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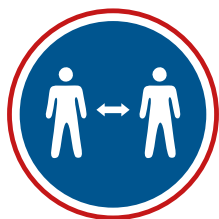
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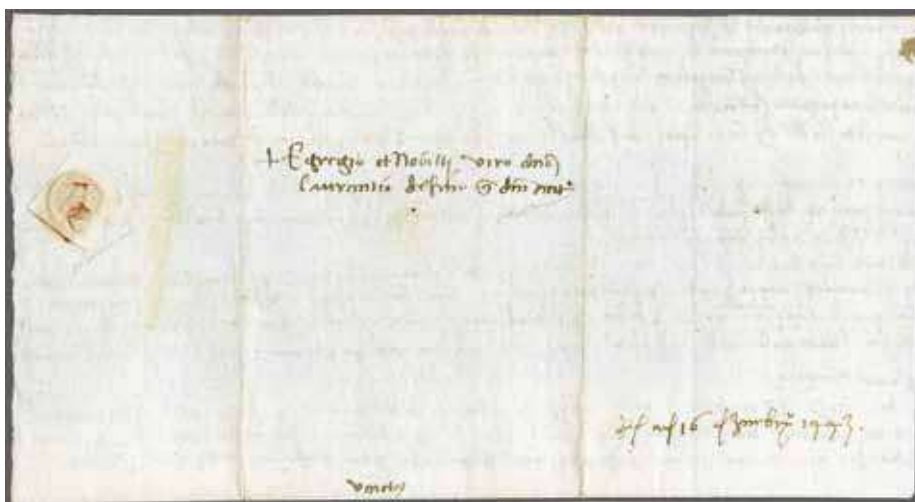


Hagia Sophia, Constantinople

Early Levant Captain Letters From Constantinople



Early map of Constantinople before the fall



7501

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

7501 1443: Delightful early entire letter mailed from Constantinople, a merchant's letter opened out for display with arrival date noted on reverse (16 December). Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 89. Signed P. Vollmeier.

Note: This is an extremely early mailing, ten years before Constantinople fell to the Turks in May 1453. Until the introduction of regular postal courses such as the land route between Vienna and Constantinople in 1746, merchants had to rely on the services of individual ship captains. Mailing was highly uncertain and often took several months.

✉ **150** (€ 140)

From Cairo, Egypt



ex 7502

7502 1606 (Feb 28): Entire letter mailed from Cairo to Venice with archive slit in front panel, mailed from Alexandria and endorsed "Nave Balbiana", a fine and early entire. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 89.

✉ **150** (€ 140)

Consular Mail Services



7503



7504

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7503 Consular mail Services and their disruption during War 1737** (Jan 5): Entire letter from Constantinople to Marseilles with manuscript Forwarding Agent 'Les Freres Palm à Vienne le 9. fevr. 1737' notation on reverse showing French D'AUTRICHE in black and manuscript '19' Sols due on front. Illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 92.

Note: Beginning in 1728 it was possible for merchant's mail to be included in the somewhat erratic Consular mail carried between Constantinople and Vienna. This service was of course cancelled in July 1737 when Austria entered the war against the Ottoman Empire on the side of its allies, the Russian Empire. This cover was despatched when Russia had already invaded the Khanate of the Crimea in 1736 whilst Austria itself was still reluctant to put troops in the field against the Ottomans.

✉ **150** (€ 140)

- 7504 Consular mail Services and their disruption during War 1742** (July 25): Entire letter from Constantinople to Venice, endorsed 'p Vienne', and reverse with manuscript arrival notation in Venice (Aug 16) with complete oval red wax disinfection seal 'SIGILL: CONS / L: SANITATIS' (Meyer type IV) of Semlin on the reverse. Illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 92.

Note: After the end of the war and the peace treaty of Belgrade in July 1739, the Consular postal services were re-established.

✉ **200** (€ 190)



ex 7505



View of Constantinople from the Harbour

- 7505 Regular Mail Services 1747** (Nov 13): Entire letter in miniscule handwriting from Constantinople to Marseilles with manuscript Forwarding Agent 'Jean Henry Stametz à Vienne le 19. 9bre 1747' notation on reverse, endorsed 'pr Bale' showing French D'AUTRICHE and manuscript '25' Sols due on front. Opened out for display, signed Bolaffi. The lot includes another fumigated entire from the same correspondence sent in April 1762, both are illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 93.
- Note: Starting in 1746, a regular monthly mail service was established between Constantinople and Vienna with stops in Adrianople, Sofia, Nish, Parakin, Belgrade, Semlin, Vukovar, Buda and Ödenburg. The entire demonstrates an early use of the new postal service.*
- Provenance: Collection Alfreda Banci.*

✉ **250** (€ 235)

Early Disinfected Mail



7506



7507

Michel

Start price
in CHF

Start price
approx. €

- 7506** 1767 (May 15): Entire letter from Constantinople to Marseilles with manuscript Forwarding Agent 'Jean Henry Stametz à Vienne le 5 Juin 1767' notation on reverse showing French D'AUSTRICHE in black and manuscript '27' Sols due on front. The cover shows traces of vinegar disinfection from outside but without the rastel punching. Illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 96.

Note: From 1752, the regular mail service between Constantinople and Vienna was extended to twice a month.

✉ **150** (€ 140)

- 7507** 1780 (Oct. 24): Entire letter from Constantinople to Marseilles with manuscript Forwarding Agent 'recue à Constantinople le 30 8bre 1780 & acheminée le 2 9bre Henry David & Cie' notation and 'Netto di fuori Sporca di dentro' disinfection note on reverse (rare in manuscript), obverse with French D'AUSTRICHE and manuscript '34' Sols due. The entire shows traces of vinegar disinfection from outside without the rastel punching. Illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 96.

Note: Disinfection notations at Semlin were introduced in 1779.

✉ **150** (€ 140)



7508



7509

- 7508** 1787 (Jan. 8): Entire letter from Smyrna to London, Rogers correspondence, with manuscript Forwarding Agent 'rec'd in Galata the 8 Jany G. Abbott' and 'Vienne le 29. Janvier 1787 recu frères Smitner' notations as well as Semlin 'SIGILLUM SANITATIS' disinfection strike on reverse - an extremely early usage (first month?) with London Bishop Mark of arrival (FE/10) alongside. A fine and rare double Forwarder to an unusual destination at this date. Illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 97.

✉ **200** (€ 190)

- 7509** 1794 (March 12): Entire letter from Marseille to Aleppo, Syria with two Semlin 'NETTO DI FUORA E SPORCO DI DENTRO' (cleaned from outside, dirty inside) disinfection strikes on front. Illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 97. A most unusual destination during this turbulent period.

Note: A fine usage during the revolutionary wars between France and the rest of Europe showing that the mail system was not affected by this.

✉ **200** (€ 190)

Napoleonic Wars

Napoleon in Egypt



ex 7510



7511

Michel

Start price
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approx. €

- 7510** 1797/1807: Selection of two entire letters from Constantinople and Smirne to Verviers, both with Semlin 'NETTO DI FUORA E SPORCO DI DENTRO' disinfection strikes. Illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 100.

Note: Interesting usage, the first entire sent from Constantinople when the Austrian Netherlands had been occupied by French troops but before the peace Treaty of Campo Formio, when they became an integral part of the French Empire. The second entire sent shows the AUTRICHE mark in red and a particularly fine strike of the disinfection cachet.

- 7511** 1809 (July 2): Entire letter from Dobrota in Montenegro to Venice with very fine 'CATTARO / IN ALBANIA' handstamp (Müller 216a = 300 points) in black, reverse with indistinct Venezia datestamp in red. Illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 101.

Note: After the peace treaty of Schönbrunn in 1809 Austria lost all Adriatic areas such as Trieste and Dalmatia and the Illyrian Provinces which became an integral part of the French Empire. Cattaro, nowadays Kotor in Montenegro, had been under French rule since 1805. Due to this development Austria became a landlocked country and France had a direct border with the Ottoman Empire.

✉ **200** (€ 190)

✉ **200** (€ 190)



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- 7512** 1810c.: Prepaid cover from Trieste to Ferrara rated '5' in manuscript, showing superb strike of French "P.P. / TRIESTE / ILLYRIE" handstamp (Müller 1575b = 280 points) in red, reverse with framed "FERRARA 27. MAG." arrival datestamp. Illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 101.

✉ **200** (€ 190)

- 7513** 1813 (March 8): Part paid entire letter from Smyrna to Lyon showing French framed 'CONSTANTINOPLE' and 'P.PAYE' handstamps in black with 'Milano LT' transit in red below. Prepaid '12' paras postage, and rated '14' décimes due upon receipt. The entire rassel punched and disinfected with vinegar, presumably at the border station in Kostajnica. Rare. Illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 102.

Note: From May 1812 the French Postal administration established a separate postal service to Constantinople from Laibach. This cover is one of the few known before the PO was closed in late 1813.

✉ **600** (€ 565)



7514



7515

Michel

Start price
in CHFStart price
approx. €

- 7514 Disinfected Mail 1815 (July 30):** Entire letter from Taganrog in Southern Russia carried by hand via Constantinople where mailed to Naples, showing rastel punching and Semlin 'NETTO DI FUORA E SPORCO DI DENTRO' disinfection strike on reverse, faint arrival on obverse in red. Illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 105.

**120**

(€ 115)

- 7515 Disinfected Mail 1815 (Aug. 10):** Letter sheet from Constantinople to Geneva, Switzerland showing coarse rastel punching and superb 'SIGILLIUM SANITATIS' disinfection strike of the Rotheturm Kontumazamt on reverse, opening well for display. Receiver is Jean-Henri Merle d'Aubigné (1794-1870), the item illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 105.

Note: This is the cover which is described in Meyer - "Disinfected Mail" on page 52 as being the earliest usage known at the Rothenturm Pass and which is depicted as type 1 on page 53. Therefore it is the earliest recorded item known to be disinfected at a Lazaret in Romania.

**350**

(€ 330)

Development of Land Routes After the Napoleonic Wars



7516

- 7516 Additional land routes from Constantinople to Vienna 1821 (March 28):** Letter sheet from Rimmik in Valachia to Brasov in Transsylvania, without rastel punches, showing a neat Rothenturm 'SIGILLIUM SANITATIS' disinfection strike (Meyer page 53, type 3) alongside. An attractive 'local' item from Valachia via the Carpathian mountains to the South of Transsylvania. Illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 133.

Note: As part of the efforts of the Austrian postal administration to establish a stable and reliable postal system for the Balkans and the Levant, additional postal routes beside the Belgrad route were established with the Routenturm pass being one of the most important.

**200**

(€ 190)



View of Rothenturm



7517

Michel

Start price
in CHF

Start price
approx. €

- 7517 Early Consular Post offices 1818 (Sept. 19):** Entire letter from **Bucharest** to Vienna showing two line "BUKUREST / in der Walachey" handstamp (similar to Müller 2008a; similar to but not the same as Tchilinghirian fig. 705, with second "U" in Bukurest) in black, vinegar disinfection, reverse with crisp Rothenturm 'SIGILLIUM SANITATIS' disinfection strike and parts of corresponding wax seal still present, charged '14' kreuzer upon arrival. Some imperfections and typical doodle on front panel as usual with this correspondence, but an extremely rare early usage, illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 134.
Note: By the end of the Napoleonic Wars only five Consular Post Offices had been established, with one in Bucharest. The present handstamp is the second earliest handstamp introduced after those supplied to Constantinople.



3'000 (€ 2'820)



7518



Castle Hospodare in Bucharest

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7518 Consular Post offices 1836:** Entire Letter from **Bucharest** endorsed '*par Vienne*' to Livorno, Tuscany struck with clear oval ornamental "BUKUREST / IN DER WALACHEY" handstamp (Müller 2008c = 180 points; Tchilinghirian fig. 706) in black and oval "VON / HERMANNSTADT / FRANCO" transit handstamp in red. Reverse with Rothenturm 'SIGILLIUM SANITATIS' disinfection and additional partial LAZZERETTO strike as well as arrival datestamp, charged '14' kreuzer due for Austria. Some imperfections with upper flap detached, but a rare and attractive cover, illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 135.

✉ **500** (€ 470)

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- 7519 Consular Post offices 1841 (July 19):** Entire Letter from **Bucharest** to the entrepreneur Georg Simon Sina (1783-1856) in Vienna, struck with clear one line BUKUREST handstamp (Müller 2008d; Tchilinghirian fig. 707) in black. Reverse with Rothenturm 'SIGILLIUM SANITATIS' disinfection handstamp with parts of the red wax seal and "WIEN 31 JUL" arrival datestamp, charged in total '7+14/21' kreuzer due upon arrival. A fresh and fine cover, illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 135.
- 7520 Consular Post offices 1836ca.:** Entire Letter from **Jassy** to Paris, struck with clear one line JASSY handstamp (Tchilinghirian fig. 753) in black, French oval "*Autrich p. Huningue*" in red and AT in black alongside, reverse with "PARIS 14 AOUT 36" arrival datestamp, the item rastel punched and charged in total '19' décimes due upon arrival. A fresh and fine cover, illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 136.

✉ **200** (€ 190)✉ **200** (€ 190)



7521



7522

Michel

 Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

7521 Consular Post offices 1838 (Dec 12): Entire Letter from **Salonica** to the Ralli brothers in Trieste, struck with one line **SALONICHI** handstamp (Müller 2052a; Tchilinghirian fig. 593) in black, reverse with crisp 'SIGILLIUM SANITATIS' disinfection handstamp applied at Semlin as well as Trieste arrival datestamp (Dec 30). A fine and fresh cover, illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 134.


150 (€ 140)

7522 Consular Post offices 1841 (Apr. 13): Entire Letter from **Serres**, Macedonia to the Ralli company in Trieste, struck with fine **SERRES** handstamp (Tchilinghirian fig. 614) in black. Reverse with "SIGILLIUM SANITATIS" disinfection handstamp applied at Semlin and TRIEST arrival datestamp, the item rastel punched and charged in total '14' kreuzer upon arrival. Some acid ink faults, but a fresh and fine cover, illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 136.


200 (€ 190)

Post Office in Belgrade



View of Semlin



7523



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7523 1841 (May 13): Entire Letter written in **Belgrad**, sent by messenger to Semlin and despatched there at the Imperial Post Office to Trieste, struck with superb oval **SEMLIN** handstamp (Müller 1374d) in black. Reverse with superb "SIGILLIUM SANITATIS" disinfection handstamp applied at Semlin and Trieste arrival datestamp in red, charged '14' kreuzer due upon arrival. A superb cover, illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 138.

Note: The Levant Post office in Belgrad was opened on August 1, 1841. Prior to this date, mail from Belgrad had to be transported to the Imperial Austrian Post office in Semlin from where it was despatched.


100 (€ 95)

7524 1842 (Dec. 13): Receipt of delivery for a document sent by the local Military administration of Semlin to Belgrad regarding a craftsman of Austrian nationality living in Belgrad, struck with crisp "SIGILLIUM SANITATIS" disinfection handstamp applied at Semlin. An interesting item from the first year of the Austrian Levant Post Office in Belgrade, illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 140.


100 (€ 95)



View of Belgrade



7525

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7525** 1856 (April 30): Entire Letter from Belgrade dated internally on April 18, 1856 to Titel in the Banat Military Zone, franked with 1854 3 kr. red, a fresh and fine example, tied by clear two line "BELGRAD / 30 APR." datestamp (Müller 178a = 120 points / Tchilinghirian fig. 663) in black, reverse with "SIGILLIUM SANITATIS" disinfection handstamp and light rastel punches applied at Semlin and "TITEL 2 / 5" arrival datestamp in black. A superb and rare cover, a late usage of Imperial definitives in the Belgrad PO which was in principal discontinued when it came under the administrative control of the Temesvar postal district in 1855. A famous cover showing a light contemporary wrinkle in the upper margin just mentioned for accuracy, illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 138 as well as in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 470. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2003). Provenance: Collection 'Donau', Corinthila sale 139, Nov. 2003, lot 2333.

3Y



2'000 (€ 1'880)



7526

Michel

Start price
in CHF

Start price
approx. €

- 7526 Disinfection in Aleksinac** 1856: Cover from Veles in Macedonia to Pesth, sent via Forwarding Agent first to the Serbian Lazaret at Aleksinac on the border between Turkey and Serbia, with wax seal "KARANTIN ALEKSINASKI" (Meyer page 299), thence via the Austrian Levant Office in Belgrade with two line "BELGRAD / 7. MAI" datestamp (Müller 178a = 120 points / Tchilinghirian fig. 663) struck in black. Reverse with "SIGILLIUM SANITATIS" disinfection handstamp applied at Semlin, Semlin transit and Pesth arrival datestamps (May 10) in black. Illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 141.



250 (€ 235)

Postal Relations with Bosnia-Herzegovina



7527

- 7527** 1855 (Oct. 16): Letter sheet from Bosnia to Pest, brought with messenger to the Austrian auxilliary Quarantine station in Rajevo Selo at the border between Bosnia and the Slovene Military Zone, with a handwritten notion in German "N. 304 Von aussen und innen rein geräuchert bei dem Filial Rastell zu Racvoselo am 16 8ber 855 / Signature" (Meyer page 50/51) was applied. Mailed from Austrian Post Office in Winkowze where 1854 3 kr. red and 6 kr. brown were added, two fine and fresh examples with fair to good margins, tied by two line "WINKOVZE / .. OCT." datestamp (Müller 3255c) in black. Reverse with Esseg transit and Pesth arrival datestamps (Oct 22) in black. Illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 144 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 471. *Note: The Austrian postal administration planned at the beginning of the 1850's to open a Post Office in Sarajevo to improve the postal relationships with Bosnia-Herzegovina. However, after the opening of an Ottoman PO in Sarajevo, these plans became obsolete. The mail from Bosnia to Austria had therefore to be brought by messenger to an Austrian PO for onward transmission.*



300 (€ 280)



7528



View of Sarajevo

Michel

Start price
in CHF

Start price
approx. €

- 7528** 1856 (March 13): Part paid cover from Sarajevo via Brood to Pest, posted at the Ottoman Post Office in Sarajevo, struck on front with all Arabic 'Bosna' handstamp in blue (Coles & Walker fig. 1), reverse with Austrian disinfection handstamp applied at Semlin. Mailed again at the Austrian P.O. in Brood, where a "BROOD / 13 MAR." datestamp was applied and an 1854 3 kr. red was added, a superb and fresh example with large margins all round, tied by manuscript pen strokes in black. Reverse with Esseg transit cds (March 17) in black. The franking on reverse was neglected upon arrival in Pest and the cover was charged with '12' kreuzer, resulting from 9 kreuzer for the postage and 3 kreuzer charging fee. Illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 144 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 471. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2020).

Note: This item is a cover from Bosnia which was despatched at the Ottoman PO in Sarajevo and transferred to the Austrian postal system for onward transmission.

Provenance: Collection Dr. Anton Jerger.

3Y

**400**

(€ 375)



7529



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- 7529** 1861 (Sept. 21): Entire letter from Deverent to Trieste, bilingually addressed, carried by messenger to the Austrian Post Office in Brood where 1858 5 kr. red and 10 kr. brown, both Type II were applied, tied by two line "BROOD / SEPT 21" datestamp superbly struck in black. Reverse with Agram transit and oval Triest arrival (25/9) datestamps in black. Illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 145.

Provenance: Collection Dr. Anton Jerger.

13/II+ 14/II

**250**

(€ 235)

- 7530** 1861 (Dec. 5): Entire letter from Banja Luca to the merchant Alessandro Covacevich in Trieste, carried by messenger to the Austrian Post Office in Alt-Gradiska where 1861 5 kr. red and two examples of 10 kr. brown were applied, one on the reverse to cover the registration surtax (torn on opening), all tied by "ALT-GRADISKA 5 / 12" cds's in black. "RECOM." registration handstamp alongside, reverse with Agram transit and oval "RECOMMANDIRT TRIEST 9/12 1861" arrival datestamp in black. A fine cover in the third rayon, illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 146.

20+ 21

**250**

(€ 235)



7531



Alessandro Covacevich

7531

1863 (Oct. 29): Entire letter from Banja-Luca to the merchant Alessandro Covacevich in Trieste, carried by messenger to the Austrian Post Office in Alt-Gradisca where 1858 10 kr. brown, three fresh and fine examples, well perf. and embossed, were applied and tied by "ALT-GRADISKA 2/11" cds's in black. Reverse with 'Sissek / Bahnhof' transit and framed Triest (Nov. 5) arrival datestamp in black. A fine double rate cover in the third rayon, illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 146 cert. Ferchenbauer (2020).

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

14/II



250 (€ 235)



7532



Panorama of Sarajevo

7532

1866 (March 13): Part paid cover from Sarajevo via Brood to Trieste, posted at the Ottoman Post Office in Sarajevo, bearing Duloz 1865 2 pi. light blue, tied by indistinct all Arabic 'Bosna' handstamp in black (Coles & Walker fig. 4/5). Sent to the Austran P.O. in Brood, where "BROOD / 14. JUL." datestamp was struck on front, reverse with Triest arrival datestamp in blue. The cover was charged upon arrival with '10' kreuzer, resulting from 5 kreuzer for the postage and 5 kreuzer charging fee. Fine and fresh part paid cover with the postage up to the border between Bosnia and Austria paid by the sender, while the addressee had to pay the residual part of the journey, illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 145. Signed A. Diena. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2020).

Turkey 8



400 (€ 375)

Austrian Occupation of Moldavia and Valachia



7533

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7533 Crimean War** 1855 (Aug. 20): Entire letter from Vienna to Baron du Mont, an officer at the Headquarter of the Austrian troops in Bucharest, returned to Vienna, '9' kreuzer in cash paid the military concession rate. Reverse with Hermannstadt transit and Fieldpost "K.K.FELDPOSTAMT No. 1 26/8" arrival (Tchilinghirian fig. 712) cds's in black and Vienna return cds (Sept. 10) in red. A rare and most unusual entire. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 151.

Note: Austrian troops occupied Moldavia and Walachia in the summer of 1854 after the retreat of the Russian forces. The Austrian Consular Post Offices handled the Fieldpost of the Austrian troops and later, civilian mail also. The Fieldpost offices closed in March 1857 after the end of war and were converted into Consular Post Offices.



300 (€ 280)



7534

- 7534 Crimean War** 1854 (Nov. 22): Entire letter from Vienna to Baron du Mont, an officer at the Headquarters of the Austrian troops in Bucharest, franked by bearing 1850/54 9 kr. blue, four large margins, paying the military concession rate, tied by "WIEN 22 / 11, 6 A." cds. Hermannstadt transit and "K.K.FELDPOSTAMT No. 1 30 / 11" Fieldpost arrival (Tchilinghirian fig. 712) cds's in black displaying well on the reverse. A rare and attractive incoming cover which opens well for display, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 151.

5Y



500 (€ 470)



Austrian Troops in Bucharest



Austro-Hungarian Troops during the Crimean War



7535



Dr. Anton Jerger



Elisabeth Jerger

Michel

Start price
in CHF

Start price
approx. €

- 7535 Crimean War 1856 (April 26):** Entire letter from the Fieldpost office in Craiova, Romania to Vienna bearing 1850/54 3 kr. red in a horizontal pair and 9 kr. blue, vivid colours and good to large margins all round, tied by fine strikes of Fieldpost "K.K. ÖST. F.P. KRAIOVA 26 / 4" (Tchilinghirian fig. 735) cds's. Reverse with Quarantine "gereinigt b. k.k. Rastelamte ALT-ORSOVA 27 / .. 1856" cachet in black, Temesvar transit and Vienna arrival cds's in black. The cover lightly rastel punched without affecting the fine adhesives. A marvellous and very attractive outgoing civil cover, illustrated in Edition d'Or volume XI on page 158 and 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 152. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2004).
Provenance: Collection Dr. Anton & Elisabeth Jerger, Corinphila sale 144, May 2005, lot 163. Collection 'Moldau', Corinphila sale 167, Dec. 2010, lot 7124.

3Y+ 5Y



3'000 (€ 2'820)



7536

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7536 Crimean War** 1856 (Nov 22): Cover from the Field Post Office in Craiova, Romania to Vienna bearing 1850/54 6 kr. brown and 9 kr. blue, fresh colours and good to large margins all round, tied by Feldpost "K.K. ÖST. F.P. KRAIOVA 22/11" (Tchilinghirian fig. 735) cds. Reverse with Quarantine "gereinigt b. k.k. Rastelamte ALT-ORSOVA 24 / 11 1856" cachet in black, Temesvar transit and Vienna arrival cds's in black. The cover lightly rastel punched without affecting the fine adhesives. A very attractive outgoing civil cover, illustrated in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on p. 473 and 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 152. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2020).

Note: From March 1855, the Fieldpost offices in Moldavia and Walachia also accepted mail from civilians. A 15 kreuzer rate had to be paid with six kreuzer for the Romanian part and nine kreuzer due for Austria.

Provenance: Collections Dr. Anton Jerger.

4Y+ 5Y



750 (€ 705)



7537

- 7537 Crimean War** 1857 (Sept. 3): Entire letter from Fokschan to Paris struck with Fieldpost "K.K. FELDPPOSTAMT 3s Ae Cs 3/9" (Tchilinghirian fig. 737) cds, French entry cds (Sept 14) in blue and framed postal contract handstamp "T.A." alongside. Reverse with Hermannstadt transit and Paris arrival cds's in black, the cover rastel punched and taxed with '22' décimes due on arrival. A late usage of a Fieldpost cancellation after the end of the War, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 153.

Note: Most of the former Fieldpost offices received new postmarks after being re-converted into Consular Post Offices. Only those in Fokschan and Ploesti used the Fieldpost cancellers for some time after the War.



250 (€ 235)



7538

Michel

Start price
in CHF

Start price
approx. €

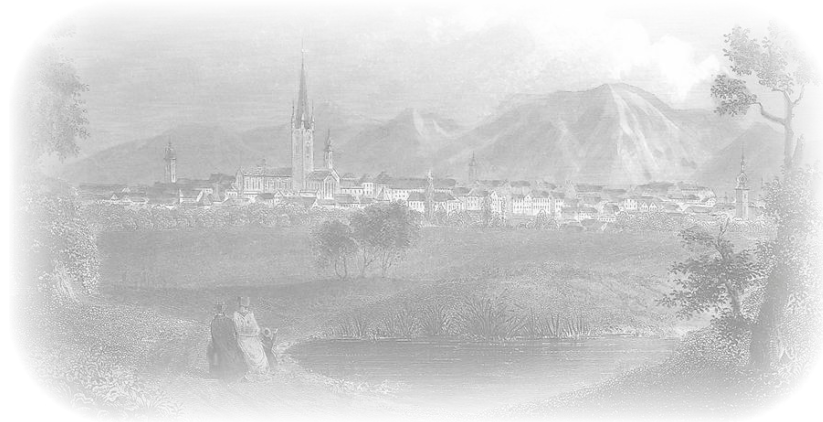
7538 1864 (Sept. 20): Entire letter from Ploesti to Leipzig bearing four examples of 1863 Arms 5 kr. dark rose, perf. 14, all with fresh colour, well tied by Fieldpost "K.K. ÖST. F.P. PLOESCHTI 20 / 9" (Tchilinghirian fig. 767) cds's in black. Reverse with Hermannstadt transit and Leipzig distribution (25/IX) cds's in black. An astonishing franking with this late usage of a Crimean War Fieldpost cancellation, illustrated in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on p. 474 and in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 153. Signed Colla. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2004).

Provenance: Collection Dr. Anton & Elisabeth Jerger, Corinphila sale 140, May 2004, lot 887.

V16



3'500 (€ 3'290)



View of Hermannstadt



7539

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

7539 1866 (Feb. 2): Return receipt for a registered cover from Hermannstadt to Jassy bearing 1864 Arms 5 kr. rose and 15 kr. bistre, perf. 9½, following the regulations cancelled twice with "HERMANNSTADT 2/2" cds and upon return with "JASSY 10/2" cds (Tschillinghian fig 757) in black, a circular Hermannstadt handstamp without date partially below the stamps. Reverse with 'Hermannstadt Recoman.' (Feb 15) arrival datestamp. Upper stamp with pre-use thin on reverse, but a rare receipt from Transsylvania to Moldavia and back, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 161.

Note: Receipts were attached to the registered items and had to be franked at letter rate. In February 1866 the Austrian inland rates had already been unified, while the Austrian Levant rates were unchanged resulting in 5 kreuzer for Austria and 15 soldi due for the Levant.

V32+ V34



500 (€ 470)

Expansion at Sea After the Napoleonic Wars



7540



7541

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7540** 1822 (Jan. 10): Entire letter from Venice to Corfu, endorsed "Col. Cap: Francesco Davanzo", struck with circular "IOLE IONIE" handstamp in bluish green. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 209.

Note: Corfu and the Ionian Islands constituted the 'United States of the Ionian Islands' under British protection after the Napoleonic Wars. In June 1819 the Austrian government established a regular shipmail service, first between Trieste and Corfu, in 1833 extended to Patras and from 1834 up to Alexandria. Prior to the foundation of the DDSG in 1829 the service was performed using private ships.

✉ **150** (€ 140)

- 7541** 1825 (April 21): Letter sheet from Scutari in Albania with Austrian parcel shipmail post to Trieste struck with one line LEVANTE handstamp (Müller 1923a = 210 points) in red applied upon arrival in Trieste. Reverse with one line TRIEST 5 MAY 1825 arrival datestamp in blue. A rare cancellation in red, the cover illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 210.

✉ **300** (€ 280)



7542



7543

- 7542** 1825 (Sept 23): Entire letter from Alexandria to Trieste, transported by Austrian parcel shipmail post with mention in contents of the Corvette's arrival from Cyprus, disinfected by toasting with internal signs of the tong marks from the disinfection process. A fine and scarce entire. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 210.

Provenance: Collection Kurt Wolfsbauer.

✉ **250** (€ 235)

- 7543** 1831 (May 28): Entire letter from Trieste to Corfu with manuscript endorsement "Col Imp Rey Pacheto D.C.S." for a Parcel by the same ship at lower left, struck with oval "V. TRIESTE" handstamp (Müller 1575e) in red, "OFFICIO DELLA POSTA GENERALE / CORFU" Arms handstamp in black alongside. Reverse with hooded 'Corfu' datestamp (June 6) in black. A fine entire that opens well for display. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 209.

✉ **200** (€ 190)

Austrian Shipping Agencies: DDSG and Lloyd



'Franz I' the 1st steamship of DDSG



7544



ex 7545

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7544 DDSG Shipping Agency 1843:** Entire letter from Constantinople to Gemlik on the Sea of Marmara, struck with circular "D.D.S.G. / P.P. / CONSTANTINOPOLI" handstamp in blue-green (Tchilinghirian fig. 441), a fine strike of this extraordinarily rare cancellation (never found in superb quality), the cover illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 211.

Note: In 1829, the *Donau-Dampfschiffahrts-Gesellschaft* (DDSG, Danube Steamshipping Company) was founded. It supplied postal services on the Danube as well as on the Black and Aegean Sea. In 1845, the DDSG services were restricted to the Danube and Odessa.

✉ **500** (€ 470)

- 7545 Austrian Lloyd shipping agency 1837:** Entire letters (2) transported with the Austrian Lloyd in its first year of service: 1837 entire from Triest to Nauplion endorsed "Via Patrasso col. P. Vapore Aust. Conte Kolowrat" and 1837 entire from Cefalonia, Ionian Islands to Triest with framed "FRANCA" and hooded 'Cefalonia' despatch datestamp in blue. Both covers are illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 212.

Note: In 1837, the Austrian Lloyd was founded. Initially providing postal services on the Mediterranean Sea and thereafter DDSG routes on the Black Sea in 1845.

✉ **200** (€ 190)



7546



7547

- 7546 Austrian Lloyd shipping agency 1845c:** Letter sheet from the Consul General of Sardinia in **Canea**, Crete to the corresponding Consul in Alexandria, marked Official at lower left; struck with oval "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO / Canea" handstamp (Tchilinghirian fig. 532) in blue. No charge raised upon arrival as Consular mail. A fresh and fine cover, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 213.

Provenance: Collection Ambassador Luca Biolato.

✉ **300** (€ 280)

- 7547 Austrian Lloyd Agency 1854 (Aug. 14):** Letter sheet from **Beirut** to Alexandria struck with superb oval "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO / BERUTTI" handstamp (Tranmer fig. 1) in black. Manuscript '1½' rate on reverse of a fresh and fine cover. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 213.

Provenance: Collection Monte Napoleone, 78. Corinthia auction (Sept. 1988), lot 892.

✉ **800** (€ 750)



Austrian Lloyd ship returning to Trieste



7548

Michel

Start price	Start price
in CHF	approx. €

7548

Austrian Lloyd Agency 1855: Entire letter from **Aleppo** to London, endorsed "par Trieste", struck with clear and extremely rare bilingual Arabic "L + A / An canib-i posta Haleb Nemce 1855" (Lloyd Austriaco From the Austrian Post in Aleppo 1855) handstamp (Müller 2024a = 1'400 points / Tranmer fig. 1) in blue with framed "P.P." in blue alongside, partially prepaid with '12 K' up to Trieste. However, in Alexandretta or Beirut the cover was passed to the French Levant postal system and the Austrian PP on front was deleted. The reverse shows Beyrouth (Dec 15) and Paris to Calais ambulant (Dec 29) transit as well as London arrival (Dec 27) cds's. French due was noted as '19' décimes, with 1 shilling on receipt. Cover with file fold not affecting the postmark, an impressive and appealing entire. Signed Nakri AIEP. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 214.

Note: This is the only bilingual Austrian Levant postmark - a rarity only in use from 1855/56. Ing. Edwin Müller (1960) knew only two items with this cancellation in black, a number not changed until 1976, when Keith Tranmer published his study on this subject (see collection 'Monte Napoleone', Corinthila sale 78, Sept. 1988, lot 895; collection 'Cihangir', Corinthila sale 121, May 2000, lot 1929). Keith Tranmer stated that this handstamp was used only as an arrival mark, however four covers including the present one are known to the describer, all struck in 1855/56 in blue or blackish blue and all being part of the same Dahlah correspondence, sent via Trieste or intended to be sent via Trieste to London, where this postmark clearly functioned as a temporary despatch postmark (Collection Franz See, Corinthila sale 62, May 1979, lot 2423; Collection 'Cihangir', Corinthila sale 121, May 2000, lot 1994 & Corinthila sale 124, Oct 2000, lot 5756, this entire).

Provenance: Collection Herry Schäfer, private sale.



2'000	(€ 1'880)
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in CHF	approx. €

- 7549 Austrian Lloyd Agency 1842** (June 6): Entire letter from the **Dardanelles** to Trieste, chisel slit for disinfection at Trieste on arrival, struck with oval framed "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO / Dardanelli" handstamp in black (Tranmer fig. 2). Cover part prepaid (note 14 kr. annotation on reverse), and further charge raised of 1+36 (kreuzer) to pay on arrival 1 kr. for disinfection fee and 36 kr. for ship rate. Trieste arrival in red on reverse (June 19). A rare and most appealing entire, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 217. Provenance: Collection Hans Smith, Corinthia sale 182, Sept 2013, lot 1398.

✉	750	(€ 705)
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- 7550 Austrian Lloyd Agency 1852** (Nov 16): Entire letter from **Ibraila** to Syra, struck with crisp impression of oval "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO / Ibraila" in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 827). Syra arrival cds on reverse (Nov 25), and charged 10 lepta due on receipt in red crayon, a superb strike and a quite beautiful cover, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 218.

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- 7551 Austrian Lloyd Agency 1855** (April 16): Letter sheet from the **Dardanelles** to Trieste, struck with two line "DARDANELLES / AVRIL 17" handstamp in black with day added in manuscript (Tranmer fig. 3), fully prepaid with '12' kr. annotation on reverse as well as Trieste arrival in red (April 25). A rare and appealing cover of the greatest rarity as only three items are recorded. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 218. Provenance: Collection Actenberg, DF, Geneva, Feb 2000, lot 10622.

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- 7552 Austrian Lloyd Agency 1856** (Oct 14): Entire letter from **Cavalla** to Syra, struck with very fine impression of oval framed Sunburst type "AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO / CAVALLA" in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 632). Charged 15 lepta due on receipt in red crayon, a magnificent strike of this rare marking and a quite beautiful cover, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 217. Provenance: Collection Hans Smith, Corinthia sale 182, Sept. 2013, lot 1590.

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- 7553 Austrian Lloyd Rates** 1862 (Jan 19): Entire letter from Ragusa to Scutari, bearing 1861 3 kr. green and 10 kr. brown, two fine and fresh examples, cancelled by crisp two line "RAGUSA / 19. GEN." datestamp in black. An attractive item presenting this rare rate, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 226 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on p. 535 Ferchenbauer = € 1'850.

Note: Special rate up to 1866 for mail between the Austrian ports in Dalmatia and the Küstenland and sent to Albania - 3 kreuzer for the local transport to the despatch harbour and 10 kreuzer for the Lloyd service.

19+ 21

**400**

(€ 375)

- 7554 Austrian Lloyd Rates** 1868ca: Cover written from Venice and posted from Trieste to Scutari, endorsed "vapore Antivari", bearing 1867 10 kr. blue, tied by oval "TRIEST" datestamp (May 18), superb strike of thimble "SCUTARI D'ALBANIE 23/5" cds in blue (Tchilinghirian fig. 497) alongside as well as Turkish 1 pi. brown postage due, tied by light Scutari handstamp (Coles & Walker fig. 3 / Tchilinghirian fig. 498). An attractive cover showing the reduced Albania rate of 10 kreuzer, while the Turkish stamp paid the rate from Antivari harbour to Scutari. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 226. Signed Holcombe. Cert. Ferchenbauer (1983) Ferchenbauer = € 4'000.

Note: After the Austrian rate unification of 1866, the rate from the Küstenland harbours to Albania was reduced to 10 kreuzer. The sender of this letter sent this item with a messenger from Venice to Trieste to use this reduced rate instead of the 20 soldi from Venice to Antivari.

38/I +

Turkey 15A

**800**

(€ 750)



7555



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- 7555 Austrian Lloyd Rates** 1871 (Dec 2): Entire letter from Meteline to Constantinople bilingually addressed, bearing 1867 10 s. blue, tied by "METELINE" cds (2/12) in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 566), reverse with Lloyd Constantinopoli arrival cds (5/12). Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 225 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on p. 536.

Note: Regular rate from port to port within the Levant of 10 soldi.

4/I

**100**

(€ 95)

- 7556 Austrian Lloyd Rates** 1871 (Aug 20): Entire letter written in the Dardanelles and sent to Constantinople, bearing 1867 3 s. green, a horizontal pair and a single, tied by manuscript pen strokes. Reverse with Lloyd Constantinopoli arrival cds (21/8). Some aging around perfs. and overlapping edge of entire at top but an exceptionally rare rate. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 225 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on p. 536.

Note: Special rate between neighbouring ports of 9 soldi.

Provenance: Collection Actenberg, DF, Geneva, Feb 2000, lot 10623.

2/I

**350**

(€ 330)

Trieste Rate Handstamps



7557



View of Trieste

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7557** 1867: Unpaid Letter sheet from Alexandria to Frankfurt endorsed "via Trieste", struck with clear "ALEXANDRIEN 6 / 3" cds in blue (Tranmer fig. 5), two strikes of '15' rate handstamps (van der Linden 3152) alongside, reverse with Frankfurt distribution datestamp (10/3). An attractive usage, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 228.

Note: In the second half of the 1850s, numeral rate handstamps were introduced primarily in Trieste to simplify the handling of the large volume of unpaid or underpaid incoming mail from the Levant. They were in kreuzer, silbergroschen and piaster currency depending on the destination of the charged item. In this case 15 kr. were charged for the Lloyd part from Egypt and 15 kr. for the part of the journey within the German-Austrian Postal Union.

✉ **250** (€ 235)



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- 7558** 1858 (Jan 25): Unpaid cover from Glarus to Constantinople, struck with clear "GLARUS 25 JAN 58 8 A." cds, reverse with Chur and Trieste transits and Constantinople arrival datestamp (Feb 5). Struck in transit at Trieste with framed "3-5 / 2-20" rate handstamp (unlisted in Van der Linden) in blue, the upper part being the rate from Switzerland to Trieste (3.05 piastres = 6 + 9 = 15 kreuzer), the lower part being 2.20 piastres = 12 kreuzer for the sea journey to Constantinople. A spectacular and extremely rare usage. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 228.

✉ **350** (€ 330)

- 7559** 1858 (March 20): Unpaid entire letter from Trieste to Constantinople endorsed "col Vapore", struck with clear "TRIEST 20 / 3 Abends" despatch cds, reverse with Constantinople arrival cds (25/3). In transit at Trieste struck with framed " / 2-20" rate handstamp (unlisted in van der Linden), the lower part being 2.20 piastres = 12 kreuzer for the sea journey to Constantinople. A spectacular and extremely scarce usage. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 229.

✉ **200** (€ 190)



7560



View of Patras

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7560** 1858 (June 14): Unpaid entire letter from Patras to Amsterdam, struck with Patras cds in black and a watery strike of rare framed '8¼' rate handstamp (Van der Linden fig. 3116) alongside. Reverse with Amsterdam arrival cds in red (July 4). The '8¼' silbergroschen rate handstamp reflects 10 lepta for the Greek inland rate plus 9 kreuzer CM each for the Lloyd part and the GAPU parts of the journey. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 229.

✉ **200** (€ 190)

Smyrna from the Harbour



7562



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Pompey's Pillar in Alexandria

- 7561** 1857 (Jan 23): Unpaid cover from Alexandria to Essen, struck with "ALEXANDRIEN 23/1" cds in black (Tranmer fig. 5), strike of framed '6¼' rate handstamp (Van der Linden fig. 3092) alongside. Reverse with distribution cds (Feb 1). The '6¼' silbergroschen rate handstamp reflects 9 kreuzer CM each for the Lloyd part and the GAPU parts of the journey. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 230.
- 7562** 1858 (March 13): Unpaid entire letter from Smyrna to Worms, with "SMIRNE 13/3" despatch cds in black (Tranmer fig. 4), and fine strike of framed '7¼' rate handstamp (Van der Linden fig. 3107) alongside in blue applied in Triest. Reverse with Mainz and distribution cds (March 23) in black. The '7¼' silbergroschen rate handstamp reflects 12 soldi for the Lloyd part and 9 kreuzer CM for the GAPU part of the journey. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 231.

✉ **200** (€ 190)✉ **200** (€ 190)



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- 7563** 1864 (April 28): Unpaid cover from Alexandria to Cologne endorsed "via Trieste", struck with clear "ALEXANDRIEN 28/4" cds in black (Tranmer fig. 5), fine strike of '6' rate handstamp (Van der Linden fig. 3087) alongside in deep blue ink. Reverse with Coeln arrival cds (May 7). The '6' silbergroschen rate handstamp reflects 3 silbergroschen each for the Lloyd part and the GAPU part of the journey. Scarce. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 230.

- 7564** 1865 (Nov 20): Unpaid envelope from Smyrna to Amsterdam, struck with "SMIRNE 20/11" cds in black (Tranmer fig. 4), scarce strike of '7' rate handstamp (Van der Linden fig. 3105) alongside in blue. Reverse with Amsterdam arrival cds in red (Nov 28). The '7' silbergroschen rate handstamp reflects 3 silbergroschen each for the Lloyd part and the GAPU part of the journey plus 1 silbergroschen for the Netherlands. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 231.

Michel

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approx. €**150**

(€ 140)

**250**

(€ 235)



ex 7565



Alexandria Harbour

- 7565** **Trieste Shipmail Handstamps** 1867 Sept 23): Prepaid printed matter Letter sheet from Alexandria to Trieste bearing 1864 Arms 5 s. rose perf. 9½, tied by two line "COL VAPORE / D'ALESSANDRIA" handstamp in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 82), with additional information strike alongside. Reverse with Trieste arrival cds in red (28/9). Also an unpaid 1857 cover from Constantinople to Zürich with three line "LETTERE ARRIVATE / COL VAPORE / DAL LEVANTE" shipmail handstamp in black. Both illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 235.

Note: Both handstamps were applied in Trieste to incoming mail from the Levant.

V21

**350**

(€ 330)

The Importance of the DDSG



7566



7568



Steamship of DDSG

Michel

Start price
in CHF

Start price
approx. €

- 7566 DDSG in Romania** 1867 (Aug 24): Entire letter, Faranga correspondence, from Calafat to Braila bearing 1866 DDSG 17 kr. bright red, perf. 12, tied by fine "CALAFAT 24/VIII" Roman dated cds in blue (Tchilinghirian fig. 782). Fresh and very fine. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 237.

1A **250** (€ 235)



7567



Landing place at Calafat

- 7567 DDSG in Romania** 1868 (Sept 19): Double-weight entire letter, Faranga correspondence, from Calafat to Braila franked by extremely rare usage of 1867 DDSG 10 kr. green, Type I, in a **horizontal pair**, tied by fine "CALAFAT 19/IX" cds in blue (Tchilinghirian fig. 782). Minor contemporary imperfections, a very attractive and scarce entire for the exhibition collection: multiples on letter are great rarities. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 237. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2010).

Provenance: Collection Emil Capellaro, Corinthila sale 166, Dec 2010, lot 5455.

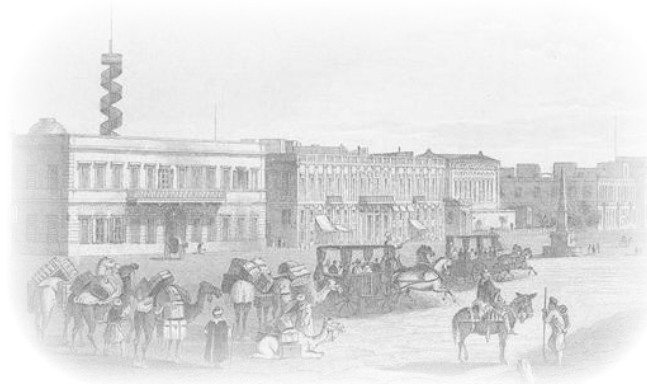
3/1 **3'000** (€ 2'820)

- 7568 DDSG in Bulgaria** 1873 (June 6): Letter sheet from Sistov to Vienna franked by 1867 DDSG definitive 10 kr. green type I, tied by "SISTOV 6 / VI" cds in blue (Tchilinghirian fig. 929), Orsova transit cds alongside, charged '10' kreuzer alongside in blue crayon to pay 5 kr. postage for the Austrian part of the journey and 5 kr. Zutaxe. Reverse with Vienna arrival cds (June 11) in red. Some perforation irregularities as usual, an interesting partially prepaid cover. Signed Ferchenbauer.

3/1 **200** (€ 190)

Postal Rates

Introduction and Usage of Stamps in the Levant



Square in Alexandria



7569

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

7569 Introduction of Stamps in the Austrian Levant 1863 (Sept 11): Double rate Letter sheet from Alexandria to Venice with receiver's docketing inside, franked by 1863 Arms 5 s. rose and 15 s. brown in a vertical strip of three with the design strongly shifted to the left, all perf. 14, fresh colour and well embossed, tied by clear "ALEXANDRIEN 11/9" cds's in blue (Tranmer fig. 5). Reverse with Venice arrival cds (Sept 18) and distribution handstamp. The 5 s. stamp previously applied around the edge of the cover resulting in a fold, the cover re-folded, imperfections of no importance and mentioned only for accuracy. This extraordinary cover shows the **earliest known usage of Austrian Levant stamps** and is thereby an essential item for an advanced collection of this area. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 261 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 511. Signed Todd AIEP. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2020).

Note: The usage of Lombardo-Veneto stamps was authorised by the Austrian Postal Administration on September 1st, 1863, initially at the Alexandria Post Office. Due to delivery problems, this date could not be kept and the earliest known usage is this cover from September 11. There are two other covers known from Alexandria and Khartoum which were cancelled on September 12.

Provenance: Collection Kurt Wolfsbauer.

V16+ V18



5'000 (€ 4'700)



7570



7571

Michel

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approx. €

7570 1864ca: Printed Matter cover front to Orebich franked by rare 1863 Arms 2 s. yellow, perf. 14, two fresh and fine examples, well embossed, tied together by clear three line "LETTERE ARRIVATE / VOL VAPORE / DAL LEVANTE" handstamp in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 99). An attractive early usage, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 262. Signed Grioni. Cert. A. Diena (1974).

V14 (✉) **300** (€ 280)

7571 1864 (April 13): Entire letter from Ibraïla to Argostoli, Cefalonia, Ionian Islands franked by 1863 Arms 5 s. rose and 15 s. brown, perf. 14, fresh colour and well embossed, each stamp tied by clear two line "IBRAÏLA / 13. APR." datestamp in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 728). Hooded Cefalonia arrival datestamp in blue alongside and charged '1' (penny) for local delivery. Some irregular perforations, some wear and corner tear, however an extremely rare early usage accepted at a Consular office but transported by Lloyd between two Levant ports. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 262 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 512.

Note: The usage of Lombardo-Veneto stamps was possible in Moldavia and Walachia after April 1st, 1864.

V16+ V18 ✉ **500** (€ 470)

7572



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7572 **Usage of Austrian stamps in the Levant** 1865ca: Entire letter from Beirut to Constantinople franked by 1864 Arms definitive 5 kreuzer rose with closed tear and 15 kreuzer brown, each stamp tied by "BERUTTI 11/11" (Tranmer fig. 3) cds in brown. Reverse with light Constantinople Lloyd arrival cds (22/11). An extraordinarily scarce usage of Kreuzer adhesives in Beirut paying the postage between two Levant ports. illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 263. Cert. Ferchenbauer (1991) Ferchenbauer = € 5'500+.

Note: The adhesive stamps of these irregular kreuzer frankings are of lesser quality as they were either brought with the sender from Austria or were sent in the mail to cover postage home.

32+ 34 ✉ **500** (€ 470)

7573 1871 (Sept. 16): Entire letter from Constantinople to Trieste franked by 1867 Austrian 15 kr. brown, a fresh and fine example, tied by ornamental "CONSTANTINOPEL 16/9" cds (Tchilinghirian fig. 386) in black. Reverse with oval Triest arrival datestamp (Sept 23). The cover rastel fumigated with a split hitting the stamp centrally, the stamp having been lifted and replaced. Rare usage in the Levant, a most attractive cover, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 264. Opinion Holcombe (1990) Ferchenbauer = € 1'500. Provenance: Corinthila sale 83, Sept 1991, lot 5236.

39/1 ✉ **350** (€ 330)



7574



7575

		Michel		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
7574	1876 (Jan 16): Cover from Constantinople to Vienna endorsed 'via Varna' franked by 1867 Austrian 10 kreuzer blue, fresh colour and fine, tied by "CONSTANTINOPEL" cds in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 391). Reverse with Vienna arrival cds, an unusual and rare usage.	38/1	✉	250	(€ 235)
7575	Usage of Levant stamps in Austria 1871 (Feb 5): Cover from Trieste to Milano bearing 1867 Levant 15 s. brown, a fresh and fine example, tied by oval "TRIEST" datestamp (Feb 5) in black, with "P.D." alongside. Reverse with Italian Udine-Verona TPO cds and Milano distribution cachets. A rare usage of a Levant stamp in Austria to cover the Italy rate, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 264 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 617. Cert. Puschmann (1988).	5/1	✉	300	(€ 280)



7576



Ritterakademie in Liegnitz

7576	1875 (Jan 28): Stationery postal card 4 s. rose (Mi Pi), written on board ship back to Europe and mailed in Trieste to Liegnitz, Germany, cancelled by oval "TRIEST 28 / 1, VI. E. 75" datestamp in black. A unique usage, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 263 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on p. 709. Signed Ferchenbauer.	✉	800	(€ 750)
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Hagia Sophia in Constantinople



7577

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Start price
in CHF

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approx. €

- 7577 Mixed Usage of Austrian and Levant stamps** 1875 (May 8): Letter sheet from Constantinople to Genova endorsed 'via Corfu & Brindisi' franked by 1867 Levant 3 s. green and 10 s. blue in a **combination franking** with Austria 1867 5 kr. red, two single examples, all stamps in vivid colours and fine condition, tied by "CONSTANTINOPEL 8 / 5 75" cds in black, "P.D." alongside. Reverse with Brindisi transit and Genova arrival cds's. An extremely rare mixed frankings of Austrian and Levant stamps to cover the 23 soldi rate to Italy (15 soldi for Lloyd and Austria and 8 soldi for Italy). A marvellous and most appealing soldi / kreuzer combination cover, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on the front cover and on page 265 and in the 1990 Ferchenbauer handbook on page 527. Signed A. Diena, A. Bolaffi; certs. F. Bolaffi (1968), Matl (1999).

Note: Multi-colour mixed frankings between Austrian and Levant definitives belong to the major rarities of the Austrian Levant postal history. This item and the cover from Constantinople to Vienna ex Arthur Linz (Corinthila sale 242, June 2019) are the only two items so far recorded.

*Provenance: Collection Ing. Pietro Provera, Corinthila sale 115, Oct. 1999, lot 1259
Collection Sylvain Wylser, Corinthila sale 163, March 2010, lot 5234.*

2+ 4

**15'000** (€ 14'100)

Austrian Levant Rates



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7579

Michel

Start price
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approx. €

- 7578** 1856 (Jan 25): Cover from Trieste to Constantinople bearing 1854 3 kr. red and 9 kr. blue in fresh colours with 'liliput' cut, tied by "TRIESTE 25 / 1 Früh" cds in black, reverse with "CONSTANTINOPEL" arrival (Feb 2) cds (Tchilinghirian fig. 387). An attractive and early prepaid cover showing the 12 kr. rate to Constantinople, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 266 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 526.

Note: From 1851 and up to 1866 postal rates in the Levant were organized like those in Austria, depending on weight and distance. For mail to the majority of Post Offices 12 kreuzer CM had to be paid up to 1858, thereafter 20 kreuzer ÖW. In addition to these Levant rates the Austrian rate and possible rate components from outside the German-Austrian Postal Union had to be added. This cover had only to be franked with 12 kreuzer CM for the Lloyd because it was despatched in Trieste.

- 7579** 1852 (Sept 23): Unpaid Entire letter from Salonica to Trieste struck with crisp two line "SALONICH / 23. SEPTEMBRE" datestamp (Tchilinghirian fig. 594) in black. Reverse with Semlin Quarantine handstamp, Semlin transit and Trieste arrival (Oct 5) cds's. Charged with '21' kreuzer upon arrival, the entire opens well for display. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 266 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 526.

Note: The Levant rates were independent from the way of transportation, be it via the sea or overland. The receiver of this cover had to pay 21 kreuzer CM in total, 12 kreuzer for the overland transport to Semlin, but here in addition 9 kreuzer for third rayon tariff within Austria.

3Y+ 5Y

**300** (€ 280)**200** (€ 190)

7580

- 7580** 1856 (Aug 29): Entire letter from Trieste to Dardanelli, internally dated 1856, bearing two examples of 1854 6 kr. brown in vivid colour with good to large margins all round, tied by "TRIESTE 29/8 Abends" cds's in black. An appealing and early prepaid cover showing the 12 kr. rate to the rare post office on the Dardanelles, endorsed "per Costantinopoli / Col Vapore" in manuscript. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 267. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2020).

Note: From 1851 and up to 1866 postal rates in the Levant were organized like those in Austria, depending on weight and distance. For mail to the majority of Post Offices 12 kreuzer CM had to be paid, for this cover no additional fees for Austria were due as it was despatched in Trieste.

**300** (€ 280)

The Straits of Dardanelles



7581



7582

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7581** 1859 (Aug 14): Unpaid entire letter from Brasov to Jassy, struck with "KRONSTADT 14 / 8" cds's in black with red framed 'PORTO' in red alongside. Reverse with ornamental "JASSY 20 / 8" cds in blue (Tchilinghirian fig. 757), charged upon arrival with "15/10" soldi. Cover lightly soiled, but a very rare usage showing the 25 so. rate before 1866 to Moldavia with 15 so. for Austria and 10 so. for the Levant, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 271.

✉ **150** (€ 140)

- 7582** 1859c: Registered prepaid cover from Plovdiv to Roveredo, struck with "FILIPOPOLI 8/6" cds in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 868) with "FRANCO" and "RECOM:" in black alongside. Reverse with Quarantine handstamp, Triest transit and Roveredo arrival cds (16/6, month slug inverted). "15 / 15" soldi were paid by the sender and noted on reverse, the registration fee of '10' soldi was noted on front. A fine cash prepaid cover showing the 30 soldi rate before 1866 from Bulgaria with 15 s. for Austria and 15 s. for the Levant, the 10 s. for registration. Scarce. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 272.

✉ **200** (€ 190)

7583



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- 7583** 1864 (March 18): Cover from Alexandria to Venice, endorsed "Vap Aus Diretto", franked with 1863 Arms 10 s. blue and 15 s. brown perf. 14, fine, fresh and well embossed, tied by light "ALEXANDRIEN 18/3" cds in black (Tranmer fig. 5). Reverse with Venezia cds and distribution handstamp. Fine cover showing the 25 so. rate before 1866 from Alexandria with 15 s. for the Levant and 10 s. to Venice. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 272.

V17+ V18 ✉ **500** (€ 470)

- 7584** 1864c: Registered cover from Bucharest to Lemberg, franked by 1864 Arms 15 s. brown and 10 s. blue (2, one on reverse), all perf. 9 1/2, tied by oval "BUKAREST 10 / 6 RECOMMANTIRT" datestamp in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 716). Reverse with Pesth transit and Lemberg arrival cds (June 16). A fine cover showing the 25 kr. rate before 1866 to Walachia with 15 kr. for Austria and 10 kr. for the Levant with 10 kr. registration fee in addition. Rare.

V22+ V23 ✉ **400** (€ 375)



7585



7587

Michel

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approx. €

- 7585** 1864c: Austrian postal stationery envelope 25 kr. grey with additional 1864 10 kr. blue perf. 9½, sent from Vienna to Constantinople, cancelled by "WIEN 2 / 11 , 7. A." cds in black, reverse with "CONSTANTINOPEL" arrival (Nov 20) cds (Tchilinghirian fig. 387). Cover with minor imperfections and cleaned, a rare stationery usage showing the 35 kr. rate to Constantinople with 15 kr. for Austria and 20 kr. for the Levant. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 267. Ferchenbauer = € 5'000.
Provenance: Collection 'Cihangir', Corinphila sale 121, May 2000, lot 941.

U31+ 33

**600**

(€ 565)



7586



View of Bucharest

- 7586** 1864c: Registered cover from Bucharest to Hermannstadt, bearing a mixed franking of 1863 Arms 15 s. brown, perf. 14, two examples and 1864 10 s. blue, perf. 9½, two examples with a third example on the reverse, all tied by "BUCAREST 15 / 7" cds's in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 714). "RECOM:" handstamp alongside, reverse with Hermannstadt arrival cds. A fine double weight registered cover showing twice the 25 kr. rate before 1866 to Valachia with 15 kr. for Austria and 10 kr. for the Levant with 10 kr. registration fee. Rare. Signed A. Diena.

V18+ V22

**750**

(€ 705)

- 7587** 1865c: Cover front from Bottushan to Leipzig, franked with 1864 Arms 5 s. red and 15 s. brown, perf. 9½, tied by "BOTUSCHAN 16 / 1" cds's in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 727). Front with tears and wear, but a very rare usage showing the 20 kr. rate before 1866 from Walachia with 15 kr. for Austria and 5 kr. for the Levant. illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 270 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 527.
Note: The 5 kreuzer ÖW rate was only in force to or from the two Levant offices in Bottushan and Ploesti.

V21+ V23

**400**

(€ 375)



7588



View of Janina

Michel

Start price
in CHF

Start price
approx. €

- 7588** 1866 (Feb 15): Entire letter from Janina to Vienna, franked with 1864 Arms 10 s. blue in a block of four, perf. 9½, a fine and fresh multiple, cancelled by "JANINA 15/2" cds's in black (Tchilingirian fig. 509). Reverse with Vienna arrival cds (Feb 25). Some perforation irregularities, but an attractive cover with this **special rate**. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 273 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 575. Signed G. Bolaffi, Raybaudi. Cert. E. Dena (1991).

Note: In contrast to the other Lloyd post offices in Epirus, there was a higher rate for mail to or from Janina. Mail from there had to be transported by messenger to the harbour of Prevesa. Thus up to the end of 1865, the total rate of 40 s. included 10 s. for the messenger service, 15 s. for the Lloyd shipmail service and in this case 15 s. for the third rayon within Austria. On January 1, 1866 the Austrian inland rates were unified to 5 kreuzer and the postage should have been 30 soldi (10+15+5) for this cover. Presumably the sender was not aware of this change.

V22



1'000 (€ 940)



7589



7590

- 7589** 1866 (April 2): Entire letter from Janina to Constantinople, franked with 1864 Arms 10 s. blue in a horizontal pair and 5 s. rose, two singles, all perf. 9½, tied by "JANINA 2/4" cds's in black (Tchilingirian fig. 509). Reverse with "CONSTANTINOPEL 9/4" arrival cds (Tchilingirian fig. 385). Some perforation irregularities, fold through the right hand 5 soldi stamp, the cover wrinkled but rare with this special rate. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 273.

Note: Although the Austrian rates had been unified on January 1, 1866, the Levant rates did not change earlier than October 15, 1866. In this instance 10 s. had to be paid for the messenger service from Janina to Prevesa and 20 s. for the Lloyd service to Constantinople.

V21+ V22



300 (€ 280)

- 7590** 1867 (Sept 3): Cover from Constantinople to Langenau Bohemia, franked with 1864 Arms 5 s. rose in a vertical strip of three, perf. 9½, a fine and fresh multiple, cancelled by "CONSTANTINOPEL 3 / 9" cds's in black (Tchilingirian fig. 387). Reverse with Vienna, Reichenbach and Hayda transit cds's (Sept 9). An attractive cover with a relatively rare if spectacular usage of the Arms issue for the new rate, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 275. Signed Ferchenbauer.

Note: On October 15, 1866 the Levant rates were unified with 10 s. (5 s. for Austria and 5 s. for the Levant) to the Principalities and Albania and as in this case 15 soldi (5 s. for Austria and 10 s. for the Levant) to all other post offices.

V21



200 (€ 190)



7591



7592

Michel

Start price
in CHFStart price
approx. €

- 7591** 1869 (Nov 10): Stationery Envelope 1867 5 kr. red sent registered from Vienna to Constantinople with additional franking of 1867 10 kr. blue and 15 kr. brown, fine and fresh examples, tied by "WIEN 10/11, 6-7 A. 69" cds's in blue with framed RCMDT in red alongside. Reverse with ornamental "CONSTANTINOPEL 19/11" arrival cds in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 385). An attractive cover to the main Lloyd administration in Constantinople. Illustrated in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 544. Cert. E. Diena (1993).

Note: This item is either a first weight cover with the registration fee applied against the regulation to the front, if so it is overfranked by 5 kreuzer. Alternatively it is a second weight item and the 10 kreuzer stamp paying the registration fee on reverse was omitted.

38/1+ 39/1

**250**

(€ 235)

- 7592** 1869 (Nov 6): Entire letter from Constantinople to Trieste franked with 1867 10 kr. blue and a horizontal pair of 25 kr. violet, tied by "CONSTANTINOPEL 6/11" cds's in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 385). Reverse with oval "TRIEST 13/11, I. E." arrival datestamp in black. Minor perforation irregularities, the cover slightly damaged at top, but an impressive franking for a quadruple rate cover from the Levant (4 x 15 soldi). Illustrated in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 544. Cert. Ferchenbauer (1984).

4/1+ 6/1

**300**

(€ 280)



7593



7594

- 7593** 1871ca: Mourning envelope from Constantinople to the German consul in Varna franked with two examples of 1867 2 s. yellow and 3 s. green each as well as 10 s. blue, fresh and fine, tied by "LLOYD AGENTIE CONSTANTINOPOLI 17/3" cds's in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 446). Reverse with Lloyd Agenzie Varna (March 18) arrival cds in black. An attractive three-colour franking cover carried at double rate within the Levant (2 x 10 soldi). Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 280. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2020).

Note: The exact date of the cover cannot be taken from its postmarks, but it was despatched after the foundation of the German Empire in 1871.

Provenance: Collection 'Cihangir', Corinthia sale 121, April 2000, lot 1455.

1/1+ 2/1+ 4/1

**500**

(€ 470)

- 7594** 1873 (Aug 25): Front with part of the left backflap, sent registered from Vienna to Constantinople franked with 1867 15 kr. brown and two horizontal pairs of 25 kr. grey-violet, tied by "WIEN 25/8, 3-4 N. 73" cds's in black, framed RCMDT alongside. Reverse with ornamental "CONSTANTINOPEL 2/9" arrival cds in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 385). Minor imperfections to left hand 25 kreuzer, the cover with tear and some wear, but an impressive franking for a 7 times rate cover to the Levant (7 x 15 + 10 kreuzer for registration). Signed Paul Ferchenbauer; cert. Ulrich Ferchenbauer (1986).

38/1+ 401

**200**

(€ 190)

The Position of Austrian Postal System

Largest Regional Expansion of the Austrian Postal System in the Levant



7595



View of Jerusalem

Michel

Start price
in CHF

Start price
approx. €

- 7595** 1875 (April 4): Ladies envelope from Jerusalem to Rome, readdressed to Florence, franked with 1867 3 s. green, pair of 5 s. red, one with closed tear at top right and 10 s. blue, coarse whiskers, tied by "GERUSALEMME 5/4" cds's in black (Tranmer type D) with "P.D." alongside. Reverse with Lloyd Smirne and Brindisi transits as well as Roma and Firenze arrival cds's (April 17). An attractive franking to pay the 23 soldi rate to Italy (15 so. Lloyd and 8 so. Italy) on an appealing cover. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 297. Cert. Eichele (2008).

2/1+ 3/1+ 4/1

**500**

(€ 470)



7596



A street in Constantinople

- 7596** **Liannos local post Constantinople** 1867 (Jan 13): Entire letter from Constantinople to Livorno, bearing Liannos Local Post 20 pa. black on green, perf. 14, tied by "POSTE LOCALE / CONSTANTINOPEL" (Jan 13, Julian calendar) cds in black. Thence via Austrian P.O. with despatch "CONSTANTINOPEL" cds (26/ 1g) in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 387). Carried by Italian ship with framed "PIROSCAFI POSTALI ITALIANI" handstamp in black. Reverse with Brindisi transit (Jan 30) as well as Livorno arrival cds in red with '7' décimi due upon arrival. Some minute folds and wear, a Tiring company wafer sale applied at a later date but a very interesting and desirable cover. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 299. Cert. Tevfik Kuyas (1983).

Note: The Liannos post was a local system running between December 1865 and March 1867 in order to deliver mail within Constantinople.

Provenance: Collection Monte Napoleone, Corinthila sale 78, Sept 1988, lot 689 Pasha collection, Spink, June 2011, lot 2565.

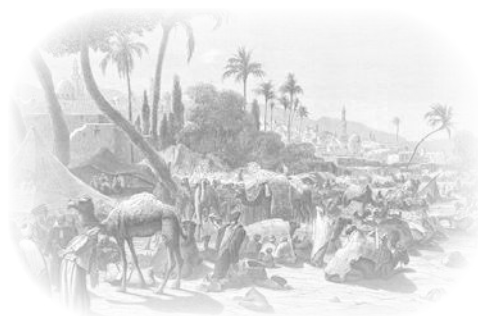
Liannos IIA

**750**

(€ 705)



7597



Camel market in Cairo

7597

Posta Europea & Lloyd mail combination 1865 (April 10): Fully paid cover from Cairo to Vienna, franked with 1864 Arms 15 s. brown, perf. 9½, two fresh and well embossed single examples, tied by light "ALEXANDRIEN 11/4" cds in black (Tranmer fig. 5). Initial despatch "POSTA EUROPEA / CAIRO / 10 APRILE 65" datestamp alongside in blue and reverse with Vienna arrival cds (9-11 Fr. WIEN 21 IV). A rare combination cover. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 300. Cert. Eichele (2010).

Note: A fully paid cover with 1 piaster paid in cash for the Posta Europea from Cairo to Alexandria, a late service of the company which was taken over by the Egyptian postal administration in 1865. The second part of the journey paid in Alexandria with 15 kr. up to Trieste and 15 kr. within Austria.

Michel

Start price
in CHFStart price
approx. €

V23

**750**

(€ 705)



7598



View of Scutari

7598

1870 (Nov 30): Letter sheet originating from Scutari in Albania and sent via Antivari to Venice, bearing Turkey Duloz 20 pa. green in a horizontal pair, cancelled by crisp Scutari handstamp (Coles & Walker fig. 3 / Tchilinghirian fig. 498) in black. In Antivari, 1867 coarse whiskers 5 s. red in a vertical pair and a vertical strip of three, two fine and fresh multiples with vivid colour and good perfs. were tied by "ANTIVARI 30/11" cds's (Tchilinghirian fig. 467) in brownish-black with "P.D." handstamp alongside. Reverse with Trieste transit and Venezia arrival (Dec 6) cds's. A scarce and attractive mixed franking cover, illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 301. Signed E. Diena. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2020) Ferchenbauer = € 8'000.

Note: Cover from the well-known Pietro Illo Pemma correspondence from Scutari to Venice, with the Turkish stamps paying the journey to Antivari, from there to Trieste the reduced 10 s. rate had to be paid and from Trieste to Venice the 15 s. Italy rate.

3/1+ Turkey

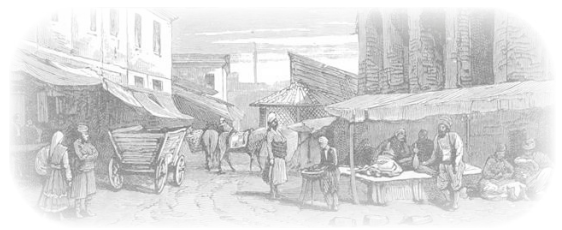
14A

**1'500**

(€ 1'410)



7599



Plovdiv Market

Michel

Start price
in CHFStart price
approx. €

7599 1866 (Sept 28): Entire letter from Plovdiv to Vienna, franked with 1864 Arms pair of 10 s. blue, perf. 9½, fresh and fine, cancelled by "FILIPOPOLI 28/9" cds in black (Tchilingirian fig. 868). Reverse with Vienna arrival cds. A rare Post Office for prepaid franked covers, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 303 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 529. Signed Colla, Ferchenbauer.

Note: Interesting rate after the unification of the Austrian rates on January 1, 1866 with 5 s. for Austria and before the unification of the Levant rates on October 15, 1866 with unchanged 15 s. for the Levant part of the journey.

Provenance: Collection Dr. Anton & Elisabeth Jerger, Corinthila sale 140, May 2004, lot 787.

V22

**300** (€ 280)

7600



View of Salonica

7600 1864 (Oct 14): Cover from Salonica to Vienna, franked with 1864 Arms 5 s. rose, 10 s. blue, and horizontal pair and four single 15 s. brown, all perf. 9½, superbly embossed, cancelled by two line "SALONICH / 14. OCTOBRE" datestamps in blue (Tchilingirian fig. 594). Reverse with Vienna arrival cds (27/10). Upper stamps with wrinkles and toning, cover with horizontal file fold, nevertheless an extraordinary and colourful franking. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 303, cert. Eichele (2008).

Note: Interesting cover: four months after the introduction of stamps, a superb 'Treppenfrankatur' to cover the third weight rate from the Levant to Austria with three times 20 s. for the Levant and three times 15 s. for Austria. Such multiple frankings had to be used for higher weight items as the 15 s. stamp was the highest issued denomination prior to 1867.

V21+ V22+

V23

**750** (€ 705)



7601



View of Burgas

Michel

Start price
in CHFStart price
approx. €

- 7601** 1873 (Aug 2): Entire letter from Burgas to Constantinople at port-to-port rate, franked with horizontal pairs of 1867 2 s. yellow and 3 s. green, tied by "BURGAS 2/8" cds in black (Tchilingirian fig. 936). Reverse with Lloyd Agenzie Constantinopoli arrival cds (4/8). File fold and some minor aging to the adhesives, but a very rare franking. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 305.

Provenance: Collection 'Cihangir', Corinphila sale 121, May 2000, lot 1796.

1/1+ 2/1

**500**

(€ 470)



7602



7603

- 7602** 1879 (July 15): Cover from Plovdiv to Sarajevo in Bosnia-Herzegovina, then under Austrian occupation, franked with 1874 fine whiskers 10 s. blue, tied by crisp "FILIPOPOLI 15/7" cds in black (Tchilingirian fig. 868). Reverse with Constantinopoli, Szeged and Brood transit cds's and "ETAPPEN-POSTAMT No XXXI 23/7 79" Fieldpost arrival cds. Opening tear on reverse of envelope, but a rare usage of the fine printing to an unusual destination, illustrated in 'Die österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 305. Signed Colla and Ferchenbauer.

Note: 10 soldi UPU rate from Plovdiv in Eastern Roumelia, after the Russo-Turkish War of 1877/78 and the peace treaty of Berlin, an autonomous province in the Ottoman Empire under a Christian ruler. Interestingly all mail from Eastern Roumelia had first to go to Constantinople, even if directed to the west.

Provenance: Collection Dr. Anton & Elisabeth Jerger, Corinphila sale 140, May 2004, lot 788.

4/II

**250**

(€ 235)

- 7603** 1868 (April 10): Entire letter from Galatz to Paris, struck with scarce "GALATZ 10/4 68" cds in black (Tchilingirian fig. 745), manuscript '2' in red crayon for the second weight rate. French entry datestamp of Strasbourg in blue, French postal contract handstamp "A." for Austria and '20' décimes due upon arrival alongside. Reverse with Wien transit and arrival cds. A fresh and fine cover with the only Hungarian datestamp in the principalities, in addition its earliest usage being the original of the illustration used in Tchilingirian, the cover also illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 307.

Note: From May 1st, 1867 six of the post offices in the United Principalities (Bucharest, Fokshan, Galatz, Giurgevo, Ibraila & Ploestie) came under Hungarian postal administration. In the short period until the closure of all Austro-Hungarian Post Offices in the Principalities in March 1869, only one postmark was prepared in Hungary and issued by the Hungarian Postal Administration, the one in Galatz as shown here. A rare cancel in use for less than a year.

**250**

(€ 235)



Galatz Harbour



7604

Michel

Start price
in CHF

Start price
approx. €

7604 1867 (June 27): Letter sheet from Galatz to Corfu, endorsed "Via Cospoli", bearing horizontal pair of 1864 15 s. brown perf. 9½, tied by "GALATZ 27/6" cds in black (Tchilingirian fig. 744), reverse with Kerkyra arrival cds (June 27, 1867, Julian calendar). Upon arrival, the cover was charged for inland Postage with '20' lepta in red crayon and Large Hermes Head 1862/68 5 lepta yellow green on greenish and 10 lepta orange on greenish, ample to large margins all round were applied and tied by '106' numerals of Kerkyra. Two minute file folds well away from the stamps, a very attractive **mixed Hungarian - Greek franking** full of character using Austrian stamps after the Hungarian postal administration became independent. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 307. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2020).

Note: From May 1st, 1867 six of the post offices in the United Principalities (Bucharest, Fokshan, Galatz, Giurgevo, Ibraila & Ploesti) came under the Hungarian postal administration. The Soldi Arms issues became officially invalid on June 16, 1867, but the stamps of the new Franz Joseph 1867 issue were not yet delivered to the Hungarian Post Offices in the United Principalities. Thus, correspondence despatched there continued to use the Arms issues, the latest usage recorded is July 25, 1867.

V23+
Greece 18a+
19a



2'500 (€ 2'350)



7605



7606

Michel

Start price
in CHFStart price
approx. €

- 7605** 1869 (Jan 29): Cover from Dardaneli to Trieste, bearing 1864 Arms 5 s. rose in mixed franking with 1867 10 s. blue, negligible crease at top right corner, tied by "IN DEN DARDANELLEN 29/1" cds in black (Tranmer fig. 4). Reverse with oval Triest arrival cds (Feb 4). Some toning and file folds, but an appealing cover with a scarce cancellation and combination usage. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 308. Cert. Alberto Diena (1976).

Provenance: Collection 'Monte Napoleone', Corinphila sale 78, Oct 1988, lot 862

Collection Henry W. Houser, Robson Lowe, June 1992, lot 1263.

V21+ 4/1

**1'000**

(€ 940)

- 7606** 1870 (Oct 20): Printed Matter entire letter from Smirna to Vienna, franked by 1867 2 s. yellow, two examples both hugely off centre to top, cancelled by thimble "SMIRNE 19/10 70" cds in black (Tranmer fig. 10). Reverse with Wien arrival cds (Nov 5). A fresh and fine entire, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 308. Ferchenbauer = € 2'200.

Provenance: Collection Ing. Pietro Provera.

1/1

**400**

(€ 375)



7607



7608

- 7607** 1876 (March 3): Stationery envelope 1867 10 s. blue from Larnaca, Cyprus to Trieste, cancelled by "LARNACA DI CIPRO 3/10" cds in black (Tranmer fig. 3). Reverse with oval Triest arrival cds (Oct 13, 1876). The unique usage of a stationery envelope in the Austrian Post Office in Larnaca, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 309 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 540. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2020).

**750**

(€ 705)

- 7608** 1869 (May 24): Entire letter from Rethymno to Trieste, bearing 1864 Arms 5 s. rose, perf. 9½ in mixed franking with 1867 10 s. blue, tied by "RETTIMO 24/5" cds in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 549). Reverse with oval Triest arrival cds (June 5). An attractive cover with a scarce cancellation, illustrated in 'Die österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 309 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 540.

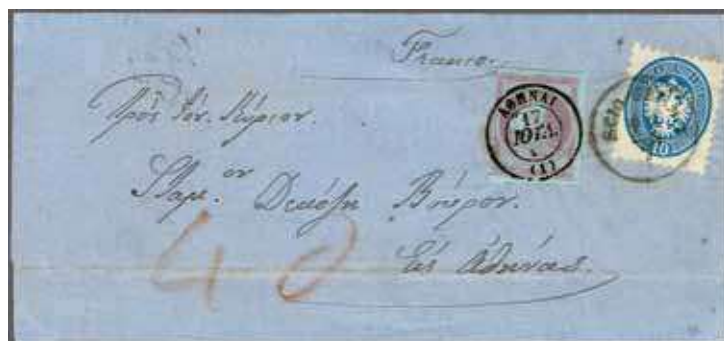
V21+ 4/1

**750**

(€ 705)



7609



7610

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7609** 1852 (Aug 23): Prepaid entire letter from Cesme to Trieste, struck with perfect "CESME / AGO. 23" datestamp (Tranmer fig. 1) in black, with "FRANCA." alongside. Trieste arrival on reverse (Aug 28) in red and annotated 12 kr. prepaid in manuscript. The example from which Tchilinghirian's copy of the Cesme cancel was taken, the cover illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 310.

Provenance: Collection 'Monte Napoleone', Corinthila sale 78, Oct 1988, lot 858

Collection Hans Smith, Corinthila sale 182, Sept 2013, lot 1394.

✉ **300** (€ 280)

- 7610** 1867 (July 27): Entire letter from Scio-Cesme via Piraeus to Athens franked by 1864 10 s. blue, perf. 9½, tied by bold SCIO-CESME datestamp (Tchilinghirian fig. 560) in black, charged for inland delivery on arrival with Greece 1862/67 40 lepta deep mauve on bluish, three large margins and close at right, tied by Athens cds (July 17/29). A fine and rare entire; whilst sent as a single rate letter under the Austrian P.O., it was taxed as a double letter on arrival due to the disparity between the Ounce against the Metric system. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 310.

Provenance: Collection Hans Smith, Corinthila sale 182, Sept 2013, lot 1347.

✉ **400** (€ 375)



7611



7612

- 7611** 1875ca: Postal stationery postcard 4 s. red, the rare type with the narrow base of the '4' (Mi P1b), mailed from Jerusalem to Gross-Beesen near Guben in Prussia, additional franking of 1867 coarse whiskers 2 s. yellow, a fresh and fine example with vibrant colour and good perforations, cancelled by "GERUSALEMME 11/8" cds (Tranmer type D) in black. An attractive item and most unusual rate, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 311. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2020) Ferchenbauer = LP.

Note: After the increase of the postcard rate from 4 to 5 soldi in 1875, the 4 soldi postcards were uprated with a 2 soldi stamp, thereby overfranking them by 1 soldi.

P1b+ 1/I ✉ **400** (€ 375)

- 7612** 1885 (Jan 25): Postal stationery card 5 s. red written in Hebrew, mailed from Jerusalem to Frankfurt, cancelled by "JERUSALEM 25/1/85 GERUSALEMME" cds (Tranmer type H) in black, with attractive 'J. L. GOLDWICHT JERUSALEM' company cachet in blue below depicting the Western Wall in Jerusalem, לחופי לחופי. A fine and desirable item, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 311.

✉ **200** (€ 190)

Competitors of the Austrian Postal System in the Levant



7613



7614

Michel

Start price
in CHFStart price
approx. €

- 7613** **Turkey** 1875 (Oct 8): Entire letter from Adrianople to Constantinople, bearing Duloz 1875 1 pi. yellow and horizontal pair of 10 pa. mauve, perf. 13½, tied by Arabic only Adrianople circular handstamp (Coles & Walker fig. 4), bilingual "ANDRINOPLE 8 OCT 75" cds in black alongside. Reverse with Stamboul arrival cds (Nov. 22). A fresh and fine entire, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 314. Opinion Holcombe (1990).
Note: Cover of the first Turkish rayon up to 100 hours equal to about 500 km. The rate of 60 para corresponding to 15 soldi of this item was about 50% higher than a comparable cover if sent by the Austrian Lloyd within the Levant.
Provenance: Corinphila sale 83, Sept 1991, lot 4785.

Turkey 19+
21A**150** (€ 140)

- 7614** **Turkey** 1877 (July 13): Double weight entire letter from Constantinople to Trieste, bearing a horizontal pair of 1876 50 pa. blue & yellow, perf. 13½, tied by "P.I.O." in bars (Postes Internationales Ottomane) in double oval handstamp (Coles & Walker fig. 55) struck in blue. "CONSTANTINOPLE/TURQUIE" cds in blue alongside (July 13). Reverse with two Trieste arrival cds's (July 18). A fine and attractive cover, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 314.

Turkey 32

**100** (€ 95)

7615



7616

- 7615** **Russia** 1875 (March 14): Cover from Constantinople via Odessa to Trieste, endorsed "Voie d'Odessa", bearing Russian Imperial Arms 1866 10 kop. brown & blue in combination with Russian Levant 1872 3 kop. green, both on horizontally laid paper, tied by superb Russian "KONSTANTIN. 17 MAR. 75" cds (Tchilinghirian fig. 11) in blue. Odessa transit (March 19) and "Oplatsheno - Paid" handstamp alongside. Reverse with Vienna transit and Trieste arrival (April 4) cds's. A fine and most appealing combination cover, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 315. Signed A. Diena. Cert. E. Diena (1978).
Note: After the completion of the railway line from Odessa to the Austrian border and thereby via Galicia to Berlin in 1872, mail to Germany and in many cases also to Austria and France could be transported by ROPiT vessels via Odessa as quickly as the journey with a Lloyd vessel to Varna, overland with railway to Rustchuk and then up the Danube to Austria. However mail via Russia was slightly more expensive than with the Lloyd.

Russia 21x +
Levant 7x**500** (€ 470)

- 7616** **France** 1861 (July 20): Cover from Beirut to Constantinople, then forwarded to Vienna, endorsed "Par les Messag. Imp.", bearing France 1853 10 c. bistre. touched to large margins and horizontal pair of 20 c. blue, tied by light petits chiffres '3706' in black, Beyrouth despatch (July 20) and framed PD alongside. Reverse with French PO Constantinople arrival (July 31). The receiver had left for Vienna, and the cover was forwarded, this time at the Austrian Post Office with Vienna arrival cds (Aug 9) in red on reverse and charged due at 35 kreuzer, 15 for Austria and 20 for the Levant. An interesting and appealing item, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 317.

France 12+
13**200** (€ 190)



7617



ex 7618

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7617 France 1873** (Aug 1): Entire letter from Aleppo, posted at Alexandrette to Vienna, franked with France 1871/75 Cérès 15 c. bistre in a strip of four, tied by gros chiffres '5079' in black, with pearled Alexandrette despatch (Aug 1) and framed PD alongside. Reverse with French Smyrne transit, Marseille à Lyon Special TPO transit and Wien arrival (Aug 19) cds's. A fine and attractive entire. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 317. Signed Ernst Stock.

- 7618 France 1863**: Covers (2) from Salonica to London and Genova respectively, bearing France Napoléon perforated 1862 20 c. blue in a strip of three, and a pair with 40 c. orange, respectively, each tied by Gros Chiffres '5095' in black, Salonique despatch and framed PD alongside, corresponding transit and arrival cds's. An interesting duo with some imperfections.

France 50

**300**

(€ 280)

**150**

(€ 140)



7619



7620

- 7619 Italy 1863** (Nov 3): Unpaid envelope from Cairo via Posta Europea to Alexandria, endorsed "via Trieste, Wien" but ignored, sent on Italian Steamer via Corfu to Ancona and further bz rail to Stettin; struck with "POSTA EUROPEA / CAIRO" in blue (Nov 3), transferred with "ALESSANDRIA D'EGITTO / POSTE ITALIANE" cds and framed "PIROSCAFI / POSTALI / ITALIANI" alongside. Reverse with Ancona, Ancona-Como TPO, Como-Collico TPO, Chur-St. Gallen TPO & Friedrichshafen transit cds's and Stettin distribution cds (Nov 16). The Italian post noted "Credito Italo L 1.60" for a double weight unfranked letter to which the Swiss transit of '20' rappen was added, resulting in '54' kreuzer due to which '9' kreuzer were added for the GAPI, resulting in '21' silbergroschen which had to be paid by the receiver. One backflap missing and the cover a little bit tatty, but a very interesting item showing the competition of different postal services, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 322.

**350**

(€ 330)

- 7620 Italy 1879** (Aug 19): Cover from Alexandria to Trieste franked with Italian Levant 'Esterio' 20 c. orange in a horizontal pair tied by '234' numeral obliterator, "ALESSANDRIA D'EGITTO / POSTE ITALIANE" (P. Smith Type CD-2) of the Italian post alongside (Aug 19). Reverse with Triest arrival cds. A late usage of this datestamp in its final year of use, mail to Austria not sent by Austrian Steamer is rare. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 323.

**200**

(€ 190)



7621



7622

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7621 Egypt** 1869 (March 24): Cover front from Port Said to Orechich Dalmatia, franked with Austrian Levant 1863 Arms 5 s. rose, three examples and 10 s. blue, left uncanceled, "POSTE VICE REAL EGIZIANE / PORTO SAID (March 24) and italic "Franca" of the Egyptian Post alongside, charged upon arrival with '35' kreuzer. An interesting item, originally franked for despatch at the Austrian Post Office, however it was diverted to the Egyptian service and the receiver had to repay for the service. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 323. Cert. E. Diena (1987).

V21+ V22 (✉) **300** (€ 280)

- 7622 North German Confederation** 1871 (Aug 1): Letter sheet from Schleiz to Trapezunt, Turkey franked with North German Confederation definitive 1869 1 gr. carmine perf. 13¼ x 14¼, a single and a horizontal pair, each tied by superb "SCHLEIZ 1 8 71 6-7 N" cds, reverse with oval TRIEST cds (Aug 4) transit datestamp. An interesting and attractive item. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 324.

Note: The Triest transit datestamp shows that this cover was transported as a single item from Germany through Austria to the Levant, a procedure which was forbidden as such mail should have been bagged according to the 1870 regulations.

NDP 16 ✉ **200** (€ 190)

7623



7624

- 7623 Germany** 1873 (Dec 11): Entire letter from Constantinople via Odessa to Vienna, endorsed "via Odessa", bearing German 1872 Large Shield 1 gr. carmine, a horizontal pair and a single example, tied by clear "KAISERL. DEUTSCH. P.A. CONSTANTINOPEL 11/12 73 12-1N." cds's in black. Reverse with Vienna arrival (17/12) cds. Some blunted perforations, an attractive and scarce usage, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 315, signed Richter & Georg Bühler.

Note: Up to the foundation of the UPU, mail to the GAPU had a rate of 2½ gr. if sent via Varna, but 3 gr. if sent via Odessa.

German
Levant V19 ✉ **200** (€ 190)

- 7624 Germany** 1873 (July 10): Cover at double rate from Constantinople to St. Moritz, Switzerland, franked with Germany Large shield 1872 2 gr. grey-blue and 5 gr. ochre, two fine and fresh examples, well embossed, tied by light "KAISERL. DEUTSCH. P.A. CONSTANTINOPEL 10 7 73 2-3 N." cds, manuscript '20 g' (grams) denoting double rate at left. Reverse with St. Gallen-Sargans TPO and Chur transit as well as "ST. MORIZ - DORF 16 VIII 73" arrival cds (month slug error instead of VII). Cover a little bit tatty, but an appealing cover to a rare destination, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 389.

DR V20+
V22 ✉ **200** (€ 190)



7625



7626

Michel

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- 7625** **Germany** 1874 (Jan 10): Formular postcard from Constantinople to Vienna, franked with Germany Large Shield 1872 1 gr. carmine, tied by clear "KAISERL. DEUTSCH. P.A. CONSTANTINOPEL 10/1 74 3-4 N." cds, Vienna arrival cds (Jan 18) alongside. An interesting usage, mail from the Levant to Austria and not sent via Lloyd is very rare. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 324.

DR V19

**200** (€ 190)

- 7626** **Germany** 1873 (June 19): Letter sheet from Beirut to Nettstal, Switzerland, endorsed "Voie de Trieste", franked with Austrian Levant 1867 5 s. red and 15 s. brown, two fine and fresh examples, each tied by light "BERUTTI" cds (Tranmer fig. 3) in black (19/6). Reverse with Triest and Chur-Zürich TPO and Nettstal arrival cds (July 6). A fresh and fine cover, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 389.

Note: Comparing this item with to the lot before shows that the German service was cheaper than the Austrian one. Whilst Germany charged only 3½ gr. for a single rate cover, Austria charged 20 soldi = 4 groschen.

3/1+ 5/1

**250** (€ 235)

International Postal Connections

Countries without Postal Treaties



7627



View of Cairo

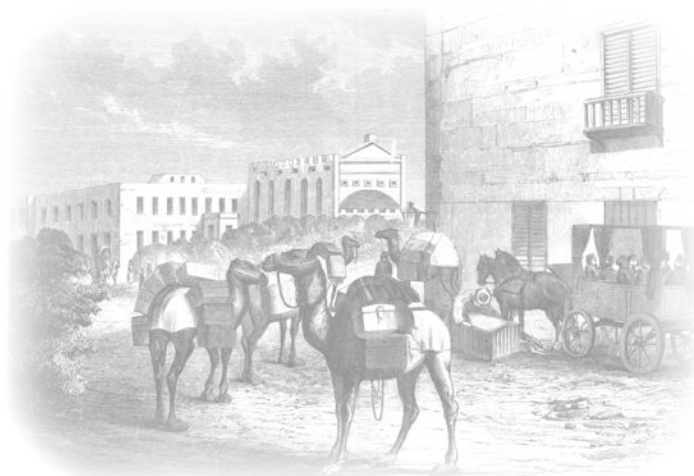
- 7627** **Egypt** 1866 (June 17): Cover from Cairo to Trieste, endorsed "Col Vapore Austriaco diretto", bearing Egypt 1866 1 pi. claret (Gi 4), tied by "POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / CAIRO" cds (P. Smith Type I-2.5) in black (June 17), Austrian P.O. "ALEXANDRIEN 19/6" cds in blue (Tranmer fig. 5) alongside. The receiver had to pay '15' kreuzer for the Lloyd part of the journey. An attractive and interesting item, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 376. Signed Sorani, Todd AIEP. Cert. Puschmann (1993).

Note: Austria did not have direct postal treaties with the Ottoman Empire and Egypt. In these cases, postal items could be prepaid only to the Port, in this case Alexandria, the rest of the journey had to be paid by the receiver. This cover was sent after the unification of the Austrian rates in January 1866 but this had no impact on the amount due as the Levant rates were not yet unified (October 1866) and the recipient had to pay the old charge of 15 instead of 10 kreuzer.

Provenance: Collection 'Monte Napoleone', Corinphila sale 78, Oct. 1988, lot 774.

Egypt 4

**750** (€ 705)



Arrival of the Overland Mail in Alexandria



7628

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7628** **Egypt** 1867 (June 27): Cover from Cairo via Alexandria to Trieste, bearing Egypt 1866 1 pi. claret (Gi 4), a fresh stamp tied by "POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / CAIRO" cds (P. Smith Type 1-2) in blue (June 27). At the Austrian P.O. in Alexandria, a 1863 Arms 15 s. brown, perf. 9½ was applied, a fresh and fine example, well embossed, tied by "ALEXANDRIEN 28/6" cds in blue (Tranmer fig. 5). Reverse with oval Trieste (July 1st) arrival datestamp. Two slight file folds well away from the stamps, an attractive and very rare mixed country franking, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 376. Signed Todd AIEP. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2020) Ferchenbauer = € 17'000.

Note: This cover shows the very rare case where the Egyptian as well as the Lloyd part of the journey were fully prepaid by the sender.

Provenance: Collection Kurt Wolfsbauer.

V23+
Egypt 4



4'000 (€ 3'760)



Imperial and Royal Austrian Post Office in Constantinople



7629

Michel

Start price
in CHF

Start price
approx. €

- 7629** **Turkey** 1871 (Oct 5): Cover from Anatolia via Constantinople to Strzebowitz, Austrian Silesia, bearing Duloz 1870 1 pi. yellow, irregular perf. 5-11 in a horizontal strip of six on reverse and a single example on front, tied by indistinct strikes of a triple framed all Arabic handstamp in black, on front transit handstamp of Maamuret-ul-Aziz / Elazig in Eastern Anatolia (Coles & Walker fig. 1). In Constantinople, an oval bilingual Pera datestamp (Oct 5, 1871) in blue was added to the reverse and the cover was transferred to the Austrian postal service with Constantinopel (Oct 17) cds (Tchilingirian fig. 387) in black struck to the front, reverse with 'Schönbrunn B H' transit cds (Oct 26). Part of address erased, a unique item showing only a Turkish franking, not charged due in Austria for the journey from Constantinople to Austria, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 377. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2020).

Note: Unfortunately the origin of this cover cannot be detected from postmarks or handwritten notes on the cover. However, one can guess that it came from Harput, a neighbouring town of Elazig which was socially and commercially more active in these days. There was an American missionary school since the early 1850s from where many correspondence to Europe and the USA originated. Elazig was situated on the main Basra - Istanbul route in 1871 which explains the transit handstamp. This cover shows the correct franking for the Turkish part of the journey with 6 piaster for the third rayon above approximately 1'000 km and one additional piaster for the Istanbul city distribution charge to the Austrian post office.

Turkey 15B



750 (€ 705)



View of Triest



7630

Michel

Start price
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approx. €

7630

Turkey/Bosnia 1868 (Sept 9): Entire letter from Triest to Sarajevo endorsed "*via Brood in Slavonia*", bearing 1867 5 kr. red, a fresh single, tied by oval "TRIENT 7/9 V" datestamp. Upon arrival, two vert. pairs of Duloz 1865 20 pa. ochre due perf. 12½ were added on front and each stamp tied by circular Bosna handstamp (Coles & Walker fig. 4) in blue. Minor imperfections, but a fine and fresh item showing part prepayment from Austria to the border while the part of the journey in Bosnia had to be paid by the receiver, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 378. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2020).
Provenance: Collection 'Cihangir', Corinphila sale 121, April 2000, lot 1655

37/I+
Turkey 6a**2'000** (€ 1'880)



7631



7632

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7631 Ottoman Empire / Albania 1868ca:** Part of letter front originating from Scutari in Albania and sent via Antivari to Venice, bearing Turkey 1 pi brown Postage Due, cancelled by crisp Scutari handstamp (Coles & Walker fig. 3 / Tchilinghirian fig. 498) in blue with clear thimble "SCUTARI D'ALBANIE 2 / 7" cds in blue (Tchilinghirian fig. 497) alongside. In Antivari, 1867 coarse whiskers 10 s. blue in a horizontal pair and 5 s. red were tied by "ANTIVARI 5 / 7" cds (Tchilinghirian fig. 467) in brownish-black. At Antivari "P.D." handstamp was added alongside. Although only part of a front, a scarce piece, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 379. *Note: Cover from the well-known Pietro Illo Pemma correspondence from Scutari to Venice, with the Turkish stamp paying the journey to Antivari, from there to Trieste the reduced 10 s. rate had to be paid and from Trieste to Venice the 15 s. Italy rate.*

3/1+ 4/1

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150 (€ 140)

- 7632 Ottoman Empire / Albania 1868c:** Cover front from Ragusa to Scutari bearing 1867 coarse whiskers 5 kr. red in a horizontal pair, cancelled by two line "RAGUSA / 8 GIU." datestamp, with Turkey 1 pi. yellow used as postage due alongside tied by light Scutari handstamp (Coles & Walker fig. 3 / Tchilinghirian fig. 498). Item shows the reduced Albania rate of 10 kreuzer, while the Turkish stamp paid the rate from Antivari harbour to Scutari. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 379. Cert. Velickovic (1983).

37/1 +
Turkey 15A

(⊠)

300 (€ 280)

Countries with Postal Treaties



7633



7634

- 7633 Saxony 1864 (Dec 30):** Unpaid entire letter from Constantinople to Eberbach bei Löbau, endorsed "via Triest", struck with superb "CONSTANTINOPL 30 / 12" cds (Tchilinghirian fig. 387) in black. Reverse with Reichenberg and Oderwitz transit cds's (Jan 8). The front shows '20 / 15' kreuzer for Lloyd and Austria, respectively, the receiver was charged with '7' neugroschen. A fresh and fine entire depicting the standard rate from the Levant to the GAPU. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 380. *Note: Due to the German-Austrian Postal Treaty the German States had the same rates to the Levant as Austria.*

⊠

150 (€ 140)

- 7634 Bremen 1860ca:** Fully prepaid registered Letter sheet from Jassy to Bremen, struck with Austrian P.O. "JASSY 25 / 9" cds (Tchilinghirian fig. 757), FRANCO and RECOMANDIRT in blue as well as framed German "Recomandirt" in red alongside. Reverse with Lemberg, Krakau and Breslau-Myslowitz German TPO (Sept 30) transit cds's and Bremen arrival cds (Oct 1). The reverse shows the '35' kreuzer prepayment annotation with 10 kr. special rate for Moldavia, 15 kr. for the GAPU and 10 kr. registration fee. A fresh and fine cover of great scarcity. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 380.

Note: This cover was transported by rail from Krakow to Bremen. The paper is embossed "Banca nationala a Moldovi Jassy".

⊠

300 (€ 280)



7635



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7635 Saxony 1865 (March 18): Cover from Constantinople to Gera endorsed "via Triest", franked with 1864 Arms 5 s. rose and pair of 15 s. brown, perf. 9½, fine and fresh adhesives well embossed, tied by "CONSTANTINOPEL 18 / 3" cds (Tchilinghirian fig. 387) in black. Reverse with Gera arrival cds (March 25). A fresh and fine cover, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 381. Signed A. Diena. Cert. Raybaudi (1994).

7636 Bohemia 1865ca: Triple rate cover from Constantinople to Schönlind, franked with 1864 Arms 15 s. brown, perf. 9½, a single, a horizontal pair and a horizontal strip of four, all tied by "CONSTANTINOPEL 6 / 10" cds (Tchilinghirian fig. 385) in black. Reverse with Vienna and Rumburg transit cds's and two line "SCHÖNLINDE / 11 Octo:" arrival cds. A fine and rare cover, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 381.

Michel

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approx. €

V21+ V23

**200**

(€ 190)

V23

**350**

(€ 330)



7637



7638

7637 Prussia 1866 (April 26): Entire letter from Görlitz to Constantinople, franked with Prussia 1861 rouletted Eagle 1 sgr. carmine and two examples of 3 sgr. bistre (Mi 16+17), fine and fresh adhesives, tied by "GÖRLITZ 26 4 66 5-6N." cds's. Reverse with Vienna transit and "CONSTANTINOPEL 2 / 5" arrival cds (Tchilinghirian fig. 387) in black. Front shows weiterfranko of four silbergroschen for the Austrian Levant postal service, a fresh and fine cover.

7638 North German Federation 1867 (Sept 15): Unpaid cover from Frankfurt to Alexandria, Emil Kalb correspondence, struck with "FRANKFURT A. M. 15 / 9" cds, reverse with Triest transit and very fine "ALEXANDRIEN 25 / 9" arrival cds (Tranmer fig. 5) in black. Front with '10' kreuzer rheinisch = '15' soldi due under the new unified rate.

16+ 17

**150**

(€ 140)

**120**

(€ 115)



7639



7640

Michel

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- 7639 North German Federation 1869** (Feb 27): Cover from Berlin to Constantinople, endorsed "Via Belgrad", franked with 1868 rouletted 1 gr. carmine (Mi 4), single example and a horizontal pair, tied by "BERLIN POST-EXP. 23 27 / 2 69 6-7N" cds in blue. Reverse with Vienna transit and "CONSTANTINOPEL 10 / 3" arrival cds (Tchilinghirian fig. 385) in black.
Note: In winter the land route to Constantinople via Belgrad was used. Prior to the opening of the North German Federation P.O. in March 1870, the Austrian postal services were used.

NDP 4



150 (€ 140)

- 7640 North German Federation 1869ca:** Triple rate cover from Constantinople to Jena, franked with 1867 5 s. red, 15 s. brown and 25 s. lilac, tied by "CONSTANTINOPEL 26 / 1" cds (Tchilinghirian fig. 387) in black, reverse with Jena arrival cds (Feb 5). Cover was rastel punched for disinfection, the 25 soldi adhesive hit twice by the rastel punch. Some wear and carefully closed filing holes but a fine and scarce three colour franking. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 387.
Note: The addressee is Johann Gustav Stickel (1805-1896), a theologian, orientalist and numismatist at Jena University.

3/1+ 5/1+ 6/1



250 (€ 235)



7641



7642

- 7641 Great Britain 1849** (July 19): Prepaid entire letter from London to Constantinople, endorsed "Voie Ostende & Vienne", struck with 'Paid' despatch cds in red, "P." in oval in red and framed "aus England / per Aachen franco" in black alongside. Front with '2/3d.' in red manuscript, franco with '4' pence for Prussia and '1/3d.' or '2d' kreuzer as noted on reverse for Austria and the Levant. A fresh and fine entire, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 390.
Note: Following the 1846 postal treaty between Prussia and the United Kingdom, mail could be sent fully prepaid to the Ottoman Empire.



150 (€ 140)

- 7642 Great Britain 1857** (Nov 22): Fully paid registered cover from Jassy to London, endorsed "per Berlin & Ostende", struck with Austrian P.O. "JASSY 22 / 11" cds (Tchilinghirian fig. 757) FRANCO and RECOMANDIRT all in black, framed German RECOMANDIRT in red, British "REGISTERED" handstamp in red and 'London / Paid' arrival cds (Dec 1) in red alongside. Reverse with Lemberg, Krakau and German TPO Myslovitz-Kandrzin transit datestamps. Reverse shows a total of '37' soldi postage and a weiterfranko of '9' silbergroschen from Prussia to the United Kingdom. An attractive and rare entire, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 390.



400 (€ 375)



7646

- 7646 Great Britain** 1868 (July 3): Small envelope from Constantinople to Maidenhead, Berkshire, bearing 1864 Arms 10 s. blue, perf. 9½ in mixed franking with 1867 25 s. grey-lilac, two fine and fresh adhesives, tied by clear ornamental "CONSTANTINOPEL 3 / 7" (Tchilinghirian fig. 386) cds, "P.D." and London transit cds (July 10 1868), both in red alongside. Reverse with Vienna transit and Maidenhead arrival cds (July 10). Front shows '14' kreuzer weiterfranko in red crayon. Cover slightly soiled, but full of character and a most unusual mixed issue combination. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 392 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 560. Cert. Babor (1994) Ferchenbauer = € 5'250.

Michel

Start price
in CHF

Start price
approx. €

V22+ 6/1



850 (€ 800)



View of Maidenhead



7647

- 7647 Great Britain** 1867 (Jan 28): Quadruple rate cover from Alexandria to Liverpool, franked with 1864 Arms 10 s. blue and 15 s. brown, four single adhesives and three horizontal pairs, all perf. 9½, in overall fine and fresh condition and well embossed but one stamp with closed tear at top, tied by eight "ALEXANDRIEN 28 / 1" (Tranmer fig. 5) cds's. "P.D." in red alongside, reverse with Trieste transit and Liverpool arrival cds (Feb 10 1867). Front shows '4' for the fourth weight and '56' kreuzer weiterfranko, both in red crayon. One stamp with minor wrinkles, a very rare franking at 160 soldi rate, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 392. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2009).
Note: Postage per weight rate is 15 soldi for Levant and GAPU plus 25 soldi for the United Kingdom in the 1866 unified rate.

Provenance: Collection J. B. Seymour.
Collection Kurt Wolfsbauer.

V22+ V23



850 (€ 800)



The Port of Liverpool



7648



ex 7649

Michel

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in CHFStart price
approx. €

- 7648 Great Britain** 1869 (Sept 24): Entire letter from Smirne to London, franked with 1867 10 s. blue and 25 s. grey, tied by "SMIRNE 24 / 9 69" thimble cds (Tranmer fig. 10) in blue, "P.D." and London arrival cds (Oct 4 69), both in red alongside, reverse with Trieste transit cds. On front, "W.F.14" kreuzer handstruck applied in black at Trieste (van der Linden fig. 2982) for onward postage beyond Prussia. Cover slightly soiled, one file fold slightly affecting the 10 soldi stamp, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 393 Ferchenbauer = € 1'600.

4/I+ 6/I

**250** (€ 235)

- 7649 Great Britain** 1871 (Sept 2): Cover from Varna to Manchester, franked with 1867 10 s. blue in a horizontal pair and 15 s. brown, tied by framed "LETTERE ARRIVATE / PER MARE / VARNA 2 / 9 / 71" in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 115) with "P.D." in red alongside. Reverse with Manchester arrival cds (Sept 8). On front, manuscript '8' kreuzer in red crayon for onward postage beyond Prussia. Item roughly opened, minor perforation irregularities at top, together with an unpaid 1872 envelope from Varna to Manchester.

Note: Overfranked in error: the rate to the United Kingdom was reduced to 23 soldi in July 1870.

4/I+ 5/I

**200** (€ 190)

7650



7651

- 7650 Great Britain** 1874 (Jan 15): Double weight cover from Beirut to Cheltenham, franked with 1867 3 s. green, 5 s. red and 15 s. brown, all in horizontal pairs, tied by "BERUTTI 15 / 1" cds (Tranmer fig. 3) in black. Reverse with Cheltenham arrival cds (Jan 28). On front, manuscript '16' kreuzer in red crayon for onward postage beyond Prussia for a second weight rate cover. Item with corner wear and tears on the reverse, three stamps with minor perforation irregularities, but an appealing three colour franking for the 46 soldi rate, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 395. Signed Edwin Müller. Cert. Ferchenbauer (1994).

2/I+ 3/I+ 5/I

**500** (€ 470)

- 7651 Great Britain** 1874 (July 16): Registered cover from Beirut to Manchester, endorsed 'via Brindisi' franked with 1867 coarse whiskers 3 s. green and 15 s. brown in a horizontal pair, tied by "BERUTTI 16 / 7" cds (Tranmer fig. 3) with "RACOM." in black, German framed "Recomandirt / LONDON" transit datestamp in red alongside, reverse with oval "REGISTERED / MANCHESTER" arrival datestamp (Aug 4) in red. On front, manuscript '8' kreuzer in red crayon for onward postage beyond Prussia. Item roughly opened, but an appealing cover in the 33 soldi rate with 15 s. postage for Levant and Austria and 8 kr. for the United Kingdom, in addition 10 s. registration fee which is included in the the franking on front. Illustrated in Puschmann - "125 Jahre Ausgabe 1867" on page 192 and 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 395.

2/I+ 5/I

**400** (€ 375)



7652

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7652 Great Britain** 1875 (Feb 17): Envelope from Smirna to London, endorsed "Via Trieste", franked with 1867 coarse whiskers 3 s. green and 10 s. blue in a horizontal pair, all cancelled by "SMIRNE 17 / 2" thimble cds in black (Tranmer fig. 10), with London arrival cds (March 8 1875) alongside. On front, manuscript '8' kreuzer in red crayon for onward postage beyond Prussia. Slight file folds but an attractive item.

2/1+ 4/1



150 (€ 140)



7653

- 7653 Netherlands** 1874 (Nov 6): Cover from Smirna to Amsterdam, franked with 1867 coarse whiskers 10 s. blue in a horizontal pair, tied by "SMIRNE 5 / 11 74" thimble cds in black (Tranmer fig. 10). Reverse with Trieste transit and Amsterdam arrival cds (Nov 17). On front, manuscript '4' kreuzer in red crayon for onward postage beyond Prussia. A fresh and fine cover to an unusual destination for Austrian Levant mail.

4/1



200 (€ 190)

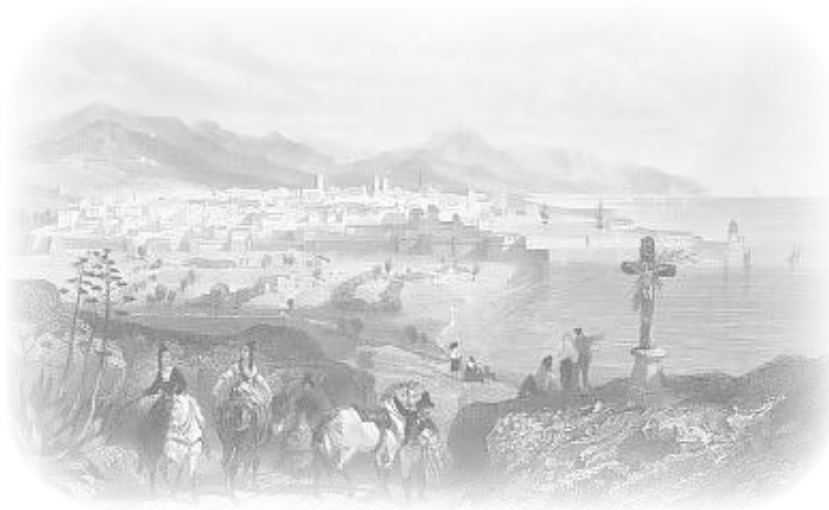


7654

- 7654 Belgium** 1860 (March 17): Unpaid entire letter from Constantinople to Liège, struck with fine ornamental "CONSTANTINOPEL 17 / 3" cds in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 385). Reverse with Belgium entry "ALLEMAGNE EST No. 3" cds. On front, the cover shows the taxation in manuscript of '20 / 25' kreuzer for Lloyd and GAPU/Belgium, respectively. In Trieste scarce rate handstamp '7' silbergroschen applied in blue with '10' décimes due on arrival. A fresh and fine entire to a rare destination from the Austrian Levant, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 398. Cert. van der Linden (1998).



200 (€ 190)



View of Barcelona



7655

Michel

Start price in CHF Start price approx. €

- 7655** **Spain** 1868 (Jan 26): Double rate entire letter from Smirna to Barcelona, franked with 1864 Arms 10 s. dark blue, three singles and a horizontal strip of four, tied by "SMIRNE 26 / 1" cds in black (Tranmer fig. 4), in addition another 10 s. blue in another shade and from another sheet, only lightly tied by an indistinct cds, "Prusia" in oval and framed "affranchissement / insuffisant" alongside in black. Reverse with Triest and Junquera entry cds in blue and Barcelona arrival cds (Feb 6). On front, manuscript '40' kreuzer in red crayon noted for the onward postage to Spain, but the item was again weighed and found to be '16 gr' and therefore triple not double weight. A '32' cuartos handstamp in blue charged as due on delivery. An attractive and desirable cover to a very rare destination from the Austrian Levant. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 399 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 581. Signed Raybaudi. Certificates E. Diena (1991), Ferchenbauer (2020).

V22a+ V22b

**1'500** (€ 1'410)



7656



7657

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7656** Norway 1854 (March 30): Unpaid entire letter from Constantinople to Drammen, Norway struck with "CONSTANTINOPEL 30/3" cds in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 387). Reverse with Semlin 'NETTO DI FUORA E SPORCO DI DENTRO' (cleaned from outside, dirty inside) disinfestation strike as well as Vienna and Copenhagen (April 12) transit cds's. '7 1/4' silbergroschen rate in manuscript on obverse. An extremely rare destination from the Austrian Levant.

✉ **300** (€ 280)

- 7657** Norway 1866 (March 2): Entire letter from Constantinople to Christiania, Norway franked with 1864 Arms 3 s. green and 15 s. brown, two singles and pair, perf. 9 1/2, tied by "CONSTANTINOPEL 2/3" cds in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 387). Reverse with transit cds's of the Anhalt train station in Berlin in blue and of the Danish P.O. in Lübeck. On front, manuscript '21' kreuzer in red crayon for onward postage beyond Prussia, which was recalculated at '4 1/2' silbergroschen and '17' skilling. Stamps with defects but a unique usage to Norway. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 401. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2020).

V20+ V23

✉ **400** (€ 375)



View of Trondheim



7658

- 7658** Norway 1868 (Dec 3): Unpaid entire letter from Constantinople to Trondheim, Norway struck with three line "LETTERE ARRIVATE / COL VAPORE / DAL LEVANTE" handstamp in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 99), "SVINESUND 16 / 12 1858" cds of the exchange office between Sweden and Norway in blue alongside. Reverse with transit cds's of Trieste, Berlin and of the Danish Office in Hamburg. The cover handed directly to the Steamer and therefore in Trieste the 'Lettere arrivate' handstamp was applied together with a '7' silbergroschen rate handstamp. Danish and Swedish postage was added and '38' skilling due were noted on reverse. An attractive cover to an extremely rare destination from the Austrian Levant. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 401.

✉ **300** (€ 280)



View of Helsingör



ex 7660



7659

7659 **Denmark** 1866 (Feb 7): Unpaid entire letter from Alexandria to Helsingør, Denmark struck with clear "ALEXANDRIEN 7/2" cds in black (Tranmer fig. 5). Reverse with Kandrzin-Oderberg Prussian TPO transit datestamp (Feb 19) and "Helsingør" arrival cds in black. Postage for Lloyd and GAPU was '5¼' silbergroschen, Danish postage was added and '30' skilling due noted on front as amount due. Cover slightly soiled, but an extremely rare destination from the Austrian Levant.

7660 **France** 1850/54: Two unpaid entire letters from Salonica to Lyon and from Constantinople to Paris respectively, struck with two line SALONICH or CONSTANTINOPEL datestamps in black, French entry cds in red and blue, respectively and "T.A." postal treaty handstamp alongside the 1850 entire with "über / BASEL", and both with Sigillum sanitatis Quarantine handstamps on reverse. The front of the covers show '18' and '36' décimes due for a first and fourth weight rate cover, respectively. An appealing duo.

Michel

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approx. €

✉ **250** (€ 235)

✉ **250** (€ 235)



ex 7661



Reims Cathedral

7661 **France** 1856/57: Two unpaid entire letters from Bucharest to Rheims and Paris, respectively, both struck with BUKAREST cds in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 713), French entry cds in blue and framed "T.A." postal treaty handstamp alongside. Reverse with Hermannstadt transit and arrival cds's. The front of the covers show '16' and '24' décimes due for a first and double weight rate cover, respectively. An appealing pair.

✉ **200** (€ 190)



View of Adrianople



7662

Michel

Start price in CHF Start price approx. €

7662 **France** 1864 (June 25): Cover from Adrianople to Valence, franked with 1863 Arms definitive 5 s. rose, three examples, 10 s. blue and 15 s. brown, all perf. 14, tied by ornamental "ADRIANOPEL 25 / 6" cds in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 947), "P.D." in red, French Strasbourg entry cds in red (July 3), and postal treaty handstamp "A." alongside. Reverse with Vienna and Paris transit as well as Valence arrival cds (July 4). Stamps with perforation imperfections and minor aging but an extraordinary three colour franking to cover the 40 soldi rate to France. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 403 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 557. Signed A. Diena. Cert. E. Diena (1985) Ferchenbauer = € 10'000+.

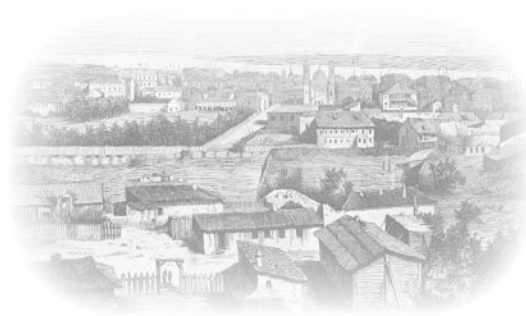
Note: Prior to 1871, single weight covers to France had to be paid with 15 soldi for the Levant and 25 soldi for France.

Provenance: Collection Ing. Pietro Provera

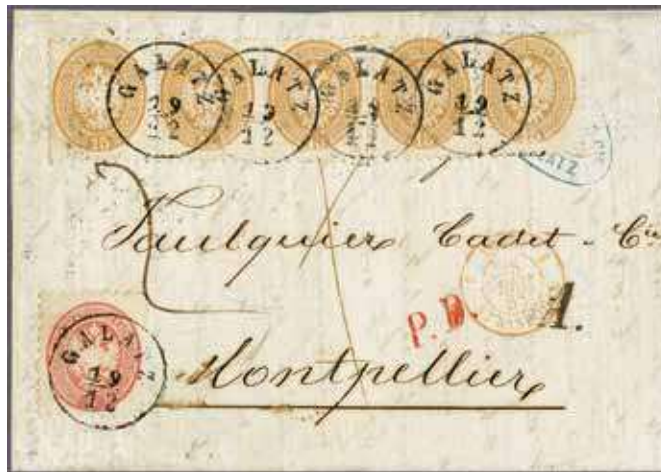
V16+ V17+
V18



2'500 (€ 2'350)



View of Galatz



7663

Michel

Start price	Start price
in CHF	approx. €

- 7663** **France** 1865 (Dec 19): Entire letter at double rate from Galatz to Montpellier, franked with 1864 Arms single 5 s. rose and 15 s. brown, a single and a strip of four, perf. 9½, tied by "GALATZ 19/12" cds in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 744). "P.D." in red, French Strasbourg entry cds in red (Dec 28, 1865), and postal treaty handstamp "A." alongside. Reverse with Vienna and Paris transit, Lyon-Marseille TPO cds as well as Montpellier arrival cds (Dec 29). An extraordinary franking to cover the 80 soldi double rate to France. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 403.

Provenance: Collection Henry Houser collection, Robson Lowe, June 1992, lot 1118
Collection Hans Smith, Corinphila sale 182, Sept. 2013, lot 1626.

V21+ V23

**1'000** (€ 940)

7664

- 7664** **France** 1870 (March 12): Cover from Smirna to Marseille, franked with 1867 15 s. brown and 25 s. grey-lilac, tied by "SMIRNE 12 / 3 70" thimble cds in black (Tranmer fig. 10), "P.D." in blue and French entry cds in red (March 19) alongside. Reverse with Brindisi transit (March 16). A scarce and attractive cover, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 404 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 558. Cert. Ferchenbauer (1991).

5/1+ 6/1

**300** (€ 280)



7665

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7665** **France** 1872 (Nov 29): Double rate envelope from Constantinople to Paris, franked with 1867 coarse whiskers 10 s. blue in a pair and 50 s. brown, tied by "CONSTANTINOPE 29/11" cds in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 387), French entry 'Autriche / Avricourt' cds (Nov 6) in blue and "A. / P.D." postal treaty handstamp in black alongside. Reverse with faint Paris arrival cds (Dec 6). Cover cleaned and probably repaired, sold as is / 'tel quel'. A most impressive franking, a very rare usage of the 50 soldi stamp, illustrated in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 558 and in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 404 Ferchenbauer = € 7000.
Provenance: Collection Henry W. Houser; Robson Lowe, June 1992, lot 1012.

4/1+ 7/1



1'000 (€ 940)



ex 7666



7667

- 7666** **France** 1874 (Jan 21): Entire letter from Smirna to Marseille, franked with 1867 coarse whiskers 10 s. blue and 25 s. lilac, tied by thimble "SMIRNE 21 / 1 74" cds in black (Tranmer fig. 10), "P.D." in blue and French Marseille entry cds in red (Jan 31) alongside. Reverse with Brindisi transit and Marseille arrival cds (Feb 1). An attractive cover, matched with a cover front from Smirna to Marseille with 1867 5 s red (2) and 25 s. lilac. Both illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 405.

3/1+ 6/1



300 (€ 280)

- 7667** **France** 1875 (Nov 9): Registered cover at double rate from Constantinople to Trevoux, franked on front with 1867 coarse whiskers 3 s. green in a horizontal pair, 10 s. blue, two examples and a vertical strip of three, and 25 s. lilac (2) tied by "CONSTANTINOPEL 9/11 75" cds in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 390). "P.D." in black and French entry cds in blue and Austrian and French registration handstamps alongside. Reverse with Paris-Lyon TPO transit and Trevoux arrival cds (Nov 15). Cover in tatty condition with folds and tears, but one of very few registered pre-UPU items to France, illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 406 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 559.
Note: Although despatched after the GPU rates came into force in the Austrian Levant on July 1, 1875, this cover was franked according to the previous bilateral postal treaty between Austria and France, as France did not join the UPU until January 1, 1876. The rate includes twice 35 soldi for the double rate postage from the Levant to France as well as twice the French registration fee of 13 soldi and 10 soldi Austrian registration fee, in total 106 soldi. An extraordinary cover as registered mail to France is extremely rare due to the enormous postage fees charged.

2/1+ 4/1+ 6/1



500 (€ 470)



7668



ex 7669

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

7668 Italy 1858 (April 28): Prepaid entire letter from Salonica to Genova, struck with two line "SALONICH / 28. AVRIL" handstamp in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 594), "P.D." and FRANCO, both in red alongside. Reverse with Genova arrival cds (May 8) and rated "2.20" piastre which covers the whole journey to Sardinia. An attractive and rare prepaid usage.

✉ 150 (€ 140)

7669 Italy 1863: Entire letters (2) from Smirna, including one sent unpaid via Ancona to Intra on the Lago Maggiore, and one sent fully prepaid via Trieste to Como; both with framed PIROSCAFI / POSTALI / AUSTRIACI in black or red respectively; and corresponding transit and arrival datestamps on reverse. The entire to Intra was charged with '7' décimes due upon arrival, the cover to Como was prepaid with 28 soldi, thereby reflecting identical taxes for franco or porto covers. Two attractive and interesting covers, a fine duo which display well together.

✉ 300 (€ 280)



7670



7671

7670 Italy 1863 (April 11): Prepaid cover from Constantinople to Brescia, struck with "CONSTANTINOPLE 11/4" cds (Tchilinghirian fig. 387) and FRANCO in blue, "P.D." in grey-green of Corfu and in red below. Scarce "PIROSCAFI / POSTALI / AUSTRIACI" in red of Ancona alongside. Reverse with Brescia arrival cds (April 18 1863). File fold not distracting from this attractive and rare prepaid usage.
Provenance: Collection del Bianco.

✉ 300 (€ 280)

7671 Italy 1864 (July 8): Cover from Varna to Genova, endorsed "Via Corfu & Roma", franked with 1863 Arms 3 s. green, 10 s. blue and 15 s. brown, all perf. 14, fresh colours, tied centrally by light "LLOYD AGENZIE VARNA 8/7" cds's (Tchilinghirian fig. 939) with "P.D." in blue and framed "PIROSCAFI / POSTALI / AUSTRIACI" alongside. Reverse with Ancona transit and Genova arrival cds (July 30). File fold well away from the adhesives and datestamps, minor imperfections to the stamps, not distracting from a beautiful cover, illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 412. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2020) Ferchenbauer = € 4'000.

Note: Cover with the Austrian Lloyd to Ancona at prepaid 28 soldi, the pre-1866 rate (20 soldi) plus 8 soldi for the Italian part of the journey. Ancona was the port of call until the railway line to Brindisi was opened.

V15+ V17+
V18

✉ 800 (€ 750)



7672

Michel

Start price
in CHF

Start price
approx. €

- 7672** **Italy** 1867 (June 14): Cover from Constantinople to Genova, endorsed "*Via Varna per Vapore*", franked with 1864 Arms 3 s. green and 15 s. brown, perf. 9½, each in a horizontal pair in fresh colours, tied centrally by "CONSTANTINOPEL 14/6" cds's (Tchilinghirian fig. 387) with PD in black alongside. Reverse with Triest and Venezia transit as well as Genova arrival cds (June 21). One 3 soldi stamp with complete 'M' of 'BRIEF MARKEN' watermark. File folds away from adhesives and datestamps, and one 15 soldi stamp with minor thin, not distracting from a beautiful cover, illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 413 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 562. Signed Colla. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2004).

Note: From October 1866, the unified 10 soldi Levant rate was also in force for mail to Italy, in addition 26 soldi had to be paid for the Italian part of the journey. These rates via Varna and Austria are relatively rare because they were more expensive than those using the Lloyd service.

Provenance: Corinphila sale 42, Jan 1955, lot 3179

Collection Dr. Anton and Elisabeth Jerger, Corinphila sale 140, May 2004, lot 737.

V20+ V23



500 (€ 470)



7673

- 7673** **Italy** 1869 (June 5): Cover at double rate from Constantinople to Genova, endorsed "*Via Corfu & Brindisi col vap des Lloyd austr.*", franked with 1864 Arms definitives 3 s. green, two examples, 5 s. rose, and 15 s. brown, all perf. 9½, tied by "LLOYD AGENZIE CONSTANTINOPEL 5/6" cds in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 446), "P.D." in red and framed "PIROSCAFI / POSTALI / ITALIANI" in black alongside. Reverse with Brindisi transit as well as Genova arrival cds (June 11). Two stamps with faults and a few perforations blunted, however a rare and most desirable cover, illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 413 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 563. Signed Bolaffi, A. Dina, Trojani. Certs. E. Dina (1988), Raybaudi (1997).

Note: The cover mailed with the Lloyd service via Corfu and thence via Brindisi. From October 1866, the rate was twice 23 soldi with 15 soldi for Lloyd and 8 soldi for Italy. Thus the cover is overfranked by 10 soldi or an additional rate component is included.

Provenance: Collection 'Monte Napoleone', Corinphila sale 78, Oct 1988, lot 523.

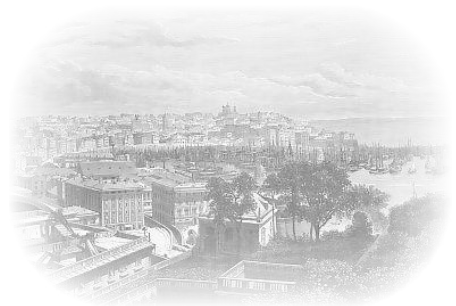
V20+ V21+
V23



500 (€ 470)



View of Constantinople



View of Genova



View of Genova



7674

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7674** **Italy** 1867 (June 28): Cover from Constantinople to Genova, endorsed "Via Varna & Vienne", franked with 1864 Arms 3 s. green and 15 s. brown in a horizontal pair, perf. 9½, tied by "CONSTANTINOPEL 28/6" cds in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 387), "P.D." in black alongside. Reverse with Triest and Venezia transits and Genova arrival cds (July 5). File fold away from adhesives and datestamps, a rare and most attractive cover, illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 414 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 562.

Note: 36 soldi rate via Varna and Vienna, underpaid by three soldi but not taxed.

V20+ V23



350 (€ 330)



7675

- 7675** **Italy** 1867 (Aug 28): Cover from Adrianople to Genova, franked with 1864 Arms 3 s. green, two examples, 5 s. rose and 15 s. brown, defective at base, perf. 9½, tied by ornamental "ADRIANOPEL 5/8" cds in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 947), "N.A." (= Non Adebidata, no additional charge) in black alongside. Reverse with Vienna and Udine transits and Genova arrival cds (Sept 14). Horizontal file fold away from adhesives and datestamps, a rare and most attractive cover, illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 414. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2020).

Note: A very rare overland rate via Vienna with 10 soldi for the Levant, 15 soldi for Austria and 11 soldi for Italy, underpaid by 10 soldi but not taxed.

V20+ V21+

V23



400 (€ 375)



View of Sulina



7676

Michel

Start price
in CHF

Start price
approx. €

- 7676** **Italy** 1874 (April 25): Registered cover from Sulina in the Danube estuary to Rome, redirected to Florence, endorsed "Via Vienna", franked on front with 1867 coarse whiskers 3 s. green, 5 s. red and 15 s. brown, on reverse with 10 s. blue, fine and fresh adhesives, tied by "SULINA 25 / 4 74" cds of the Austrian consular service in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 840), "RECOM:" in black alongside. Reverse with 'Itzkany' transit cds and a plentiful array of Italian datestamps. A delightful and rare four colour franking of great visual appeal, sensibly opened up for display. Illustrated in Edition d'Or volume XII on page 171 and in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 415. Signed E. Diena
- Note: In 1867 a new postal treaty between Austria and Italy unified the postal rate to 15 kreuzer resulting in a Levant to Italy rate mailed overland via Vienna, of 25 soldi. In 1872 this rate was further reduced to 23 soldi. The Post Offices in the Dobrudja such as Sulina were closed in 1879, when this area came under Romanian rule after the 1877/78 war.*

*Provenance: Collection Monte Napoleone, 78. Corinthila sale (Sept 1988), lot, 676
Collection Acterberg, DF, Geneva, Feb 2000, lot 10715
Collection 'Moldau', Corinthila sale 167, Dec 2010, lot 7116.*

2/1+ 3/1+ 4/
1+ 5/1



12'000 (€ 11'280)



7677



ex 7678

Michel

Start price	Start price
in CHF	approx. €

- 7677** Italy 1866 (Dec 21): Cover from Constantinople to Genova endorsed "via Trieste col vapore Austriaco", franked with 1864 Arms 3 s. green and 15 s. brown, perf. 9½, tied by ornamental "CONSTANTINOPEL 21/12" cds in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 385) with "P.D." in red and small cartridge "PIROSCAFI / POSTALI / ITALIANI" alongside. Reverse with Brindisi transit and Genova arrival cds (Dec 28 1866). File fold away from adhesives and datestamps, a rare and attractive cover, illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 416 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 564.

Note: After the Levant rate unification in 1866, only 10 soldi had to be paid to the Lloyd plus 8 soldi for Italy if the item was transferred in Corfu directly to an Italian vessel.

V20+ V23



220

(€ 205)

- 7678** Italy 1869: Covers (2) via Brindisi, including one 1869 entire letter from Constantinople to Genova with 1867 3 s. green, 5 s. red and 10 s. blue, two examples; and 1869 cover from Smirna to Genova with 1867 pair of 3 s. green and 25 s. grey, both with the corresponding transit and arrival datestamps on reverse. Some minor imperfections but generally fine and interesting covers with multi-colour frankings for the 28 soldi rate.

2+ 3+ 4+ 6



300

(€ 280)



7679



7680

- 7679** Italy 1869 (Jan 16): Cover from Smirna to Genova endorsed "via Brindisi", bearing 1864 Arms 3 s. green perf. 9½, in mixed issue franking with 1867 25 s. grey, tied by light "SMIRNE 16 / ..." thimble cds in black (Tranmer fig. 10). "P.D." in blue-green and small framed "PIROSCAFI / POSTALI / ITALIANI" alongside, reverse with Brindisi transit and Genova arrival cds's (Jan 22). An appealing cover with a rare mixed franking to pay the 28 soldi rate. Signed Edwin Müller and A. Diena.

V20+ 6/1



250

(€ 235)

- 7680** Italy 1870 (Dec 24): Entire letter at double rate from Smirna to Messina, endorsed "via Brindisi", franked with 1867 3 s. green in a vertical pair and 25 s. lilac, two examples, tied by "LLOYD AGENZIE SMIRNE 24/12" cds in black (Tranmer fig. 8) with "P.D." alongside. Reverse with Brindisi and Napoli transit and Messina arrival cds (Jan 2 1871). A fine cover, illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 417. Signed Edwin Müller.

2/1+ 6/1



300

(€ 280)



7681



ex 7682

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7681 Italy** 1873 (Jan 5): Double rate cover from Smirna to Genova, endorsed "via Brindisi", franked with 1867 3 s. green, two singles, 10 s. blue and 15 s. brown, two examples, tied by "LLOYD AGENZIE SMIRNE 4/1" cds in black (Tranmer fig. 8), "P.D." in black alongside. Reverse with Brindisi transit as well as Genova arrival cds (Jan 9). The 10 soldi stamp with fault, but an interesting three colour franking. Illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 417 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 610.

2/1+ 4/1+ 5/1

**150** (€ 140)

- 7682 Italy** 1874/75: Covers (2) from Constantinople to Prato via Vienna franked at the 23 soldi rate with 1867 coarse whiskers 3 s. green, 5 s. red and 15 s. brown; and 1875 cover from Smirna to Naples via Brindisi franked by 1867 pair of 2 s. yellow and two examples of 10 s., overfranked by one soldi but a very rare combination (signed Calves), both with the corresponding transits and arrival datestamps on reverse. A fresh and generally fine pair which display well together to show the validity of the 23 soldi rate be it overland or via the Mediterranean. Illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 418 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV at page 606.

**300** (€ 280)

7683



7684

- 7683 Italy** 1874 (Dec 24): Stationery envelope 15 s. brown up-rated with 1867 coarse whiskers 10 s. blue, mailed from Constantinople to Venice, cancelled by "CONSTANTINOPEL 24 / 12 74" cds (Tchilinghirian fig. 391) with "P.D." in black alongside. Reverse with Venezia arrival cds (Jan 1, 1875). Rare. Illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 423 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV at page 566. Certs. Matl (1974), Ferchenbauer (1980) Ferchenbauer = € 3'000.

4/1

**600** (€ 565)

- 7684 Italy** 1873 (Jan 1): Entire letter at double rate from Constantinople to Florence, franked with horizontal pair of 1867 25 s. lilac, tied by ornamental "CONSTANTINOPEL 1 / 1" cds in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 385), "P.D." in black alongside. Reverse with Firenze arrival and distribution datestamps (Jan 9). Minor perforation irregularities and some toning, part of address scored out, an interesting cover with a rare multiple franking, illustrated and discussed in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV at page 566. Ferchenbauer = € 4'500.

6/1

**400** (€ 375)



7685



A street in Rome

- 7685 Papal States** 1868ca: Cover front from Constantinople to Rome, endorsed "Via di Ancona", bearing 1864 Arms 3 s. green, perf. 9½, a horizontal pair in mixed franking with 1867 25 s. grey, all fine adhesives, tied by ornamental "CONSTANTINOPEL 8 / 5" cds in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 385). Some toning, an interesting and appealing franking to cover the 31 soldi rate to the Papal States, an extremely rare destination from the Austrian Levant.
Note: After unification of the Levant rates and the new unified Italy rates of 1866/67, a new rate to the Papal States of 16 kreuzer was introduced. This item shows 15 soldi for the Levant and the new Papal States 16 kr. rate, in total 31 soldi.

Michel

Start price
in CHFStart price
approx. €

V20+ 6/1

(✉)

150

(€ 140)



7686

- 7686 Malta** 1860 (Nov 24): Partially prepaid entire letter from Scio-Cesme to Malta, struck with "SCIO-CESME 24/11" cds (Tchilinghirian fig. 560) and FRANCO in blue, reverse with Sardinian TPO and Genova transit cds's and Malta arrival cds (Dec 14). The entire was partially prepaid with '20' soldi for the Lloyd and '28' soldi, both noted in red crayon on reverse, front with manuscript '4½' (pence) due for the journey to Malta and '1' (penny) due for Malta. An extremely early strike of the blue Scio-Cesme datestamp noted by Tchilinghirian as utilised from 1863. A fine and scarce entire from a small office to a surprisingly uncommon destination.

✉

200

(€ 190)



The Grand Harbour of Malta



7687

Michel

Start price
in CHF

Start price
approx. €

7687 **Malta** 1873 (Feb 3): Stationery Envelope 1867 10 s. blue up-rated with 10 s. blue, a single and a horizontal pair, mailed from Candia to Malta, tied by "CANDIA 3/2" cds in blue (Tchilinghirian fig. 542), "P.D." in black alongside with '12½' centesemi credit marking in black. Reverse with Triest transit and Malta arrival cds (Feb 18). Some minor perforation irregularities mentioned for accuracy, a very attractive and fresh item of great visual appeal, and a very rare usage of a postal stationery envelope to a rare destination for Levant covers - in all probability a unique usage. Illustrated and discussed in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 425 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV at page 699. Signed Holcombe.

Note: From October 1869, the sender had to pay for mail from the Levant to Malta 15 soldi for the Levant part of the journey, 7 kreuzer to Austria, 11 kreuzer to Italy incl. the Steamer to Malta and 5 kreuzer to Malta itself, resulting in a total sum of 38 soldi, thus the cover is overfranked by 2 soldi.

4/1



1'000 (€ 940)



7688



7690



7689

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7688** **Switzerland** 1867 (May 31): Cover from Constantinople to Bütschwil SG, franked with 1864 Arms 5 s. rose and two examples of 15 s. brown, all perf. 9½, tied by crisp "CONSTANTINOPEL 31/5" cds's in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 385). Reverse with Vienna transit and Zürich-St. Gallen TPO cds as well as Bütschwil arrival cds (June 6). On front, '3' kreuzer CM in red crayon for onward postage beyond Austria. Some perforation irregularities and part of upper backflap missing, but a very attractive and fresh cover, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 426.

Note: From October 1866, the single rate from the Levant to Switzerland was 10 soldi for the Levant, 15 soldi for Austria and 5 soldi for the first Swiss rayon, thus this cover is overpaid by 5 soldi. Even after the change from kreuzer CM to kreuzer ÖW in November 1858, the weiterfranco markings on the covers to or from Switzerland were written in the old kreuzer Conventionsmünze.

V21+ V23

**200**

(€ 190)

- 7689** **Switzerland** 1868 (March 4): Registered cover from Lausanne to Bacau, Moldavia, endorsed "Par Vienne", franked with Sitting Helvetia perforated 1862 5 rp. brown and 1867 30 rp. ultramarine as well as 50 rp. lilac (SBK 30+41+51), tied by "LAUSANNE 4 III 68 - 11" cds's in black, framed PD and CHARGE alongside. Reverse with a whole plethora of Swiss, German and Austrian transit datestamps as well as "BAKEU 14/3" arrival cds in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 721). On front, '9 / 4' kreuzer CM in red crayon for onward postage beyond Switzerland. Some negligible blunted perfs., but a most attractive cover, sensibly opened for display. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 427.

Note: Postage was 20 rappen for a cover coming from the second Swiss rayon, 20 rappen registration fee, 30 rappen transit through Austria and 15 rappen for the Levant.

Switzerland
22+ 33+ 35**300**

(€ 280)

- 7690** **Switzerland** 1867 (June 14): Cover from Gallatz to Wattwil SG, franked with 1864 Arms 5 s. rose, two examples and single 15 s. brown, perf. 9½, tied by "GALLATZ 14/6" cds's in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 743). Reverse with Vienna transit and Zürich-St. Gallen TPO cds as well as Wattwil arrival cds (June 17). On front, '3' kreuzer CM in blue crayon for onward postage beyond Austria. Some minor perf. imperfections but an attractive and fresh cover full of postal history content, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 431 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 569.

Note: From May 1st, 1867 six of the post offices in the United Principalities (Bucharest, Fokshan, Galatz, Giurgevo, Ibraila & Ploestie) came under Hungarian postal administration. The old Austrian Arms definitives should have been replaced by June 15, 1867 but the new 'Ausgleich' issue of 1867 with the portrait of the Emperor was not yet available. Therefore, the Arms definitives continued in use until July 1867. The Post Offices in Moldavia and Walachia had a reduced rate of 5 soldi only for the Levant part of the journey. The sender's on this cover was 5 soldi for the Levant, 15 soldi for Austria and 5 soldi for the first Swiss rayon.

V21+ V23

**500**

(€ 470)



7691



Panorama of Altstätten

- 7691** **Switzerland** 1868 (March 24): Cover from Bucharest to Altstätten SG, endorsed "Via Wien", franked with 1867 Arms 10 s. blue and 15 s. brown, tied by "BUCAREST 24/3" cds's in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 714). Reverse with Vienna and Rheineck transit and Altstätten arrival cds (March 31, 1868). On front, '3' kreuzer CM in blue crayon for onward postage beyond Austria. Some edge wear, but an attractive cover, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 431 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 570. *Note: Rare usage of the 1867 definitive issue under Hungarian administration in the United Principalities, as these offices were closed in 1869.*

Michel

Start price
in CHF

Start price
approx. €

4/1+ 5/1



350 (€ 330)



7692



View of Prevesa

- 7692** **Greece** 1865 (Sept 30): Partially prepaid entire letter from Prevesa in Epirus to Kerkyra, Corfu, bearing 1863 Arms 2 s. yellow, two examples perf. 14, in mixed franking with 1864 5 s. rose, perf. 9½, tied by crisp "PREVESA 30/9" cds's in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 516). Reverse with Kerkyra arrival cds (Sept 19, 1865). Upon arrival, the cover was taxed at double rate with '40' lepta in red crayon and a Large Hermes Head definitive 40 lepta mauve with ample to large margins was added and tied by the same datestamp. The cover was slitted for disinfection in a way not affecting the franking, some soiling and a slight file fold through one of the 2 soldi stamps, but still an attractive cover full of character. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 432 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 587. Cert. E. Diena (1994).

Note: This cover demonstrates the special 9 soldi rate between neighbouring Ports with a Lloyd Agency, known for covers between Prevesa and Corfu, Lagos and Cavalla as well as the Dardanelles and Constantinopel. This item was at single rate in the Lloyd postal system, but at double rate in the Greek postal system due to the disparity between the Ounce against the Metric system (16.6 gr. in Austria versus 15 gr.).

V14+ V21 +
Greece 21



1'500 (€ 1'410)



7693

Michel

Start price	Start price
in CHF	approx. €

- 7693** **Greece** 1874 (March 30): Cover from Candia to Syra, franked with 1867 10 s. blue tied by "CANDIA 30/3" cds in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 542). Reverse with Syra arrival cds (March 20). Upon arrival, the cover was charged for inland Postage with '20' lepta in blue crayon and two horizontal pairs of Large Hermes Head 1872 5 lepta green on greenish, ample to large margins all round were applied and tied by '67' numerals of Syra. Slight file fold through one of the stamps, but still an attractive cover full of character. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 432 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 603. 4/1 + Greece 39



600	(€ 565)
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The church of Hagios Therapon at Meteline



7694

- 7694** **Greece** 1869 (Oct 15): Cover from Meteline to Syra franked with 1867 10 s. blue tied by "METELINE 15/10" cds in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 566). Reverse with Lloyd Smyrna transit and Syros arrival cds's (Oct 14). Upon arrival, the cover was taxed with '20' lepta in blue crayon for inland postage with vertical pair of Large Hermes Head 10 lepta orange on blued with touched to large margins, tied by Syros datestamp. The cover with some soiling, the 10 soldi with file fold, but still a fine cover. 4/1 + Greece 26



200	(€ 190)
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7695



View of Athens with the Acropolis

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7695** **Greece** 1874 (June 8): Entire letter from Candia to Athens, franked with 1867 10 s. blue, tied by "CANDIA 8/6" cds in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 542), "P.P." in black alongside. Reverse with Piraeus transit and Athens arrival cds's (May 30). Upon arrival, the cover was charge for inland postage with '20' lepta in red crayon and a Large Hermes Head definitive 20 lepta 4/1 + Greece 41  **200** (€ 190)



7696

7697

- 7696** **Romania** 1860ca: Cover from Bacau to Wegstädtl Bohemia, endorsed 'von Bakeu in der Moldavien' struck with superb strike of "BAKEU 16/3" cds (Tchilinghirian fig. 721) and FRANCO in blue alongside: rare in this colour. Reverse with Jassy transit in blue (Tchilinghirian fig. 757) and Lemberg transit and Wegstädtl arrival cds's (March 25). The prepayment was indicated with '25' soldi in blue crayon on reverse, 10 soldi for the Levant part of the journey, 15 soldi for the Austrian part. The cover was rastel punched for disinfection, a very attractive and rare cover.  **350** (€ 330)

- 7697** **Romania** 1864ca: Registered cover from Warsaw to Bacau, Moldavia endorsed "über Lemberg und Czernowitz", struck with "WARSZAWA 22/7" cds and framed FRANCO and RECOMMENDIRT in red as well as POLOGNE in black (Van der Linden fig. 2215, said to be applied in Krakow) alongside. Reverse with Lemberg, Czernowitz and Jassy datestamps in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 757) and "BAKEU 30/7" arrival in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 721). Cover opened roughly on three sides, but a rare registered cover from Russian ruled Poland to Moldavia. Note: The addressee was the stable master of the Prince of Sayn-Wittgenstein in Bacau.  **200** (€ 190)



View of Pitesti



7698

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

7698 **Romania** 1865 (Nov 11): Cover from Pitesti to Vienna franked by Romania Cuza 1865 20 pa. red, ample to large margins all round, tied by "PITESCI 26/11" cds, transit of Romanian P.O. in Bucharest on reverse and passed to Austrian P.O. with BUCAREST datestamp (Nov 27) in black on front (Tchilinghirian fig. 714). Straight line PORTO in black applied in Bucharest and charged due '25' kreuzer on arrival. Minor imperfections of no significance, a remarkable cover, the Cuza issue being used to an external destination being extremely rare, illustrated in Edition d'Or volume XII on page 113 and 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 434.

Note: Pitesti only had a Fieldpost office during the Crimean War which was closed in April 1857 and not transferred into a Consular Post Office. Mail from Pitesti abroad had therefore to be sent by the Romanian Post to the next Austrian Levant P.O., in this case in Bucharest. The 20 para Cuza definitive covers therefore only the Romanian inland journey to Bucharest and the PORTO handstamp indicates this fact.

Provenance: Collection Moldau, 167. Corinphila sale (Dec. 2010), lot 7089.

Romania 13



2'000 (€ 1'880)



7699



7700

- 7699** **Serbia** 1871 (May 11): Entire letter from Vidin, Bulgaria to Belgrade, franked by 1867 15 s. brown, tied by "WIDDIN 11 / 5 71" thimble cds in blue (Tchilinghirian fig. 866), "P.D." in blue alongside. Reverse with Semlin transit and "BEOGRAD 2 / V" (Julian calendar) arrival cds. One or two blunted perfs. but a most attractive entire, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 435 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 492.
- 7700** **Russia** 1866c: Unpaid cover from Beirut to St. Petersburg, struck with "BERUTTI 15/11" cds in brown (Tranmer fig. 3), reverse with oval Triest transit datestamp and Warsaw transit cds in red (Dec 7, Julian calendar). On front '10 / 15' soldi were noted for the Levant and Austria charges, in addition the total due of '27' kopecks. Cover roughly opened and shortened at top, but an appealing cover to an extraordinary destination at this date. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 438.
- Note: In spite of a Russian Levant Post Office in Beirut, this item was mailed via the Austrian Post. The rate includes 10 soldi for the Levant, 10 soldi for Austria and 15 soldi for Russia.*

Michel	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
5/I	350	(€ 330)
✉	250	(€ 235)



7701



View of Odessa

- 7701** **Russia** 1869 (Sept 8): Cover from Cavalla to Odessa, bearing 1864 Arms 5 s. rose, perf. 9½ in mixed franking with 1867 10 s. blue, two fresh adhesives, tied by "CAVALLA 8/9" cds in blue (Tchilinghirian fig. 633) with Odessa arrival cds (Sept 5, Julian calendar) alongside. Cover with archival folds away from the stamps, these applied slightly over the edge of the cover, an unusual mixed franking to a very scarce destination, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 436.
- Note: The cover is franked at the unified Levant rate of 15 soldi. Such covers to Trieste exist and have not been charged upon arrival, this franking was also accepted by the Russian post.*
- Provenance: Collection Henry Houser; Robson Lowe, June 1992, lot 1084.*

V21+ 4/I	✉	1'000	(€ 940)
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7702



7703

Michel

Start price
in CHFStart price
approx. €

- 7702** **Russia** 1872 (April 12): Entire letter from Constantinople to St. Petersburg, franked with 1867 15 s. brown, a fresh and fine horizontal pair, tied by "CONSTANTINOPEL 12/4" cds in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 387). Reverse with St. Petersburg arrival cds (April 7). Cover with archival folds away from the stamps, some minor staining, but a scarce cover, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 437.

Note: Nearly all mail to Russia was transported with the Russian ROPiT shipping agency, therefor this cover represents a rare usage.

5/1

**250**

(€ 235)

- 7703** **Russia** 1873 (Nov 10): Entire letter from Alexandria to St. Petersburg, franked with 1867 15 s. brown in a fresh and fine horizontal pair, tied by "ALEXANDRIEN 10/11" cds (Tranmer fig. 5), with FRANCO in black alongside. Reverse with oval FRANIROVANO in blue and St. Petersburg arrival cds (Nov 7). A rare destination for the Alexandria Office at this date. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 436.

5/1

**250**

(€ 235)

International Postal Connections to Overseas



7704

- 7704** **Réunion** 1883 (Sept 22): Registered (Raisins) cloth cover headed 'Echantillon sans valeur' from Smirna to St. Denis Réunion, franked with 1867 fine whiskers 2 s. yellow (2) and 10 s. blue (3) tied by "SMIRNE 22/3 83" cds in black (Tranmer fig. 10). Registration number in black alongside, reverse with Austrian Alexandria, Egyptian Alexandrie Recommandé, Suez Arrivé and French Paquebot TPO Ligne T (Nov 1) datestamps. An interesting item, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 465 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 607.

Note: Sample without value with a weight between 200 and 250 gr, postage 24 soldi, in addition 10 soldi registration fee.

1/11+ 4/11

**300**

(€ 280)



7705



View of Vienna from the city park

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7705** **Egypt** 1870 (April 10): Printed matter cover from Cairo to Cologne with company cachet of Victor Dembczak, Cairo on reverse and corresponding receiver's docketing inside, franked with 1867 2 s. yellow, a fresh single and vertical pair, tied by "WIEN 10 / 4 70" cds's in black, reverse with "COELN 11 4 11-12 V" arrival cds. Minor perforation irregularities, not distracting from the rarity of this **Usage of Levante stamps in Austria**, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 467 and in the Ferchenbauer handbook part IV on page 615. Cert. Ferchenbauer (1988).

Note: Printed matter double rate of 6 soldi from the Levant to the GAPI, written on November 1 in Cairo and franked in Cairo or in Alexandria at the Austrian P.O. The Printed matter cover travelled via Trieste with the next vessel, leaving Alexandria on November 4, arrival in Trieste on November 9. The stamps were tied in Vienna on November 10, in transit. Alternatively the printed matter was prepared and franked for mailing in Cairo and then bundled for despatch in Vienna.

1/1



750 (€ 705)



7706



7707

- 7706** **USA** 1862ca: Cover presumably from Constantinople to Andover near Boston, USA struck with three line "LETTERE ARRIVATE / PER VAPORE / DEL LEVANTE" handstamp in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 99), Aachen (June 1) and "NEW YORK Am PKT" (June 19) transit datestamps alongside. Front shows '6' silbergroschen equal to '15' cents due, after addition of Belgium transit and shipmail fees '40' cents due. A fresh and fine cover, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 471.



180 (€ 170)

- 7707** **USA** 1863 (Aug 15): Cover from Smirna to Boston, struck with "SMIRNE 15/8" cds in black (Tranmer fig. 4), Aachen Paid (Aug 23) transit cds in red and "BOSTON AM PKT. PAID" arrival cds in red (Sept 7) alongside. Reverse with Trieste transit cds in red. Annotation of '20 / 65' soldi prepaid by the sender in blue manuscript on reverse, with '55' kreuzer noted on front for onward postage beyond Austria. A fresh and fine cover, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 471.

Note: The sender paid 20 soldi for the Levant, 10 kreuzer for Austria and 55 kreuzer for Belgium and the shipmail.



150 (€ 140)



Exeter Town Hall



7708

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7708** **Postal Connections to Overseas - United States** 1871 (March 31): Unpaid double rate cover from Jerusalem to Exeter, New Hampshire, USA endorsed "Via England", struck with "GERUSALEMME 31 / 3" cds (Tranmer type D), New York transit (Apr 30) alongside. Cover with tear and some wear but an unusual Transatlantic usage. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 375.

Note: The cover was transported via the North German Confederation to its receiver with '4' silbergroschen for the Lloyd and '6' silbergroschen for the GAPU, the receiver had to pay '55' cents due.

✉ **250** (€ 235)



7709



Harbour of New York City

- 7709** **USA** 1872 (July 20): Entire letter at double rate from Smirna to New York, endorsed "Via Trieste", franked with 1867 5 s. red, 10 s. blue and 15 s. brown, each in horizontal pairs, tied by thimble "SMIRNE 20/7 72" cds in black (Tranmer fig. 10) with framed "Franco" handstamp in red and "NEW YORK PAID ALL" cds (Aug 10) in red alongside. Reverse with oval Trieste datestamp. Three file folds affecting three stamps ironed out, but an unusual and very scarce entire. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 479.

3/1+ 4/1+ 5/1 ✉ **200** (€ 190)



7710



A Street in Philadelphia

Michel

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 7710** USA 1873 (March 1): Printed matter cover from Smirna to Philadelphia, endorsed "Via Trieste", franked with 1867 3 s. green in a fine horizontal strip of three, tied by "SMIRNE 1 / 3 73" thimble cds in black (Tranmer fig. 10) with framed "Franco" handstamp in red alongside. Front shows '5x' (kreuzer) for the postage beyond Austria. A fresh and fine cover, an exceedingly rare Transatlantic rate and usage. Illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 479, in the Ferchenbauer catalogue part IV on page 613 and in the 'Österreich-Ungarn, 125 Jahre Ausgabe 1867' by Puschmann, König & Schindler on page 192. Opinion Holcombe (1991).

Note: Rate includes 2 soldi for the Levant, 2 soldi for Austria, and 5 soldi for the United States. The item includes 'Barkers Drug Report No. 174' and is a duplicated advertisement which explains the current situation of the Opium harvest and the related impact on market prices.

Provenance: 83. Corinthila sale (Sept 1991), lot 5224.

2/1

**750** (€ 705)

7711



7712

- 7711** **Australia** 1869 (Aug 29): Entire letter from Smirna to Melbourne, Victoria, endorsed "Via Alexandria", franked with 1867 5 s. red and 15 s. brown in a horizontal pair, fresh and fine adhesives, tied by "LLOYD AGENZIE SMIRNE 29/8" cds in black (Tranmer fig. 8). Reverse with Alexandria transit (Sept 6) and Melbourne arrival (Oct 26) cds's. An attractive and rare entire to a very scarce destination at this date, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 481. Cert. Sorani (1995).

Note: Rate was 10 soldi for the Levant up to Alexandria and 25 soldi for the British steamer from Suez to Australia.

3/1+ 5/1

**400** (€ 375)

- 7712** **Australia** 1882 (June 19): Stationary postal card 1867 5 s. red used from Salonica to Sydney, New South Wales, cancelled by "SALONICH / SALONICCO 19 / 6 82" cds in black (Tchilingirian fig. 597), Sydney arrival cds (Aug 8) alongside. Corner faults to the card but a rare destination, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on page 481.

**150** (€ 140)

The last 50 Years



Dr. Anton Jerger



Elisabeth Jerger



7713

Michel

Start price
in CHF

Start price
approx. €

7713 1878 (Feb 6): Parcel front mailed from Varna to Constantinople, with the **extraordinary 810 Soldi Four Colour Franking** with 1867/74 fine whiskers 10 soldi blue (no less than 38 examples and an additional damaged example) showing a single, block of nine, two strips of nine, block of ten; 15 soldi red brown with ten singles and a pair, 25 soldi grey violet pair, and 50 soldi brown, perf. 10½, in a vertical strip of four, all cancelled by "VARNA 6/2 '78" cds's in black (Tchilinghirian fig. 887). The adhesives also cancelled by manuscript crayon markings in blue to prevent re-use. The Parcel front is re-backed onto another envelope for protection and obviously some adhesives have faults, but undoubtedly the largest franking of the 1867/74 Austrian Levant issue. A dramatic and wonderful display item, illustrated in 'Die Österreichische Post in der Levante' on pages 520/521 and in the Ferchenbauer Handbook part IV on page 548. Signed Colla. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2004).

Note: The San Stefano Armistice was signed just a week before this Parcel was mailed to the Director General of the Turkish Railways in Constantinople and thus this Parcel front is probably the earliest known usage of the new three line datestamp (Müller states that it was intended for use from 31 Jan 1878), replacing the contentious 'Varna / Bulgarien' type (Tchilinghirian fig. 886).

Provenance: Collection Dr. Anton & Elisabeth Jerger; Corinphila sale 140, May 2004, lot 1020.

4/II+ 5/I+ 6/
I+ 7/1

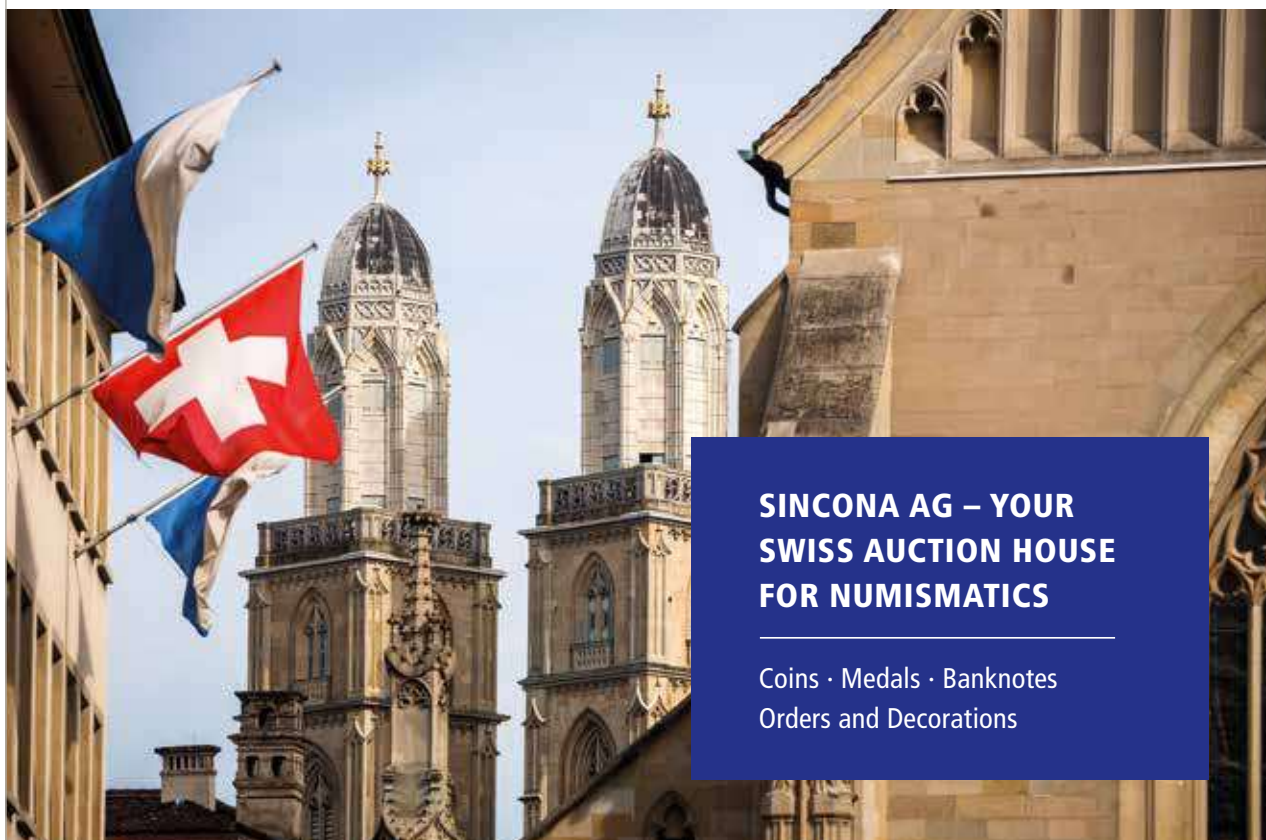


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4. Der Versteigerer haftet für die Echtheit der verkauften Einzellose während 5 Jahren. Ausgeschlossen ist die Haftung für Sammlungen und Sammellose, welche zwei oder mehr nicht einzeln beschriebene Marken enthalten - diese Lose sind ausdrücklich von jeglicher Reklamation ausgeschlossen. Bei Einzellosen, die von einem Experten mit einem Attest versehen sind, gilt mit Abgabe eines Gebotes dieses Attest als massgeblich anerkannt und ist insoweit eine Haftung des Versteigerers ausgeschlossen. Wünscht ein Bieter die Abgabe eines Gebotes auf ein Einzellos unter Vorbehalt (extension), muss dies dem Versteigerer mindestens 24 Stunden vor der Auktion schriftlich bekanntgegeben werden; anzugeben sind die Gründe für den Vorbehalt und von welchem Experten (dem der Auktionator zustimmen muss) eine Stellungnahme gewünscht wird. Vorbehalte gegenüber einem bestehenden Attest können normalerweise nur in Bezug auf Echtheit oder Klassifizierung gemacht werden; wird ein Zuschlag unter Vorbehalt aus Gründen gewünscht, die Erhaltung bzw. Zustand des Loses betreffen, entscheidet der Auktionator im Namen des Einlieferers darüber vor der

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5. Den Zuschlag erhält der Meistbietende nach dreimaligem Aufruf. Auf den Zuschlagpreis hat der Käufer ein Aufgeld von 22% zu entrichten. Ein Bieter bleibt an das abgegebene Gebot gebunden, wenn ein nachfolgendes Übergebot ungültig ist oder vom Versteigerer zurückgewiesen wird.

6. Die Mindeststeigerungsstufen betragen:

	bis CHF	200	= CHF	10
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von CHF	500	bis CHF	1'000	= CHF 50
von CHF	1'000	bis CHF	2'000	= CHF 100
von CHF	2'000	bis CHF	5'000	= CHF 200
von CHF	5'000	bis CHF	15'000	= CHF 500
von CHF	15'000	bis CHF	30'000	= CHF 1'000
von CHF	30'000	bis CHF	50'000	= CHF 2'000
von CHF	50'000	bis CHF	150'000	= CHF 5'000
	ab CHF	150'000	= CHF	10'000

Ausrufpreise, Gebote, Zuschläge und Rechnungsstellung ausschliesslich in Schweizer Franken (CHF).

Die im Katalog angegebenen Ausrufpreise in Euro (EUR) haben nur informativen Charakter.

7. Schriftliche Gebote werden, soweit sie höher liegen als das beste Gebot eines anwesenden Bieters, interessewahrend und gewissenhaft, aber ohne Gewähr ausgeführt. Schriftliche Gebote, welche uns später als 2 Stunden vor Beginn der jeweiligen Auktionssession erreichen, können unter Umständen nicht mehr bearbeitet werden. Liegen zwei oder mehr gleichlautende Gebote vor, bekommt das zuerst eingegangene Gebot den Zuschlag. In Zweifelsfällen, bei Streitigkeiten oder Missverständnissen erfolgt ein nochmaliger Ausruf. Den Entscheid darüber trifft die mitwirkende Behörde.

8. Mit dem Zuschlag kommt zwischen dem Versteigerer und dem Bieter, der den Zuschlag erhält, ein Kaufvertrag zustande, der zur Abnahme verpflichtet. Mit dem Zuschlag geht die Gefahr der Sache auf den Käufer über; der Eigentumsübergang erfolgt hingegen erst mit der vollen Zahlung des Kaufpreises.

9. Der Zuschlag erfolgt in Schweizer Franken (CHF). Fremdwährungen werden im Betrage der durch eine Schweizer Grossbank getätigten Gutschrift anerkannt; eventuelle Kursdifferenzen werden dem Käufer in Rechnung gestellt. Die schweizerische Mehrwertsteuer (MwSt) von 7,7% wird zum Zuschlagspreis inkl. 22% Aufgeld hinzugerechnet. Die MwSt entfällt für Käufer aus dem Ausland mit rechtsgültiger, direkter Ausfuhrdeklaration; Käufern aus dem Ausland, welche die Ware persönlich exportieren, wird die in Rechnung gestellte MwSt nach Vorlage der amtlichen Ausfuhrdeklaration zurückvergütet.

10. Die Bezahlung der ersteigerten Lose hat grundsätzlich am Auktionstag zu erfolgen, sofern der Versteigerer nicht eine 5tägige Zahlungsfrist einräumt. Käufer, welche die Lose nicht persönlich abholen, überweisen den Betrag sofort nach Rechnungsstellung. Der Anspruch auf Aushändigung der zugeschlagenen Lose entsteht erst nach vollständiger Bezahlung. Bei Zahlungsverzug behält sich der Versteigerer vor, entweder auf Zahlung des Kaufpreises zu klagen oder vom Kaufgeschäft ohne weitere Fristansetzung unter Geltendmachung von Schadenersatz (inkl. entgangener Gewinn) zurückzutreten (Art. 107-109 OR). Bei verspäteter Zahlung von mehr als 30 Tagen nach Rechnungsstellung werden ein Zuschlag von 5% und Zinsen von 1% pro Monat berechnet.

11. Die Zustellung der zugeschlagenen Lose durch die Post oder auf anderem Wege erfolgt auf Rechnung und Gefahr des Käufers.

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13. Schadenersatzansprüche gegen den Versteigerer, sei es aus Verzug, Unmöglichkeit der Leistung, positiver Vertragsverletzung, Verschulden bei Vertragsbruch oder unerlaubter Handlung sind ausgeschlossen, soweit der Schaden nicht durch vorsätzliches oder grob fahrlässiges Handeln verursacht worden ist.

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15. Die Versteigerung und die daraus entstehenden Rechtsbeziehungen unterstehen schweizerischem Recht. Erfüllungsort und Gerichtsstand ist Zürich 1. Der Versteigerer behält sich jedoch das Recht vor, den Schuldner an seinem Wohnsitz zu belangen. Soweit in den vorliegenden Versteigerungsbedingungen keine Sonderregelungen getroffen sind, gelten die Bestimmungen der Verordnung des Obergerichtes Zürich über das Verfahren bei freiwilligen öffentlichen Versteigerungen vom 19.12.1979.

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from CHF	15'000	up to CHF	30'000	= CHF 1'000
from CHF	30'000	up to CHF	50'000	= CHF 2'000
from CHF	50'000	up to CHF	150'000	= CHF 5'000
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SYMBOLS UND ABKÜRZUNGEN

SYMBOLS & ABBREVIATIONS

SYMBOLES ET ABRÉVIATIONS

✈ = Flugpost - Air Mail - *Aviation*
 △ = Briefstück - on piece - *Fragment*
 ✉ = Brief - Cover - *Lettre*
 (✉) = Briefvorderseite - Front of cover - *Devant de lettre*
 田 = Viererblock - Block of four - *Bloc de quatre*

Zu = Zumstein Katalog
 Mi = Michel Katalog
 Yv = Yvert & Tellier Catalogue
 Gi = Stanley Gibbons Catalogue
 SBK = Schweizer Briefmarken-Katalog

Abkürzungen in deutsch / Abbreviations in German / *Abréviations en allemand*

Aufdr. = Aufdruck - Overprint - *surcharge*
 Brst. = Briefstück - Fragment - *fragment*
 durchst. = durchstoßen - rouletted - *perçé*
 gepr. = geprüft - verified - *verifié*
 gest. = gestempelt - used - *usé*
 gez. = gezähnt - perforated - *dentelé*
 gr. = gross - large - *grand*
 kl. = klein - small - *petit*
 kopfst. = kopfstehend - inverted - *renversé*
 m. G. = mit Gummi - with gum - *avec gomme*
 postfr. = postfrisch - mint - *frais de poste*
 rep. = repariert - repaired - *réparé*
 schw. = schwarz - black - *noir*
 Sf. = Seidenfaden - Silk thread - *fil de soie*
 Stp. = Stempel - Postmark - *oblitération*
 ungest. = ungestempelt - unused - *neuf*
 ungez. = ungezähnt - imperforated - *non dentelé*
 versch. = verschiedene - different - *différents*
 vollr. = vollrandig - full margins - *marges complètes*
 Wz. = Wasserzeichen - Watermark - *filigrane*
 zus. = zusammen - with - *avec*

Abkürzungen in französisch / Abbreviations in French / *Abréviations en français*

dent. = dentelé - gezähnt - perforated
 diff. = différents - verschiedene - different
 oblit. = oblitération - Stempel - Postmark
 surch. = surcharge - Aufdruck - Overprint

** = postfrisch - mint (never hinged) - *neuf sans charnière*
 * = ungest. mit Originalgummi (Falzrest) - unused with original gum (hinged) - *neuf avec gomme originale (charnière)*
 (*) = ungestempelt ohne Gummi - unused without gum - *neuf sans gomme*