

Star and wedges in a circle
4/18/1873 to 6/18/1874



RARE RED CANCEL ON 24¢ SUPPLEMENTARY MAIL COVER

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Jul 12, 1873 supplementary mail to England carried on on White Star Line's *Celtic* arriving Liverpool 22.

Of 115 covers known with this cancel, this is the sole recorded with an 1870-73 US Issue 24¢ stamp cancelled in red.

Although there is no 'SUPPLEMENTARY MAIL' marking, the cancel is red, the usual colour for supplementary mail, and postage indicates a fee was paid. Postage of 24¢ paid the double 6¢ British treaty rate plus the 12¢ supplementary mail fee.



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Oct 9, 1873 to Spain carried on Hapag Line's *Halsatia* going via Plymouth and London 20, enroute to Spain. Postage paid the 16¢ British treaty rate via France.



Jan 24, 1874 supplementary mail cover to Ireland carried on N.G.L. Line's *Main* via Southampton February 3.

It is clear the 12¢ stamp was stuck on separately from the two 6¢ stamps, either by the supplementary mail clerk or the sender of the card. Both saw there was no room to place it anywhere else.

Postage of 24¢ paid the double 6¢ British treaty rate plus the 12¢ supplementary mail fee.

Feb 7, 1874 1¢ Postal Card to Luxembourg carried on NGL Line's *Mosel* going via Bremen 20 and then by train to Luxembourg arriving the same day.

Postage paid the 2¢ Postal Card rate.



THE SOLE KNOWN NYCFM USE TO LUXEMBOURG



Feb 10, 1874 to Malta carried on Guion Line's *Minnesota* going via Queenstown 20, Southampton and London, arriving Malta Mar 8.

This is one of 4 NYCFM covers known to Malta.

Postage paid the 16¢ British treaty rate via Southampton.

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Mar 14, 1874 to Egypt on NGL Line's *Main* going via Southampton 24, Mt. Cenis Tunnel, Brindisi 29 and Alexandria, arriving Cairo Apr 2.

6 NYCFM covers are known to Egypt.

Postage paid the 16¢ NGU direct mail rate.

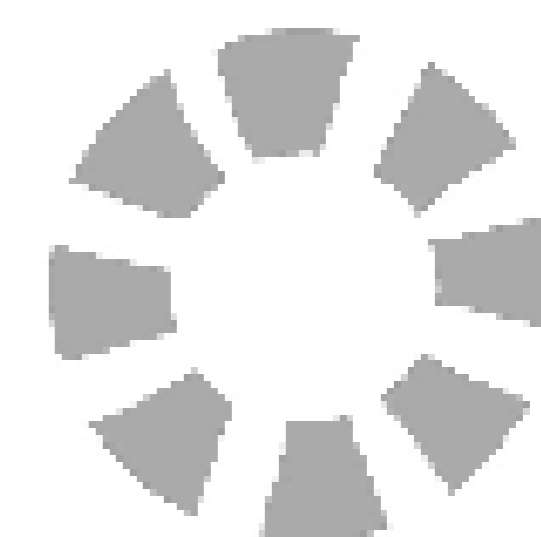


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MIXED ISSUE FRANKING

May 28, 1874 to Germany carried on Hapag Line's *Holsatia* going via Hamburg Jun 10, arriving Lobenstein 11. This is the sole known NYCFM cover franked with a US 1861 Issue 5¢ brown and an 1873 Issue 1¢ ultramarine stamp.

Postage paid the 6¢ NGU direct mail rate.



Circle of 8 truncated wedges
9/25/1873 to 4/4/1874



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THE SOLE KNOWN FOUR DENOMINATION BANKNOTE 1870-73 ISSUE FRANKING

Nov 8, 1873 supplementary mail folded cover to Spain carried on NGL Line's *Rhein* via Southampton and London 19, arriving Cadiz 27.

Postage of 32¢ paid the 16 British progressive mail rate via France plus the 16¢ supplementary mail fee.



Unusually the cover shows two Exchange Office datestamps, both struck in New York. The rarely seen 'GERTRANSIT' datestamp confirms transit by German mails and the 'PAID ALL' datestamp that postage was paid fully to destination.



Dec 6, 1873 mourning cover to Greece carried on NGL Line's *Deutschland* going via Bremen 20, then overland by train via Verviers-Cologne, Vienna and Triest, arriving Athens in early Jan.

This new discovery cover is one of seven NYCFM uses recorded to Greece.

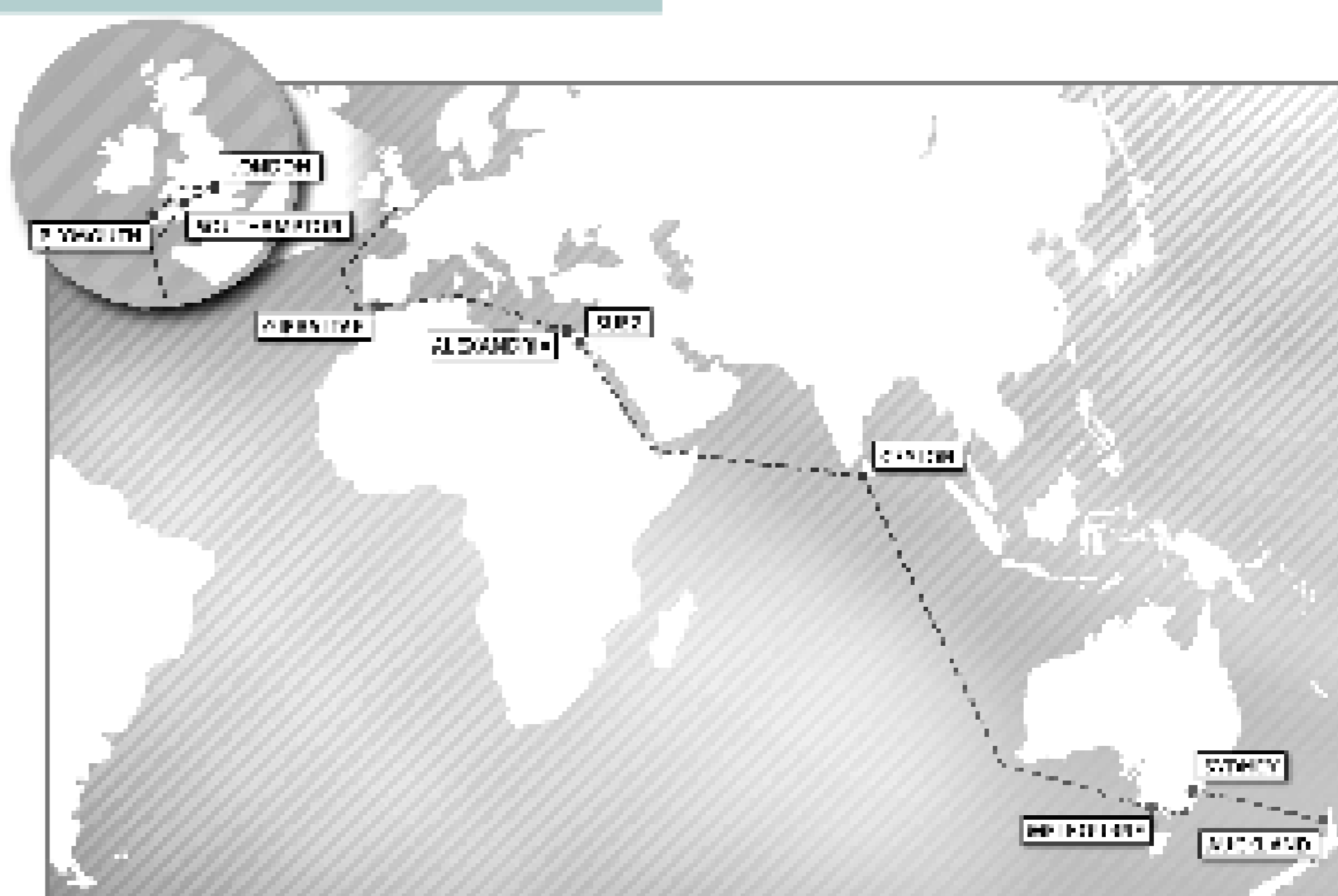
Postage paid the 14¢ NGU direct steamer rate via Germany (effective Oct 1, 1871).



Oct 30, 1873 to Auckland, New Zealand from NY going on Hapag Line's *Westphalia* going via Plymouth 10, London, then on P&O Line's *Poonah* from Southampton through the Straights of Gibraltar to Alexandria. Then by train to Suez, then reloaded onto *Poonah*, going to Galle in Ceylon. Then by P&O's *Pera* to Melbourne and branch line's *Ellora* to Sydney, arriving Auckland Jan 27, 1874.

This is 1 of 3 NYCFM covers known to New Zealand.

Postage paid the 16¢ British mail rate via Southampton.



Dec 22, 1873 to Barbados going via St. Thomas and Havana, arriving Bridgetown 30.

This is 1 of 3 NYCFM covers known to Barbados.

Postage paid the 18¢ rate by British mail via Havana.





5 pointed star in an 8 pointed star

12/18/1873 to 7/10/1875



THE ONLY RECORDED PRE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION (JUL 1875) SUPPLEMENTARY MAIL COVER TO BELGIUM

Jan 14, 1874 supplementary mail to Belgium carried on Cunard Line's Algeria going via Queenstown 24, Ostend the same day, arriving Antwerp 25.

Postage shows the rare double 8¢ Belgium mail rate plus the 16¢ supplementary fee.



Jan 23, 1874 to Barbados going via St. Thomas 29, arriving Bridgetown 31.

Postage of 36¢ paid the double 18¢ British mail rate via St Thomas (blue Ms '2' for double rate and red '16' double rate credit).



Correct date stamp struck on the reverse



Domestic date stamp struck on the reverse (letter probably handed into the domestic department initially by accident).

Mar 28, 1874 to Belgium carried on White Star Line's *Republic* going via Queenstown Apr 6, Liverpool and London, arriving Bruxelles 8.

Although 16¢ postage paid the double 8¢ Belgium closed mail rate, the cover was sent as British open mail leaving postage due on arrival.



Apr 2, 1874 3¢ Stamped Envelope to Greece carried on Hapag Line's *Westphalia* going via Plymouth 12, Hamburg and Trieste arriving Athens May 11.

There are 7 NYCFM covers known to Greece.

Postage paid the 15¢ NGU closed mail treaty rate by American packet.



May 7, 1874 supplementary mail to England on Hapag Line's *Thuringia* going via Plymouth 17, arriving Warrington 18.

Postage of 12¢ paid the 6¢ British mail treaty rate plus the 6¢ supplementary mail fee.

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Jul 8, 1874 to Mariupol, Ukraine (Russia), carried on Cunard Line's *Calabria* going to Queenstown 17 then via Odessa 18 arriving Marianopoli 22. To allow for the Julian/Gregorian calendar difference US/Russia, 12 days must be added so the letter actually took 26 days to arrive not 14 days per the date stamps.

Postage paid the 10¢ NGU direct mail rate.



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May 23, 1874 to China by train to San Francisco, then PMS steamer via Yokohama, Japan, leaving Jun 13 for Hong Kong, where it arrived Jul 15. It then departed on P&O branch steamer *Norma* travelling via Swatow arriving Amoy Jul 18.

Reverend Kip, a missionary, is buried in Greenwood cemetery, Brooklyn, New York.

Postage paid the 10¢ American packet rate.

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'Sunburst'
12/10/1873
to
12/27/1873

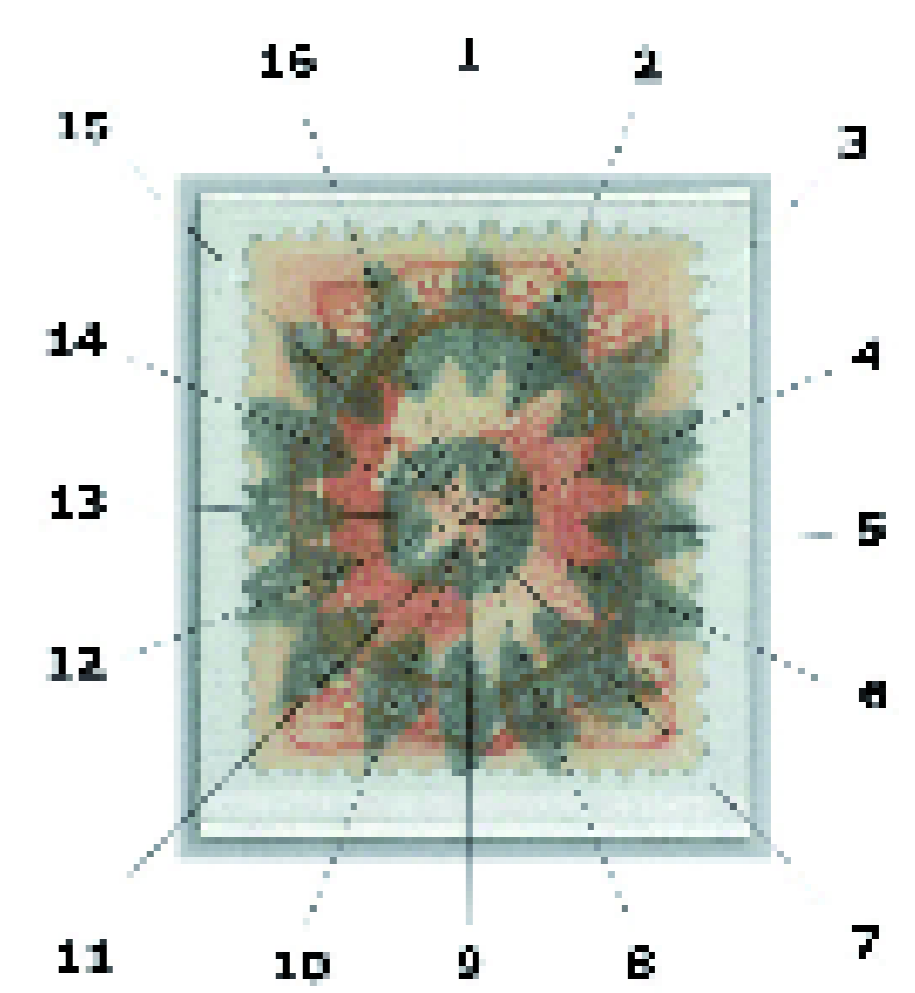


Fig.1

IMPORTANT DISCOVERY

THE SOLE KNOWN USE OF THIS CANCEL ON AN ENTIRE

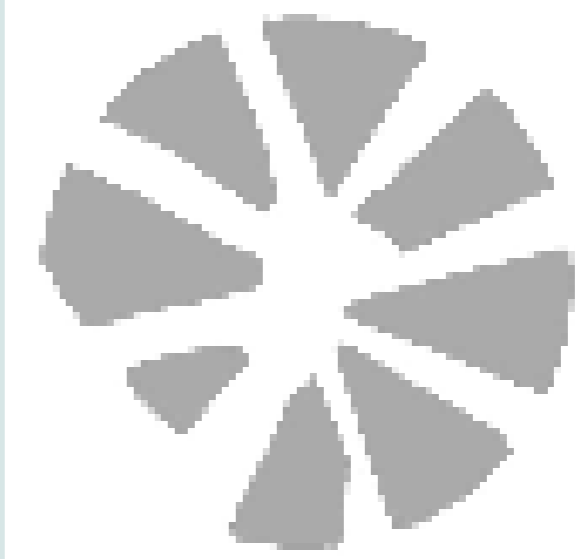
Dec 13, 1873 1¢ Postal Card to Germany carried on NGL Lines's *Donau* going via Bremen arriving circa 26 and Baden the next day.

In all previous NYCFM reference books this cancel is shown with 15 diamonds. But, as the crisp strike on the 6c Bank Note Issue stamp at Fig.1 shows, it has 16.

Postage paid the 2¢ postal card treaty rate (inception just 12 days earlier on Dec 1, 1873).



C Dec 27, 1873 supplementary mail to France carried on NGL Line's *Hermann* going via Southampton Jan 7, 1874, London 8, Calais, Lyon and Marseilles, arriving Aniane 9. **This is the last known use of this cancel.**
Postage paid should have been 20¢ (French fully prepaid rate for 15 to 20 grams) plus the supplementary mail fee of 20¢, so postage of 44¢ was 4¢ overpaid.

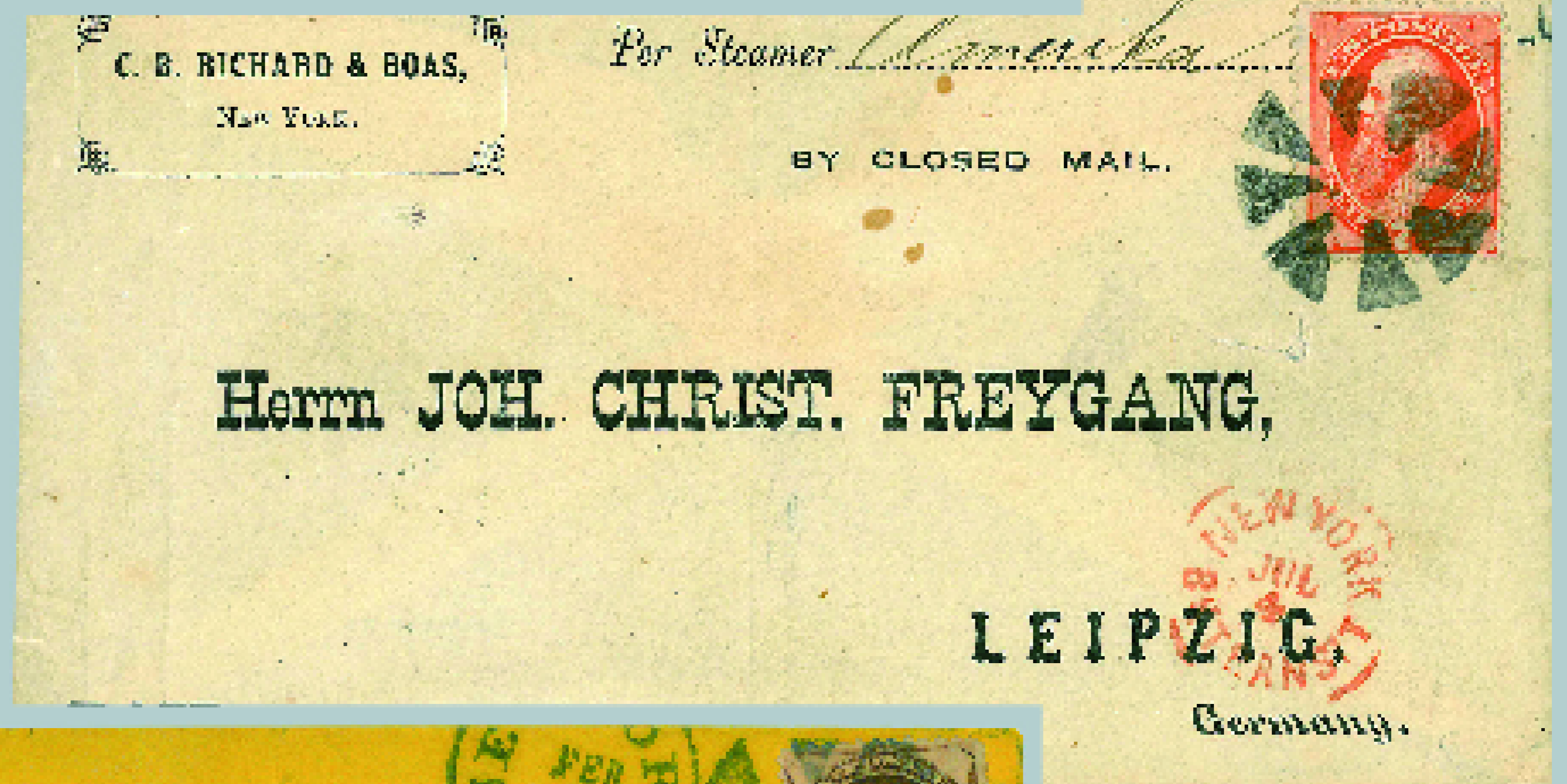


One truncated wedge
2/4/1874
to
7/15/1874

May 5, 1874 to Cuba
carried on New York and
Havana Line's Columbus,
arriving Havana 10.

Postage paid the 10¢ rate by
American packet.

Jul 4, 1874 to
Germany carried on
NGL Line's America
going via Southampton
14, arriving Leipzig 16.
Postage paid the 7¢
NGU dosed mail rate.



Originating outside of
New York City yet attrac-
ting a NYCFM cancel

From Callao, Peru, to Maine,
via Panama, and New York Feb
4, 18(74). Postage paid the 10¢
rate by American packet.



C Originating handstamp





2/17/1874
to
4/20/1875

8 radial spokes

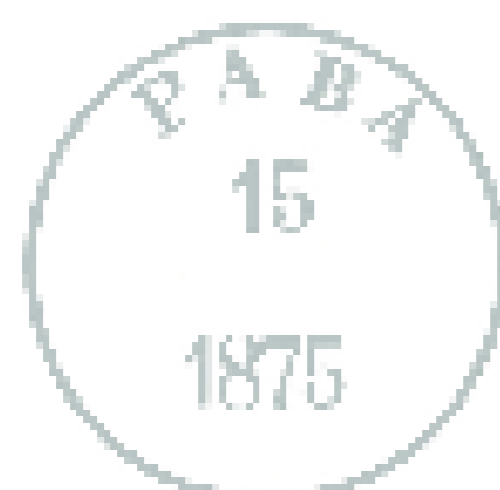


Originating handstamp

ORIGINATING OUTSIDE NEW YORK CITY YET ATTRACTING A NYCFM CANCEL

From Mexico to England entering the US mails in NYC on Feb 24, 1874, where it received the NYCFM cancel. It departed on Cunard Line's *Russia* on 25 Feb, arriving Queenstown Mar 8, and London 9

Postage paid the 6¢ British Mail treaty rate.



This cover involved country destinations which changed three times to accord with new boundaries and ownerships.

Mar 11, 1875 cover to Olsa, Rawa (then Russian Empire, now Ukraine). It departed on HAPAG Line's *Pommerania* 21, arriving Hamburg 24, Wroclaw, then Rawa, Mar 15 (Julian Callender). This date equated to 27, as there was a 12 day difference per the Julian Calendar used in Russia vis a vis the Gregorian Calendar used in the U.S.

However, the letter would now be addressed to *Germany*. Whilst 'RAWA (RUSKA)' (Russian spelling 'PABA') was then in the *Russian Empire* (1721-1917), 'VILLAGE OLSA' (or 'OLZA'), the ultimate destination, was located in the *German Empire* (1871-1918) on what is now the Czech/Polish border. In 1918 'VILLAGE OLSA' became part of an independent Polish State. In 1922 RAWA (RUSKA) was absorbed into Ukraine.

Postage paid the 10¢ N.G.U. direct mail rate to Russia.



Wheel

2/12/1874
to
10/16/1874

May 7, 1874 to France carried on Hapag Line's *Thuringia* going via Plymouth 17, London 18 then Calais and Paris 19.

Postage paid the 16¢ progressive French mail rate.

May 16, 1874 supplementary mail to Germany carried on NGL Line's *Mosel* to Bremen 29, arriving Cannstatt the same day.

Postage of 12¢ paid the 6¢ North German Union (NGU) direct rate, plus the 6¢ supplementary mail fee.



Jun 6, 1874 to France carried on NGL Line's *Main* going via Southampton 18 and London, arriving Paris 19.

Postage of 6¢ overpaid the 4¢ British open mail rate that incurred five decimes postage due from the addressee.



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■ Star does not touch circle
7/8/1874 to 6/1/1875

Aug 15, 1874 to France carried on NGL Line's America going via Southampton 26, arriving Paris 27.

A segment at 4 o'clock is missing, a common defect with this cancel.

Postage paid the 9¢ French mail rate.

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■ Star touches circle
8/1/1874 to 12/15/1874



Aug 29, 1874 supplementary mail to Holland carried on Inman Line's City of Chester going via Queenstown Sep 7 then London, arriving Amsterdam 9.

Postage of 20¢ paid the 10¢ open mail rate to Holland via England plus the 10¢ supplementary mail fee.



■ Inner star surrounded by arrow-heads
8/15/1874 to 9/29/1874

Aug 15, 1874 to Switzerland carried on NGL Line's America going via Bremen, 29, arriving Basel 30. This is the earliest of 10 covers recorded with this cancel. Postage paid the 8¢ Swiss closed mail rate via Bremen.

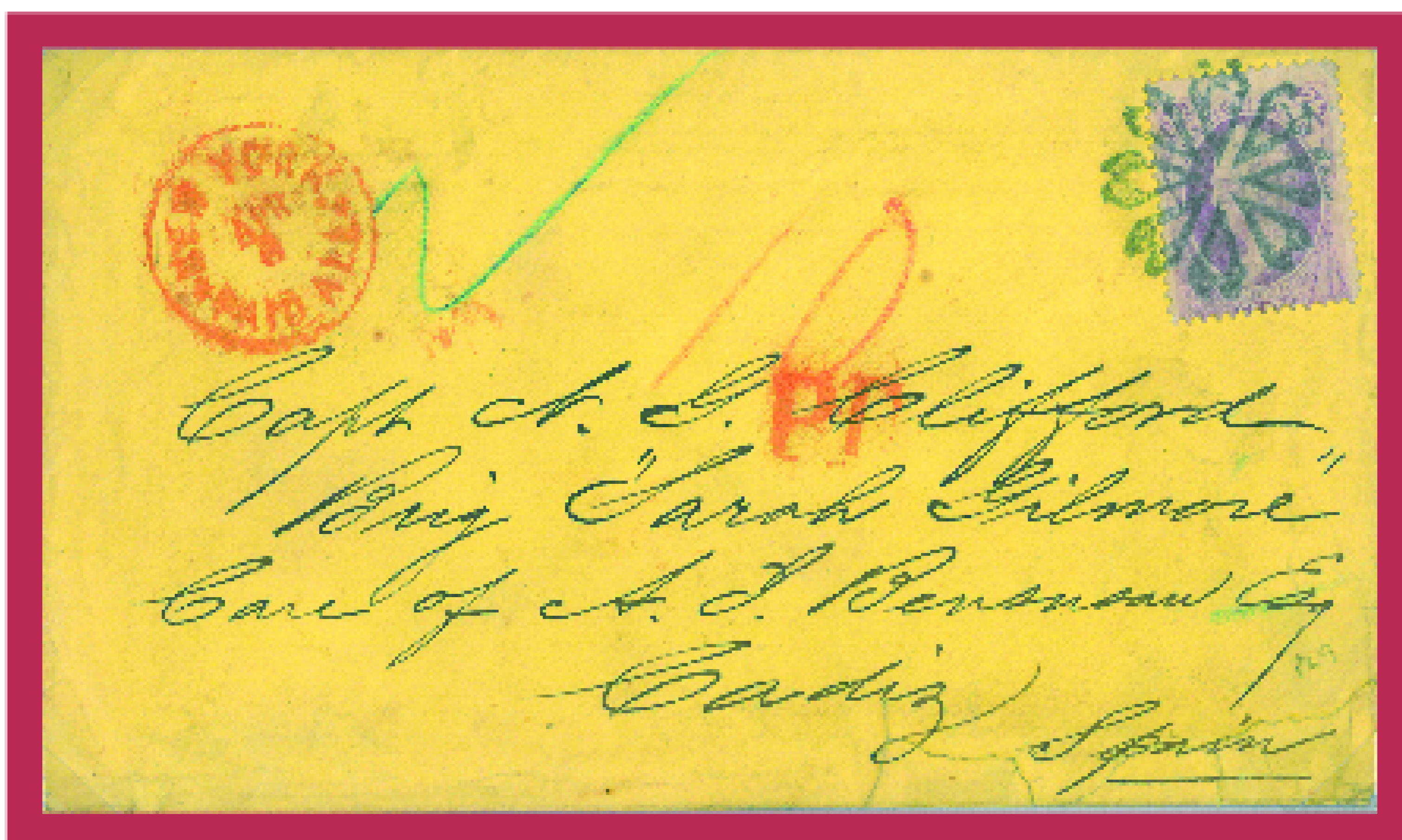


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■ 'Circle of hearts'

3/30/1874
to
8/13/1874



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THE SOLE EXAMPLE KNOWN OF THIS CANCEL WITH 24¢ STAMP USAGE

Apr 8, 1874 to Spain carried on NGL Line's *Hansa* to Bremen 22, Madrid 24, arriving Cadiz 25.

Of 60 covers known with this cancel, this is the sole recorded with a 24¢ stamp.

Postage paid the double 12¢ NGU dosed mail rate.





Apr 25, 1874 to Roumania carried on Cunard Line's *China* going via Queenstown May 5, arriving Bucharest 11.

Benjamin Franklin Peixotto was appointed by Ulysses S. Grant as United States Consul General to Romania.

Postage paid the 10¢ NGU closed mail rate.



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May 2, 1874 3¢ Stamped Envelope to France carried on French Line's *St. Laurent* going via Brest 14, arriving Paris the following day.

Postage of 17¢ overpaid the 16¢ progressive weight rate by French packet to Brest.



May 27, 1874 to Denmark carried on NGL Line's *Hansa* to Bremen Jun 9, arriving Copenhagen 12.

There are 4 NYCFM uses known to Denmark.

Postage paid the 9¢ NGU direct mail rate.



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Jun 13, 1874 supplementary mail to Switzerland carried on White Star Line's *Celtic* going via Queenstown 22 and London 23 en route to Uster.

Postage of 40¢ paid the double 10¢ Swiss closed mail rate plus the 20¢ supplementary mail fee.



Simple geometric

4/22/1874



Apr 22, 1874 to England carried on Cunard Line's *Russia* going via Liverpool May 2, arriving Chester 3. A superlative strike of **the sole known example of this cancel**.

Postage paid the 6¢ British treaty rate.