

## The prephilatelic period of the Hellenic Postal Service

The establishment of postal services in a nation, is an index of progressive culture  
Savage nations do not feel the need for communication.

During the Ottoman rule there was not any regular postal service available for private use  
Greeks were using “random opportunities” through travelers and sail near ships

Hellenic Postal Service established in 1829 during the war of Independence against the Ottomans  
The first steps were made on the ruins left by the 10 years long war and destruction

The expansion of the Hellenic postal Service was rapid  
The number of the post offices increased from the initial 13 in 1829, to 92 in 1861  
Besides those Hellenic Postal Service operated 8 post offices abroad  
in order to serve the Greek populations still remained under Ottoman occupation.

Promoting international mail, conventions made to Austrian Lloyd and French Messageries Maritimes  
connected Greece to the rest of the world.

The prephilatelic period ended on October 31st, 1861 when the first stamps of Large Hermes Heads circulated

Important note: At this period Greece used the Julian calendar that is 12 days behind Gregorian calendar  
Dates in all descriptions are those of the postmarks

Frame 1: Ottoman occupation, War of Independence, Early period, Administrative cachets, Special postal rates

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Frame 3: Municipal postal service, Special Handling, Auxiliary services

Frame 4: International mail to Ottoman Emp. - Aegean sea, Asia Minor, Constantinople, Black sea, Cilicia

Frame 5: International mail to Ottoman Emp. - Crete, Macedonia, Epirus, Thessaly, Egypt, Syria, Russian Emp.

Frame 6: International mail to Ionian isl., Italian states - Sardinia, Papal States, Tuscany, Malta

Frame 7: International mail to Austrian Emp., Germania, England, USA

Frame 8: International mail to French Republic, French Morea Expedition, French naval military mail, Netherland



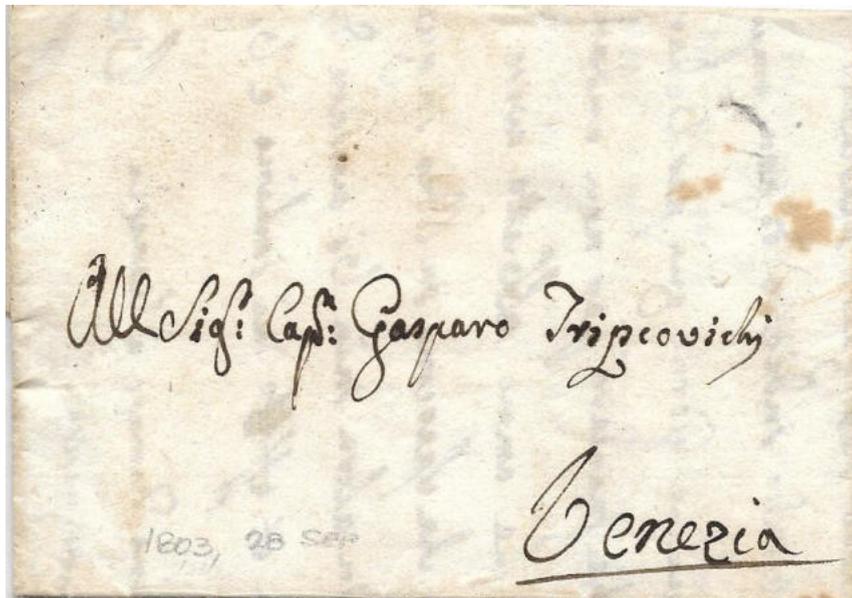
**Piraeus port (Dogana) - 1837**

**Greek mail before 1829 - Ottoman occupation – Greek Diaspora**



Entire letter from the under Ottoman occupation Greece (Mar.6,1697) to **Venezia** (Republic of Venice)  
Transported by Venetian sail ship

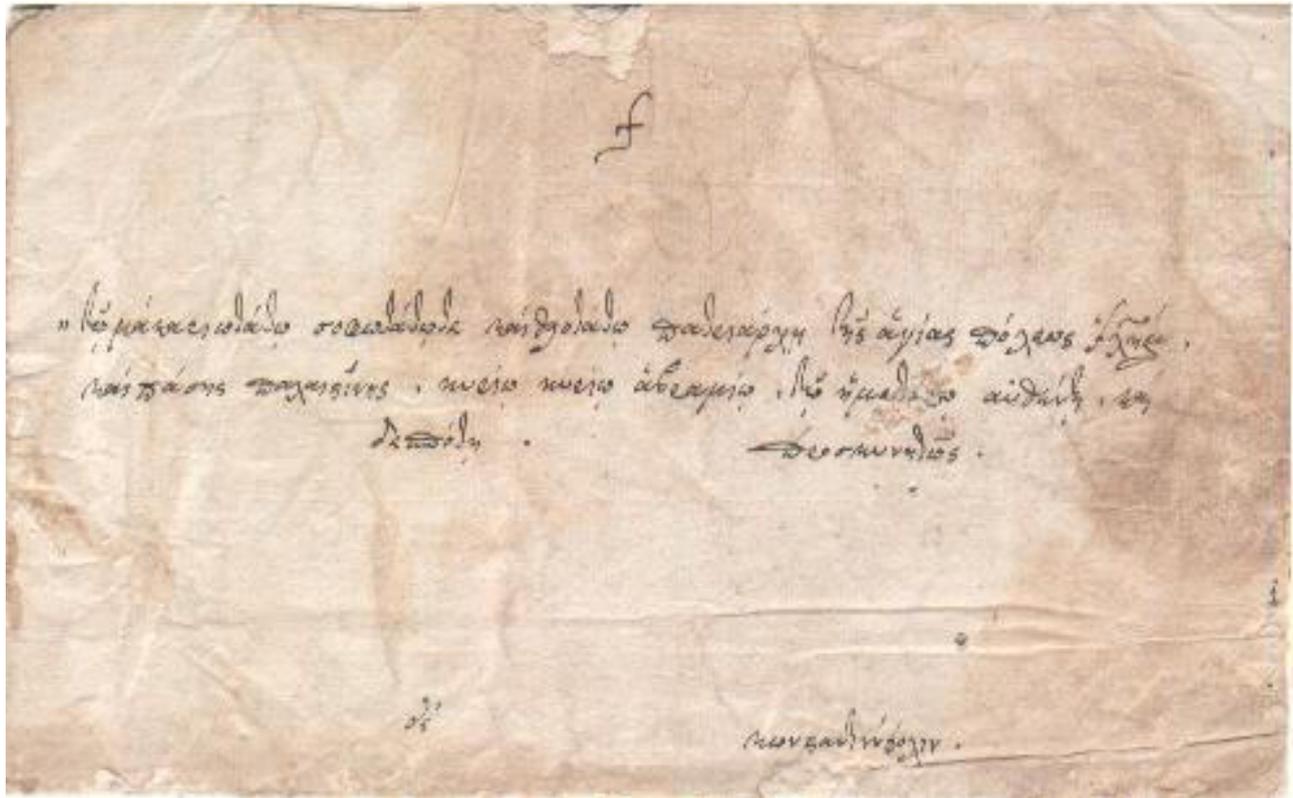
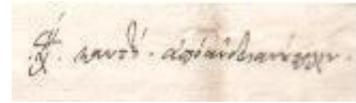
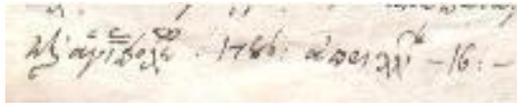
Lettera 28. Settembre 1803



Entire letter from **Patras** (Sep.28,1803) to **Venezia** (Kingdom of Italy)  
Transported by Venetian sail ship

**Greek mail before 1829 - Ottoman occupation – The Orthodox church**

The Greek Orthodox Church acquired the status of autonomous millet (=ruling themselves under own system)  
Its mail needs, covered by using its own people through its net of churches and monasteries

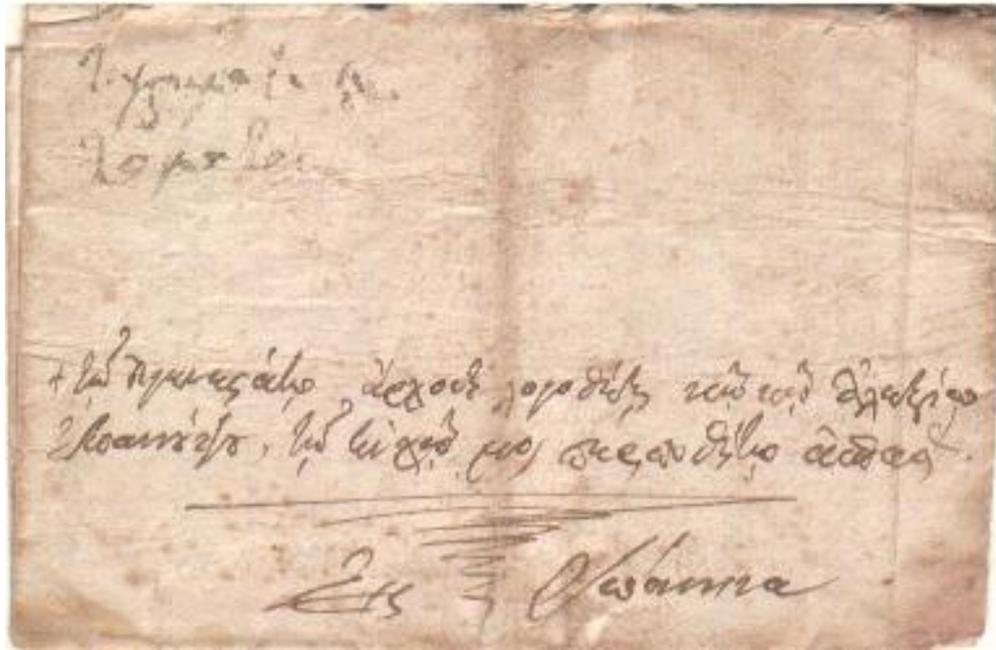


Entire letter from the **Holy city of Jerusalem** (Palestine)(Apr.16,1786) to **Constantinople** (Ottoman Emp.)  
via **Adrianople** (Thrace - Ottoman Emp.)  
Marked **f**  
Transported by Orthodox church's private means

*The only known letter so far between Greek church authorities  
Letter addressed to Patriarch of Jerusalem Avramios (1775-1787)*

**Greek mail before 1829 - Ottoman occupation – State of Ali Pasha**

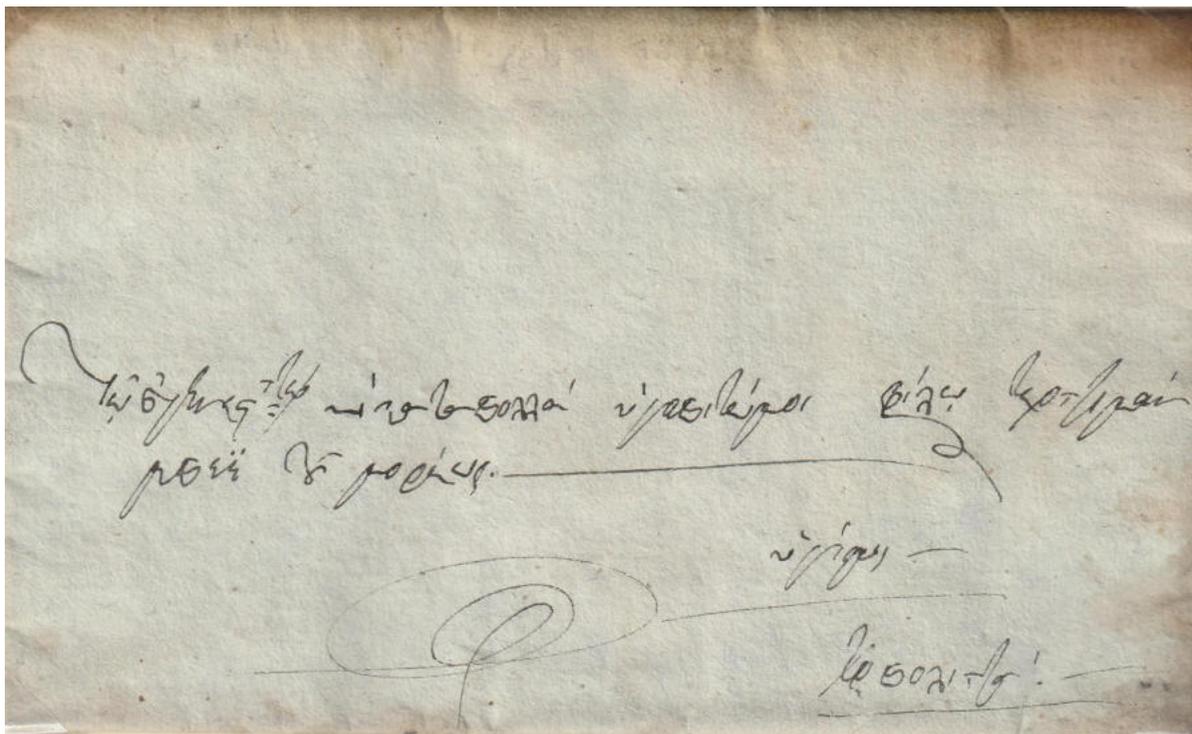
Inside the Ottoman Empire, Ali Pasha was ruling its territory as a semi independent despot - state  
Ali Pasha kept a very well organized mail system in order to gather and intercept information



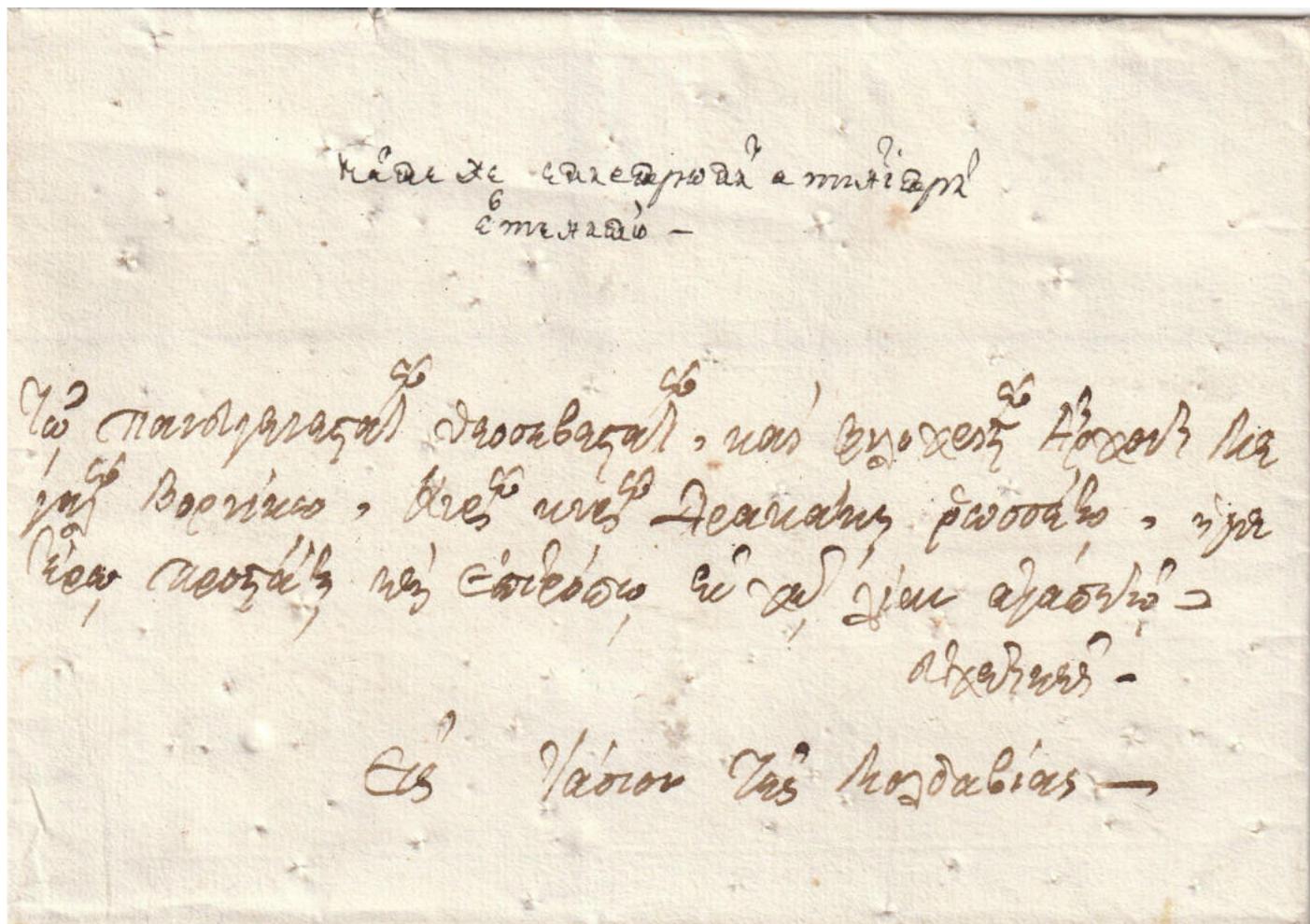
Entire letter from **Vella** village (Epirus - Ottoman Emp.)(Jun.16,1807) to **Jannina** (Epirus - Ottoman Emp.)

*The only known letter so far of the state of Ali Pasha  
Letter originated from the Greek school of Vella village and addressed to  
Alexios Ioannoutzos Prime minister of the state of Ali Pasha*

Greek mail before 1829 - Ottoman occupation – Greek local Authorities



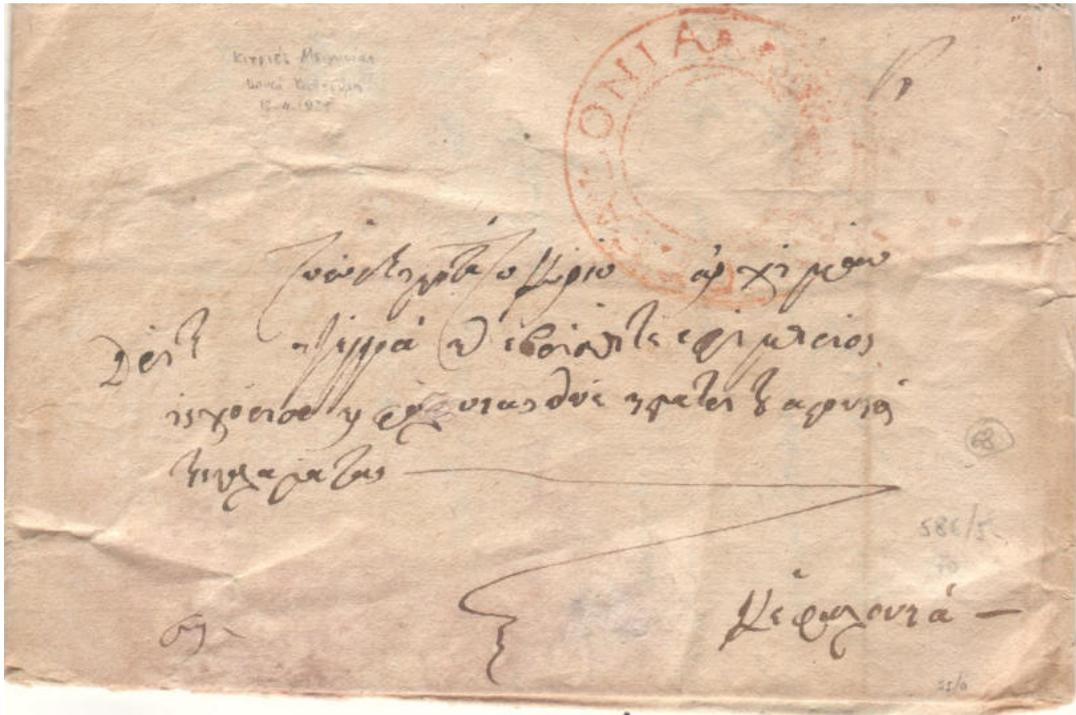
Entire letter of the **Bey of Kalamata** (Jul.27,1817) to the **Bey of Morea** in **Tripolis** (Morea)  
Transported by pezodromos courier



Envelope (1821) to **Vornic** (=minister of Internal affairs & Justice) **Drakakis Rossetis** at **Jassy** (**Moldavia**)  
Disinfected - Rastel multiple pinhalls

**Greek mail before 1829 - War for independence - Mail to Ionian islands**

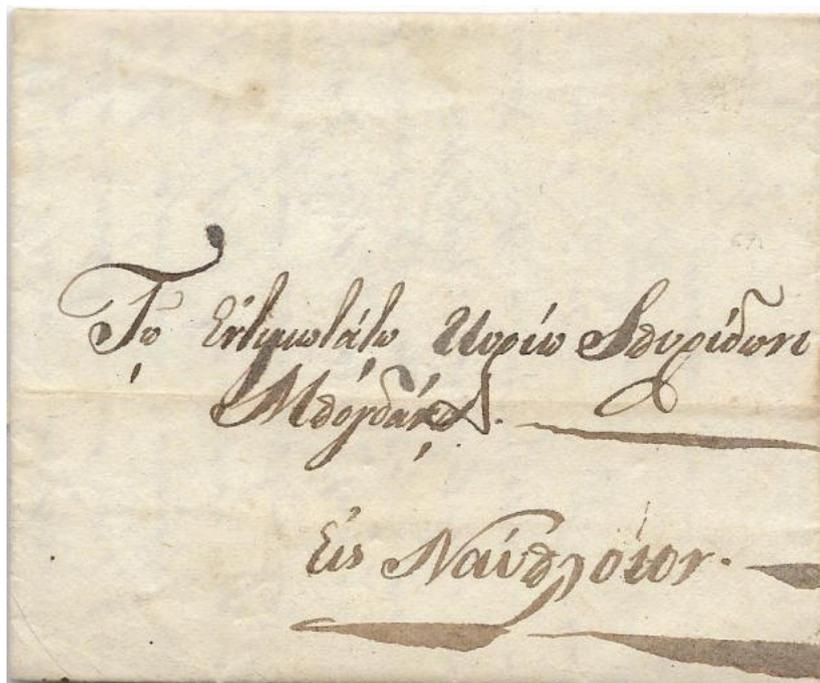
During the Greek revolution against the Ottoman rule the need for correspondence multiplied  
Mail forwarding from & to the liberated regions was struggling by destruction and war



Entire letter from **Citrius** (Messenia-Mani-Morea)(April.12,1825) to **Cephalonia isl.** (Ionian Isl.)  
Transported by private means to Cephalonia isl. where handed over to the Ionian postal service  
Taxed 3 Pence Ionian isl. domestic postal rate

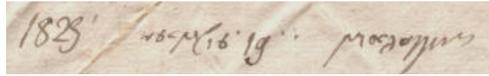
*Citrius (Messenia) was the seaport of Mani stronghold. All mail from Mani to Ionian Islands followed this route*

*Ζάντη 22. Δεκεμβρίου 1825.*

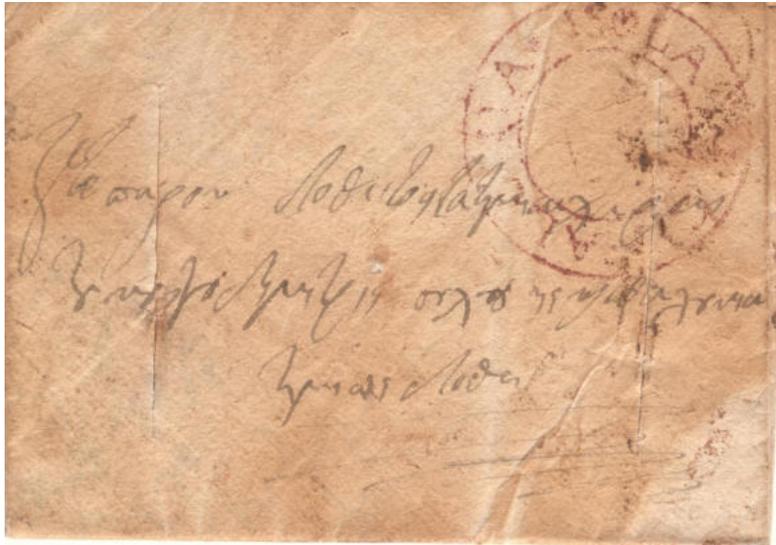


Entire letter posted from **Zante isl.** (Ionian isl.)(Dec.22,1825) to **Nafplion**

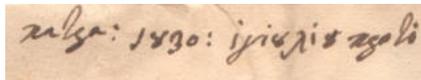
**Early period - Mail to United States of Ionian islands**



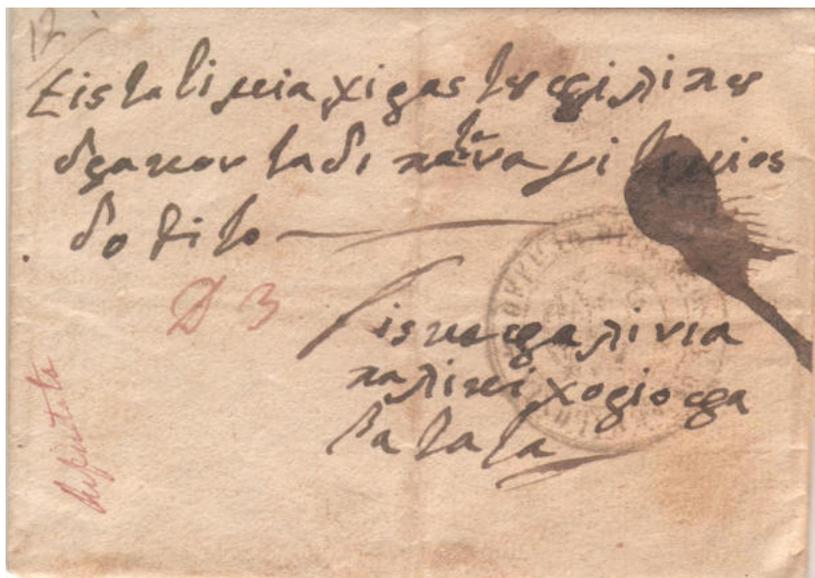
1829  
Μεσολόγγι



Entire letter from **Mesoluggi** (Nov.19,1829) to **Cephalonia isl.** (Ionian isl.)  
Transported by English warship  
Disinfected - Two vertical disinfection slits



1830: Ιππικισ αγγλι



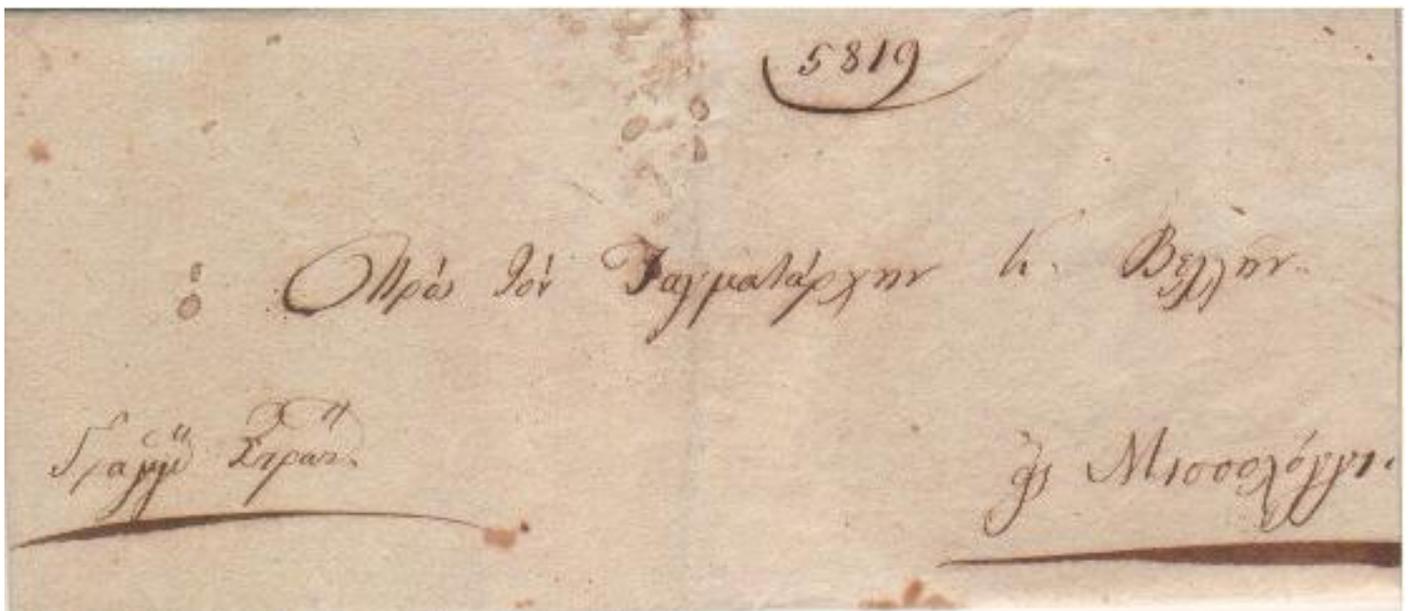
Entire letter from **Patras** (Jul.1,1830) to **Cephalonia isl.** (Ionian isl.)(ar.Jul.17,1830)  
Transported by Ionian sail ship  
Taxed in red **3** Pence domestic Ionian isl. postal rate

**Early period - Mail Inland & Abroad**

Until 1834 there wasn't any formal and regular communication abroad. Mail was possible only by private means  
The most common way to send mail abroad was by the Greek or foreign merchant ships calling at Greek ports



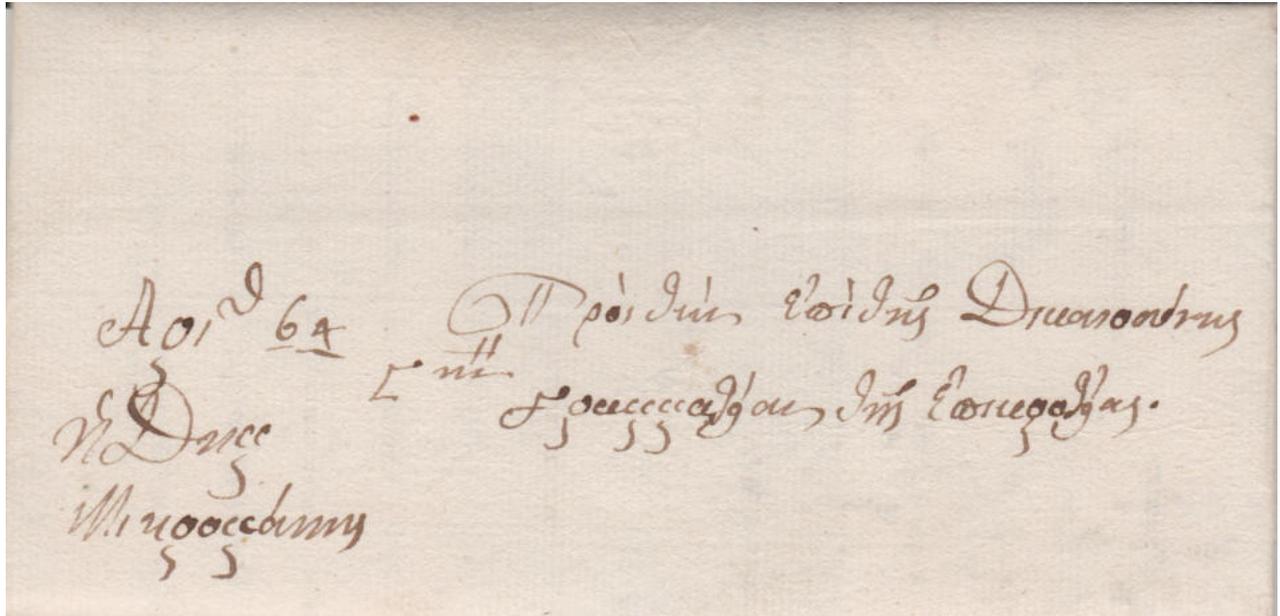
Entire letter from **Sira isl.** (Jul.14,1830) to **Nice** (Kingdom of Sardinia)(ar.Oct.16,1830)  
via **Genova** (Kingdom of Sardinia)(trans.Oct.13,1830)  
Linear entry mark in red **VIA DI MARE**  
Taxed **13 Decimes**



Entire letter posted from **Nafplion** (Mar.20,1832)(s/n 5819) to **Mesologgi**  
m/s '**Γραμ. Στρατ.**' (= Secretariat of Defense)  
(verso) sealed by the Ministry of Defense cachet  
Official government's postage free mail

**The use of administrative cachets - Municipalities**

From 1833 to 1834, the local administrative cachets were placed on letters  
Serial numbering and postal rates also added by pen



Entire letter from **Mikromani** (May.3,1833) (s/n 61) to (**Nafplion**)  
m/s “**ἡ Δημ.(ογεροντια) Μικρομάνης**” (Municipality of Micromani)  
Official government mail – postage free

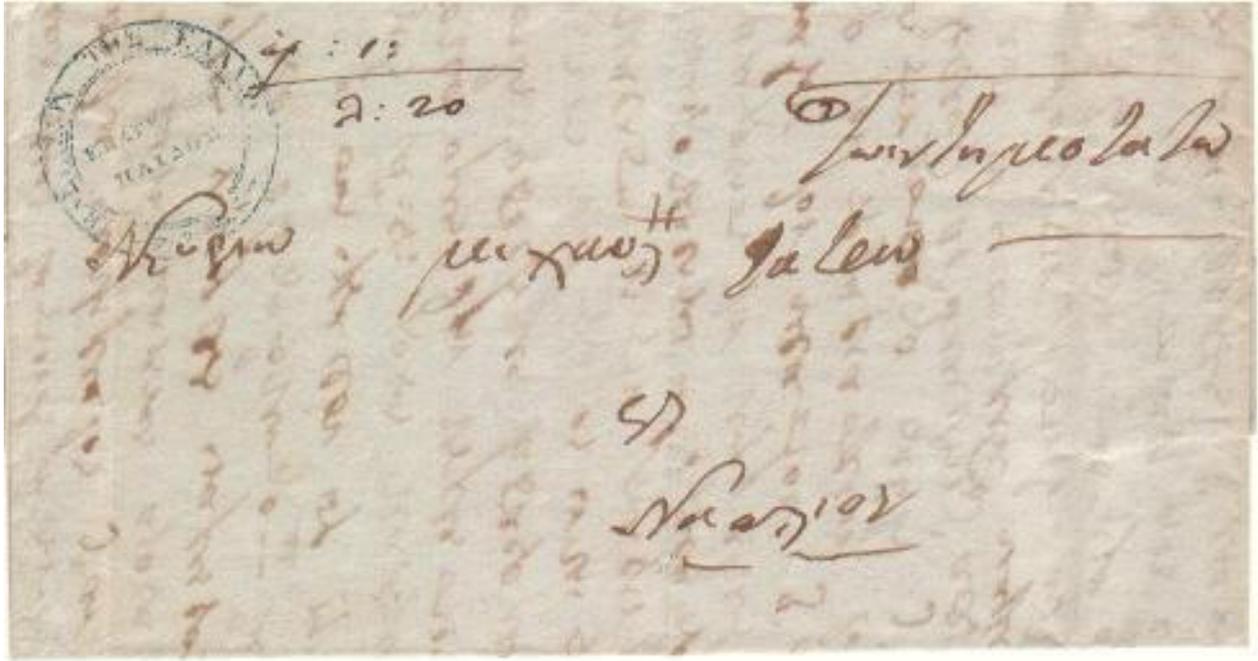
*The only known letter so far with m/s Municipality of Micromani*



Entire letter from **Arcadia** (Mar.3,1834) to **Nafplion**  
cachet **ΔΗΜΟΓΕΡΟΝΤΙΑ ΚΥΠΑΡΙΣΣΟΥ** (=Municipality of Kyparissos)  
m/s s/n 5 & 5 Lepta prepaid postal rate for **one page letter**

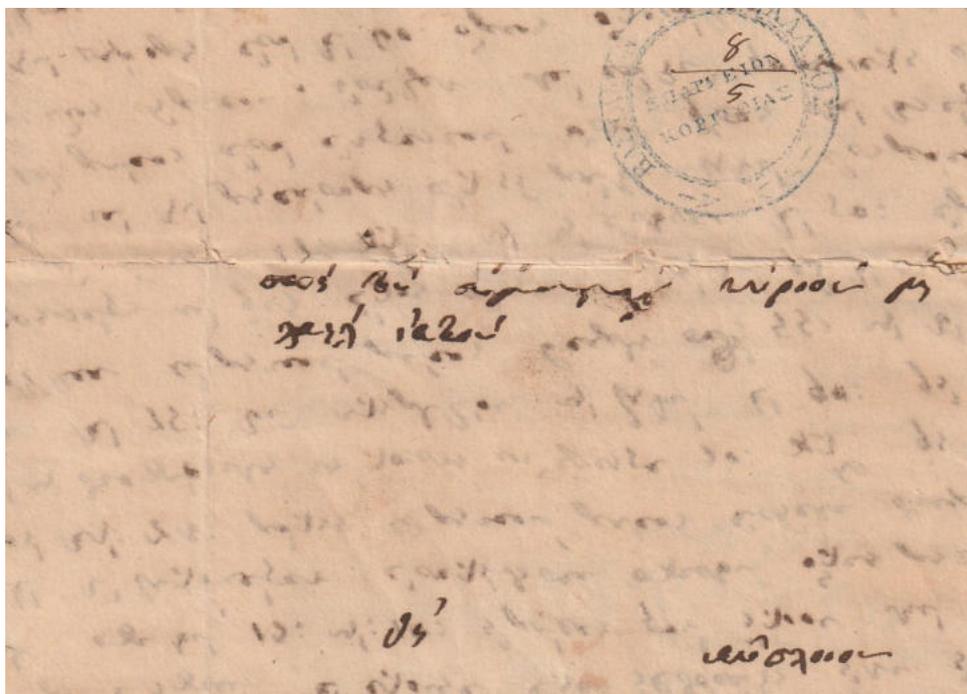
*7th of 12 recorded letters*

**The use of administrative cachets - Provinces**



Entire letter from **Pyrgos** (Feb.15,1833) to **Nafplion**  
cachet **ΕΠΑΡΧΕΙΟΝ ΗΛΙΔΟΣ** (=Province of Elis)  
m/s s/n **1 & 20** Lepta prepaid postal rate for **envelope up to 10 drams**

*This is the Oldest known date of use for Province of Elis cachet on letter & the 1st of 30 recorded letters*



Entire letter from **Corinth** (Aug.16.1834) to **Nafplion**  
cachet **ΕΠΑΡΧΕΙΟΝ ΚΟΡΙΝΘΟΥ** (=Province of Corinth)  
m/s s/n **8 & 5** Lepta prepaid postal rate for **one page letter**

*5th of 12 recorded letters*

**The use of administrative cachets - Provinces**



Entire letter from **Egio** (Oct.28.1834) to **Nafplion** (ar.Oct.30,1834)  
cachet **ΕΠΑΡΧΕΙΟΝ ΑΙΓΙΑΛΕΙΑΣ** (=Province of Aegialia)  
(verso) **10** Lepta prepaid rate for **two page letter**

*11th of 16 recorded letters*



Entire letter from **Kalavryta** to **Nafplion**  
cachet **ΕΠΑΡΧΕΙΟΝ ΚΥΝΑΙΘΗΣ** (=Province of Kynetha)  
m/s s/n **5 & 10** Lepta prepaid postal rate for **two page letter**

*8th of 9 recorded letters*

**The use of administrative cachets - Prefectures**



Entire letter from **Tripolis** (Aug.3,1833) to **Nafplio** (Aug.4,1833)  
cachet **NOMAPXIA APKADIAS** (=Prefecture of Arcadia)  
m/s s/n **3 & 5** Lepta prepaid postal rate for **one page letter**

*4th of 6 recorded letters*



Entire letter from **Sparta** to **Nafplion**  
cachet **NOMAPXIA ΛΑΚΩΝΙΑΣ** (=Prefecture of Laconia)  
m/s s/n **5 & 5** Lepta prepaid postal rate for **one page letter**

*14th of 19 recorded letters*

**The use of administrative cachets - Lazarets**



Entire letter from **Sira isl. to Nafplion**  
cachet **ΥΓΕΙΟΝΟΜΕΙΟ ΣΥΡΑΣ** (=Sira Health Station)  
oval **ΠΛΗΡΩΜΕΝΟΝ** (paid)  
Transported by Feralids sail ship  
(verso) **26** Lepta prepaid postal rate for **25** g. (5th weight letter)

*2nd of 2 known letters transported by Feraldi's sail ships on Sira isl. - Nafplion route  
6th of 9 recorded letters with Sira Health Station cachet (ex collections Schatzkes, Meyer, Eylan, Virvilis)*



Entire letter from **Marathonisi** (Gythio)(Nov.7,1833) to **Nafplion** (Nov.11,1833)  
cachet **ΥΓΕΙΟΝΟΜΕΙΟ ΜΑΡΑΘΩΝΗΣΙΟΥ** (=Marathonisi Health Station)  
m/s **πόλις Γυθείου** (City of Gythion, s/n **6 & 5** Lepta prepaid postal rate for **one page letter**

*1st of 2 recorded letters with Marathonisi Health Station cachet (ex collection Virvilis)*



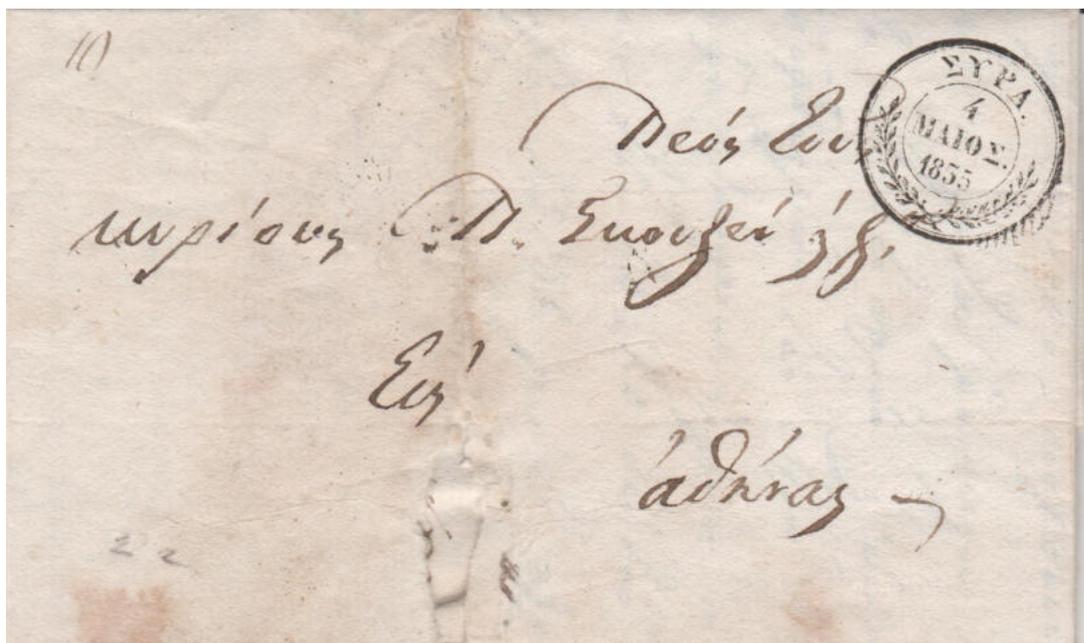
**Early period - Special sea postal rate – Feraldi's sail ships**

In September 1833 special sea postal rates were set for mail transported by Mr. Feraldi's sail ships between Nafplion and Sira isl. (in December 1834 Nafplio switched to Pareas) that was 10 lepta for weight up to 6 gr., 14 lepta for weight between 6 to 10 gr. plus 4 lepta / 5 gr. extra weight



Entire letter from **Athens** (May.20,1835) to **Sira isl.** (ar.May.22,1835)  
(verso) **14** Lepta prepaid postal rate for letter weighing between **6 to 10 g.**  
Transported by Feraldi's sail ships

*The only recorded letter from Athens to Sira isl.*



Entire letter from **Sira isl.** (May.4,1835) to **Athens** (ar.May.7,1835)  
**10** Lepta prepaid postal rate for letter weighing **up to 6 g.**  
Transported by Feraldi's sail ships

*2nd of 2 recorded letters (return travel)*

**Early period - Special sea postal rate – Greek State Steamers**

Steamer **ANATOLI** (=Sunrise) inaugurated **Pereas - Sira isl. line** on Nov.1st,1835

Postal rate was set at 30 lepta for simple letter up to 7 ½ g.

45 lepta for 7 ½ - 10 g. & 60 lepta for 10 - 15 g.

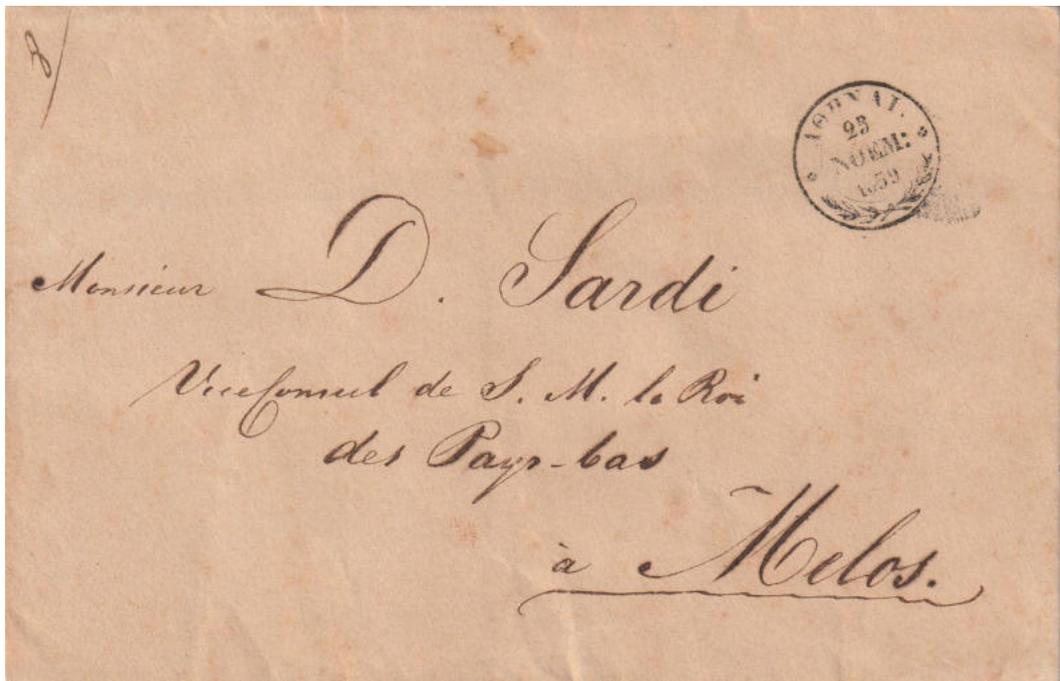


Entire letter from **Sira isl.** (dep.Aug.30,1837) to **Athens** via **Pereas**

oval **ΠΛΗΡΩΜΕΝΟΝ** (=Paid)

Transported by steamer **ANATOLI**

(verso) **45+20+10=75** lepta prepaid postal rate for **10 g.** letter



Entire letter from **Athens** (dep.Nov.23,1839) (s/n 8) to **Milos isl.**

via **Pereas** (trans.Nov.27,1839) & **Sira isl.** (trans.Nov.26,1839)

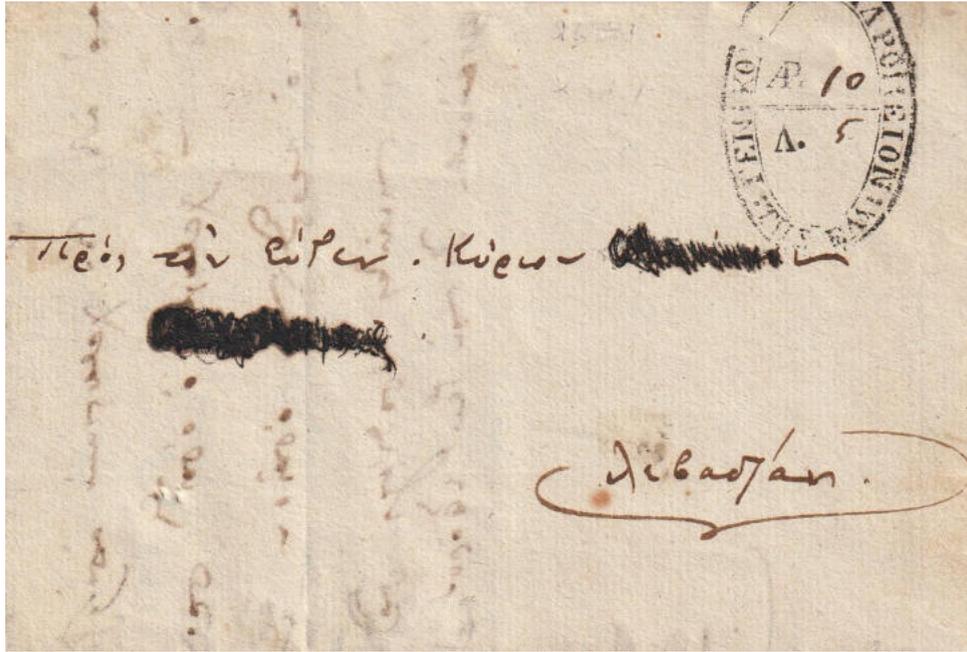
(verso) **20** lepta prepaid postal rate for simple letter

Transported by Greek Royal Navy Steamer **MAXIMILIANOS**

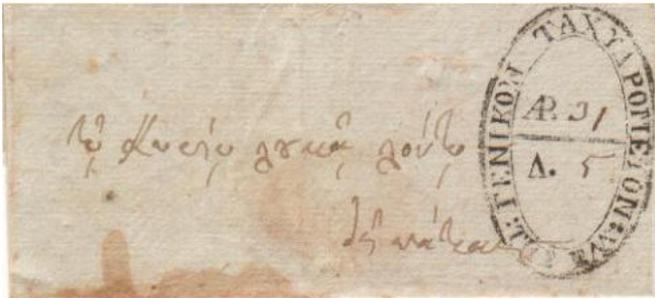
*Greek Royal Navy steamer **MAXIMILIANOS** transported mail to Aegean islands  
from the summer of 1837 to Oct.13,1841*

**The General Post Office - The large oval pmk**

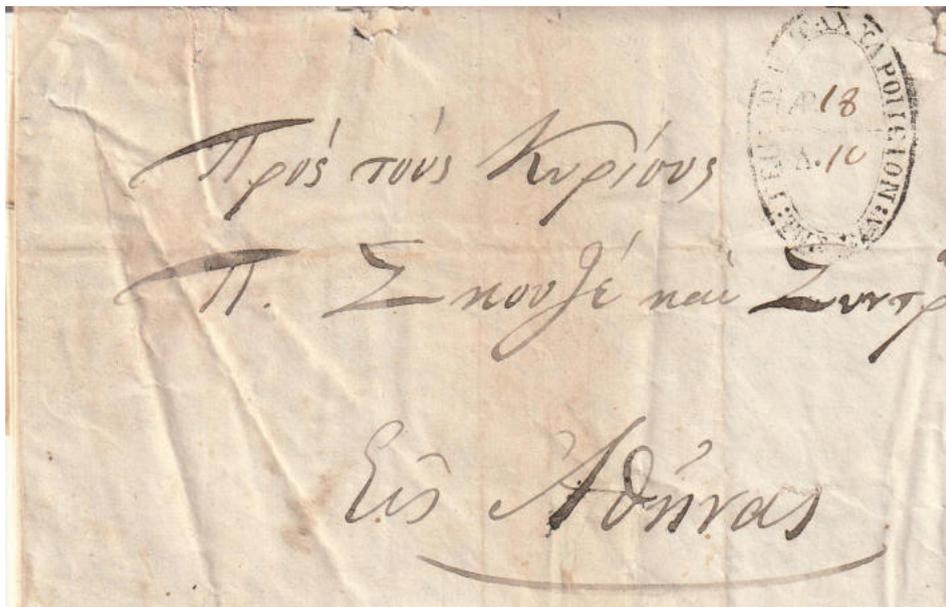
(48 letters recorded)



Entire letter from **Nafplion** (Jul.19,1833) to **Levadia**  
**ΓΕΝΙΚΟΝ ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑ** (=General Post Office of Greece)  
m/s s/n **10 & 5** Lepta prepaid postal rate for **one page letter**



Entire letter from **Nafplion** (Jul.22,183?)  
to **Patras**  
**ΓΕΝΙΚΟΝ ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑ**  
(=General Post Office of Greece)  
m/s s/n **3 & 5** Lepta prepaid postal rate  
for **one page letter**



Entire letter from **Nafplion** (Jun.14,1832) to **Athens**  
**ΓΕΝΙΚΟΝ ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑ** (=General Post Office of Greece)  
m/s s/n **18 & 10** Lepta prepaid postal rate for **two page letter**

**The General Post Office - Kingdom of Greece**

A new postmark introduced in 1834 for the General Post Office due to the change of the regime  
(27 letters recorded)



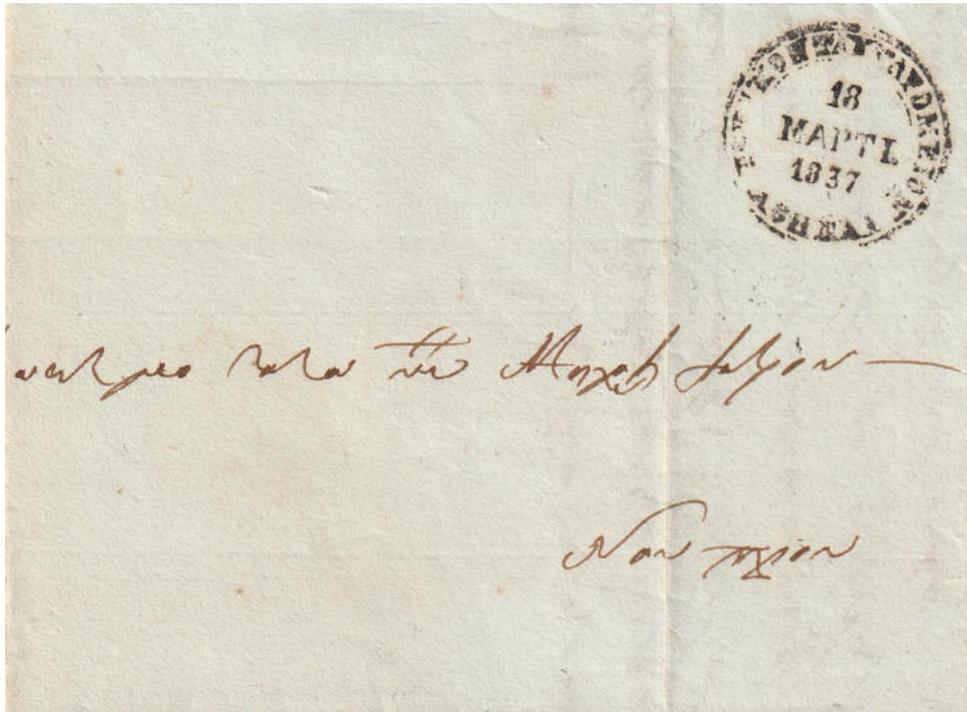
Entire letter from **Nafplion** (May.3,1834) to **Mystras**  
**ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ / ΓΕΝΙΚΟΝ ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΟΝ**(=Kingdom of Greece/General post office)  
(verso) **20 Lepta** prepaid postal rate for **envelope up to 10 drams**



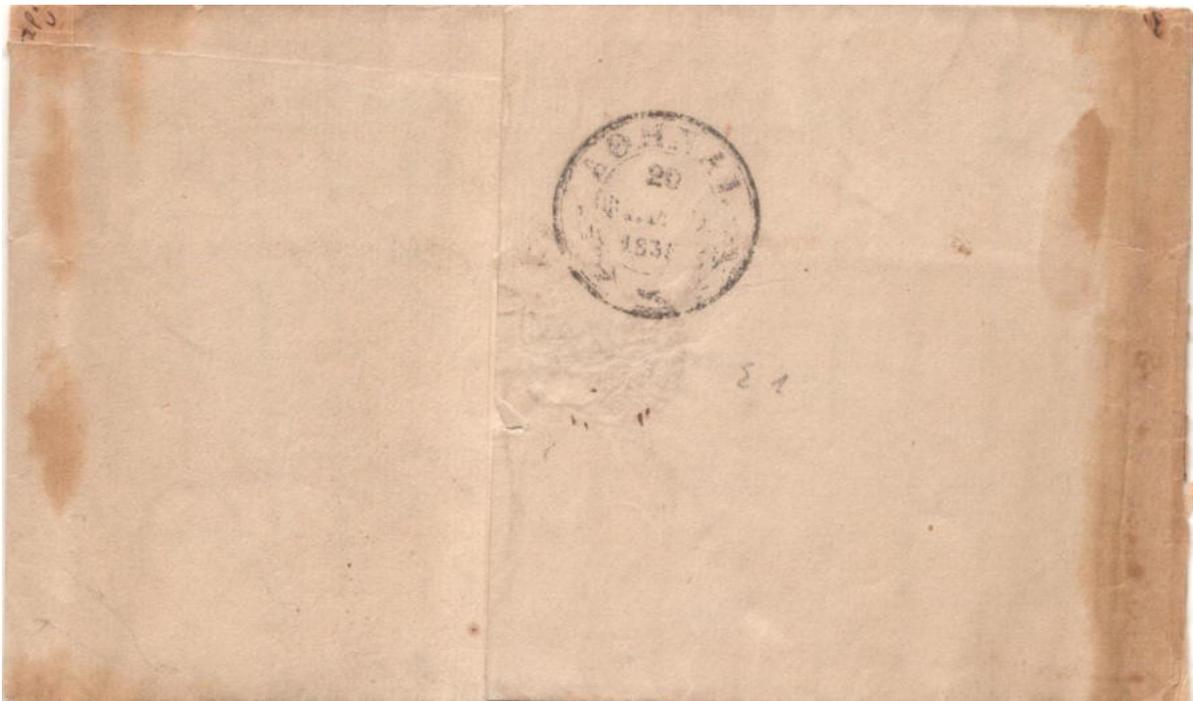
Entire letter from **Nafplion** (Jul.26,1834) to **Athens**  
**ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ / ΓΕΝΙΚΟΝ ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΟΝ** (=Kingdom of Greece/General post office)  
(verso) **5 Lepta** prepaid postal rate for **one page letter**

**The General Post Office - Transferred to Athens**

A new General Post Office postmark introduced in 1836, due to the movement of the GPO from Nafplio to Athens  
(69 letters recorded)



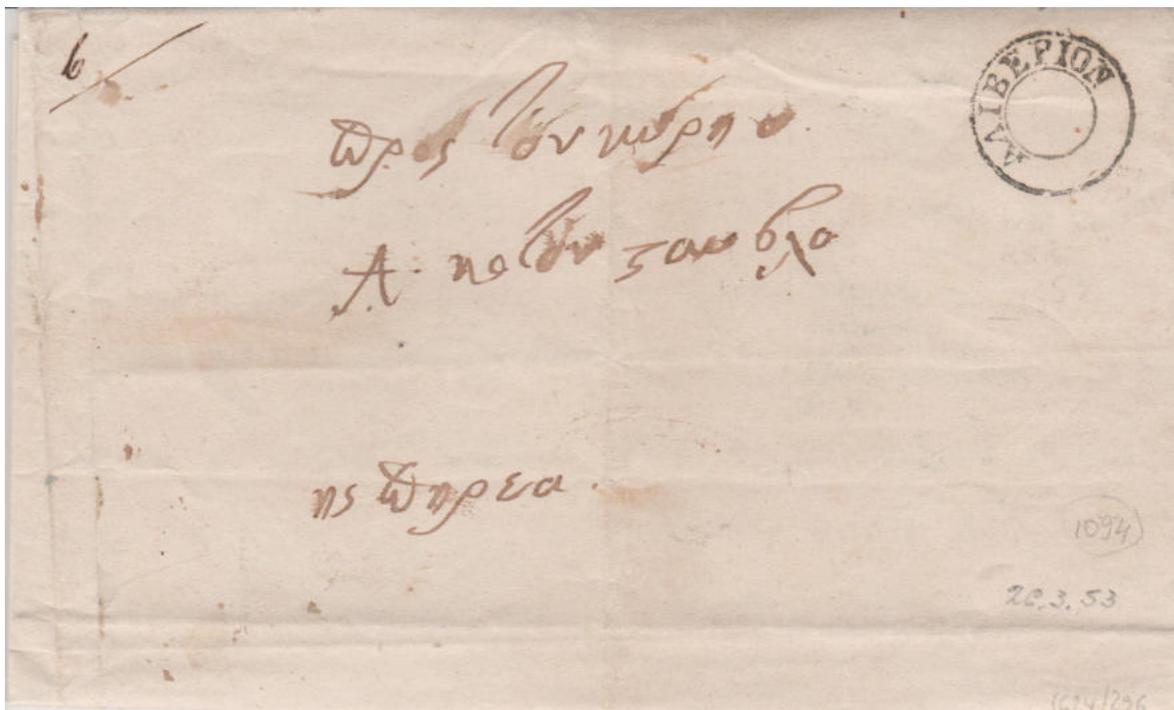
Entire letter from **Athens** (dep.Mar.18,1837) to **Nafplion** (ar.Mar.20,1837)  
**ΓΕΝΙΚΟΝ ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΟΝ** (=General Post Office of Greece)  
(verso) m/s **20** lepta prepaid postal rate for simple letter



Entire letter from **Trieste** (Feb.4,1834) to **Athens (Δ1)** (ar.Feb.20,1834)  
Transported by Feraldis sail ships  
Taxed **20** lepta inland rate for Nafplio to Athens & for envelope weighing **up to 20 drams**  
*This is the only known letter transported by Feraldi's sail ships on Trieste - Athens route  
Also this is the Oldest known date of use for laurel type pmk of Athens p.o.*

**Post office net - Evia - Aliverion p.o.**

Prefecture of Evia – Province of Karystia – Aliverion  
Aliverion p.o. established in 1838



Entire letter from **Aliverion** (dep.Mar.26,1853) (s/n 6) to **Piraeus** (ar.Mar.28, 1853) via **Athens** (tr.Mar.28,1853)  
(verso) 40 Lepta prepaid postal rate, for letter weighing 13g & for distance between 10 to 20 hours long

**Post office net - Evia - Xirochorion p.o.**

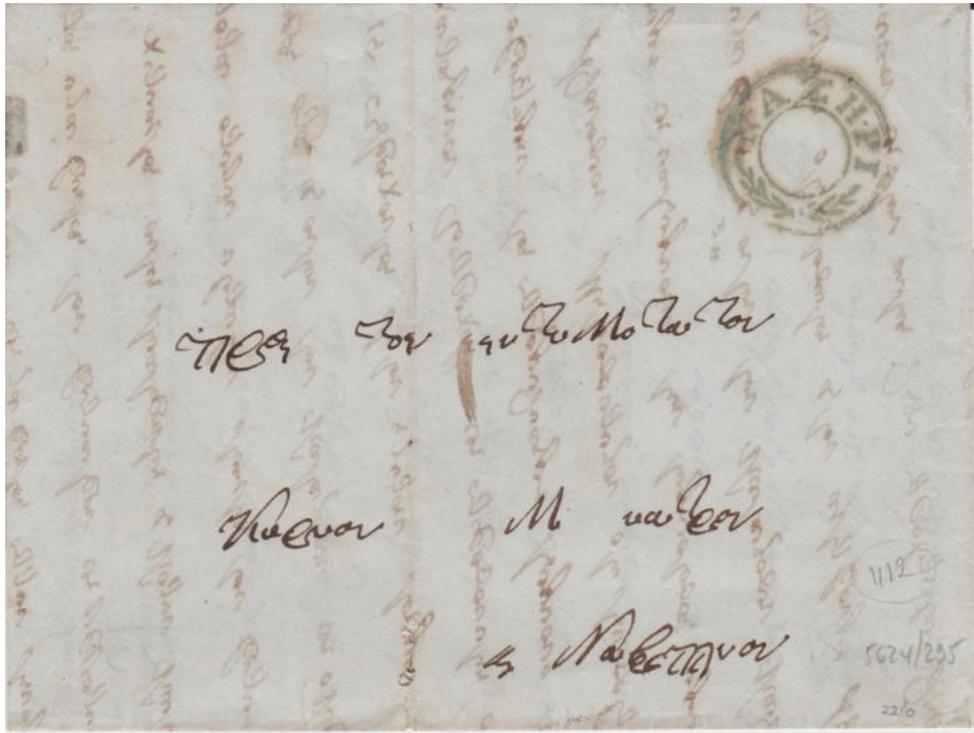
Prefecture of Evia – Province of Xerochorion – Xerochorion - pop.:2300 - 7450 p.  
*Distance from Athens 36 hours*



Entire letter from **Xerochorio** (dep.Nov.4,1856) (s/n 6) to **Piraeus** (ar.Nov.7,1856) via **Athens** (trans.Nov.7,1856)  
(verso) 30 Lepta prepaid postal rate for distance between 20 to 40 hours long

**Post office net - Morea - Naziri p.o.**

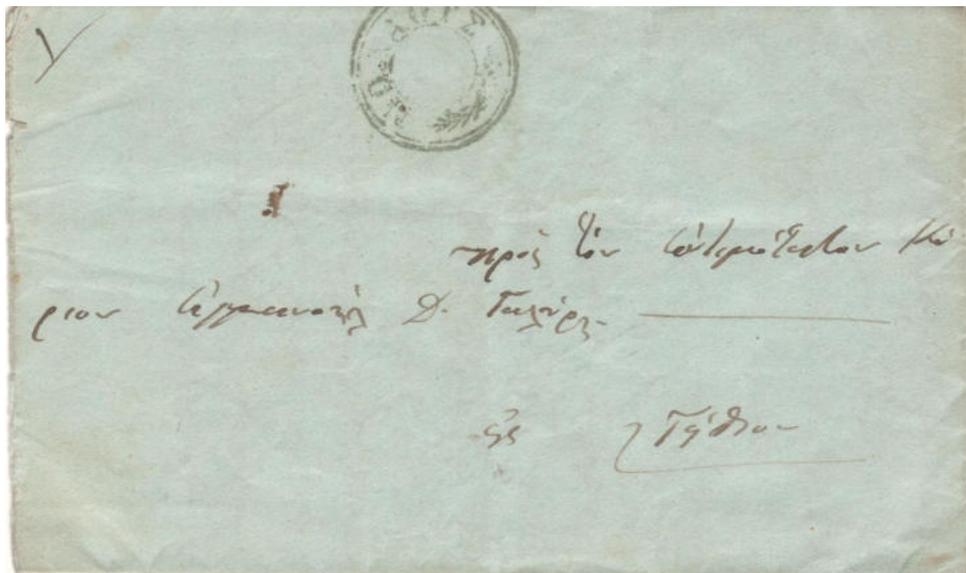
Prefecture of Messinia – Province of Messini – Naziri (Eva) - pop.: 500 - 3850 p.  
Naziri p.o. established in 1829



Entire letter from **Naziri** (dep.Apr,1856) to **Nafplion** (ar.Apr.23,1856)

**Post office net - Morea - Molaoe p.o.**

Prefecture of Laconia – Province of Epidaurus Limira – Molaoe - pop.: 790 - 4000 p.  
Distance from Athens 58 hours - Molaoe p.o. established in 1843

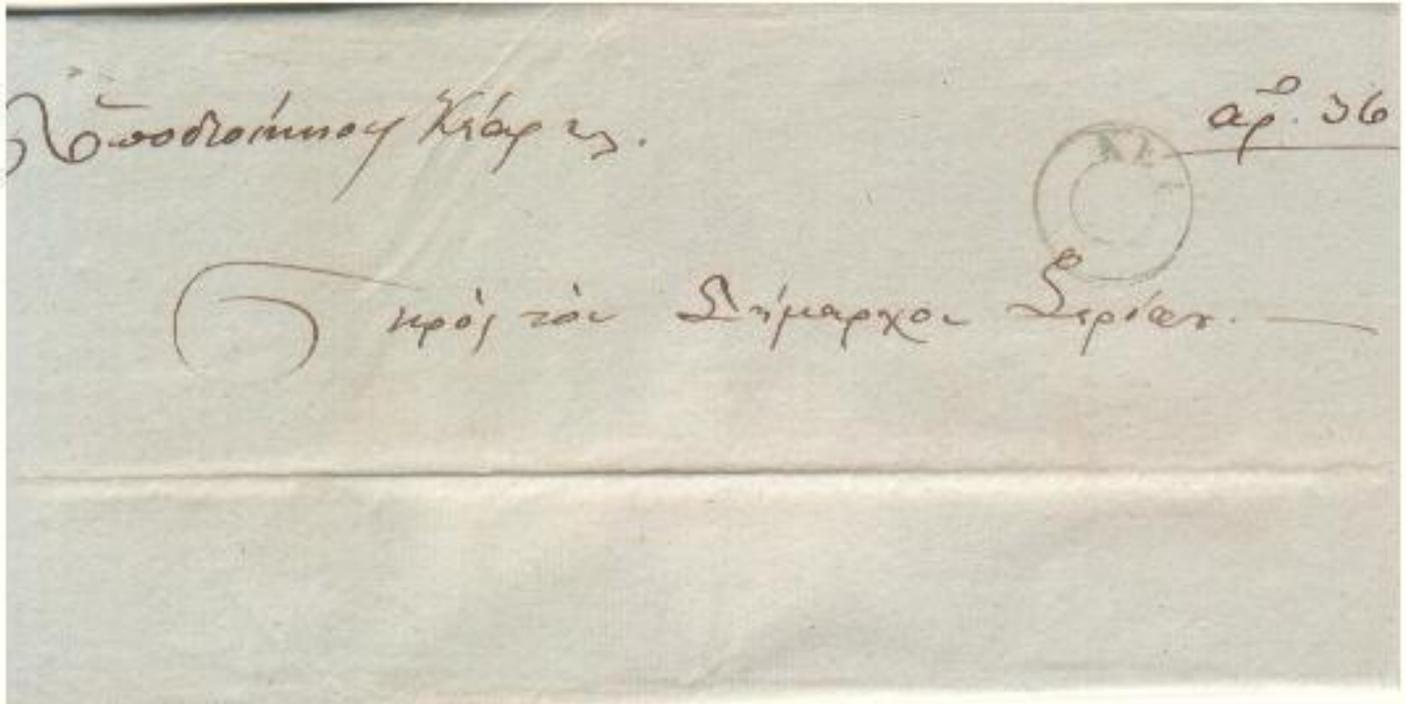


Entire letter from **Molaoe** (dep.May.11,1846) to **Gythion**  
(verso) **10** Lepta prepaid postal rate for simple letter & distance up to 10 hours long

*Button with Laurel type pmk used from 1843 to 1857*

**Post office net - Aegean islands - Kea isl. p.o.**

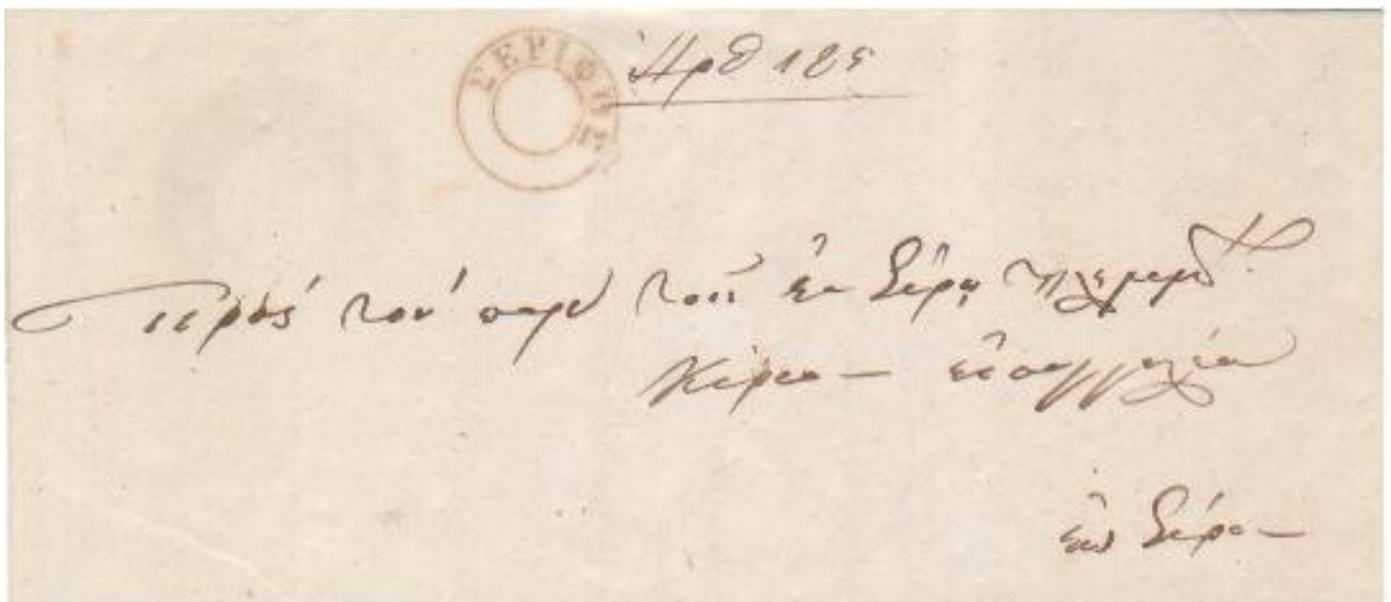
Prefecture of Cyclades – Province of Kea – Kea island - *pop.*: 3500 *p.*  
Kea isl. p.o. established in 1833



Entire letter from **Kea isl.** (dep. Jan. 20, 1838) (s/n 36) to **Serifos isl.**  
m/s Υποδιοικήσις Κεας (Sub administration of Kea) - Official government postage free mail  
(verso) cachet Administration of Kea  
*Button type pmk used from 1836 to 1857*

**Post office net - Aegean islands - Serifos isl. p.o.**

Prefecture of Cyclades – Province of Kea – Serifos island - *pop.*: 2310 - 2700 *p.*  
Serifos isl. p.o. established in 1837



Entire letter from **Serifos isl.** (Apr. 30, 1851) (s/n 125) to **Sira isl.**  
Official government postage free mail  
(verso) cachet Municipality of Serifos

**Post office net - Aegean isl. - Mykonos isl. p.o.**

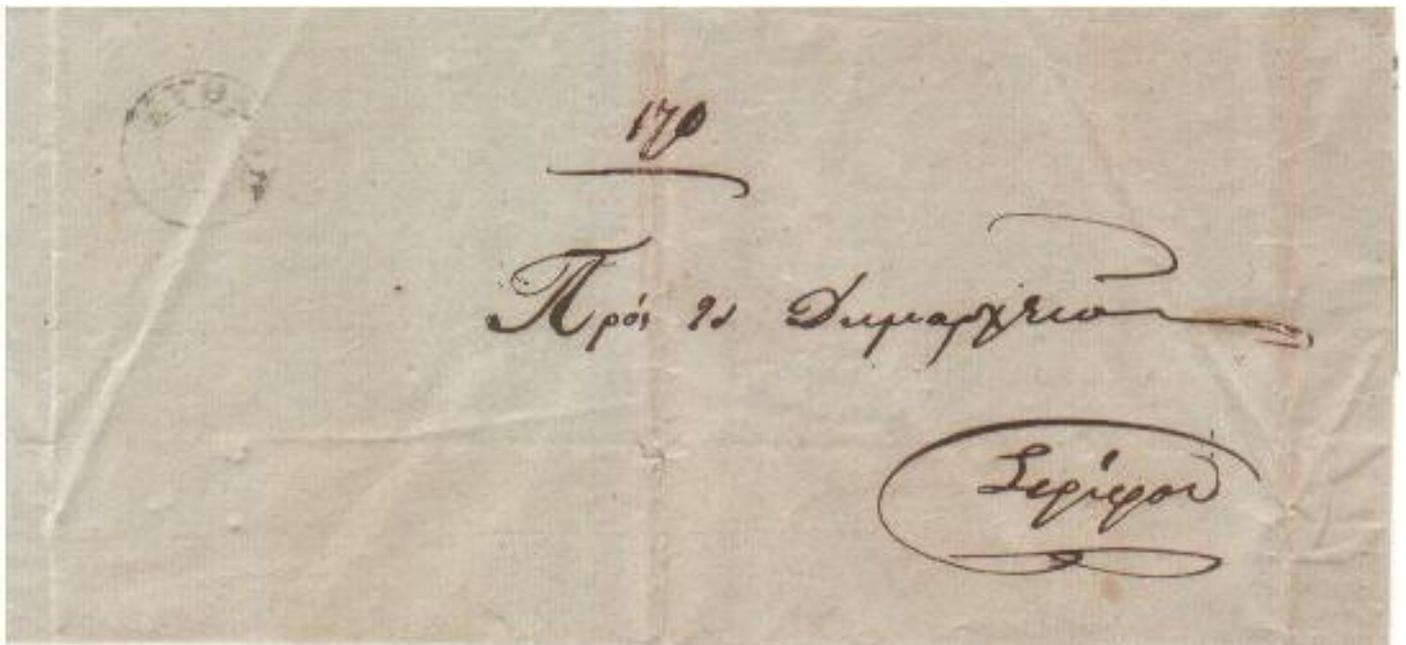
Prefecture of Cyclades – Province of Sira – Mykonos island - *pop.*: 4600 *p.*



Entire letter from **Sira isl.** (dep. Apr. 10, **1845**) (s/n 911) to **Mykonos isl.**  
Official government postage free mail

**Post office net - Aegean islands - Kythnos isl. p.o.**

Prefecture of Cyclades – Province of Kythnos – Kythnos island - *pop.*: 1490 *p.*  
Kythnos isl. p.o. established in 1835

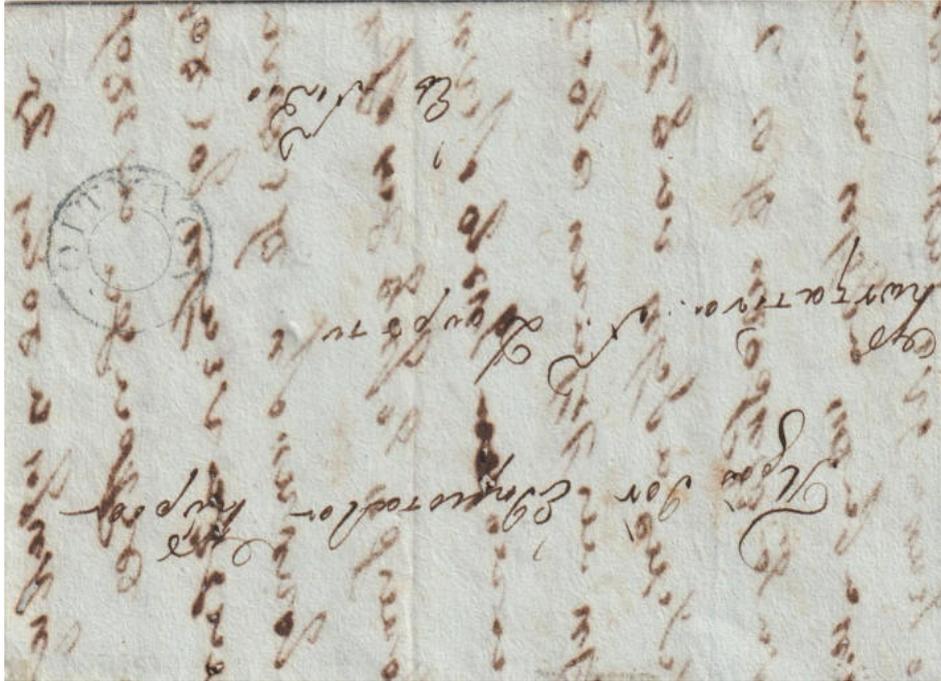


Entire letter from **Kythnos isl.** (dep. Mar. 21, **1836**) (s/n 170) to **Serifos isl.**  
Official government postage free mail  
(verso) cachet Province of Kythnos

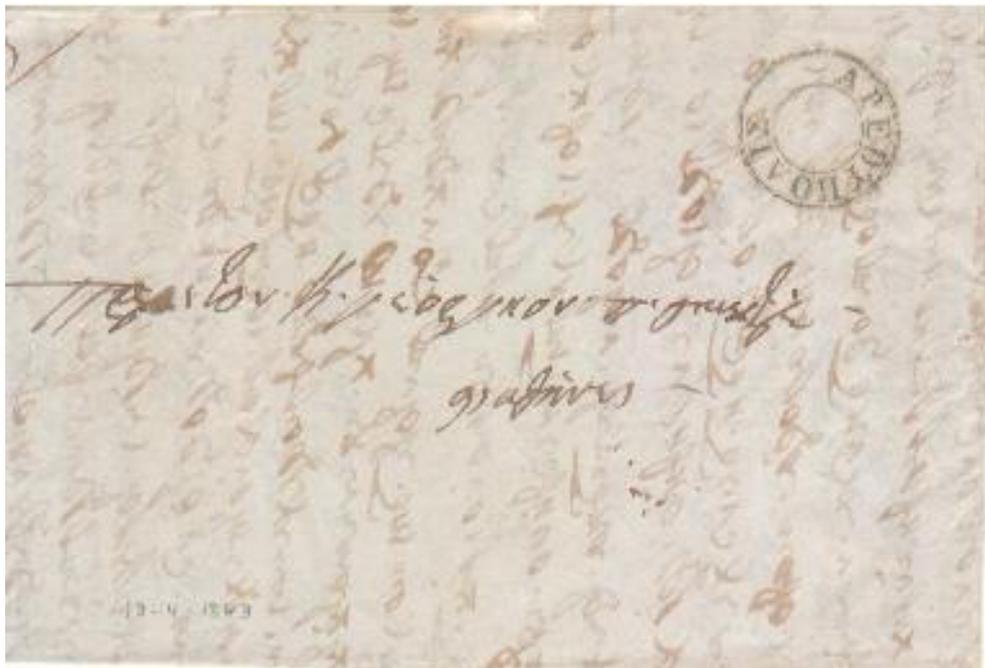
*Button type pmk used from 1836 to 1857*

**Post office net - Morea - Oetylon p.o.**

Prefecture of Laconia – Province of Oetylo – Oetylon (Tzimova) - *pop.: 1080 - 6675 p.*  
Distance from Athens 56 hours - Oetylon p.o. established in 1833



Entire letter from **Tzimova** (dep.Oct,27,1836) to **Gythion**  
(verso) 5 Lepta prepaid postal rate for one page letter

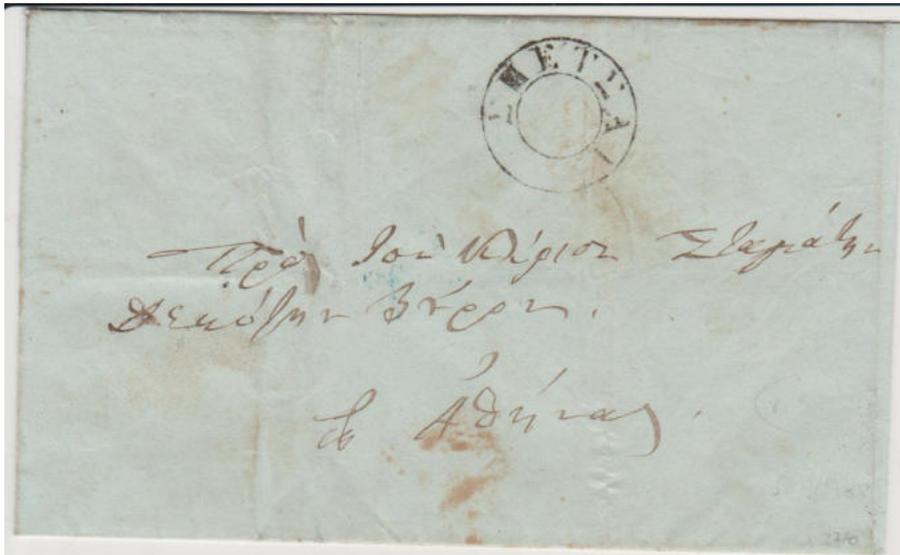


Entire letter from **Areopolis** (dep.Apr.13,1843) (s/n 3) to **Athens** (ar.Apr.17,1843)

*This is the Last known date of use for button type pmk & operation of Areopolis p.o.  
Closed down and moved to nearby Limeni village in Apr.1843*

**Post office net - Saronic gulf - Spetses isl. p.o.**

Prefecture of Argolis & Corinthis – Province of Spetses & Hermione – Spetses island - pop.: 10000 p.



Entire letter from **Spetses** (Jan.13,1856) to **Athens** (ar.Jan.19,1856) via **Nafplion** (trans.Jan.17,1856)  
(verso) **30** Lepta prepaid postal rate (via Nafplion)

**Post office net - Saronic gulf - Hydra isl. p.o.**

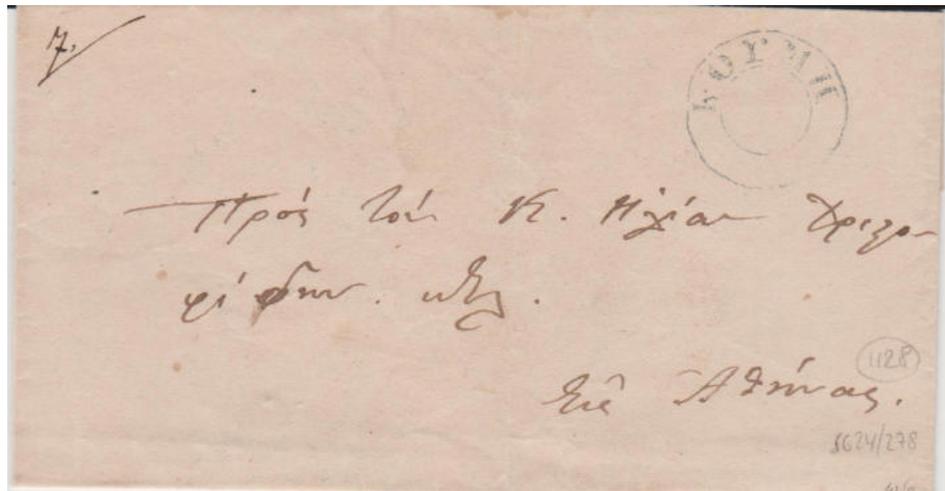
Prefecture of Argolis & Corinthis – Province of Trizina – Hydra island- pop.: 10000 p.



Entire letter from **Hydra isl.** (Nov.17,1851) to **Trieste** (ar.Dec.8,1851) via **Piraeus** (tr.Nov.20,1851)  
Boxed ΔΠ (paid)  
(verso) in red **90** Lepta prepaid postal rate  
Taxed **2** Kreuzer for distribution

Post office net - Evia - Kymi p.o.

Prefecture of Evia – Province of Karystia – Kymi (Koumi) - pop.: 3600 - 5000 p.  
Distance from Karystos 16 hours



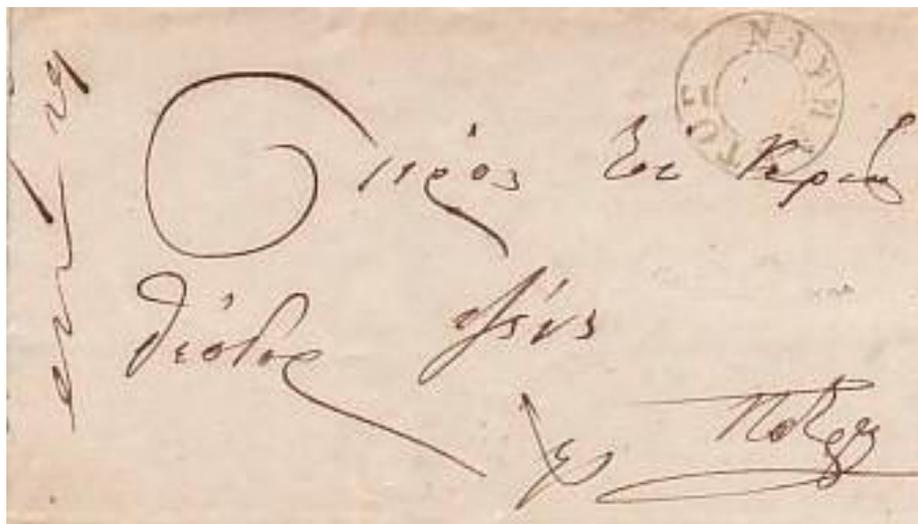
Entire letter from **Koumi** (dep.Jul.24,1849)(s/n 7) to **Athens** (ar.Jul.27,1849)



Entire letter from **Kymi** (dep.Apr.9,1853)(s/n 17) to **Piraeus** via **Athens** (trans.Apr.11,1853)

**Post office net - Rumeli - Nafpaktos p.o.**

Prefecture of Acarnania & Etolia – Province of Nafpaktia – Nafpaktos - pop.: 1400 - 3950 p.  
Distance from Athens 45 hours



Entire letter from **Nafpaktos** (dep.Oct.26,1849) to **Patras** (ar.Oct.28,1849)



Entire letter from **Nafpaktos** (dep.May.26,1857) to **Patras** (ar.May.27, 1857)

Post office net - The typ.III pmk



Entire letter from **Pylos (26)** (dep.Nov.1,1857) to **Gythion**

Prefecture of Messinia – Province of Pylia – Methoni - pop.:700 - 2580 p.  
Distance from Athens 57 hours - Methoni p.o. established in 1829

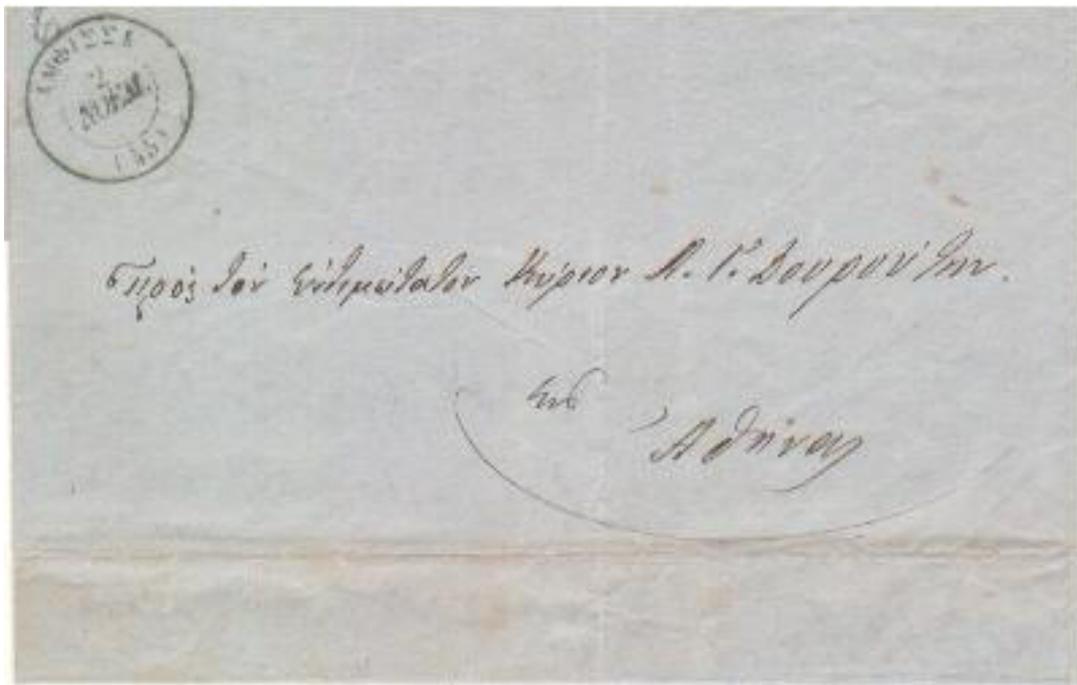


Entire letter from **Methoni (27)**(dep.Feb.11,1859) to **Athens** (ar.Feb.14,1859)

Post office net - The typ.III pmk

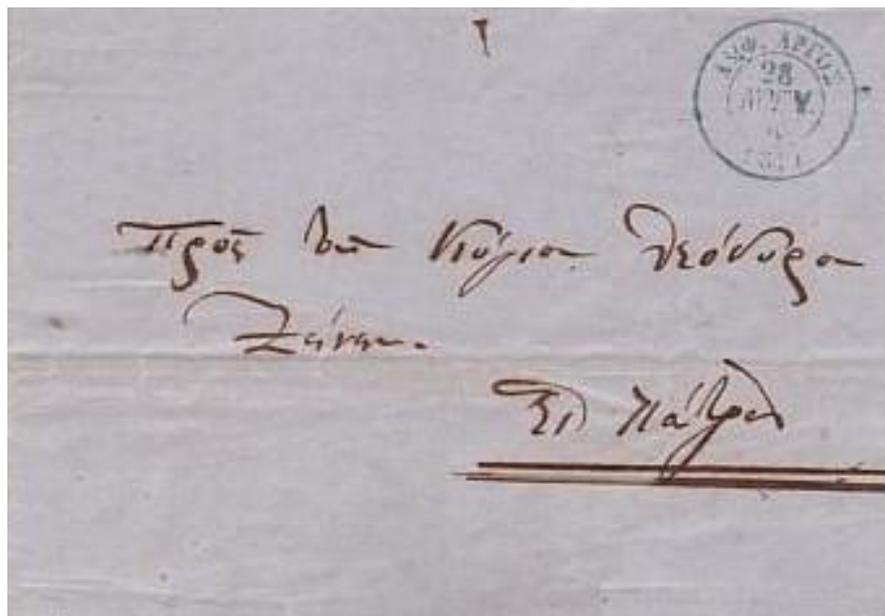


Entire letter from **Nision (29)** (dep.Jun.9,1859) to **Athens**



Entire letter from **Amfissa (45)** (dep.Nov.2,1859) (s/n 6) to **Athens** (ar.Nov.4,1859)  
(verso) **30** Lepta prepaid postal rate for simple letter & distance between 20 to 40 hours long

Post office net - The typ.III pmk

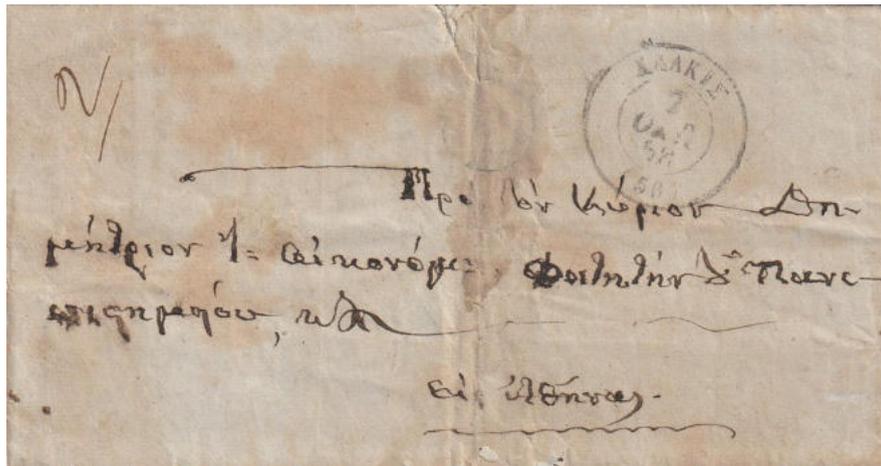


Entire letter written in **Prevesa** (Nov.21,1860) posted from **Amf.Argos (51)** (dep.Nov.28,1860) to **Patras** (ar.Dec.7,1860)

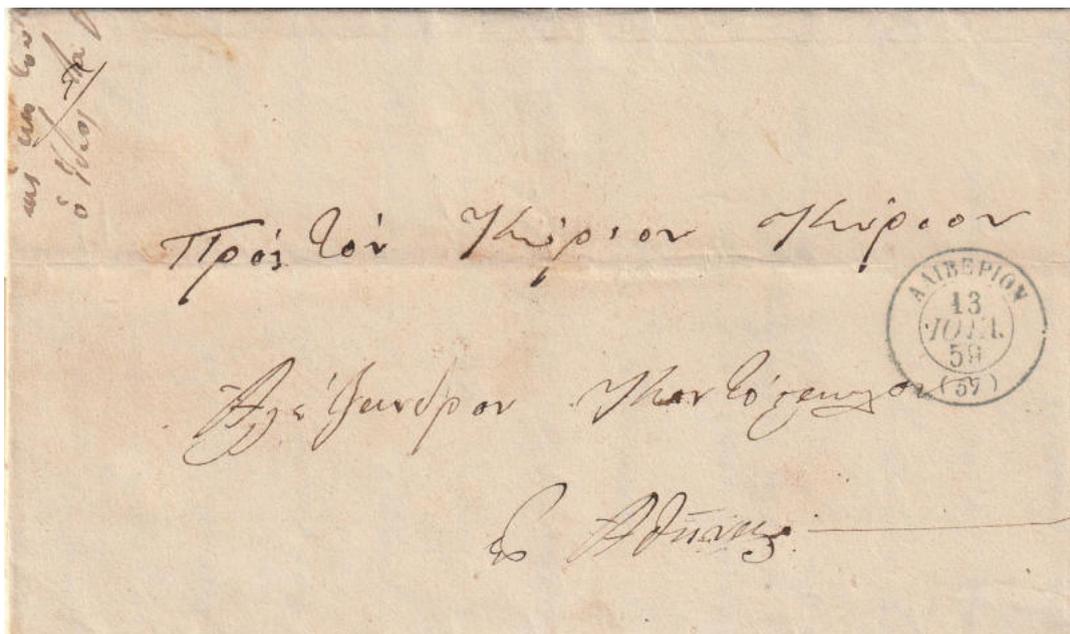


Entire letter from **Astakos (55)** (dep.Dec.1,1859) (s/n 3) to **Patras** (verso) **20** Lepta prepaid postal rate for simple letter & distance between 10 to 20 hours long

Post office net - The typ.III pmk



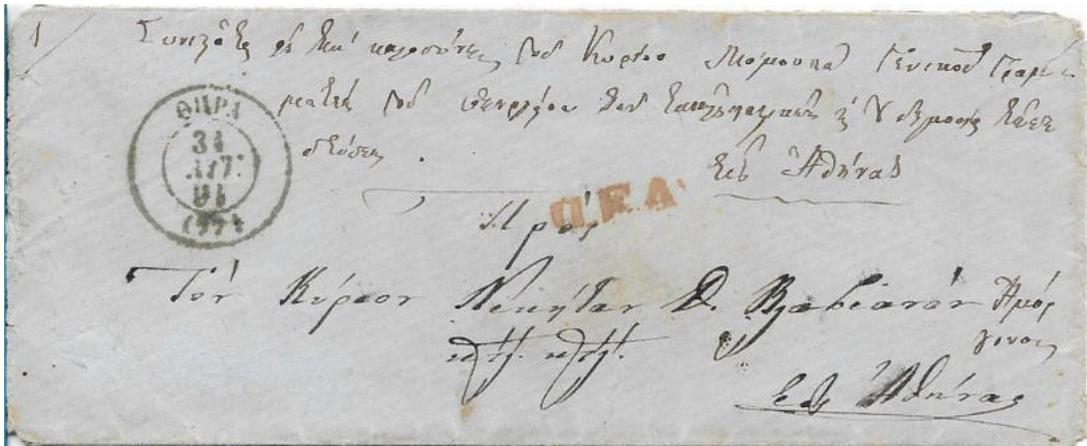
Entire letter from **Chalkis (56)**(dep.Oct.7,1858) (s/n 2) to **Athens** (ar.Oct.8,1858)



Entire letter from **Aliverion (57)** (dep.Jul.13,1859) (s/n 5) to **Athens** (ar.Jul.15,1859)  
(verso) **20** Lepta prepaid postal rate for simple letter & distance between 10 to 20 hours long

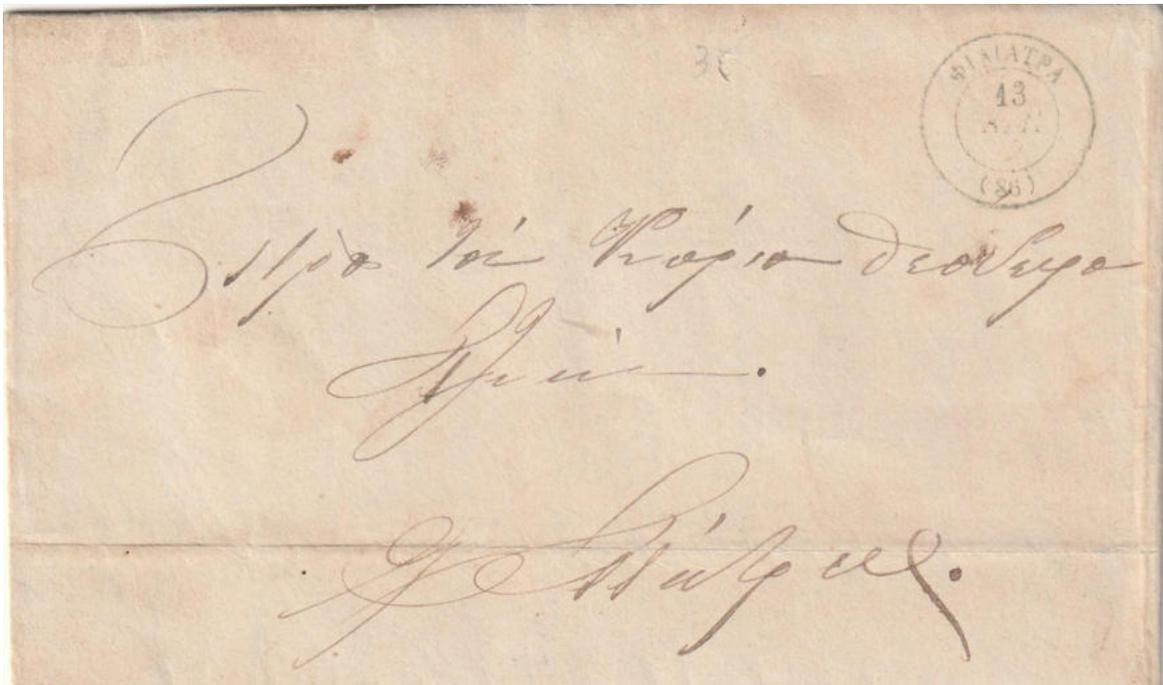
Post office net - The typ.III pmk

Prefecture of Cyclades – Province of Thira – Thira (Santorini) - pop.: 1700 - 5200 p.



Entire letter from **Thira isl. (77)** (dep.Aug.31,1861) (s/n 1) to **Athens** (ar.Sep.10,1861)  
via **Sira isl.** (trans.Sep.8,1861)  
(verso) **30** Lepta prepaid postal rate

Prefecture of Messinia – Province of Trifylia – City of Filiatra  
Filiatra p.o. established in 1857



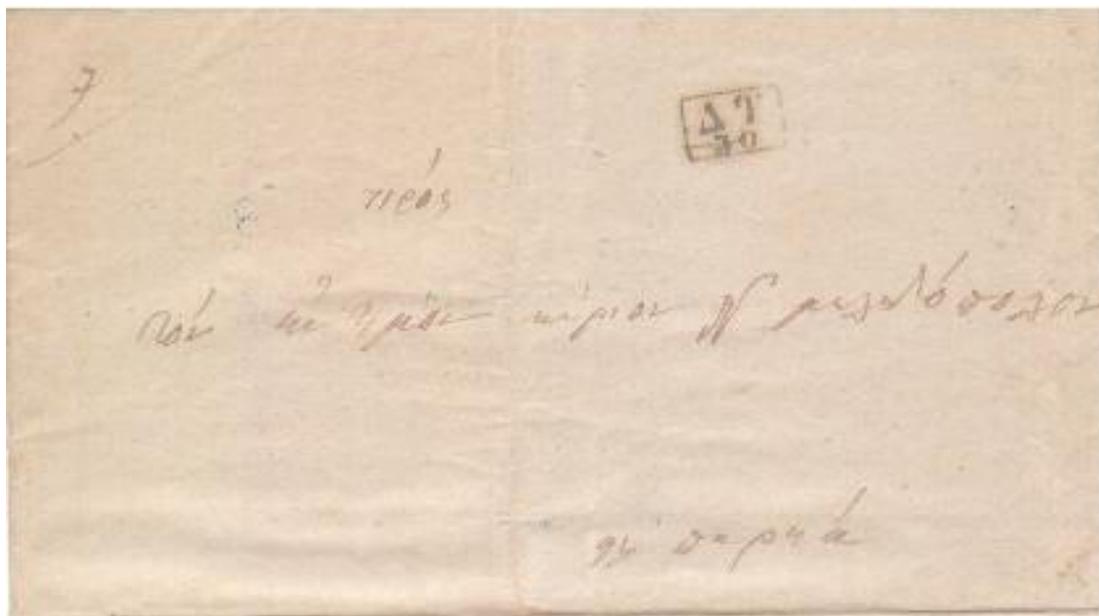
Entire letter from **Filiatra (86)** (dep.Aug.13,1859) to **Patras** (ar.Aug.17,1859)  
(verso) **30** Lepta prepaid postal rate for distance between 20 to 40 hours long

**Municipal post offices - Rural postal routes**

In 1843 Municipal postal service inaugurated & operated over 200 rural routes and covered the entire country. Letters bearing municipal route numbers are very scarce. (Δ.Τ.= Δημοτικά Ταχυδρομεία = Municipal Postes)



Entire letter from **Kalamata** (Jan.26,1847) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Feb.5,1847) via **Athens** (trans.Jan.29,1847)  
Boxed **Δ.Τ. 161** (Δ.Τ.=Municipal Postes)  
Municipality of Thouria - **Route 161** - **Kamari** village to **Kalamas p.o.**

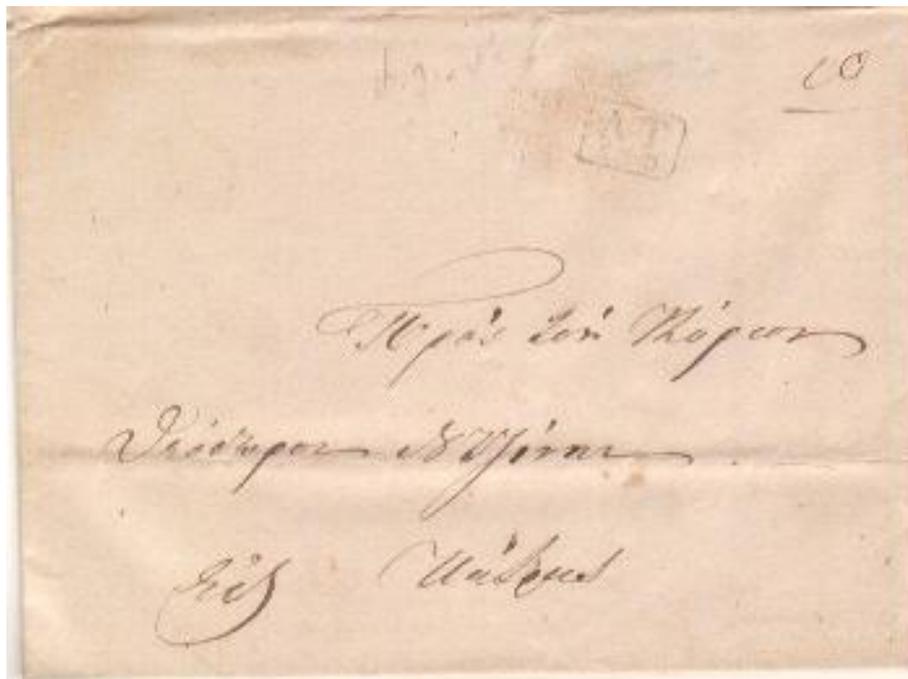


Entire letter from **Stylis** (Nov.5, 1850) to **Piraeus** (ar.Nov.8, 1850)  
via **Lamia** (trans.Nov.6, 1850) (s/n 7) and **Athens** (trans.Nov.8, 1850).  
Boxed **Δ.Τ.30** (Δ.Τ.=Municipal Postes)  
Municipality of Falara - **Route 30** - **Stylis** village to **Lamia p.o.**

**Municipal post offices - Rural postal routes**



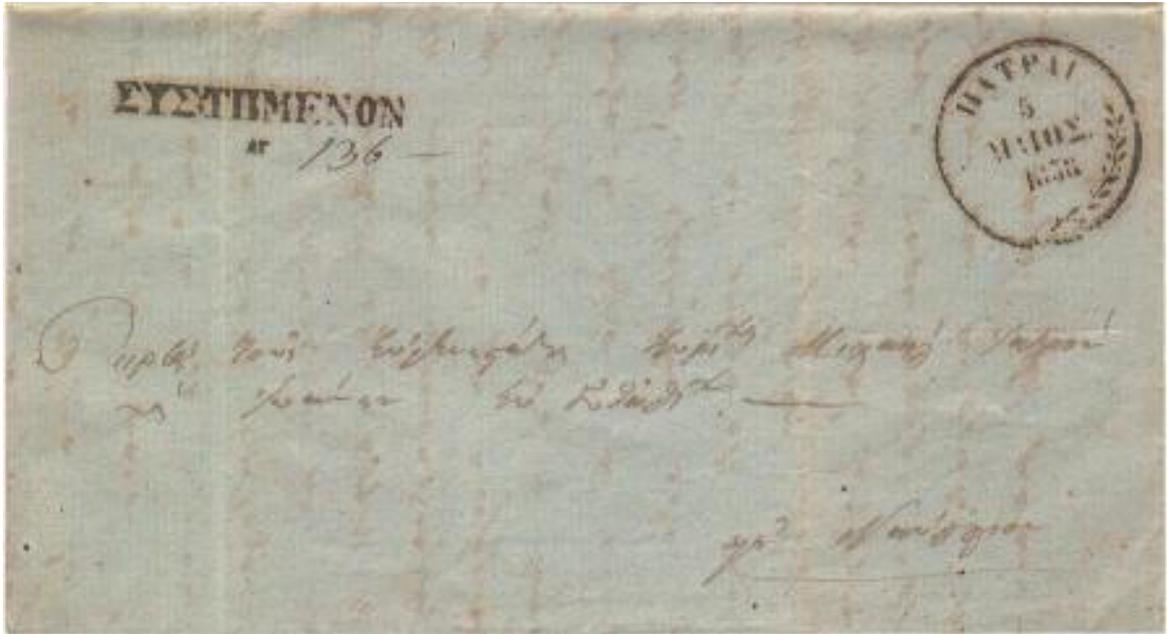
Entire letter from **Lechena** (Nov.27,1851) to **Patras** (ar.Nov.28,1851) via **Kyllini**  
Boxed **Δ.T.111** (Δ.T.=Municipal Postes)  
Municipality of Myrtountio - **Route 111** - **Lechena** village to **Kyllini p.o.**



Entire letter from **Filiatra** (Sep.3,1856)(s/n 10) to **Patras** (ar.Sep.10,1856) via **Kyparissia** (trans.Sep.7,1856)  
Boxed **Δ.T.150** (Δ.T.=Municipal Postes)  
Municipality of Erani - **Route 150** - **Filiatra** village to **Kyparissia p.o.**

**Special handling - Registered mail**

Registered mail was accepted from Aug.26,1833 onwards  
Postal rate was set to double the regular postal rate for both domestic & international mail



Entire letter from **Patras** (dep. May.5,1838) to **Nafplion** (ar.May.7,1838)  
Linear **ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΟΝ ΑΡ.** (=REGISTERED No.) **136**  
(verso) **30+30=60** Lepta prepaid postal rate that is  
double the regular postal rate for distance between 20 and 40 hours long



Entire letter from **Patras** (dep.Jul.16,1842) to **Egio**  
In red linear **ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΟΝ** (= Registered) & m/s s/n **634**  
(verso) **20+20=40** Lepta prepaid postal rate  
that is double the regular rate for distance up to 10 hours long & double weight letter

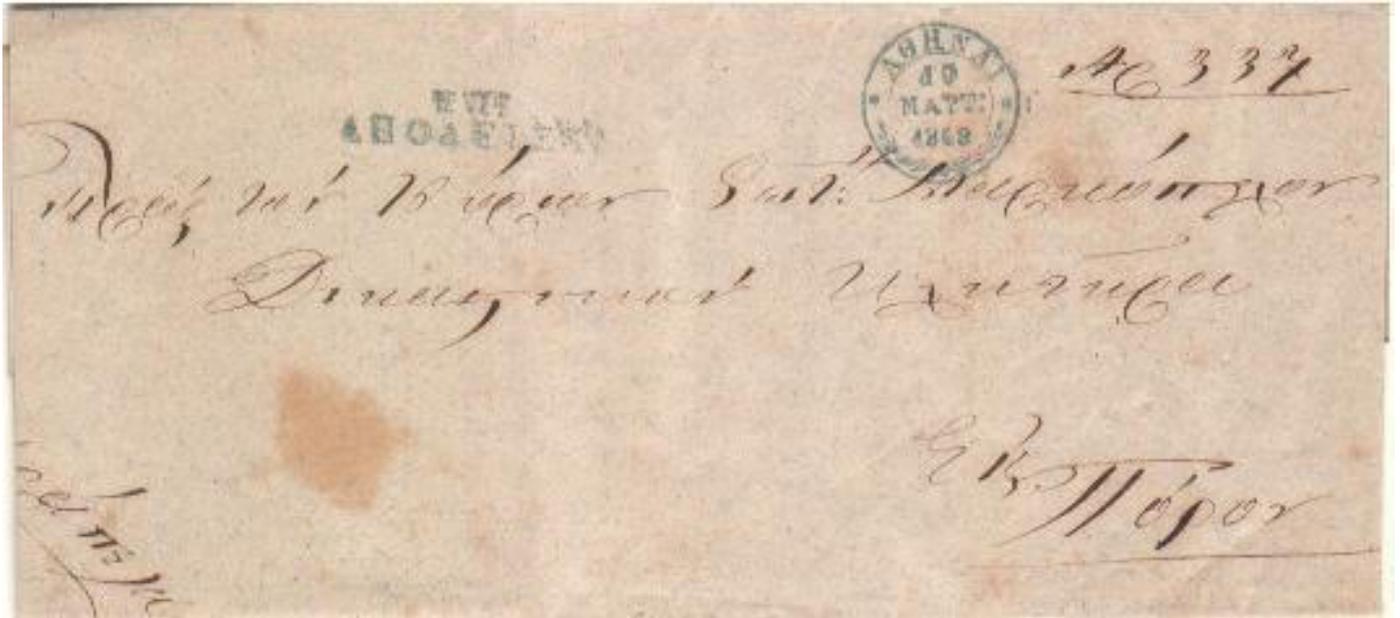
**Special handling - Registered mail**



Entire letter from **Patras** (dep.May.22,1844) to **Athens** (ar.May.25,1844)  
In red linear **ΕΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΟΝ** (=REGISTERED) (s/n 499)  
(verso) **30+30=60** Lepta prepaid postal rate that is  
double the regular postal rate for distance between 20 and 40 hours long  
wax sealed by **ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΙΣ ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΩΝ** (=Direction of Postal Service)

Registered mail receipts  
Postal receipts # **85** & # **86** both for letters sent from **Piraeus** p.o. to **Levadia** p.o.  
on the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> of June 1854

**Special handling - Certified mail**



Entire letter from **Athens** (dep.Mar.10,1849) (s/n 337) to **Poros isl.** via **Pereas** (trans.Mar.11,1849)  
**ΕΠΙ ΑΠΟΔΕΙΞΕΙ** (=Certified)  
m/s **'National Bank'**

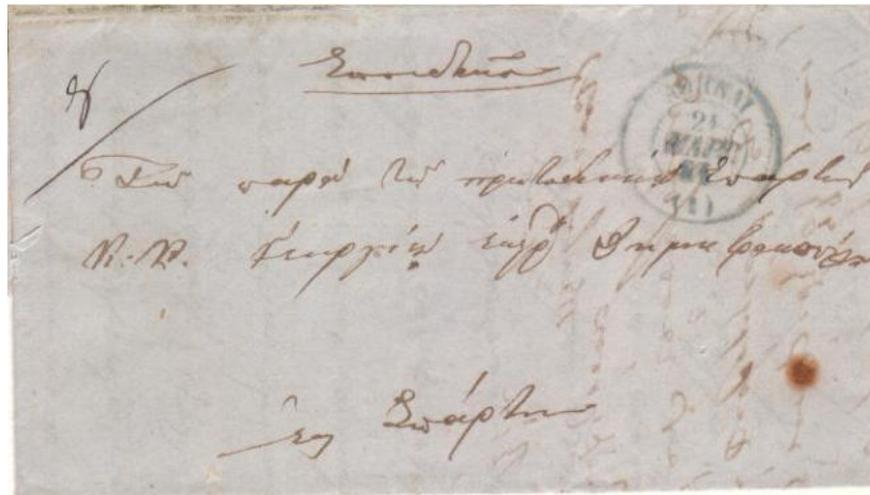


Entire letter from **Athens** (Apr.27,1850)(s/n 450) to **Egio**  
**ΕΠΙ ΑΠΟΔΕΙΞΕΙ** (=Certified)  
m/s **'National Bank'**

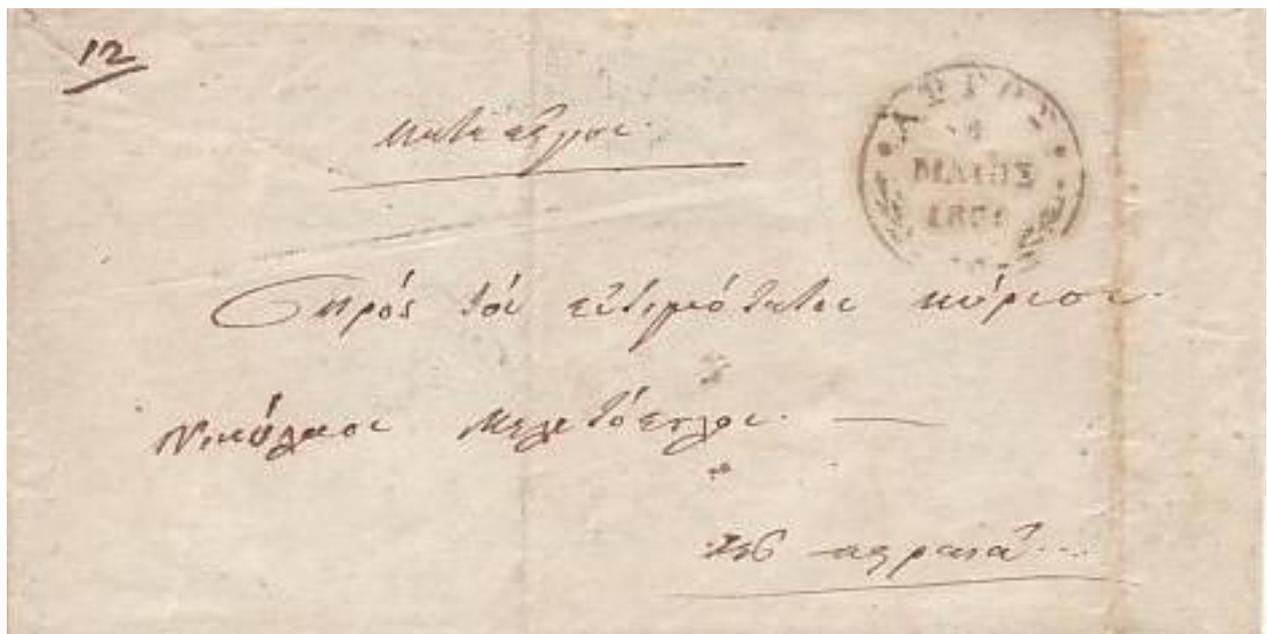
*National Bank paid flat postal rates for mail*

**Special handling - Express / Important mail**

Express or Important mail was not offered by postal service, so no additional charges collected

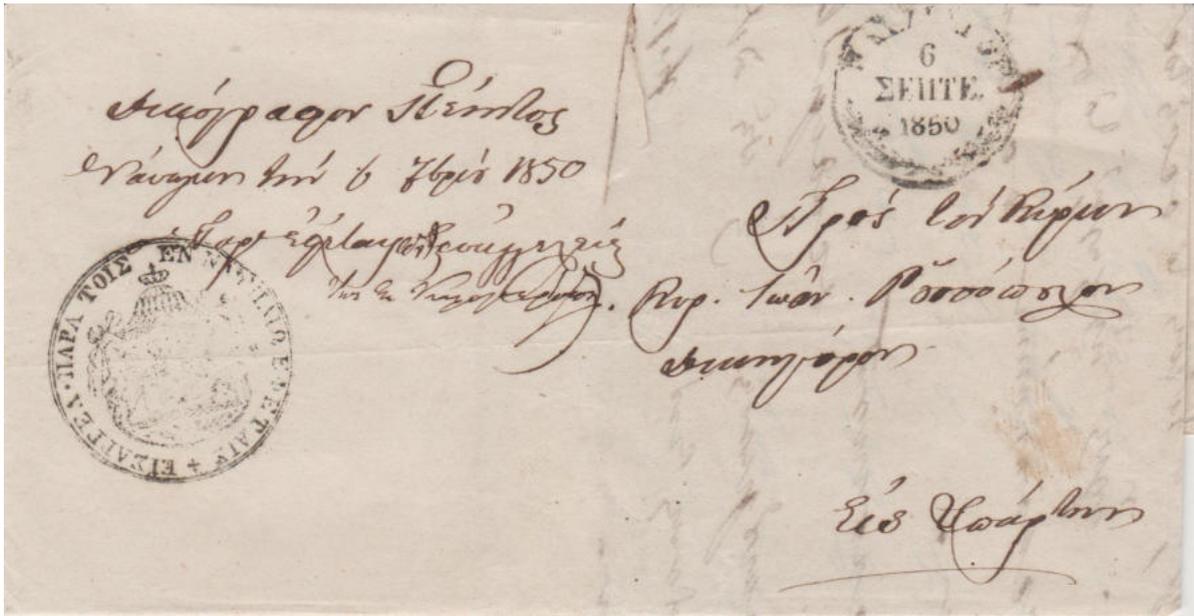


Entire letter from **Athens** (dep.Mar.24,1861) (s/n 8) to **Sparta**  
m/s **Σπουδαίον** (=Important)  
(verso) **30** Lepta prepaid postal rate for the distance between 20 to 40 hours long



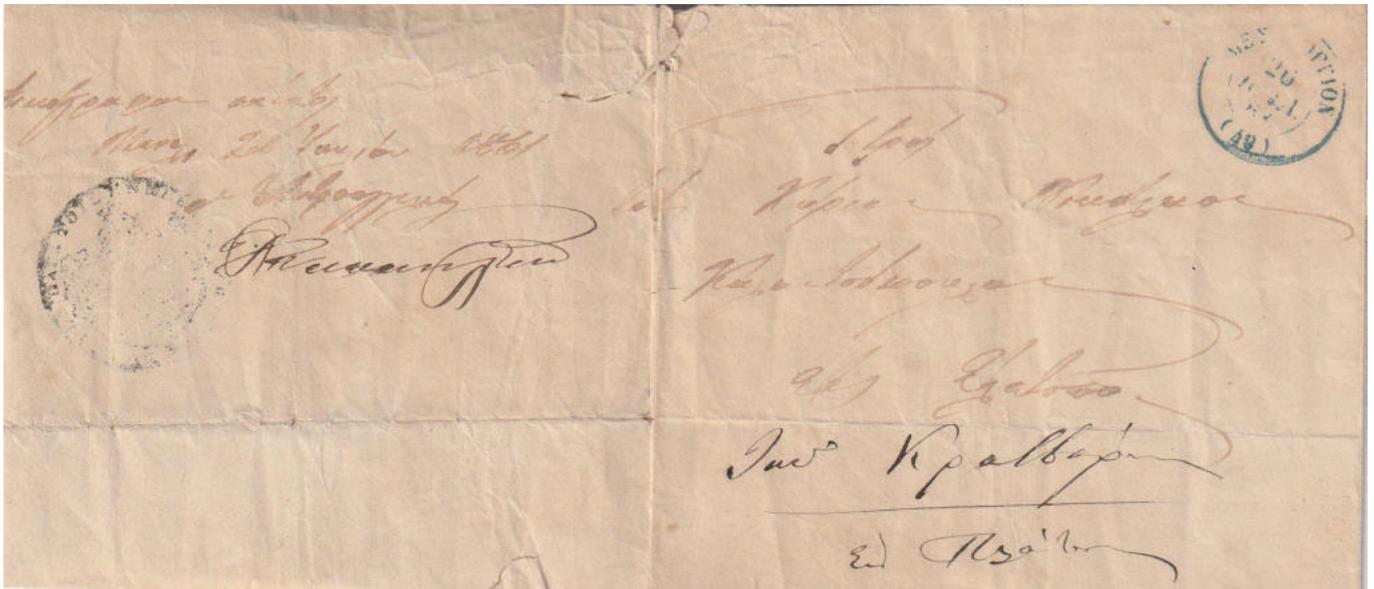
Entire letter from **Argos** (May.1,1851) (s/n 12) to **Piraeus** (ar.May.3,1851) via **Athens** (trans.May.3,1851)  
m/s **Κατεπείγον** (=Express)  
(verso) **70** Lepta prepaid postal rate for distance 10 to 20 hours long  
for letter weighing **25 g.**

Postage free mail - Official cachets - Justice



Entire letter from **Nafplion** dep. Sep. 6, 1850) to **Sparta**

Cachet: **ΕΙΣΑΓΓΕΛ. ΠΑΡΑ ΤΟΙΣ ΕΝ ΝΑΥΠΛΙΩ ΕΦΕΤΑΙΣ** (Nafplio's Attorney General)  
m/s *Δικογραφον πενητος* ( poor man's summon)

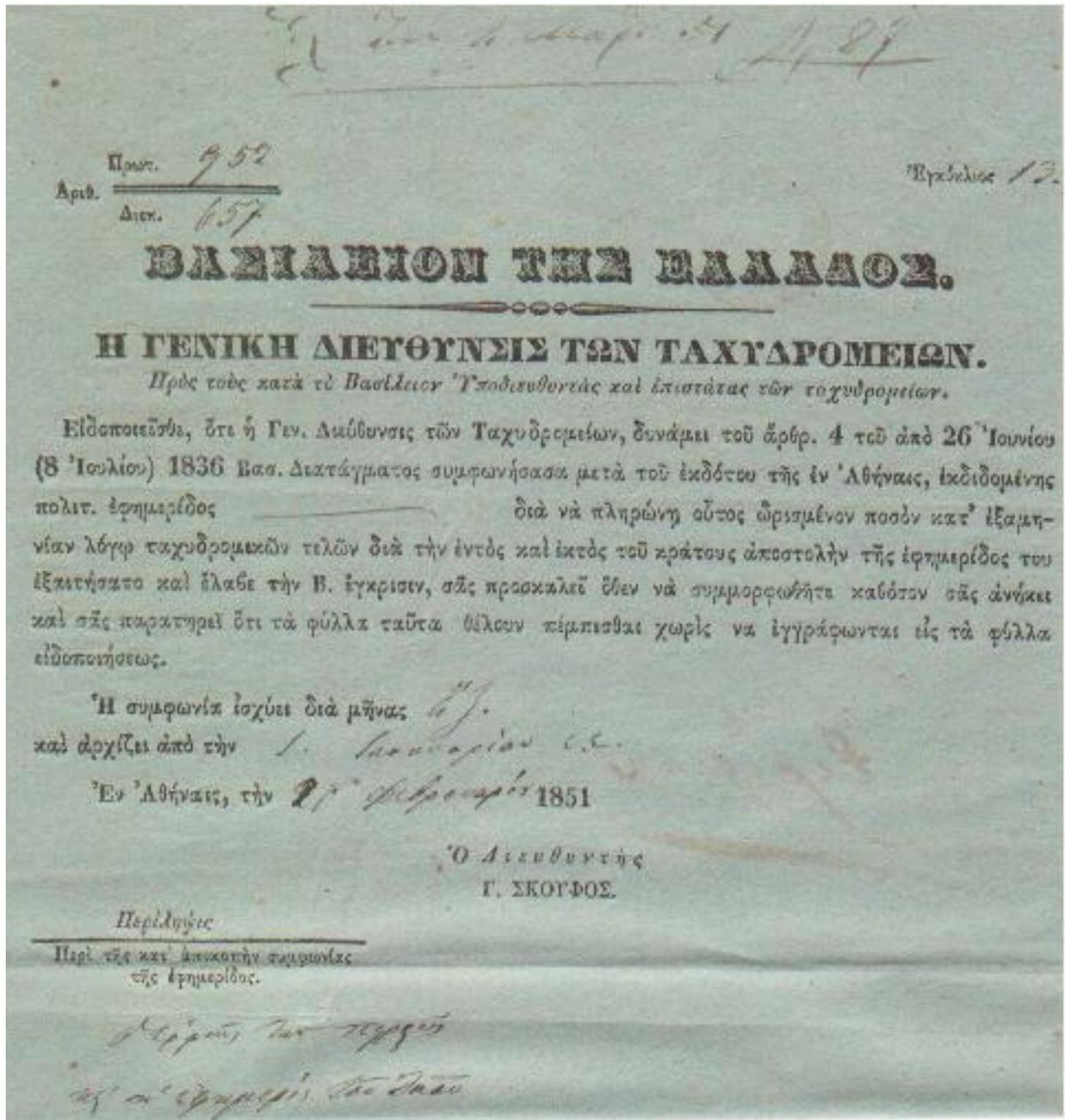


Entire letter from **Mesologgi** dep. Jul. 20, 1861) to **Patras**

Cachet: **ΕΙΣΑΓΓΕΛ. ΠΑΡΑ ΤΟΙΣ ΕΝ ΜΕΣΟΛΟΓΙΩ ΕΦΕΤΑΙΣ** (Mesologgi's Attorney General)  
m/s *Δικογραφον πενητος* ( poor man's summon)

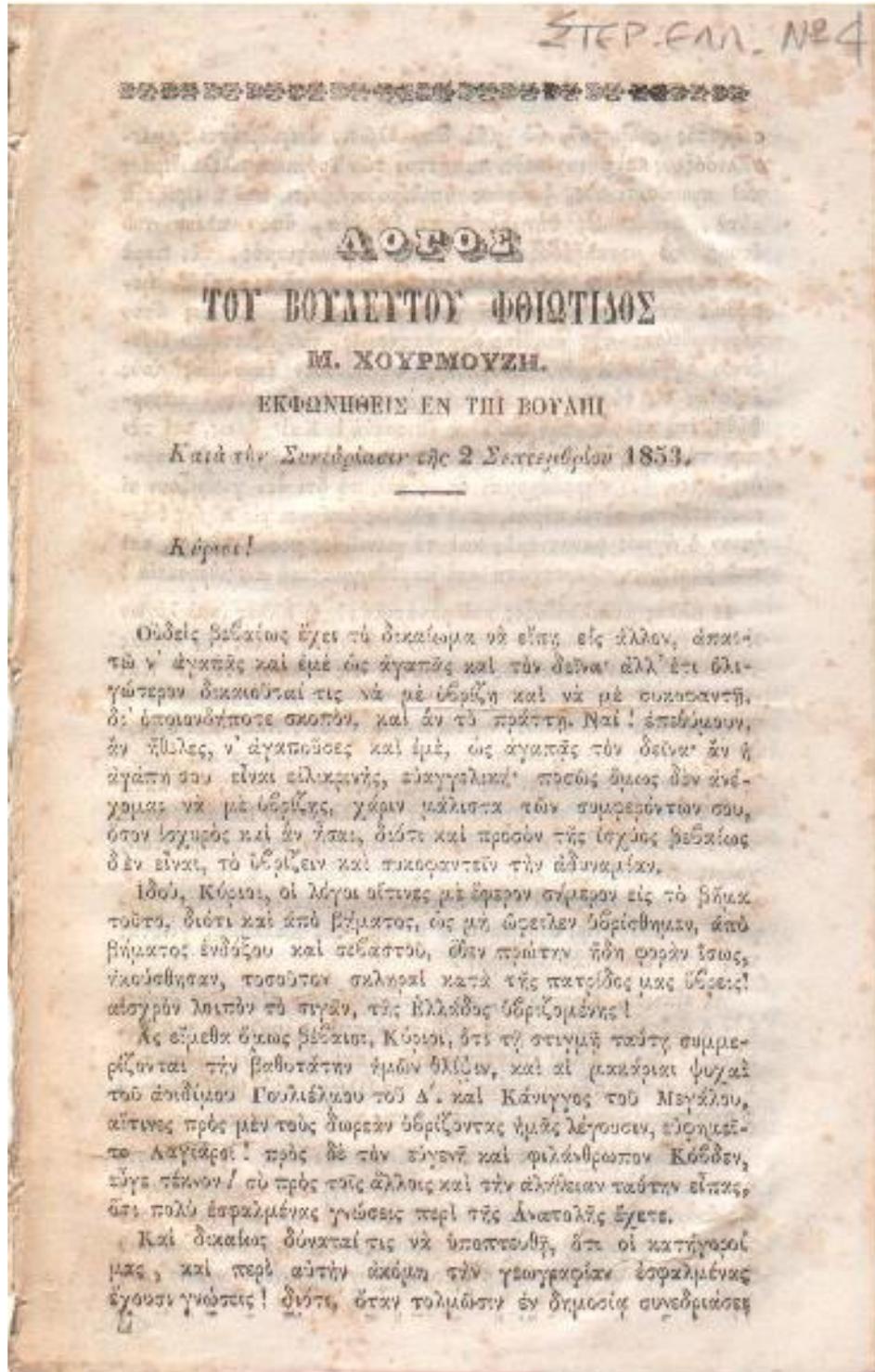
**Flat rates**

Major companies arranged to pay a flat rate for their mail. Among them were the National Bank and most newspapers



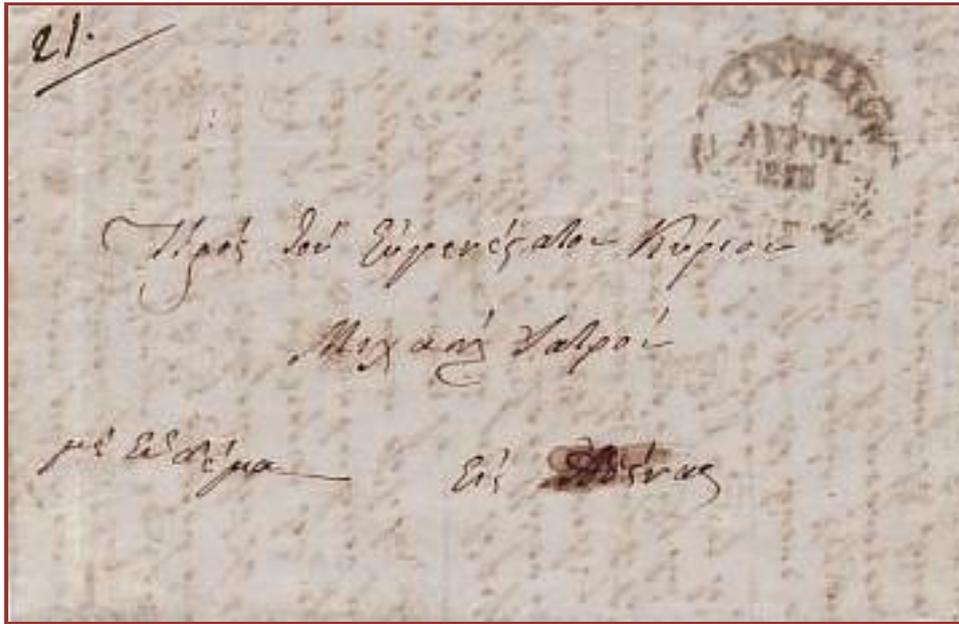
**Circular No.13 (Feb.20,1851)** sent from Athens to **Serifos isl.** post office via **Sira isl.** (trans.Feb.28,1851) concerning the flat rate contract for the **newspaper Hermes**

Printed matter



Booklet of 15 pages, posted from Athens (dep.Sep.14,1853) to Tripolis

**Parcel & Samples post**



**Nafplion** (dep. Aug. 4, 1848) (s/n 21) to **Athens** (ar. Aug. 6, 1848)  
m/s **με εἰς δέμα** (=with one parcel)  
(verso) **20** Lepta prepaid postal rate for the distance from 10 to 20 hours long



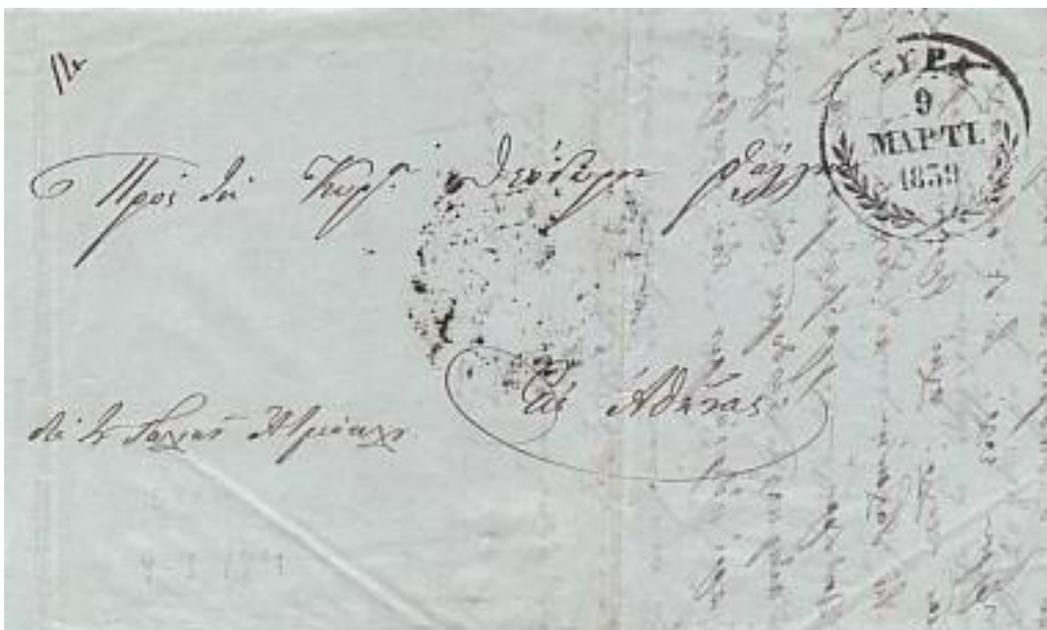
**Nafplion** (dep. Mar. 15, 1850) (s/n 31) to **Athens** (ar. Mar. 17, 1850)  
m/s **με εἰς βιβλίον** (=with one book)  
(verso) **20** Lepta prepaid postal rate for the distance from 10 to 20 hours long

**The sea route Pireas - Sira isl - Transport choice**

Until 1852 senders could choose the transporter of the letter



Entire letter from **Sira isl.** (dep. Jul.22,1838) to **Athens** (ar.Jul.25,1838) via **Piraeus** (trans.Jul.25,1838)  
m/s *'με το Ελλ. Ατμ'* (=by the **Greek steamer**)  
(verso) **20** Lepta prepaid postal rate that is:10 L. maritime rate (Sira-Pereas) + 10 L. inland rate (Pereas-Athens)

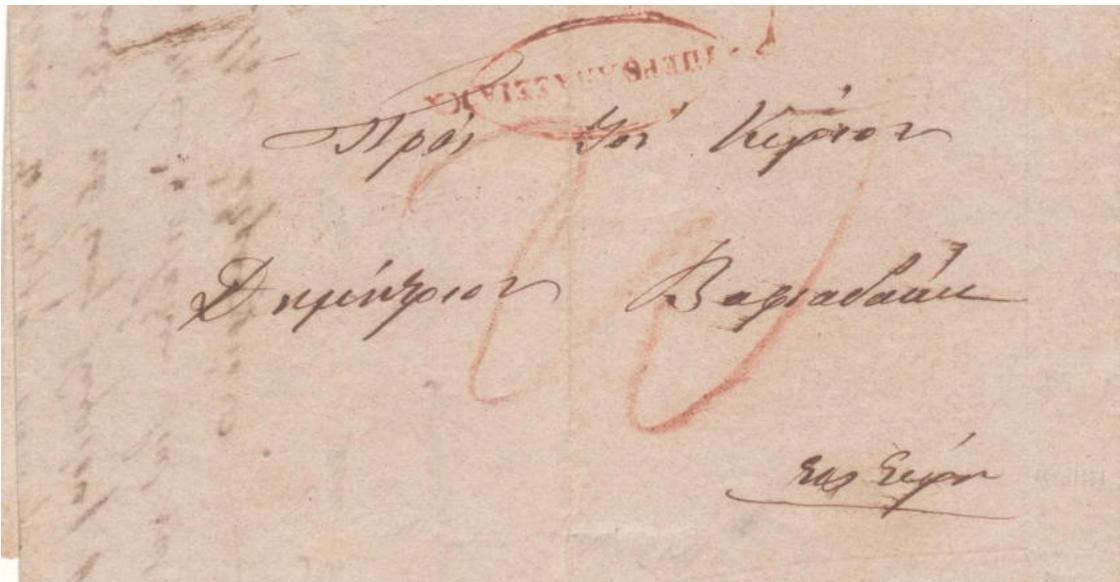


Entire letter from **Sira isl.** (dep.Mar.9,1839) (s/n 14) to **Athens** (ar.Mar.11,1839) via **Piraeus** (trans.Mar.11,1839)  
m/s *'δια του Γαλλικού Ατμόπλοιου'* (=by **French steamer**)  
(verso) **20** Lepta prepaid postal rate

**The sea route Pireas - Sira isl - Transport choice**



Entire letter from **Athens** (Jun.26,1845) (s/n 28) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Jun.27,1845)  
m/s "δια του Αυστριακού Ατμόπλοιου" (=by the **Austrian steamer**)  
(verso) **30** Lepta prepaid postal rate that is: 10 L. inland rate (Athens-Piraeus) + 20 L. maritime rate (Piraeus-Sira)



Entire letter from **Athens** (Feb.1,1855) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Feb.2,1855)  
In red **ΥΠΕΡΘΑΛΑΣΣΙΑ** (=Overseas)  
Transported by **random commercial ship**  
Taxed **20** Lepta seacharge for **triple** weight letter

**Disinfection of mail - Land borders**



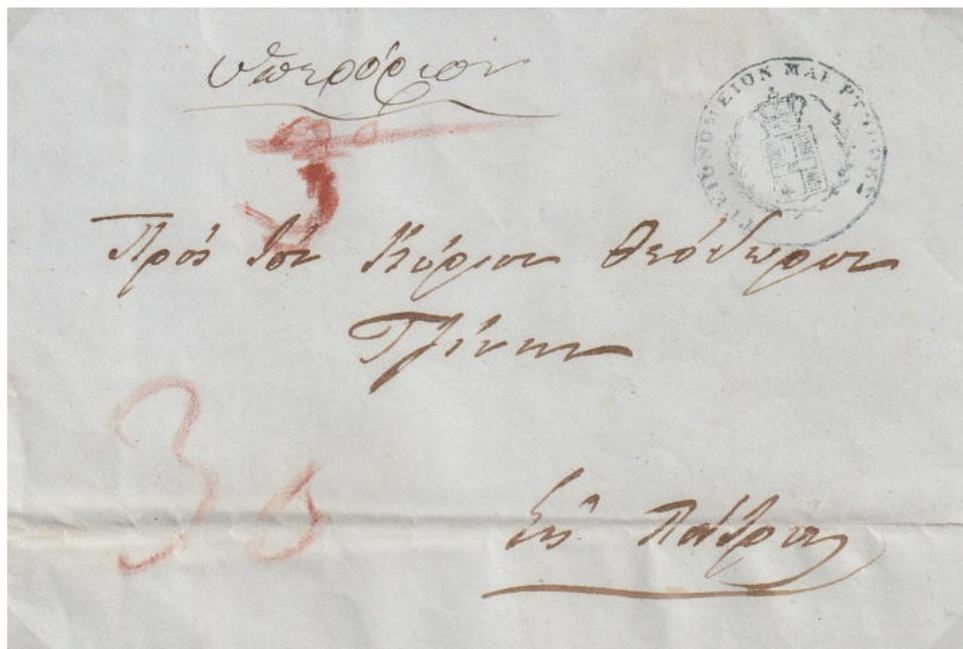
Entire letter posted from the Greek p.o. of **Salonique** (Macedonia-Ottoman Emp.)(Dec.24,**1836**)  
via **FOURKA HEALTH STATION** where opened, disinfected & sealed and then  
via **Athens** (tr.Jan.2,1836) & by **ANATOLI** steamer to **Sira isl.** (ar.Jan.6,1836)  
Taxed **60+45+10=115** Lepta for 2nd weight & two page letter

*The only known letter with Fourka Health Station seal (ex collections Meyer, Eylan, Virvilis)*



Entire letter posted from the Greek p.o. of **Salonique** (Macedonia-Ottoman Emp.)(Aug.31,**1840**)  
via **TARATSA HEALTH STATION** where opened, disinfected & sealed and then  
via **Lamia** (tr.Sep.4,1840), **Piraeus** (tr.Sep.7,1840) & **Athens** (tr.Sep.7,1840) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Sep.8,1840)  
Boxed entry mark **ΕΛΛΑΣ ΔΙΑ ΛΑΜΙΑΣ** (Greece via Lamia)  
Taxed **60+60=120** Lepta for 2nd weight letter

**Disinfection of mail - Land borders**



Entire letter written in **Arta** (Epirus-Ottoman Emp.)(Sep.30,**1856**) transported by forwarding agent to **MAKRYNOROS HEALTH STATION** where disinfected & sealed and then via **Amf. Argos** (tr.Oct.3,1856) to **Patras** (ar.Oct.7,1856)  
m/s **Υπερόριον** (overland)  
Taxed in red **30** Lepta for simple letter

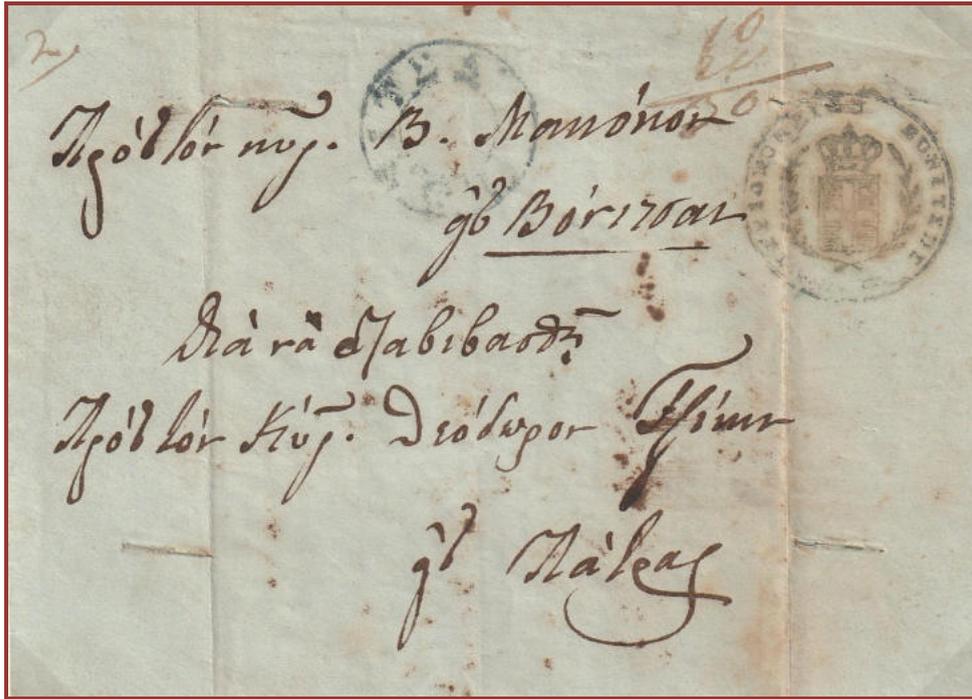
*The only known letter with Makrynoros Health Station seal (ex collection Virvilis)*



Entire letter written in **Volo** (Thessaly-Ottoman Emp.)(Sep.21,**1849**) transported by forwarding agent to **AMALIOPOLIS HEALTH STATION** where opened, disinfected & sealed and then via **Lamia** (tr.Sep.25,1849) & **Athens** (tr.Sep.28,1849) to **Nauplion** (ar.Oct.1,1849)  
m/s **Υπερθαλ** (overseas)  
Taxed in red **40** Lepta for simple letter

*Two known letters exist with Amaliapolis Health Station seal (ex collections Meyer, Eylan, Virvilis)*

**Disinfection of mail - Land borders**



Entire letter written in **Prevesa** (Epirus-Ottoman Emp.)(Feb.8,1847) transported by forwarding agent to **VONITSA HEALTH STATION** where disinfected (**Four horizontal slits**) & sealed and then via **Vonitsa** p.o. to **Patras** (ar.Feb.17,1847)  
Taxed  $10+20=30$  Lepta for simple letter



Entire letter written in **Prevesa** (Epirus-Ottoman Emp.)(Dec.27,1856) transported by forwarding agent to **VONITSA HEALTH STATION** where disinfected (**Two vertical slits**) & sealed and then via **Vonitsa** (dep.Jan.1,1857) to **Patras** (ar.Jan.20,1857)  
Taxed in red **30** Lepta for simple letter

**Disinfection of mail - Seaports**

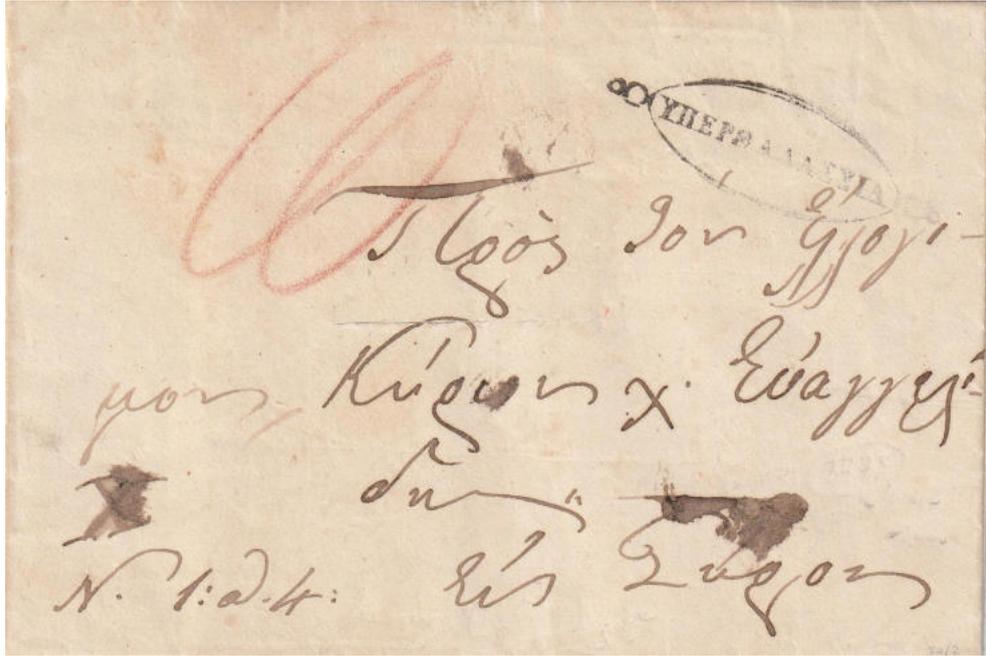


Entire letter written in **Volo** (Thessaly - Ottoman Emp.)(**1836**) transported by random ship via **SIRA HEALTH STATION** where opened, disinfected & sealed to **Sira isl.** (Dec.30,1836)  
Entry oval mark **ΥΠΕΡΘΑΛΑΣΣΙΑ** (overseas)  
Taxed **20** Lepta for letter up to 10 drams



**Smyrne** (Asia Minor - Ottoman Emp.)(dep.Aug.22,**1846**) to **Athens** (ar.Aug.13,1846) via **Piraeus** (trans.Aug.13,1846)  
Taxed **20** Lepta distribution fee  
(verso) cachet **ΥΓΕΙΟΝΟΜΕΙΟ ΠΕΙΡΑΙΩΣ** (=Piraeus Health office)

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Aegean islands - Chio**



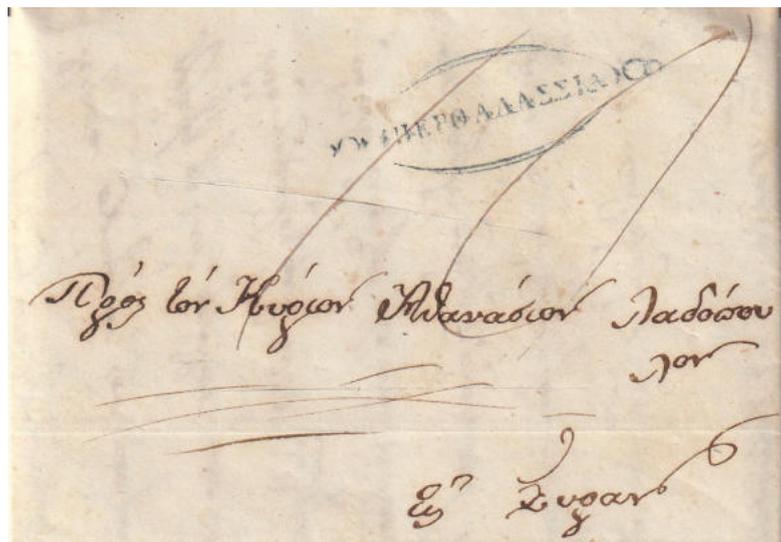
Entire letter from **Chio isl.** (Aegean isl. - Ottoman Emp.)(dep.Oct.23,1850) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Oct.24,1850)  
oval **ΥΠΕΡΘΑΛΑΣΣΙΑ** (overseas)  
Taxed in red **10** Lepta distribution fee for simple letter  
Disinfected on arrival - One horizontal disinfection slit  
Transported by random commercial ship



Entire letter from the Austrian Lloyd agency at **Chio isl.** (Aegean isl. - Ottoman Emp.)(dep.Jul.20,1856)  
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Jul.21,1856)  
Taxed in red **20** Lepta distribution fee for 3rd weight letter  
Prepayment compulsory for letters transported by Austrian Lloyd steamers

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Aegean islands - Psarra isl / Metelin isl.**

**Psarra isl.**



Entire letter from **Psarra isl.** (Aegean isl. - Ottoman Emp.)(dep.Oct.28,1845) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Oct.30,1845)  
Oval **ΥΠΕΡΘΑΛΑΣΣΙΑ** (overseas)  
Taxed **10** Lepta distribution fee for simple letter  
Disinfected on arrival - Two horizontal disinfection slits  
Transported by random commercial ship

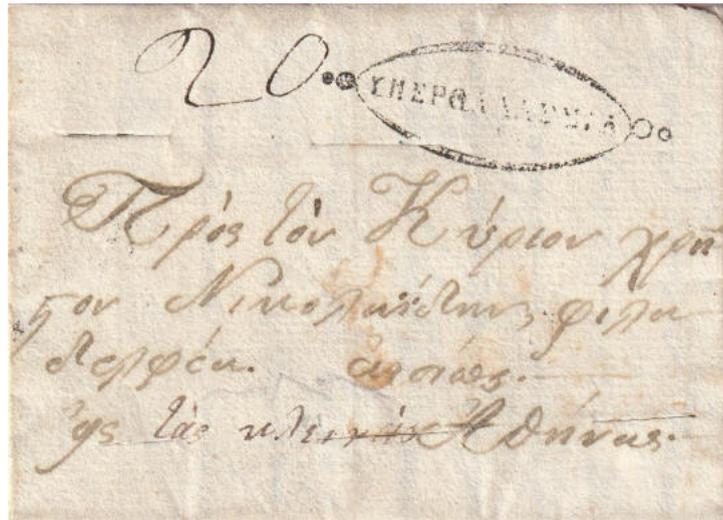
**Metelin isl. - French p.o.**



Entire letter from the French p.o. **Metelin isl.**(Aegean isl. - Ottoman Emp.) (dep.Aug.21,1858)  
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Aug.13,1858)  
50 cents prepaid postage for simple letter  
Boxed **PD** (=Paid to Destination)  
Disinfected on arrival - Horizontal disinfection slits

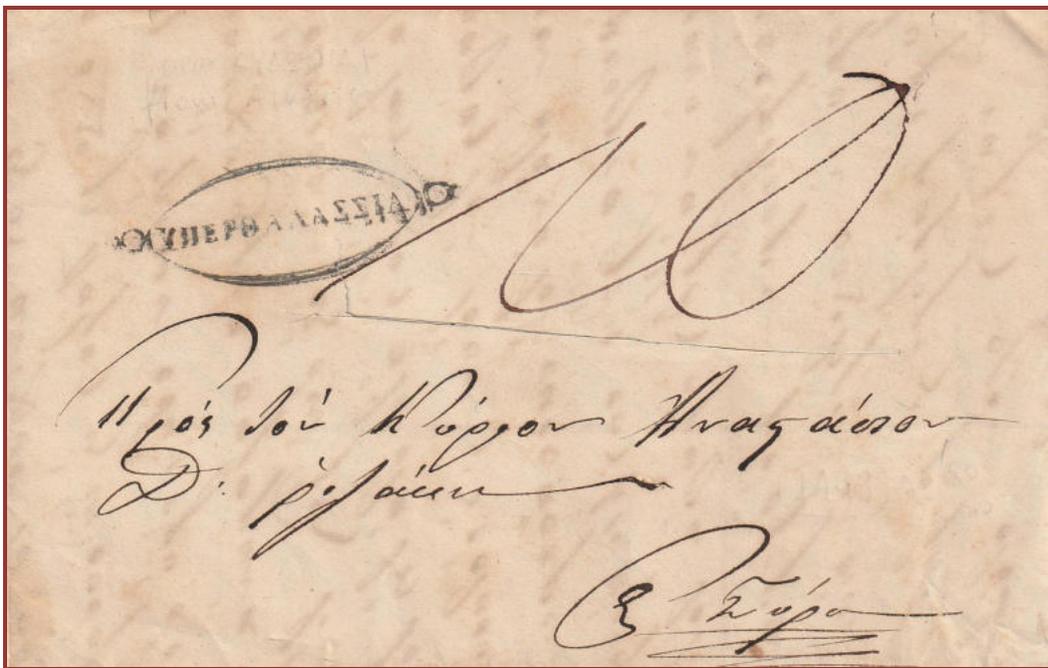
**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Asia Minor - Cesme seaport / Ayvalik seaport**

**Cesme seaport**



Entire letter from **Cesme** (Asia Minor - Ottoman Emp.)(dep.Jul.13,1839) to **Athens** (ar.Jul.22,1839)  
via **Pereas** (trans.Jul.21,1839)  
oval **ΥΠΕΡΘΑΛΑΣΣΙΑ** (overseas)  
Taxed **20** Lepta  
(10 Lepta sea charge & 10 Lepta inland rate)  
Disinfected on arrival - Four horizontal disinfection slits  
Transported by random commercial ship

**Ayvalik seaport**



Entire letter from **Ayvalik** (Asia Minor - Ottoman Emp.)(dep.Aug.16,1845) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Aug.21,1845)  
oval **ΥΠΕΡΘΑΛΑΣΣΙΑ** (overseas)  
Taxed **10** lepta distribution fee for simple letter  
Disinfected on arrival - Horizontal disinfection slit  
Transported by random commercial ship

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Asia Minor - Smyrne - Steamship ANATOLI**

From November 1<sup>st</sup>,1835, Feraldi's sail ships on the line Pereaas - Sira - Smyrne were replaced by the new steamship "ANATOLI" on a new bimonthly line

**Pereaas - Sira - Chios - Cesme - Smyrne - Metelin - Tenedos - Dardanelles - Kallipolis - Constantinople**

Postal rates for letters up to 7 ½ g. were set to :

from / to	Chios	Cesme	Smyrne	Metelin	Tenedos	Dardanelles	Kallipolis	Constantinople
Pereaas	60 lepta	60 lepta	90 lepta	100 lepta	120 lepta	120 lepta	120 lepta	150 lepta
Sira	30 lepta	30 lepta	60 lepta	70 lepta	90 lepta	90 lepta	90 lepta	120 lepta



Entire letter from **Athens** (dep.Dec.15,1836) to **Smyrne** (Asia Minor - Ottoman Emp.)  
 oval ΠΑΗΡΩΜΕΝΟΝ (=Paid)  
 (verso) 90 Lepta prepaid postal rate for simple letter  
 diagonal line (=paid to destination)  
 Transported by steamer ANATOLI

*The steamship ANATOLI retired on May.20,1838*

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Asia Minor - Smyrne - Hellenic Steam Co.**

From May.20,1837 a new postal rate was set at 50 lepta for letters up to 7 ½ g. transported by regular line Greek steamships (**Hellenic Steam Co.**) to abroad

Regular line Piraeus - Smyrne



Entire letter from **Athens** (dep. Apr. 12, 1838) to **Smyrne** (Asia Minor - Ottoman Emp.)  
via **Piraeus**

Oval ΠΑΡΠΩΜΕΝΟΝ (=Paid)

(verso) In red **60** Lepta prepaid postal rate that is

10 Lepta Inland rate (Athens- Piraeus) + 50 Lepta maritime rate (Piraeus- Smyrne)

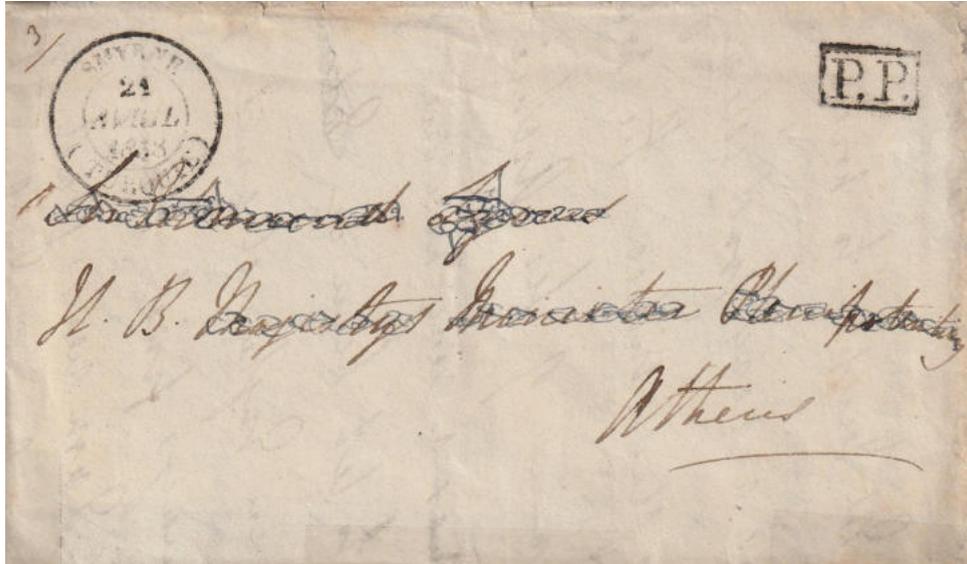
Diagonal line (=paid to destination)

Transported by Hellenic Steam Co. ship

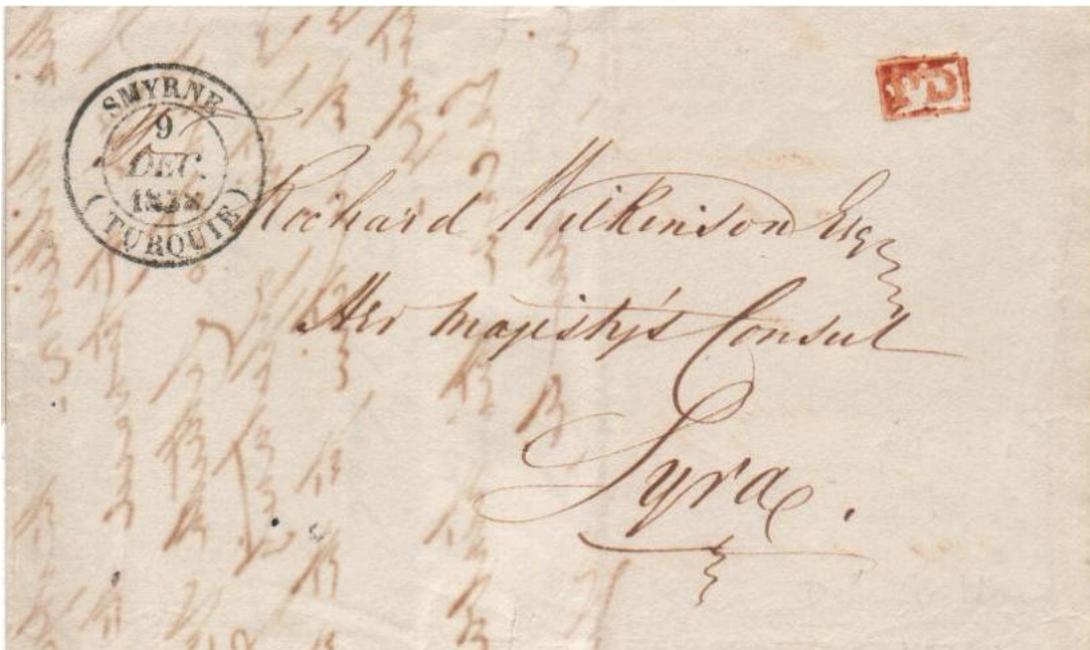
*Letter addressed to Edmund Lyons, British minister at Athens,  
aboard the H.M.S. Sapphire in Smyrna's port*

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Asia Minor - Smyrne - French p.o.**

The Postal Convention with France was effective on May.20,1838  
Postal rate to Smyrne was set to: 50 lepta (Distance Sira - Smyrne: 50 leagues)  
60 lepta (Distance Piraeus - Smyrne: 68 leagues)  
(Valid from May.20,1838 to May.20,1844)



Entire letter posted from the French p.o. of **Smyrne** (Asia Minor - Ottoman Emp.)(Apr.21,1838)  
transported by paquebot **LYCURGUE** via **PIRAEUS HEALTH STATION**  
where opened, disinfected & sealed to **Athens**  
Boxed **P.P.** (paid)  
(verso) **25** Decimes prepaid postal rate



Entire letter from the French p.o. of **Smyrne** (Asia Minor - Ottoman Emp.)(dep.Oct.9,1838)  
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Oct.26,1838)  
Boxed in red **PD** (=Paid to Destination)  
(verso) **80+20=100** Lepta prepaid postal rate for letter weighing **10 g.**  
(verso) cachet **ΥΓΕΙΟΝΟΜΕΙΟ ΣΥΡΟΥ** (=Sira Health office)  
Transported by paquebot **MINOS**

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Asia Minor - Smyrne - French ship**



Entire letter from the French p.o. **Smyrne** (Asia Minor - Ottoman Emp.)(dep.Mar.9,1847)  
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Mar.6,1847)

Taxed in red **40** Lepta that is 30 Lepta french maritime rate + 10 Lepta greek distribution fee for simple letter  
Two external disinfection slits

Transported & Disinfected aboard paquebot **MENTOR**

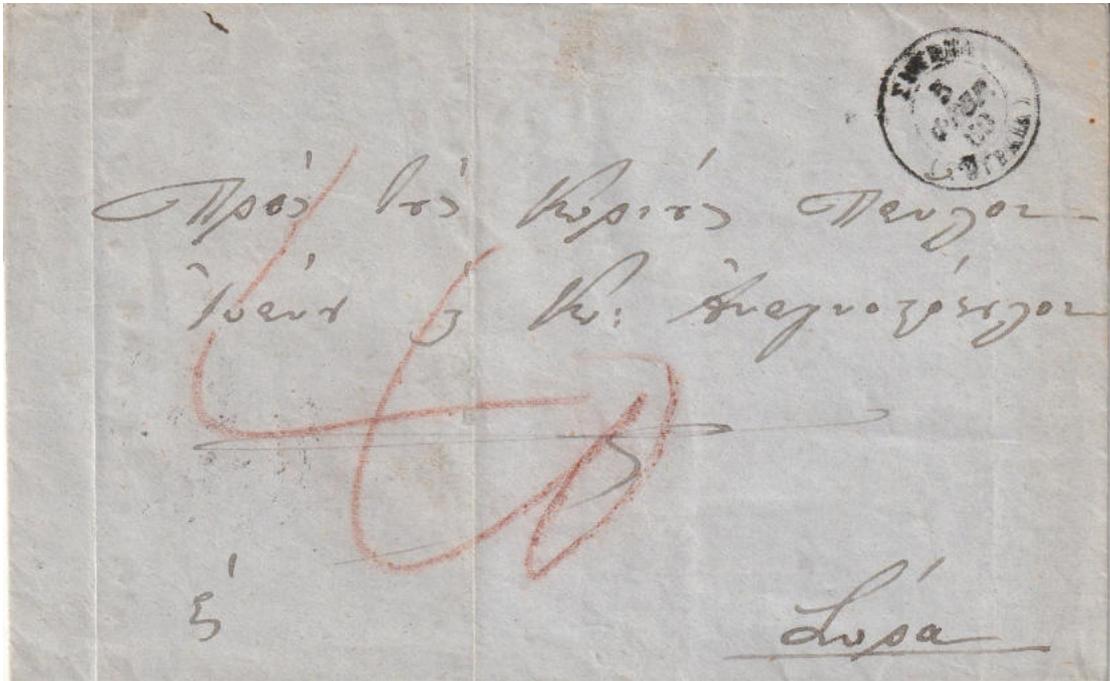


Entire letter from the French p.o. of **Smyrne** (Asia Minor - Ottoman Emp.) (dep.Apr.25,1860)  
to **Athens** (ar.Apr.14,1860) via **Piraeus** (trans.Apr.24,1860)

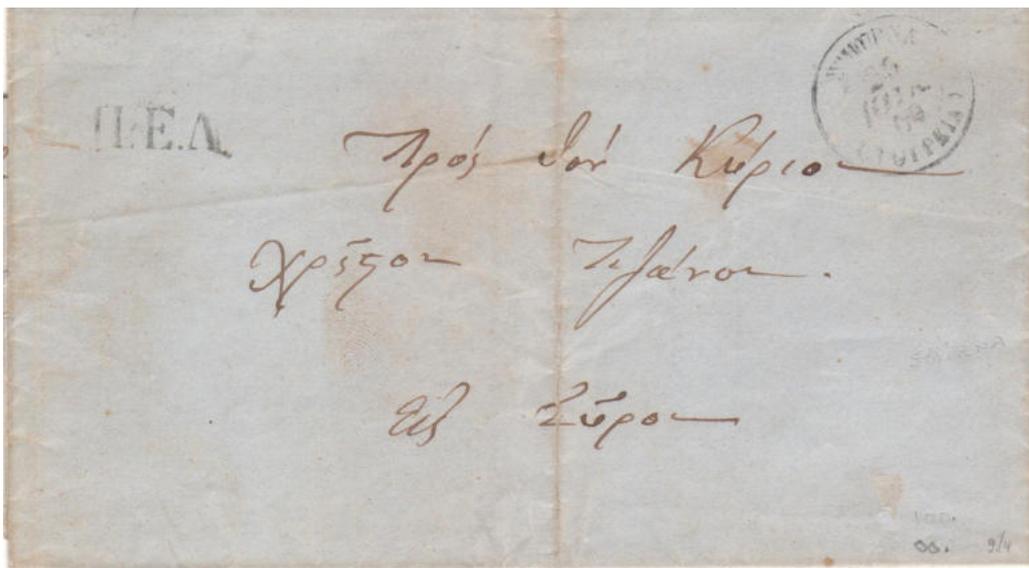
50 cents prepaid postage  
Boxed **PD** (=Paid to Destination)

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Asia Minor - Smyrne - Greek post office**

Greek p.o. of Smyrne in Asia Minor established in late 1857  
Mail was transported by Austrian Lloyd ships  
Postal rate was set at 30 lepta or 6 Kreuzer for letters up to 7 ½ g.



Entire letter from the Greek p.o. of **Smyrne** (Asia Minor - Ottoman Emp.) (dep.Feb.5,1860)  
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Feb.6,1860)  
Taxed in red **40** Lepta postal rate that is:  
30 Lepta austrian maritime rate + 10 Lepta greek distribution fee



Entire letter from the Greek p.o. of **Smyrne** (Asia Minor - Ottoman Emp.)(dep.Jun.25,1860)  
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Jun.26,1860)  
Linear **ΠΕΑ** (=paid to Greek port)  
(verso) **40** Lepta prepaid postal rate for simple letter that is:  
30 Lepta austrian maritime rate + 10 Lepta greek distribution fee

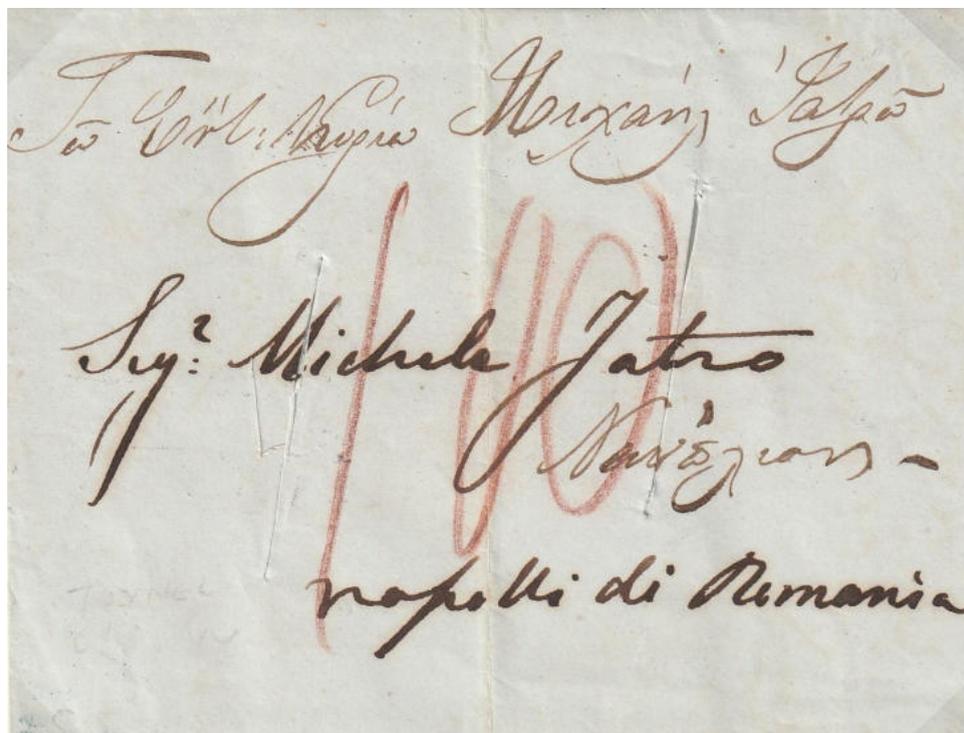
**International mail - Ottoman Empire**

**Cilicia - Mersina**



Entire letter from the French p.o. of **Mersina** (Cilicia - Ottoman Emp.)(dep.Mar.6,1857) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Mar.3,1857)  
Taxed in red **100** Lepta postal rate for 4th weight letter  
(75 Lepta french maritime rate + 25 Lepta greek distribution fee)

**North Africa - Tunisia**



Entire letter written in **Tunis** (Tunisia - Ottoman Emp.)(May.18,1844)  
by forwarding agent posted in **Malta** (dep.May.27,1844) & transported by paquebot **EUROTAS**  
via **PIRAEUS HEALTH STATION** where disinfected (**Two vertical slits**)  
via **Piraeus** (tr.May.21,1844) & **Athens** (tr.May.21,1844) to **Nauplion** (ar.May.21,1844)  
Taxed in red **100** Lepta for simple letter (includes 20 Lepta inland rate)  
Disinfected on arrival - Two vertical slits

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Constantinople - French p.o.**

The Postal Convention with France was effective on May.20,1838  
Postal rate to Constantinople was set to: 70 lepta (Distance Sira - Constantinople: 106 leagues)  
70 lepta (Distance Piraeus - Constantinople: 117 leagues)  
(Valid from May.20,1838 to May.20,1844)

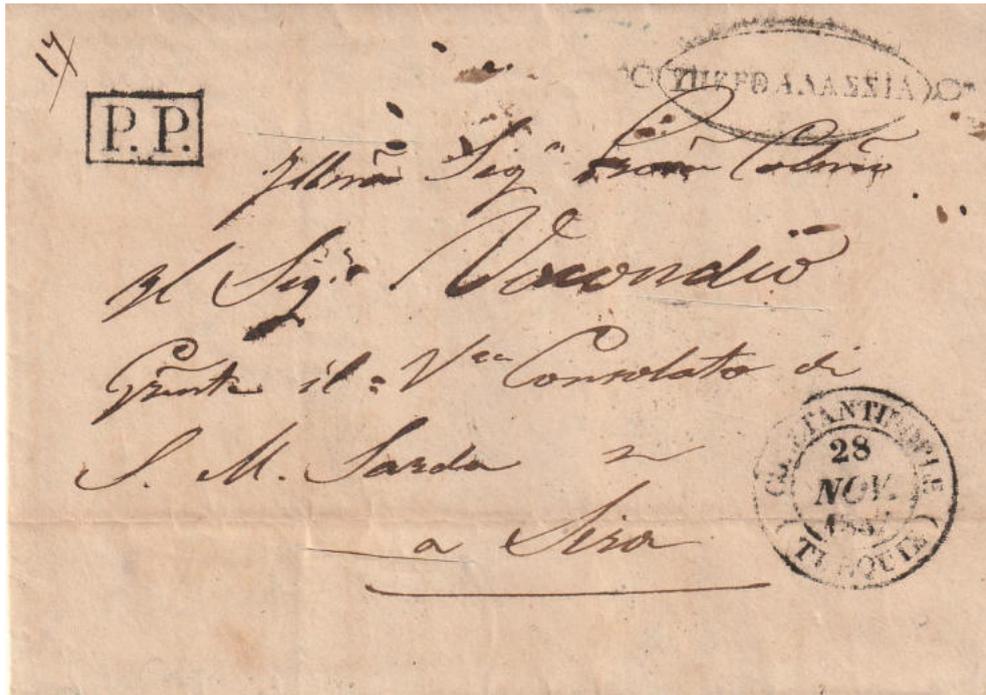


Entire letter from **Constantinople** (Ottoman Emp.)(dep.Apr.18,1838) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Apr.10/22,1838)  
Boxed **P.P.** (= Port Payee)  
Taxed **15** lepta distribution fee for 2nd weight letter  
Disinfected on arrival at **Sira Health station**  
Transported by paquebot **EUROTAS**



Entire letter from **Constantinople** (Ottoman Emp.)(dep.Jul.26,1838) to **Athens** (ar.Jul.22,1838)  
via **Piraeus** (trans.Jul.22,1838)  
Taxed **120+20=140** lepta for **14 g.** weight letter  
Transported by paquebot **SESOSTRIS**

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Constantinople - Random commercial ship**



Entire letter from the French p.o. of **Constantinople** (Ottoman Emp.) (dep. Nov. 28, 1837)  
to **Sira isl.** (ar. Nov. 20, 1837)

Boxed **P.P.** (=paid) & oval **YΠΕΡΘΑΛΑΣΣΙΑ** (=overseas)  
(verso) **10** Decimes prepaid postal rate  
(verso) **LEGAZ. DI S. M. SARDA IT CONSTANTINOUPOLI**  
Three horizontal disinfection slits



Entire letter from **Constantinople** (Ottoman Emp.) (dep. Mar. 24, 1852) to **Athens** (ar. Apr. 5, 1852)  
via **Pareas** (trans. Apr. 5, 1852)

In red oval **YΠΕΡΘΑΛΑΣΣΙΑ** (=overseas)  
Taxed **30** Lepta distribution fee for 2nd weight letter  
(includes 15 Lepta inland postal rate)

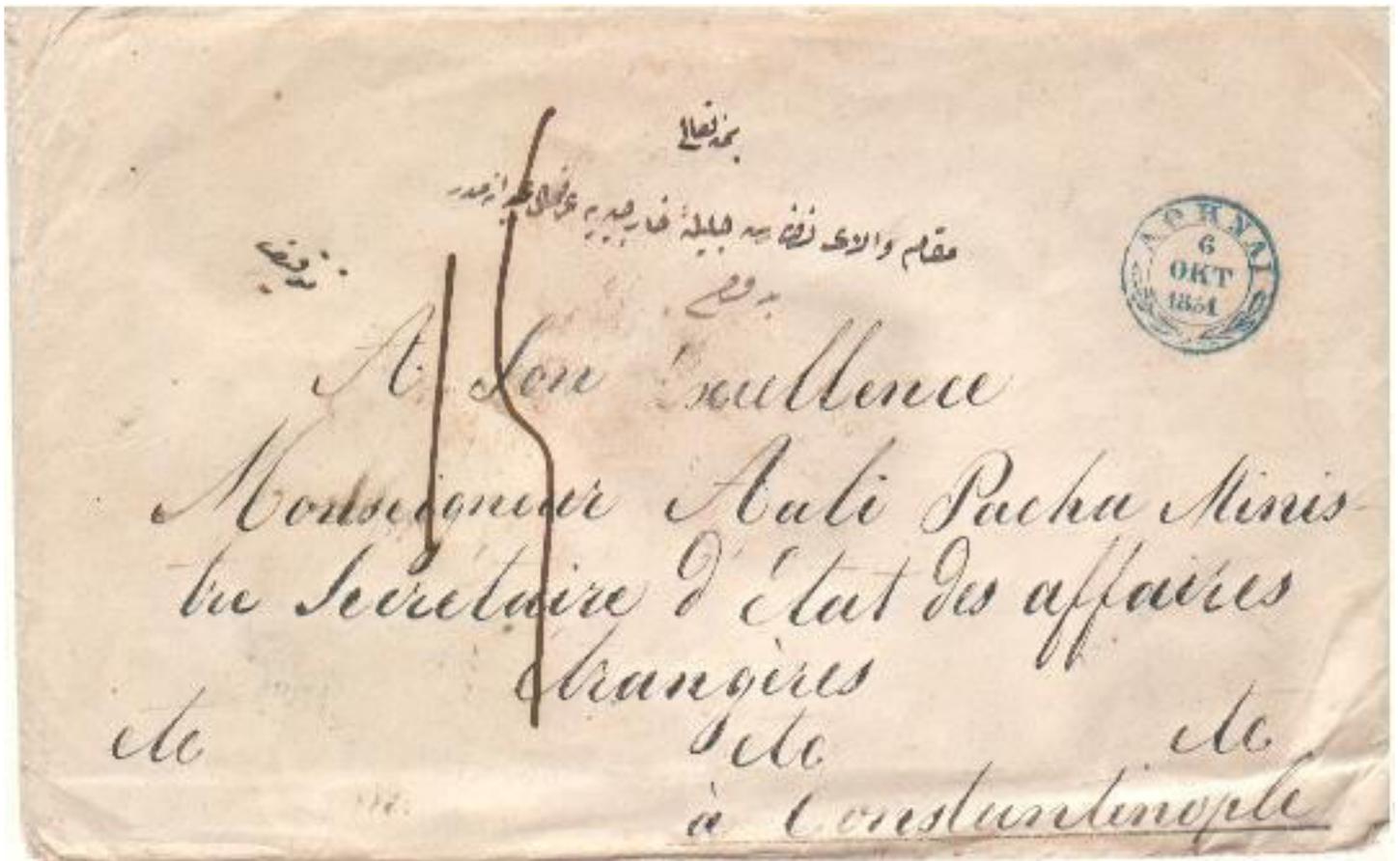
Transported & disinfected on board paquebot **MENTOR** - Two external disinfection slits

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Constantinople - Crimean war**

During the Crimean war, Greece declared war to the Ottoman Empire along Russia  
Ottomans shut down all Greek p.o.'s in the Ottoman Empire. All mail from Greece handled by the French p.o.  
Greek p.o.'s in the Ottoman Empire reopened about 2 years later



Entire letter from **Athens** (dep.Aug.15,1854) to the French p.o. of **Constantinople** (ar.Sep.2,1854)  
via **Piraeus** (trans.Aug.15,1854)  
Taxed 5 Decimes for simple letter - Transported by paquebot **EGYPTUS**



Entire letter from **Athens** (dep.Nov.6,1851) to the French p.o. of **Constantinople** (ar.Nov.2,1851) via **Piraeus**  
Taxed 15 Decimes for 3rd weight letter  
Transported by paquebot **TANCREDE** - (First postal voyage to Levant)

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Constantinople - Greek p.o.**

Mail was transported by Austrian Lloyd ships

Until Jul.10,1852 postal rate to Constantinople was set to 60 lepta or 12 Kreuzer for letters up to 7 ½ g.  
(Valid to Jul.10,1852)



Entire letter posted from the Greek p.o. of **Constantinople** (Ottoman Emp.)(dep.Jul.29,1850)  
transported by Austrian ship via **SIRA HEALTH STATION** where disinfected (**One vertical slit**)  
to **Piraeus** (tr.Aug.3,1850) & **Athens** (tr.aug.3,1850) to **Patras** (ar.Aug.5,1850)  
(verso) in red **60** Lepta prepaid rate for simple letter  
Taxed in red **30** Lepta inland rate for simple letter



Entire letter from **Odessa** (Russian Emp.)(Dec.10,1850)  
posted from the Greek p.o. of **Constantinople** (Ottoman Emp.) (dep.Dec.16,1850) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Dec.19.1850)  
blue green oval **ΔΠ** (=Postage Paid)  
(verso) **60** Lepta prepaid postal rate by the Austrian Lloyd steamers  
Taxed 10 Lepta for local distribution  
Disinfection slits

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Constantinople - Greek p.o.**

Constantinople p.o. closed down from Mar.27, 1854 to Nov.27, 1855 due to Crimean war



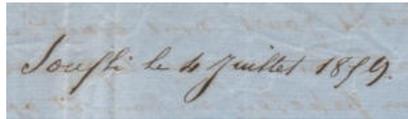
Entire letter from the Greek p.o. of **Constantinople** (Ottoman Emp.)(dep.Nov.28,1855) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Dec.2,1855)  
oval ΔΠ (=Postage Paid)  
(verso) **40** Lepta prepaid postal rate  
(30 Lepta Austrian Lloyd maritime rate + 10 Lepta distribution fee) for simple letter

*This is the first date of the reopening of the Constantinople p.o.*



Entire letter from the Greek p.o. of **Constantinople** (Ottoman Emp.)(dep.Oct.31,1856) to **Patras** (ar.Nov.7,1856)  
via **Sira isl.** (trans.Nov.5,1856) & **Athens** (trans.Nov.6,1856)  
Taxed in red **90** Lepta postal rate  
(45 Lepta Austrian Lloyd maritime rate + 45 Lepta Inland rate) for 2nd weight letter

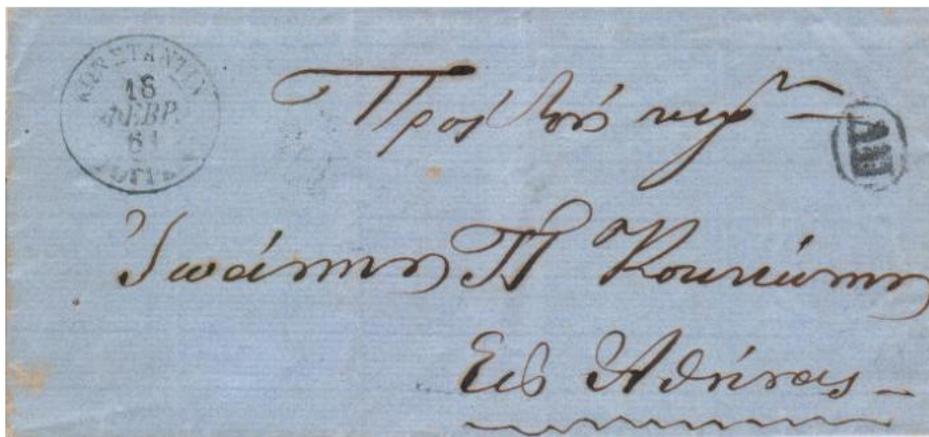
International mail - Ottoman Empire - Constantinople - Greek p.o.



Soufli le 4 juillet 1859.

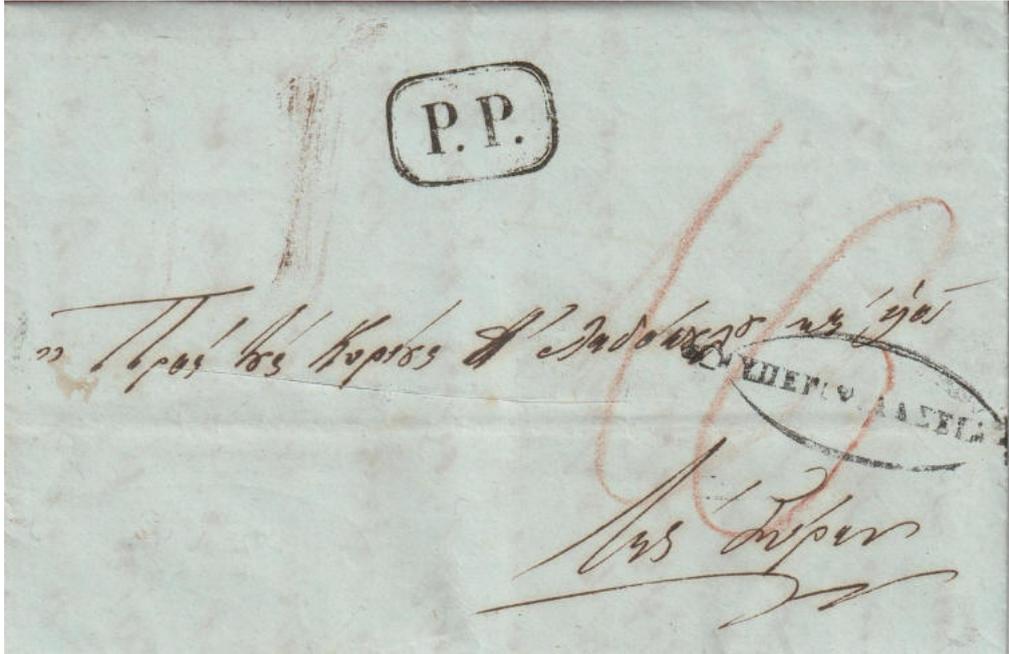


Entire letter from **Soufli** (Thrace - Ottoman Emp.)(Jul.4,1859)  
posted from the Greek p.o. of **Constantinople** (Ottoman Emp.)(dep.Oct.1,1860) to **Andros isl.**  
via **Piraeus** (trans.Jul.3,1859) & via **Sira** (trans.Jul.5.1859)  
Taxed **40** Lepta postal rate for simple letter

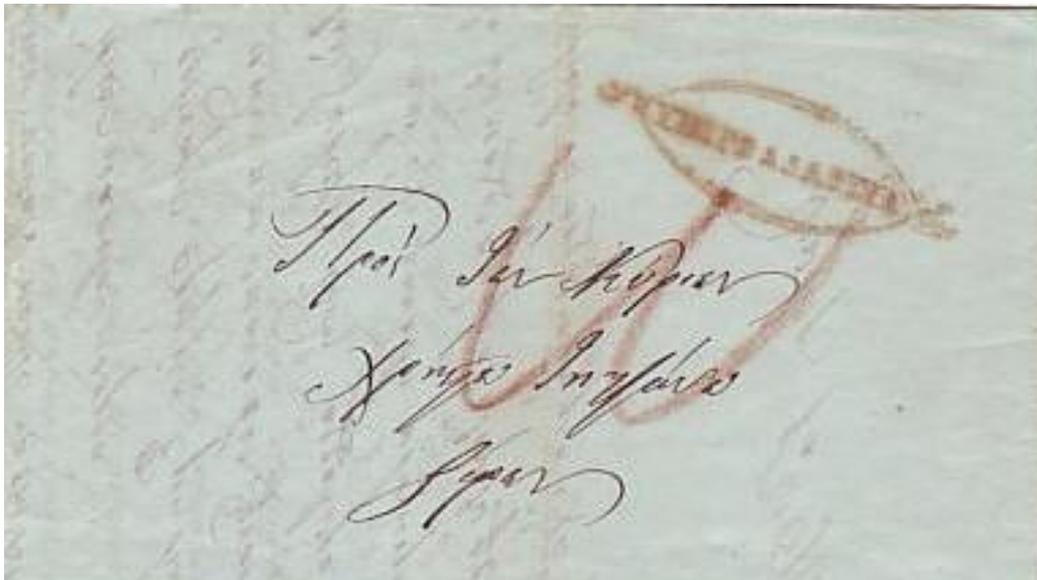


Entire letter from the Greek p.o. of **Constantinople** (Ottoman Emp.)(dep.Feb.16,1861) to **Athens** (ar.Feb.20,1861)  
via **Pereas** (trans.Feb.20,1861)  
Oval **ΔΠ** (=Paid)

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Crete - Random ships**



Entire letter from **Canea** (Crete - Ottoman Emp.)(Jan.1,**1850**) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Jan.2,1850)  
Boxed **P.P.** (=Postage Paid)  
oval **ΥΠΕΡΘΑΛΑΣΣΙΑ** (=overseas)  
Taxed in red **10** Lepta seacharge  
Transported by paddler ship **AMERICA II**  
(which agent was using the particular boxed P.P. cachet)



Entire letter from **Canea** (Crete - Ottoman Emp.)(May.13,**1855**) to **Sira isl.** (ar.May.17,1855)  
In red oval **ΥΠΕΡΘΑΛΑΣΣΙΑ** (=overseas)  
Taxed 10 Lepta seacharge

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Crete - to Marseille by Austrian & French line**



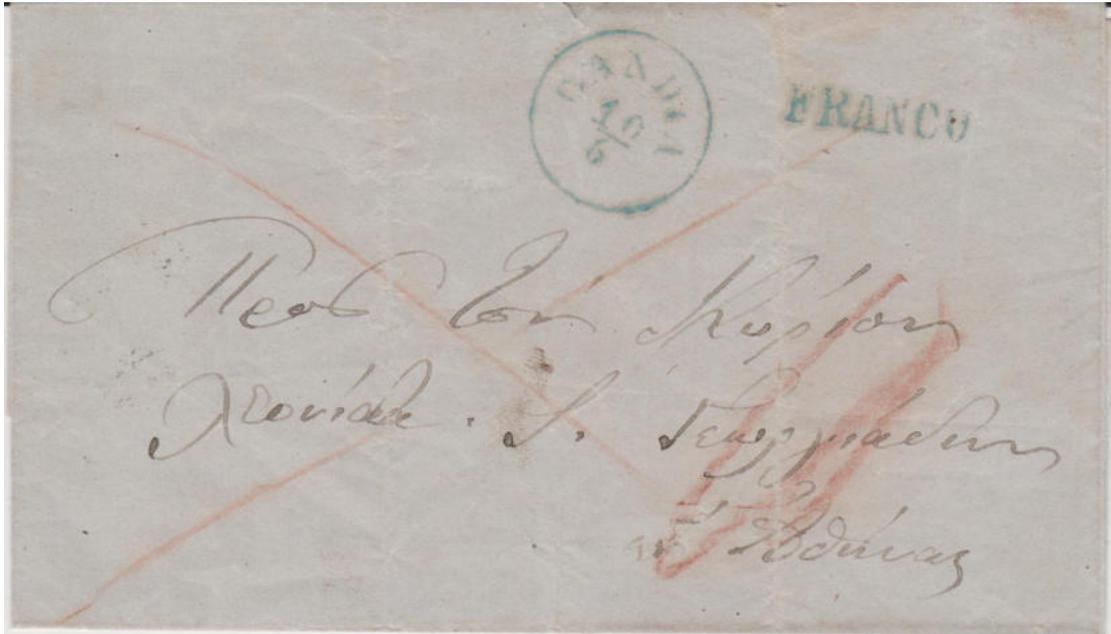
Entire letter from **Canea** (Crete - Ottoman Emp.)(Sep.15,1849) to **Marseilles** (French republic)(ar.Oct.6.1849)  
via **Sira isl.** (trans.Sep.14,1849)  
In red **Π.Ε.Α.** (= Paid)  
(verso) in red **122** Lepta prepaid postal rate for simple letter  
Disinfected in Sira isl. - One horizontal disinfection slit



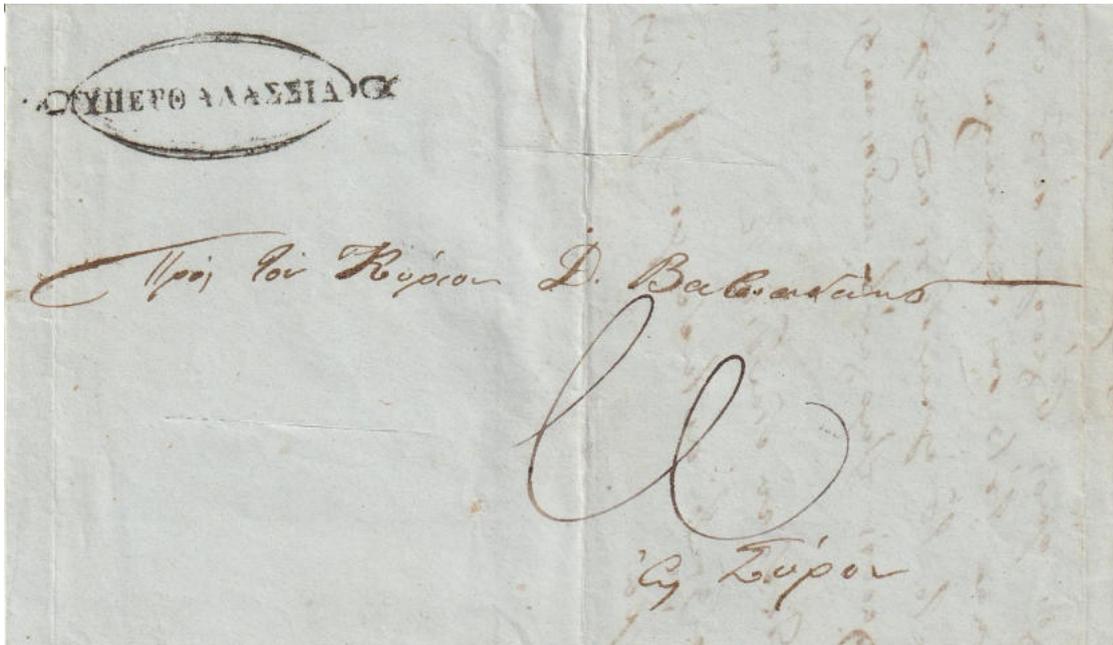
Entire letter from **Canea** (Crete - Ottoman Emp.)(May.25,1851) to **Marseilles** (French republic)(ar.Jun.18,1851)  
via **Sira isl.** (dep.May.23,1851) & **Trieste** (Austrian Emp.)(trans.Jun.8,1851)  
Transit in red **VIA DI CHIASSO** , **AT & AUTRICHE LE BALE** (trans.Jun.12,1851)  
Boxed **ΔΠ** (=paid)  
(verso) in red **70** Lepta prepaid rate & **12** Kreuzer credit for Austrian Lloyd  
(includes 10 Lepta arrival seacharge)  
Taxed **20** Decimes for **8g** letter

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Crete - Candia - Austrian p.o.**

The postal rate was set on Jul.11,1852 at 30 lepta or 6 Kreuzer for letters up to 7 ½ g. Compulsory prepayment.  
(Valid from Jul.11,1852 to Sep.30,1861)



Entire letter from **Candia** (Crete - Ottoman Emp.)(dep.Jun.10,**1861**) to **Athens** (ar.May.31,1861)  
via **Piraeus** (trans.May.31,1861)  
Crossed red diagonal lines & Linear **FRANCO** (=Paid)  
(verso) in red **10** Kreuzer  
Taxed **10** Lepta seacharge



Entire letter from **Candia** (Crete - Ottoman Emp.)(Jun.7,**1843**) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Jun.10,1842)  
oval **ΥΠΕΡΘΑΛΑΣΣΙΑ** (=overseas)  
Taxed **10** Lepta seacharge  
Disinfected on arrival - Two horizontal disinfection slits

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Egypt - French ship**

Postal rate to Alexandria was set to: 80 lepta (Distance Sira - Alexandria: 152 leagues)  
80 lepta (Distance Piraeus - Alexandria: 171 leagues)  
(Valid from May.20,1838 to May.20,1844)



Entire letter from **Alexandria** (Egypt) (dep.Aug.27,1838) to **Athens** (ar.Aug.21,1838)  
via **Piraeus** (trans.Aug.21,1838)  
Taxed **90** Lepta (80 Lepta French maritime rate + 10 Lepta Greek seacharge) for simple letter  
Disinfected - Six horizontal disinfection slits  
Transported by paquebot **LYCOURGOS**



Entire letter from **Sira isl.** (dep.Sep.18,1840) to **Alexandria** (Egypt) (ar.Oct.4,1840)  
(verso) Forwarding agent *Incamminata dal V(ostro) U(mile) Serv.(itore) Terenzio*  
Taxed **13** Decimes  
Transported by paquebot **RHAMSES**

*Letter written at Lazzaretto Sira*

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Egypt - Greek p.o.**

Greek p.o. of Alexandria, Egypt established in late 1857

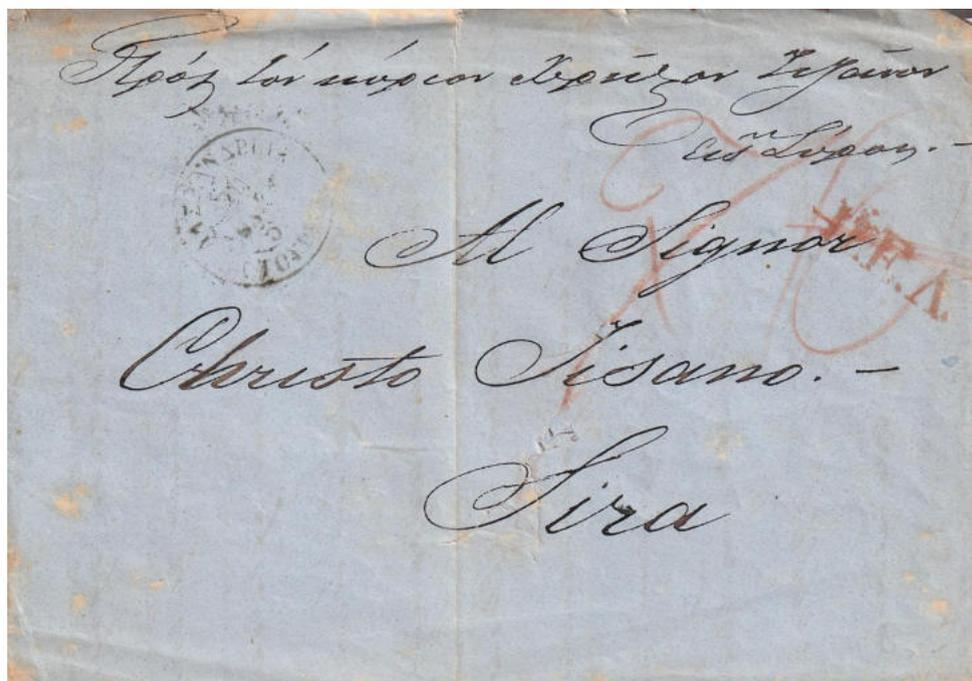


Entire letter from Greek p.o. of **Alexandria** (Egypt) (dep. Aug. 11, **1859**) to **Athens** (ar. Aug. 17, 1859)  
*col vapeaur Austriaco*

In red linear **ΠΕΑ** (=paid to Greek port)

(verso) in red **100** Lepta prepaid rate

(75 Lepta maritime rate + 25 Lepta distribution fee) for 4th weight letter



Entire letter from the Greek p.o. of **Alexandria** (Egypt) (dep. May. 24, 1858) to **Sira isl.** (ar. May. 15, 1858)

Taxed in red **70** Lepta

(60 Lepta maritime rate + 10 Lepta seacharge)

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Epirus- Greek p.o.**

Arta p.o. established in 1852. Closed down from 1854 to 1857 due to Crimean war  
Overland route AMFILOHIKO ARGOS - ARTA - JANNINA

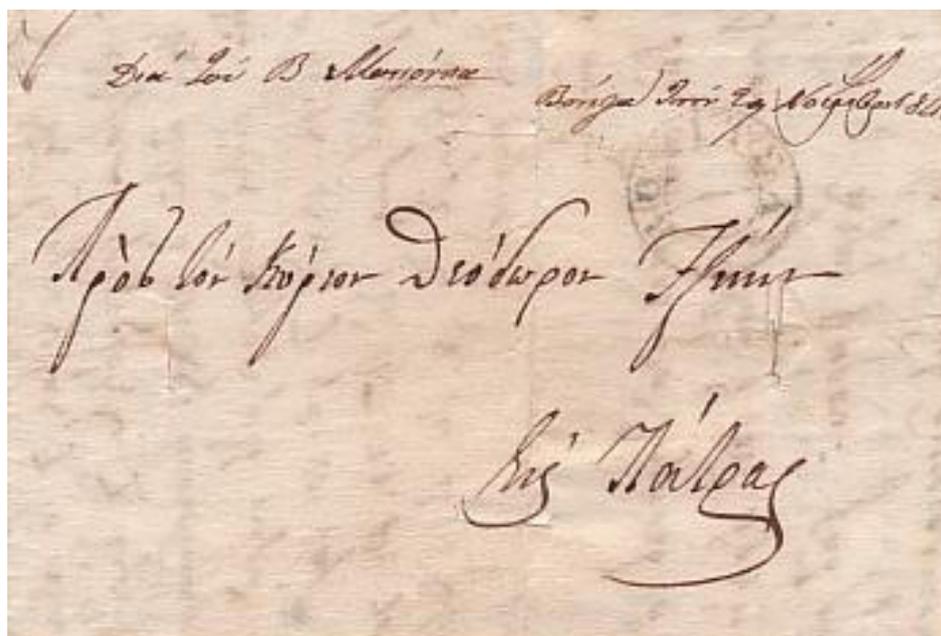


Entire letter from **Arta** (Epirus - Ottoman Emp.) (dep.Feb.26,1860) to **Patras** (ar.Mar.7,1860)  
via **Amfilohiko Argos** (trans.Mar.2,1860)

Taxed in red **40** Lepta postal rate that is:

20 Lepta (overland rate) + 20 Lepta domestic rate (Amfil. Argos-Patras) for simple letter

Prevesa p.o. established in 1852. Closed down from 1854 to 1857 due to Crimean war  
Before 1852 mail was forwarded by private agents to Vonitsa p.o. in Greece



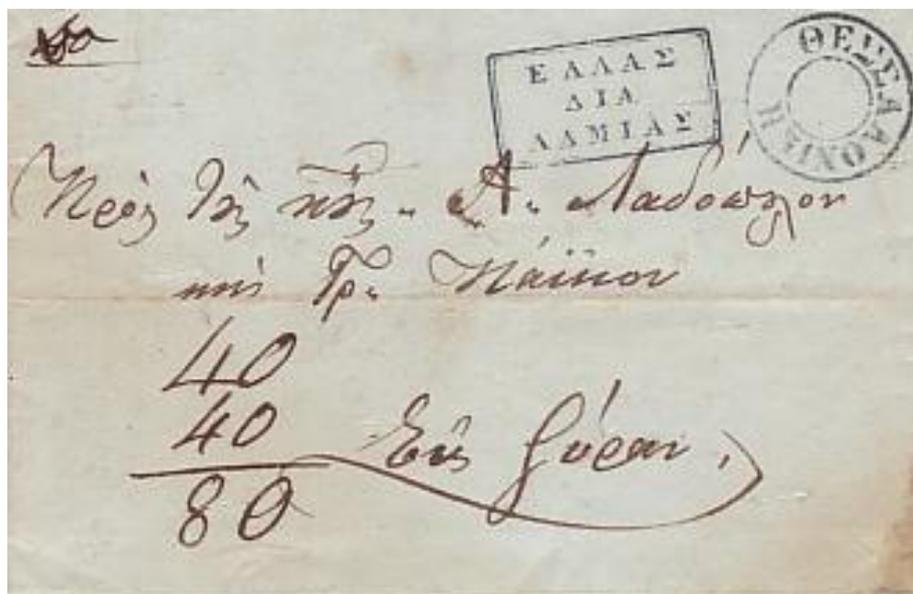
Entire letter from **Preveza** (Epirus - Ottoman Emp.)(Nov.23,1846)  
by forwarding agent to **Vonitsa** (dep.Nov.29,1846) & to **Patras** (ar.Dec.6,1846)  
(verso) **20** Lepta prepaid postal rate  
for distance between 10 to 20 hours long & for simple letter  
Disinfected in Vonitsa - Disinfection slits

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Macedonia - Greek p.o.**

Austrian mainland line: **LAMIA - LARISSA - THESSALONIKI - SEMLIN - WIEN**

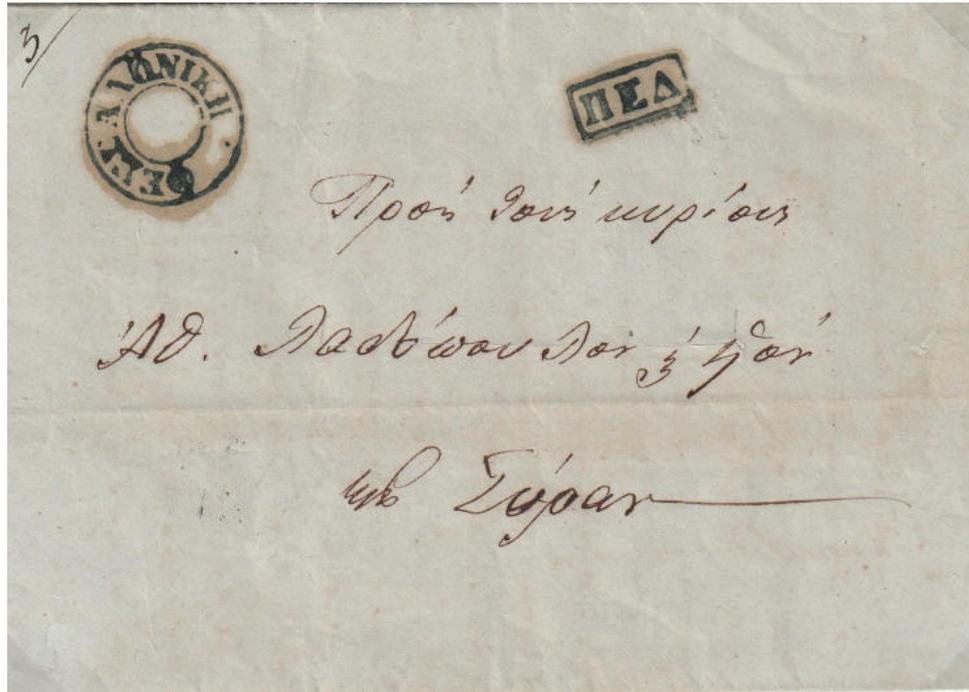


Entire letter posted from the Greek p.o. of **Salonique** (Macedonia - Ottoman Emp.)(Aug.31,1840)  
via **TARATSA HEALTH STATION** where opened, disinfected & sealed and then  
via **Lamia** (tr.Sep.4,1840), **Piraeus** (tr.Sep.7,1840) & **Athens** (tr.Sep.7,1840) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Sep.8,1840)  
Boxed entry mark **ΕΛΛΑΣ ΔΙΑ ΛΑΜΙΑΣ** (Greece via Lamia)  
Taxed  $60+60=120$  Lepta for 2nd weight letter



Entire letter from the Greek p.o. of **Salonique** (Macedonia - Ottoman Emp.)(Jan.18,1841)  
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Jan.26,1841)  
via **Lamia** (trans.Jan.21,1841), **Athens** (trans.Jan.25,1841) & **Piraeus** (trans.Jan.25,1841)  
Boxed entrance mark **ΕΛΛΑΣ ΔΙΑ ΛΑΜΙΑΣ** (=Greece via Lamia)  
Taxed  $40+40=80$  Lepta 40 Lepta overland rate (Salonique-Lamia) + 40 Lepta domestic rate (Lamia-Sira isl.)

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Macedonia - Greek p.o.**



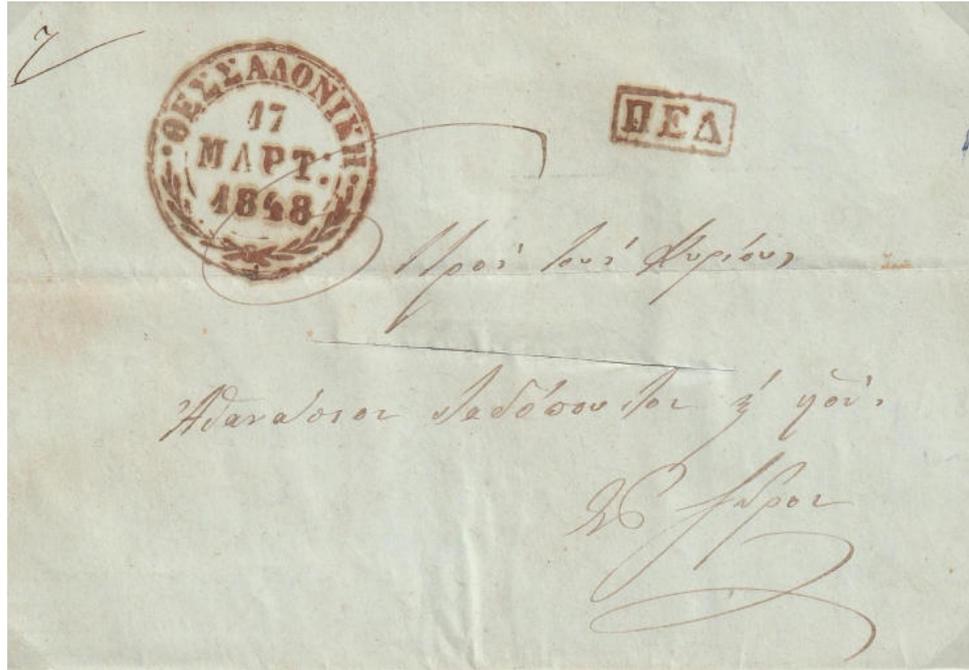
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via **SIRA HEALTH STATION** where disinfected (**One horizontal slits**)  
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Mar.1,1847)  
Boxed **ΠΕΛ** (paid)  
(verso) **70** Lepta prepaid postal rate for simple letter



Entire letter from the Greek p.o. of **Salonique** (Macedonia-Ottoman Emp.)(dep.May.28,1847) (s/n 1)  
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Jun.6,1847)  
(verso) **70** Lepta prepaid postal rate  
Boxed **ΠΕΛ** (=paid)  
Disinfection slits

*This is the Oldest known date of use for black laurel type pmk*

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Macedonia - Greek p.o.**



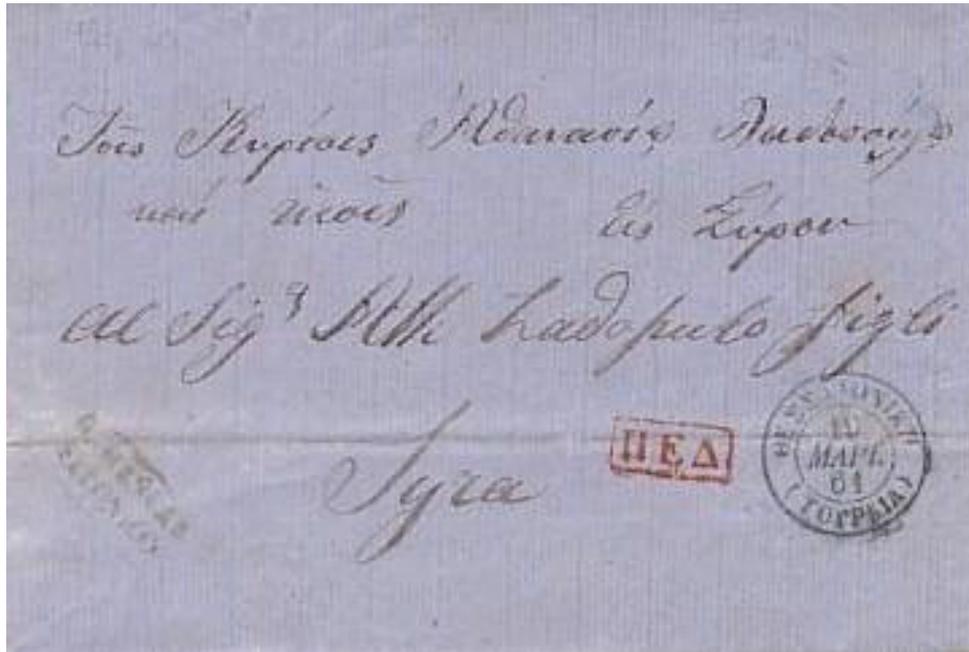
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via **SIRA HEALTH STATION** where disinfected (**One horizontal slits**) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Mar.22,1848)  
Boxed in red ΠΕΔ (paid)  
(verso) **70** Lepta prepaid postal rate for simple letter



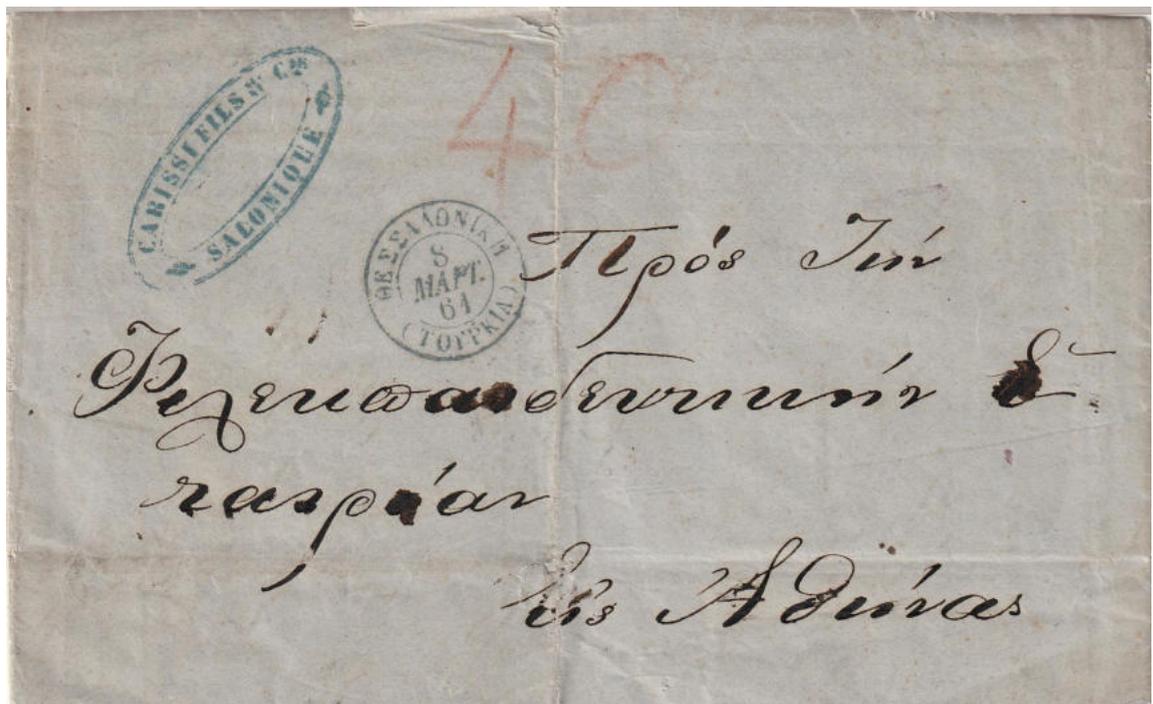
Entire letter posted from the Greek p.o. of **Salonique** (Macedonia-Ottoman Emp.)(Jul.3,1848)  
via **TARATSA HEALTH STATION** where disinfected (**Two vertical slits**) and then  
via **Lamia** (tr.Jul.7,1848) & **Athens** (tr.Jul.9,1848) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Jul.12,1848)  
m/s “**δια της ξηρας Ταχυδρομειου**” (by overland post)  
Boxed entry mark **ΕΛΛΑΣ ΔΙΑ ΛΑΜΙΑΣ** (Greece via Lamia)  
Taxed **80+40=120** Lepta for 2nd weight letter

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Macedonia - Greek p.o.**

The postal rates to Salonique by the Austrian Lloyd were reduced to 30 lepta or 6 Kreuzer  
(Valid from 11.7.1852 to 30.9.1861)

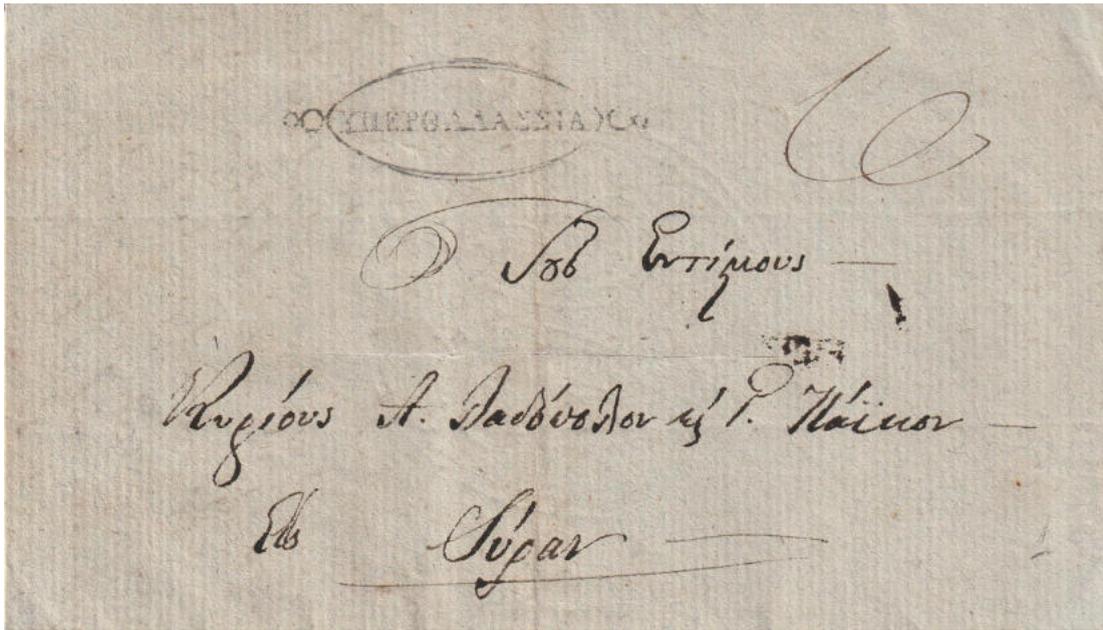


Entire letter from the Greek p.o. of **Salonique** (Macedonia-Ottoman Emp.)(dep.Mar.19,**1861**)  
to **Sira** (ar.Mar.25,1861)  
In red boxed ΠΕΔ (=paid)  
(verso) **40** Lepta prepaid postal rate  
(30 Lepta austrian maritime rate + 10 Lepta distribution fee for simple letter)



Entire letter from the Greek p.o. of **Salonique** (Macedonia-Ottoman Emp.)(dep.Mar.8,**1861**)  
to **Athens** (ar.Mar.13,1861) via **Pereas** (trans.Mar.13,1861)  
Taxed in red **40** Lepta (30 Lepta maritime rate by Austrian ship + 10 Lepta distribution fee)

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Macedonia - Random commercial ship**



Entire letter from **Salonique** (Macedonia-Ottoman Emp.)(Mar.10,1840) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Mar.21,1840)  
oval **ΥΠΕΡΘΑΛΑΣΣΙΑ** (=overseas)  
Disinfected - One horizontal disinfection slit



Entire letter from **Salonique** (Macedonia - Ottoman Emp.) (Jul.18,1846) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Aug.1,1846)  
via **Dardanelles** (Macedonia - Ottoman Emp.)(trans.Aug.8,1846)  
In red taxed **40** Lepta  
Transported & disinfected on board paquebot **RHAMSES** - Disinfection cuts

*Salonique Greek p.o. was closed from mid 1845 to late 1846 for financial reasons*

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Macedonia - Austrian Lloyd agency**

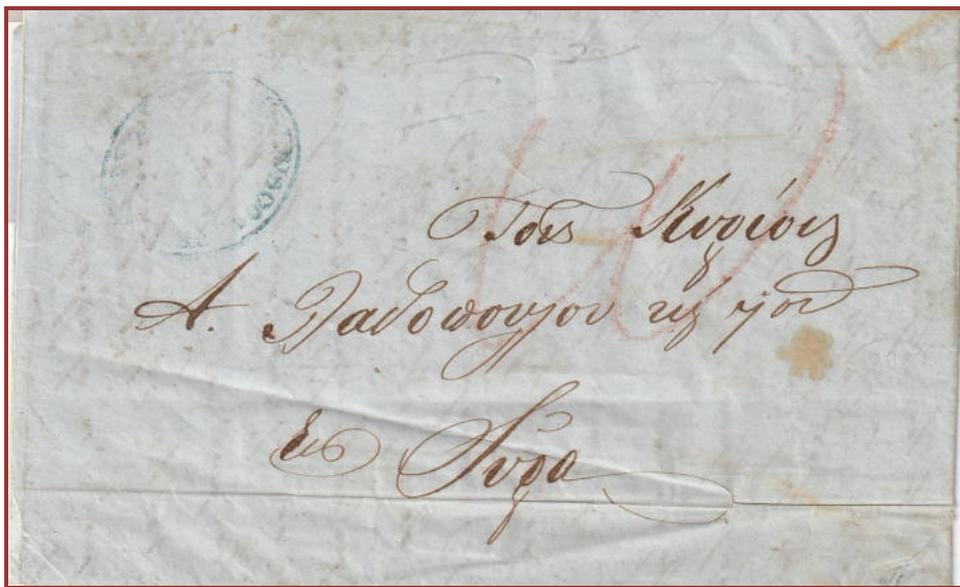
Austrian Lloyd reduced the postal rate from Jul.11,1852 at 30 lepta or 6 Kreuzer for letters up to 7 ½ g.  
(Valid from Jul.11,1852 to Sep.30,1861)

**Salonique**



Entire letter from Austrian Lloyd agency of **Salonique** (Macedonia-Ottoman Emp.) (dep.Dec.29,**1855**)  
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Jan.6,1856)  
Taxed **20** Lepta distribution fee for 3rd weight letter

**Serres**



Entire letter from **Serres** (Macedonia - Ottoman Emp.) (Feb.19,**1855**)  
via the Austrian Lloyd agency of **Salonique** (Macedonia-Ottoman Emp.) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Mar.3,1855)  
Taxed **10** Lepta distribution fee for simple letter

**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Macedonia - French p.o.**

French reduced postal rate was set on May.20,1844 at 30 lepta for letters up to 7 ½ g.  
(Valid from May.20,1844 to Sep.30,1861)



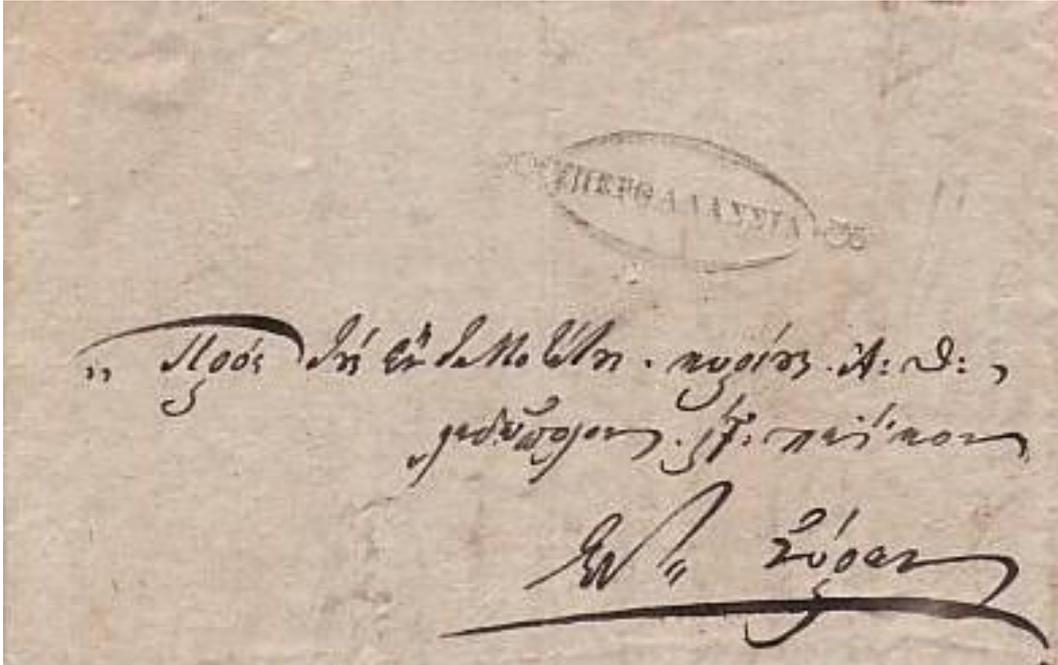
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to **Sira isl.** (ar.Jul.27,1859) via **Piraeus** (trans.Jul.24,1859)  
Taxed **100** Lepta postal rate for 5th weight letter



Entire letter from the French p.o. of **Salonique** (Macedonia-Ottoman Emp.)(dep.Jul.23,**1861**)  
to **Athens** (ar.Jul.14,1861) via **Les Dardanelles** (Asia Minor - Ottoman Emp.) (trans.Jul.24,1861)  
50 cents postage paid  
Boxed **PD** (=Paid to Destination)

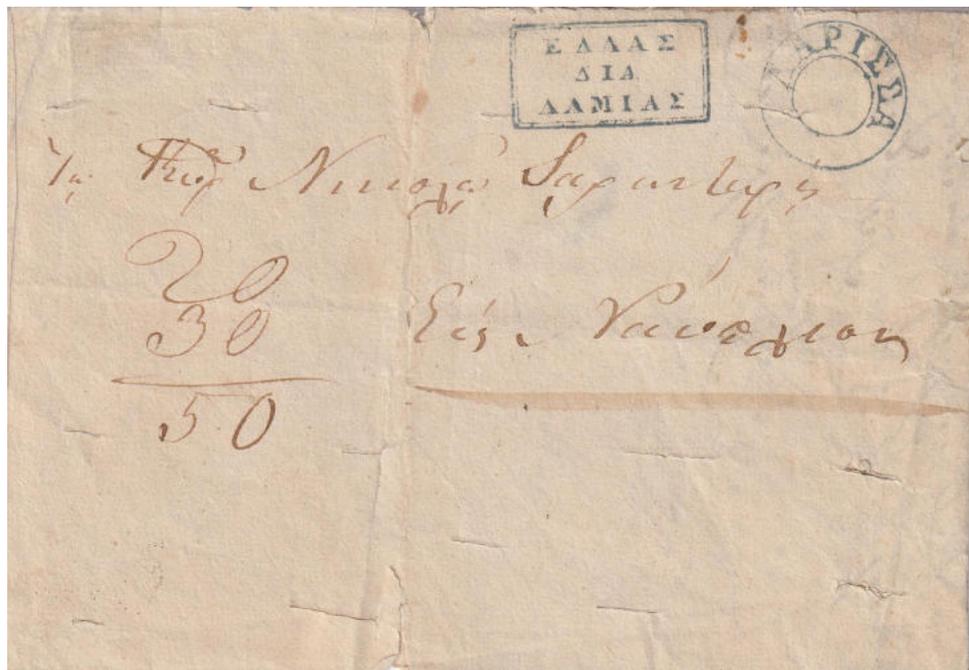
**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Thessaly**

**Volos**



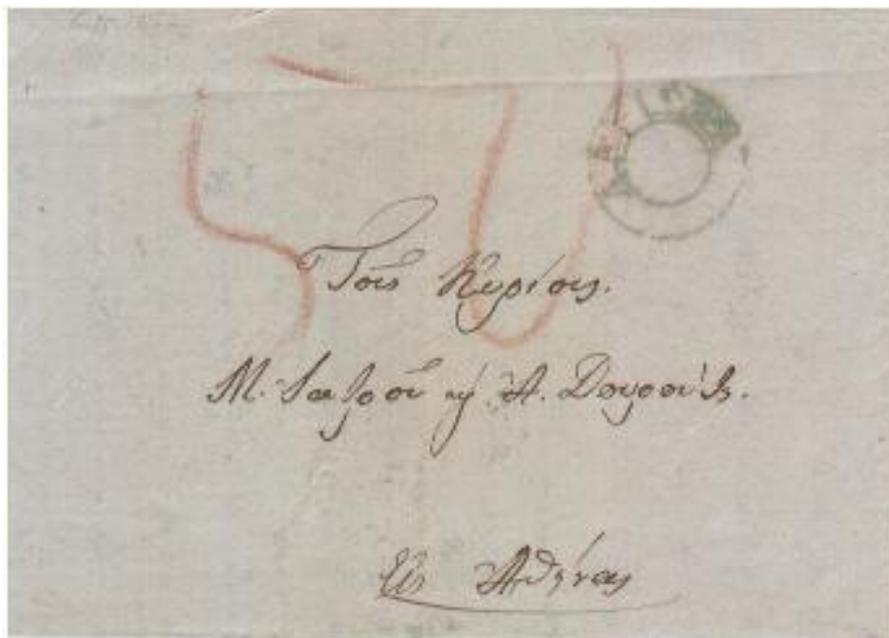
Entire letter from **Volos** (Thessaly - Ottoman Emp.)(Mar.19,1837) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Mar.25,1837)  
Oval **ΥΠΕΡΘΑΛΑΣΣΙΑ** (=overseas)  
Arrived by random commercial ship  
Disinfected (verso) **Sira Health station** seal

Larissa p.o. established in 1839. Closed down from 1854 to 1857 due to Crimean war.  
Overland route (ATHENS) - LAMIA - LARISSA - SALONIQUE



Entire letter posted from the Greek p.o. of **Larissa** (Thessaly-Ottoman Emp.)(Nov.24,1839)  
via **TARATSA HEALTH STATION** where disinfected (**Rastel slits**) and then  
via **Lamia** (tr.Nov.29,1839) & **Athens** (tr.Dec.2,1839) to **Nauplion** (ar.Dec.4,1839)  
Boxed entry mark **ΕΛΛΑΣ ΔΙΑ ΛΑΜΙΑΣ** (Greece via Lamia)  
Taxed **20+30=50** Lepta for simple letter

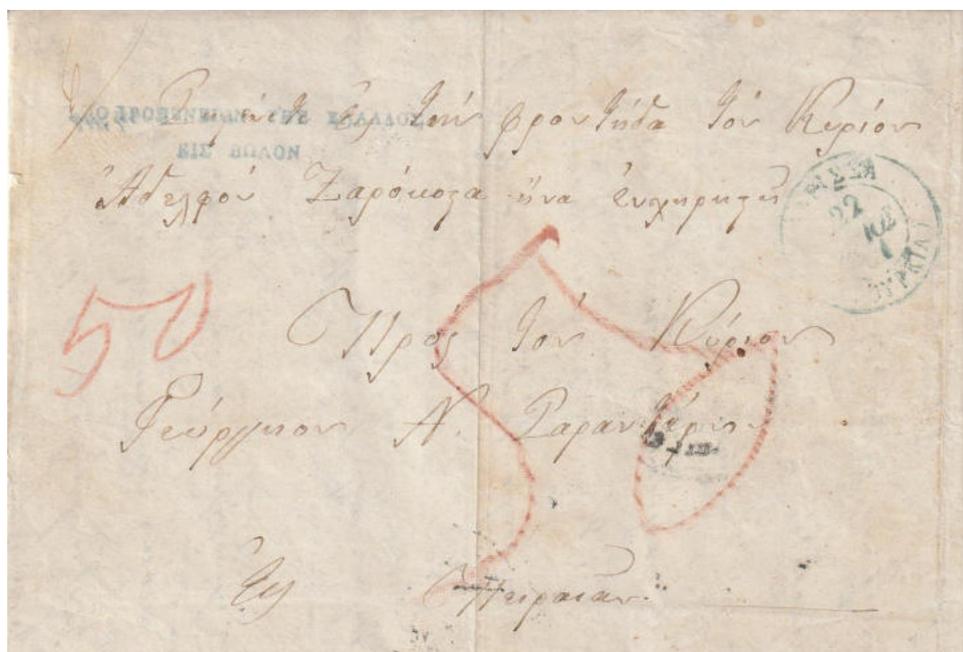
**International mail - Ottoman Empire - Thessaly**



Entire letter from the Greek p.o. of **Larissa** (Thessaly-Ottoman Emp.) (dep. Oct. 6, **1852**) to **Athens** (ar. Oct. 10, 1852) via **Lamia** (trans. Oct. 9, 1852)

Taxed in red **50** Lepta postal rate that is:

20 Lepta (overland rate) + 30 Lepta domestic rate (Lamia-Athens) for simple letter

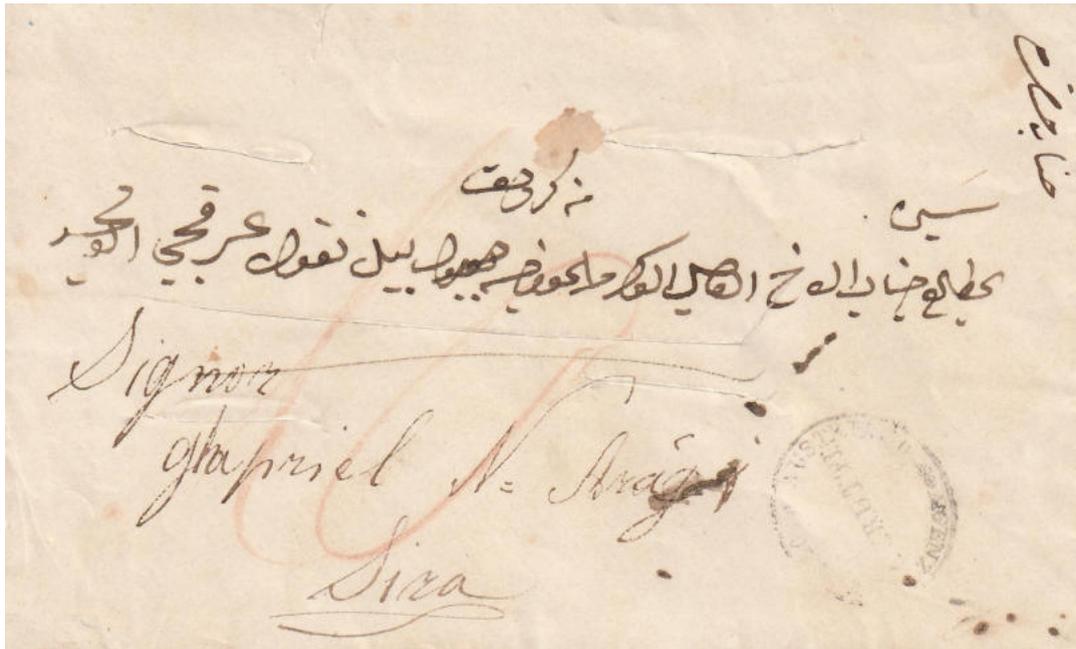


Entire letter from the Greek p.o. of **Larissa** (Thessaly-Ottoman Emp.) (dep. Mar. 22, **1861**) to **Athens** (ar. Mar. 26, 1861) via **Lamia** (trans. Mar. 24, 1861) & Piraeus (tr. Mar. 26, 1861) **ΥΠΟΠΡΟΞΕΝΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ ΕΙΣ ΒΟΛΟΝ** (Consulate of Greece in Volo)

Taxed in red **50** Lepta postal rate that is:

20 Lepta (overland rate) + 30 Lepta domestic rate (Lamia-Athens) for simple letter

International mail - Ottoman Empire - Middle East

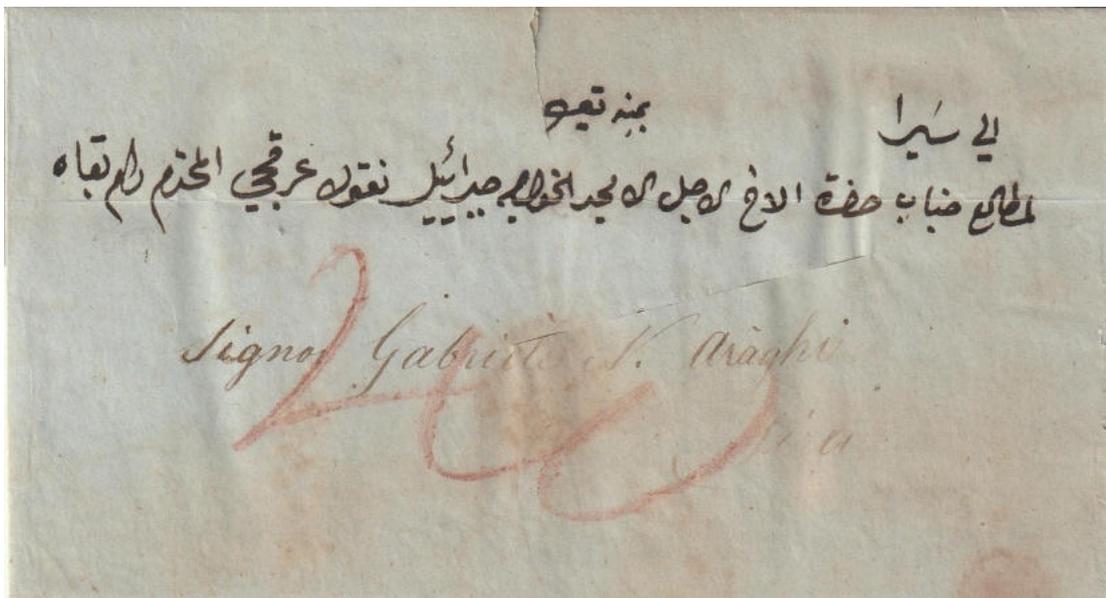


Entire letter from the Austrian Lloyd agency of **Beirut** (Syria - Ottoman Empire)(1850)  
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Sep.12,1850)

(verso) 12 Kreuzer postal rate for simple letter

Taxed in red 10 Lepta distribution fee

Disinfected on arrival - Two horizontal disinfection slits



Entire letter from **Beirut** (Syria - Ottoman Emp.)(1854) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Feb.11,1854)

(verso) 24 Kreuzer postal rate for triple weight letter

Taxed in red 40 Lepta distribution fee

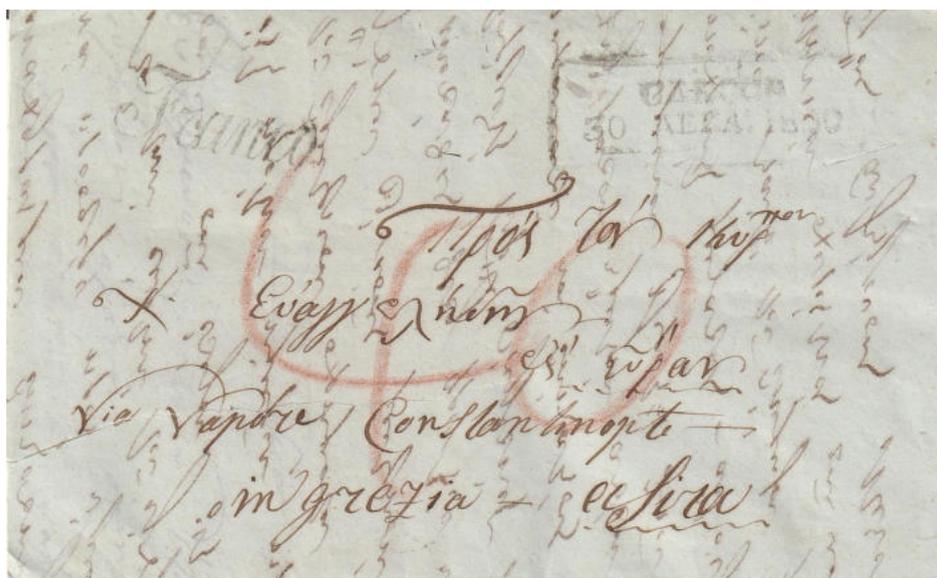
Disinfected on arrival - One horizontal disinfection slit

**International mail - Russian Empire**

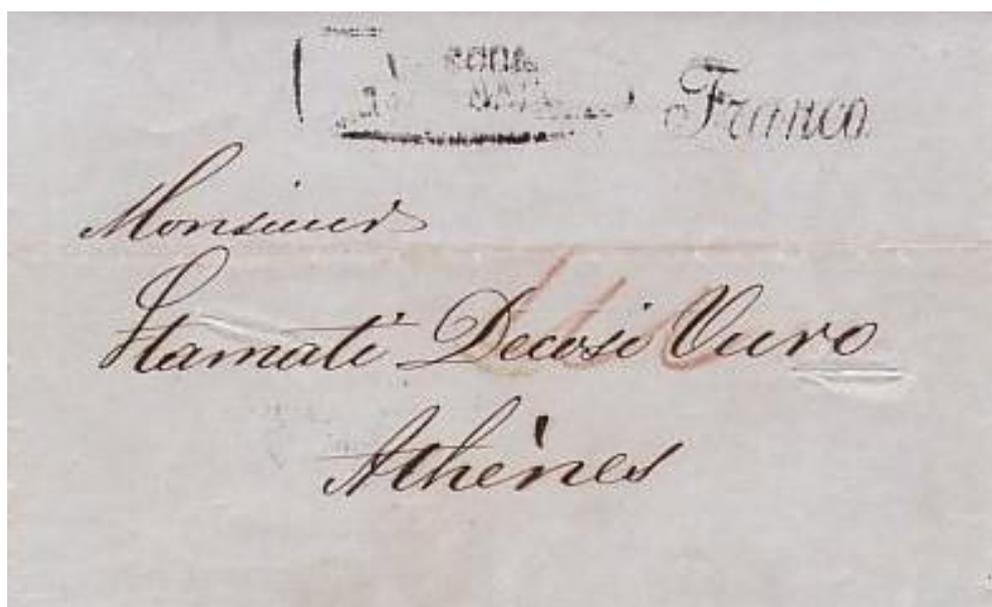
By decree of May 14th 1849, came into effect the contract to the Russian postal service allowing letters from Greece to be sent via Constantinople to Russia and the Danubian Principalities

The letters sent by Austrian & French steamers to Constantinople were delivered to the Russian post office for further posting. The reverse happened for the letters from Russia to Greece

Senders and recipients in Greece had to pay only the postage between Greece and Constantinople while senders and recipients from Russia and the principalities had to pay postage to Constantinople



Entire letter from **Odessa** (Russian Emp.)(dep.Dec.30,1850) to **Athens** (ar.Jan.10,1851)  
**Franco** (=Paid)  
Taxed in red **40** Lepta for simple letter  
Disinfection cuts



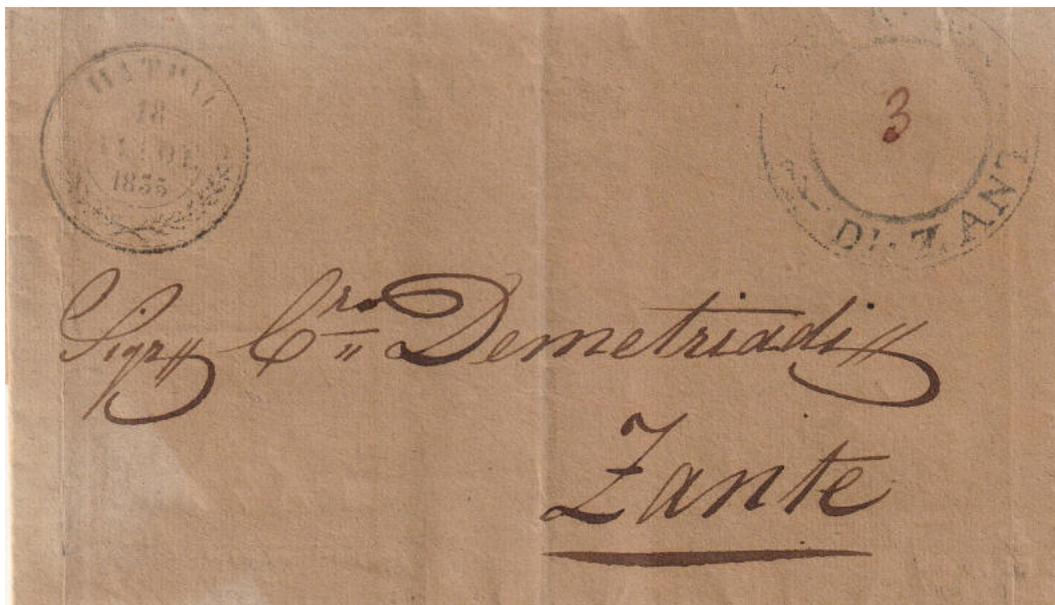
Entire letter from **Petrograd** (Russian Emp.) (dep.May.4,1851) to **Athens** (ar.May.9,1851)  
**Franco** (=Paid)  
Taxed in red **40** Lepta for simple letter  
(Constantinople to Athens part of the voyage)

**International mail - United States of the Ionian islands - English warship line**

English warship operated on the line **Malta - Zante - Patras - Corfu**

Postal rate was set at 6 pence for letters weighing up to ½ ounce

(Valid from Aug.14,1838 to Jun.1,1843)



**Patras** (dep.Aug.18,1835) to **Zante isl.** (Ionian isl.)(ar.Sep.5,1835)

(verso) **30** Lepta prepaid postal rate

Taxed **3** Pennies ionian rate for one page letter to the coast across

Disinfected by **Vinegar bath**



**Patras** (dep.Sep.26,1836) to **Corfu isl.** (Ionian isl.)(ar.Oct.10,1836)

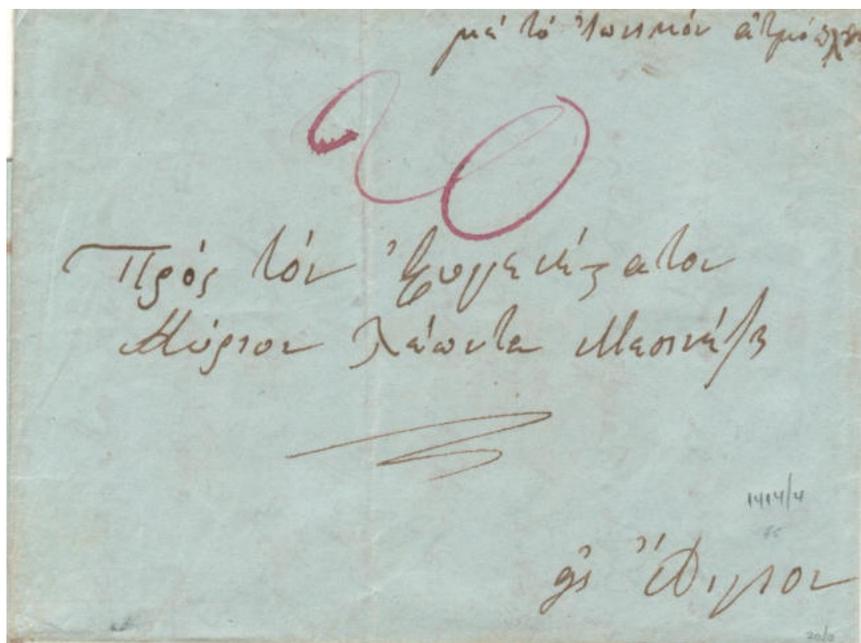
Taxed in red **6** Pennies ionian rate for two page letter to across the coast

Disinfected - Two vertical disinfection slits

**International mail - United States of the Ionian islands - Other ships**

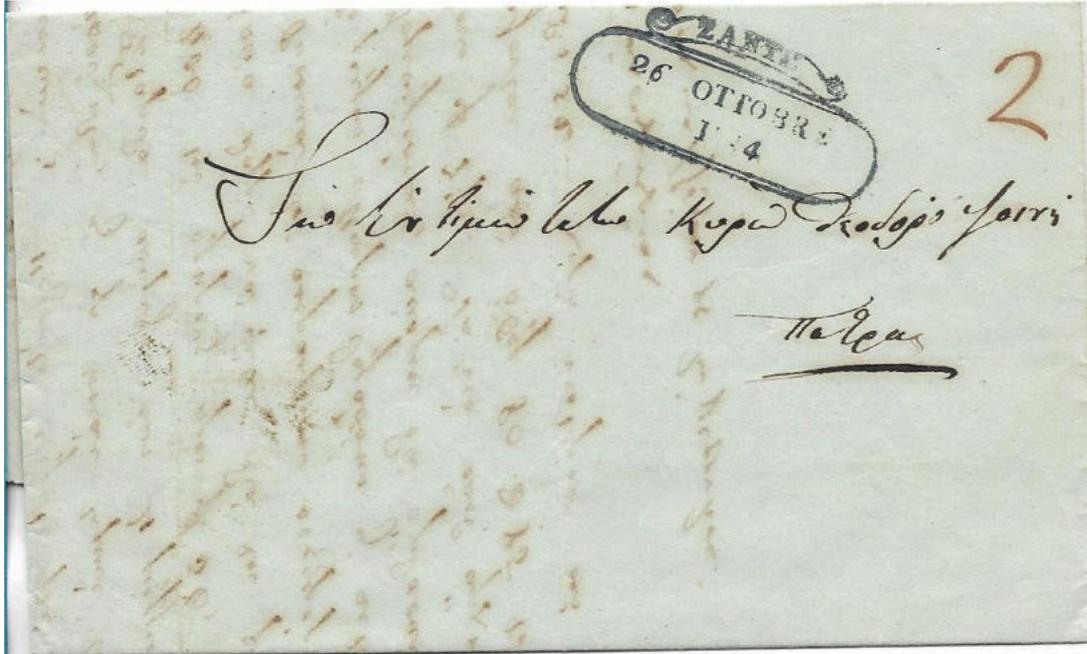


**Patras (dep. Mar. 29, 1838) to Corfu isl. (Ionian isl.) (ar. Apr. 14, 1838)**  
Transported by **regular line Greek ship**  
(verso) **20+10=30** Lepta prepaid postal rate  
Taxed in red **3** Pennies ionian rate for 1 one page letter to across the coast

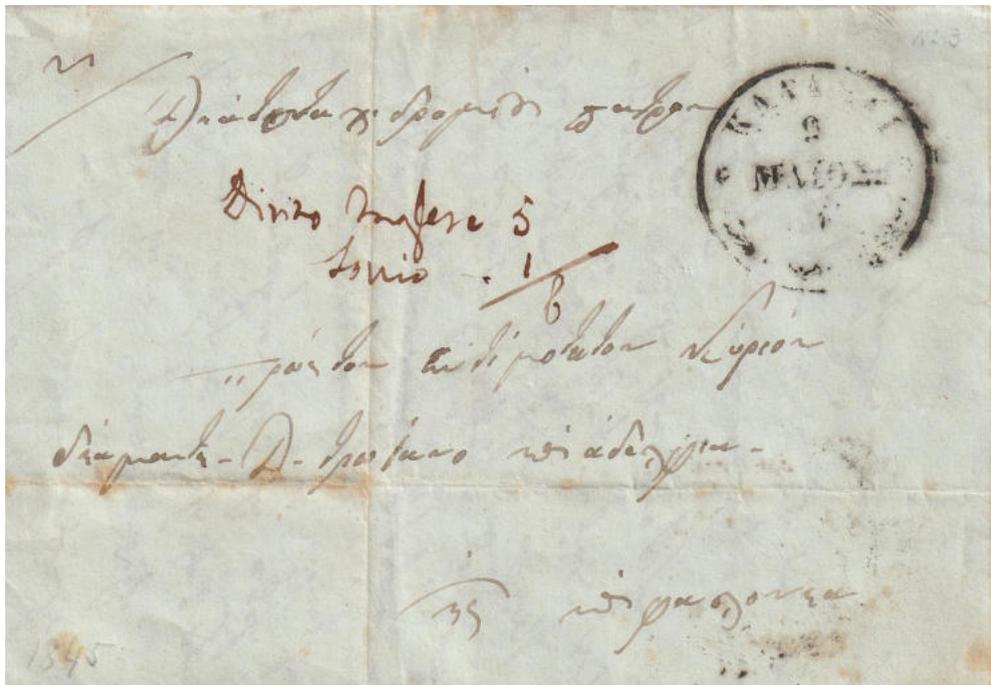


**Cephalonia isl. (Ionian isl.) (Aug. 24, 1842) to Egio via Patras (trans. Aug. 20, 1858)**  
m/s **με το Ιονικόν ατμόπλοιο** (=by Ionian steamer)  
Taxed in red **20** Lepta for simple letter

**International mail - United States of the Ionian islands - Cephalonia isl.**

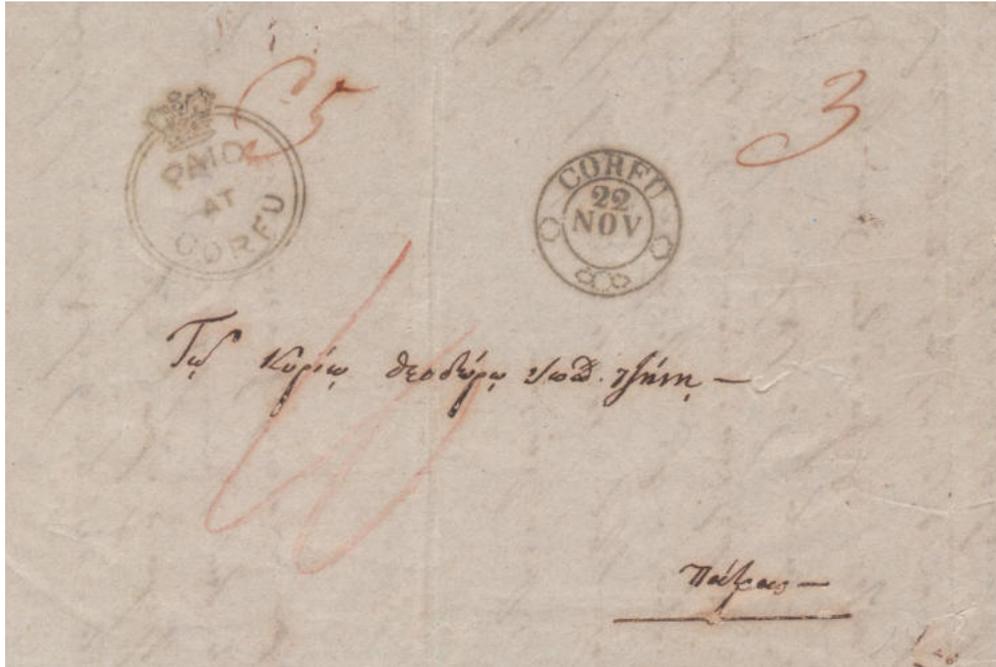


**Zante isl.** (Ionian isl.) (dep.Oct.26,1844) to **Patras** (ar.Oct.23,1844)  
In red 2 Pennies prepaid postal rate to the coast across

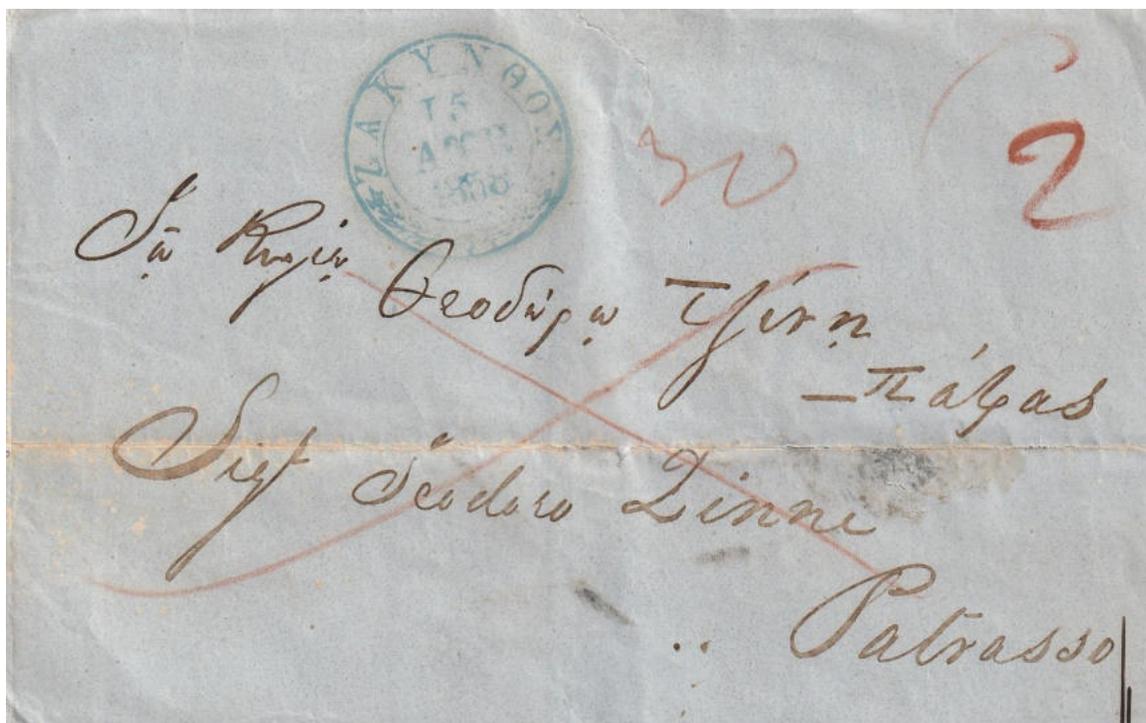


**Kalamata** (dep.May.9,1845) to **Cefalonia isl.** (Ionian isl.) (ar.Jul.?,1845) via **Patras** (trans.May.12,1845)  
m/s *Dinero Inglese 5 + Ionio 1 = 6 (pence)*  
Taxed 6 Pennies ionian rate for two page letter to the coast across

**International mail - United States of the Ionian islands - Zante isl.**



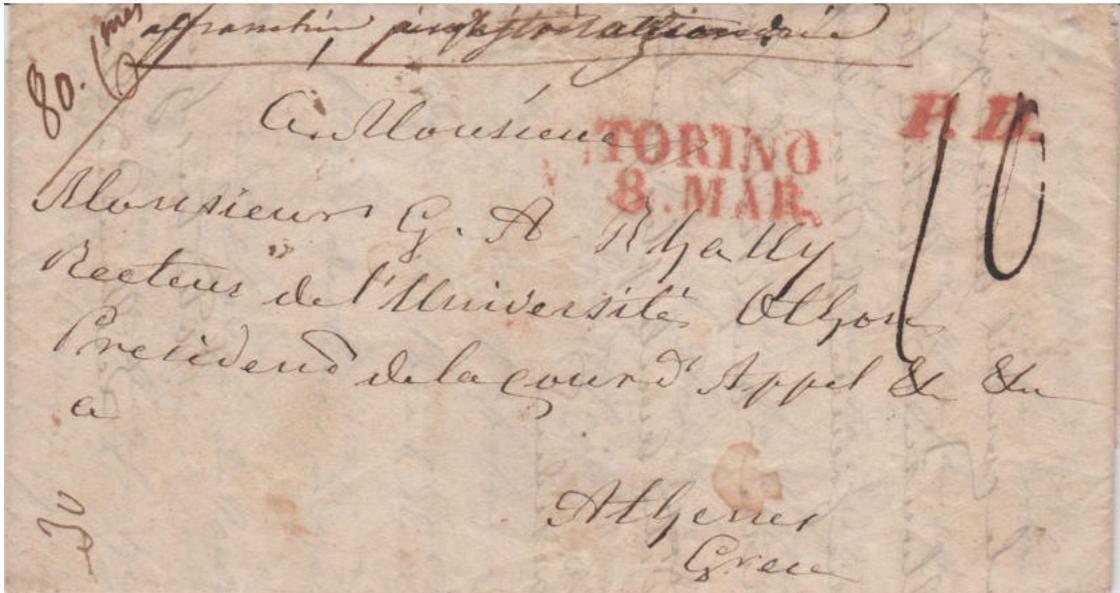
**Corfu isl. (Ionian isl.) (dep. Nov. 22, 1848) to Patras**  
Circular **CROWN PAID AT CORFU**  
In red **3** Pennies postal rate to abroad  
In red **5** Pence postal rate for transportation by English ship  
Taxed in red **10** Lepta distribution fee



**Zante isl. (Ionian isl.) (dep. Aug. 15, 1858) to Patras (ar. Aug. 4, 1858)**  
In red **2** Pence prepaid postal rate to Peloponnese  
Taxed in red **30** Lepta distribution fee for 5th weight letter

**International mail - Italy - Kingdom of Sardinia**

From **Jan.1.1840** to **June 1848** mailbag was exchanged **via Livorno** by French paquebots.  
Compulsory prepayment



Entire letter from **Torino** (Kingdom of Sardinia)(dep.Mar.8,1841) to **Athens** (ar, Mar.10,1841)  
via **Livorno** (Grand Duchy of Tuscany)(trans. Mar.13,1841) & **Pereas** (trans.Mar.10,1841)

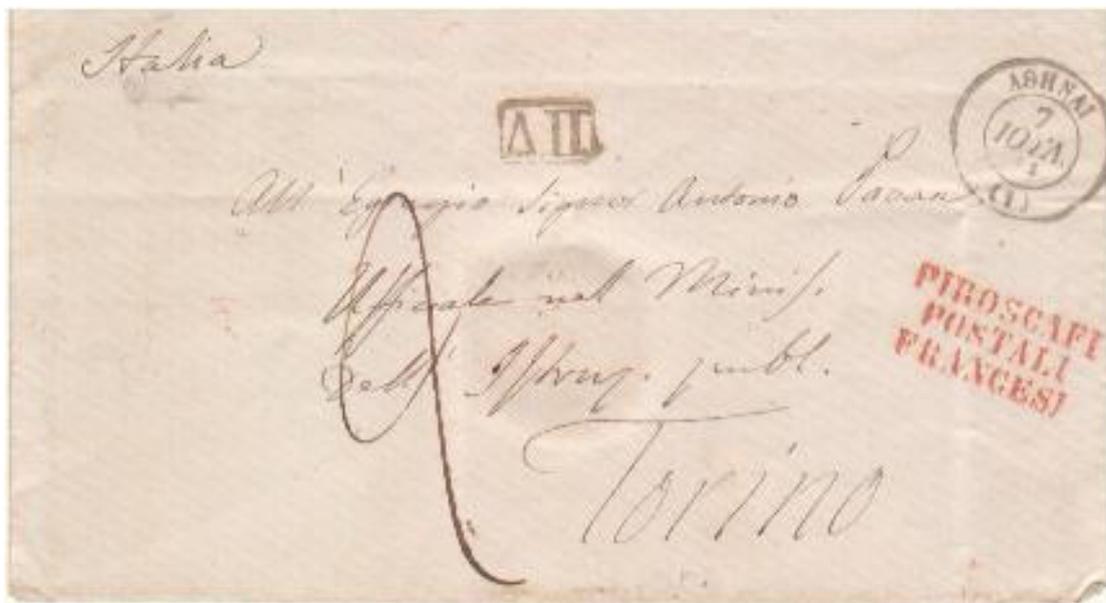
In red **P.D.** (=Paid to Destination)

**80 Cmes** packet rate to Greece - (verso) **32 soldi** prepaid postage

Taxed **10 lepta** sea charge

Transported by paquebots **MENTOR** (Livorno-Malta), **SESOSTRIS** (Malta-Sira) & **RHAMSES** (Sira-Pereas)

Mail from Greece to the **Italian kingdom** was compulsory prepaid to the Italian port of entry  
Recipient charged only the domestic rate



Entire letter from **Athens** (dep.Jul.7,1861) to **Torino** (Kingdom of Italy) (ar.Aug.25,1861)  
via **Genova** (Kingdom of Italy) (trans.Aug.25,1861)

Boxed **ΔΠ** (=postage paid)

(verso) **130 Lepta** prepaid postage

in red **PIROSCAFI POSTALI FRANCESI**

Taxed **2 Decimi di Lira** Sardinia domestic rate

**International mail - Italy - Kingdom of Sardinia**

From **Jul.1848** mail was exchanged **via Genova** also by French paquebots.  
Compulsory prepayment



Entire letter from **Genova** (Kingdom of Sardinia) (dep. Jul.29, 1856) to **Sira isl.** (ar. Jul.26, 1856)  
**P.P.** (=paid to port)  
(verso) **10** Decimes prepaid postal rate  
Taxed **10** Lepta sea charge  
Transported by paquebot **VATICAN**

Alternative postal route **via Trieste** by Austrian Lloyd ships.  
Prepayment optional



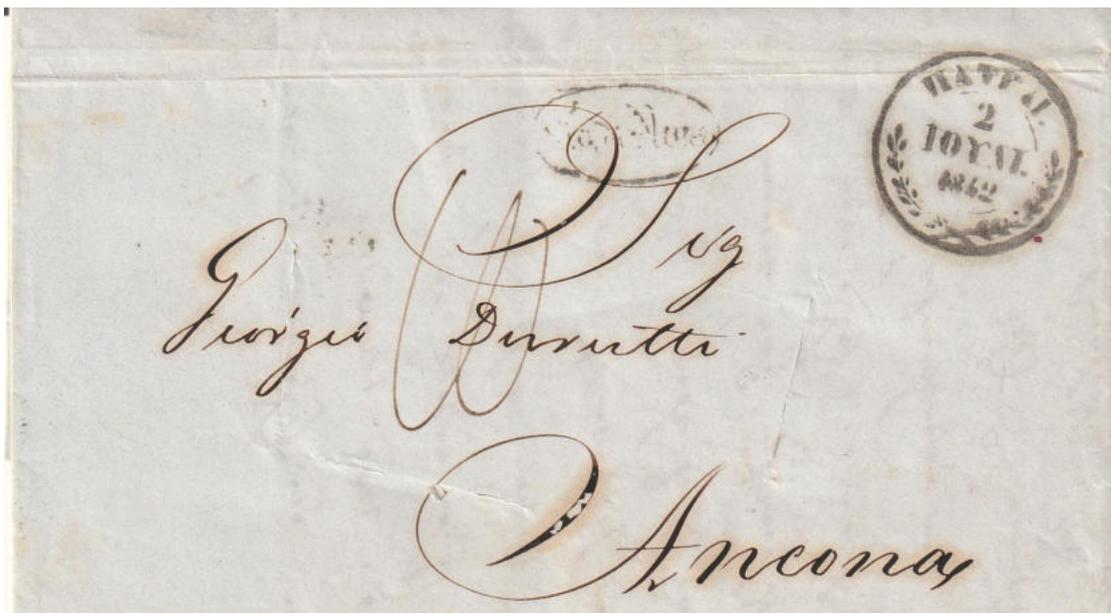
Entire letter from **Genova** (Kingdom of Sardinia) (dep. Jan.25, 1859) to **Sira isl.** (ar. Jan.21, 1859)  
via **Trieste** (Austrian Emp.) (trans. Jan.19, 1859)  
m/s **Via Trieste Col Vapore del Lloyd Austriaco**  
**15** / Lloyd rate 15 Kr. **10** / Austrian transit 10 Kr. **11** / Italian rate 11 Kr.  
Taxed in red **115** Lepta to be paid by the recipient

**International mail - Italy - Papal states**

Postal rate to Ancona was set to 90 lepta or 18 Kr. for letters weighing up to 7½ g.  
(valid from 23.2.1834 to 30-6-1845)



Entire letter from **Nafplion** (dep.Mar.30,1840) to **Ancona** (Papal States) (ar.Apr.19,1840)  
via **Patras** (trans.Apr.1,1840)  
m/s *δια Πατρων δια του Αυστρ. Ατμοπ.* (=via Patras by Austrian steamer)  
Boxed **ΔΠ** (=postage paid)  
(verso) **90+30=120** Lepta prepaid postal rate for simple letter  
oval **VIA DI MARE**  
Taxed **5** Baiocchi  
(verso) Boxed Sanità di Ancona Netto fuori e dentro



Entire letter from **Patras** (dep.Jul.2,1842) to **Ancona** (Papal States) (ar.Apr.19,1840)  
(verso) **135+20=155** Lepta prepaid postal rate for 2nd weight letter  
Oval **VIA DI MARE**  
Taxed **10** Baiocchi  
Three disinfection slits  
(verso) Boxed Sanità di Ancona / Netto fuori e dentro

**International mail - Italy - Papal states**

Postal rate reduced to 60 lepta or 12 Kr. for letters weighing up to 7½ g.  
(valid from 1.7.1845 to 30-9-1852)



Entire letter from **Ancona** (Papal States) (dep. Nov. 30, 1848) to **Gythio** via **Patras** (trans. Nov. 10, 1848)  
oval **ΥΠΕΡΘΑΛΑΣΣΙΟΝ** (=Overseas)  
(verso) **12** Kreuzer prepaid Austrian rate  
Taxed **10** Lepta sea charge

Letters handed directly to the Lloyd's agency in Ancona, did not charge the Papal state's postal fee  
Also from 1852 letters taxed a flat inland postal rate of 30 lepta regardless of domestic destination  
(but weight accounted)



Entire letter from **Ancona** (Papal States) (dep. May 7, 1855) to **Gythion** (ar. May 12, 1855)  
via **Patras** (trans. May 8, 1855)  
Taxed in red **85** Lepta inland rate for **4th** weight letter (includes 10 Lepta sea charge)

**International mail - Italy - Papal states**

The Postal Convention of 1852 between the Papal states & Austrian Loyd set the postal rate for Greece to 20 Baj. for 15 Denari (=17.25g) weight (valid from 1.10.1852 to 31.10.1858)



Entire letter from **Ancona** (Papal States) (dep.May.2,1855) to **Athens** (ar.Apr.26,1855)  
Prepaid postage **Baj.20**  
Taxed in red **20** Lepta distribution fee for 3rd weight letter



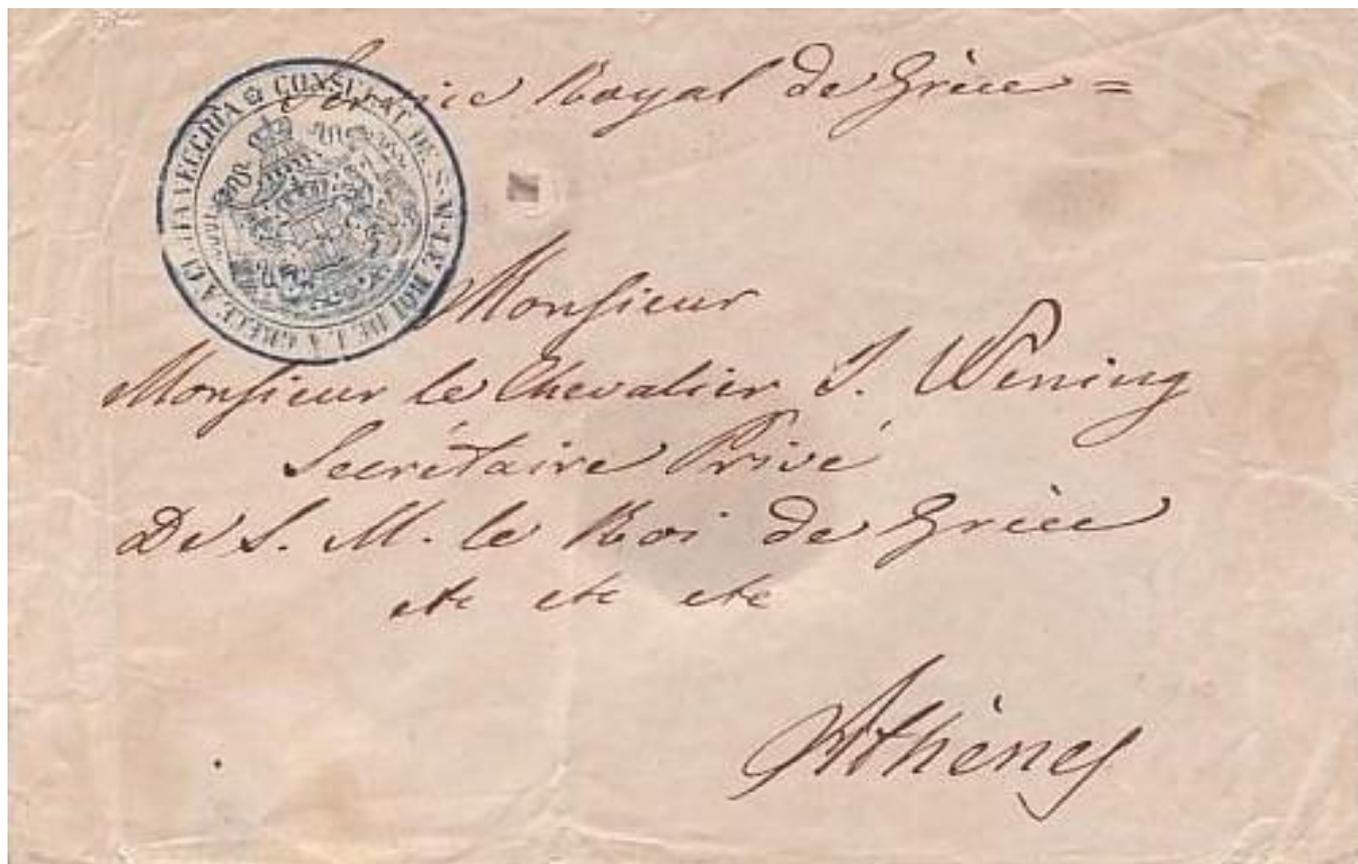
Entire letter from **Ancona** (Papal States) (dep.Nov.28,1855) to **Sira** (ar.Nov.24,1855)  
Prepaid postage **Baj.20**  
Taxed in red **20** Lepta distribution fee for 3rd weight letter  
Two vertical disinfection slits

**International mail - Italy - Papal states - Special postal rates**



Entire letter from **Rome** (Papal States)(dep.Jul.2,1859) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Jul.27,1859)  
Boxed in red **Propaganda Fide** (=Religious mail)  
**3 Baj.** prepaid postage (Reduced rate)  
Taxed in red **20 Lepta** distribution fee for 3rd weight letter

*There are only 3 known letters bearing the Propaganda Fide cachet*



Entire letter from **Civitavecchia** (Papal States) to **Athens**  
cachet **CONSULAT DE S.M. LE ROI DE LA GRECE A CIVITAVECHIA**  
m/s **Service Royal de Grece**  
Official postage free mail

*There are only 2 known covers bearing the Civitavecchia's Greek consular cachet*

**International mail - Italy - Grand Duchy of Tuscany**



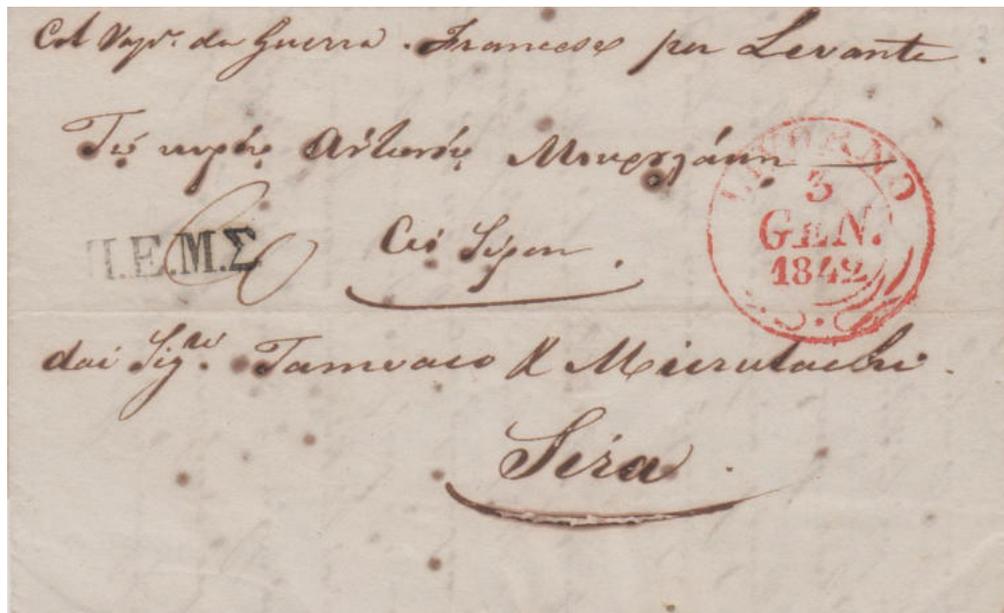
Entire letter from **Livorno** (Grand Duchy of Tuscany)(dep.Sep.23.1840) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Sep.20.1840)

*Col po. vapor Fransaie*

Linear **Π.Ε.Μ.Σ.** (=Paid to borders)

(verso) **1.5** Lira prepaid postal rate

Taxed **25** Lepta distribution fee for letter weighing **15g.** (4th Greek weight letter)



Entire letter from **Livorno** (Grand Duchy of Tuscany) (dep.Jan.3,1842) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Dec.31,1841)

*Col vapor Guerre Fransaie por Levante*

Linear **Π.Ε.Μ.Σ.** (=Paid to borders)

(verso) **10** Decimes postage paid

Taxed **10** lepta distribution fee

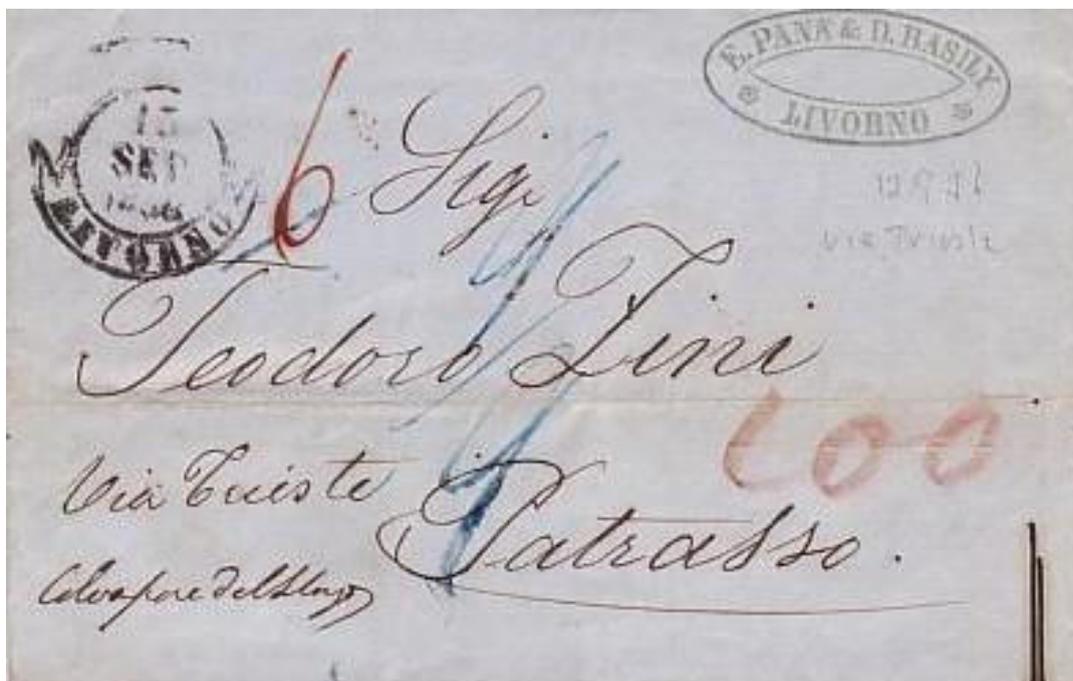
**International mail - Italy - Grand Duchy of Tuscany**



Entire letter from **Livorno** (Grand Duchy of Tuscany) (dep.Feb.20,**1858**) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Feb.16,1858)  
m/s *vapore postale francese*  
13 Crazie prepaid postage for simple letter  
Taxed in red **10** Lepta for local distribution

**Alternate Route - via Trieste**

Due to the formation of the Austrian-Italian league, mail was freely transported  
via the Papal states to Ancona's Lloyd agency  
(valid from 1.10.1852 to 30.9.1859)



Entire letter from **Livorno** (Grand Duchy of Tuscany)(dep.Sep.13,**1856**) to **Patras** (ar.Sep.12,1856)  
via **Trieste** (Austrian Emp.)(trans.Sep.17,1856)  
*Via Trieste Col Vapore del Lloyd*  
In red **6** Crazie prepaid rate  
Credit in blue **9** Kreuzer for Austrian transit & **9** Kreuzer for Austrian Lloyd  
Taxed **100** Lepta

**International mail - Kingdom of Two Sicilies**

The Postal Convention of 1858 between the **Kingdom of Two Sicilies & France**  
set the postal rate for Greece to:  
24 Grana for one page up to 7.5g letters departing **Napoli's** port  
21 Grana for one page up to 7.5g letters departing **Messina's** port  
(valid from 23.03.1853 to 30.4.1861)



Entire letter from **Napoli** (Kingdom of the Two Sicilies)(dep.Feb.27,1844) to **Intown**  
Cachet **ΓΕΝΙΚΟΝ ΠΡΟΞΕΝΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ ΕΙΣ ΤΟ ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΩΝ ΔΥΟ ΣΙΚΕΛΙΩΝ**  
(*GENERAL CONSULATE OF GREECE AT THE KINGDOM OF TWO SICILIES*)



Entire letter from **Licata** (Kingdom of the Two Sicilies)(dep.Aug.20,1856) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Aug.29,1856)  
via **Messina** (Kingdom of the Two Sicilies) (trans.Sep.6,1856)  
(verso) **23** Grana prepaid postage rate (includes 2 Grana inland rate)  
Taxed in red **10** Lepta for local distribution

**International mail - Malta - English line**

English war navy operated bimonthly the Malta to Corfu line approaching Patras (from 1835)  
Ionian islands postal rate for using English navy warships was set to 6 pence



**Patras (dep. Apr. 2, 1838) to Malta (British Emp.)**  
**col vapor Britanico**  
8 Pence prepaid postal rate  
(includes 2 Pence Ionian - Greek opposite shores postal rate  
Two vertical disinfection slits



**Malta (British Emp.) (May 16, 1839) to Patras (ar. May 7, 1839)**  
**PAID MALTA**  
Taxed in red 6 Pence prepaid postal rate  
(Ionian isl. postal rate for using the English navy warships)



International mail - Malta



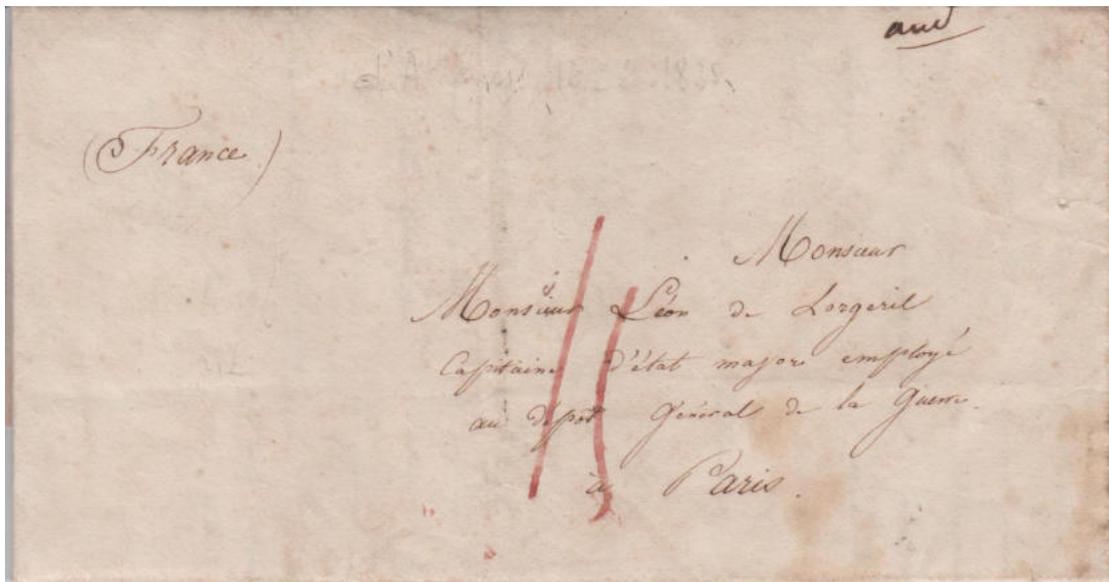
**Malta** (British Emp.) (dep.Feb.10,1856) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Feb.1,1856)  
Circled **P** (=paid)  
In red **5** Pence prepaid postal rate  
Taxed in red **15** lepta distribution fee for 2nd weight letter



**Malta** (British Emp.) (dep.Mar.30,1861) to **Athens** (ar.Apr.23,1861) via **Piraeus** (trans.Apr.23,1861)  
3 Pence international rate paid for simple letter  
In red circled **P** (=paid)  
Taxed in red **10** Lepta distribution fee

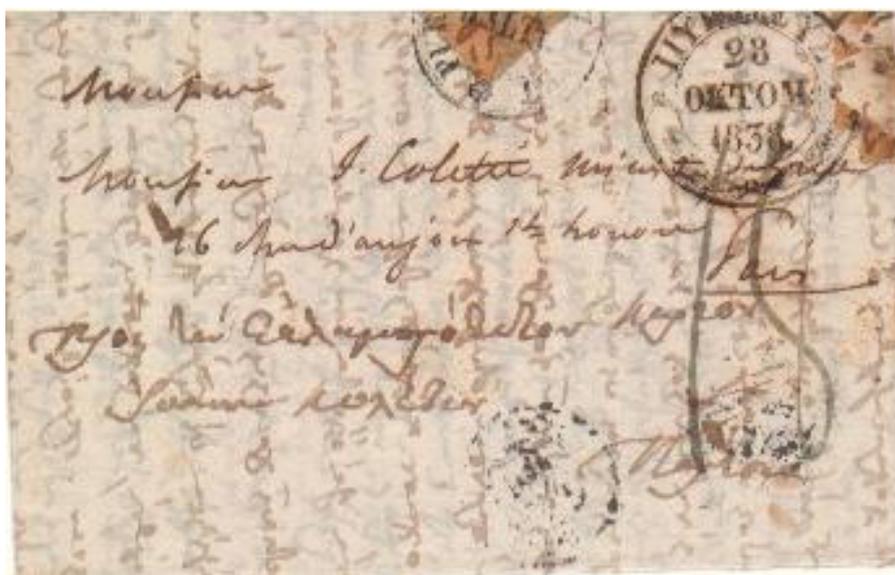
**International mail - French republic**

Before the June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1838, letters to/from the French p.o. handled as written on site (entry port) and taxed only inland postal rates. Prepayment to French or Greek entry ports was obligatory.



Entire letter from **Athens** (dep.Dec.16,1835) to **Paris** (French republic)(ar.Jan.21,1835)  
Taxed **11** decimes French inland rate

Postal convention with France made into effect on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 1838  
Greek exchange p.o. SIRA & PEREAS  
France exchange p.o. PARIS, MARSEILLES, CONSTANTINOPLE, SMYRNE, ALEXANDRIE



Entire letter from **Piraeus** (dep.Oct.28,1838) to **Paris** (French republic) (ar.Nov.14/26,1838)  
Taxed **18** Decimes  
that is 10 Dec. maritime rate + 8 Dec. inland rate  
Disinfection slits - Disinfected in Malta (**Lazaret Malte** cachet)  
Transported by paquebots **MINOS & EUROTAS**

**International mail - French republic - via Marseilles 1**



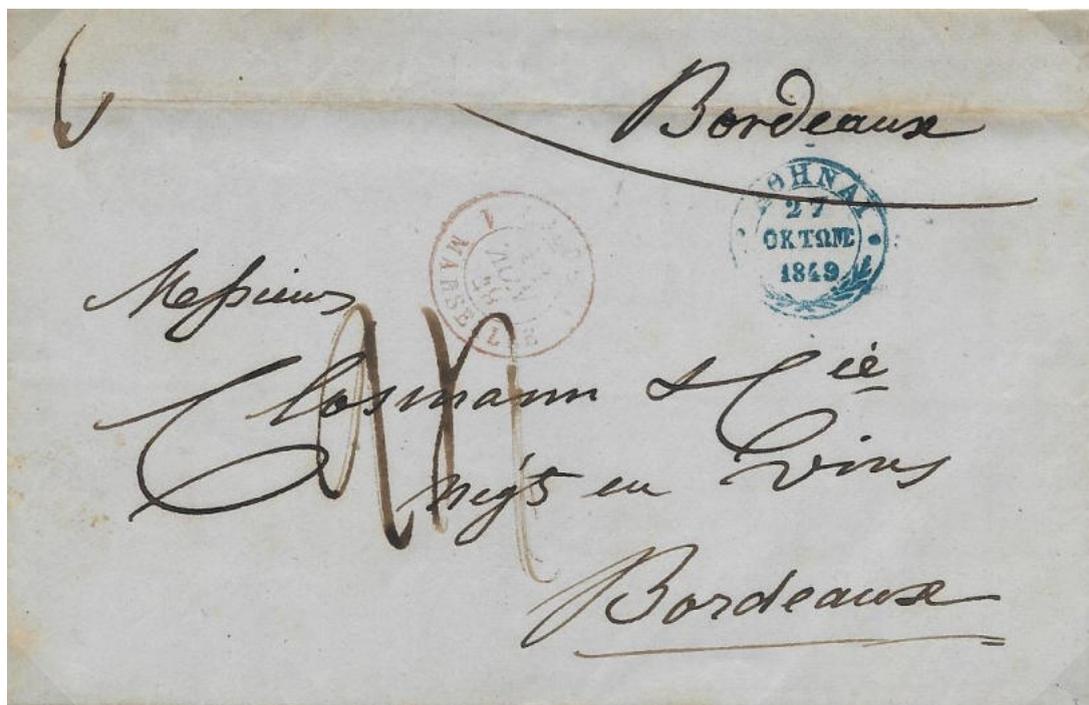
Entire letter from **Sira isl.** (dep. Dec. 30, 1841) to **Lyon** (French republic) (ar. Jan. 13, 1842)  
via **Marseilles** (French republic) (trans. Jan. 12, 1842)

Transit mark **1 GRECE 1 MARSEILLE**

Taxed **25** Decimes

Two diagonal disinfection slits (**Lazaret Malte**)

Transported by paquebots **MINOS & SESOSTRIS**



Entire letter from **Athens** (dep. Oct. 27, 1849) to **Bordeaux** (French republic) (ar. Nov. 24, 1849)  
via **Marseilles** (French republic) (trans. Nov. 24, 1849)

Transit mark **1 GRECE 1 MARSEILLE**

Taxed **24** Decimes postal rate for 3rd weight letter

Transported by paquebot **LOUQSOR**



**International mail - French republic - via Marseilles 2**



Entire letter from **Piraeus** (dep.Dec.15,1851) to **Paris** (French republic)(ar.Jan.1,1851)  
via **Marseilles** (French republic)(trans.Jan.8,1851)

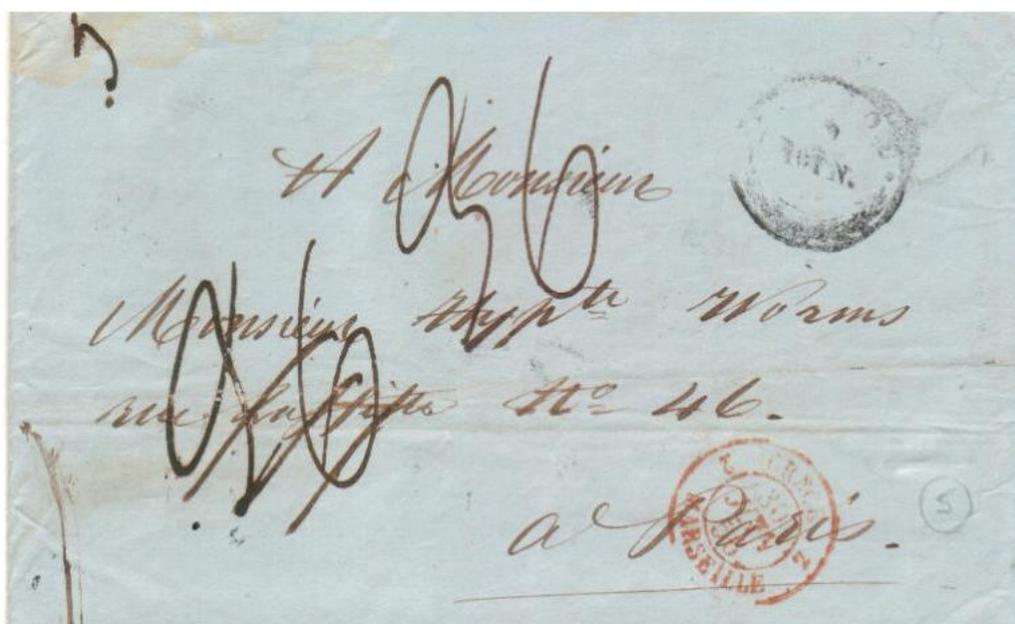
In red boxed **PD**, **ΠΕΔ** (=paid)

Transit mark **2 GRECE 2 MARSEILLE**

(verso) **122** Lepta prepaid postal rate

Transported by paquebot **TELEMAQUE**

*First and only postal voyage to Levant in 1851 for paquebot TELEMAQUE*



Entire letter from **Milos isl.** (Jun.18,1856) to **Paris** (French republic)(ar.Jun.30,1856)  
via **Sira isl.** (trans.Jun.9,1856) & **Marseille** (French republic)(trans.Jun.30,1856)

Transit mark **2 GRECE 2 MARSEILLE**

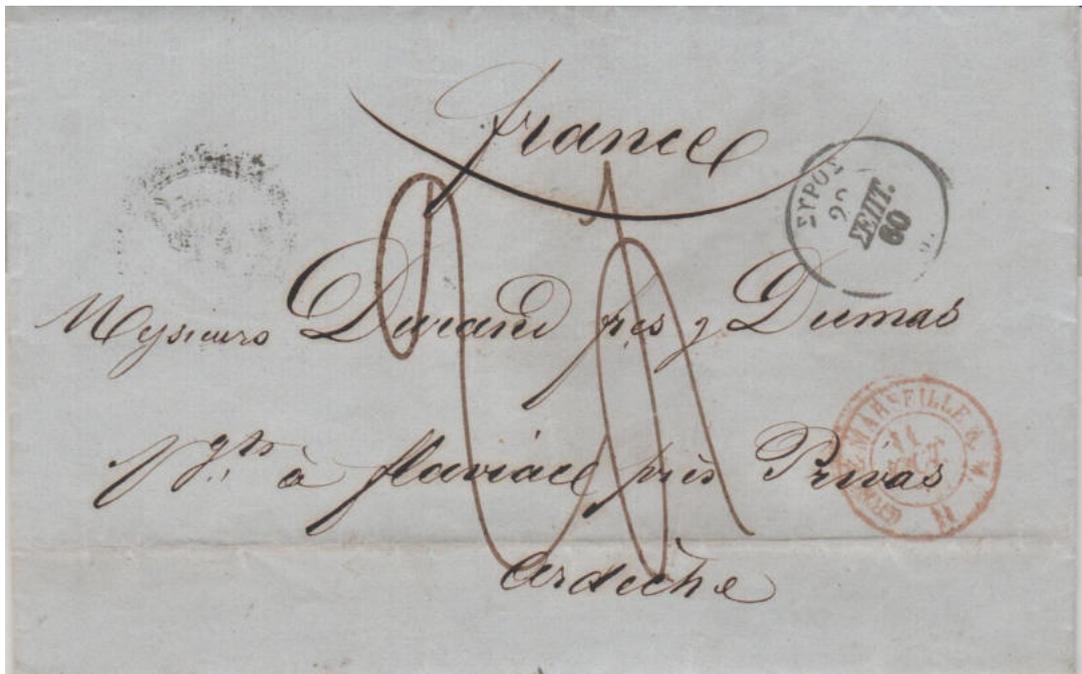
Taxed **36** Decimes

Transported by paquebot **CARMEL**

**International mail - French republic - via Marseilles Ambulant**



Entire letter from **Athens** (dep.Apr.8,1860) to **Reims** (French republic)(ar.Apr.27,1860) via **Marseille** (French republic)(trans.Apr.25,1860) & **Paris** (French republic) (trans.Apr.?,1860)  
Transit mark **GRECE MARSEILLE A.M. C**  
Taxed **12** Decimes postal rate for simple letter  
Transported by paquebot **CARMEL**



Entire letter from **Andros isl.** (Oct.8,1860) to **Ardeche** (French republic) (ar.Oct.12,1860) via **Sira isl.** (trans.Sep.29,1860) & **Marseille** (French republic)(trans.Oct.11,1860)  
Transit mark **GRECE MARSEILLE A.M. N**  
Taxed **24** Decimes postal rate for 3rd weight letter

**International mail - French republic - via Marseilles Ambulant**

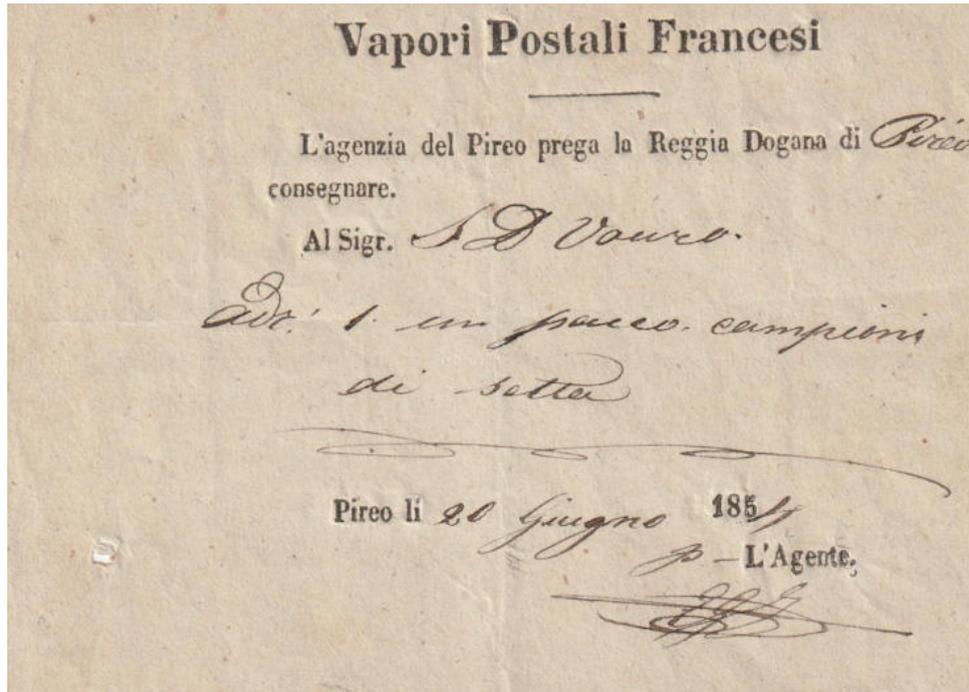


Entire letter from **Athens** (dep.Jul.31,1859) to **Etoile** (French republic)(ar.Aug.18,1859)  
via **Marseille** (French republic) (trans.Aug.16,1859) & **Lyon** (French republic) (trans.Aug.17,1859)  
Transit mark **GRECE MARSEILLE A.M. C**  
Taxed **12** Decimes postal rate for simple letter  
Transported by paquebot **CARMEL**



Entire letter from **Piraeus** (dep.Jul.21,1860) to **Devenport** (England - British Emp.) (ar.Aug12,1860)  
via **Marseille** (French republic)(trans.Aug.9,1860) & **Paris** (French republic)(trans.Aug.10,1860)  
via **Marseilles**  
In red boxed **Π.Ε.Α. & PD**  
Transit mark **GRECE MARSEILLE A.M. E**  
(verso) Lepta prepaid postal rate  
Transported by paquebot **HYDASPE**

**International mail - French republic - Special service**



Vapori Postali Francesi Customs form (Jun.20,1854) for Piraeus Dogana (Customs)



Entire letter from **Sira isl.** (dep.Sep.12,1850) to **Lyon** (French republic) (ar.Oct.6,1850)  
via **Marseilles** (French republic) (trans.Oct.4,1850)  
Boxed **ΔΠ** (paid)  
Transit mark **OUTREMER MARSEILLE**  
Taxed **6** Decimes

**International mail - French republic - Postal rates**



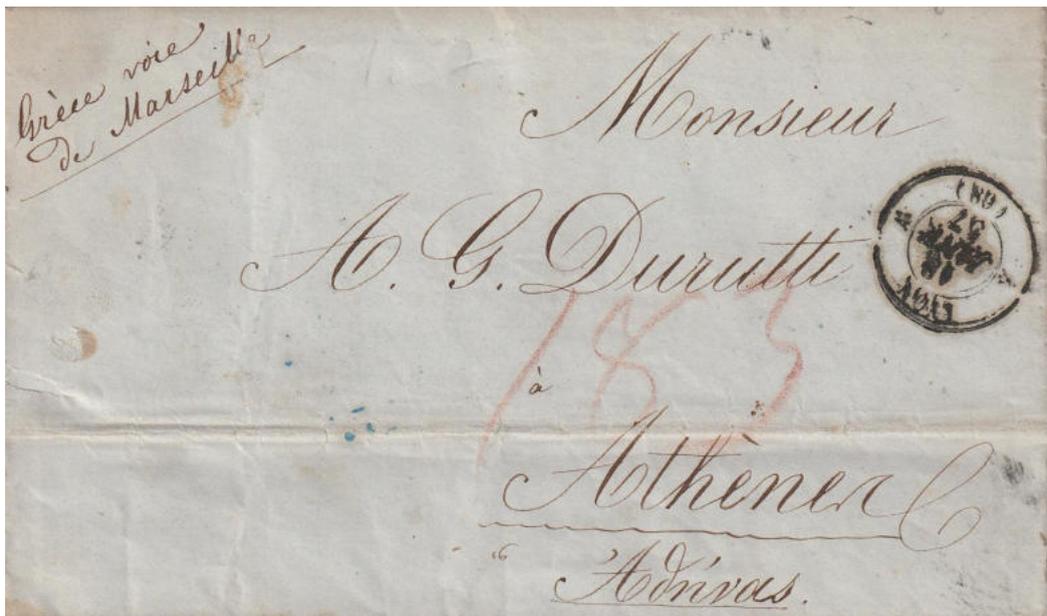
Entire letter from **Marseille** (French republic)(dep.Sep.21,1854) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Sep.17,1854)

**Paquebot des Messageries Impériales**

Taxed **427** Lepta postal rate for Heavy letter weighing between **37.5 to 45 gr.**

Transported by paquebot **TELEMAQUE**

Top & bottom disinfection slits



Entire letter from **Lyon** (French republic) (dep.Jan.18,1857) to **Athens** (ar.Jan.13,1857)

via **Marseilles** (French republic) (trans.Jan.19,1857)

**Grece voie de Marseille**

Taxed **183** Lepta for 2nd weight letter

Transported by paquebot **THABOR**

**International mail - French republic - Postal rates**



Entire letter from **Paris** (French republic) (dep. Dec. 2, 1859) to **Athens** (ar. Nov. 26, 1859)  
In red boxed **PD** (paid)  
120 Centimes postage paid  
Transported by paquebot **PHASE**



Entire letter from **Marseille** (French republic) (dep. Dec. 2, 1859) to **Athens** (ar. Nov. 26, 1859)  
*par vapeur poste*  
120 Centimes postage paid  
In red boxed **PD** (paid)  
Transported by paquebot **PHASE**

**International mail - French paquebots cachets**

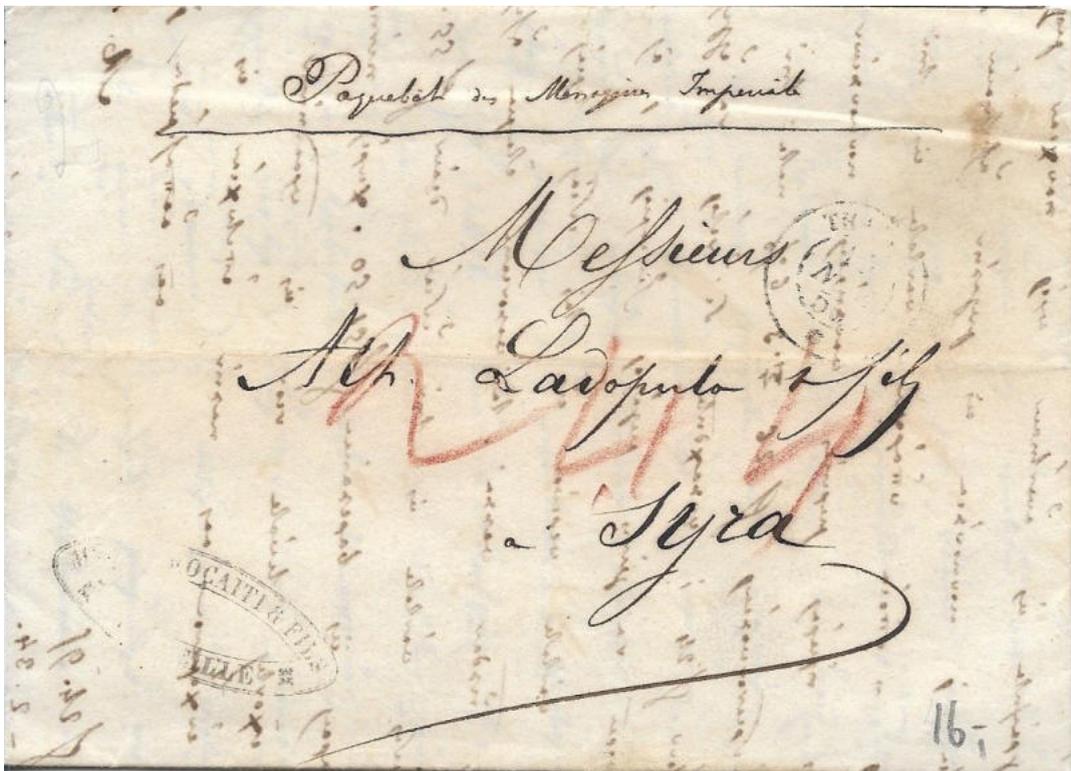
Letters posted directly to the ship's mailbox



Entire letter from **Marseille** (French republic)(Nov.3,1860) pmk **PHASE** \* (dep.Nov.3,1860)  
to **Piraeus** (ar.Oct.27,1860)

*Paquebots - Poste*

Taxed in red **122** Lepta postal rate for simple letter



Entire letter from **Marseille** (French republic) (Nov.6,1856) pmk **THABOR** \* (dep.Nov.10,1858)  
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Oct.31,1856)

*Paquebot des Messageries Impériales*

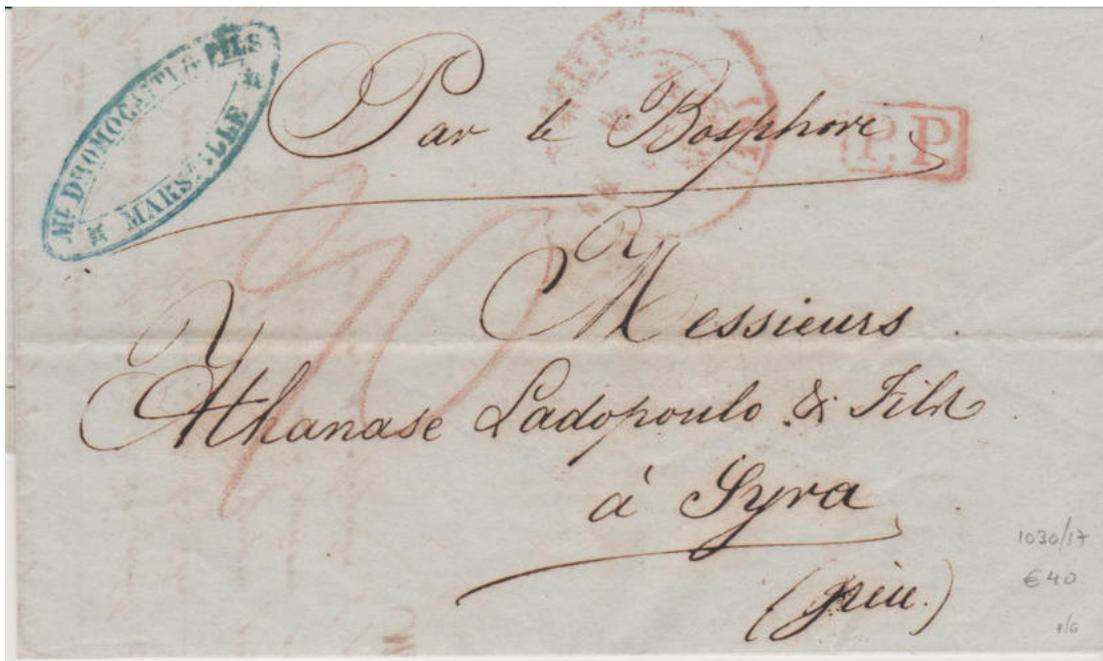
Taxed in red **244** Lepta postal rate for 3<sup>rd</sup> weigh

**International mail - French republic - Rostand et Cie**

Rostand et Cie operated the line Marseilles to Constantinople from 1847 to 1851  
Its ships named: **BOSPHORE, ORONTE & HELLESPONT**



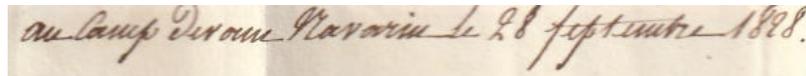
Entire letter from **Marseille** (French republic) (dep.Oct.12,1847) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Oct.8,1847)  
In red boxed **P.P.** (=paid)  
*avec le vapour L'Oronte*  
Taxed **15** Lepta distribution fee for **2<sup>nd</sup> weight** letter  
Transported by paquebot **ORONTE**



Entire letter from **Marseille** (French republic)(dep.Mar.5,1849) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Mar.8,1849)  
in red boxed **P.P.** (=paid)  
*Par le Bosphore*  
Taxed **90** lepta  
Transported by paquebot **BOSPHORE**

**French military mail - Expedition de Moree**

In 1828, France send to Peloponnese (Moreas) an expeditionary force of 15000 men under the command of General Maison in order to implement the application of the Treaty of London (1827) concerning of the withdrawal of the Turks and the establishment of the new Greek state



au Camp Navarin le 28 septembre 1828.



Entire letter from **Camp Navarin** (Sep.28,1828) to **Sable sur Sarthe** (French Republic)(ar.Oct.21,1828)

**QERGA ARM. DE MOREE**

Transported by French warship

Disinfected - One horizontal slit

Taxed **10** Decimes



Napoli di Romania le 11 Janvier 1831.



Entire letter from **Napoli di Romania** (*Nafplion*) (Jan.11,1831) to **Gray** (French republic) (ar.Feb.26,1831)

**QERGA ARM. DE MOREE**

Transported by French warship

Disinfected - One horizontal slit

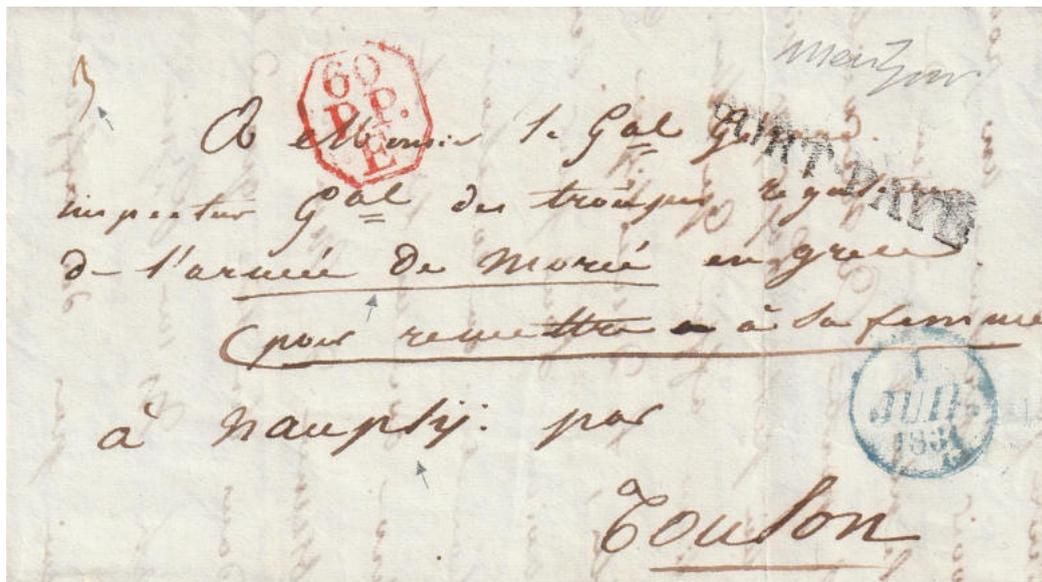
Taxed **8** Decimes

**French military mail - Expedition de Moree**

All French naval military mail dispatched via Toulon, where was the central French Naval Base



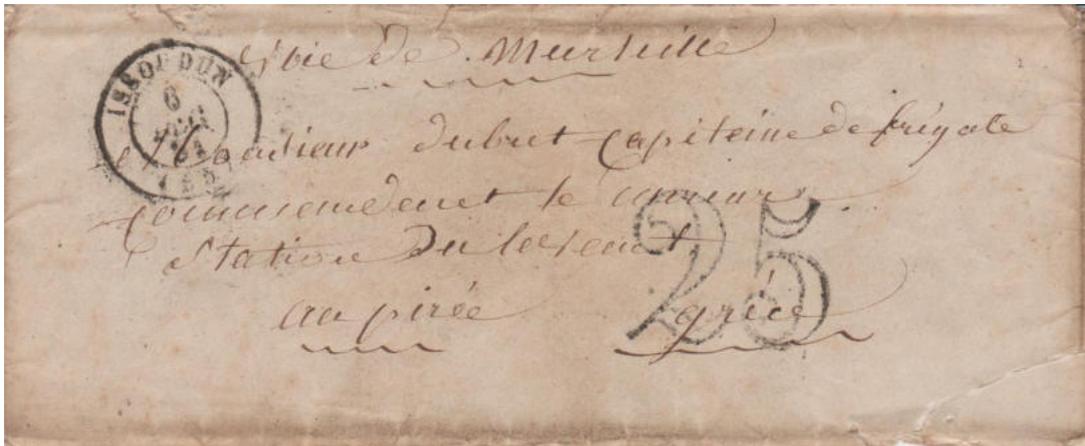
Letter (1831) to **General Gerard at Nauplion**  
Linear **P.PAYE PARIS** (paid to Paris)  
*par Toulon*  
(verso) 20 Decimes postage paid for 10 gr. letter



Letter (Jun.1,1831) to **Gal du troopes**  
Linear **PORT PAYE** (paid)  
boxed in red **60/P.P./E**  
*par Toulon*  
(verso) 11 Decimes postage paid

**French military mail - Postal rates**

The naval military postal rate was 25 centimes



Entire letter from **Dun** (French republic) (Dec.6,1851) to **Piraeus**  
via **Paris** (French republic) (trans.Dec.7,1851) & **Marseilles** (French republic)(trans.Dec.9,1851)  
Taxed **25** Centimes

French military postal rate changed for unpaid letters from 25 to 30 centimes on 1<sup>st</sup> of July, 1854



Entire letter from **Piraeus** (June.30,1859) to **Paris** (French republic)(ar.Jul.13,1859)  
via **Marseilles** (French republic)(trans.Jul.12,1859)  
Taxed **30** Centimes  
(New french military maritime rate)

**French military mail - Naval blockade of Greece**

France held a naval blockade of Greek ports  
& a military occupation of Piraeus port from May 1854 to February 1857



Entire letter from **Piraeus (June.2,1854)** to **France**  
**ESCADRE DE LA MEDITERRANEE**

Taxed **25 Centimes**

(verso) nine different arrival pmks dated from June 17<sup>th</sup> to June 21<sup>st</sup>  
in search of the addressee

*This is the Oldest known date of use of French military postal service  
from Greece during the naval blockade of 1854/57*

**International mail - Kingdom of the Netherlands**



Entire letter from **Amsterdam** (Kingdom of the Netherlands) (dep.Sep.5,1844) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Sep.9,1844)  
Transit **PAYS BAS VALNES** (trans.Sep.7,1844)  
**P.P.** (=Port Payee)  
*Voie de Marseille par Bateau à Vapeur*  
15 Decimes prepaid postal rate



Entire letter from **Patras (1854)** by forwarding agent to **Trieste** (Austrian Emp.)(trans.Jan.24,1854)  
and then to **Amsterdam** (Kingdom of the Netherlands)(ar,Jan.26,1854)  
In blue **3 Pfennige** Credit to Austro-German union  
**3 Decimes** Credit for Belgian transit rate  
Taxed **30 Cents** (Holland)

**International mail - Austrian Empire - Illyria - Trieste - Sea & Mainland route**

Convention to Austria was effective from May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1834  
Austria provided bimonthly service to Patras & Greece added once a month service to Trieste



Entire letter from **Sira isl.** (Nov.28,1834) to **Trieste** (Austrian Emp.)(ar.Jan.17,1835)

Oval ΠΛΗΡΩΜΕΝΟΝ (=paid)

(verso) m/s **84+14=98** Lepta prepaid postal rate

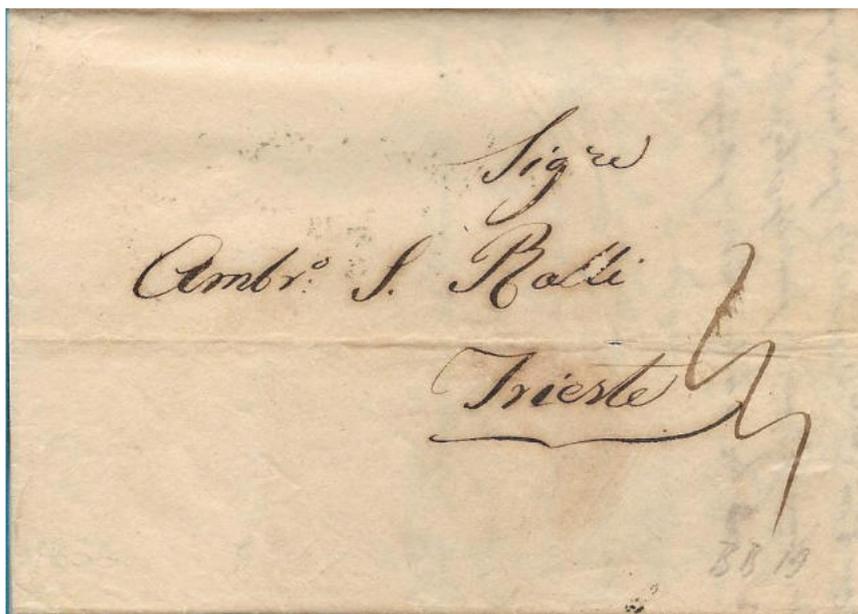
(14 Lepta for Sira isl. to Nafplion trip +84 Lepta for Nafplion to Trieste trip)

Entrance mark double boxed **GRECE**

Taxed **4 1/2** Kreuzer for disinfection fees (Santa Teresa)

Letter transported by Feraldis sail ship weighted between 6 – 10 g.

Mainland route via Larisa – Thessaloniki - Semlin.....Vienna



Entire letter from **Sira isl.** (Jan.9,1836) to **Trieste** (Austrian Emp.)

Transported by land

Disinfected in Semlin

Taxed **24** Kreuzer maritime postal rate for Aegean sea islands

**International mail - Austrian Empire - Illyria - Levant line**

Levant line (Triest-Constantinople)(1837-1842)  
Trieste-Ancona-Corfu-Patras-Piraeus-Sira-Smyrna-Constantinople



Entire letter from **Trieste** (dep. Jan. 25, 1838) to **Nafplion** (ar. Jan. 21, 1838) via **Patras** (trans. Jan. 18, 1838)  
m/s ‘*col vapore del Lloyd Austriaco Giovanni Arciduca d’ Austria*’  
Boxed ΕΛΛΑΣ/ΔΙΑ/ΠΑΤΡΩΝ (=Greece via Patras) & Linear Π.Ε.Μ.Σ. (=Paid to Borders)  
Taxed **30** Lepta inland postal rate for distance from 20 to 40 hours long (Patras-Nafplia)  
(verso) **18** Kreuzer postage rate (to Patras) for simple letter



Entire letter from **Sira isl.** (dep. Apr. 16, 1838) to **Trieste** (Austrian Emp.)  
oval ΠΑΗΡΩΜΕΝΟΝ (=Paid)  
(verso) **10 g.** & **180+20=200** Lepta prepaid postal rate for 2nd weight letter  
Disinfection fees: **1 6/2** = 4 sheets x 3 Kr. = **12** Kreuzer

**International mail - Austrian Empire - Illyria - Levant line**



Entire letter from **Sira isl.** (dep. Nov. 4, 1839) to **Trieste** (Austrian Emp.) (ar. Nov. 25, 1839)

Boxed **ΔΠ** (=Paid)

Credit in red for **1 ½ oz.** weight - **48 Kreuzer** for Austrian Lloyd  
(verso) **20 g.** & **330 Lepta** prepaid postal rate for **4th** weight letter

Disinfection fees: **3 12/2** = 9 sheets x 3 Kr. = **27 Kreuzer**

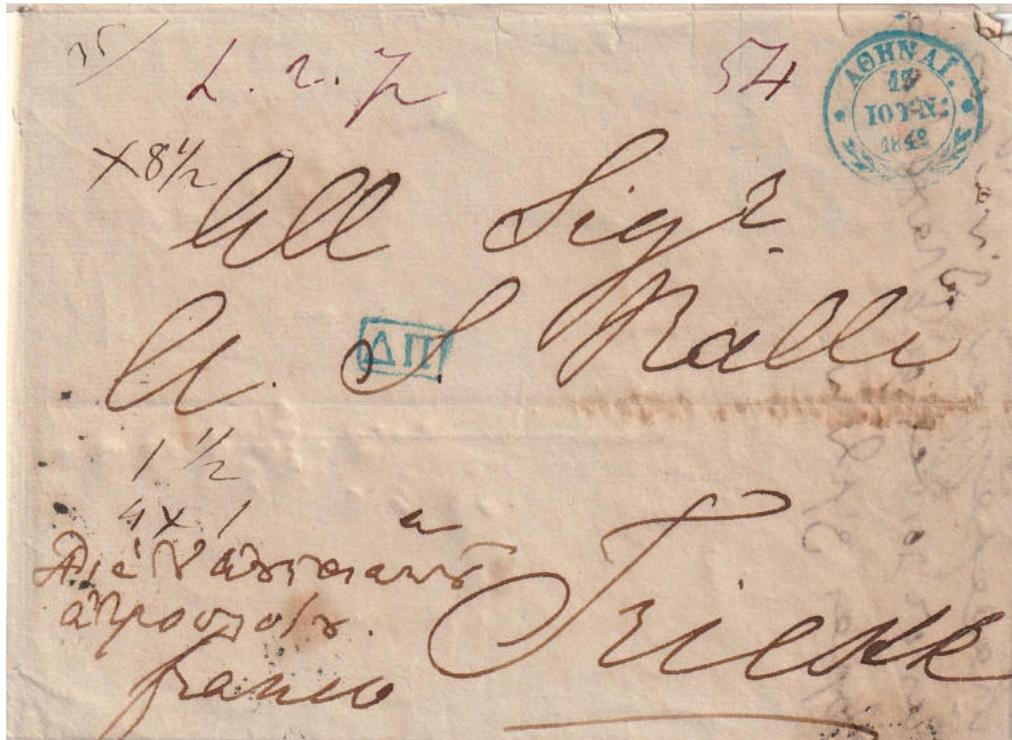


Entire letter from **Sira isl.** (dep. Jun. 26, 1840) to **Trieste** (Austrian Emp.) (ar. Jul. 20, 1840)

Boxed **ΔΠ** (=Paid)

Credit in red **24 Kreuzer** for Austrian Lloyd  
(verso) **130 Lepta** prepaid postal rate for **3rd** weight lett

**International mail - Austrian Empire - Illyria - Return travel**



Entire letter from **Athens** (dep. Jun. 13, 1842) to **Trieste** (ar. Jun. 3, 1842) via **Patras** (trans. Jun. 17, 1842)  
Boxed ΔΠ (=Paid)  
*δια του Αυστριακου ατμοπλοιου - franco*  
Credit 54 Kreuzer (for Austrian Lloyd)  
(verso) 305+150=465 Lepta prepaid postal rate for 40 g. letter  
Disinfection fees: 8 ½ Kreuzer



Entire letter from **Trieste** (dep. Sep. 16, 1842) to **Nafplion** (ar. Sep. 14, 1842) via **Patras** (trans. Sep. 11, 1842)  
Endorsed “*δια Πατρων με το Ατμοπλοιο*” (via Patras by the steamer)  
**TRIEST-Franco** (=paid)  
Boxed ΕΛΛΑΣ/ΔΙΑ/ΠΑΤΡΩΝ (=Greece via Patras) & Linear Π.Ε.Μ.Σ. (=Paid to Borders)  
Taxed 30 Lepta inland postal rate for distance from 20 to 40 hours long & 2nd weight letter  
(verso) 18 Kreuzer postage prepaid rate (to Patras) for simple letter

**International mail - Austrian Empire - Illyria - Trieste - New postal rates (1943)**



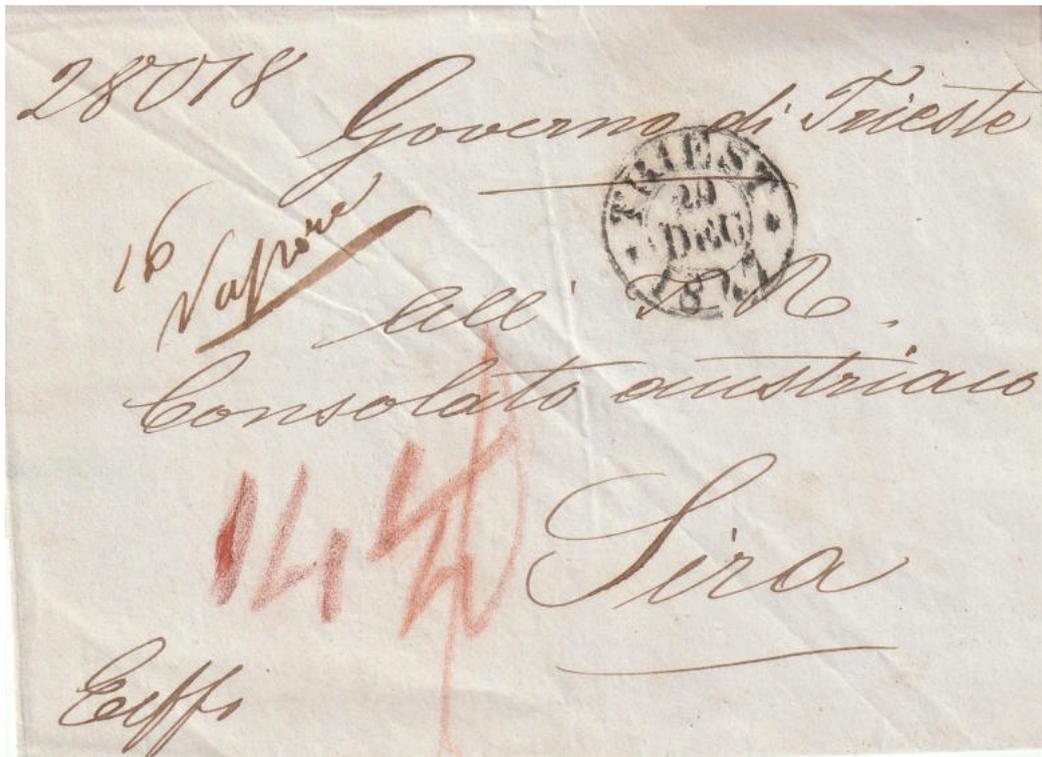
**Triest (Austrian Emp.), May 1846.** Newspaper advertisement of the Austrian Lloyd's routes



Entire letter from **Trieste** (Austrian Emp.) (dep. Jan. 9, 1849) to **Piraeus** (ar. Jan. 4, 1849)

**TRIENT-Franco (=Paid)**

Taxed in red **40** Lepta distribution fee for letter weighing **30 - 35** gr  
(verso) **30** Kreuzer prepaid postal rate for 4th weight letter



Entire letter from **Trieste** (Austrian Emp.)(dep.Dec.29,1847) (s/n 28018) to **Sira isl.**  
**Governo di Trieste**  
Official postage free letter

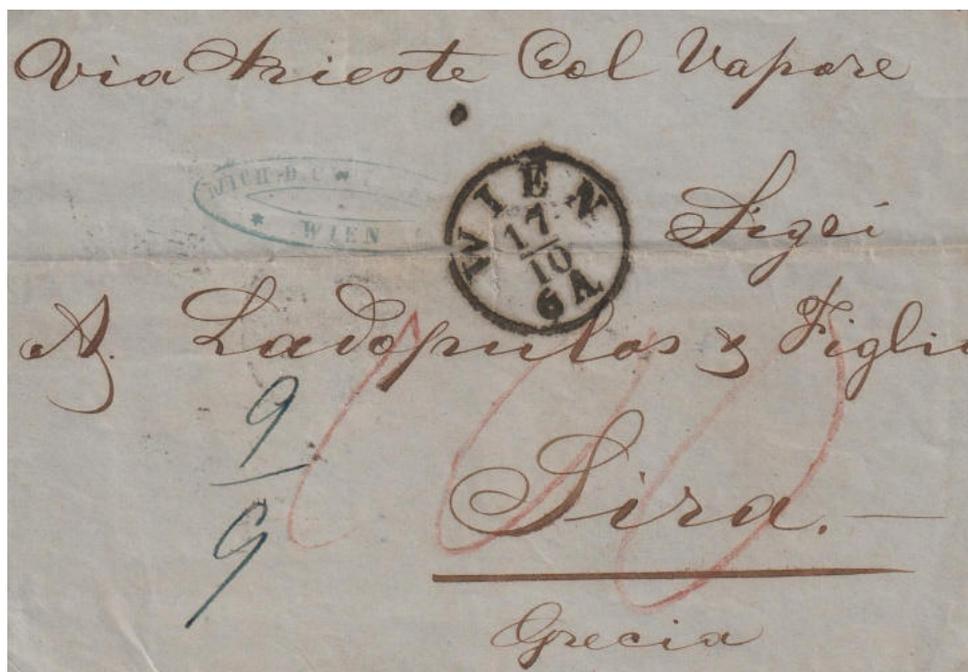


Entire letter from **Sira isl.** (May.27,1852) to **Trieste** (Austrian Emp.)(ar.Jun.14,1852)  
**Let'arr'per mare** (=arrived by sea)  
Transported via irregular route

**International mail - Austrian Empire - Archduchy of Austria**

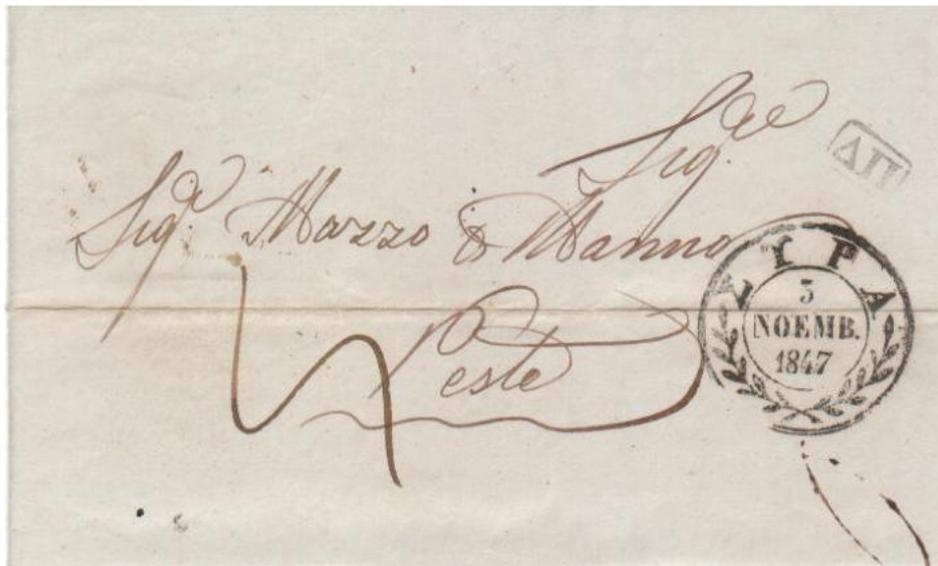


Entire letter from **Vienna** (Austrian Emp.) (dep. Aug. 23, 1852) to **Sira isl.** (ar. Aug. 19, 1852)  
via **Trieste** (Austrian Emp.)  
in red **Franco** (=Paid)  
(verso) **10 / 9 & 9 / 9** Kreuzer prepaid postal rate  
(9 Kr. Austrian inland rate & 9 Kr. Austrian maritime rate)



Entire letter from **Vienna** (Austrian Emp.) (dep. Oct. 17, 1855) to **Sira isl.** (ar. Oct. 15, 1855)  
via **Trieste** (Austrian Emp.) (trans. Oct. 19, 1855)  
**Via Trieste Col Vapore**  
Credit in blue **9 Kr.** Austrian inland rate & **9 Kr.** Austrian maritime rate  
Taxed in red **100 Lepta**  
(10 Lepta distribution fee included)

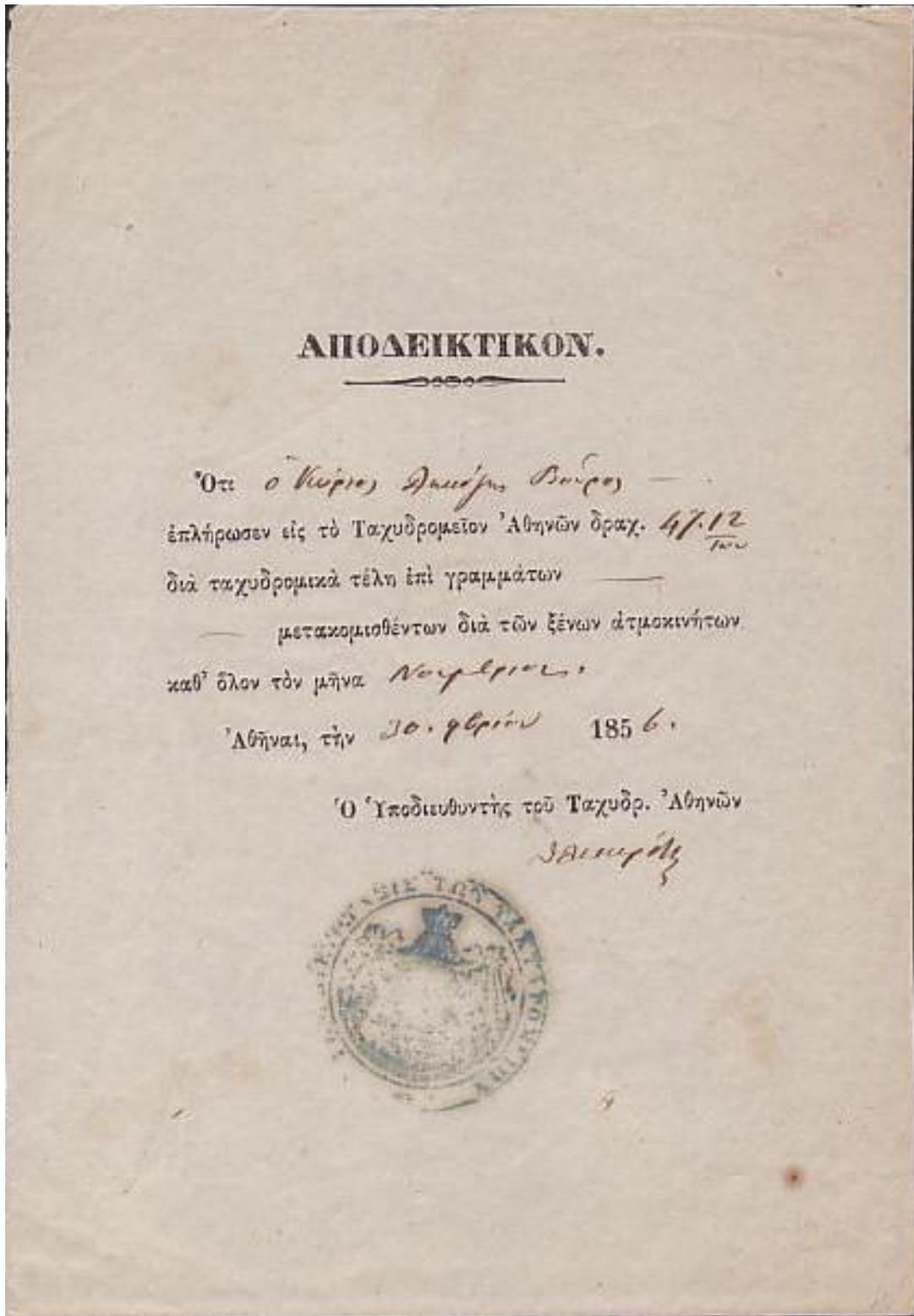
**International mail - Austrian Empire - Kingdom of Hungary**



Entire letter from **Sira isl.** (dep. Nov. 5, 1847) to **Peste** (Kingdom of Hungary) (ar. Nov. 28, 1847)  
Boxed ΔΠ (= Paid)  
(verso) 70 Lepta prepaid postal rate to Trieste  
taxed 11 Kreuzer Austrian inland rate



Entire letter from **Sira isl.** (dep. Nov. 15, 1858) to **Peste** (Kingdom of Hungary) (ar. Dec. 4, 1858)  
Linear in red Π.Ε.Α. (= Paid)  
(verso) in red 100 Lepta prepaid postal rate

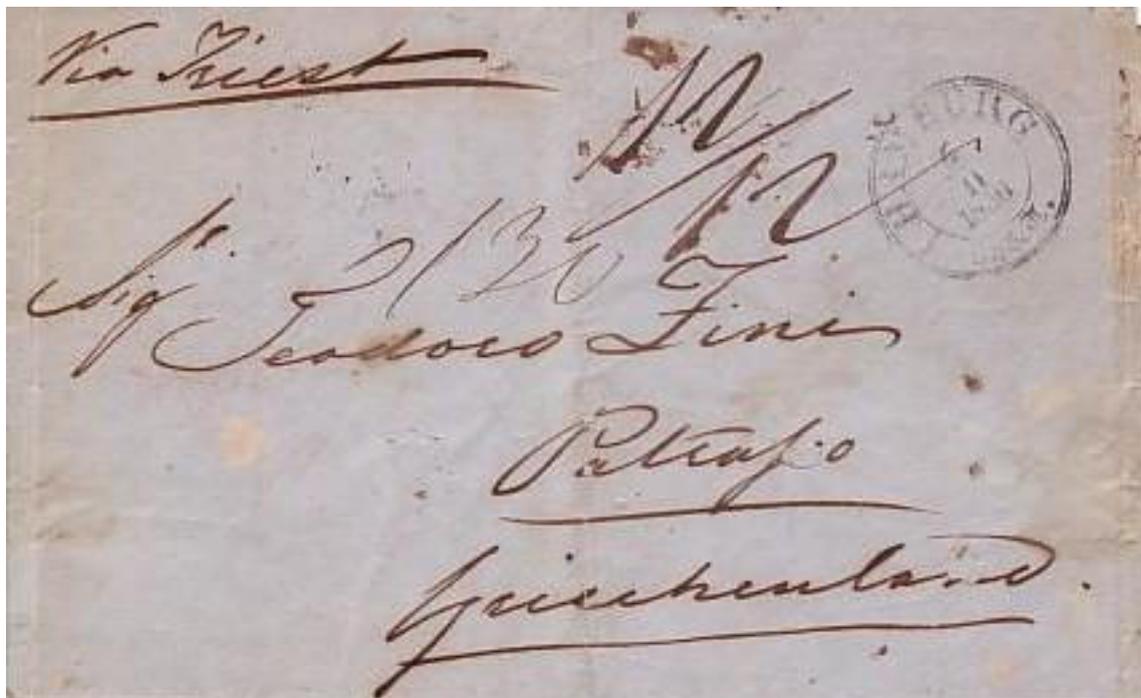


**Athens, Nov.30, 1856.** Postal receipt for the amount of 47,12 Drachmas paid for letters transported by foreign steamers  
cachet **DIRECTION OF POSTAL SERVICE**

**International mail - Kingdom of Prussia & Free city of Hamburg**

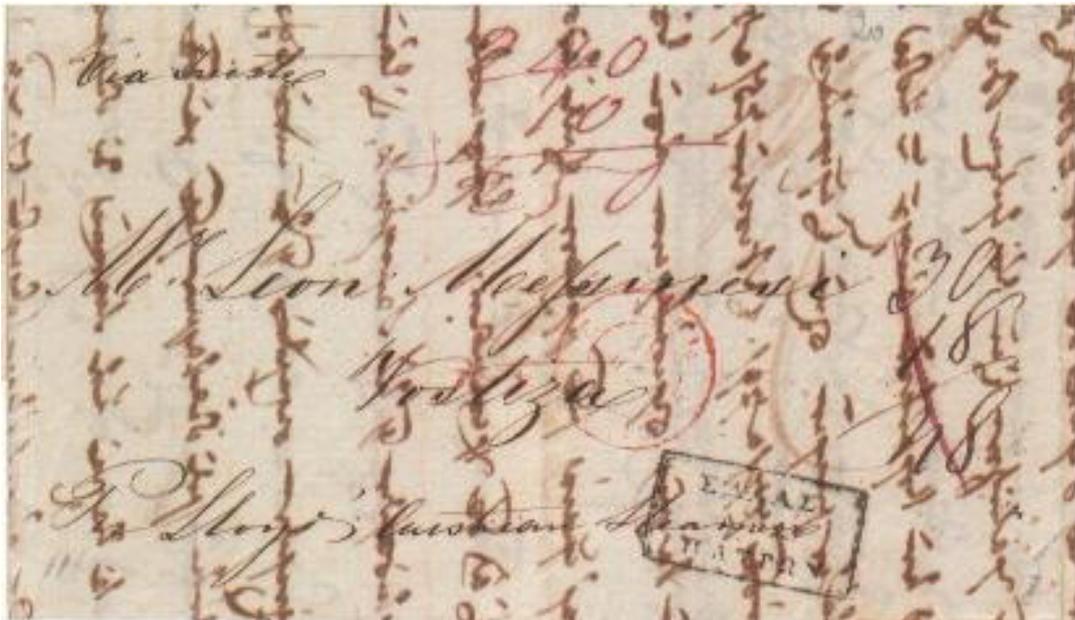


Entire letter from **Sira isl.** (dep.Oct.31,**1851**) to **Duren** (Kingdom of Prussia)(ar.Nov.25,1851)  
via **Berlin** (Kingdom of Prussia) (trans.Nov.23,1851) & **Deutz-Minden** (trans.Nov.24,1851)  
Boxed **ΔΠ** (= Paid)  
(verso) **110** Lepta prepaid postal rate to Trieste for 2nd weight letter  
Taxed **3** Pfennige Prussian inland rate



Entire letter from **Hamburg** (Free city) (dep.Nov.6,**1850**) to **Patras** (ar.Nov.11,1850)  
via **Trieste** (Austrian Emp.) (trans.Nov.11,1850)  
(verso) In red **6/6** (=6+6 Schillings) prepaid rate to Austrian borders  
Hamburg local rate & rate to Austrian borders for simple letter up to ½ loth  
Credit **12/12** (=24 Kreuzer) Austrian inland & Austrian Lloyd rate  
Taxed **130** lepta (=24Kr. +10 Lepta for distribution fee)

**International mail - Britain - England - Mail routes**



Entire letter from **London** (England - British Emp.)(Aug.17,1839) to **Egio**  
via **Calais** (French republic), **Trieste** (Austrian Emp.) & **Patras** (trans.Aug.25,1839)

*Via Trieste*

Boxed **ΕΛΛΑΣ/ΔΙΑ/ΠΑΤΡΩΝ** (=Greece via Patras)

Credit 30 Kr. England to Austria rate + 18 Kr. Austria to Greece rate = 48 Kreuzer

Taxed 240+10=250 Lepta for simple letter



Entire letter from **London** (England - British Emp.) (dep.Mar.15,1841) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Mar.19,1841)  
via **Calais** (French republic) (trans.Mar.17,1841)

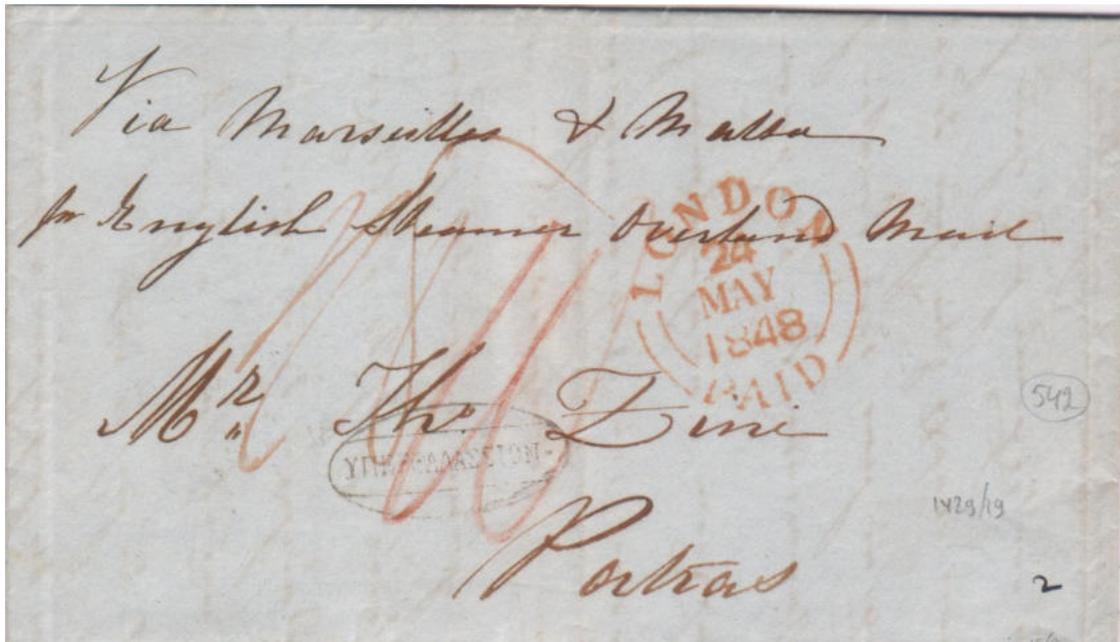
*Via Marseille by French packet*

In red oval **P.D.** (=Paid to Destination) , **Π.Ε.Μ.Σ** (=paid to borders)

**2s / 8 ½ d** prepaid postal rate

Taxed 10 Lepta distribution fee for simple letter

**International mail - Britain - England - Mail routes**



Entire letter from **London** (England - British Emp.)(dep.May.24,1848) to **Patras** (ar.May.24,1848)  
via **Marseilles** (French republic)  
m/s *Via Marseilles v. Malta English steamers Overland mail*  
2s / 8d prepaid postal rate  
Oval **ΥΠΕΡΘΑΛΑΣΣΙΟΝ** (=Overseas)  
Taxed **10** Lepta distribution fee



Entire letter from **London** (England - British Emp.) (dep.Feb.26,1852) to **Athens** (ar.Feb.26,1852)  
Transit **Calais** (French republic) (trans.Feb.27,1852)  
m/s *via Marseilles by French Steamers*  
Taxed in red **320** Lepta for 3rd weight letter

**International mail - Britain - England - Mail routes**



Entire letter from **London** (England - British Emp.)(dep.Aug.17,1858) to **Patras** (ar.Aug.23,1858)  
via **Aachen** (Kingdom of Prussia)(trans.Aug.18,1858) & **Trieste** (Austrian Emp.)(trans.Aug.22,1858)

**via Ostendo & Trieste**

In blue **9/9/12** (30 Kr.)

In blue **21** Kr. credit for Austro-German Union

Taxed in red **170** Lepta for 3rd weight letter



Entire letter from **Piraeus** (dep.Jul.30,1860) to **Davenport** (England - British Emp.) (ar.Aug.21,1860)  
via **Trieste** (Austrian Emp.) (trans.Aug.?,1860)

**Via Trieste**

in red **15/10** (=25 Kreuzer) totaling in blue **8** Sgrochen

**10** Pence (24kr.) for the Austrian-German union

**International mail - Britain - England - via Marseilles**

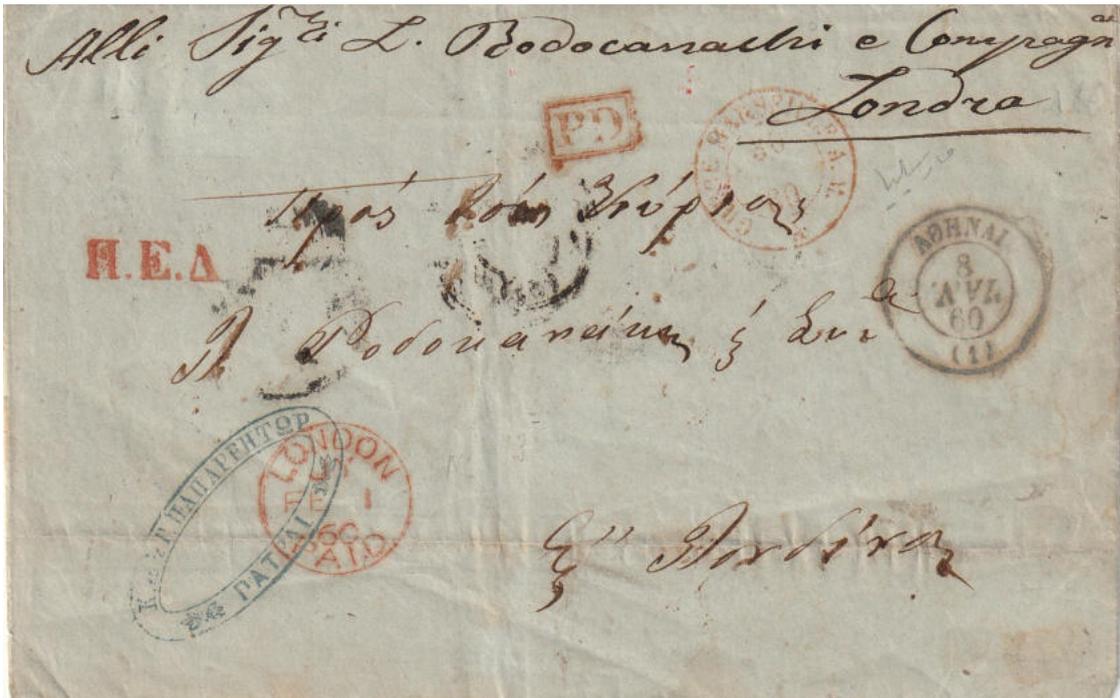


Entire letter from **London** (England - British Emp.)(dep.Jan.20,**1859**) to **Athens** (ar.Jan.16,1859)  
via **Calais** (French republic) (trans.Jan.21,1859) via **Paris** (French republic) (trans.Jan.21,1859)  
m/s *Via Marseilles par French Steamer*  
1 penny postage paid (Late fee)  
Oval **PD** (=paid)  
**1s / 0 d** prepaid postal rate



Entire letter from **London** (England - British Emp.) (dep.Dec.26,**1860**) to **Athens** (ar.Dec.22,1860)  
via **Calais** (French republic) (trans.Dec.27,1860) via **Paris** (French republic) (trans.Dec.27,1860)  
**11 Pence** postage paid  
In red oval **PD** (=paid)

**International mail - Britain - England - Alternative routes**



Entire letter from **Athens** (dep. Jan. 8, 1860) to **London** (England - British Emp.) (ar. Feb. 1, 1860)  
via **Marseilles A.M. A** (trans. Jan. 30, 1860) & **Paris** (trans. Jan. 31, 1860)  
In red **H.E.A.** (=paid)  
In red boxed **PD** (=paid)  
(verso) **160** Lepta prepaid postal rate for simple letter

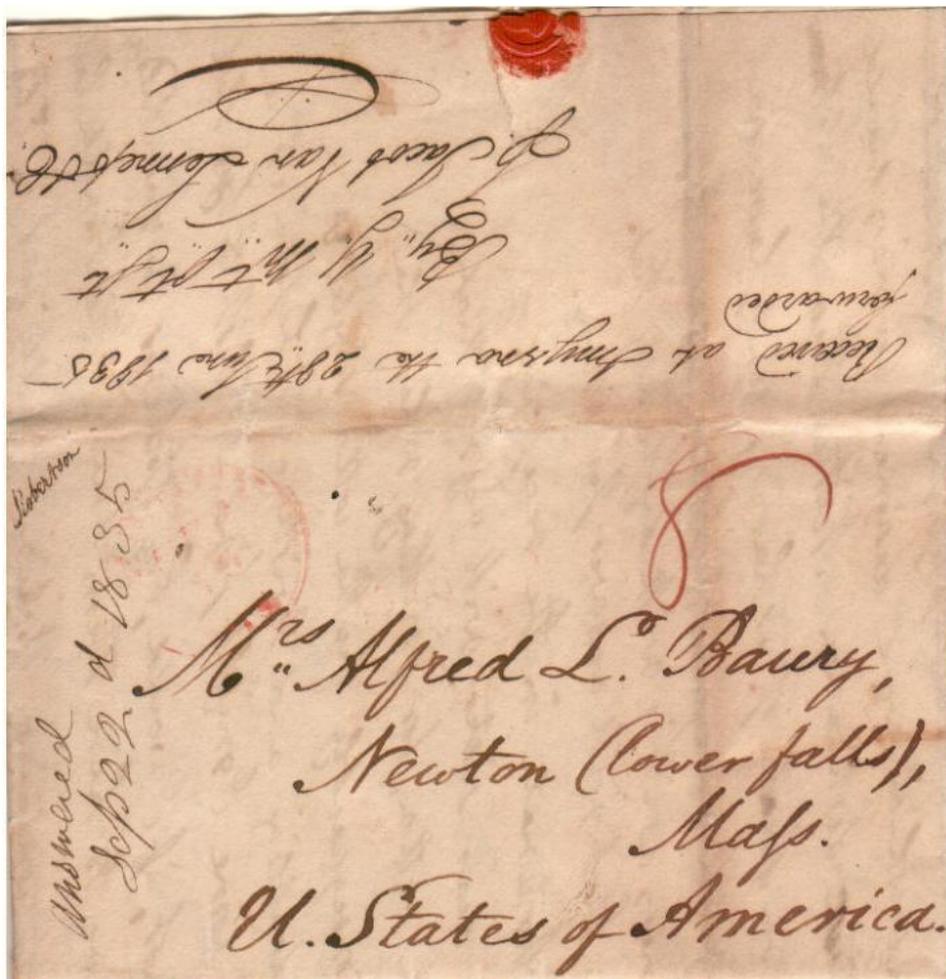


Entire letter from **Sira isl.** (dep. Jan. 25, 1861) to **London** (England - British Emp.) (ar. Feb. 16, 1861)  
via **Marseilles A.M. B** (trans. Feb. 14, 1860) & **Paris** (trans. Feb. 15, 1861)  
*Voie de Marseille par le paquebot française*  
Boxed **FR / 3F 76c** credit for French post  
Taxed **1 Shilling**

**International mail - Transatlantic - United States of America**



**Piraeus** (dep. Nov. 28, 1857) to **New York** (USA) via **Trieste** (Austrian Emp.) (trans. Dec. 15, 1857),  
**Aachen** (Kingdom of Prussia) & **Boston** (Mass. USA) (trans. Jan. 6, 1858)  
Boxed  $\Delta\Pi$  (= Paid)  
5 Pence credit to Austrian - German postal union  
Taxed in red 2 cents



**Sira isl.** (Jun. 3, 1835) to **Newton** (Mass. USA) via **Smyrne** (Jun. 28, 1835) & **Boston** (Mass. USA)  
Transported by private means to Smyrne  
m/s Received at Smyrna on 18<sup>th</sup> June 1835 forwarded by Y.M.O.J. Jacob Van Lennep  
Taxed in red 8 cents (internal US postage)