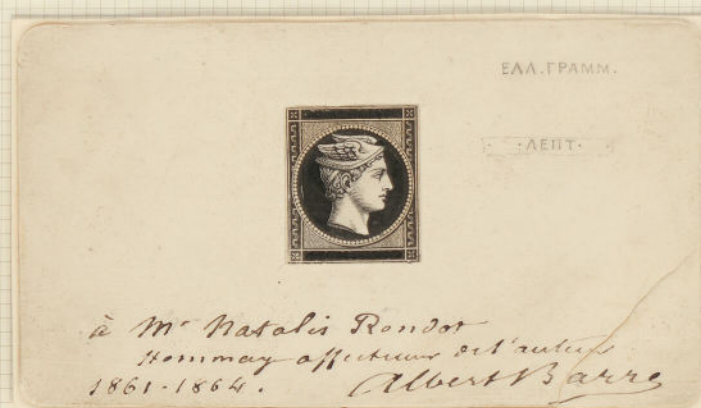


*ALBERT BARRE'S
HAND—DRAWN ARTIST'S MODEL*



On July 17, 1860, the Greek Government contacted the Imperial French Mint to have the first Greek stamps printed in France.

The famous chief engraver of the Mint, Albert Barre, prepared a magnificent model using a black French essay of 1853, whose center had been replaced by a hand-drawn Hermes head and blended to the background by India ink.

The upper and lower inscriptions are blacked out and the inscriptions intended for replacement are seen at the top right in pencil.

At the bottom is a manuscript dedication of Albert Barre to his friend N. Rondot.

This is the only known artist's model for the design of the large Hermes stamps.

*ALBERT BARRE'S
PROGRESSIVE DIE PROOFS*



Progressive Die Proofs in blue without inscriptions, value and Greek border, having the first wavy line at the left upper spandrel intact, struck by Albert Barre on very thin and transparent India paper.

*The yet uncut rough piece of steel is seen around the unfinished Die.
These proofs were taken directly from the working Die before the essay-punch was made.*

*ALBERT BARRE'S
PRIMARY DIE PROOFS*

*These primary Die Proofs were prepared by Albert Barre between February
and April 1861,
The design is complete except for the value tablets.
The first wavy line at the upper left spandrel is intact.*



*Primary die proof in brown on thick paper, with several brush
strokes from the artist in different shades, used as color Proof
for the 1 and 2 lepta values.
The only recorded example.*

*ALBERT BARRE'S
PRIMARY DIE PROOFS*



*Primary die proof in blue
on laid paper.*



*Primary die proof in brown on thick paper.
Color trials on the same paper.*



*Primary die proof in black
on thin paper.*

*PLATE PROOFS
COLOR AND PAPER TRIALS*



*11, black
on cardboard paper.*



*11, black on thin green
paper, printed both sides.*



*11, printed both sides, or-
ange on front and brown on
reverse.*



*11, printed both sides,
brown on front and black
on reverse.*



*51, black
on grayish paper.
The only known copy.*



*51, rose
on pale gray pelure paper.*



*201, blue, blurred, printed
both sides on azure paper.*



*201, black, with essay of
11 brown on the back.*



*201, black on white
thin paper.*



*401, rose on front. The
back is completely blurred
with the same color.*



*401, yellow orange on front on
green paper. The back is scrib-
bled with the same color.*



*401, rose-lilac
on pale gray pelure
paper..*

PLATE PROOFS
1 LEPTON, 2 LEPTA, 5 LEPTA



*1l, corner block of 8, showing the complete printer's imprints
"TYPOGRAPHIE ERNEST MEYER, RUE DE VERNEUIL, 22 A PARIS".
(It is believed that Barre removed afterwards the 'Meyer' imprints from the stamp pages sent to Greece so that the printer would not be contacted directly by the Greek Post Office).*



*2l, block of 20 on gummed paper, with manuscript inscription:
"Specimen de feuille gomme A. Barre" in the artists handwriting.
The only such block recorded.*



*5l, corner strip of 5, showing the complete printer's imprints
The only such strip recorded.*

PLATE PROOFS
1 LEPTON

Deformed upper
right frame.
Position 47



Open cross
right down.
Position 60

Dark brown, block of 25.
Positions 36-40 to 76-80

PLATE PROOFS
5 LEPTA



*Broken circle type III.
Position 129*



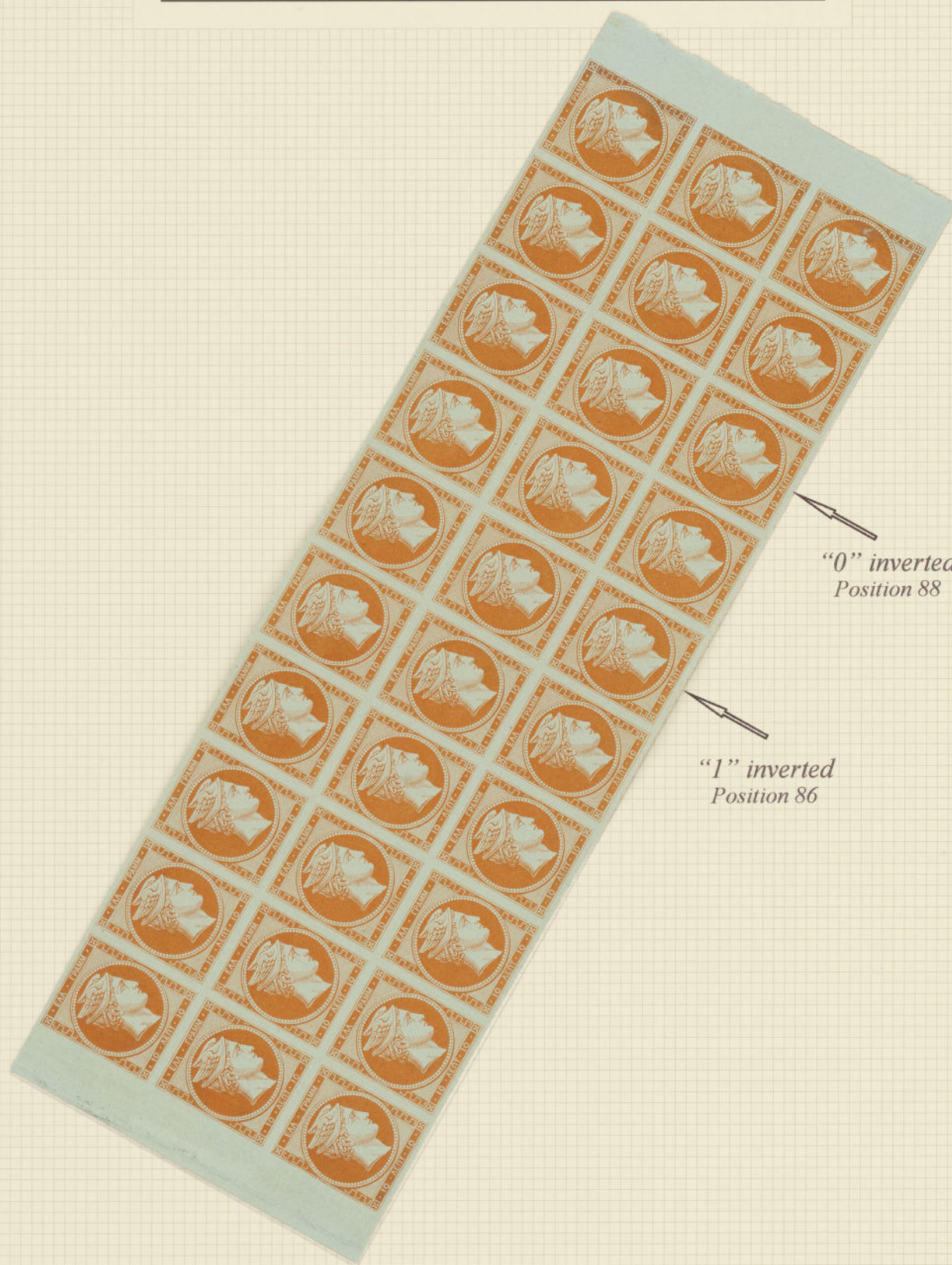
*Typographer's
E. MEYER imprint
has been cut off, but the
line above it is still present.*

*Broken circle type II.
Position 143*



*Yellow green, block of 40. Positions 111-150
The only such block recorded.*

PLATE PROOFS
10 LEPTA



"0" inverted
Position 88

"1" inverted
Position 86

Orange blue, block of 30. Positions 61 – 90.
The only such block recorded.

PLATE PROOFS
20 LEPTA

White spot on
the neck
Position 120

Broken circle
Position 123

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has been cut off but
the line above it
is still present.

Grey blue, block of 40. Positions 111–150.
The only such block recorded.

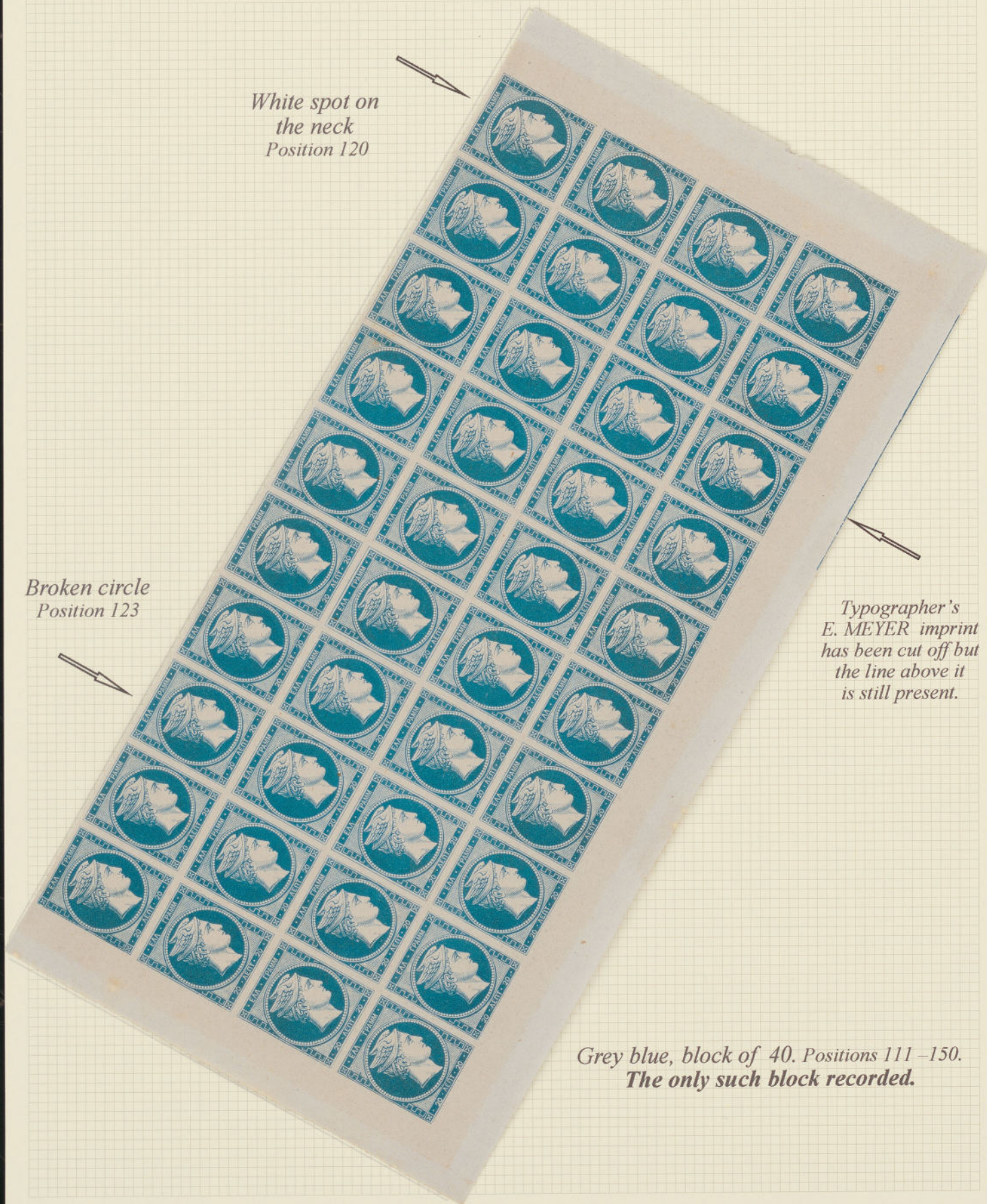


PLATE PROOFS
40 LEPTA

Deformed upper frame
Position 139



Violet on blue, block of 40. Positions 111-150.
The only such block recorded.

PLATE PROOFS
80 LEPTA

Broken circle
Positions 114

Typographer's
E. MEYER imprint
has been cut off but
the line above it
is still present.

Carminc, block of 40. Positions 111-150.
The only such block recorded.

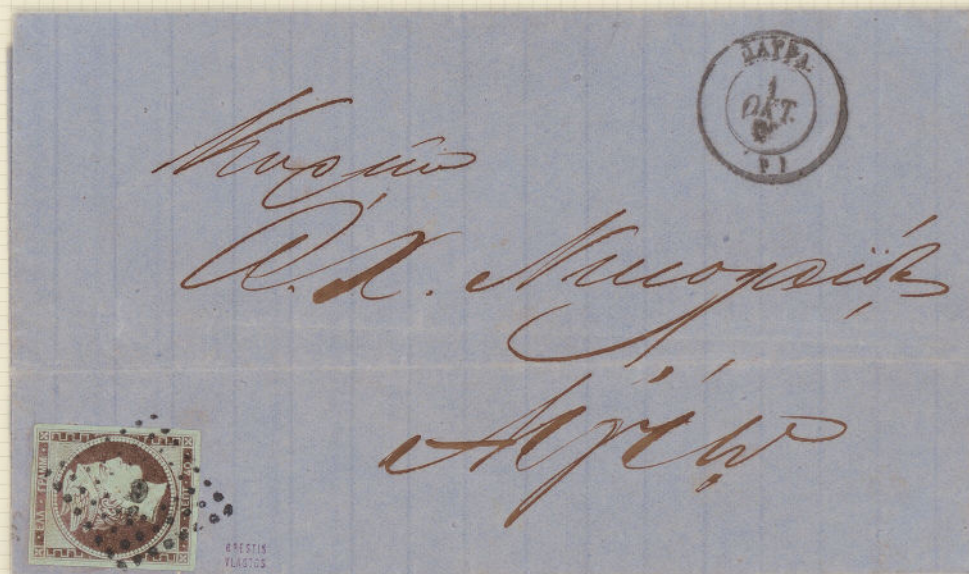
1861 PARIS ISSUES
FIRST DAY OF USE

The first Large Hermes Heads were printed in Paris by the German printer E. Meyer in seven values (1l, 2l, 5l, 10l, 20l, 40l and 80l). The 10l is the only value to show on reverse control numerals "10" with a height of 8mm. They are the finest of all issues.

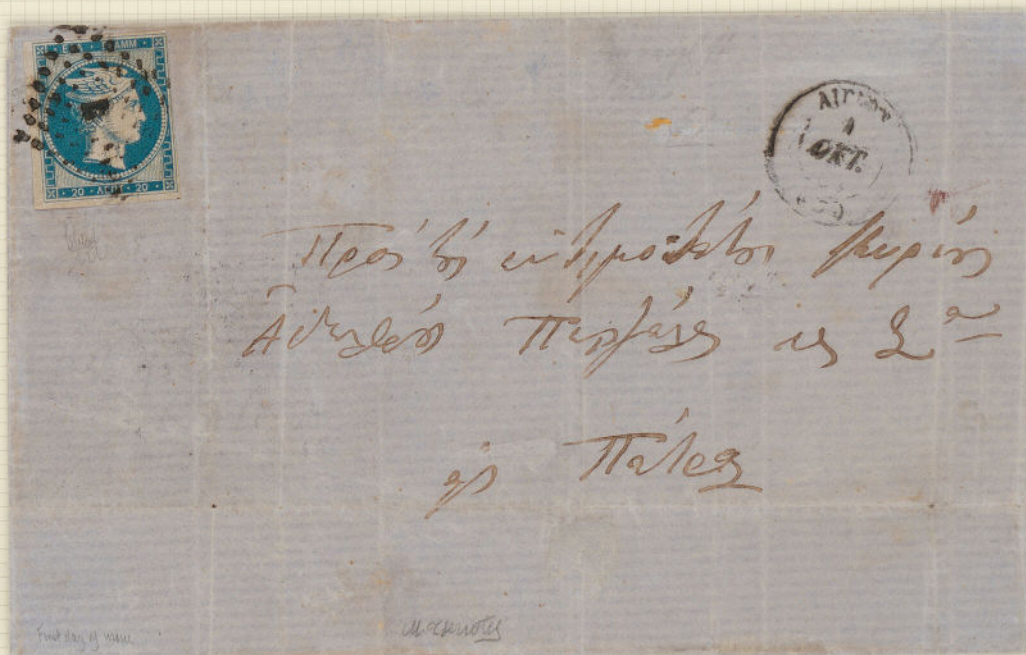


*Letter sheet of the second weight scale (15-30 grms)
mailed unpaid from ALEXANDRIA (Egypt) on September 26th 1861 (four
days prior to the first day of use of the Greek stamps) to SYROS, where it ar-
rived on October 1st (first day of the official circulation).
On arrival 80l was charged as Postage Due (handwritten 80) and two cop-
ies of 40l, Paris prints, were affixed.
Eleven first day covers are recorded.
Unique usage of two 40l on a first day cover.*

1861 PARIS ISSUES
FIRST DAY OF USE



Letter sheet of the second weight scale sent from PATRAI to AIGION, franked with 40l, Paris prints, with Patrai dispatch cds of October 1st 1861, first day of use of the Greek stamps.



Letter sheet sent from AIGION to PATRAI, franked with 20l, Paris prints, with Aigion dispatch cds of October 1st 1861, first day of use of the Greek stamps.

On the back Patrai arrival cds of October 2nd 1861.

1861 PARIS ISSUES
SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH DAY OF ISSUE



Letter sheet from PATRAI to NISION, franked with 20l, Paris print, with dispatch cds of Patrai, October 2nd 1861—second day of issue.



Letter sheet from SYROS to ATHENS, franked with 20l, Paris print, with dispatch cds of Syros, October 3rd 1861—third day of issue.



Letter sheet from ATHENS to ARGOS, franked with 20l, Paris print, with dispatch cds of Athens, October 4th 1861—fourth day of issue.

1861 PARIS ISSUES
1 LEPTON



*Brown, used block of 12, cancelled by lozenge "67" of Syros.
The largest such block recorded.*



Deep chocolate, mint block of 6.



*Reddish brown, used strip of 10, cancelled by lozenge "8" of Kalavryta.
The only such strip recorded.*

1861 PARIS ISSUES
1 LEPTON



Chocolate brown, mint
block of 4.



Red brown, mint
block of 4.



Chocolate, used block of 4, cancelled
by lozenge "12" of Gastouni.



Letter sheet mailed from IRAKLION (Austrian Post office cds and "FRANCO" beneath the 11 stamps) to SYROS (December 5th 1861). On arrival it was franked with 11, strip of five, plus 5l and 10l, all Paris prints, making up the single Greek inland rate of 20l.

1861 PARIS ISSUES
1 LEPTON



Letter sheet mailed unpaid from SMYRNA to SYROS (December 2 1861). On arrival it was charged 80l and franked with Paris prints 40l, 20l and 1l, two strips of five, a strip of four and a single. A further 5l adhesive is missing from the cover.

80l was charged to pay for the double French steamer rate (for a weight between 7,5 and 10grams) of $2 \times 30l = 60l$, plus the single Greek domestic rate of 20l.

1861 PARIS ISSUES
1 LEPTON



Letter sheet belonging to the second weight scale mailed unpaid from TRIEST to SYROS (arrival cds of December 1st 1861), charged on arrival 140l: 6 Kreuzer for Triest transport, plus 30 Kreuzer for sea transport by Austrian Lloyd=36 Kreutzer=100l, plus 40l for the Greek inland rate=140l. To pay for this 1l, strip of five, plus 5l, 10l, 40l and 80l, all Paris prints were affixed.



Front of a letter sheet mailed from NAFPLION (July 18th, 1862)) to ZACHOLI. Although the inland rate was 20l, the letter was franked with only 1l, Paris prints. On arrival it was stamped as insufficiently paid - boxed "ΠΑΡ. ΑΝΕΠΑΡΚΗΣ" - the double of the remaining rate $2 \times 19 = 38$ l was charged (handwritten 38), but no extra stamps were affixed.

A very strange postal history case.

1861 PARIS ISSUES
1 LEPTON



Brown, used vertical strip of 5, cancelled by lozenge "67" of Syros.



Chocolate, used strip of 5, cancelled by lozenge "12" of Gastouni.



Letter sheet mailed from ARGOS (December 13th 1861) to SYROS, franked with Paris print 11, strip of five, plus 5l, strip of three, making up the single inland rate of 20l.

1861 PARIS ISSUES
2 LEPTA



Olive bistre, used strip of 10 (Positions 81-90), cancelled by lozenge "5" of Korinthos.



Letter sheet mailed unpaid from TRIEST to KALAMAI (January 30th 1866), charged on arrival 75l and franked with seven 2l, Paris print, plus 20l and 40l, Athens consecutive print.
The letter is underpaid by 1 lepton.

1861 PARIS ISSUES
2 LEPTA



Letter sheet mailed from NAFPAKTOS (October 22nd, 1865) to PATRAI, franked with 2l, strip of seven, plus strip of three, Paris print, making up the single inland rate of 20l.

Late use of this stamp.
The largest recorded such strip on cover.

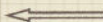


Letter sheet mailed from TRIPOLIS (June 24th, 1862) to ATHENS, franked with 2l, strip of five, Paris print, plus 10l, Athens provisional coarse print, making up the single inland rate of 20l.

1861 PARIS ISSUES
5 LEPTA



Plate flaw "thin circle".
Position 46



Emerald, mint block of 6.



*Green, used block of 8, cancelled by lozenge "31" of Kalamai.
The largest used multiple recorded.*



Green (oxidized color), mint block of 4.



Gray green, mint block of 4.

1861 PARIS ISSUES
5 LEPTA



Letter sheet of the 2nd weight scale (15-30 grams) mailed from THESSALONIKI (January 8th 1862) to ARGOS, franked on departure with 5l 2 pairs, plus 40l, Paris prints. On arrival it was considered as underpaid (boxed stamp ΠΛΗΡ. ΑΝΕΠΑΡΚΗΣ -insufficiently paid). An extra charge of 15 lepta was added (handwritten 15) and a 5l, Paris print, plus a 10l, Athens provisional (coarse) print, were added. The extra rate cannot be explained, but the Postmaster of Argos at that time was known as inclined to misinterpret rates of Postage.



*Letter sheet mailed fully prepaid (boxed **ΠΕΔ**-foreign rate paid) from PEIRAEUS (December 9th 1862) to TRIEST, charged 75l and franked with 5l, plus 10l, plus 20l in dark blue, plus 40l, all Paris print.*

On the back handwritten 15 + 3 indicates the rates in Kreuzer for transport by Lloyd steamer and local delivery in Triest. The Kreutzer rates were handwritten on the front for unpaid and on reverse for prepaid letters.

1861 PARIS ISSUES
5 LEPTA



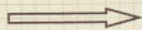
Letter sheet mailed unpaid from TRIEST to KALAMATA (September 1st 1862). On arrival it was charged 75l (handwritten in red), 3 Kreuzer for the local Triest delivery, plus 15 Kreuzer for the Lloyd steamer (both handwritten in blue)=18 Kreuzer = 55l, plus 20l for the Greek inland rate, but was franked with only 65l, by the addition of five 5l, plus a 40l, Paris print. Possibly a case of fraud by the Postal clerk.



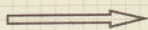
Letter sheet mailed from SPARTI (April 30th 1864) to ARGOS, franked with 5l, strip of four, Paris print, making up the single domestic rate of 20l.

1861 PARIS ISSUES
10 LEPTA

Inverted "0"
Position 3



Broken "1"
Position 13



Red orange, mint block of 4, (Positions 3-4 to 13-14), showing control number errors in two positions.
Unique.



Dull orange, mint corner
block of 4.



Used strip of 4, cancelled by
lozenge "67" of Syros.



Bright orange, mint
block of 4.



Letter sheet mailed from SYROS (December 13th 1861) to TRIPOLIS, charged 30l to pay for the Austrian ship rate and franked with 10l, strip of three, Paris print.

1861 PARIS ISSUES
10 LEPTA



Letter sheet mailed from CHALKIS (January 23th 1862) to CONSTANTINOPLE (prephilatelic arrival cds on the back), charged 50l to pay for the single rate to Greek Post Offices abroad and franked with five 10l, Paris print.



Letter sheet mailed from GASTOUNI (November 13th 1861) to PATRAI, franked with 10l, pair, Paris print, making up the single inland rate.

1861 PARIS ISSUES
20 LEPTA



Milky blue, marginal mint block of 6.



*Pale blue, used strip of 7, cancelled by lozenge "16" of Kranidion.
The largest recorded used multiple of this value.*



Letter sheet sent prepaid from SYROS (October 4th 1861) to MALTA, franked with 20l, strip of four, Paris print.

The rate to Malta was 90l, so the missing stamp on the cover was a 10l, Paris print.

1861 PARIS ISSUES
20 LEPTA



Blue, mint block of 4.



Gray blue, mint block of 4.



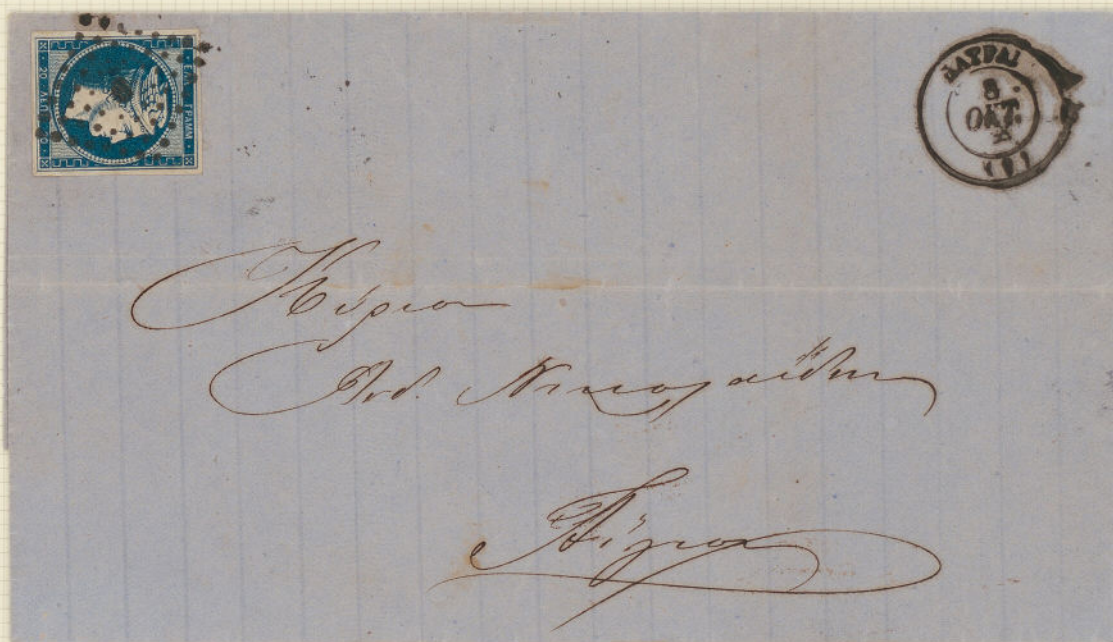
Dark blue, mint block of 4.



Used example, printed on
very thin transparent paper.



Used example, printed
on meshed paper.



Letter sheet mailed from PATRAI (October 8th 1861) to AIGION, franked with 20l, black blue, Paris print. This shade is called "Patras Blue", because it was used only in Patrai.

Six covers with this shade are recorded.

1861 PARIS ISSUES
20 LEPTA



Letter sheet mailed unpaid from TRIEST (November 22nd 1861 - Gregorian calendar) to NISION, charged on arrival 75l, paid by the addition of 5l, 10l, 20l, dark blue and 40l, Paris print.



Letter sheet mailed unpaid from PARIS (March 14th - Gregorian calendar) to SYROS. On arrival it was charged 132l (handwritten in red) consisting of 112l (1FF) for the sea transport, plus 20l for the Greek inland rate, paid by the addition of 2l, 20l, pair, and 80l, Paris print, plus 5l, pair, Athens provisional (coarse) print.

1861 PARIS ISSUES
40 LEPTA



Lilac on blue,
mint block of 4.



Letter sheet mailed unpaid from TRIEST to SYROS (arrival February 23rd 1862), charged 95l (local Triest and Lloyd rate, plus double Greek inland rate), paid by the addition of 40l, pair, Paris print, plus 5l and 10l, Athens provisional (coarse) print.

Postal rates with Austria (Treaty of November 26th, 1850)

Austrian domestic rate : 3 Kreutzer = 10 lepta

Ship rate with the Lloyd : 15 Kreutzer = 45 lepta

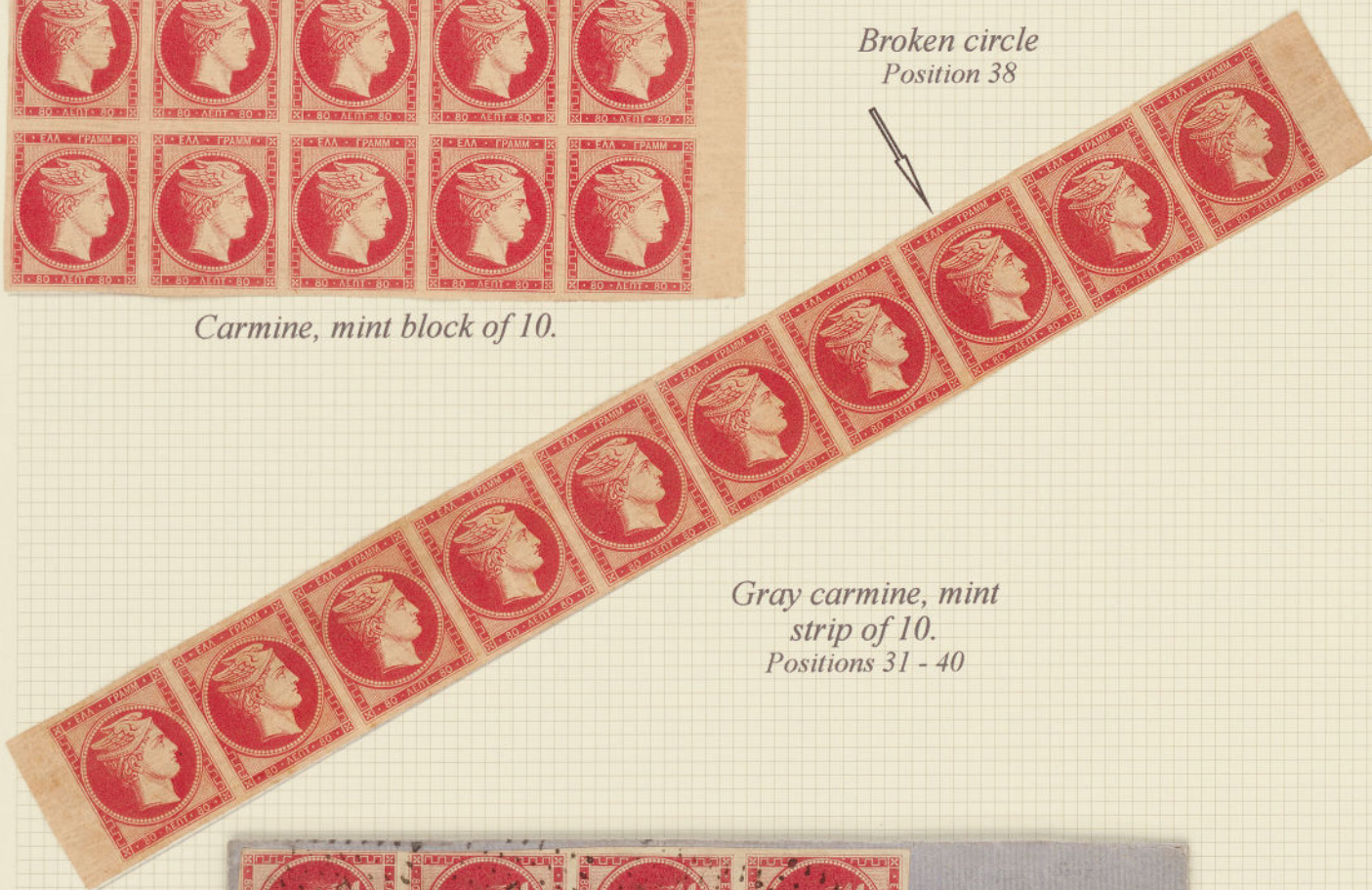
Greek domestic rates : single 20 lepta , double 40 lepta

1861 PARIS ISSUES
80 LEPTA



Carmine, mint block of 10.

*Broken circle
Position 38*



*Gray carmine, mint
strip of 10.
Positions 31 - 40*



Letter sheet mailed prepaid from SYROS (May 23rd 1862) to MANCHESTER, charged 320l and franked with 80l, vertical strip of four, Paris print.

The only such strip recorded on cover.

Postal rates (Treaty of 20 May 1844 with France)
Greece to England: 150 lepta single rate (up to 7,5 grams)
300 lepta double rate (7,5 to 15 grams)
20 lepta single Greek domestic rate

1861 PARIS ISSUES
80 LEPTA



Letter sheet with a weight between 7,5 and 15,0 grams, mailed prepaid from SYROS (January 24st 1862) to GENOVA, charged 260l and franked with 80l, vertical strip of three, plus 20l, Paris print.

Postal rates (Treaty of 20 May 1844 with France)

Greece to Genova: 120 lepta single rate (up to 7,5 grams)
240 lepta double rate (7,5 to 15 grams)
20 lepta single Greek domestic rate



Letter sheet mailed unpaid from MARSEILLE to PEIRAEUS (arrival cds February 15th, 1862), charged 244l (double French rate, plus single Greek domestic rate) and franked with three 80l, plus two 21, Paris print.

Postal rates (Treaty of 20 May 1844 with France)

Greece to England: 150 lepta single rate (up to 7,5 grams)
300 lepta double rate (7,5 to 15 grams)
20 lepta single Greek domestic rate

1861-62 ATHENS PROVISIONAL ISSUES
coarse impressions
20 LEPTA WITHOUT CONTROL NUMBERS

These are the first stamps printed in Athens. They constitute trials by the Greek printers to learn the method of printing. The result was coarse and heavy, with a variety of shades and papers. Under this denomination are included the so-called "quadrille" and "solid" background, visible chiefly in the medallion of the stamps.

SOLID BACKGROUND



Deep ultramarine



Indigo blue



Prussian blue



Deep blue

QUADRILLE BACKGROUND



Indigo blue



*Prussian blue with plate flaw
 "thin circle". Position 123.
 The sole recorded example.*



Deep blue



Deep ultramarine



Deep ultramarine



Deep ultramarine



Indigo blue



Indigo blue



*Indigo blue canceled by lozenge "22" of
 Agoulinitza.
 Three stamps with this cancelation are known.*

1861-62 ATHENS PROVISIONAL ISSUES
coarse impressions
20 LEPTA WITHOUT CONTROL NUMBERS



Letter sheet sent prepaid from ATHENS on **November 25th, 1861** to TRIEST, franked with a 20l deep Prussian blue, provisional print, without CN, showing quadrille background, in combination with three 5l and a 40l, Paris print, making up the rate of 75l to Trieste.

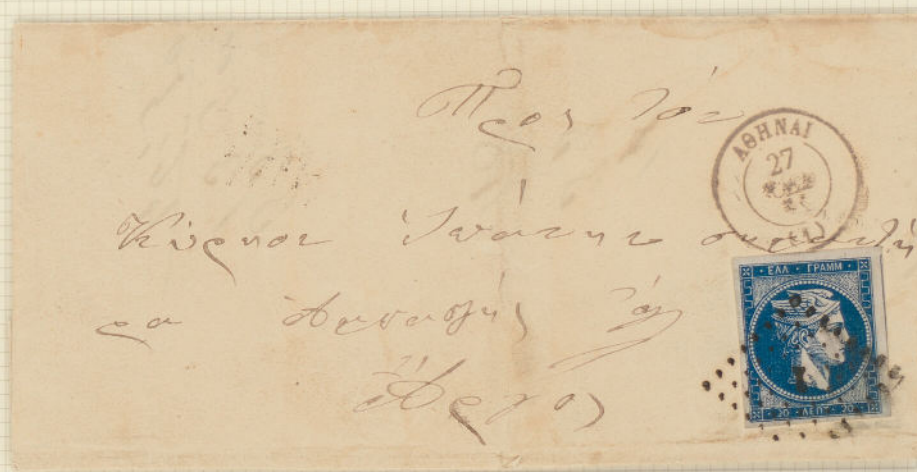
This is the earliest date of use of all Athens issues.
Two covers with this combination of issues are recorded up to now.

1861-62 ATHENS PROVISIONAL ISSUES
coarse impressions
20 LEPTA WITHOUT CONTROL NUMBERS



Letter sheet mailed from ATHENS on **November 25th 1861** to NAFPLION, franked with a 20l, ultramarine, without CN, with quadrille background, Athens provisional print.

15 covers are recorded bearing the 20 lepta Athens Provisional issue without CN.

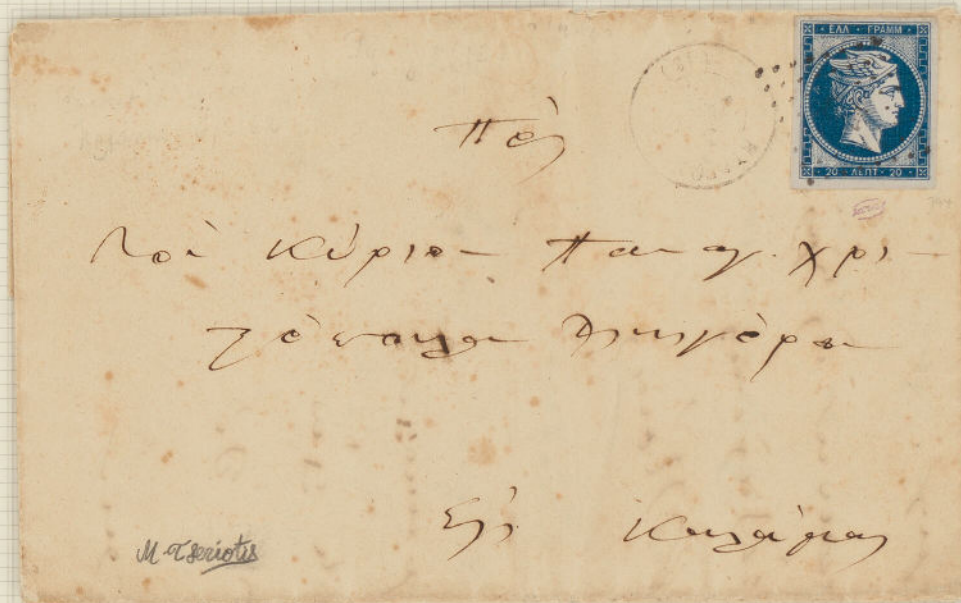


Letter sheet mailed from ATHENS on November 27th 1861 to ARGOS, franked with a 20l, deep ultramarine, without CN, with quadrille background, Athens provisional print.

1861-62 ATHENS PROVISIONAL ISSUES
coarse impressions
20 LEPTA WITHOUT CONTROL NUMBERS



Letter sheet handed over to the municipal Post office of the village ARAKINTHOS (municipal cancelation "AT61"), from there transferred to the Post Office of KARPENISION (March 4th 1862), where a 20l, deep blue, without CN, showing quadrille background, Athens provisional issues, was affixed to pay for the single inland rate to MESSOLONGION.



Letter sheet mailed from PYRGOS on February 5th, 1862 to KALAMAI, franked with a 20l, deep blue, without CN, with quadrille background, Athens provisional prints.

1861-62 ATHENS PROVISIONAL ISSUES
coarse impressions
2 LEPTA

The initial printings of the Athens issues, following the first Trials, were very coarse impressions. As the printers became more familiar with the printing process, the quality of the impressions improved significantly. All values (except the 1l and 2l) have distinctive control numbers on the back.



Brown on straw



Bistre, mint block of 15.



Newspaper ETHNOSINELEFSIS of December 28th 1862, mailed from ATHENS to MARSEILLE, franked with two 2l, provisional coarse prints, to pay for the rate for newspapers weighting between 70 to 90 grams.

1861-62 ATHENS PROVISIONAL ISSUES
coarse impressions
5 LEPTA



Gray green, mint blocks of 6.
The only two such multiples recorded.



Used strip of 6, cancelled by lozenge "I" of Athens.



Letter sheet sent from KARYTAINA (February 8th, 1864) to TRIPOLIS,
franked with 5l, strip of four, provisional coarse prints, with yellow cast on
the front.

1861-62 ATHENS PROVISIONAL ISSUES
coarse impressions
5 LEPTA



Used strip of 4 on thick paper, with yellow cast on the front.



Syros



Syros



Syros



Peiraeus

Double control numbers



Letter sheet mailed unpaid from TRIEST to SYROS (February 23rd, 1862), charged on arrival 75l, (3 Kreutzer Triest local rate, plus 15 Kreutzer Lloyd rate=18 Kreutzer=55l, plus 20l Greek domestic rate=75l), paid by the addition of 5l, vertical strip of three, provisional coarse prints, plus 20l and 40l, Paris prints.

1861-62 ATHENS PROVISIONAL ISSUES
coarse impressions
10 LEPTA



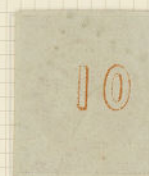
Yellow orange, used block of 4,
cancelled by lozenge "66" of Spetsai.
The sole recorded such block.



Inverted "1"
Position 136



Orange vermillion
shade



Inverted "0"
Position 89



Letter sheet sent from SYROS (January 28th, 1862) to ATHENS, franked with 10l, pair and five singles, coarse provisional prints, plus two 20l, Paris prints.

The 110l rate can not be explained. The letter was probably charged together with other items to the same addressee and therefore the stamps affixed do not correspond to the relevant rate.

1861-62 ATHENS PROVISIONAL ISSUES
coarse impressions
20 LEPTA



Deep blue



Deep ultramarine



Prussian blue



Blue, used strip of 5. Positions 81-85.

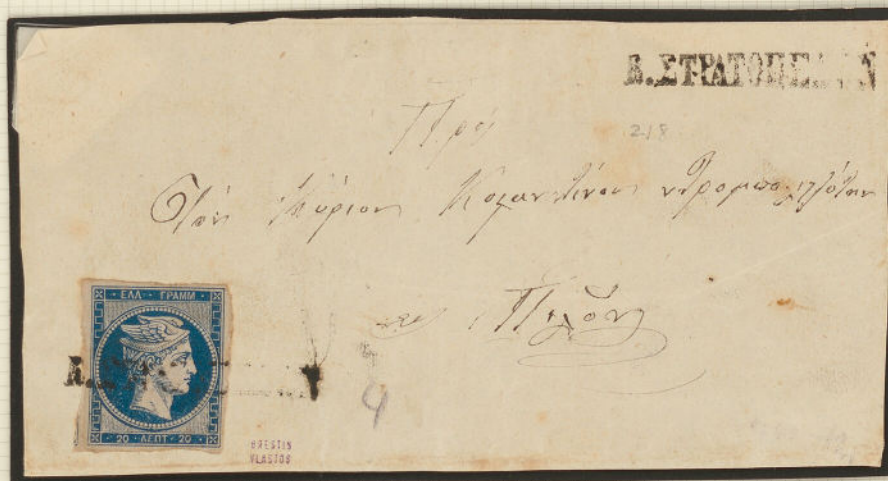


Letter sheet mailed from GALAXIDION (May 16th, 1862) to SYROS, franked with 20l, pair, Prussian blue with yellow cast, provisional coarse prints.



Letter sheet mailed from PYLOS (March 21st, 1862) to SYROS franked with two 20l, dark indigo blue, provisional coarse prints.

1861-62 ATHENS PROVISIONAL ISSUES
coarse impressions
20 LEPTA



Front of a letter sheet bearing a 20l Prussian blue, provisional coarse prints, mailed to PYLOS in early 1862. Cancelled by straight line handstamp **B. ΣΤΡΑΤΟΠΕΔΟΝ** (ROYAL MILITARY CAMP).

This cancellation was used for a short time on mail from king Otto's soldiers, who were engaged in putting down a local revolt. **Three such covers are recorded.**



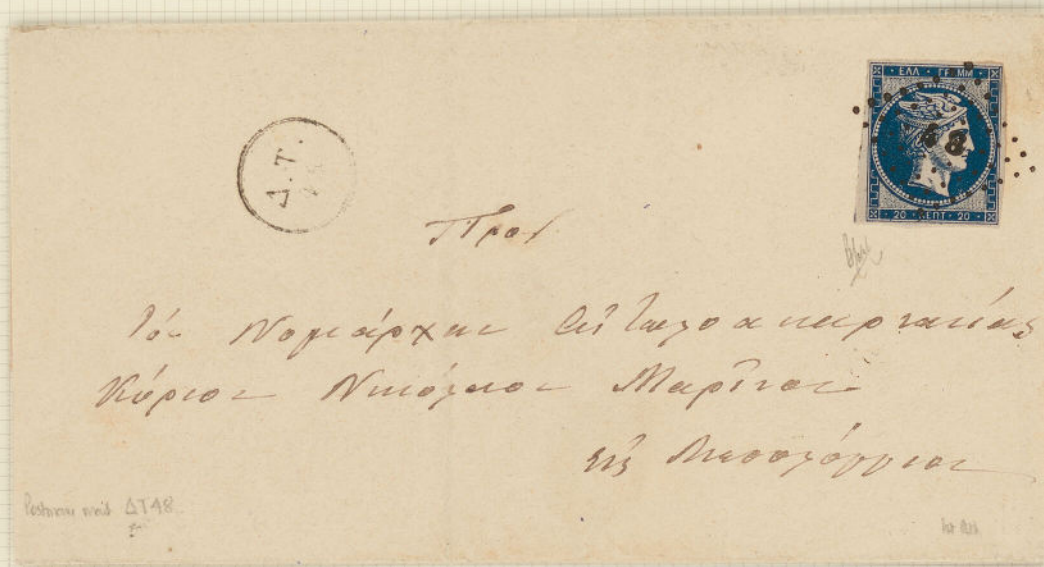
Letter sheet sent unpaid from THESSALONIKI to SYROS (April 7th, 1862), charged on arrival 50 lepta and franked with two 20l, Prussian blue with yellow cast, plus a 10l, provisional coarse prints.

Postal rates from Thessaloniki (at that time Turkey)
30 lepta rate for transmission by a French ship
20 lepta for Greek domestic rate

1861-62 ATHENS PROVISIONAL ISSUES
coarse impressions
20 LEPTA



Letter sheet from the village GARGALIANOI, canceled initially by triangular municipal ΔΤ 204 handstamp, transferred from there to the nearest Post Office at FILLATRA (March 17th, 1862), where a 20l chalky blue, provisional coarse prints, was affixed, and delivered to the final destination of PATRAI.



Letter sheet from a village near NAFPAKTOS, cancelled initially by rare cyclical municipal handstamp ΔΤ ?, transferred from there to the Post Office of NAFPAKTOS where a 20l, indigo blue, provisional coarse prints, was affixed. Final destination was MESSOLONGION (arrival cds on the back, March 19th, 1862).

1861-62 ATHENS PROVISIONAL ISSUES
coarse impressions
40 LEPTA



*Violet, used strip of 4, tied by lozenge "1" of Athens.
Two such strips are known.*



Dull violet



*Thick paper
(d=10,0μ)*



Very coarse print



Single rate letter sheet mailed unpaid from PARIS to SYROS (arrival cds April 4th, 1862), charged 132l and franked with two 1l, and a 80l, Paris prints plus a 10l and a 40l, Athens provisional coarse prints.

Postal rates

1FF=112l rate to Greece by a French steamer

20l Greek domestic rate

Total 132l

1861-62 ATHENS PROVISIONAL ISSUES
fine impressions
1 LEPTON



*Deep chocolate brown, mint block of 9.
 The largest block of this value recorded.*



Letter sheet mailed from PYLOS (April 22nd 1863) to PATRAI, franked with 1l, fine provisional print, a strip of three and a pair, plus 10l, fine provisional print and 5l, coarse provisional print.

This letter is the only known with five examples of 1l, fine provisional print.

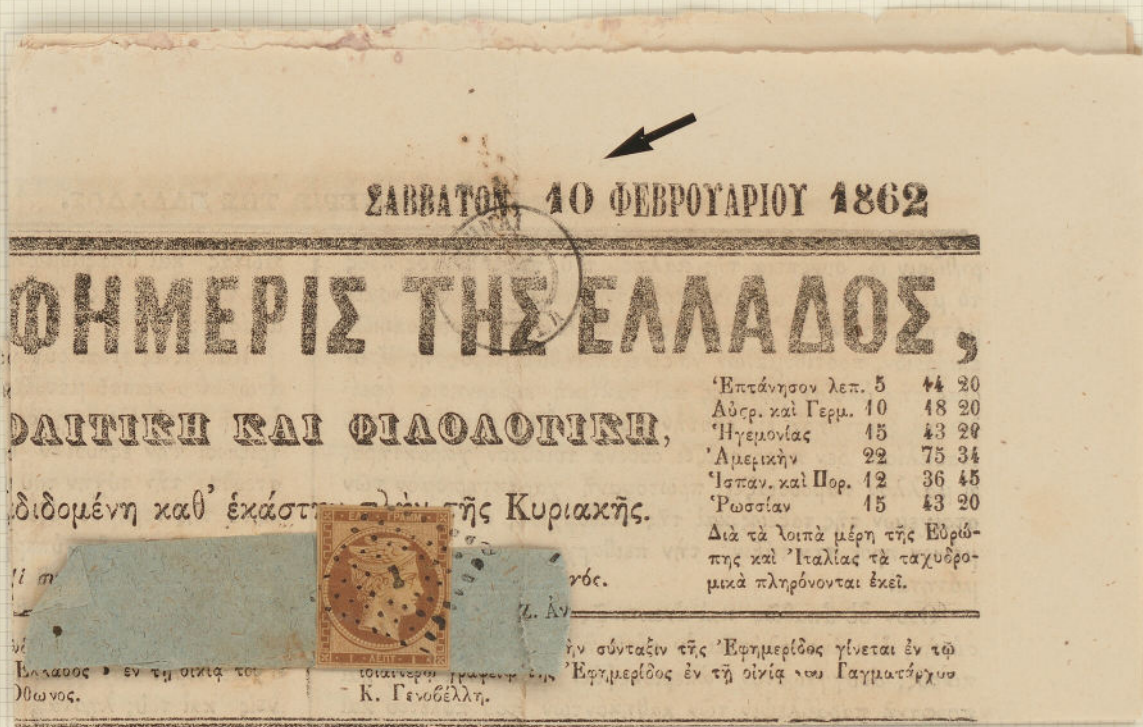
1861-62 ATHENS PROVISIONAL ISSUES
fine impressions
1 LEPTON



Brown, mint block of 6.



*Bistre brown, mint strip of 5.
The largest multiple of this shade recorded.*



*Newspaper ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΕΦΗΜΕΡΙΣ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ of February 10th 1862,
sent from ATHENS to KYMI (arrival cds February 14, 1862 on reverse).
The earliest recorded date of use for the 11 provisional prints.*

1861-62 ATHENS PROVISIONAL ISSUES
fine impressions
2 LEPTA



Brown bistre, mint block of 15.



Letter sheet mailed unpaid from VALENCE SUR RHONE (February 20th, 1863) to ATHENS. On arrival it was charged 132l (single rate from France) and was franked with a 2l, provisional fine print, plus 10l, 40l and 80l, consecutive print.

1861-62 ATHENS PROVISIONAL ISSUES
fine impressions
5 LEPTA



Yellow green, mint block of 12.
(Positions 115-117 to 145-147).
One of the two largest blocks recorded.



Letter sheet mailed from TRIEST to SYROS (arrival cds March 1st, 1862),
charged 75l and franked with 5l, provisional fine prints, vertical strip of
three, plus 20l, with intense yellow cast, and 40l, provisional coarse prints.

1861-62 ATHENS PROVISIONAL ISSUES
fine impressions
10 LEPTA



Orange, mint block of 4.
The only recorded.



Double CN
on an unused stamp



Spaced CN



Inverted "1"
Position 54



Letter sheet of the 2nd weigh scale mailed from SKIATHOS (June 22, 1862) to CHALKIS, franked with 10l, two pairs, provisional fine prints.
The two central stamps have distant control numbers (Positions 138-139).

1861-62 ATHENS PROVISIONAL ISSUES
fine impressions
20 LEPTA



Dark blue



Blue

*Gray blue, used block of 4, cancelled
by lozenge "13" of Pyrgos.
(Positions 67-68 to 77-78).
The only recorded.*



*Dark blue, used strip of 4, cancelled
by lozenge "18" of Tripolis.
(Positions 15-18).*



*Letter sheet mailed from PATRAI (July 26th, 1862) to NISION,
franked with a 20l, deep blue, provisional fine prints.*

1861-62 ATHENS PROVISIONAL ISSUES
fine impressions
40 LEPTA



Pale violet



Oxidation of color
(Printing flaw-line above 40 lepta)



Violet



Prepaid letter sheet mailed from SYROS (July 11th, 1862) to MALTA (on the back Malta arrival cds July 31st, 1862), franked with two 40l, plus a 10l, provisional fine prints. In Malta an extra 2d (handwritten 2) was charged for the domestic rate.

Postal rates

The postal rate to Malta was 125l until December 31st 1861.
From January 1st 1862 it was reduced to 90l.

ATHENS CONSECUTIVE ISSUES

1862 - 67

1 LEPTON

These issues exist in an extremely large number of different impressions, shades and papers, with results varying from fine early printings to coarser, generally later, ones.

The 80l value was printed for the first time in Athens during this period.

The so-called "May 1862 issue", consisting of the early fine impressions, is not classified as a separate issue.



Letter sheet of the first weight scale (up to 15 grams) mailed from PATRAI (August 23rd 1868) to AIGION, franked with 1l, brown, ten examples, with horizontal lined medallion, plus a 10l, consecutive print, making up the 20l single inland rate.



Copper brown, used strip of ten, tied by lozenge "72" of Korthion.

ATHENS CONSECUTIVE ISSUES

1862 - 67

1 LEPTON



Letter sheet mailed from ARGOSTOLION (June 25th 1865) to KERKYRA, charged 26l to pay for the single Inter Ionian islands rate and franked with 1l, strip of six, plus 20l, consecutive print.



Registered letter sheet (boxed **ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΟΝ**) mailed from ARGOSTOLION (March 6th 1868) to KERKYRA, franked with two 1l, 10l and 40l, consecutive print, making up the Inter Ionian rate of 52l for registered letters, that were charged at double the single rate.

March 6th 1868 is the latest recorded date for the use of the 26l rate.

The rate was then reduced to 25l.

ATHENS CONSECUTIVE ISSUES
1862 - 67
2 LEPTA



*Yellow bistre, mint block of 12.
First printing of the value during this period.*



*Gray bistre, used block of 10, cancelled
by lozenge "39" of Thivai.*



*Printed matter mailed from PATRAI (July 15th 1866) to AIGION
franked with two 2l, consecutive prints.*

Postal rates for Printed Matter

*4 lepta basic rate for a weight up to 10 grams, with an increase of 2l for every
additional 5 grams.*

ATHENS CONSECUTIVE ISSUES

1862 - 67

2 LEPTA



Diploma

Monsieur

Monsieur Gerassimo A. Lucato

Agent Consulaire du
Royaume de Belgique

Cefalonie

Triple weight cover (endorsed 'Diploma') mailed prepaid by Austrian ship from KERKYRA to CEFALONIA. Charged 84 lepta, consisting of 3 times the Austrian ship rate of 26 lepta = 78 lepta, plus the Printed Matter rate for a weight between 10 and 15 grams, of 6 lepta. The amount was paid by the addition of 2l, two examples and 80l, consecutive print.

ATHENS CONSECUTIVE ISSUES

1862 - 67

5 LEPTA



Green, mint block of 10.
The largest multiple recorded.



Gray green, used
block of 6.



Blue green, used block of 4.
(first print of the value,
with blue green CN).



Yellow green, mint
block of 6.



Letter sheet of the 2nd weight scale (15-30 grams) sent from GYTHEION (December 24th 1870) to ATHENS, franked with eight 5l, consecutive print, in different shades, making up the double inland rate of 40 leptas.

ATHENS CONSECUTIVE ISSUES

1862 - 67

5 LEPTA



M. Tseriotis

Κερκυρα
Νεγιον Παραπομπη Ταχυμετα

1881

Στ Νεγιον

Letter sheet of the 3rd weight scale (30-45 grams) mailed from PAXOI
(December 6th 1881) to KERKYRA, franked with 5l, a pair, plus a strip of
ten, consecutive print, making up the triple domestic rate of 60l.

The only such strip, on or off cover, recorded.

ATHENS CONSECUTIVE ISSUES

1862 - 67

5 LEPTA

Newspaper ΠΑΛΙΓΓΕΝΕΣΙΑ mailed prepaid from ATHENS (September 12th 1868) to PARIS, charged 14l and franked with 2l, two pieces, plus 5l, pair, consecutive print.

Postal treaty Greece-France 29.11.1866
Newspapers up to 40 grams, prepaid 14l.



Newspaper ΑΛΗΘΕΙΑ mailed from ATHENS (January 21st 1868), franked with 5l, consecutive print, to pay for the inland newspaper rate for a weight between 90 and 110 grams.

Έτος Γ. Αριθ. 560. ΕΝ ΑΘΗΝΑΙΣ, 1868.

Παρασκευή

ΑΛΗΘΕΙΑ.

(Ενταῦθα τιμη ἐτήσια δρ. 46) ἐν ἀλλοδαπῇ ἔξ τὰς ἐπαρχίας..... » 20) φρ. 30 ἢ 40) Ἐκδιδόμενη δίκαις τῆς ἐβδομάδος. (Τιμὴ καταχωρ. δι' ἑκάστον στίχον λεπ. 40) (Δ' ἑκάστην εἰδοποιῶσιν (ἐκ 10 στίχ.) δρ. 8)

ΑΘΗΝΗΣ, 12 Ἰανουαρίου 1868.

Τηλεγραφήματα.

ἡγεῖται κυβερνήσιν, ὅσον οἰόν τε ἀνεξάρτητον ἀπὸ τῆς Πορτας, καὶ ὅσον τὸ δυνατόν εἰς χεῖρας τῶν χριστιανῶν ἀνατεθειμένην. Τὸ τηλεγράφημα ἐκποᾷ σὺν τῇ ἑνὶ ἡμέρᾳ ἀποδεδειγμένην.

ATHENS CONSECUTIVE ISSUES

1862 - 67

10 LEPTA



Red orange on blue, mint block of eight.
(Positions 5-8 to 15-18).

One of the two such blocks recorded.



Letter sheet of the 2nd weight scale mailed from PAXOI (February 11th 1868) to KERKYRA, charged 52l to pay for the double inter Ionian islands rate and franked with 1l, pair, plus 10l orange on blue, strip of five, consecutive print.

ATHENS CONSECUTIVE ISSUES
1862 - 67
10 LEPTA



←
 Plate flaw
 swollen circle
 (Position 40)

*Orange on greenish blue, block of fifteen.
 (Positions 36-40 to 56-60).
 One of the two such blocks recorded.*



*Registered letter sheet sent from ERMIONI (April 9th 1864) to PIRAEUS,
 franked with 10l, orange on greenish blue, two vertical pairs,
 consecutive print.*

*Registration was charged at double the postage rate.
 Ermioni Post Office red wax seal on reverse.*

ATHENS CONSECUTIVE ISSUES

1862 - 67

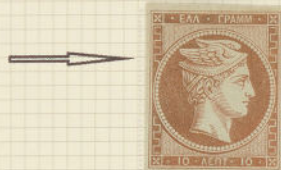
10 LEPTA



ZANTE ERROR

*Control numbers printed inverted
on the front.*

*Left upper meander
connected to the cir-
cle. Position 107*



Flesh red shade on a mint stamp.



Salmon shade



"1" inverted on a mint stamp.

(Position 69)

The only example recorded.



*Red orange on blue, used strip of 6, cancelled by cds "85"
of Constantinople.*

ATHENS CONSECUTIVE ISSUES

1862 - 67

20 LEPTA



Gray blue, mint block of 6.
(Positions 78-80 to 88-90).
The largest multiple recorded.



Used strip of 6, cancelled by lozenge "22" of
AGOULINITSA.



Letter sheet sent unpaid from TRIEST to KRANIDI (arrival cds June 3rd 1867), charged 80l (3+10 Kreuzer for the local Triest and the Lloyd rate=40l, plus 40l for the double Greek inland rate), paid by the addition of 20l, strip of four, in the rare black blue shade, consecutive print.

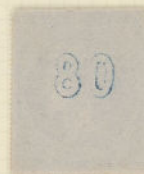
ATHENS CONSECUTIVE ISSUES
 1862 - 67
 20 LEPTA



*Copy without
 control numbers.*



Double "20"



*"80" error for "20"
 on a mint example.
 (Position 63)*



*A fragment with three 20l, plus one bisected, cancelled by
 cds of Pyrgos, March 2nd 1873.
 One of the two bisected 20l, consecutive print, recorded.*



*Milky blue, used block of 4, cancelled
 by lozenge "23" of Megalopolis.*

ATHENS CONSECUTIVE ISSUES

1862 - 67

20 LEPTA



Letter sheet of the 4th weight scale (60 to 100 grams) sent from XIROCHORION (February 19th 1865) to ATHENS, charged 80l to pay for the quadruple internal rate and franked with 20l, corner block of four, consecutive prints.

Two such blocks on cover are recorded.



Letter sheet mailed prepaid from THIVAI (February 17th 1867) to VENICE, charged 80l (10 Kreuzer for Austrian inland delivery, plus 10 Kreuzer for Lloyd sea transfer=20 Kreuzer=60l, plus 20l for the Greek inland rate) and franked with 20l, blue on greenish paper, block of four, consecutive print.

ATHENS CONSECUTIVE ISSUES

1862 - 67

20 LEPTA



Letter sheet of the 2nd weight class mailed unpaid from TRIEST (January 30th 1864) to NAFRLION, charged on arrival 150l to pay for the double Triest local delivery, plus the double Lloyd rate (6+30=36 Kreuzer=110l), plus the double Greek inland rate of 40l=150l. The amount was paid by the addition of 10l, plus 20l, seven pieces, consecutive print.



Letter sheet mailed from the village of LIGOUDITSA to NAFPLION, initially franked with a single 20l, cancelled with the municipal canceller ΔΤ154 of the village. Considered later as underpaid it was franked again with a second 20l, similarly cancelled ΔΤ154, with the second stamp partially covering the initial cancellation.
On reverse arrival Nafplion arrival cds July 7th 1866.

ATHENS CONSECUTIVE ISSUES

1862 - 67

20 LEPTA



Letter sheet mailed unpaid from LONDON (October 6th 1864), through France, to TRIPOLIS, charged on arrival 415l (handwritten in red) consisting of $2\frac{1}{2}$ times the rate of 150l from England ($150 \times 2\frac{1}{2} = 375$ l), plus 40l for the double Greek inland rate = 415l.

The amount was paid by the addition of 5l, provisional fine print, plus 10l, 80l, pair, and 20l, strip of five, strip of three and four singles, consecutive print.

ATHENS CONSECUTIVE ISSUES

1862 - 67

20 LEPTA



Prepaid letter sheet of the 2nd weight class mailed from PATRAI (October 18th 1862) to TRIEST, charged 150l consisting of the double Lloyd and the Triest local delivery rate (6+30 = 36 Kreuzer = 110l), plus 40l for the Greek inland rate, paid by the addition of 40l, two pieces, Paris print, plus 10l, provisional coarse print, plus 20l, strip of three, consecutive print. A combination of three different issues.



Envelope mailed initially from ATHENS to PATRAI (August 7th 1866) franked with a 20l, consecutive print. Next day the letter was brought again to the Post Office where it was franked with a second 20l, and mailed from PATRAI to AIGION, because most probably the addressee had moved. A strange case of double postage of the same letter.

ATHENS CONSECUTIVE ISSUES

1862 - 67

40 LEPTA



Gray lilac on blue, mint block of 6.
The largest recorded multiple of this shade.



Grayish rose on gray lilac, used strip of 8, cancelled by cds of Athens June 26th 1866.
(In order to fit on the cover the strip was cut in two pieces and the second one was affixed vertically under the first in a L-form, as can be concluded by combining the cds on the sixth and the two last stamps).



Letter sheet mailed unpaid from TRIEST to PATRAI (October 24th 1868), charged on arrival 70l and franked with 10l, plus 20l, plus 40l, in the rare red wine lilac shade, consecutive print.

Six covers bearing this stamp are recorded.

ATHENS CONSECUTIVE ISSUES

1862 - 67

40 LEPTA



Letter sheet mailed from PARIS to SYROS (June 21st 1867), charged on arrival 132l and franked with 2l, plus 10l, plus 40l, a single and a pair, consecutive print.

Postal rates from and to France (Treaty of May 1844)

French ship rate (for letters up to 7,5 grams) 1FF = 112 lepta

Greek domestic rate (up to 15 grams) 20 lepta

Total 132 lepta



(Photocopy of the 40l reverse).



Letter sheet mailed from TRIEST to ATHENS (April 23rd 1864), charged on arrival 75l and franked with 5l, 10l, 20l and 40l, consecutive prints.

The 40l stamp shows double control numbers on reverse.

The only such error on cover recorded.

ATHENS CONSECUTIVE ISSUES

1862 - 67

80 LEPTA with orange CN

These were the first prints of the 80l value in Greece.



Deep carmine, mint marginal pair, with vertically lined medallion.



Carmine, used strip of five, cancelled by lozenge "1" of Athens.



Letter sheet sent unpaid from MARSEILLE to ATHENS (arrival cds June 6th 1862), charged 432l (handwritten in red), and franked with 10l, Paris prints, 2l, plus 20l, provisional prints and 80l, with orange control numbers, strip of four, plus single, consecutive prints.

Postal rates

3 1/2 times the basic rate France—Greece 3 1/2 x 112l = 392 lepta

double Greek domestic rate

2 x 20l = 40 lepta

TOTAL

432 lepta

ATHENS CONSECUTIVE ISSUES

1862 - 67

80 LEPTA with carmine CN



Mint block of 4, with
inverted "8" of CN in Position 91.



Double CN on a
mint stamp.



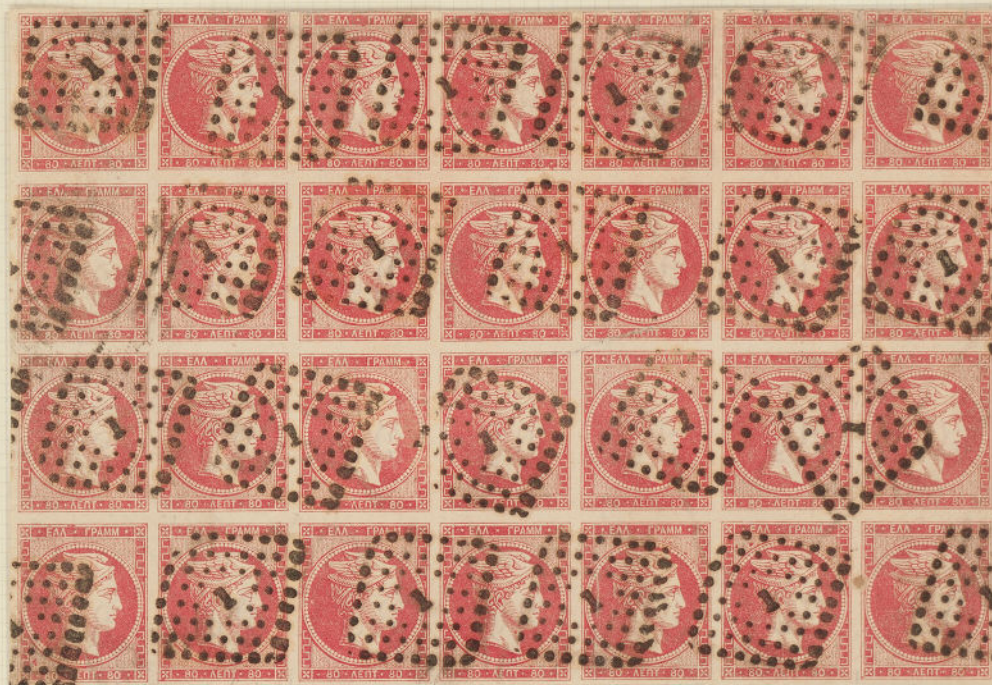
Used pair without CN (Positions 141-
142), tied by lozenge "1" of Athens.
One of the two recorded.



ATHENS ERROR
Inverted CN



Bisected copy canceled by Alexandria cds.
One of the two recorded.



Used block of 28, cancelled by lozenge "1" of Athens.
Positions 83-89 to 113-119.
The largest used multiple of this value recorded.

ATHENS CONSECUTIVE ISSUES

1862 - 67

80 LEPTA with carmine CN



Large envelope mailed from the Greek Post office in CONSTANTINOPLE (dispatch cds July 1st 1866) to the Russian Consulate in PATRAI. On arrival it was taxed 7151 (handwritten in red), paid by the addition of 51, plus 101, plus 201, plus 401, plus 801, eight pieces, consecutive print.

(One 801 stamp has dropped from the letter)

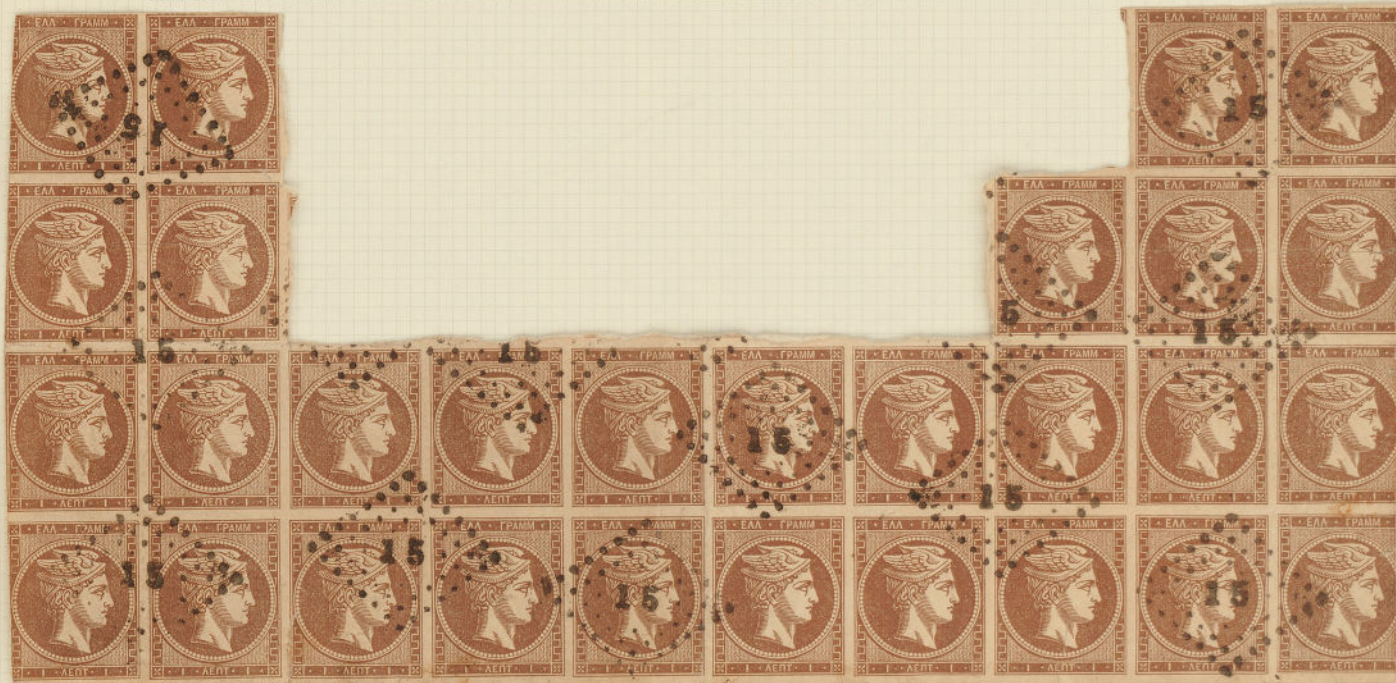
The second highest franking with Large Hermes heads recorded..

CLEANED PLATES ISSUES

1867 - 69

1 LEPTON

*These issues followed a thorough cleaning of the plates of all seven values.
The first printings were very clear and fine but very soon the quality
of the printing deteriorated.*



*Grey brown, irregular used block of 29, cancelled
by lozenge "15" of Nafplion.
The largest multiple recorded.*



*Fragment of the newspaper ΕΘΝΟΦΥΛΑΞ sent from ATHENS (December 18th
1869) to the island of FOLEGANDROS, franked with 1l, strip of three,
cleaned plates prints.*

3l was the 3rd weight class (50 to 70 grams) rate for newspapers.

CLEANED PLATES ISSUES

1867 - 69

1 LEPTON



Letter sheet of the 2nd weight class mailed from PATRAI (January 3rd 1880) to AIGION, charged 40l and franked with 30l, Athens print, plus 1l, a pair, a strip of three and a strip of five (affixed on the back), cleaned plates prints.
A late use of the 1l, cleaned plates and an unusual combination of prints.



Letter sheet mailed from ZAKYNTHOS (November 15th 1870) to KYTHIRA, franked with 1l, five pieces, cleaned plates prints, plus 20l, special hard prints, making up the reduced Inter Ionian islands rate of 25l.

CLEANED PLATES ISSUES

1867 - 69

2 LEPTA



Dark gray bistre , mint block of 9.



Pale clay bistre, used block of 6, tied by lozenge "39" of Thivai.



Letter sheet sent from PATRAI (January 12th, 1872) to ATHENS, franked with 21, a pair, plus two singles, cleaned plates prints and, 11, two singles, plus a 10l, consecutive prints, making up the single domestic rate of 20l.

CLEANED PLATES ISSUES

1867 - 69

5 LEPTA



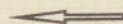
Grey green



Double CN



Green



Broken circle
Position 129



Gray green, used block of 4, cancelled
by cds of Athens, August 31st 1874.



Yellow green, used strip of 4, cancelled
by cds of Kerkyra, August 6th 1877.
Positions 11-14. Deformed "5" of the CN in position 13.



Green, used strip of 4, cancelled
by cds of Alexandria, January 24th 1874.



Letter sheet sent from KERKYRA (October 29th 1869) to ATHENS,
franked with 5l, strip of four, cleaned plates prints.

CLEANED PLATES ISSUES

1867 - 69

10 LEPTA



*Orange, mint block of 6.
The largest multiple recorded.*



*Inverted "1" and "0"
(Position 123)*



*Thin circle
Position 143*

*Red orange, used block of 4, cancelled
by cds of Nafplion, August 28th 1874.*



*Inverted "0"
on bluish paper.*



Double Control Numbers



Flesh red shade.



*Spaced CN and inverted "0"
on a mint stamp.
(Position 2)*

CLEANED PLATES ISSUES
1867 - 69
10 LEPTA



ATALANTI ERROR
Inverted Control Numbers



Red orange,
mint block of 4.



Brick orange,
mint strip of 3.



Pale orange, used strip of 4,
cancelled by cds of Peiraeus.



Prepaid letter sheet (boxed PD in red) mailed from ANDROS—KASTRON (January 9th 1870) to MARSEILLE, charged 70l, paid by the addition of 10l, strip of three, plus strip of four, cleaned plates prints.

CLEANED PLATES ISSUES

1867 - 69

10 LEPTA



Letter sheet of the 2nd weight class mailed from LEONIDION (February 15th 1875) to SPARTI, franked with 10l, strip of four, cleaned plates prints.
Third and fourth stamps showing inverted '1' of the CN.



Copy of the newspaper ΝΕΟΛΟΓΟΣ, mailed from CONSTANTINOPLE (September 20th 1869) to ATHENS, charged 12l for the double newspaper rate abroad, paid by the addition of 2l, plus 10l, cleaned plates prints.

CLEANED PLATES ISSUES

1867 - 69

20 LEPTA



Sky blue, used block of 14, Positions 64-70 to 74-80.

(9 stamps show inverted '0' in the control numbers).

The largest multiple recorded.



Without CN
(Position 150)



Mint stamp with
inverted "0"



Printing of the spacer



Prepaid letter sheet sent by the Austrian Lloyd from ZAKYNTHOS (September 14th, 1869), via Vienna and Odessa, to TAGANROG, Russia (an unusual route, as the usual one was through Constantinople). To pay for the rate of 100l, five pieces of 20l, cleaned plates prints, were added.

CLEANED PLATES ISSUES

1867 - 69

20 LEPTA



Double CN



Envelope of a telegram received in SYROS (January 25th, 1869), charged 20l for the local delivery and franked with a 20l, cleaned plates prints.

CLEANED PLATES ISSUES

1867 - 69

40 LEPTA



Mint block of 9, with the centre stamp (Position 127) showing CN error wrong '2' corrected manually to '4'.



Reddish lilac on greenish, used strip of 6, tied by cds of Sparta January 29th 1892.
The largest used multiple recorded.



Letter sheet of the 2nd weight scale mailed unpaid from MANCHESTER to SYROS (January 1st 1870), charged on arrival 230l (handwritten in blue) and franked with 10l, 20l, a pair and a single, plus 40l, two pairs, cleaned plates prints.

Postal rates England—Greece (Treaty of December 7th, 1868)

Single rate (up to 15,0 grams)	Prepaid : 92 lepta (8d)	Unpaid : 115 lepta (10d)
Double rate (15,0 to 30,0grams)	Prepaid : 184 lepta (1s. 4d)	Unpaid: 230 lepta (1s. 8d)

CLEANED PLATES ISSUES

1867 - 69

40 LEPTA



Fragment of a letter franked with an 80l, consecutive prints, plus a 10l (with inverted "0" of the CN) and a 40l, cleaned plates prints.

The stamps are cancelled by cds of Athens April 30th 1868.

The earliest recorded dates until 2006 were June 20th 1868 for the 40l value and January 30th 1869 for the 10l value.

This discovery was announced by the collection owner in an article published in issue 636 (January—February 2006) of the Philotelia magazine of Greece.



Front of a letter sheet sent unpaid from ANTWERP (Belgium) via Marseille (handwritten under the stamps) to SYROS (December 13th 1868).

On arrival 330l were charged ($2\frac{1}{2}$ times the French ship rate of 124l=310l, plus 20l for the Greek inland rate, paid by the addition of a 10l, consecutive prints, plus 40l, three pairs and two singles, cleaned plates prints.

Postal rates Greece—Belgium via France

French ship rate (on a basis of 7,5 grams) : 124 lepta

Greek inland rate : 20 lepta

CLEANED PLATES ISSUES
1867 - 69



Envelope of the 2nd weight scale, sent prepaid and registered from KERKYRA (September 16th 1869) to PADOVA in Italy, charged 260l to pay for the double Italian ship rate (2x65l), plus the double registration rate (2x65l) and franked with four groups of stamps (already precut by the postal clerk in order to facilitate his work), each one consisting of a 5l, a 20l and a 40l, cleaned plates prints.

Postal rates Greece-Italy (Treaty of December 17th, 1865)

(On the basis of 10 grams)

Transmission by Greek, Austrian or Italian ships: 65 lepta (60 centecimi)

Transmission by French ships: 90 lepta (80 centecimi)

Registration rate : 65 lepta (60 centecimi)

1 LEPTON

Прог⁵

Иванна А. Орозара

ис Кривска



Printed matter of the 2nd weight class mailed from KERKYRA (July 30th 1870) to PREVESIA, franked with 1l, 1870 print and 5l, cleaned plates print, making up the 6l rate for printed matters sent to Greek Post Offices abroad.

SPECIAL HARD ISSUES
1870
20 LEPTA



Deep "Sevres" blue, mint pair.



*Milky blue, used block of 6, cancelled by cds of Nafplion.
The largest multiple recorded.*



*Milky blue, used strip of 4,
cancelled by cds of Syros.*



*Deep "Sevres" blue, used strip of 4,
cancelled by cds of Piraeus.*



*Blue, used strip of 5,
cancelled by cds of Monemvasia.*



*Displaced and
inverted CN*



*Triple CN
(Two in milky blue and one in deep blue shade).
The only recorded.*



*"02" instead of "20"
with the "0" not inverted
Position 21*

SPECIAL HARD ISSUES

1870

20 LEPTA



Letter sheet mailed prepaid (oval ΔΠ ΔΙΚΑΙΩΜΑ ΠΛΗΡΩΘΕΝ - rate paid) from CONSTANTINOPLE (January 29th 1871) with an Austrian steamer to ATHENS, franked with 20l, vertical pair, 1870 special print.



Envelope of the 2nd weight class mailed registered (boxed ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΟΝ - registered) from MESSINI (September 8th 1870) to PIRAEUS, charged 80l and franked with four 20l, 1870 special print.

LATER CLEANED PLATES ISSUES

1871—72

1 LEPTON

These stamps are usually called "printings on paper of inferior quality". Actually their paper does not differ greatly from the papers used during the proceeding issues. In fact the 1871-72 printings are the continuation of the "cleaned plates" issues.



Chestnut brown, used pair.



Blackish brown, mint block of 4.



Reddish brown, used pair.



Letter sheet mailed prepaid from MESSOLONGION (January 28th 1872) to TRIEST, charged 55l for the prepaid Lloyd rate and franked with 11, three marginal strips of five, plus 20l, pair, later cleaned plates print.

LATER CLEANED PLATES ISSUES
1871—72
2 LEPTA



Flesh bistre, mint block of 6.



Grey bistre, used block of 6.



Yellow bistre, mint block of 6.



Envelope bearing a preprinted value of 20l mailed from KERKYRA (November 15th 1895)- very late use- to TRIEST. To complete the UPU rate of 30l a 2l, strip of five, later cleaned plates print, was added.

LATER CLEANED PLATES ISSUES
1871—72
5 LEPTA



Small fragment with two 5l, later cleaned plates print, showing both Control Numerals inverted, plus a 10l, meshed paper print.

Unique.



Sage green



Green, used block of 4.



Grayish green



Double CN



Letter sheet mailed from GYTHEION (February 17th 1877) to ATHENS, franked with 5l, strip of 4, later cleaned plates print.

LATER CLEANED PLATES ISSUES

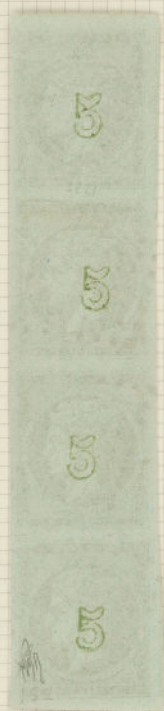
1871—72

5 LEPTA

Newspaper sent
from
ZAKYNTHOS
(July 4th 1872) to
the Greek poet Ar-
istotelis Valaoritis
in VENEZIA, redi-
rected from there
to BATTAGLIA.
To pay for the 10l
rate for newspa-
pers up to 40
grams sent
abroad, two 5l,
later cleaned
plates print, were
affixed.



Used vertical
strip of 4,
cancelled by
lozenge '2' of
Peiraeus.
The Control
Numerals are
not aligned
vertically.



Used strip of 4, cancelled by cds of Gytheion. All stamps
show the typical for this print ink blots at the CN.

LATER CLEANED PLATES ISSUES
1871—72
20 LEPTA



*Cobalt blue, used block of 4.
 (Positions 63-64 to 73-74).
 One of the two recorded.*

Thin circle
 →



*Gray blue, mint block of 4.
 (Positions 72-73 to 82-83).*



Steel blue, mint strip of four.



Fragment with 20l, pair and single, with a further diagonally bisected example, cancelled by cds of Nafplion, December 8th 1872.



*Used strip of 4. (Positions 31-34). The stamp
 in position 31 shows the '0' of the CN inverted.*

LATER CLEANED PLATES ISSUES

1871—72

20 LEPTA



*Used strip of 3, with all stamps showing double CN.
The only such multiple recorded.*



*Vertically printed at the
back*



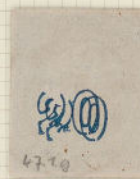
*Diagonally printed at the
back*



*Diagonally printed at
the front*

Second control numbers showing mirror printing

*During this period there are some cases where a second CN appears mirror printed
either at the front or at the back of the stamp, in different places and angles.
Most probably the reason for this was the careless placing of fresh printed sheets,
where the ink at the back had yet to dry out on others already printed.*



Double CN



*Combination of two errors:
Double CN plus inverted '0'.
Position 79*

LATER CLEANED PLATES ISSUES
1871—72
40 LEPTA



Rosy flesh, mint block of 8.
(Positions 11-14 to 21-24).



Yellow flesh, mint block of 4.
(Positions 18-19 to 28-29).



Rosy flesh, mint block of 4.
(Positions 38-39 to 48-49).



Inverted "0"
Position 15



Double CN



Letter sheet of the 5th weight class mailed unpaid from KERKYRA (January 31st 1872) to CONSTANTINOPLE, charged on arrival 200l to pay for the five times Lloyd steamer rate (handwritten 5) and franked with five 40l, later cleaned plates print.

LATER CLEANED PLATES ISSUES
1871—72
40 LEPTA—THE SOLFERINO

The so called SOLFERINO is the most famous of all Large Hermes Heads. The unusual color of this stamp (which is the same as the color of its CN) was the result of an error by the printer. The color resembles a mixture of earth and blood. For this reason it has been called SOLFERINO, named after the bloody battle between the armies of Austria and France in 1859 near the town of Solferino in northern Italy. All of them are classified and described in the Encyclopedia of Rare and Famous stamps by Williams.



Fragment of a letter mailed unpaid from CONSTANTINOPLE (July 9th 1871) to PIRAEUS. On arrival 40l was charged for the single Lloyd rate, amount that was paid by the addition of a 40l, Solferino, cancelled by cds of Piraeus, July 12th 1871.

***This is the only Solferino on a fragment recorded.
There are thirteen copies of this stamp known.***

LATER CLEANED PLATES ISSUES
 1871—72
40 LEPTA—THE SOLFERINO



Studying a black and white presentation of the existing examples the prominent Greek researcher Neoklis Zafirakopoulos noticed for the first time, that, based on their cancellations, two of them could possibly form an original pair, that was for unknown reasons divided.

He published his discovery during 2008 in the Philotelia magazine.

The two examples are shown above in magnified black and white photocopies. His theory could not be confirmed with certainty until the two examples were found and brought together.



In this collection the original SOLFERINO pair is presented for the first time ever as such.

Positions 91-92 of the sheet.

The Zafirakopoulos discovery is fully confirmed.

ISSUES ON MESHED PAPER

1871—76

1 LEPTON / 2 LEPTA

During this period the paper used in the case of the 5, 10, 20 and 40l values shows a characteristic mesh. The 1l is of a very oily impression and the 2l is on thin paper. The 80l value was printed in 1873, but shows all the characteristics of the cleaned plates issues.



Dark chestnut brown, mint block of ten.



Gray brown, mint block of ten.



Oxidized color



Bistre, mint block of six.



Glassy gum,
typical for this stamp.



Gray bistre, mint strip of four.

ISSUES ON MESHED PAPER

1871—76

2 LEPTA



Envelope (opened for presentation) mailed from a non readable origin to PATRAI (arrival cds September 8th 1895), charged 20l and franked with 2l, strip of four, pair and single, later cleaned plates print, affixed on the front, plus 2l, strip of three, meshed paper print, affixed on the back.

The 2l stamp from the meshed paper print, is extremely rare on a letter.
This is the largest multiple recorded.

ISSUES ON MESHED PAPER

1871—76

5 LEPTA



Olive green, used
block of 4.



Used block of 4, showing double
control numerals on all stamps.



Yellow green, mint
block of 4.



Sage green, used strip of 5, cancelled by cds of Patrai, April 21st 1875.



Printed matter mailed prepaid from PATRAI (April 15th 1879)
to TRIEST, charged 5l (single rate for a printed matter sent
abroad) and franked with 5l, emerald, meshed paper print.

ISSUES ON MESHD PAPER

1871—76

5 LEPTA



Letter sheet mailed from NAFPLION (July 1st 1877) to SYROS,
franked with 5l emerald, block of four, meshed paper print.
Three covers bearing a block of four are recorded.



Letter sheet mailed from NAFPLION (September 14th 1877) to
PATRAI, franked with 5l yellow green, block of four, meshed
paper print.

ISSUES ON MESHED PAPER

1871—76

10 LEPTA



Double print
of the design.



Red orange, used block of 4, cancelled
by cds of Thira, March 12th, 1875.



Orange vermilion shade
on lavender paper.



Red orange, used strip of 5, tied by cds of Lavrion, February 12th, 1875.



Yellow orange, used strip of 6, tied by lozenge "2" of Piraeus.



Letter sheet sent unpaid from PARIS via Marseille to ATHENS (December 29, 1873). On arrival it was charged 90l (single rate for an unpaid letter delivered by a French steamer), amount that was paid by the addition of 10l, a strip of 5 and a strip of 4, meshed paper prints.

All stamps show inverted control numbers. Unique.

ISSUES ON MESHED PAPER

1871—76

10 LEPTA



*Inverted CN
on a mint stamp*



*Orange on deep bluish paper,
used pair.*



*Combination of two errors:
Inverted "10" plus inverted "0"
Position 62*



*"0" instead of "10"
Position 51*



*Pair without CN.
Last row of a sheet where all CN
were printed inverted.*



Double CN



*Letter sheet mailed from THIVA (May 17th 1874) to SYROS, franked with a 20l, plus a vertically bisected 10l, meshed paper print, making up the Lloyd rate of 25l from mainland to Syros.
Three covers with a bisected 10l, meshed paper prints, are recorded.*

Postal rates Syros—mainland

Delivery by a Greek steamer: 20l

Delivery by a French steamer: 40l

Delivery by the Lloyd: 30l. On February 1868 Lloyd reduced his rate to 25l.

ISSUES ON MESHED PAPER

1871—76

10 LEPTA



Prepaid registered letter sheet mailed from ALEXANDRIA (September 4th 1875) to ATHENS,, charged 80l and franked with 10l, red orange on lavender paper, a pair, plus a strip of 6, meshed paper print.

(The last stamp to the right shows CN with keyhole shaped "0" - Position 117).

Postal rates Alexandria—Greece

By delivery with a Lloyd steamer : 40l (up to 15 grams)

Charge for registration : 40l

ISSUES ON MESHED PAPER

1871—76

20 LEPTA



Blue



Indigo blue



Lilac blue



Prussian blue on
bluish paper



Gray blue



Prussian blue on bluish paper, used strip of 4.



Slate blue, used strip of 7.



Προς Δὸν Κόμην
Κόμην Κεφαλληνίας ἢ Ἀνατολὴν Ἰωνίου
Ναυπλίου

Letter sheet of the 4th weight class (60 to 100 grams) sent from FILIATRA to
NAFPLION (June 25th 1875), charged $4 \times 20l = 80l$
and franked with 20l, block of four, meshed paper print.
The only such block on cover recorded.

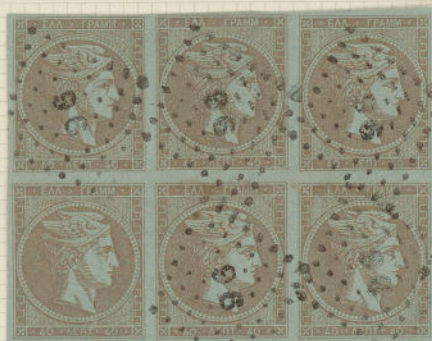
ISSUES ON MESHED PAPER

1871—76

40 LEPTA



Inverted "0"
on a mint stamp.
Position 141



Gray lilac, used block of 6, cancelled by
lozenge "96" of Smyrna.



Purple lilac
(Groseille)



Red lilac,
mint block of 4.



Double CN



Lilac (oily print),
mint block of 4.



Letter sheet of the 3rd weight class (30 to 60 grams) mailed prepaid from VOLOS (December 5th 1873) to GENOVA. The triple rate of 210l (3x70l) was paid by the addition of five 40l, in gray lilac shade, plus one 10l, meshed paper print.

ISSUES ON MESHD PAPER
1871—76
40 LEPTA



A stamp in grayish magenta shade bearing triple control numbers at the back, with clear distinction between them, in the two different colors that appear in these printings: two in grayish magenta and the third in olive green.

The stamp has a dotted cancellation that is not clear and derives from position 25 of the sheet, presenting the characteristic break of the inner frame line, right above the left "40" (see Louis Basel: "The forty lepta Large Hermes stamps of Greece", page A25).

This relative new discovery was published by the collector in the "Philotelia" magazine No 686, May-June 2014.

This is one of the two Large Hermes heads recorded bearing triple control numbers in two different colors.



(Photocopy of the magnified CN)

ISSUES ON MESHD PAPER

1871—76

40 LEPTA

Plate flaw 'fishhook'
Position 67



Red lilac on bluish, used block of 20, cancelled by lozenge "96" of Smyrna.
Positions 61 to 80.

The largest such multiple recorded.



Letter sheet mailed prepaid from PATRAI (October 28th 1875) to NEW YORK, via
Brindisi, France and England, franked 180l, paid by the addition of 40l, olive,
block of 4, plus 20l, deep blue, meshed paper print.

On the back New York red "PAID ALL" arrival cds of November 28th 1875.

Postal rates (Treaty of 25.11 1868 between Greece and United Kingdom)

U.S.A. by way of England: Single weight (up to 15 grams) Prepaid: 160l

Unpaid: 185l

Greek domestic rate: 20l

LATER CLEANED PLATES ISSUE

1873

80 LEPTA



Mint stamp
The only recorded

ALEXANDRIA ERROR Inverted Control Numbers



Carmine, used strip of 8, cancelled by cds of Patrai, September 17th 1875.



“0” in keyhole shape
Position 114

Rose carmine,
mint block of 25.
Positions 103-107
to 143-147

NEW VALUES
1876
ENGRAVERS DIE PROOFS

In 1875, when Greece joined the U.P.U. as a founding member, the issue of the new values of 30 and 60 lepta became necessary to cover the single and double foreign rate. The new plates were once again produced by A. Barre in Paris.



Die Proof of the 30l value in slate green on thin Japan paper.



Die Proof of the 30l value in black on thick paper.



Die Proof of the 60l value in black on thick paper.

1876 NEW VALUES
PARIS PRINT
30 LEPTA - 60 LEPTA



*60l blue green on thin paper,
mint corner block of 21.*



*30l olive brown, mint block of 12.
The largest recorded.*

1876 NEW VALUES
PARIS PRINT
60 LEPTA



Letter sheet of the 3rd weight class sent from PATRAI (September 9th 1876) to ATHENS, franked with 60l, Paris print.
The use of this stamp on domestic mail was uncommon.



Envelope of a letter belonging to the 2nd weight class mailed from THESSALONIKI (December 23rd 1876) to SYROS, franked with 60l, Paris print, to pay for the double UPU rate.

1876 NEW VALUES
ATHENS PRINT
30 LEPTA

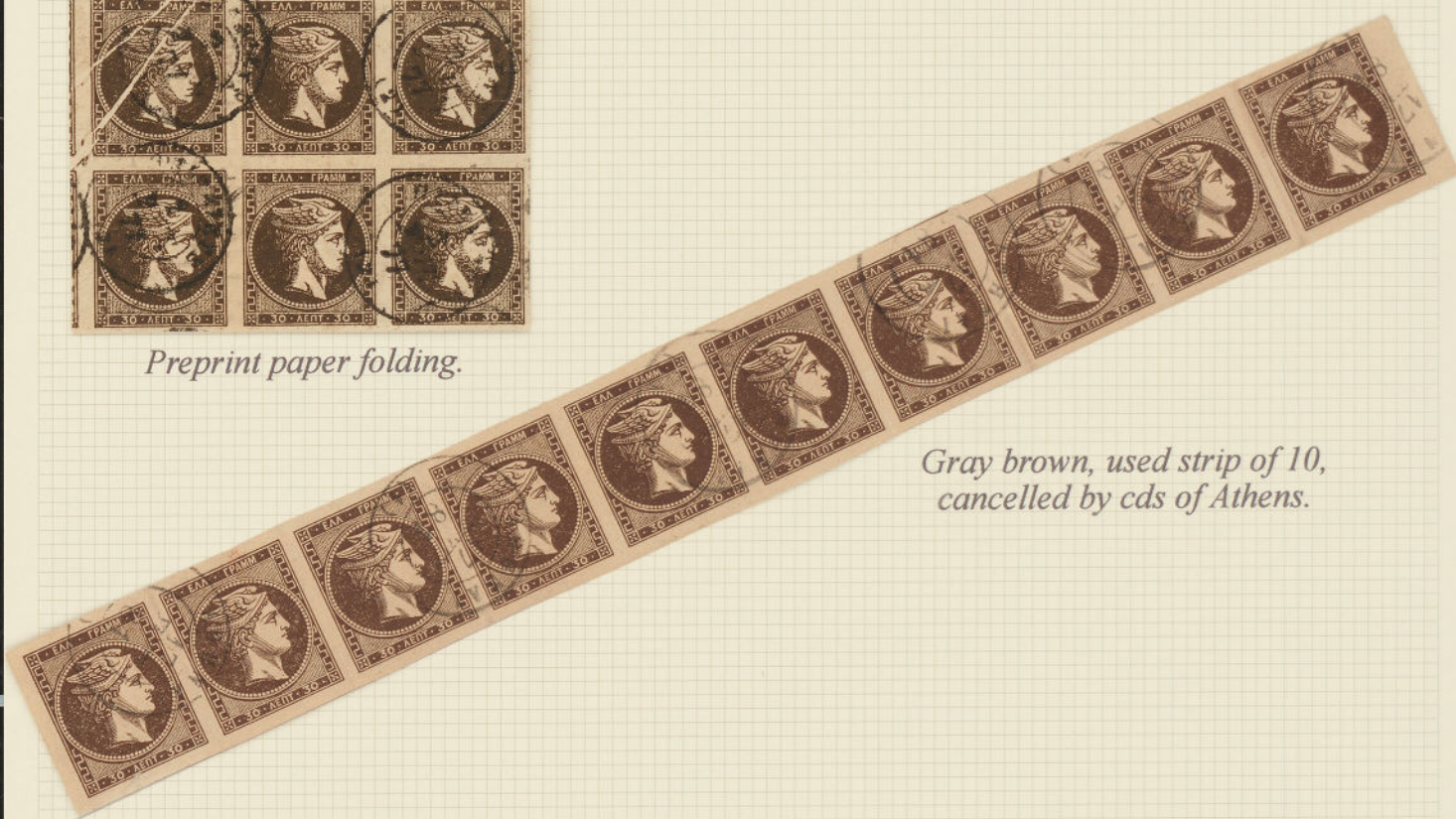
During the last twelve years of printing of the Large Hermes Heads, cream paper was used in all but just a few cases. The printings are generally heavy and crude, with remarkable exceptions nevertheless.



*Dark reddish brown, mint block of 18.
The largest recorded multiple.*



Preprint paper folding.



*Gray brown, used strip of 10,
cancelled by cds of Athens.*

1876 NEW VALUES
ATHENS PRINT
30 LEPTA



Letter sheet of the 3rd weight class mailed from SYROS
(March 28th 1876) to CHIOS, franked with 30l, strip of three, Athens print.



Legal document sent from MANOLADA (January 18th 1879), to the
prosecutor of the Court of LAMIA, charged 180l and franked with 30l,
an irregular block of four, and a pair, Athens print.

1876 NEW VALUES
ATHENS PRINT
60 LEPTA



Dark blue green, mint block of 8.
The largest recorded multiple.



Bluish shade



Broken frame



Blue green, used block of 8,
tied by cds of Athens.
The largest recorded multiple.



Envelope of the 3rd weight class mailed registered from KERKYRA (January 4th 1883) to BERLIN, charged 110l to pay for the triple UPU rate of $3 \times 30 = 90l$, plus the registration fee of 20l and franked with 60l, Athens print, plus 30l and 10l, pair (affixed on reverse), 1880-86 print.

ISSUES ON CREAM PAPER
1875 - 80
1 LEPTON

The issues of this period are all printed on cream paper. They are the last with control numerals printed on reverse.



*Reddish brown, mint
block of four.*



*Gray brown, mint
block of eight.*



*Lilac brown, mint
block of four.*



Reddish brown, used strip of 5, cancelled by cds of Athens.

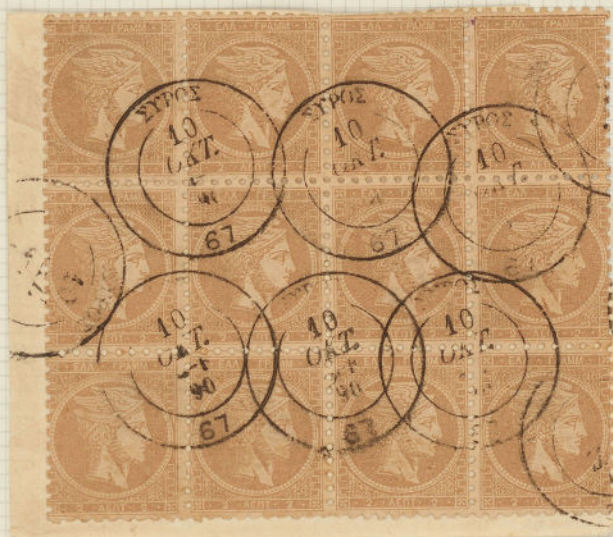


Printed Matter mailed from ATHENS to NAFPLION, charged 4l to pay for the single domestic rate and franked with 1l, lilac brown, strip of four, 1875-80 print.

ISSUES ON CREAM PAPER
1875 - 80
2 LEPTA



*Olive yellow, never issued, mint block of 4.
 Four such blocks are recorded.*



*Gray bistre, used block of twelve, privately
 perforated, cancelled by cds of Syros.*



*Reddish bistre, mint
 block of ten.*



*Gray bistre, mint
 block of six.*

ISSUES ON CREAM PAPER

1875 - 80

5 LEPTA



Dark green, mint block of 6.

Thin circle
Position 143



Emerald, mint block of 6.

Dotted cheek lines
Position 72



Dark yellow green, used block of twelve, cancelled by cds of Thivai July 25th 1880.
The largest multiple recorded.



Stamp without CN, cancelled by
cds of Messini, October 5th 1876.



Double CN



Green, used band of six cancelled by cds of Volos in blue.

ISSUES ON CREAM PAPER

1875 - 80

10 LEPTA



Yellow orange,
used block of 4.



Pair without CN, cancelled by
cds of Kerkira, June 28th 1878.
The only recorded.



Red orange,
mint block of 6.



Inverted CN.



Double CN.



Double print
of the design.



Local delivery of a letter sheet in the city of PATRAI (January 3rd 1880). It is franked with a 10l, 1875-80 print, to pay for the special intercity rate, which was half of the normal domestic rate.
(The stamp shows an impressive preprint paper folding).

ISSUES ON CREAM PAPER

1875 - 80

10 LEPTA



R. AGENZIA CONSOLARE DI S. M. IL RE D'ITALIA IN ZANTE



All' Illmo Signore

A. Sig. Commendatore Fabio Enrico De Gubernatis

Consolo Generale d'Italia

in Corfu

Envelope of a letter belonging to the 3rd weight class mailed from ZAKYNTHOS to KERKYRA, franked with 10l, strip of 3, plus 3 singles, 1875-80 print.

On the upper left side the "Agenzia Consolare d'Italia in Zante" official seal, in violet.

ISSUES ON CREAM PAPER

1875 - 80

20 LEPTA



Ultramarine, used
block of 4.



Indigo blue, mint block of 12.
(Positions 46-49 to 66-69)
The largest multiple recorded.



Deep ultramarine,
mint block of 4.



Light Prussian blue.



Blue on thin paper,
mint strip of 3.



Dark Prussian blue.



Letter sheet of the 4th weighting scale mailed from KIATON (March 7th 1879) to
ATHENS, charged 80l and franked with 20l, four pieces, 1875-80 prints.

ISSUES ON CREAM PAPER

1875 - 80

20 LEPTA



Letter sheet mailed from ARGOSTOLION (November 15 1877) to PATRAI, franked with a 20l Prussian blue, 1875-80 prints, with inverted control numerals.

Two such covers are recorded.



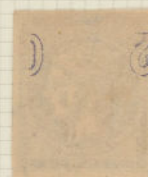
ARGOSTOLION ERROR
Inverted Control Numbers



SYRA ERROR
Prussian blue CN on an ultramarine stamp.



Quadrille
background



PATRAS ERROR No 2
Inverted '02' with full arrow of the '2', plus inverted '0', plus displaced CN.
A unique combination of 3 errors.



Double CN

ISSUES ON CREAM PAPER WITHOUT CN

1880 - 86

1 LEPTON / 2 LEPTA



Envelope mailed from LARISSA (December 11th 1886) to CONSTANTINOPLE (French Post office arrival cds on reverse), franked with 1l, strip of 5 (part of it bent over the edge) 1880-86 prints, plus 20l, aniline rose, 1882 prints, making up the reduced UPU rate of 25 lepta.



Envelope mailed from SYROS (April 23rd 1890) to CONSTANTINOPLE, franked with thirteen 1l (two strips of 5, a pair and a single) 1880-86 prints, making up the reduced UPU rate of 25 lepta. The letter is by 1l overpaid.

ISSUES ON CREAM PAPER WITHOUT CN
1880 - 86
5LEPTA



Dark green on transparent paper, mint block of 14.
(Positions 54-60, 64-70).



Letter sheet mailed from VOLOS (December 15th 1885) to THESSALONIKI, charged 25l to pay for the reduced UPU rate and franked with five 5l, in the rare emerald shade, 1880-86 issues.
The only recorded.



Very coarse prints of the last period.

ISSUES ON CREAM PAPER WITHOUT CN

1880 - 86

10 LEPTA



Orange vermilion



Red, cancelled
by Kalavryta cds.



Brick red



Yellow orange, used block of 4 of a very
fine print, cancelled by cds of Amfissa.



Orange, mint block of 8.



Letter sheet of the 3rd weight scale (30 to 60 grams) mailed from LEONIDION
(September 9, 1881) to SPARTI, franked with 10l orange, strip of six, 1880-86
prints, to pay for the triple inland rate of 60l.

ISSUES ON CREAM PAPER WITHOUT CN
1880 - 86
20 LEPTA



*Ultramarine,
used block of 4.*



*Ultramarine, mint block of 12.
(Positions 127-130 to 147-150).
The largest multiple recorded.*



*Dark blue on whitish
paper, used block of 4.*



Grey ultramarine shade



*Lower part of the
design unprinted.*



Mauve ultramarine shade



*Dark blue,
mint block of 8.*

ISSUES ON CREAM PAPER WITHOUT CN
1880 - 86
40 LEPTA



Rose violet shade



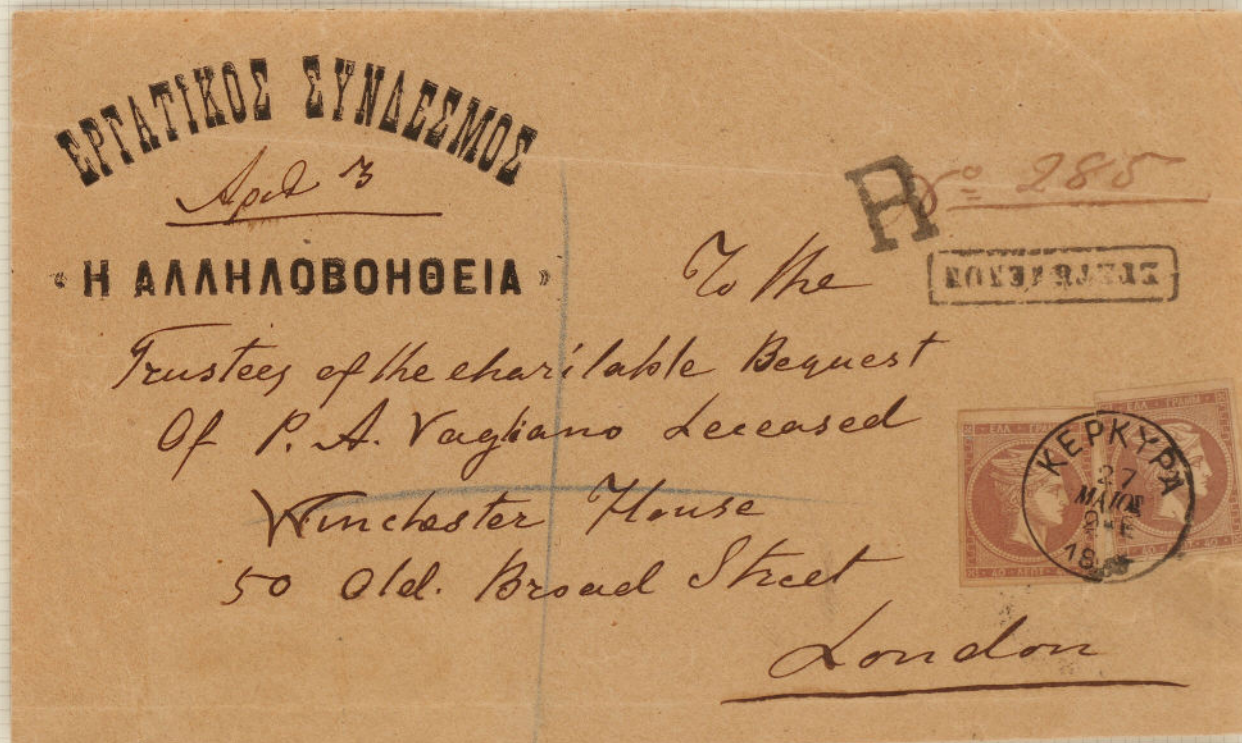
Gray violet, used block of 12, tied by
cbs of Athens July 18th 1885.



Carmine violet shade



Pale violet, used strip of 8, cancelled
by cbs of Thivai November 22nd 1892.



Cover of the 2nd weight scale mailed registered from KERKYRA (May 27th 1883) to LONDON, charged 80l (double UPU rate 2x30l, plus 20l registration fee), paid by the addition of two 40l, 1880-86 prints.

CHANGE OF COLOUR
1882
20 LEPTA CARMINE



*Carmine, mint block of 20.
The largest multiple recorded.*



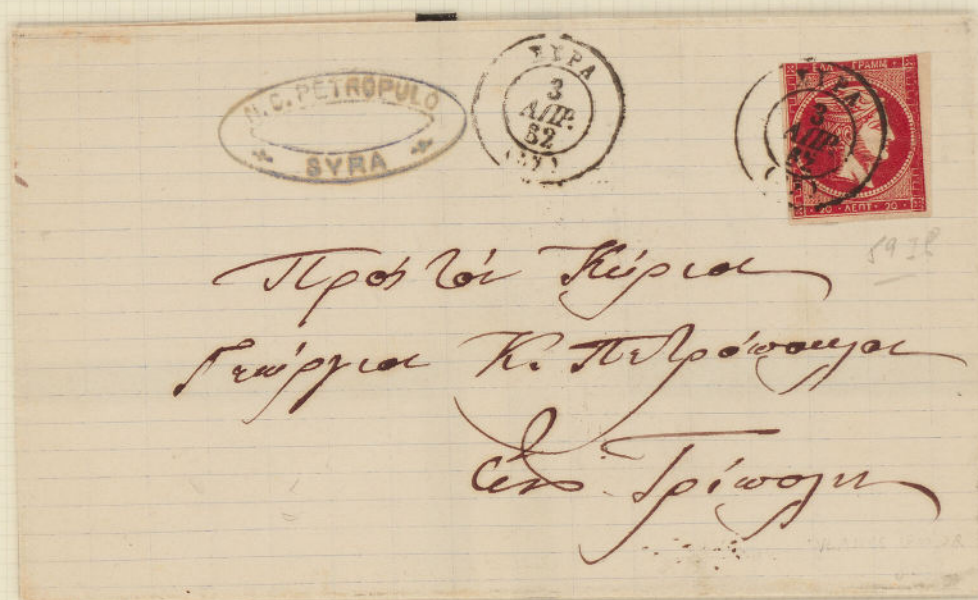
*Gray carmine, used block of 4,
cancelled by cds of Tripolis.*



*Deep carmine on thin
paper, mint block of 4.*



*Bright carmine, used block of
4, cancelled by cds of Volos.*



*Letter sheet mailed from SYROS (April 3rd 1882) to TRIPOLIS, franked with
a 20l carmine, 1882 print.
The earliest recorded date of use of this stamp.*

CHANGE OF COLOUR
1882
20 LEPTA ANILINE ROSE



Different printing shades.



Pale aniline rose, used strip of 10, cancelled by cds of Athens.



Cover of the 2nd weight scale mailed registered from PATRAI to OHRDRUF, Germany, charged 80l to pay for the double UPU rate of $2 \times 30l = 60l$, plus 20l for the registration fee and franked with 20l, aniline rose, eight pieces, 1882 print.

CHANGE OF COLOUR
1882
30 LEPTA



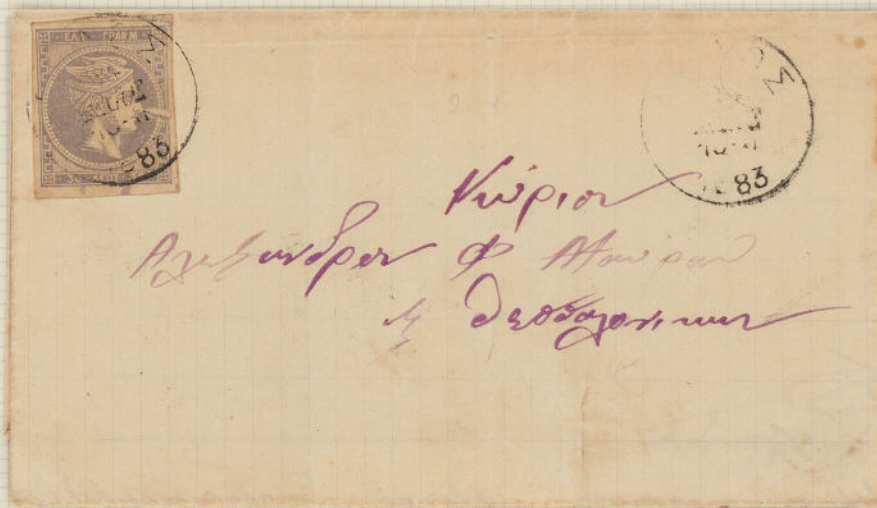
Gray blue, mint block of 8.
The largest multiple recorded.



Deep ultramarine, mint
block of 4.



Gray ultramarine, used block of 4
cancelled by cds of Athens.



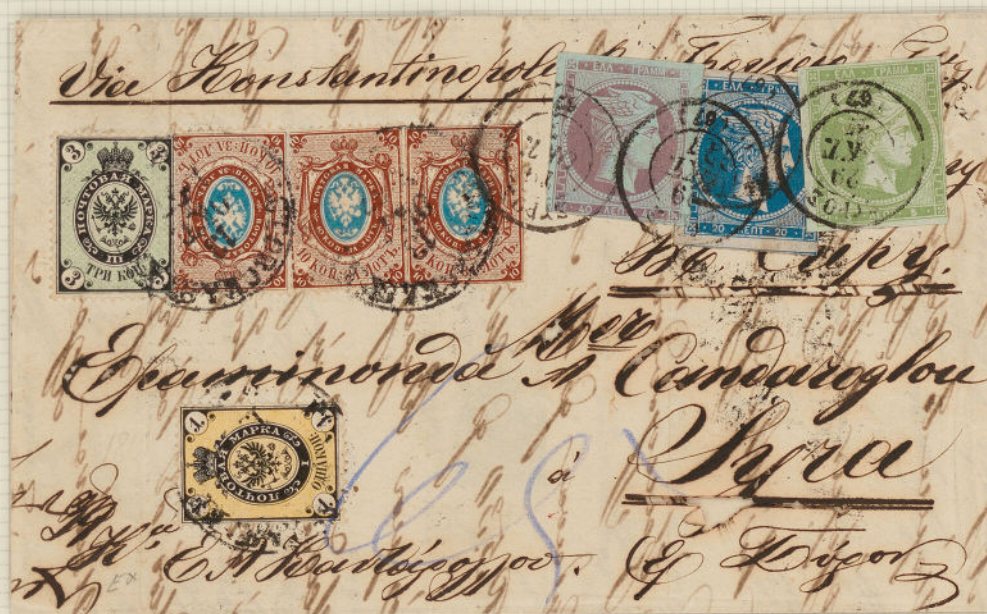
Letter sheet sent from VOLOS to THESALONIKI (May 27th 1883), franked with a
30l, gray blue, showing the plate flaw "pipe". (Position 10R).

POSTAL FRAUD

Postal fraud was instigated in Greece mainly by the post clerks themselves, either by manipulating stamps combining parts from already used ones, or by canceling, for a second time, previously canceled stamps.



Letter sheet mailed from IOANNINA (June 8th 1873) to KERKYRA. The letter is franked with a 40l gray lilac stamp, that is skillfully manipulated by the postal clerk by combining the upper and lower part of two different stamps.



Letter sheet mailed from ROSTOV (October 13th 1867) to SYROS, via Constantinople, franked with Russia 1866 1k., 3 kop. and 3x10 kop.=34 kopeks. On arrival it was additionally charged 65l for the rate from Constantinople to Syros and was franked with 5l, plus 20l, plus 40l, consecutive prints. The 20l stamp had been previously used and is cancelled twice.

MIXED FRANKINGS
LARGE AND SMALL HERMES HEADS



Envelope of a 2nd weight scale registered letter mailed from PATRAI (July 11th 1892) to LEISNIG in Germany, charged 70l and franked with a block of fifteen 21, 1880-1886 prints, in combination with Small Hermes Heads, a 20l, plus four 5l, second Athens prints.

U.P.U. reduced rates after July 4, 1883.
Double weight letters (15—30 grams): 50 lepta
Additional charge for registration : 20 lepta

MIXED FRANKINGS
WITH SMALL HERMES HEADS
AND POSTAGE DUE STAMPS



Cover mailed from PATRAI (April 10th 1893) to ANDRITSAINA, charged 20l for the single inland rate and franked with large Hermes Heads, 1l, plus 5l, 1880-86 prints, and small Hermes Heads, 10l, plus 2l, pair, Athens prints.



Letter sheet mailed from PAXOI (February 8th 1878) to KERKYRA, franked on dispatch with 5l, pair, 1875-80 prints. On arrival it was found underpaid (as the inland rate was 20l), and was taxed at double the deficiency (2x10l=20l), paid by the addition of two 10l, Postage Due stamps.

COMBINATION FRANKING
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Letters from abroad, on which postage had been prepaid, were considered in most cases to be paid to the Greek border only and were subject to an extra Greek inland rate, up to 1875, when Greece joined the UPU. This explains the so called "combination franking", in which Large Hermes heads are found together with stamps of other countries.

In cases where mail from abroad was received unfranked or insufficiently franked, the Greek post office attached the necessary amount (the way of calculation varied with the years) in Greek postage stamps, which had to be paid by the receiver.



Opened envelope of a letter mailed from NEW YORK (November 4th 1869) to ATHENS, franked on departure with USA 1861/67 12c black, hand stamped "ISUFFICIENTLY PAID".

The letter was forwarded via Paris, where framed "F.56" Convention marking was applied, to Athens. On arrival the prepayment was ignored, the letter was charged with the full rate of 160l (handwritten in red) and two 80l carmine, consecutive prints, were affixed.

There are five USA- Greece combination franking recorded.

COMBINATION FRANKING
CEYLON - INDIA



Cover mailed from GALLE (November 25th 1867) to KERKYRA, bearing a Ceylon 1863/66 5d. grey-olive stamp, sent via the British P.O. in Alexandria, where it was passed to the Greek P.O. for forwarding. On arrival an 80l carmine, consecutive prints, was added for the postage due from Alexandria to Greece.

This is the only known Ceylon- Greece combination franking.



Envelope of a letter mailed from CHINSURAH via Bombay and Alexandria to KERKYRA (March 11th 1868), franked on dispatch by India 4annas, pair, cancelled by "B/85" octagonal handstamps. On arrival it was additionally charged 50l (30l for the ship rate from Alexandria, plus 20l for the Greek inland rate) and was franked by 10l, cleaned plates prints, plus 40l, consecutive prints.

Two India- Greece combination franking are known.

COMBINATION FRANKING
FRANCE



Letter sheet sent partly prepaid from MARSEILLE to SYROS (February 17th 1862) franked with Empire 10c, plus 20c, plus 40c, plus 80c=150 centimes, and stamped with boxed AFFRANCHISSEMENT INSUFFISANT.

Upon arrival the French postage was totally ignored and 432l postage due was charged by the addition of 2l, plus 20l, plus five 80l, Paris prints and 10l, provisional coarse prints.

Postal rates France-Greece (Treaty of May 1844)

Basic ship rate (for a weight up to 7,5 grams): 1FF = 112l

Greek domestic rate (for a weight up to 15 grams): 20l

This letter was charged: 3 1/2 times the French ship rate (weight approx. 26 grams): $3 \frac{1}{2} \times 112l = 392l$

Double domestic rate (weight 15 to 30 grams): $2 \times 20l = 40l$

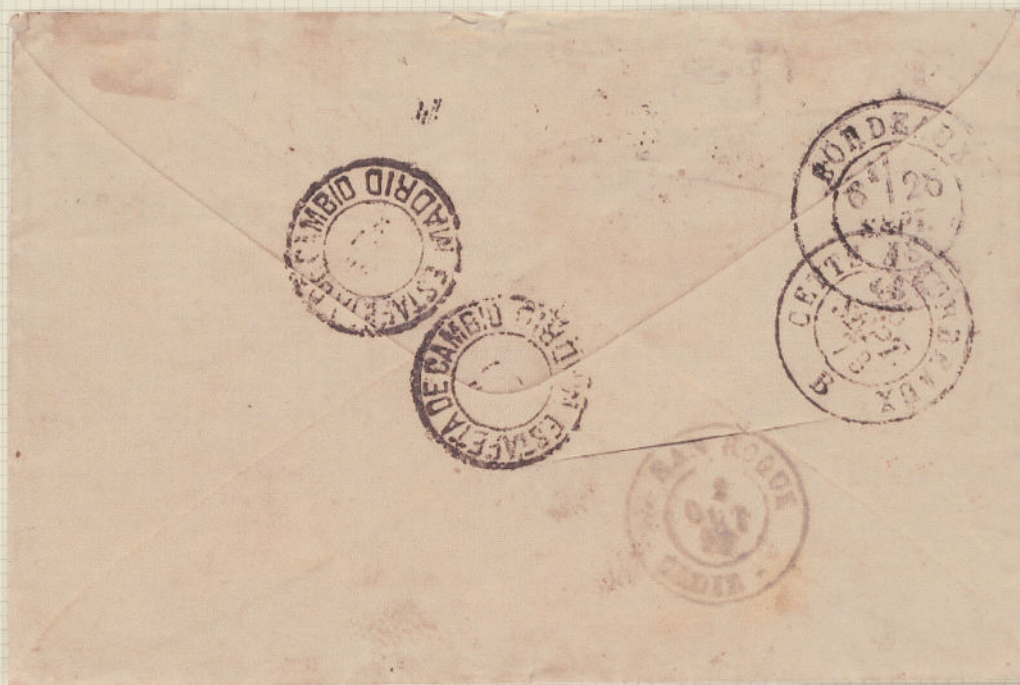
Total: 432l

COMBINATION FRANKING
SPAIN—GIBRALTAR



Small envelope mailed from SYROS (September 8th 1873) to GIBRALTAR prepaid with 100l (80l, plus 20l, 1871-76 prints) up to the French-Spanish border. The letter was carried by a French ship to Marseille and then through Spain to Gibraltar (arrival cds October 3rd 1873—a total of 37 days).

In order to be transmitted to its final destination it was taxed in Spain 4 Reales (stamp 4R in red). On reverse transit markings of Bordeaux, Madrid and San Roque. This is the only known combination franking Greece—Gibraltar via Spain.



(Magnified photocopy of the reverse).

COMBINATION FRANKING
GREAT BRITAIN—MALTA



Letter sheet sent from LONDON to KERKYRA (July 1st 1872) franked on dispatch with Great Britain 1867/73 2x3d. rose. As the rate for prepaid letters was 8d. and for unpaid 10d., the letter was regarded on arrival as partially paid and the remaining rate of 4d. = 4x11,5l=46l was charged (handwritten 46). The affixed stamps, a 5l, 1871-72 prints plus a 40l, meshed paper prints, make up 45 lepta.



Letter sheet mailed from MALTA to SYROS (October 11th 1862) franked on dispatch with Great Britain 1864/79 1d. red and 1858/76 2d. blue. On arrival a 20l, consecutive prints, was added to pay for the Greek inland rate.

COMBINATION FRANKING
GERMAN FEDERATION - SWITZERLAND



Letter sheet sent from GLARUS (December 16th 1870) to PATRAI, franked on dispatch by Switzerland 1867 50c. lilac. Wrongly stamped initially with boxed PD that was replaced by "AFFR. INSUF." handstamp. On arrival it was considered as partly paid and the remaining amount of 60l (handwritten in blue) was paid by the addition of a 20l, 1870 prints, plus a 40l, cleaned plates prints.



Cover mailed from RONNENBRUCK (March 22nd 1870) to CEFALONIA franked on dispatch by North German Confederation 1869 1gr. and 2gr., underpaid and handstamped "AFF. INSUFF.". On arrival it was charged 41l for the missing rate (handwritten '41') but only a 40l stamp, consecutive prints, was added.

COMBINATION FRANKING
AUSTRIA

Newspaper 'ΕΜΠΟΡΙΚΟΣ
ΠΑΡΑΤΗΡΗΤΗΣ ΠΑΤΡΩΝ' mailed
from PATRAI (December 24th 1881)
to TRIEST, franked on dispatch with
a 5l, 1880-86 prints. On arrival an
Austrian 2 Kreuzer newspaper stamp
was added to pay for the in town
delivery rate.



Cover mailed from BADEN
to ZAKYNTHOS
(September 11th 1868)
franked on dispatch with 5
Kreuzer. Since the stamp
affixed was less than the
half of the required tariff
(25 Kreuzer) the letter was
considered as totally un-
paid and the whole rate of
25 Kreuzer=69 lepta was
charged and paid by the
addition of four 1l, plus a
5l, plus a 20l, plus a 40l,
cleaned plates prints.



COMBINATION FRANKING
ITALIAN STATES & ITALY



Letter sheet of the 2nd weight scale mailed from ROME (December 6th 1862) to ATHENS, franked by Papal States 8 baj., vertical strip of 5, plus 2 baj., for the double rate of 42 baj. to Greece.
On arrival it was additionally franked with a 20l, Athens provisional fine prints, to pay for the Greek inland rate.



Printed matter mailed from MILANO (February 28th 1874) to ATHENS, franked by Italy 1863-65 3x1c., plus 2c., plus 5c., for the 10 centecimi rate.
On arrival it was charged additionally 20l for the Greek inland rate and a 10l pair, meshed paper prints, was added.

COMBINATION FRANKING
ITALY



Letter sheet of the 2nd weight scale mailed from LIVORNO to SYROS (July 22nd 1865) franked on despach by Italy 1863 40, plus 60 centecimi, hand stamped "INSSUFICIENTE".

Treated as unpaid on arrival, it was taxed at the full rate (2x112=224l), paid by the addition of 2l vertical pair, provisional prints, and 2x10l, plus 40l, plus 80l pair with orange CN, consecutive prints.



Letter sheet mailed from BRESCIA to SYROS (March 19th 1863) franked on despach by Italy 15 centecimi and stamped "FRANKOBOLLO INSUFICIENTE".

Treated as unpaid on arrival it was taxed at the full rate of 125l (handwritten 1, plus 10, plus 15= 26 Kreuzer=105l, plus 20l for the Greek inland rate=125l), paid by the addition of 5l, provisional prints, plus 3x40l, consecutive prints.

In both cases the Greek stamps are covering the Italian ones.

COMBINATION FRANKING
ROMANIA



Envelope originating from ISMAILIA and sent from GALATZ, via Constantinople (Lloyd post office cds on reverse), to SYROS (September 7th 1870), franked on despatch by Romania 1869 10 bani, plus 15 bani, two singles of each, cancelled by blue boxed FRANCO postmark.
On arrival a pair of 10l, cleaned plates prints, was added to pay for the Greek inland rate.

COMBINATION FRANKING
RUSSIA



Letter sheet mailed from ROSTOV (March 22nd 1867), via Constantinople, to SYROS, franked on despach by Russia 3x10k, plus 3k, plus 1k (on reverse)=34 kopeks. On arrival it was additionally charged 80l for the double rate from Constantinople to Syros and a 40l vertical pair, consecutive prints, was added.



Letter sheet mailed from ROSTOV (January 19th 1864), via Odessa and Vienna, to SYROS, franked on despach by Russia 1858 10k, pair and single = 30 kopeks. On arrival it was additionally charged 140l for the rate from Wien (handwritten $15+10+15=40$ soldi $\times 3=120l$ + 20l Greek inland rate = 140l) and franked with 20l, 40l, and 80l, consecutive prints.

(The 80l stamp has been used previously and is cancelled twice. A case of Postal fraud).

COMBINATION FRANKING
RUSSIA



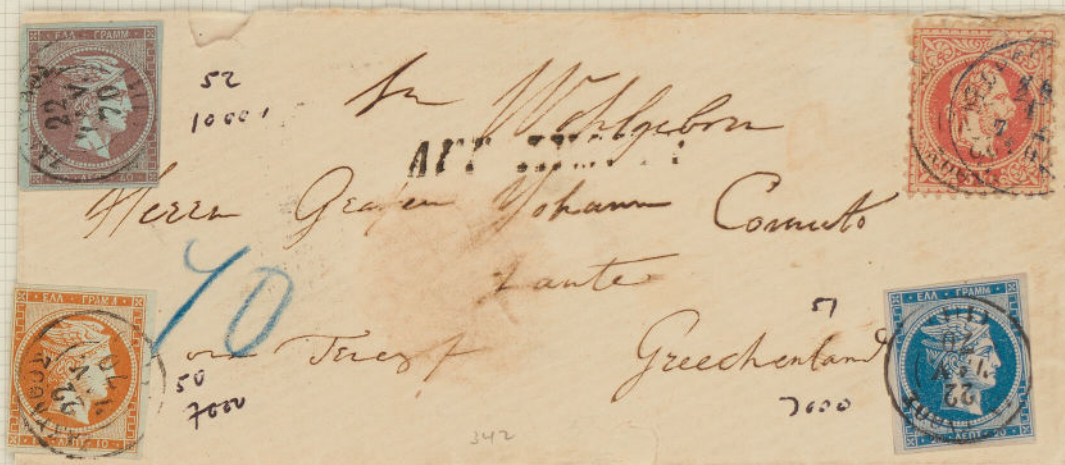
Letter sheet mailed from ROSTOV (February 14th 1868), via Constantinople, to SYROS, franked on despatch with Russian 1, plus 3, plus 10, plus 20=34 Kopeken. On arrival it was charged additionally 45l for the rate to Syros and a 5l, plus a 40l, consecutive prints, were affixed.

(The 5l stamp has been used previously and is cancelled twice. A case of Postal fraud).



Letter sheet mailed from ROSTOV (July 25th 1867), via Constantinople to SYROS, franked on despatch with Russian 4x1, plus 30= 34 Kopeken. On arrival it was charged additionally 50l for the rate to Syros and a 20l pair, plus a 10l, consecutive prints, were affixed.

COMBINATION FRANKING
AUSTRIA



Envelope mailed from AUSTRIA (name of the city not clear) to ZAKYNTHOS (January 22th 1870), franked on despatch by Austria 5 kreuzer and stamped "AFF. INSUF.". As the total Lloyd rate was 85l, the prepaid amount (5 kreuzerx3=15l) was subtracted on arrival and the remaining rate of 70l (handwritten 70) was charged and paid by the addition of 10l, 20l and 40l, cleaned plates prints.



Letter sheet mailed from TRIEST (March 15th 1871) to SYROS, franked on despatch by Austria 5 kreuzer, strip of three, and stamped "AFF. INSUF.". On arrival it was charged 15l for the missing rate of 10 kreuzer and 20l for the Greek inland rate (handwritten 45), paid by the addition of a 5l, consecutive prints, plus a 40l, cleaned plates prints.
The 40l stamp shows inverted "0" of the CN.

COMBINATION FRANKING
GERMAN FEDERATION - FRENCH LEVANT



Letter sheet mailed from LICHTENSTEIN CALLNBERG to SYROS (December 3rd 1870) franked on despatch with North German Confederation 1 and 2 groschen and struck with "AFR. INSUFF.". On arrival the letter was charged 60l (40l short paid and 20l for the Greek inland rate) and a 40l, cleaned plates prints, plus a 20l, 1870 prints, were added.



Letter sheet mailed from CONSTANTINOPLE to ATHENS (September 21st 1862), franked on despatch by France 1862 10 and 40 centimes, carried on French steamer INDUS, found to be double weight and "AFFRANCHISSEMENT INSUFFISANT" applied. Treated as unpaid on arrival the full rate of 65l was charged and paid by the addition of three 20l, consecutive prints, plus a 5l, provisional prints.

COMBINATION FRANKING
AUSTRIAN LEVANT
PORTO LAGOS



Letter sheet mailed from PORTO LAGOS to SYROS (October 16th) franked on despatch with Austrian Levant 1864 5 soldi pair, cancelled by "Lloyd Agenzie /Lagos" cds in brown. On arrival a 20l, gray blue, was added to pay for the Greek domestic rate.
Probably the only existing combination franking from this Post Office.

COMBINATION FRANKING
AUSTRIAN LEVANT
DURAZZO—HAIFA



Letter sheet sent from DURAZZO to KERKYRA (January 25th 1874), franked on despatch by Austrian Levant 1867 two 5 soldi. On arrival two 10l, meshed paper prints, were affixed making up the Greek inland rate.



Letter sheet mailed from HAIFA, via Smyrna (Lloyd Agencie Smirne cds on reverse), to PATRAI (January 20th 1865), franked on despatch by Austrian Levant 1864 10 soldi pair. On arrival a 20l, consecutive prints, was added to pay for the Greek inland rate.

COMBINATION FRANKING
AUSTRIAN LEVANT
 GALLIPOLI NEL LEVANTE—METELINE



Letter sheet sent from GALLIPOLI NEL LEVANTE to SYROS (June 2nd 1874), franked on despatch by Austrian Levant 1867 10 soldi. On arrival a 20l, 1871-72 prints, was added to pay for the Greek inland rate.



Letter sheet mailed from METELINE via Smyrna to SYROS (August 23rd 1865), franked on despatch by Austrian Levant 1863 2 soldi, strip of five. On arrival a 20l, consecutive prints, was added to pay for the Greek inland rate.

COMBINATION FRANKING
AUSTRIAN LEVANT
THESALONIKI—TENEDOS



Front of a letter sheet mailed from SALONIKI to SYROS (May 26th 1868) franked on despatch by Austrian Levant 1864 10soldi (cancellation in blue LLOYD AGENZIE SALONICHIO), franked additionally on arrival with a 20l, cleaned plates prints, to pay for the Greek inland rate.



Letter sheet sent from the small island of TENEDOS via Smyrna to KERKYRA (July 26th 1866) franked on despatch by Austrian Levant 1864 15 soldi, franked additionally on arrival with a 20l, consecutive prints, to pay for the Greek inland rate.

COMBINATION FRANKING
AUSTRIAN LEVANT
 GALATZ—IBRAILA



Letter sheet sent from GALATZ to KERKYRA (April 18th 1867) franked on despatch by Austrian Levant 1864 15 soldi pair. On arrival a 20l, consecutive prints, was added to pay for the Greek domestic rate.



Letter sheet sent from IBRAILA to ATHENS (September 19th 1866) franked on despatch by Austrian Levant 1864 15 soldi pair. On arrival a 20l, consecutive prints, was added to pay for the Greek domestic rate.

COMBINATION FRANKING
AUSTRIAN LEVANT
 JERUSALEM—ALEXANDRIA



Letter sheet sent from JERUSALEM via Smyrna to KERKYRA (July 14 1867), franked on despach by Austrian Levant 1864 15 soldi pair. On arrival a 20l, consecutive prints, was added to pay for the Greek domestic rate.



Letter sheet sent from ALEXANDRIA to SYROS (May 25th 1873), franked on despach by Austrian Levant 1867 10 soldi. On arrival a 20l, later cleaned plates prints, was added to pay for the Greek domestic rate.

COMBINATION FRANKING
AUSTRIAN LEVANT
 ANTIVARI-JANINA



Letter sheet sent from ANTIVARI to KALAMAI (September 5th 1870), franked on despatch by Austrian Levant 1867 5 and 10 soldi. On arrival a 20l, 1870 prints, was added to pay for the Greek domestic rate.



Letter sheet sent from JANINA to KERKYRA (August 29th 1867), franked on despatch by Austrian Levant 1864 3 soldi strip of three and 10 soldi (special rate from Albania to Ionian islands). On arrival a 20l, consecutive prints, was added to pay for the Greek domestic rate.

COMBINATION FRANKING
AUSTRIAN LEVANT
 CAVALLA- VARNA



Letter sheet sent from CAVALLA to SYROS (August 20th 1874) franked on
 despach by Austrian Levant 1864 10 soldi.
 On arrival a 20l, later cleaned plates prints, was added to pay for the Greek
 domestic rate.



Letter sheet sent from VARNA to SYROS, franked on despach by Austrian
 Levant 1864 10 soldi. On arrival a 20l, consecutive prints, was added to pay for
 the Greek domestic rate.

COMBINATION FRANKING
AUSTRIAN LEVANT
PREVEZA- RETTIMO



Letter sheet sent from PREVEZA to KERKYRA (August 29th 1865) franked on
despatch by Austrian Levant 1864 3 soldi, three pieces.
On arrival a 20l, consecutive prints, was added to pay for the Greek
domestic rate.



Letter sheet of the fourth weight class sent from RETTIMO to SYROS, franked on
despatch by Austrian Levant 10 soldi, three pieces.
On arrival it was charged 80l to pay for the quadruple Greek domestic rate, and
two 20l, plus a 40l, meshed paper prints, were affixed.

COMBINATION FRANKING
AUSTRIAN LEVANT
BURGAS



*Wrapper sent from BURGAS to KERKYRA (February 15th 1869) franked on
despach by Austrian Levant 1864 3 soldi. On arrival a 20l,
cleaned plates prints, was added to pay for the Greek domestic rate.
The only known combination franking from this Post office.*

COMBINATION FRANKING
OTTOMAN EMPIRE



Letter sheet mailed from INOZ to SYROS (December 7, 1874), franked on despach by Duloz stamps, 2 piastra, plus 10 para pair, tied by the all Arabic double hexagonal Inoz cancellation. The cover was carried by the Ottoman post up to the Istanbul Galata Post office. Forwarded to the Greek Constantinople Post office and was sent to Syros. On arrival it was charged 40l for the sea transfer, paid by the addition of a 40l, meshed paper prints.

One of the three covers with the double hexagonal Inoz cancellation known and the only one on a combination franking.

COMBINATION FRANKING
OTTOMAN EMPIRE



Letter sheet mailed from the town of KYDONIE in Asia Minor to SYROS (July 6th 1865), franked on despach by 1865 20 para, two pairs, cancelled by rectangular Arabic cancellation. The letter was forwarded to the Greek Post office in Smyrna (canc. July 5th 1865) where a 10l, plus 20l, consecutive prints, were added to pay for the 30l rate to Syros.



Letter sheet mailed from CHIOS (CESME) to SYROS (September 29th 1868) franked on despach by 1865 20 para, cancelled by octagonal Arabic cancellation. On arrival it was charged additionally 20l and a 20l, cleaned plates prints, was affixed.

There was no postal treaty between Greece and the Ottoman Empire. Each letter was accepted as paid up to the border.

MIXED FRANKING
TRIPLE MIXED
TURKEY, AUSTRIAN LEVANT, GREECE



*Letter sheet mailed from CHIOS (CESME) to SYROS (October 17th 1865),
franked on despach by 1865 20 para, cancelled by octagonal Arabic cancella-
tion in green, and transferred to the Austrian Post Office in Chios, where
Austrian Levant 1864 10 soldi stamp was applied.
On arrival at Syros a 20l , consecutive prints, was added to pay for the Greek
inland rate.
One of the three such triple combination frankings recorded.*

COMBINATION FRANKING
EGYPT



Letter sheet mailed from the Egyptian Post office of SMYRNA to PATRAI (November 4th 1870) franked on despatch by Egypt 1867 1 piaster. On arrival it was additionally charged 20l to pay for the Greek inland rate and a 20l, 1870 prints, was affixed.



Letter sheet mailed from the Egyptian Post office of ALEXANDRIA to SYROS (May 22nd 1872), franked on despatch by Egypt 1867 20 para, horizontal pair. On arrival a 20l, later cleaned plates prints, was added, to pay for the Greek inland rate.

COMBINATION FRANKING
EGYPT, MOUNT SINAI



Envelope of the 2nd weight scale letter originating from the St. Catherine's monastery in mount Sinai, sent from CAIRO (January 13th 1874) via Alexandria to ATHENS. The letter was prepaid up to the Greek Post office in Alexandria by Egypt 1872 1 and 2 piaster. On arrival it was charged 80l, to pay for the double Lloyd rate and a 80l, 1873 print, was added.



(Magnified photocopy of the envelope's reverse with a red wax seal representing St. Catherine's figure)

COMBINATION FRANKING
EGYPT, MOUNT SINAI



Envelope of the 2nd weight scale letter originating from the St. Catherine's monastery in mount Sinai, sent from CAIRO (January 13th 1874) via Alexandria to ATHENS. The letter was prepaid up to the Greek Post office in Alexandria by Egypt 1872 1 and 2 piaster. On arrival it was charged 80l, to pay for the double Lloyd rate and a 80l, 1873 print, was added.



(Magnified photocopy of the envelope's reverse with a red wax seal representing St. Catherine's figure)