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A letter from Zante to England from a soldier serving with 10th Btn. 6th Brigade, Royal Artillery. The corner signed by the commanding Officer to allow the concession rate of 1d. postage, which is marked in red below the adhesive. A Greek style cds of Zakynoos, 1. April 1861 and crown circle "Paid at Zante" in blue, S.G.CC4, were applied. In transit at Corfu a GB QV 1d., red-brown, 1856 issue on white paper was added and cancelled by the crown circle "paid at Corfu" also in blue, S.G.CC3. On the reverse is the English arrival cds of Bradford, May 10. 1861. It is in my opinion genuine. An extremely rare usage of the crown circle cancellations. (EX Yates collection)

