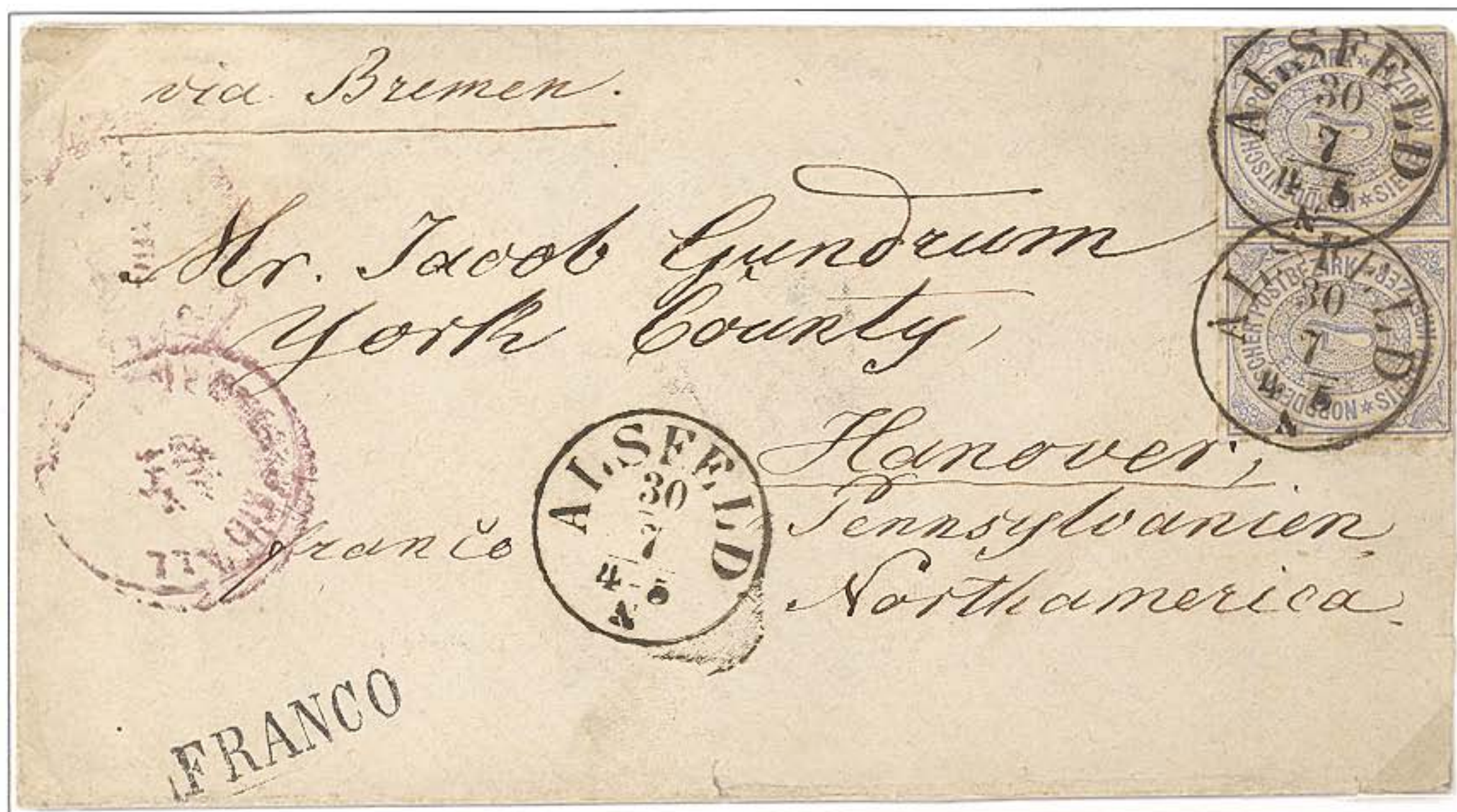


# U.S. - North German Union Postal Treaties

1867 Treaty  
Contract Steamship

1868-1870  
1 January 1868-30 June 1870



Envelope: Alsfeld, Hesse to Hanover, Pennsylvania, 30 July 1868

Ship: *New York*

Company: Norddeutscher Lloyd  
(North German Lloyd Line)

Depart: Bremerhaven, 1 August 1868

Arrive: New York, 17 August 1868

Rate: 14 kreuzer      prepaid for single, direct rate

Notes: Letter prepaid 14 kreuzer with pair of North German Federation 1868 7 kreuzer ultramarine adhesives (Scott No. 10). Indistinct purple circular date stamp applied at Philadelphia indicating letter fully prepaid. This may be a new Philadelphia marking but it is too indistinct to confirm.



# U.S. - North German Union Postal Treaties

1870 Treaty  
Contract Steamship

1870-1871  
1 July 1870-1 October 1871

Unzureichend  
frankirt.



Envelope: Hannover to Boston, 13 October 1870

Ship: *Abyssinia*

Company: British & North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company  
(Cunard Line)

Depart: Queenstown, 19 October 1870  
Arrive: New York, 31 October 1870

Rate: 4 groschen      prepaid for single rate  
30¢                    postage due in coin in Boston  
33¢                    postage due in depreciated notes in Boston

Notes: Letter prepaid with pair of North German Confederation 2 groschen adhesives (Scott No. 17) for single rate but required two rates. Travelling post office No. 10 on the Cologne-Verviers railroad (North German Union exchange office for mails) sent letter via Belgium and England and marked large, boxed "Unzureichend/frankirt" to show letter insufficiently paid. They also indicated in red the amount paid, 4 groschen. New York marked 33¢ due in depreciated greenback notes.



# U.S. – North German Union Postal Treaties

1870 Treaty  
Contract Steamship

1870–1871  
1 July 1870–1 October 1871



Envelope: Berlin, Prussia to Providence, Rhode Island, 1 May 1871

Ship: *City of Paris*

Company: Liverpool, New York & Philadelphia Steam Ship Company  
(Inman Line)

Depart: Queenstown, 5 May 1871  
Arrive: New York, 15 May 1871

Rate: 4 silbergroschen      prepaid for single rate

Notes: Letter prepaid with North German Confederation 1 and 2 groschen adhesives (Scott No. 16, 17) on a 1 groschen embossed envelope and placed in closed mails via England. Travelling post office No. 10 on the Cologne–Verviers railroad was the North German Union exchange office for mails sent via Belgium and England. The boxed red FRANCO was struck at this office.



# U.S. – North German Union Postal Treaties

1870 Treaty  
Contract Steamship

1870–1871  
1 July 1870–1 October 1871



Envelope: Berlin, Prussia to Providence, Rhode Island, 4 May 1871

Ship: *Cuba*

Company: British & North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company  
(Cunard Line)

Depart: Queenstown, 7 May 1871  
Arrive: New York, 17 May 1871

Rate: 4 silbergroschen      prepaid for single rate

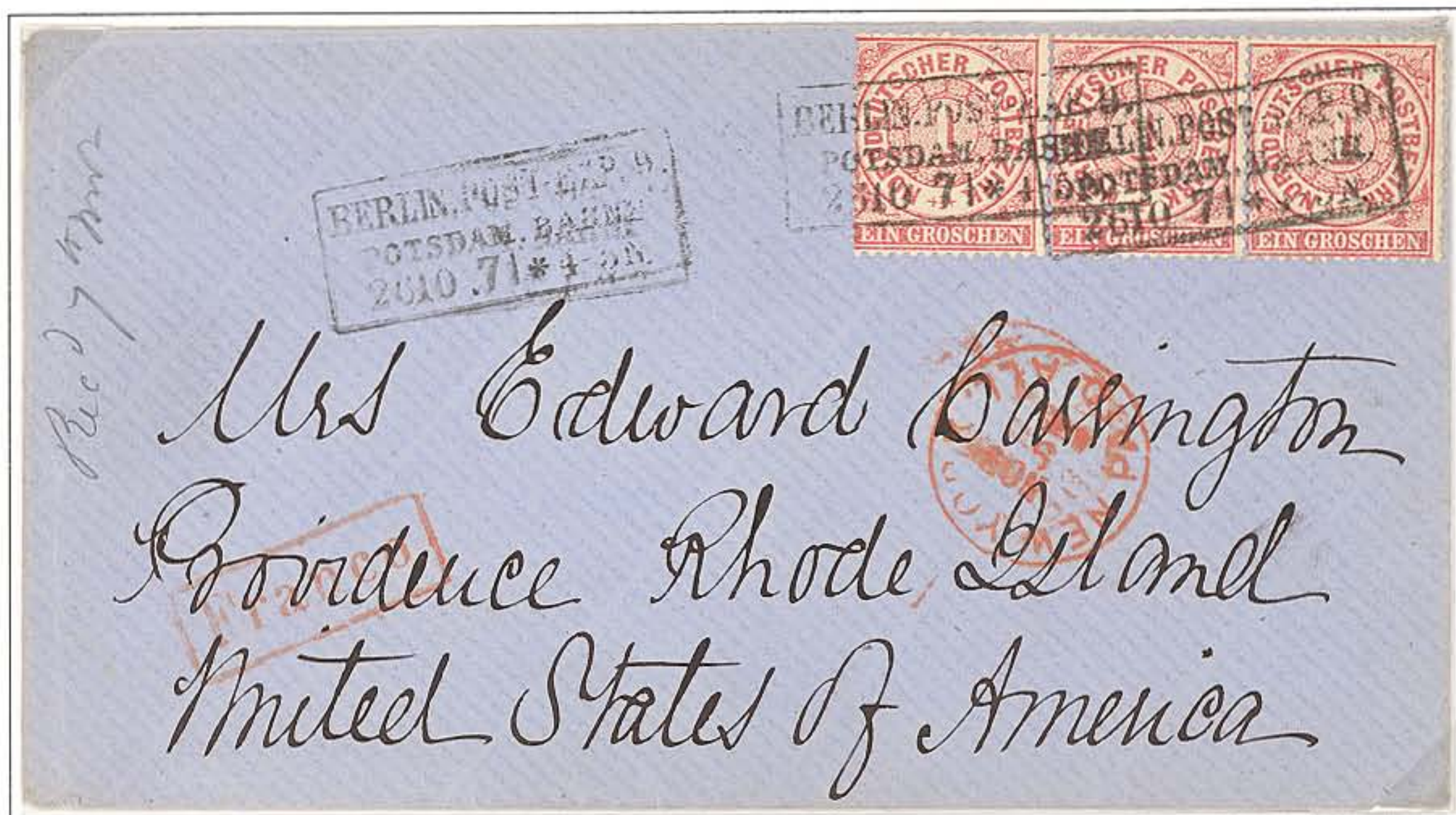
Notes: Letter prepaid with strip of four North German Confederation 1 groschen adhesives (Scott No. 16) and placed in closed mails via England. Travelling post office No. 10 on the Cologne–Verviers railroad was the North German Union exchange office for mails sent via Belgium and England. The boxed red FRANCO was struck at this office.



# U.S. – North German Union Postal Treaties

1871 Treaty  
Contract Steamship

1871–1875  
1 October 1871–1 July 1875



Envelope: Berlin, Prussia to Providence, Rhode Island, 26 October 1871

Ship: *Java*

Company: British & North American Royal Mail Steam Packet Company  
(Cunard Line)

Depart: Queenstown, 29 October 1871  
Arrive: New York, 9 November 1871

Rate: 3 silbergroschen      prepaid for single rate

Notes: Letter prepaid with strip of three North German Confederation 1 groschen adhesives (Scott No. 16) and placed in closed mails via England. The rate for this route had been reduced from 4 to 3 sgr. on 1 October 1871. Travelling post office No. 10 on the Cologne–Verviers railroad was the North German Union exchange office for mails sent via Belgium and England. The boxed red FRANCO was struck at this office.