

*French Maritime Mail in the South Pacific*

1872-1874

Cie Générale Transatlantique

*The Second Shipline "A"*

PANAMA to VALPARAISO via  
Guayaquil, Callao, etc.

*Dated Provenance and Consular Agency marking:*

" GUAYAQUIL - PAQ.FR.F-No2-4 OCT.72 "



1872

From Guayaquil, October 4, via Callao, October 8, to  
Lima, arrival October 14. Carried by the "Ville de  
St-Nazaire. Prepaid single "interisland" rate of 60  
centimes.

The marking " GUAYAQUIL - PAQ.FR. No 2- & date "  
was used only as a Consular Agency cancel in  
Guayaquil in lieu of a regular consular marking.



1875-1876

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

*Far Eastern French Maritime Mail*

*Feeder Shipline "S" from Yokohama*

YOKOHAMA-HONG KONG-YOKOHAMA

in correspondence with line "N" from HongKong

*Provenance and shipline marking:*

YOKOHAMA - PAQ.FR. S No3 -26 OCT.75



1875

*From Yokohama, via Hong Kong and Marseilles  
to Lyon - arriving Dec. 10. Single rate franking  
of 1 Franc. Carried by the "Menzaleh" from Yo-  
kohama and by the "Ava" from Hong Kong to  
Marseilles.*

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*French Maritime Mail to the Far East*

1869-1870

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Supplementary Shipline "M"*

MARSEILLES-ALEXANDRIA-MARSEILLES

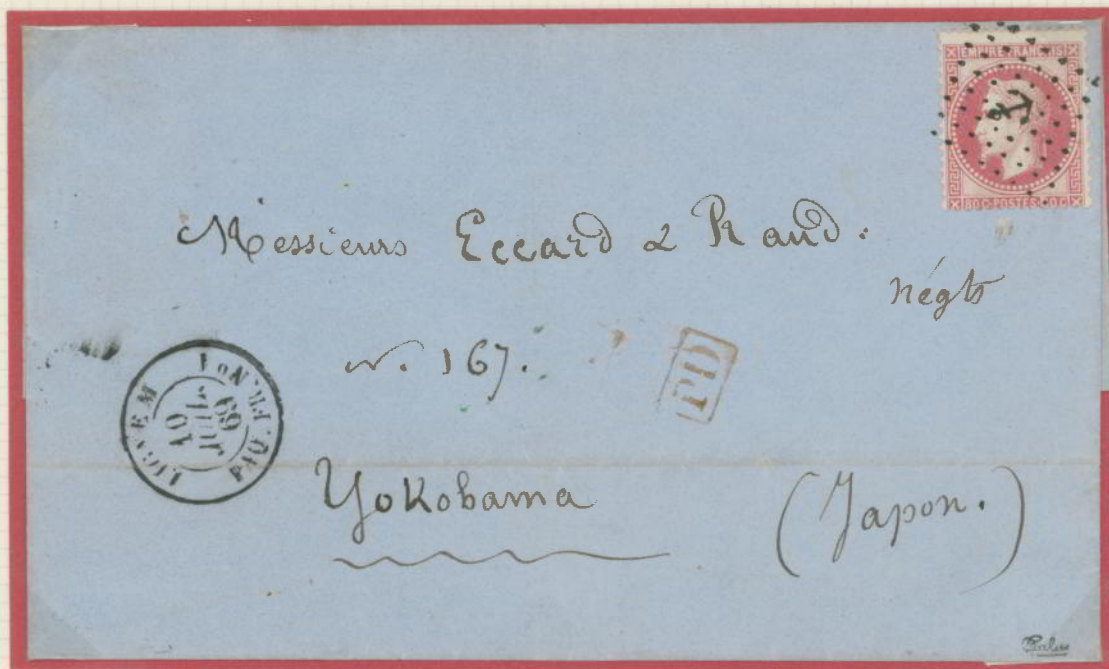
in correspondance with Line "N", Suez

to Hong Kong and Feeder Line "S",

Hong Kong to Yokohama.

*Shipline marking:*

LIGNE M - PAQ.FR. No 1 - 10 JUL. 69



1869

From Marseilles to Yokohama via Alexandria, Suez  
and Hong Kong. Prepaid single rate 80 centimes.  
Carried by the "Peluse" to Alexandria, by the Main  
Line "N" to Hong Kong and by the Feeder Line "S"  
steamer "Duplex" to Yokohama; backstamped with  
"LIGNE S-PAQ.FR.No 1-19(AOUT)69" and "YOKOHAMA-BAU  
FRANÇAIS- 25 AOUT 69".

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F A R E A S T E R N F R E N C H M A R I T I M E M A I L

1890-1904  
Cie des Messageries Maritimes

Colonial Service from  
SAIGON to SINGAPOUR

Dated Shipmark in blue: LIGNE DE SAIGON A SINGAPOUR 2°/12 OCT 94

Entry Postmark in red: MODANE A PARIS 9 NOV 94

Bakstamped: SINGAPOUR OCT.15 94



1894

From Cochinchina-Tonkin to Tours (France)  
postmarked at arrival "TOURS INDRE ET LOIRE  
7°/1. NOV. 94 ", via Singapour and Naples  
by the "MELBOURNE".

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*Far Eastern French Maritime Mail*

1862-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Feeder Shipline to & from India*

GALLES, Ceylon, - CALCUTTA - GALLES  
via Pondichery and Madras in cor-  
respondance with main line Hong  
Kong - Suez via Galles

*Backstamped shipmark: ERYMANTHE \* 15 JANV 65*

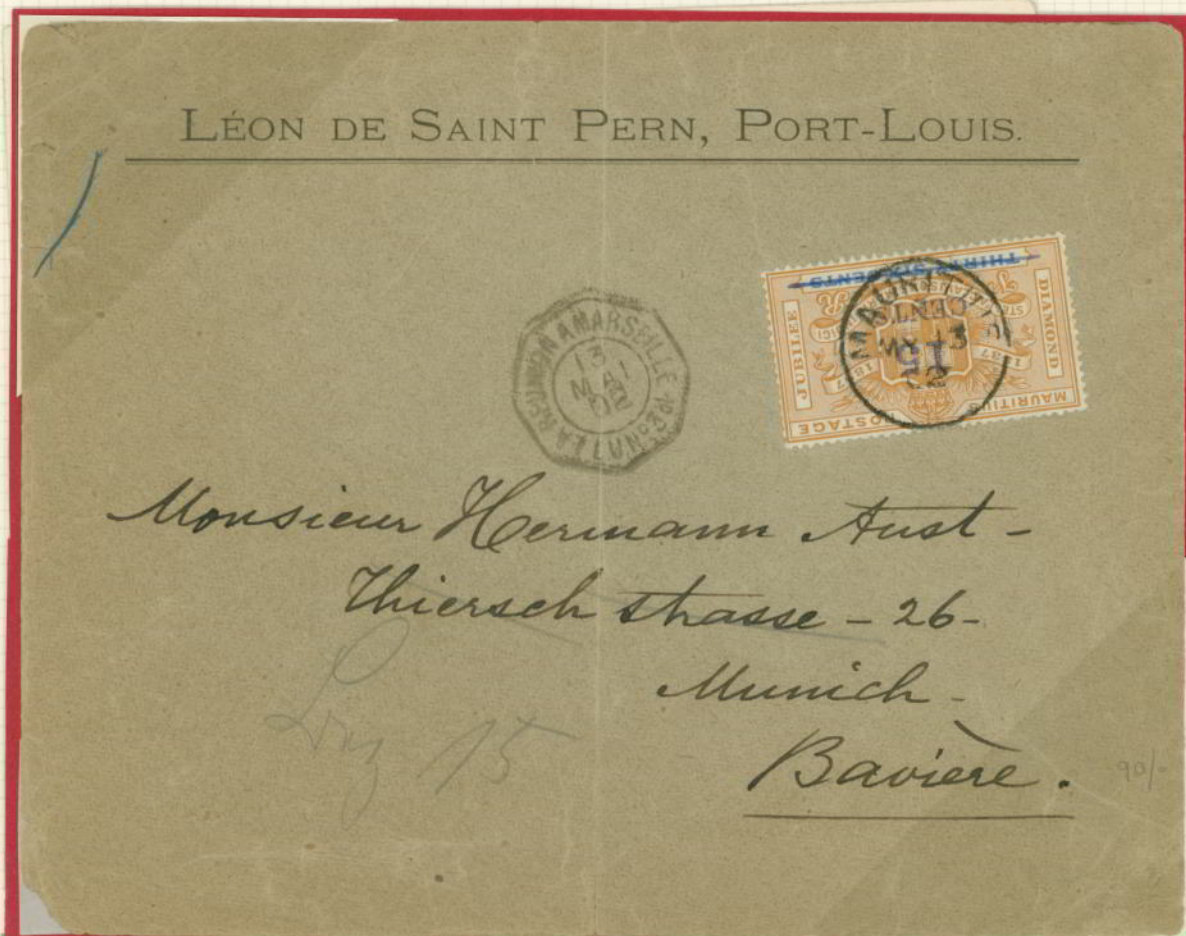
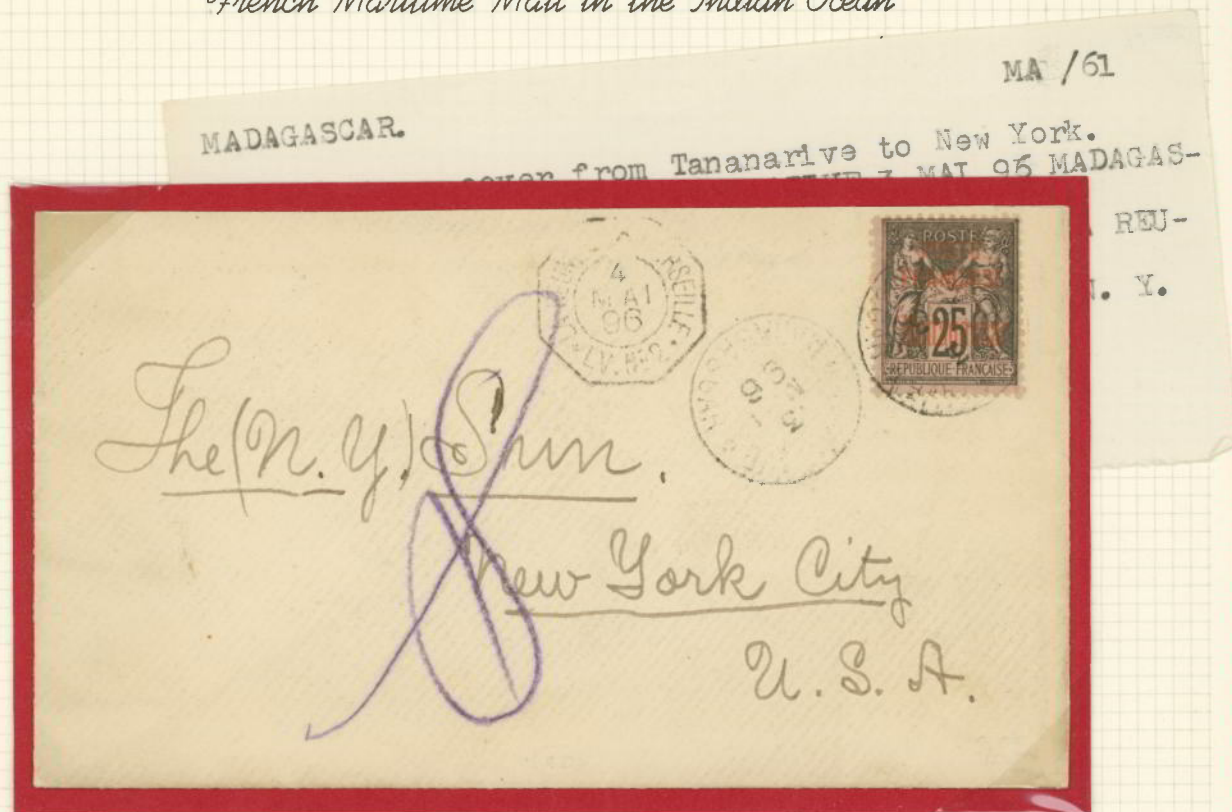


1865

*From Shanghai, 20 Dec. 1864, to Calcutta, Jan 23 1865, via Galles, Ceylan.  
Carried by "La Bourdonnais" from Shanghai and by the "Erymanthe" to  
Calcutta. Double rated franking 1 fr. 20.*



*French Maritime Mail in the Indian Ocean*





# Far Eastern French Maritime Mail

1866-1910

Line "N"





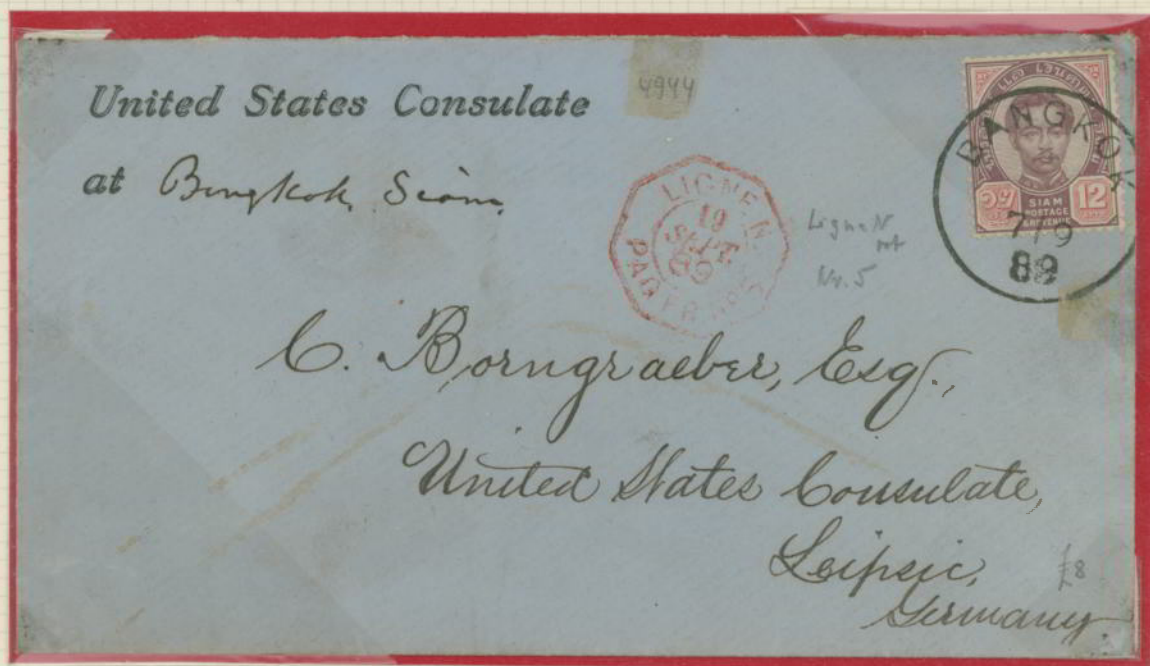
1866-1910

# Far Eastern French Maritime Mail

Line "N"

MARSEILLE to YOKOHAMA and back

PORTS OF CALL: ALEXANDRIA, SUEZ, ADEN (ALTERNATING WITH DJIBOUTI),  
(AS OF 1887) COLOMBO (CEYLAN), SINGAPOUR, SAIGON, HONG-KONG,  
SHANGHAI (WHERE THE SHIP STAYED 14 DAYS ON EACH  
RETURN VOYAGE), NAGASAKI AND YOKOHAMA.  
SERVICE: 2 DEPARTURES MONTHLY FROM MARSEILLE AND YOKOHAMA  
DURATION: APPROXIMATELY 45 TO 48 DAYS ON EACH VOYAGE  
MAIL AGENTS: TEN N1 TO N10



LETTER ADDRESSED FROM BANGKOK (SIAM) ON SEPT. 7, 1889 TO LEIPZIG,  
GERMANY, ARRIVING ON OCTOBER 23. MAILED WITH ONE 12 ATTS STAMP  
(SCOTT #16) TIED BY:

- SINGLE CIRCLE DATE MARK: "BANGKOK 7/9 89", IN BLACK  
ALSO: - OCTAGONAL PAQUEBOT DATE STAMP:  
"LIGNE N PAQ. FR N° 5 19 SEPT 89" IN RED  
(SALES 1924/5)

BACKSTAMPED WITH ARRIVAL ROUND POSTMARK:  
"L. 23 10 6-7 N. b"

THIS COVER WAS CARRIED BY THE SHIP "VOLGA" REPLACING THE REGULAR  
PACKET "ANADYR" LOST AT SEA, NEAR ADEN, ON ITS WAY FROM MARSEILLE.  
ALTHOUGH THE DATE STAMP NS WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN LOST (SEE SALES)  
ON JULY 11, 1889 WITH THE WRECK, ABOVE COVER SHOWS IT TO HAVE BEEN  
SAVED TOGETHER WITH A FEW DISPATCHES.  
THE "VOLGA" LEFT SHANGHAI ON SEPT. 8, TO BE IN SAIGON ON SEPTEMBER  
16, IN SINGAPOUR ON SEPT. 19, WHERE THIS COVER WAS PICKED-UP AND  
ARRIVED IN MARSEILLE ON OCT. 21<sup>ST</sup>, 1889.



1866-1910

# Far Eastern French Maritime Mail

Line "N"

MARSEILLE to YOKOHAMA and back

PORTS OF CALL IN 1894: FROM MARSEILLE TO NAPLES, ALEXANDRIA, SUEZ, ADEN  
(ALTERNATE: DJIBOUTI) COLOMBO, SINGAPOUR, SAIGON, HONGKONG  
SHANGHAI (WHERE EACH SHIP OF LINE "N", STAYED FOR 14 DAYS)  
NAGASAKI AND YOKOHAMA.



REGISTERED COVER ADDRESSED FROM MANILLA (PHILIPPINES) ON JAN. 25,  
1894 TO ALTEN (SWITZERLAND) WHERE IT WAS RECEIVED ON FEB. 22, 1894, -  
WITH 2 - 8 CENT. STAMPS (SCOTT # 162) TIED BY:  
ROUND DATESTAMP: CORREOS MANILA 25 JAN 94 IN RED  
WITH LETTER: R FOR REGISTERED, IN RED  
ALSO WITH OCTOGONAL PAQUEBOT DATE STAMP (SAUER 192A)  
LIGNE N PAQ. FR. N° 6 20 JANV. 94 IN BLACK  
BACKSTAMPED ON ARRIVAL:  
OLTEN BAHNHOF 22.11.94 - 7 IN BLACK

THIS COVER, MAILED IN MANILA, WAS CARRIED TO SAIGON, TO CORRESPOND WITH THE  
STOP-OVER OF THE:

S/S NATAL  
WHO LEFT YOKOHAMA ON DEC. 30, 1893 AND AFTER STAYING 2 WEEKS IN SHANGHAI  
WAS IN SAIGON ON JANUARY 30, 1894, ARRIVING TO MARSEILLE ON FEB. 22, 1894



FAR EASTERN FRENCH MARITIME MAIL  
MAIN SHIPLINE "T"

Marseilles to Australia & New Caledonia



From Noumea  
(New Caledonia)  
16 Nov. 1896, ship  
marked "Ligne T"  
Dec 2 96" to  
Lyon, arriving  
Marseille 4  
January 1897.  
Carried by the  
"AUSTRALIEN"

1896-1897

From the Peni-  
tentiary of Ile  
Nou (backstamped  
in New Caledonia)  
October 22, 1892  
to Paris via Mar-  
seille Nov. 20  
1892.

1892



Quadrillés  
F. O.

ALBUMS YVERT & TELLIER-AMIENS  
Made in France

Quadrillés  
F. O.



Far Eastern French Maritime Mail

1866-1910

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

Main Line "N"

Marseilles-Saigon-Yokohama-Marseilles

Shipline datemark.



1899

Cover from Manilla to Paris via Saigon

paid regular single foreign rate of Philippino Islands: 5¢



*Far Eastern French Maritime Mail.*

1866-1910

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

*Main Shipline "N"*

MARSEILLE to SHANG-HAI via  
Port Said, Aden and Saigon in  
correspondance with feeder line "T":  
Aden - Reunion - Mauritius.

*Dated Provenance shipmark:*

" MARSEILLE - PAQ.FR. N No8-3AOUT 73"



1873

*From Marseille August 3 to Port-Louis, Mauritius,  
via Aden transit, August 18, arriving September 2.  
Carried from Marseille to Aden by the "Iracundy"  
and transhipped at Aden onto the "Illissus" - Line "T"*

Letter prepaid with four 25 centimes of 1871-75 issue  
The provenance shipmark "MARSEILLE - PAQ ...." was  
in usage from 1871 to 1887. Letter backstamped:  
" LIGNE T - PAQ. FR. No 2 - 18 AOUT 73 "



*Far Eastern French Maritime Mail*

*1871-1887 Period*

*Cie des Messageries Maritimes*

*Main Line "N"*

*Marseilles-Aden-Saigon-Hong Kong-Shanghai-Marseilles*

*Shipline datemarks:*

*"LIGNE N - PAQ. FR. N° 1 - 20 DEC 75"*

*"LIGNE N - PAQ. FR. N° 8 - 28 DEC 75"*



*1875*

*Letter to France posted aboard "Paq. Fr. No 1" the "Anadyr" going to Shanghai, paid double rate of 2 Francs, carried to Marseilles by "Paq. Fr. No 8" the "Hoogly" returning from the Far East, after transfer in Aden.*



# Far Eastern French Maritime Mail

1866-1910

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

Main Line "N"

Marseilles-Aden-Ceylon-Singapour-Yokohama-Marseilles

Dated Shipline marks



Cover from Colombo to Germany.

paid 25 cents with stamped and overprinted Ceylon envelope & 2 stamps



Stamped 25 cents Netherlands Indonesia envelope to Switzerland via Singapour



*Far Eastern French Maritime Mail*

1867-1871

Cie des Messageries Impariales

*Feeder Shipline "O" from India*

CALCUTTA-GALLES, Ceylan-CALCUTTA  
via Madras and Pondichery, in correspond-  
ance with main line "N" at Galles.

*Provenance and Shipline marking:*

ETAB.FR. INDE - PAQ.FR. O No1 - 7 DEC. 67



1867-1868

*From French India to Nantes, arriving 6 Jan. 1868,  
via Galles, Suez and Marseilles. Insufficiently fran-  
ked with 40 centimes, taxed 7 decimes at destination.  
Carried by the "Meinam" to Galles and "Imperatrice"  
from Galles to Suez.*

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*Far Eastern French Maritime Mail*

1879-1884

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

*Feeder Shipline "P" to Batavia*

SINGAPORE - BATAVIA - SINGAPORE

in correspondance with main line "N"

*Provenance and shipline marking in blue:*

POSS. NEER. - PAQ.FR. P-No1 - 27 AVRIL 82.



1882

*From Weltevreden, Netherlands Indies, via Singapore,  
Paris and London to Madeira. Arrival July 6 Funchal.  
25 cents Postal Stationary. Carried by the "Emirne"  
from Batavia to Singapore.*

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*Far Eastern French Maritime Mail*

1867-1869

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Feeder Shipline "R" to Hong Kong*

SHANGHAI - HONG KONG - SHANGHAI

*Shipline marking:*

LIGNE R-PAQ.FR. No 1-20 JUL 67



1867

From Shanghai to London, Sept. 9, via Hong Kong.  
Prepaid triple rate: 2 frs 40. Carried by steamers  
"Duplex" to Hong Kong and "La Bourdonnais" to  
Suez.

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*Far Eastern French Maritime Mail*

1867-1887

Cie des Messageries Maritimes  
MILITARY CORRESPONDANCE

*Feeder Shipline "S"*

YOKOHAMA to HONG-KONG  
via Kelung (Taiwan) in 1884-85

*Dated Army Shipline marking:*

" COR. D. ARM.-LIG. S PAQ.FR.No 1-25 DEC.84. "



1884-1885

*From Taiwan December 25 via Hong Kong December 27,  
Marseilles January 29 to Reims, arrival January 30. Carried  
by the "Menzaleh" from Kelung in Taiwan or Formosa  
to Hong Kong and by the "Natal" to Marseilles. Prepaid  
15 centimes, military single rate*

Between September 1884 and July 1885 a French Expeditionary Force occupied Kelung on the island of Taiwan (Formosa) and packets of the shipline "S" were ordered to stop-over at Kelung. The majority of military mail was stampless and this is a rare example of prepaid soldier's mail, not cited by Mr. Salles. The large strike "MARINE ET COLONIES" with Anchor shows the origin of this letter to be a battalion of French Marines.



# Far Eastern French Maritime Mail

1866-1910

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

Main Line "N"

Marseilles-Port Said-Aden-Saigon-Yokohama-Marseilles

## Shipline datemarks



Cover from Aden to Anvers.  
stamped Indian 20 annas 6 pies postage envelope



Stamped Egyptian 20 paras Post Card from Port Said to The Hague.



# Far Eastern French Maritime Mail

1866-1910

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

Main Line "N"

Marseille-Port Said-Saigon-Yokohama-Marseille

Shipline datemarks



Cover from Port Said to St-Thomas, paid 50 centimes single foreign registration rate



Cover from Saigon to Germany, paid 25 centimes, regular foreign single rate



*Far Eastern French Maritime Mail*

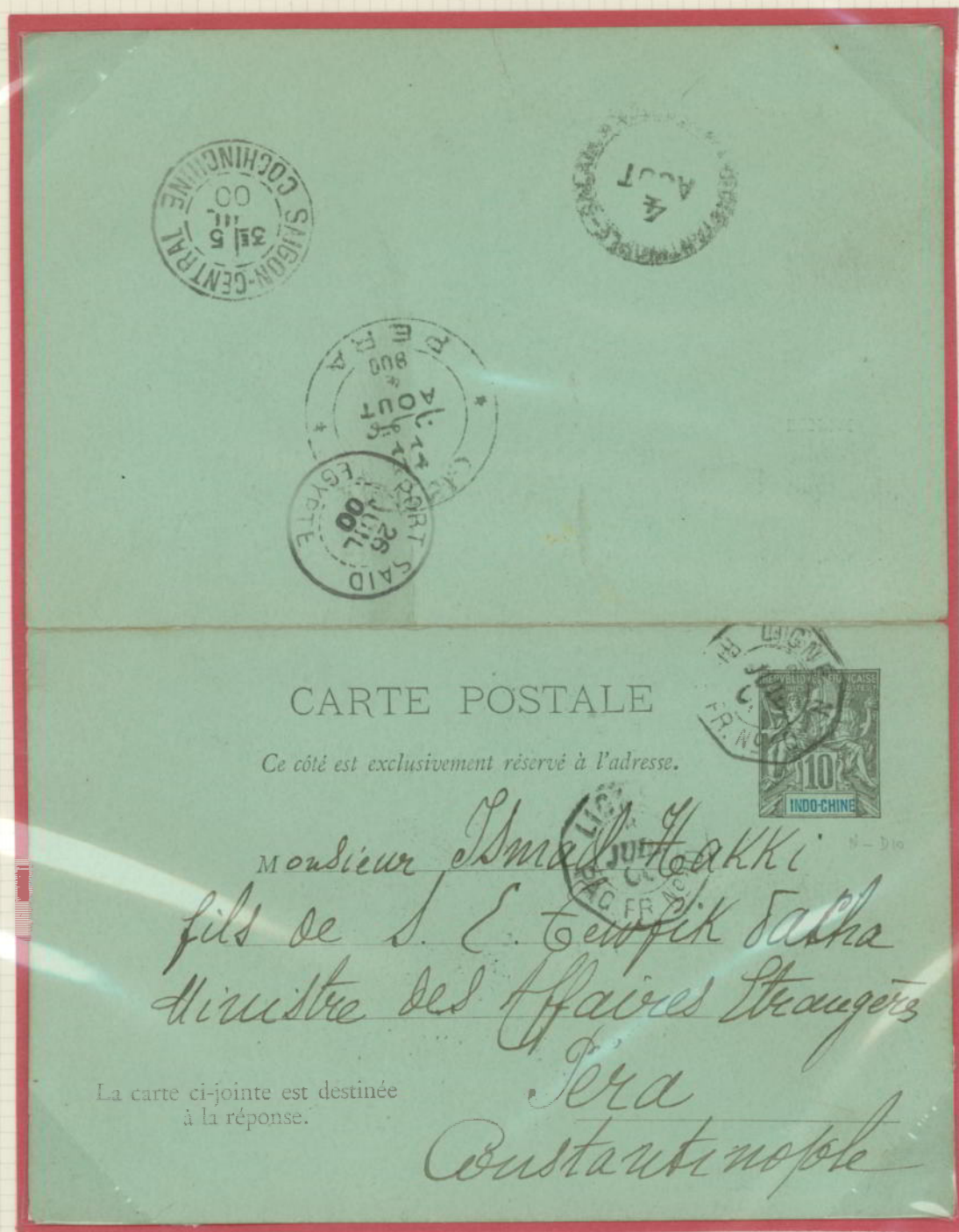
1866-1910

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

*Main Line "N"*

Marseille-Port Said-Aden-Saigon-Yokohama

*Shipline datemark.*



1900

*Stamped 10 cmes Indo-China Post-card with attached stamped answer post-card mailed from Saigon to Constantinople via Port Said.*



FRENCH MARITIME MAIL IN THE INDIAN OCEAN

1883-1884

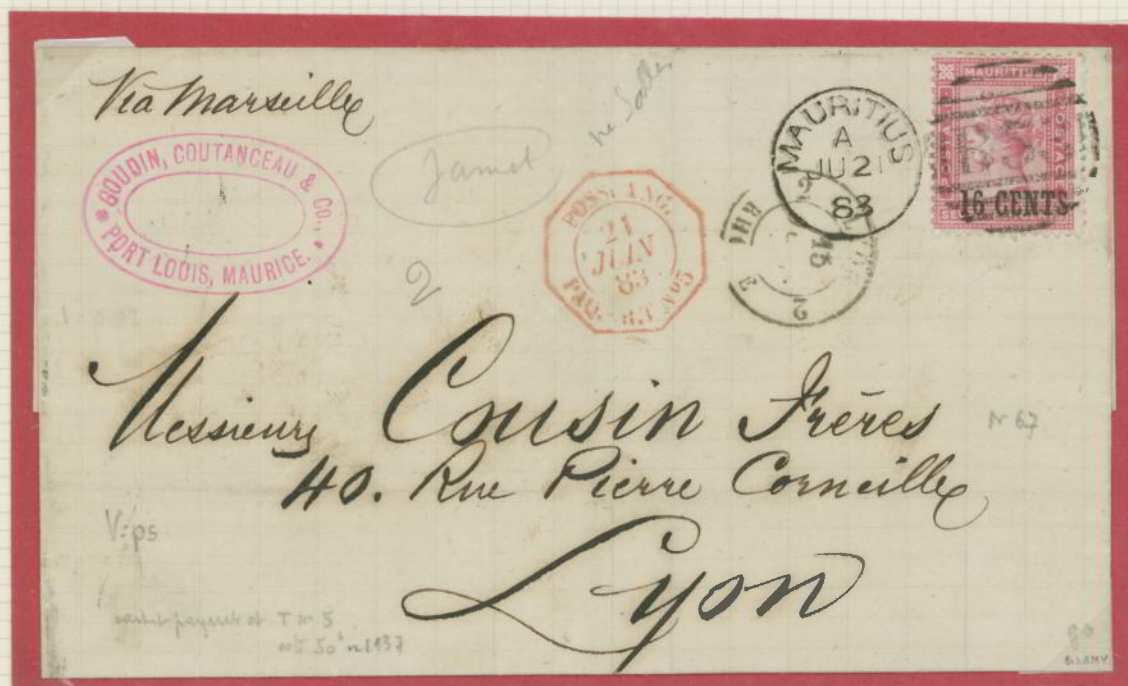
Cie des Messageries Maritimes

Main Shipline " T "

Marseille to Suez, Aden,  
Maurice, Australia & back

Provenance: MAURITIUS

Dated Shipmark: "POSS. ANG. PAQ. FR. T N°5  
21 JUIN 83" in red.



1883

From Mauritius to Lyon franked 16c on 17c rose  
on June 21, arriving to Lyon on July 14 after  
being carried to Marseille by the "SYDNEY"

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\*\*\*\*\*FRENCH MARITIME MAIL\*\*\*\*\*  
 POSTAL ACCOUNTANCY MARKINGS-LETTERS  
 NOT FULLY PREPAID

1857-1875

French Mail carried by  
 British packets and British  
 mail carried by French  
 packets.



Calcutta to Nantes, via Bombay and Suez  
 1 Fr 62 4/10 cent. per 30 grammes of let-  
 ters due to Great Britain by the French  
 Post Office. (S.3049)

Salle no 1341  
 en bleu



Line "M"

**R** 7/3



From

2346

Wilhelm Schultze

Augustus tenets. 50<sup>th</sup> l.

Amenschen

Germany



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SÉNÉGAL  
INDÉPENDANCES

*Allemagne*

*pr.*

With Macht

pe. *Frita Graefner*



Greiz, Russ  
a. L.  
Grückenstein 3



*French Maritime Mail in the Indian Ocean*

1866-1903

1888 - 1895 PERIOD

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

*Main Line "T"*

Marseilles-Australia-New Caledonia-Marseille

*Dated shipmark, Australia provenance*



1895

*Cover from New Caledonia to Paris via Sydney  
paid regular domestic registered rate of 30 centimes*

BECAUSE OF A LACK IN PORT FACILITIES, LINE T SHIPS SPENT ONLY 2 DAYS IN NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA BEFORE STARTING THEIR VOYAGE BACK TO MARSEILLES. HOWEVER, AFTER NOUMEA, THESE SHIPS STAYED FOR 2 WEEKS IN SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA. AN AUXILIARY SHIP OF A FEEDING LINE SAILING FROM NOUMEA 5 DAYS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED DEPARTURE OF THE LINER FROM AUSTRALIA, BROUGHT LATE MAIL TO SYDNEY. ABOVE LETTER, MAILED IN NOUMEA ON JULY 17 WAS TAKEN ABOARD THE PAQUEBOT ON JULY 27 IN SYDNEY (3942-2158-15).



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# LIGNE N

CACHET DE PROVENANCE : "MARSEILLE PAQ. FR. N N° 8" (LARGE N).



3 AUG. 1873 : Struck, on departure of the IRAOUADDY from Marseille, on a letter to  
Mauritius, which was transhipped at Aden onto the ILLISSUS of  
Ligne T ("LIGNE T PAQ. FR. N° 2 18 AOUT 73" backstamp. Franked by 4 x 25c.  
of 1871-73 issue, Type 1.

This type of cachet was introduced in 1870 at the time when the route of Ligne  
N became Marseille to Hong-Kong. They were withdrawn in 1887.



4 JUNE 1876 : "N° 6" : HOOGLY



*French Maritime Mail in the Indian Ocean*

1888-1912

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

*Main Line "U"*

Marseilles-Reunion-Marseilles

*Shipline datemark.*



1903

*Cover from Madagascar to Santiago de Chile.  
paid regular printed matter foreign rate of 15 centimes*



# French Maritime Mail in the Indian Ocean

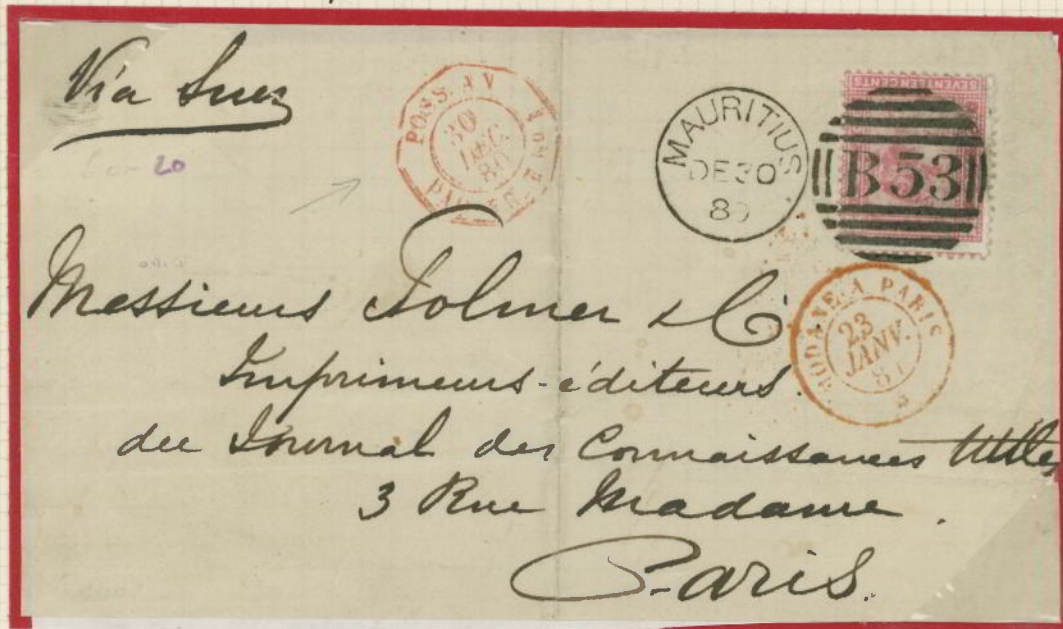
1869-1882 Period

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

Feeder Line "7"

Aden-Reunion-Mauritius-Aden

Dated Shipmark - British Colonies Provenance



Cover front from Mauritius to Paris via Aden, paid 17 cents rate

1882-1888 Period

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

Main Line "7"

Marseille-Aden-Mauritius-Australia-New Caledonia-Marseilles



Mauritius 6 cents stamped post card to Germany



*French Maritime Mail in the Indian Ocean.*

1866-1887

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

*Main Shipline "7"*

Marseilles - New Caledonia - Marseilles via  
Reunion, Mauritius and Australia.

*Provenance and shipline marking:*

COL.FR.PAQ.FR. No 2 - 12 MAI 86



1886

*From Reunion to London via Marseilles; arrival June  
1st; prepaid 25 centimes; carried by the "Caledonian"*

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*French Maritime Mail in the Indian Ocean.*

1866-1903

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

*Main Shipline "7"*

MARSEILLES to NEW CALEDONIA  
via Reunion, Maurice & Australia

*Provenance and Shipline marking:*

" POSS. ANG. - PAQ. FR. T. - No 3 - 2 FEVR. 84. "



1884

From Melbourne, February 1, via Adelaide and Maurice  
to Reunion; arrival February 19. Carried by the "Mel-  
bourne" and prepaid 6 pence.



*French Maritime Mail in the Indian Ocean*

1876-1903

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

*Main Shipline " T "*

MARSEILLES to NEW CALEDONIA  
in 1888-95, via Suez, Aden, Seychelles  
and Australia

*Dated Shipline marking:*

" LIGNE T - PAQ.FR. No 4 - 17 OCT. 90 "



1890

From Reunion October 13, via Mahé - Seychelles  
October 17 and Marseilles, November 1st to Com-  
bourg, arrival November 2. Prepaid 25 centimes,  
single rate and carried from Mahé by the  
"Oceanien". From Reunion to Mahé this letter  
was carried by the "Ava" of the Mascarene  
interisland secondary shipline service.



# Maritime Mail in the North Atlantic

1857-1869 Rates

United States-French Convention



1858  
By  
American  
Packet  
Rate:  
US inland 3¢  
Sea 6  
Transit G.B. 2  
Fr. inland 4  
Total 15¢

Prepaid 15¢, 3 Scott 28A, single rate, from New Orleans Dec. 18 to Laval, arrival January 1, 1859. A 6¢ Debit to the United States. French Entry marking:

"ET. UNIS SERV. AM. A. C."  
-Salles 1777-



1859  
By  
British  
Packet  
Rate:  
US inland 3¢  
Br. transit 8  
Fr. inland 4  
Total 15¢

Prepaid 15¢, Scott 27 strip, single rate from New Orleans March 22 to Nantes, arrival April 12. Debit of 12¢ to the U. S. French Entry marking:

"ET. UNIS SERV. BR. A. C."  
-Salles 1778-



1857-1869

*Maritime Mail in the North Atlantic*

*United States-French Convention Rates*

Transit via Great Britain



1861

Prepaid 30¢, Scott 38, double rate from New York, February 19 to Le Havre, arrival March 5; by British packet from New York with 24¢ debit to the U. S.

French Entry marking: "ET. UNIS, SERV. BR. HAVRE"  
- Salles 1797 -



1783-1788

First Royal Ship Agency

*French Maritime Mail in the North Atlantic*

*Regular Transatlantic Packet Line*

L'ORIENT to NEW YORK

Postmark: "MARSEILLE"

Prepaid postmark: "P. PAYÉ"

Transit postmark: "P.P.P.P."

Embarkation marking: "PAQ. L'ORIENT"



1786

*From Marseille Jan. 29, via Paris, L'Orient.*

*Feb. 16 to Baltimore. Carried on its 5th voyage in 60 days by the:*

*"Courrier de L'Orient"*

Prepaid 40 sous and taxed 2 dwt  
overland New York - Baltimore.



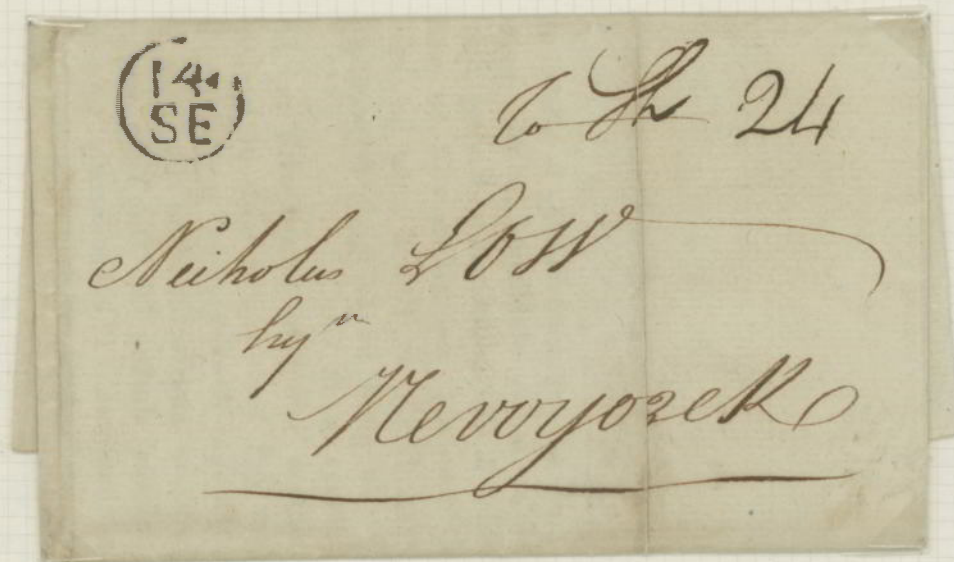
NORTH ATLANTIC MARITIME MAIL

1792  
Non-Schedule sailing

By private Carrier:  
Le Havre to Philadelphia.  
By U.S. Mail overland:  
Philadelphia to New York.

U.S. Postmark: "14 SE"

U.S. Tax: "To Sh 24".



1792

Letter from Le Havre to New York via Philadelphia  
where it was posted. Double overland tax of 10 cents  
and ship rate tax of 4 cents for a total of 24 cents  
(US Postal rate effective JUNE 1 ,1792)

This letter is a printed  
announcement from Ruellan & Co.  
J.L.Ruellan was the head of that  
company and, at the same time a  
Director of the transatlantic  
packets at Le Havre.



F R E N C H   M A R I T I M E   M A I L   C O V E R S

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Covers are grouped by North Atlantic mail, French Ship Lines after 1866 and Mediterranean ship Markings of the period before 1866.

Frame 2965: French Royal Packet Mail Service to the United States (1783-1788) with a listing of crossings, known ship markings and transatlantic covers of the XVIIIth century. Also subsidized Shipline mail of 1847-1848.

Frame 2966: The start of the Compagnie Generale Transatlantic in 1864 and of the line "H" in 1866. Treaty rates and incoming French mail into the United States. Shipline markings of Lines "A", "B", "D", "F", "G", "H", "J", "M", "N".

Frame 2967: Dated Shipline markings of lines "N", "O", "P", "R", "S", "T", "U", "V", "W", "X", "Y", & "AB".

Frame 2968: Mediterranean pre-stamp period Ship markings and Ship Name marks prior to 1866.

Frame 2969 : Mediterranean dated Ship markings prior to 1866

Frame 2970: Mediterranean dated Ship names markings prior to 1866.

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NORTH ATLANTIC FRENCH MARITIME MAIL.

1866-1872

Main Shipline "H"

Cie Generale Transatlantic

Le Havre to New York & back

Provenance Marking: WASHINGTON D.C. JUNE 28.

Accounting Marking in Red: "PAID NEW YORK.12.JUNE 29

Shipline Marking in Red: "ETATS UNIS PAQ.FR. H.29 JUIN 67



1867

From Washington D.C. June 28 via New York  
June 29 and sailing June 29 to Paris and  
backstamped 9 Juillet 67. Single rate from  
Washington to New York. A 3 cents credit  
and 12 cents Debit to the U.S. A red "PD"  
meaning : Paid to Destination. Carried by  
the "PEREIRE".

(S 1713 b)



French Maritime Mail in the North Atlantic

1864-1866

Cie Generale Transatlantique

## Regular Shipline

LE HAVRE to NEW YORK

Dated shipmark: " \* LAFAYETTE \* PAQ. FR. 19 OCT 64 "



1864

From Le Havre October 19 to New York  
arrival November 3.

Prepaid double rate 1 tr.60 and 6 cents credit to U.S.A.  
This was the 2nd voyage of the "Lafayette"



1843-1851

# Maritime Entry Marks

United States to France  
by Britain

ACCORDING TO THE CONVENTION OF APRIL 3, 1843 BETWEEN FRANCE AND GREAT BRITAIN, ALL LETTERS ADDRESSED TO FRANCE AND ORIGINATING IN OVERSEAS COUNTRIES OR COLONIES FROM WHERE THEY WERE CARRIED BY BRITISH SHIPS, WERE STAMPED BY THE GENERAL POST OFFICE IN LONDON WITH A RED MARKING: "COLONIES &c. ART. 12" (OF THE CONVENTION) AND IN 1845: "COLONIES &c. ART. 13". LETTERS BEARING THAT MARKING WERE SUBJECT TO A PAYMENT TO THE BRITISH POSTAL ADMINISTRATION BY THE FRENCH OF A RATE OF 3 SHILLINGS 4 D PER 30 GRAMMES. SUCH LETTERS HAD USUALLY A FRENCH ENTRY DATE MARK BY BOULOGNE OR CALAIS. RATE PAID AT THE RECEIPT OF SUCH LETTERS WAS 18 DECIMES PER 7.5 GR., REDUCED TO 15 DECIMES AFTER JULY 23, 1849.



LETTER ADDRESSED FROM CORNING, N.Y. ON MARCH 7, 1848 TO NANTES (FRANCE) WHERE IT WAS RECEIVED ON MARCH 29, 1848, WITH ON FRONT:  
UNITED STATES DATE STAMP: "CORNING N.Y. MAR 7" IN RED  
UNITED STATES PAID TAX: "12¢" IN PEN AND "PAID" IN RED  
BRITISH ACCOUNTANCY MARKING: "COLONIES &c. ART 13" IN RED  
FRENCH ENTRY DATE STAMP: "4 ANGL. A BOULOGNE-MER 28 MARS 48"  
BACKSTAMPED WITH:  
BRITISH DATE MARK: "P: 26 MARCH 1848" IN CIRCLE, IN RED  
FRENCH DOUBLE CERCLE ARRIVAL DATE STAMP: "NANTES (42) 29 MARS 48"



EARLY TRANSATLANTIC MAIL



-1803-  
Bordeaux to Newport, via New York and Providence  
Rate: Sh (Ship) 19



-1805-  
Bordeaux to Philadelphia, via New York  
Rate: Ship 27 (cents)



FRENCH MARITIME ENTRY MARKS



-1842-  
New York to Paris with:  
" OUTRE MER LE HAVRE "  
(S.134)





# NORTH ATLANTIC MARITIME MAIL

1797-1798

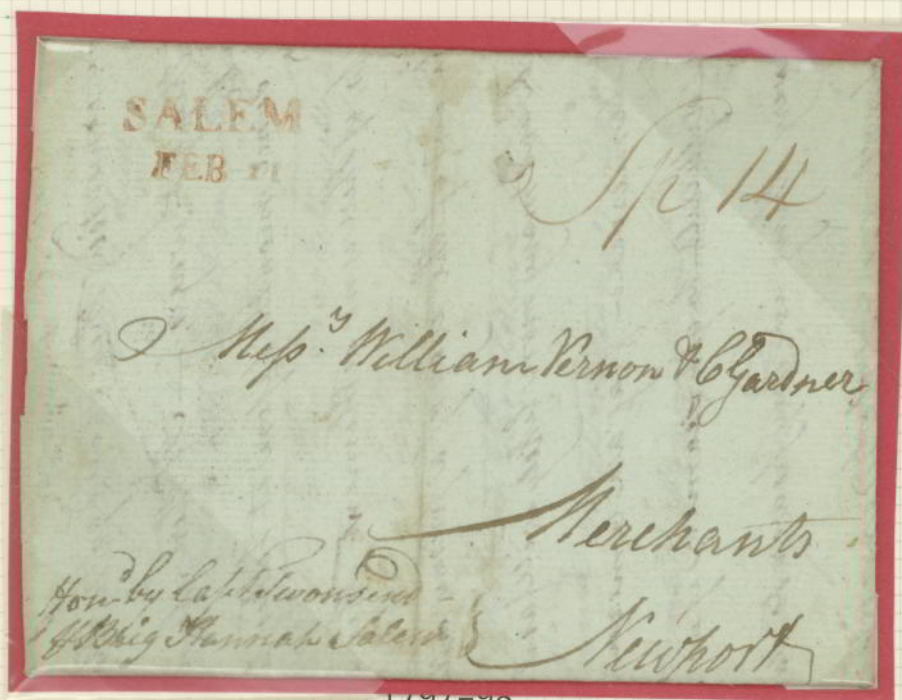
By American Private Carrier

Non Scheduled Sailing

Bordeaux to Salem

Entry Marking: "SALEM FEB 21"

U.S. Tax: "Sh 24"



Letter from L'Orient and Bordeaux December 1st 1797, via Salem February 21 1798 to Newport by the Brig Hannah, Capt Swonsend. Single postage rate 10 dwt from Salem to Newport and tax of 4 dwt ship rate for a total of 14dwt.

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ALBUMS YVERT & TELLIER - AMIENS  
Made in France

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FRANCE

1841 entire letter from Le Havre "pr. Silvie de Grasse" to Boston with red "Bureau Maritime Havre" and "New York Ship"

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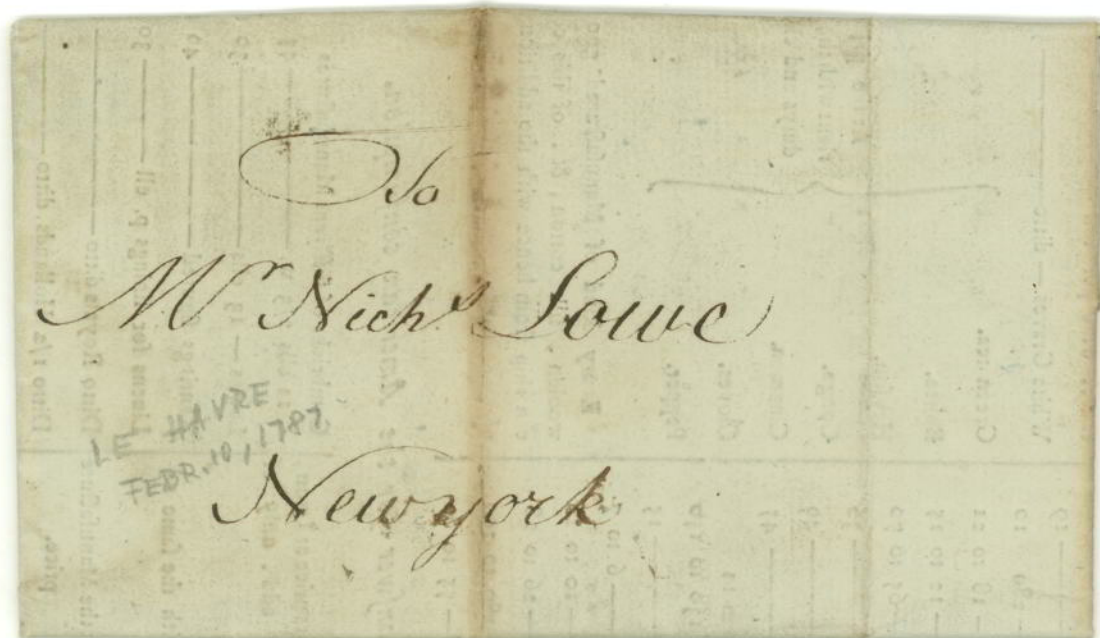


*MA*

*Wm John N. Barbour & Brother*  
*Boston*

1841

*S. Silvie de Grasse*





Received by Mr. M. O. Davis  
of G. B. Co. July 1, 1837

SHIP

W Robert Leslie

Petersburg

Virginia



Moses Taylor Esq<sup>re</sup>

New-York.



1837



Dr. Salma,



Messrs. Laroche & Co  
Bordeaux.



Sales 101-TI-R

200

COLONIES PAR LE HAVRE.  
SAVANNAH TO FRANCE.  
1817

5-43

15<sup>00</sup>

COLONIES  
PAR LE HAVRE

Messrs. A. Lignette & Co

La Rochelle

Per Mirroir, 1817





10,999  
 750 NYC to Switzerland, 1836 Good boxed s/l PAYS D'OUTREMER / PAR LE HAVRE and BUREAU MARITIME / HAVRE on cds carried out of mail to France. Red s/l C.T.F, ms 39 and 48 rates. F/VF III

Pays d'outremer  
 par le Havre

Bureau Maritime 4 June 36  
 (N.Y. - May 4<sup>th</sup> -> Hoboken - May 9)

CTF = Colonie Transit Français

26 / 692

CFF



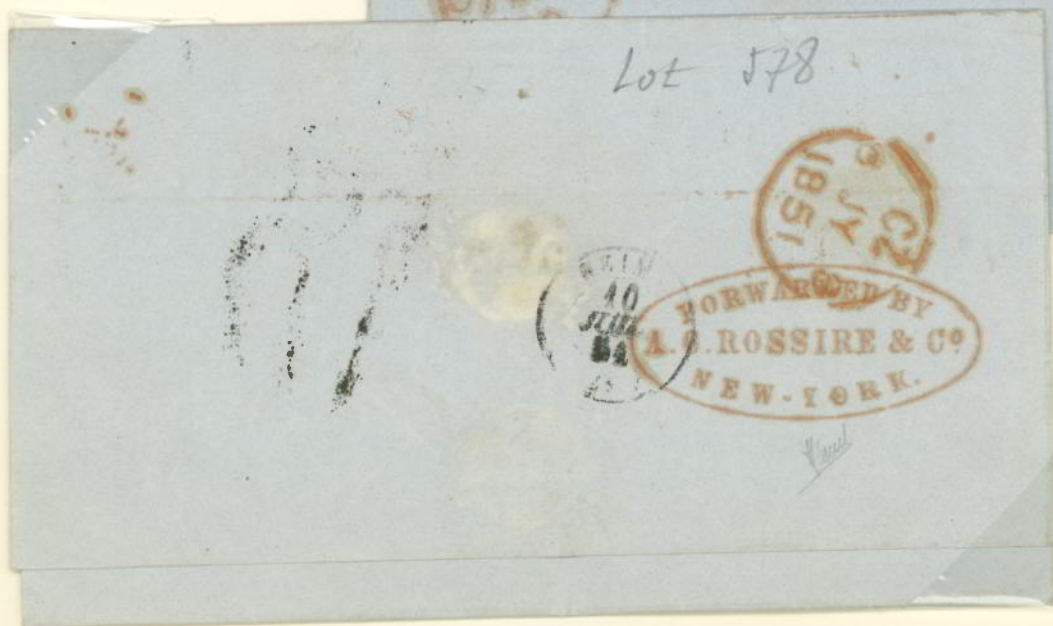
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TRANSATLANTIC MAIL  
FORWARDERS MARKINGS

United States  
to France













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ALBUMS YVERT & TELLIER - AMIENS  
Made in France

Quadrillés  
F. O.



Call 3047  
mfr





  
 Messrs Wm Schaud  
 249 Broadway  
 New York  
 (Charles Lewis)  




(Charles Lewis)

JULES CASTELNAU  
MONTPELLIER



Messieurs  
 Lammann & Kemp  
 69, 71 and 73 Water St. and 19 Old Slip  
 New-York  
 (Etats-Unis)











# NORTH ATLANTIC SHIP MAIL

1797-98

From Livourne (Italy)  
to Philadelphia

Geneva Forwarder: "Reçue à Genève le 19 9bre 1797 &  
acheminée le 21 par Merle-d'Aubigné"

British Postmark in Red: " PAID D 27 1797 "

British Tax ms: " 3/4 "

U.S. Tax ms : " 20 "



Written October 13 and November 6 1797 from Livourne to Philadelphia via Geneva's Forwarder Merle d'Aubigne (19-21 November and London (December 23 1797) and received, as docketed in Philadelphia on March 13, 1798.  
Delay in carrying this letter was due to war between Great Britain and France.

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ALBUMS YVERT & TELLIER - AMIENS  
Made in France

Quadrillés  
F. O.

A very rare forwarder  
by Dubois 14 acheminée



N O R T H   A T L A N T I C   M A R I T I M E   M A I L

1793-1802

Non Scheduled Sailing

By American Private Carrier

Etats Unis to France

Entry Marking: " COLONIES PAR LE HAVRE "

French Accounting Marking: " 8 "



1800-1801

From Philadelphia Decembre 20, 1800 to Pressigny  
(Haute Marne) France, taxed 8 Sols.

Because of the British Blocus of French ports,  
transatlantic mail was allowed only if carried  
by Neutral countries ships. The United States  
were neutral and traded with French ports.

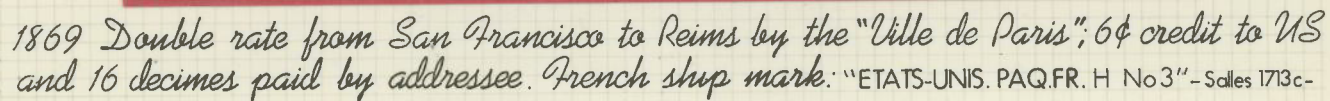
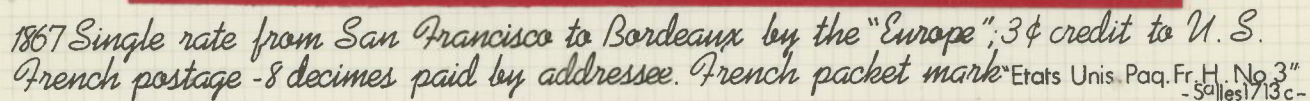
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1866-1872

Line 4

Treaty rates Markings of the Outgoing Unpaid French Mail





# French Maritime Mail in the North Atlantic

1866-1872

Compagnie Generale Transatlantique

Line A

Le Havre to New York  
and back via Brest

Treaty rate Markings of incoming French Mail  
BOSTON EXCHANGE OFFICE



1868 Prepaid single rate 80 centimes from Nice May 19 to Boston; arrival June 4; by the "St-Laurent"; red penciled 3¢, credit to U.S.A. for its inland postage

NEW YORK EXCHANGE OFFICE



1867 Prepaid single rate 80 centimes from Le Havre, Aug. 29 to New York Sept. 13 by the "Europe"; red 3¢ credit to U.S.A. for its inland.



*French Maritime Mail in the North Atlantic*

1866-1872

Compagnie Generale Transatlantique

*Line A*

Le Havre to New York and back, via Brest

*Incoming French Packet - N.Y. Entry: "FRNH PKT"*

*Depreciated Currency Marking*



1866

*Insufficiently prepaid letter (AFFR. INSUFF.) from Paris ,  
8 May , by the "Pereire" to San Francisco via New  
York , May 22 , arrival June 16. Double rate of 30 ¢  
silver or 38 ¢ U.S. notes - paid by the addressee and a  
24 ¢ debit to U.S.A.*

*Taxed on arrival 30¢*



*French Maritime Mail in the North Atlantic.*

1866-1872

Cie Générale Transatlantique

*Main Shipline "H"*

LE HAVRE-NEW YORK-LE HAVRE

*Provenance and shipline datemark:*

"ETATS-UNIS PAQ. FR. H No 4 30 NOV.67"



1867

*From Philadelphia November 29, via New York, Nov. 30, Le Havre Dec. 12 to Paris arriving the same day. Prepaid with 15 cents stamp cancelled on board by anchor and lozenge of dots in black. Carried by the "St-Laurent"*

Single rated prepaid letter with "PHILADELPHIA PAID 12" in purple showing debit of 12 cents to the USA. French "PD" shows Paid to Destination.



*La Poste Maritime Française de l'Atlantique Nord*

1866-1872

Compagnie Generale Transatlantique

*Ligne "H"*

Le Havre à New-York

*Cachets de Provenance*



1868

*Lettre de New-York à Paris.*

*Affranchissement de 15 cents et cachet créditeur de 12 cents amer. à la France*



1870

*Lettre de Hagerstown à Mulhouse*

*Affranchissement américain de 10 cents et taxe de 8 Décimes*



*French Maritime Mail in the North Atlantic*

1866-1872

Compagnie Générale Transatlantique

*Line "H"*

Le Havre to New York via Brest

*Ship line Marking: "LIGNE H-PAQ. FR. No 4"*



1870

*From Bordeaux, April 7, via Brest, April 9 and New York, April 20  
by the "St-Laurent" to New Orleans, arrival April 25. Prepaid  
French double rate of 1 Fr.20 and U.S. overland postage of 10 cents.*



*La Poste Maritime Française de l'Atlantique Nord*

1866-1872

Compagnie Générale Transatlantique

*Ligne "H"*

Le Havre à New York

*Cachet de Ligne*



1868

*Lettre de Paris à Philadelphie*

*Affranchissement de 80 centimes et taxe américaine de 3 cents*



*French Maritime Mail in the North Atlantic*

1866-1872

Cie Generale Transatlantique

*Main Shipline "H"*

LE HAVRE - NEW YORK-LE HAVRE

*Shipline marking:*

LIGNE H PAQ.FR.No 2-6 OCT.72



1872

*From Le Havre, October 6 to New York, arrival October 16;  
carried by the "Ville de Paris" after the "France" was laid  
for repairs. Prepaid single rate of 50 centimes, anchor cancel-  
led, and taxed 10 ¢ at arrival. - July 1871-1874 rates*

This dated Shipline stamp was a replacement  
known by Mr Salles to have been used on two  
voyages; above date of Oct. 1872, not yet re-  
ported shows its usage during a 3rd voyage.

(S. 1712)



*French Maritime Mail in the South Atlantic.*

1869-1897

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

*Main Shipline "J"*

BORDEAUX to BUENOS-AYRES

*Dated provenance shipmark:*

"BUENOS-AYRES PAQ. FR. J No 1 10 SEP 76"



1876

*From Buenos Ayres Sept. 10 to Bordeaux  
arrival October 5. Carried by the  
"Niger"*

Prepaid 5 centavos and single rated postage  
1 Franc to France. Routed "Por Niger".  
Pen strikes on stamps to prevent possible removable.



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FRENCH MARITIME MAIL

1889-1908  
Fraissinet et Cie

Main Shipline " M "  
Marseilles to Cotonou, Libreville, Loango, Loanda & back

Provenance Mark: OUIDAH DAHOMEY 21 avril 00

Dated Shipmark: LOANGO A MARSEILLE L.M. N°1 23 AVRIL 00

Registration Marking: "R"

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ALBUMS YVERT & TELLIER - AMIENS  
Made in France

Quadrillés  
F. O.



1900

A registered letter from Ouidah to Besançon posted with 50  
1 Cent stamps (Sc.#33), 3 stamps of 2 cent.(Sc34) and 2  
stamps of 15 cent. (Sc.38) for a total of 86 centimes from  
BENIN. Backstamped: Besançon Doubs 15 Mai 00 .



FRENCH MARITIME ENTRY MARKS



-1806-  
From Petit Canal (Guadeloupe) to Bordeaux  
with  
"POSTE MARITIME BORDEAUX"  
(s.21)



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Pa. P. no.

COLONIES PAR  
VANTES

Messieurs Hol ay & Fils  
négociants

à Bordeaux.

Paul Naimier.

1823

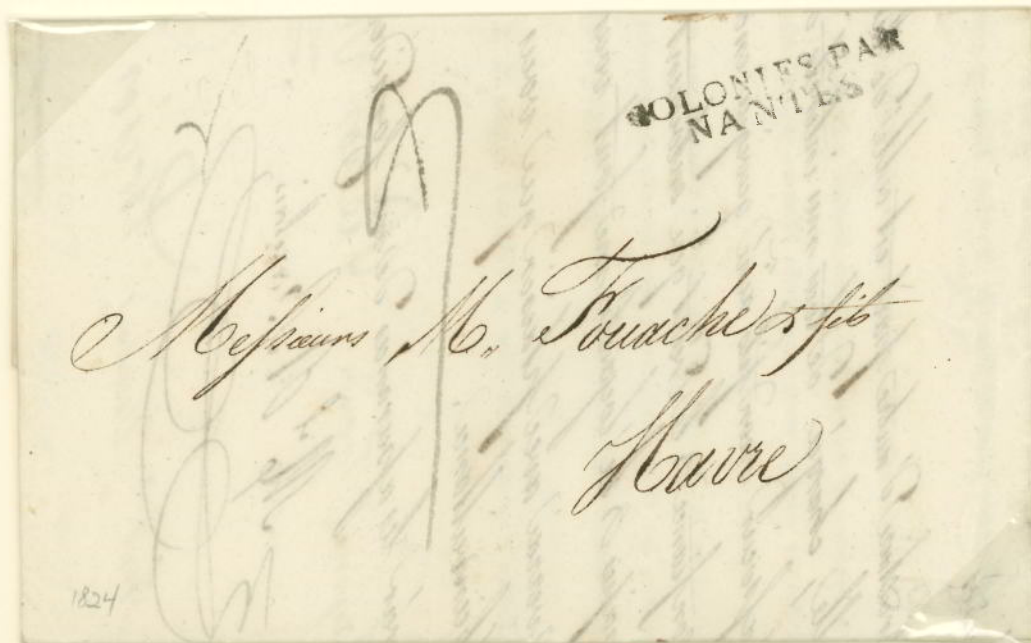


FRENCH MARITIME ENTRY MARKS  
"COLONIES PAR NANTES"



-1790-  
From Haiti

-1823-  
From Guadeloupe



-1824-  
From Santiago de Chili



FRENCH MARITIME ENTRY MARKS

COLONIES PAR  
BREST

Messrs. M<sup>in</sup> Trache & Fils  
au Havre

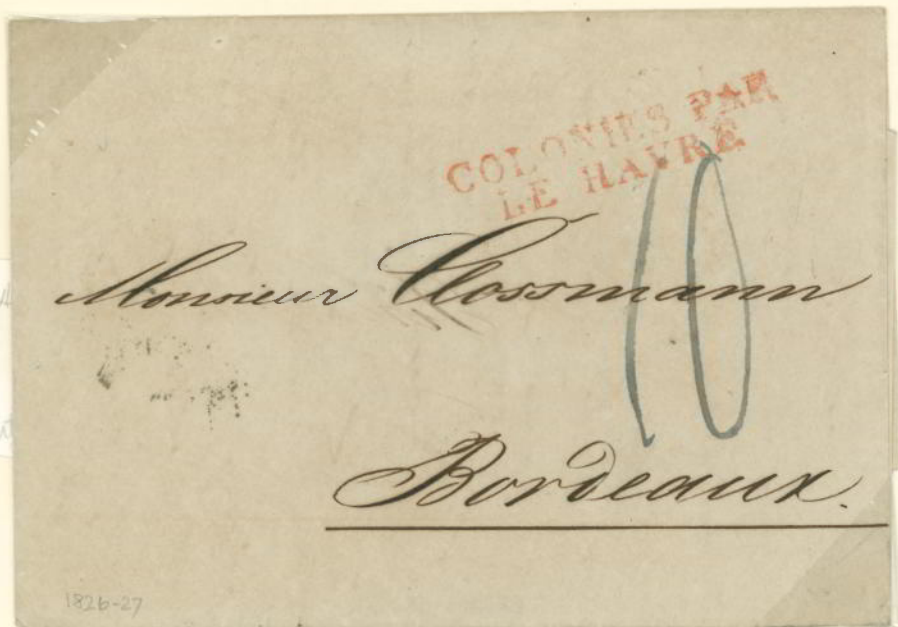
-1815-

From Pointe-a-Pitre to Le Havre  
with

"COLONIES PAR BREST"



FRENCH MARITIME ENTRY MARKS



-1826/27-  
Buenos Ayres to Bordeaux

9 months in transit  
Apr. 21 - 26  
Feb 6 - 27

-1832-  
Martinique to  
Montpellier





1763

St Pierre Mardin.

A. Messieurs



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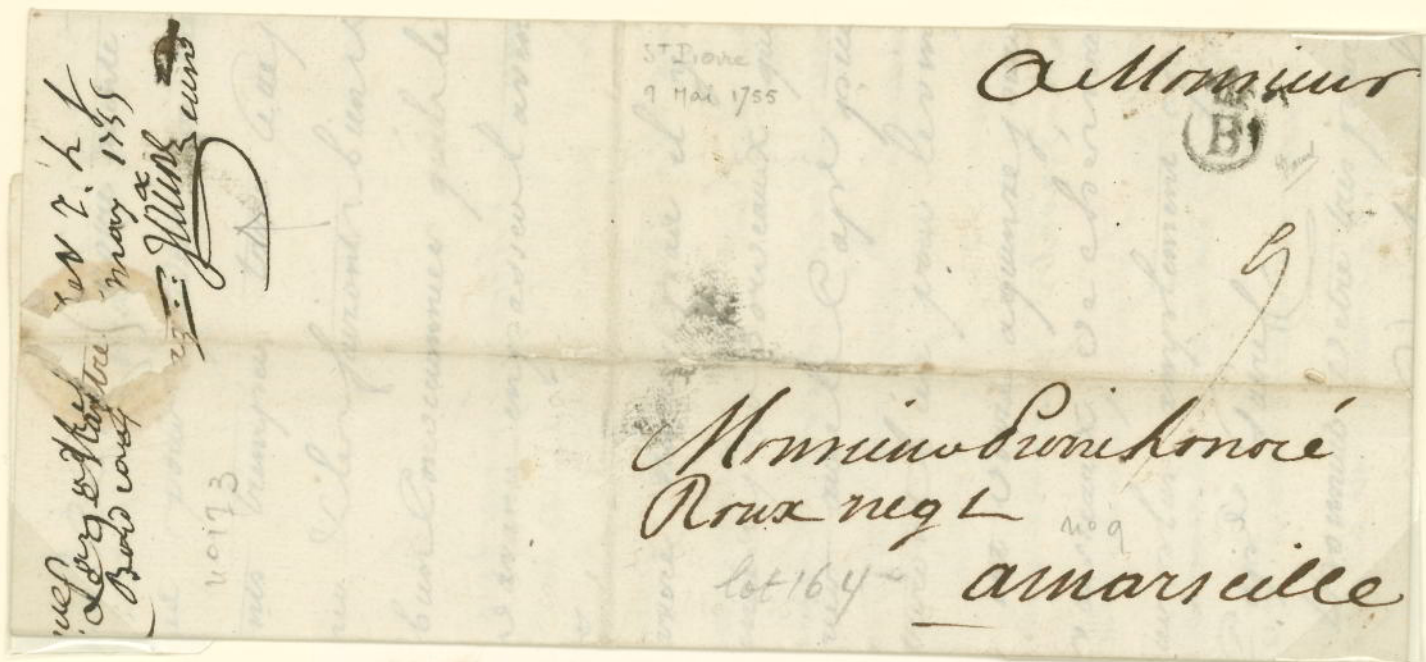
Messieurs Roux freres

neg<sup>ts</sup>

à Marseille



FRENCH MARITIME ENTRY MARKS



From St-Pierre, Martinique to Marseille,  
via Bordeaux, with Forwarder's endorse-  
ment "Jaune" (Dubus #173) and:  
" B " for Bordeaux.



From Pointe-a-Pitre to Bordeaux via  
La Flotte (Ile de Re) with:  
"COLONIES PAR LA FLOTTE"  
(S.14)



FRENCH MARITIME ENTRY MARKS



-1837-

From Cadiz (Spain) to Paris  
with

"PAYS D'OUTREMER PAR COLLIOURE"



France

Mr.

Mr. Achille Millien

Beaumont-la Ferrière

(Nievre)

(France)



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Steamer français

Messieurs A. Favre & Co. Fornt

Rue de la Bourse n° 21

Bordeaux

France



2500



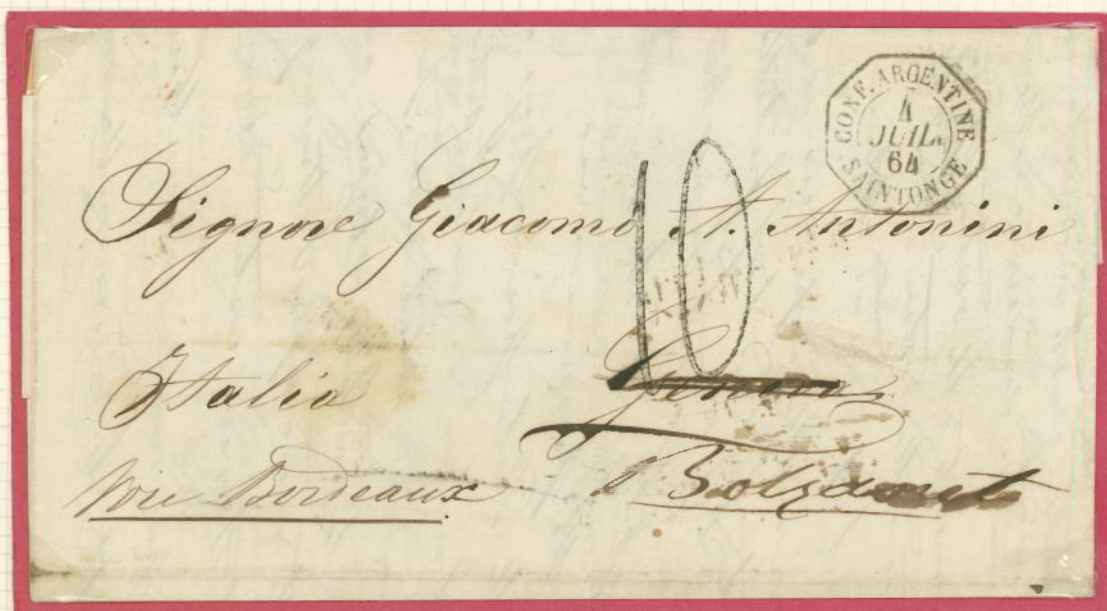
CACHETS DES PAQUEBOTS

SAINTONGE



BUENOS AIRES - ARGENTINE : 12 MAI 1864  
GENÈS, ITALIE : 20 JUNE 1864

*Extrait de la Plata  
Sales 1030*





Par messageries Impériales



A Cabrol <sup>g<sup>e</sup></sup> Negt.  
Bordeaux



French Maritime Mail in the South Atlantic

18 - 189

Line "J"





SOUTH ATLANTIC FRENCH MARITIME MAIL

1868

Feeder Shipline : " K "

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

Rio-de-Janeiro to Buenos-Ayres  
via Montevideo.

Shipline Marking: "LIGNE K PAQ FR N°1 15 MARS 68"



1868

From Montevideo 15 March 1868 to Nantes via Buenos-Ayres, Bordeaux and Paris. Backstamped "Bordeaux a Paris 2° 18 Avril 68" and "Nantes (42) 19 Avril 62" Letter taxed 10 Decimes.

Because of the lack of a Provenance datestamp, the letter was stamp with a Shipline Marking which is hardly ever seen.

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# French Maritime Mail in the South Atlantic

1898-1910

Line "K"

BORDEAUX to BUENOS-AYRES & back

LINE "K" SHIPS ON THE RUN BETWEEN BORDEAUX AND BUENOS-AYRES, IN 1900 CALLED ON THE FOLLOWING PORTS: LISBON, DAKAR, PERNAMBUCO, BAHIA, RIO-DE-JANEIRO, MONTEVIDEO AND BUENOS-AYRES. THE LINE "K" SERVICES ALTERNATED WITH LINE J AND WERE BI-WEEKLY. ROUND TRIP TOOK ABOUT 6 TO 7 WEEKS - THERE WERE FIVE POSTAL NUMBERS: K1, K2, K3, K4, K5.



COVER ADDRESSED FROM PORTO ALEGRE (BRAZIL) TO BERN (SWITZERLAND). THE POSTAGE CONSIST OF A BAND OF 3 STAMPS - 100 REIS (SCOTT # 116) TIED BY A DATE STAMP IN BLACK: "ADM. DOS CORREOS (R.G. DO SULIS) 30 JUN 1900" AND AN OCTAGONAL SHIP LINE MARK (SAMES 1114/1) IN BLACK: "BUENOS-AYRES A BORDEAUX 2<sup>o</sup> L. K<sup>o</sup> 4 18 JUL 00" BACKSTAMPED: "RIO DE JANEIRO T (4A) 17 JUL 1900" IN BLACK "A RIO DE JANEIRO T (5A3) 17 JUL" IN BLACK AND WITH ARRIVAL DATE MARK: "BERN -- 5 - DISTR. 4 VIII. 00-10"

THIS COVER FROM PORTO ALEGRE ON JUNE 30, 1900 TO BERN, SWITZERLAND ON AUGUST 4, 1900 WAS CARRIED BY:

s/s "CHILI"

WHICH DEPARTED BUENOS-AYRES ON JULY 14, 1900 AND STOPPED OVER IN RIO-DE-JANEIRO ON JULY 18 TO RECEIVE THE MAIL FOR FRANCE AND SOME EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.



# Poste Maritime de l'Atlantique Sud

1866 1869

Ligne annexe K  
Rio-de-Janeiro à Buenos-Ayres



LE 7 JANV 67 A BORDEAUX, SANS TIMBRE ET TRANS-  
PORTE DE JANEIRO D'ABORD PAR LE PAQUEBOT

"CARMEL"

ET DE RIO DE JANEIRO D'ABORD PAR LE PAQUEBOT "NAVARRE".

CETTE LETTRE ESTOIT  
- CACHET DE BATEAU: BUENOS-AYRES PAQ. FR. K N°1

- CACHET D'ENTREE: 12 JANV 67 EN NOIR  
- CACHET D'ARRIVEE: 1 BRESIL 1 BORDEAUX 17 FEV 67 EN NOIR

- CACHET DE LA TAXE A PAYER: 10 (DECIMES - 1 FR) EN NOIR

AU VERSO:  
- CACHET D'ARRIVEE: BORDEAUX (12) 17 FEV 67

LE 7 RENVERSE DU CACHET DE BATEAU PROVIENT DU FAIT QUE LE MIL-  
LESIME "67" N'ETAIT PAS ARRIVE A TEMPS.

LINE K WAS A SUPPLEMENTARY (IN FRENCH: ANNEXE) LINE RUNNING BETWEEN RIO DE JANEIRO  
AND BUENOS-AYRES FROM 1866 TO 1869. THE BOAT (ONLY 1 AT A TIME) OF LINE K CARRIED  
THE MAIL TO AND FROM STEAMERS OF LINE J WHICH RAN FROM BORDEAUX TO  
RIO DE JANEIRO ONLY.

ABOVE COVER ADDRESSED FROM BUENOS-AYRES TO BORDEAUX WAS CAR-  
RIED FIRST FROM BUENOS-AYRES TO RIO DE JANEIRO BY THE STEAMER

"CARMEL"

IN RIO DE JANEIRO, THE MAIL (AND THIS COVER) WAS TRANSFERRED ON BOARD  
THE STEAMER "NAVARRE" OF LINE J, SAILING FOR BORDEAUX.

THE STAMPED COVER HAS THE FOLLOWING MARKINGS:

- SHIPMARK: BUENOS-AYRES, PAQ. FR. K N°1 12 JANV 67 IN BLACK

- ENTREE MARK: 1 BORDEAUX 1 BRESIL 17 FEVR 67 IN BLACK

- TAX TO BE PAID: 10 (DECIMES = 1 FRANC) IN BLACK

- BACKSTAMPED: BORDEAUX (12) 17 FEVR 67

IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE INVERTED "7" OF THE SHIPMARK WAS  
DUE TO THE DELAY IN RECEIVING FROM FRANCE THE INSERT "67" (NEW YEAR)

24.1037



Del Steamers Ville de Paris

Monsieur Chaperon grangère  
Propriétaire  
Libourne  
Gironde  
France

30 -



75

par Columbia via New York



M<sup>r</sup>  
A. Padel  
Rue Popin  
Paris  
France





*French Maritime Mail in the West Indies and in Central America*

1830-1835

Cie de Paquebots du Mexique  
BALGUERIE & Fils

*Packet Line to Mexico*

BORDEAUX to VERA-CRUZ and  
back via Martinique and Haiti

*French packet Entry marking: BORDEAUX PAQ. REG.*



1831

*From Vera Cruz to Bordeaux, franked in Mexico by FRANCO EN VERACRUZ, taxed at arrival 16 decimes of which 15 were for the transatlantic passage and 1 decime for local delivery. Letter carried by sail ship "La Nouvelle France".*

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SOUTH ATLANTIC FRENCH MARITIME MAIL

1851

Private Sailing

Shipline to South America

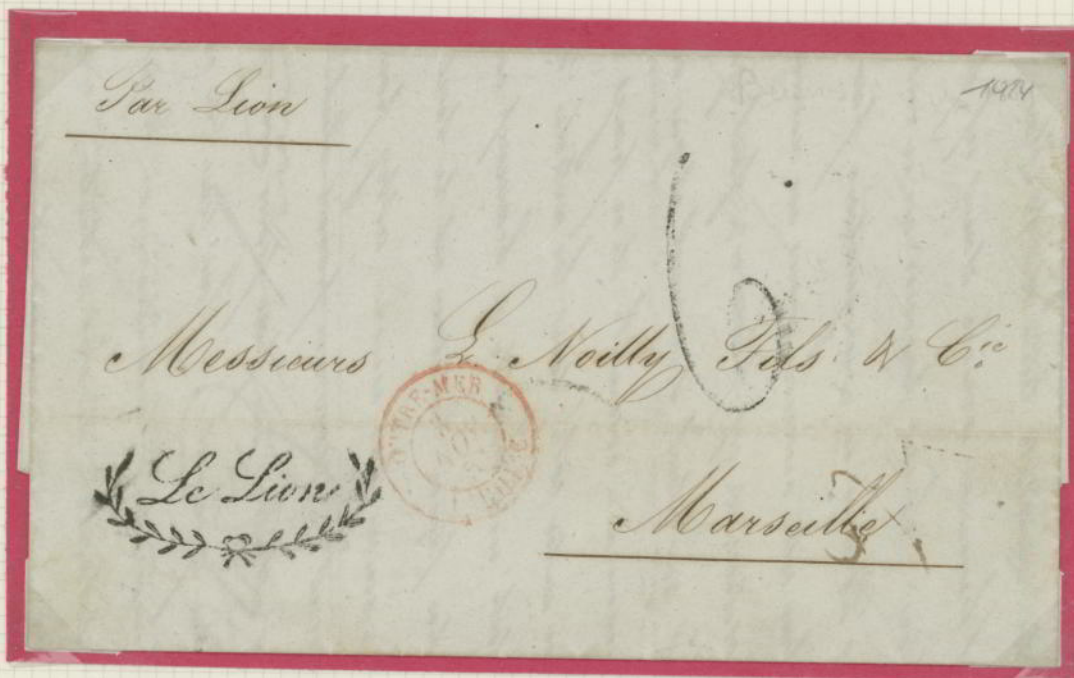
Buenos Ayres to Bordeaux

Shipmark: " LE LION "

Transit Postmark in Red: "OUTRE-MER NOV.3..POUILLAC"

Backstamped :"BORDEAUX 4 NOV.51 ."

Backstamped:"MARSEILLE 6 NOV.51 "



1851

Letter from Buenos Ayres on September 3 1851  
via Pouillac, Bordeaux, arriving Marseilles on  
November 6 and taxed "6 DECIMES" .

Quadrillés  
F. O.

ALBUMS YVERT & TELLIER - AMIENS  
Made in France

Quadrillés  
F. O.

the  
meeting



# *French Maritime Entry Marks*

1783-1787

Nantes

DURING THE XVIII<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY, NANTES AND BORDEAUX WERE THE COMMERCIAL AND MARITIME TRADE CENTERS WITH OVERSEAS COUNTRIES AND FRENCH COLONIES OR FRENCH OFFICES, SUCH AS : MARTINIQUE, GUADELOUPE, GUYANA, SAINT DOMINGO (HAITI), PONDICHERY, CALCUTTA, SINGAPORE AND THE ISLANDS OF BOURBON (REUNION) AND OF FRANCE (MAURITIUS).



LETTER ORIGINATING IN THE FRENCH WEST INDIES, FROM ITS CONTENTS, WRITTEN ON JAN. 16 1785, ADDRESSED TO LE HAVRE WHERE IT WAS RECEIVED ON APRIL 21, 1785. THE LETTER IS STAMPED WITH AN ENTRY MARK, OVAL IN BLACK (SALLES # 11):

"COLONIES PAR NANTES"

AND WAS TAXED (PEN MARKING) AT 12 SOUS.



# FRENCH MARITIME MAIL TO CENTRAL AMERICA

1862-1865

Cie Generale Transatlantique

Main Line to Mexico : St-Nazaire to  
to Vera Cruz via Fort de France.

Consular Agency datemark: "1-MEXIQUE-1 15 OCT 64"

Dated Shipmark: "MEXIQUE TAMPICO 15 OCT 64"



1864

From Mexico October 15, 1864 to Genova, Italy carried  
by the "TAMPICO" via St-Nazaire (November 14) and  
in Geneva on November 17. Franked with Mexico issue  
of Sept. 1864 4 reals (scott N°24a) for internal rate.  
French double rate (2 ports) unpaid 24 Decimes and  
converted to Italian currency in manuscript.

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S.1317



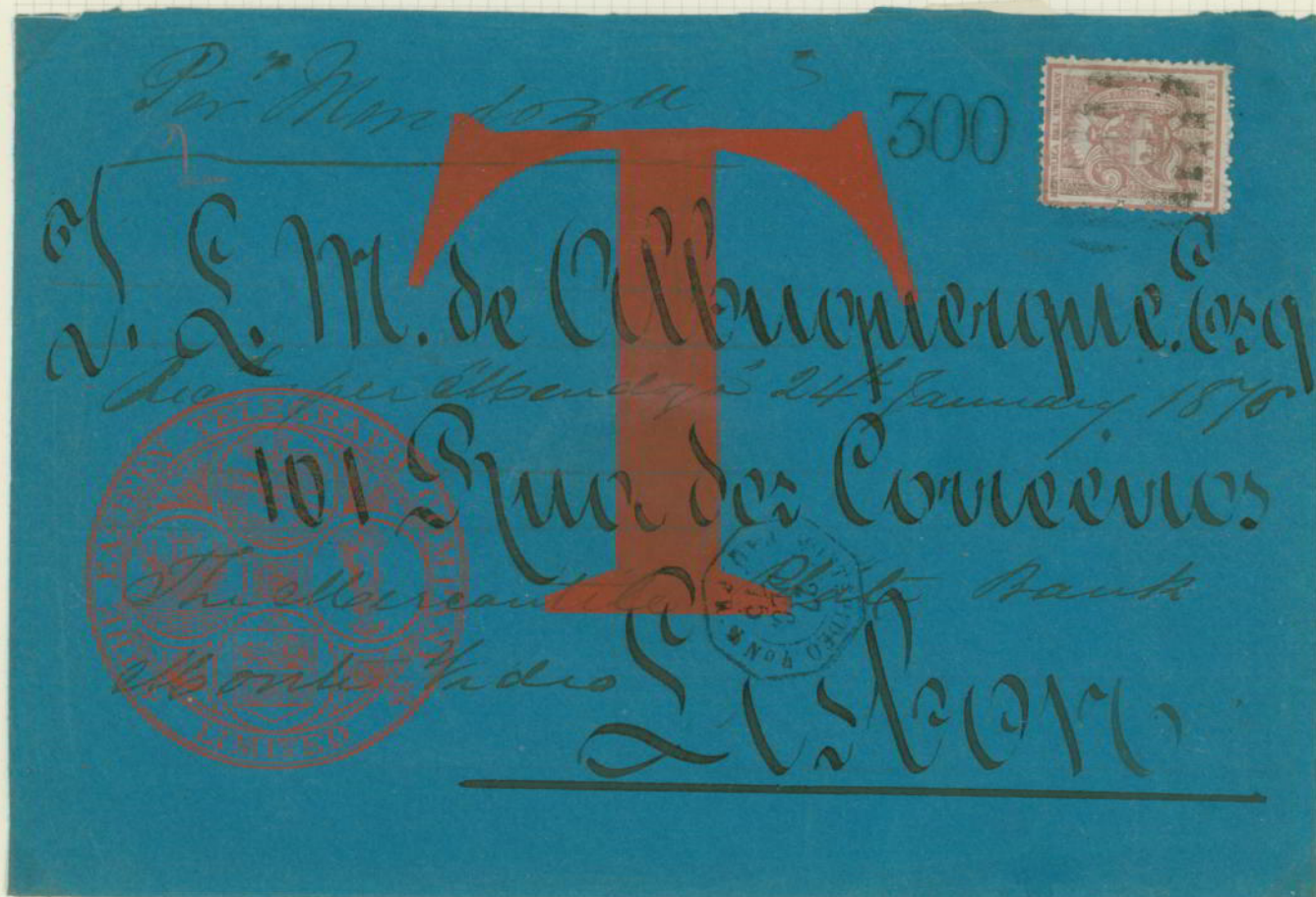
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Main Line " J ":Bordeaux to

Lisbon, Montevideo and back

Ship Postmark: "MONTEVIDEO PAQ.FR. J N°4 27 DEC 75"

Backstamped: "TRANSATLANTICO 23 JAN.76"



This letter originating in Uruguay for Lisbon was franked with a 20 Centavos (Scott #38) for internal rate and was taxed 300 Reis in Portugal. Because of unreliable postal service, important letters were sent without enough franking so to be paid for at arrival.



Poste Maritime de l'Amérique Centrale et des Antilles

1865-1932

Ligne Principale "A"

Cachet. d'Agence Postale Consulaire à La Guayra



Lettre de Caracas à Malaga, via La Guayra  
affranchie à 1 franc  
Pli transporté par le "Ville de Bordeaux"

S. 1374 d



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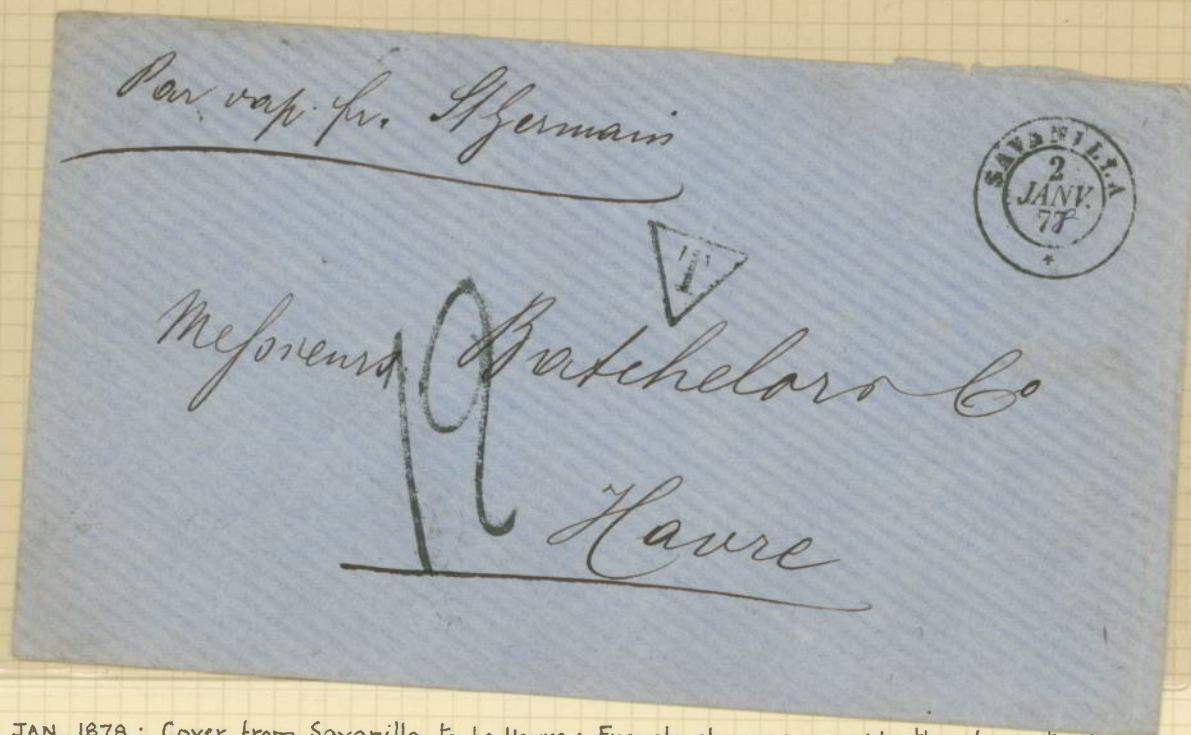
CONSULAR AGENCIES IN COLOMBIA  
SAVANILLA

IV  
P. 57

CIRCULAR DATESTAMP: IN USE 1878-81.

"SAVANILLA 2 JANV. 78"

1378 2  
back stamp 1418/2



2 JAN. 1878: Cover from Savanilla to Le Havre: French charges unpaid; therefore struck with 'T' in Triangle, which had been introduced 1 JAN. 1876, and '12', indicating 12 décimes to pay by recipient. Backstamped "SAVANILLA PAR. FR. A No 2  
3 JANV. 78" on departure of the St Germain from Savanilla. Year in 'SAVANILLA' datestamp corrected in manuscript from '77' to '78'.

It seems that the Agent at Savanilla had ordered a new datestamp during 1877, perhaps because of wear in the old one (which, however, remained in use until 1879), perhaps in conformity with the administrative advice that datestamps had a life of four years. Salles says that the circular datestamp appeared towards the beginning of 1878.

It seems likely, therefore, that the above was the first day of its use.



FRENCH MARITIME MAIL IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

1869-1897

Main Line "J"  
Bordeaux to Buenos Ayres



Erymanthe

Dakar 17/9

Bordeaux 28/9

Deposited on board without Argentine  
Stamps - 12 francs to be paid



on stamp missing



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FRENCH MARITIME MAIL

1868-1869

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

Feeder Shipline " K "

Buenos-Ayres to Rio-de-  
Janeiro via Montevideo

Provenance Shipmark: "MONTEVIDEO \* PAQ FR N°1\*15 JUIN 69"



1869

From Montevideo June 15 1869 to Lisieux via Buenos-Ayres,  
Bordeaux and Paris. Back stamped " PARIS A CAEN D 22 JUIL  
69" and "LISIEUX (13) 3° 22 JUIL.69". Carried by "AUNIS"  
to Rio-de-Janeiro and by "ESTRAMADURE" to Bordeaux. Taxed  
on arrival: 10 Decimes.

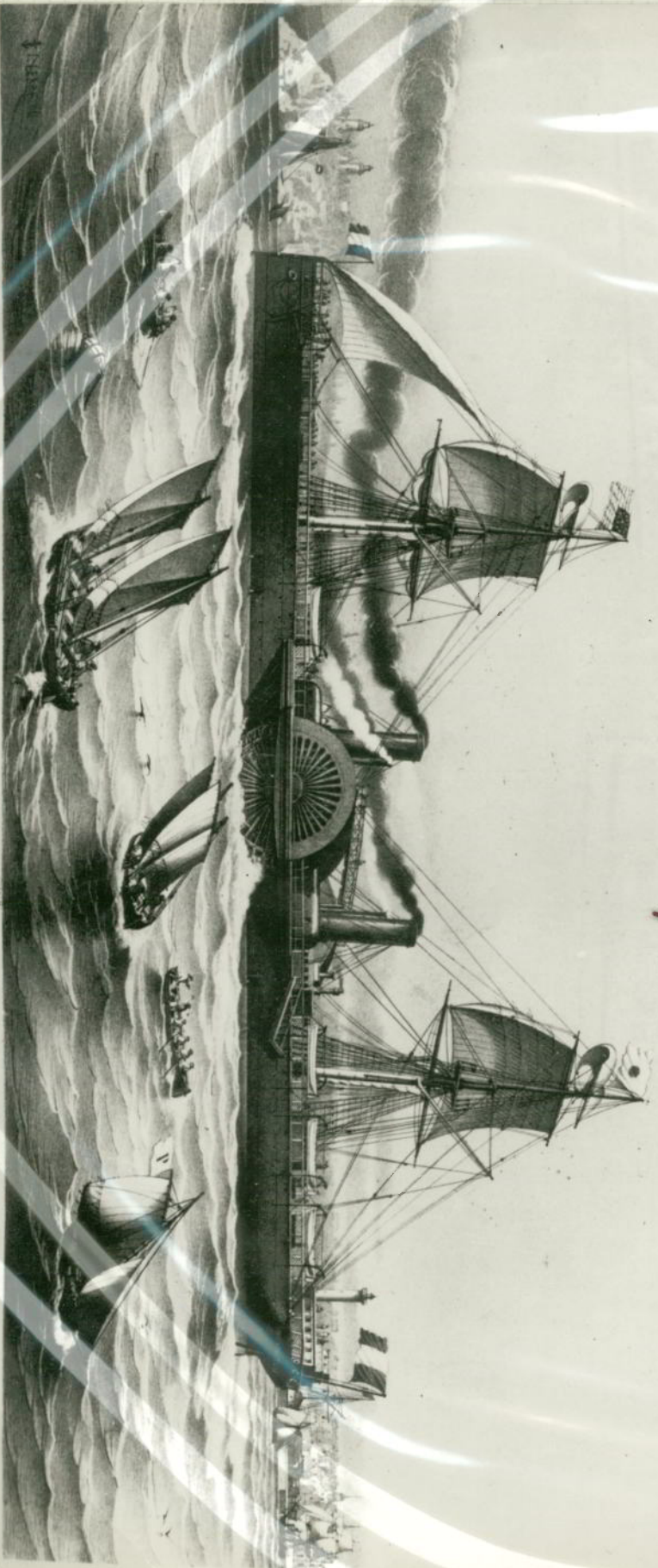
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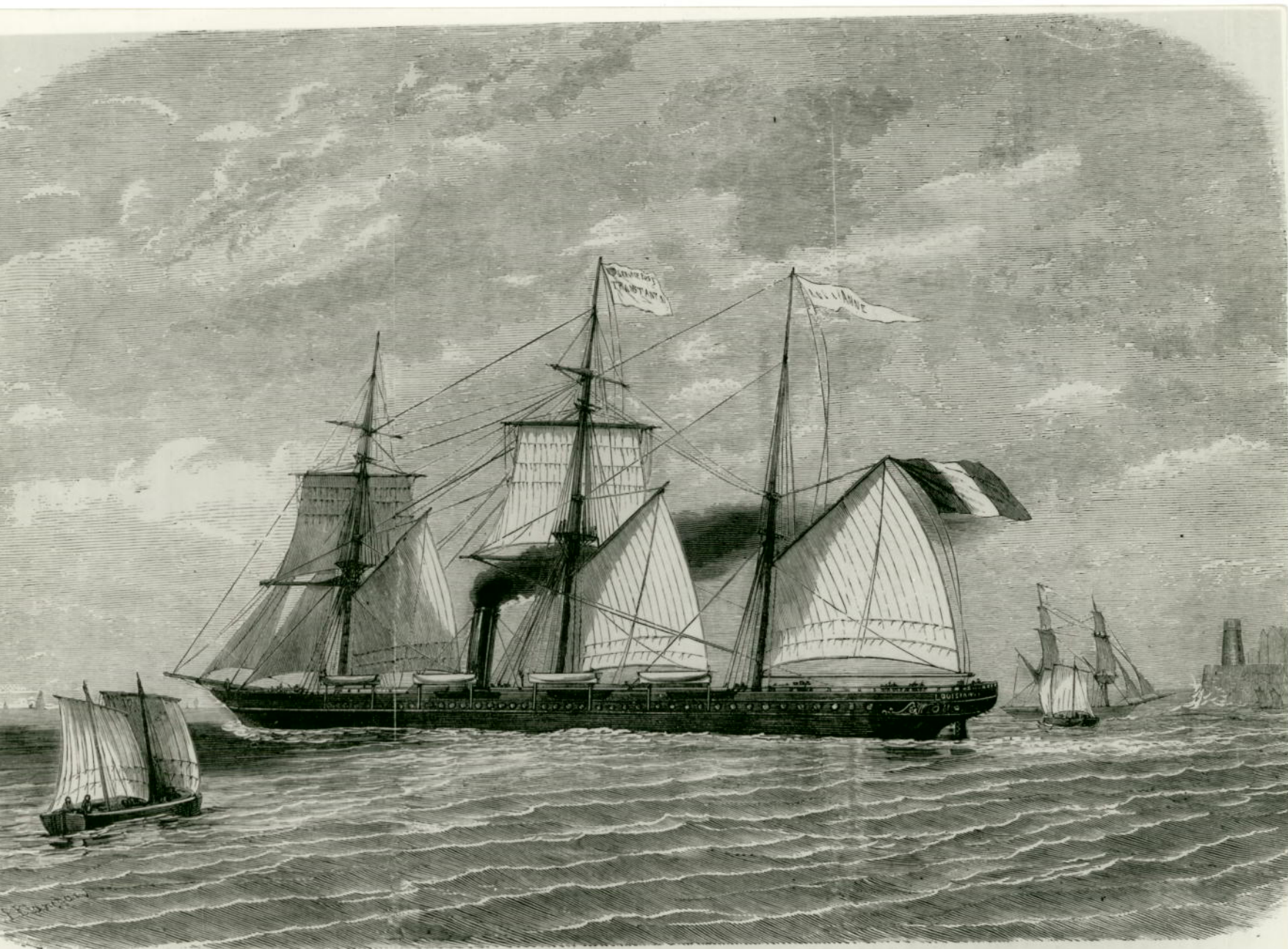
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*Mrs. Samuel Brothers*

*Havana*





INAUGURATION DE LA LIGNE TRANSATLANTIQUE DE SAINT-NAZAIRE A LA VERA-CRUZ. — DÉPART DE LA LOUISIANE.



*Poste Maritime de l'Amérique Centrale et des Antilles*

1862-1865

Cie Générale Transatlantique

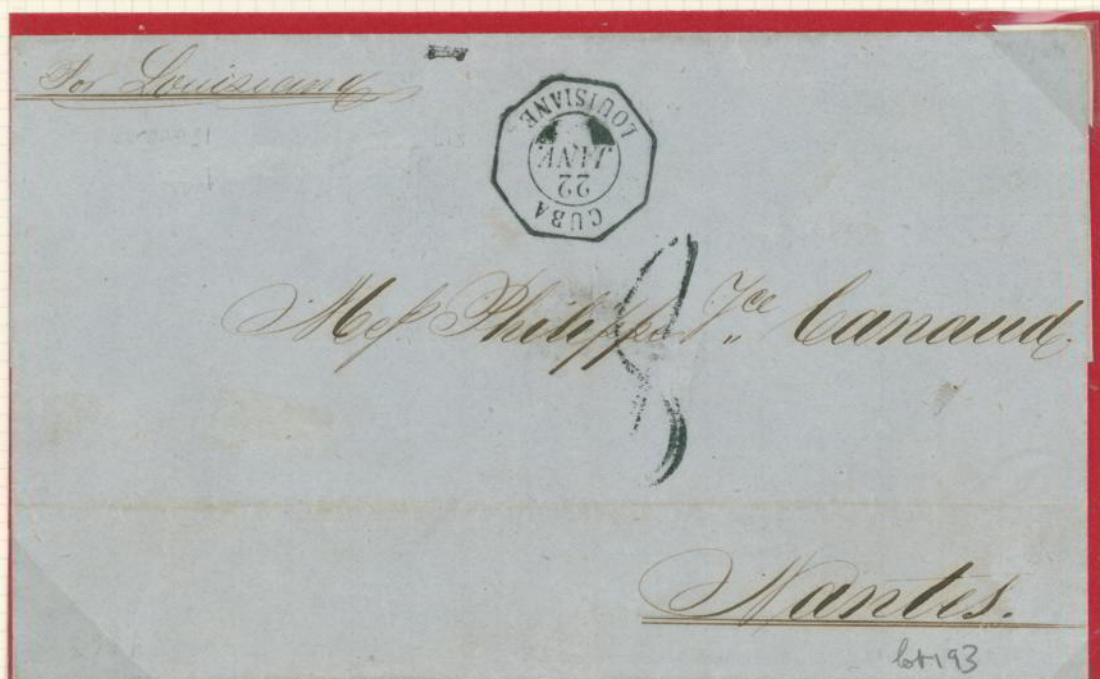
*Ligne du Mexique*

St-Nazaire à Vera-Cruz

via Fort de France et Santiago

de Cuba.

*Cachet d'Escale du Paquebot "Louisiane"*



1863

*Lettre de Santiago-de-Cuba à Nantes et  
taxée à 8 Decimes*

S.1320b



# FRENCH MARITIME MAIL TO CENTRAL AMERICA

1879-1898

Cie Generale Transatlantic

Main Shipline "D"

Bordeaux to Colon via  
Caribbean Stopovers

Army Postmark in blue: "COR.D.ARM.PAQ.FR.D N°2.3MARS 89"



1789

From Guadeloupe March 3, via Bordeaux, March 18,  
to La Roche Guyon, March 19, 1889. Carried by  
"Ville de Marseille". Prepaid with a 15 cent.  
(Sc #92), regular Army Correspondance rate

( S.1578 a)



From Saint Pierre de la Martinique  
29 Juin 1877 to Bordeaux via Saint-  
Nazaire. Posted with a 40 cent.Piece  
& Commerce (Sc.#27) cancelled with  
lozenge of dots and MQE. Carried by  
the"Ville de St-Nazaire" arriving in  
St Nazaire on July 13 1877.



MARITIME MAIL TO & FROM CENTRAL AMERICA

1876-1881

Provenance and Consular Agent Postmark:

" LE CAP-HAITIEN \* 4 Mars 81 "



1881

From le Cap-Haitien, postmarked by the French Consular Agent March 4, 1881 to Nantes, via Poillac (Bordeaux) dated April 2. Backstamped Nantes Loire Inferieure 3e/4 Avril 81.

S 1366d



*Poste Maritime de l'Amérique Centrale et des Antilles*

1865-1872

*Ligne Annexe "L"*

Fort-de-France à Porto-Cabello

1865-1932

*Ligne Principale "A"*

St-Nazaire à Colon

*Cachets des Lignes "A" et "L" en correspondance*



1867

*Lettre de Paris à Caracas, affranchie à 80 centimes*



Poste Maritime de l'Amérique Centrale et des Antilles  
1865-1932

Ligne Principale "A"  
St-Nazaire à Colon

Cachet d'Agence Postale Consulaire à Ste-Marthe



1869

Lettre de Bogota à Bordeaux via Ste-Marthe

Taxe française de 10 Decimes

Pli transporté par le " Martinique "

S: 1376a



*French Maritime Mail from Central America*

1865-1879

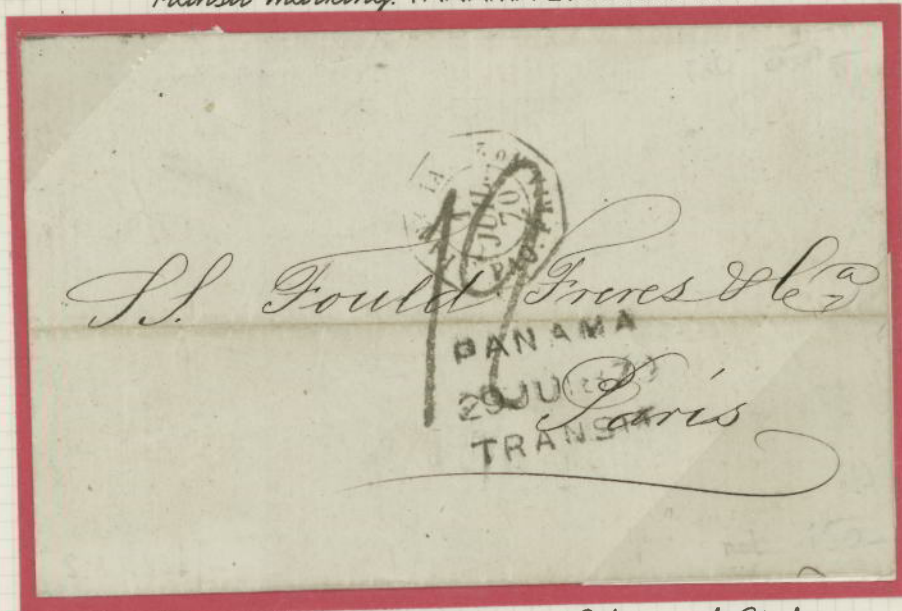
Cie Gen. Transatlantique

*Main Ship line "A"*

St-NAZAIRE to COLON(Panama)

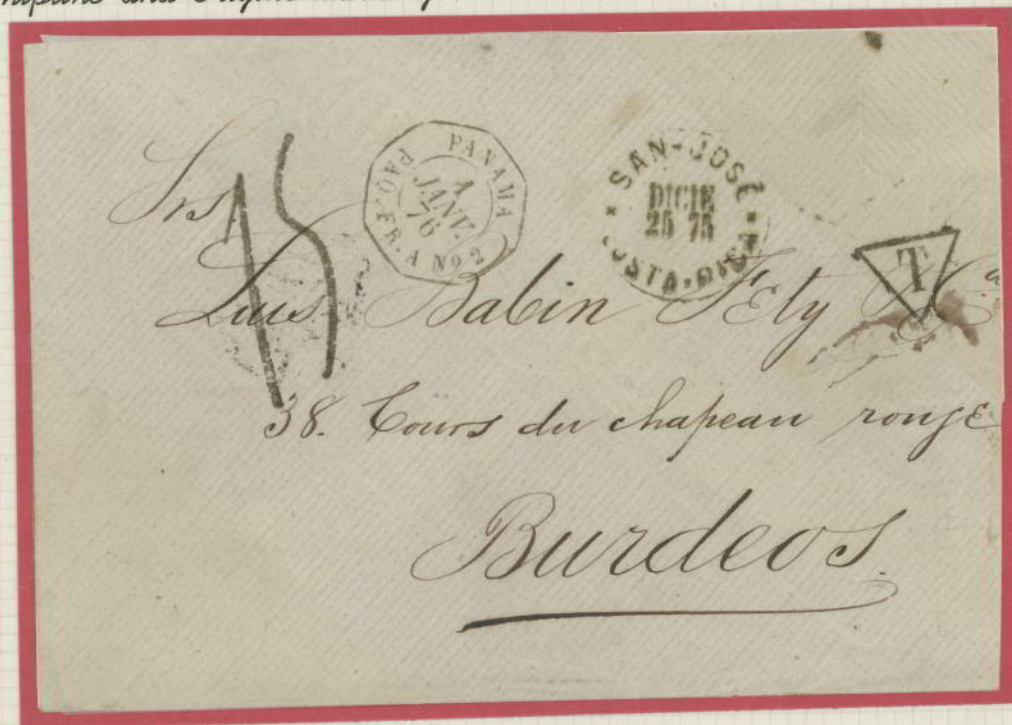
*Shipline and Origine marking:* PANAMA PAQ.FR.No2- 1 JUIL 70

*Transit marking:* PANAMA 29 JU 1870 TRANSIT



*From Guaguil, Ecuador, to Paris via Panama, Colon and St-Nazaire, taxed at 12 decimes, carried by the "Martinique"*

*Shipline and Origine marking:* PANAMA PAQ. FR.No 2- 1 JANV 76



*From San-Jose, Costa-Rica to Bordeaux, taxed 15 decimes, carried by "Ville de Bordeaux"*



Poste Maritime de l'Amérique Centrale et des Antilles

1879 1886

Ligne Annexe "A"

St Thomas à Kingston via Port-au-Prince

1865 1901

Ligne Principale "B"

St Nazaire à Vera Cruz via St Thomas

Cachet de ligne "A" et d'escale à Port-au-Prince-Haïti



1883

Carte Postale de Port-au-Prince à Paris  
Affranchissement haïtien de 3 centimes



1865-1886

Poste Maritime de l'Amérique Centrale et des Antilles  
Ligne Principale "B"

Cachet de Correspondance d'Armée



1881

Lettre de St-Martin de la Martinique pour la France.  
Affranchissement militaire de 15 c.  
Pli transporté par le "Lafayette".

S:1449/1



Poste Maritime de l'Amérique du Sud

Marseille à Buenos Ayres

1867-1880

Ligne de la Sté de Transports  
Maritimes à Vapeur (SGTM)

Ligne Commerciale  
Selles

Cachet

1146 m  
lettre sur l'épave  
non signalée

la Plata et d'entrée à Marseille



1876

Lettre de Montevideo à Barcelone via Marseille et Perpignan

Affranchissement uruguayen de centesimos

Taxes française de 8 Décimes et espagnole de 1 Peseta

IL EST INTERESSANT DE NOTER QUE LA TAXE DE 8 DÉCIMES DUE  
À LA FRANCE (MARQUÉE EN BLEU) EST LA MÊME QUE LA TAXE  
POUR LETTRES DEBARQUÉES À L'ESCALE DE SANTANDER  
ET DESTINÉES POUR L'ESPAGNE. CETTE LETTRE PORTE AU  
VERSO PLUSIEURS MARQUES DE TRANSIT :  
"BORDEAUX A CETTE 18 AOÛT 76"  
"PERPIGNAN, PYRENEES ORIENTALES 4<sup>h</sup> 18 AOÛT 76"  
"BARCELONA 20 AÛT 76"



Poste Maritime de l'Atlantique Sud

1867-1880

Ligne de la Sté des Transports  
Maritime à Vapeur (SGTM)

Paquebot "Poitou"  
Marseille à Buenos-Ayres

Cachet de Routage



1874

Lettre de Barcelone à Buenos-Ayres  
Affranchissement espagnol de 75 centavos

LES DATES MANUSCRITES SUR CETTE LETTRE, ECRITE A BARCELONE, LE 15 AVRIL ET REÇUE A BUENOS-AYRES LE 15 MAI 1874, CORRESPONDENT AUX DATES DU VOYAGE DU "POITOU" APPAREILLANT DE MARSEILLE LE 15 AVRIL POUR BUENOS AYRES. LES PAQUEBOTS DE LA S.G.T.M. N'AYANT PAS D'AGENT POSTAL A BORD, LES TIMBRES ESPAGNOLS (Y-T, N° . . .) DE CETTE LETTRE DE BARCELONE FURENT OBLITERES AVEC LE CACHET DU "POITOU". CETTE LETTRE N'A PAS ETE TAXEE AU DEBARQUEMENT ET NE PORTE AUCUN CACHET DATEUR ET FUT PROBABLEMENT REMISE DIRECTEMENT AU DESTINATAIRE.

THIS LETTER IS Docketed APRIL 15 - RECEIVED MAY 15, 1874 IN BUENOS AYRES AND THESE TWO DATES CORRESPOND TO THE VOYAGE OF THE "POITOU" WHO LEFT MARSEILLES ON APRIL 15th - SHIPS OF THE SOCIETE DES TRANSPORTS MARITIMES A VAPEUR (S.G.T.M.) DID NOT HAVE POSTAL AGENTS ON BOARD. - THUS, THE SPANISH STAMPS (SCOTT # 142, 143, 147) WERE CANCELLED BY THE SHIP'S MARK NAME, WHEN THE LETTER WAS PUT ABOARD THE "POITOU" AT THE BARCELONA'S SHIP OVER. - THERE IS NO DATED CANCEL ON THE LETTER. - WHICH, MOST PROBABLY, WAS HANDLED OVER DIRECTLY TO THE ADDRESSEE.

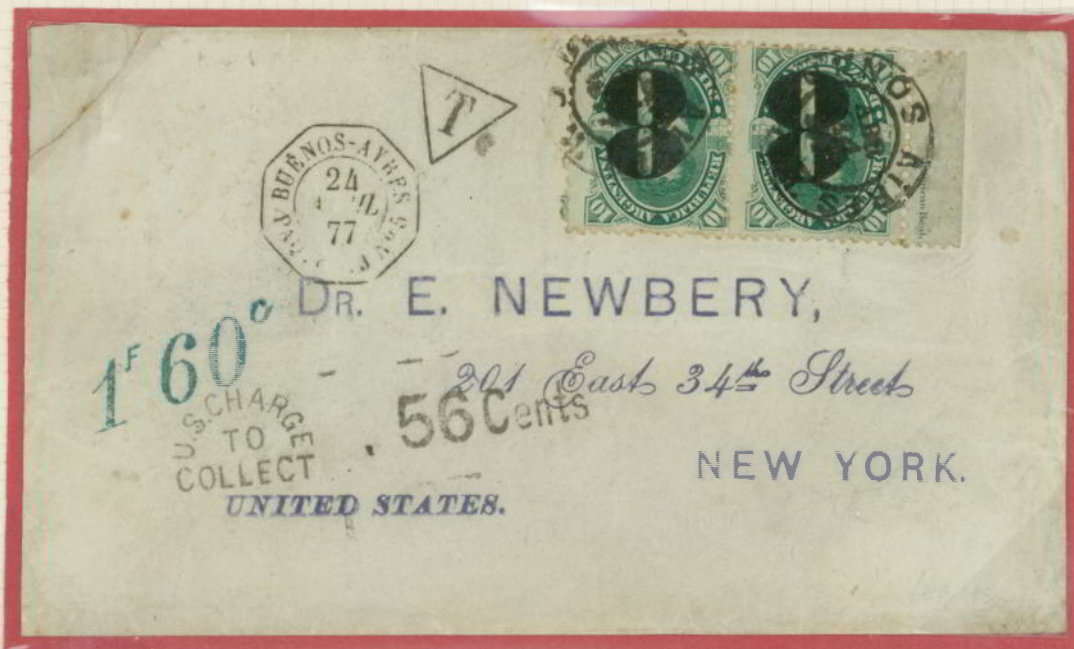


1869-1897

Poste Maritime de l'Atlantique Sud

Ligne Principale "J"  
Bordeaux à Buenos Ayres

Cachet d'Escale de Paquebot à Buenos Ayres



1877

Lettre de Buenos Ayres à New-York via Bordeaux et Paris

Affranchissement argentin de 16 centavos.

Taxes française de 1 Fr. 60 et américaine de 56 cents.

LA TAXE DE 1 FR. 60 FRAPPEE A LONDRE, REPRESENTE UNE TAXE DE 13 DECIMES POUR LETTRES NON-AFFRANCHIES ET UN FORFAIT DE 3 DECIMES. LA TAXE AMERICAINE DE 56 CENTS PAYEE PAR LE DESTINATAIRE EST COMPOSEE DU MONTANT DU A LA FRANCE DE 1 FR. 60 OU 32 CENTS AMERICAINS PLUS LE TRANSPORT DE CETTE LETTRE VIA GRANDE BRETAGNE EN "MAILLE FERMEE" SOIT 12 CENTS, AFFRANCHISSEMENT NORMAL QUI EST DOUBLE PARCE QUE LA LETTRE EST EN PORT DU SOIT 24 CENTS.

THE FRENCH TAX OF 1 FR. 60 STICKEN IN LONDON IS COMPOSED OF THE NORMAL TAX OF 13 DECIMES AND A PENALTY OF 3 DECIMES (SUSL. II. P. 16 AND II. P. 24). THE UNITED STATES TAX OF 56 CENTS COVERS THE AMOUNT OF 32 CENTS PAYABLE TO FRANCE FOR THE 1 FR. 60 AND AN AMOUNT OF 24 CENTS THAT IS A DOUBLE TAX FOR CLOSED MAIL VIA GREAT BRITAIN COMING FROM THE CONTINENT AND NOT PREPAID (HARGREAVES P. 17).



*French Maritime Mail in the South Pacific*

1872-1874

Cie Générale Transatlantique

*The Second Shipline "7"*

PANAMA to VALPARAISO via  
Guayaquil, Callao & 11 Stop over

*Dated Provenance shipmark:*

" VALPARAISO - PAQ.FR.F-No2-15 72 "



1872

From Talca, Chile, October 13 via Valparaíso, October 15, Panama,  
October 30, Colon, St-Nazaire, Paris November 27 to Rome arrival  
November 29. Carried by the "Ville de Brest" to Panama and by  
the "Martinique" from Colon to St-Nazaire. Prepaid with Chile  
1867 one centavo and taxed 1 lira 40 at arrival.

Above dated shipmark lacks the month of "OCT" insert.  
The Exchange marking "F\* 58", applied in Paris together  
together with "14" refer to the Franco-Italian postal  
Convention of 1869.



1866-1871

*French Maritime Mail in the Caribbean*

*French Consular Postal Agency  
in VENEZUELA.*

*Consular Agency marking: PORTO-CABELLO*



1870

*From Porto-Cabello to Malaga via Martinique and Saint-Nazaire. Prepaid double rate 1 Fr. 60 and taxed at arrival 4 R in red*

S. 1373 b

Backstamped shipmarks: LIGNE L-PAQFR. No 1 from Curacao to Fort de France via Porto-Cabello (S 1617b) in correspondance with: LIGNE A-PAQ.FR. No 3 from Colon to St-Nazaire via Fort de France (S 1401/3c) and carried by the "FLORIDE"



*French Maritime Mail in the West Indies and in Central America*

1865-1879

Cie Generale Transatlantique

*Main Shipline "A"*

SAINT NAZAIRE to COLON via  
Fort-de-France and Ste Marthe.

*Dated Provenance Shipmark:*

" PANAMA-PAQ.FR.A-No1-1 SEPT. 67 "



1867

*From Panama, September 1, via Colon and Saint-Nazaire, September 22 to Paris, arrival Sept. 23.  
Carried by the "Nouveau Monde" and prepaid  
80 centimes for a single rate.*

This is the earliest known date of real provenance from Panama as indicated by the forwarders' name marking.



# *French Maritime Mail from the West Indies*

1866-1876

MILITARY CORRESPONDANCE

*Main Ship line "A"*

St-NAZAIRE to COLON (Panama) and  
back via Fort-de-France (Martinique)

*Shipline Cancellation:* COR. D'ARMEES L.A. PAQ. No 3-9 JUIL 69



*From Martinique to  
Paris, prepaid 20  
centimes, military rate.  
Carried by the steamer  
"Floride"*

1869

1867-1885

MILITARY CORRESPONDANCE

*Main Ship line "B"*

St-NAZAIRE to VERA CRUZ (Mexico)  
and back via Saint Thomas.

*Shipline Cancellation:* COR. D'ARMEES. L.B PAQ. No 1-27 AVRIL 83



*From the West Indies  
to Besançon via St-  
Thomas, prepaid mi-  
litary rate of 15 cen-  
times. Carried by the  
"Ville de Brest"*

1883



*French Maritime Mail in the Caribbean.*

1891-1913

*Main Ship line "A"*

St NAZAIRE to COLON & back

*Shipline marking: COLON A ST NAZAIRE L.A.No1*



1899

*From Colon, Colombia, to Bordeaux franked with 5 centavos and carried by the steamer "Lafayette"*

S 1408/1a



1904

*From Bogota, Venezuela to Leipzig, Germany via France, franked with a pair of Colombia 1 peso and taxed 25 pfennings at arrival. Carried by the "Versailles"*

S.1408/1b



*French Maritime Mail in the Caribbean.*

1865-1877

Cie Générale Transatlantique

*Main Shipline "B"*

SAINT-NAZAIRE to VERA-CRUZ  
via Saint-Thomas

*Consular Agency marking: "St THOMAS 26 JUIL. 76"*

*Dated Provenance shipmark:*

*"St THOMAS - PAQ. FR. B. No 4-27 JUIL. 76."*



1876

*From St Thomas July 26 to St-Nazaire August*

*14 and Nantes. Carried by the "St-Nazaire".*

1 Franc rate with two 30 and one 40 cent.  
of 1871-77 issue cancelled with Consular  
mark, used only in 1876-77. Arrival postmark  
"2 COL. FR. 2-St NAZAIRE-15 AOUT 76"



*French Maritime Mail from Mexico*

1881-1901

Cie Gle Transatlantique

*Main Ship line "B"*

St-NAZAIRE to VERA-CRUZ and back

*Shipline marking:* LIGNE B PAQ.FR. No 1-12 AOUT 91



1891

*From Vera-Cruz to Le Havre, franked with 10 centavos and carried by the "St-Germain"*



*French Maritime Mail from the West Indies.*

1866-1875

*Feeder Line "D"*

St-THOMAS to COLON via San Juan

1865-1901

*Main Line "B"*

Cie Generale Transatlantique

St NAZAIRE to VERA-CRUZ via St. Thomas & Santander

*French Consular Agency dated postmark:*

"St JEAN - DE - PORTO - RICO \* 25 DEC. 74"

Backstamped Shipmarks of corresponding lines "D" & "B"



1874-1875

*From San Juan, Porto Rico, December 25, 1874 to  
Santander, Spain; arrival docketed Jan 13, 1875*

Prepaid single rate 1 Franc and taxed 4 Reals at arrival



*French Maritime Mail from Venezuela*

1887-1903

Cie Gen. Transatlantique  
SHIP LINE MARKINGS:

*Main Ship line "D"*

BORDEAUX to COLON and back  
via Porto Cabello, Corupano, etc.



1888

*From Porto Cabello to London, Post Card with a 10¢ franking and carried by the "St. Laurent"*



1894

*From Corupano to Corsica franked by 25 centimos, carried by the "Labrador"*



*French Maritime Mail from the Dominican Republic*

1886-1897

Cie Gen. Transatlantique

*Main Ship line "F"*

BORDEAUX to St. THOMAS, HAITI  
and back

*Shipline Marking:* LIGNE F PAQ. FR. No 2 -18 AVRIL 97.



1897

*From Santo Domingo to Libourne via St Thomas and  
franked by 10 centes, carried by "Olinde Rodrigues"*



*French Maritime Mail from Puerto Rico*

1879-1886

*The 3rd Feeder Ship line "A"*

St-THOMAS to KINGSTON, Jamaica,  
via Porto Rico, Haiti, etc..

1882

*Main Ship line "B"*

St-NAZAIRE to VERA CRUZ and  
back via St-Thomas

*Stop-over and Feeder line shipmark:* MAYAGUEZ - PAQ.FR.F - 23 AVRIL 82

*Main line shipmark in red:* LIGNE B - PAQ.FR.No3 - 27 AVRIL 82



1882

*From Mayaguez to France via Saint-Thomas, prepaid 8 centavos  
and carried by the "Ville de Brest" to St-Nazaire*

Salles 1597a and 1431/3 in red. This a very late usage of Line B  
shipmark: Salles notes its use, in black only, ending in 1874



*French Maritime Mail in the Caribbean.*

1865-1872

Cie. Gle. Transatlantique

*Feeder Line "G"*  
MARTINIQUE TO GUADELOUPE  
AND BACK; in correspondance with main  
LINE "A"

*Shipline marking:* LIGNE G PAQ.FR.No2- 8 DEC. 67



1867

*From Poite à Pitre, Guadeloupe, December 6th to Fort de  
France, Martinique, December 8th and transshipped to the  
"Nouveau Monde", arriving Dec. 23 St-Nazaire & Nantes.  
Prepaid single rate 50 centimes.*



*French Maritime Mail in the South Atlantic*

1866 1869

Cie des Messageries Impériales

*The First main Shipline "J"*

BORDEAUX to RIO-de-JANEIRO  
via Lisbon, Dakar, Pernambuco & Bahia

*Dated shipline mark:*

" LIGNE J-PAQ.FR. No 2 - 25 OCT.67 "



1867

*From Bordeaux, October 25, to Rio-de-Janeiro November 16. Prepaid single rate 80 centimes. Carried by the "Guienne".*

This letter unable to reach its addressee was returned first to Paris, March 25 1868, and marked: "RETOUR A L'ENVOYEUR-REBUTS" and then to Bordeaux, March 26.



*French Maritime Mail in the South Atlantic*

1860-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Shipline to Brazil*

BORDEAUX to RIO-DE-JANEIRO

*Provenance and dated ship marking:*

"BRESIL NAVARRE 24 NOV 64"



1864

*From Rio-de-Janeiro November 24 to  
Bordeaux, arrival Dec 20. Carried by  
the "Navarre"*

Shipmark's dated digit is inverted  
Prepaid 80 centimes, single rate postage



*French Maritime Mail in the South Atlantic*

1860-1866

C<sup>ie</sup> des Messageries Impariales

*Shipline to Brazil*

BORDEAUX - RIO de JANEIRO and  
back via Lisbon, Cape Verde, Pernambuco

*Shipmark:* POSTES FRANÇAISES - BEARN - 26 JANV



1861

*From Bordeaux, January 26, 1861, to Rio de Janeiro by the  
"Bearn" arriving February 18. Single rated franking of  
80 centimes.*

First voyage from Bordeaux using this shipmark with the year  
digit missing and the word JANV, reversed. Not listed in Salles.

Similar to S. 1005a



# French Maritime Mail in the South Atlantic

1860-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

Rio de la Plata Feeder Shipline

BUENOS AIRES to RIO de JANEIRO via Montevideo

in correspondance with main line Bordeaux to Rio.

Provenance Shipmark: URUGUAY-SAINTONGE 15 FEVR. 64



From Montevideo to Bordeaux via Rio de Janeiro, by the "Saintonge",  
taxed 8 decimes

S. 1031 (b)

Provenance Shipmark: URUGUAY-CARMEL 15 DEC 65  
Shipmark in use in 18 65-66



From Montevideo by the "Carmel" to Rio de Janeiro and Bordeaux

S. 1035 (b)



*French Maritime Mail in the South Atlantic*

1869-1887

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

*Main Shipline "J" to Rio de la Plata*

BORDEAUX-BUENOS AIRES via

Lisbon, Dakar, Rio de Janeiro, Montevideo

*Port of call shipmark: MONTEVIDEO - PAQ. FR. J No 6 - 27 FEVR 76 in red*

Shipmark in use from 8/27/73 to 2/27/76



1876

*From Montevideo to Bordeaux franked by Uruguayan 10 centavos and taxed 12 decimes at arrival. Carried by the "Rio - Grande".*

Last voyage using the J6 shipmark. The postal agent aboard had only blue and red inks available to him which he used, instead of the regular black ink.

S. 1076/6 m.



Maritime Mail from the Netherlands Guyana via France  
 1882- Provenance and Transit marking: SURINAME OVER ST-NAZAIRE



Postcard from Paramaribo (5-4-82) to Amsterdam (5-25-82)

Above marking (S.1530) is normally found with the stop-over shipmark (S.1529) when carried by a Line C steamer. This card was carried by French feeder line "C" to Martinique (5-8), transferred to the main line "A" steamer "Washington" arriving 5-24 in St-Nazaire.

1888- Provenance and Transit marking: SURINAME VIA HAVRE



Postcard from Paramaribo (11-26-88) to Rotterdam (12-8-88)

Marking not noted by Salles

For additional details see  
 "Documents Philatelia" 2nd trimestre 1987  
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*Maritime Mail from the South Pacific*

*Peru to France*  
via PANAMA, by packet

*Transit marking in red: PANAMA \* 22 MAI 43*



1845

*From Arequipa, Peru, March 25 1845, to Morlaix, France received July 25, via Lima, Panama and Great Britain, taxed 35 decimes at arrival. French entry: ANGL 2 BOULOGNE 2 - 23 JUL 45. Back manuscript: "Acheminée de Lima le 3 Avril 1845 - Thomas La Chambre et Co", forwarder.*

S.1650a & 1174 .

According to Mr. Salles this transit marking was in use by a British steamship company in Panama. However the appearance and size of this datemark is too closely related to French postmarks not to believe that it was introduced by Consular Agency.

Only 2 datemark inserts 43 and 44 are known to have been in use between 1843 and 1848.



*French Maritime Mail in the South Atlantic*

1873-1887

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

*Main Shipline "J"*

BORDEAUX - BUENOS AIRES and back  
via Lisbon, Dakar, Pernambuco and  
Rio de Janeiro

*French Consular Postal Agency marking:* PERNAMBOUC \* 13 FEVR 74

*Shipmark:* PERNAMBOUC - PAQ. FR. J No5 - 13 FEVR. 74



1874

*From Pernambuco, Brazil to Paris, arriving March 5 via  
Bordeaux. Double rated at 16 decimes paid by the addres-  
see. Carried by the "Donnai" from Buenos Aires on Ja-  
nuary 30 arriving Bordeaux March 3, 1874*

Above Consular marking is not listed by Mr. Salles  
The Shipmark is S. 1085/5 b



*French Maritime Mail to Central America*

1875-1879

Cie Générale Transatlantique

*Main Ship line "B"*

Saint-NAZAIRE to VERA-CRUZ and  
back via Santander and St-Thomas.

*Stop over and origin shipmark: SANTANDER-PAQ.FR. No 4-22DEC.77*



1877

*From Santander to Zacatecas, Mexico, via Vera-Cruz.  
franked with 1 Fr. type Sage and taxed 25 centavos  
at arrival. Carried by the "Ville de St-Nazaire" (S.1448/4a)*

Mr. Salles notes 22 April 1878 as the only known date of  
use of above shipmark. This is an earlier exemple dated  
December 22, 1877.



*French Maritime Mail to Central America.*

1865-1901

Cie Générale Transatlantique

*Main Shipline "B"*

St-NAZAIRE to VERA-CRUZ via Santander

*Dated ship postmark:*

" LIGNE B \* PAQ.FR. \* No1 \* 27 JUIN 73 "



1873

*From Madrid, docketed June 18, via Santander,  
June 21 and Vera Cruz July 13, to Mexico City,  
received July 15. Carried by the  
"Floride"*

Franked with 1 Franc, maritime postage rate  
to Vera-Cruz and taxed 2 pesos at arrival.



*French Maritime Mail in the Caribbean.*

1865-1901

Cie Générale Transatlantique

*Main Shipline "B"*

St-NAZAIRE to VERA-CRUZ via Havana

*Dated stop over shipmark: "HAVANE PAQ.FR.B No1 13 DEC 80"*



1880

*From Havana December 13, to Vera Cruz.*

*Prepaid 50 Cuban centavos. Carried by the:*

*"Ville de Bordeaux"*

Cuban stamps cancelled by above shipmark  
have not been previously reported.



*French Maritime Mail in the Caribbean.*

1865-1872

*French Consular Postal Agency in Havana*

1871-1874

*Main Shipline "B": SAINT NAZAIRE to VERA-  
CRUZ via St. Thomas and Hayana.*

Cie Generale Transatlantique

*Consular Agency marking: LA HAVANE \* 10 JUIL 72.*

*Shipline marking: LIGNE B \* PAQ.FR. \* No 4 \* 10 JUIL 72*



1872

*From Havana July 10 by the "Floride" to Vera Cruz, arrival  
July 16. Prepaid double Caribbean inter-island rate: 1 fr. 20*

S. 1365 & 1431/4 p.93, V.IV



*French Maritime Mail in the Caribbean*

1865-1868

Cie. Gle. Transatlantique

*Feeder Line " F "*

VERA-CRUZ to MOTAMOROS and  
NEW ORLEANS via TAMPICO

*Consular Agency marking:* TAMPICO \* 14 JAN 66



1866

*From Tampico to Matamoros January 14; carried by the  
" Sonora ". Prepaid single rate 40 centimes.*

This is the first of the 3 feeder lines " F ".  
It was created at the time of the French oc-  
cupation of Mexico and discontinued after  
the evacuation of French troops.



*French Maritime Mail in the South Atlantic*

1860-1866

C<sup>ie</sup> des Messageries Impériales

*Feeder Shipline from Rio de la Plata*

Rio de Janeiro-Buenos Aires-Rio de Janeiro

*French Consular Postal Agency postmark:*

CONFEDERATION ARGENTINE \*12 JUIN 64



1864

*From Buenos Aires to Toulouse via Rio de Janeiro and Bordeaux. Prepaid single rate of 80 centimes. Carried by the "Saintonge" to Rio and transshipped to the "Bearn" arriving July 17 - Bordeaux.*

S.1057 e



*Poste Maritime de l'Amérique Centrale et des Antilles*

1865-1940

*Ligne annexe "C"*

St Thomas à Cayenne via  
Guadeloupe, Fort de France, Sainte-  
Lucie, Demerari et Surinam.

*Cachet de la Ligne "C", Pag. Fr. No 1*



1884

*Lettre de Cayenne pour la France.  
Affranchissement par timbre colonial de 25 centimes  
Pli transporté par le "Saint-Dominique"*

S. 1522 d



*French Maritime Mail from Columbia*

1894-1904

*Main Ship line "D"*

BORDEAUX to COLON and  
back, via Savanilla, etc..

*Shipline marking:* LIGNE D-PAQ.FR.No1- 23 OCT. 00

*Forwarder's Handstamps:* A.H. BERG in HONDA and in BARRANQUILLA.



1900

*From Bogota, Columbia, to Gotha, Germany, via Honda, Barranquilla-  
Savanilla and Bordeaux, carried by the "Saint-Laurent".*

Salles 1473 a



1886-1888

French Maritime Mail from the Dominican Republic

Feeder Ship line "E"

FORT de FRANCE (Martinique) to SANTIA-  
GO (Cuba) via St-Thomas, St-Domingo, etc.

Stop-over and origin Shipmark: St-DOMINGUE PAQ.FR.E-4 DEC 86.



1886

Two centavos postcard from Santo-Domingo to the Hague,  
Netherlands, via St-Thomas.

This shipmark is not mentioned on cover by Salles but only  
on detached stamps: 1564



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851 1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*  
MARSEILLES to CONSTANTINOPLE

*Dated Shipmark: "EUPHRATE \* 13 SEPT 62"*



1862

*From Marseilles Septembre 13, via Pyrens Sept. 19.  
to Syra Sept. 20. Postmarked at arrival Sept.  
8 per Greek calendar and taxed 132 Leptas.*



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea.*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*  
MARSEILLES to CONSTANTINOPLE  
via Messina, Pyreus & the Dardanelles

*Dated Shipmark: "ALPHEE \* 10 MAI 62"*



1862

*From Marseilles May 10 to Messina ar-  
rival May 13. Prepaid single postage rate*

This is the last voyage in the Mediterranean  
by "Alphee" before sailing to service the  
Indo-China coast.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1866-1869

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Feeder Shipline "Y" to Anatolia Coast*

CONSTANTINOPLE to SMYRNA via Gallipoli,  
The Dardanelles and Metelin.

*Dated Shipline marking:*

"LIGNE Y - PAQ. FR. No 1 - 23 NOV. 69"



1869

To Aleppo November 23, prepaid single rated letter,  
40 centimes, via Smyrna, Nov. 25, forwarded from  
there to Aleppo and taxed with 2 Turkish tax  
stamps.

According to Mr. Salles, only 2 dates of the  
Line "Y" are known; the other is June 23, 1868.

S 918





بديت

رسيليا

جنابا ارحم الما جد المحترم كريم اسمي بخوانه بخايل مني الرحم احوال نفاوه

Monsieur

M. Michel Flava

Marseille

Lot 1  
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avis d'expédition

Messieurs  
Ch. Pate & fils  
Livourne

Par L. Francis & Co

1844



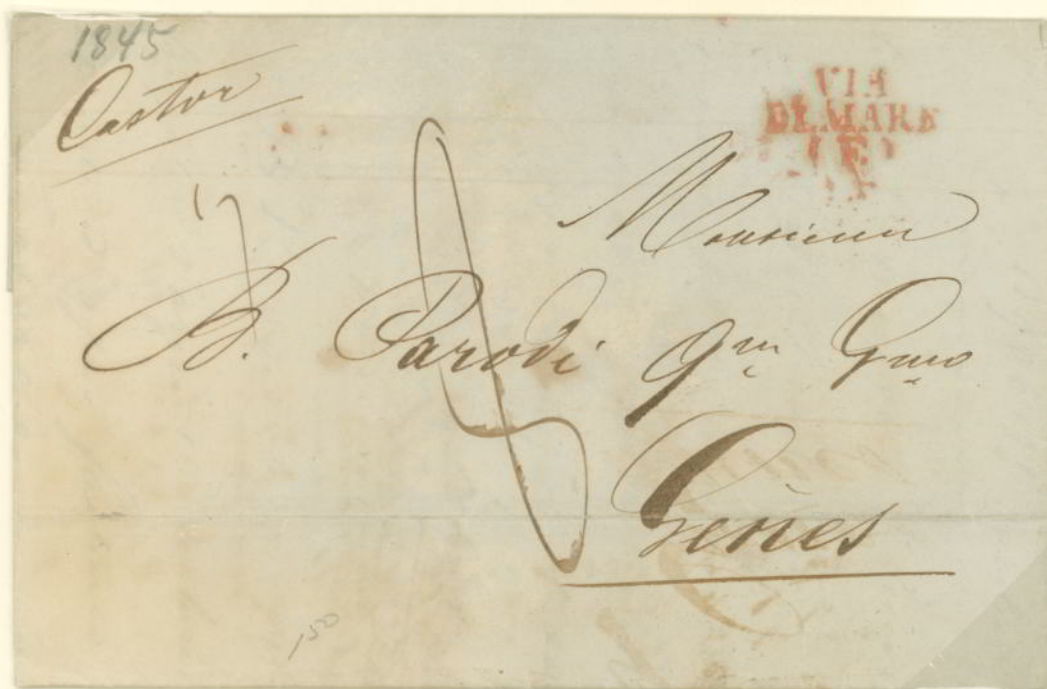
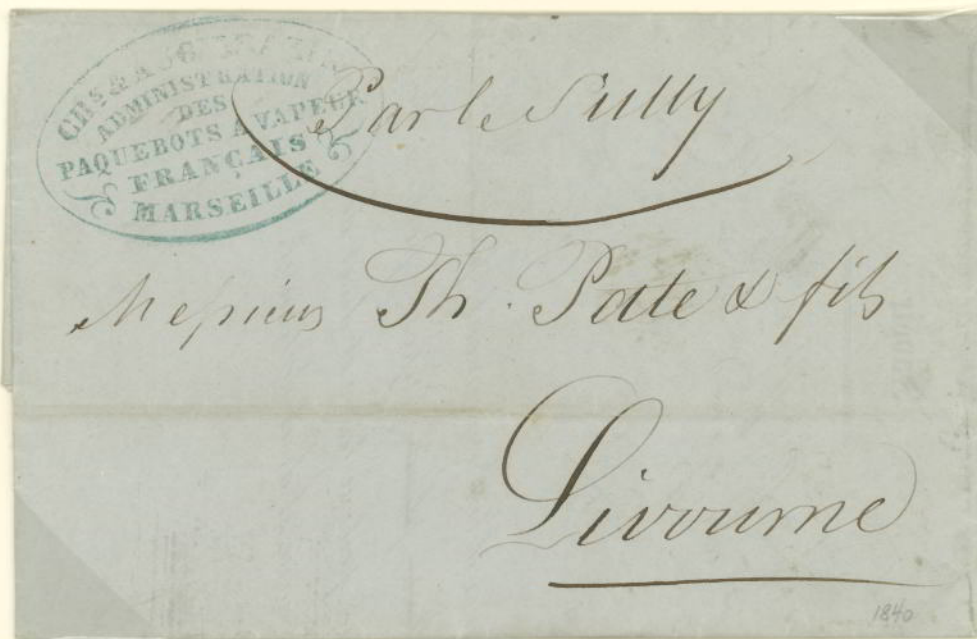
1846



Messieurs  
Thomas Pate & fils  
à Livourne



CH 2 AUGUSTE



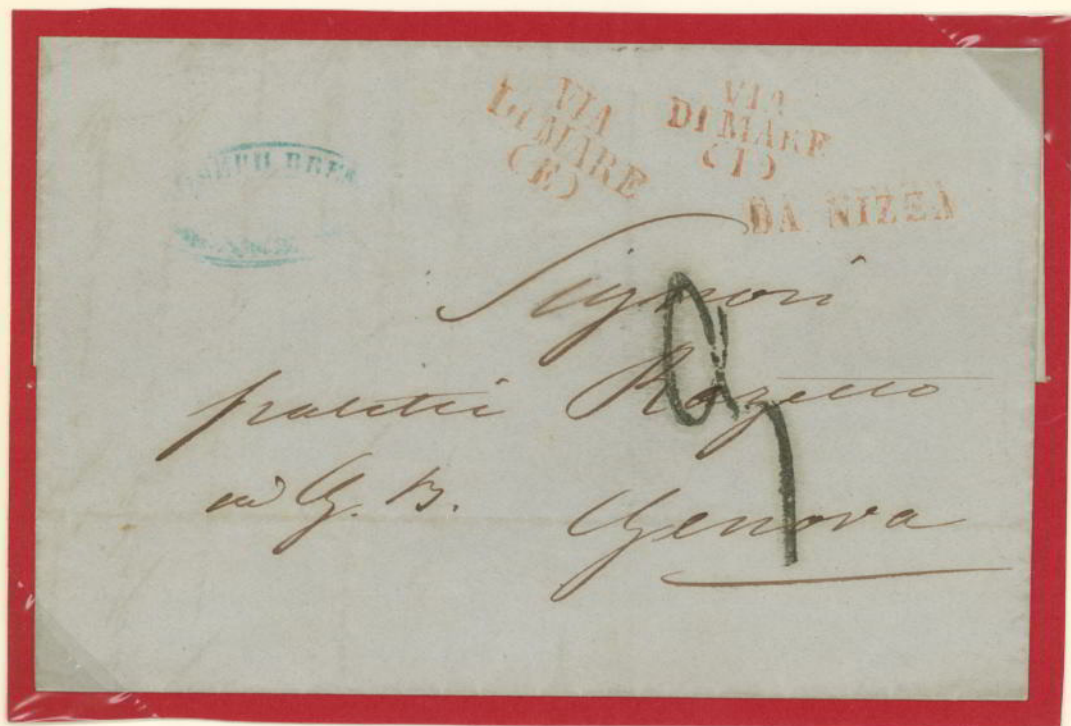














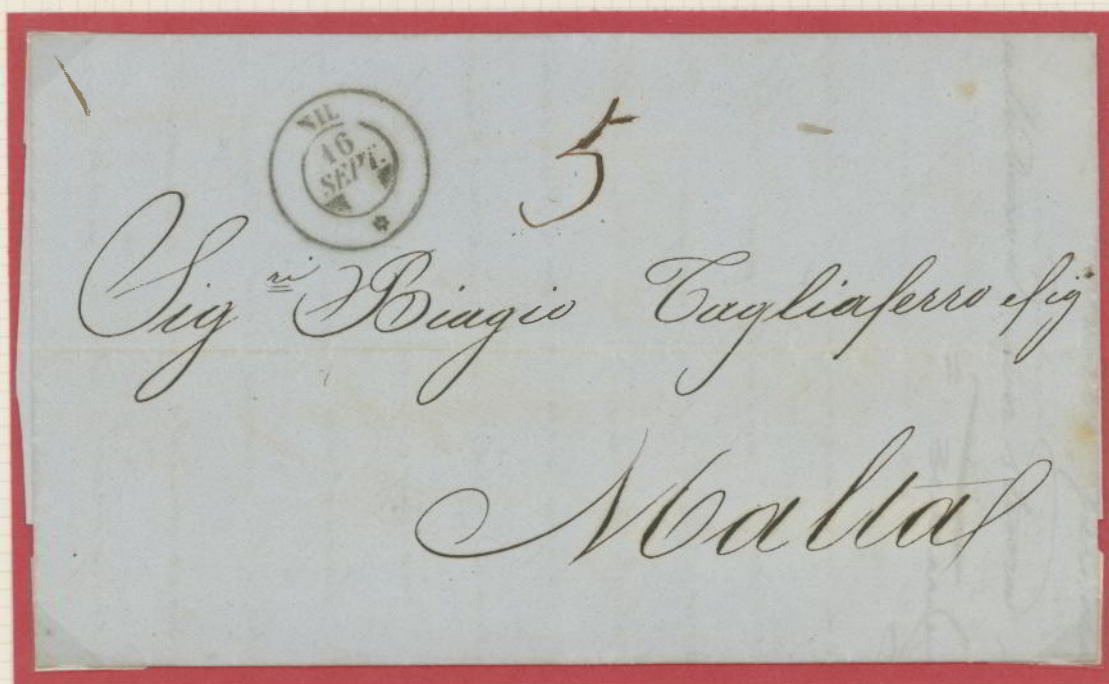
*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea.*

1851 1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*  
MARSEILLE to CONSTANTINOPLE & back  
via Messina, Pyreus and the Dardanelles

*Dated Shipmark: "NIL \* 16 SEPT."*



1859

*From Constantinople, Sept. 16 to Malta, arrival dock-  
eted Sept. 21. Carried by the "Louqsor" to Messina  
and transsiped on the "Zwirinal" from Marseille for  
Malta. Taxed at arrival 5 pence.*

This is the shipmark used aboard the first  
steamer named "NIL"; it was used aboard  
the "Louqsor" on this voyage



CACHETS DES CORRESPONDANCES DES ARMEES

ITALIE



CORPS EXPÉDITIONNAIRE D'ITALIE - GENÈVE : 20 DEC. 1852  
PARIS : 25 DEC. 1852

MEXIQUE

CORRESPONDANCE D'ARMEES - VERA-CRUZ : 30 MAI 1864  
PARIS : 16 JUIN 1864  
BASTIA - CORSE : 19 JUIN 1864



CACHETS DES PAQUEBOTS



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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| SAINT-DENIS, REUNION | : 6 MAI 1864             |
| V. SUEZ AMB.         | : 5 JUIN 1864 (ROUGE) ?? |
| PARIS                | : 4 JUIN 1864            |
| NANTES               | : 4 JUIN 1864            |



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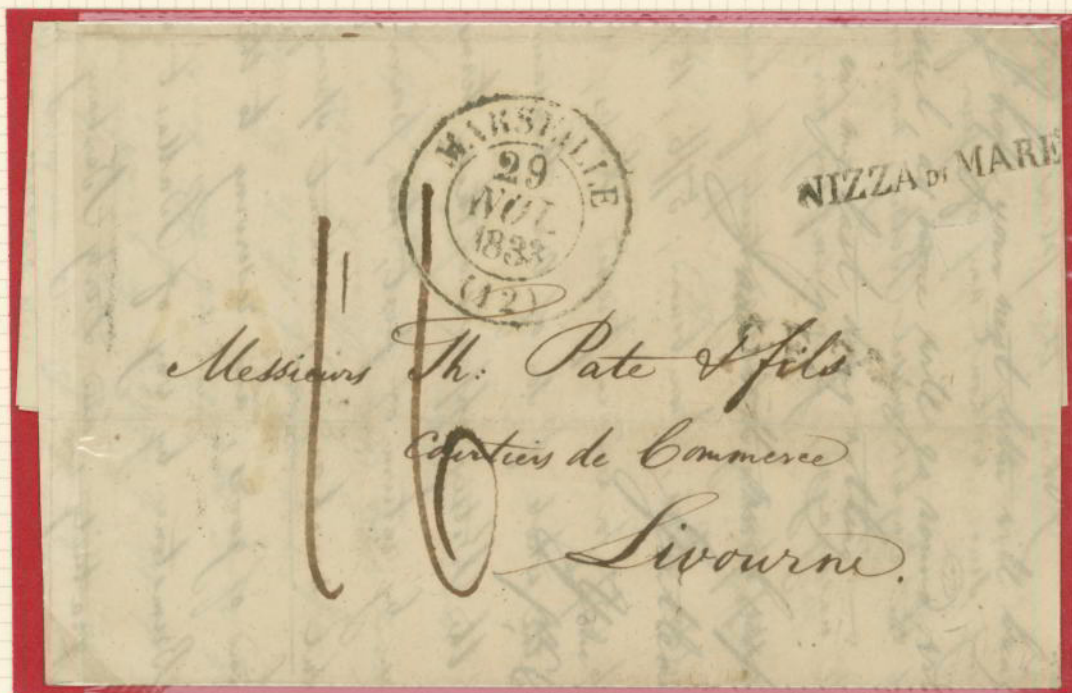
1826-1837

SERVICE ENTRE MARSEILLE ET L'ITALIE

ANTÉRIEUR AU SERVICE RÉGULIER FRANÇAIS

DÈS AOÛT 1826, LE BATEAU NAPOLITAIN DES DEUX SICILES, LE "ROYAL FERDINAND" INAUGURAIT UN SERVICE RÉGULIER ENTRE NAPLES ET MARSEILLE, VIA LIVOURNE (TOSCANIE). IL N'Y A PAS D'INFORMATIONS SUR SON SERVICE POSTAL. ON PEUT SUPPOSER QUE DES BATEAUX SARDES, TOSCANIS, NAPOLITAINS AUSSI BIEN QUE DES FRANÇAIS (À L'OCCASION) ASSURAIENT UN SERVICE SUR LES CÔTES FRANÇAISES ET ITALIENNES.

A REGULAR SERVICE BETWEEN NAPLES (TWO SICILIES) AND MARSEILLES VIA LEGHORN (TOSCANY) WAS STARTED IN AUGUST 1826 BY THE NEAPOLITAN STEAMSHIP "ROYAL FERDINAND". THERE ARE NO INFORMATIONS REGARDING ITS POSTAL SERVICE, IF ANY. IT IS ASSUMED THAT SHIPS OF TWO SICILIES, TOSCANY, SARDINIA AND OCCASIONALLY OF FRANCE CARRIED THE MAIL BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND ITALIAN COASTLINE PORTS.



LETTRE ADRESSÉE DE MARSEILLE À LIVOURNE ET QUI A ÉTÉ TRANSPORTÉE PROBABLEMENT PAR BATEAU SARDE OU FRANÇAIS À NICE OÙ ELLE A ÉTÉ TRANSBORDÉE SUR UN AUTRE BATEAU ITALIEN ASSURANT LE SERVICE DE LIVORNE. CELA EXPLIQUE LE TAMPON "NIZZA DI MARE" OPPOSÉ SUR LES LETTRES ARRIVANT À NICE PAR MER AINSI QUE LE TEMPS MIS PAR CETTE LETTRE (5 JOURS) POUR ARRIVER À DESTINATION, QUI NORMALEMENT NE PREND QUE 2 À 3 JOURS AU PLUS.

LA LETTRE PORTE L'INDICATION DE 16 DECIMES À PAYER. ELLE A ÉTÉ OBLITÉRÉE AU DÉPART PAR UN GRAND CACHET: "MARSEILLE (12) 29 NOV 1833" EN NOIR. ELLE PORTE ÉGALEMENT LE CACHET SARDE: "NIZZA DI MARE" EN NOIR, ET UN CACHET: "C.F. 2..." EN NOIR. AU VERSO, CACHET RECTANGULAIRE D'ARRIVÉE À LIVOURNE: "4 DICEMBRE 1833".

LETTRE FROM MARSEILLES TO LEGHORN, PROBABLY CARRIED BY A FRENCH OR SARDE SHIP TO NICE, WHERE IT WAS TRANSHIPPED ON TO ANOTHER ITALIAN VESSEL FOR LEGHORN. THIS WOULD EXPLAIN THE MARKING: "NIZZA DI MARE" NORMALLY APPLIED TO LETTERS ARRIVING FROM NICE. THE LETTER MARKED WITH THE TAX TO BE PAID OF 16 DECIMES (1 FR 60) WAS POSTMARKED (LARGE ROUND STAMP): "MARSEILLE (12) 29 NOV 1833".

ALSO ITALIAN MARITIME ENTRY POSTMARKS IN BLACK: "NIZZA DI MARE" AND "C.F. 2...". BACKSTAMPED WITH LARGE RECTANGULAR STAMP: "4 DICEMBRE 1833".



PAQUEBOTS DE LA MEDITERRANEE

1851-1866

PAQUEBOT VOLGA

PAQUEBOT A COQUE DE FER, A HELICE, JAUGEANT 951 TX, DE 98M. DE LONG ET 280CM HMM (750M)  
LE VOLGA FUT CONSTRUIT A LA CIOTAT EN 1863-1864.

PREMIER VOYAGE POSTAL: LE 28 FEVRIER 1865 SUR LA SYRIE

14 VOYAGES EN MEDITERRANEE FURENT EFFECTUES EN 1865 ET 1866, DONT:  
5 SUR LE LEVANT  
9 SUR LA SYRIE

LE CACHET A DATE "VOLGA" EST CONNU DES LE 2<sup>e</sup> VOYAGE, AU DEPART DE MARSEILLE LE 15 AVRIL 1865.

A SCREW AND IRON HULL STEAMER of 960 Tons 750 HP AND 321 FT. LONG, THE "VOLGA" WAS BUILT AT LA CIOTAT IN 1863-1864.

FIRST POSTAL RUN WAS MADE ON FEB. 28 1865 FROM MARSEILLES TO SYRIA.

14 RUNS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA WERE MADE IN 1865 AND 1866, OF WHICH:  
5 TO THE LEVANT  
9 TO SYRIA

THE DATED POSTMARK "VOLGA" IS KNOWN FROM THE SECOND RUN, STARTED FROM MARSEILLES ON APRIL 15, 1865.



LETRE ADRESSEE DE CONSTANTINOPLE A PARIS ET AFFRANCHEE AVEC UN 40 CENS  
EMPIRE DENT. (VY-TELL N°23) ET PORTANT AU RECTO:

- CACHET D'OBLITERATION EN NOIR AVEC LOSANGE DE POINTS ET ANCRE
- CACHET "D" DANS RECTANGLE, EN NOIR
- CACHET A DATE DE PAQUEBOT, EN NOIR (SALES 831):  
"VOLGA 7 NOV 66"
- CACHET D'ARRIVEE AU PORT DE MARSEILLE EN ROUGE (SALES N° 726)  
"PAQUEBOTS DE LA MEDITERRANEE"

AU VERSO, CACHET DE TRANSIT: "4 MARSEILLE 4 (12) 14 NOV 66"  
- CACHET D'AMBULANT: "MARSEILLE A PARIS D 15 NOV 66"  
- CACHET D'ARRIVEE: "PARIS ..... (ILLISIBLE) ..."

NOTE: CE VOYAGE DU VOLGA FUT L'AVANT DERNIER VOYAGE DES  
PAQUEBOTS AVEC CACHETS A DATE.

SCOTT N°27 ON A COVER FROM CONSTANTINOPLE TO PARIS TIED BY.

- BLACK DOTTED LOZANGE WITH ANCHOR CANCELLATION
- BLACK BOXED "D" POSTMARK
- DATED SHIPMARK IN BLACK (SALES 831)  
"VOLGA 7 NOV 66"
- RED MARSEILLES ARRIVAL POSTMARK (SALES N° 726)  
"PAQUEBOTS DE LA MEDITERRANEE"

BACKSTAMPED IN BLACK:

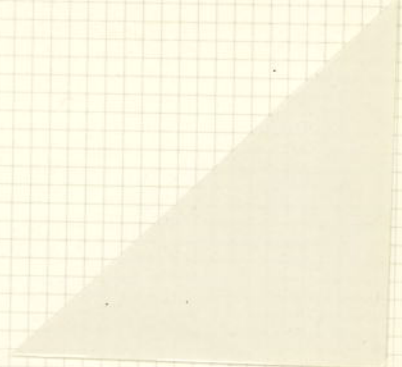
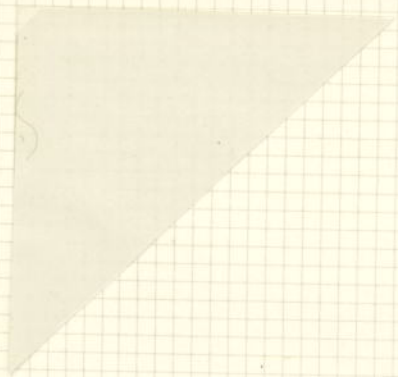
- TRANSIT POSTMARK: "4 MARSEILLE 4 (12) 14 NOV 66"
- RAILWAY POSTMARK: "MARSEILLE A PARIS D 15 NOV 66"
- ARRIVAL POSTMARK: "PARIS ..... (ILLISIBLE) ..."

NOTE: THIS RUN OF THE VOLGA WAS THE ONE BEFORE THE LAST  
VOYAGE DURING WHICH DATED SHIPMARKS WERE IN USE.



CACHETS DES PAQUEBOTS

GANGE



MARSEILLE : 21 OCTOBRE 1865  
CONSTANTINOPLE : 28 OCTOBRE 1865

*à gauche*



CONSTANTINOPLE : 2 NOVEMBRE 1865  
MARSEILLE : 8 NOVEMBRE 1865

*1 Nov 9*



# PAQUEBOTS DE LA MEDITERRANEE

1851-1866

PAQUEBOT GANGE

PAQUEBOT A COQUE DE FER, À HELICE, JAU.  
GEANT 1117 TX, DE 81 M. DE LONG ET DE  
300 CHX NOM (700 CV), LE GANGE FUT  
CONSTRUIT À GLASGOW EN 1854.

PREMIER VOYAGE POSTAL SUR CONSTAN-  
TINOPLE LE 16 MAI 1854

82 VOYAGES EN MEDITERRANEE FURONT  
EFFECTUES ENTRE 1854 ET 1866, DONT:  
55 SUR LE LEVANT  
11 SUR L'EGYPTE  
16 SUR LA SYRIE

LA 1<sup>re</sup> UTILISATION DU CACHET À DATE  
"GANGE" DATE DU 16 AOÛT 1855 ET SEMBLE  
AVOIR SERVI AU VOYAGE DU PAQUEBOT  
"MITIDJAH". ON RECONNAÎT L'UTILISATION  
DE CE CACHET À DATE PAR LE GANGE  
À PARTIR DU 30 MARS 1857.

A STEAM AND IRON HULL STEAMER OF 1130 TON,  
700 HP AND 265 FT. THE GANGE WAS BUILT  
IN GLASGOW IN 1854.

FIRST POSTAL VOYAGE: FROM MARSEILLES TO  
CONSTANTINOPLE ON MAY 16, 1854.

82 RUNS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA  
WERE MADE BETWEEN 1854 AND 1866  
OF WHICH: 55 TO THE LEVANT  
11 TO EGYPT  
16 TO SYRIA

THE FIRST KNOWN "GANGE" DATED POST-  
MARK TO ALEXANDRIA ON AUG 16, 1855 APPEARS  
TO HAVE BEEN USED FOR THE 1<sup>st</sup> POSTAL VOYAGE  
OF THE P/B MITIDJAH. (THE GANGE, AT THAT  
DATE BEING IN REPAIRS). THE FIRST KNOWN USE  
OF THIS DATED SHIP POSTMARK ON BOARD  
THE GANGE, WAS ON MARCH 30, 1857.



LETTRE ADRESSEE DE MARSEILLE À CONSTANTINOPLE, AF-  
FRANCHIE AVEC UN 10 CMES ET DEUX 20 CMES EMPIRE DEFR.  
(Y-T N°21,22) ET PORTANT AU RECTO:

- CACHET D'OBOLITERATION EN NOIR, À LOSANGE DE POINTS ET ANCRE
- CACHET "PD" DANS RECTANGLE, EN NOIR
- CACHET À DATE DE PAQUEBOT, EN NOIR (SALLES N°776)

AU VERSO:

- CACHET D'ARRIVÉE:  
"CONSTANTINOPLE TURQUIE 28 OCT. 65"

SCOTT N°25 AND TWO N°26 ON A COVER FROM MARSEILLES TO  
CONSTANTINOPLE, TIED BY:

- A BLACK DOTTED LOSANGE WITH ANCHOR CANCELLATION
- AND ALSO - A BLACK BOXED "PD" CANCELLATION
- A DATED SHIPMARK CANCELLATION IN BLACK (SALLES N°776):  
"GANGE 21 OCT 65"

BACKSTAMPED WITH ARRIVAL POSTMARK:  
"CONSTANTINOPLE TURQUIE 28 OCT 65"



## PAQUEBOTS DE LA MEDITERRANEE

1851-1866

PAQUEBOT HERMUS

PAQUEBOT À COQUE DE FER, À HÉLICE, JAUGEANT 471 TX, DE 67M. DE LONG ET DE 240 CHX NOM, L'HERMUS FUT CONSTRUIT À LA COTAT EN 1855-1857 (240 CHX NOM = 640 CV)

PREMIER VOYAGE POSTAL DE MARSEILLE LE 4 JUILLET 1857 SUR CONSTANTINOPLE.

16 VOYAGES EN MEDITERRANEE EFFECTUES ENTRE 1857 ET 1866, DONT:  
3 SUR LE LEVANT  
13 SUR L'ITALIE

LE CACHET À DATE "HERMUS" SE VOIT AU 2<sup>e</sup> VOYAGE AU DEPART DE MARSEILLE LE 1<sup>er</sup> AOÛT 1857

A SCREW AND IRON HULL STEAMER OF 475 TONS, 640 HP AND 220 FT. LONG, THE S/S HERMUS WAS BUILT AT LA COTAT IN 1855-1857.

FIRST POSTAL VOYAGE FROM MARSEILLE ON JULY 4, 1857 TO CONSTANTINOPLE.

16 RUNS WERE MADE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA BETWEEN 1857 AND 1866, OF WHICH:  
3 TO THE LEVANT  
13 TO ITALY

THE DATED SHIP POSTMARK "HERMUS" IS KNOWN STARTING FROM THE 2<sup>ND</sup> RUN FROM MARSEILLES ON AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> 1857.

### LIGNE DU LEVANT



LETTRE ADRESSEE A MARSEILLE, EN PROVENANCE DU LEVANT, AFFRACHIE AVEC UN 10c. ET UN 40 CMEI EMPIRE NON DENT (YU-TEU. N° 13 ET 16) OBLITERES EN NOIR PAR CACHET DE LOSANGES DE POINTS ET ANCRE - AVEC, EN PLUS, AU RECTO:

- CACHET À DATE DE PAQUEBOT, EN NOIR (SALES 782)

- CACHET ROUGE DE MARSEILLE (SALES 726):  
"PAQUEBOTS DE LA MEDITERRANEE"

AU VERSO, CACHETS D'ARRIVÉE:

- EN NOIR: "MARSEILLE (12) 20 AOÛT 57"

- EN ROUGE: "MARSEILLE (12) 20 AOÛT 57"

NOTE: CACHET À DATE UTILISÉ POUR LA 1<sup>ère</sup> FOIS AU RETOUR DE CONSTANTINOPLE

SCOTT N° 14 AND 16 ON A COVER TO MARSEILLE TIED BY A BLACK DOTTED LOZANGE WITH ANCHOR CANCELLATION. ALSO A BLACK DATED SHIPMARK CANCELL. (SALES 782):  
"HERMUS 12 AOÛT 57"

ALSO A RED MARSEILLE POSTMARK:  
"PAQUEBOTS DE LA MEDITERRANEE"

BACKSTAMPED TWICE IN BLACK AND RED:  
"MARSEILLE (12) 20 AOÛT 57"

REMARK: THIS DATED SHIPMARK USED FOR THE 1<sup>ST</sup> TIME ON RETURN VOYAGE FROM CONSTANTINOPLE

HERMUS OU HYLLUS, AUJOURD'HUI NOMMÉ SARABAT, FLEUVE DE LA LYDIE (ASIE MINEURE) COMMENÇANT EN PHRYGIE ET SE JETTANT DANS LA MER EGÉE, AU NORD DE SMYRNE - LE FLEUVE, DANS L'ANTIQUITÉ, PASSAIT POUR ROULER DES PARCELLES D'OR.

HERMUS OR HYLLUS, TODAY NAMED SARABAT, IS AN ASIA MINOR RIVER FLOWING FROM PHRYGIA TO THE AEGIAN SEA, NORTH OF SMYRNA. OLD LEGENDS CLAIMED THAT THE HERMUS WAS WASHING OUT GOLD nuggets.



CACHETS DES PAQUEBOTS

DANUBE



CONSTANTINOPLE : 16 JANVIER 1861  
MARSEILLE : 23 JANVIER 1861  
LYON : 23 JANVIER 1861



CONSTANTINOPLE : 20 AOÛT 1862  
MARSEILLE : 27 AOÛT 1862  
PARIS : 29 AOÛT 1862  
LYON : 30 AOÛT 1862  
LETTRE DIRIGÉE DE MARSEILLE SUR PARIS  
ET REVENUE DE PARIS À LYON.



CACHETS DES PAQUEBOTS

TANCREDE



CONSTANTINOPLE : 27 NOVEMBRE 1861  
MARSEILLE : 4 DECEMBRE 1861  
LYON : 5 DECEMBRE 1861  
VOYAGE ASSURÉ PAR S/S "HYDASPE"

*Trucks 2000*



CACHETS DES PAQUEBOTS

NEVA



MARSEILLE : 10 OCTOBRE 1863  
MESSINE : 13 OCTOBRE 1863

*Three in front*  
*Handwritten*  
*Handwritten*



CACHETS DES PAQUEBOTS

MEINAM

MARSEILLE : 16 MAI 1863  
 CONSTANTINOPLE : 23 MAI 1863  
 (1 TIMBRE DETACHE)



CONSTANTINOPLE : 18 MAI 1864  
 MARSEILLE : 25 MAI 1864  
 (CACHET BLEU-VERT)

*Dernier voyage en  
 Mediterranee*

*Grand album  
 in collection*



CACHETS DES PAQUEBOTS

EUPHRATE

*Ligne  
Egypte  
p. 186*



BEYROUTH : 4 JANVIER 1861  
MARSEILLE : 16 JANVIER 1861  
(MILLESIME "61" À L'ENCRE)

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sub. 20 sept 97  
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voir 20 sept 97  
et 20 sept 97*

*Ligne  
Egypte  
p. 187*



BEYROUTH : 12 SEPTEMBRE 1861  
MARSEILLE : 24 SEPTEMBRE 1861

*p. 187*



San Carlos

Messieurs

Pastre Freres



Marseille







France - US

30/38

French packet

may



Madame

M<sup>me</sup> Veuve Pong

ru<sup>e</sup> St-Sauv<sup>eur</sup> N<sup>o</sup>



Marseille



S. 432



Messieurs Frères & Maccio



Appouants

Gênes

(Italie)



CACHETS DES PAQUEBOTS



MARSEILLE - LIGNE D'ALGER - 18 AOUT 1899

Sallen 551

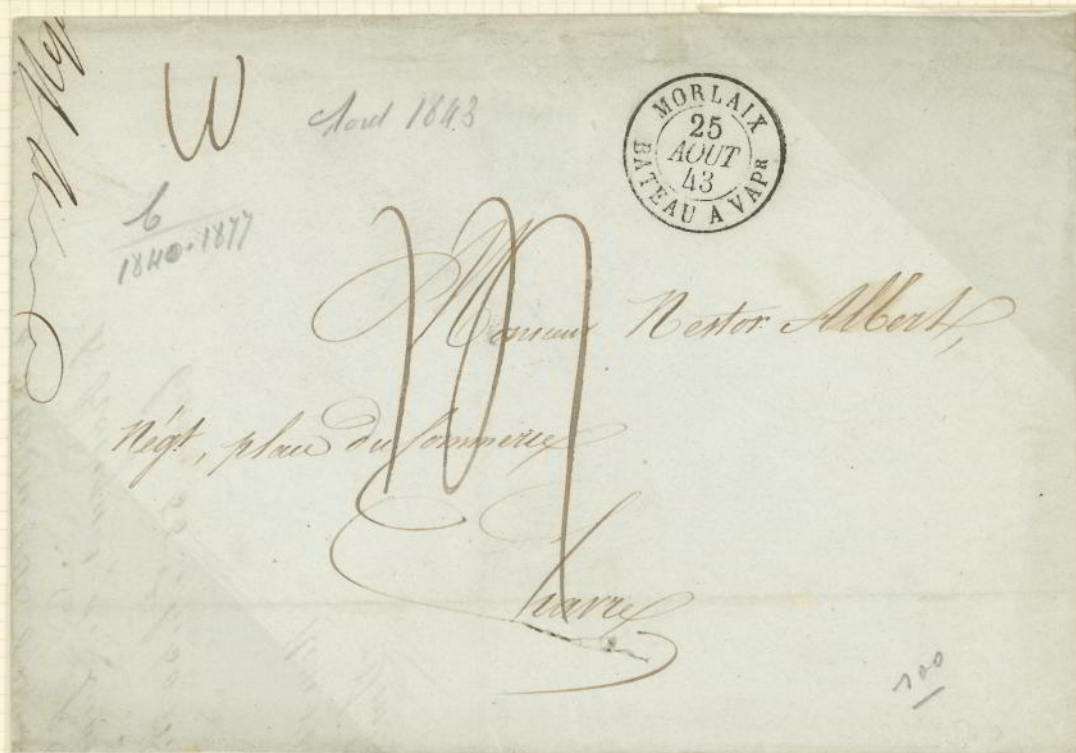


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Calcutta

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# CACHETS DES PAQUEBOTS



MORLAIX : 25 AOUT 1843  
LE HAVRE : 25 AOUT 1843

folen 308



CAEN : 7 DECEMBRE 1843  
LE HAVRE : 7 DECEMBRE 1843

folen 308



CACHETS DES PAQUEBOTS



PAIMBOEUF, BATEAU À VAP. : 16 OCTOBRE 1845  
NANTES : 17 OCTOBRE 1845

July 492



ST MARTIN DE PE : 26 DEC. 1856  
LE CROISIC : 27 DEC. 1856  
NANTES : 27 DEC. 1856

July 411



Quadrillés  
F. O.

ALBUMS YVERT & TELLIER - AMIENS  
Made in France

Quadrillés  
F. O.



Philippeville - Marseille



Alger à Cette.



CACHETS DES PAQUETOTS



Quadrillés  
F. O.

ALBUMS YVERT & TELLIER - AMIENS  
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CACHETS DES PAQUEBOTS





*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1837-1851

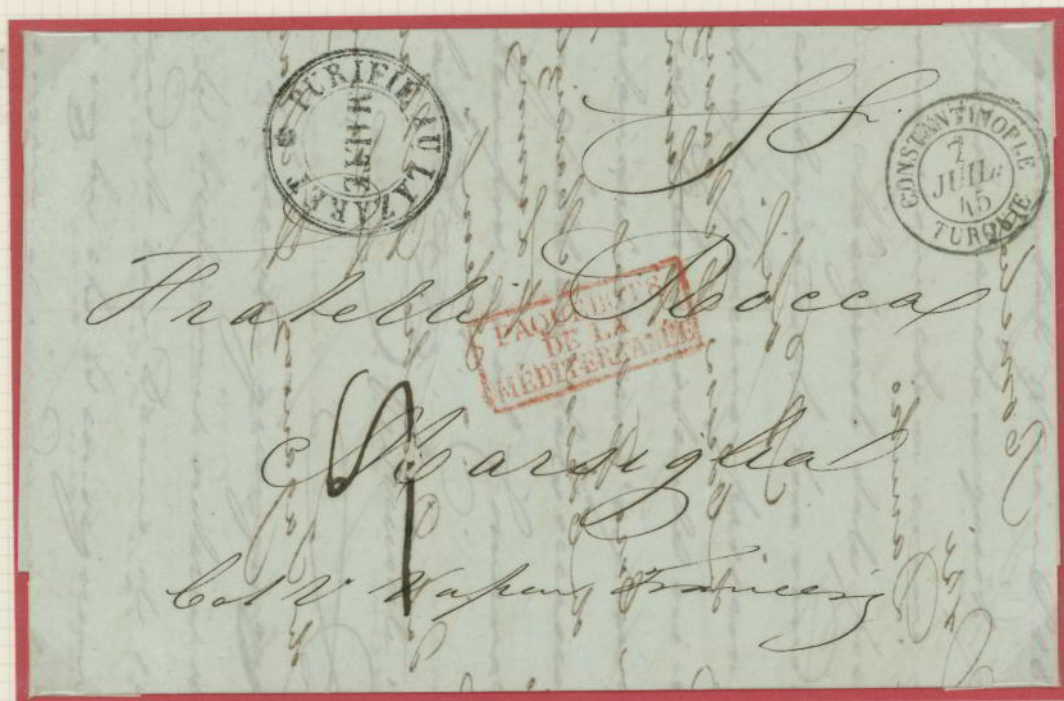
French Postal Administration

Packet Service

*Shipline to the Levant*  
CONSTANTINOPLE to MARSEILLES via  
Malta.

*Purified Mail marking:*

PURIFIÉ AU LAZARET - MALTE



1845

*From Constantinople, July 7, to Marseilles, arriving  
July 22. Purified at Malta - 2 slits. Taxed at  
arrival: 9 decimes. Carried to Marseilles by the  
"Dante".*

S: 747

Note: Between Dec. 1837 and Nov. 1845, sanitary requirements did not allow mail originating from the Levant to reach France without being purified.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Shipline to Syria*

via Smyrna & Messina

*Main Shipline to the Levant*

via Messina

*Double Shipmarks:*

"MENSALE \* 28 OCT. 65"

"SAID \* 31 OCT 65."



1865

*From Smyrna Oct. 28, via Messina Oct. 31, Marseilles, Paris and  
Liverpool to New York, arrival November 19. Letter transshipped  
from the "Mensalé" to the "Saïd" at Messina stop over.*

Triple rated letter taxed \$ 1.27 US notes and 81 debit to U.S.A.  
The "Mensalé" dated shipmark was not known previously during  
its 5th voyage: Sept. 28 - Nov. 3, 1865  
This double shipmark was not previously recorded.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851 1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Shipline to Syria*

via Smyrna & Messina

*Main Shipline to the Levant*

via Messina

*Double Shipmarks:*

"DANUBE \* 8 AOUT 66"

"AMERIQUE \* 12 AOUT 66"



1866

*From Smyrna August 8, via Messina Aug. 12, Marseilles Aug. 15, Paris and Liverpool to New York, arrival September 1st. Letter transshipped from the "Danube" to the "Amerique" at the Messina stop over.*

Single rated letter taxed 43 cents U.S. notes with 27 cents credit to Britain.

This was the last voyage of the "Amerique".

Above double shipmarks were not previously reported.



# Maritime Entry Marks

1838-1860

Marseille to Genoa  
by Italian ship

HEADLETTER OF THE NAPOLITAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY AGENTS IN MARSEILLE IN 1836

## SERVICE DES PAQUEBOTS A VAPEUR NAPOLITAINS

DE CLERC & CO  
A  
MARSEILLE

Agents Commission  
Agents intéressés  
à vapeur Napolitains  
indit et Recouvrement



MARIE CHRISTINE.

Force 160 chev.

FRANÇOIS PREMIER.

Force 120 Chev.

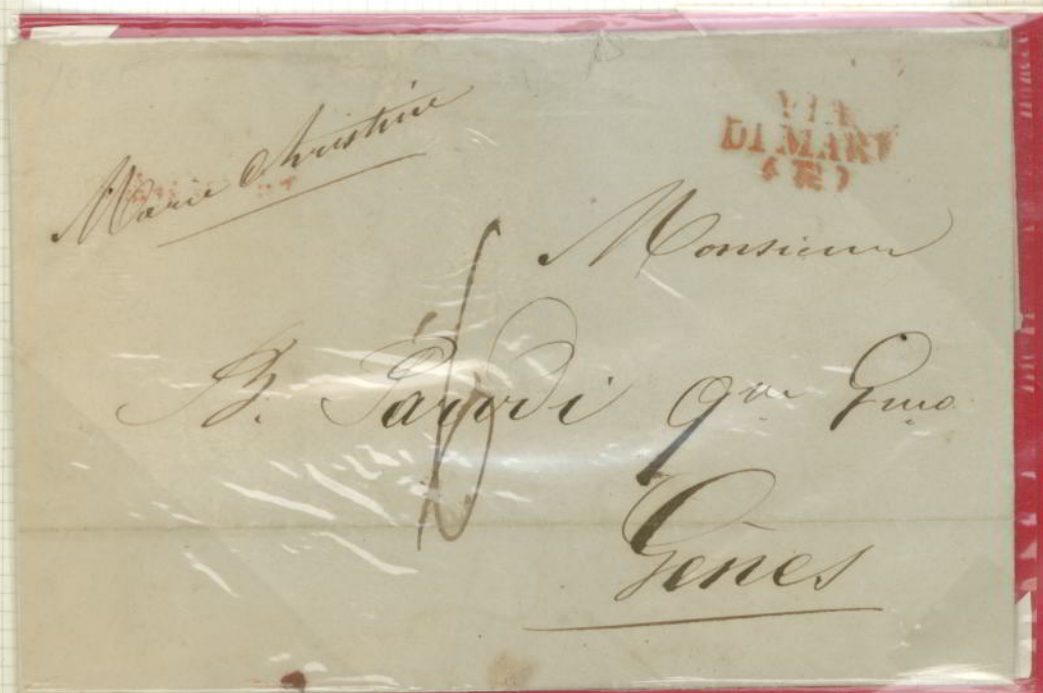
ROYAL FERDINAND.  
Force 80 Chev.

DÉPARTS RÉGULIERS  
DE  
MARSEILLE

Pour Naples, touchant les  
Ports de Gènes  
Livourne & Civitavecchia  
les 5, 15 et 25 de chaque mois.

Le Royal Ferdinand est affecté au service particulier entre Naples & la Sicile

Marseille 19 Janvier 1836



LETTER ADDRESSED FROM MARSEILLE ON SEPT. 9 1845 TO GENOA (ITALY) AND CARRIED BY THE SHIP "MARIE CHRISTINE" OF THE NAPOLITAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY WITH, ON FRONT GENOA ENTRY MARK:

"VIA DI MAR (E)" IN RED (SALLES #655)

AND THE INDICATION OF THE TAX OF "6" DECIMES TO BE PAID AT DESTINATION BACKSTAMPED WITH ARRIVAL DATE STAMP IN RED:

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*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

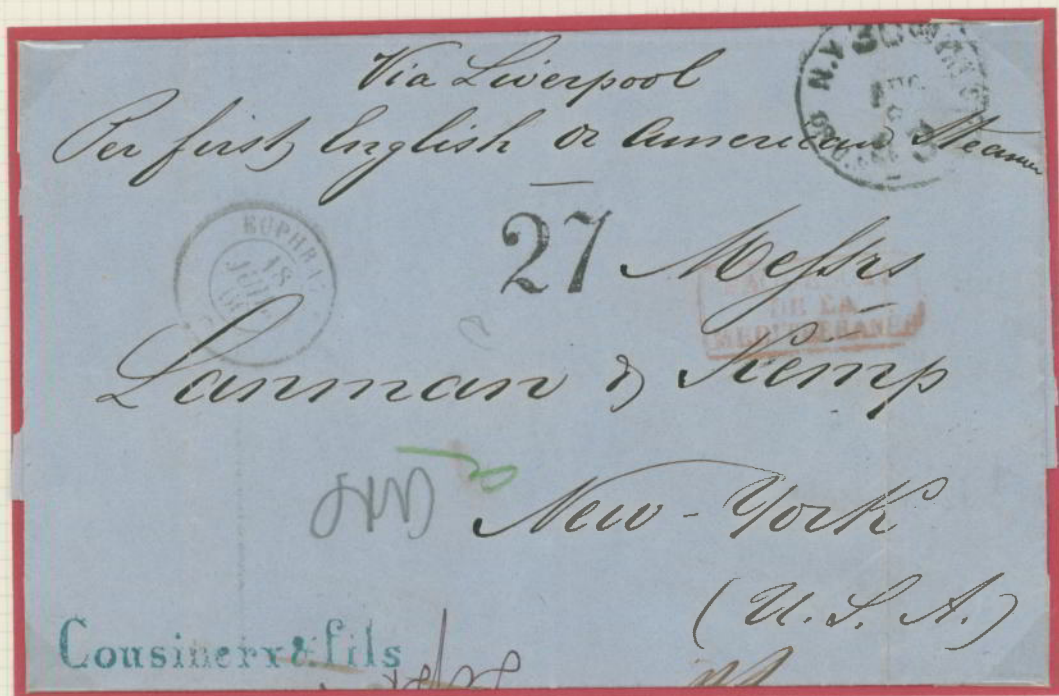
1860-1866

Cie des Messageries Impariales

*Shipline to Syria*

ALEXANDRIE to MARSEILLE via Jaffa, Beyrout, Tripoli, Lattaquié, Mersina, Rhodes, Smyrna, Syra, Messina and Palermo.

*Dated Shipmark: "EUPHRATE" 18 JUL 66"*



1866

*From Smyrna to New York by French ship "Euphrate" to Marseilles and, via Great Britain to New York by British steamer; arrival Aug. 8, 1866. Taxed at arrival: depreciated currency marking 30/43¢, debit 27 cents to U.S.A..*



*French Maritime Mail in the Black Sea*

1857-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Constantinople Station Feeder Shipline  
Black Sea Turkish coast route*

CONSTANTINOPLE to & from TREBIZOND  
via Ineboli, Sinope, Samsoun & Kerassunde.

*Provenance marking: "MER NOIRE."*



1864

To Constantinople, backstamped arrival September 18. Prepaid 50 cmes postage cancelled "5083". Carrying of the letter attributed to the "Neua".

Without postal agent, mail posted aboard ship from Turkish Armenia, was cancelled on arrival in Constantinople.



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## Bateaux à Vapeur de la Méditerranée

1863-1873

SERVICE ENTRE GÈNES ET NICE

LE SERVICE NICE-GÈNES FUT ASSURÉ PAR QUELQUES BATEAUX FRANÇAIS DE LA COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES IMPÉRIALES EN 1863. CE SERVICE FUT SURTOUT FAIT PAR BATEAUX ITALIENS DE LA COMPAGNIE DONOVARO DE GÈNES JUSQU'EN 1873. LE CHEMIN DE FER NICE-GÈNES FUT MIS EN SERVICE EN 1872 ET CELA MIS FIN AU TRANSPORT PAR MER.

LE CACHET GÈNES-BATEAU À VAPEUR EST UNIQUE DANS LES ANNALES DES CACHETS DES BATEAUX À VAPEUR PUISQU'IL EST LE SEUL PORTANT LA MENTION BATA VAPEUR ET LE NOM D'UN PORT ÉTRANGER COMME PORT D'ORIGINE.

THE MAIL SERVICE BETWEEN NICE AND GENOA WAS ASSURED FOR A SHORT TIME IN 1863 BY THE FRENCH MESSAGERIES IMPÉRIALES. DURING THE REST OF THE PERIOD 1863-73 IT WAS MOSTLY DONE BY THE ITALIAN SHIPS OF THE DONOVARO COMPANY FROM GENOA. THE NICE-GENOA RAILWAY WAS INAUGURATED IN 1872 AND THIS ENDED THE BOAT MAIL BETWEEN THE 2 PORTS.

THE ENTRY MARKING "GENES-BATEAU A VAPEUR" (GENOA-STEAMSHIP) IS THE ONLY ONE IN THE CATALOG OF THE FRENCH PORT-ENTRY CANCELLATION TO CARRY THE INDICATION OF STEAMSHIP (PAQUEBOT) TOGETHER WITH THE NAME OF A FOREIGN PORT.



LETTRE ADRESSÉE DE GÈNES À NICE ET MISE AU BATEAU AVEC UN TIMBRE ITALIEN DE 40 CENTESIMI DENTELÉ, OBLITÉRÉ À L'ARRIVÉE À NICE AVEC :

CACHET LOSANGE DE POINTS ET PETIT CHIFFRE "2656" AVEC ÉGALEMENT "PD" DANS UN RECTANGLE EN ROUGE ET AUSSI LE CACHET D'ENTRÉE MARITIME EN ROUGE : "GENES BAT. A VAPEUR 19 FEVR 65"

LETTER MAILED ON BOARD IN GENOA TO NICE WITH THE ITALIAN PERFORATED STAMP OF 40 CENTESIMI (SCOTT N°31) TIED ON ARRIVAL IN NICE BY LOSANGE DIAMOND POINTS CANCELLATION :

"2656" IN SMALL NUMBERS (NICE) IN BLACK WITH RED BOXED "PD" (PAID TO DESTINATION) AND RED ENTRY MARKING : "GENES BAT. A VAPEUR 19 FEVR 65"



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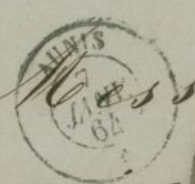
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CONSTANTINOPLE: 26 JANVIER 1859  
MARSEILLE : 2 FEVRIER 1859  
(CACHET BLEU-OUTREMER)





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Messieurs

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Paris



# PAQUEBOTS DE LA MEDITERRANEE

1851-1866

PAQUEBOT AMERIQUE

LE PAQUEBOT A HELICE, AVEC COQUE ENFER, "AMERIQUE" DE 1088 TX, 450 CHX. NOM. ET 70 M. DE LONG, FUT CONSTRUIT A LA SEYNE EN 1857. (1200 CV)

L'AMERIQUE FUT D'ABORD UTILISEE POUR LES BESOINS DE LA CAMPAGNE D'ITALIE, EN 1859 POUR LE TRANSPORT DE CAVALERIE (NAVIRE ECLUSE). REINSTALLEE COMPLETEMENT A LA CLOTAT DE NOV. 1859 A JUILLET 1860, L'AMERIQUE FUT DE NOUVEAU UTILISEE POUR LA CAMPAGNE DE SYRIE EN 1860.

PREMIER VOYAGE POSTAL DE MARSEILLE A CONSTANTINOPLE LE 24 NOV 1860

43 VOYAGES EN MEDITERRANEE DE 1860 A 1866 :

27 VOYAGES SUR LE LEVANT  
6 VOYAGES SUR L'EGYPTE  
10 VOYAGES SUR LA SYRIE

ON VOIT APPARAITRE LE CACHET A DATE DU PAQ. AMERIQUE AU 7<sup>ME</sup> VOYAGE LE 14 SEPT. 1861 AU DEPART DE MARSEILLE.

THE 1100 TONS, 230 FT LONG, 1200 HP, IRON HULL, SCREW STEAMER "AMERIQUE" WAS BUILT AT LA SEYNE (VAR) IN 1857.

"L'AMERIQUE" WAS FIRST USED IN 1859, DURING THE WAR BETWEEN FRANCE AND AUSTRIA IN ITALY AS A "SHIP STABLE". WAS COMPLETELY REEQUIPPED AT LA CLOTAT IN 1859-1860, WAS AGAIN USED DURING THE SYRIAN MILITARY CAMPAIGN IN 1860.

FIRST POSTAL VOYAGE: FROM MARSEILLES TO CONSTANTINOPLE ON NOVEMBER 24, 1860

43 RUNS BETWEEN 1860 AND 1866

27 RUNS TO THE LEVANT  
6 RUNS TO EGYPT  
10 RUNS TO SYRIA

THE DATED SHIPMARK OF S/S AMERIQUE APPEARS ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> RUN MADE FROM MARSEILLES ON SEPT 14, 1861.



ENVELOPPE EN PROVENANCE DE MARSEILLE ET ADRESSEE A CONSTANTINOPLE, AFFRANCHEE AVEC 2 TIMBRES EMPIRE DENTELÉS DE 10 ET 20 CENT. (XV. TEL. N° 21 ET 23) OBLITERÉS AU CACHET AVEC LOSANGE DE POINTS A ANCRE (NOIR), PORTANT LE CACHET DE PAQUEBOT (SALLES 753) EN NOIR:

AMERIQUE 31 OCT. 63  
AVEC PD DANS UN RECTANGLE EN NOIR. CACHET D'ARRIVÉE AU VERSO DE L'ENVELOPPE, EN NOIR: "CONSTANTINOPLE TURQUIE 7 NOV. 63"

COVER MAILED FROM MARSEILLES TO CONSTANTINOPLE WITH SCOTT #25 AND 27 TIED BY DOTTED LOSANGE ANCHOR CANCELLATIONS (BLACK) SHIP CANCELLATION IN BLACK (SALLES 753):

"AMERIQUE 31 OCT. 63"  
BLACK BOXED "PD" (PAID TO DESTINATION). BACKSTAMPED BLACK ARRIVAL POSTMARK: "CONSTANTINOPLE TURQUIE 7 NOV. 63"



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FRENCH MARITIME MAIL  
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA

1860-1866

Cie des Messageries Maritime

Main Shipline to the Levant

Marseilles to Constantinople

Dated Shipmark: "AMERIQUE \* 28 AVRIL 64"



1864

From Constantinople April 28 to Paris back-  
stamped "1 PARIS 1 (67) 7 MAI 64". Prepaid  
50 centimes, single postage rate.

S 753



FRENCH MARITIME MAIL  
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA.

1864-1866 Main Shipline to the Levant  
Cie des Messageries Imperiales Marseilles to Constantinople & Back

Dated Shipmark: "N I L \* 1 OCT.65"



1865

From Marseilles October 1, 1865 to Constantinople and  
backstamped ; "CONSTANTINOPLE TURQUIE 8 OCT 65. Prepaid  
50 Centimes, sigle postage rate.

This is the Second Steamer of that name.

S 805



FRENCH MARITIME MAIL IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA  
 1855-1864 Main Shipline to the Levant  
 Cie des Messageries Imp. Marseilles to Constantinople & Back  
 Dated Shipmark: "CYDNUS"\*21 AOUT 58"



1858  
 Letter (front) from Marseilles to Constantinople. Prepaid  
 1 Franc postage with anchor cancelled in black-blue.

Dated Shipmark: "CYDNUS \* 26 JANV 59"



1859  
 From Constantinople 26 January 1859 to Marseilles Feb. 5  
 Insufficiently prepaid with 40 centimes and taxed 6 de-  
 cimes or 60 centimes.

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*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

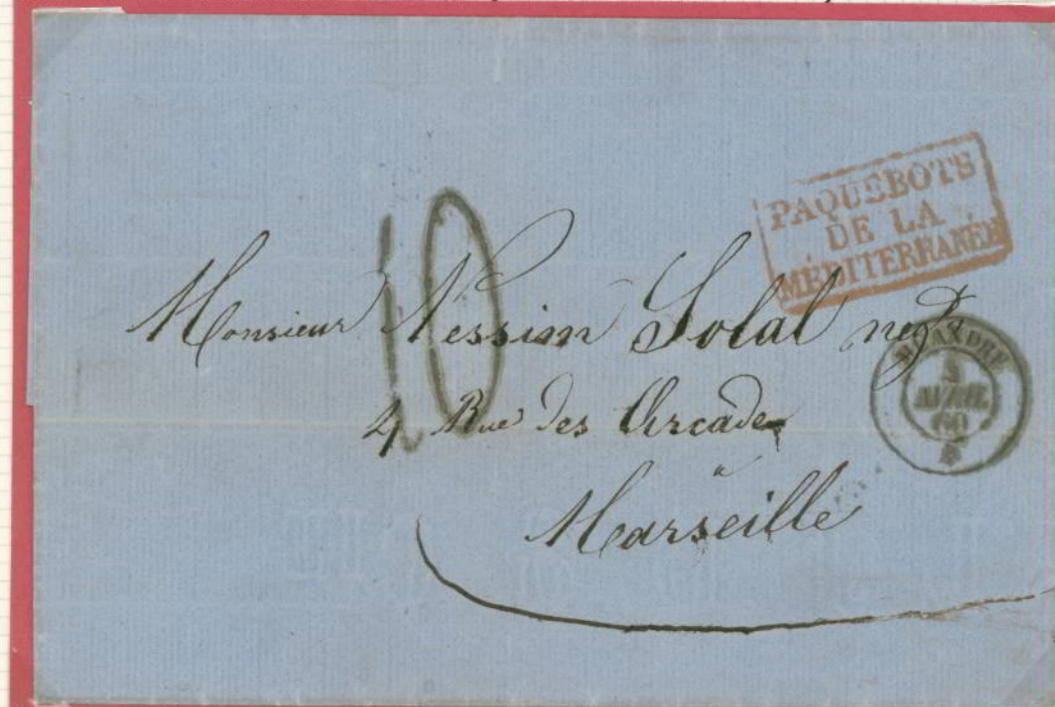
Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main shipline to the Levant*  
CONSTANTINOPLE to MARSEILLES via  
the Dardanelles, Pyreus and Messina.

*Dated Shipmarks:* "MEANDRE \* 8 FEVR 60" and "4 AVRIL 60"



*From Constantinople Feb 8, 1860 to Livorno via Messina Feb. 13, transhipped to "Pausilippe" arriving Livorno Feb. 20. Regular rate: 50 cent.*



*From Constantinople April 4 1860 to Marseilles April 13. Letter taxed on arrival 10 decimes or 1 Franc.*



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main shipline to the Levant*  
MARSEILLES to CONSTANTINOPLE

*Dated Shipmark: "DANUBE \* 27 AVRIL 59"*



1859

*From Philippopoli (Plovdiv), Bulgaria, April 13 1859 via Constantinople and Marseilles April 27 to Lyon, the same day  
Prepaid single postage rate 50 centimes.*

The steamer **DANUBE** left Constantinople on April 20 arriving in Marseilles on April 27.  
The dated Shipmark was applied on the day of arrival in Marseilles.  
Mr. Salles does not mention this occurrence in his Encyclopedia.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1864

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main shipline to the Levant*  
CONSTANTINOPLÉ to MARSEILLES

*Dated Shipmark: "PÉLUSE \* 4 FEVR 64"*



1864

*From Constantinople, February 4 1864 via Marseilles.*

*11 February to Paris, arriving February 12 1864.*

*Prepaid single postage rate of 50 centimes.*



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1864

Compagnie des Messageries Impériales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*  
MARSEILLE to CONSTANTINOPLE & back

*Dated Shipmark: "CYDNUS \* 17 SEPT 62"*



1862

*From Constantinople Sept. 17, 1862 via Marseilles*  
*Sept. 24 to Lyon Sept. 25, 1862.*

*Prepaid double postage rate: 1 Franc*



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1860-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*  
CONSTANTINOPLE to MARSEILLES via  
the Dardanelles, Pyreus and Messina.

*Dated shipmark: "AMERIQUE \* 10 AOUT 64"*



1864

*From Constantinople, 10 Aug., to Marseilles Aug. 18, Paris Aug. 19  
to New York September 3 via the "Amerique" to Marseilles &  
British steamer to New York. Taxed at arrival in depreciated  
currency: 30/72 ¢; -debit 27 cents to U.S.A.*



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1855-1864

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main shipline to the Levant*  
CONSTANTINOPLE to MARSEILLES via  
the Dardanelles, Pyreus and Messina.

*Dated Shipmark: "CARMEL \* 19 NOV. 63"*



1863

*From Constantinople, on Nov. 19 by the French ship  
"Carmel" to Marseilles, Nov. 25, Paris Nov. 26 and  
New York, Dec. 14, via British steamer. Letter not pre-  
paid, taxed on arrival in depreciated currency 30/43¢  
of which 27 cents, debit to U.S.A.*



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1862-1865

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*

MARSEILLES to CONSTANTINOPLE via  
Messina, Pyreus & the Dardanelles

*Military Correspondance dated marking:*

"COR. D'ARMÉES - MEDITERRANÉE - 11 FEVR. 65"



1865

*From Marseilles February 11 to Messina, arrival  
February 14. Carried by the "Phase". Prepaid  
single rate of 40 centimes.*

The "PHASE" left Marseilles without its regular  
dated shipmark and used the military marking  
to date the departing mail.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1866-1870

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline "W" to Italy*  
MARSEILLES to CIVITA-VECCHIO

*Provenance and shipline marking:*

"ITALIE-PAQ.FR. W No1- 16 SEPT 68"



1868

*From Marseilles September 16 to Rome, Papal States, via Civita-Vecchia, carried by the "Saint-onge"; arrival September 18.*

Above shipline dated marking with "ITALIE" as provenance was used in Marseilles in error.  
"Insufficetly Franked" marking was struck because the rate to the Papal States was 50 centimes per 10 grammes while it was 40 centimes to other Italian States.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea.*

1866-1872

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

*Main Shipline "U"*

MARSEILLES to CONSTANTINOPLE  
via Messina, Pyreus or Smyrna and  
the Dardanelles.

*Provenance and shipline marking:*

"CONSTANTINOPLE - P. FR. U No 2 - 7 FEVR. 72"



1872

*From Constantinople February 7, via Mes-  
sina to Genoa, arrival Feb 14. Carried by:  
the "Saïd"*

Prepaid 60 centimes single rate from the Levant  
to Italy.  
Purification slits.



Les Lignes Françaises de la Méditerranée

1866-1872

Ligne "U"

Cachet de Provenance



Affranchissement simple de 40 cmes Constantinople-Paris, tarif du 1 Janvier 1866

Cachet de Ligne



Affranchissement double de 1 fr.60 Marseille-Constantinople au tarif du 1er Juillet 1871



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea.*

1871-1872

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

*Main Line "U"*

MARSEILLES to CONSTANTINOPLE via  
Messina, Pyreus and the Dardanelles.

*Dated shipline marking:*

LIGNE U PAQ.FR. No 2 - 24 FEVR.72



1872

*From Marseilles, February 24 by the "Saïd."  
to Messina, arrival Feb. 27. Single rated fran-  
king: 40 centimes.*

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*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1866-1870

Cie des Messageries Impariales

*Circular Shipline "X"*

MARSEILLES - ALEXANDRIA - MARSEILLES  
via Beyrouth, Smyrna and 10 other stop-over.

*Shipline marking:*

SMYRNE PAQ.FR.X No 4 18 AOUT 69



1869

From Smyrna, Aug. 18, by the "Elere" to Marseilles, Aug. 24, Paris Aug. 25 and, via Liverpool and American ship to New York on September 6. Taxed on arrival 29 cents, 18¢ debit to U.S.A.



1866-1870

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

*Circular Shipline "X"*

MARSEILLES - ALEXANDRIA - MARSEILLES  
via Beyrouth, Smyrna, etc.

*Shipline marking:*

BEYROUT - PAQ.FR. X. No 3 - 13 MARS 68.



1868

From Beyrouth, March 13, via Marseilles, March  
25 to London on March 27. Taxed on arrival  
3/- . Exchange mark with credit to France of 2 #40  
per ounce. Carried to Marseilles by the "Amerique".

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*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean*

1869-1870

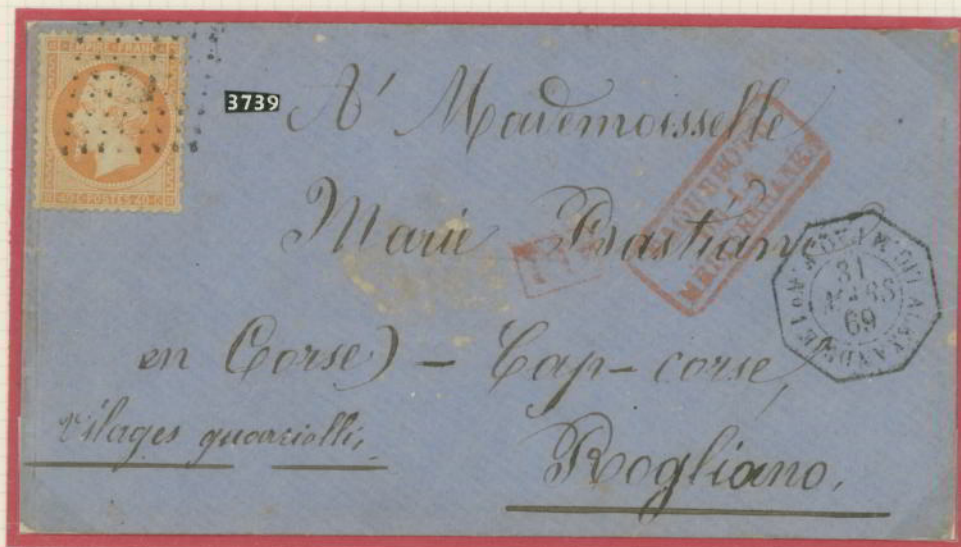
Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Supplementary Line "M" to*

*Egypt: MARSEILLES-ALEXANDRIA*

*Provenance and shipline marking:*

ALEXANDRIE - LIG. M PAQ. F. No 1 - 31 MARS 69



1869

*From Alexandria, via Marseille, to Corsica, arriving April 8. Single prepaid rate 40 centimes.*

*Carried by the "Saïd"*

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Shipline "M" was supplementary to and common with shipline "V".-Mr. Salles describes the use of above marking only for February 1869 and only with a 80 centimes franking. This is another exemple of usage of March 1869 with prepaid 40 centimes, regular rate from Egypt to France via French ship.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1866-1872

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline "U"*

CONSTANTINOPLE to MARSEILLES via  
the Dardanelles, Pyreus and Messina.

*Dated Shipline marking:*

"LIGNE U - PAQ. FR. No2-2 SEPT 68"



1868

*From Constantinople Sept. 2, via Marseilles Sept. 8, Paris and Le-Havre Sept. 10 to New York, arrival Sept. 23. Carried to Marseilles by the "Niemen" and by the French ship "St-Laurent" from Le Havre to New York.*

Prepaid 80 centimes on a 10 grammes, single rated letter from Constantinople to Marseilles and a prepayment of 1.60 Franc on 7.5gr. x 2 or double rate for transatlantic passage Le Havre - New York, a total of 2.40 Frs. 6 cents double rate credit to the United States



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1866-1870

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline "V"*

MARSEILLES to ALEXANDRIA  
via Messina.

*Shipline marking:*

LIGNE V - PAQ. FR. No 3 - 19-DEC. 68



1868

*From Marseilles Dec. 12th, by the "Peluse" to Mes-*  
*sina, arrival Dec. 22; double rated at 80 centimes.*

S. 887/3



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1866-1870

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline "W" to Italy*  
MARSEILLES to CIVITA-VECCHIA

*Dated shipline marking:*

"LIGNE W - PAQ. FR. No 1 - 24 JUIN 68"



*1868*  
From Marseilles June 24 to Naples, arrival  
June 27. Carried by the:  
"Saintonge"

Prepaid 40 centimes, single rate to Italy.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1866-1872

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline "X"*

MARSEILLES to ALEXANDRIA  
via Palermo, Messina, Syra, Smyrna,  
Rhodes, Mersina, Alexandretta, Latta-  
quie, Tripoli, Beyrouth and Jaffa.

*Dated Shipline marking:*

" LIGNE X-PAQ.FR. No 2-28 NOV.68 "



1868

*From Marseilles, November 28, carried by the "Tage"  
to Palermo, arrival December 1st. Prepaid single  
rate of 40 centimes.*



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1866-1872

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline "X"*

MARSEILLES to ALEXANDRIA via  
Palermo, Messina, Syra, Smyrna, Rhodes,  
Mersina, Alexandretta, Lattaquie, Tripoli,  
Beyrouth, Jaffa and back with the same  
stop-overs.

*Provenance and Shipline marking:*

" ALEXANDRETTE - P. FR. X No 1-13 MARS 67 "



1867

Front of letter from Alexandretta, Syria, March 13,  
to Marseilles, arrival March 25. Letter carried by  
the "Tibre" and prepaid with 40 centimes, single  
rate.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1871-1872

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

*Circular Shipline "X"*

Marseilles - Alexandria - Port Saïd - Jaffa - Beyrouth -  
Tripoli - Lattaquie - Alexandretta - Mersina - Rhodes -  
Smyrne - Marseilles .

*Shipline marking:*

BEYROUTH PAQ.FR.X No 4 13 JANV. 72  
S.905



1872

From Beyrouth via Marseilles to Tarare, France, arrival  
January 24. Prepaid single rate 80 centimes. Carried by  
the "Amerique" to Marseilles.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1871-1872

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

*Main Circular Shipline "X"*

Marseilles - Alexandria - Smyrna - Marseilles, or:

Marseilles - Smyrna - Alexandria - Marseilles

*Provenance and Shipline marking:*

"ALEXANDRIE - PAQ. FR. X No 1-16 JUIL 72."



1872

*From Alexandria July 16, carried by the "Nil"  
via Marseilles July 22 to Paris, arrival July 23.  
Prepaid single rate of 80 centimes.*



*French Maritime Mail in the Black Sea*

1867-1868

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Feeder Shipline "AB" to the Turkish Coast*  
CONSTANTINOPLE to TREBIZOND via Ineboli,  
Sinope, Samsoun and Kerassunde.

*Dated Shipline marking:*

"LIGNE AB - PAQ.FR. No2 - 23 OCT. 68."



1868

*Front of a letter from Amasya, Turkey,  
October 28, via Samsoun to Constantinople.  
Prepaid single rate 40 centimes.*

According to Mr. Salles this is the only  
known cover carried by "PAQ.FR. No2"



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1837-1851

French Postal Administration  
Packet Service

*Shipline to the Levant*

CONSTANTINOPLE to MARSEILLES via  
Smyrne, Syra, Malta, Naples, Leghorn, etc.

*Marseilles Entry marking in black:*

PAQUEBOTS DE LA MEDITERRANÉE



1838

From Syra 27 Sept.-10 Oct.- to Marseilles,  
October 23, purified at Malta. Taxed 10 de-  
cimes at arrival. Carried by the "Leonidas"  
from Malte to Marseilles.

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*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1837-1851

French Postal Administration

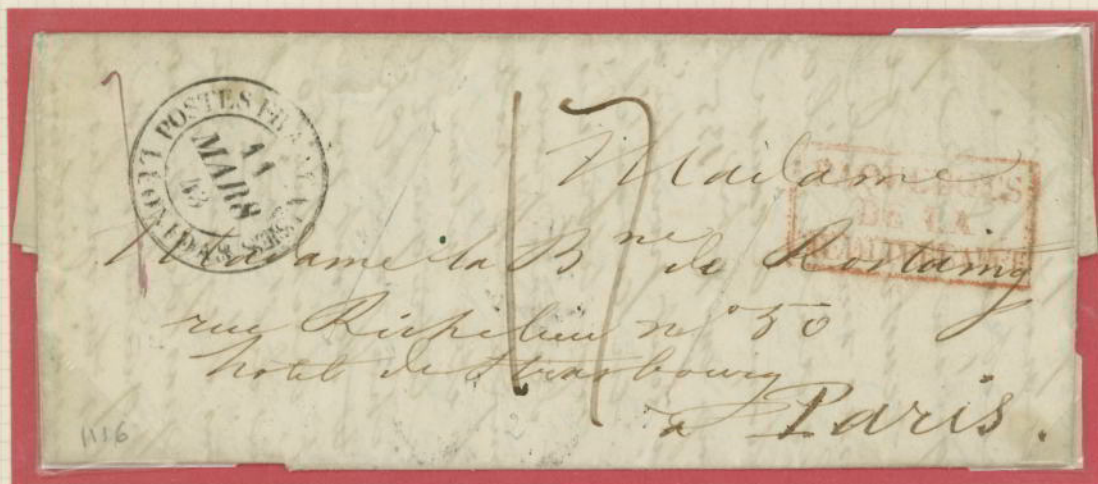
Packet Service

*Main Line to the Levant*

MARSEILLE to CONSTANTINOPLE & back  
via Leghorn, Civita-Vecchia, Naples, Malta,  
Syra, Smyrna and the Dardanelles.

*Dated Shipmark:*

"POSTES FRANÇAISES-LEONIDAS-11 MARS 43"



1843

From aboard the "Leonidas" March 10 address to Paris;  
landed at Malta March 11. Transshipped to Marseille on  
the "Scamandre", arrival March 21. Desinfected and  
taxed 17 décimes.

Sanitary considerations compelled all mail to be  
desinfected between Dec. 1837 and Oct. 1845.  
Therefore the Shiplines to the Levant were cut  
in two with ships sailing from the Levant to Malta  
and back and others making the round trip from  
Malta to Marseille.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1852-1857

Cie des Messageries Nationales

*Feeder Shipline from the Pyreus station*  
PYREUS to SALONICA & back

*Dated Shipmark: "EUROTAS \* 14 JUIL 52"*



1852

*From Salonica July 14 to Marseille, arrival July 26.  
Carried from Salonica to Syra, via Pyreus, trans-  
shipped aboard the "Egypt" for Marseille. Single rate  
taxed 10 décimes*

It is the only known dated mark of the "Euratas"  
during the Oct. 1851-Aug. 1852 stay in Pyreus



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea.*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Nationales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*  
MARSEILLE to CONSTANTINOPLE & back  
via Malta, Syra, Smyrna and the Dardanelles.

*Dated Shipmark: "MENTOR \* 5 AOUT 53"*



1853

*From Constantinople, docketed July 25 to Marseille,  
arrival August 6. Double rated and taxed 20 décimes*

The date "5 Aout" of the shipmark is in error; the  
"Mentor" left on July 25.  
No prepaid mail carried by the "Mentor" has been  
reported by Mr. Salles.

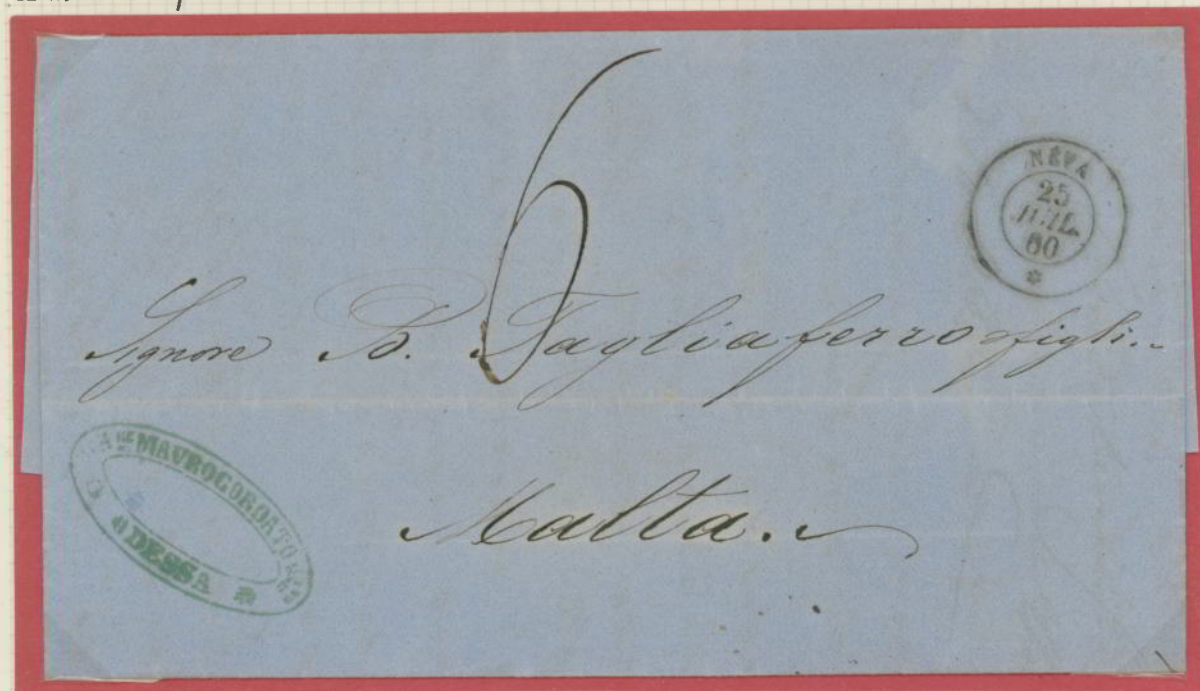


1851-1866

*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

*Main Shipline to & from the Levant  
and transshipment to MALTA via MESSINA*

*Dated Shipmark: "NEVA \* 25 JUIL 60"*



1860

*From Odessa, Russia, forwarded via Constantinople July 25 to Malta, trans-  
shipped in Messina aboard the "Carmel", arrival August 1st.  
Single tax rate: 6 pence.*

*Dated Shipmark: "JOURDAIN \* 20 FEVR 61"*



1861

*From Odessa to Malta via Constantinople February 20, transship-  
ped in Messina to the "Vatican" of the shipline to Italy; arrival Feb 27.  
Double tax rate: 1 shilling*



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Ship Line to the Levant*

MARSEILLE to CONSTANTINOPLE & back, via  
Malta, Syra, Smyrna and the Dardanelles.

*Dated Shipmark: "LEONIDAS\*16 DEC. 53"*



1853

*From Constantinople Decembre 16 to Paris, arrival December 28. Taxed single rate 10 décimes.*



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1852-1857

Cie des Messageries Nationales

*Feeder Shipline from the Pyrene station*  
PYREUS to SALONICA & back

*Dated Shipmark: "PERICLES \* 13 JUIL 54"*



1854

*From Salonica July 13 to Marseille, arrival July 24.  
Transshipped to Main Shipline from the Levant. Arrived  
Malta July 21 and carried from Malta to Marseille by the "Egyptus". Double rate tax: 16 décimes*



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Shipline to Italy*

MARSEILLES to MALTA via  
Genoa, Leghorn, Civita-Vecchio,  
Naples and Messina.

*Dated Shipmark:*

" PHILIPPE - AUGUSTE \* 25 FEVR. 55 "



1855

*From Civita Vecchio February 25 to Marseilles, arrival February 28. Single rated and taxed 13 decimes.*

Normal single rate taxation on incoming letters from Papal States or Two-Sicilies was set at 15 decimes; above letter was taxed 13 decimes



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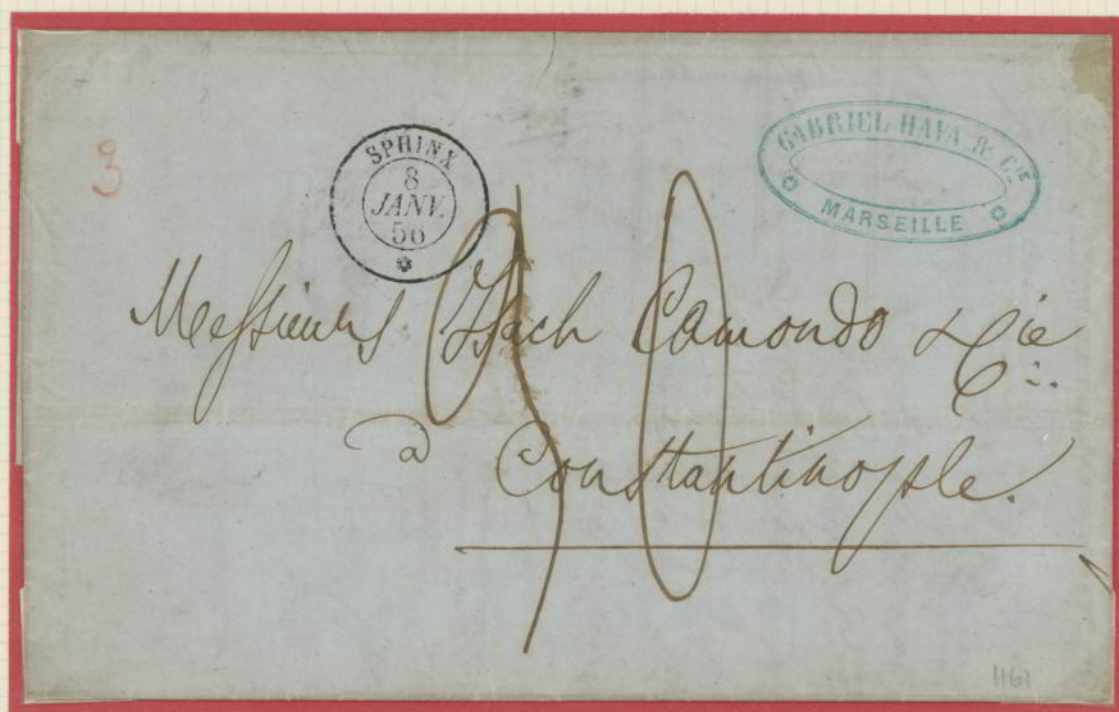
1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*

MARSEILLE to CONSTANTINOPLE & back  
via Messina, Pyreus and the Dardanelles.

*Dated Shipmark: "SPHINX \* 8 JANV 56."*



1856

*From Marseille, January 8 to Constantinople, arrival  
docketed January 15. Carried by the "Borysthene".  
Triple tax rated at arrival: 30 décimes.*

The "Borysthene" on its first voyage  
out of Marseille used the "Sphinx"  
dated shipmark.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Shipline to Italy*

MARSEILLES to MALTA via  
Genoa, Leghorn, Civita Vecchia,  
Naples and Messina.

*Dated Shipmark:*

"AUNIS \* 25 JUIN 63"



1863

From Marseilles June 20 to Civita Vecchia arrival June 28. Prepaid 1 Franc, single rate postage to the Pontifical State.



1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

*Main Shipline to the Levant*  
MARSEILLES to CONSTANTINOPLE

*Dated Shipmark: "BALKAN \* 16 MARS 59"*



1859

*From Constantinople March 16 via Marseilles March  
22 to Paris. Prepaid 1 franc double postage rate.*

This letter was carried by the packet "NEWA",  
on the first return of this new ship from Constantinople. The "BALKAN" shipmark was borrowed  
and used by the postal agent of the "Newa".



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*  
1851-1866  
Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*  
MARSEILLES to CONSTANTINOPLE

*Dated Shipmark: "BORYSTHENE \* 3 JANV. 63"*



1863

*From Marseilles January 3 to Constantinople Jan 10.  
Prepaid 50 centimes, single postage rate.*

The date digit "6" of 63 is missing from the shipmark. Not previously reported for this voyage.



1857-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

*Constantinople Station Feeder Shiplines*

*Dated Shipmark:*

" B O S P H O R E \* 28 SEPT 62 "



1862

*Letter addressed to Mersina, September 28; single prepaid rate of 50 centimes.*

The "BOSPHORE" was stationed for the 3rd time in Constantinople from January 1862 to Jan. 31, 1863. An incomplete back cancellation indicates "Salonique Turquie" in a dotted circle, leading to the possibility that this letter went via Salonica (Thessaly Coast feeder line), Sira or Smyrna (Anatolia Coast feeder line) to the main French shipline servicing the Syrian and Turkish coasts with a stop-over at Mersina. According to Mr Salles, no prepaid covers carried by the "BOSPHORE" are known, except on this voyage.



1857-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

*Constantinople Station  
Thessaly coast Feeder Shipline  
CONSTANTINOPLE to PYREUS  
via Volo and Salonica*

*Dated Shipmark:*

*"CAIRE \* 21 NOV. 65"*



1865

*From Salonica November 21, via the Dardanelles  
and Messina to Leghorn, arrival December 2.*

*Transshipped at the Dardanelles from the "Caire"  
to the "Danube" out of Constantinople on the  
way to Marseilles via Messina.*

Prepaid double rate of 1.60 Frs  
Two purification slits.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Shipline to Italy*

MARSEILLES to MALTA via  
Genoa, Leghorn & others

*Dated Shipmark:*

"CAPITOLE 11 AOUT 64"



1864

*From Marseilles August 11, to Genoa arrival  
August 12. Prepaid 40 centimes, single rate  
postage.*



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*

MARSEILLE to CONSTANTINOPLE & back  
via Messina, Pyreus and the Dardanelles.

*Dated Shipmark: "CEPHISE \* 19 JAN 60"*



1860

*From Constantinople January 18 to Paris, arrival  
Marseille January 30 and Paris, Jan. 31. Prepaid  
double rate 1 Franc.*

This is the only voyage made by the  
"CEPHISE" to and from the Levant.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*  
MARSEILLES to CONSTANTINOPLE

*Dated Shipmark: "DANUBE \* 26 JUIN 58"*



1858

*From Marseilles June 26 to Constantinople.*

*Front of letter with prepaid 1 Franc double  
rate postage to the Levant.*



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*  
MARSEILLES to CONSTANTINOPLE

*Dated Shipmark: "DUPEIX \* 19 NOV. 64."*



1864

*From Marseilles November 19 to Constantinople  
arrival Nov. 26. Prepaid 50 cmes. single postage.*



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Shipline to Syria*

MARSEILLE to ALEXANDRIA & back via  
Palermo, Messina, Syra, Smyrna, Rhodes, Mer-  
sina, Alexandretta, Lattaquie, Tripoli, Beyrouth  
and Jaffa.

*Dated Shipmark: "ERIDAN \* 28 SEPT 66"*



1866

*From Marseille, September 28 to Syra, Greece, arrival  
October 6 or September 24 per Greek calendar.  
Desinfected and taxed at arrival 132 Leptas.*



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851 1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*  
MARSEILLES to CONSTANTINOPLE

*Dated Shipmark:*

"EGYPTUS \* 9 AVRIL"



1857

*From Constantinople April 9 to London, via Marseille, April 18,  
Paris and Calais, April 19, arriving London April 20. Prepaid  
single sea rate 60 centimes and taxed on arrival 2 shillings.*

During 1857 no yearly "57" insert was in use with the "EGYPTUS" dated shipmark. Stamps cancellation with small "1896" was done in Marseilles. The Anchor in lozenge of dots cancellation came into use in July 1857.

Although Mr. Salles noted that there were no prepaid letters during the first 2 voyages of the "EGYPTUS" in 1857, above prepaid letter was carried on the 2nd such voyage.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

*Main Shipline to the Levant*  
MARSEILLES to CONSTANTINOPLE

*Dated Shipmark: "GODEWERY \* 26 OCT 64"*



*From Constantinople October 26, 1864 to Nice*

*Dated Shipmark: "GODAVERY \* 25 MAI 65"*



*From Marseilles May 27, 1865 to Constantinople*

The erroneous spelling of the shipmark "GODEWERY" used in 1863-64 was replaced by "GODAVERY" in 1865.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*  
MARSEILLES to CONSTANTINOPLE

*Dated Shipmark: "HYDASPE \* 1 AOUT 60"*



1860

*From Constantinople August, via Marseilles Aug.  
9, to Lyon arrival Aug. 10. Prepaid 1 Fr., double  
postage rate.*



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea.*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*  
MARSEILLES to CONSTANTINOPLE

*Dated Shipmark:* "ILLISSUS \* 10 OCT. 66"



1866

*From Constantinople October 10, via Marseilles  
Oct. 17, to Paris Oct. 19. Prepaid 40 centimes  
single postage rate.*

Shipmark "Illissus" is erroneously spelled;  
it was never corrected to: "ILYSSUS".  
Last voyage with this shipmark before the  
change to "Line" markings in 1866-67.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851 1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*  
MARSEILLES to CONSTANTINOPLE

*Dated Shipmark: "INDUS \* 15 NOV 62"*



1862

*From Marseilles November 15, to Constantinople  
arrival Nov. 23. Prepaid 1 franc double postage  
rate.*



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Shipline to Egypt and Syria*  
MARSEILLES to SMYRNA & back  
via Malta and Alexandria

*Dated Shipmark:*

"JOURDAIN \* 24 SEPT 61."



1861

*From Smyrna September 24, via Marseilles*  
*October 1st to Bordeaux Oct. 3.*

Prepaid single rate 50 centimes



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Shipline to Egypt*

MARSEILLES to ALEXANDRIA

and back via Messina

*Dated Shipmark: "LA BOURDONNAIS \* 28 JANV. 63"*



1863

*From Alexandria January 28 to Marseilles arrival  
February 10.*

Prepaid 50 centimes, single rate to France

This is the first return voyage of the "La Bourdonnais"



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1857-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

Constantinople Station  
Thessaly coast Feeder Shipline  
CONSTANTINOPLE to PYREUS  
via Volo and Salonica.

*Dated Shipmark:*

"LOUQSOR \* 25 MARS 62."



1862

*From Salonica March 25, via the Dardanelles to  
Messina arrival March 31. Carried by the "Louqsor"  
to the Dardanelles and by the "Alphee" to Messina.*

Single rate prepaid 80 centimes. Erroneous "Insufficient  
postage striken out by pen and anchor cancellation.  
Error attributed to the Jan. 1862 change from 7.5 gr. to  
10 gr. single rate weight.  
This was the first voyage of "Alphee".



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1873-1880

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

*Shipline to the Levant*

MARSEILLES to CONSTANTINOPLE via  
Naples, Messina, Pyreus and the Dardanelles.

*Maritime mail box Postmark:*

MARSEILLE B.M. - 25 MARS 76



1876

*From Marseilles, March 25, by the "Donnai" to Athens,  
arrival March 31; franked 30 centimes cancelled with dotted  
lozenge and anchor.*

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Note: After the end of the system of Postal agents aboard ships  
and of their ship cancels in January 1873, late mail deposited  
at the Shipline Company's "Maritime Boxes" (B.M.) was re-  
ceiving above markings.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*  
MARSEILLES to CONSTANTINOPLE

*Dated Shipmark:*

"MENSALÉ \* 26 AOUT 65"



*Dated Shipmark:*

"MENZALEH \* 14 AVRIL 66"



*From Marseilles August 26, 1865  
to Constantinople Sept 2. Prepaid  
double postage 1 Franc*

*From Marseilles April 14, 1866  
to Constantinople April 21. Prepaid  
single postage 40 centimes*

Postage rates to the Levant were lowered Jan. 1, 1866 from  
50 to 40 centimes per 10 grammes.  
Uncorrect shipmark spelling "MENSALÉ" in use in 1865  
was changed to the correct "MENZALEH" in 1866.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Shipline to Egypt*

MARSEILLE to ALEXANDRIA & back,  
via Palermo and Messina.

*Dated Shipmark: "MERSEY\*3 SEPT 62"*



1862

*From Alexandria September 3 to Marseille, arrival September 9. Prepaid single rate: 50 cent.*



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Shipline to Egypt*

MARSEILLES to ALEXANDRIA

*Dated Shipmark:*

"M O E R I S \* 19 M A R S 65"



1865

*From Alexandria March 19 to Marseilles, arrival  
March 26. Prepaid 50 centimes, single rate.*



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Impariales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*

MARSEILLE to CONSTANTINOPLE via  
Messina, Pyreus and the Dardanelles.

*Dated Shipmark: "NEVA \* 7 MARS 63."*



1863

*From Marseilles March 7, via Messina to Cata-  
nia. Prepaid 40 centimes single rate postage  
to Sicily.*



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1852-1866

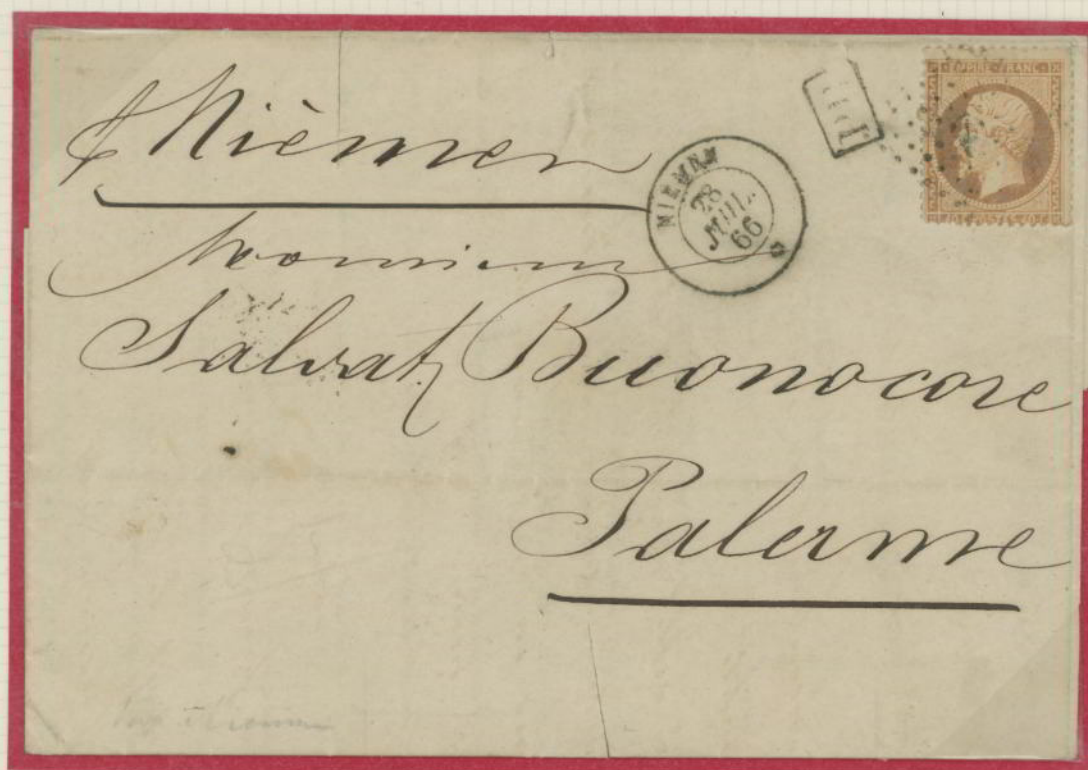
Cie des Messageries Impériales

*Shipline to Syria*

MARSEILLES to ALEXANDRIA & back  
via Palermo, Syra, Beyrouth & others.

*Dated Shipmark:*

"NIEMEN \* 28 JUIL 66."



1866

*From Marseilles July 28 to Palermo, arrival July 30.*

Prepaid single rate 40 centimes to Italy.  
Two purification slits.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Impariales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*

MARSEILLES to CONSTANTINOPLE via  
Messina, Pyreus and the Dardanelles

*Dated Shipmark: "NIL \* 26 NOV. 64"*



1864

*From Marseilles November 26 to Messina arrival November 29. Prepaid 50 centimes and postmarked:*

*"Insufficient postage" together with a tax "7" decimes.*

According to postal regulations, the agent aboard the "Nil" discounted the 40 cmes but gave credit of 10 cmes in taxing the letter: 80 cmes less 10 cmes = 70 cmes or "7" decimes.

The "Nil" shipmark belongs to the 2nd steamer of that name in service from 1864 to 1866.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1857-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Constantinople Station  
Thessaly coast Feeder Shipline*  
CONSTANTINOPLE to PYREUS  
via the Dardanelles, Salonica and Volo

*Dated Shipmark:*

"ORONTE \* 18 AVRIL 65"



1865

*Part of cover from Salonica April 18 via the Dardanelles and Messina. Dated Milan April 27.*

Prepaid double rate of 1.60 Fr.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*  
MARSEILLE to CONSTANTINOPLE & back  
via Messina, Pyreus and the Dardanelles.

*Dated Shipmark:* OSIRIS \* 9 NINT 22



1859

*From Constantinople June 22 to Marseille, arrival June 30.  
Carried by the "Metidjah". Prepaid single rate 50 centimes.*

Shipmark "Osiris" was aboard the "Metidjah" and in use during the return trip to Marseille. The "Metidjah" had spent a few months in the Black Sea sailing between Constantinople and Trebizonde.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea.*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Shipline to Italy*

MARSEILLE to MALTA & back  
via Genoa, Leghorn, Civitta-Vechia,  
Naples and Messina.

*Dated Shipmark:* "HELLESPONT \* 11 AOUT 56"



1856

*From Marseille August 11 to Leghorn, arrival  
docketed August 13. Single rate tax: 9 decimes*

Prepaid letters with dated shipmark  
"Hellespont" have not been recorded.  
Taxed "9" local currency or 6 dé-  
cimes of Franc, single rate to Toscana.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Shipline to Italy*

MARSEILLES to MALTA via  
Genoa, Leghorn, Civita-Vecchia,  
Naples and Messina.

*Dated Shipmark:*

"PAUSILIPPE \* 24 DEC 63"



1863

From Marseilles December 24 to Genoa, ar-  
rival Dec. 25. Prepaid 40 centimes, single  
rate to the State of Sardinia



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Cie des Messaries Imperiales

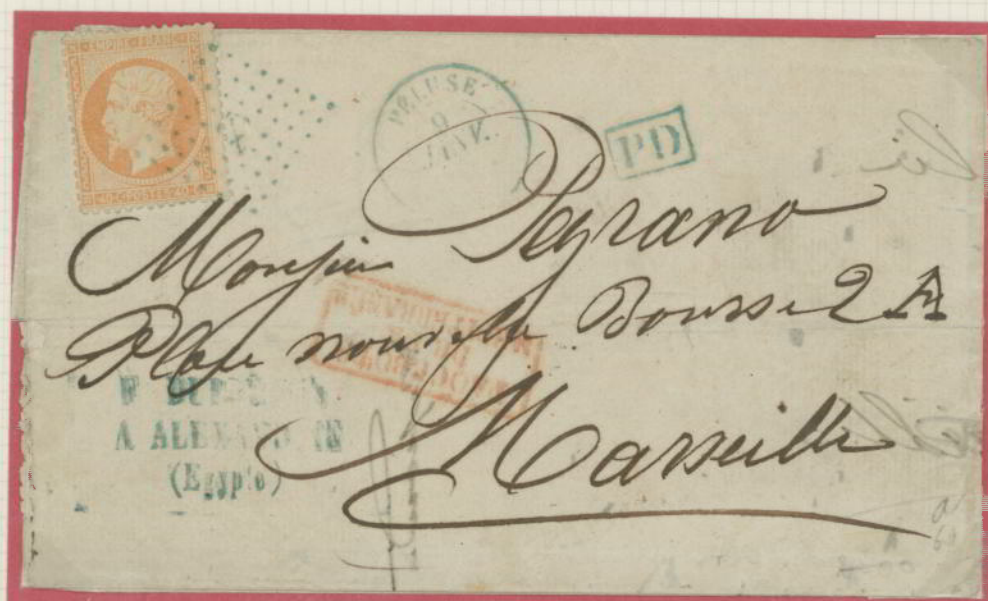
*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

*Shipline to Egypt*

MARSEILLES to ALEXANDRIA

*Dated Shipmark:*

"PELUSE \* 9 JANV. 66"



1866

*From Alexandria January 9, to Marseilles dis-  
tribution postmarked January 18.*

Prepaid 40 centimes, single rate to France

DATED CANCELLATIONS



19 OCT 66



19 JUL 66



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Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*  
MARSEILLE to CONSTANTINOPLE

*Dated Shipmark: "PHASE \* 2 JUIL 62"*



1862

*From Constantinople July 2, via Marseilles July 9  
to Lyon arrival July 9. Prepaid 1 Franc, double  
rate postage.*



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Shipline to Italy*

MARSEILLES to MALTA & back  
via Genoa, Leghorn, Civita Vecchia,  
Naples and Messina.

*Dated Shipmark:*

"QUIRINAL \* 20 JUIN 61"



1861

*From Marseilles June 20 to Civita Vecchia.  
arrival June 23.*

Prepaid 1 Franc, single rare to the Pontifical State.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Shipline to Egypt*

MARSEILLES to ALEXANDRIA

*Dated Shipmark:*

"SAID \* 9 OCT 66"



1866

*From Marseilles October 9 via Alexandria to Jaffa.*

Prepaid 40 centimes single rate to Egypt  
Two purification slits

This letter was picked up by a paquebot of shipline servicing the Syrian coast line from Alexandria. The "Eridan" leaving on the 18th made a stop in Jaffa on the 20th.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*  
MARSEILLES to CONSTANTINOPLE  
via Pyreus.

*Dated Shipmark:*

"SIMOIS \* 23 OCT. 57."



1857

*From Constantinople October 21, via Pyreus to  
Athenes, arrival October 23 or October 11 per  
Julian calendar. Prepaid single rate 50 centimes.*

On this voyage the dated cancel  
"SIMOIS" was used on arrival to  
Pyreus as well in Marseilles instead  
of the day of sailing from Constan-  
tinople: Oct. 21.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*  
MARSEILLES to CONSTANTINOPLE

*Dated Shipmark: "SINAÏ \* 9 MAI 8"*



1863

*From Fribourg, docketed April 30, forwarded via Mar-  
seilles May 2 to Constantinople May 9. Prepaid 50 cen-  
times, single postage rate.*

Unreported data:

- Dated Shipmark applied at arrival in Con-  
stantinople instead of departure day from  
Marseilles.
- Shipmark's dated digit is reversed with the  
"6" of 63 missing



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1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Impariales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*

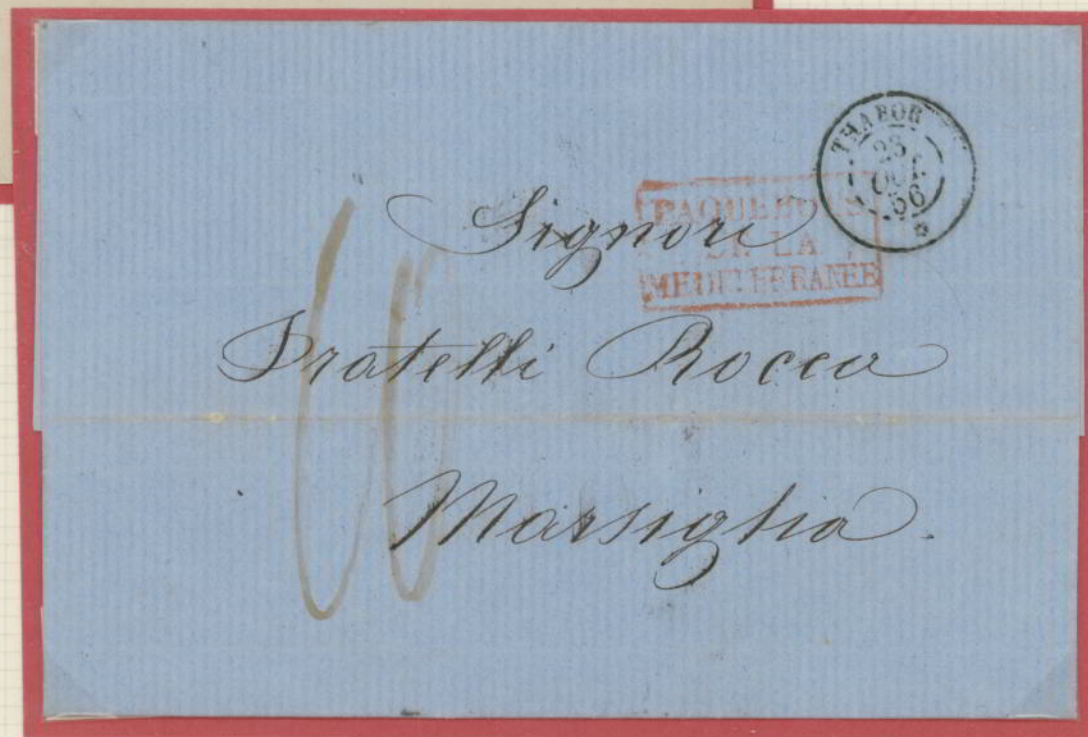
MARSEILLE to CONSTANTINOPLE & back  
via Malta, Syra, Smyrne and the Dardanelles.

*Dated Shipmark: "THABOR \* 4 MAI 57"*

1857



*Printed circular  
from Constantinople May 4  
and carried by the "Phase"  
at its last return from the  
Levant. Prepaid single  
printed matter rate of 10  
centimes instead of 9 cmes.*



*Dated Shipmark: "THABOR" \* 23 OCT. 56 "*

*From Constantinople October 23 to Marseilles, arrival November 1st.*

*Single rate tax 10 decimes*



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Impériales

*Shipline to Italy*

MARSEILLES to MALTA via  
Genoa, Leghorn, Civita-Vecchia,  
Naples and Messina.

*Dated Shipmark:*

"VATICAN \* 17 SEPT 63"



1863

*From Marseilles September 17 to Civita Vec-*  
*chia arrival Sept. 20.*

Insufficiently prepaid 40 centimes,  
double rate 20 decimes tax.



*French Maritime Mail in the Mediterranean Sea*

1851-1866

Cie des Messageries Imperiales

*Main Shipline to the Levant*

MARSEILLES to CONSTANTINOPLE & back

*Dated Shipmark: "TAMISE \* 23 OCT. 61."*



1861

*From Constantinople October 23, via Marseilles Oct 30  
to Lyon Oct. 31. Prepaid single rate postage 50 cmes.*

The "TAMISE" was returning to Marseilles  
from a stay at the Constantinople Station.