EGYPT

Post Offices Abroad

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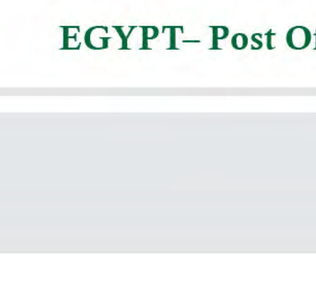


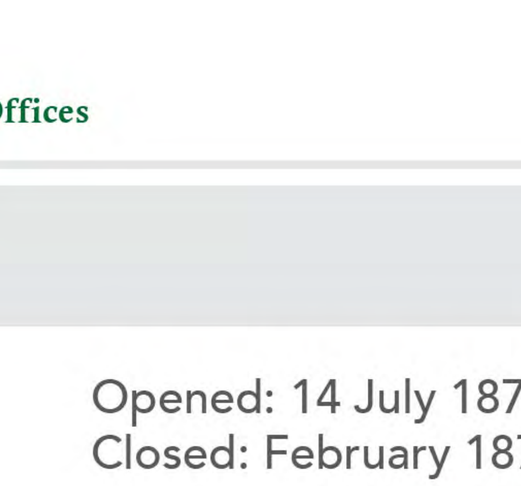
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Alexandretta

Opened: 14 July 1870
Closed: February 1872





Interpostal Seal

2nd Issue



5 pa



2 pi

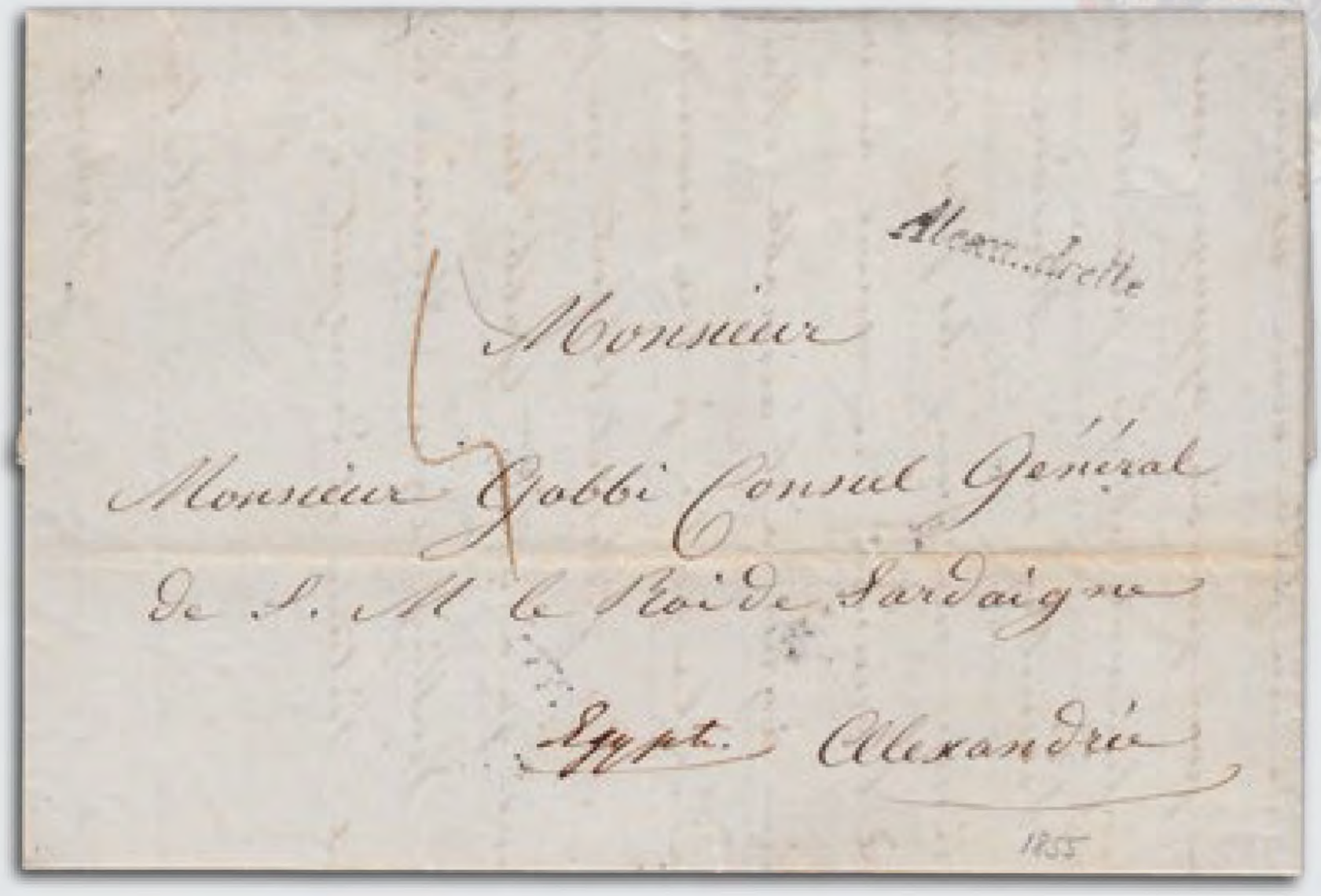
3rd Issue



2½ pi

Alexandretta

Aleppo to Alexandria



Alexandrette

(Alexandrette handstamp applied by the French post office)

1855 (3.1) Incoming stampless letter from Aleppo to Alexandria, addressed to General Consul of the King of Sardinia, with cursive ALEXANDRETTE and manuscript of "5" for taxes due, backstamped BEYROUT/10 JANV. and the French Post Office backstamp ALEXANDRIE / EGYPTE / 13 JANV. 55, unique

Alexandretta to Constantinople





1871 (21.6) Stampless letter from Alexandretta to Constantinople, with "2" tax hs with earlier manuscript "4" crossed out in pen, cancelled V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / ALEXANDRETTA / 21.? .77 circular datestamp, backstamped on arrival V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINAPOLI

Alexandretta

Smirne to Aleppo



1871 (1.4) Cover from Smirne to Aleppo via Alexandria and Alexandrette, unfranked and taxed with postage due marking of 80 paras, cancelled V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / ALESSANDRIA / 6 APR 1871, and cancelled V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE /ALESSANDRETTA / 10 APR 1871, also cancelled on arrival at Aleppo 11 April 71, Turkish postage due stamps were removed —probably 1 and 2 piastre. (Image: 95% of actual size)

Ex: Kurt Wolfsbauer

Alexandretta

Alexandretta to Beirut



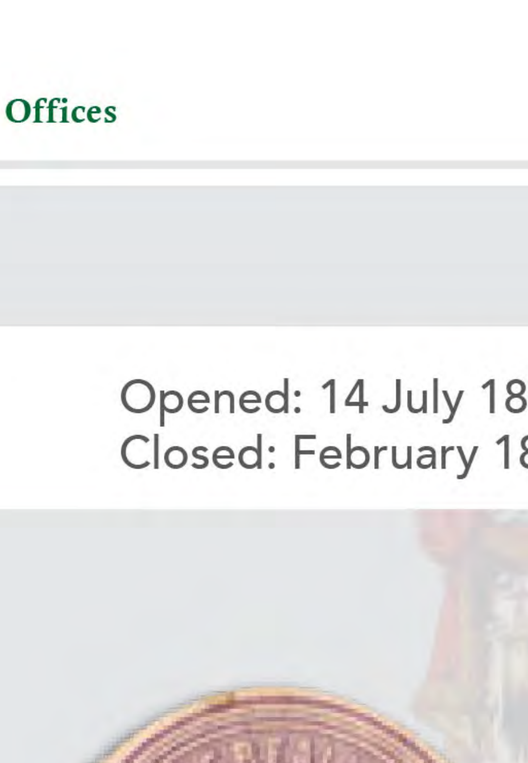


1871 (31.5) Large part letter from Alexandretta to Beirut, franked 2nd Issue 1 piastre, tied V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / ALESSANDRETTA / 31 MAG 1871 circular datestamp, arrival cancellation V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / BAIROUT / 2 GIU 1871, unique

Beirut

Opened: 14 July 1870
Closed: February 1872





Interpostal Seal

2nd Issue



5 pa



10 pa



20 pa



1 pi



2 pi



5 pi

3rd Issue



5 pa



10 pa



1 pi



5 pi

Beirut

Beirut to Cairo



1871 (7.8) Printed matter wrapper from Beirut to Cairo, franked with 2nd Issue 10 paras, tied V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / BAIROUT / 7 AGO 1871 circular datestamp and with another cancellation alongside

Ex: Peter Smith

Beirut

Beirut to Aleppo





Intaglio seal of Alexandrette



Intaglio seal of Beirut

1870 Cover from Beirut to Aleppo franked by Egypt 1867 2nd Issue I piastre red for sea passage, tied by 81 dot 'retta' handstamp in black (the Egyptian Consular P.O. officially opened a week after this letter was mailed and had yet to receive the 'Bairout' datestamp), with fine negative seal of Beirut on front in black. The letter was dropped at Alexandretta for onward transmission to Aleppo and struck on reverse with negative seal of Alexandretta in black. Taxed on arrival (July 11) with Turkey Postage Due 20 pa. and 1 pi. brown for overland carriage tied by rectangular Aleppo handstamps (Coles & Walker fig. 5) in blue with datestamp alongside (C&W fig. 6), arrival cancellation of Aleppo July 11 70. This cover shows the only examples so far known of the negative seals of Beirut and Alexandretta

Ex: Peter Smith

Cavala

Cavala

Opened: 14 July 1870
Closed: February 1872





Interpostal Seal

Cavala to Constantinople



1871 (26.5) Cover from Cavala to Constantinople franked at double rate with 2nd Issue 1867 2 pi. blue tied by bold strike of V.R.POSTE EGIZIANE / CAVALA / 26 MAG 1871 circular datestamp, further superb strike at upper right of cover, backstamped on arrival V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 28 MAG 1871

Ex: Antonini

Cavala

Cavala to Syra



1870 (7.12) Letter from Cavala to Syra, franked by 2nd Issue 1867 1 pi. red tied by V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CAVALA / 7 DIC 1870 circular datestamp in black (Dec 7, gregorian) with repeated strike at upper right of cover. Taxed for inland delivery on arrival with Large Hermes 20 lepta blue tied by two strikes of SYROS datestamp (NOV 30, julian). Further cancellation on reverse with Syros circular datestamp on arrival, illustrated in Smith on colour plate 12

Ex: Peter Smith

Constantinople

Opened: 13 June 1865
Closed: 30 June 1881











1st Issue



5 pa



20 pa











1 pi









2 pi



10 pi

Constantinople

2nd Issue

1867



5 pa



10 pa



20 pa



1 pi



2 pi



5 pi

1869 Printing



10 pa



20 pa

Blue cancellation: used in December 1869 only



10 pa



1 pi



2 pi

Constantinople

3rd Issue

1872



5 pa



10 pa



20 pa



1 pi



1 pi



2 pi



5 pi

Litograph



20 pa

1874-75



5 pa



10 pa



20 pa



1 pi



2 pi



2½ pi



5 pi

(Perf. 12½ x 13½)

Constantinople

4th Issue

Used from 1 April, 1879, until the Egyptian Consular Office closed on 30 June, 1881



10 pa



20 pa



10 pa



1 pi



2 pi



5 pi



10 pa

Posthumous use of the Third Issue

Postmark dated 9 April, 1879



20 pa

Turkish cancellation of Constantinople, used on arriving ship mail
after closure of the Egyptian post office



1 pi



1 pi

Constantinople

Interpostal Seals









Constantinople

Alexandria to Constantinople





1866? Stampless cover from Alexandria to Constantinople, cancelled POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / ALESSANDRIA / 27 MARZ 66?, with arrival cancellation POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 2 APR. 66?

(Image: 90% of actual size)

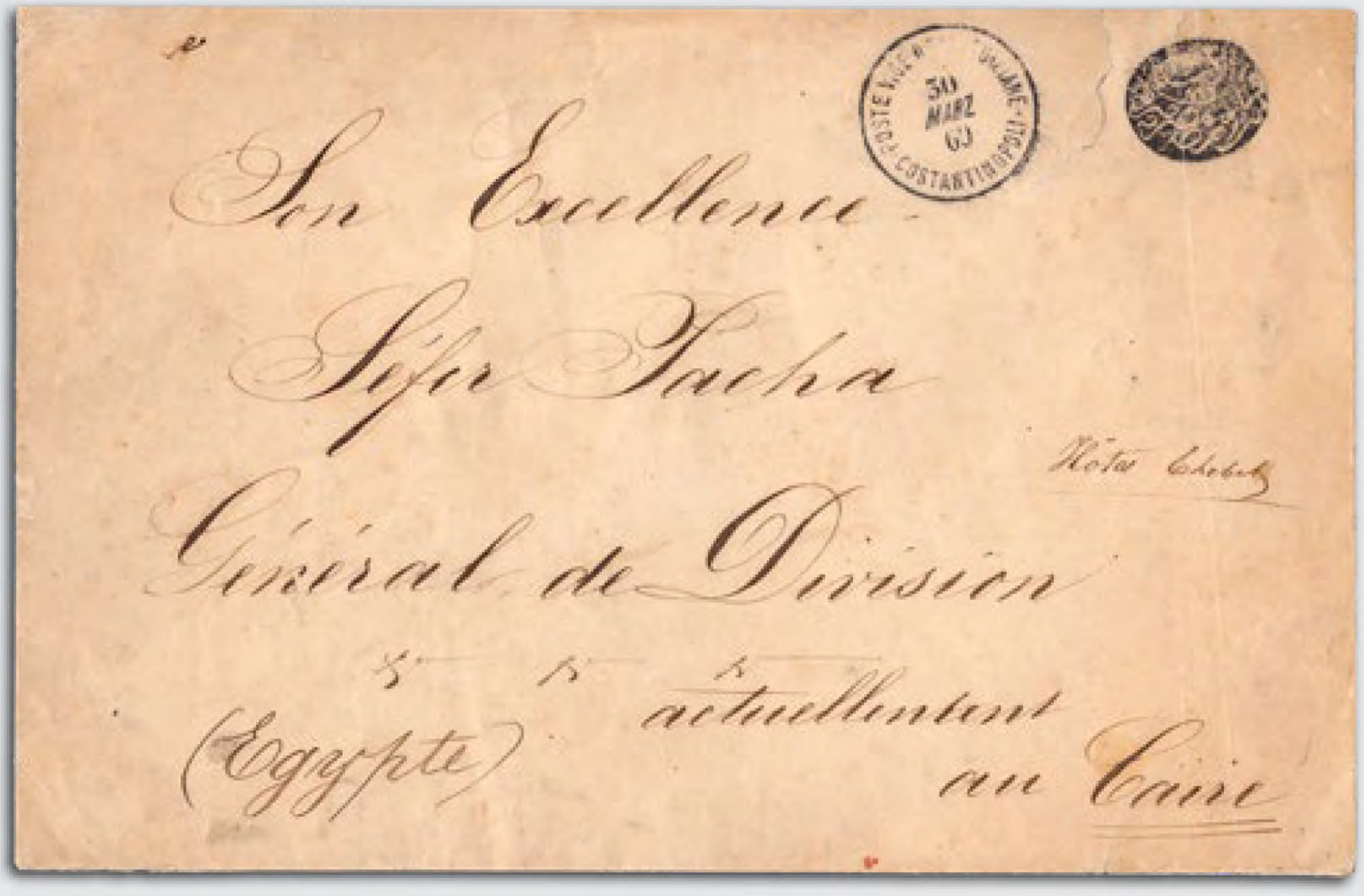
Ex: Kurt Wolfsbauer

Constantinople

Constantinople to Alexandria







1869 (30.3): Stampless official cover from Constantinople to Alexandria, addressed to “Son Excellence Séfer Pacha in Cairo” with unique usage on letter of negative oval handstamp of Constantinople in black at upper right and POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 30 MARZ 69 circular datestamp alongside, arrival cancellation on reverse POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / ALESSANDRIA / 4 APR. 69, a unique cover (Image: 80% of actual size)

Constantinople

Constantinople to Alexandria



1866 (11.9) Stampless incoming letter from Constantinople to Alexandria, sent unpaid cancelled POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 11 SETT. 66 circular datestamp in black, charged double the deficiency on arrival with fine handstruck “80” (paras = 2 piastres) postage due marking in black. The “Port to Port” rate at the time was 1 piastre prepaid. Backstamped POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / ALESSANDRIA / 16 SETT. 66, stampless incoming letters are rare

Constantinople

Constantinople to Smirne



1867 (12.3) Letter from Constantinople to Smirne, franked 1st Issue 1 pi., tied POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / CONTANTINOPOLI / 12 MARZ 67 circular datestamp with another strike alongside, backstamped on arrival POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / SMIRNE



1867 (14.5) Cover from Constantinople to Smirne, franked at triple rate by 1st Issue 1866 1 pi. claret strip of three, all tied by POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 14 MAG. 67 circular datestamp with additional strike alongside, backstamped on arrival POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / SMIRNE / 16 MAG. 67, a rare triple rate cover. Ex: Antonini

Constantinople

Constantinople to Cairo



1866 (6.11) Registered cover at triple rate (3 pi. postage + 2 pi. registration) from Constantinople to Cairo via Alexandria, franked 1st Issue1866 5 pi., tied large POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 6 NOV. 66 circular datestamp with additional strike in lower-right of cover, also cancelled on arrival in Alexandria and boxed RACCOMANDATE alongside, backstamped in Alexandria Nov. 11 and Cairo Nov. 12, rare

Ex: Antonini

Constantinople

Constantinople to Cairo





1870 (20.11) Cover from Constantinople to Cairo via Alexandria, franked by a pair of 2nd issue 2 pi. blue tied by a fine small V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 20 NOV. 1870 circular datestamp and an additional strike on the top of the cover, this was double the 2 pi. rate for a letter from a port to an inland destination. Backstamped on arrival in Alexandria on December 9th and in Cairo later that day

Constantinople

Constantinople to Smirne



1871 (10.5) Letter from Constantinople to Smirne, franked for double the port-to-port rate of 1 pi. with a pair of 2nd issue 1 pi. red, tied by V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONTANTINOPOLI / 10 MAG 1871 circular datestamp, with an additional strike alongside, backstamped on arrival V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / SMIRNE / 12 MAG 1871

Constantinople to Cavala



1871 (6.11) Letter from Constantinople to Cavala, franked with 2nd Issue 1 pi. Red, tied with V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 6 NOV 1871 circular datestamp and an additional strike on the top-left of the cover, also with framed AFFRANCATURA INSUFFICIENTE

Constantinople

Constantinople to Cairo



1875 (1.12) Incoming cover from Constantinople to Cairo, franked with 3rd Issue 20 paras blue perf, 13¼ and 1 piastre 12½ x 13¼, tied V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / COSTANTINOPOLI / 1 DIC 75 circular datestamp and an additional strike above, backstamped on arrival in Alexandria Dec. 6 and Cairo Dec. 9. The ordinary letter rate between Egyptian Post Offices in Turkey and places in Egypt was fixed at 1½ piastre as from 1 Jul. 1875, when the General Postal Union tariff came into force

Constantinople

Constantinople to Metelino



1874 (22.7) Cover from Constantinople to Metelino at double rate with 3rd Issue 1872 2 pi. yellow, tied V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / COSTANTINOPOLI / 22 LUG 74 circular datestamp and repeated strike alongside

Constantinople to Metelino





1872 (14.2) Letter from Constantinople to Metelino, at triple rate with 3rd Issue 1872 1 pi. red and 2 pi. yellow, tied V. R. EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 14 FEB 1872 circular datestamp and an additional strike in top-left, with manuscript at top "Echantillons sans valeur" ('Sample'), arrival backstamp V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / METILINO / 15 FEB 1872 circular datestamp

Constantinople

Constantinople to Cairo





1875 (14.4) Incoming cover from Constantinople to Cairo, franked with 3rd Issue 2 pi. yellow (2), tied by V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 14 APR 76 circular datestamp with another strike alongside, arrival backstamp Cairo April 24



1875 (25.8) Cover from Constantinople to Cairo, franked 3rd Issue 1874-75 20 paras gray + 1 piastre red, tied V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 15 AGO 75 circular datastamp, an additional strike alongside, backstamped Alexandria August 31

Constantinople

Constantinople to Alexandria



1878 (14.2) Envelope from Constantinople to Alexandria, franked 3rd Issue 5 paras strip of 4 1872 printing + 1 pi. all tied V.R.POSTE EGIZIANE/CONSTANTINOPLE / 14 FEB 78 circular datestamp, additional strike below the strip, backstamped on arrival in Alexandria February 18

Ex: Antonini

Constantinople to Cairo



1877 (4.4) Cover from Constantinopole to Cairo, franked with 3rd Issue 10 paras 1872 mauve horizontal pair and 1 piastre scarlet perf. 12½ (with double horizontal row of perfs at top), tied by V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPLI / 4 APR 77 circular datestamp with an additional strike alongside, arrival backstamps of Alexandria and Cairo dated April 10

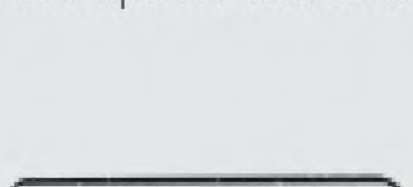
Constantinople

Constantinople to Cairo



1877 (28.3) Cover from Constantinople to Cairo, franked with 3rd Issue with pair of 10 paras gray and 1 piastre scarlet, all tied V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 28 MAR 77 circular datestamp with another strike alongside, arrival backstamps of Alexandria and Cairo on April 2







1877 (28.11) Registered cover from Constantinople to Cairo, franked 3rd Issue 2½ piastre violet, tied by V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPLI / 28 NOV 77 circular datestamp with another strike alongside, boxed "RACCOMANDATO" handstamp, backstamped on arrival in Cairo on December 6

Constantinople

Constantinople to Cairo



1878 (28.5) Registered letter from Constantinople to Cairo, franked with a pair of 3rd Issue 1 piastre scarlet, tied V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI circular datestamp and an additional strike alongside, also with boxed RACCOMANDATO, backstamped on arrival in Cairo June 4. RATE CHANGE On April 1st, 1878, the letter rate was reduced: from 1½ piastres to the standard UPU rate of 1 piaster per 15 grams for letters to or from foreign offices. So for this cover: 1 piastre postage plus 1 piastre registration fee. The letter rate of 1 piaster prevailed for just one year of the use of the Third Issue, which was replaced on April 1st, 1879

Constantinople

Constantinople to Frankfurt



1880, 1879-84 20 paras postal card from Constantinople to Frankfurt, Germany, cancelled Egyptian Office in Constantinople, sent through the Turkish post with the application of an 1876 ½ pre on 20 paras green tied CONSTANTINOPLE / TURQUIE (September 24), the postcards in this page show the only similar postcards recorded



28a 1880, 1879-84 20 paras postal card from Constantinople to Frankfurt, Germany, cancelled Egyptian Office in Constantinople, sent through the Turkish post with the application of two 1876 ¼ pre on 10 paras lilac tied CONSTANTINOPLE / TURQUIE (October 14), the postcards in this page show the only similar postcards recorded

Constantinople

Constantinople to Cairo





1879 (27.8) Cover from Constantinople to Cairo. franked 4th Issue 10 paras reddish lilac a strip of four, tied by V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / COSTANTINOPOLI / 27 ago 79 circular datestamp, with an additional strike alongside, backstamped on arrival in Cairo September 2

Ex: Peter Smith

Constantinople

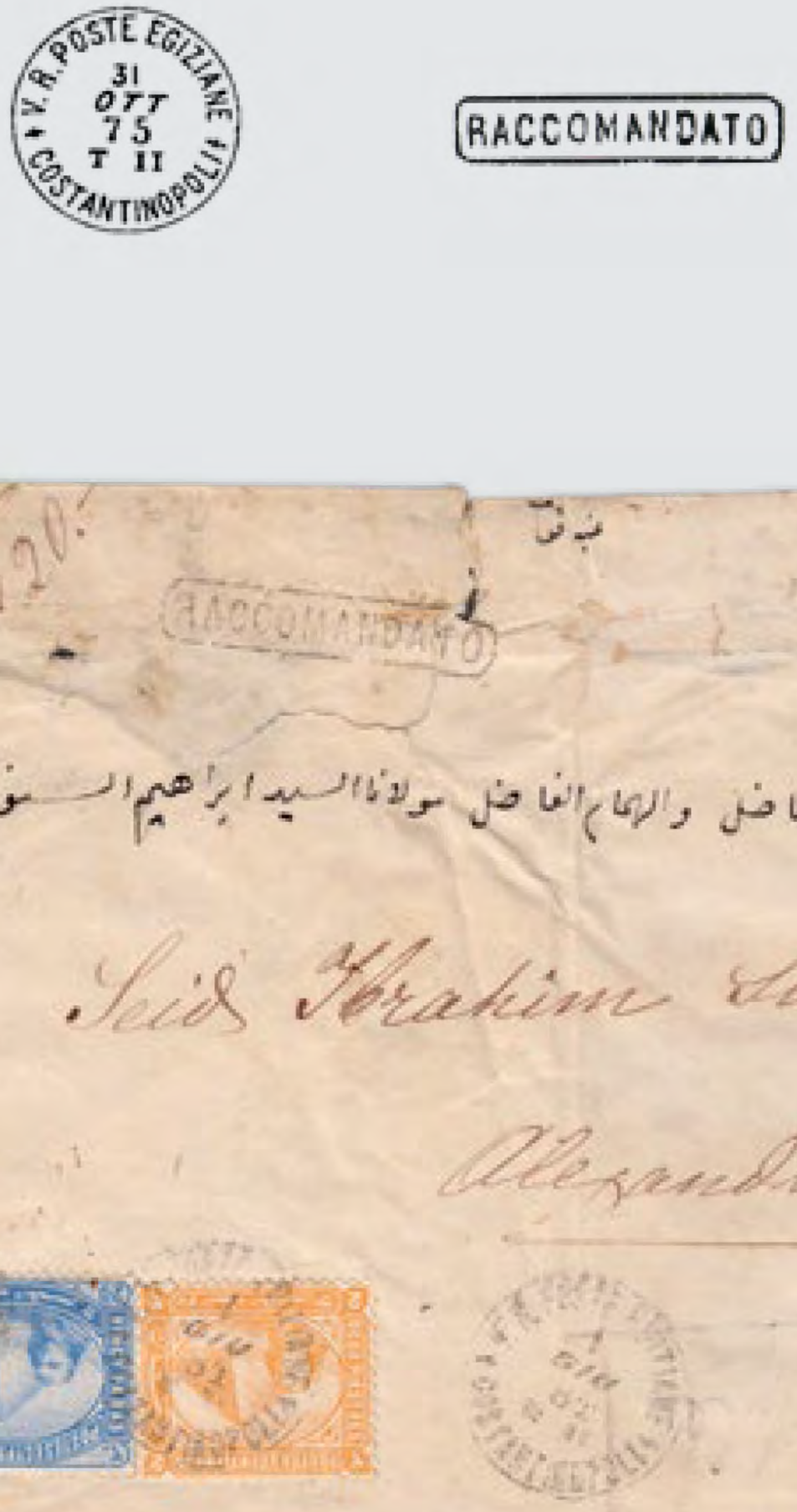
Constantinople to Metelino



1880 (1.12): Cover from Constantinople to Metelino, franked by 4th Issue 20 paras blue pair, tied by V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 1 DIC 80 circular datestamp, repeated strike alongside, bsckstamped on arrival V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / METELINO / 2 DIC

Constantinople

Constantinople to Cairo



1881 (1.6) Registered cover from Constantinople to Alexandria, franked by 4th Issue 20 paras blue pair and 2 piastre yellow-orange, tied V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 1 GIU 81 circular datestamp, with an additional strike alongside, also boxed RACCOMANDATO handstamp, backstamped on arrival in Alexandria ALEXANDRIE / RECOMMANDÉS / 8 JU 81, last month of operation of the Egyptian P.O. in Constantinople

Dardanelli

Opened: 10 June 1868
Closed: 30 June 1881





Interpostal seals

2nd Issue



10 pa



20 pa



1 pi

2 pi

2nd Issue (negative handstamp)





5 pa



20 pa



1 pi

Dardanelli

3rd Issue, 1872



5 pa



10 pa



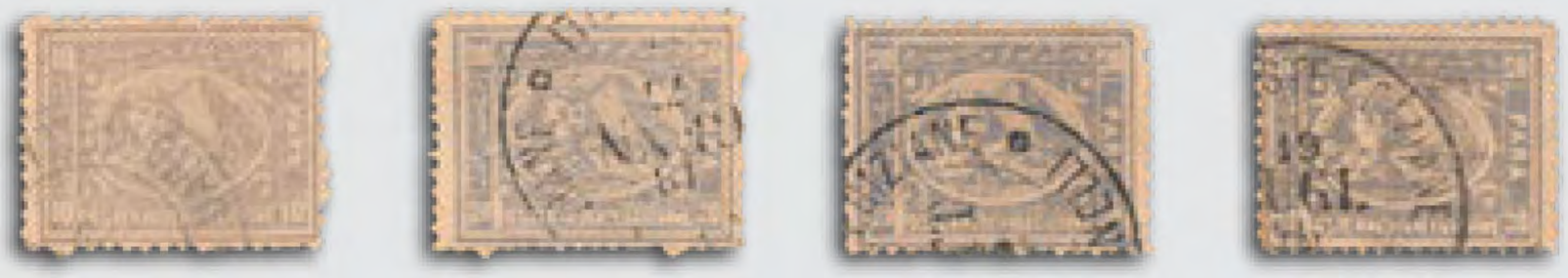
1 pi



1 pi

2 pi

3rd Issue, 1874-75



10 pa

20 pa



1 pi



2 pi

5 pi

Dardanelli

Dardanelli to Constantinople



1869 Letter from Dardanelli to Constantinople. franked with 2nd Issue 20 paras green, tied with negative seal of DARDANELLI, a second 20 paras stamp that was affixed on the letter was washed out and removed, an additional negative seal handstamp alongside in accordance with Egyptian P.O. regulations on 'information' strikes, arrival backstamp POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 12 APR 69 circular datestamp, one of only three covers that have been recorded with Dardanelli negative seal

Ex: Kurt Wolfsbauer

Dardanelli

Dardanelli to Constantinople



1868 Cover from Dardanelli to Constantinople, franked by 2nd Issue 20 paras green pair, to pay the single 1 piastre rate, tied by circular negative seal handstamp of DARDANELLI in blue with repeated srike at right reading "Chanak-kil'l / 1868 / Post Office / Egyptian Official" in Arabic, manuscript 'franco' and 'par vapeur Egyptien'. One of just 3 recorded covers

Ex: Peter Smith

Dardanelli

Dardanelli to Metelino



1876 (7.12) Letter from Dardanelli to Metelino, franked 3rd Issue 20 paras gray and 1 piastre scarlet, tied POSTE EGIZIANE / DARDANELLI / 7 DICE 76 circular datestamp, backstamped on arrival V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / METELINO / 7 DIC 76. The letter was sent by ship to the Forwarding Agent A. Xanthopoulidis at Dardanelles, who wrote "received on 6/12 and forwarded on 7/12)

Dardanelli to Smirne



1872 (7.3) Large part cover from Dardanelli to Smirne, franked by 3rd Issue 1872 Litho 20 paras deep bue and strip of four 5 paras, all tied by POSTE EGIZIANE / DARDANELLI / 7 MARZ 72 circular datestamp with an additional strike alongside, arrival backstamp V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / SMIRNE / 8 MARS 1872. Ex Antonini, Schaefer

Galipoli

Opened: 10 June 1868
Closed: 30 June 1881







Interpostal Seal

2nd Issue



10 pa



1 pi cancelled by negative seal handstamp, one of 3 known examples

3rd Issue

Type III-1.5, 1870-73
(year in four digits)



1 pi



10 pa

Type III-1, 1874-81
(year in two digits)



1 pi



2 pi

Galipoli

Galipoli to Constantinople



1873 (l3.3) Registered cover from Galipoli (Gelibolu/Turkey) to Constantinople, franked at 3 piastre rate with 3rd Issue 1872 I piastre red and 2 piastre yellow, tied by V.R.POST EGIZIANE / GALIPOLI / 13 MAR 73 in black, with the only recorded usage of framed RACCOMANDATE registration handstamp at right, backstamped on arrival V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 14 MAR 73. Extremely rare cover, the only registered cover from this Office known

Galipoli to Syra





1873 (29.5) Envelope from Galipoli via Egyptian Office in Smime to Syra, franked Egypt 3rd Issue 1872 1 piastre scarlet, tied V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / GALIPOLI / 29 MAG 1873 circular datestamp with similar alongside, with 20 Lepta blue applied on arrival to pay internal postage, tied '67' lozenge, also cancelled in the front and back V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / SMIRNE, backstamped on arrival at Syra

Galipoli

Galipoli to Constantinople



1870 Cover from Galipoli to Constantinople, franked 2nd Issue 1 piastre red, tied by circular negative seal handstamp of Galipoli in green paying the single rate. Undated and without backstamp of arrival, but believed to be 1870. The only known example on cover

Ex: Peter Smith

Galipoli

Galipoli to Constantinople



1871 (2.8) Letter from Galipoli to Constantinople, franked with 2nd Issue 1 piastre red, tied V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / GALIPOLI / 2 AGO 1871 circular datestamp and an additional strike alongside, backstamped on arrival V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONTANTINOPOLI / 3 AGO 1871, Galipoli covers with 2nd Issue stamps are rare

Ex: Peter Smith

Gedda

Opened: 8 June 1865
Closed: 30 October 1881

Many governments did not have postal systems until late in the 19th Century. One answer to this lack of service was the private postal system, and one of these is of importance to Hejaz postal history. It is the Posta Europea, established in 1843 by an Italian, Carlo Marrati. It served Europeans living in Cairo and employed by the various consular agencies there. Mail in this system went from Cairo overland to Alexandria and thence by boat to Europe, returning along the same route.

How does this relate to the Arabian Peninsula? Because of local revolts early in the 19th Century, Muhammad Ali Pasha of Egypt was sent by the Turks in 1813 to re-establish Ottoman control. Egyptians were still there when in 1865 the Posta Europea was extended to the Red Sea by the activities of the Azizieh Misr Steamship Company, carrying mail weekly. The Egyptian government established a post office in Gedda on June 8, 1865, for the use both of its citizens and of other foreigners living there. It thus happens that Egyptian stamps are used in Gedda, and the cancellations are in the Italian language. "GEDDA" is the wording used in all cancels but one.

The use of private postal systems began to decline after 1875, the year in which the Universal Postal Union was formed. The Egyptian Post Office in Gedda finally closed on June 30, 1881, having been in service a little over sixteen years.

All covers are rare. Individual Egyptian stamps with Gedda cancellations are R to RR depending on the cancel. The type with star and crescent is the rarest, with the Type VIII-1 next.











3rd Issue



1 pi lithographed pair tied on small part fragment by POSTE VICE - REALI EGIZIANE / GEDDA / 29 LUGL 72 circular datestamp



5 pa Block of 4 with 2 tête-bêche, cancelled POSTE KHEDEVIE EGIZIANE / GEDDA

Ex: Lars Alund

4th Issue





20 pa block of 4 with circular datestamp and a pair with bilingual cancellation



1 pi pair, tied on small fragment by POSTE KHEDEVIE EGIZIANE / GEDDA / 9 APR 80 circular datestamp

Gedda

Suez to Gedda



1869 (11.8) Letter from Suez, franked 2nd Issue 10 paras dull-lilac, two horizontal pairs, tied two POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / GEDDA circular datestamp

Gedda

Gedda to Bombay



Cover from Gedda to Bombay, franked on the back of the cover with 1879 Provisional Issue 5 paras on 2½ piastre violet, eight singles in the form of a block + 3rd Issue 1 piastre red, all tied POSTE KHEDEVIE / GEDDA / 10 MAR circular datestamp, similar circular datestamp on front with boxed BOMBAY / SHIP / LETTER / POSTAGE DUE 1 AN alongside, an important postal history showpiece, only 3 other cover known used with the surcharged Provisional Issue, this is unique usage from Gedda, largest multiple of the 5 paras Provisional and also mixed franking with the 3rd Issue.

Ex: Schaefer

Gedda

Gedda to Bombay





1879 (14.12) Consular envelope from Gedda to Alençon, France, franked 4th Issue 1 piastre rose, tied POSTE KHEDEVIE EGIZIANE / GEDDA circular datestamp, and redirected to Caen, printed envelope of the "Vice-Consulat de France à Djeddah", with blue consular cachet on reverse, a rare usage.

Ex: Schaefer

Jaffa

Opened: 14 July 1870
Closed: February 1872





Interpostal Seal

2nd Issue



1 pi



1 pi cancelled V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / IAFFA / 20 GEN 1871, rare. Also, only one known cover exist.

Ex Jeidel

4th Issue



1 pi used in Jaffa RUSSIAN P:O. 22 Nov. (1879?).

Ex: Jeidel

Lagos

Opened: 14 July 1870
Closed: February 1872



Interpostal Seal

2nd Issue

1 pi, 22 SET 1871



1 pi, 25 AGO 1871



Four 1 pi, 12 AGO 1871

3rd Issue



1872 5 pi, 17 FEB 1872

Lagos

Constantinople to Lagos



1871 (24.4) Letter front from Constantinople to Lagos, franked by two singles 2nd Issue 1 piastre red, tied by V.R. POSTE EG1ZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 24 APR 1871 circular datestamp, an additional strike alongside, also cancelled on arrival V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / LAGOS / 26 APR 1871, rare

Lagos to Constantinople



1871 (29.4) Letter from Lagos to Constantinople, franked by 2nd Issue 1 piastre red, tied with V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / LAGOS / 29 APR 1871, backstamped on arrival V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 1 MAG 1871, one of 3 recorded covers

Latakia

Opened: 14 July 1870
Closed: February 1872





Interpostal Seal

2nd Issue



20 pa



1 pi

Latakia to Beirut



1871 (2.11) Letter front from Latakia to Beirut, franked with two 2nd Issue 1 piasre red, tied by V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / LATAKIA / 2 NOV 1871 circular datestamp, with further strike below, a rare cancel, only one entire recorded by Smith

Leros

Opened: July 1873
Closed: Octiber 1874

3rd Issue



1 pi red and 2 pi yellow cancelled V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / LEROS / 20 DIC 1873, rare cancellations, no known covers.

Ex: Peter Smith

Mersina

Opened: 14 July 1870
Closed: February 1872





Interpostal Seal

2nd Issue



20 pa



1 pi



5 pi

2nd Issue



1 pi

Mersina

Mersina to Beirut



1871 (23.5) Cover from Mersina to Beirut, franked by 2nd Issue 20 paras blue-green in horizontal pair, paying the 1 piastre 'Port-to-Port' rate, tied by V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / MERSINA / 23 MAG 1871 circular datestamp, repeated strike at right, backstamped on arrival V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / MERSINA / 26 MAG 1871. This is the unique 2nd Issue cover used in Mersina. Ex: Peter Smith. Note: The route would have involved stops at Alexandretta, Latakia and Tripoli.

Mersina

Mersina to Beirut



1872 (30.1) Cover from Mersina to Beirut, franked by 3rd Innsue 1872 1 piastre red, typographed, tied by V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / MERSINA / 30 GEN 1872 circular datestamp in black, repeated strike below, backstamped on arrival V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / BAIROUT / 2 FEB 1872 circular datestamp of arrival. This is the unique 3rd Issue cover used in Mersina and used just before the closure of this office

Metilino

Opened: 14 July 1870
Closed: 30 June 1881





Interpostal Seals

2nd Issue



1867 20 pa



1867 1 pi



1869 20 pa

3rd Issue

1872 Printing



20 pa





1 pi

year in two digits after 1873





2 pi

1874-75 Printing



10 pa



1 pa



20 pa



2 pi

Imperforate



1 pi

1879 Provisional



10 pa on 2½ pi

Metilino

Registration Receipt



1871 (31.8) Registration receipt "ADMINISTRAZIONE DELLE R. POSTE EGIZIANE" cancelled V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / METELINO / 31 AG0 76, together with boxed RACCOMANDATO, on "Bolletta di Deposito" stationery (Registration receipt) of the "Administrazione delle R. Poste Egiziane", for a letter sent to Menuf, unique

Metilino

Freight Document



1881 (29.9) Freight document for a shipment to Alexandria, cancelled AGENCE PAQUEBOTS POSTE KHEDIVIE METELIN bilingual French-Arabic, rare (Image: 80% of actual size)

Metilino

Metilino to Cavala





1871 (17.10) Cover from Metilino to Cavala, franked 2nd Issue 1 piastre, tied V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / METELINO / 17 OTT 1871 circular datestamp, repeated strike above, backstamped POSTE EGIZIANE / DARDANELLI / 18 OTTO 71

Metilino

Metilino to Smirne





1873 (3.4) Cover from Metilino to Smirne, franked 3rd Issue 1 piatre rose-red, tied by V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / METILINO / 3 APR 1873, backstamped on arrival V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / SMIRNE / 4 APR 1873

Metilino to Athens



1872 (4.1) Cover from Metilino (4 Jan., Gregorian calendar) to Athens (arr. 27 Dec. 1871, Julian calendar), franked 3rd Issue 1 pi. rose-red, tied with V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / METILINO / 4 GEN 1872 circular datestamp, and with Greece 1871-72 20 Lepta blue added and cancelled at Athens to pay the Greek internal postage, backstamped on arrival. Rare combination

Metilino

Metilino to Constantinople



Letter from Metilino to Constantinople, franked 4th Issue 1 piastre rose, tied by V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / METELINO / 18 FEB 81 circular datestamp, with an additional strike to the right

Metilino

Odessa to Metelino



1879 (25.8) Combination Russian-Egyptian cover from Odessa to Metelino via Constantinopoli, franked Russian 3 k. + 7 k. , tied by Odessa August 25, 1879, with an additional strike on the right, backstamped V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 10 SET 79 circular datestamp, and V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / METELINO / 11 SET 79 on arrival

Metilino

Odessa to Metelino



1871 (3.4) Combination Russian-Egyptian entire letter from Odessa to Metilino via Constantinople, franked Russian 10 k. brown and blue, tied Odessa April 3, 1871 circular datestamp, with an additional strike to the right, manuscript "V. R. Posta vapore Khedivie" and another "4" in red for postage due, also cancelled V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 19 APR 1871, backstamped V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 17 APR 1871 and V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / METELINO / 20 APR 1871









1871 (27.2) Combination Russian-Egyptian entire letter from Odessa to Metilino via Constantinople, franked Russian 10 k. brown and blue, tied Odessa Feb 27, 1871 circular datestamp, with an additional strike to the right, manuscript "V. R. Posta vapore Khedivie", also cancelled V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 15 MAR 1871 and "80" para due marking in black for double the unpaid 40 paras rate to Metelino, transit on reverse of "Konst-Polsk Agentsvo" (Tschill 13) also backstamped V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / METELINO / 16 MAR 1871 circular datestamp

Rodi

Opened: 13 August 1872
Closed: 30 June 1881







Interpostal Seal

3rd Issue



5 pa



10 pa



20 pa



1 pi



2½ pi



1 pi

Rodi

Rodi to Tanta



1879 (15.2) Cover from Rodi to Tanta, addressed to a gentleman in the Greek Consulate, franked 3rd Issue 1 piastre scarlet, tied V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / RODI / 15 FEB 79 circular datestamp, backstamped Alexandria and Tanta. One of only 4 covers recoded by Smith

From Rodi



1877 (27.6) Registered cover front from Rodi, franked 3rd Issue 20 paras gray and a pair of 1 piastre scarlet, tied V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / RODI / 27 GIU 77 circular datestamp with repeated strike at left and framed RACCOMANDATO at top. Manuscript 'No. 153, grammes 15`, at left. Carried at UPU rate of 1 1/2 piastre postage + 1 piastre registration.

Ex: Colonel J.R. Danson and Peter Smith

Salonica

Opened: 14 July 1870
Closed: February 1872





Interpostal Seal

2nd Issue



5 pa



20 pa



1 pi



5 pi

3rd Issue



10 pa

Salonica

Salonica to Patras



1871 (23.9) Entire letter from Salonica to Patras, posted on board ship, franked 2nd Issue 20 paras yellow-green (2), tied by large oval Khedevial Mail Line cachet in black, manuscript 'From Thessalonika' in blue crayon crayon at right, with Greek Large Hermes 20 lepta blue, tied 'Patras' circular datestamp, backstamped Athens, Syra and Patras circular datestamps, a rare item. Ex: E. E. Yates, Charles Fox and P. Smith

Salonica

Salonica to Patras



1871 (28.12) Cover from Salinoca to Patras, manuscript 'via de Sira' at right and 'From Thessalonike' in blue crayon at left, franked 2nd Issue 1 piastre red, tied by V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / SALONICCHI / 28 DIC 1871 circular datestamp in black with repeated strike at left, also Greek Large Hermes 20 lepta blue applied for internal postage cancelled by Patras circular datestamp, backstamped with Athens and Syra circular datestamp, a rare cover. Ex: E. E. Yates, Charles Fox and P. Smith

Scio

Opened: 14 July 1870
Closed: 30 June 1881











Interpostal Seals

2nd Issue



1 pi
cancelled with negative seal

3rd Issue



1875 (26.12) 1 pi red and diagonally bisected 1 piatre used on small part piece, tied V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / SCIO / 26 DIC 75 in black, bisected to make up the UPU rate of 1½ pi. Extremely rare. Ex: Peter Smith

1879 Provisional Issue



10 pa on 2½ pi

4th Issue



10 pa



20 pa



10 pa

Scio

Scio to Constantinople



1871 (14.10). Entire letter from Scio to Constantinople, franked by 2nd Issue 1 piastre red, tied by V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / SCIO / 14 OTT 1871 circular datestamp datestamp in black, backstamped on arrival with V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 20 OTT 1871, rare



1873 (24.3) Letter from Scio to Constantinople, franked 3rd Issue 1 piastre rose-red, tied V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / SCIO / 24 24 MARS 1873 circular datestamp, backstamped on arrival V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 27 MAR 1873

Scio

Scio to Constantinople



1872 (20.1) Letter from Scio to Constantinople, franked 3rd Issue 20 paras blue lithographed and a pair of 10 paras mauve, tied V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / SCIO / 20 GEN 1872 circular datestamp, backstamped on arrival V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 28 GEN 1872, unique cover with 20 paras lithographed stamp in Scio. Ex: L. Alund

Scio

Scio to Constantinople







1876 (4.11) Cover from Scio to Constantinople, franked by 3rd Issue 20 paras grey-blue and 1 piastre red, tied by V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / Scio / 4 NOV 76 circular datestamp, further strike alongside and mailboat POSTE EGIZIANE / UFIZIO NATANTE / 4 NOV 1876 / ALES. circular datestamp below, backstamped on arrival V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 8 NOV 76. A rare cover with both Scio and Mailboat cancel

Scio

Scio to Piraeus



1879 (12.12) Cover from Scio to Piraeus, franked 4th Issue 1 piastre rose, tied V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / SCIO / 12 DIC 79 circular datestamp with another strke on the cover, backstamped on arrival in Piraeus. Two 4th Issue covers with Scio Egyptian P. O. cancellation have been recorded

Smirne

Opened: 14 November 1865
Closed: 30 June 1881









Interpostal Seals























Smirne

1st Issue



10 pa



20 pa



1 pi





2 pi

2nd Issue



10 pa



1 pi



2 pi

Smirne

3rd Issue



5 pa



10 pa



20 pa



1 pi



2 pi



2½ pi



5 pa



10 pa





20 pa





20 pa



1 pi





1 pi

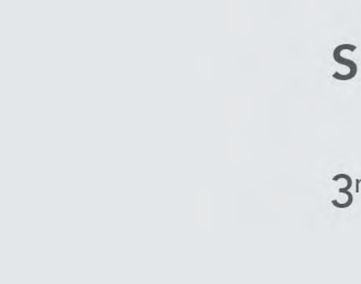




2 pi

Smirne

3rd Issue



10 pa



20 pa



1 pi



2 pi

Smirne

4th Issue



5 pa



10 pa



20 pa



1 pi



2 pi



5 pi



10 pa



10 pa



20 pa





1 pi









1 pi

Smirne

Smirne to Volo



1869 Entire from Smirne to Volo, with blue boxed bilingual "FRANCO" and the equivalent in Arabic, the Franco or Franca markings were used to indicate that postage had been paid, or was not required. The handstamp in green (42 x 22 mm.) is believed to be the postmark of the Egypt Shipping Co. of Alexandria or possibly belonging to the Khedevial Mail Line. This cancellation is only known on Egyptian stamps and two stampless covers

Smirne

Smirne to Alexandria



1865 (25.11) Stampless letter from Smirne to Alexandria (Government Post), struck POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / SMIRNE / 25 NOV. 65, manuscript “1” tax in red, backstamped on arrival in Alexandria. Earliest recorded usage of this cancel, rare



1871 (4.3) Stampless letter from Smirne to Alexandria, struck with V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / SMIRNE / 4 MAR 1871 circular datestamp and by handstruck ‘80’ charge marking in black (80 paras = 2 piastres due to pay), backstamped on arrival with Alexandria (march 9) circular datestamp, rare

Ex: Peter Smith

Smirne

Smirne to Beirut



1866 (6.10) Cover from Smirne to Beirut, franked by 1st Issue 1866 1 piastre claret, tied by bold strike of POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / SMIRNE / 6 OTT 66 circular datestamp with an additional strike to the right.

Ex: Jeidel

Smirne to Alexandria



1866 (7.6) Envelope from Smirne to Alexandria, franked 1st Issue 1866 20 paras pair, tied by "retta" cancels, POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE/ SMIRNE /7 GIUG. 66 circular datestamp alongside, backstamped on arrival in Alexandria.

Ex: Byam & Antonini

Smirne

Smirne to Cairo



1866 (21.6) Folded cover from Smirne to Cairo at double rate, franked 1st Issue 1866 1 piastre claret vertical STRIP OF FOUR, tied by "retta" cancels with POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE/ SMIRNE / 21 GIUG. 66 circular datestamp below, arrivals backstamp, rare cover with such franking

Smirne

Smirne to Galata



1st Issue 2 piastre yellow, tied POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / SMIRNE / 13 OTT. 66 circular datestamp on large fragment in combination with Turkish Local 20 pa. pink tied by GALATA oval, an extremely rare usage which combines Egypt and Turkish Local Posts, unique

Ex: Antonini

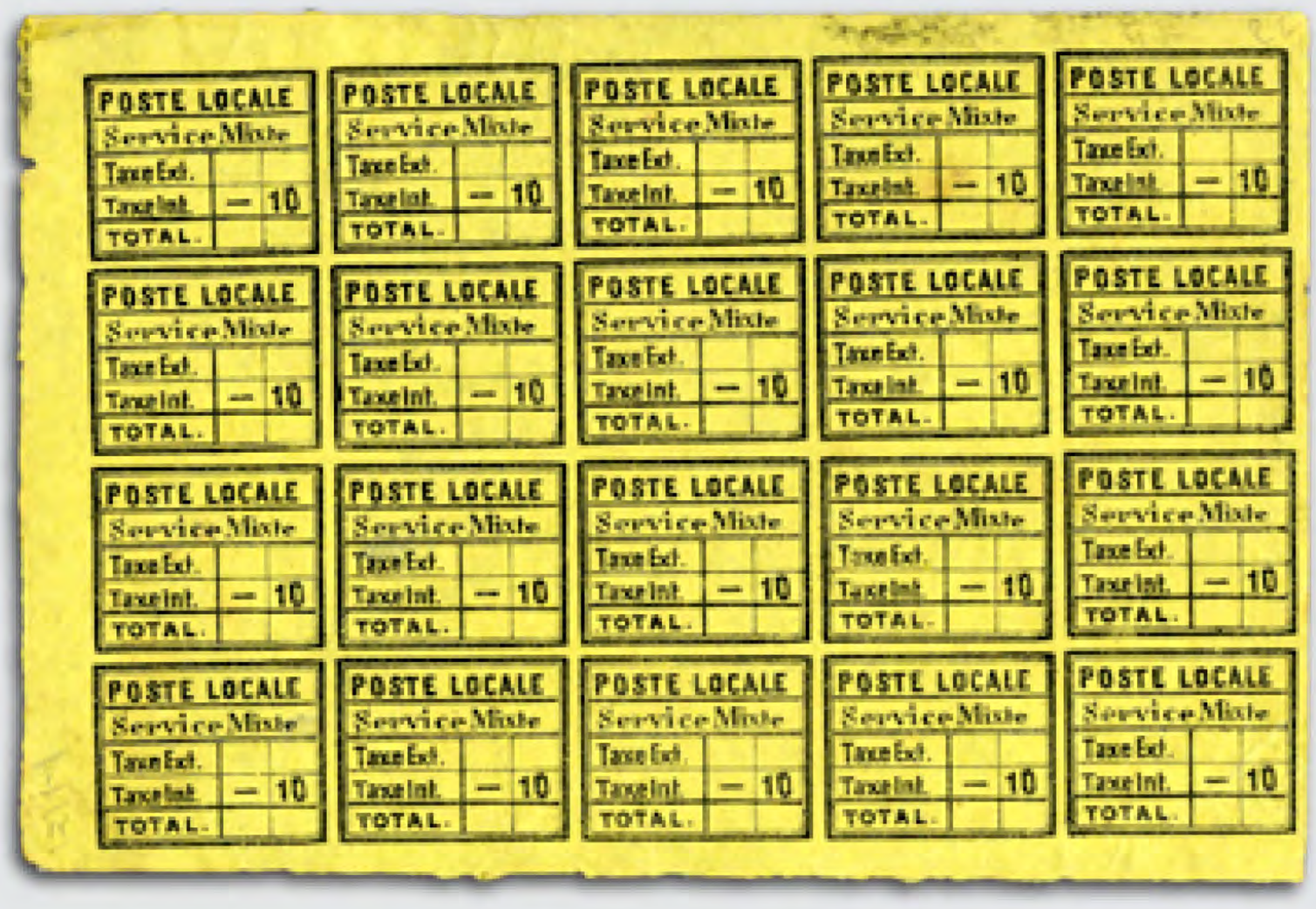
Liannos stamps (Poste Locale - Service Mixte)







These private stamps were used only on mail coming through the Egyptian post offices in the Turkish Empire, paying for the rate of local dispatch. 10 paras black on yellow, 20 paras black on lilac and 2 piastre blue on white



'POSTE LOCALE - Service Mixte' 10 paras black on yellow, an original printing corner block of 20 with original gum

Smirne

Smirne to Sira





Cover from Smirne to Sira, franked Egypt 2nd Issue 1 piastre red, tied V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / SMIRNE / 24 LUG. 1870 circular datestamp with similar alongside, and with Greece 20L blue applied on arrival to pay the internal postage, tied Sira and with Sira arrival backstamp, an important combination franking with only 3 such covers recorded





1870 (20.9) 2nd Issue 5 paras, 2 horizontal pairs with 3 singles 20 paras green, tied by circular datestamp POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / SMIRNE / 20 SETT 70 to piece; very scarce multiple of 5 paras used on piece and the only one known used at Smirne

Smirne

Smirne to Constantinople





1869 (1.5) Envelope from Smirne to Constantinople, franked 2nd Issue 1 piastre red and 2 piastres blue, tied POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / SMITNE / 1 MAG. 69 circular datestamp, backstamped on arrival POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 5 MAG. 69

Smirne

Smirne to Volo



1871 (28.10) Folded cover from Smirne to Volo, franked 2nd Issue 1 piastre, tied V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / SMIRNE / 28 OTT 1871 circular datestamp with similar strike alongside

Smirne to Constantinople



1868 (4.12) Letter from Smirne to Constantinople, franked 2nd Issue 2 piastres blue, tied POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / SMIRNE / 4 DEC 68 circular datestamp, backstamped on arrival POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 8 DEC 68

Smirne to Constantinople



1869 (27.3) Registered cover from Smirne to Constantinople at triple rate, franked 2nd Issue 5 piastres, tied POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / SMIRNE / 27 MARZ 69 circular datestamp and an addtional strike in the lower-left and boxed RACCOMANDATE alongside, backstamped on arrival POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / SMIRNE / 29 MARZ 69 circular dastamp and wax seals, extremely rare single 5 piastres franking used from Smirne

Ex: Antonini

Smirne

Smirne to Constantinople



1872 (10.1) Entire letter from Smirne to Constantinople, franked 3rd Issue 1 piastre red, tied by V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / SMIRNE / 10 GEN 1872 circular datestamp with repeated strike alongside, cover used on 10th day of issue, backstamped on arrival V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONTANTINOPOLI / 12 GEN 1872

Ex: Burrus



1876 (30.10) Entire letter from Smirne to Constantinople, franked 3rd Issue 20 paras and 1 piastre. tied by POSTE EGIZIANE / SMIRNE / 30 OTT 76 circular datestamp with an additional strike alongside, backstamped on arrival V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 1 NOV 76.

Note: "V. R." in the circular datastamp of Smirne has been removed

Smirne

Smirne to Constantinople



1875 (17.8) Large folded letter, franked 3rd Issue 1 piastre and 2 piastres, tied by V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / SMIRNE / 17 AGO 75 circular datestamp and an additional strike alongside, backstamped on arrival V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 19 AGO 75. (Image: 85% of actual size)

Smirne to Metelino



1880 (19.11) Entire letter from Smirne to Metelino, franked by 4th Issue 1 piastre rose, tied by POSTE EGIZIANE / SMIRNE / 19 NOV 80 circular datestamp with an repeated strike below it, backstamped on arrival V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / METELINO / 19 NOV 80 (same day)

Tenedos

Opened: 14 July 1870
Closed: March 1871





Interpostal Seal

No cover has been reported from the Tenedos office, which had the shortest period of operation of any of the Egyptian Post Offices abroad

2nd Issue



2 pi

Tripoli

Opened: 14 July 1870
Closed: February 1872





Interpostal Seal

2nd Issue



20 pa



1 pi

3rd Issue



5 pa



20 pa



1 pi

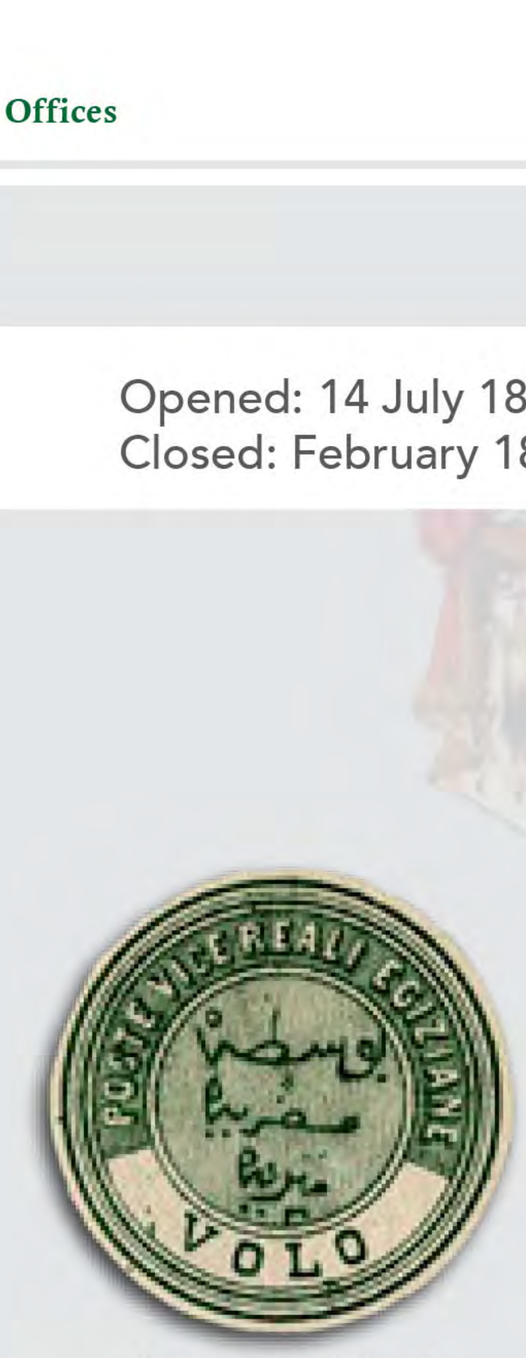


5 pi

No covers have been reported from the Tripoli office

Volo

Opened: 14 July 1870
Closed: February 1872



Interpostal Seal

2nd Issue



10 pa



1 pi

3rd Issue



20 pa

Volo

Volo to Salonica



1871 (5.9) Stampless cover from Volo to Salonica, manuscript 'Franca P.1' endorsement at upper left in lieu of Egyptian 1 piastre adhesive, struck with V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / VOLO / 5 SET 1871 circular datestamp, backstamped on arrival V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / SALONICCHI / 6 SET 1871

Ex: Peter Smith

Volo

Volo to Constantinople





1871 (1.2) Letter from Volo to Constantinople, franked 2nd Issue 1 piastre, tied by V.R.POSTE EGIZIANE / VOLO / 1 FEB 1871 circular datestamp, backstamped on arrival V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 6 FEB 1871

Volo to Sira



1871 (13.5) Folded cover from Volo addressed to Sira, franked by 2nd Issue 1 piastre red, tied by V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE / VOLO / 13 MAG 1871 circular datestamp with a second strike alongside. A manuscript to pay the Greek internal rate of 20 lepta due from the addressee which was marked in red crayon, and so there is a Greek 20 1epta blue Large Hermes Head affixed and tied by Sira circular datestamp, backstamped on arrival in Sira

Volo

Volo to Constantinople



1871 (24.2) Letter from Volo to Constantinople, franked by 2nd Issue 1 piastre red a vertical pair and a single, tied by V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / VOLO / 24 FEB 1871 circular datestamp, backstamped on arrival V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / CONSTANTINOPOLI / 28 FEB 1871, believed to be the only recorded triple rate Volo cover

Ex: Danson

Volo

Volo to Sira



1872 (15.2) Cover from Volo to Sira, franked 3rd Issue 1 piastre, tied by V. R. POSTE EGIZIANE / VOLO / 15 FEB 1872 circular datestamp with additional strike alongside, also franked Greek 20 lepta blue Hermes-head stamp as tax for local delivery (red crayon '20' manuscript) cancelled by Sira circular datestamp, backstamped on arrival in Sira (the Egyptian date is Gregorian, whereas the Greek date is Julian). This cover was sent to Sira on the last sailing and is the only known cover with 3rd Issue which was in use for only 6 weeks before the office closed

Ex: Peter Smith

EGYPT

Post Offices Abroad

2. Territorial Offices



formed by

Joseph H. Chalhoub

Barbar

Opened: 1 October 1873
Closed: December 1874(?)



Interpostal Seals



3rd Issue



1 pi | 2 pi | 2½ pi | 5 pi

4th Issue



1 pi



5 pa brown block of four, cancelled by POSTE EGIZIANE / BARBAR circular datestamp in blue, date in Arabic 19 November 1880

Ex: Peter Smith



5 pa



10 pa reddish lilac block of four, cancelled by two full strikes of POSTE EGIZIANE / BARBAR circular date-stamp; date in Arabic 16 October 1880

Ex: Dr. William Byam

Dabroussah

Opened: 1890(?)
Closed: (?)

4th Issue



5 m. rose-carmine cancelled DABROUSSAH / VI 90. Unique cancellation on a stamp another cancellation is known on an interpostal seal

Ex: Peter Smith

No covers have been reported from the Dabroussah office

Dongola

Opened: 1 October 1873
Closed: June 1875









Interpostal Seals





3rd Issue

Cancelled by "POSTE EGIZIANE / DONGOLA" single-ring datestamp



1 pi



2 pi

Cancelled by fine central strike of the rare "POSTE KEDEVIE EGIZIANE / DONGOLA" double-ring datestamp

4th Issue



10 pa





20 pa



5 pi

cancelled by scarce, part strikes, of bi-lingual Dongola circular datestamp

Dongola

Dongola to Oxford





1885 (15.4) Stampless cover from Dongola, Sudan to Oxford, England, cancelled with the relatively short-lived small star and crescent datestamp of Dongola. The boxed T was correctly applied and the 2½ charge mark applied in England where the postage due was collected, backstamped on arrival OXFORD MY 5 85

GORDON RELIEF EXPEDITION – NILE RIVER COLUMN

Unpaid Officer's Letter – Stamps Not Available On Active Service. The cover is believed to have been sent to the wife of Ernest Pyne of the Royal Marine Light Infantry (perhaps by some family member or a fellow officer). Pyne was commissioned a first lieutenant on December 6, 1867, and promoted to Captain July 1, 1881. He served in the Ashanti War of 1873-1874 (Medal). He also served in the eastern Soudan campaign of 1885, and was present at the engagements at Hasheen and the Torfek zeriba, at that near Torfek-on the 24th of March, and at the destruction of Temai. He received the Egyptian Medal with two clasps and the Khedive's Star.

Dongola

Dongola to Dursley







1885 (1.1) Envelope from Dongola to Dursley, England, marked "On Service - no stamps obtainable", showing rare (straight line) DONGOLA circular datestamp, boxed "T", "2½" handstamp and arrival circular datestamp

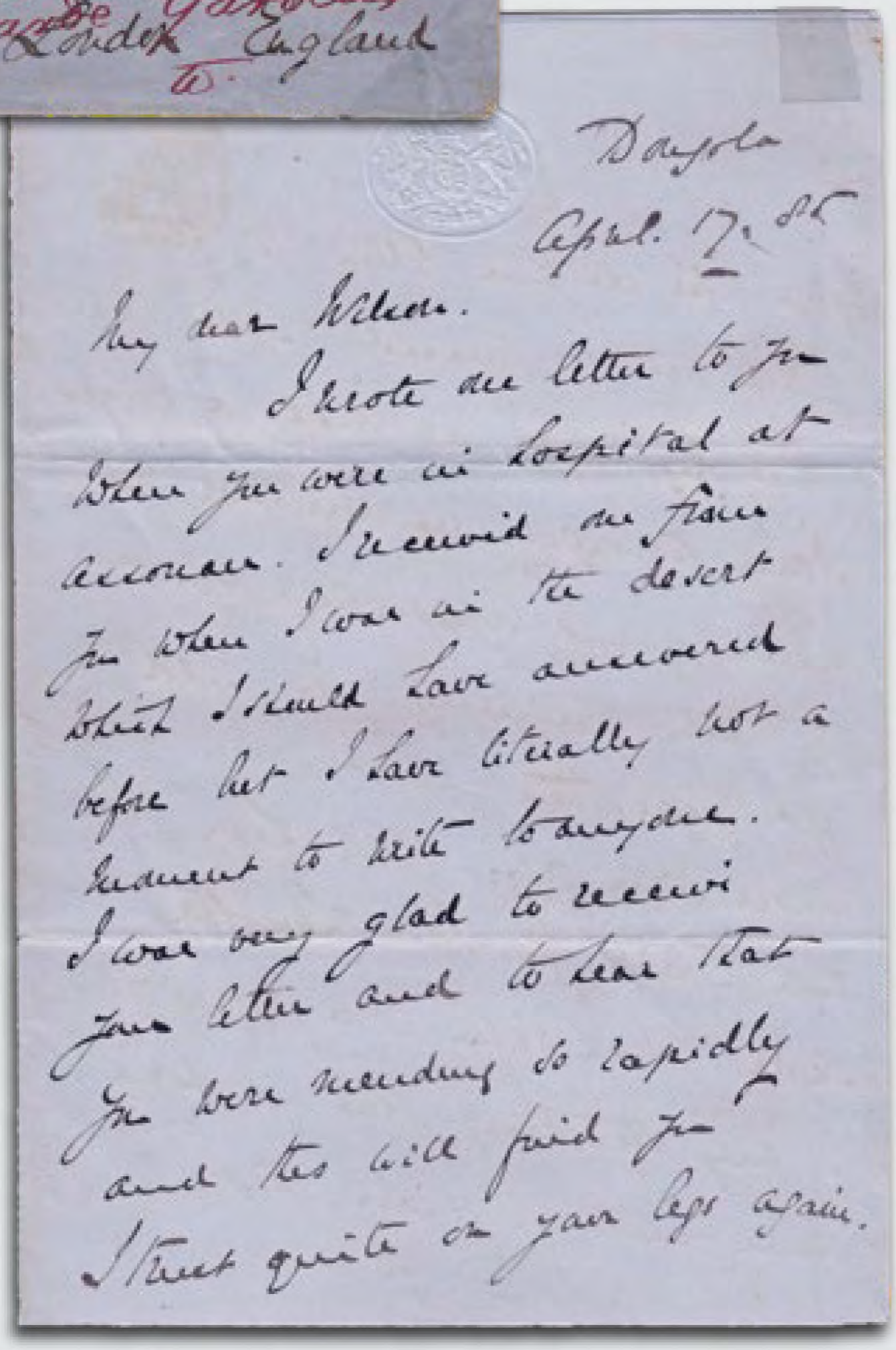
Dongola

Dongola to London



1885 (22.4) Envelope from Dongola, "On Her Majesty's Service" envelope (with contents) addressed to Captain Wilson then re-addressed to London and redirected locally, bearing 4th Issue 20 paras rose-carmine (2) tied by light bi-lingual circular datestamp and showing another strike alongside

Ex: Byam



The letter gives details of troops summer quarters and the hope that Captain Wilson will soon recover and be fit to resume command.

Dongola

Dongola to Hounslow



1885 (22.4) Envelope from Dongola to Hounslow, Middlesex, bearing 1884 Provisional Surcharge 20 paras on 5 piastres (2), tied by bi-lingual DONGOLA circular datestamp, backstamped on arrival HOUNSLOW / MY 11 85. Ex. Byam

Dongola to Cairo



1885 (13.5) Postcard from Dongola to Cairo, 20 paras paying the domestic rate, cancelled by small bilingual DONGOLA with another strike alongside, arrival cancellation in Cairo 24 May 85

The reverse of the card has the following message: "Dear Mr. Bencini, I have written to England by to-days mail for a Glengarry Cap which I have taken the liberty to be addressed c/o Messrs. Butfen 8 Co. I wish that you would keep it for me if not too much trouble & oblige. Yours faithfully, R. Sharp"

GORDON RELIEF EXPEDITION — NILE RIVER COLUMN

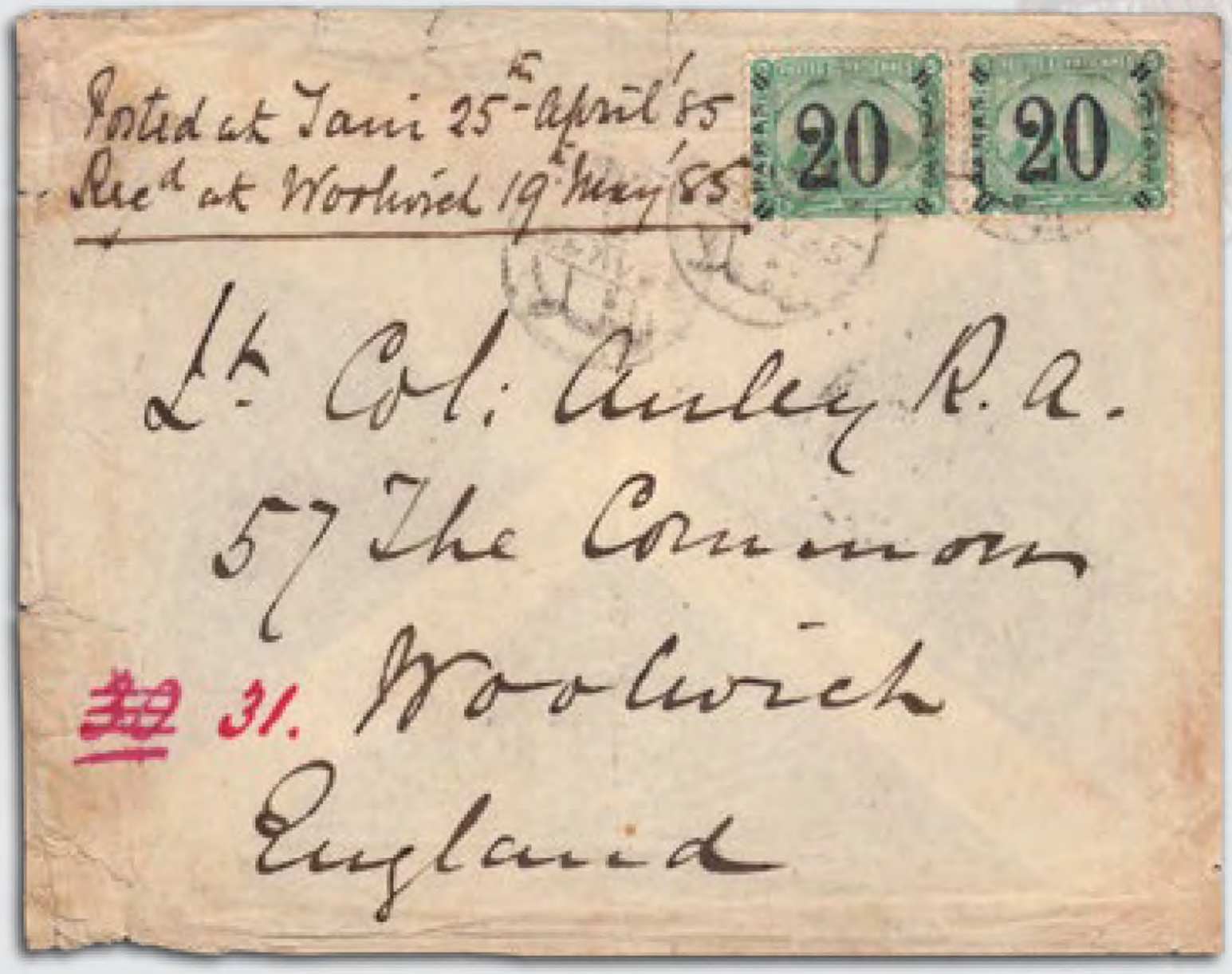
ThIs is the latest recorded cover of the Nile River Expedition from Dongola.

Note: A Glengarry Cap is a woolen cap that is creased lengthwise and often has short ribbons at the back. It is named after a valley in central Scotland.

Richard Grainger Atkinson Sharp of the Royal Sussex Regiment was commissioned a Second Lieutenant on 19 February 1881 and a First Lieutenant on I July 1881. He served in the Egyptian War of 1882 receiving the Egyptian Medal and Khedive's Star. He also received a Clasp for service with the First Battalion during the 1884-1885 Nile Expedition.

Dongola

Dongola to Woolwich



1885 (28.4) Letter to England writted at Tani and posted at Dongola, franked by two Provisional 1884 20 paras on 5 piastres green, tied by bilingual DONGOLA circular datestamp and an additional strike alongside, from Private GORE-ANLEY serving with the British Army and addressed to his father in England, cancelled at arrival in Woolwich
(Image: 90% of actual size)

Dongola to London





1884 OHMS cover from Dongola to a member of the Royal Engineers in London, franked by Provisional 1884 20 paras on 5 piastres green pair, tied POSTE EGIZIANE / DONGOLA circular datestamp (still dated 1880 in Arabic), readdressed on arrival in London (Dec 29 and 30) from New Cross to the Telegraph Battalion, Bechuanaland with Capetown circular datestamp on reverse on arrival Jan 22 85. Ex: Peter Smith

Gedaref

Opened: 1877
Closed: Late 1883(?)



2nd Issue



2 pi
negative seal

3rd Issue



1 pi
negative seal

There are no known covers recorded from the Egyptian Post Office in Gedaref

Kassala

Opened: 1 October 1873
Closed: Late 1883(?)





Interpostal Seal

3rd Issue



20 pa



1 pi (4) cancelled POSTE EGIZIANE / KASSALLA circular datestamp



2 pi

4th Issue



20 pa



1 pi

There are no known covers recorded from the Egyptian Post Office in Gedaref
All stamps on this page: Ex: Byam

Khartoum

Opened: 1 October 1873
Closed: March 1884





Interpostal Seals



Khartoum

3rd Issue



10 pa grey-lilac vertical strip of four cancelled "POSTE EGIZIANE / KARTUM bi-lingual datestamp



20 pa, 1 pi, 2 pi and 5 pi cancelled by POSTE EGIZIANE / KARTUM bilingual datestamp





1 pi and 5 pi, also Interpostal Seal, all cancelled with the rare POSTE KIE ENE / KARTUM / double-ring datestamp

Ex: Byam

4th Issue



1 pi rose, 1 pi blue and 10 pa lilac. Ex: Byam



10 pa green block of four, Privisional 1884 20 pa on 5 pi vertical pair with inverted overprint cancelled by bi-lingual datestamp

Ex: Royal Collection, Byam

Khartoum

Khartoum to Cairo



1884 (14.12) Registered envelope from Khartoum to Cairo, franked 4th Issue 20 paras rose-carmine and, on reverse, 10 paras green block of four and another 20 paras rose-carmine, all tied by bi-lingual KHARTOUM / 14 DE 84 circular datestamp, arival postmarks: Farchout 3 Jan 1885, Assiout 4 Jan 1885, Caire A. 5 Jan 1885 and Caire Ghouria 6 Jan 1885

Khartoum

Khartoum to Cairo



1873 (7.12) Letter from Khartoum to Cairo, franked 3rd Issue 2 piastres yellow, tied with rare POSTE EGI ENE / KARTUM / 7 12 73 double ring datestamp and additional strike to the right, backstamped SIUT 31 DIC 1873 and arrival in Cairo Jan 1, 74. The date of the letter, 7 Dec. 1873, is close to the opening of the office on 1 Oct. 1873. Two covers have been recorded with this cancellation, this cover is the earliest usage

Khartoum

Khartoum to Berber





1883 (3.4) Cover with contents from Austrian Consul in Khartoum to Geigler Pasha at Berber or Souakim. franked 4th Issue 1 piastre rose, tied Khartoum circular datestamp with repeated strike below

Khartoum

Khartoum to Venice



1881 (4.1) Registered cover from Khartoum to Venice, Italy, franked 4th Issue 2 piastre yellow-orange, tied KHARTOUM bi-lingual datestamp with an additional strike to the left and framed bi-lingual RCOMMANDÉ, transit and arrival backstamps: Assiout 23.1.81, Alexandria 25.1.81, Napoli 29.1.81, Venice 30.1.81. A rare registered cover

Khartoum

Khartoum to Amsterdam



1883 (21.4) Postcard from Khartoum to Amsterdam, 20 paras brown, tied KHARTOUM bi-lingual datestamp and an additional strike in the bottom-left, backstamped in transit Alexandria 13.5.83 and arrival cancellation in the front Amsterdam 22.5.83, a rare usage of postcard in Khartoum

Ex: Peter Smith

Korti

Opened: 26 January 1885
Closed: 23 March 1885

Korti to Kirton-in-Lindsay



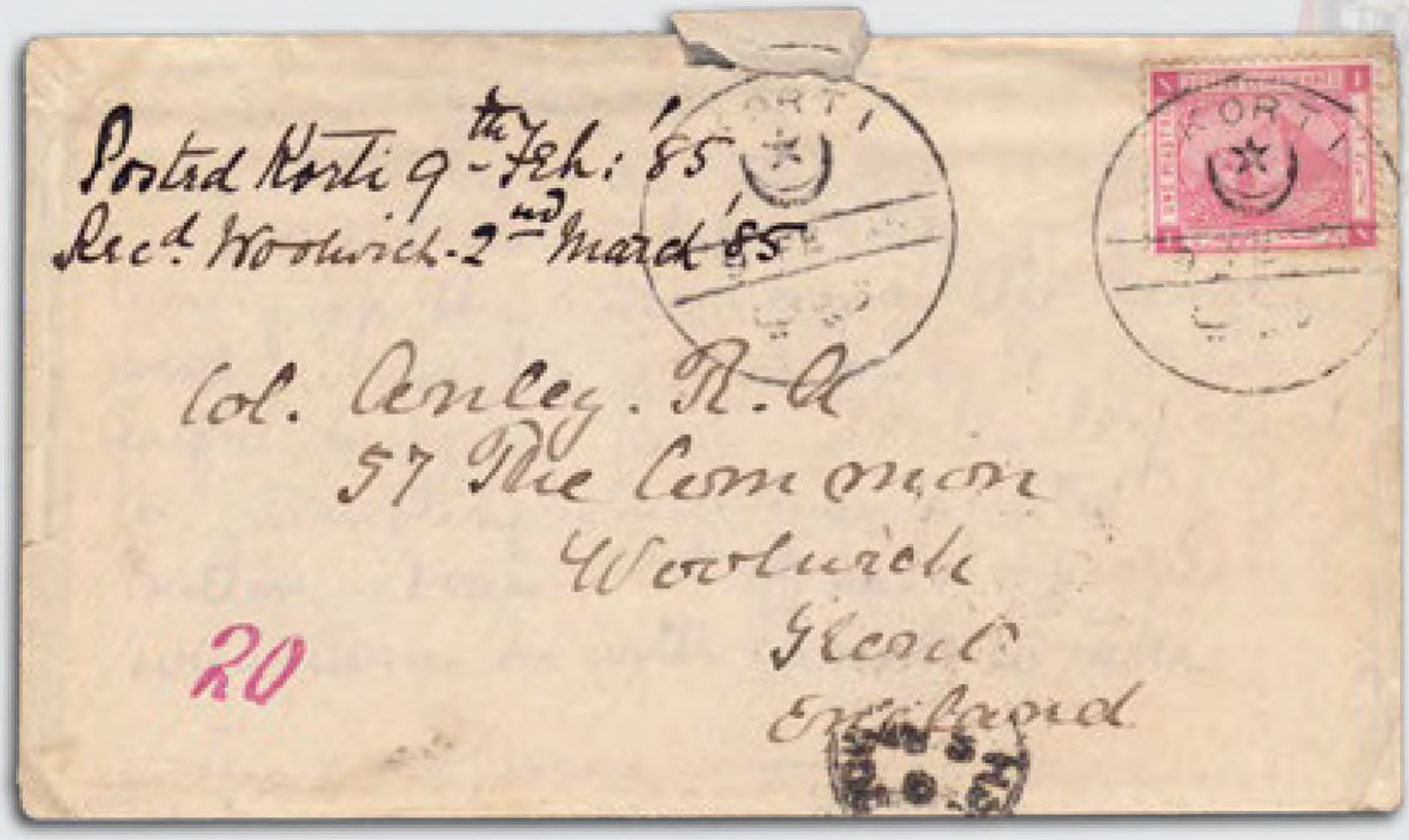
1885 (2.2) Stampless Officer's cover from Korti to Kirton Lindsay, England, marked 'Nile Expedition. No stamps available', with the large star and crescent date stamp of Korti, boxed "T" and handstruck "2 1/2", with arrival backstamp at Kirton Lindsay Feb 24, 85

GORDON RELIEF EXPEDITION – NILE RIVER COLUMN

The British reached Korti, a town on the Nile River, around December 15, 1884, and departed for summer quarters towards the end of March 1885. The date range of the fifteen recorded examples is 26 January 1885 to 23 March 1885. The cover is dated two days before the news of the death of Major-General Charles Gordon and the fall of Khartoum on January 26th reached General Wolesley at Korti. The cover is from Lieutenant John Pelham Dalison to his mother. He was commissioned a Lieutenant on December 19, 1883 in The Queen's Own (Royal West Kent Regiment). He served with the 1st Battalion during the Nile Expedition of 1884-1885, receiving the Egyptian Medal with Clasp, and the Khedive's Star.

Korti

Korti to Woolwich



1885 (9.2) Cover with contents letter from Korti to Woolwich, England, franked 4th Issue 1 piastre rose, tied KORTI / 9 FE 85 circular datestamp with additional strike alongside, backstamped on arrival Woolwich March 2, 85

Korti to Chelsea



1885 (23.2) Officer's envelope (with letter) from Korti to Chelsea, London, marked 'Nile Expedition. No stamps available', franked Provisional 20 paras on 5 piastres green vertical pair tied by KORTI / 23 FE 85 Star and Crescent datestamp with another strike alongside, backstamped on arrival Chelsea March 17, 85

Korti

Korti to Cairo





1885 (16.2) Nile Expedition - Soldier's cover from Korti to Cairo and complete contents, manuscript 'or any other Officer with 11th Company' franked Provisional 1884 20 paras on 5 piastres green and 4th Issue 10 paras bluish gray in a vertical pair, all tied by Star and Crescent KORTI / 16 FE 85 datestamp with an additional strike below, backstamped on arrival in Cairo 2 March 85, a rare cover, probably unique mixed franking used at Korti

Ex: Peter Smith

Note: The letter is addressed to Lieut. Sandback, it begins on Feb 12, contents - "seven of the 11th Company are with the Nile Column as a boat repairing party...we are now looking after the Dockyard which in reality is a sandbank in the middle of the river...there are 300 boats here...Colonel Todd has gone to Sakdur to put the place in a state of defence. I certainly can't see at present how we are going to cut ourselves adrift from the boats...not for publication"

Massawa

Opened: November 1867
Closed: December 1885

Cancels













Interpostal Seals













Massawa

2nd Issue



5 pa



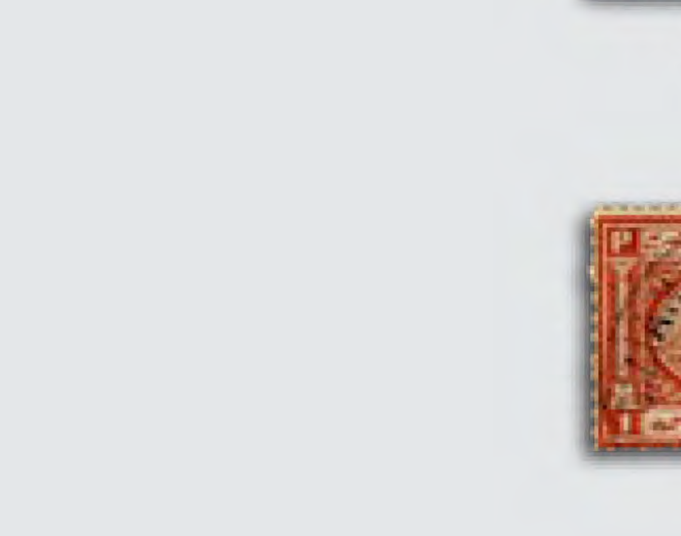
20 pa





1 pi

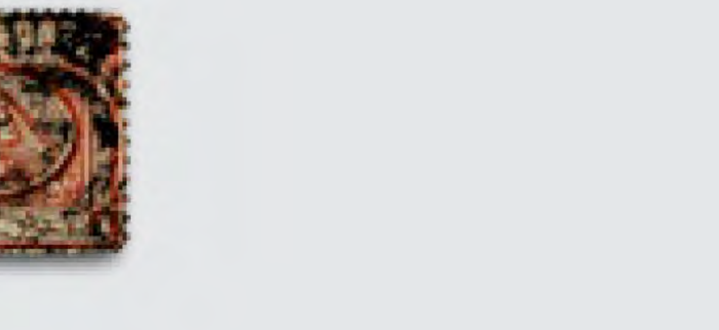
3rd Issue



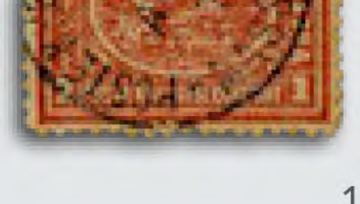
5 pa block of 4 with two vertical tête-bêche pairs



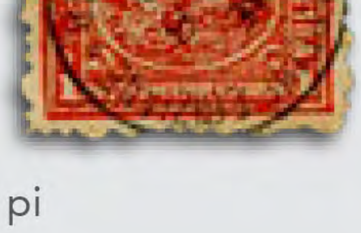
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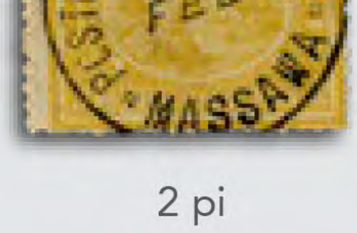
20 pa



1 pi



2 pi



2½ pi



5 pi

Massawa

4th Issue



5 pa. Ex: L. Alund



5 pa



10 pa



20 pa blue



20 pa red. Block of four Ex: Peter Smith

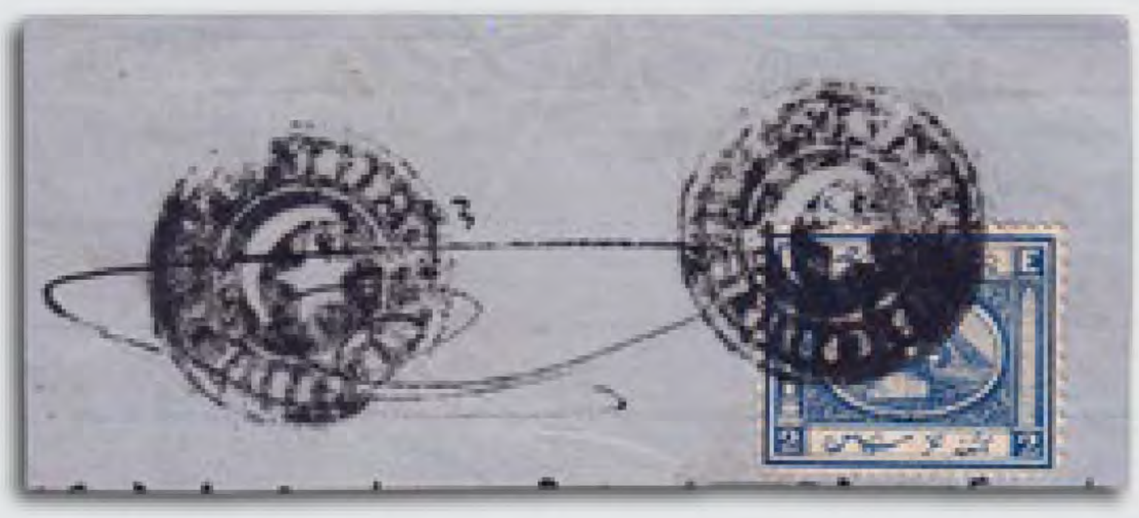


1 pi

2 pi

Massawa

2nd Issue



2 pi bright blue on piece tied by complete strike of intaglio seal REGIE POSTE EGIZIANE / MASSAWA showing Star and Crescent in centre with another full strike at left, rare

Ex: Byam

1884 Provisional Issue



20 pa on 5 pa

Ex: Peter Smith

Postage Dues



10 pa

20 pa

1 pi

Massawa

Debra-Tavor to Grenoble



1880 (28.3) Entire letter (with copie of content) from Debra-Tavor (east of Lake Tsana–Sanaura), Abyssinia via Massawa to Grenoble, sent by hand to Massawa where it received two strikes of circular negative seal of the Egyptian administration in blue as carried North by the Mohamed Ali Courrier Post, probably applied to denote official duty to Massawa, reverse bears MASSAWAH / 20 JU 80 circular datestamp. Suez and Alexandria transits and Grenoble arrival 15 July 80. A unique cover.

Ex: Schaefer

Massawa

Massawa to Cairo



1879 (11.1) Cover from Massawa to Cairo, franked 3rd Issue 10 paras grey in a block of 4 with 2 vertical tête-bêche block, tied by POSTE KHEDEVIE EGIZIANE / MASSAWA / 11 GEN 79 circular datestamp with repeated strike above, backstamped in transit at Suez 27 January 79 in blue and Cairo 28 January. A unique usage of the tête-bêche from Massawa on letter

Massawa

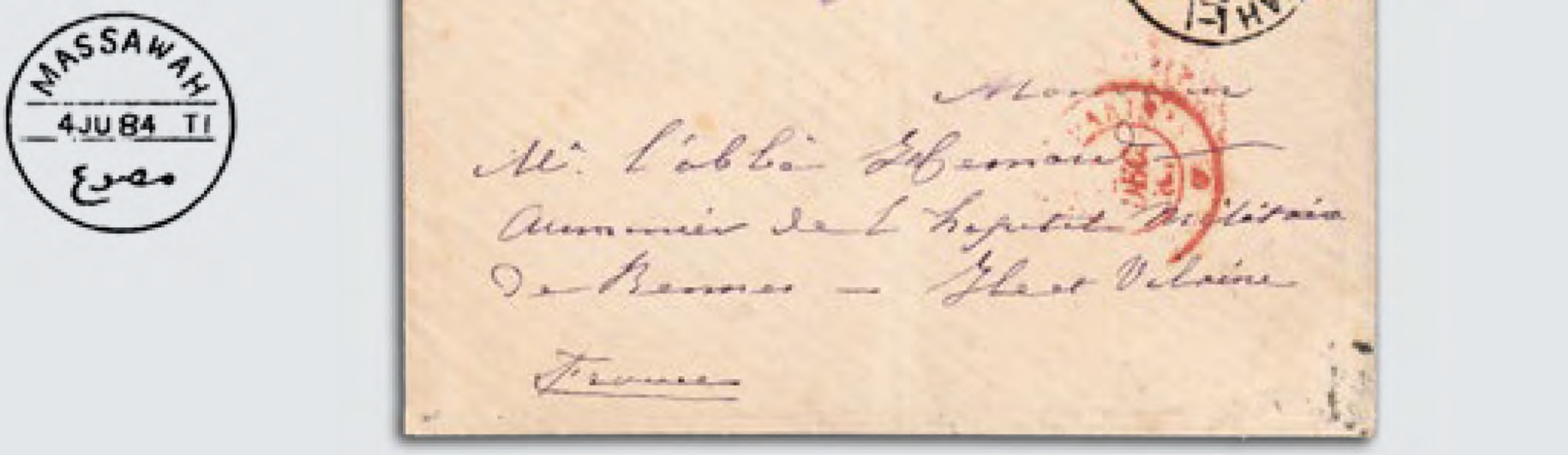
Massawa to Suez



1878 (20.2) Entire frm Massawa to Suez, franked 3rd Issue 1 piastre, tied by POSTE KHEDEVIE EGIZIANE / MASSAWA / 20 feb 78 circular datestamp with another strike towards lower left, backstamped on arrival in Suez

Massawa

Massawa to Rennes



1884 (28.11) Small envelope from Massawa to France, franked 4th Issue 1 piastre rose, tied MASSAWAH / 28 N0 84 bilingual circular datestamp, backstamped in transit in Suez and Alexandria and arrival in France. Rare

Massawa to India



1884, June Cover from Massawa to India, franked vertical pair Provisional 1884 20 paras on 5 piastres green, tied bi-lingual MASSAWAH datestamp, with SEA POST OFFICE / JUN: 12 circular datestamp and ADEN / 16 JUN. 84

Ex: Peter Smith

Merawi

There was no Egyptian post office in Merawi



Merawi to Woodchester



1897 (Sept) Envelope from Merawi, Sudan to England, franked by 4th Issue 5 m. rose horizontal pair, tied with MERAWI Star and Crescent circular datestamp and an additional strike in the lower left, backstamped in transit Walfa and Cairo and arrival in England

Ex: Byam

There was no Egyptian Post Office in Merawi, and as such "overprinted Sudan" stamps should have been used. The date on the Merawi cancellation is shown as 1896 while all other cancellations on the reverse of the envelope are showing 1897.

This letter was sent by Captain E. A. (later Colonel) Stanton, designer of the Camel type Sudan stamps to his father General Sir E. Staton.

Suakin

Opened: November 1867
Closed: (?)



3rd Issue



5 pa brown, tête-bêche block of eight, showing four tête-bêche pairs, cancelled by POSTE KHEDEVIE EGIZIANE / SOUAKIN / 9 DIC 75 circular datestamp, possibly unique block used in Sudan



1 pi with Suakin negative seal



1 pi vertical tête-bêche pair cancelled by POSTE KHEDEVIE EGIZIANE / SUAKIN / 21 DIC 77 circular datestamp.

Ex: Mackenzie Low

Suakin

Suakin to Suez



1874 (3.6) Cover front and small part back from Suakin to Suez, franked by 3rd Issue 1 piastre red and 2 piastres yellow for the triple rate, tied by rare ornamental POSTE KHEDEVIE EGIZIANE / SUAKIN / 3 GIU datestamp in blue. The sole recorded use of this cancellation on a cover and mentioned in Stagg

Ex: Peter Smith

Suakin

Suakin to Ardgour



1883 (27.5) Envelope from Suakin to Ardgour, Scotland, franked 4th Issue 1 piastre blue, tied by bilingual SOUAKIN circular datestamp, backstamped in transit at Suez and at arrival in ARDGOUR JU 10 85

Suakin

Suakin to Sunderland



1897 (27.9) Envelope from Suakin to Sunderland, England, franked 4th Issue 1 piastre blue (2), tied by bilingual SAWAKIN circular datestamp, backstamped in transit at Suez and arrival at Sunderland

Ex: Byam

Suakin to Harwich





1884 (9.3) Envelope from Suakin to Harwich, England, franked 4th Issue 1 piastre rose, tied by bilingual SOUAKIN circular datestamp with additional strike alongside, backstamped on arrival at Harwich March 25, 84

Suakin

Suakin to Bozen





1894 (30.1) Stationery envelope from Suakin to Bozen, Austria, 1 piastre blue, cancelled below the vignette by bilingual SUAKIN circular datestamp, backstamped in transit SUEZ 6 11 94 and ALEXANDRIE 7 11 94 and arrival BOZEN 13 2 94

Ex: Lars Alund

Suakin

Suakin to Kirkwall





This postcard is from H. H. Johnston, a member of No. 3 Field Hospital. The hospital was in charge of a Surgeon-Major, assisted by two Surgeons. It was the last of the four field hospitals to arrive, and was permanently stationed in the camp, when, towards the end of the military operations, it received sick from the Cavalry and Mounted Infantry

1885 (18.3) Postcard from Suakin to Kirkwall, Orkney Islands, Scotland, 20 paras brown foreign postcard rate, cancelled by bilingual SOUAKIN circular datestamp with another strike alongside.

Suakin to Pola





1897 (15.10) Postcard from Suakin to Pola, Austria, 5 m. carmine, with SUAKIN / 15 Oct 97 circular datestamp, transit Suez and Alexandria 21 Oct circular datestamps, arrival Pola, Austria 28.10.97. Ex: Kurt Wolfsbauer

Tokar

Opened: 1891
Closed: (?)



4th Issue



5 mill



1 pi

Tokar to Suakin



1895 (6.7) Envelope from Tokar to Suakin, franked 4th Issue 5 m. rose, tied bilingual TOKAR / 6 VII 95 circular datestamp and an additional strike in the bottom right, backstamped on arrival in Suakin 8 July 95 (the month VII struck inverted). Extremely rare with only two covers from this office recorded by Smith. Ex: Freschi

Wadi Halfa

Opened: 1 October 1873
Closed: (?)





Interpostal Seal cancelled with rare bilingual POSTE EGIZIANE / WADI-HALFE with Arabic date 1879

Wadi Halfa to London







1885 (20.5) Stampless Officer's envelope from Wadi Halfa to London, marked 'Active Service, no stamps available', cancelled bilingual WADI-HALFA circular datestamp, boxed "T" and handstruck "2 1/2D", backstamped in transit in Alexandria June 1 and arrival in London June 9

Wadi Halfa

Wadi Halfa to Brighton



1877 (27.10) Cover from Wadi Halfa to Brighton, England, franked 1 1/2 piastre UPU rate Brighton with 3rd Issue 20 paras gray-blue (a vertical pair and a single), tied by rare arabic dated POSTE EGIZIANE / WADI HALFE circular datestamp, manuscript at top 'via brindisi' and in Arabic 'To England', backstamped in transit in Suez Nov 10, Alexandria Nov 11 and at arrival in Brighton Nov 17. Believed to be the sole recorded usage of the 3rd Issue from Wadi Halfa on cover

Ex: Peter Smith

Wadi Halfa

Wadi Halfa to Lorne



1884 (22.11) Envelope from Wadi Halfa to Lorne, Ireland, franked 4th Issue 1 piastre rose, tied by bilingual WADI-HALFA / 22 NO 84 circular datestamp and an additional strike below, backstamped in transit in Alexandria Nov 29 and arrival in Lorne Dec 8

Ex: Byam

Wadi Halfa

Alexandria to Wadi Halfa





1890 (12.6) Postal Stationery post card from Alexandria to Wadi Halfa, 5 m. carmine, cancelled bilingual ALEXANDRIE / 12 VI 90, with a renewal notice for THE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE in the back of the post card, backstamped on arrival at WADI-HALFA / 21 JU 90

Ex Kurt Wolfsbauer

Wadi Halfa

Wadi Halfa to Abergele



1886 (1.2) Envelope from Sandbach correspondence from Wadi Halfa to Abergele, England, franked 4th Issue 20 paras rose-carmine pair, tied WADI-HALFA / 1 FE 86 bilingual circular datestamp with an additional strike below, backstamped in transit in Alexandria Feb 8, 86 and arrival Abergele Feb 16, 86

Wadi Halfa

Wadi Halfa to London



1883 (15.12) Telegram envelope of Railway Administration of the Port of Alexandria used in Wadi Halfa to London, franked 4th Issue 1 piastre rose, tied by bilingual WADI-HALFA / 15 DE 83 circular datestamp in green with repeated strike alongside, backstamped in transit in Assiout, Alexandria and arrival in London January 2, 84

Wadi Halfa

Wadi Halfa to Cairo



1896 (10.4) Envelope ex the "Sloggett" correspondence from Wadi Halfa to Cairo, franked 4th Issue 5 m. rose-carmine (2), tied by bilingual WADI HALFA / 10 IV 96 circular datestamp with repeated strike alongside, backstamped on arrival in Cairo

Wadi Halfa

Wadi Halfa to Cairo





1892 (14.10) Registered stationery cover from Wadi Halfa to Cairo, Provisional 1892 5 m. surcharge on 2 piastres orange and 4th Issue 5 m. rose-carmine pair, cancelled bilingual WADI HALFA / 14 OC 92 an additional strike alongside the 5 m. pair, backstamped on arrival in Cairo 24 X 92.

Ex: Lars Alund

Wadi Halfa

Wadi Halfa to Cairo



1896 (24.5) Postal Stationery cover from Wadi Halfa to Cairo, 5 m. carmine, cancelled bilingual WADI HALFA / 24 MA 96 with an additional strike below, backstamped on arrival Cairo May 29, 96

Ex: Kurt Wolfsbauer

Wadi Halfa

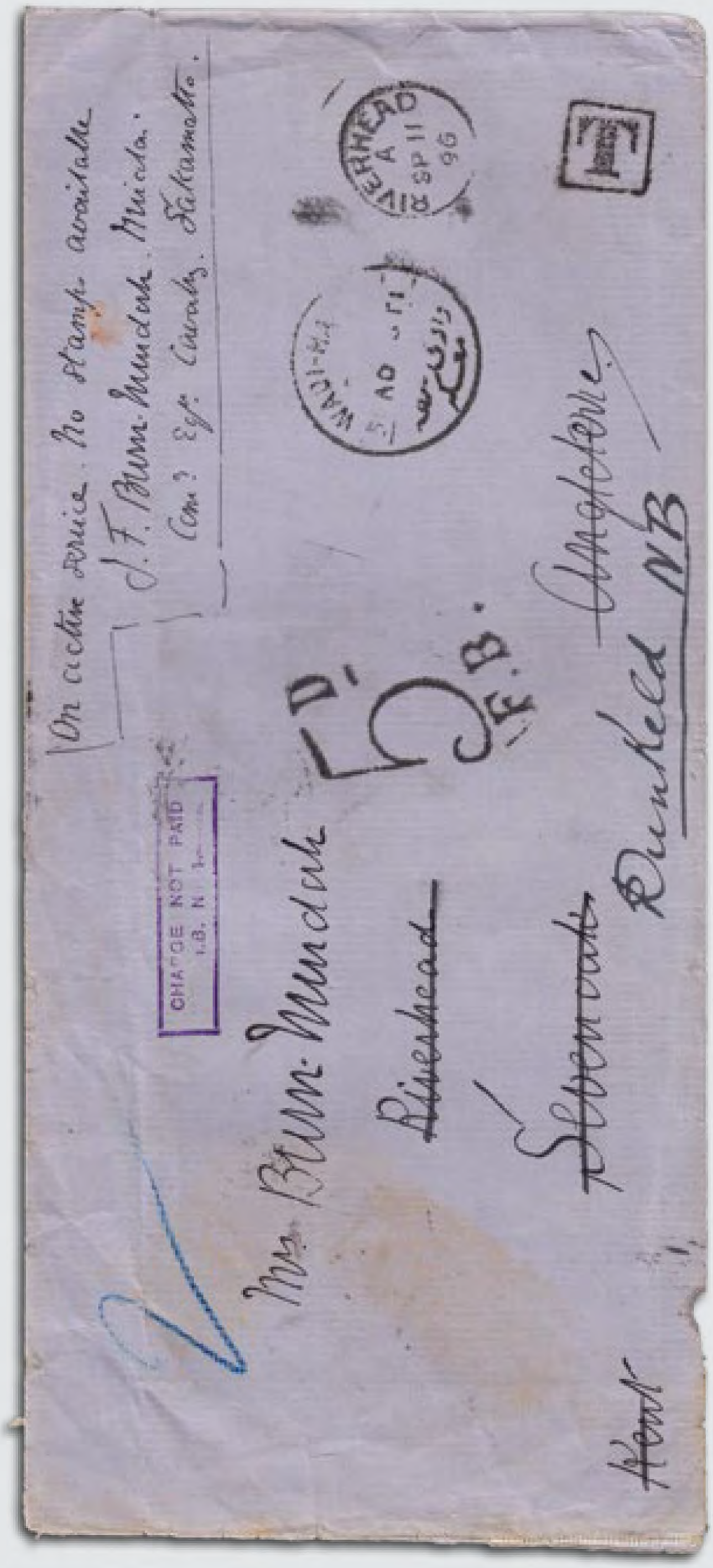
Wadi Halfa to Asswan



1886 (13.9) Envelope from Wadi Halfa to Asswan, showing bilingual WADI-HALFA / 13 SEP 86 circular datestamp, unfranked, boxed "T" and bearing Postage Due 2 piastres rose-red applied and cancelled on arrival in Asswan Sep 14, 86, also backstamped on arrival in Asswan

Wadi Halfa Camp

Opened: 1893
Closed: 1909



Wadi Halfa to Sevenoaks



1896 (30.8) Double weight stampless envelope (with letter) from Wadi Halfa Camp to Sevenoaks and redirected to Dunkeld, marked “On Active Service. No stamps available, Miralai, Comg. Egt. Cavalry, Sakamatto”, showing bilingual WADI-HALFA / CAMP circular datestamp, boxed “T”, “5D/F.B.” handstamped and framed “CHARGE NOT PAID/F.B. N. 1..” in violet, backstamped Cairo Sept 4 96, London Sept 10 96, Sevenoaks Sept 10 96, Sevenoaks 11 96, and Dunkeld Sept 13 96

Wadi Halfa Camp

Wadi Halfa to London



1896 (5.9) Envelope ex the "Sloggett" correspondence from Wadi-Halfa Camp to London, bearing 4th Issue 1 piastre blue, tied by bilingual WADI -HALFA / CAMP / 5 SE 96 circular datestamp with repeated strike below, backstamped on arrival Paddington September 17, 96

Wadi Halfa to Kidderminster



1896 (22.6) Cover from Wadi-Halfa Camp to Kidderminster, England, franked 5 m. rose-carmine, tied by WADA-HALFA / CAMP / 22 JU 96 with an additional strike at top-left, backstamped in transit in Cairo June 28, 96 and on arrival Kidderminster July 7, 96

Zeila

Opened: 1876
Closed: 1885(?)







Zeila to Vienna



1882 Postcard from Zeila to Vienna. The Indian postcard was not valid in Zeila; franking was supplied by the Egyptian 4th Issue 20 paras blue. Ordinarily, the 20 paras rate was acceptable only as Egyptian postal stationery; private postcards franked with adhesive stamps incurred the letter rate. In the above case, the 20 paras rate was apparently allowed exceptionally, because the item was, in fact, postal stationery. The 20 paras is cancelled by the Zeila negative seal, also cancelled in transit in Alexandria April 12 82 and Wien on arrival in Vienna. The message is headed 'Zeila an Indischen Ocean'; the address is 'Otta Reich cand. jur., Seilerasse 9, Vienna, Austria, via Aden', This is the only known example of use of an Egyptian postage stamp at Zeila

Ex: Lars Alund and Peter Smith