from Lombardy - Venetia

to 10 meilen



25 May 1851 (after Decree forbidding kreuzer stamp use) Venezia to Treviso  
domestic letter rate for distance to 10 meilen from June 1, 1850 to October 31, 1858, per loth

1850 Issue - 6 kreuzer

Used from Lombardy - Venetia

10 to 20 meilen



18 May 1851 (after Decree forbidding kreuzer stamp use) Venezia to Verona  
domestic letter rate for 10 to 20 meilen distance from June 1, 1850 to October 31, 1858, per loth

Austrian adhesive stamps were valid for postage in Lombardy-Venetia until May 7, 1851 when such use forbidden by Decree. Because the Austrian paper currency was worth about 15% less than the equivalent silver currency used in Lombardy Venetia, there was an economic benefit to such use.

# AUSTRIA



1850 Issue - 9 kreuzer

over 20 meilen



23 July 1850 Neupacka to Wien

domestic letter rate for distance over 20 meilen from June 1, 1850 to October 31, 1858, per loth

1850 Issue - 9 kreuzer

Used from Ottoman Empire



over 20 meilen

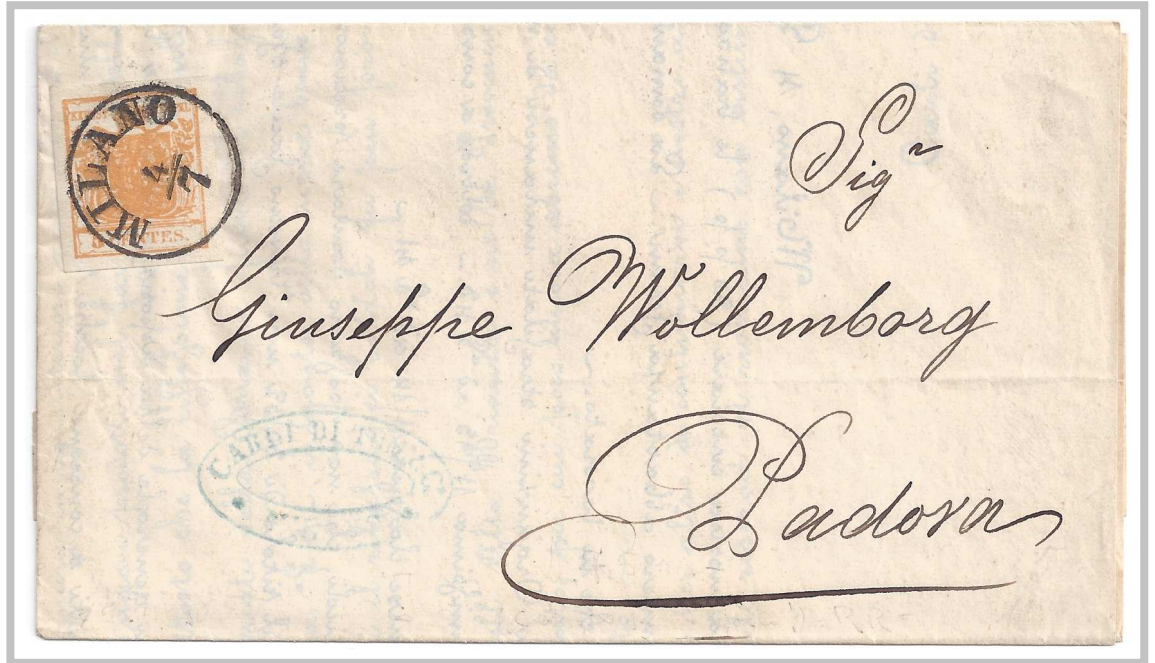
30 October 1851 Banjaluka (**Turkish Bosnia**) privately to Kostainiza (Croatia) and mail to Trieste  
domestic letter rate for distance over 20 meilen from June 1, 1850 to October 31, 1858, per loth

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## 1850 Lombardy Venetia Issue - 5 centesimi

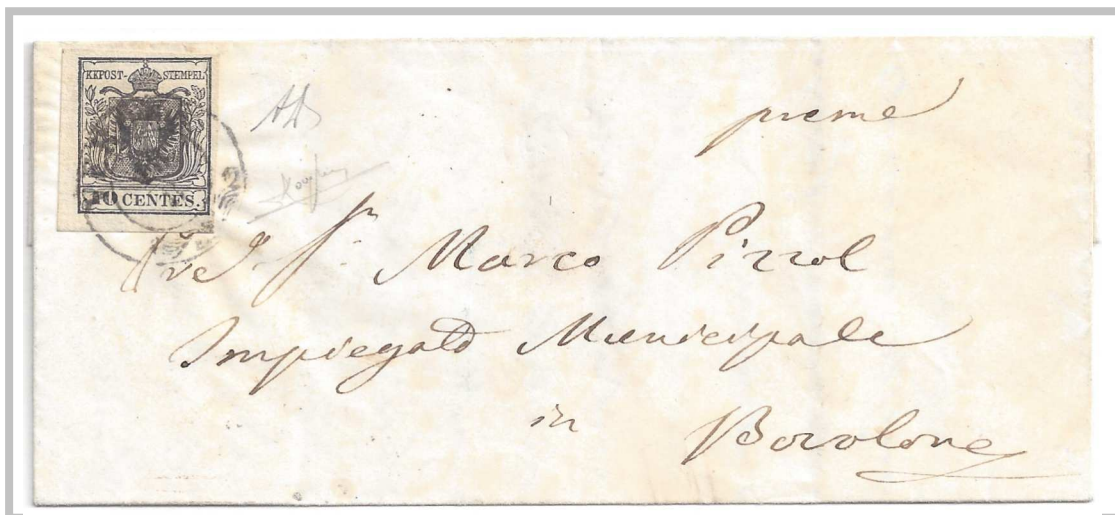
printed matter



4 July 1857 Milano to Padova, printed circular

domestic printed circular rate to any distance from June 1, 1850 to October 31, 1858, per loth

## 1850 Lombardy Venetia Issue - 10 centesimi



local

18 August 1854 Verona use to Borolone (within city district)

domestic letter rate within district from June 1, 1850 to October 31, 1858, any weight

# AUSTRIA



## 1850 Lombardy Venetia Issue - 15 centesimi

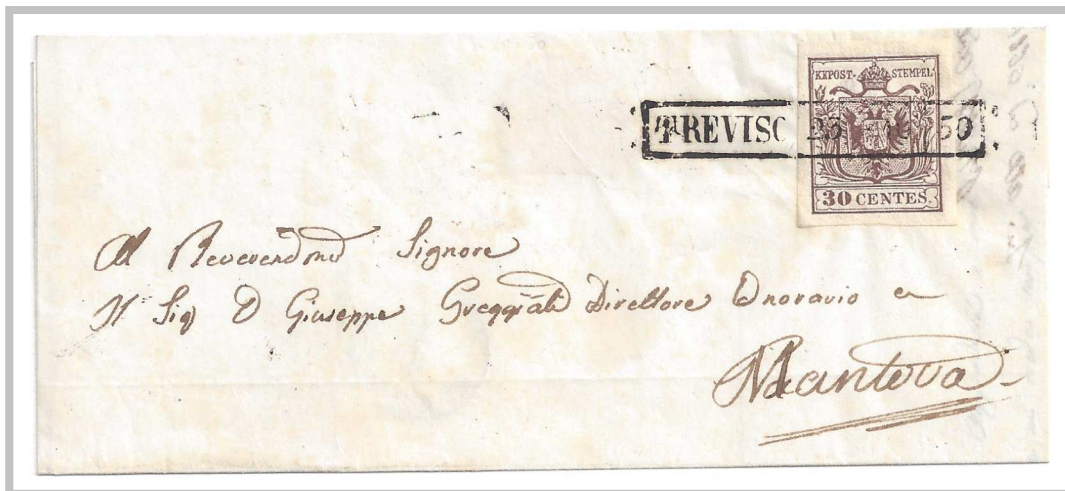
to 10 meilen



27 January 1850 Rovigo to Dolo, first month use  
domestic letter rate for distance to 10 meilen from June 1, 1850 to October 31, 1858, per loth

## 1850 Lombardy Venetia Issue - 30 centesimi

10 to 20 meilen



23 October 1850 Treviso to Montova  
domestic letter rate for 10 to 20 meilen distance from June 1, 1850 to October 31, 1858, per loth

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## 1850 Lombardy Venetia Issue - 30 centesimi

return receipt fee

(no. 11. n. 47.)

N.° *37*  
*14*

**RICEVUTA DI RITORNO**

Per una lettera raccomandata impostata presso l'Ufficio postale in *Cologna*  
il giorno *Primo Settembre* 1853 all'indirizzo: *all'Off. di Comunità*  
*vajione di Legnago*

che mi fu quest'oggi regolarmente consegnata da quest'Ufficio postale. *di Legnago*  
*Legnago* il *Settembre* 1853

**AVVERTENZE.**

1. In questa ricevuta è stato pagato dal mittente.  
2. Il destinatario è tenuto ad apporvi la data e la propria firma.

Questa ricevuta vorrà essere ritornata col primo corso di posta al suindicato Ufficio d'impostazione.

**Stampes:**  
Circular postmark: *AGG*  
Circular postmark: *LEGNAGO*  
Circular postmark: *SEPT 1 1853*  
Circular postmark: *LEGNAGO*  
Circular postmark: *SETTEMBRE 1853*  
Circular postmark: *UFFICIO CENTRALE DELLE POSTE LOMBARDO-VENEZIANE*  
Circular postmark: *SEPT 4 1853*  
Circular postmark: *COLOGNA*  
Circular postmark: *SETTEMBRE 1853*

1 September 1853 return receipt Cologna to Legnago (Sep 3) and returned (Cologno Sep 4 backstamp)  
fee for domestic return receipt that accompanied a registered letter, from June 1, 1850



# AUSTRIA



## 1850 Lombardy Venetia Issue - 45 centesimi

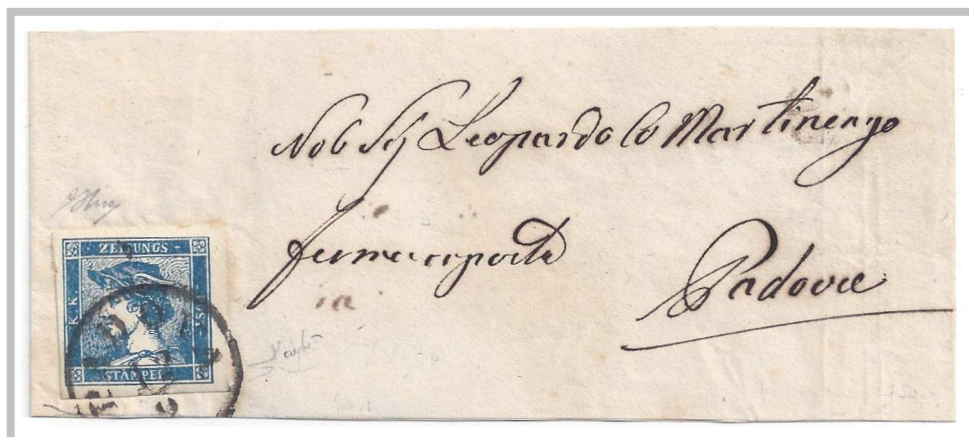
over 20 meilen



2 January 1851 Venezia, Lombardy - Venezia to Klagenfurth, Austria

domestic letter rate for distance over 20 meilen from June 1, 1850 to October 31, 1858, per loth

## 1851 Newspaper Issue for Austria & Lombardy Venetia - blue stamp



newspaper

12 September (1851) newspaper address band to Padova, Lombardy - Venetia

newspaper rate when 10 stamps purchased from June 1, 1850 to October 31, 1858, any distance

Austrian newspaper stamps, which had to be purchased in minimum quantity of ten, were valid for use in both Austria and Lombardy - Venetia. The blue stamp was valued at 3 centesimi or .6 kreuzer.

# BARBADOS



## 1855 Issue - 1 pence

foreign  
to Great Britain



28 February 1857 Barbadoes to London, England, crown Paid and "6" pence packet rate  
1 pence colonial letter rate, plus 6 pence packet rate (from Aug 1, 1854) paid in cash

## 1859 Issue - 6 pence

foreign  
to Great Britain



26 May 1859 Barbadoes to London, England  
British packet rate from August 1, 1854, to ½ ounce

# BELGIUM



## 1849 Issue - 10 centimes

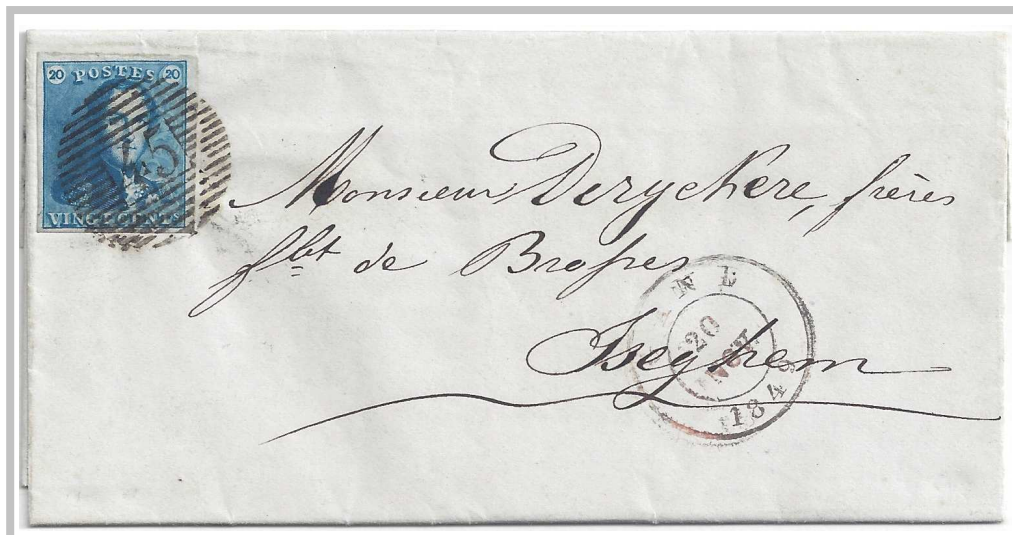
to 30 km.



3 August 1849 Berzele, rural box origin, to Steenhuysen  
domestic letter rate for distance to 30 km from July 1, 1849, to 10 grams

## 1849 Issue - 20 centimes

over 30 km.



20 November 1849 Gand to Iseghem  
domestic letter rate for distance over 30 km from July 1, 1849, to 10 grams

# BELGIUM



## 1849 / 1850 Issue - 10 centimes

to 30 km.



17 October 1851 Gosseliers to Thuin, 10 centimes with ambulant M.VI in vertical bars  
domestic letter rate to 30 km from July 1, 1849, to 10 grams

## 1849 / 1850 Issue - 20 centimes

over 30 km.



13 November 1850 Gand to Bruxelles, 20 centimes corner copy (position I)  
domestic letter rate for distance over 30 km from July 1, 1849, to 10 grams

# BELGIUM



1849 / 1850 Issue - 40 centimes

foreign  
to France



28 January 1852 Bruxelles to Misme, France  
foreign letter rate to France from October 1, 1849, to 7.5 grams

# BRAZIL



1843 Issue - 60 reis

interior



20 January 1844 S. Joao Del Rei to Rio de Janeiro  
domestic letter rate for interior mail by land to May 17, 1849, to 4 oitavas weight

# BUENOS AIRES



1859 (January 1) Issue - 1 peso

foreign  
to Argentina



12 November 1859 Buenos Aires to Goya, Argentina  
foreign letter rate to Argentina

1859 (September 3) Issue - 1 peso



foreign  
to Argentina

17 December 1859 Buenos Aires to Corrientes, Argentina  
foreign letter rate to Argentina

# CANADA



## 1851 Issue - 3 pence

interior



18 October 1854 posted as loose letter on steamboat route to Kingston, 3 pence on wove domestic letter rate to any distance from April 6, 1851, per ½ ounce

## 1851 Issue - 6 pence



foreign  
to United States

9 June 1851 Cornwall, Upper Canada, via Ogdensburgh, to Portland, Maine, laid paper, second month of use foreign treaty letter rate to United States from April 6, 1851, per ½ ounce

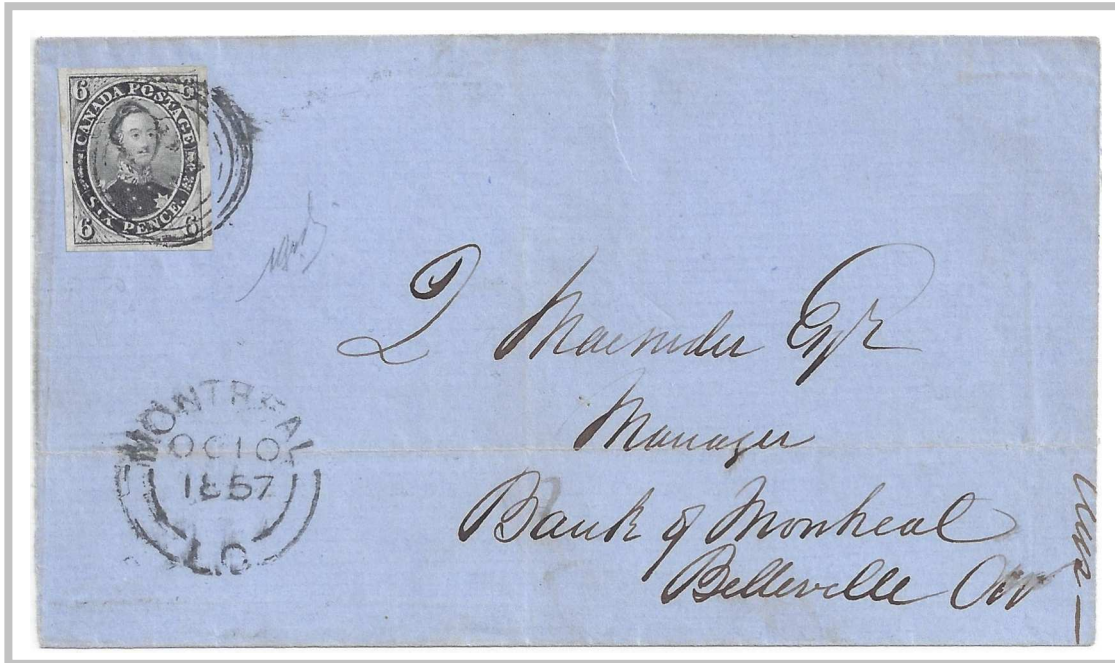


# CANADA



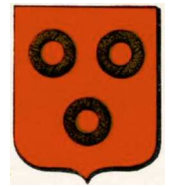
1851 Issue - 6 pence

interior



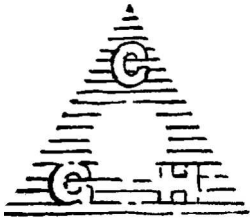
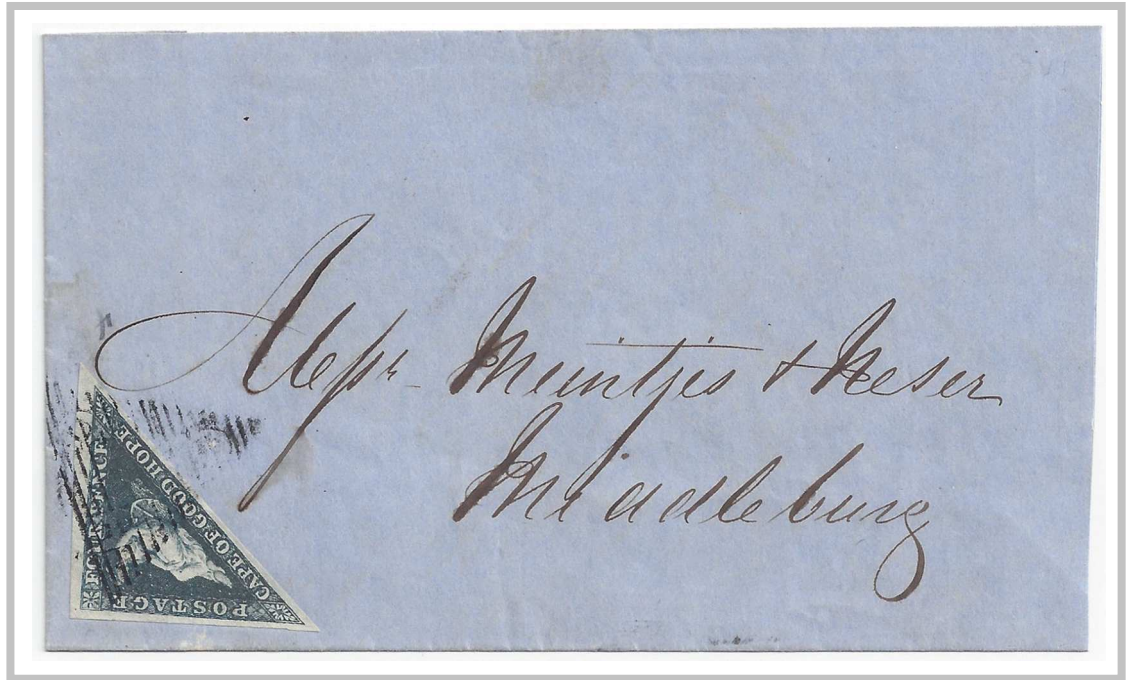
10 October 1857 double weight letter from Montreal to Belleville, 6 pence on wove domestic double weight letter rate to any distance from April 6, 1851, per ½ ounce

# CAPE OF GOOD HOPE



1853 Issue - 4 pence

interior



5 February 1856 Port Elizabeth to Middleburg, 4 pence on white paper which appeared in 1855 domestic letter rate to any distance from September 1, 1853, per ½ ounce

# CHILE



1854 Issue - 5 centavos

interior



14 September 1854 Santiago to Valparaíso, Desmadryl print  
domestic letter rate for interior mail by land

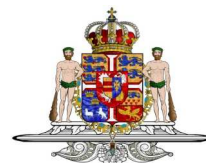
1854 Issue - 10 centavos

interior



22 December 1855 Concepcion to Valparaíso, Desmadryl print  
domestic letter rate for interior mail by water

# DENMARK



## 1851 Issue - 2 rigsbankskilling

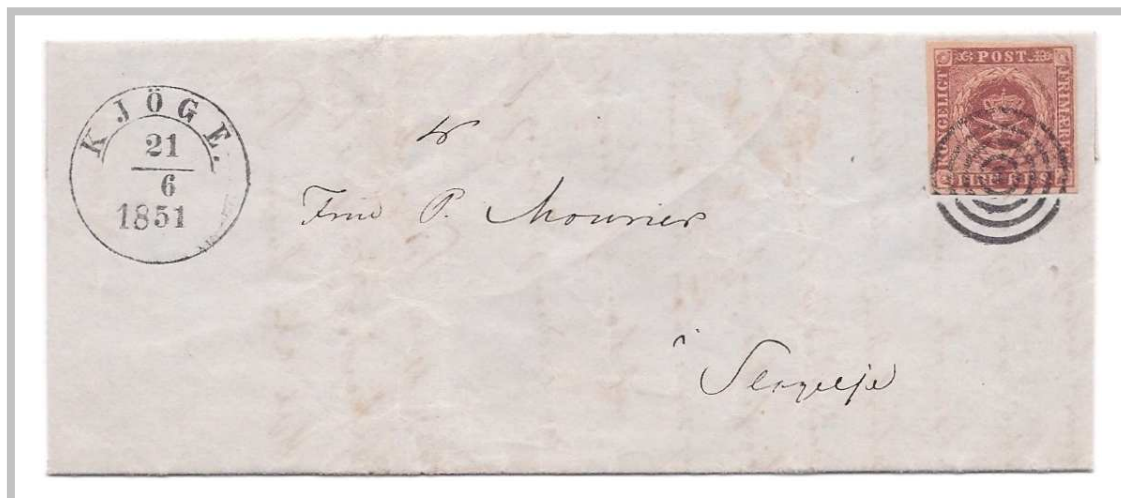
local



10 May 1853 Copenhagen local use, Thiele print  
domestic letter rate for mail within local district from April 1, 1850 any weight

## 1851 Issue - 4 rigsbankskilling

interior



21 June 1851 Kjøge to Slagelse, Ferslew print  
domestic letter rate any distance from April 1, 1850, per loth

# DENMARK



## 1854 Issue - 4 skilling

interior



25 April 1859 Holstein railway office to Lehe, Schleswig-Holstein, numeral 169 cancel domestic letter rate any distance after currency renamed on February 10, 1854, per loth

Danish stamps were used in Schleswig-Holstein from July 1, 1853 until 1864

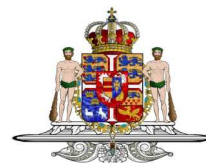
## 1854 Issue - 16 skilling



foreign  
to Sweden

12 August 1858 Hull, England privately to Copenhagen and posted to Ystad, Sweden with "compass" datestamp foreign letter rate to Sweden after currency was renamed on February 10, 1854, per loth

# DENMARK



## 1855 Issue - 2 skilling

local



13 October 1858 Copenhagen local use  
domestic letter rate after currency was renamed on February 10, 1854, any weight

## 1858 Issue - 4 skilling

interior



30 December 1859 Fanø, Frisian Islands to Warden, blue numeral "205" cancel  
domestic letter rate any distance after currency renamed on February 10, 1854, per loth

# FINLAND



## 1845 Stationery Issue - 10 kopecks

interior



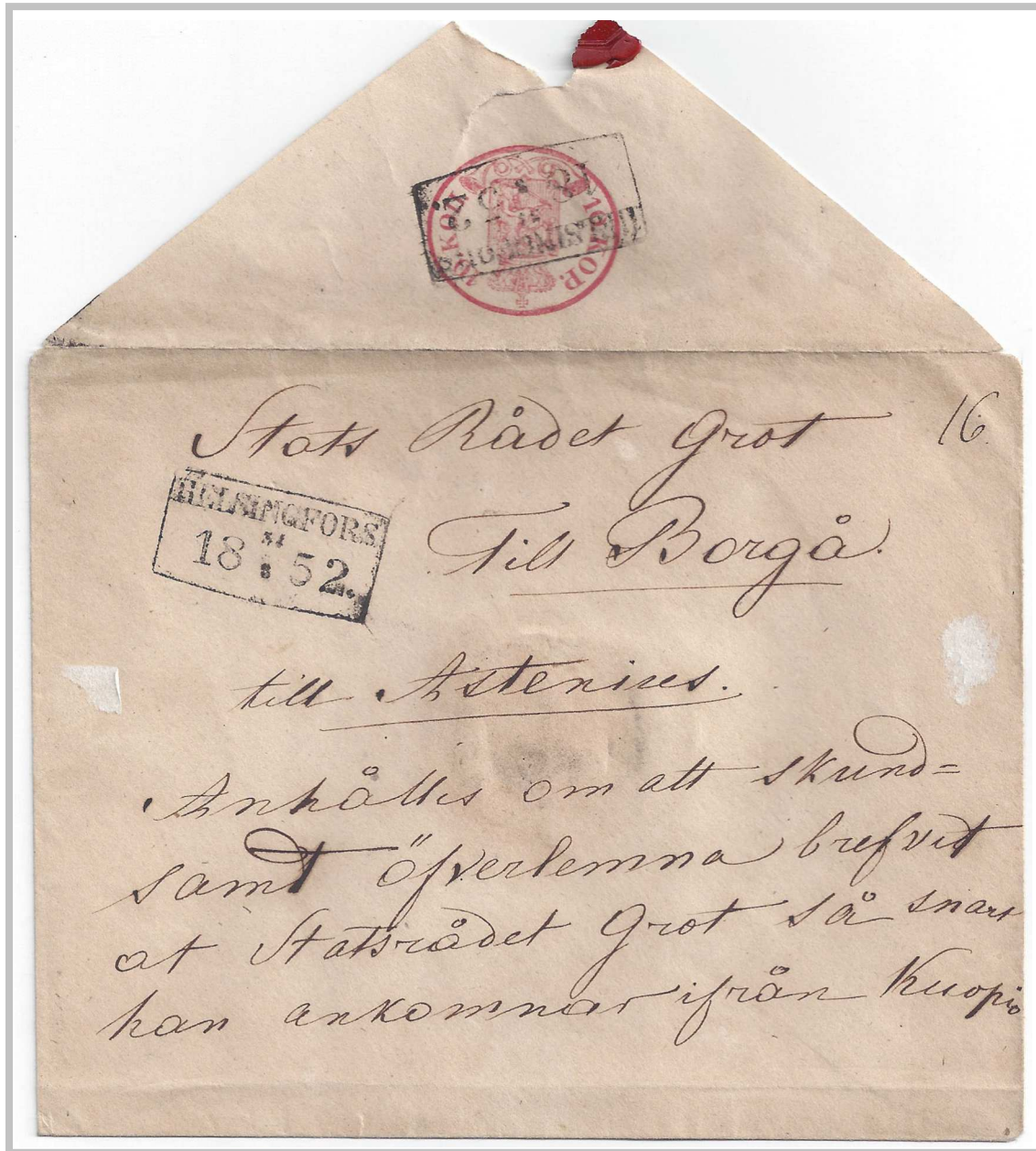
17 April 1846 Åbo to Heinola, type I design, invalidated from January 1, 1850  
domestic letter rate 10 kopecks per lod from January 1, 1845,

# FINLAND



## 1850 Stationery Issue - 10 kopecks

over 125 verst



31 March 1852 Helsingfors to Borgå, endorsed "deliver immediately when he returns from Kupio"  
domestic letter rate over 125 verst distance from January 1, 1850, to 1.5 loth



# FINLAND



## 1856 Issue - 5 kopecks



to 125 verts

31 October 1859 Helsingfors to Tavastehus, 5 kopecks redrawn, large pearls in posthorn domestic letter rate to 125 verst distance from January 1, 1850, to 1.5 loth

## 1856 Issue - 10 kopecks

over 125 verst



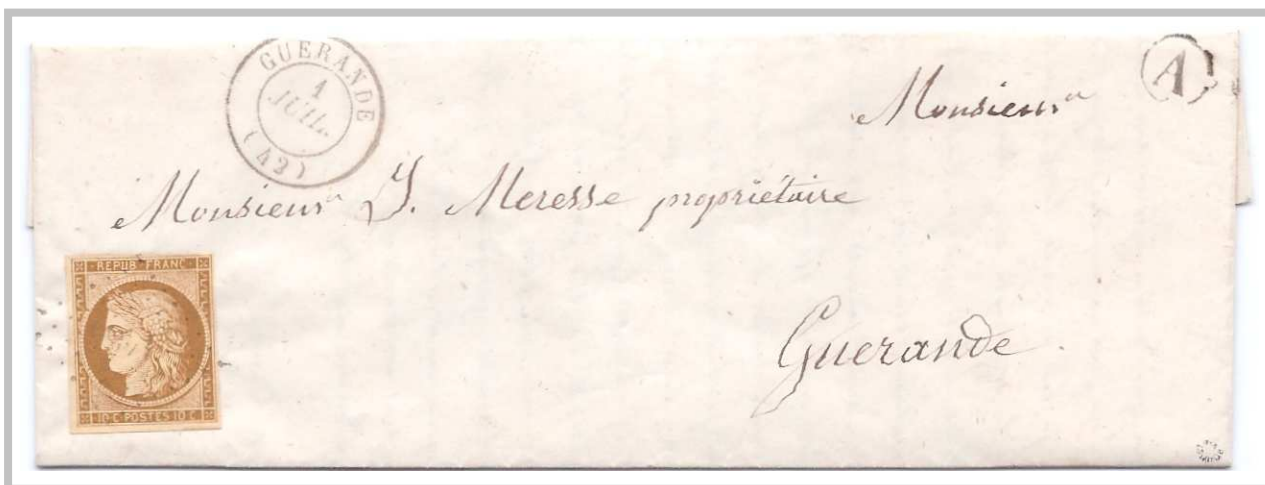
7 July 1856 Helsingfors to Ny Karleby, 10 kopecks small pearls as originally issued domestic letter rate over 125 verst distance from January 1, 1850, to 1.5 loth

# FRANCE



## 1849 / 1850 Issue - 10 centimes

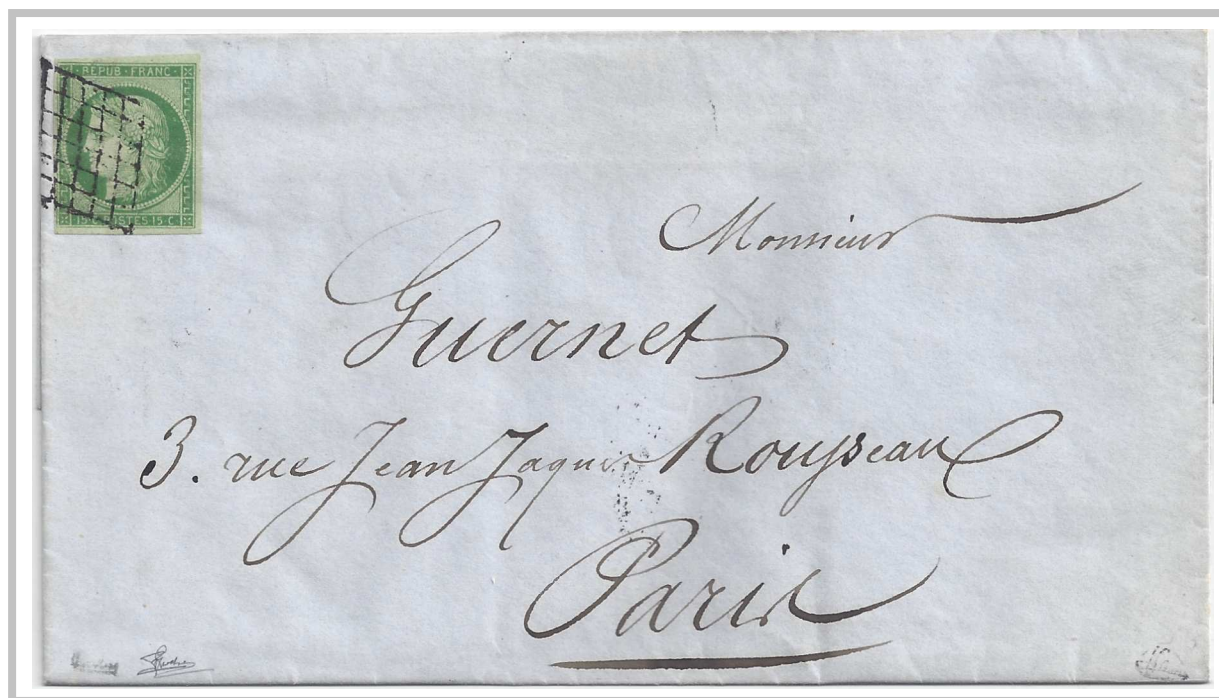
local



1 July 1853 Guerande local use, rural bureau "A" handstamp (Feriac), late use of 1850 issue, rate change date domestic letter rate other than Paris from January 1, 1849 to June 30, 1853, to 7.5 grams and domestic letter rate for all cities from July 1, 1853

## 1849 / 1850 Issue - 15 centimes

local



24 May 1850 Paris local use

domestic letter rate within Paris only from January 1, 1849 to June 30, 1853, to 7.5 grams

# FRANCE



## 1849 / 1850 Issue - 20 centimes

interior



30 March 1850 Mascara, **Algeria** to Elbeuf, France

domestic letter rate, including Algeria, from January 1, 1849 to June 30, 1850, to 7.5 grams

## 1849 / 1850 Issue - 25 centimes

interior



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

domestic letter rate from July 1, 1850 to June 30, 1854, to 7.5 grams

# FRANCE



## 1852 Issue - 10 centimes

local

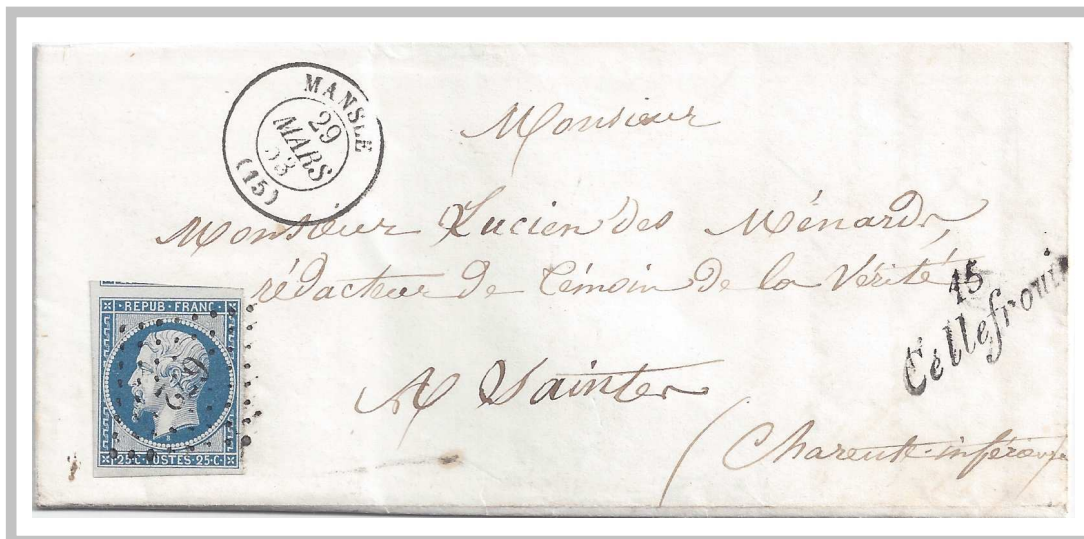


17 April 1853 Guerande local use

domestic letter rate for towns other than Paris, from January 1, 1849 to June 30, 1853, to 7.5 grams

## 1852 Issue - 25 centimes

interior



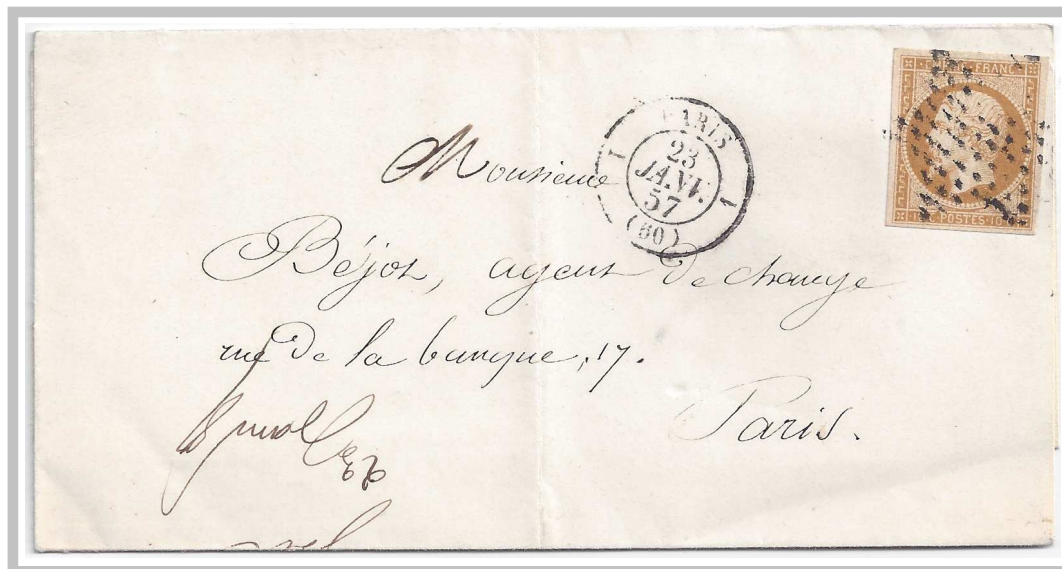
29 March 1853 Mansle to Saintes, cursive "15 Cellefrouin" handstamp  
domestic letter rate from July 1, 1849 to June 30, 1854, to 7.5 grams

# FRANCE



1853 / 1854 Issue - 10 centimes

local



23 January 1857 Paris local use

domestic letter rate for all cities after July 1, 1853, to 7.5 grams

1853 / 1854 Issue - 20 centimes



interior

10 February 1859 Paris to Elbert

domestic letter rate from July 1, 1854, to 7.5 grams

# FRANCE



1853 / 1854 Issue - 40 centimes

foreign  
to Spain



27 March 1860 Bayonne to Bilbao, Spain  
foreign letter mail rate to Spain

# FRANCE



## 1859 Postage Due Issue - 10 centimes

local



24 February 1859 Chalon local use unfranked and postage due missed local mail delivery on 24th, Après Le Départ handstamp postage due domestic letter rate after January 1, 1859, to 7.5 grams

# GERMAN STATES

Postal service in the old German States was a combination of Royal or Government posts and the Thurn and Taxis Post, a privately owned mail system headquartered in Frankfurt am Main that served areas that did not otherwise have postal service. The German states that issued postage stamps before 1860 are shown on map and listed in table.

The German - Austrian Postal Union (GAPU) was formed in 1851 and included Austria, Luxembourg as well as most of the larger German States and the Thurn and Taxis Post.



German States / year stamps first issued	
Baden (Grand Duchy)	1851
Bavaria (Kingdom)	1849
Bremen (Free City)	1855
Brunswick (Grand Duchy)	1852
Hamburg (Free City)	1859
Hanover (Kingdom)	1850
Lübeck (Free City)	1859
Mecklenburg - Schwerin (Grand Duchy)	1856
Oldenburg (Grand Duchy)	1852
Prussia (Kingdom)	1850
Saxony (Kingdom)	1850
Schleswig - Holstein (Autonomous to 1851)	1850
Württemberg (Kingdom)	1851

Thurn and Taxis Post Service Areas	
(Northern Areas)	(Southern Areas)
Hesse - Cassel	Hesse - Darmstadt
Saxe - Weimar - Eisennach	Nassau
Saxe - Gotha	Hesse - Homberg
Lippe - Detmold	Frankfurt am Main
Lippe - Schaumbug	Saxe - Coburg
Gera	Saxe - Coburg
Greiz	Saxe - Meiningen
Hamburg (before 1859)	Schwarzburg - Rudolstadt
Bremen (before 1855)	Hohenzollern - Hechingen
Lübeck (before 1859)	Hohenzollern - Sigmaringen
Camburg	
Thurn and Taxis post first issued stamps in 1851	

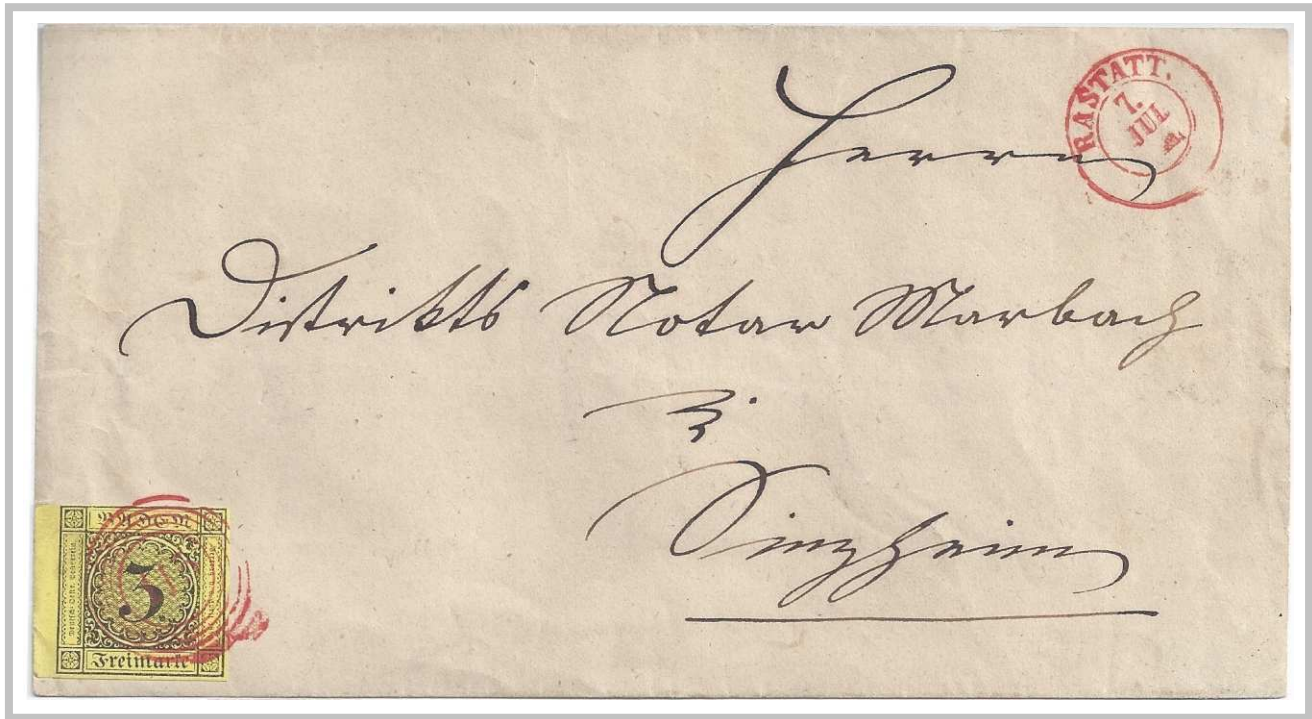


# BADEN



1851 Issue - 3 kreuzer

to 10 meilen



7 July 1852 Rastatt to Sinsheim, red numeral "115" in rings cancel  
domestic letter rate to 10 meilen from May 1, 1851, per loth

1851 Issue - 6 kreuzer



foreign  
to GAPU

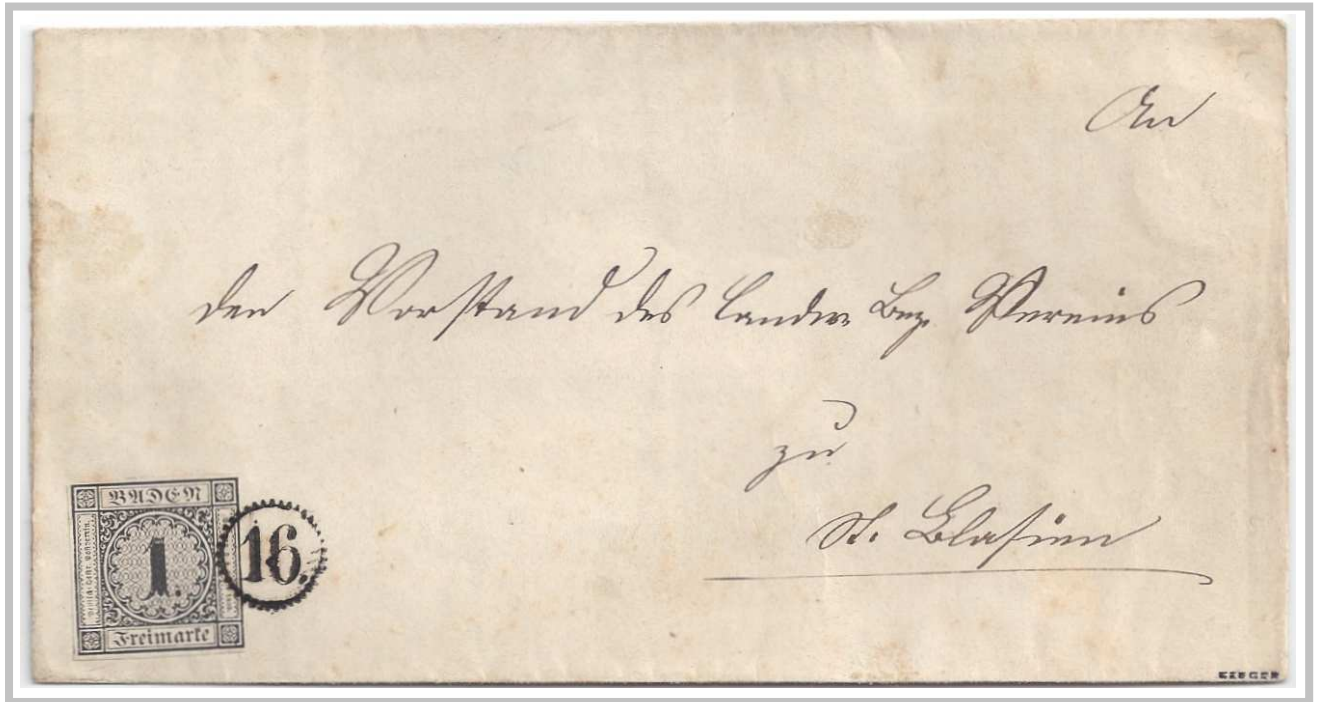
3 August 1851 Mannheim to Zweibrücken, Bavaria, numeral 87 in rings cancel  
foreign letter rate to GAPU 10 to 20 meilen from July 1, 1850, per loth

# BADEN



## 1853 Issue - 1 kreuzer

local



3 October 1859 Bernau to St Blasien in same local district, cogged numeral "16" mail box domestic letter rate within local district from May 1, 1851, per loth

## 1858 Issue - 3 kreuzer

foreign  
to GAPU



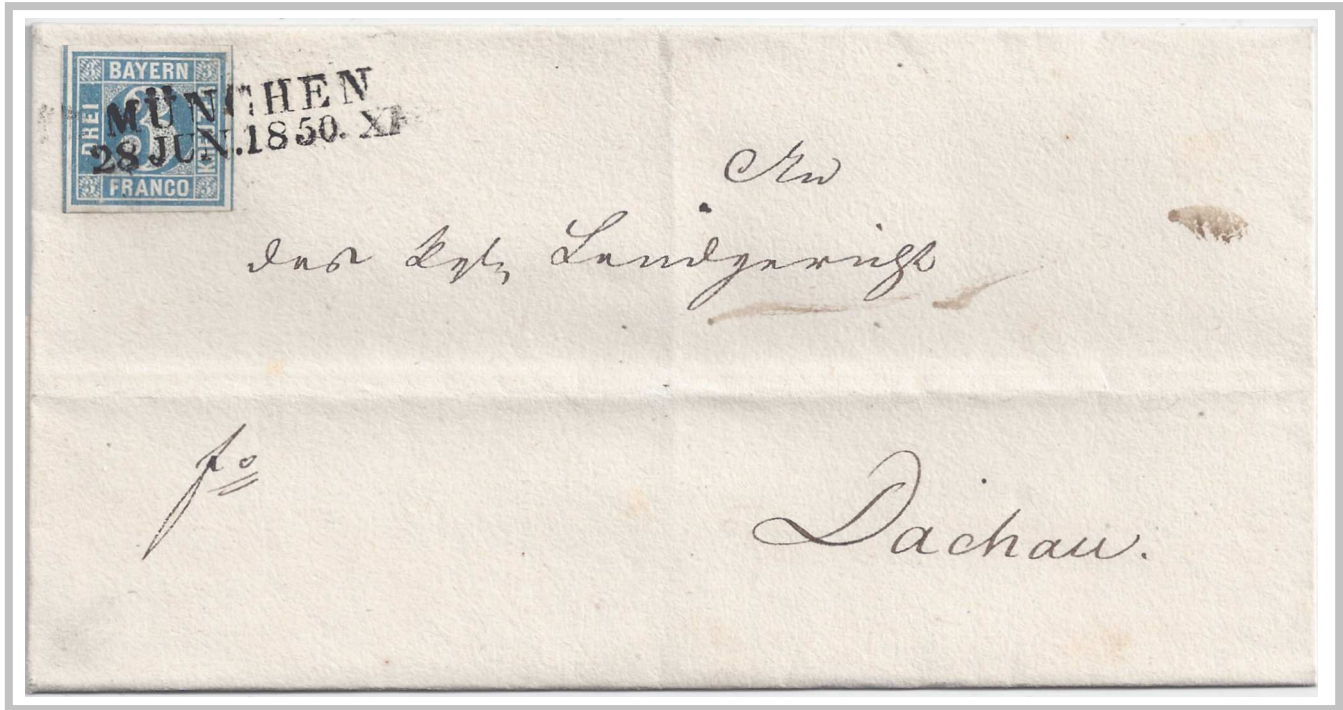
9 November 1859 Mannheim to Frankfurt am Main, Hesse (served by Thurn & Taxis Post) foreign letter rate to GAPU to 10 meilen from July 1, 1851, per loth

# BAVARIA



1849 Issue - 3 kreuzer

to 12 meilen



28 June 1850 Munich to Dachau, used **two days before rate period ended** domestic letter rate to 12 meilen from July 1, 1849 to June 30, 1850, to 1 loth

1849 Issue - 6 kreuzer

over 12 meilen



2 November 1849 Bamberg to Regensburg, **second day of use** of stamp domestic letter rate over 12 meilen from July 1, 1849 to June 30, 1850, to 1 loth

# BAVARIA



1850 Issue - 9 kreuzer

foreign  
to GAPU



1 June 1855 Nurnberg to Elberfeld (in the independent City of Wuppertal)  
foreign letter rate to GAPU over 20 meilen from June 1, 1850 to September 30, 1858 per loth

1850 Issue - 9 kreuzer



foreign  
to GAPU

3 August 1858 registered letter from Munich to Elberfeld, due 1/2sg  
foreign letter rate to GAPU over 20 meilen from June 1, 1850 to September 30, 1858 per loth

# BRUNSWICK



1852 Issue - 3 silbergrochen

over 20 meilen



6 November 1854 Braunschweig to Bramsche  
domestic letter rate over 20 meilen from January 1, 1852 to February 3, 1856, to 1 loth

# HANOVER



## 1850 Issue - 1 gutegrochen

interior



14 June 1852 Herzlacke to Meppen

domestic letter rate to any distance from October 1, 1850 to September 30, 1858, to 1 zolloth

## 1851 Issue - 1/30 thaler

foreign  
to GAPU



1 September 1852 Glandorf to Münster, Prussia, 1/30 thaler corner copy with numeral 10  
foreign letter rate to 10 meilen from June 1, 1850 to September 30, 1858 per loth

# HANOVER



## 1851 Issue - 1/30 thaler

foreign  
to GAPU

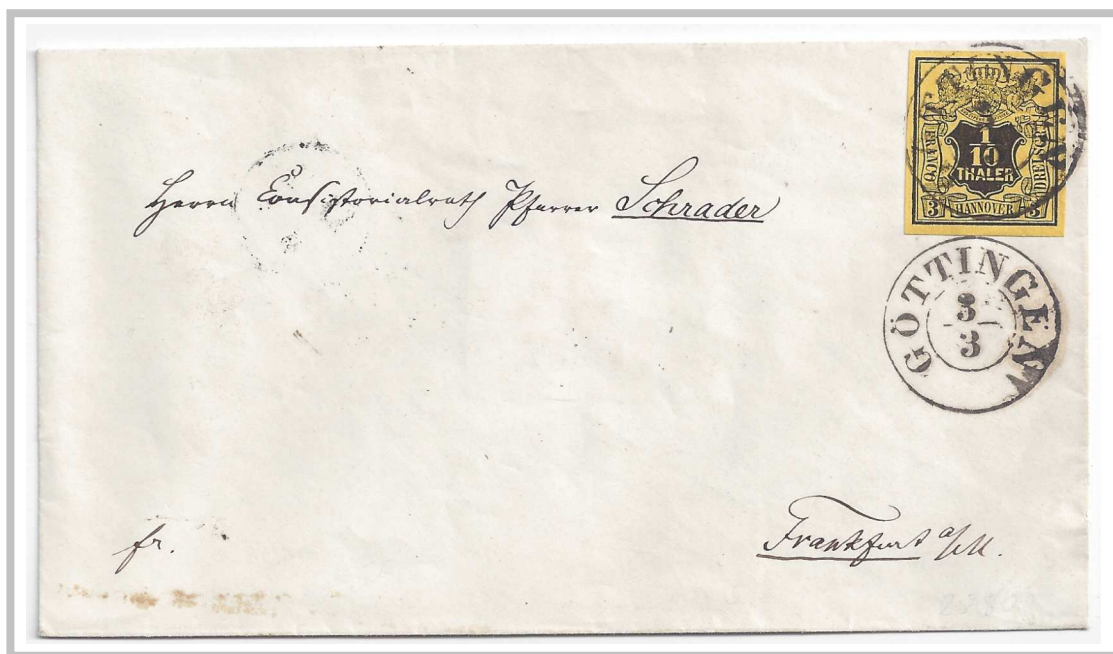


9 January 1853 Schladen to Wolfenbüttel, Brunswick

foreign letter rate to GAPU to 10 meilen from June 1, 1850 to September 30, 1858 per loth

## 1851 Issue - 1/10 thaler

foreign  
to GAPU



3 March 1853 Göttingen to Frankfurt am Main, Hesse (served by Thurn & Taxis Post)

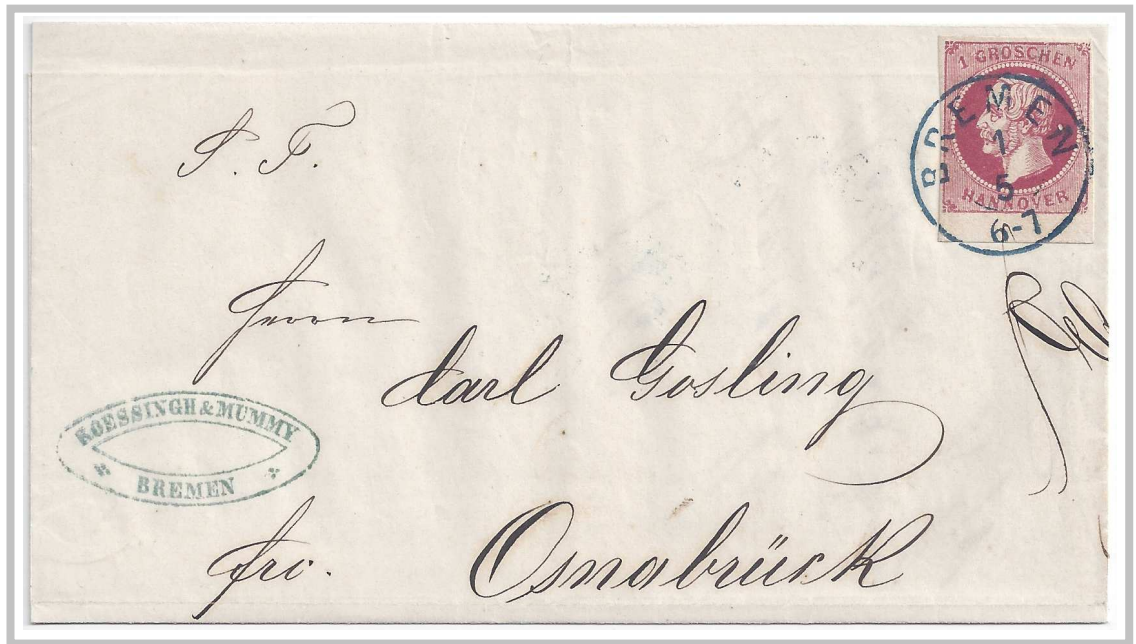
foreign letter rate to GAPU over 20 meilen from June 1, 1850 to September 30, 1858 per loth

# HANOVER



## 1859 Issue - 1 groschen

interior



1 May 1859 Bremen to Osnabrück

domestic letter rate to 1 zolloth from October 1, 1858 per zolloth (1.13 loth)

## 1859 Issue - 2 groschen

foreign  
to GAPU



12 July 1859 Osnabrück to Bochum (Prussia)

foreign letter rate to GAPU from 10 to 20 meilen from June 1, 1850 to September 30, 1858 per loth



# OLDENBURG



1852 Issue - 1/30 thaler

foreign  
to GAFU

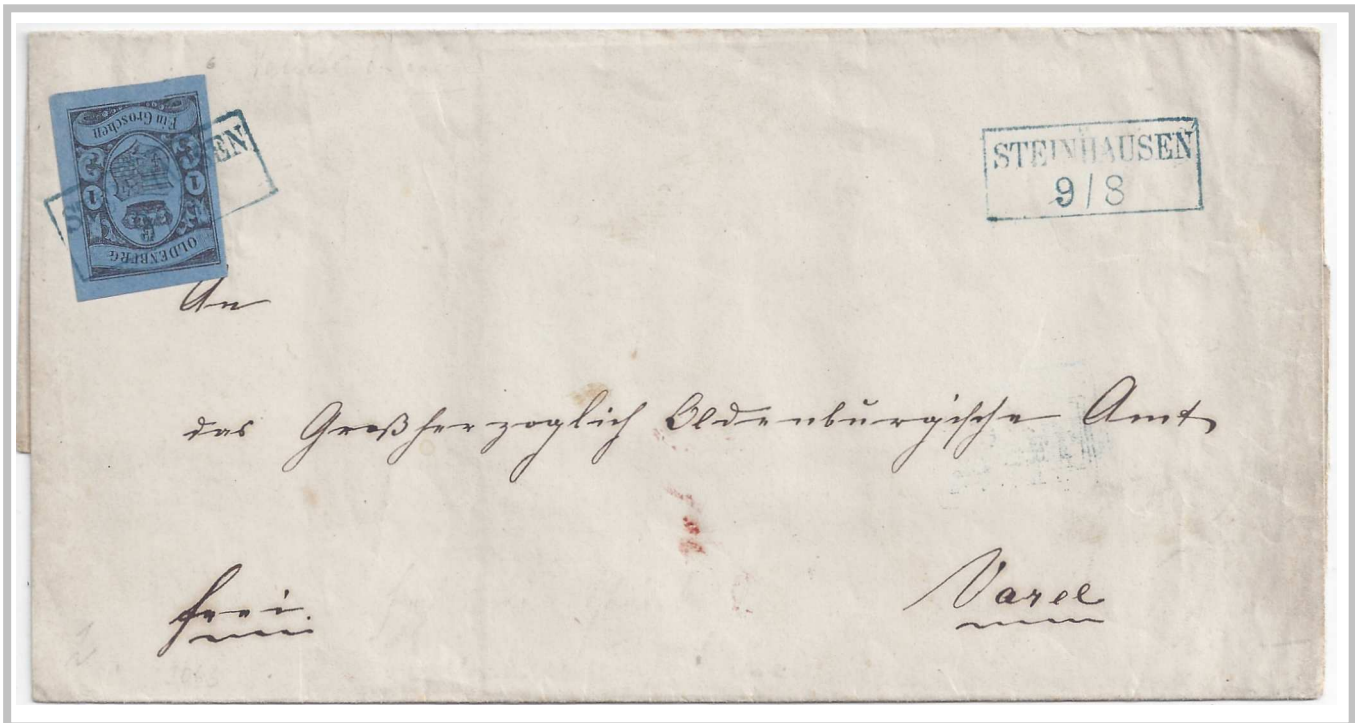


28 June 1854 Seefeld to Obenstrohe (Saxony)

foreign letter rate to GAFU to 10 meilen from June 1, 1852 to September 30, 1858 per loth

1859 Issue - 1 groschen

foreign  
to GAFU



9 August 1855 Steinhausen to Varel (Saxony)

foreign letter rate to GAFU to 10 meilen from January 1, 1852 to September 30, 1858 per loth

# PRUSSIA



## 1850 Issue - ½ silbergrochen (6 pfennigs)

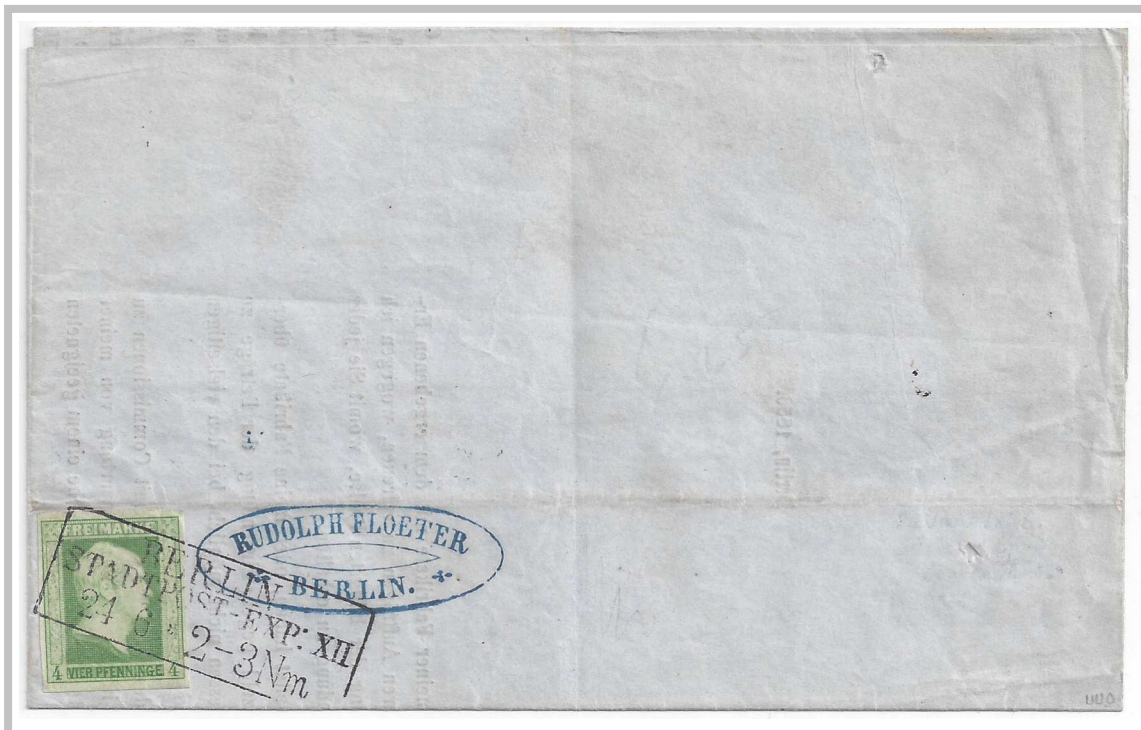
local



19 July 1859 Coeln local use  
domestic letter rate from November 15, 1850

## 1856 Issue - 4 pfennigs

printed matter



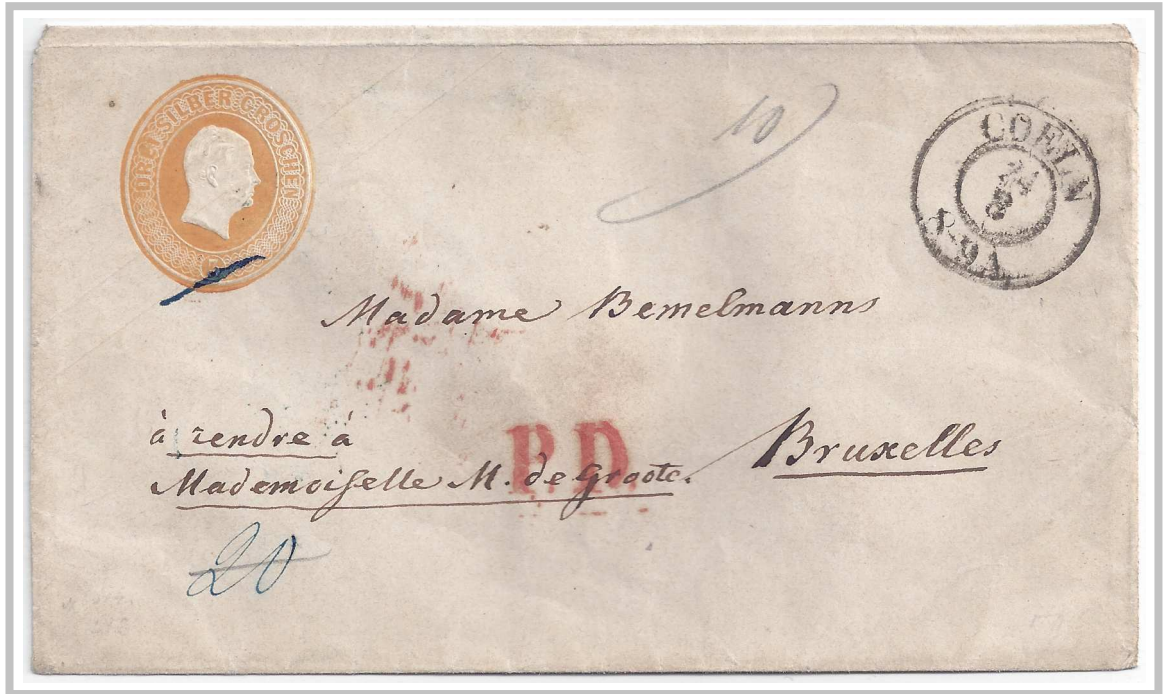
24 June 1856 printed circular entered mails at Berlin Stadtpost  
printed matter rate from November 15, 1850

# PRUSSIA



## 1855 Stationery Issue - 3 silbergrochen

foreign  
to Belgium



24 August 1855 Coeln to Brussels, Belgium

foreign letter rate to Belgium 10 to 20 meilen from January 1, 1852, per loth

## 1857 Issue - 3 silbergrochen

foreign  
to Belgium



18 May 1858 Aachen to Brussels, Belgium

foreign letter rate to Belgium 10 to 20 meilen from January 1, 1852, per loth

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## 1852 Stationery Issue - 4 silbergrochen

registered  
10 to 20 meilen



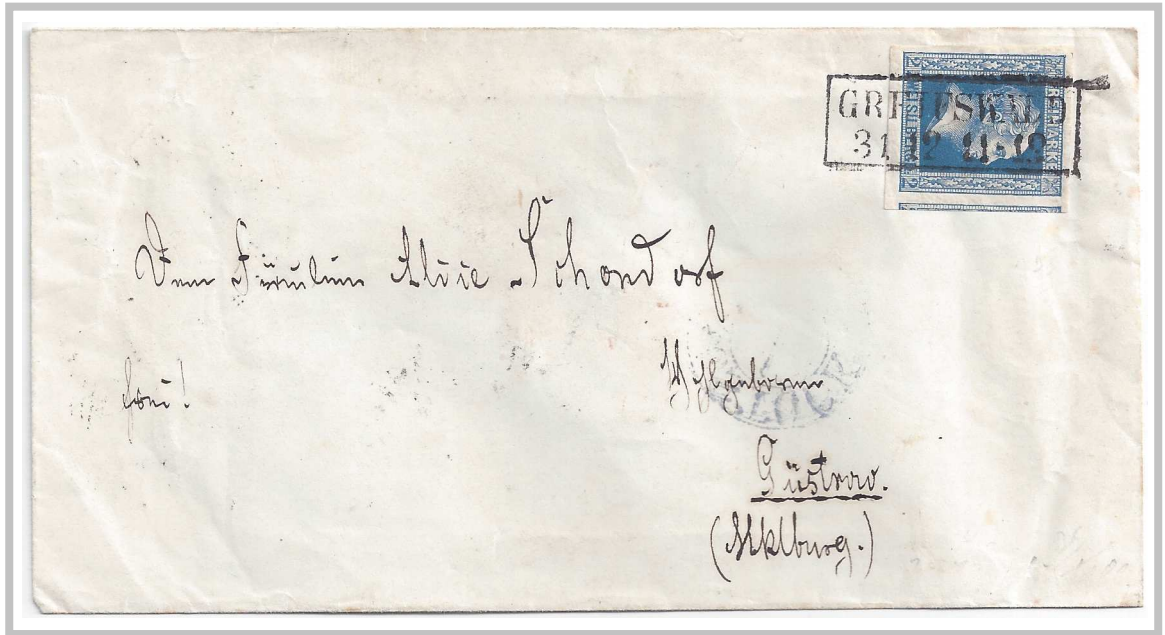
24 August 1855 Ulm to Berlin  
registered letter rate for 10 to 20 meilen from January 1, 1852, per loth

# PRUSSIA



## 1857 Issue - 2 silbergrochen

foreign  
to GAPS



31 December 1857 Greifswald to Güstrow, Mecklenburg - Schwerin

foreign letter rate to GAPS 10 to 20 meilen from June 1, 1850 to September 30, 1858 per loth

## 1858 Issue - 3 silbergrochen

foreign  
to GAPS



17 October 1859 Deutz to Osnabrück, Hanover

foreign letter rate to GAPS over 20 meilen from June 1, 1850 to September 30, 1858 per loth

# SAXONY



1850 Issue - 3 pfennige

printed matter



19 April 1851 Leipzig printed matter use to Chemnitz, 3pf plate V, position 10  
printed matter rate per loth for any distance

# SAXONY



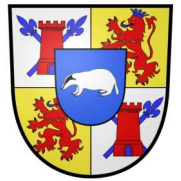
1855 Issue - 3 neugroschen

foreign  
to GAPU



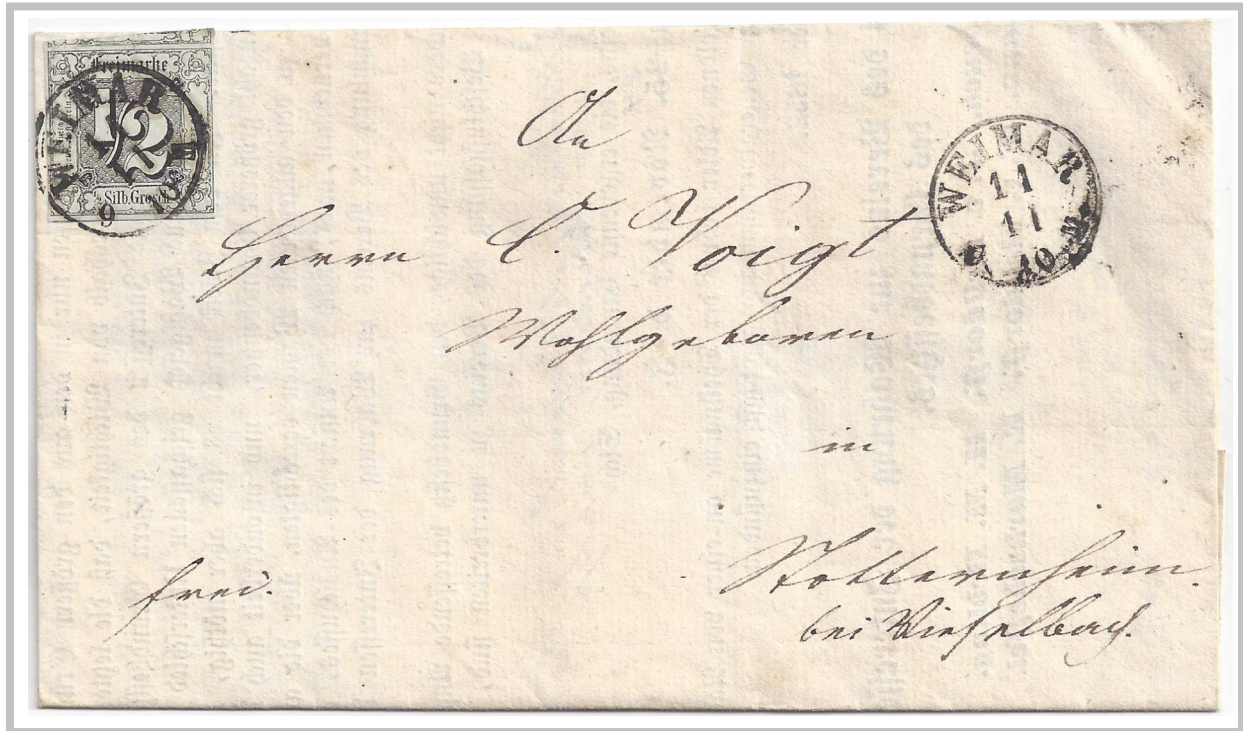
10 October 1856 Leipzig (Leipzig railway origin postmark) to Arolsen (Hesse)  
foreign letter rate to GAPU over 20 meilen

# THURN and TAXIS Postal Service



1852 Issue - 1/2 silbergrochen

printed matter

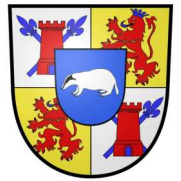


11 November 1852 printed circular Weimar to Stotternheim (both located Sachsen-Weimar)  
domestic printed matter rate for any distance from January 1, 1852

*The Thurn and Taxis Post was a private postal system that operated in areas of Germany that did not otherwise have postal service. As a member of the GAPS, it issued stamps denominated in silbergrochen for use in northern areas and denominated in kreuzer for use in southern areas.*



# THURN and TAXIS Postal Service



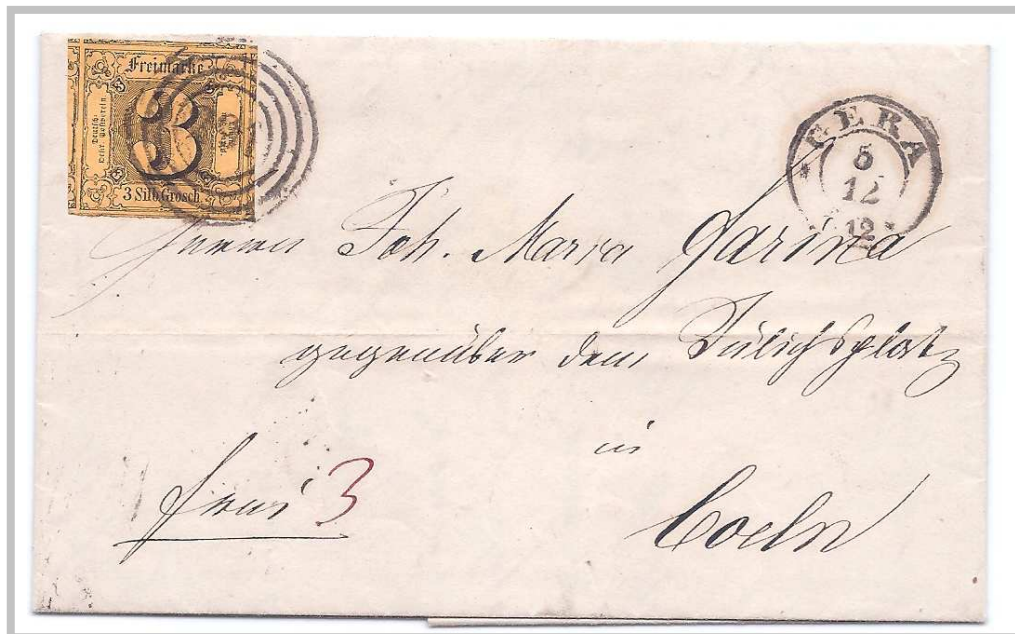
## 1852 Issue - 2 silbergrochen

10 to 20 meilen



18 November 1853 Cassel to Frankfurt (both cities in Hessen-Kassel)  
domestic letter rate between 10 and 20 meilen from January 1, 1852, per loth

## 1852 Issue - 3 silbergrochen



foreign  
to GAPU

5 December 1857 Gera (Principality of Gera) to Cologne, Prussia  
foreign letter rate to GAPU over 20 meilen from January 1, 1852, per loth

# WÜRTTEMBERG



1851 Issue - 3 kreuzer

to 12 meilen



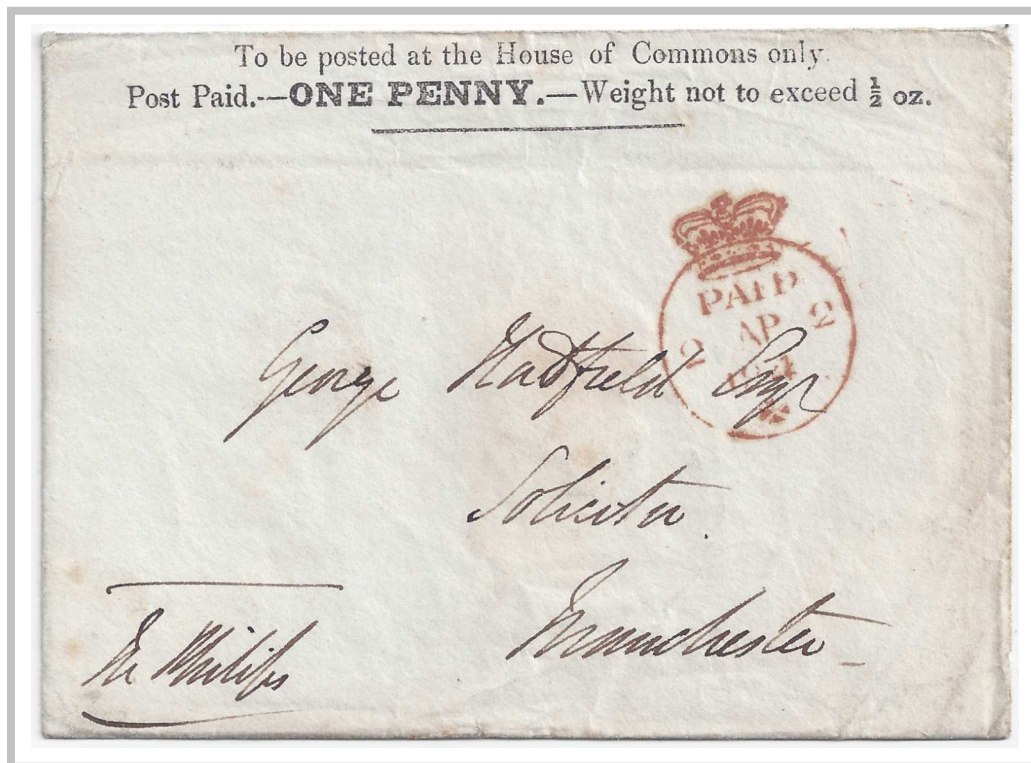
5 November 1854 Biberach to Bad Buchau  
domestic letter rate to 12 meilen from January 1, 1850, per loth

# GREAT BRITAIN



## 1840 Provisional Entire - 1 penny House of Commons Envelope

interior



2 April 1840 London to Manchester, provisional envelope signed by Mark Philips, M.P.  
domestic letter rate to  $\frac{1}{2}$  ounce from January 10, 1840, any distance

The Act that established uniform penny postage, effective January 10, 1840, also abolished franking of letters by Members of Parliament. As a temporary measure a supply of one penny envelopes were printed and available for purchase by MPs until May 6, 1840 when adhesive stamps and the Mulready stationery items were issued.

# GREAT BRITAIN



## 1840 Mulready Issue - 1 penny envelope

interior  
to ½ ounce



May 6, 1840  
first day backstamp



6 May 1840 Liverpool to Durham University, **First Day Use**, 1d envelope, stereo A178  
domestic letter rate to ½ ounce from January 10, 1840, any distance



On May 6, 1840 the first issue of stamps and postal stationery was officially placed on sale. The Mulready one penny envelopes and letter sheets were sold singly for 1¼d and at lesser rates for larger quantities.

# GREAT BRITAIN



## 1840 Issue - 1 penny

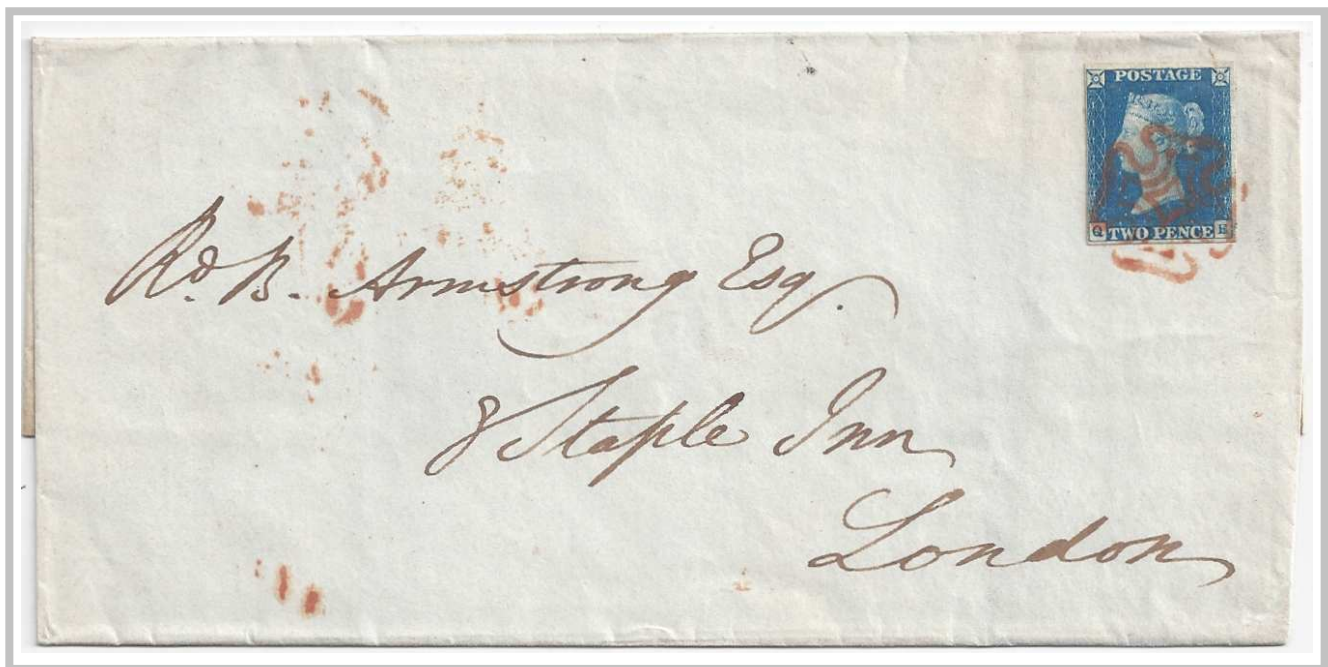
interior  
to ½ ounce



17 April 1841 Stroud, via Nailsworth, to Sheffield, 1 penny plate 8  
domestic letter rate to ½ ounce from January 10, 1840, any distance

## 1840 Issue - 2 pence

interior  
to 1 ounce



10 June 1840 Settle to London, 2 pence plate 1  
domestic letter rate ½ to 1 ounce from January 10, 1840, any distance

# GREAT BRITAIN



## 1840 Mulready Issue - 1 penny letter sheet

interior  
to ½ ounce



16 June 1840 Hull to London, 1d letter sheet, misplaced stereo A688  
domestic letter rate to ½ ounce from January 10, 1840, any distance

## 1840 Mulready Issue - 2 pence envelope



interior  
to 1 ounce

3 August 1840 Keighley, via Bradford Yorks, to Huddersfield, 2d envelope, stereo a198  
domestic letter rate from ½ to 1 ounce from January 10, 1840, any distance

# GREAT BRITAIN



## 1841 Issue - 1 penny

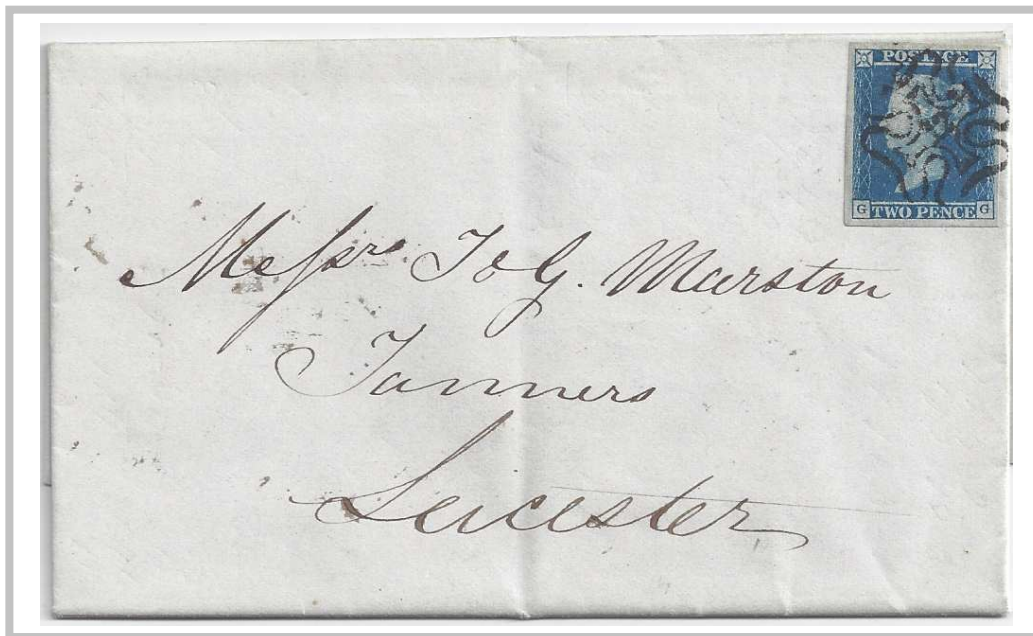
interior  
to ½ ounce



3 July 1853 Acklington to Newcastle on Tyne, 1 penny plate 93, Ocean Penny Post envelope domestic letter rate to ½ ounce from January 10, 1840, any distance

## 1841 Issue - 2 pence

interior  
to 1 ounce



28 June 1841 London to Leicester, 12 in maltese cross cancel, 2 pence plate 3 domestic letter rate from ½ to 1 ounce from January 10, 1840, any distance

# GREAT BRITAIN



## 1841 Stationery Issue - 1 penny



interior  
to ½ ounce



17 September 1841 Market Rasen to Leamington

21 September 1841 cover reversed with 1d red, plate 14, Leamington maltese cross  
domestic letter rate to ½ ounce from January 10, 1840, any distance

## 1841 Stationery Issue - 2 pence

interior  
to 1 ounce



13 March 1842 local use at Exeter, maltese cross cancel  
domestic letter rate from ½ to 1 ounce from January 10, 1840, any distance



# GREAT BRITAIN



1847 Issue - 1 shilling

foreign  
to Cape of  
Good Hope



13 August 1852 Dunstable to Observatory at Grahams Town, Cape of Good Hope, blue cancel  
prepaid packet rate to Cape Town, inland postage of 4 pence due  
foreign letter rate to Cape of Good Hope from December 14, 1850 to April 1, 1857, per ½ ounce



foreign  
to United States

25 August 1848 London to New York, United States, by Cunard steamer *Hibernia*, 29¢ due at Boston  
foreign letter rate to United States during Retaliatory Period, June 17 to December 16, 1848, per ½ ounce

# GREAT BRITAIN



1848 Issue - 10 pence

foreign  
to Spain



17 November 1849 London to Barcelona, Spain, prepaid rate via France, 10r postage due  
Calais entry postmark and French "PF" (Paid Frontier) handstamp, arrival backstamp  
foreign letter rate to Spain from June 1, 1843 to January 1, 1857, per ¼ ounce

foreign  
to France



18 December 1854 London to Carentan, France, 10 pence treaty postage prepaid  
Calais entry postmark and French "PD" (Paid Destination) handstamp, arrival backstamp  
foreign letter rate to France from June 1, 1843 to December 31, 1854, per ¼ ounce

# GREAT BRITAIN



1854 Issue - 6 pence

foreign  
to New South Wales



9 August 1856 London to Sydney, New South Wales, prepaid for sea route via Cape of Good Hope  
10 November 1856 Sydney Ship Letter arrival backstamp, 1d Colonial postage due  
sea route rate to New South Wales in effect from October 1, 1854 to January 1, 1857, per ½ ounce

The six pence stamp was used primarily to pay the registry fee which required additional stamp for postage. They were also available for use on mail to foreign destinations.

# HAWAII



1859 Issue - 2 cents

interior



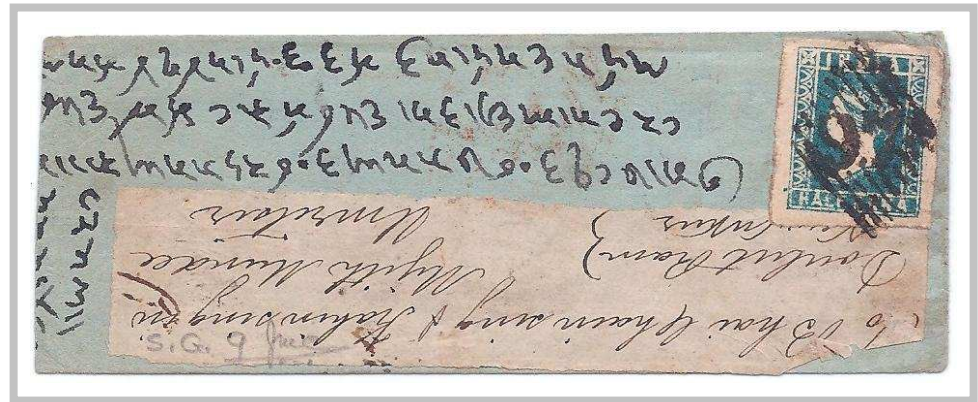
Lahaina to Honolulu canceled upon arrival, 2¢ adhesive Plate 3-D, position 1, raised "I" of "INTER" domestic letter rate from August 1, 1859, per ½ ounce

# INDIA



## 1854 Issue - ½ anna

interior



13 September 1856 Sukkur to Amritsar, ½ anna die III  
domestic letter rate any distance from October 1, 1854, to quarter tola weight

## 1854 Issue - 2 annas

interior



27 June 1857 Bombay to Ahmednuggur  
domestic letter rate any distance from October 1, 1854, to one tola weight

# INDIA



1854 Issue - 4 annas

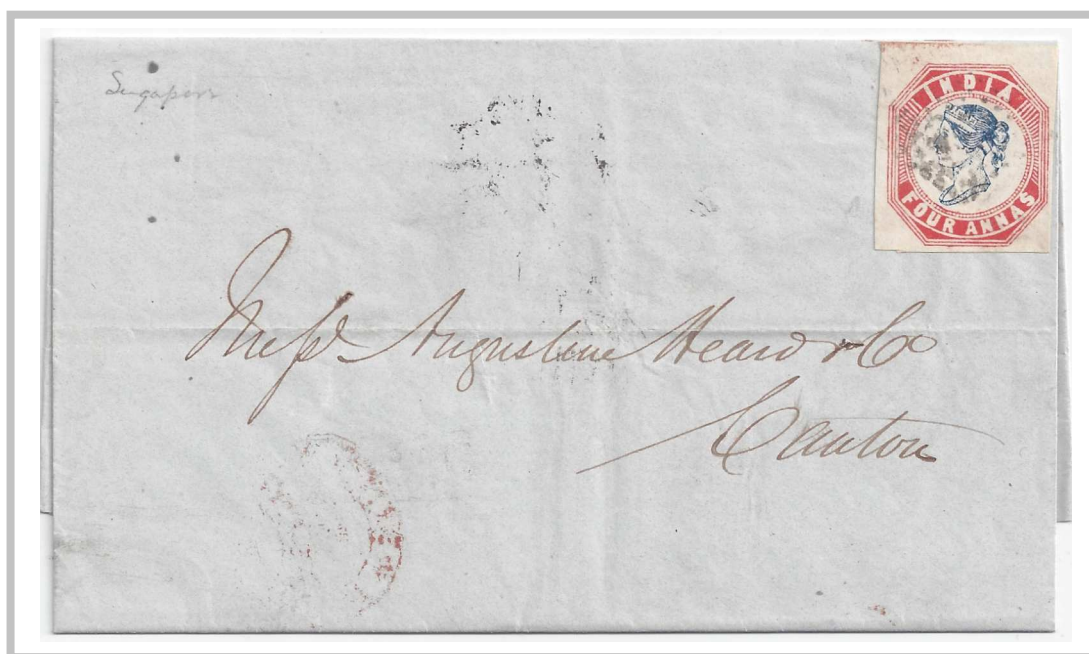
foreign  
to Great Britain



19 October 1856 Madras to Edinburgh, Scotland, 4 annas fourth printing  
India Paid in crescent moon, London Paid transit, arrival backstamp  
foreign letter rate to Great Britain from February 1, 1856, to ½ ounce

1854 Issue - 4 annas

Used from Straits Settlements



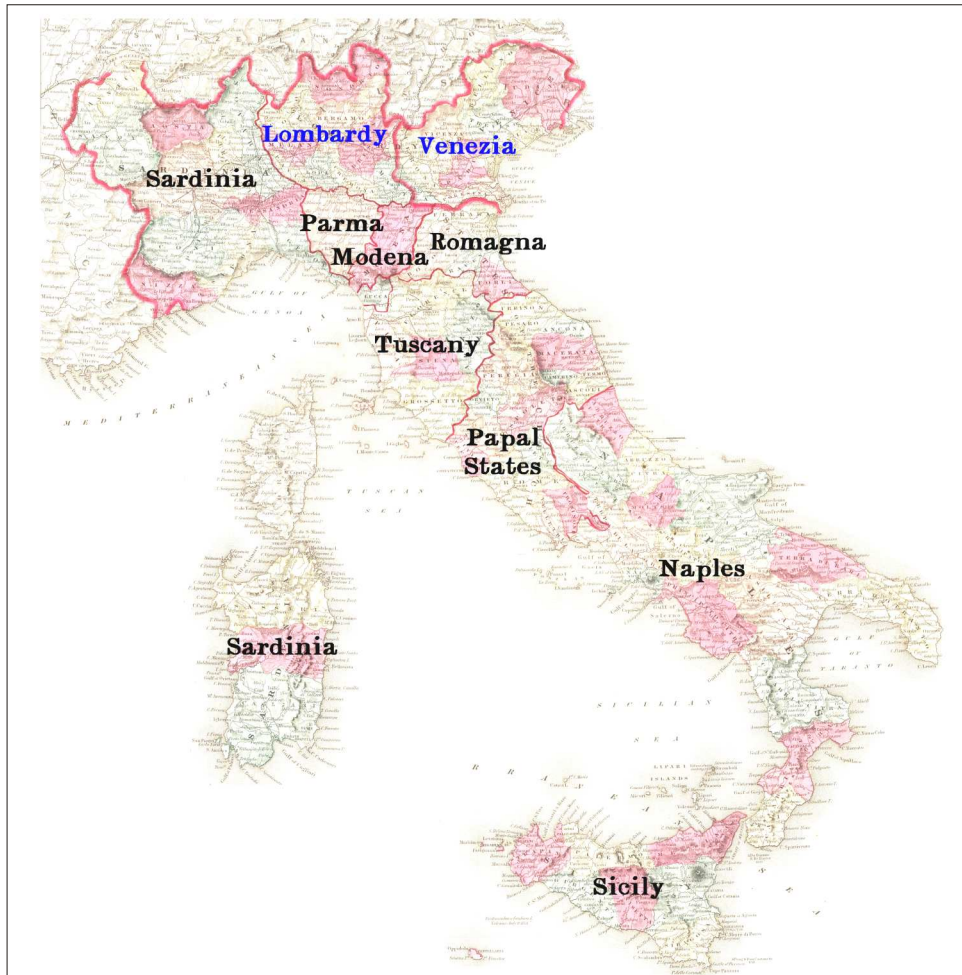
foreign  
to China



19 September 1856 Singapore to Canton, China, 4 annas fifth printing  
Singapore P.O. origin backstamp. Hong Kong transit backstamp  
foreign letter rates as India to China from February 1, 1856, to ½ ounce

# ITALIAN STATES

Between the end of the Austro - Sardinian War of 1859 and 1862, the several Italian States as well as the former Austrian Province of Lombardy were annexed to Sardinia or had formed Provisional governments. The exceptions were the Papal States, which was reduced to the Holy See of Rome, and Venezia which remained an Austrian Province until 1866.



Italian States / year stamps first issued	
Modena (Grand Duchy)	1852
Modena (Provisional Government)	1859
Parma (Duchy)	1852
Parma (Provisional Government)	1859
Romagna (Provisional Government)	1859
Papal States (Holy See)	1852
Sardinia (Kingdom)	1851
Naples (Independent Kingdom)	1858
Sicily (Independent Kingdom)	1859
Tuscany (Grand Duchy)	1851



1852 Issue - 5 centesimi

to 10 leghe



6 January 1855 Modena to Reggio, 5 centesimi first composition without dot after value domestic letter rate to 10 leghe from June 1, 1852 to October 31, 1859, per 8.75 grams



16 March 1857 Reggio to Modena, 5 centesimi second composition with dot after value domestic letter rate to 10 leghe from June 1, 1852 to October 31, 1859, per 8.75 grams

The five, ten and forty centesimi stamps were printed from two plate compositions. The first composition had no dot after the numeral of value while the second did have a dot.



# MODENA



## 1852 Issue - 10 centesimi

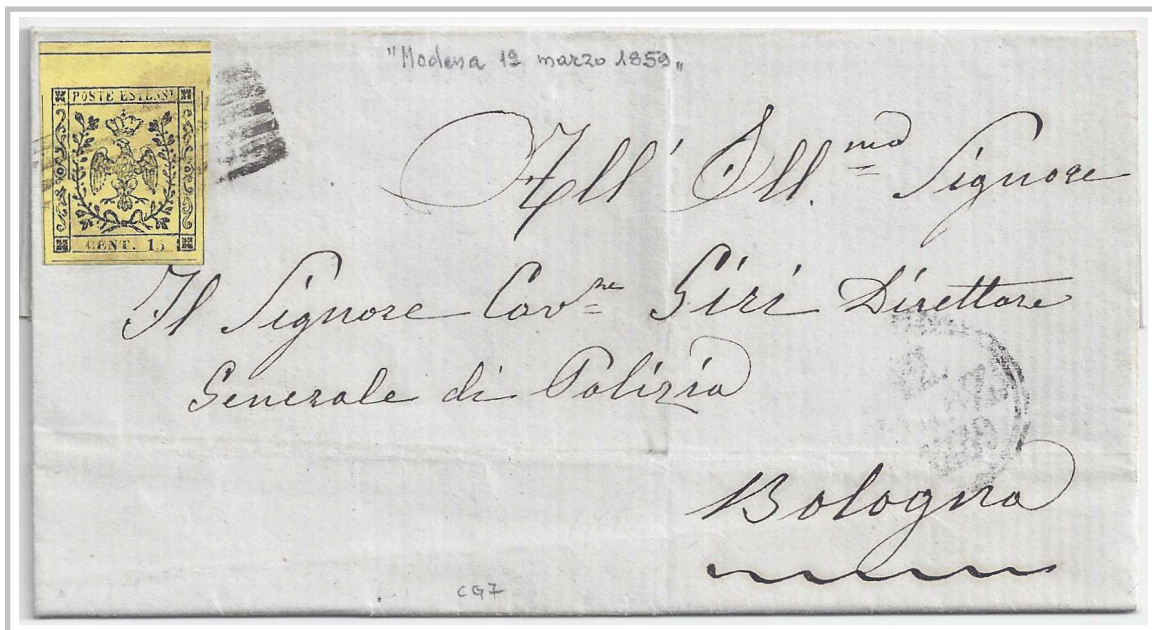
10 to 20 leghe



5 October 1853 Reggion to Modena

domestic letter rate 10 to 20 leghe from June 1, 1852 to October 31, 1859, per 8.75 grams

## 1852 Issue - 15 centesimi



foreign  
to Papal States

12 March 1856 Modena to Bologna (Papal States)

foreign letter rate to Papal States, to 10 leghe, from June 1, 1852, per 17.5 grams

# MODENA



1852 Issue - 40 centesimi

foreign  
to Austria



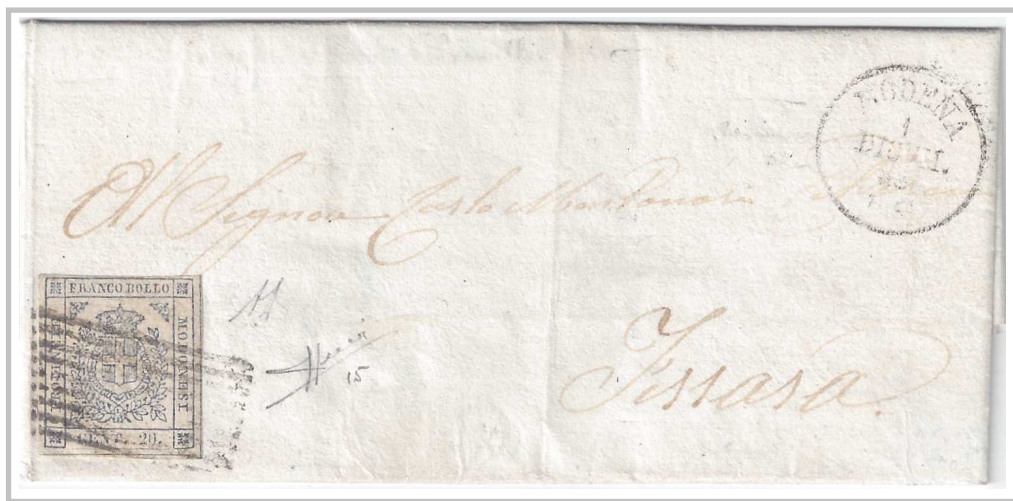
12 April 1855 Modena via Sanguinetto (Lombardy-Venetia) to Villaco (Villach), Austria  
foreign letter rate to Austrian Empire, over 20 leghe, from June 1, 1852, per 17.5 grams

# MODENA (Provisional Government)



1859 Issue - 20 centesimi

interior



1 December 1859 Modena to Ferrara  
domestic letter rate for the Kingdom from October 15, 1859, per 8.75 grams

# PAPAL STATES



## 1852 Issue - 2 bajocchi

adjoining district



5 October 1858 Citta della Pieve, via Orvieto, to Montefiascone (both in Marche region)  
domestic letter rate to adjoining district in same region from October 1, 1852, per sheet

## 1852 Issue - 3 bajocchi

same region



26 May 1855 Montalbaddo to Urbino (both in Marche region)  
domestic letter rate to non-adjoining postal district in same region from October 1, 1852

# PAPAL STATES



## 1852 Issue - 4 bajocchi

adjoining region



22 May 1855 Fano to Spoleto (Marche region to Umbria region)  
domestic letter rate to adjoining region second postal district from October 1, 1852

## 1852 Issue - 6 bajocchi

insured  
adjoining region



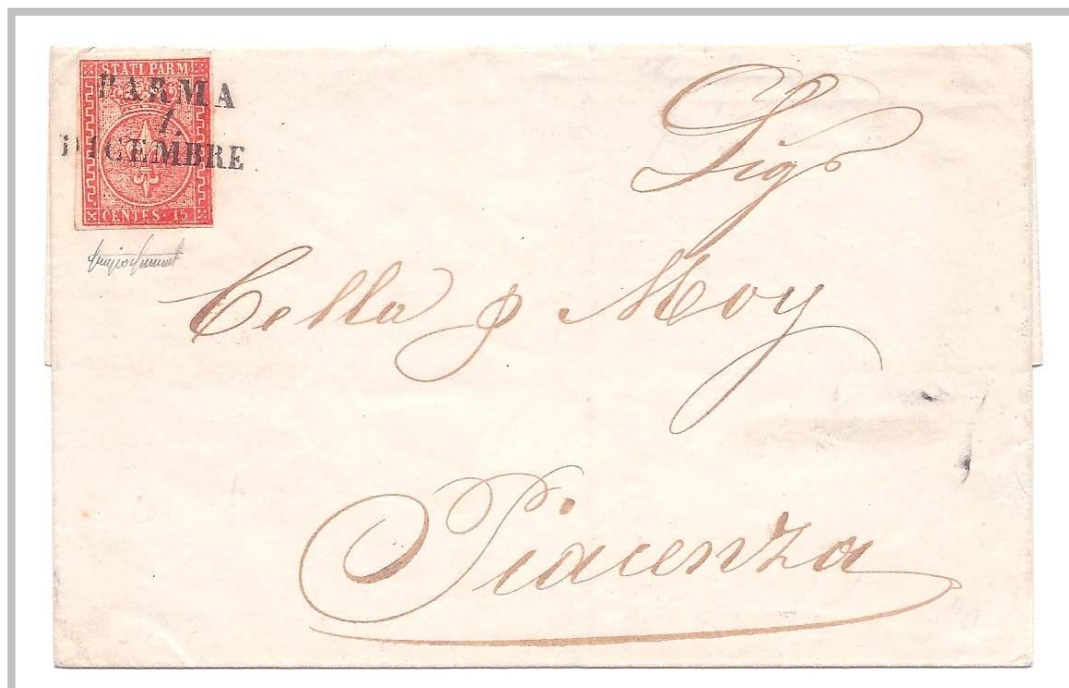
12 November 1852 Foligno insured to Spoleto (Marche region to Umbria region)  
insured domestic letter rate to adjoining region second postal district from October 1, 1852

# PARMA



## 1852 Issue - 15 centesimi

foreign  
to Sardinia



1 December 1854 Parma to Piacenza, Sardinia

foreign letter rate to Sardinia to 10 leghe, from June 1, 1852 to July 31, 1859, per 8.75 grams

## 1859 Issue - 25 centesimi

foreign  
to Austria



10 May 1859 Fiorenzuola to Milano, Lombardy-Venetia

foreign letter rate to Austrian Empire, 10 to 20 leghe, to July 31, 1859, per 17.5 grams

# PARMA (Provisional Government)



1859 Issue - 20 centesimi

interior



28 December 1859 Piacenza to Milano  
domestic letter rate for the Kingdom from August 27, 1859, per 8.75 grams

# ROMAGNA (Provisional Government)



## 1859 Issue - 1 bajocco

same district



15 October 1859 Copparo to Ferrara

domestic letter rate within same district from September 1 to October 31, 1859, per sheet

## 1859 Issue - 3 bajocchi

same region



15 September 1859 Firenze to Bologna

domestic letter rate non-adjoint postal district in same region from September 1 to October 31, 1859



# SARDINIA



## 1851 Issue - 20 centesimi

interior



22 July 1853 Chambery to Samoens (issue valid for postage until September 30, 1853)  
domestic letter rate for any distance from January 1, 1851, per 7.5 grams

## 1853 Issue - 20 centesimi

interior



10 June 1854 Torino to Chiusa de Cuneo  
domestic letter rate for any distance from January 1, 1851, per 7.5 grams

# SARDINIA



## 1854 Issue - 20 centesimi

interior

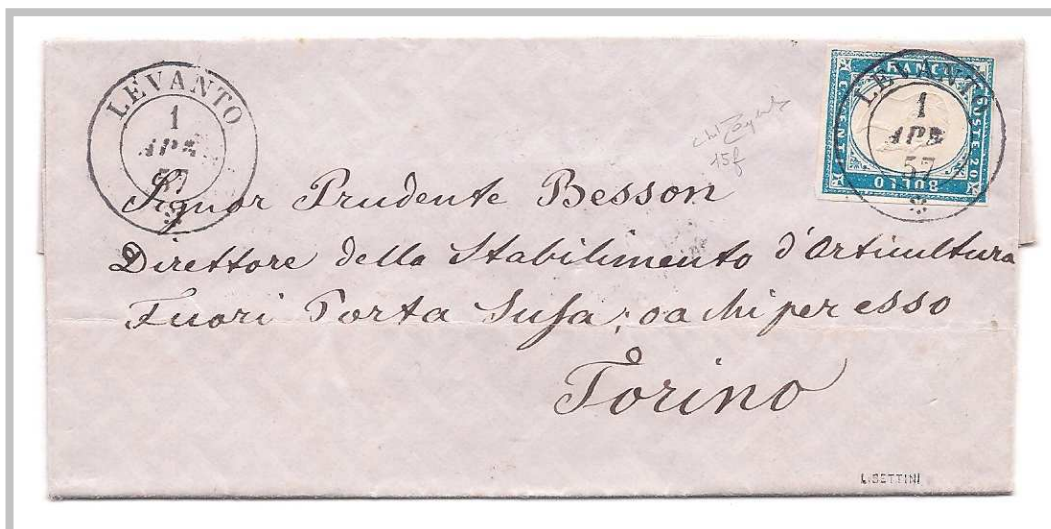


23 December 1855 Pontestura to Vercelli

domestic letter rate for any distance from January 1, 1851, per 7.5 grams

## 1855 Issue - 20 centesimi

interior



21 April 1857 Levanto to Torino

domestic letter rate for any distance from January 1, 1851, per 7.5 grams

# SARDINIA



1855 Issue - 5 centesimi

local



31 December 1859 Torino local use  
domestic letter rate within local district from January 1, 1851, per 7.5 grams

# TUSCANY



## 1851 Issue - 1 crazia

printed matter



13 June 1854 Firenze printed circular wrapper to San Giovanni in Val d'Arno  
printed circular rate from April 1, 1851 to December 31, 1859

## 1851 Issue - 2 crazie



to 40 miglia

2 July 1852 Livorno to Massa Carrara  
domestic letter rate to 40 miglia from April 1, 1851 to December 31, 1859, per 12 denari (13.8 grams)

# TUSCANY



## 1851 Issue - 4 crazie

40 to 80 miglia



14 March 1853 Pomarance to Pontremoli

domestic letter rate 40 to 80 miglia from April 1, 1851 to December 31, 1859, per 12 denari

## 1851 Issue - 6 crazie

foreign  
to Sardinia



15 September 1853 Livorno, to Genova, Sardinia

foreign letter rate over 150 km, from April 1, 1851 to December 31, 1859, per 17.6 denari

# TWO SICILIES



## 1858 Kingdom of Naples Issue - 1 grana

local



22 December 1859 Castrovillari to Cerchiara, local district use  
domestic letter rate within district from January 1, 1858, to 3 sheets

## 1858 Kingdom of Naples Issue - 2 grana

interior



16 January 1858 Naples to Campobasso per S. Elia, plate I, double transfer  
domestic letter rate from January 1, 1858, one sheet

# TWO SICILIES



## 1858 Kingdom of Naples Issue - 2 grana

interior



Cancel for Sicily issue designed not to deface the King.



14 March 1859 Naples, via Palermo to Siracusa, canceled upon arrival at Palermo  
domestic letter rate from January 1, 1858, one sheet

## 1859 Sicily Issue - 2 grana

interior



15 February 1859 Palermo to Messina  
domestic letter rate from January 1, 1858, one sheet

# LUXEMBOURG



## 1852 Issue - 10 centimes

interior



14 June 1853 Remich to Luxembourg City, 10c first printing, mute cancel  
domestic letter rate from January 1, 1849, per 10 grams

## 1852 Issue - 1 silbergrochen

foreign  
to Germany



31 August 1860 Luxembourg City to Thier, Germany, 1sg from 1858 (eighth) printing  
foreign letter rate to GAPS countries from January 1, 1852, per 10 grams

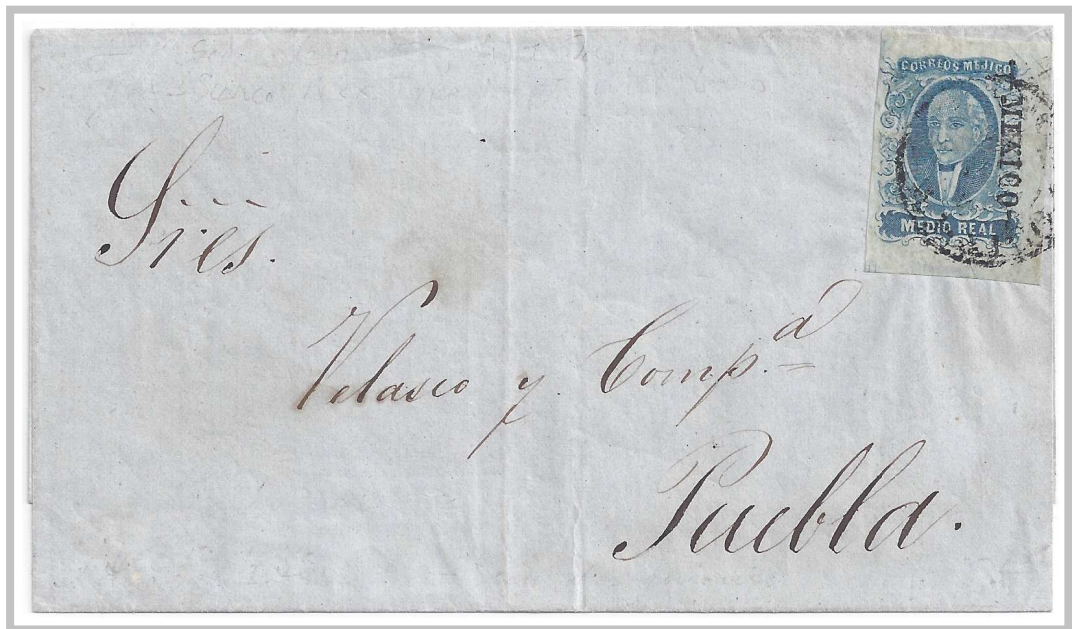


# MEXICO



1856 Issue - ½ real

interior



17 December 1856 Mexico City to Puebla, used three days prior to rate increase  
domestic letter rate for interior mail before December 20, 1856

1856 Issue - 1 real

interior



28 July 1859 Soyaniquilpan to Mexico City  
domestic letter rate for interior mail from December 20, 1856

# MEXICO



## 1856 Issue - 2 reales

interior



1857 Xiquilpan to Mexico City, 2r with Morelia overprint  
domestic letter rate for interior mail, double weight, from December 20, 1856

## 1856 Issue - 4 reales

interior



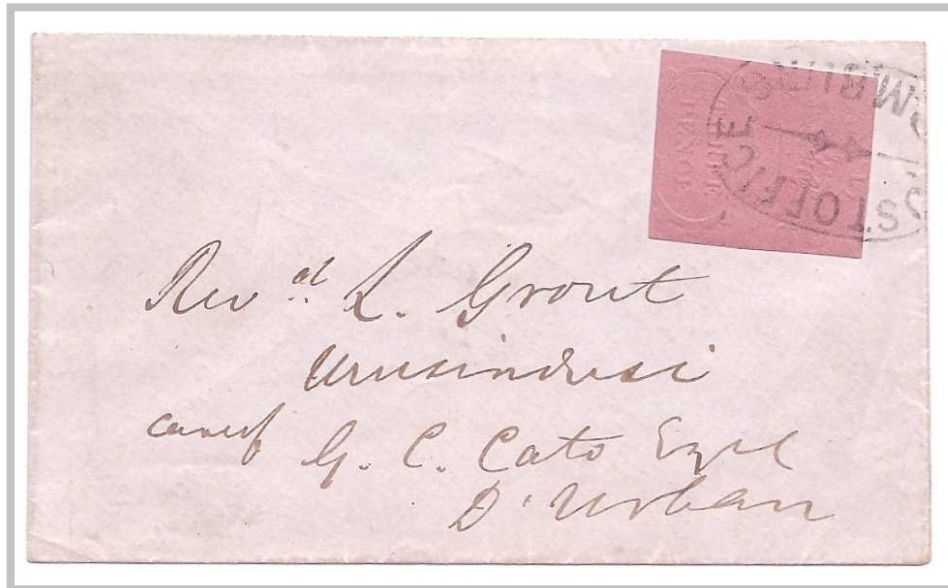
12 November 1859 Puebla to Vera Cruz  
domestic letter rate for interior mail, quadruple weight, from December 20, 1856

# NATAL



1857 Issue - 3 pence

interior



circa 1857 Pietermaritzburg (PM Burg) to Durban  
domestic letter rate from January 1, 1856, per ½ ounce

# NETHERLANDS



1852 Issue - 5 cents

to 30 miles



9 October 1858 Haarlem to Wormerveer, 5 cents plate III  
domestic letter rate to 30 Dutch miles from January 1, 1852

1852 Issue - 10 cents

30 to 100 miles



27 February 1852 Amsterdam to Rotterdam, 10 cents plate I  
domestic letter rate for 30 to 100 Dutch miles from January 1, 1852 to August 31, 1855

# NETHERLANDS



1852 Issue - 15 cents

over 100 miles

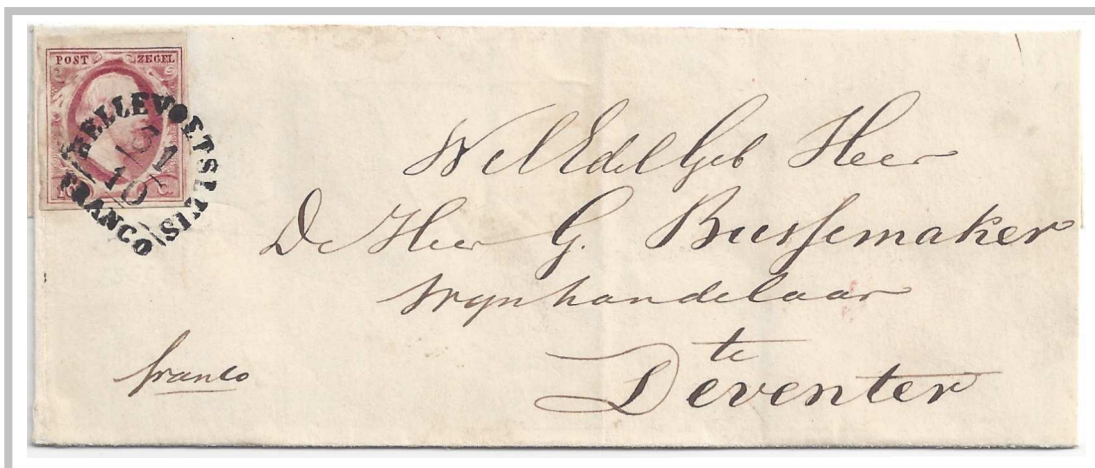


3 July 1854 Goor to Amsterdam

domestic letter rate for over 100 Dutch miles from January 1, 1852 to August 31, 1855

1852 Issue - 10 cents

over 30 miles



31 October 1858 Hellevoetsluis to Deventer

domestic letter rate for over 30 Dutch miles from September 1, 1855

# NETHERLANDS INDIES



## 1845 Issue - Batavia postage due label (denominated in koper)

foreign  
inbound



22 June 1846 Gravenhage, Netherlands to Batavia, Java, Netherlands Indies

13 August 1846 Batavia postage due of 2 florin 16 kopers

letter rate for unpaid letters received at Batavia from abroad

## 1846 Issue - Batavia postage due label (denominated in duiten)

foreign  
inbound



15 September 1846 Arnhem, Netherlands to Semarang, Java, prepaid to frontier

13 November 1846 Batavia postage due of 2 florin 16 duitens

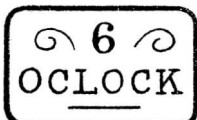
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# NEW SOUTH WALES



## 1850 Issue - 1 penny

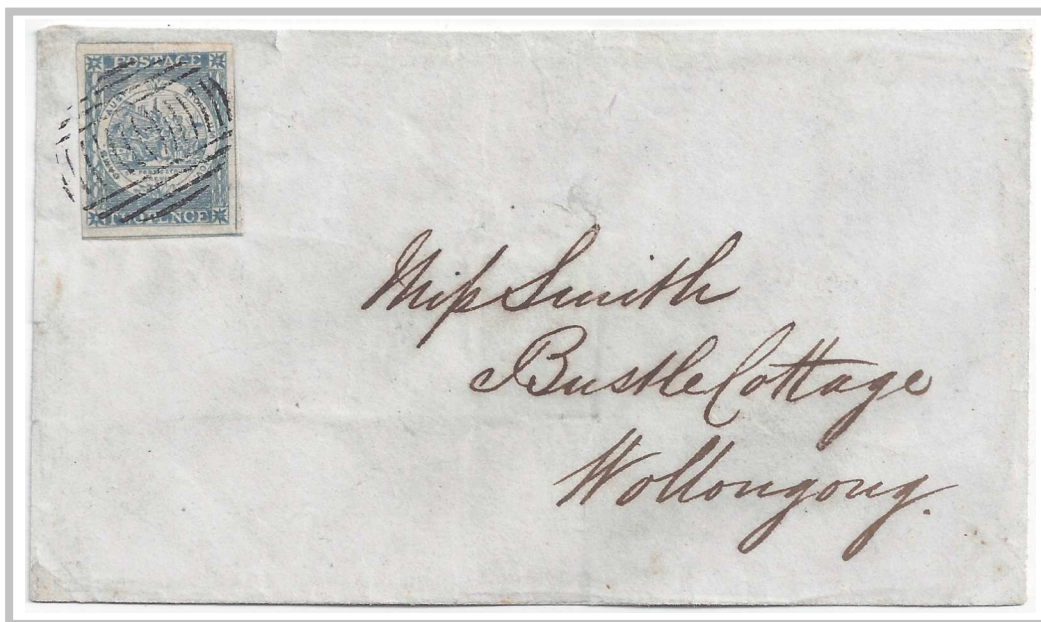
local



28 November 1851 Sydney local use printed circular, "6 OCLOCK" delivery, 1d position 15 (no clouds)  
domestic letter rate from January 1, 1851

## 1850 Issue - 2 pence

interior



26 April 1850 Sydney to Wollongong, 2 pence plate II with dated bale  
domestic letter rate from January 1, 1851, to ½ ounce

# NEW SOUTH WALES



1850 Issue - 3 pence

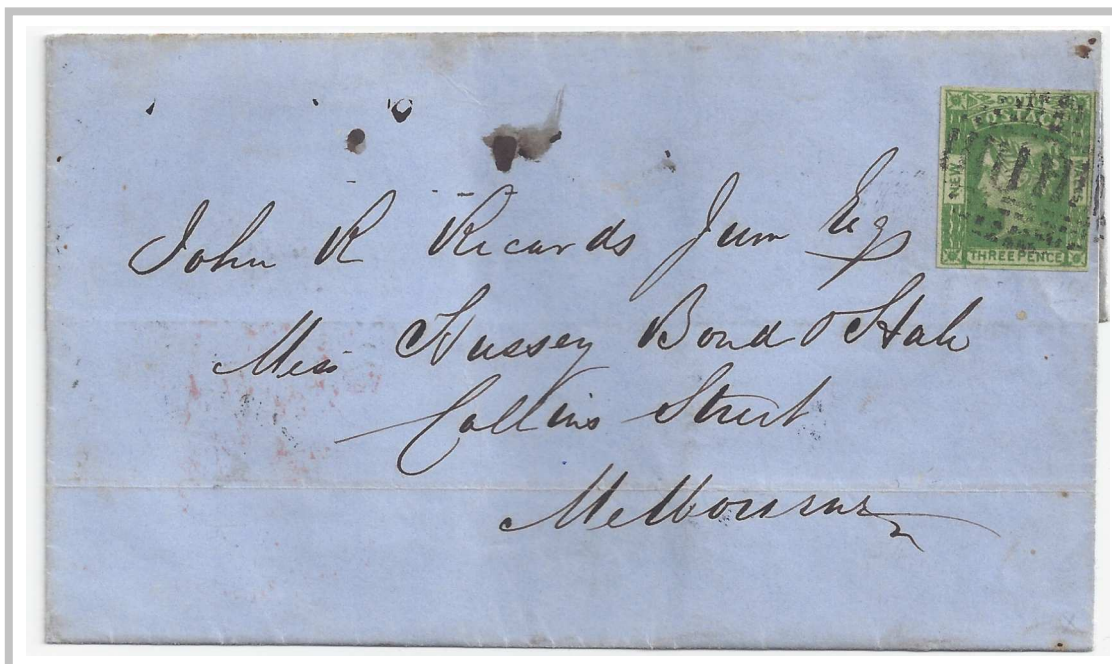
foreign  
to England



27 April 1853 Sydney to London, England, Sydney Ship Letter backstamp, 8d due  
foreign outbound ship letter rate from January 1, 1850 to October 19, 1853, to ½ ounce

1854 Issue - 3 pence

foreign  
to Victoria



2 January 1855 Sydney to Melbourne, Victoria, Victoria Ship Letter backstamp  
foreign letter rate to Victoria and neighboring colonies from October 20, 1853, to ½ ounce



# NEW SOUTH WALES



## 1854 Issue - 6 pence

foreign  
to England



25 November 1856 Sydney per "Maid of Judah" to London, England, Plymouth Ship Letter backstamp  
foreign letter rate to Great Britain from 1854, to ½ ounce

## 1856 Registry Issue - (6 pence)



registered  
+ foreign to  
England

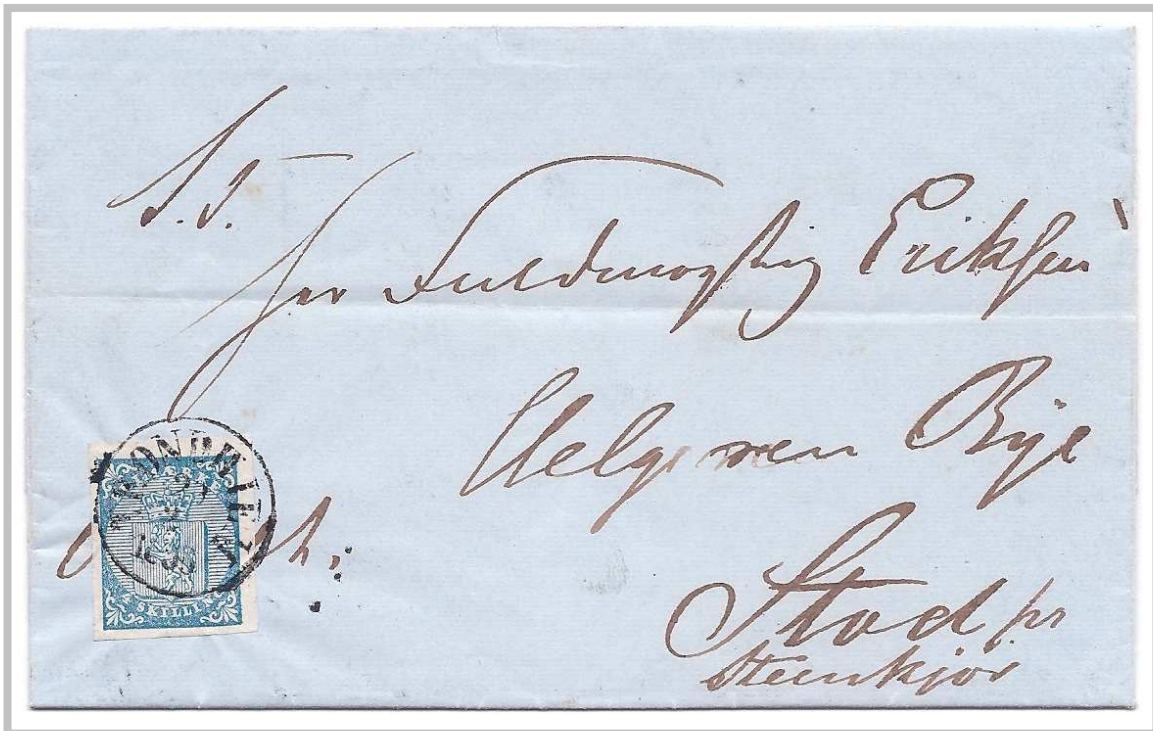
18 June 1857 Sydney registered to Farringdon, England, Registered G.P.O. and "6" pence due  
registry rate of 6d plus foreign letter rate to Great Britain, to ½ ounce

# NORWAY



1855 Issue - 4 skilling

interior



29 February 1856 Trondheim to Steinkjer  
domestic letter rate from January 1, 1855

# NOVA SCOTIA



1851 Issue - 3 pence

interior



6 June 1857 Halifax to Bridgetown  
domestic letter rate from July 6, 1851, per ½ ounce



foreign  
to New Brunswick

23 July 1855 Amherst to Westmoreland, New Brunswick  
foreign letter rate to New Brunswick from July 6, 1851, per ½ ounce

# NOVA SCOTIA



## 1851 Issue - 3 pence

foreign  
to Canada



15 August 1855 Annapolis to Montreal, Canada  
foreign letter rate to Canada from July 6, 1851, per ½ ounce

## 1851 Issue - 6 pence

foreign  
to United States



25 October 1851 Halifax to New York, United States, an early use  
foreign letter rate by land to United States from July 6, 1851, per ½ ounce

# PERU



## 1858 Issue - 1 dinero

foreign  
to Chile



23 September 1859 carried privately overland from La Paz, Bolivia via Peru  
12 October 1859 entered mails at Tacna, Peru by steamer to Valparaiso, Chile  
interior domestic letter rate prepaid to any distance

## 1858 Issue - 1 peseta

interior



17 April 1859 double rate letter Cuzco to Lima  
double weight domestic letter rate prepaid to any distance

# PORTUGAL



1853 Issue - 25 reis



interior

17 October 1853 Leiria to Porto, blue prestamp era postmark, numeral 26 cancel  
domestic letter rate to any distance from July 1, 1853, to 3/8 ounce

foreign  
to Sardinia



10 January 1853 Lisbon via Spain and France to Genoa, Sardinia, VIA DI NIZZA handstamp  
adhesive paid domestic postage to port, 14c due on arrival for transit and Sardinian postage  
domestic letter rate to any distance from July 1, 1853, to 3/8 ounce

# PORTUGAL



1855 Issue - 25 reis

interior



10 February 1858 Mirandella to Lisbon, numeral 184 cancel  
domestic letter rate to any distance from July 1, 1853, to 3/8 ounce

# RUSSIA



1848 Stationery Issue - 10 kopecks plus 1 kopeck for envelope

interior



14 November 1854 Grodno (now Poland) via Opoczno to Radoszyce (Poland), eagle with narrow tail imprint  
domestic letter rate to any distance from January 1, 1848, per 1.5 loth

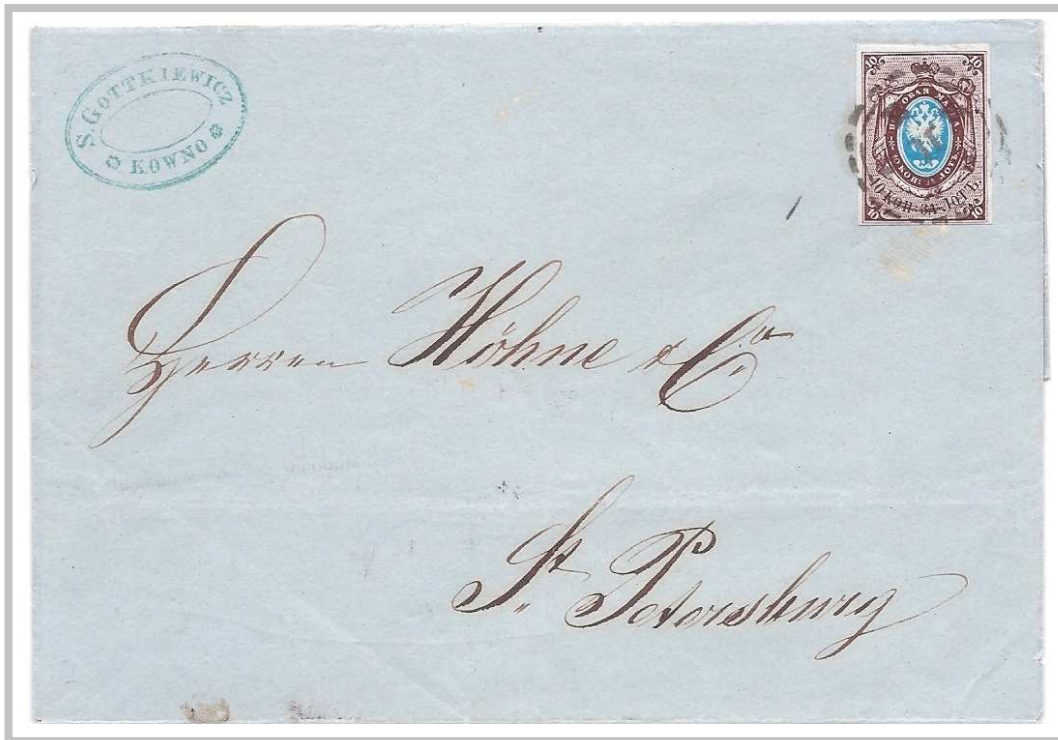


# RUSSIA



1857 Issue - 10 kopecks

interior



23 June 1858 Kovno (now Lithuania) to St. Petersburg  
domestic letter rate to any distance from January 1, 1848, per 1.5 loth

# SPAIN



## 1850 Issue - 6 cuartos

interior



19 February 1850 Valencia to Orense

domestic letter rate from January 1, 1850 to October 31, 1854, to ¼ ounce

## 1851 Issue - 6 cuartos

interior



19 September 1851 Caba.. Del Buey Estremadura Baxa to Merida

domestic letter rate from January 1, 1850 to October 31, 1854, to ¼ ounce

# SPAIN



## 1856 Issue - 2 cuartos

local



1 November 1856 local use at Santa Cruz De Tenerife, Canary Islands  
Canary Islands inter-island letter rate from November 1, 1854, to ½ ounce

## 1856 Issue - 4 cuartos

interior



1 January 1856 Barcelona to Vich, **first day of issue** of stamp  
domestic letter rate from November 1, 1854, to ½ ounce

# SPANISH COLONIES



1855 Issue - 1/2 real de plata

This issue was distributed for use in Cuba, the Philippines and Puerto Rico.

Use from Puerto Rico

foreign  
to United States



1 October 1856 Guayama, Puerto Rico via Havana to New York, Steamship due 10c on arrival  
foreign letter rate for outbound ship mail at port



foreign  
to Spain

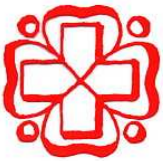
29 May 1858 San Juan, Puerto Rico via London and France to Madrid, Spain, stamp canceled on arrival  
outbound ship letter rate paid by adhesive, British packet rate prepaid 1sh 1d in cash  
foreign letter rate for outbound ship mail at port

SWITZERLAND  
Canton Zürich



1843 Issue - 6 rappen (Cantonal Taxe)

interior



10 December 1844 Zürich to Bauma, type I, position 71 with retouch in links to left of numeral  
Cantonal letter rate from March 1, 1843 to September 30, 1854, to ½ loth

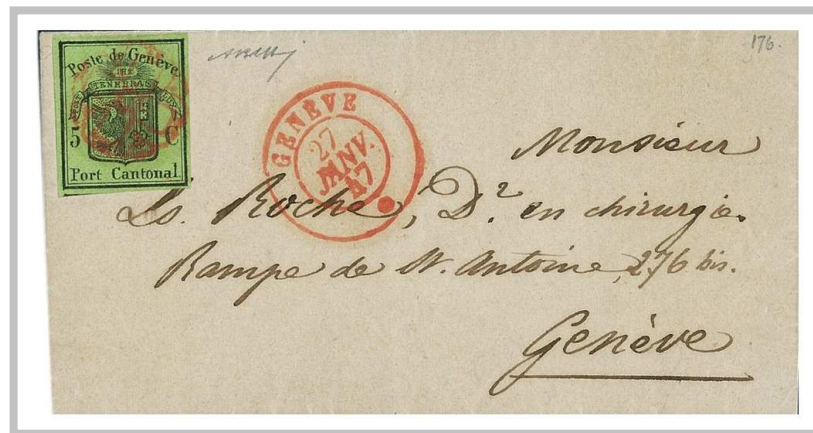
*The Canton of Zürich became the second country to issue stamps when they issued their stamps on March 1, 1843. The rosette cancel mimics the maltese cross used in Great Britain. It was struck in red for letters sent within the Canton and in black for letters within the city of Zurich.*

SWITZERLAND  
Canton Geneva



1847 Issue - 5 centimes

local



27 January 1847 Geneva local use, first month of use  
Cantonal letter rate from April 1, 1845 to September 30, 1849, per ½ loth

# SWITZERLAND

## Canton Basel



### 1845 Stadt Post Issue - 2 ½ rappen

interior



7 November 1849 Liverpool printed circular carried out of the mails to Basel

11 December 1849 entered the mail at Basel for local delivery

Cantonal letter rate from July 1, 1845 to September 30, 1854, to ½ loth

*Handwritten circular from Liverpool, 7 Nov 1849*

	1844	1845	1846	1847	1848	1849	1850
Basel	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Basel St. Alban	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Basel St. Leonhard	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Basel St. Peter	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Basel St. Ulrich	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Basel St. Vincent	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Basel St. Zeno	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Basel St. Johann	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Basel St. Michael	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Basel St. Nikolaus	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
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Basel St. Katharina	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
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Basel St. Anna	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Basel St. Barbara	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
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reduced image of interior of this Liverpool Cotton Exchange circular

**SWITZERLAND**  
**Transitional Issue**



**1850 Poste Locale Issue - 5 centimes**

local



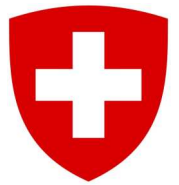
14 December 1850 Geneva local use

local letter rate from January 22, 1850 to September 30, 1854, to ½ loth

The Swiss Federal Postal Administration came into operation in June 1849 and a uniform rate was introduced based on four postal zones (rayons) for letters. Transition stamps were issued. The currency law of 1849 decreed that 2½ rappen would be equal to 5 centimes in Geneva.



# SWITZERLAND



## 1850 Issue - 5 rappen

Rayon I



18 November 1850 Lausanne to Moudon

domestic letter rate within Rayon I distance from October 1, 1850 to September 30, 1854, to ½ loth

## 1850 Issue - 10 rappen

Rayon II

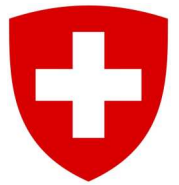


10 April 1853 Altorf to Luzern

domestic letter rate within Rayon II distance from October 1, 1850 to September 30, 1854 to ½ loth

The Swiss Federal Postal Administration issued the Rayon I and Rayon II adhesive stamps on October 1, 1850. A fifteen rappen denomination was added in 1852 for Rayon III distance.

# SWITZERLAND



## 1851 Issue - 5 rappen

Rayon I



24 May 1854 **KEISERSTUHL ROUTE** to Zurzach

domestic letter rate within Rayon I distance from October 1, 1850 to September 30, 1854 to ½ loth

## 1852 Issue - 15 rappen

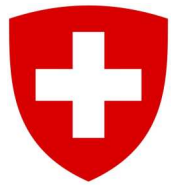
Rayon III



24 September 1852 Basel to Bern

domestic letter rate within Rayon III distance from October 1, 1850 to September 30, 1854, to ½ loth

# SWITZERLAND



## 1854 Issue - 5 rappen

Rayon I



27 April 1855 Marin to Neuchatel, 5 rappen Munich print  
domestic letter rate for Rayon I distance from October 1, 1854, to ½ loth

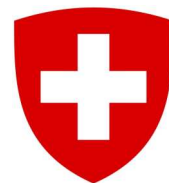
## 1854 Issue - 10 rappen

Rayon II



2 December 1855 Fribourg to Romont, 10 centimes Bern print  
domestic letter rate for Rayon II distance from October 1, 1854, to ½ loth

# SWITZERLAND



## 1854 Issue - 15 rappen

Rayon III



18 May 1855 Chur to Brigels, 15 rappen Munich print  
domestic letter rate for Rayon III distance from October 1, 1854, to ½ loth

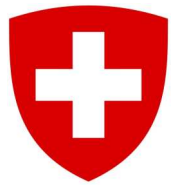
## 1854 Issue - 20 rappen

registered



21 December 1854 Büren Chargé (registered) to Frauchwil, 20 rappen Bern print  
domestic registered letter rate for Rayon II distance from October 1, 1854, to ½ loth

# SWITZERLAND



1854 Issue - 40 rappen

foreign  
to France



28 March 1857 Bern to Havre, France, 40 rappen Bern print  
foreign letter treaty rate to France from October 1, 1854, to 1/2 loth

# TRINIDAD



1857 Issue - 1 pence

foreign  
to United States



9 September 1859 Trinidad via St. Thomas and Havana to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
crown "PAID AT TRINIDAD" for double 4d Colonial postage, Steamship 20c double postage due  
4 pence packet and ship rate from January 5, 1844, 1 pence interior letter rate

**UNITED STATES**  
**1844 Independent Mail Companies**



**American Letter Mail Co., 1844 issue - 20 for a dollar**

inter-city mail



29 February 1844 Boston to Philadelphia  
inter-city mail, select cities, rate from January 25, 1844 to June 30, 1845, per ½ ounce

**Hale and Co., 1844 issue - 20 for a dollar**

inter-city mail



27 July 1844 Worcester, Massachusetts to Boston, magenta "W" (Worcester) precancel  
inter-city mail, select cities, rate from May 1844 to June 30, 1845, per ½ ounce

In 1844 the American Letter Mail Company began an inter-city letter express in competition with the government. Other private companies entered the field until the Post Office lowered postal rates and ended the competition from July 1, 1845.

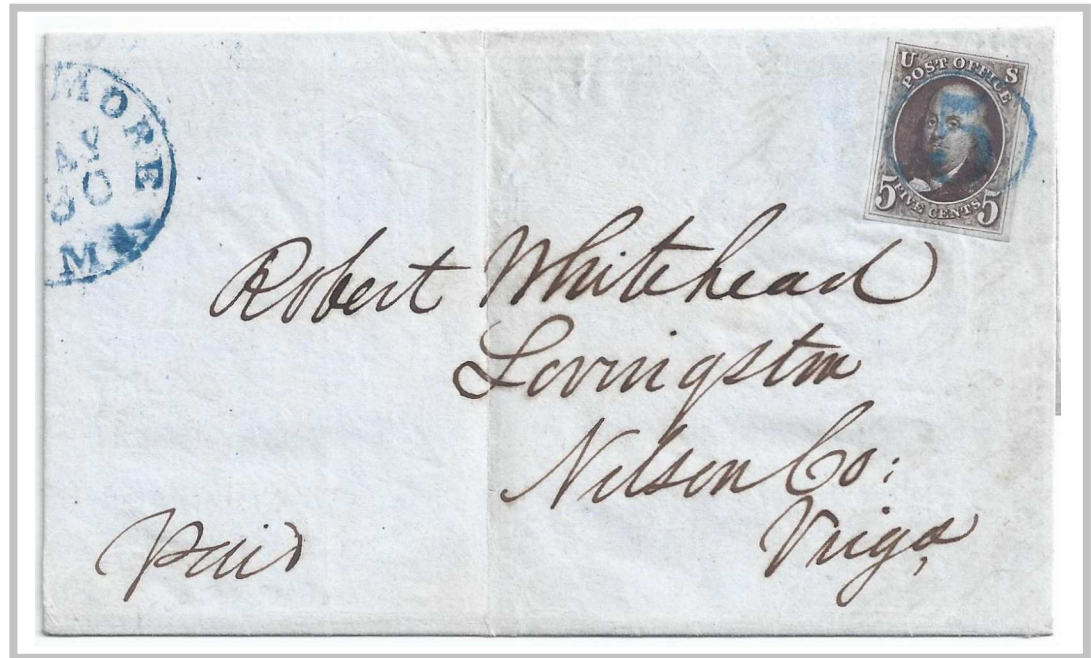
# UNITED STATES



1847 Issue - 5 cents

to 300 miles

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30 May 1849 Baltimore to Livingston, Virginia

domestic letter rate to 300 miles from July 1, 1845 to June 30, 1851, per ½ ounce



foreign  
to exit port  
to 300 miles

14 August 1847 New York to Liverpool, England, second month use, position 90R1, preprint paper crease carried on Cunard Line steamer *Hibernia* from Boston, 1 shilling postage due at Liverpool pre-treaty rate to port within 300 miles from July 1, 1845 to June 30, 1851, per ½ ounce



# UNITED STATES



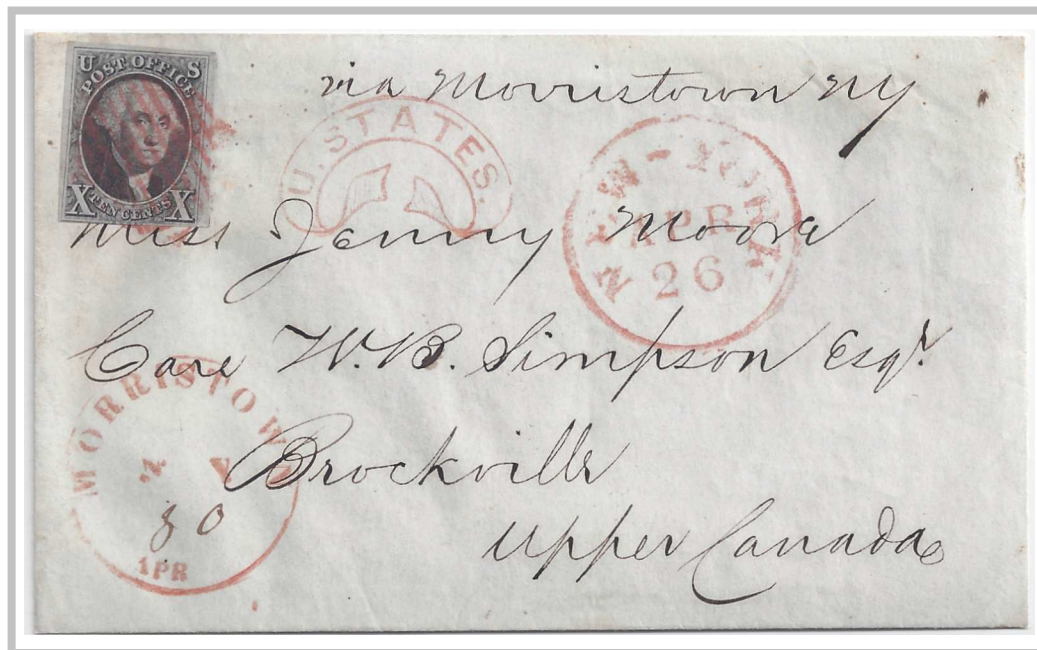
1847 Issue - 10 cents

over 300 miles

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2 October 1850 Baltimore to Utica, New York  
domestic letter rate over 300 miles from July 1, 1845 to June 30, 1851, per ½ ounce



foreign  
to Canada



Morristown, New York  
exchange office  
handstamp

26 April 1851 New York, via Morristown, New York to Brockville, Canada  
foreign treaty rate to Canada from April 6, 1851 (1847 issue demonetized July 1, 1851), per ½ ounce

# UNITED STATES



1851 Issue - 1 cent

local



15 April 1854 New York City local use, "Paid US Mail City Delivery 1 (cent)" postmark domestic letter rate from July 1, 1851, any weight



printed matter

11 November 1853 wrapper used from Lexington to Alexandria, Virginia, stamp position 99L1<sup>L</sup> printed matter rate from July 1, 1851, to three ounces

# UNITED STATES



1851 Issue - 3 cents

to 3,000 miles



28 July 1851 Lowell to Roxbury, Massachusetts, first month of use of stamp domestic letter rate for distances to 3,000 miles from July 1, 1851, per ½ ounce



private mails  
to 3,000 miles

1854 Sacramento to San Francisco, California privately by Wells Fargo Express with their precanceled stamp private expresses required to pay equivalent postage from September 20, 1852, enforced from January 1854

# UNITED STATES



1851 Issue - 12 cents

to 3,000 miles  
3¢ per ½ ounce



25 March 1854 New York quadruple weight use to Philadelphia  
domestic letter rate for distances to 3,000 miles from July 1, 1851, to 2 ounces

*The twelve cents stamp was intended to be used to pay multiple domestic rates and to be used in various combinations with other stamps for foreign rates.*

# UNITED STATES

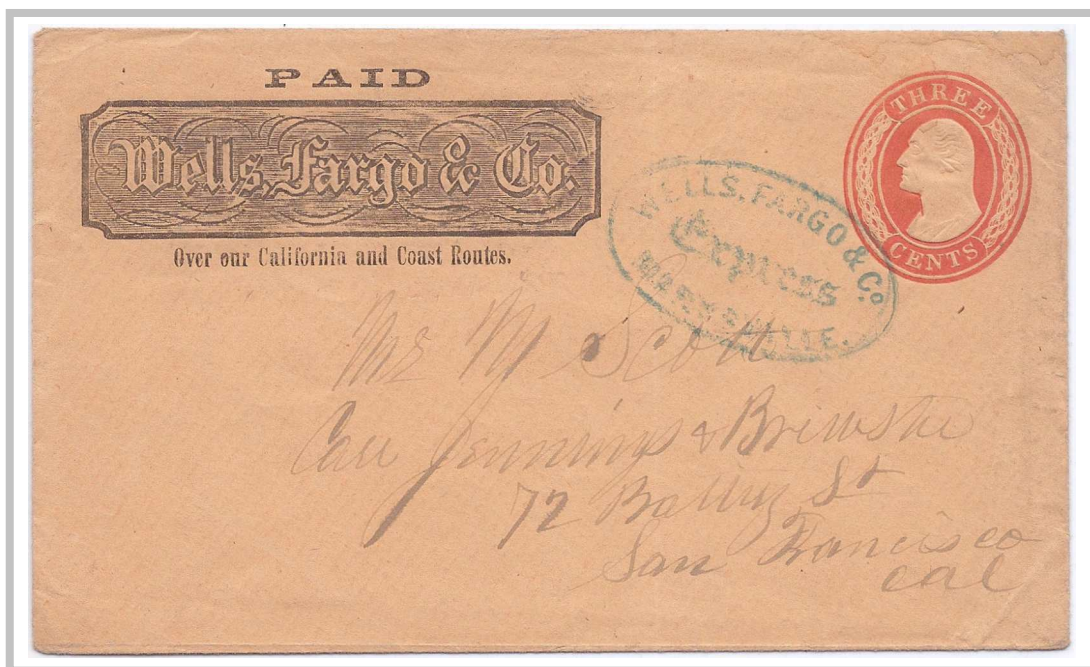


## 1853 Stationery Issue - 3 cents

to 3,000 miles



26 June 1856 Alexandria, Pennsylvania to Cassville, Pennsylvania  
domestic letter rate for distances to 3,000 miles from July 1, 1851, per ½ ounce



private mails  
to 3,000 miles

1856 Marysville, California to San Francisco privately by Wells Fargo Express outside the mails  
private expresses required to pay equivalent postage from September 20, 1852, enforced from January 1854

# UNITED STATES



## 1853 Stationery Issue - 6 cents

over 3,000 miles



28 February 1854 San Francisco to New Bedford, Massachusetts  
domestic letter rate for distances over 3,000 miles from July 1, 1851 to March 31, 1855



private mails  
over 3,000 miles

16 August 1854 San Francisco to Philadelphia, by private mails via Nicaragua  
8 September 1854 entered mails at New York for Philadelphia  
domestic letter rate for distances over 3,000 miles from July 1, 1851 to March 31, 1855

# UNITED STATES



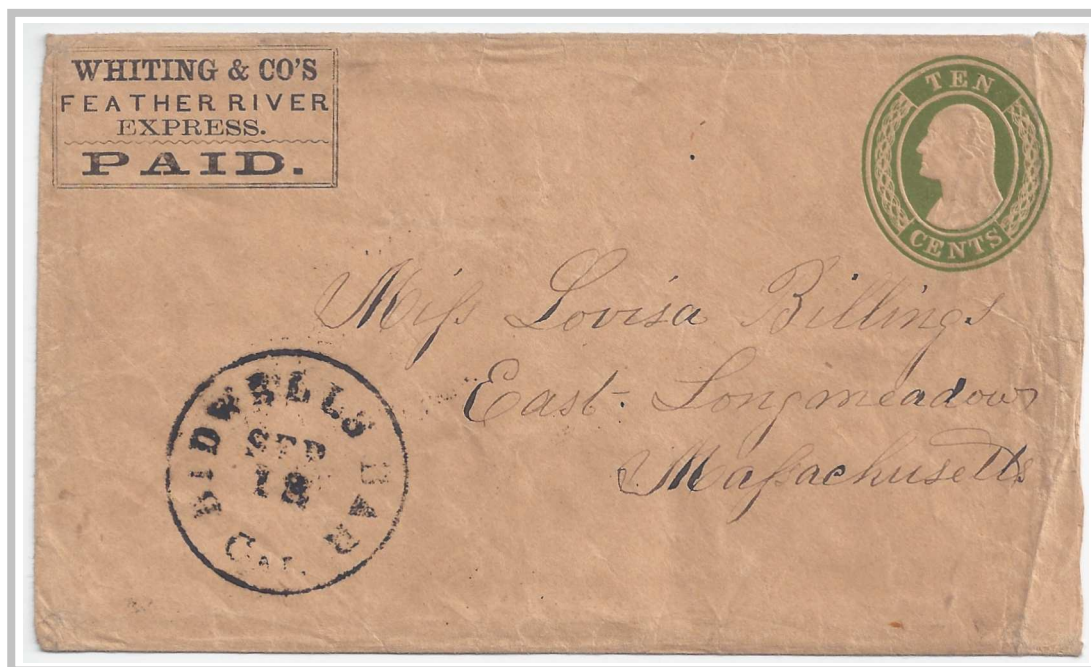
## 1855 Issue - 10 cents

over 3,000 miles



1 April 1856 Auburn, New York to San Francisco, California  
domestic letter rate for distances over 3,000 miles from April 1, 1855, per ½ ounce

## 1855 Stationery Issue - 10 cents



over 3,000 miles

8 August 1857 unknown mining camp to Bidwells' Bar, California privately by Whiting & Co's Express  
13 September 1857 Bidwells Bar, California to East Longmeadow, Massachusetts by mail  
domestic letter rate for distances over 3,000 miles from April 1, 1855, per ½ ounce

# UNITED STATES



1856 Issue - 5 cents

foreign  
British open mail



20 July 1856 New Orleans to Paris, France, 26 decimes postage due on arrival  
British open mail rate from July 1, 1851 to January 1, 1857 for service to the British mail steamer, to 1/2 ounce



# URUGUAY



1859 Issue - 60 centesimos

interior



14 October 1859 Salto to Montevideo

domestic letter rate to any distance from June 11, 1859, per ¼ ounce



interior

18 November 1859 Paysandú to Montevideo

domestic letter rate to any distance from June 11, 1859, per ¼ ounce

# URUGUAY



## 1859 Issue - 80 centesimos

interior



21 December 1859 Salto to Montevideo

domestic letter rate to any distance from June 11, 1859, per ½ ounce

## 1859 Issue - 100 centesimos

interior



1859 Mercedes to Montevideo

domestic letter rate to any distance from June 11, 1859, per ¾ ounce

# VENEZUELA



1859 Issue - 1 real

interior



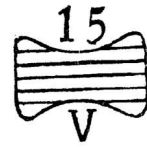
15 February 1859 Valencia to Caracas, second month of use of stamp  
domestic letter rate for any distance by land from January 1, 1859

# VICTORIA



1850 Issue - 2 pence

interior



Geelong numeral "15"  
butterfly cancel.

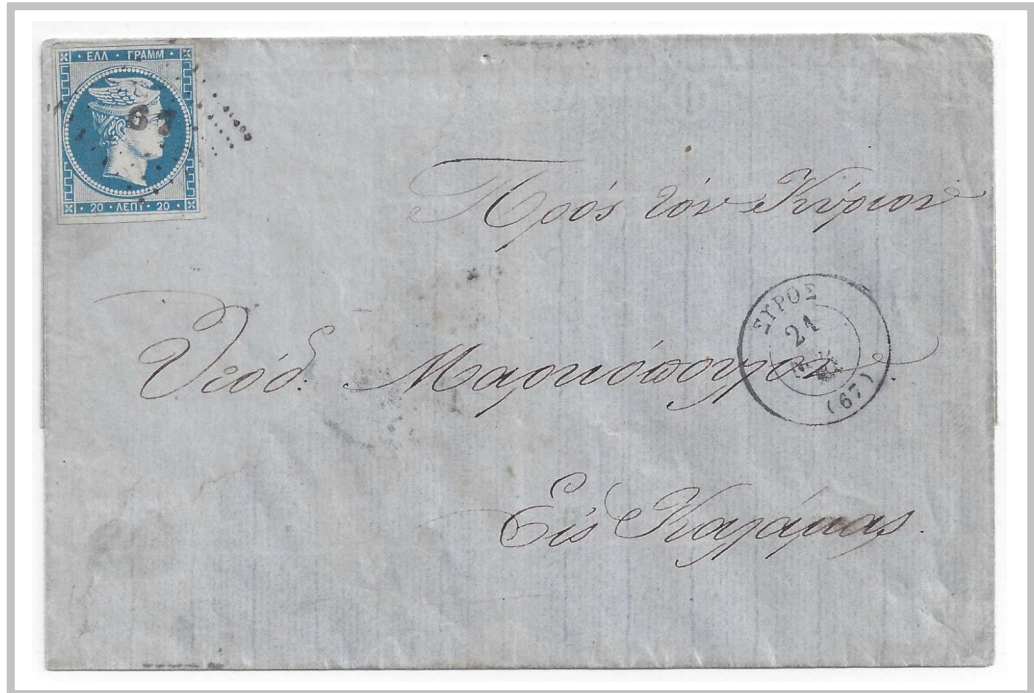
18 April 1850, Geelong, Port Phillip District to Melbourne  
2 pence third printing, Geelong backstamp and numeral "15" cancel  
domestic letter rate for any distance from January 1, 1850, per ½ ounce

# GREECE



## 1861 Issue - 20 lepta

interior

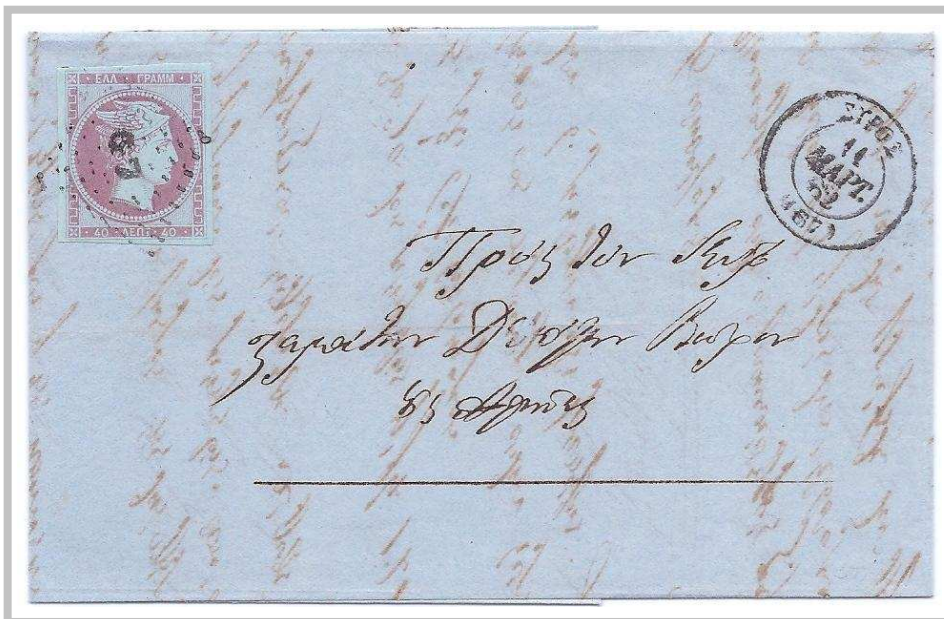


22 November 1861 Syros to Kalamai, 20l Pais print

domestic letter rate to 15 grams from October 1, 1861 (date stamps issued), any distance

## 1861 Issue - 40 lepta

interior



11 March 1862 Syros to Athens, double weight, 40l Paris Print

domestic letter rate 15 to 30 grams from October 1, 1861 (date stamps issued), any distance

# GREAT BRITAIN



1847 Issue - 1 shilling

foreign  
to United States



11 August 1848 London to New York, United States, by Cunard steamer *Britannia* to Boston arrived late and mail was processed down-stream at New York, rated 29 cents due foreign letter rate to the United States, per ½ ounce from June 17, 1848 through December 16, 1848, U.S. retaliatory postage due was charged