

Postal History of the
U.S. Departmentals
Collectors Club NY
October 2014

Free Frank Abuse (Wrapper)

H. T. Tallmadge

July 4 4-

Rec^d during my
absence—

Free
W. P. Tallmadge
U. S. S.

Mrs John B Macy



Cincinnati—

Ohio—

1844- N.P. TALLMADGE - TYPE OF COMMON ABUSE
SENATOR'S FRANK USED FROM N.Y. TO SEND AUCTION NOTICES.

Auction Notice on Inside of Free Frank Cover

NOTICE.

THE Machinery, Tools, &c., lately belonging to the **POUGHKEEPSIE LOCOMOTIVE ENGINE COMPANY**, will be sold at Public Auction, on the premises lately belonging to the said Company, in the Village of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, State of New-York, on Wednesday, the 12th day of June next, commencing at 2 o'clock, P. M. The stock of machinery and tools is very extensive, and of the first order, and is not surpassed by any other shop in the United States. Amongst it will be found

1 large face lathe, 6 feet chuck.

1 smaller do. incomplete.

2 large engine lathes.

7 guage lathes.

1 planing machine.

1 slabbing machine, complete.

1 do. incomplete.

14 vices.

Shafting pulleys and bits.

A great variety of small tools.

A great variety of patterns and models.

1 punching machine, geared for steam power.

3 do. do. do. hand power.

2 bending machines.

1 large shearing machine.

5 anvils.

4 smiths' bellows.

A great variety of smiths' tools.

A great variety of finished and unfinished work
for engines, to be offered in lots.

Terms of Sale.—Cash for all purchases of \$100 and under. For all purchases over \$100, approved endorsed paper at 6 months.

The buildings in which the above machinery is situated will also be sold at private sale, on very favourable terms as to price and credit. The property is beautifully situated in the north part of the Village of Poughkeepsie, and consists of a dock and plot of ground, 250 feet front on the river by 300 feet deep, upon which is erected one large brick building, 200 by 50 feet, two stories high, with engine-house, 28 by 38 feet, a boiler shop, 98 by 40 feet, one story, a smiths' shop, 114 by 35 feet, ten forges, one story; all put up in the most substantial manner of brick, and covered with Welsh slate. There is a first class steam-engine, of 24 horse power, in perfect order. The buildings and location are well calculated for a cotton factory of 10,000 spindles, and an extensive machine shop.

For further particulars, inquire of **HENRY F. TALLMADGE**, No. 1 Hanover-street, New-York, or of **GRIFFIN & HAVENS**, No. 65 Merchants' Exchange, New-York.

New-York, May 24, 1844.

After much abuse by Officials the Congress abolished the franking privilege and the Departmental stamps were born.

1 July 1873 was their first day of use

What you will see today

The most extensive Official's postal history collection ever formed.

Special rates for only Official mail.

Every value on cover is not shown.

Basic Information

92 Stamp Designs

117 Stamps, hard/soft paper

17 Unknown on Cover (Scott)

1 Stamp on cover not seen in
over 80 years

100 Stamps Recorded on Cover

8 stamps are known on only one cover
(6 shown tonight)

Values on cover with 5 or less known
33 stamps on 82 covers

Values on cover with 10 or less known
51 stamps on 233 covers

Historical Perspective Values on Cover

Possible	100
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Lanphear	91
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Ackerman	76
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Starnes	74
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Markovits	72
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We will start with the Executive Office
and progress by order of power.

State

Treasury

War

Navy

Interior

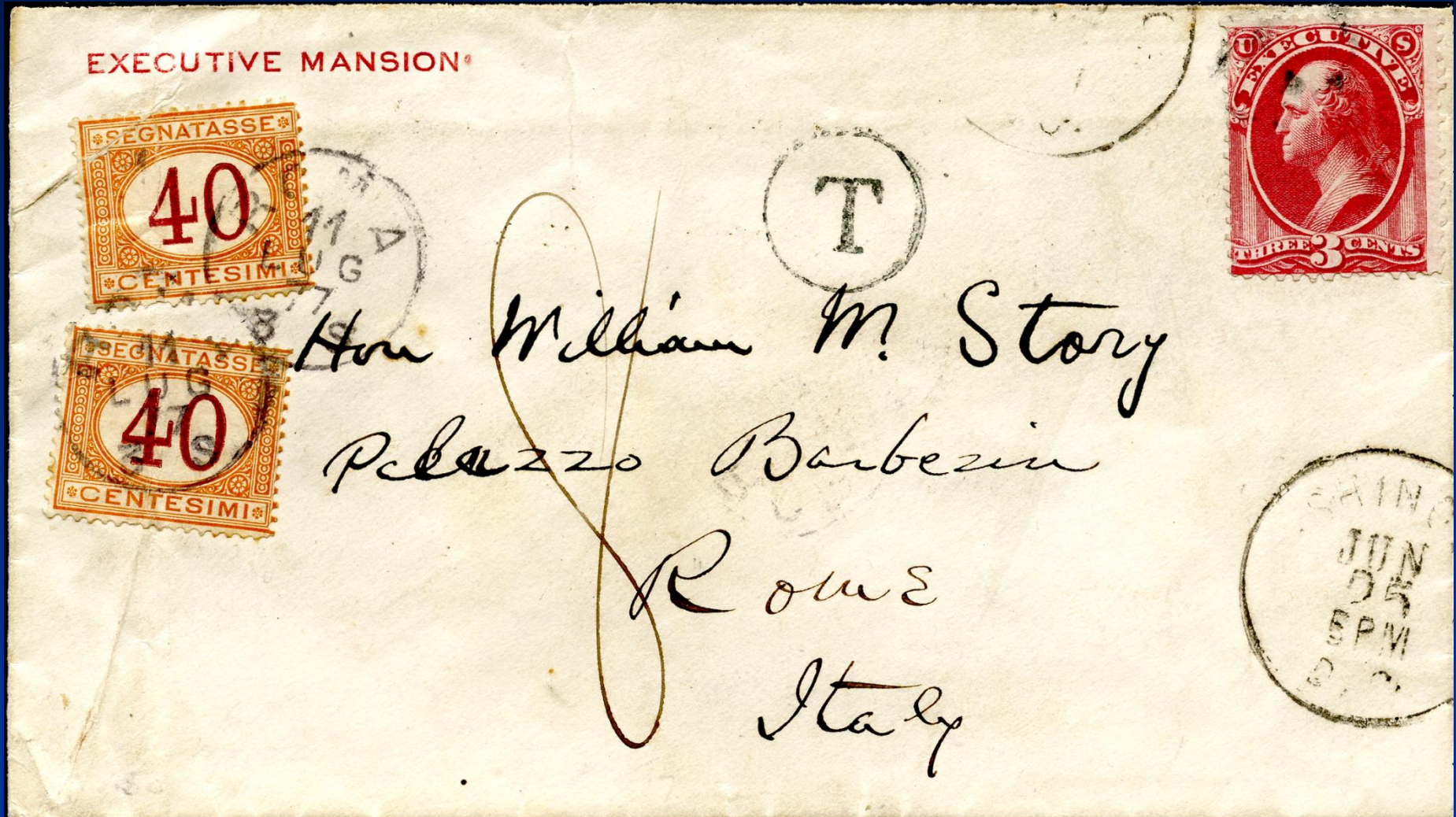
Justice

Agriculture

Post Office

Executive Department

Postage Due



1877, 80 centesimi paying deficiency

Only foreign postage due cover

Summer White House



6c Use

EXECUTIVE MANSION



Chas. J. Lewis Esq
116 Washington St
New York

1875-77 double rate

5 uses

2c, 3c and 10c Use



Contained Captains' commission sheepskin
Campbell married to Grants' niece

Only 10c on cover

State Department

Inbound Consular Pouch Use (Germany)

CONSULATE
OF THE
United States
OF AMERICA
AT
CHEMNITZ

Saxony, Germany.

*W. H. H. H. H.
W. H. H. H. H.*



*Peter Shafer Esq.
Beatrice
Nebraska
U.S.A.*

Only illustrated Consular cover

Inbound Consular Pouch Use (Jamaica)

United States Consulate,
Kingston, Jamaica.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Mr Chas. A Purcell
Care of Melrose Robison Co
State Dept. } N.C.

Only Consular cover from Jamaica

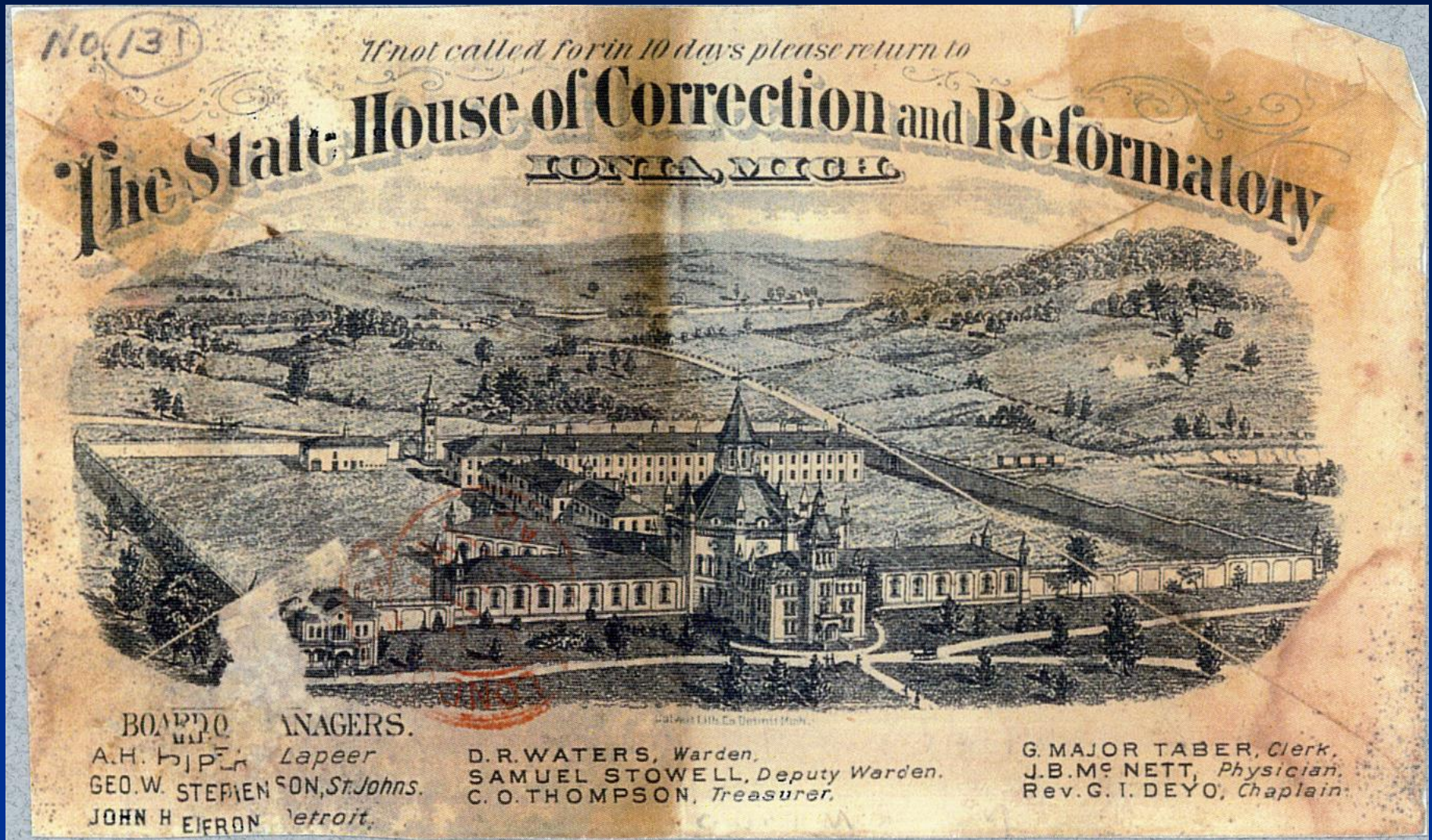
Postage Deficiency Added by US Despatch Agency (to England)



As mailed to the Consul, the Gov. paid
deficiency in NYC, note handstamps

Three covers with State added

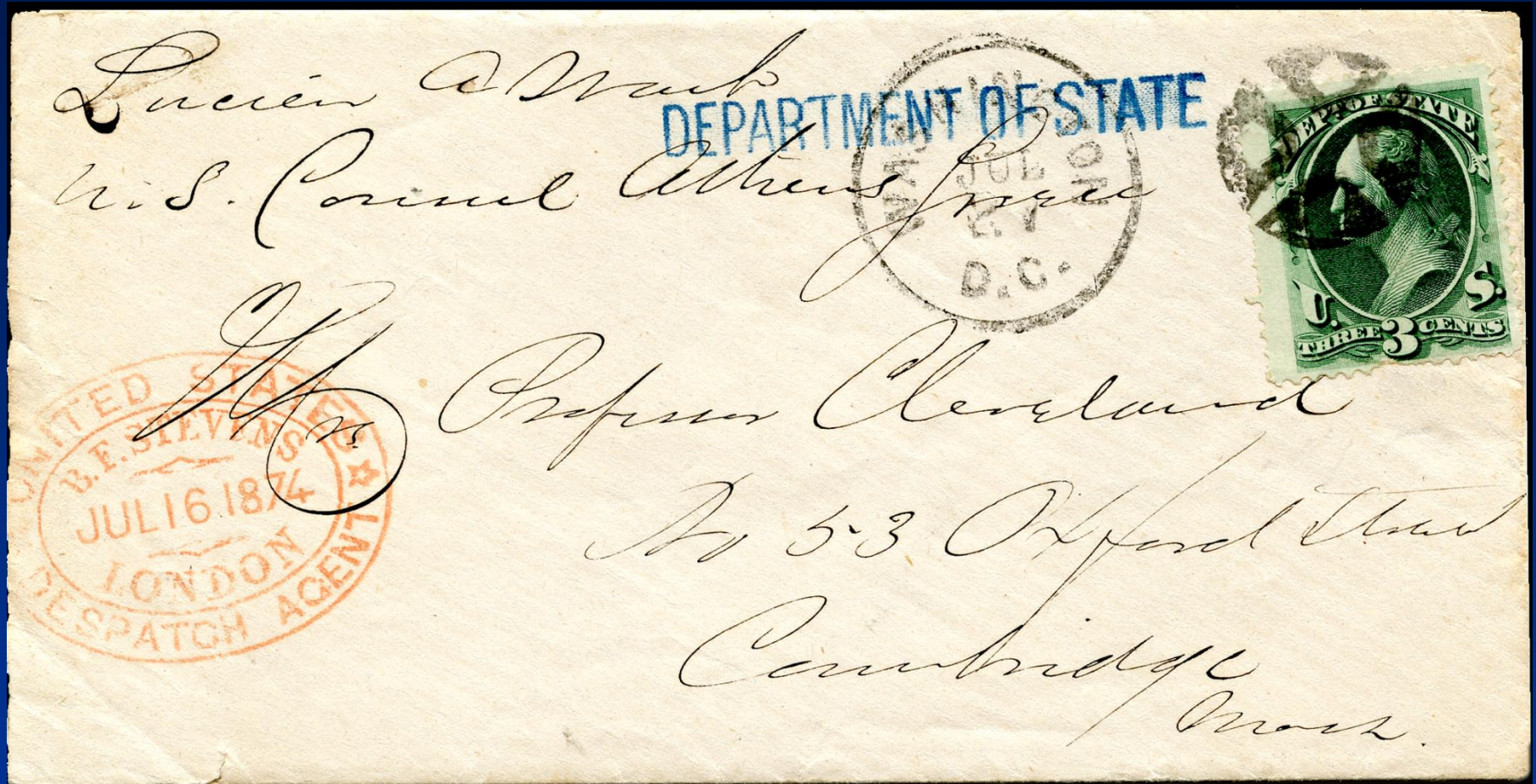
Reverse of Previous Cover



Illustrated Prison Cover

2 illustrated Official covers

Inbound Consulate Pouch Use (Greece)



BF Stevens forwarding in red

Only Greece Consulate cover

Supplemental Postage, Foreign Destination (Norway)

Post Office Department.

RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO

POSTMASTER AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.



J. H. Larsly

15 Prinsdamsgade

*Christiana
Norway*

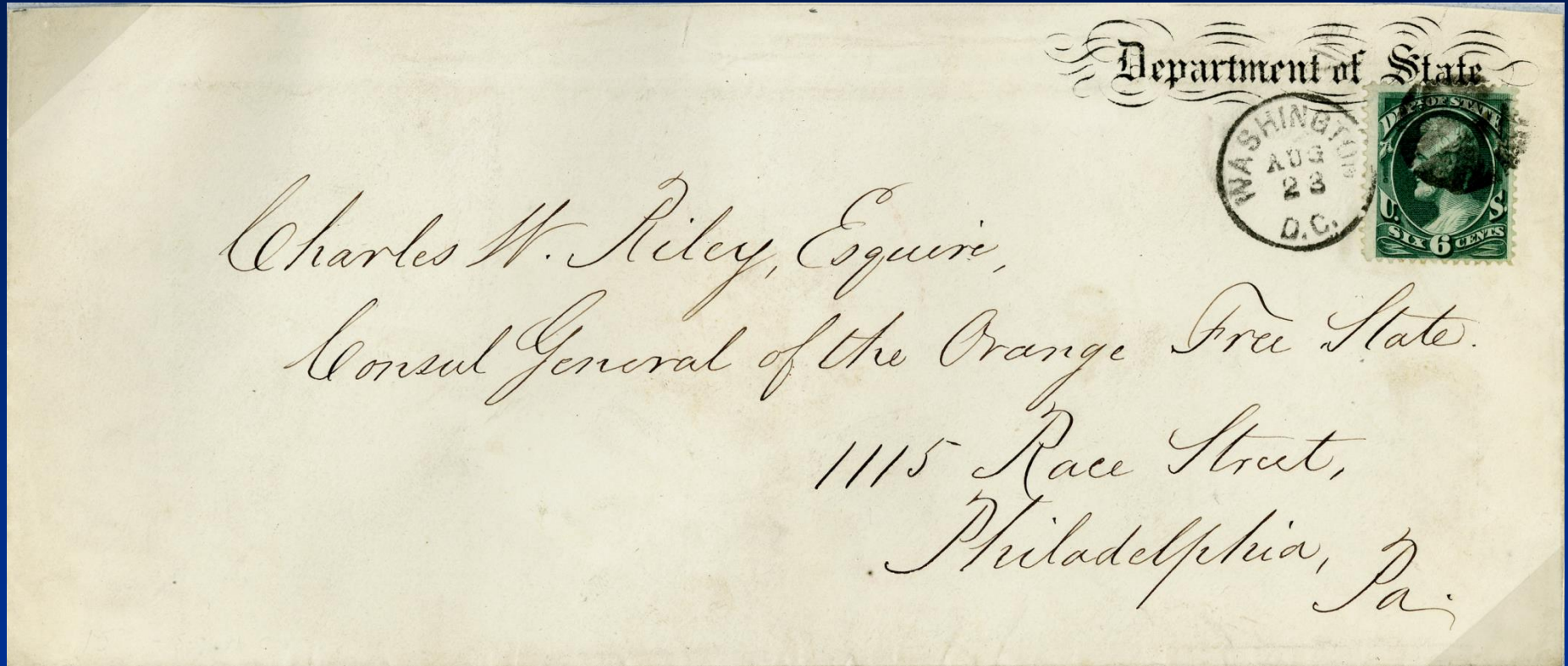


*A penalty of \$300 is fixed by law,
for using this Envelope for other
than Official Business.*

Postage required for foreign destination
deficiency hand-stamp on back

Only use to Norway

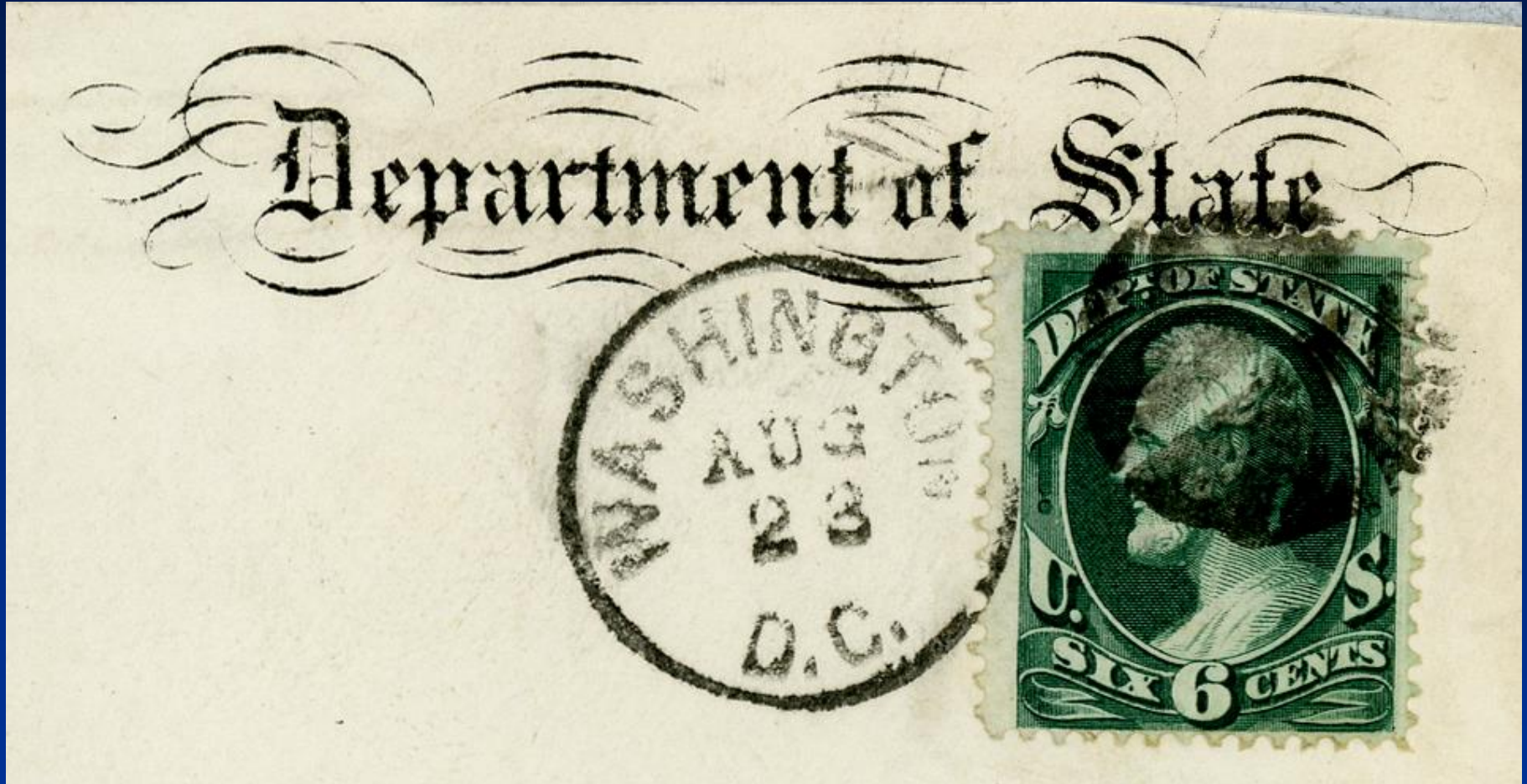
Foreign Entry and Double Transfer Combo



Presenters discovery

Only 19th Century US foreign entry on cover

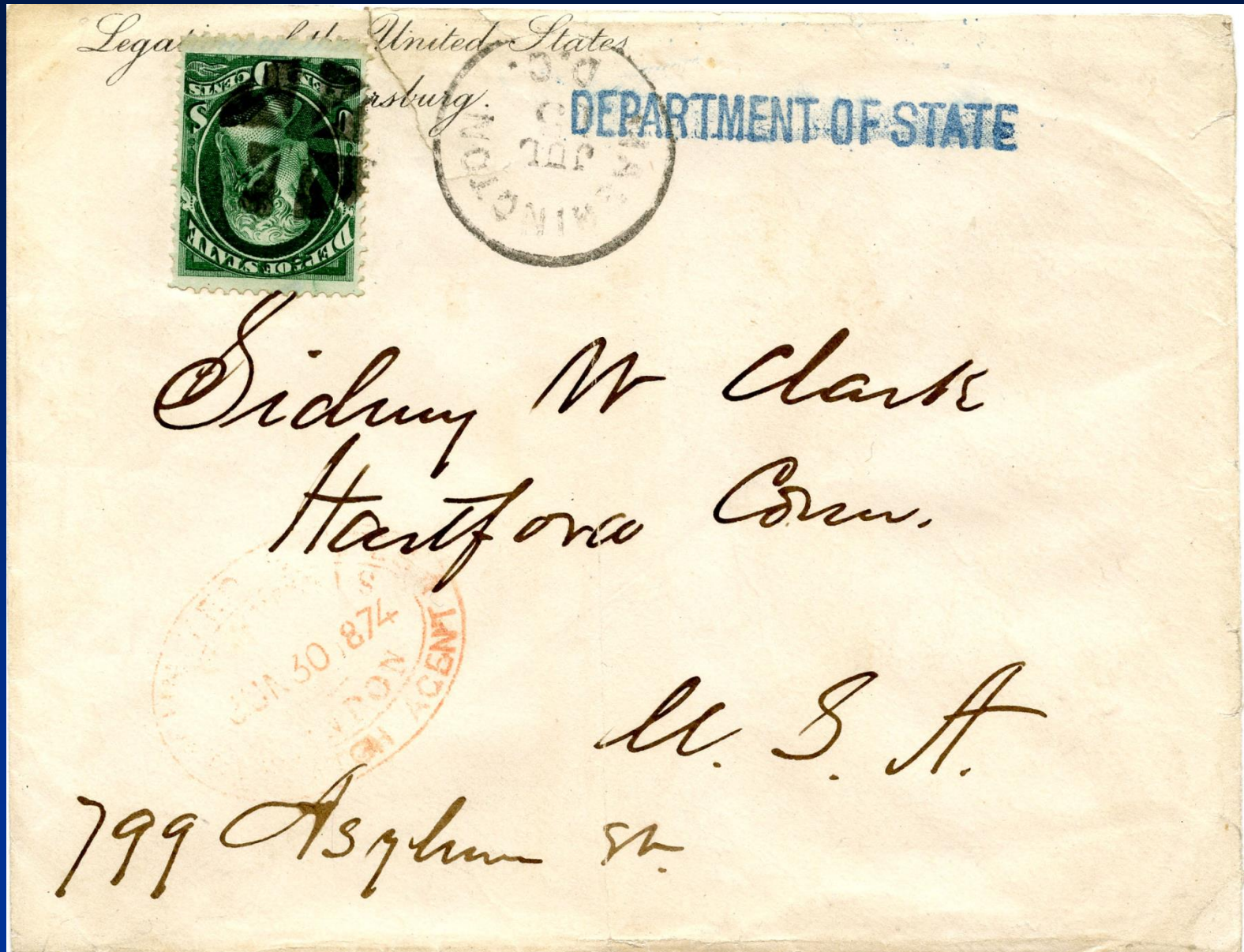
Foreign Entry and Double Transfer Combo



Position 61

Foreign entry right side and double transfer UL

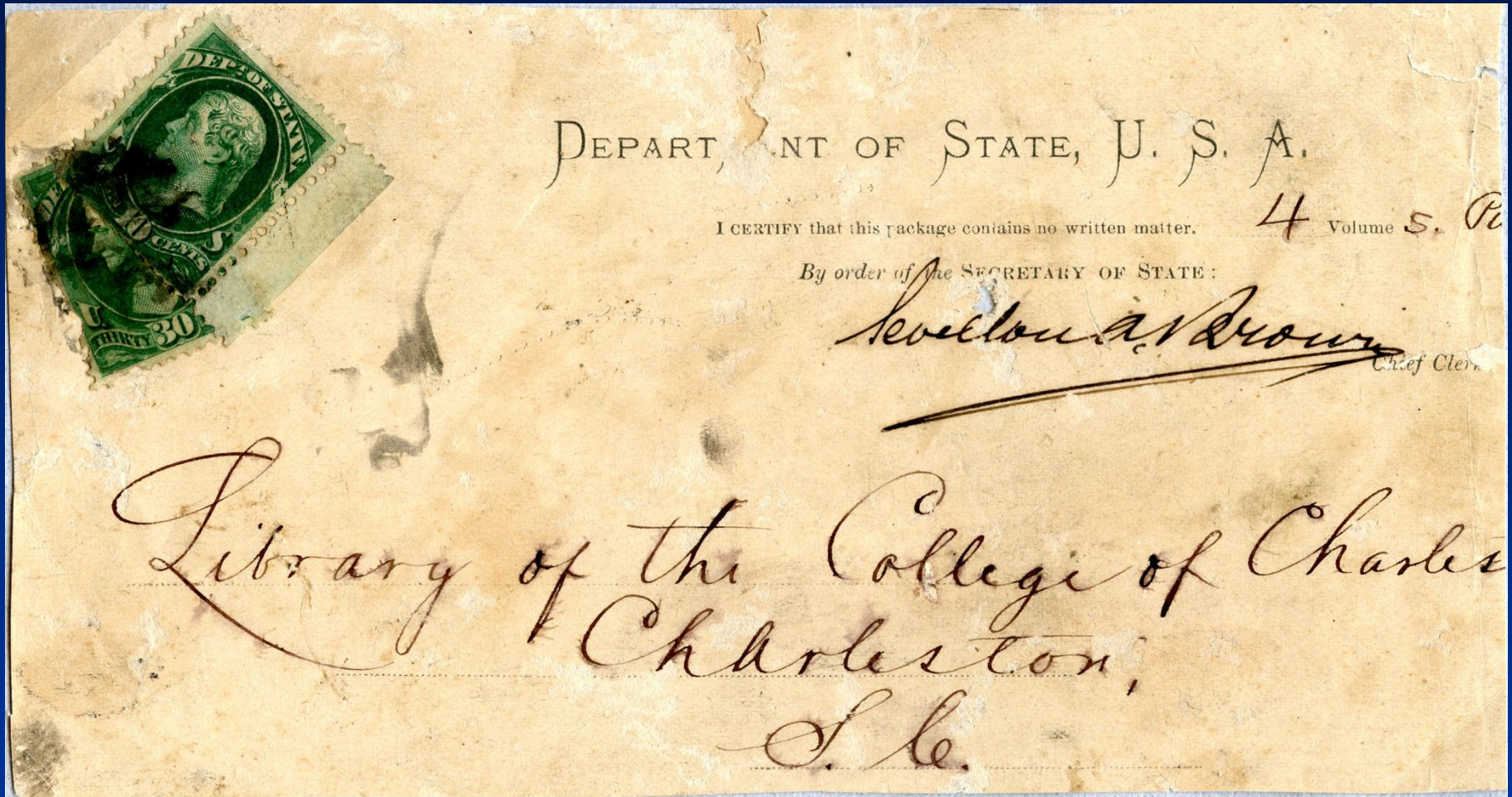
10c Use (St. Petersburg Consulate)



Two types of BF Stevens on official covers

Only Russian consular cover

30c & 10c Use



40c bound volume rate for printed public docs

Earliest 15c Use

Department of State, U. S. A.
Official Business

Charles W. Riley, Esquire,
Consul General of the Orange Free State,
1115 Race Street,
Philadelphia,
Penn^a.

PAID
JUN 10 1873
U. S. A.

15c

PAID
JUN 10 1873
U. S. A.

15c quintuple rate, 1873 by size cds

Treasury Department

Special Tax Form

RETURN FOR SPECIAL TAX

Of Albert J Wood

As _____

Entered and registered by _____

District _____ Division _____

_____, 187.

Middleboro'
Mass



1875

Only Official on tax form

Foreign Destination (England)

Return if not called for in TEN days to Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

United States Commission,
FISH AND FISHERIES.



James R. Gregory Esq.
88 Charlotte Street.
Fitzroy Square W.
London
England.

Only Fish & Fisheries to a foreign destination

Block of Four Use

United States Internal Revenue,

Collector's Office, District, Pennsylvania.

*S. P. Von Meida
U. S. Gauger
Womelsdorf
Berks Co
Penn.*



Commissioner of Internal Revenue,

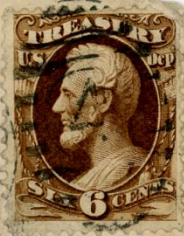
WASHINGTON,

D. C.

Four Official blocks on cover

Official Combination Cover

Office of Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.



Capt J H Beecher & 2m

~~Charles~~

S. C. Salem Mass

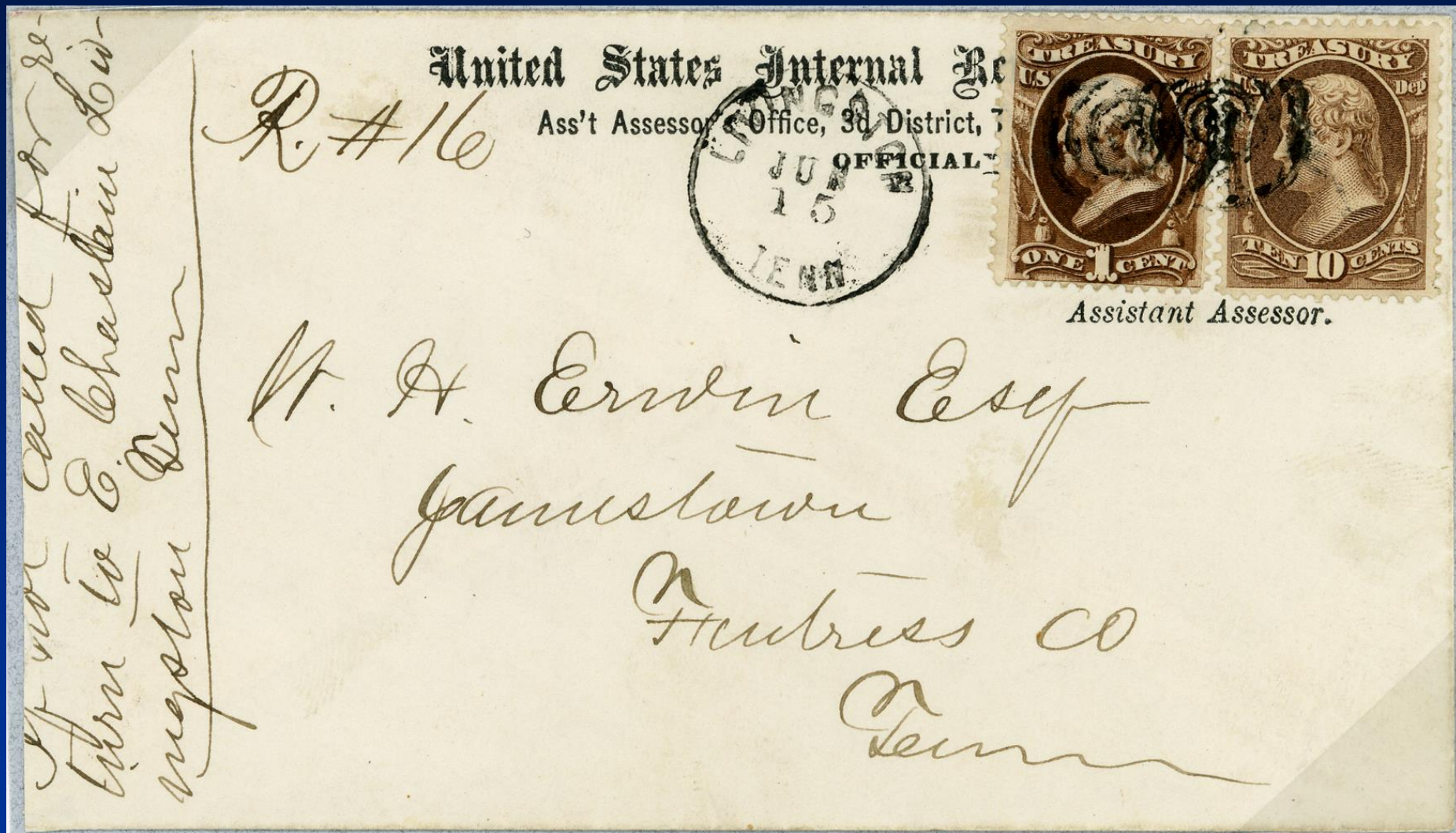
~~San Francisco~~

~~San Francisco~~

Treasury in Chicago > New Mexico > South
Carolina War added reentered mail to Mass

Only Official combo cover

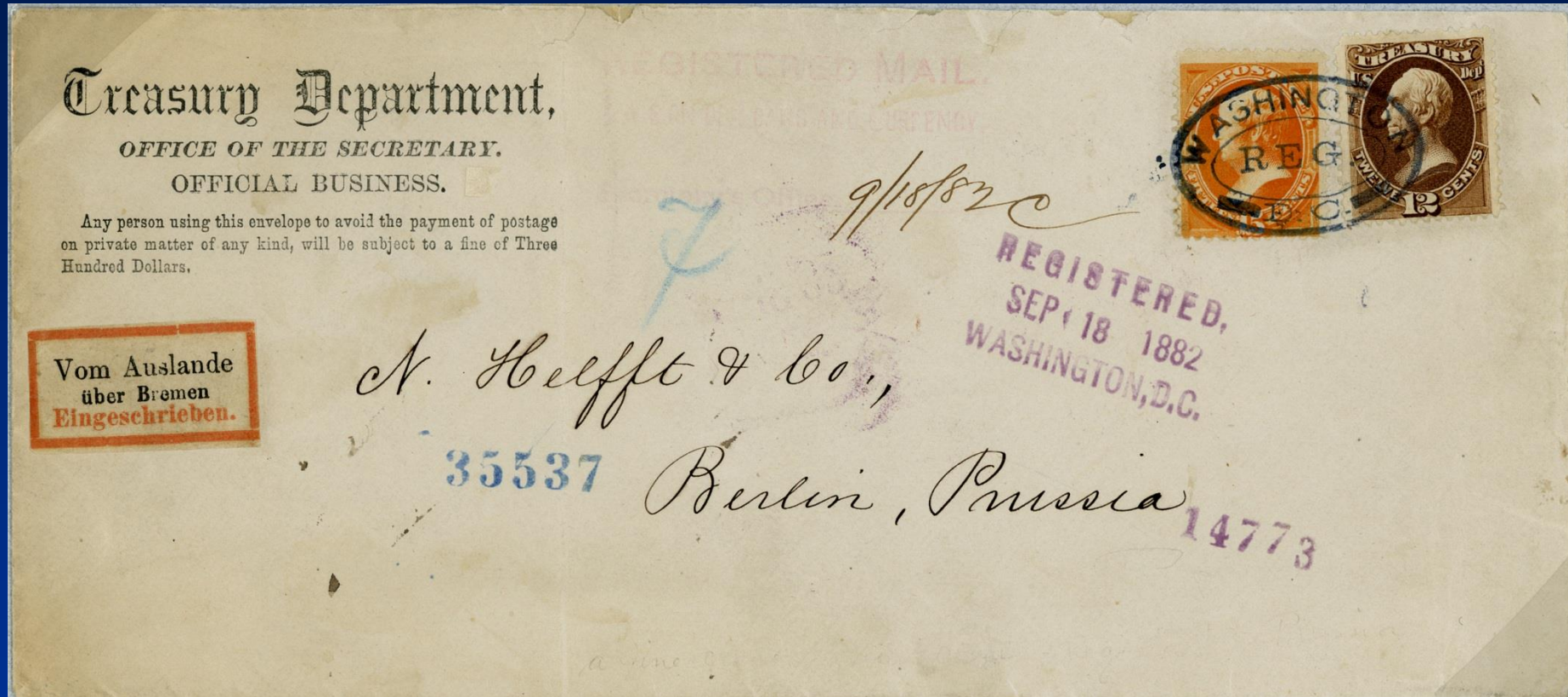
Earliest Registry Use



15 June 1874

Only Official 8c registry fee cover

Combination Issues to Foreign Destination (Germany)



Official stamps not valid on UPU after
1 April 1879. 15c BN paid postage
12c Official paid 10c registry fee

Only non-forwarded Official combo

Office of U. S. General Appraiser
PORT OF PHILADELPHIA, PA.



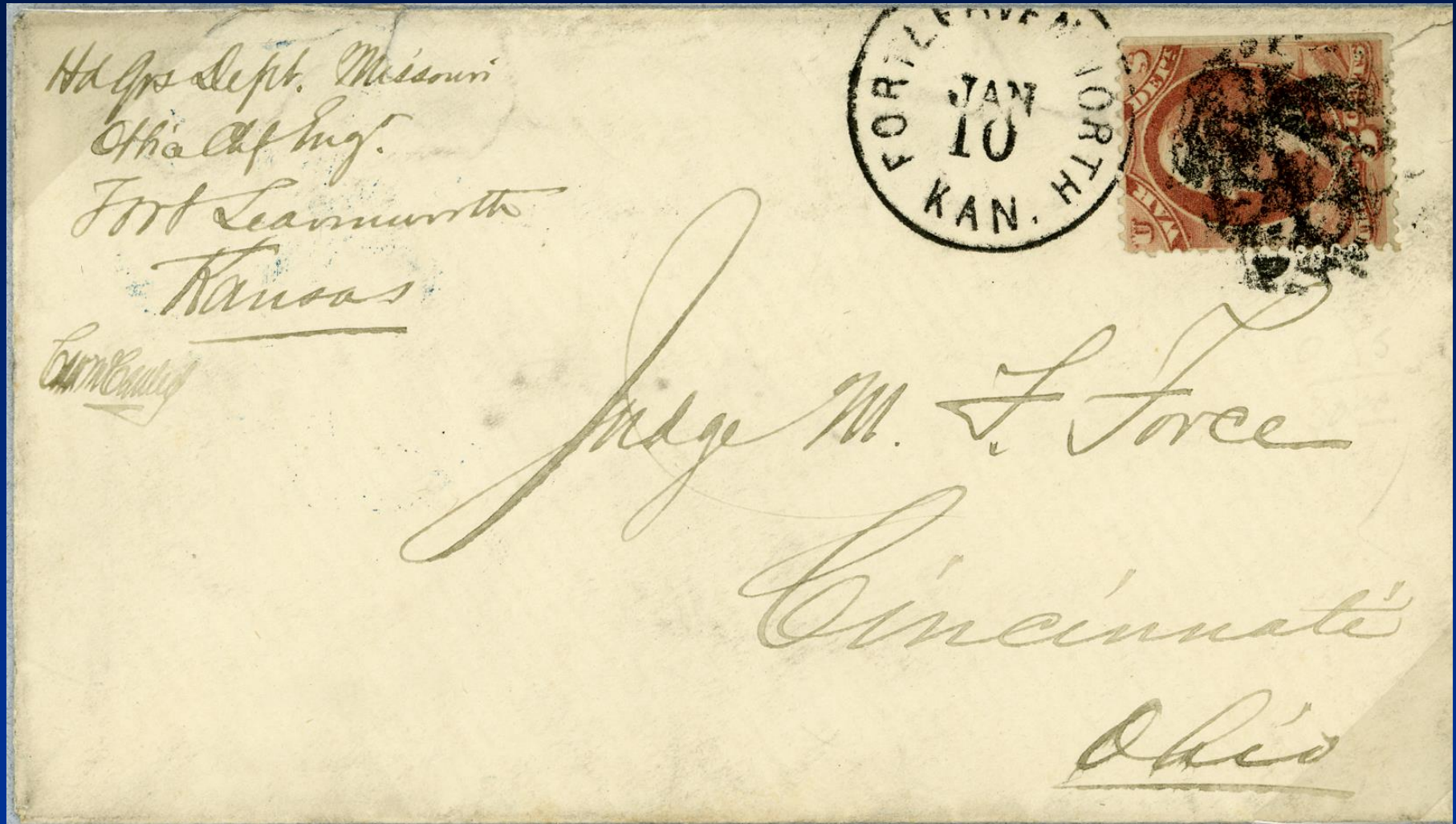
Hon. Loren Blodget

Willard's Hotel

*Custom House Washington
Phila Pa. D.C.*

War Department

Fort Leavenworth Honeycomb Cancel



What was used to make it is still unknown

Two cancel examples on cover

Fort Rice Mixed Franking Use (Dakota Terr.)



10c BN paid the registry fee

Only Fort Rice War cover

Wyoming Terr. Foreign Destination Use (England)



Cheyenne Depot,
near Fort D.A. Russell

Only War fort foreign destination cover

Fort Sill Use (Indian Territory)



Bound Volume 10c Rate Use

Office of the Chief of Engineers.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

I CERTIFY that this package contains no written matter.

Wm. D. Warren Chief Clerk.

Prof. Wm. K. Brewer
Sheffield Scientific School.
New Haven,
Conn.



10c rate for each bound volume of printed
public documents mailed by Gov Official

7c Use



Both examples are 7c + 2c

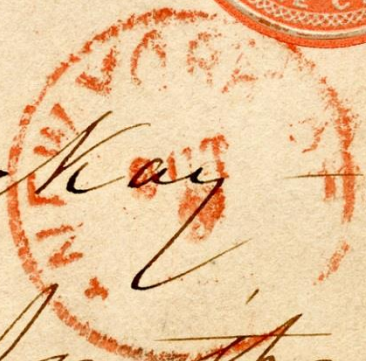
Two recorded covers

Combination Officials and BN Use

Headquarters Army of the
OFFICIAL BUSINESS



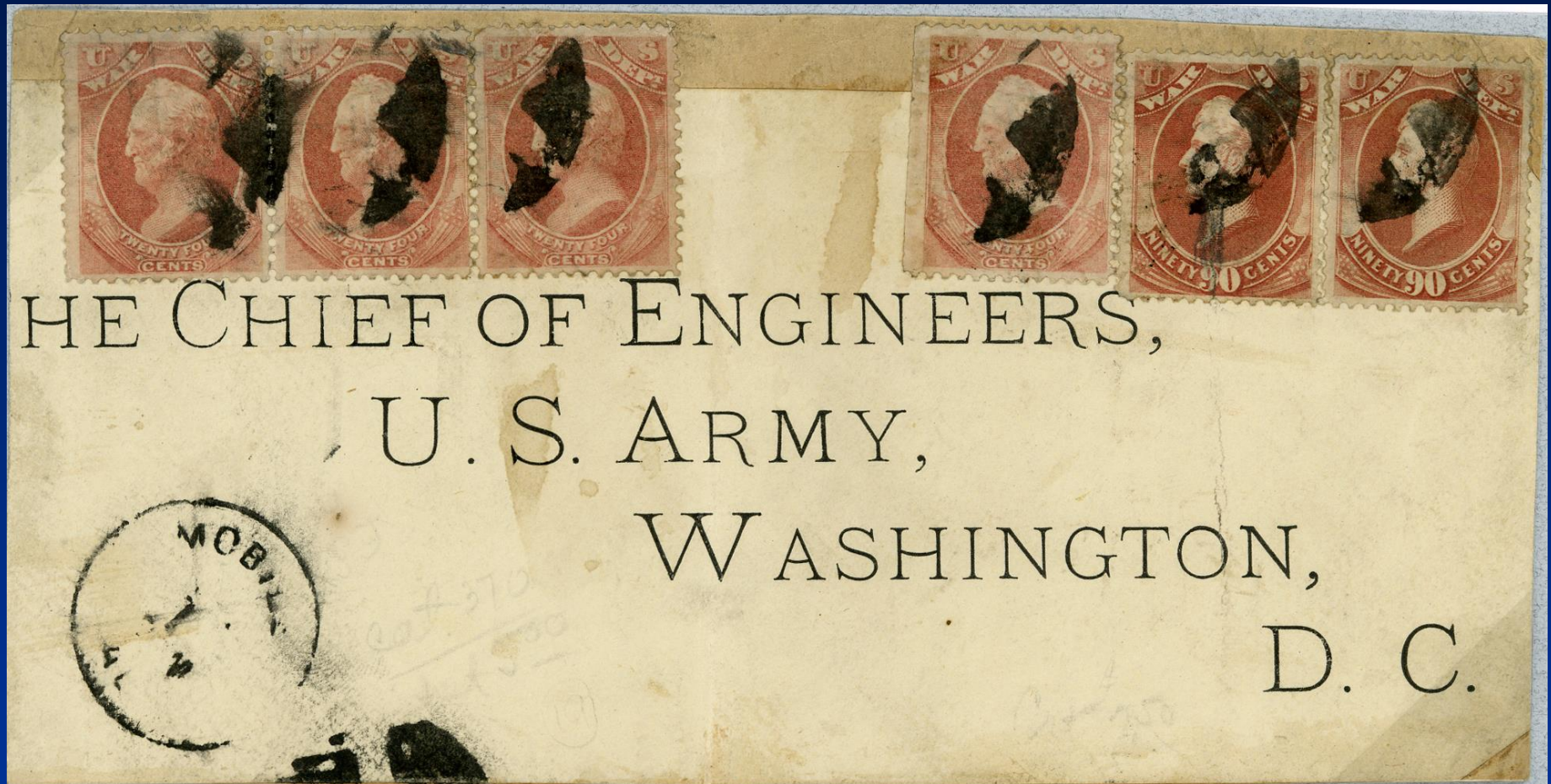
Mrs. Ephraim Mackay
Care of Smith, Payne & Smith
Bankers, London England



Four time 5c UPU rate

Only three combination Official use

90c and 24c Usage on Label



Two 90c War covers
Three 24c War covers

Navy Department

Second Greely Arctic Rescue Attempt



2c Navy added by the foreign office
deficiency paid handstamp on the back

Only Arctic Official cover

Deficiency Handstamp

Deficiency in Postage supplied by
U.S. Gov't Despatch Agency, New York.
Please advise your Correspondent to
inquire of local Postmaster correct rate
of postage on matter of future despatch
ation, that it may not suffer detention.

Intercepted Illegal Use



New Orleans Insufficiently Paid hs

Three Official intercepted illegal covers

Reverse of Cover from Same Correspondence

Now Sue there seems to be
something wrong about
these blue stamps.

one one of
Mrs Rauls letters

it was stamped,

"Illegal Postage"
and was detained at the post office.

Dear Sue There seems to be something wrong with these blue stamps. One of Mrs. Rauls letters it was stamped "Illegal Postage" and was detained at the post office.

Forwarded Inbound Postage Due Ship Letter



"Due 10" US Currency applied in NY
3c Navy added in Washington, DC

Only Official US Currency due cover

Foreign Destination Use (Turkey)



overpaid 5c UPU rate

Only Navy outbound BF Stevens cover

Inbound Pouch Mail Use



Only non-State inbound pouch cover

Inbound and Outbound (Japan and Columbia)



6c Navy added in D.C.

Only foreign inbound & Official outbound cover

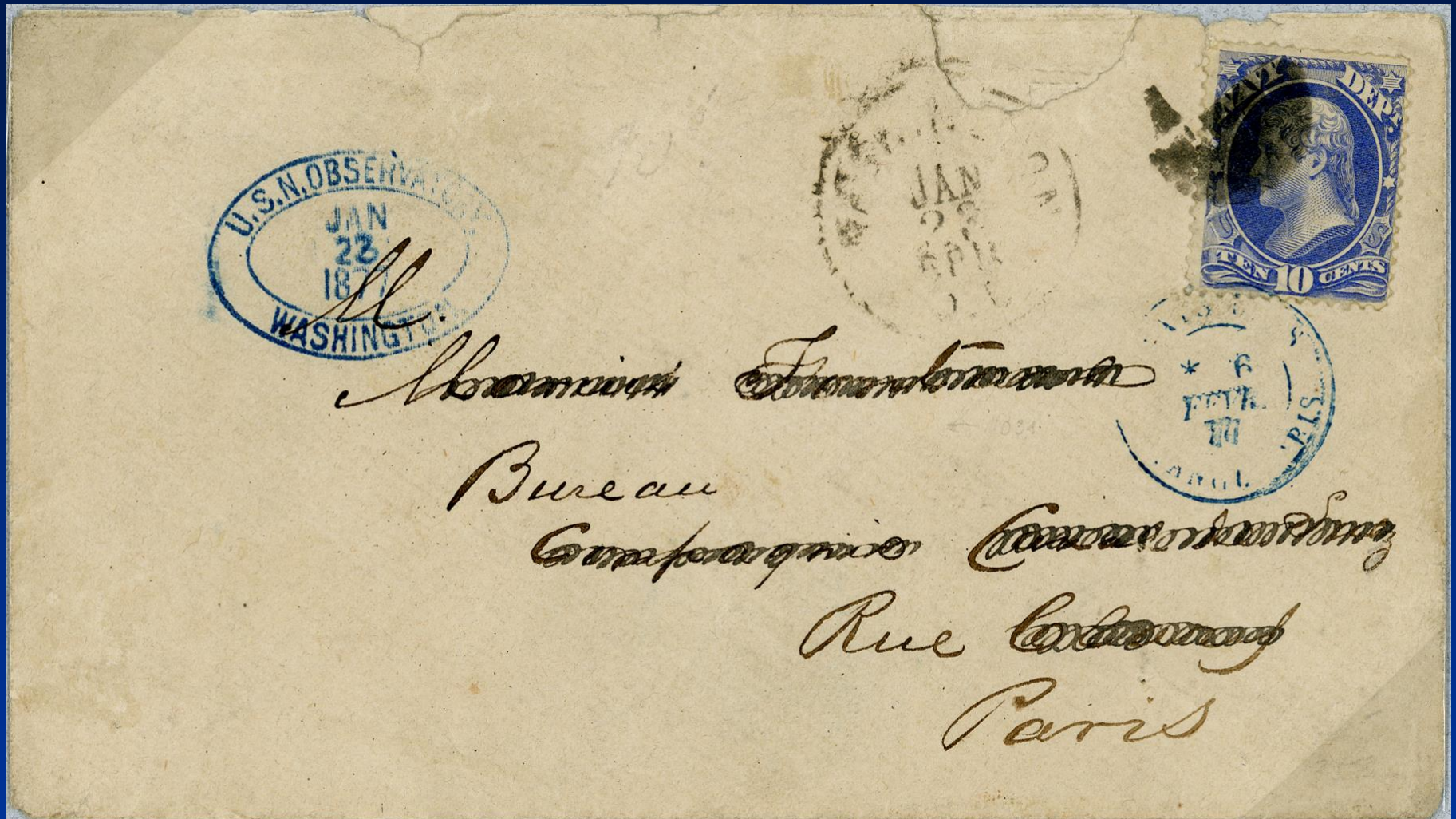
Forwarded Foreign Destination (Brazil)



Carried outside the mails to Wash DC
No rate for 7c stamp

Three 7c Navy covers

Foreign Destination Use (France)



Double rate

Four 10c Navy covers

15c Use

Navy Department

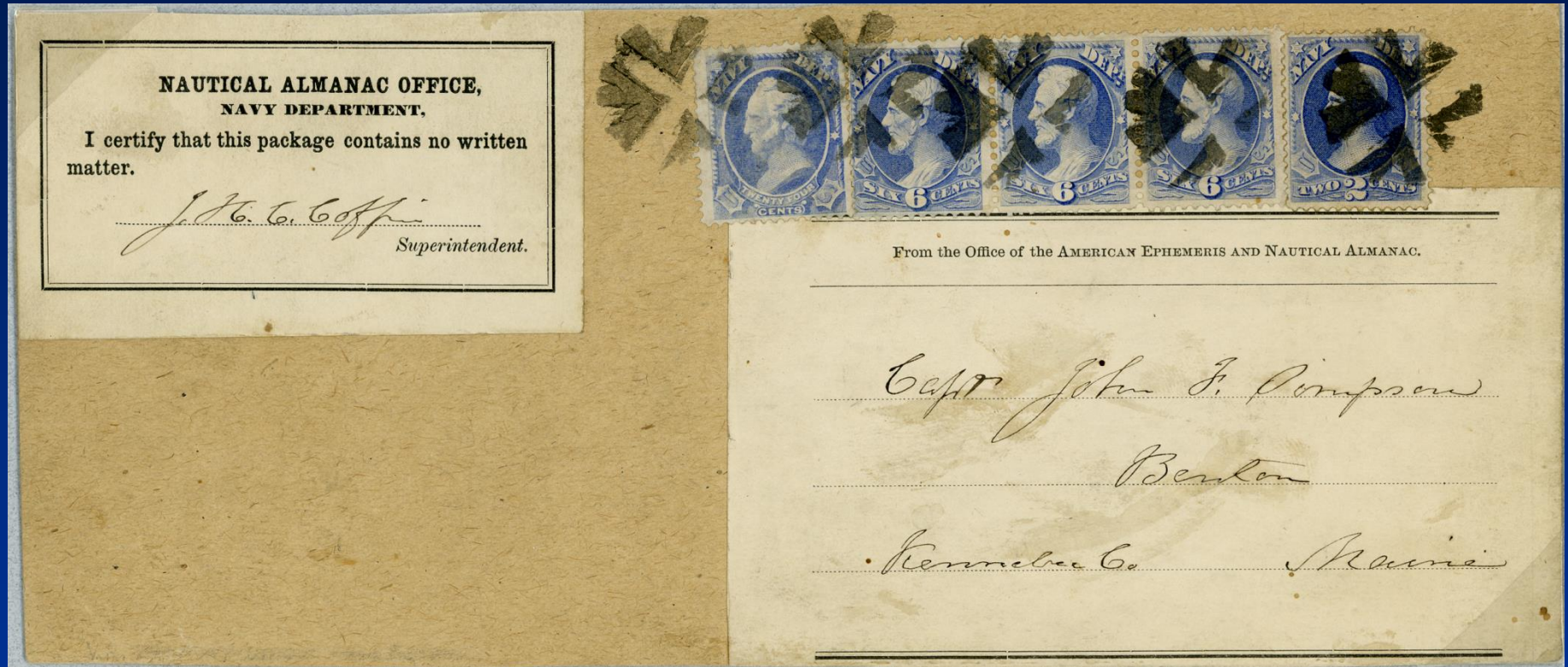
OFFICIAL BUSINESS



Mr. George H. Newton
Norfolk
Va.

Only 15c Navy cover

Largest Navy Combination Use



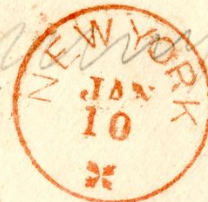
Note: signature for “no printed matter”

Three 24c Navy covers

30c + 12c Foreign Destination Use (Brazil)

Navy Department

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



160
/ 2

Commodore

W. H. B. Caldwell
Commanding U. S. Naval Force, South Atlantic Station,
Rio de Janeiro,
Brazil.

to Brazil via London

Two 30c Navy covers

Department of the Interior

Foreign Destination Printed Matter Use (Austria)

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF EDUCATION.

I certify that this package contains public documents and no written matter.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER:

William
Chief Clerk.

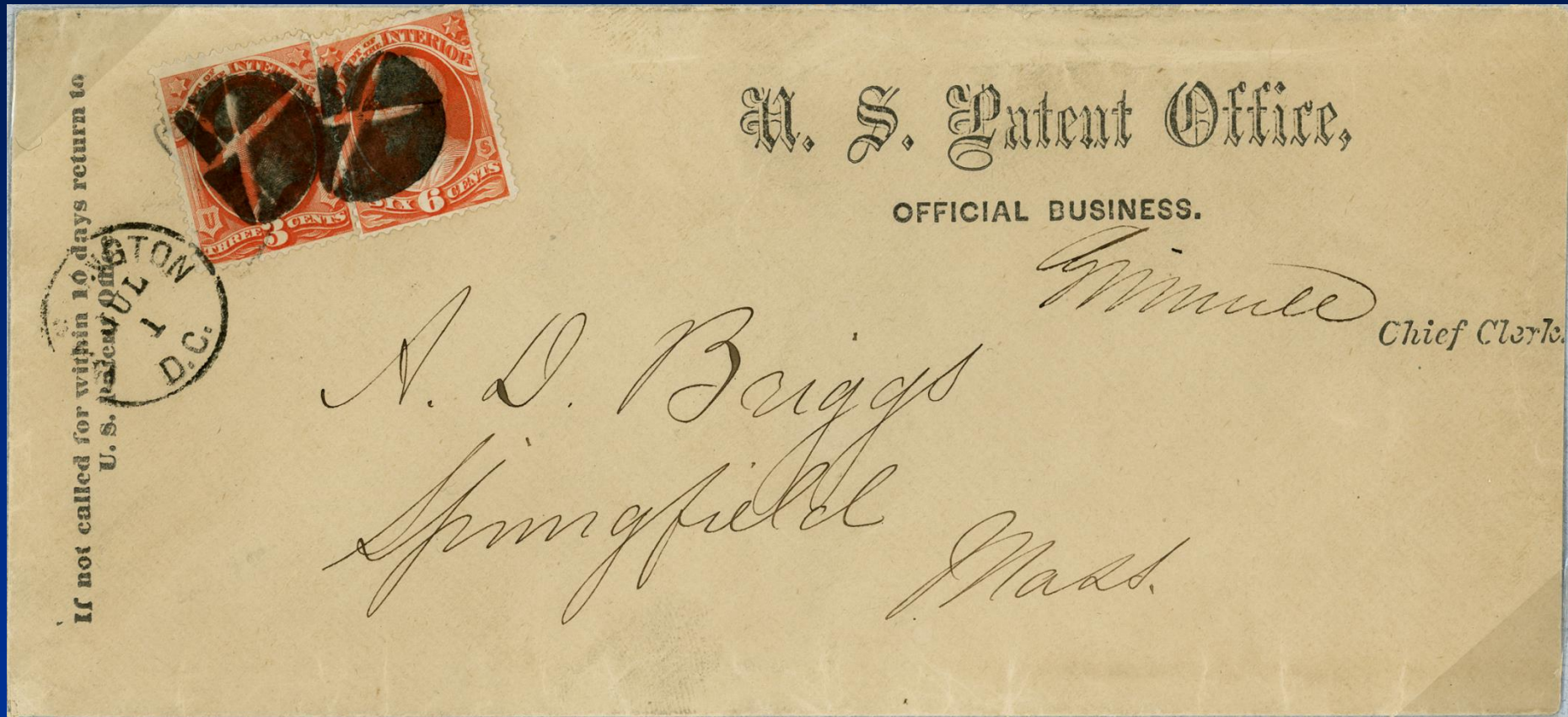


To the Rector of the University
Vienna
Austria.

Double 2c rate

Only Official foreign destination printed matter cover

First Day Use



Note: size of cd, killer matches another first day, corner card at right, signature on cover

Two Interior first day covers

1876 Centennial Exhibition Use

JOHN EATON,
*Representative of the Department
of the Interior.*

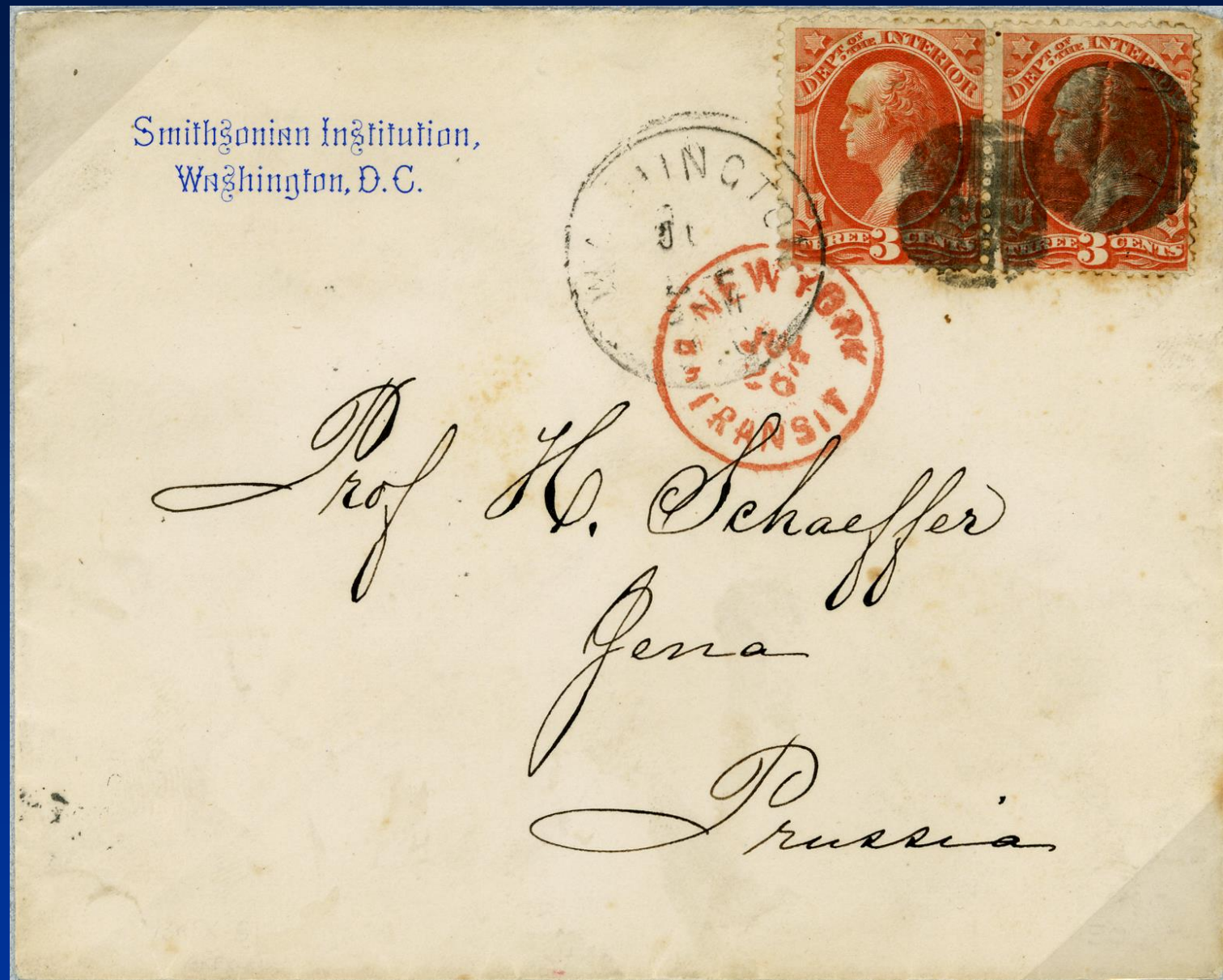
INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, 1876.
U. S. Government Building,
Department of the Interior Exhibit.



Dr. J. F. Snyder

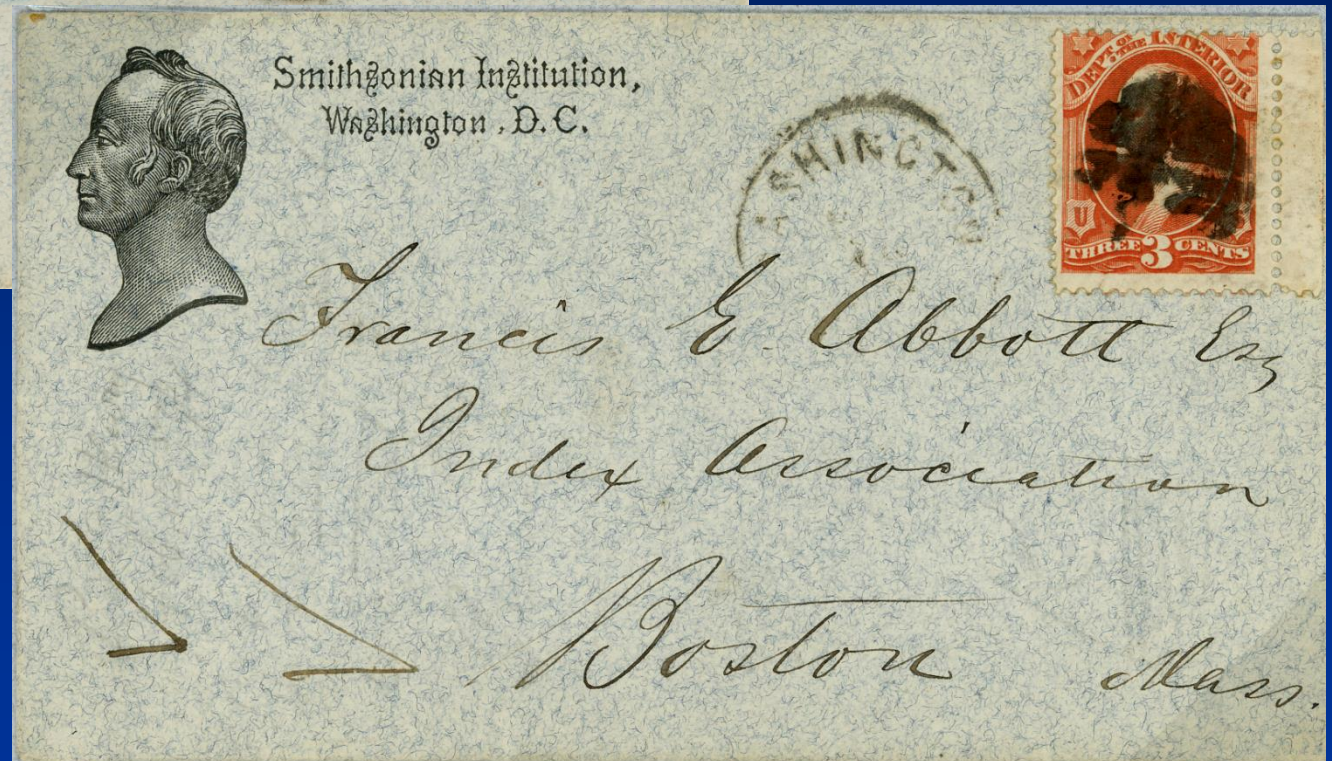
Virginia.
Cass County, Illinois

Foreign Destination Use (Germany)



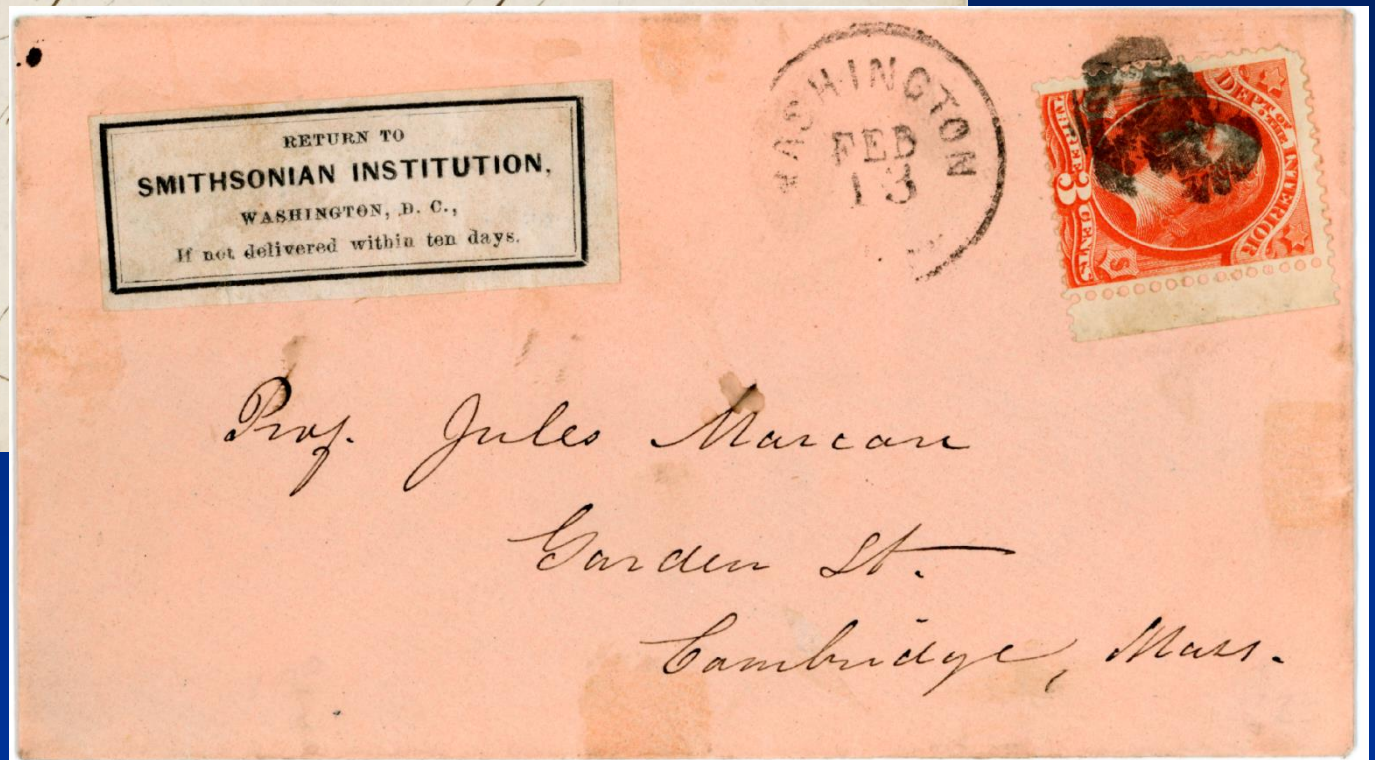
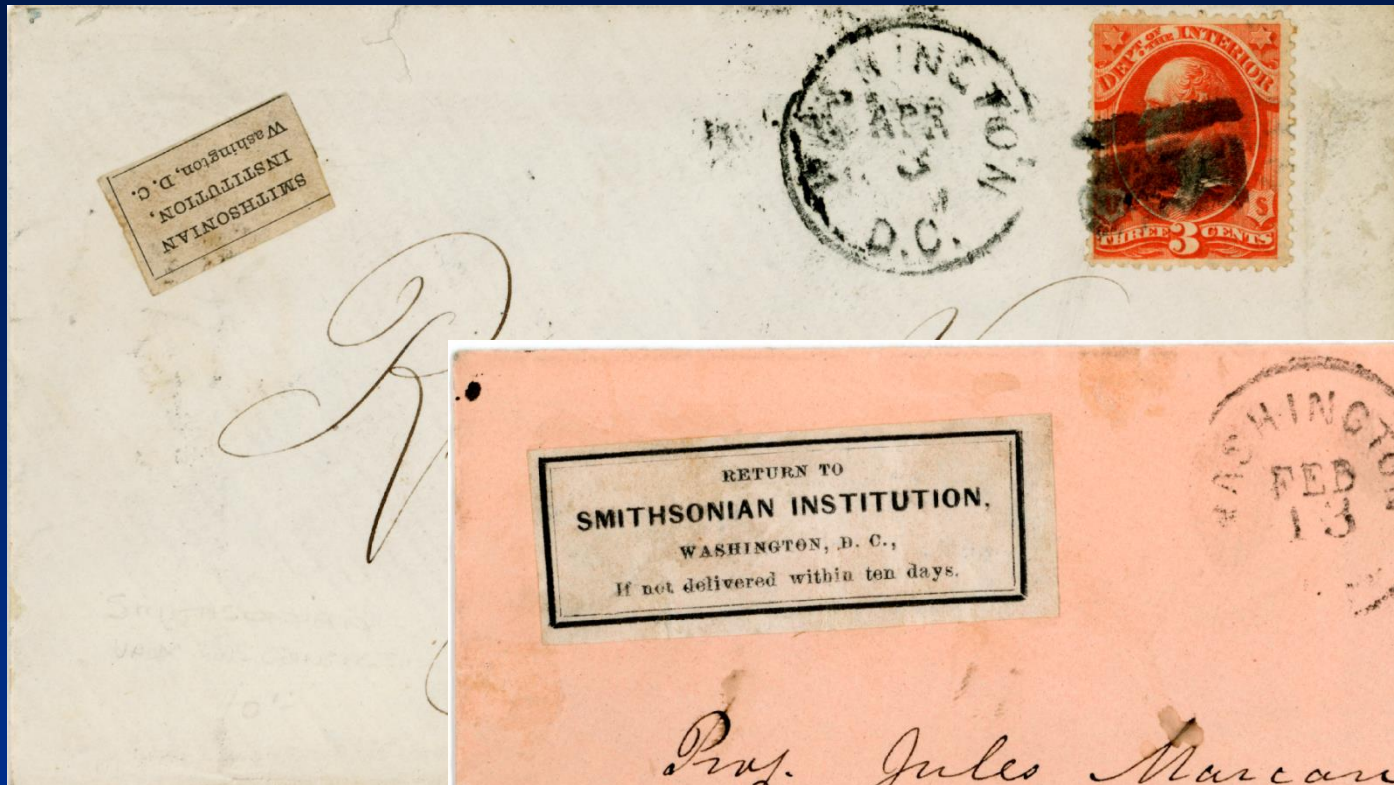
6c GPU rate, July 1875

Smithsonian Illustrated Envelope



Two types recorded

Smithsonian Corner Card Label



Two types recorded

Registered Package Label

RETURN IF NOT DELIVERED.

[1-089.]



Department of the Interior,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.
OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Any person using this label to avoid the payment of postage
on private matter of any kind, will be subject
to a fine of Three Hundred Dollars.

American Antiquarian Society
Harvard.

Mass.

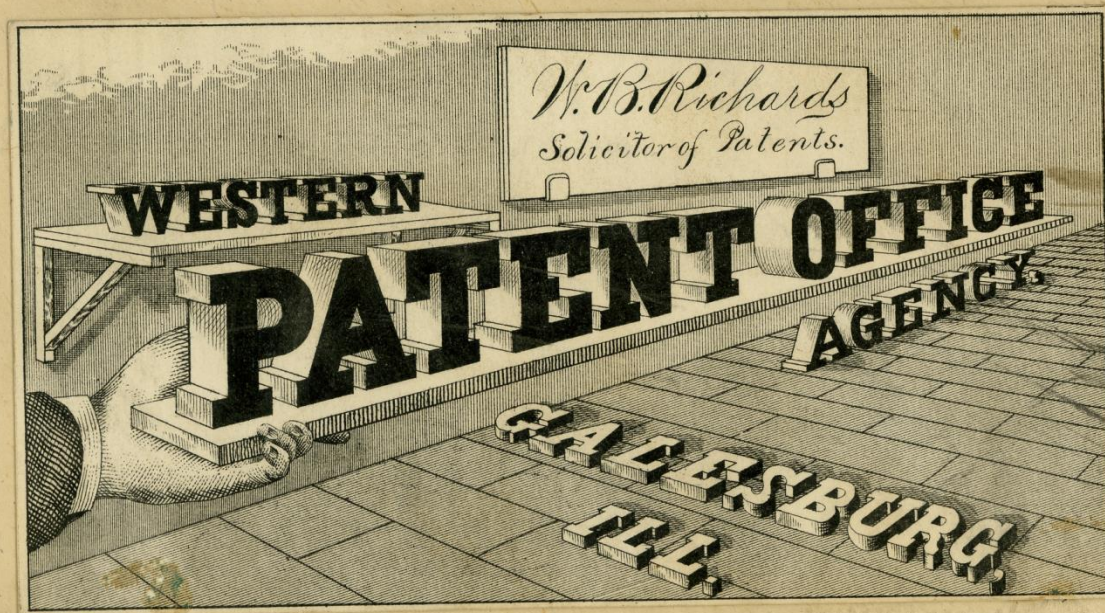
PRINTED MATTER

10c pays registry fee penalty covers postage
Note Printed Matter hs

U. S. Patent Office.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Return if not called for within 10 days.



1665- Patent
Received Apr 20/70
Division A - B

12c and 24c Combination Use



2c overpayment of octuple rate
and 10c registry fee

Department of the Interior,

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

I certify that this package contains no written matter.

By order of the SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR:

B. B. Adams

Superintendent of Documents.

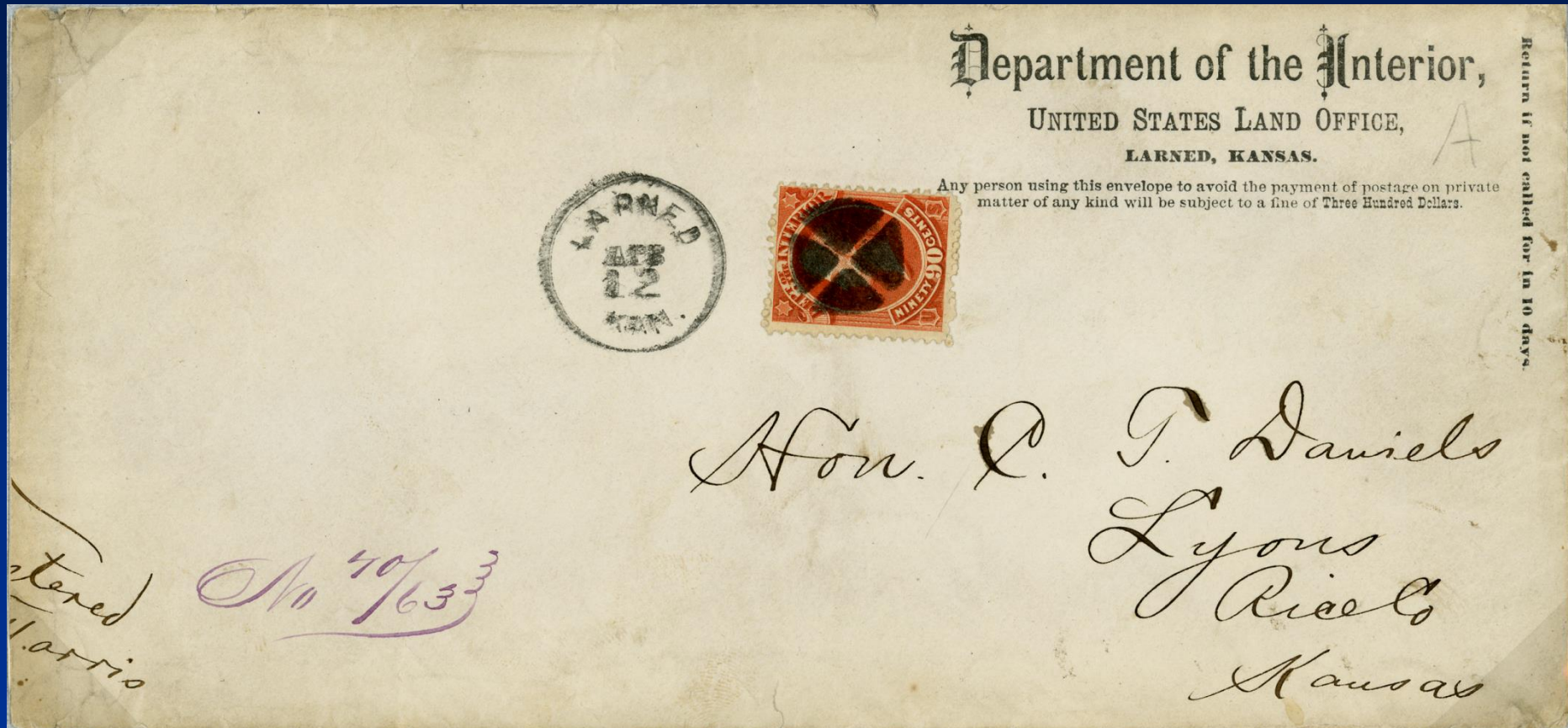
Prof. H. W. Worthen

Springfield

Illinois



90c Use



Envelope glued to a larger envelope
carrying homestead proofs

Only 90c Interior cover

15c Soft Paper

This envelope, without postage stamps, can only be used for correspondence with the Executive Departments and officers of the United States.

John F. Gorven
Register



Department of the Interior,
UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
Olympia, Wash. Ter.
OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Any person using this envelope to avoid the payment of postage on private matter of any kind will be subject to a fine of Three Hundred Dollars.



James Thorne,

No 20
303
269
Returned to Writer
Editor.
M. J.

Sent inside Washington Terr.

Only 15c Interior American Printing cover

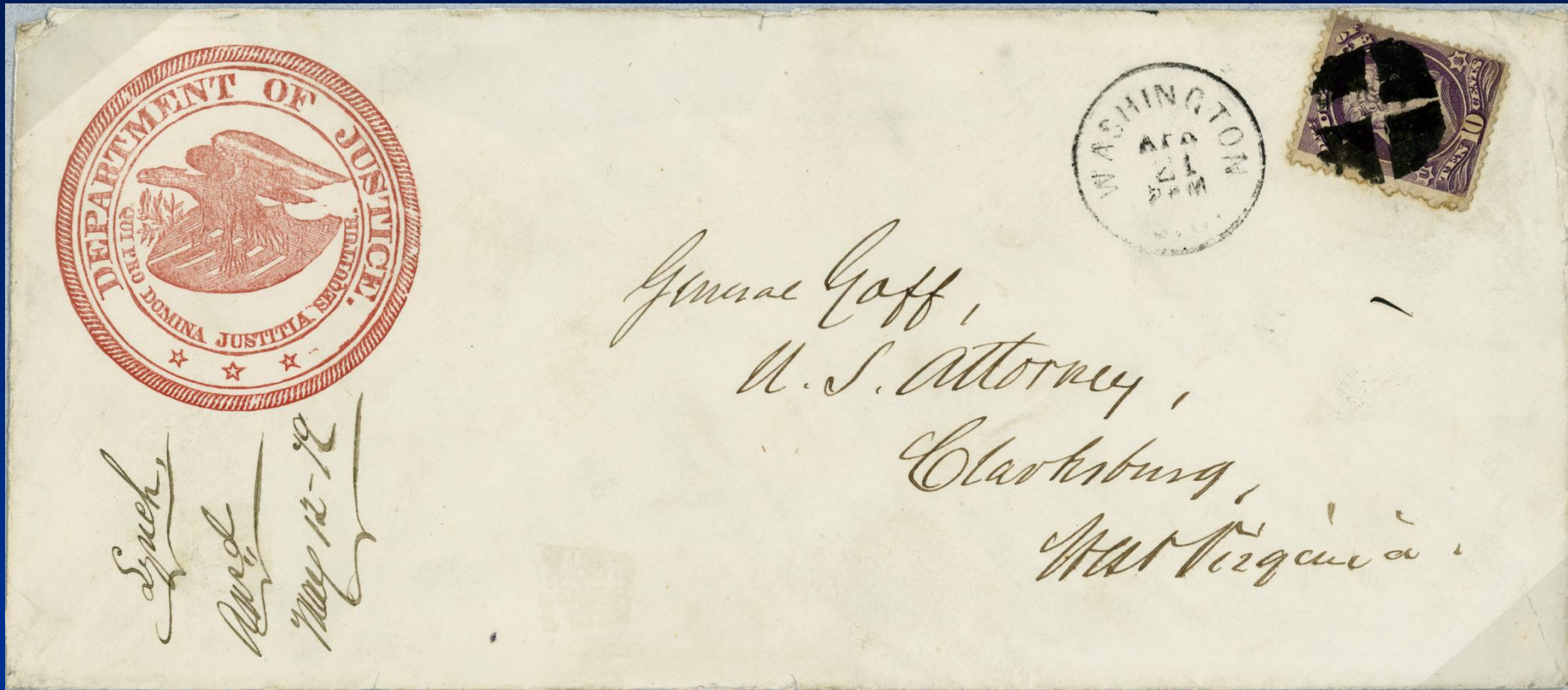
Department of Justice

3c Territorial Use (Idaho)



Lewiston, Idaho was the original state Capitol
before being stolen one night and moved to Boise

10c Use



Four 10c Justice covers

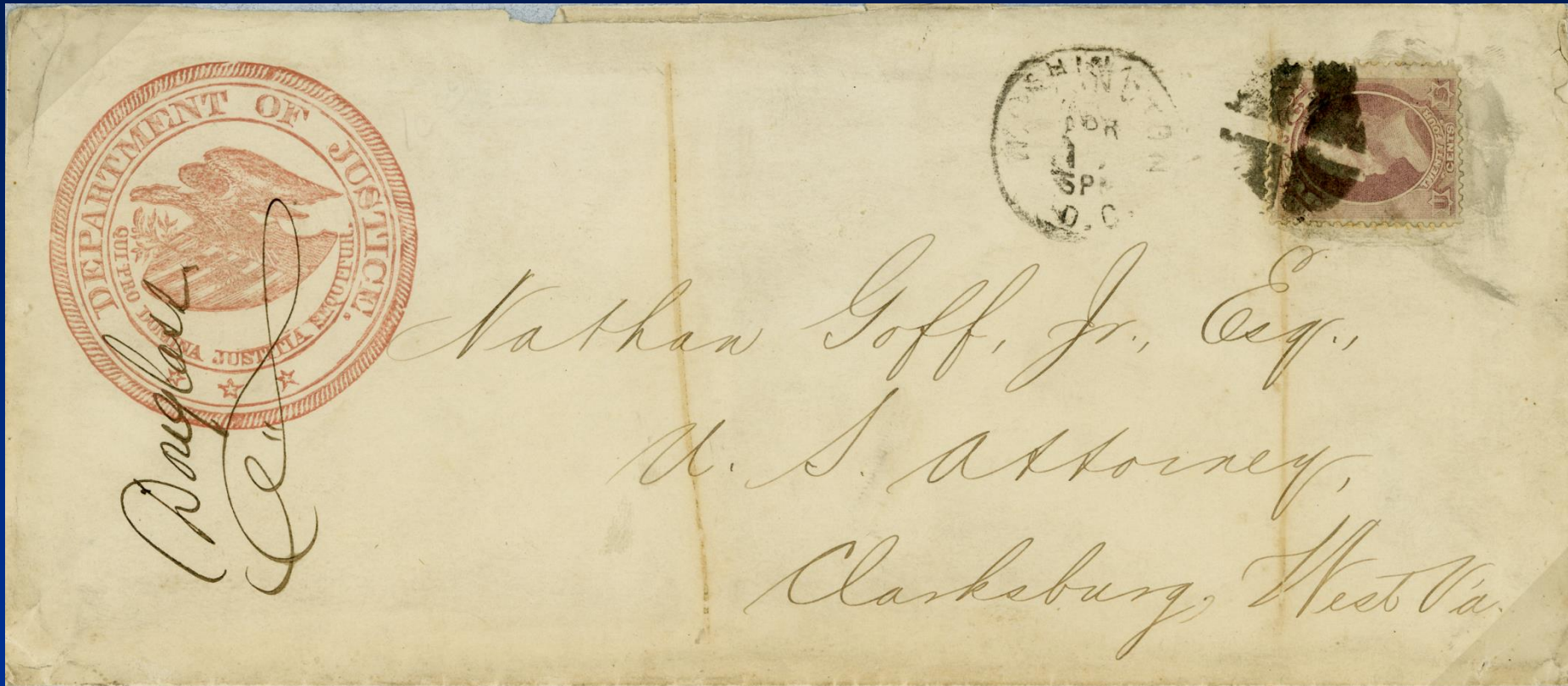
15c Use



*N. Goff, Jr. Esq.,
U. S. Attorney,
Clarksburg,
W. Va.*

10c quintuple rate

24c Use



Mailed by Frederick Douglass

Two 24c Justice covers

6c Use (American Printing)



Only 6c Justice American Printing cover

Department of Agriculture

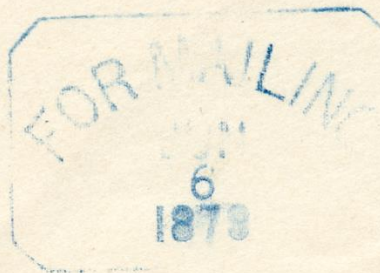
Department of Agriculture.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

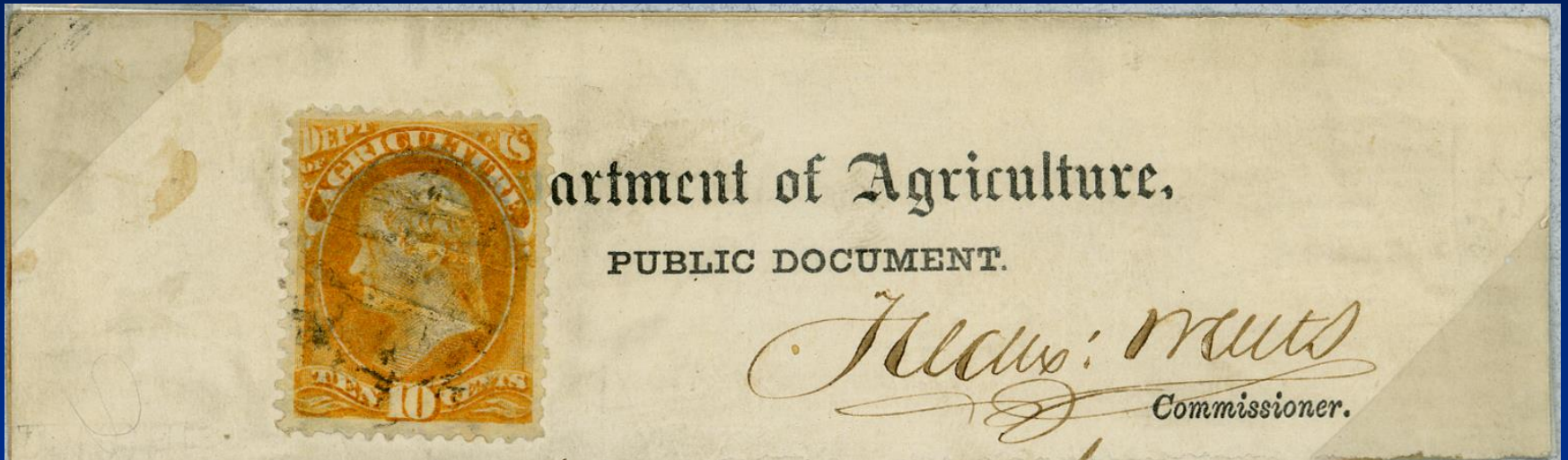
ANY PERSON using this envelope to avoid the payment of postage on private matter of any kind, will be subject to a fine of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS.



*Commissioner of Crown Lands
Toronto
Canada*



10c Use



10c per bound volume of public documents

Three 10c Agriculture covers

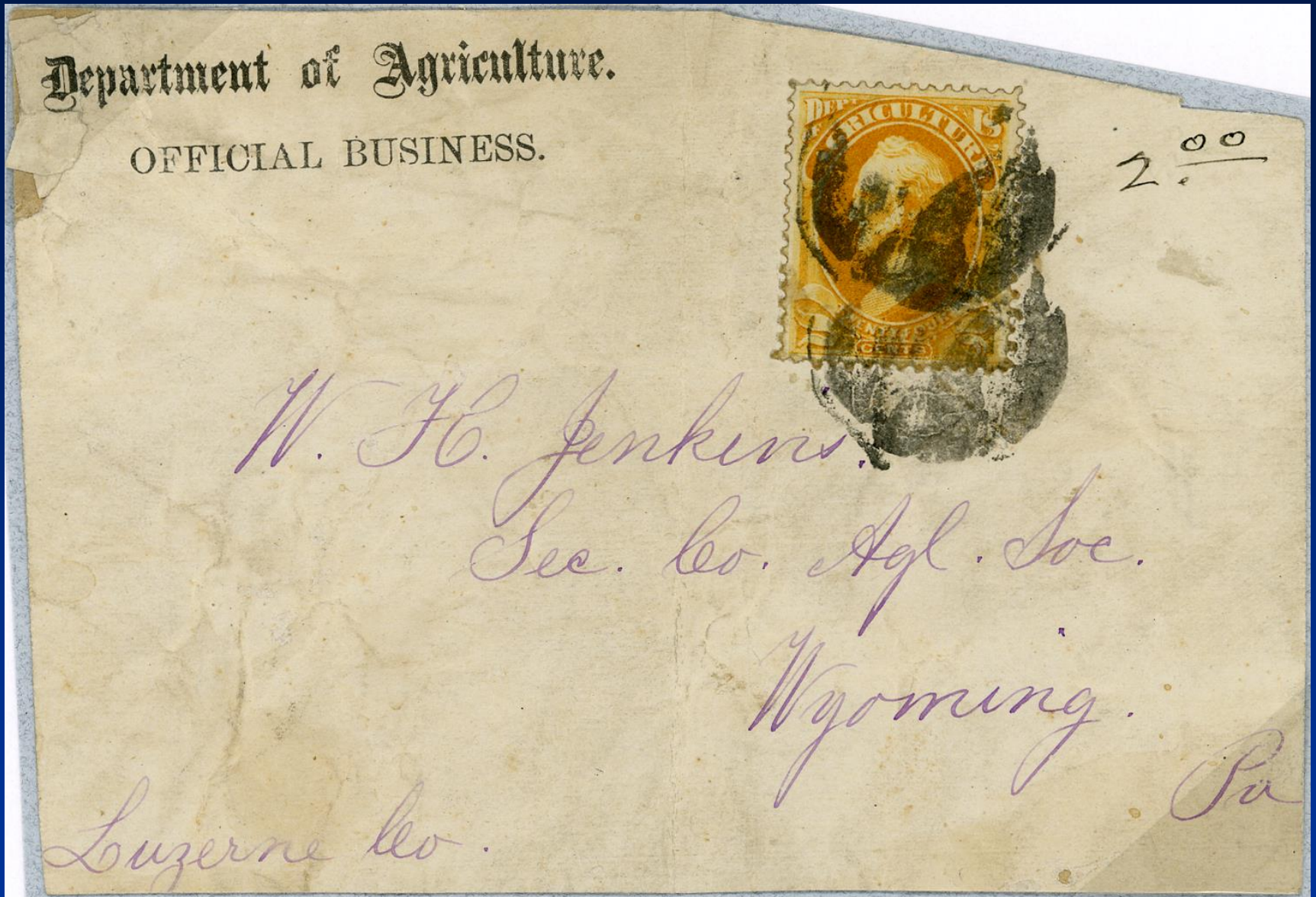
12c Use on Parcel Label



12c for 24 oz of non-book printed matter

Two 12c Agriculture covers

24c Use on Parcel Label



24c for 48 oz of non-book printed matter

Only 24c Agriculture cover

Post Office Department

Political Illustrated Cover

THE TOBACCO ANTIDOTE.

1st. Make the most of your will. Drop Tobacco and resolve, with the help of God, never to use it again. 2nd. Go to an Apothecary and buy ten cents worth of GENTIAN ROOT, coarsely ground. 3d. Take as much of it after meals or oftener as amounts to a common quid. 4th. Chew it well and swallow the saliva. 5th. Continue this a few weeks and you will probably come of conqueror.

THE EVILS OF TOBACCO.

Its cost is enormous. The cost of two cigars per day at 10 cents each, will, at ten per cent. compound interest, amount in ten years to \$1163.38, in twenty years to \$4,180.85 in thirty years to \$12,007.24, in forty years to \$32,307.04, and in fifty years to \$81,959.51. Besides this it tends to idleness, poverty, strong drink, and the whole family of vices. It tends to debility, dyspepsia, palsy, cancers, insanity, delirium tremens, and sudden deaths. It weaves a winding sheet around 20,000 in our land every year.

If not called for in Ten Days return to

Contract Office
Inspection Division
P. O. Dept. Washington
D. C.

THE REMEDY.

1. Never use it yourself. 2. Banish it from your families and premises. 3. Purify the church. 4. Rebuke the manufacture and sale of it. 5. Look after schools and save the young. 6. Circulate anti-tobacco papers, tracts and envelopes. 7. Sign and circulate this pledge: *I hereby pledge myself to abstain from the use of Tobacco, in all forms, totally and forever*



THE INFORMER

Is an Anti-Tobacco, Anti-Rum, and Anti-War Monthly, published at Elgin Illinois, each department being in charge of a special editor. It is furnished at \$1.00 per annum with the "American Messenger" as a premium, two good papers at price of one. Sent 3 months on trial for 25 cts. Address Amasa Ford, the publisher, as above

A physician says, "I can point you to two families right under my eye, where in each case, there is a nest of little children rendered idiots by the tobacco habits of their parents." Another physician says, "Its use is often and naturally the cause of drunkenness, for the two habits are intimately related, each tending to produce the other."

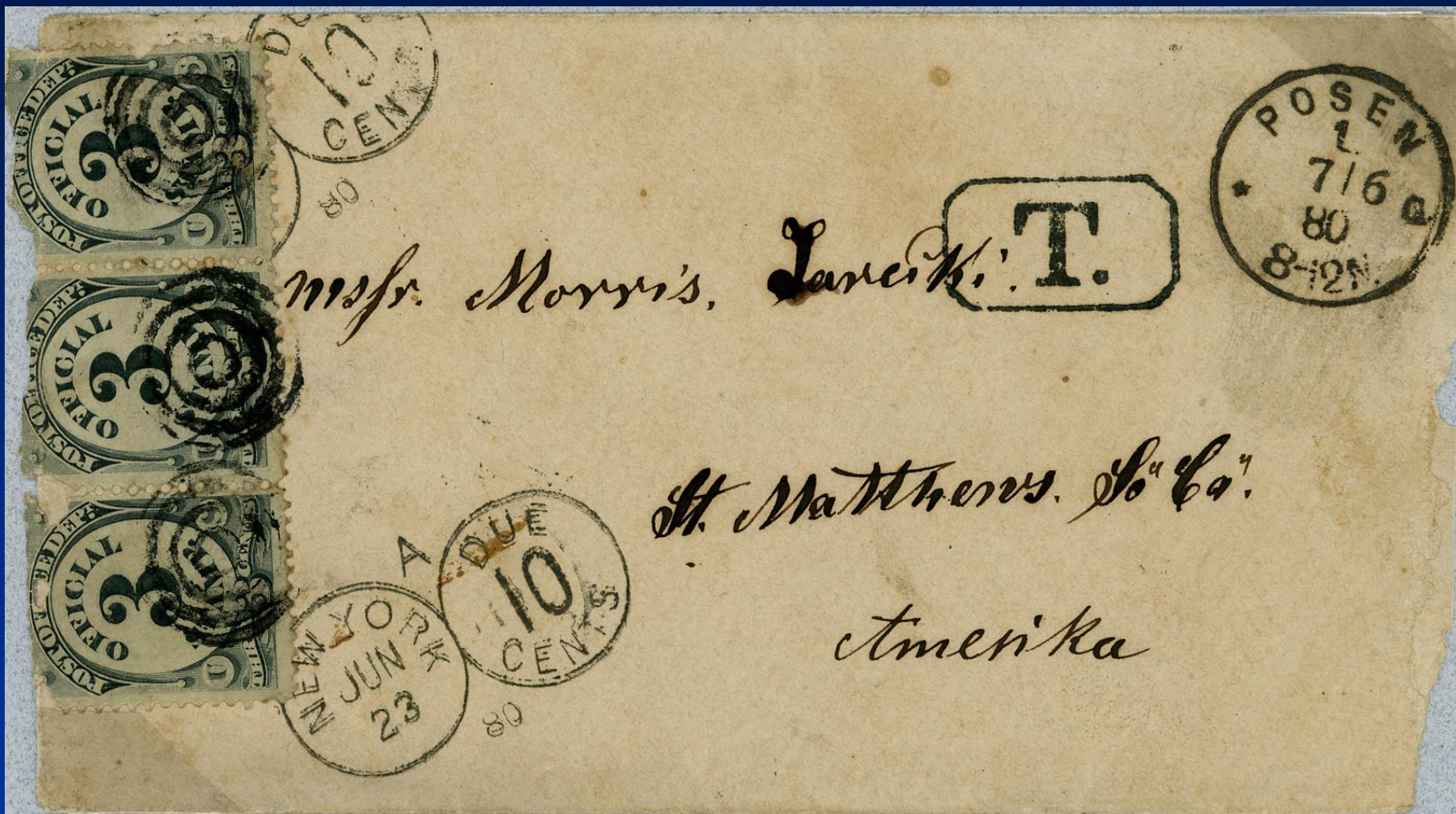


THE SMOKING FAMILY.

What, the whole family smoke? Why not? If it is good for the father to smoke, why not for the mother? And if it is good for the boys, why not for the girls? But how would young men like to see their sisters and young lady friends walking the streets or sitting on dry goods boxes and curb stones, puffing cigars?

HOAX - OR

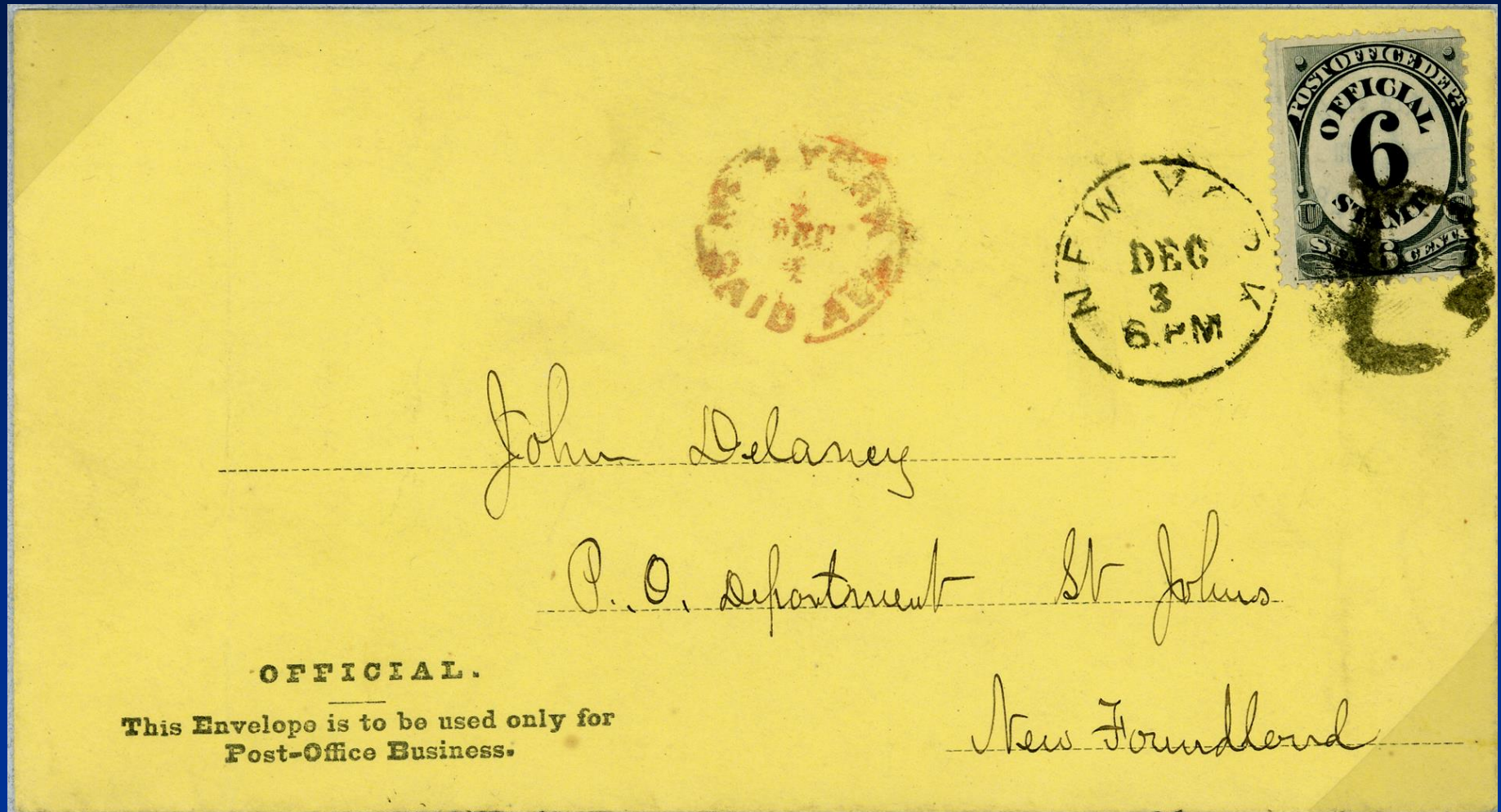
Officials Used for Postage Due (German Stampless Inbound)



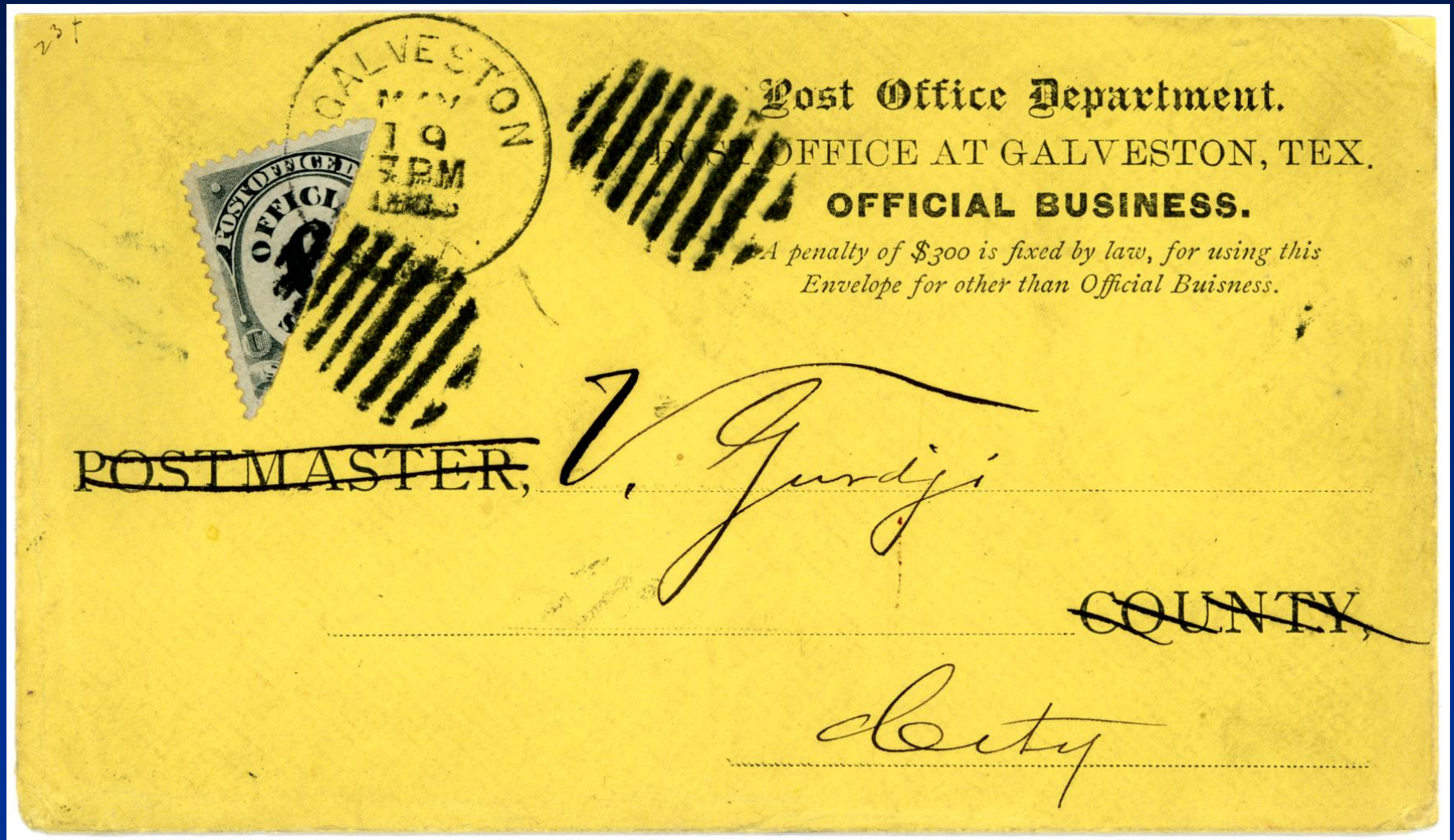
Short paid German and New York due hs

No similar cover recorded

Foreign Destination Use (Newfoundland)



Bisect Use to Private Citizen After 1882



Only bisect on a penalty mail cover

10c Use

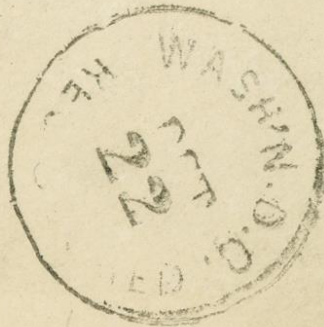
POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE THIRD ASSISTANT P. M. GENERAL.
OFFICIAL BUSINESS.



Phil 1063

W. O. Frailey,

Care of O. F. Hall,
Lancaster, Pa.



Contained stamps for collector

Two 10c Post Office paying registry

Post Office Department,

Office of Second Assistant P. M. General,

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.



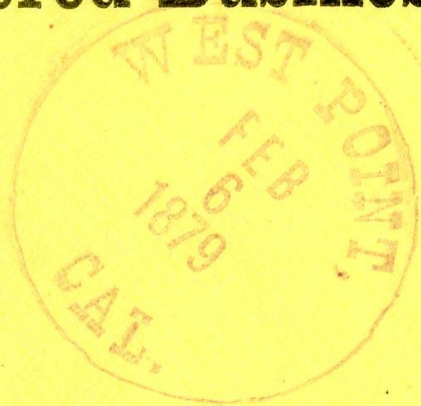
F. W. Schautte, Esq;

Special Agent, P. O. Department,

Saint Louis, Missouri.

Earliest Recorded Use of Soft Paper

Registered Business.



Postmaster, *Sheep Ranch*
County,

OFFICIAL.

This Envelope is to be used only for
Post-Office Business.

Clay

Single rate, 28 February 1879 before American Banknote Co. took over printing on 4 February 1879. Thus soft paper used by Continental Banknote at end of contract.

Thank You for Your Interest

Only State and Penalty Clause Combo Use (Seychelle Islands)



BF Stevens forwarding in blue

three Seychelle Islands Consulate covers

Registered Penalty Use



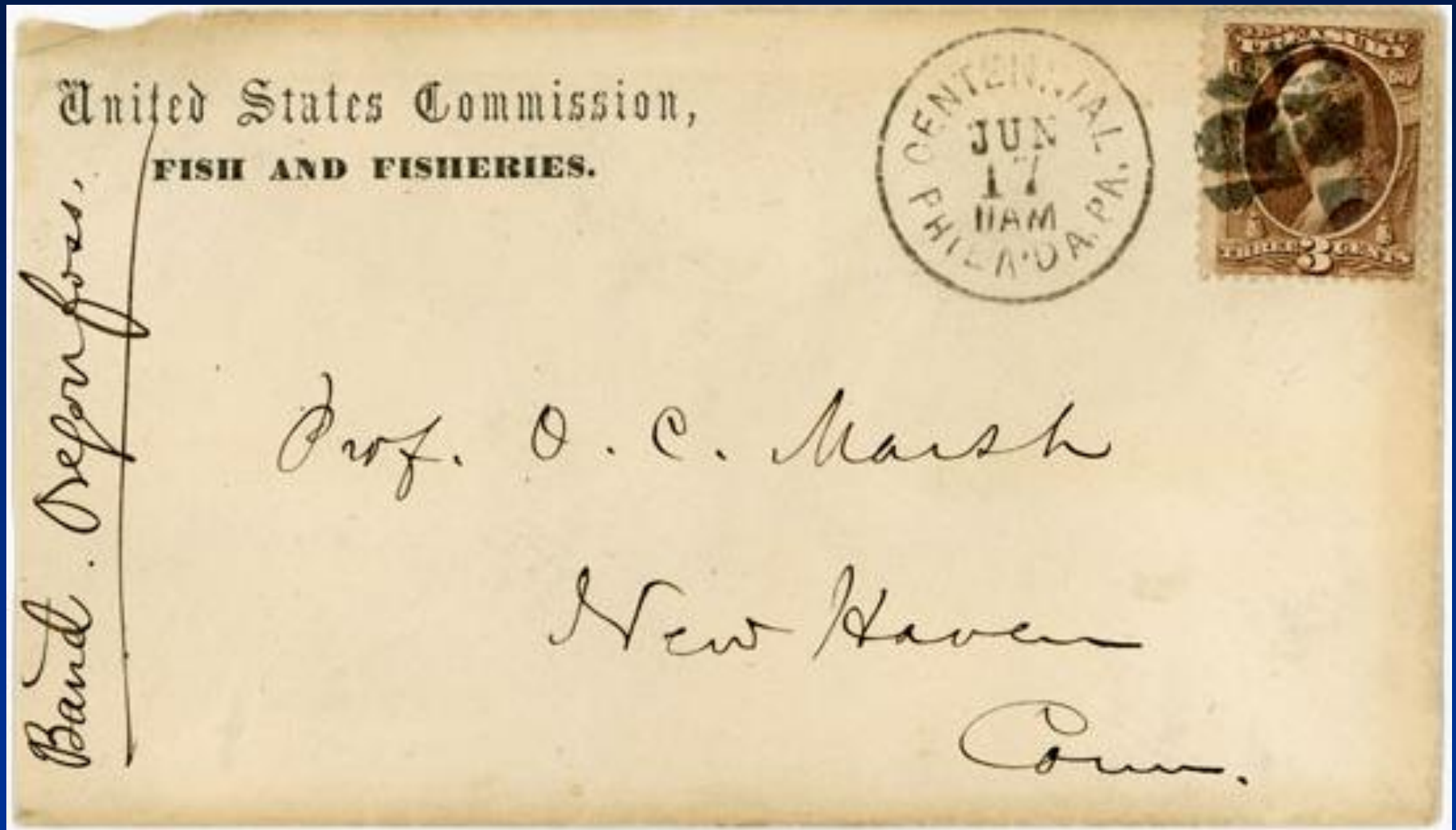
1c stamps pay the 10c registry fee
postage paid by the penalty clause

Registry Free when Shipping New Currency



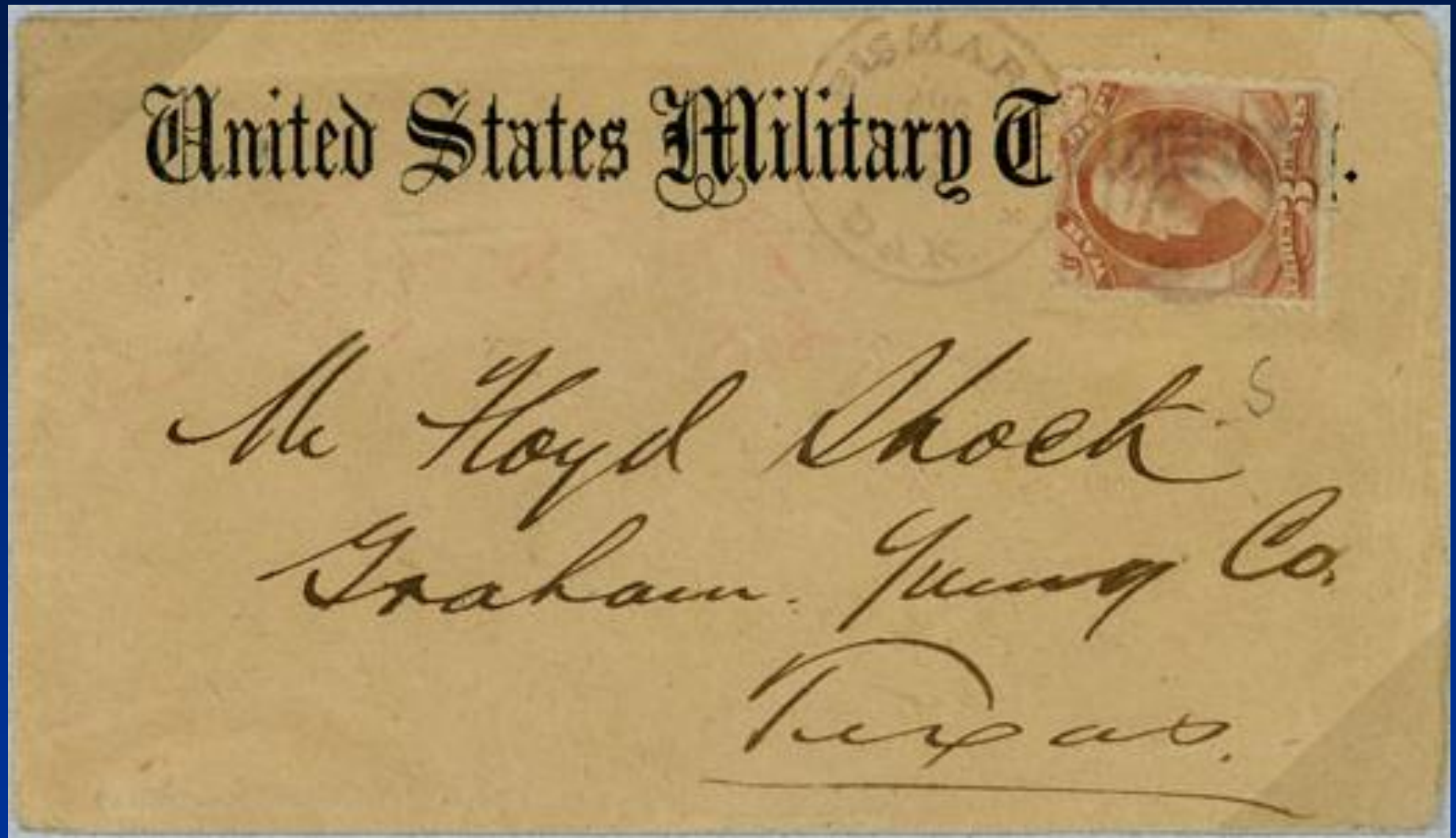
only bi-colored Official corner card

1876 Centennial Exhibition Use



two Centennial Official covers

Military Telegraphy from Dakota Territory



Note other example in Wells Fargo archives

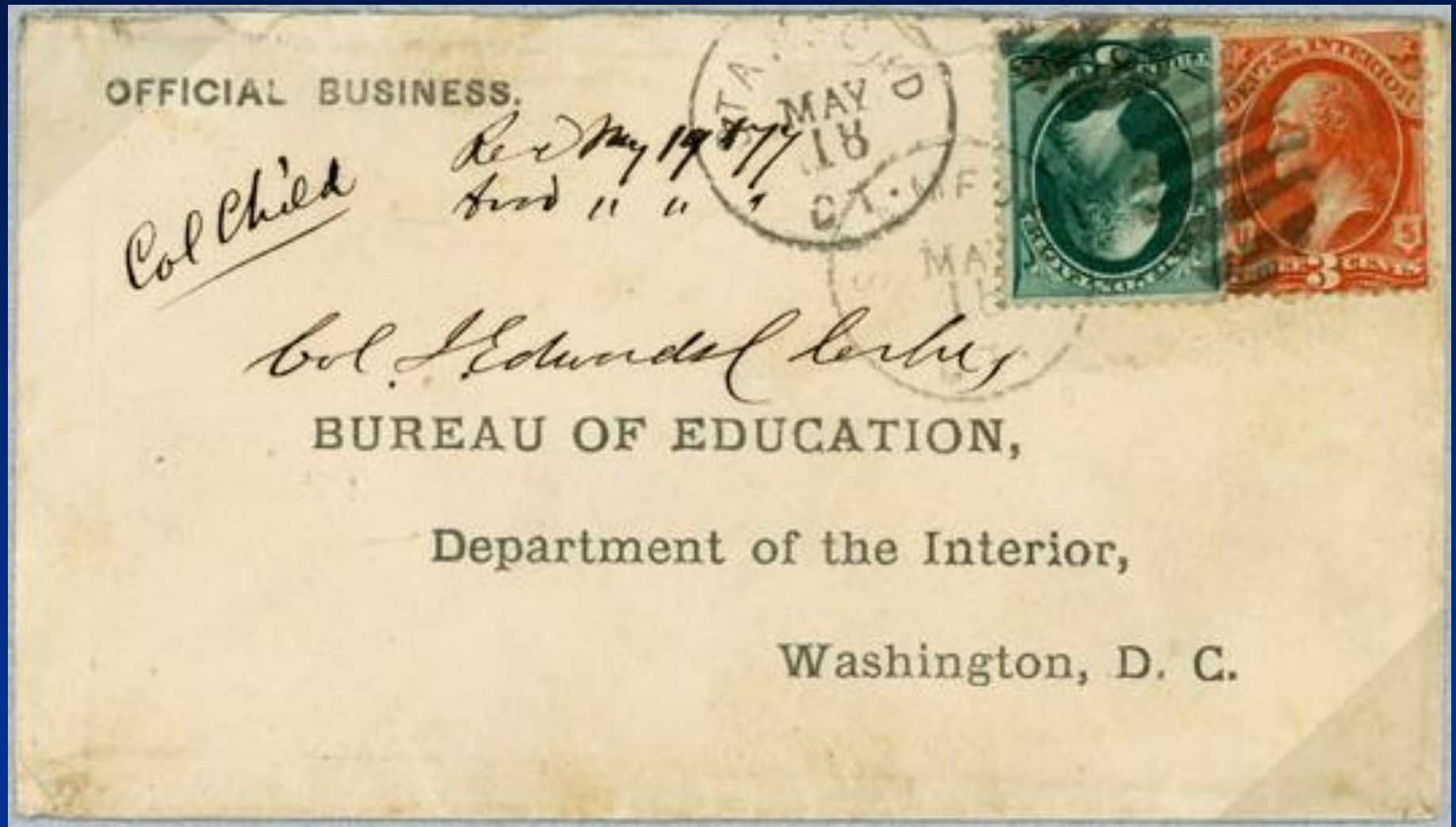
two recorded examples

Ship Letter



Letter carried outside mails to DC
USS Swatara cruising the Caribbean

Mixed Franking Use



Prestamped return envelope

two Interior mixed franking covers