

# U.S. - Bremen Postal Treaties

1853 Treaty  
Bremen Contract Steamship

1853-1867  
2 August 1853-31 December 1867



Pamphlet wrapper: Trenton, New Jersey, to Jedesheim, Bavaria, 13 February 1863

Ship: *Hansa*

Company: Norddeutscher Lloyd  
(North German Lloyd Line)

Depart: New York, 14 February 1863  
Arrive: Bremerhaven, 27 February 1863

Rate: 2¢ prepaid for pamphlet rate  
1 kr postage due in Jedesheim

Notes: Pamphlets could be sent by paying only the United States postage, 1¢ per ounce. In this case the pamphlet weighed between 1-2 ounces and required 2¢, which was paid with two 1¢ adhesives (Scott No. 63). Bremen marked the item paid, but 1 kr. was collected in Bavaria. Four other wrappers from this correspondence are known, two paid 2¢ and two paid 3¢.

U.S. - Printed Matter

U.S. Congressional Act - 30 June 1864  
American Contract Steamship

1864-1875  
1 July 1864-30 June 1875

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Printed Circular: Charleston, South Carolina to Caibarien, Cuba, 16 April 1866

Ship: Unknown

Company: Unknown

Depart: New York, unknown

Arrive: Havana, unknown

Rate: 2¢ prepaid for circular rate in U.S.  
1 real postage due in Caibarien

Notes: Circular of W.P. Hall of Charleston prepaid with 2¢ black 1863 adhesive (Scott No. 73), sent to Trinidad de Cuba and redirected to Caibarien.

# U.S. - French Postal Treaties

1857 Treaty

French Contract Steamship Direct

1857-1870

15 June 1864-31 December 1869

## New-Orleans Price-Current, Commercial Intelligencer and Merchants' Transcript.



Printed Circular: New Orleans to Paris, 1 September 1866

Ship: *Napoléon III*

Company: Compagnie Générale Transatlantique  
(French Line)

Depart: New York, 8 September 1866

Arrive: Havre, 21 September 1866

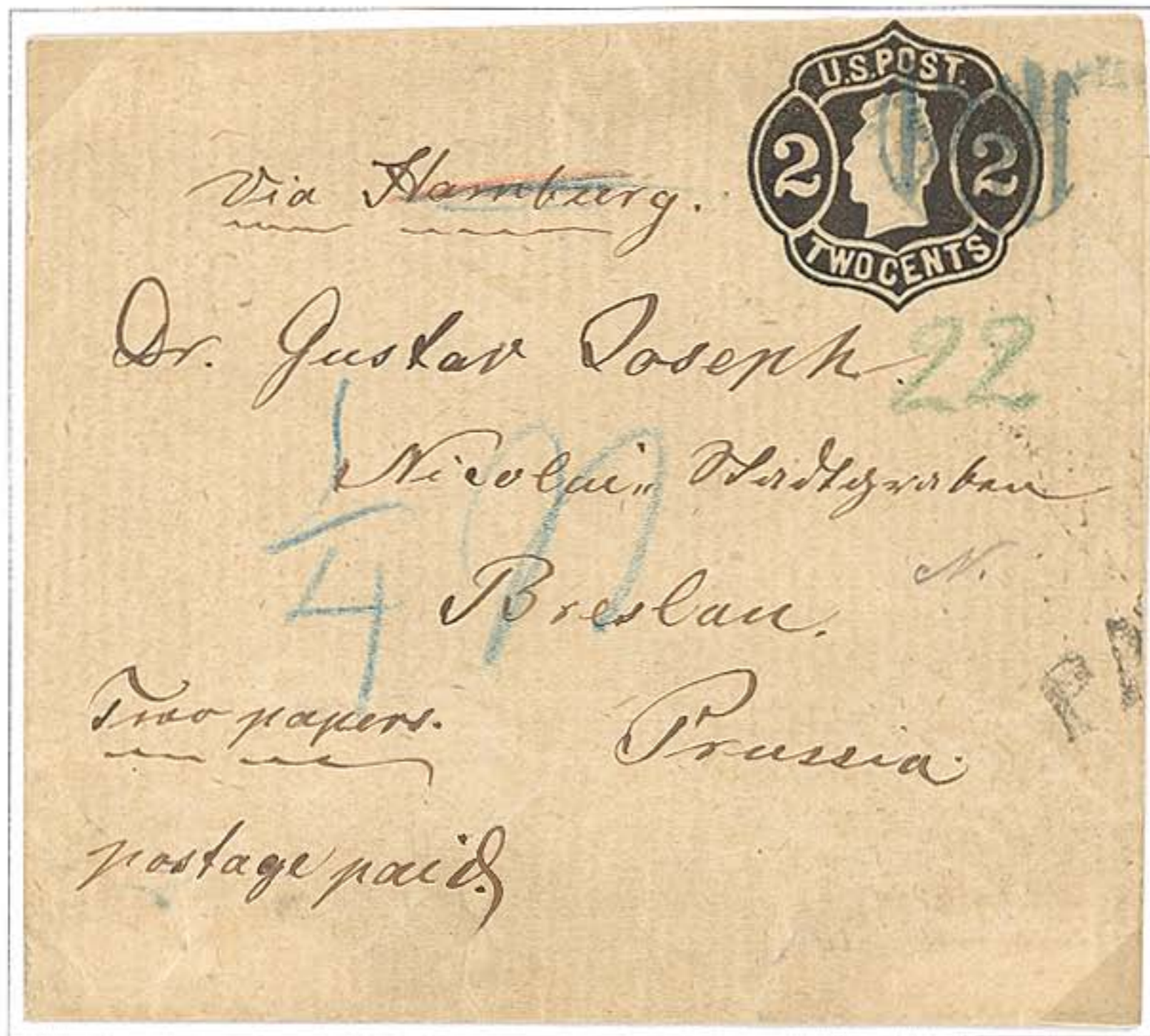
Rate: 2¢ prepaid for single printed matter rate  
15 centimes postage due in Paris

Notes: Prices Current sent by Aug. Couturie, Commercial Merchant of New Orleans. U.S. prepayment made with 2¢ 1863 black adhesive (Scott No. 73). French marked 15 centimes postage due since 1857 convention did not address printed matter. Printed matter carried on French steamships is quite uncommon.

# U.S. - North German Union Postal Treaties

1867 Treaty  
Contract Steamship

1868-1870  
1 January 1868-30 June 1870



Newspaper wrapper: New York to Breslau, Prussia, February 1869

Ship: Cuba

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

Depart: New York, 24 February 1869  
Arrive: Queenstown, 6 March 1869

Rate: 4¢ probably prepaid for newspaper rate via England

Notes: Both the Hamburg and Bremen steamers arrived at their respective ports on 10 March 1869, one day after the Breslau backstamp on this wrapper, indicating it had to be sent via England. The strike of a PAID ALL handstamp, partly on the wrapper to the lower right, indicates the newspaper was fully paid. Since the rate via England was 4¢, a 2¢ adhesive (probably a 2¢ Blackjack) was overlapping onto the newspaper to the right of the wrapper indicia and came off with the newspaper. In Germany it was marked for a weight of 22 grams and ¼ groschen local postage due. Although marked for "Two papers," the rate was based on weight, up to 4 oz.