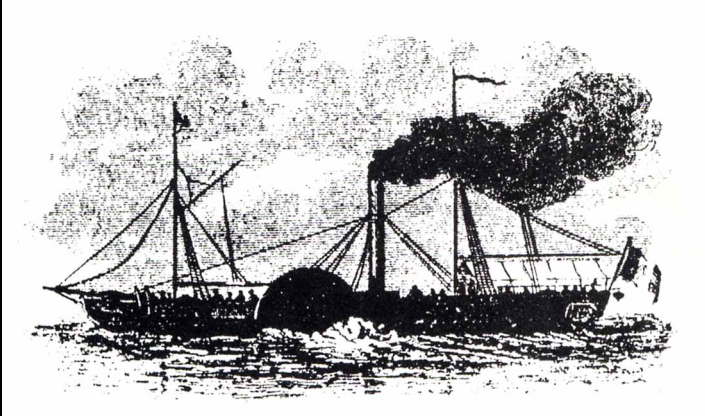


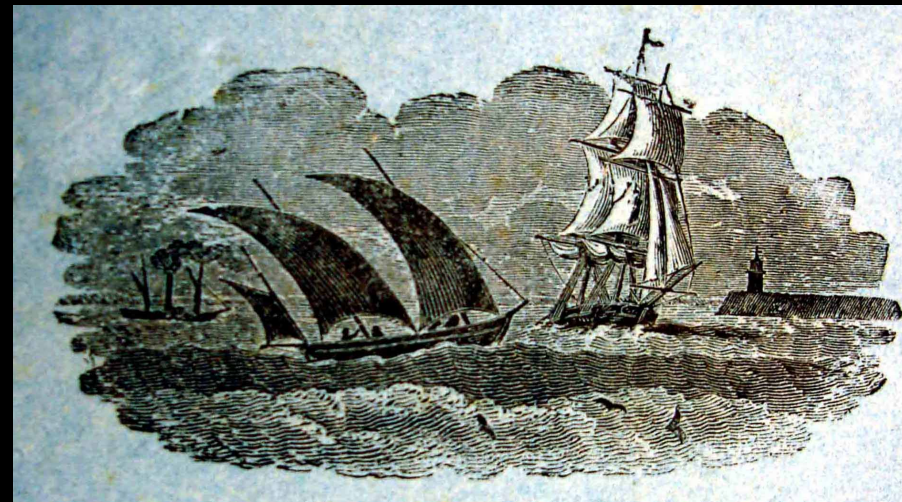


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FRENCH OFFICES IN THE LEVANT

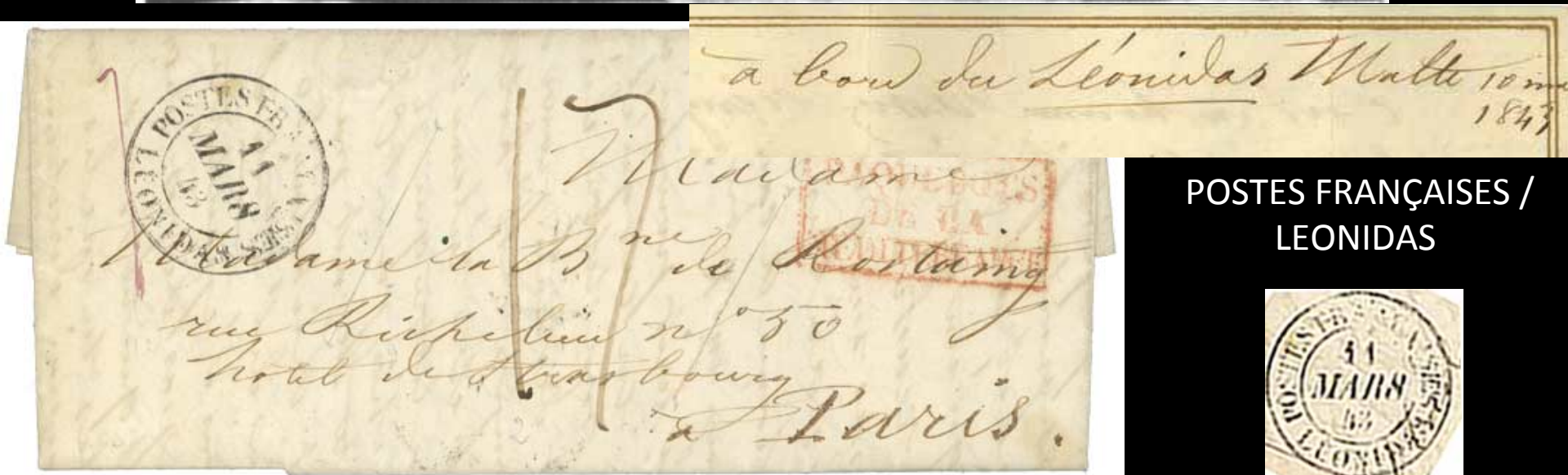
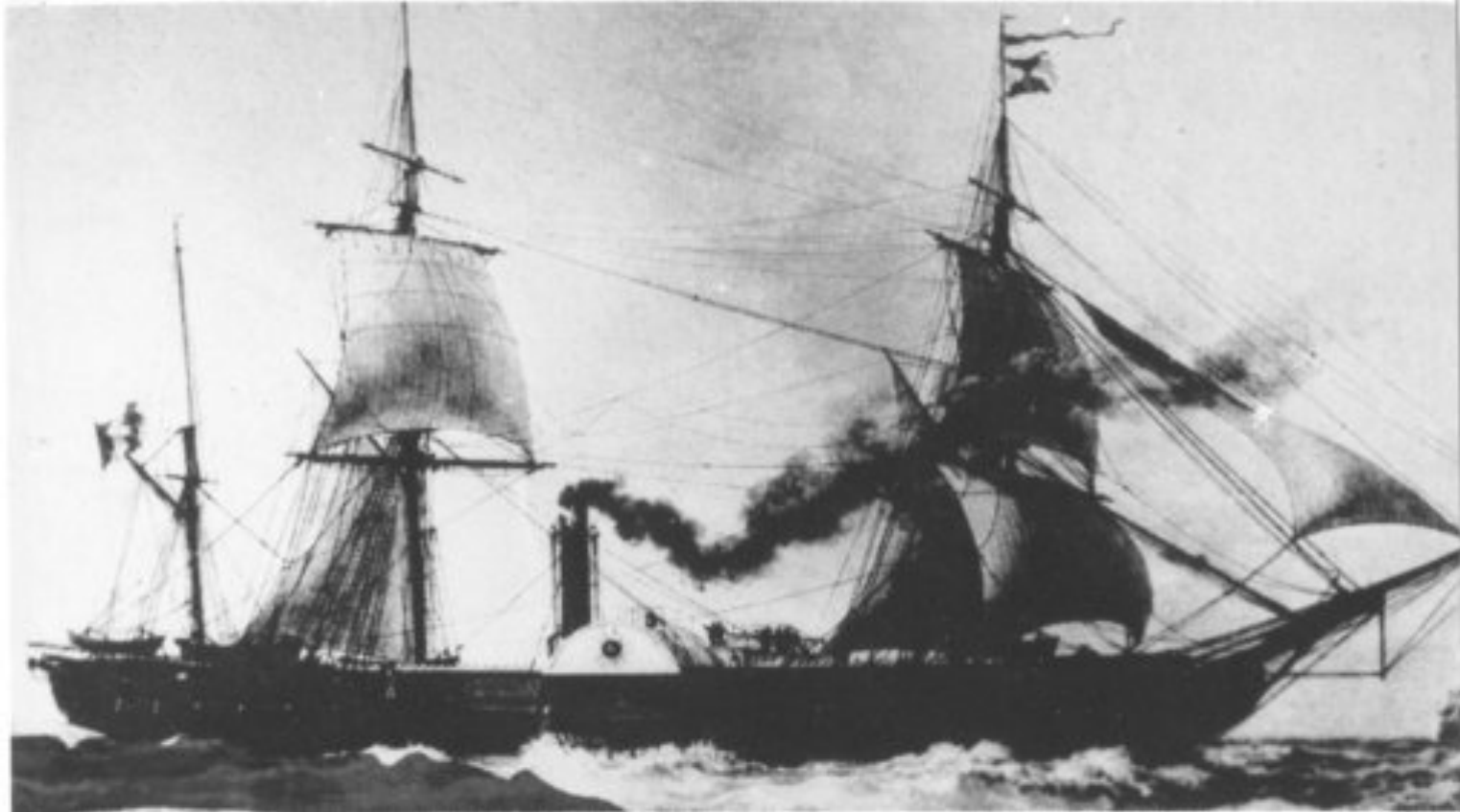
POSTAL RATES 1.5.1837 – 31.7.1849

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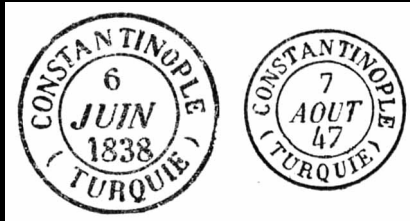


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OFFICES

1.5.1837: Constantinople, Smyrna , Alexandria.



1.2.1838: Dardanelles



16.11.1845: Beirut



- unpaid and prepaid letters
- printed matters, newspapers
- samples
- registered letters.

Handstamps

- **PP** (prepaid letters + printed matter)
- **CHARGÉ** (registered letters)
- **PD** (international prepaid letters according to convention)

ADMINISTRATION
DES POSTES.

BUREAU

d *Smyrne*

N° *53*

d'inscription au livre
de souche.

PAQUEBOT

le *Scamandre*

PAQUEBOTS A VAPEUR
DE LA MÉDITERRANÉE.

BULLETIN D'EMBARQUEMENT
À DÉLIVRER AUX PASSAGERS.

PLACES DE 1^{re} CLASSE.

LIGNE { de *Constante*
à *Malte*

Lieu de destination du passager.... *Sydra*

DÉPART du *10 août* — 1841.

Je reconnais que M. *Jean L'herdopulo*
a retenu aujourd'hui à mon bureau *une* place n°
jusqu'à *Sydra* dans le paquebot ci-dessus désigné,
et pour la quelle il a payé la somme de *quarante cinq*



Smyrne le *9 août* — 1841.
Le *Directeur*
J. Scamandre

Collection-French Lines



They also sell the
tickets to
passengers.

First class ticket on packet *Scamandre*
handstamped *Smyrna* 1841.



Annuaire des postes 1842



ROUTE

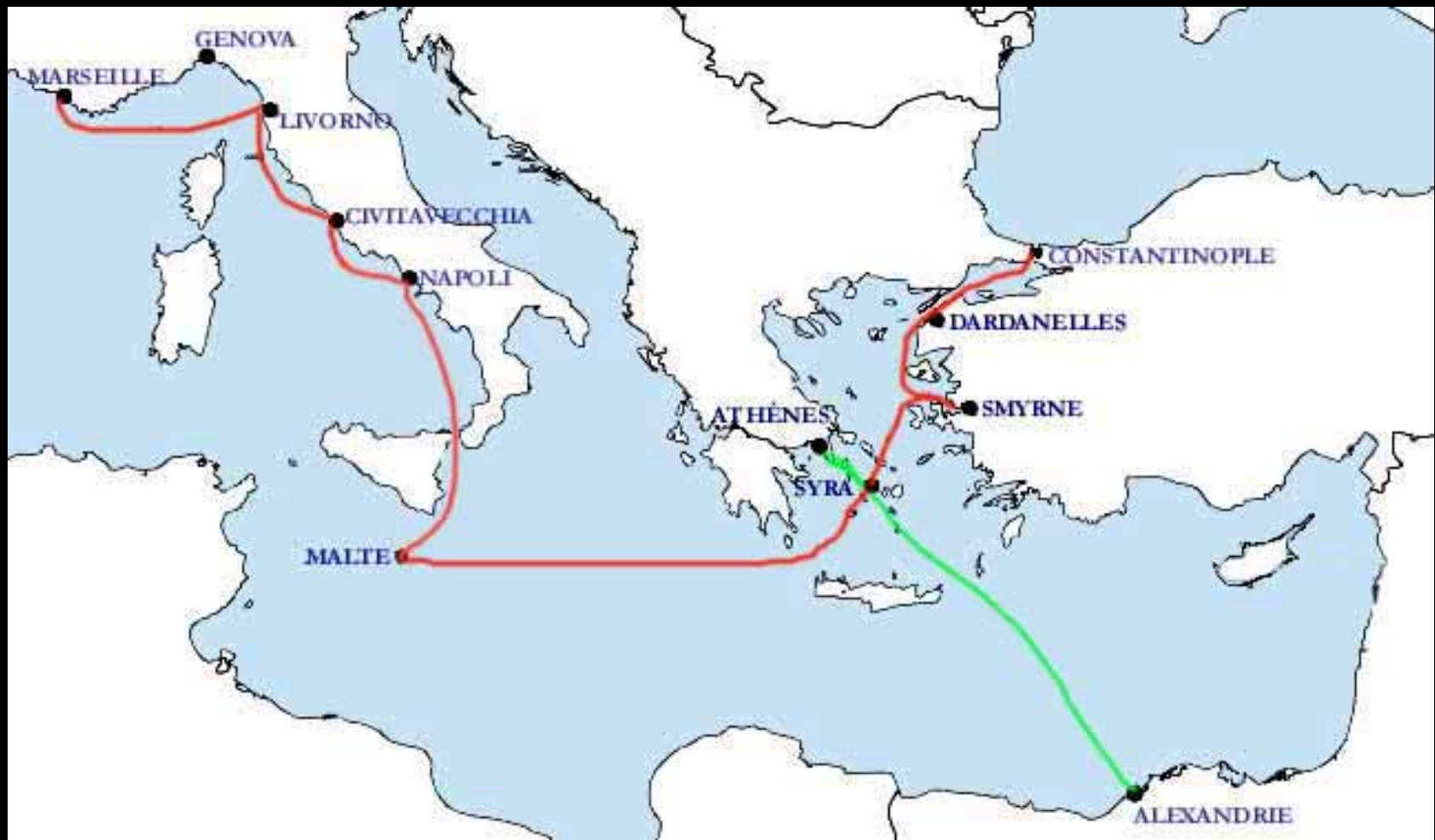
5.1837 - 2.1844

Two lines + three times a month (1st, 11th, 21st)

- **Levant line Marseilles - Constantinople**

calls: Livorno, Civittavecchia, Napoli, Malta, Syra, Smyrna, Dardanelles.

- **Egypt line Athens – Alexandria** call: Syra



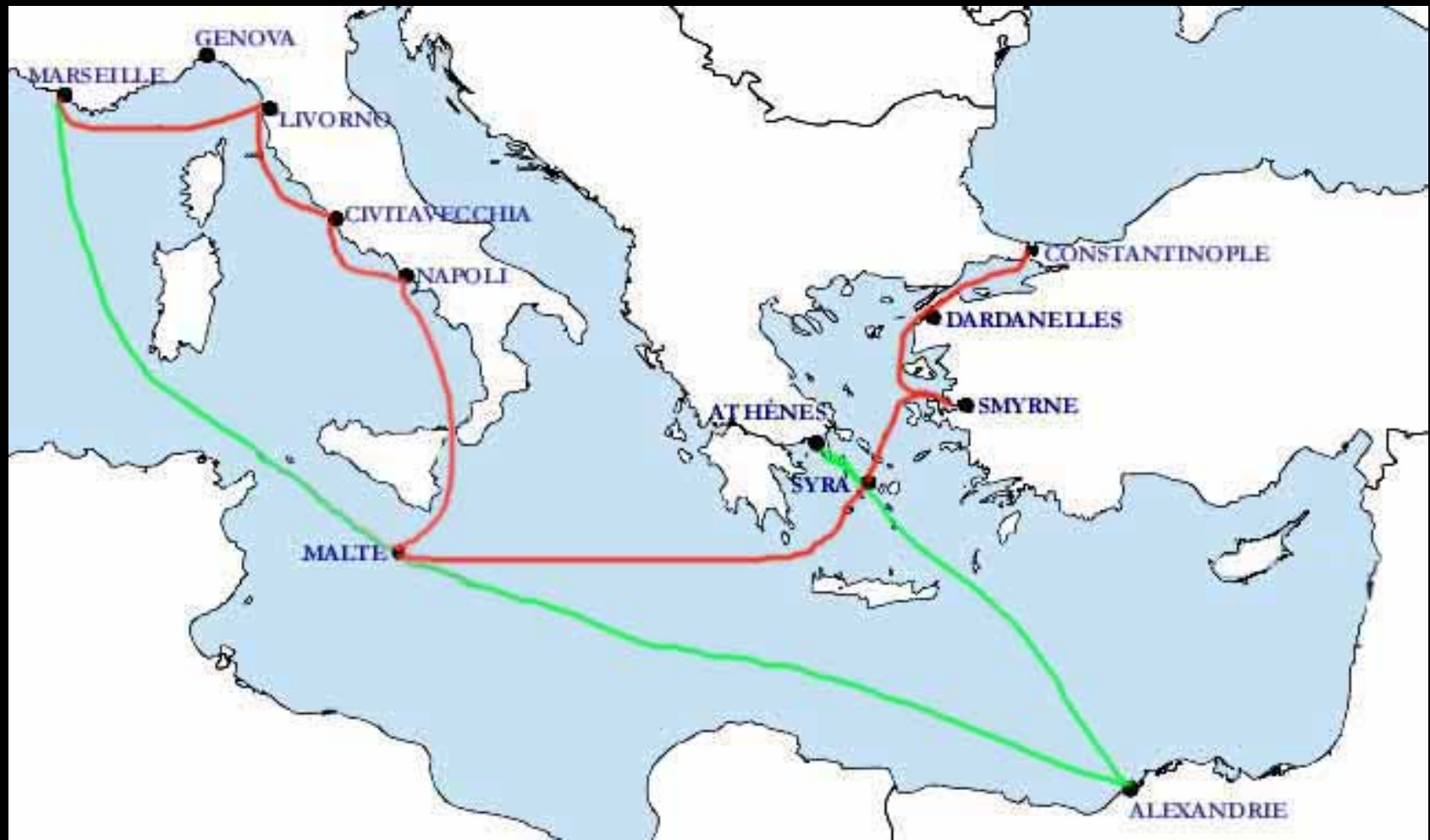
ROUTE

3.1844 - 10.1845

One Additional line:

- Direct line to Egypt Marseilles – Alexandria

call: Malta



ROUTE 11.1845 - 5.1848

Levant line: no change

Line Athens Alexandria: suppression

Egypt direct line: extended to Beirut.



ROUTE

6.1848 - 8.1851

Levant line: direct calls: Malta, Piraeus, Smyrna, Dardanelles

Egypt direct line: no change

Coast of Italy line : new 29.6.1848 Marseilles Malta

calls: Genoa, Livorno, Civittavecchia, Napoli, Messina



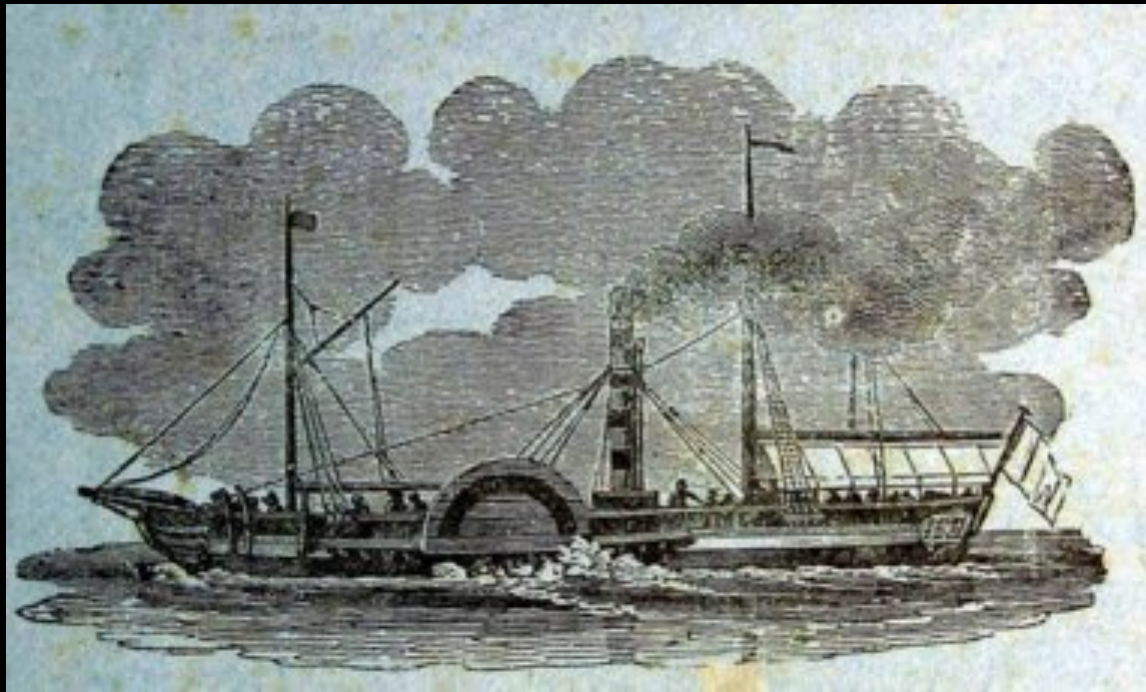
9. 1851: Messageries Impériales replace French Postal Administration.

PACKET RATES

First tariff 1.5.1837 - May 1838

Single weight letter

- between occidental ports: 10 décimes
- between oriental ports: 10 décimes
- between oriental and occ. ports: 20 décimes.



PACKET RATES

Second tariff June 1838 – 31.7.1849

N° 7407. — *ORDONNANCE DU ROI relative à la Taxe des Lettres, Journaux et Imprimés transportés par les Paquebots français de la Méditerranée.*

Au palais de Neuilly, le 30 Mai 1838.

LOUIS-PHILIPPE, ROI DES FRANÇAIS;

Vu les lois des 15 mars 1827, 14 décembre 1830 et 30 mai 1838;

Sur le rapport de notre ministre secrétaire d'état au département des finances,

NOUS AVONS ORDONNÉ et ORDONNONS ce qui suit :

ART. 1^{er}. La taxe de voie de mer à appliquer aux lettres transportées par les paquebots français de la Méditerranée sera réglée, pour chaque lettre pesant moins de sept grammes et demi, d'après la distance en ligne droite existant entre le port d'embarquement et le port de débarquement, conformément au tarif ci-après :

Jusqu'à 50 lieues marines inclusivement...	4	décimes.
De 51 à 100 lieues <i>idem</i>	5	<i>idem</i> .
De 101 à 150 <i>idem</i>	6	<i>idem</i> .
De 151 à 200 <i>idem</i>	7	<i>idem</i> .
De 201 à 300 <i>idem</i>	8	<i>idem</i> .
De 301 à 400 <i>idem</i>	9	<i>idem</i> .
De 401 et au-dessus	10	<i>idem</i> .

La progression de la taxe de celles des lettres ci-dessus

B. n° 573.

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mentionnées dont le poids atteindra ou dépassera sept grammes et demi sera celle qui est déterminée par l'article 3 de la loi du 15 mars 1827.

2. Les journaux, gazettes, ouvrages périodiques, livres brochés, brochures, papiers de musique, catalogues, prospectus, annonces et avis divers imprimés, lithographiés ou autographiés, qui seront transportés par les paquebots sus-mentionnés supporteront, outre la taxe voulue par les lois des 15 mars 1827 et 14 décembre 1830, une taxe de voie de mer, qui est fixée à quatre centimes pour chaque feuille de journal ou d'écrit périodique, et à cinq centimes pour chaque feuille de tous autres imprimés.

Toutefois, les journaux, ouvrages périodiques et imprimés de toute nature, déposés dans les bureaux de poste des ports d'embarquement de ces paquebots et destinés pour les ports auxquels abordent ces mêmes paquebots, ne supporteront que la taxe de voie de mer ci-dessus fixée.

3. Notre ministre secrétaire d'état des finances est chargé de l'exécution de la présente ordonnance, qui sera insérée au Bulletin des lois.

Signé LOUIS-PHILIPPE.

Par le Roi : le Ministre Secrétaire d'état des finances,

Signé LAPLAGNE.

Distances calculated in a straight line between harbours

SECOND PACKET RATE

(N° 227. E. M. D.)

ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES.

LIEUX DESSERVIS PAR LES PAQUEBOTS.		TAXE de voie DE MER.
POINTS DE DÉPART.	LIEUX DE DESTINATION.	
		Décimes.
ALEXANDRIE.	Civita-Vecchia.....	9
	Constantinople.....	8
	Dardanelles.....	7
	Livourne.....	10
	Malte.....	8
	Marseille.....	10
	Naples.....	9
	Pirée (le).....	7
	Smyrne.....	7
	Syra.....	7

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TARIF de la Taxe des Lettres transportées par les Paquebots du Levant, conformément à l'Ordonnance royale du 30 mai 1838.

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	Syra.....	7
MARSEILLE.	Alexandrie.....	10
	Civita-Vecchia.....	5
	Constantinople.....	9
	Dardanelles.....	9
	Livourne.....	5
	Malte.....	7
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	Pirée (le).....	8
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	Marseille.....	7
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DARDANELLES.	Marseille.....	9
	Naples.....	7
	Pirée (le).....	5
	Smyrne.....	4
	Syra.....	5
	Alexandrie.....	10
	Civita-Vecchia.....	4
	Constantinople.....	8
	Dardanelles.....	8
	Malte.....	7
LIVOURNE.	Marseille.....	5
	Naples.....	5
	Pirée (le).....	8
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	Alexandrie.....	8
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	Constantinople.....	5
	Dardanelles.....	5
	Livourne.....	8
SYRTE.	Malte.....	7
	Marseille.....	9
	Naples.....	7
	Pirée (le).....	4
	Smyrne.....	4
	Alexandrie.....	7
	Civita-Vecchia.....	8
	Constantinople.....	5
	Dardanelles.....	5
	Livourne.....	8

ADDITIONS TO SECOND PACKET RATE

Beirut October 1845

• Alexandria	6
• Civittavecchia	10
• Constantinople	8
• Dardanelles	8
• Livorno	10
• Malta	9
• Marseilles	10
• Naples	9
• Piraeus	8
• Smyrna	8



Messina May 1848

• Alexandria	8
• Beirut	9
• Constantinople	8
• Dardanelles	7
• Marseilles	7
• Smyrna	7

Genoa May 1848

• Alexandria	10
• Beirut	10
• Constantinople	10
• Dardanelles	9
• Smyrna	9

source : Annuaire des postes

1.8.1849: uniform French rate (included packet + territorial rates)

WEIGHT SCALE

For packet rate + French, Sardinian and Greek internal tariffs

weight	rate
0 to < 7.5 g	single rate
7.5 to < 10 g	x 1.5
10 to < 15 g	x 2
15 to < 20 g	x 2.5
20 to < 25 g	x 3
	and so / 5 g

from 1.8.1849 per 7.5 g

FRANCE

- Prepayment optional
- Unpaid and prepaid letters: same rate
- French Offices in the Levant to:

Marseilles	packet rate without internal rate
France	packet rate + French internal rates from Marseilles
Corsica /Algeria	packet rate + one décime

- Entry mark to France or in transit through France

Marseilles



Paris



	km	décimes	km	décimes
French internal tariff in force: 1.1.1828 -31.7.1849 Distances / straight line	< 40	2	300 to 400	7
	40 to 80	3	400 to 500	8
	80 to 150	4	500 to 600	9
	150 to 220	5	600 to 750	10
	220 to 300	6	750 to 900	11
			above	12

CONSTANTINOPLE.....

Alexandrie.....	7
Civita-Vecchia.....	8
Dardanelles.....	4
Livourne.....	8
Malte.....	8
Marseille.....	9
Naples.....	8
Pirée (le).....	5
Smyrne.....	5
Syra.....	5



Constantinople to Marseilles (1845) : 9 décimes
1838 packet rate Constantinople - Marseilles

FRANCE



Beirut to Lyon
(1847):

16 décimes

Beirut

10 décimes

1845 packet rate

Beirut-Marseilles

+ 6 décimes French internal rate
(220-300 km Marseilles-Lyon)

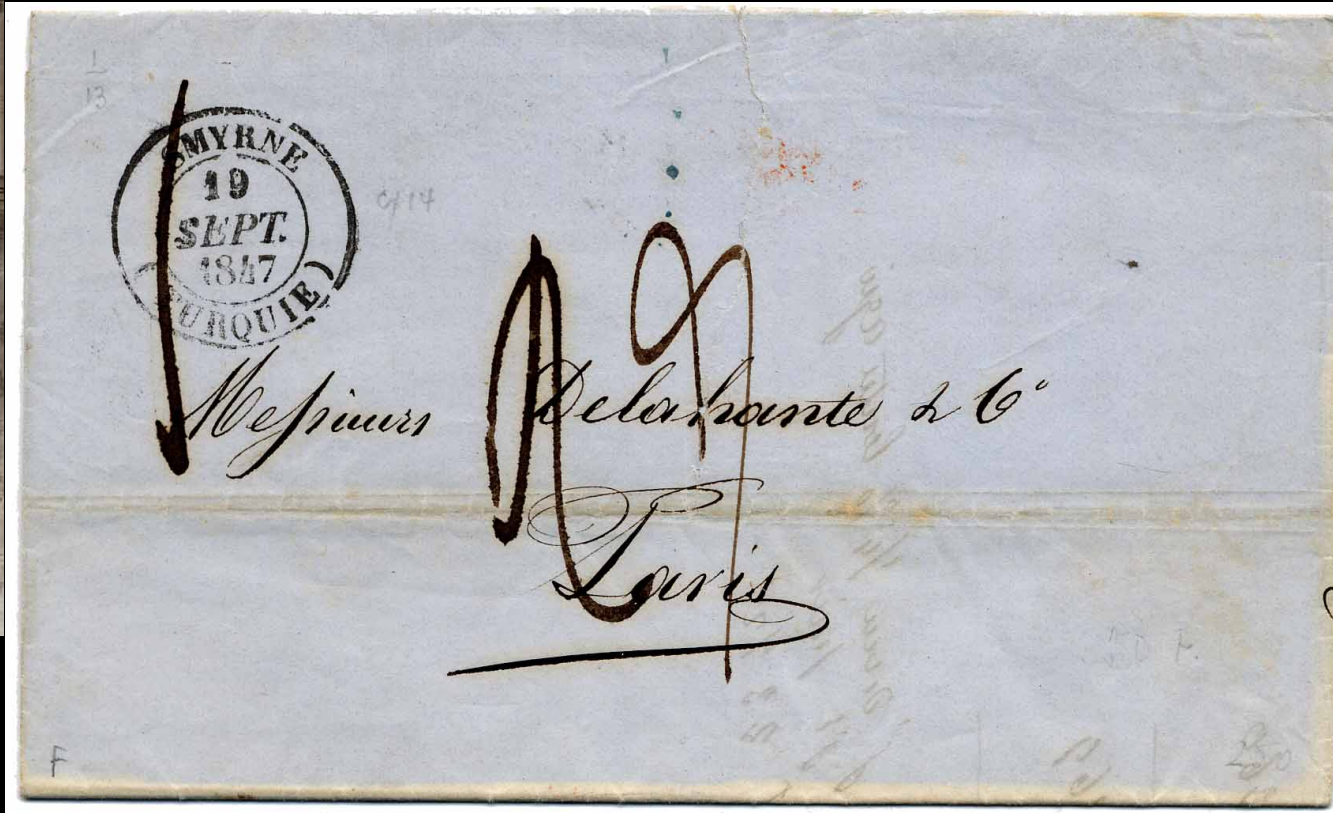


FRANCE



Smyrna

Weight indication “**V**”
($7.5 < 10\text{g}$) = 1.5 rate



Smyrna Paris (1847): 29 décimes

9 déc. 1838 packet rate Smyrna-Marseilles

= 19 d x 1.5 = 29

+ 10 déc. French int. rate (600-750 km Mars.-Paris)

FRANCE

PS
a Monsieur
Henry de Sostain, Enseigne de vaisseau
à bord de la corvette La Créole
en station à Beyrouth / Syrie
(Par Marseille) (Bouches du Rhône)

Letter for the
corvette *La
Créole* of the
French naval
Station in front
Beirut during
disorders
between
Christians and
Druzes.



Thilly /Seule (Normandy)
Alexandria (1841)
prepaid **21 décimes**
(compulsory)

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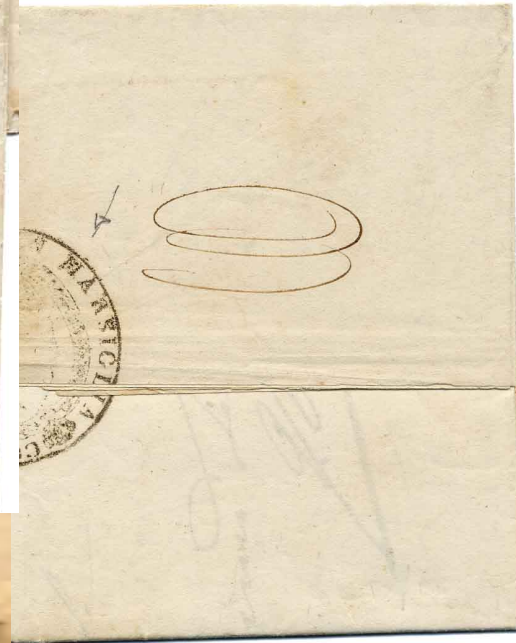
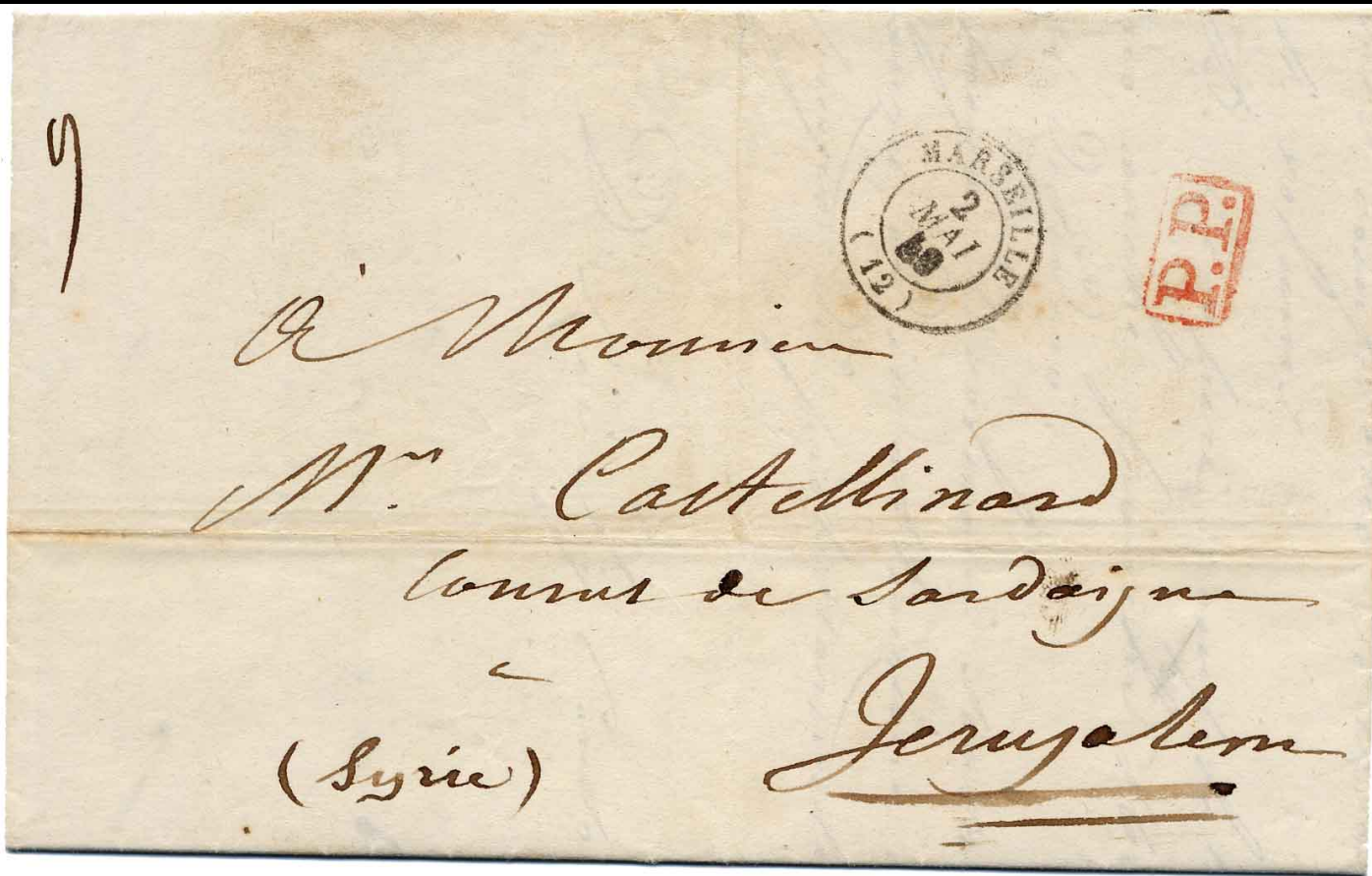


Beirut

11 décimes French
internal rate
(750-900 km Thilly-
Marseille)
+ 10 décimes 1838
packet rate Marseille-
Alexandria.

FRANCE

Marseille Jerusalem
(1849)
prepaid **10 décimes**
10 décimes 1838
packet rate
Marseilles-
Alexandria.



Prepayment for
Jerusalem is compulsory
to Beirut.
(Jaffa opens in 1852)



Jerusalem

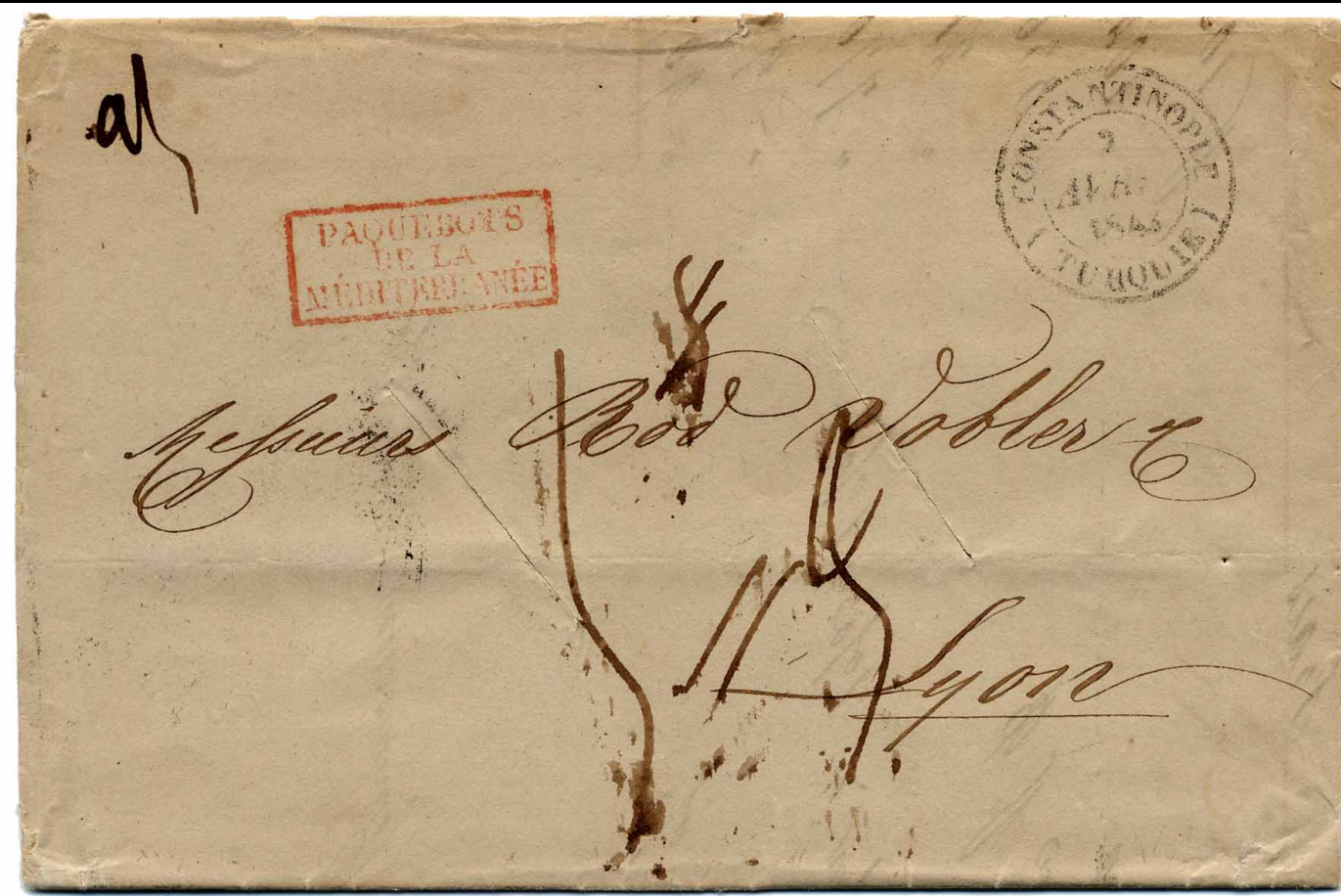
Weight indication "25"
(25 < 30g) = 3.5 rates

FRANCE

Constantinople
Lyon (1842)

5 francs and 3
décimes

Constantinople



9 déc. 1838 packet rate

Constantinople-Marseilles

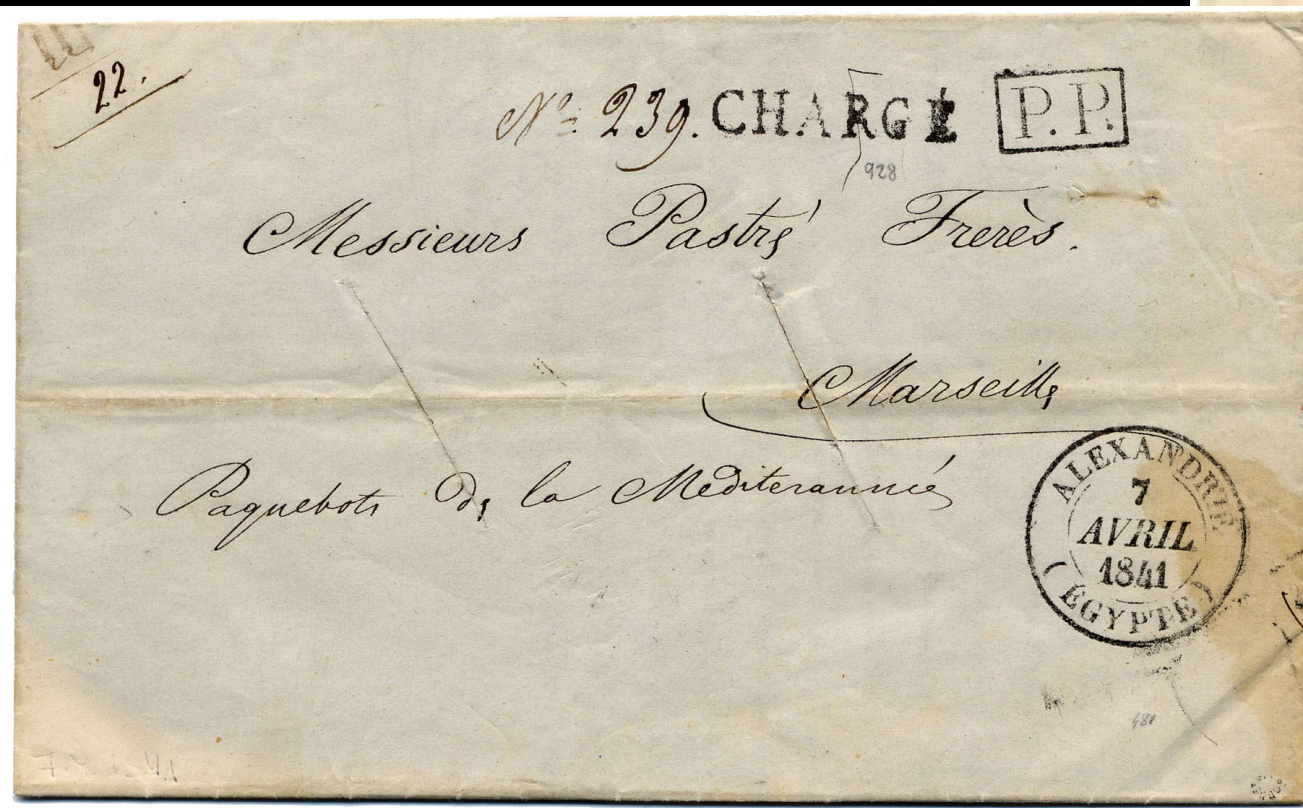
+ 6 déc. French internal rate

(220-300 km Marseilles-Lyon)

= 15 x 3.5 = 53



FRANCE



Alexandria Marseilles (1841) registered
Prepaid. 40 déc. for 10 to < 15 g (2 rates)

10 packet rate Alexandria Marseilles
x 2 for 2 rates x 2 for registration

Registered letters are compulsory prepaid and costs double the
rate of an ordinary letter.

Unique registered letter from Alexandria in the prephilatelic period.

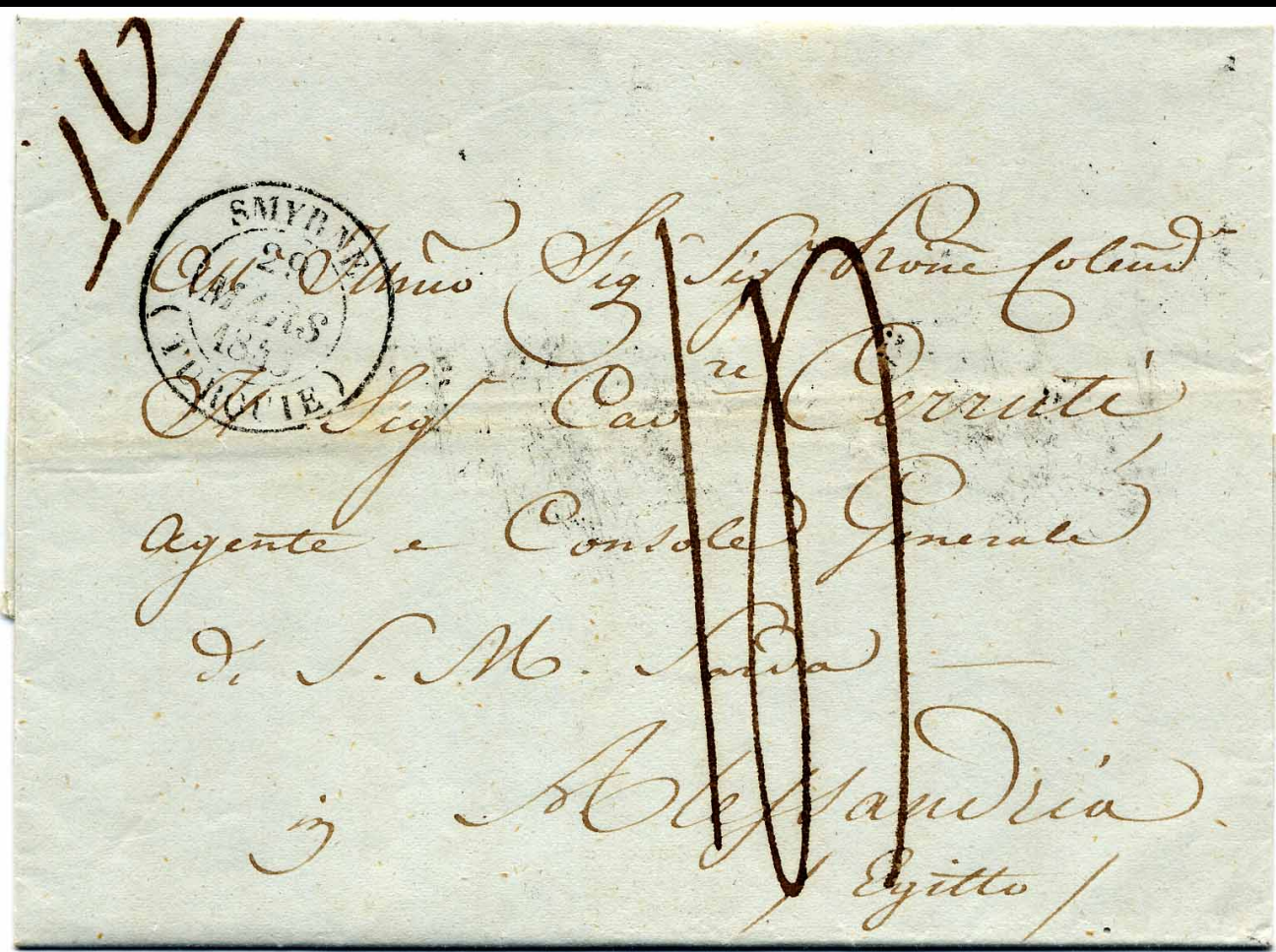


OTHER FRENCH LEVANT OFFICES

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Regulations: like France

Rate: packet rate only



Smyrna Alexandria
(1845)

14 décimes

10 = 2 rates

2 x 7 packet rate

Smyrna Alexandria.



Smyrna

OTHER FRENCH LEVANT OFFICES

Constantinople
Alexandria
(1842)
8 décimes

8 décimes
1838 packet
rate
Constantinople
Alexandria



Sig.^r
Giovanni D'Anastasy
hel
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Alessandria



GREECE

Before 4.6.1838

prepayment compulsory = packet rate.

From 4.6.1838 Franco-Greek Convention

Optional Prepayment (PD /ΠΕΔ).

4.6.1838 -1.1845 Fr off and Greek prepaid/unpaid

1838 packet rate + internal Greek rate

10 lepta = 9 centimes

After 1.1845



GREECE 4.6.1838 -1.1845

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DES POSTES DU

NOMS DES			TAXE GRECQUE À PERCEVOIR en sus des taxes françaises sur les lettres passant par les bureaux d'échange	
BUREAUX GRECS.				
En grec, et conformément aux timbres d'origine.	En français.	DÉPARTEMENTS.	du Pyrée.	de Syra.
1	2	3	4	5
ΝΑΪΗΑΚΤΟΣ.....	Naupacte	Étolie	30	"
ΝΑΪΗΑΙΟΝ	Nauplie.....	Argolide...	20	"
ΝΑΞΟΣ.....	Naxie.....	Naxos	"	10

ΕΡΜΙΟΝΗ.....	Ermioni	Hydra.....	20	"	ΣΙΚΙΝΟΣ.....	Siphnos.....	Idem.....	"	10
ΦΟΥΡΚΑ.....	Fourka.....	Phiotide..	30	"	ΣΚΙΑΘΟΣ.....	Skios.....	Eubée.....	40	"
ΓΑΛΑΞΙΔΙ.....	Galaxidi.....	Phocide ..	30	"	ΣΚΥΡΟΣ.....	Skyros.....	Idem.....	40	"
ΓΑΣΤΟΥΝΗ.....	Gastouni.....	Élis.....	40	"	ΣΠΑΡΤΗ.....	Sparte.....	Lacédémone	30	"
ΓΥΛΛΙΟΥΜ.....	Gyllium.....	Laconie...	30	"	ΣΠΕΤΖΙΑ.....	Spetzia.....	Hydra.....	10	"
ΎΔΡΑ.....	Hydra.....	Hydra.....	10	"	ΣΥΡΑ.....	Syra.....	Syra.....	"	10
ΙΟΣ.....	Ios.....	Thira.....	"	10	ΘΗΒΑΙ.....	Thèbes.....	Thèbes.....	10	"
ΚΑΛΑΜΑΤΑ.....	Kalamata.....	Messénie ..	30	"	ΘΗΡΑ (Santorin).....	Thira.....	Thira.....	"	10
ΚΕΑ.....	Kea (Zéa).....	Syra.....	"	10	ΤΙΝΟΣ.....	Tinos.....	Syra.....	"	10
ΚΙΝΟΥΡΙΟΝ.....	Kinourium.....	Phiotide..	30	"	ΤΡΙΚΑΛΑ.....	Trikala.....	Corinthie..	20	"
ΚΥΛΗΝΗ.....	Kylène.....	Élis.....	40	"	ΤΡΙΠΟΛΙΣ.....	Tripolis.....	Mantine.....	30	"
ΚΥΝΗΤΗ.....	Kynèthe.....	Kyllénie ..	30	"	ΒΟΝΙΤΖΑ.....	Vonitza.....	Acarmanie..	40	"
ΚΥΠΑΡΙΣΣΙΑ.....	Kyparissia.....	Triphylie..	30	"	ΞΙΡΟΧΩΡΙ.....	Xirochori.....	Eubée.....	30	"
ΚΥΘΝΟΣ.....	Kythnos.....	Syra.....	"	10					

IMPRIMERIE ROYALE. — Mai 1838.

+ 4 décimes (2 x 20 lepta internal Greek rate Piraeus- Naftlion)

GREECE 4.6.1838 -1.1845

Unpaid letters

1838 packet rate in lepta + int. Greek rate from Syra/Athens to destination



Constantinople
Syra (1844):
70 lepta
60 lepta packet
rate
Constantinople
Syra (50 c : 0.9)
+ 10 lepta,
Greek local rate

Syra



GREECE

Before 4.6.1838

prepayment compulsory = packet rate.

From 4.6.1838 Franco-Greek Convention

Optional Prepayment (PD /ΠΕΔ).

4.6.1838 -1.1845 Fr off and Greek prepaid/unpaid

1838 packet rate + internal Greek rate

10 lepta = 9 centimes

After 1.1845 (1844 Additional Franco-Greek Conv)

prepaid and unpaid letters

Fr Off rates : 1838 packet rate + 20 centimes Gr. fee

Greek rates: internal Greek rate + 30 lepta Fr. fee

GREECE after 1.1845

Greek rates: internal Greek rate + 30 lepta French fee

Unpaid letter
Smyrna Athens
(Sept 1845)
40 lepta.



30 foreign fee
+ 10 Greek local rate
(single weight letter)

Smyrna

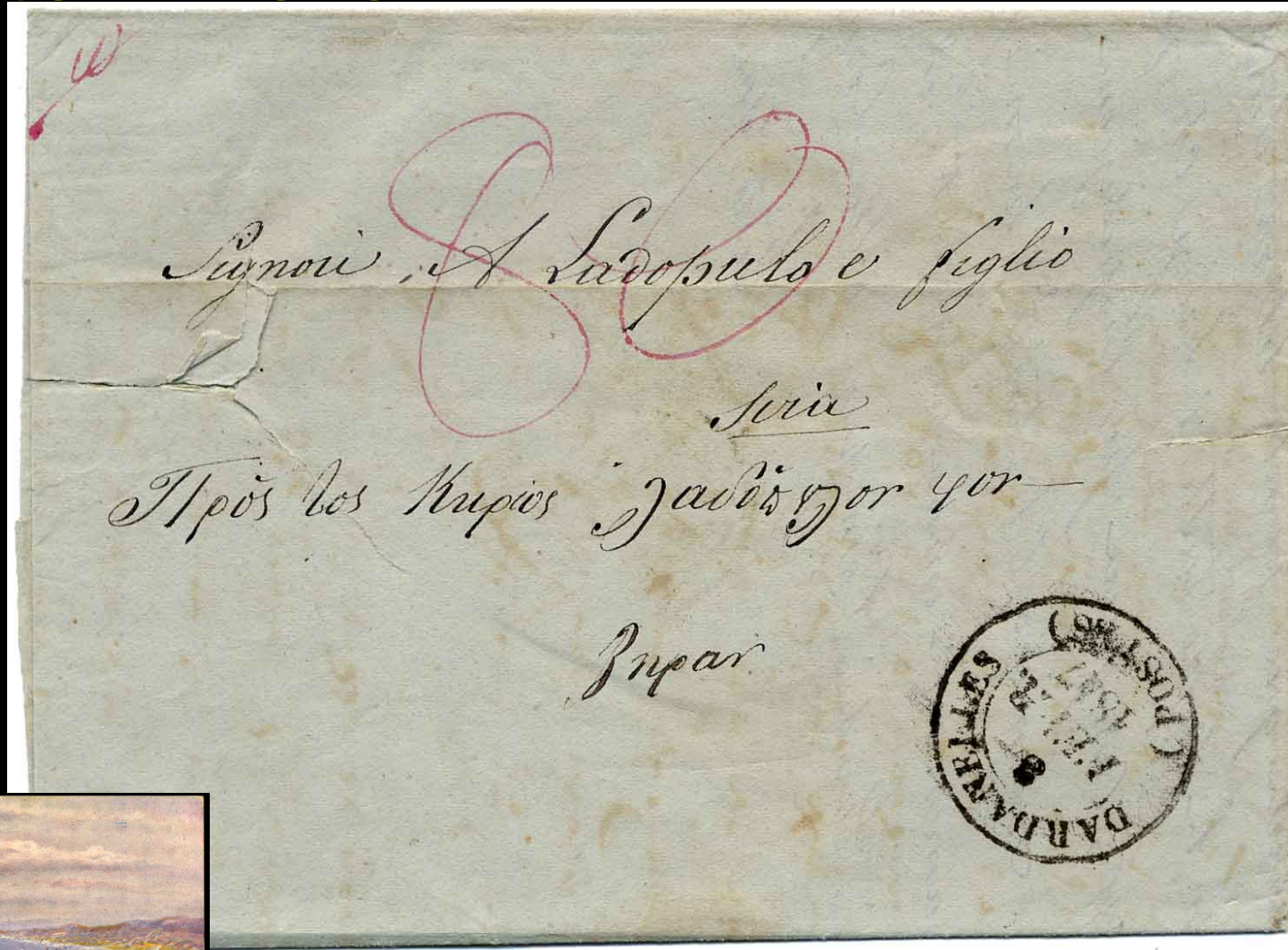
GREECE after 1.1845

Weight
indication

"10"

($10 < 15\text{g}$)

= 2 rates



Unpaid letter from Dardanelles to Syra (1847): 80 lep
30 foreign fee
+ 10 Greek local rate
= $40 \times 2 \text{ rates} = 80 \text{ lepta}$

MALTA

Before 1.6.1843

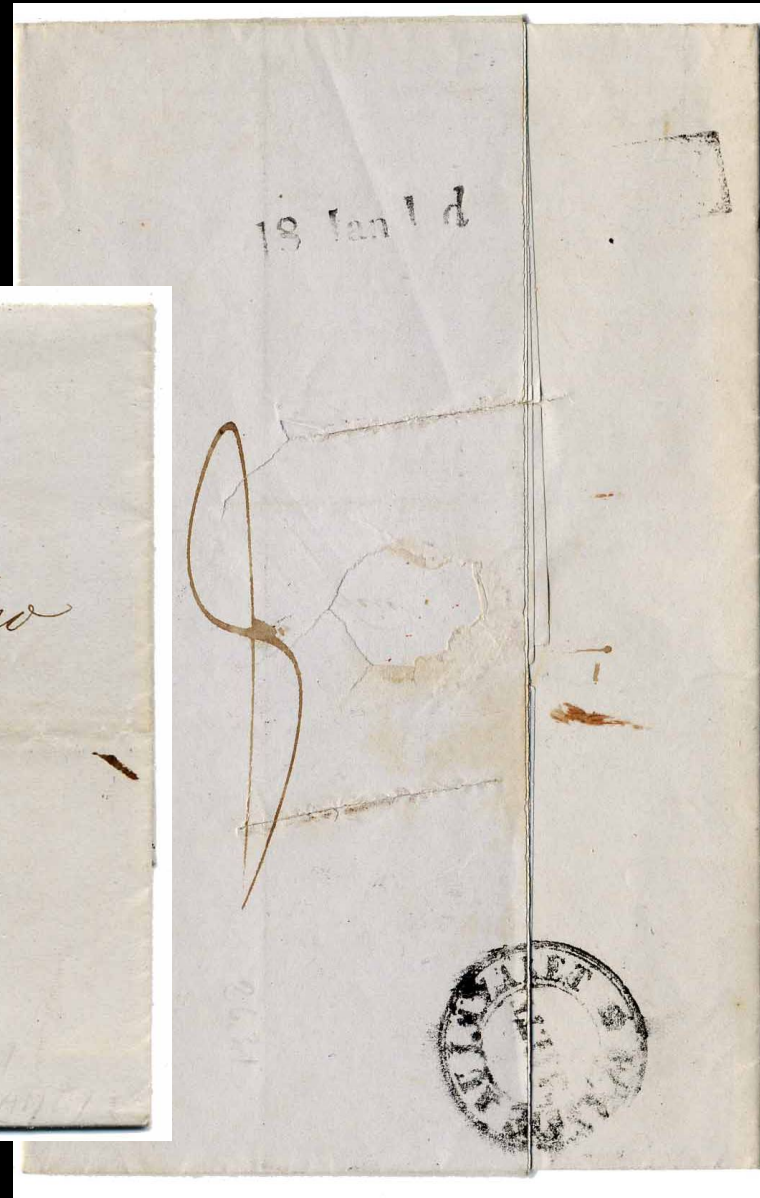
prepayment compulsory = packet rate.

1d ship fee for letter to Malta

From 1.6.1843 Anglo-French Convention

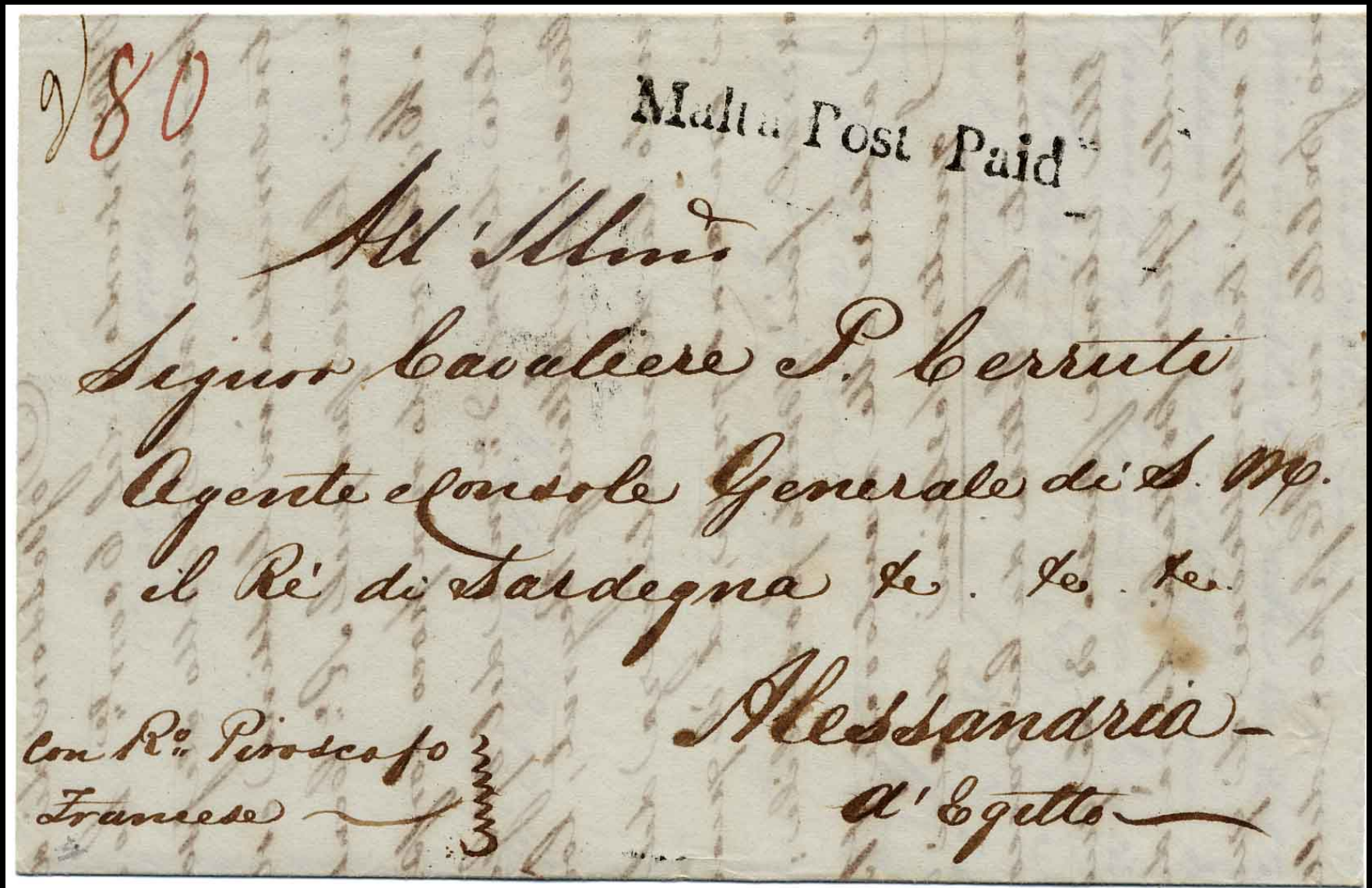


MALTA before 1.6.1843



Alexandria Malta (January 1843) mandatory prepaid 8 décimes
1838 packet rate Alexandria Malta. 18 Jan 1 d: paid by addressee

MALTA before 1.6.1843



Malta Alexandria (1839) mandatory prepaid to the French packet agent in Malta 80 centimes, 1838 packet rate Alexandria Malta.

MALTA

Before 1.6.1843

prepayment compulsory = packet rate.

1d ship fee for letter to Malta

From 1.6.1843 Anglo-French Convention

Optional Prepayment (Maltese bulk rate: free)

prepaid and unpaid Fr Off rates: 1838 packet rate

letters Maltese rates: 5 pence single

MALTA after 1.6.1843



Alexandria Malta (18457): 5 pence (single)

MALTA after 1.6.1843

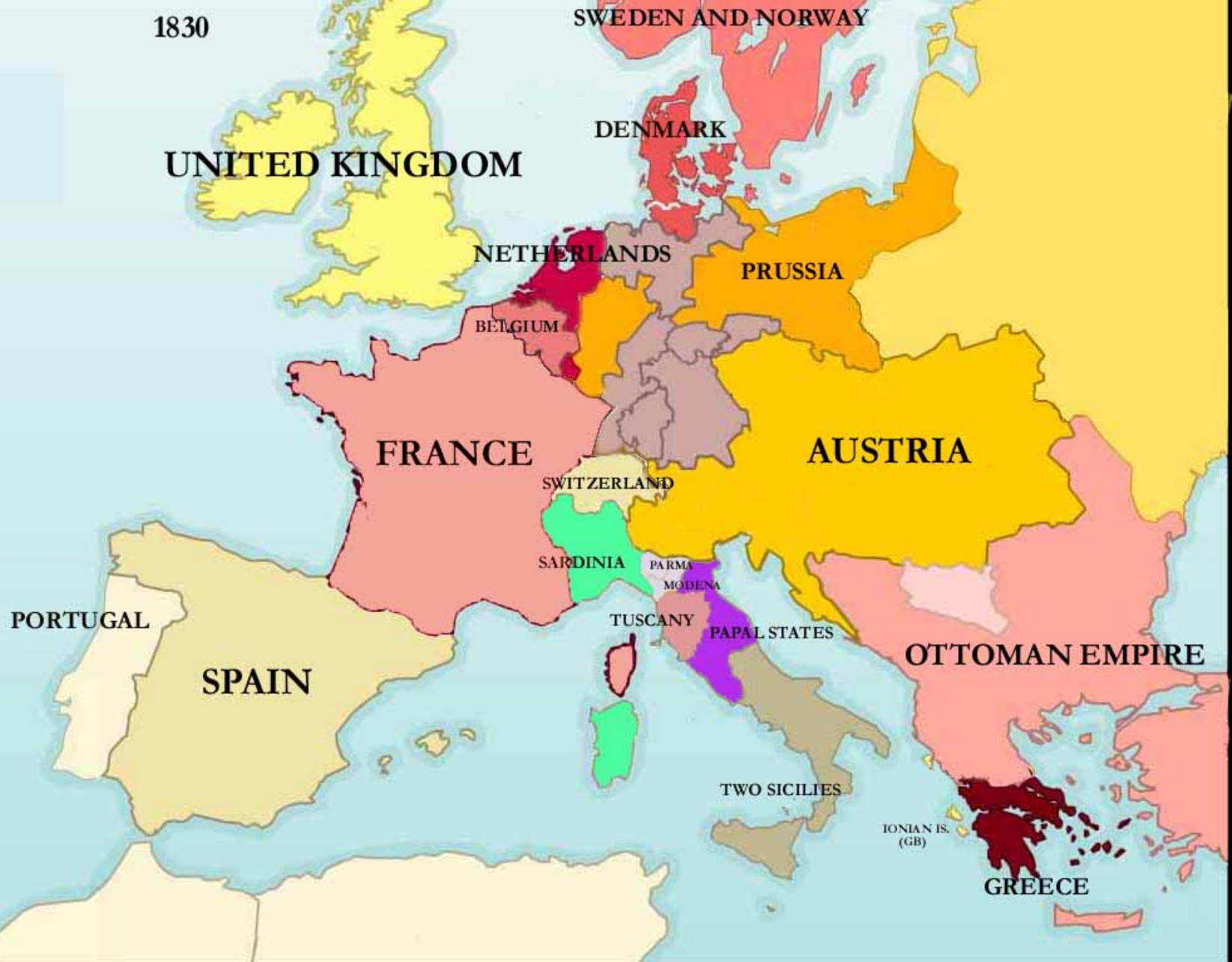


Alexandria Malta (August 1843): 10d (2 rates)

ITALY

EUROPE

1830



TWO SICILIES

Before 11.1842

Naples refuses French Packets

From 11.1842 Franco-Neapolitan Convention

Optional Prepayment



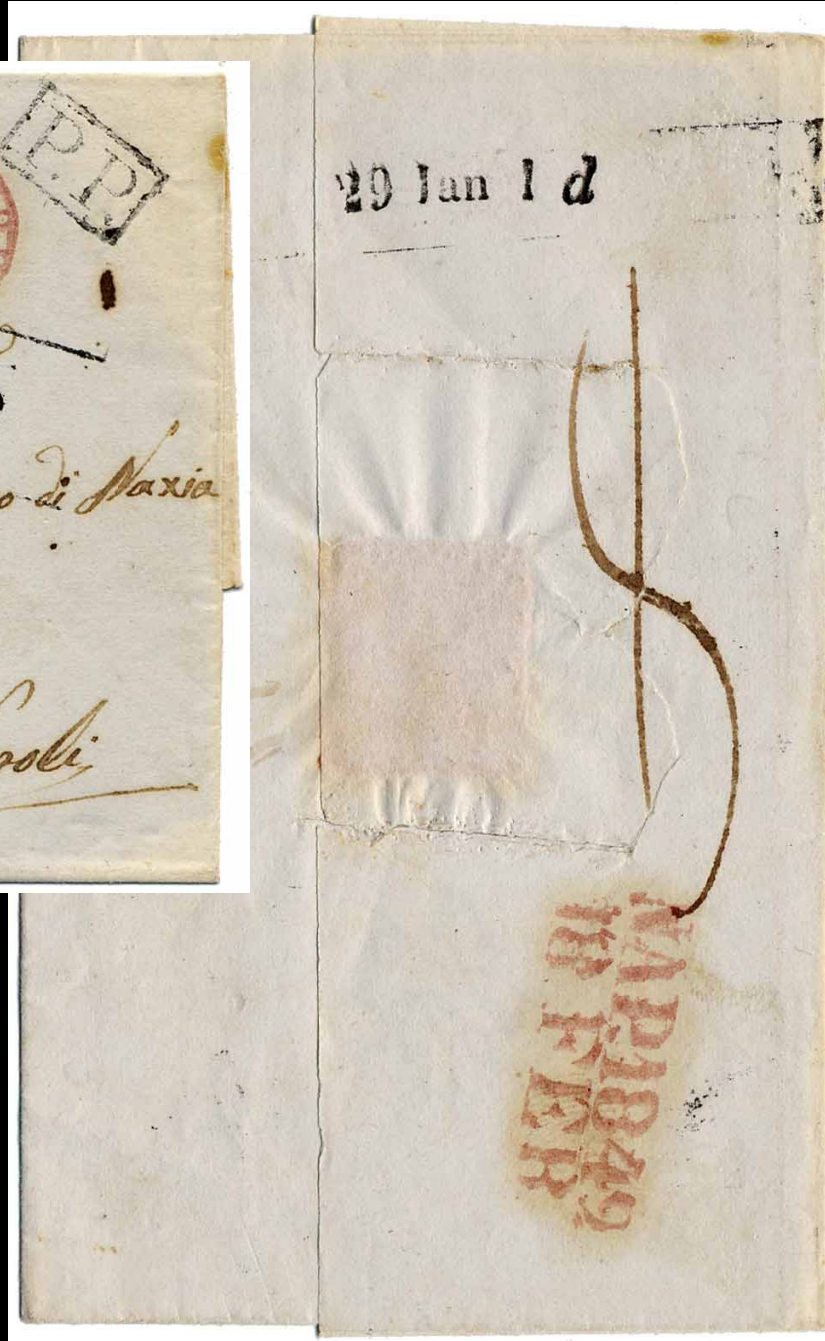
TWO SICILIES

125
Naples, le 1^{er} Juillet 1837.
N^o 112. N^o 40/
Politique.
Respectueusement.
excellente
de nos
Tous les
si intéressés
avec imp
dont on
sa brui
des auto
est le
de Corps
atteinte portée à ses immunités, à ses
privilèges et M^{te} Temple a même demandé
des instructions à Lord Palmerston pour le cas
où, soit un Saguebot à Vapeur, soit un bâtiment

125
Naples, le 1^{er} Juillet 1837.
N^o 112. N^o 40/
Politique.
Respectueusement.
Monsieur le Comte,
L'attention publique est singulièrement
excellente sur le refus d'admission à Naples
de nos Saguebots à Vapeur de l'Etat.

Naples refuses French Packets
French Foreign Office Archives, July 1837

TWO SICILIES before 11.1842



Smyrna Malta (January 1842)

- prepaid **8 décimes** (1838 packet rate)
- 18 Jan **1 d**: paid / forwarder in Malta
- **40 grana** paid / addressee

2nd weight step Malta-Naples
by Neapolitan steam packets

TWO SICILIES

Before 11.1842

Naples refuses French Packets

From 11.1842 Franco-Neapolitan Convention

Optional Prepayment

Prepaid letters Fr Off to Naples:

1838 packet rate French scale + 7 déc Neapolitan weight scale

Unpaid letters Naples to Fr Off: 5 grana compulsory prepaid

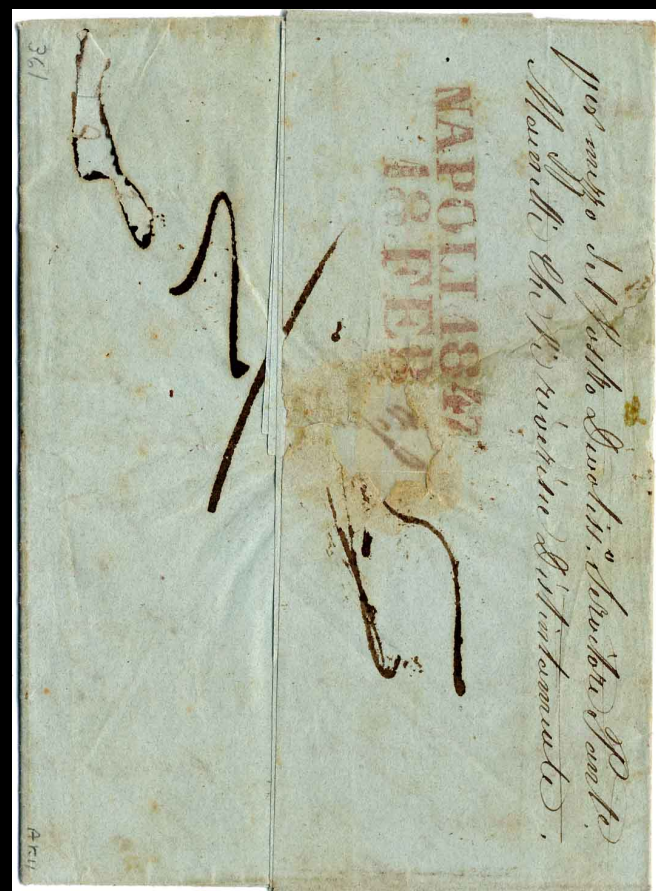
Charge: 1838 packet rate + 2 déc. French weight scale

Prepaid letters Naples to Fr Off: Alexandria 36 grana

Smyrna Constantinople 34 grana (single)

Unpaid letters Fr Off to Naples: 40 grana single

DEUX SICILES from 11.1842



Smyrna Palermo (1847)
Prepaid to destination **15 décimes**
8 packet rate Smyrna Naples
+ 7 uniform neapolitan fee

Naples



THE PAPAL STATES

Before 15.12.1838 prepayment compulsory = packet rate.

From 15.12.1838 Franco-Papal Convention

Optional Prepayment

FRENCH RATES

Prepaid letters Fr Off to Papal states:

1838 packet rate French scale + Papal fee (Papal weight scale)

Ancona	Bologna	Civitavecchia	Ferrara	Roma	Spoletto	Terracina
8	6	4	6	4	5	5

Unpaid letters Papal states to Fr Off: 5 bajocchi compulsory

Charge: 1838 packet rate + Papal fee



Roma

THE PAPAL STATES



Constantinople Bologna
(1845)

prepaid 14 décimes

8 décimes

1838 packet rate

Constantinople Civittavechia

+

6 décimes

Papal fee to Bologna

THE PAPAL STATES



Cairo to Roma (1847).

“Posta Europea” Cairo Alexandria

26 décimes prepayment Alexandria Roma

10 = 2 French (10 < 15 g) and 2 Papal (7 ½ < 15 g)

9 décimes 1838 packet rate Alex. Civittavech.

+ 4 décimes Papal fee to Roma

= 13 x 2

THE PAPAL STATES

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Optional Prepayment

FRENCH RATES

Prepaid letters Fr Off to Papal states:

1838 packet rate French scale + Papal fee (Papal weight scale)

Ancona	Bologna	Civitavecchia	Ferrara	Roma	Spoletto	Terracina
8	6	4	6	4	5	5

Unpaid letters Papal states to Fr Off: 5 bajocchi compulsory

Charge: 1838 packet rate + Papal fee

PAPAL RATES

Prepaid letters Papal states to Fr Off: from 1844 Tosti tariff

5 bajocchi + 21 Alexandria / + 19 Smyrna Constantinople

Unpaid letters Fr Off to Papal states : regulation unknown

THE PAPAL STATES

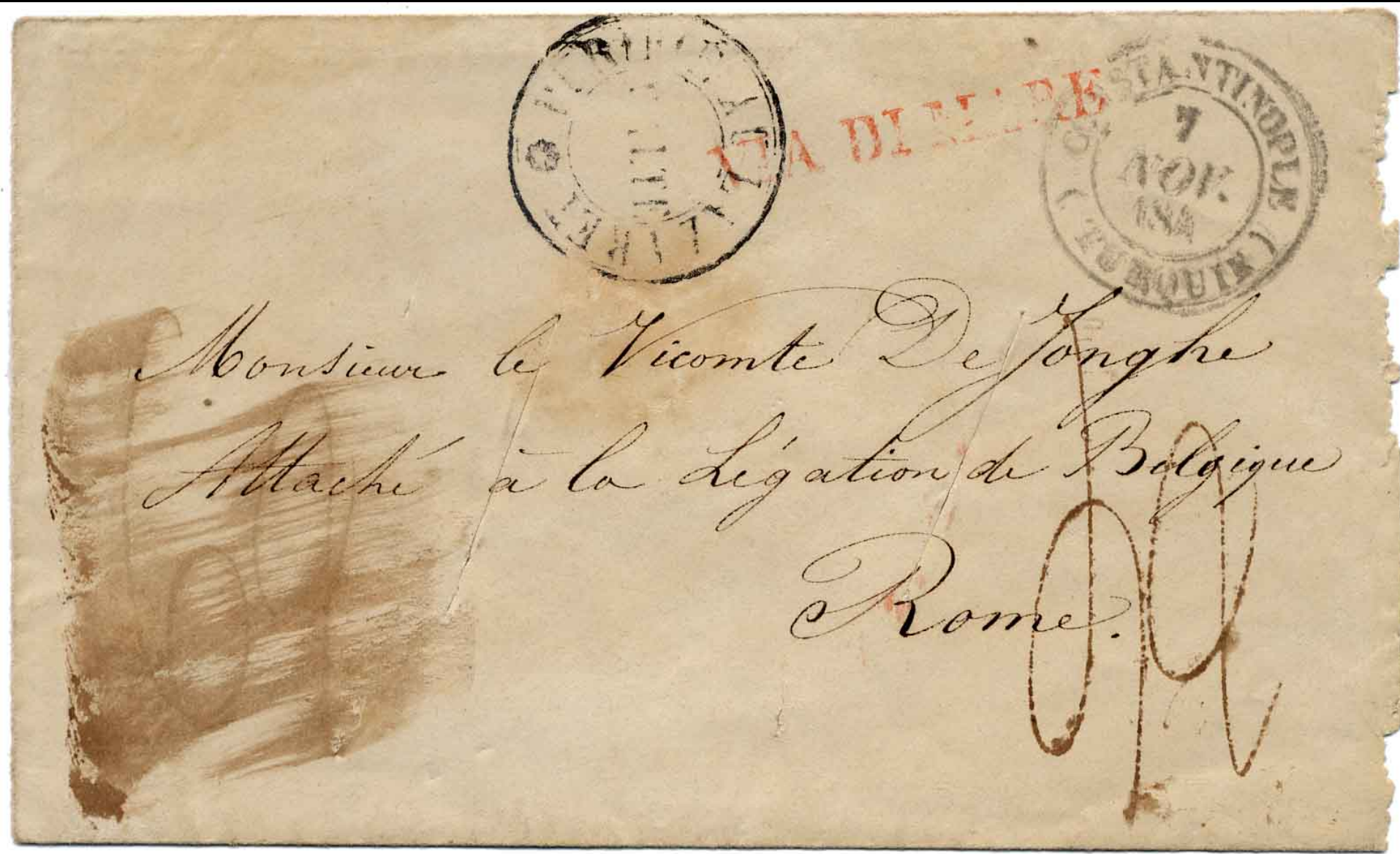
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Roma to Beirut (1842) prepaid to Alexandria 52 bajocchi
1844 Tosti tariff, single weight : 26 baj. (5 "Imp" + 21 Alexandria)
52 = two rates (if tariff before 1844 is the same)

THE PAPAL STATES



Unpaid letter Constantinople Roma (1845): 42 bajocchi 2 rates

TUSCANY

Before 15.7.1838

prepayment compulsory = packet rate.

From 15.7.1838 Franco-Tuscan Convention

FRENCH OFF. RATES Optional Prepayment

Prepaid letters Fr Off. to Tuscany:

1838 packet rate French scale + 7 déc. French weight scale

Unpaid letters Tuscany to Fr Off.: 10 crazie compuls. prepaid

Charge: 1838 packet rate + 1 **déc.** French weight scale



Florence

ADMINISTRATION DES POSTES.

TARIF

DES POSTES DU GRAND-DUCHÉ

A L'USAGE

DES BUREAUX DE POSTE DE FR

POUR LA TRANSMISSION DES CORRESPONDANCES PAR LA VOIE
DE LA MARINE FRANÇAISE.

JUIN 1838.

DES POSTES DU GRAND-DUCHÉ DE TOSCANE

A L'USAGE DES BUREAUX DE POSTE DE FRANCE

POUR LA TRANSMISSION DES CORRESPONDANCES PAR LA VOIE DES PAQUEBOTS A VAPEUR
DE LA MARINE FRANÇAISE.

NOMS	TAXES TOSCANES À PERCEVOIR	NOMS	TAXES TOSCANES À PERCEVOIR
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NOMS
DES BUREAUX DE POSTE

du
Grand-Duché de Toscane.

TAXES TOSCANES
À PERCEVOIR
en sus des taxes françaises
sur les lettres

non affranchies,
venant
du Grand-Duché
de Toscane.

Décimes.

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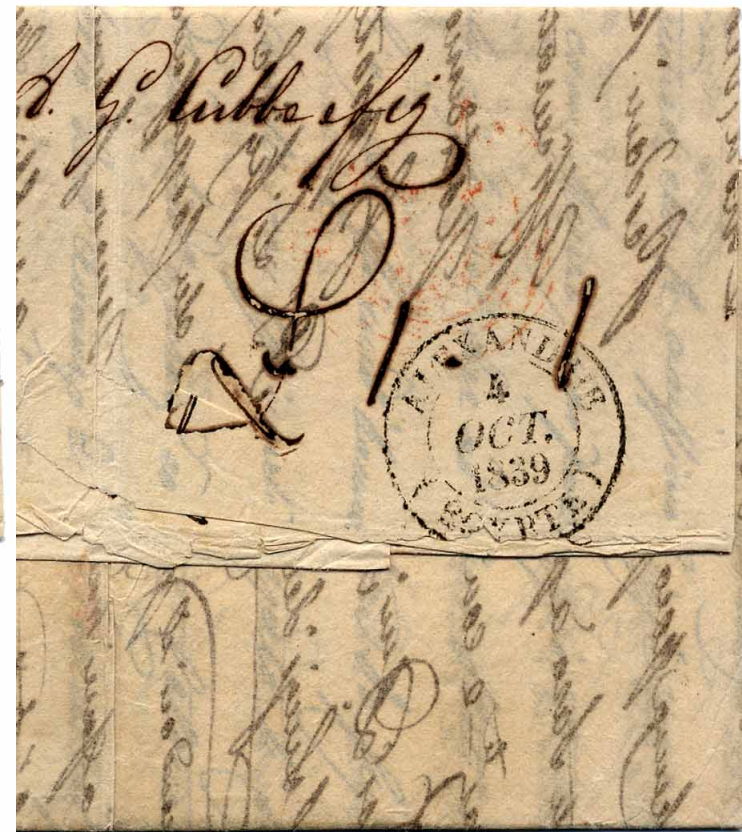
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TUSCANY



Unpaid Letter Livorno Alexandria (1839)

Back: 1 lira 1 crazie, compuls. prepayment 50 crazie per ounce for $\frac{1}{4}$ ounce ($50/4 = 13$ crazie = 1 lira 1 crazie)

Front: charge 17 décimes + "V" (7.5 to < 10 g = 1.5 French rate)

10 1838 packet rate Livorno Alexandria

+ 1 Tuscan fee tariff n°1144, May 1838

$$= 11 \times 1.5 = 17$$

TUSCANY

Before 15.7.1838

prepayment compulsory = packet rate.

From 15.7.1838 Franco-Tuscan Convention

FRENCH OFF. RATES

Optional Prepayment

Prepaid letters Fr Off. to Tuscany:

1838 packet rate French scale + 7 déc. French weight scale

Unpaid letters Tuscany to Fr Off.: 10 crazie compuls. prepaid

Charge: 1838 packet rate + 1 déc. French weight scale

TUSCAN RATES

Prepaid letters Tuscany to Fr Off: Alexandria 22 crazie

Smyrna Constantinople 20 crazie single

Unpaid letters Fr Off to Tuscany : 21 crazie single

TUSCANY

Livorno Beirut (1849)
prepaid to
destination (PD)

Back 20 crazie

Front

f 1 (1 franc)

Credit from Tuscany
to French Office
(1838 packet rate
Livorno-Beirut)



TUSCANY

Before 15.7.1838

prepayment compulsory = packet rate.

From 15.7.1838 Franco-Tuscan Convention

FRENCH OFF. RATES

Optional Prepayment

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Unpaid letters Tuscany to Fr Off.: 10 crazie compuls. prepaid

Charge: 1838 packet rate + 1 déc. French weight scale

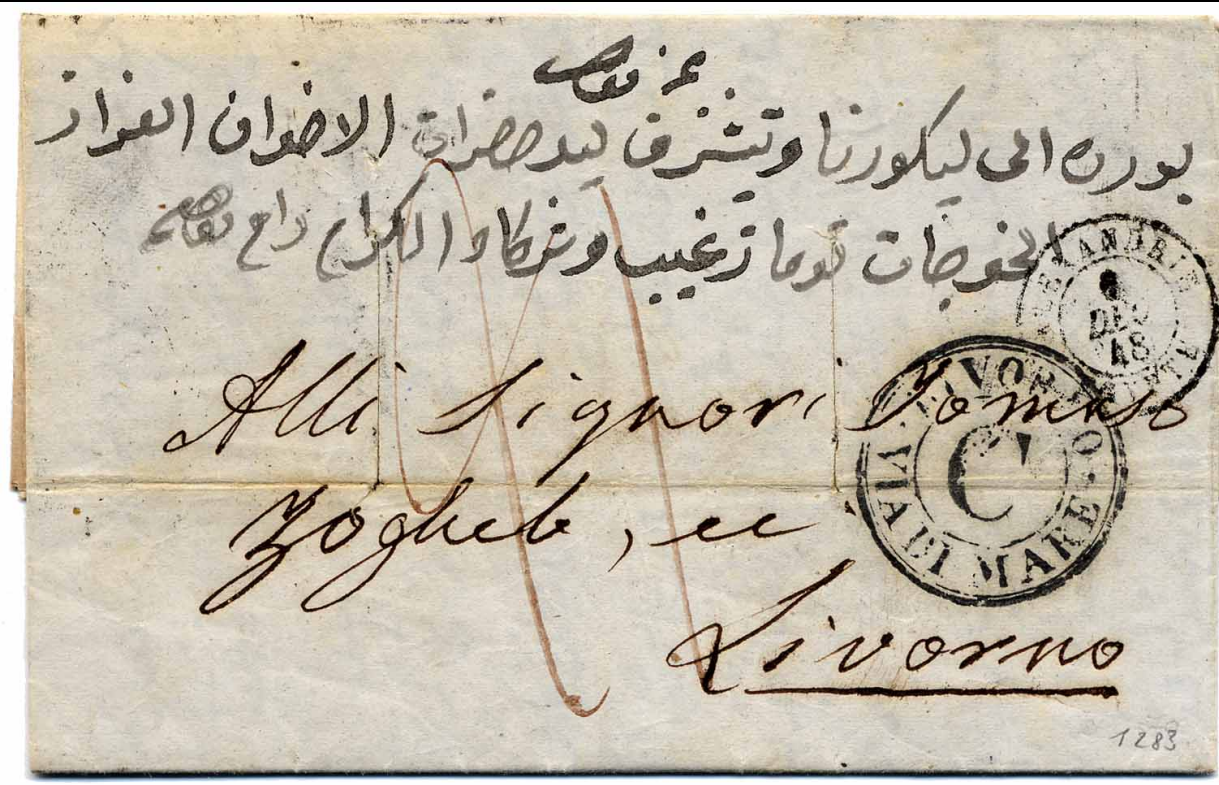
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TUSCANY



Unpaid letter
Alexandria Livorno

21 crazie

1.1.1836 Tuscan tariff
for single rate letter
from "Stazioni Postali
Francesi nel Levante"

Alexandria



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French Foreign Office Archives, July 1837

SARDINIANS REASONS

1. Public health
2. Sardinian industrial interests
3. Admission of the French packets with the privileges of warships
4. Introduction of « dangerous men »

Monsieur le Comte

 Votre Excellence trouvera ci-joint, la copie de la réponse que M^{re} de la Motte a faite aux observations que je lui avais présentées sur le refus du Cabinet Sarda, d'admettre dans le port de Gênes nos bâtiments à vapeur. — Cette réponse est digne de la première du 9 octobre. Elle ne contient ni moins de protestations sur les sentiments de confiance et d'affection pour la France, ni plus de bonne foi. — Car, comme sont

Genoa



SARDINIA



Alexandria to Genoa (1838): 41 soldi

PAQUEBOTS DE LA MÉDITERRANÉE (Marseilles) + VIA DI NIZZA (Nizza).

18 soldi French transit (25.9.1818 overseas countries)

+ 9 soldi Nice Genoa (1836 Sardinian internal tariff 123-145 km)

= 27 soldi x 1.5 for 7.5-10 g = 41 soldi.

SARDINIA

From May 1839 to 12.1839

No provision in 1839 Franco-Sardinian convention: shippers via France!

From 1.1.1840 to June 1848: Exchange via Livorno

To Levant

- compulsory prepayment to the Sardinian exit border.
Sardinian internal rate to Sarzana + 2 soldi (border fee)
- charge: 1838 packet rate from Livorno + Tuscan fee

From July 1848: Coast of Italy line with call at Genoa

Genoa



SARDINIA



Genoa Constantinople (1846) via Livorno

Prepayment 8 soldi: 6 Genova-Sarzana (1844 Sardinian rate, 65-100 km)
+ 2 Sard. border fee

Charge 9 décimes: 8 1838 packet rate Livorno-Constantinople
+ 1 May 1838 Tuscan fee (tariff n°1144)

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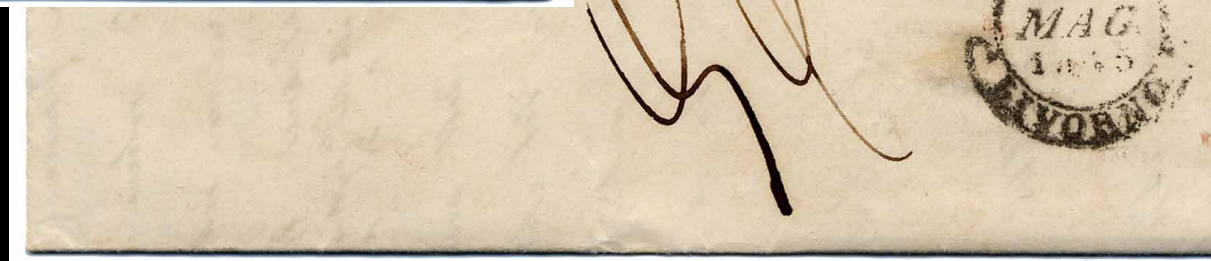
- compulsory prepayment to the Sardinian exit border.
Sardinian internal rate to Sarzana + 2 soldi (border fee)
- charge: 1838 packet rate from Livorno
- optional prepayment to destination:
Sardinian internal rate to Sarzana + one lira (20 soldi).

From July 1848: Coast of Italy line with call at Genoa

Genoa



SARDINIA



Torino Alexandria (1841) prepaid to destination (PD) via Livorno

Prepayment : 32 soldi 12 Torino-Sarzana (1844 S. rate, 235-325 km)

+ 20 credit for Tuscany (1 franc).

Credit from Tuscany to French Office: **f1**

(1838 packet rate Livorno-Alexandria = 10 décimes)

SARDINIA

From May 1839 to 12.1839

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- charge: 1838 packet rate from Livorno

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From Levant

- compulsory prepayment to Tuscany.

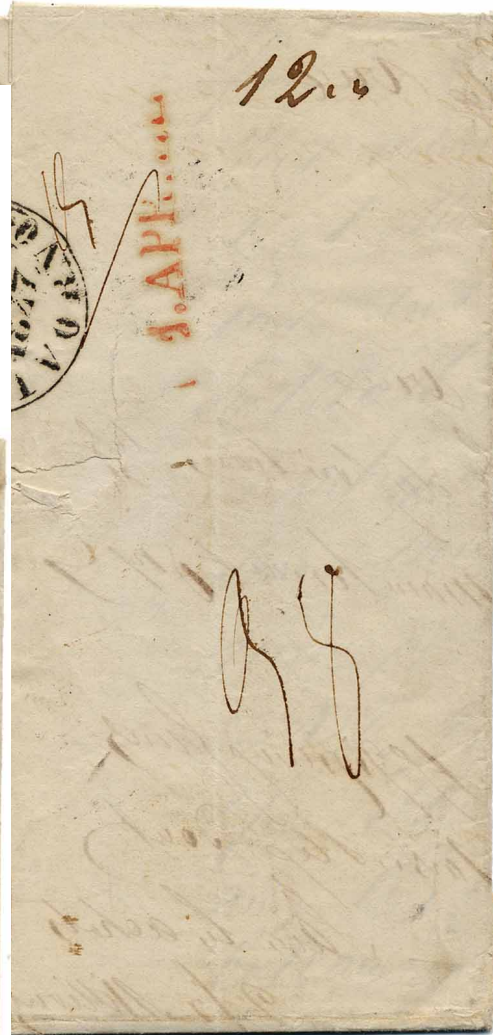
1838 packet rate to Livorno + 7 déc. Tuscan fee

- charge:

Sardinian internal rate from Sarzana + 2 soldi border fee (abolished on 1.6.1844).

From July 1848: Coast of Italy line with call at Genoa

SARDINIA



Constantinople Genoa (1847) via Leghorn

prepayment 38 décimes (15 g = 2.5 rates) :

8 packet rate Leghorn-Constantinople
+ 7 Tuscan fee (tariff n°1144, may 1838)

charge 15 soldi (15 g = 2.5 rates) : 6 Genoa – Sarzana x 2.5 = 15
(1844 Sardinian tariff, 65-100 km)

SARDINIA

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From 1.1.1840 to June 1848: Exchange via Livorno

To Levant

- compulsory prepayment to the Sardinian exit border.

Sardinian internal rate to Sarzana + 2 soldi (border fee)

- charge: 1838 packet rate from Livorno

optional prepayment to destination:

Sardinian internal rate to Sarzana + one lira (20 soldi).

From Levant

- compulsory prepayment to Tuscany.

1838 packet rate to Livorno + 7 déc. Tuscan fee

- charge:

Sardinian internal rate from Sarzana + 2 soldi border fee (abolished on 1.6.1844).

From July 1848: Coast of Italy line with call at Genoa

To Levant

- prepaid letters (PD)

Sardinian internal rate to Genoa + 18 soldi

SARDINIA

Prepaid letter Genoa
Aleppo (1849): **19** soldi.

Aleppo: prepayment
compulsory to Beirut.

1 1844 Sardinian
internal rate
+ **18** French packet fee
Genoa Beirut
(1848 uniform Sardinian
fee for French
Levant offices).



SARDINIA

From May 1839 to 12.1839

No provision in 1839 Franco-Sardinian convention: shipletters via France!

From 1.1.1840 to June 1848: Exchange via Livorno

To Levant

- compulsory prepayment to the Sardinian exit border.
Sardinian internal rate to Sarzana + 2 soldi (border fee)
Charge: 1838 packet rate from Livorno
- optional prepayment to destination:
Sardinian internal rate to Sarzana + one lira (20 soldi).

From July 1848: Coast of Italy line with call at Genoa

To Levant

- prepaid letters (PD)
Sardinian internal rate to Genoa + 18 soldi

From Levant

- unpaid letters
Sardinian internal rate from Genoa + 18 soldi

SARDINIA



Unpaid letter Constantinople Genoa (1849): 19 soldi.

1 1844 Sardinian internal rate

+ 18 French packet fee Genoa Beirut (1848 uniform Sardinian fee for French Levant offices)

SARDINIA

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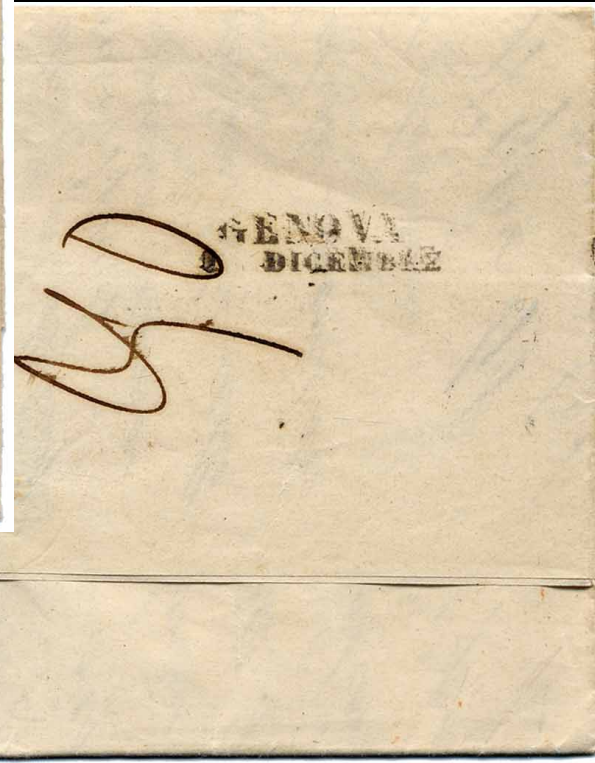
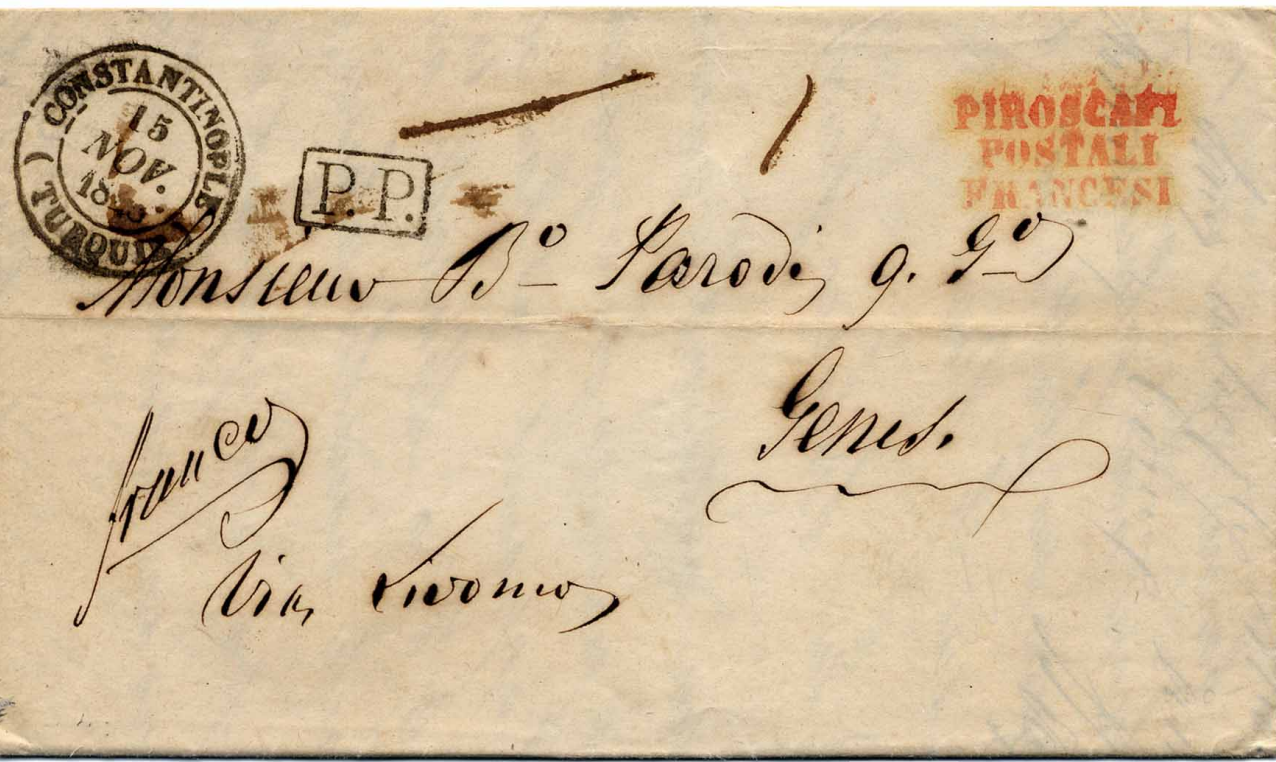
To Levant

- prepaid letters (PD)
Sardinian internal rate to Genoa + 18 soldi

From Levant

- unpaid letters
Sardinian internal rate from Genoa + 18 soldi
- prepaid letters
provisional agreement France / Sardinia for the exchange in Genoa: unknown.
rate : packet rate from Levant to Genoa + Sardinian fee (?)

SARDINIA



Prepaid letter Constantinople Genoa (November 1848) 'Piroscafi postali francesi' (Genoa).
30 decimes + "15" (2.5 rates, 15 < 20 g weight step)
= 12 décimes for single weight letter
(10 décimes packet fee Constantinople Genoa + 2 décimes Sardinian fee ?)

OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

FRENCH OFF. RATES

Prepaid letters from French Levant Offices
and unpaid letters to French Levant Offices

1838 Packet rate

- + 1828 French internal rate between Marseilles and
French exchange office with foreign country
(French weight scale)
- + Foreign fee = $\frac{1}{4}$ bulk rate per 30 g for foreign credit
(Foreign weight scale) according to the convention

FOREIGN RATES

Prepaid letters to Foreign countries
and unpaid letters from Foreign countries

- Foreign country internal rate to or from exchange office
(Foreign weight scale)
- + French fee = $\frac{1}{4}$ bulk rate per 30 g for French credit
(French weight scale)

SWISS CANTONS



Unpaid letter Winterthur (Zurich canton) to Beirut (1848) charged 21 décimes
2 décimes foreign fee (1845 France / Zurich convention bulk rate 80 c / 4)
+ 9 décimes Saint-Louis Marseilles (1828 internal rate for 500/600 km)
+ 10 décimes 1838 packet rate Marseilles Beirut.

SWISS CANTONS

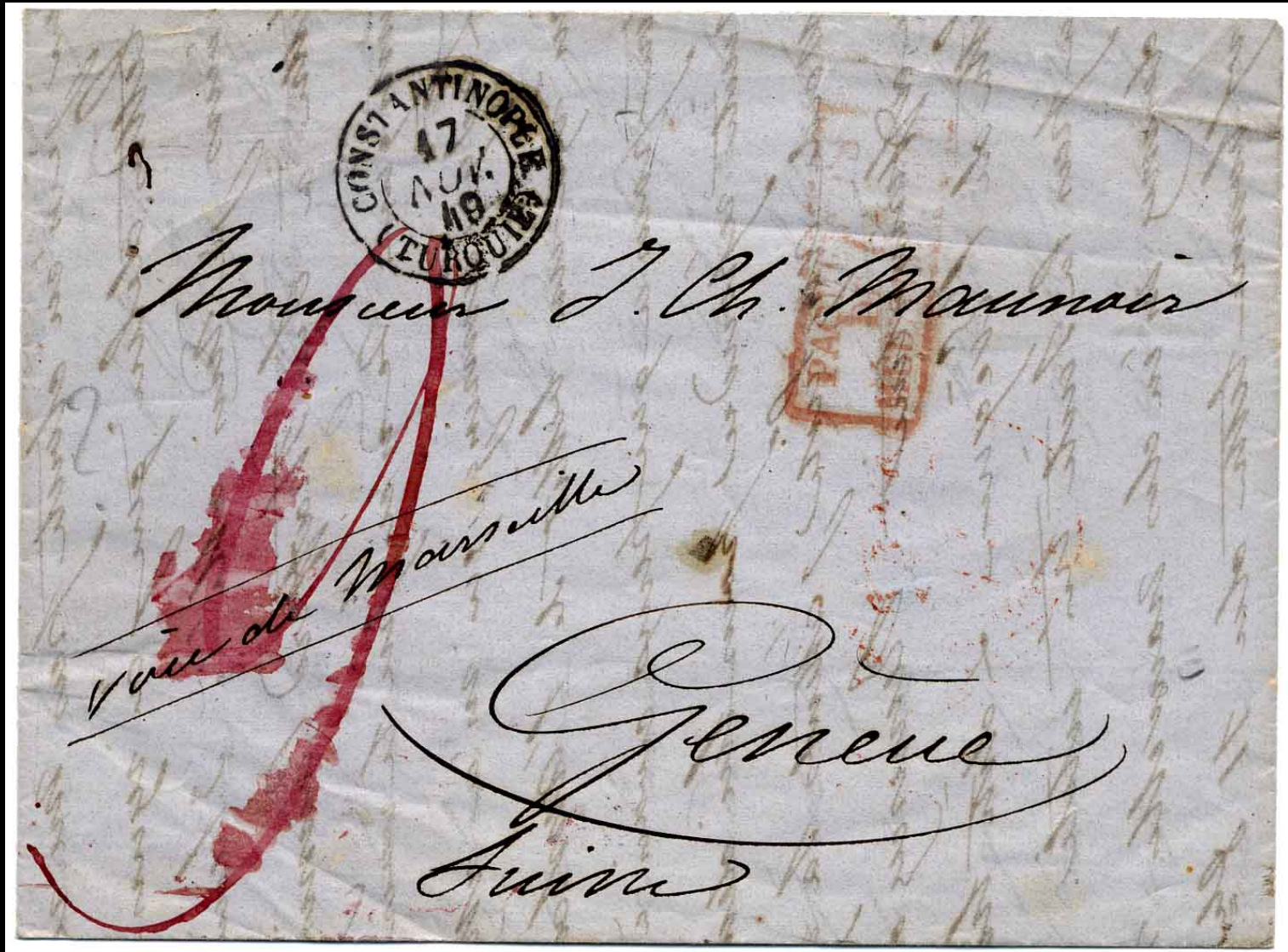


Smyrna to Geneva (1846) prepaid 1,90 F

90 centimes packet rate Smyrna - Marseilles
10 centimes Geneva foreign fee
(bulk rate 40 c / 4)
70 centimes 1828 French internal rate
Marseilles- Fernex (300 to 400 km)
20 unknown (probably wrong) !



SWISS CANTONS



Unpaid letter Constantinople to Geneva (1849) charged 9 Geneva décimes
8 décimes French fee (1846 France / Geneva convention bulk rate 3.20 F / 4)
+ 1 décime Geneva local rate

BELGIUM



Constantinople Gand (Belgium)
misdirected to London (1839)

27 décimes

23 décimes French fee

1836 bulk rate 9 F/4

for Levant letters

+ 4 décimes Quievrain Gand
1.1.1835 Belgian internal tariff
60 to < 100 km



2/8 ½ British charge uncollected
(misdirection)

10 for Calais London **BRITISH**

+ 1/10 ½ French fee **FOREIGN**

1837 provisional bulk rate 9 F/4
for Levant letters

BELGIUM

Alexandria Gand (1839)

66 décimes + "15".

Belgian scale: 2 rates
French scale: 2.5 rates.

46 2 x 23 décimes
+ (French fee: 9 F/4)
12 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 23
($\frac{1}{2}$ rate French scale)
= 58
8 (2 x 4 décimes
Quievrain Gand
1.1.1835 Belgian
internal tariff
60 to < 100 km)
+ 58 (total French fee)
= 66 to be paid

Belgique, Gand rue des fontaines



Monsieur de l'Université d'Alexandrie Le



UNITED KINGDOM

From 26.5.1837 to 31.5.1843: provisional agreement unknown

prepayment to French Levant Offices: compulsory 2s/8d ½ (single)

unpaid letters to UK: 2s/8d ½ (single)

General Post-Office, May 26, 1837

NOTICE.

THE Post-Office of France having established Steam Packets from MARSEILLES to LEGHORN, CIVITA VECCHIA, NAPLES, MALTA, SYRA, ATHENS, SMYRNA, CONSTANTINOPLE, and ALEXANDRIA; to sail from MARSEILLES on the 1st, 11th, and 21st of every Month, Letters may be forwarded from this Country by that route on payment of the French Postage of 1s. 10½d. for every Quarter of an Ounce weight, *in addition* to the British Rate to Calais. The Letters, however, in order to be forwarded by this route, must have distinctly marked upon them "*via Marseilles*," and the whole Postage must be paid at the time they are put into the Post.

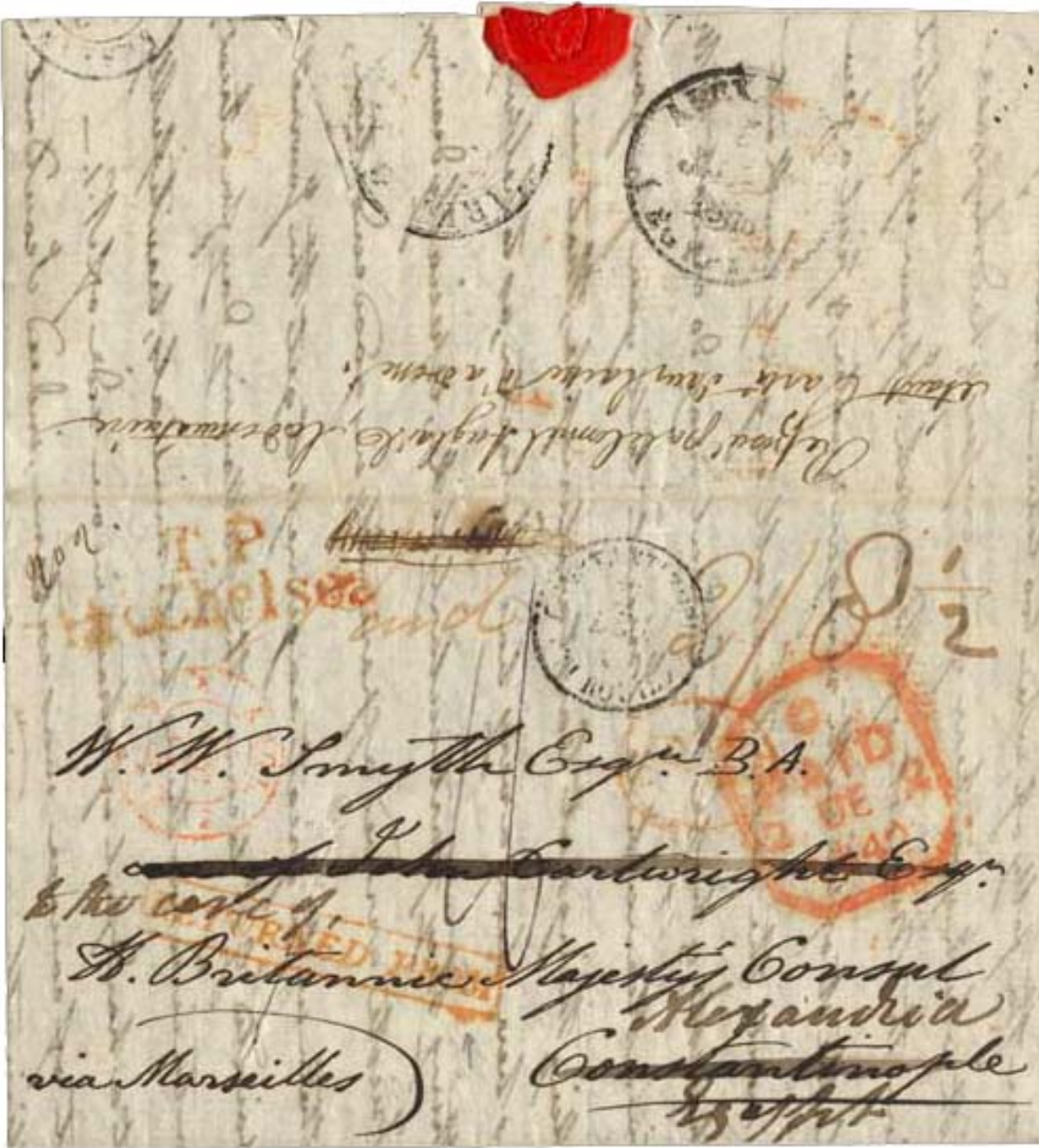
W. L. MABERLY, *Secretary.*



UNITED KINGDOM

London Constantinople
(1842) (Two Penny Post Chelsea)
prepaid to destination
2/8 ½

redirected unpaid to
Alexandria: 8 décimes
(1838 packet rate
Constantinople
Alexandria).



UNITED KINGDOM

Unpaid letter Alexandria Edinburgh
(1839): 2/8 ½ paid in the first address,
Redirected 2 pence British internal
rate in the second address.



10d for British fee
+ 1s/10d ½ for foreign fee (½d on portion of torn paper) = 2/8 (½).

British Post Office buys unpaid letters from French Levant offices 9 francs per 30 g = 1/10 ½ x 4.

UNITED KINGDOM

From 26.5.1837 to 31.5.1843: provisional agreement unknown
prepayment to French Levant Offices: compulsory 2s/8d ½
(single)

unpaid letters to UK: 2s/8d ½ (single)

From 1.6.1843 Anglo-French Convention: optional prepayment
British rates

British fee 5 pence French territorial + packet fee 10 pence

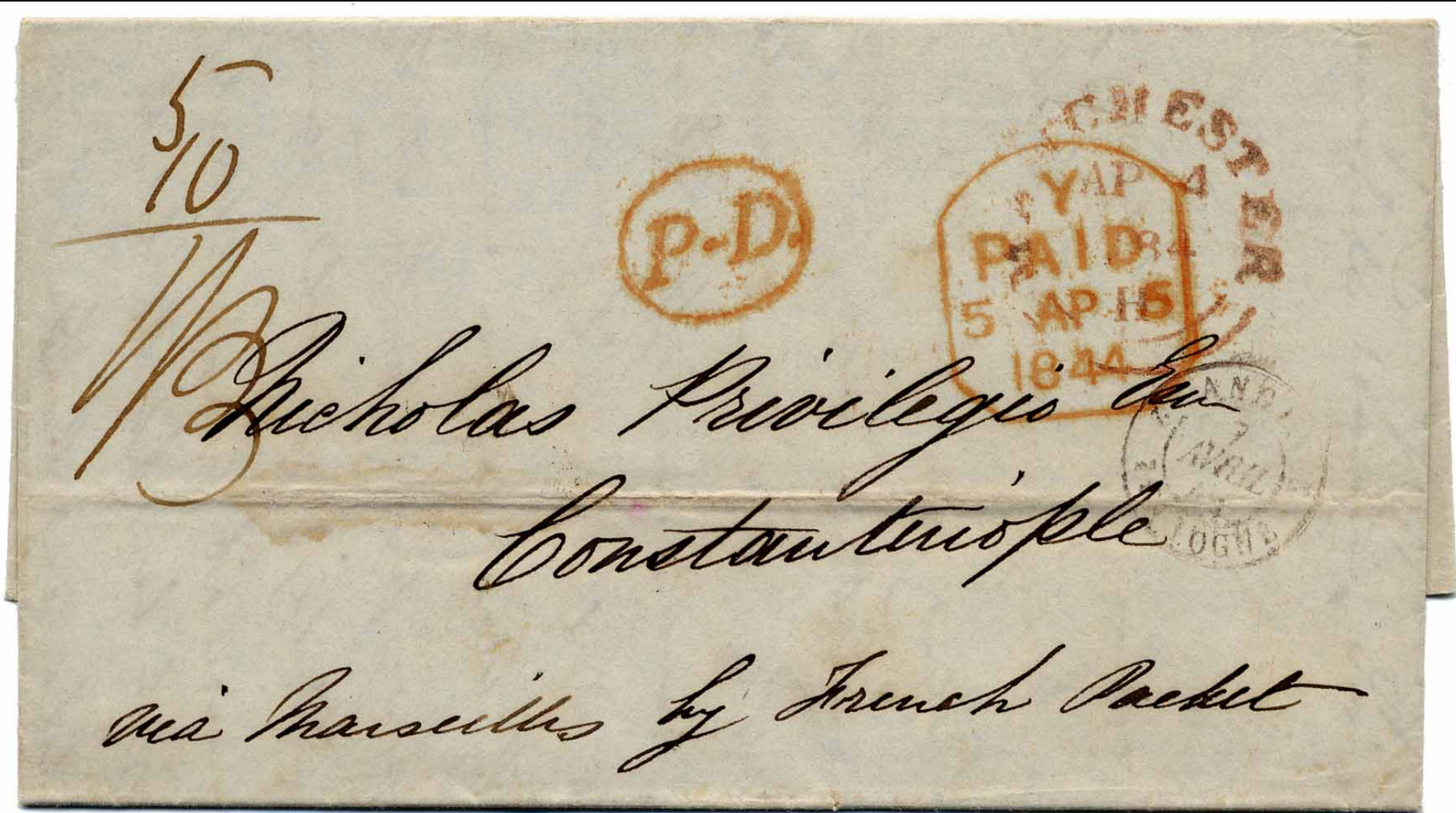
British weight scale $\leq \frac{1}{2}$ ounce, 1 rate $\frac{1}{2} \leq 1$ ounce, 2 rates
1 $\leq$ 2 ounces, 4 rates 2 $\leq$ 3 ounces, 6 rates
3 $\leq$ 4 ounces, 8 rates...

French weight scale for British use: 1 rate per $\frac{1}{4}$ ounce.

$< \frac{1}{4}$ ounce, 1 rate $\frac{1}{4} < \frac{1}{2}$ ounce, 2 rates
 $\frac{1}{2} < \frac{3}{4}$ ounce, 3 rates $\frac{3}{4} < 1$ ounce, 4 rates...

Single letter	1 s/3d (5 + 10)	$\frac{1}{2} < \frac{3}{4}$ ounce	3 s/4d (10 + 30)
$\frac{1}{4} < \frac{1}{2}$ ounce	2 s/1d (5 + 20)	$\frac{3}{4} < 1$ ounce	4 s/2d (10 + 40)

UNITED KINGDOM



Manchester Constantinople (1844) prepaid 1s/3d
Single rate: 5 pence British fee + 10 pence French territorial and packet fees.

UNITED KINGDOM



London Constantinople (1849) prepaid 4s/2d : $\frac{3}{4}$ to < 1 ounce
10d for 2 British rates 2 x 5
+ 40d for 4 French rates 4 x 10

UNITED KINGDOM

From 1.6.1843 Anglo-French Convention: optional prepayment

British rates

British fee 5 pence French territorial fee + Packet fee 10 pence.

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$\frac{1}{4} < \frac{1}{2}$ ounce 2 s/1d (5 + 20) $\frac{3}{4} < 1$ ounce 4 s/2d (10 + 40)

French Off. rates

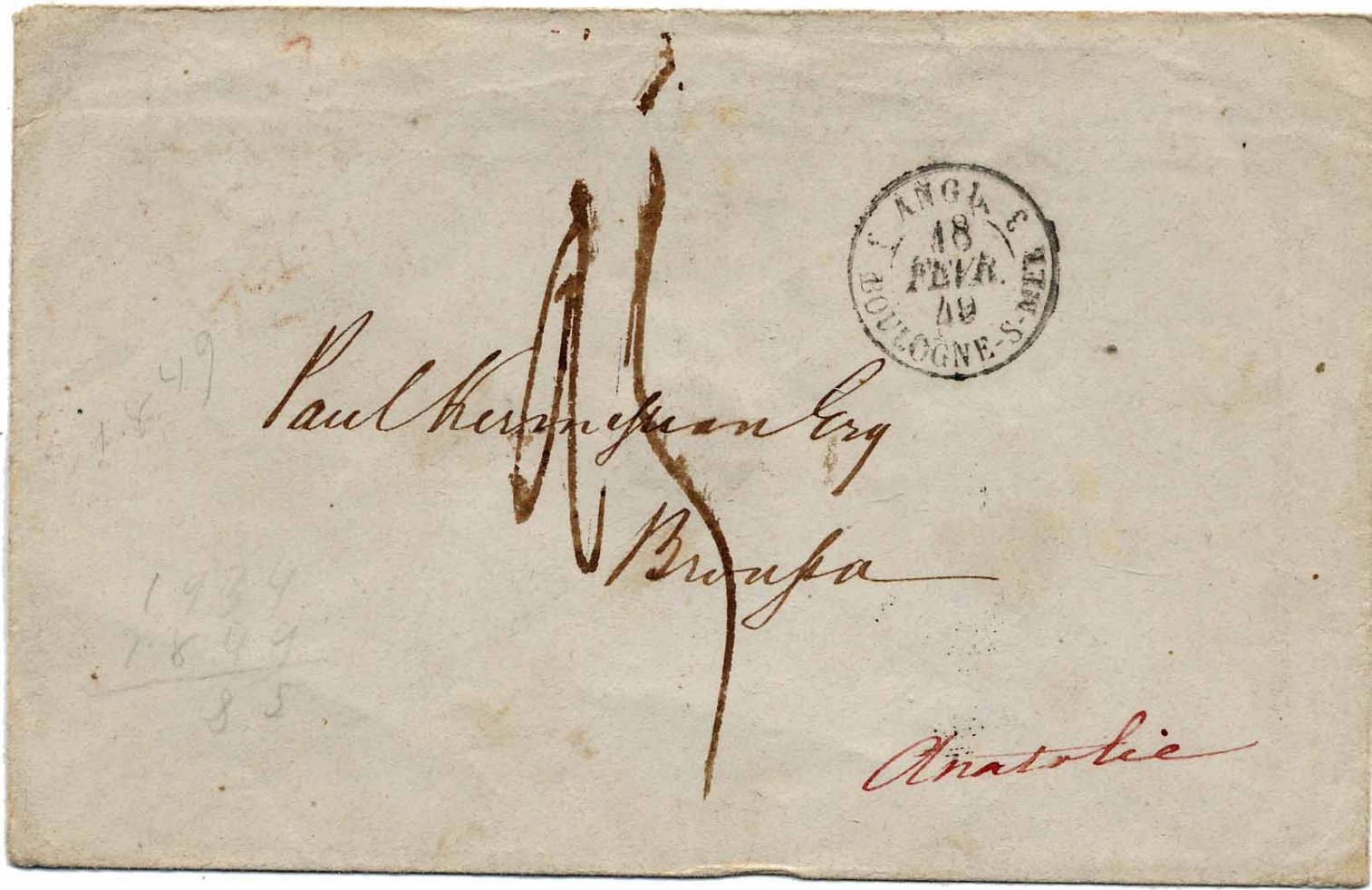
5 décimes British fee +11 décimes French territorial rate
(Boulogne-Marseilles) + 1838 packet rate.

British weight scale for British part

(True) French internal weight scale for French part

< 7.5 g 1 rate ; 7.5 < 10 g 1.5 rate ; 10 < 15 g 2 rates ; 15 < 20 g 2.5 rates...

UNITED KINGDOM



London to Broussa (Anatolia): 25 décimes, single letter:
5 décimes British fee
+ 11 décimes 1827 French territorial rate (Boulogne Marseilles)
+ 9 décimes 1838 Packet rate Marseilles Constantinople.

USA

Via United Kingdom prepaid or unpaid to England, consigned to a forwarder and sent by an American sailing packet from Liverpool or by the Cunard line or some pioneer steamer.



Smyrna Boston (1839) sent unpaid to England. British steamer Great Western to USA
British charge $2/8 \frac{1}{2}$ ($1/8 \frac{1}{2}$ French fee + 10d British fee) paid by a forwarder
British prepayment 1 shilling (shiptetter rate) paid by a forwarder
American charge $20 \frac{3}{4}$ (2 shiptetter + et $18 \frac{3}{4}$ internal rate New York Boston)

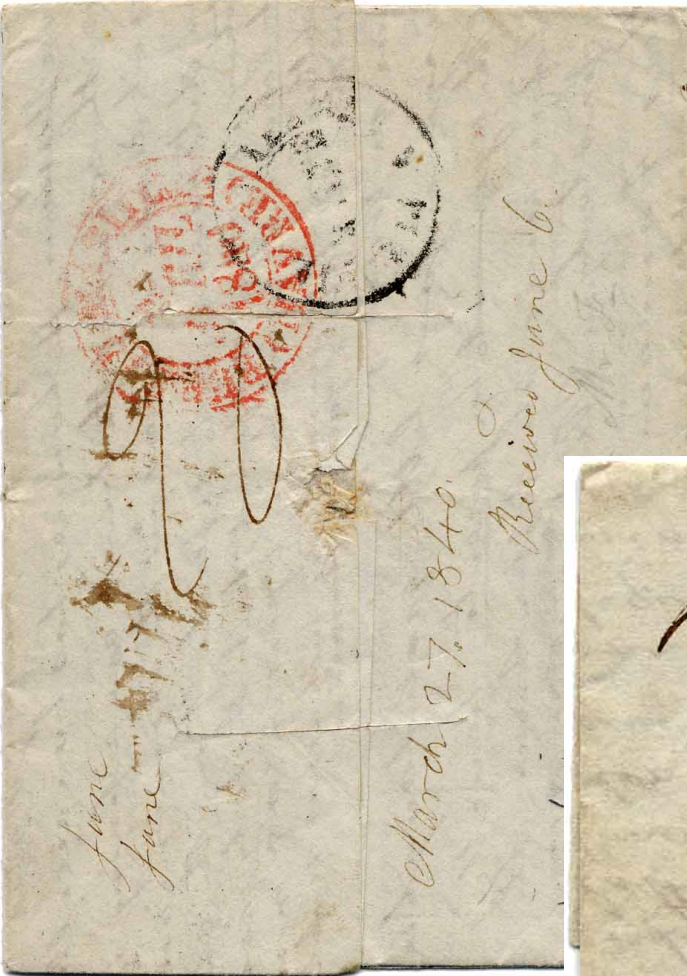
USA

Via Havre sent prepaid or unpaid to Le Havre, where they are consigned to a forwarder for carriage on an American Havre packet.
(Erie Second line)

American charge **20 ¾** cents New York to Dorset (Vermont)

2 cents shipletter

+ **18 ¾** cents 150 to 400 miles 1825 internal American tariff



Constantinople New York (1840)
via Havre prepaid **20 décimes**
9 décimes

1838 packet rate
Constantinople Marseilles

+ **11** décimes Marseilles Havre,
1828 French territorial rate
for 750 to 900 km.



THE END