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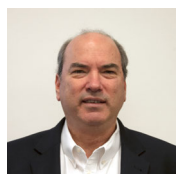
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Symbols

**	Mint (never hinged)	☒	Cover	S	Specimen
*	Mint (hinged)	(☒)	Cover Front	//	Incomplete Set
(*)	Mint (no gum/regummed)	B	Booklet or Booklet Pane	▲	On Piece
o	Used	E	Essay		
□	Block	P	Proof		

Grading and Condition

Superb	Extraordinary item in the finest condition.
Extremely Fine	Outstanding and exceptional quality.
Very Fine	Choice, first-class condition.
Fine-Very Fine (F-VF)	Stamp or cover in sound condition; if a stamp, it is slightly less well-centered than Very Fine but better centered than Fine.
Fine	Sound in all respects. Perforated stamps will have the designs clear of the perforations; the designs of imperforate stamps will not be cut in to any significant degree.
Very Good (VG)	Imperfect centering (stamps) or poor general appearance.

Any stamp faults such as a thin spot, tear, crease etc., will be described at all times. Postally used covers should be expected to have the normal degree of wear associated with them and this wear is not grounds for return. The grade of a cover is independent of the grade of the stamps on it. Covers from the famous Carroll-Hoy correspondence will normally have a small unobtrusive staple hole. In lots containing several items, degrees of condition denote the overwhelming average and examples above and below such condition can be expected.

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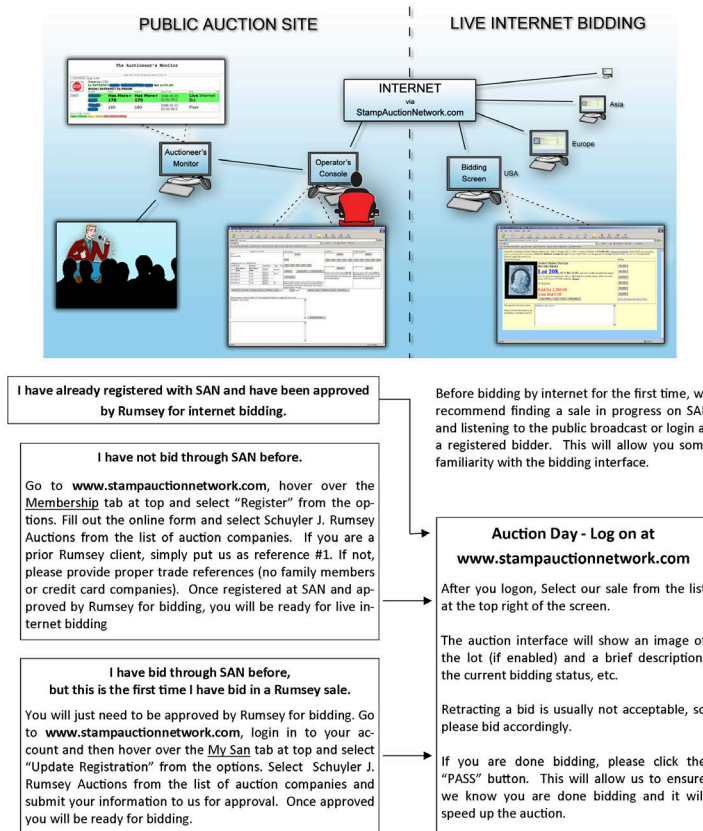
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The Robert S. Boyd Collection U.S. - German Mails to UPU

Fifteen years ago, while a freshman at George Washington University in Washington, DC, I ran a small stamp selling business on eBay out of my dorm room. One day, I noticed a buyer's address was just across the Potomac River in Virginia. As I did not know many philatelists in the area, I figured I would reach out and offer to meet. The person I reached out to that day was newly retired Robert S. Boyd, the owner of the exhibit collection being offered in this sale. Bob responded almost immediately with tremendous enthusiasm that he would love to meet-up and host me for a beer at a favorite spot in Pentagon City. The start of our friendship was memorable as I had to sheepishly explain that I was only 19-years old and could not legally get into a bar and have that beer. Bob pivoted quickly and offered the restaurant next door as our first meeting place.



Bob began collecting stamps 46-years earlier at age 11 in Pennsylvania. Bob's father who had also enjoyed the pursuit as a child introduced him to the hobby. Typical distractions in his late teens forced Bob to put his stamp collection aside. Following graduation from Dickinson College, Bob entered the Army and went on to serve as an intelligence and infantry adviser in the Vietnam War – receiving the Combat Infantry Badge and a Purple Heart. Bob's family traces its heritage of military service to the American Revolutionary with subsequent generations fighting in every major conflict from the War of 1812 to World War II. After his service in Vietnam, Bob stayed in the Army and spent four years stationed in Germany. In 1977, Bob left the Army and accepted a civilian position at the Defense Intelligence Agency and a few years later switched over to the Air Force Intelligence Agency. On the morning of September 11th, 2001, Bob was working in the Pentagon when the hijacked American Airlines Flight 77 hit the building. That day and its aftermath would define the work of Bob's final career position as Director of the Air Force Intelligence Analysis Agency until his retirement in April 2005.

In 2005, when Bob and I first met at that restaurant in Virginia, he was just beginning to get reacquainted with all his favorite areas of the hobby. During his time in the Army, a coworker had also collected stamps and introduced Bob to the US Classics Period. This began a life-long passion for the 1851-57 Issue and especially the 1c Issue. As our friendship grew, I began encouraging Bob to find a specific area of interest and take a shot at exhibiting. During one of our conversations, Bob shared a story about his time in Germany and how much he enjoyed living there. That was the lightbulb moment – let's connect Bob's passion for the US 1851-57 Issue and interest in Germany.

Within a relatively short period, Bob had completely immersed himself in the study of Pre-UPU US-German mails. Bob relished the difficulty of the pursuit and commented frequently how studying a given cover helped him keep the core of his intelligence analysis skills sharp. In crafting the first outing of the exhibit, Bob also set himself another goal – to make the exhibit a teaching tool to help the broader philatelic world better understand the complex systems and markings that carried mail from the US to and through the various German states.

When the inaugural 3-frame version of the exhibit was ready to go on its first outing, I offered to be the courier. Due to a series of family needs with Bob as the primary caregiver, traveling to faraway stamp shows was not possible so I became a partner in the effort to give the exhibit as much visibility as possible. Over a 10-year period, the exhibit went up at World Series of Philately shows around the US eventually earning three Grand Awards and multiple gold medals. We also showed the exhibit at several exhibitions overseas. Bob received a Large Gold for the exhibit at the Brazil World Stamp Exhibition in 2013 (his very first time exhibiting at the FIP level). I always found a way to communicate with Bob from the shows no matter where in the world I was with the exhibit.

Though Bob is moving on from US-German mails, his collecting and study of other areas continues. Even with the tremendous focus on his exhibit, Bob continued to dive deeper into his research of the US 1851-57 Issue. In 2015, the Classics Society presented Bob with the Susan M. McDonald Award for his article, "The Travers Papers: Toppan, Carpenter, Casilear & Co." which provided a narrative structure for an archive of 643 original documents for the era of the 1851 Issue stamps. At present, in collaboration with other specialists, Bob is currently developing a website to showcase the reconstruction of the 1c 1857 Issue Plate 11 – the only plate to not be largely reconstructed.

Helping Bob take his exhibit, eventually growing to 10-frames, all over the world will remain one of the great privileges of my life in philately. Even more than that, I am honored to have Bob as my close friend. Bob and I are grateful to Schuyler and his team for their interest in showcasing this exhibit collection with its own single-owner sale catalog. Bob is excited for all the items in his exhibit to find new homes in collections and exhibits around the world through this sale. Finally, and in-line with Bob's original goals, he hopes that this catalog and the digital version of his exhibit will be useful to future generations in their pursuit and study of US-German mails.

Alexander T. Haimann,

St. Louis, Mo. November 2020

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www.rumseyauctions.com/exhibits/Boyd_US-Germany.pdf

Mail From the US To Germany Before the Universal Postal Union

ACCOUNTING

Transit fees for transatlantic letters were complex and usually not prepaid before 1852. Accounting between multiple states using different currencies was confusing. Before beginning the exhibit proper, a brief tutorial may help to understand accounting markings on the covers.

This early Bremen Mail cover is typical. The **red** letters on an image of the cover denote the accounting marks written by clerks at each stage of the journey to a breakdown of the total rate.

- Cincinnati applied its townmark (**A**) with a "10" showing US domestic postage paid.
- The New York Exchange Office stamped a black "24" (**B**) to show Bremen owed the US for sea transit.
- The Hanover PO in Bremen handled most Bremen Mail. It applied the "AMERICA ÜBER BREMEN" handstamp, wrote "9" to convert the 24¢ sea postage to *gutegroschen* (ggr) (**C**), stamped "10½" (**D**) to show the total ggr due Hanover to pay transit and US sea postage, then wrote "46" (**E**) to convert ggr to *kreuzer* (kr) as a debit to the Thurn & Taxis postal system that handled mail to Württemberg.
- Thurn & Taxis added its 24 kr transit fee (**F**) and wrote the total as 1 florin 10 kr (70 kr—**G**).
- The Vaihingen PO added a 3 kr delivery fee (**H**) and wrote the final total due as 1 florin 13 kr (**I**).

Rate Breakdown			Cumulative	
	¢	ggr	kr	
US Postage (paid)	10 A			
Sea (debit)	24 B	9		9 C
Hanover Transit		1½		10½ D
Th. & T. Transit			24 F	70 (1f10) G
Local Delivery			3 H	73 (1f13)
Postage Due				73 (1f13) I



- Cincinnati, 8 June 1848, to Sersheim, Oberamt Vaihingen, Württemberg.
- Hermann, Ocean Line, dpt NY 20 June 1848, arr Bremerhaven 6 July.

Currency Abbreviations

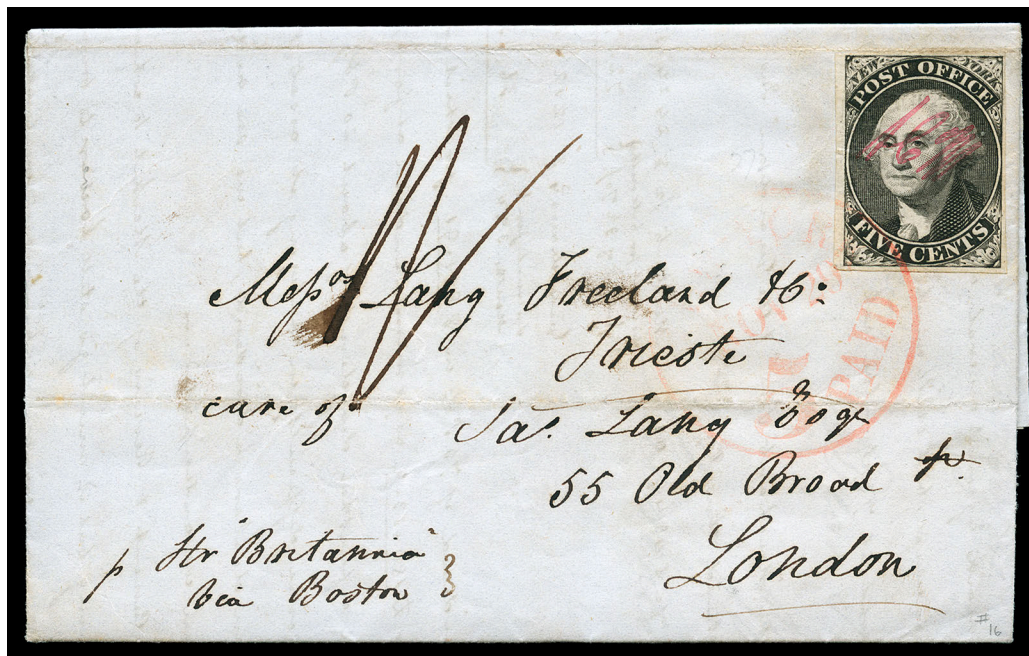
c	centime (France)	krR	kreuzer Rheinisch (South Germany)
d	pence (Great Britain)	krCM	kreuzer Convention Münze (Austria)
dec	decime (France)	ngr	neugroschen (Saxony)
f	florin (also gulden—South Germany)	nkr	neukreuzer (Austria)
ggr	gutegroschen (Hanover)	pf	pfennige (Prussia & North Germany)
gr	grote (Bremen)	sch	schillinge (Hamburg)
kr	kreuzer (South Germany)	sg	silbergroschen (Prussia & North Germany)

Non-Convention Mail

Ship Letters and Privately Carried Mail

Even after transatlantic steamships became common, correspondents could halve the cost by sending mail to an intermediate destination for forwarding or across the Atlantic privately to enter the mails in Europe.

- 5001 ☒ **1835, 1841 United States to Germany via Union Line**, two folded letters: **1835 (Apr. 8)** New York N.Y. to Undingen, Württemberg carried by Union Line *Francis Depau* from New York Apr. 10th, French "Pays D'Outremer/Par Le Havre" framed handstamp with red crayon "48" kr final due rating; 1841 (Jun. 28) Plymouth Mass. to Göttingen, Hanover carried by Union Line *Oneida* from New York Jul. 1st to Le Havre arriving Jul. 22nd, red "Outre Mer, Le Havre" (7.22) arrival cds with red crayon "42" kr and red ms. "9½" ggr final due rating.
Estimate. \$300 - 400



- 5002 ☒ **1845 (Nov. 29) New York N.Y. to Trieste, Austria via London**, light blue folded letter care of Jas. Lang, London, England bearing **New York, N.Y., 5¢ black on bluish (9X1a)**, Position 16, ample to large margins, tied by red "New-York '5 Paid' Nov 29" foreign-mail integral-rate cds, carried as endorsed by Cunard *Britannia* from Boston Dec. 2nd to Liverpool arriving Dec. 17th, red London (12.17) arrival backstamp and manuscript "1/-" due rating; stamp with minor wrinkle at left center, **Very Fine and scarce**, ex-Lapham, Frelinghuysen.
Estimate. \$3,000 - 4,000

A SCARCE USE OF THE NEW YORK POSTMASTER'S PROVISIONAL TO TRIESTE VIA LONDON.

As usual for this correspondence, this cover was sent to James Lang in England and forwarded to Trieste outside the mails.



- 5003 ☒ **(Freight Money) 1847 (Feb. 23) New Orleans, La. to Dresden, Saxony, Redirected to Göttingen, Hannover**, folded letter with "New Orleans La. Feb 23" cds with "Paid" h.s. and manuscript "25" prepaid rating for freight money fee and blue manuscript "10" for inland postage, carried by Black Star Line *Nicholas Biddle* from New York Mar. 5th to Liverpool arriving Mar. 26th, "Liverpool Ship/26MR1847" backstamp with manuscript "1/6" debit to Prussia, forwarded to Hannover, various German debits with final "22¼" ggr. due rating, **Very Fine, One of only three recorded freight money covers to Germany.**
 Estimate. \$300 - 400

Letter prepaid 25¢ steamship freight money fee plus 10¢ inland fee to New York in anticipation of going on board the new steamship Sarah Sands, marked in blue ink, upper right. Letter arrived in New York after steamer left so New York postmaster placed it on sailing ship to Liverpool and refunded unused portion of freight money fee. London marked 1/6d debit to Prussia and sent letter on steamer to Hamburg. Prussians marked 16-2/3 sgr. for 1846 Anglo-Prussian Convention fees owed them (15 sgr. to U.K. and 1-2/3 sgr. for Hamburg transit). Prussia added 5 sgr. transit fee and debited Saxony 21-2/3 sgr. (not shown), which Leipzig converted to 218 npf. Postage due at Dresden was 234 npf with 16 npf added for Saxony transit. Letter redirect to Hannover and marked for 22¼ ggr. postage due.

- 5004 ☒ **1847 (Jul. 10) Philadelphia Pa. to Hannover, Germany**, folded letter datelined July 10th with endorsed "New York, Bremen Steamer" at top, instead carried by sailing ship to Bremen, boxed "See Brief." (Vanderlinden 2554, scarcity 6) and "America/über Bremen" handstamps, Bremen (9.23) transit backstamp and red crayon "5" grote due rating (1 11/12), Hanover added 2ggr domestic for red ms. "3 11/12" ggr final due rating, **Very Fine, ex-Boettger.**
 Estimate. \$300 - 400

Ocean Line Washington made its maiden voyage on June 1st 1847. This letter was intended for its August voyage, which was postponed for mechanical reasons. This letter was sent by private sailing ship as a result.



- 5005 (☒) **1847 (Sep. 28) Brattleboro Vt. to Furstenau, Hannover, Germany**, cover front bearing 5¢ red brown (1), rich color with mostly large margins except clear at bottom, tied by blue circular 13-bar grid cancel, matching blue "Brattleboro Ct., Sep 28" cds, carried by Cunard Line *Britania* from Boston Oct. 1st to Liverpool arriving Oct. 16th, London manuscript "1/6" debit rating, Hannover black "England/über Bremen" two-line handstamp and red crayon "12" ggr restatement (1s6d) also ties stamp, manuscript "14gg 2d" rating at top right; 5¢ with vertical crease, **a Very Fine use**; with 2012 P.F. certificate.
 Estimate. \$1,000 - 1,500

THE EARLIEST RECORDED USE OF THE 1847 ISSUE TO GERMANY.

The first U.S. steamship sailed in June 1847. During the retaliatory time period, the British charged sea postage on prepaid mail carried by U.S. ships. So to avoid the double payment, the sender specified "Engl. Steamer". The total postage paid by the sender and addressee was 45¢.

- 5006 ☒ **1850 (Apr. 3) Boston, Mass. to Cassel, Kurhessen**, gray folded datelined letter endorsed "via Ostend & Coln" at top, carried privately on Cunard Line *Niagara* from Boston Apr. 3rd to Liverpool arriving Apr. 16th, entered mails prepaid with red "London, Paid" (4.16) cds and matching red "P" oval handstamp with red ms. "1/8" prepaid rating, red ms. "1/4" credit, red "Aus England, per Aachen Franco" framed handstamp; Prussian blue ms. "f 3 1/3" credit to Thurn & Taxis, indistinct arrival backstamp, **Very Fine.**
 Estimate. \$150 - 200

Non-Convention Mail

Before the US-European conventions, US mail to Germany usually went through France.

The Count of Thurn & Taxis (Th. & T.), under a feudal grant by the Holy Roman Empire, provided postal service to many German states, mainly in the south. Th. & T. handled both of these covers; the top one was rated in South German *kreuzer* (kr) and the bottom one in Hanoverian *gütetroschen* (ggr).



PAYS D'OUTREMER
PAR LE HAVRE

"Overseas Country
via Le Havre"

Rate Breakdown	dec	kr
French Ship Ltr Fee & Transit (1 franc/3 decimes)	13	(36)
Th. & T.	6	
Württemberg	4	
Local Fee	2	
Total Postage Paid	48	

- New York, 8 April 1835, to Undingen, Württemberg.
- Francis Depau, Union Line, sailed from NY 10 April 1835.
- Letters for Germany originating in New York did not require US postage, and sailing packets rarely charged for carrying mail, so the total cost of this letter only included European fees (about 32¢).



Red "Overseas/Le
Havre" replaced
black box in 1839

- Plymouth, MA, 28 June 1841, to Göttingen, Hanover.
- Oneida, Union Line, sailed from NY 1 July 1841, arr Le Havre 22 July.
- With US domestic postage, the total cost was about 47¢.

Rate Breakdown	dec	kr	ggr
French Ship Ltr Fee & Transit (1 franc/3 decimes)	13	(36)	
Th. & T.	6		
Total Postage Paid	(42)	9%	

5001



5003



5004

- 5007 ☒ **1851 (Feb. 1) Pittsburgh Pa. to Deizisau, Württemberg**, blue folded cover with brilliant red "Pittsburgh Pa., Feb 1" cds and matching "Paid" and "10" rating handstamps, carried by Union Line *Gallia* from New York Feb. 8th to Le Havre arriving Mar. 5th, Ligne L'Havre (3.5) arrival backstamp, blue Essingen (3.9) arrival backstamp, red ms. "18/4" totaled to 22 kr due in red crayon, **Very Fine and attractive with all markings in red.**

Estimate. \$150 - 200

The steam packet "Franklin" also left New York on Feb. 8th, but the sender directed the letter to go via New York and Le Havre without paying the 24¢ ship letter fee. So, it was sent by sailing vessel without charge. The French transit was 6 decimes, or 18 kr, plus Thurn & Taxis 4 kr transit for total due of 22 kr.

- 5008 ☒ **1852 (Mar. 26) Cincinnati, Ohio to Darmstadt, Hessen**, gray folded letter with bold red "Cincinnati O. '5 cts' Mar 26" integral-cds, red "Paid" straightline, carried by Cunard Line *Niagara* from Boston Mar. 31st to Liverpool arriving Apr. 13th, red London (3.14) transit backstamp and manuscript "1/4" debit 1s4d rating, red Aachen (4.15) exchange backstamp and "Amerika/über Preussen" two-line handstamp, blue ms. "57" debit rating, German (4.17) arrival backstamp and red crayon "57/1" final due rating, **Very Fine and scarce use.**

Estimate. \$200 - 300

- 5009 ☒ **1854 (Mar. 1) New Philadelphia Pa. to Herrenberg, Württemberg**, blue folded letter with sharp "New Philadelphia O. Mar 1" cds and matching "Paid" handstamp with ms. "20" rating, light red "New York, Am. Packet, Mar 14" exchange cds, carried by Havre Line *Nashville* from New York Mar. 14th to Le Havre arriving Mar. 28th, red "Outre mer Le Havre" (3.28) entry cds, Herrenberg (3.31) arrival backstamp, red ms. "14/6" totaled to "20" kr due, **Very Fine, ex-Feldman.**

Estimate. \$150 - 200

The French transit was 5 decimes, or 16 kr, plus Thurn & Taxis 6 kr transit for total due of 20 kr.


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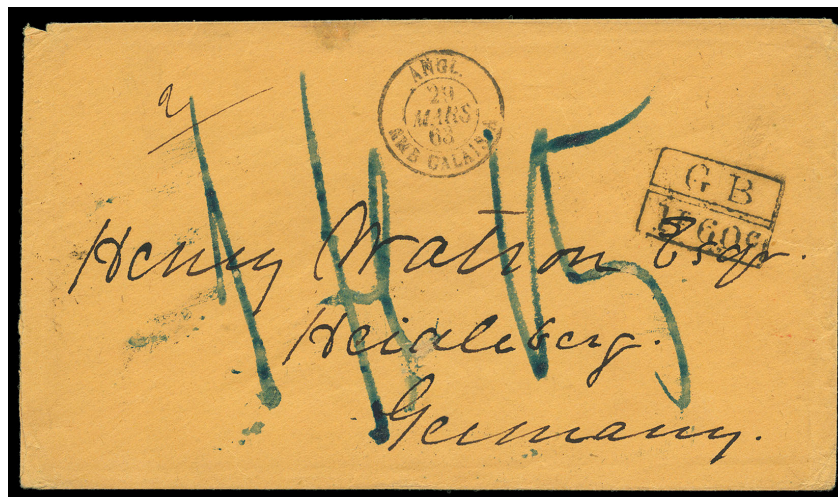


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Confederate States Blockade Run Mail

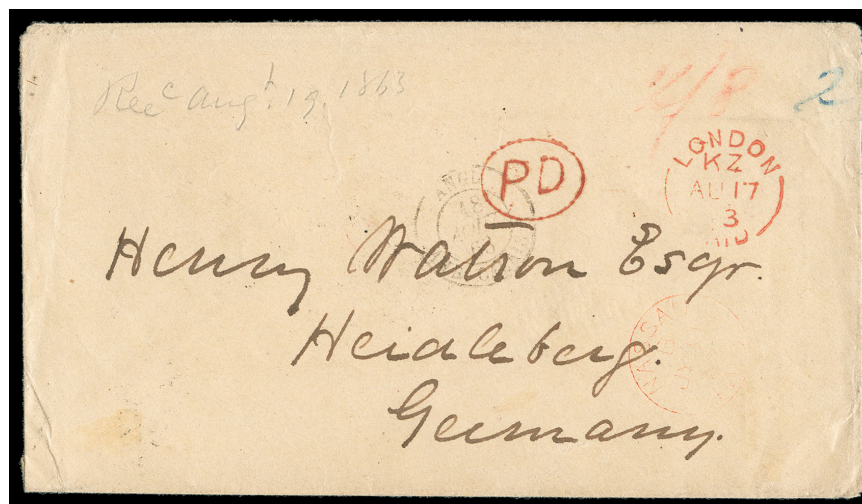


- 5011 ☒ **1863 Wilmington N.C., C.S.A. to Heidelberg, Germany, via England and France**, outbound blockade-run cover from the Watson correspondence, no apparent Nassau or Bermuda datestamps, sent by private ship to Great Britain, reverse with "Liverpool 'Ship' Mr 28, 1863" framed handstamp and red "Ship-Letter, London" (3.28) transit cds, framed "GB/1F60c" Anglo-French accountancy handstamp and Calais (3.29) arrival backstamp, blue ms. "1fl 15" due rating (France 3 x 8 decimes = 72kr plus Baden 1x 3kr = 75kr - 1fl 15), detailed Mar. 30, 1863 receipt docketing on reverse, **Very Fine**, Census BO-Oth-12, *ex-Walske*.
 Estimate. \$1,000 - 1,500

A RARE CSA BLOCKADE-RUN COVER TO GERMANY.

Henry Watson Jr. was a lawyer and planter in Greensboro Ala., during the Civil War he relocated to Europe, his papers (including the letter carried in this cover) can be found in the Duke University Libraries.

Blockade runners were essential for vital supplies and correspondence with Europe.



- 5012 ☒ **1863 (Jul. 7) Wilmington N.C. to Heidelberg, Germany via Charleston and Nassau**, light buff cover to Henry Watson in Heidelberg, Germany, routed to Charleston and carried by blockade-runner *Alice* to Nassau arriving Jul. 7th, it entered the British Mails with partial red "Nassau, Paid, JY 11 63" cds with red crayon "2/8" double-weight credit rating, blue crayon "2" pence local rating, carried by Cunard Line *Corsica* from Nassau Jul. 31st to New York arriving Aug. 4th, then Cunard Line *Africa* from Boston Aug. 5th to Queenstown arriving Aug. 15th, red London Paid (8.17) transit datestamp and "PD" oval, Calais (8.18) transit datestamp, reverse with Paris-Strasbourg (8.18) and Heidelberg (8.19) framed arrival backstamps, pencil Aug. 19th receipt docketing, explicit route notations on back "Via Nassau, London, Calais, Paris, Strasbourg" as often found on this correspondence, **Very Fine**, *ex-Walske*.
 Estimate. \$1,500 - 2,000

AN OUTSTANDING AND RARE BLOCKADE-RUN COVER TO GERMANY FROM THE WATSON CORRESPONDENCE.

This double-weight cover was prepaid 2s 10d for two-times the 1d local postage plus two-times the 1s 4d rate to Germany.

Printed Matter



- 5013 ☒ **1858 (Dec. 25) New Orleans La. to Cromford, Rhenish Prussia**, blue printed circular bearing 1¢ blue, type IIIa (22) horizontal pair, pos. 11-12L4, rich color, tied by light New Orleans cds, carried by Havre Line *Fulton* from New York Jan. 8th to Southampton but could not continue, sent on another vessel to Havre, ultramarine Havre (1.22) entry octagon datestamp, red “Aus Frankreich, Per Aachen” (1.24) transit backstamp and blue ms. “1 ¾” sgr due rating (France 1¼ sgr, Thurn & Taxis ½ sgr); pair affected from edge placement and some perf toning, a **Very Fine** use.
 Scott \$1,050 as used pair Estimate \$200 - 300

Since the 1857 US-France Convention had no provision for printed matter, postage due was based upon conventions between the European states. US Postage was 2¢ per circular.



- 5014 ☒ **1860 (Jan. 4) New York N.Y. to Bremen, Germany**, printed circular with reduced orange envelope as label bearing two 1¢ blue (24) singles, tied by two strikes of “New York, Paid, Jan 7” cds, carried as endorsed by Havre Line *Arago* from New York Jan. 7th to Havre arriving Jan. 21st, ultramarine Havre (1.21) octagonal transit, red crayon “4”; right stamp few tiny perf tears at lower right, **Fine and unusual printed matter** use.
 Estimate. \$200 - 300

1847 US-Bremen Agreement

In 1847, the US concluded its first international postal agreement with the free city of Bremen. The city was separated by Hanoverian territory from its port, Bremerhaven, at the mouth of the Weser River. The Hanover Post Office in Bremen handled most of Bremen's mail because of its extensive rail network with the German states. This agreement was superseded by one with the North German Union in 1868.

Summary of Basic Postage Rates					
	1847-51	1851-1853	1853-58		1858-68
			North	South	
			Germany Germany		
US	0-10¢	5¢	5¢	5¢	3¢
Sea	24¢	15¢	4¢	9¢	6¢
Bremen	-	-	1¢	1¢	1¢
Int'l Rate	24/29/34¢	20¢	10¢	15¢	10¢
German Transit	Up to 22¢	Up to 22¢	5¢	7¢	5¢
Total Rate	Up to 56¢	Up to 42¢	15¢	22¢	15¢

Main Feature of a Bremen Cover

AMERICA ÜBER BREMEN

"America über Bremen" applied by Hanover PO in Bremen, usually combined with debits or "FRANCO" (PAID)

1847-1851 24¢ International Rates

The first period included the packet charge of 24¢ in all three international rates, which differed because of U.S. postage. Nothing was charged for mail from New York City (24¢ rate), 5¢ for letters from places up to 300 miles away (29¢ rate), and 10¢ from places over 300 miles (34¢ rate).



- 5015 ✉ **1848 (Mar. 15) Elizabethtown, Ind. to Ochsenbach, Württemberg**, folded letter with manuscript "Elizabeth Town, March 15" postmark and matching "Paid 10" rating, "New-York, Mar 20" backstamp, carried by Ocean Line *Hermann* from New York on Mar. 21st to Bremerhaven arriving Apr. 13th, many manuscript postal ratings, handstamped "America/über Bremen" with red crayon "9¼" transit fee rating showing Bremen port-to-city fee, final red crayon "1f22" due rating (82kr), **Very Fine**, ex-Winter. Estimate. \$500 - 750

THIS LETTER WAS CARRIED ON THE FIRST OF FIVE VOYAGES UNDER THE BREMEN POSTAL TREATY OF 1847.

Letter sent to Oberamt of Brackenheim since there was no post office in Ochsenbach. On first five voyages of Ocean Line to Bremerhaven, Bremen charged ¾ ggr. for transit from Bremerhaven to Bremen. Bremen debited Hannover 9¼ ggr. Hannover debited Thurn & Taxis Post 11 1/12 ggr. (equivalent to 49 kr.). Thurn & Taxis Post added 24 kr. transit but debited Württemberg 77 kr. instead of 73 kr., or 1 fl. 17 kr. Württemberg added 3 kr. and Oberamt added 2 kr. for total postage due of 1 fl. 22 kr. Less than 20 covers have been recorded showing the ¾ggr. transit fee.



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- 5016 ☒ **1848 (May 19) Charleston S.C. to Göttingen, Sweden**, datelined folded letter with red “Charleston S.C. May 19” cds and matching “Paid” handstamp with ms. “34” rating, red “New-York, May 23” exchange backstamp and “PAID PART” straightline, carried by Ocean Line *Hermann* from New York Jun. 20th to Bremerhaven arriving Jul. 9th, Hanover “America/über Bremen” two-line handstamp and red crayon “2” ggr debit rating, Göttingen (7.8) arrival backstamp, **Very Fine and scarce “Paid Part” use.**
Estimate. \$300 - 400

The charge for mail addressed to Hanover was 2 ggr and for mail transiting Hanover 1 1/3 ggr. By agreement with Hanover and the US, Bremen did not charge transit fees. Because of the complexity of calculating postage transiting several states, the US Post Office recommended paying only the International Rate, leaving the German postage due; such letters were marked “PAID PART.” Due to this guidance, letters with full postage paid were uncommon and were marked “PAID ALL”.

- 5017 ☒ **1848 (Jun. 8) Cincinnati Oh. to Sersheim, Württemberg**, blue folded letter with red “Cincinnati, O. ‘10’ Jun 8” integral-rate origin cds and matching “Paid”, red “New-York Jun 13” exchange backstamp with black “24” debit handstamp to Bremen, carried by Ocean Line *Hermann* from New York Jun. 13th to Bremerhaven arriving Jul. 6th, black “America/über Bremen” two-line handstamp, red “10 1/3” rating handstamp and various red crayon and green ms. markings, **Very Fine**, a wonderful letter showing the rating complexities.
Estimate. \$150 - 200

The Hannover post in Bremen debited Hannover 9 gutegroschen, a restatement of the 24¢ U.S. debit. Hannover marked 10 1/3 ggr. debit to Thurn & Taxis Post, later marked as 46 kr. Thurn & Taxis Post added 24 kr. transit fee to Württemberg and wrote the total as “1/10” for 1 florin 10kr. Vaihingen added 3kr delivery fee for final total due of “1f13” (1 florin 13 kr).

- 5018 ☒ **1849 (Apr. 11) Warren, Pa. to Zierolshofen, Baden**, folded letter with blurry “Warren Pa. Apr 11” origin cds and matching “Paid” h.s. with manuscript “10” cents rating, “New-York Apr 15” exchange cds with black “24” debit h.s. to Bremen, carried by Ocean Line *Hermann* from New York Apr. 2nd to Bremerhaven arriving May 7th, Hannover black “9 America/über Bremen” two-line and red “10 1/3” handstamp, red crayon “59” kr total due rating, **F.-V.F., ex-Winter.**
Estimate. \$400 - 600

ONE OF ONLY FIVE RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE HANNOVER “9 AMERICA/ÜBER BREMEN” HANDSTAMP IN BLACK INK.

The Hannover post in Bremen debited Hannover 9 gutegroschen, a restatement of the 24¢ U.S. debit. The “9 America/über Bremen” handstamp was introduced in May 1849 and is known in black ink on this one voyage only. Hannover marked 10 1/3 ggr. debit to Thurn & Taxis Post, later marked as 45 kr. Thurn & Taxis Post added 6 kr. transit fee to Baden, where 8 kr. Baden internal fee also was added for total postage due of 59 kr.

- 5019 ☒ **1850 (Aug. 31) Hermann Mo. to Durlach, Baden**, blue folded letter with blue manuscript "Hermann Mo., 31 August 1850" postmark and "Paid 52" rating at top right, red "New-York, Sep 12" exchange backstamp with red "PAID ALL" straightline and magenta "18" cent credit, carried by Ocean Line *Washington* from New York Sep. 20th to Bremerhaven arriving Oct. 6th, red "America/über Bremen" two-line handstamp, various credits including red ms. "6" kr and red crayon "4", **Very Fine**.
Estimate. \$300 - 400

- 5020 ☒ **1850 (Nov. 16) New York N.Y. to Mittenwald, Bavaria**, blue datelined folded letter with "New-York, Oct 14" ocean mail cds (wrong month) and matching "24" debit, red "**Not Paid**" framed handstamp; carried by Ocean Line *Washington* from New York Nov. 20th to Bremerhaven arriving Dec. 8th, red "9 America/über Bremen" two-line and two matching strikes of "10 1/3" handstamp handstamps, magenta manuscript. "45" kr restatement plus Thurn & Taxis manuscript. "9" kr postage due for total 54 kr due, **Very Fine and choice use**.
Estimate. \$300 - 400



- 5021 ☒ **1851 (Sep. 30) Wheeling Va. to Sondelfingen, Württemberg**, blue folded letter with red "Wheeling, Va., Sep 30" cds and matching "Free" handstamp overstruck with correct "Paid" and additional strike below, ms. "34" rating, red "New-York, Oct 4" exchange backstamp and magenta "12" cent credit rating, carried by Cunard Line *Canada* from Boston Oct. 15th to Liverpool arriving Oct. 26th, red "America/über Bremen" two-line handstamp, various credits and restatements, **Very Fine**.
Estimate. \$300 - 400

From 30 June 1851, a single international rate of 20¢ from anywhere in the US replaced the 24¢, 29¢, and 34¢ rates. The founding of the German-Austrian Postal Union (GAPU) in July 1850 led to more uniform German rates. Nonetheless, this lot and the following reflect continued uncertainty about correct rates.

- 5022 ☒ **(Bremen Closed Mail) 1851 (Nov. 24) Cleveland Oh. to Hamburg, Germany**, gray datelined folded letter with "Cleveland O. Nov 24" cds and red "Paid" handstamp with manuscript "21" cent rating, red "New-York, Nov 28" exchange backstamp and black "PAID PART" straightline, carried by Collins Line *Atlantic* from New York Dec. 6th to Liverpool arriving Dec. 17th, closed bag through Bremen, Hamburg (12.23) arrival backstamp, red crayon "3" schillinge (5¢) due rating for GAPU transit, **Very Fine and scarce Bremen Closed mail use**.
Estimate. \$300 - 400

Ocean Line ships often did not sail in winter in the early 1850s, so NY made up "closed mails," i.e., locked mail bags sent to England by other American or British ships and then sent on to Bremen for processing. Bremen Closed Mail was used throughout 1851-52 to meet demand. This cover was endorsed to go in British Open Mail by US packet, but instead were sent by Bremen Closed Mail.



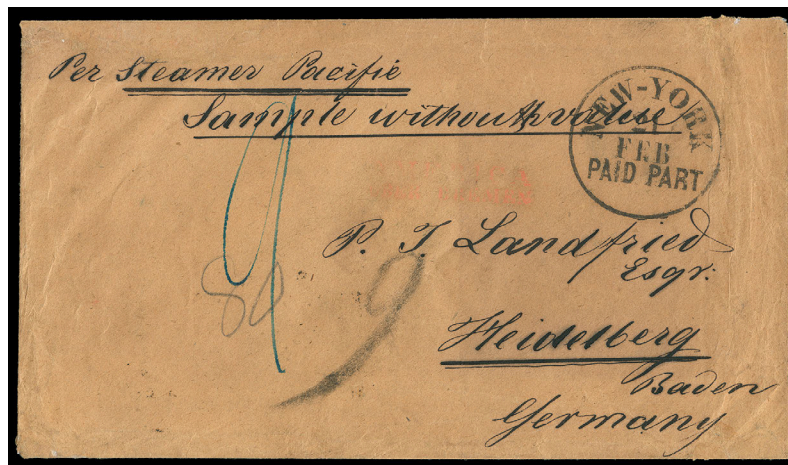
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1852 (Feb. 21) New York N.Y. to Heidelberg, Baden, orange cover with "New-York 'Part Paid' 21 Feb" integral exchange cds and pencil "80" cent prepaid rating, endorsed "Sample without Value", carried by Collins Line *Pacific* from New York Feb. 21st to Liverpool arriving Mar. 8th, then by ship to Bremerhaven arriving Mar. 8th, light strike of red "America/über Bremen" two-line handstamp, reverse with Deutz-Minden (3.9) transit and Heidelberg (3.11) arrival, black crayon and blue ms. "9" kr. due ratings for GAPU fee; flap mostly missing and some restoration, **Very Fine appearance**.

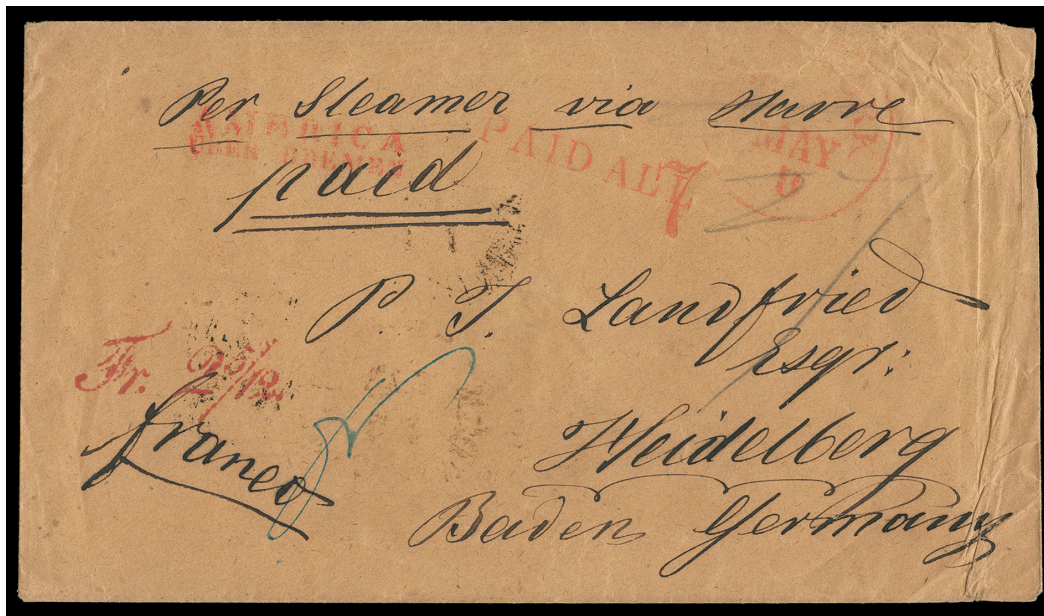
Estimate. \$500 - 750

A RARE USE OF THE NEW-YORK PART PAID INTEGRAL EXCHANGE CDS.

New York marked PAID PART as only the postage to Bremen was prepaid.



Bremen Post Office



- 5024 ☒ **1852 (May 9) New York N.Y. to Heidelberg, Baden**, orange cover with partial red "New-York, May 8" exchange cds and pencil "27" cent prepaid rating, matching "PAID ALL" straightline and "7" credit handstamp, carried by Havre Line *Franklin* from New York May 8th to Southampton arriving May 20th, then by ship to Bremerhaven arriving May 24th, red "America/über Bremen" two-line handstamp, red "**Fr. 2 5/12**" credit handstamp, reverse with Deutz-Minden (5.27) transit and Heidelberg (5.31) arrival, blue ms. "fr" indicating paid, **Very Fine and scarce Bremen mails "Paid All" use.**
 Estimate. \$400 - 600

The "Paid All" handstamp is a New York marking indicating that the letter was prepaid to destination. The Hanover Post Office in Bremen red "Fr. 2 5/12" gutegroschen credit handstamp is know used only from April to June 1852.



PAID ALL

- 5025 ☒ **1852 (Jul. 9) St. Louis, Mo. to Backnang, Württemberg**, folded letter with "Saint Louis Mo., Jul 9" cds with two strikes of red "Paid/All" two-line handstamp and red crayon "32" cent prepaid rating, red "New-York, Jul 15" exchange backstamp with matching complete "PAID ALL" straightline and magenta "7" cent credit rating, carried by Ocean Line *Washington* from New York Jul. 17th to Bremerhaven arriving Aug. 2nd, red "America/über Bremen" two-line handstamp and black "Fr. 3." handstamp, **Very Fine and choice.**
 Estimate. \$400 - 600

The "Paid All" handstamp is a New York marking indicating that the letter was prepaid to destination. The Hanover Post Office in Bremen black "Fr. 3." sgr credit handstamp is known used only from August 1852 to November 1853. The credit increase from 2 5/12 sgr to 3 sgr in July 1852.



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- 5027 ☒ **1853 (Aug. 30) Waterloo, Va. to Schorndorf, Württemberg**, blue folded letter with manuscript "Waterloo, Va. Augt. 30/53" postmark and "Paid 34¢" rating, red "N. York, U.S. Pkt. 'Paid 8' Sep 10" exchange cds, carried by Ocean Line *Hermann* from New York Sep. 10th to Bremerhaven arriving Sep. 29th, red "America/über Bremen" two-line transit and sharp strike of black "Fr. 3" for 3 sgr credit restatement, reverse with Berlin (9.26), Minden (9.27) transits and Schorndorf arrival, **Very Fine and scarce use**.
 Estimate. \$300 - 400

- 5028 ☒ **1854 (Aug. 22) Lancaster, N.Y. to Kuchen, Baden**, blue folded letter with "Lancaster N.Y., Aug 22" cds and manuscript "22" rating, partial "New York, Brem. Pk. '5' Aug 25" exchange cds, carried by Fritz Line *Hansa* from New York Aug. 25th to Bremerhaven arriving Sep. 10th, Bremen red "24/29 Kr.R AMERICA UBER BREMEN" was struck being 24 Kreuzer packet rate plus 9 kr. inland resulting in blue ms. "33" due rating; few minor tone spots, **otherwise Very Fine, A scarce use carried by the 3rd of only 9 voyages by the Fritz Line., ex-Feldman**.
 Estimate. \$150 - 200

With the exception of nine trips by the short-lived German Fritze Line, US packets carried the mails on the Bremen route until mid-1858.

- 5029 ☒ **1854 (Oct. 5) New York N.Y. to Bremerhaven, Germany**, blue folded letter bearing Swarts' City Dispatch Post, New York N.Y. (1c) **Pink on Wove (136L10)**, large to huge margins, small star cancel, filing crease through stamp, black "N.York, U.S. Pkt. '9' Oct 7" debit exchange datestamp, carried as endorsed by Ocean Line *Hermann* from New York Oct. 7th to Bremerhaven arriving Oct. 24th, Bremen red crayon "10" grote due rating, **Fine and scarce Swart's local post use by U.S. packet to Bremen, ex-Golden, Kuphal**.
 Estimate. \$500 - 750

Under the additional articles of 1853, the rate to Bremen was 10¢, with Bremen entitled to a 1¢ transit fee. A paid letter sent by US ship had a marking of 1¢ credit to Bremen; an unpaid letter showed a debit of 9¢.

- 5030 ☒ **1855 (Apr. 21) New York, N.Y. to Bremen**, orange buff envelope with large pencil "10" prepaid rating and red "N. York U.S. Pkt. 'Paid 1' Apr 21" exchange credit cds, carried by Ocean Line *Washington* from New York Apr. 21st to Bremerhaven arriving May 8th; small abrasion spot, **Very Fine and scarce New York 1¢ credit circular datestamp, ex-Winter**.
 Estimate. \$200 - 300

Under the second Bremen Treaty, of the 10¢ prepaid, the U.S. was entitled to 5¢ internal fee and 4¢ sea transit fee since an American contract steamship carried the letter to Bremerhaven. Bremen was entitled to 1¢ of the international fee.

- 5031 ☒ **1857 (May 5) Buffalo N.Y. to Bischofsheim, Baden**, orange buff cover with "Buffalo. N.Y. May 5" arc-datestamp and matching oval "22" rating handstamp, black "Paid" straightline, red "N.York, Brem. Pk. 'Paid 17' May 7" credit exchange cds, carried by Fritz Line *Hansa* from New York May 7th to Bremerhaven arriving May 24th, blue America/über Bremen/Franco" three-line handstamp, partial arrival backstamp; right flap missing, **Very Fine, A scarce prepaid use carried by the Last of only 9 voyages by the Fritz Line., ex-Winter**.
 Estimate. \$300 - 400

The Fritz Line "Hansa" carried mails on this last return voyage of nine round voyages between Bremerhaven and New York by this short-lived Bremen steamship company, which attempted to compete with the American Ocean Line as a mail steamship line. Less than five examples of this New York "N.York, Brem. Pk. 'Paid 17' May 7" credit exchange cds have been recorded, a credit marking used only on prepaid letters at the 22¢ rate carried by Bremen steamships.



The 1853 additional articles created a 22¢ rate for states served by Thurn & Taxis, which refused to adopt the low North German transit fee until 1858, when the 22¢ rate was eliminated.

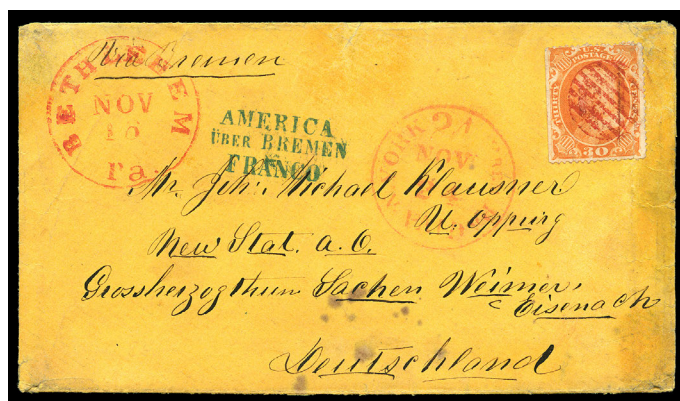
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Estimate. \$1,000 - 1,500

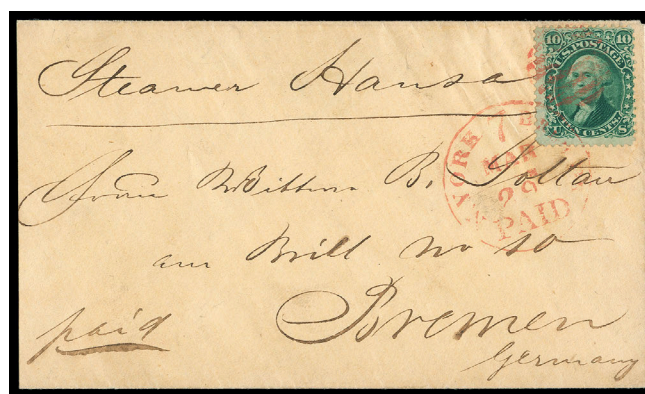
ONE OF ONLY TWO RECORDED 5¢ 1856 IMPERF - 10¢ 1857 PERFORATED MIXED ISSUE FRANKING TO GERMANY.

The two recorded 5¢ 1856 imperf - 10¢ 1857 perforated mixed issue frankings to Germany:

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- 5034 ☒ **1859 (Mar. 25) Reading Pa. to Neustadt am Rübenberge, Hanover**, buff cover bearing **5¢ Indian red (28A)**, intense color, used with **10¢ green, type III (33)**, tied together by "Reading Pa., Mar 25, 1859" cds, red "N. York, Brem. Pk. 'Paid 12' Apr 2" credit exchange cds, carried by NGL Line *Weser* from New York Apr. 2nd to Bremerhaven arriving Apr. 15th, blue *America/über Bremen/Franco* three-line handstamp, partial Neustadt arrival backstamp; bit of flap missing and vertical filing crease at right, 5¢ trivial toned corner perf, **Very Fine**; with clear 1984 P.F. certificate.

Estimate. \$1,500 - 2,000

A RARE AND DESIRABLE 5¢ 1857 INDIAN RED SHADE USED ON COVER TO GERMANY.

- 5035 ☒ **1860 (Jan. 9) West Meriden Ct. to Polle, Hanover**, light buff cover bearing two **1¢ blue (24)** singles, **3¢ dull red (26)** and **10¢ green (35)**, all tied by strikes of "West Meriden Ct., Jan 9, 1860" cds, red "N. York, Brem. Pk. 'Paid 12' Jan 21" credit exchange cds, carried by NGL Line *New York* from New York Jan. 21st to Bremerhaven arriving Feb. 5th, blue *America/über Bremen/Franco* three-line handstamp, Polle (2.6) arrival backstamp; some light soiling, **F.-V.F. and attractive three-color franking**.

Estimate. \$200 - 300

- 5036 ☒ **1860 (Aug. 2) St. Louis Mo. to Hofgeismar, Kurhessen**, cover bearing **3¢ dull red (24)** strip of four and single, each tied by bold open circular grid cancel, matching "Saint Louis Mo., Aug 2, 1860" cds, red "N. York, Brem. Pk. 'Paid 12' Aug 4, 1860" credit exchange cds, carried by NGL Line *Bremen* from New York Aug. 4th to Bremerhaven arriving Aug. 19th, blue *America/über Bremen/Franco* three-line handstamp, reverse with Cassel (8.20) and Hofgeismar (8.20) arrival cds; tone spot top left, **F.-V.F. and attractive 3¢ 1857 issue franking for the 15¢ rate**.

Estimate. \$150 - 200

- 5037 ☒ **1860 (Nov. 16) Bethlehem Pa. to Neustadt, Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach**, orange buff cover bearing **30¢ orange (38)**, s.e. at left, faults, cancelled by red circular grid cancel, matching red "Bethlehem Pa., Nov 16" cds, carried by NGL Line *Bremen* from New York Nov. 24th to Bremerhaven arriving Dec. 8th, blue *America/über Bremen/Franco* three-line handstamp, Neustadt (12.10) arrival backstamp; some cover staining, **Fine and scarce 30¢ 1860 use**.

Estimate. \$300 - 400



- 5038 ☒ **1861 (Jun. 8) New York N.Y. to Stuttgart, Württemberg**, pink cover bearing three **10¢ brown (30A)** singles, each cancelled by red open circular grid cancel, matching red "N.York, Brem. Pk. 'Paid 12' Jun 3" credit exchange cds, carried by NGL Line *New York* from New York Jun. 8th to Bremerhaven arriving Jun. 24th, light blue *America/über Bremen/Franco* three-line handstamp, Stuttgart (1.26.1861) arrival backstamp; left 5¢ faulty lower left, **Very Fine and attractive 5¢ 1857 issue use**.
Estimate. \$400 - 600
- 5039 ☒ **1862 (Mar. 29) New York, N.Y. to Bremen**, buff cover bearing **10¢ green (68)** tied by red NYFM grid and matching "N. York Brem. Pkt. 'Paid 7' Mar 29" credit exchange cds, carried as endorsed by NGL Line *Hansa* from New York Mar. 29th to Bremen arriving Apr. 14th; cover tear on back, slightly reduced at left, **Very Fine**.
Estimate. \$200 - 300



- 5040 ☒ **1862 (Jun. 6) Baltimore Md. to Lehe, Hannover**, gray folded cover with bold "Baltimore Md. Jun 6" cds and matching "15" rating handstamp, sharp bold strike of "N.York Brem. Pk. '3' Jun 7" debit exchange cds, carried by NGL Line *New York* from New York Jun. 7th to Bremerhaven arriving Jun. 21st, blue "AMERIKA über Bremen, 6½" double-circle integral debit handstamp, red crayon "6gr 5-" rating, blue "Lehe / 22 June" framed arrival backstamp, **an Extremely Fine gem**.
Estimate. \$300 - 400

- 5041 ☒ **1862 (Aug. 29) Philadelphia Pa. to Schorndorf, Germany**, orange buff cover with “Philadelphia Pa., Aug 29, 1862” cds and manuscript “15” cent rating, black “N.York Brem. Pk. ‘3’ Aug 30” debit exchange cds to Bremen, carried in closed bag on NGL Line *Hansa* from New York Aug. 30th to Bremerhaven arriving Sep. 12th, blue “AMERIKA über Bremen, 22” double-circle integral debit handstamp denoting 22 kreuzer due, reverse with Stuttgart (9.13) and Schorndorf (9.14) arrival cds where 22 kreuzer due was restated in blue crayon, **Very Fine with crisp postmarks**.
Estimate. \$150 - 200

Mistaken Rates & Insufficient Postage

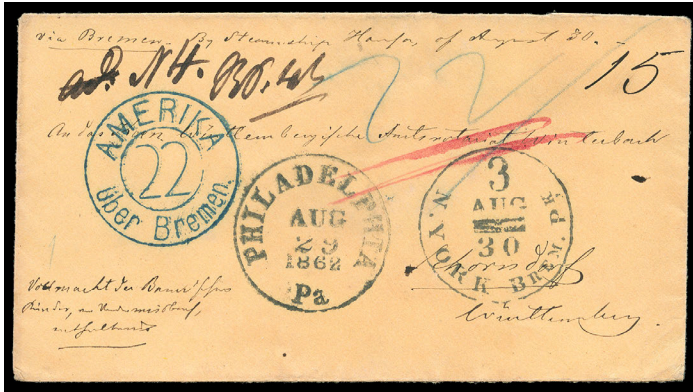


- 5042 ☒ **1854 (Jul. 20) New York N.Y. to Liebenwerda, Saxony, Prussia**, orange buff cover bearing **1¢ blue (7)**, four margins, and **3¢ dull red (11A) strip of three**, large margins to touched, all tied by two strikes of “New York, Jul 20” **ocean mail** cds, red “N. York, Brem. Pk. ‘Paid 10’ Jul 20” credit exchange cds, carried by Fritz Line *Germania* from New York Jul. 20th to Bremerhaven arriving Aug. 8th, perfect strike of blue “America/über Bremen/Franco” three-line handstamp, Aug. 1st arrival backstamp; right pair with vertical crease mostly between stamps, a **Very Fine use carried by the short-lived Fritz line**; with 2010 P.F. certificate.
Estimate. \$500 - 750



- 5043 ☒ **1861 (Jun. 8) Spanish Flat Cal. to Biasca, Switzerland**, yellow cover bearing **10¢ green (35) strip of three**, each cancelled and tied by three strikes of bold “Paid 10” in circle, matching “Spanish Flat, Cal. Jun ‘8’ ” balloon-style cds (Williams ELD-3780), red “N.York, Brem. Pk. ‘Paid’ Jul 6” exchange cds and magenta “16” cent credit rating, carried by NGL Line *Bremen* from New York Jul. 6th to Bremerhaven arriving Jul. 19th, blue America/über Bremen/Franco” three-line handstamp, reverse transits include Frankfurt (7.21) and Basel (7.22); edge cosmetically improved, **Very Fine and attractive use**.
Estimate. \$500 - 750

The Prussian Closed Mail rate to Switzerland was 35¢, since this was only prepaid 30¢, it was accepted and rerouted via Bremen mails at the 19¢ treaty rate. It could also have been sent by PCM for Aachen marked “Paid to Border”.



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- 5044 ☒ 1866 (Aug. 25) New York N.Y. to Furth, Bavaria, light buff cover with preprinted Seligman, Bendit & Sohne address bearing 2¢ black (73) pair, two 3¢ rose (65) singles and two 10¢ green (68) singles, tied by strikes of NYFM grid cancel, red "N.York Brem. Pkt. 'Paid 24' Aug 25" exchange cds, carried NGL Line *Bremen* from New York Aug. 25th to Bremen arriving Sep. 8th, blue "America/über Bremen/Franco" three-line handstamp, Furth (9.10) arrival backstamp; cosmetic cover repairs, left 10¢ small corner repair, **Very Fine appearance.**
 Estimate. \$500 - 750

The letter was properly paid for the 28¢ Prussian closed mail rate, but must have weighed just over ½ oz. Since 2 x 28¢ = 56¢ had not been paid for this route, the New York exchange office clerk sent the letter in the Bremen mail at two-times the 15¢ Bremen rate = 30¢ rate and accepted the 2¢ short payment. The New York marking shows a credit to Bremen of 2 x 12¢ = 24¢.

Registered Mail

An article for the exchange of registered mail was added to the Bremen agreement in August 1855. Prepayment was required, including a registration fee of 5¢ payable in cash.

Rate Breakdown	¢	
Registry Fee (Cash)	(5)	} Retained by US
US Postage	3	
Sea	6	} 30¢ Credit to Bremen
Bremen Transit	1	
GAPU Transit (US)	5	
GAPU Transit (Sweden)	7	} 5 sgr. (11¢) Credit to Sweden
Swedish Postage	11	
Total Postage Paid	33	(plus 5¢ Registry Fee)



Hamburg Registered Mail
Handstamp

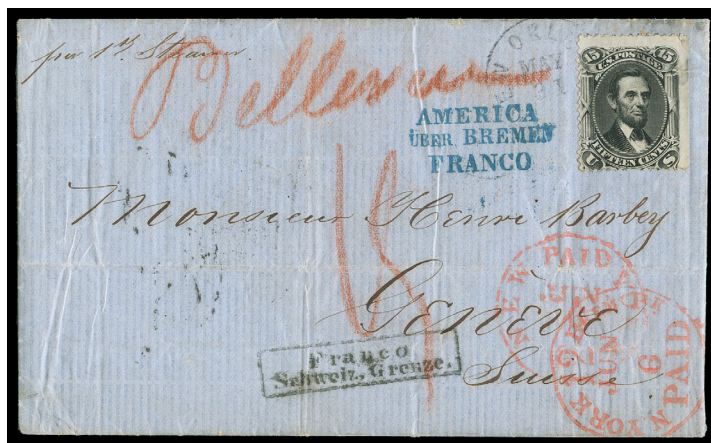


- 5045 ☐ **1861 (Jun. 8) New York N.Y. to Nösund, Sweden**, registered buff cover bearing 3¢ dull red (26) and 30¢ orange (38), each cancelled by matching magenta squiggle, sharp red "N.York, Brem. Pk. 'Paid' Jun 8" exchange cds with magenta "30" credit rating, carried by NGL Line *New York* from New York Jun. 8th to Bremerhaven arriving Jun. 24th, Hamburg (6.25.61) oval backstamp and "Franco" straightline with red crayon "5" sgr credit rating (11¢), red fancy "Recomandirt" handstamp, reverse with Hamburg K.S.P.A. (6.25) framed transit and Gotheborg (6.27) arrival cds; 30¢ small perf flaws, **Very Fine and rare 30¢ 1857 issue use.**
 Estimate. \$2,000 - 3,000

THE ONLY RECORDED REGISTERED COVER VIA BREMEN TO SWEDEN FROM THIS CLASSIC PERIOD.

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The Bremen City PO transmitted mail to Scandinavia directly through Hamburg, so this cover does not have the "AMERICA UBER BREMEN" marking of the Hanover PO in Bremen. Hamburg marked it "FRANCO" and credited Sweden with 5 sgr (11¢) in red crayon (lower left). The distinctive red "Recomandirt" (Registered-line over m indicates a double letter) marking was also used by the Prussian PO. Sweden marked the letter with a blue manuscript "Rekdr." (Rekommenderat-Registered) at top right.



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Transit to Other Countries (by Country)



- 5046 ☒ (Austria) 1859 (c., Aug. 31) Skowhegan, Me. to Vienna, Austria, orange buff cover bearing 1¢ blue (24) vertical pair, 3¢ dull red (26) and 10¢ green (35), each cancelled by ms. mark, 1¢ pair tied by sharp "Skowhegan Me., Aug 31" cds, matching "Paid" handstamp, red "N.York, Brem. Pkt. 'Paid 12' Sep 3" credit exchange cds, carried by NGL Line *Bremen* from New York Sep. 3rd to Bremerhaven arriving Sep. 17th, blue "America/über Bremen/Franco" three-line transit, Vienna (9.20) arrival backstamp; some edge wear and reduced at left, **Very Fine three-color 1857 issue franking at the 15¢ Bremen-Hamburg rate to Austria.**
 Estimate. \$200 - 300

- 5047 ☒ (Austria) 1859 (Sep. 15) Chicago Ill. to Vienna, Austria, cover bearing 1¢ blue (24) and three 3¢ dull red (26) singles, tied by "Chicago Ill., Sep 15, 1860" cds, red "N.York, Bremen Pkt. 'Paid 1' Oct 1" credit exchange cds, although endorsed "Weser", actually carried by NGL Line *New York* from New York Oct. 1st to Bremerhaven arriving Oct. 16th, blue "America/über Bremen, Franco" three-line transit, Vienna (10.19) arrival backstamp, **Very Fine and scarce 1857 Issue use to Austria, ex-Piller.**
 Estimate. \$300 - 400

This cover was sent short-paid for the 15¢ Bremen-Hamburg rate, the balance apparently paid in cash as New York rated this as fully paid with a 1¢ credit to Bremen.

- 5048 ☒ (Denmark) 1862 (Oct. 20) New York to Helsingør, Denmark, blue folded letter with "N. York, Brem. Pk. '3' Oct 25" exchange debit cds, carried by NGL Line *Hansa* from New York Oct. 25th to Bremerhaven arriving Nov. 9th, Hamburg (11.10) backstamp with blue "6½" debit h.s., Helsingør arrival backstamp and red crayon "37" due rating; file folds, **F.-V.F., an uncommon letter to Denmark by Bremen mail, ex-Winter.**
 Estimate. \$150 - 200

Letter forwarded by New York agent Funch, Meinke & Wendt, whose marking is in blue, lower left. Hamburg marked 4½ sgr. unpaid international fee and 6½ sgr. debit to Royal Danish post office in Hamburg, which was equivalent to 28 sk.R.M. To this was added 9 sk.R.M. for transit from Hamburg to Denmark for total postage due of 37 sk.R.M.



- 5049 ☒ (Italy) 1867 (Sep. 13) Milwaukee Wisc. to Rome, Italy, orange cover bearing 12¢ black (69) horizontal pair, tied by quartered cork cancels duplexed with "Milwaukee Wis. Sep 13" cds, sender's directive "Via Bremen & Hamburg" at upper left, red "N. York, Brem. Pk. 'Paid' Sep 19" credit exchange cds, carried NGL Line *Hermann* from New York Sep. 19th to Bremerhaven arriving Oct. 1st, blue "America/über Bremen/Franco" three-line handstamp and matching "21" cent credit handstamp, red crayon "16" kreuzer crossed out and with matching "Wf 14" (weiterfranco 14 kreuzer) credit to Italy, manuscript "2" at upper left indicates this was considered double-weight in Rome and marked with large manuscript "10" décimes due from recipient (20¢ equivalent), reverse with Basel and Rome (10.14) arrival cds, missing small part of top flap, **Very Fine, ex-Vogel, Gliedman**.
Estimate. \$2,000 - 3,000

ONE OF ONLY FOUR RECORDED USES PREPAID AT THE 24¢ RATE TO ROME BY BREMEN-HAMBURG MAIL, THIS RATE WAS IN EFFECT FOR ONLY ELEVEN MONTHS.

This remarkable cover was the subject a Chronicle article by George Hargest in August 1972 (No. 75, pp 151-153). In the article, he notes that during this time the Papal States were not yet a part of the Kingdom of Italy. Uprisings, led in part by Garibaldi, had reduced their territory to Rome and a narrow strip of coastline which also contained the port of Civitavecchia. Napoleon III of France sent a contingent to help protect Papal interests. A majority of mail sent during this time was fully prepaid to destination and sent via French Mail. The Bremen-Hamburg route was only in existence from February 1, 1867, until January 1, 1868. It was compulsory that letters sent by this route be prepaid by stamps, with the final postage to destination collected from the recipient. In 1870, at the start of the Franco-Prussian War, the French troops were called home and after a short battle the remaining Papal States territory was incorporated into Italy.

Hargest also quotes from the U.S. Mail and Post Office Assistant for March 1867, which discusses the general state of affairs of the Italian postal system: "But, with all these improvements, the postal system of Italy is still very far behind the English and American systems... Our clerks could hardly, with impunity, fail to find a pile of letters of letters that had been in the office for many weeks, or to destroy others for the sake of making a stamp album. They do so in Italy yet. It is rather desirable to be forewarned that a rare American stamp on a letter will probably ensure its being stopped by the post office. Report says the wives of certain postmasters in Italy have the richest albums in Europe."

Reference: Illustrated and described in an article by Hargest in Chronicle No. 75.

- 5050 ☒ (Switzerland) 1859 (Mar. 9) Augusta Ga. to Geneva, Switzerland, orange buff cover bearing 12¢ black (36) vertical pair and 3¢ dull red (26), tied by two strikes of "Augusta Ga., Mar 9, 1859" cds, red "N. York, Brem. Pk. 'Paid' Mar 19" exchange cds and magenta "24" cent credit rating, carried by NGL Line *Bremen* from New York Mar. 19th to Bremerhaven arriving Apr. 2nd, blue "America/über Bremen/Franco" three-line handstamp, various ratings, reverse with Frankfurt (4.4) and Basel (4.5) transits; missing part of top flap and with small tear at top, minor edge wear, **Very Fine and scarce 1857 issue use at the 27¢ rate to Switzerland via Bremen, ex-Piller, J & J**.
Estimate. \$500 - 750

The fully prepaid rate to Switzerland via Bremen was 27¢ from 1857 to 1860. It dropped to 19¢ when Th. & T. eliminated its transit fee. A prepaid letter was charged a flat fee of 4¢ Swiss postage, but the actual cost was based upon distance.

- 5051 ☒ (Switzerland) 1867 (May 31) New Orleans La. to Geneva, Switzerland, blue folded letter bearing **15¢ black (77)**, nat. s.e. at right with small corner flaw, tied by cork cancel duplexed with "New Orleans, La. May 31" cds, red "New York 'Paid 6' Jun 6" credit exchange cds overstruck by correct red "N.York, Brem. Pk. 'Paid 12' Jun 6" credit exchange cds, carried by NGL Line *Hermann* from New York Jun. 6th to Bremerhaven arriving Jun. 19th, bold blue "America/über Bremen/Franco" three-line handstamp, Hanover "Franco, Schweiz. Grenze." framed handstamp (Paid to Swiss Border), Swiss red crayon "15" rappen due rating, reverse with various transits including Frankfurt (6.20), Basel (6.21) and Geneva (6.22) arrival cds, **Very Fine and rare "Franco Schweiz Grenze" use.**
 Estimate. \$400 - 600

Printed Matter

Printed matter sent under the 1847 agreement could not be prepaid until April 1854, when the agreement was modified to permit newspapers carried by the Bremen steamers to be sent anywhere in the GAPU for 3¢. Newspapers (including circulars) sent directly to Bremen were only 2¢. New York marked such printed matter PAID ALL in red or black.



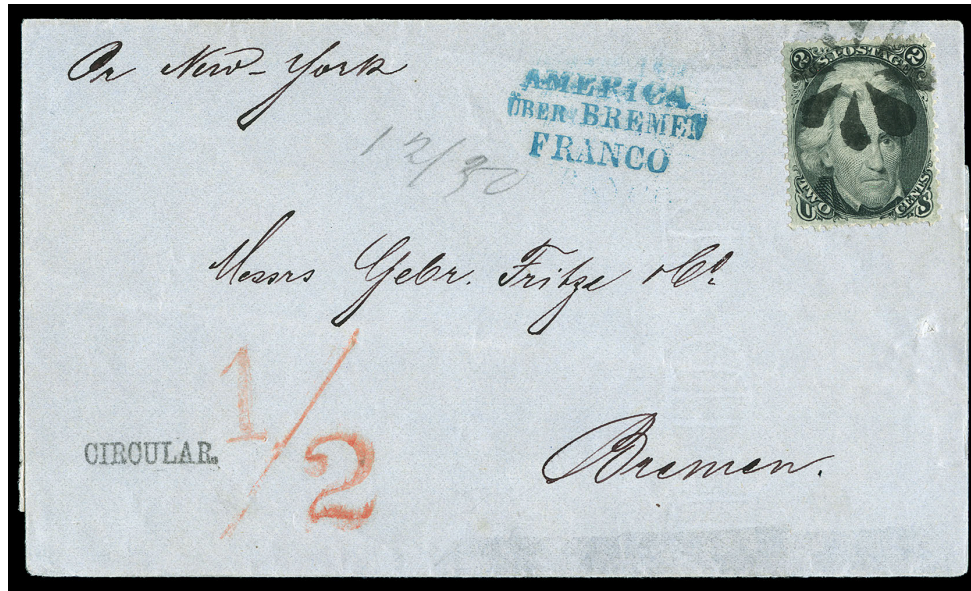
- 5052 ☒ 1860 (Aug. 4) New Orleans La. to Bremen, blue folded printed circular bearing **1¢ blue (24) vertical pair with wide left margin capturing "Toppan, Carpenter & Co. BANK NOTE" imprint**, positions 31/41L8, tied by "New Orleans La. Aug 4, 1860" cds, New York red "PAID ALL" straightline handstamp, carried as endorsed by NGL Line *Bremen* from New York Aug. 4th to Bremerhaven arriving Aug. 19th, **Extremely Fine**, imprint multiples from Plate 8 are extremely scarce and very rare on cover, *ex-Zoellner*.
 Estimate. \$2,000 - 3,000

A CHOICE 1¢ 1857 ISSUE PLATE 8 IMPRINT CAPTURE PRINTED MATTER USE TO BREMEN.

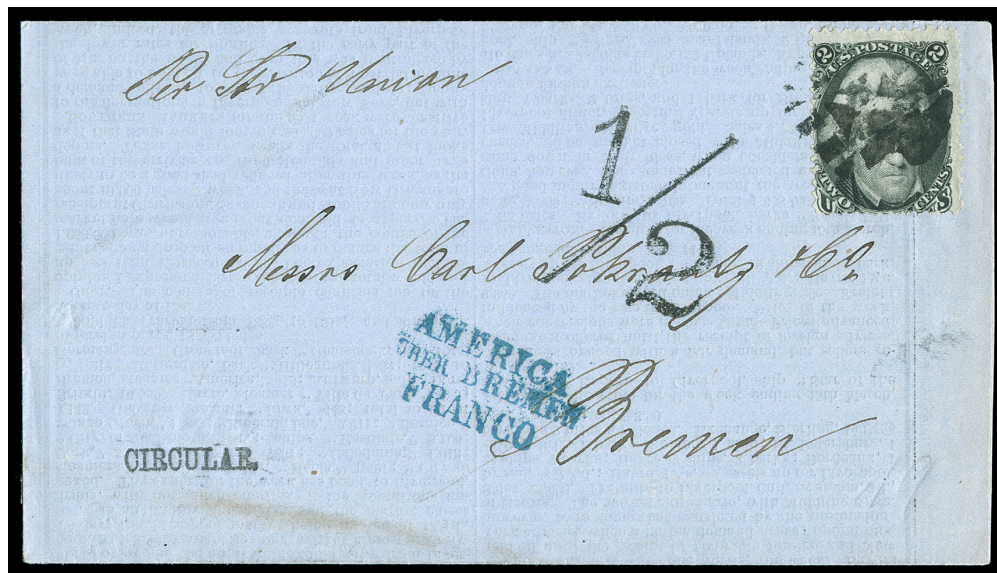
- 5053 ☒ 1865 (Dec. 16) New York N.Y. to Vienna, Austria, orange newspaper wrapper endorsed "Germany via Bremen", bearing **3¢ rose (65)**, nat. s.e. at right, tied by cork cancel, New York large "Paid All" straightline applied, carried by NGL Line *Bremen* from New York Dec. 16th to Bremerhaven arriving Dec. 29th, partial blue "Bremen Franco" transit also ties 3¢, red crayon "2" kreuzer due, Vienna (1.2, 1.3) arrival backstamps; light file fold at left, Fine and scarce 3¢ use., **Fine and scarce 3¢ printed matter use, ex-Winter.**
 Estimate. \$400 - 600

Newspapers sent by either the Bremen or Hamburg Lines required 3¢ prepayment, which was to fully pay the newspaper to another part of the German-Austrian Postal Union. Apparently, the Austrians collected an additional 2 kreuzer local charge. Large 43x9 mm. PAID ALL applied at New York.

Effective February 1867, the Bremen and Hamburg Posts agreed upon new rates with the US. Credit markings replaced the PAID ALL marking in use through 1866. Since there was no ½¢ stamp, mandatory prepayment for the “Other GAPU” rate was by 2¢ in stamps. The credit was the same regardless of packet nationality.



- 5054 ☒ **1867 (circa) New York, N.Y. to Bremen, Germany**, blue folded cover originally containing William P. Wright printed circular, sent by Kremelberg & Co. of New York with “Circular.” straightline at the 2¢ printed matter rate paid to destination with **2¢ black (73)** tied by NYFM circle of wedges, New York large red “½” (silbergroschen) h.s. credit to Bremen, carried by NGL Line *New York* from New York to Bremerhaven, blue “America/über Bremen/Franco” three-line handstamp; light bend slightly affects 2¢, **Very Fine and attractive**.
 Estimate. \$500 - 750



- 5055 ☒ **1867 (Mar. 26) New York, N.Y. to Bremen, Germany**, blue William P. Wright’s New York Cotton Circular sent by Kremelberg & Co. of New York at 2¢ circular rate prepaid to destination **2¢ black (73)** tied by NYCM geometric cancel, New York large “½” (silbergroschen) h.s. credit to Bremen, carried by NGL Line *Union* departing New York Mar. 28th to Bremerhaven arriving Apr. 9th, blue “America/über Bremen/Franco” three-line handstamp, **Very Fine, ex-Winter**.
 Estimate. \$300 - 400

1848 US-UK Convention (British Open Mail)

The outcry from merchants over the Retaliatory Rate forced the two governments to negotiate a convention, resulting in the 1848 US-UK Convention, which took effect in February 1849. It required that letters be paid to reach the UK, after which they were unpaid letters with postage due from addressees.

The UK had postal conventions with key north German states, so mail to them was usually sent directly or through Belgium and Prussia. France had postal conventions with south German states and Thurn & Taxis, so mail to them was usually routed through France. Since the markings and accounting are different, German transit and French transit are treated as separate sections under British Open Mail.

German Transit - British Packet

Standard GAPU postage varied by weight and distance. Several states continued to use their own currencies after the GAPU and this cover shows postage due in Bremen *grote*.

US Postage	5c		Top
Foreign Postage		d	grote
UK Packet		(8)	16
UK Transit	1sh/ 6d	(6)	12
Belg. Transit (2x)		(4)	8
GAPU			8
Postage Due			44



- 5056 (✉) **1850 (Sep. 10) Baltimore Md. to Bremen**, blue cover front only with flaps added bearing **5c red brown (1)** large margins to barely touched, tied by two strikes of blue "Baltimore Rail Road Sep 10" cds, additional strike at left, carried as endorsed by Cunard Line America from New York Sep. 11th to Liverpool arriving Sep. 22nd, London ms. "1/6" 1s6d debit rating, Bremen red crayon "44" grote due rating, **Very Fine appearance**.
 Estimate. \$400 - 600



- 5057 ☒ **1850 (Oct. 7) Baltimore Md. to Freiwaldau, Austrian Silesia**, orange buff Glenn correspondence cover bearing **5¢ red brown (1)**, large margins to touched, light hor. crease at right, cancelled by red "5" handstamp, blue "Baltimore Md. May 26" cds, carried by Cunard Line *Niagara* from New York Oct. 9th to Liverpool arriving Oct. 20th, red London (10.21.1851) transit backstamp and manuscript "1/6" 1s6d debit rating, Aachen red "America per England" framed backstamp and blue ms. "15" sgr debit rating, Austria ms. "54" krCM final due rating, central wax seal stain, **F.-V.F. and scarce use**; with 1994 P.F. certificate.
 Estimate. \$1,000 - 1,500

Standard GAPI postage varied by weight and distance. US Postage 5¢, this cover weighed ¼ - ½ oz., single rate for US, UK, and Prussia, but double for Belgium, for a total of 54krCM.



- 5058 ☒ **1850 (Dec. 8) Baltimore Md. to Freiwaldau, Austrian Silesia**, Glenn correspondence cover bearing **5¢ red brown (1)**, clear to large margins, cancelled by red "5" handstamp, blue "Baltimore Md. Dec 8" cds, red "PAID" handstamp crossed out and manuscript "Due 16" added, which was later crossed out, carried by Cunard Line *Europa* from New York Dec. 11th to Liverpool arriving Dec. 21st, red London (12.22.1850) transit backstamp with manuscript "1/4" 1s6d updated to "2/6" debit rating, reverse with sharp Aachen red "America per England" framed backstamp and blue ms. "13 1/3" sgr debit rating, "Freiwaldau" and "28 Dec." straightline arrival backstamps, Austria ms. "46" krCM final due rating; central wax seal stain, **F.-V.F. and scarce use, ex-Craveri**; with 1993 P.F. certificate.
 Estimate. \$1,000 - 1,500

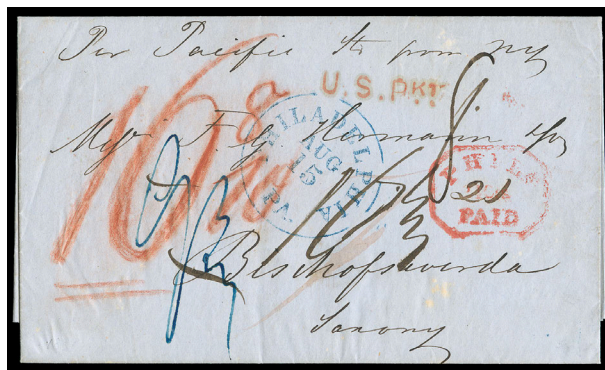
Standard GAPI postage varied by weight and distance. US Postage was 5¢ for ½ oz. under 300 miles. This cover weighed under ¼ oz., so single rate for US, UK, Prussia and Belgium. Postage due breakdown of UK (8d packet, 6d transit) plus Belgium (2d transit) = 13 1/3sgr (40krCM) plus Prussia 6krCM for 10-20 German miles, a total of 46krCM.



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- 5059 ☒ **1851 (Apr. 22) Philadelphia Pa. to Bischofswerda, Saxony**, blue folded letter with blue "Philada, Pa. Apr 22" cds and red "Phila., Paid, 5 Cts." octagon rating handstamp, carried by Cunard Line *Africa* from New York Apr. 23rd to Liverpool arriving May 4th, red London (5.4.1851) transit backstamp and ms. "1/4" 1s4d debit rating, Prussia red "America per England" framed backstamp and blue ms. "16 1/3" sgr debit rating, Saxony red crayon "16 5/10" ngr rounded-up due rating; minor fold splitting, **Extremely Fine and choice**.
Estimate. \$150 - 200

- 5060 ☒ **1855 (May 15) New Orleans La. to Trieste, Austria**, blue folded cover with partial letter bearing 1¢ blue (9) vertical pair, margins to cutting, and 3¢ dull red (11A), each tied by circular grid cancels, red "New Orleans La. May 15" cds, black "Boston, Br. Pkt., 23 May" exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *Asia* from Boston May 23rd to Liverpool arriving Jun. 2nd, red London (6.4) transit backstamp and ms. "1/-" debit rating, Aachen red "Seebrief per England and Aachen" (6.5) double-circle transit backstamp, blue ms. "40" kr due rating, two small cover tears at top, **F.-V.F. and scarce 1851 Issue use to Austria**.
Estimate. \$300 - 400

German Transit - US Packet

- 5061 ☒ **1850 (Aug. 15) Philadelphia Pa. to Bischofswerda, Saxony**, blue folded letter with blue "Philadelphia Pa., Aug 15" cds and matching "Phila., Paid, 5 Cts." octagon due handstamp with ms. "21" cents rerating, carried as endorsed by Collins Line *Pacific* from New York Aug. 16th to Liverpool arriving Aug. 27th, red London (8.27) transit backstamp with red "U.S. Pkt." straightline and ms. "8" pence debit to Prussia, Aachen red "Seebrief per England and Aachen" (8.28) double-circle transit backstamp and blue ms. "9 2/3" sgr. debit rating crossed out in ms. and rerated "16 2/3", Saxony red crayon "16 8/10" ngr final due error rating, **Very Fine and unusual cover**.
Estimate. \$200 - 300

This cover shows the London ms. "8" pence debit for British and Belgian transit. A Prussian clerk converted that to 6 2/3 sgr, added 3 sgr postage, and marked "9 2/3" in blue. Some other clerk saw the UK debit had not been crossed out and added it again for "16 2/3". That error was carried on in Saxony and converted to "16 8/10" neugroschen, almost doubling the real postage due.

- 5062 ☒ **1851 (Sep. 30) San Francisco Cal. to Herford, Prussia**, gray folded letter showing red "San Francisco Cal., 1 Oct" cds with matching "Paid" and "26" rating handstamp, additional pencil "26" cent prepayment rating, carried by Collins Line *Pacific* from New York Nov. 8th to Liverpool arriving Nov. 19th, red London (11.20) transit backstamp with black "U.S. Pkt." straightline and "10" pence debit to Prussia, Aachen red "Seebrief per England and Aachen" (11.21) double-circle transit backstamp and blue ms. "11 1/3" sgr. due rating, **Very Fine and scarce California use**.
 Estimate. \$300 - 400

The convention permitted the US to charge 10¢ domestic postage from the West Coast because of the added expense. For example, the top cover went by steamship from San Francisco to Panama, was carried across the isthmus to the port of Chagres, and then sent by steamship to New York.

- 5063 ☒ **1851 (Nov. 19) Cleveland, Oh. to Limbach, Saxony**, folded letter with "Cleveland O. Nov 19" cds and matching "20" rating rating handstamp, additional red "Paid" handstamp and pencil "20" cent rating, carried by Collins Line *Baltic* from New York Nov. 23rd to Liverpool arriving Dec. 4th, red London (12.5) transit backstamp with "U.S. Pkt." straightline and ms. "6" debit to Prussia, Aachen red "Seebrief per England and Aachen" (12.6) double-circle transit backstamp and blue ms. "9 2/3" sgr. debit rating, Saxony red crayon "9 8/10" ngr final due rating; file fold wear, **F.-V.F. and unusual use**.
 Estimate. \$200 - 300

This letter was prepaid 20¢ for the Bremen international rate. The New York exchange office accepted it as full 21¢ prepayment for U.S. packet.

- 5064 ☒ **1852 (Apr. 30) Philadelphia Pa. to Bischofswerda, Saxony**, gray folded letter with blue "Philadelphia Pa., Apr 30" cds and red **"Phila. 5 Cts. Paid" provisionally updated "21" in ms. octagon rating handstamp**, carried by Cunard Line *Asia* from New York May 5th to Liverpool arriving May 15th, red London (5.16) transit backstamps and ms. "1/6" debit 1s6d rating, red "Seebrief per England und Aachen, 18/5" double-circle exchange backstamp and blue ms. "18" rating, restated "18" in red crayon, **Very Fine**.
 Estimate. \$150 - 200

This cover arrived too late for the Collins Line "Arctic", so it was sent via Cunard negating the prepaid U.S. ship fee.

- 5065 ☒ **1855 (Mar. 25) New Orleans La. to Limbach, Saxony**, gray folded letter with red "New Orleans La., Mar 25" cds and matching "Paid 21" rating handstamp, red "New York, Am. Packet, Apr 4" exchange cds, carried by Collins Line *Atlantic* from New York Apr. 4th to Liverpool arriving Apr. 18th, red London (4.19) transit backstamp with black "U.S. Pkt." straightline and "3½ Groschen" debit handstamp (Vdl 3256), red "Aus England Per Aachen, 20/4" exchange cds backstamp and blue ms. "7" sgr due rating; light fold toning, **otherwise Very Fine and colorful use**; with 1997 Van der Linden certificate.
 Estimate. \$200 - 300

After the 1852 reduction in transit postage, the usual postage due for single letters by U.S. packet was 23 kr or 7 sgr.



- 5066 ☒ **1857 (Jul. 30) Henderson Ky. to Arnstadt, Schwarzburg-Sondershausen**, 3¢ red (U10) buff Nesbitt entire bearing **3¢ dull red (11) horizontal pair** and **12¢ black (17)**, each tied by "Henderson Ky. Jul. 30, 1857" cds, red "New-York, Am. Pkt., Aug 8" exchange cds, carried by Vanderbilt Line *Ariel* from New York Aug. 8th to Southampton arriving Aug. 20th, red London (8.21) transit backstamp with "U.S. Pkt." straightline on face, Aachen red "Seebrief per England and Aachen" (8.22) double-circle transit backstamp and blue ms. "23" sgr. due rating crossed out with "f" franco adjacent; slight cover soiling and reduction at left, **F.-V.F. and scarce 1851 Issue prepaid use, ex-Feldman**.
 Estimate. \$750 - 1,000

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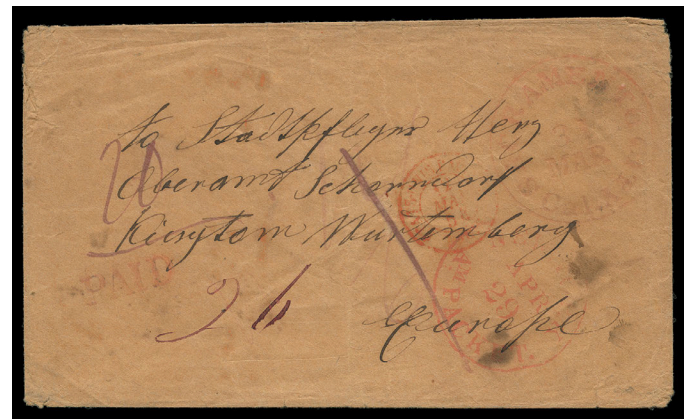
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French Transit

French Transit - US Packet


- 5067 ☒ **1854 (Mar. 31) Sacramento Cal. to Schorndorf, Württemberg**, orange buff cover showing red "Sacramento City, Cal. 31 Mar" cds with matching "Paid" handstamp and magenta "26" cent rating, red "New-York, Am. Packet, Apr 29" exchange datestamp, carried by Collins Line Arctic from New York Apr. 29th to Liverpool arriving May 10th, red London (5.11) transit backstamp, red French (5.12) transit cds, magenta "14/6" rating crossed out and totalled "20" kr due, Schorndorf (5.14) arrival backstamp, **F.-V.F. and scarce California use**.
Estimate. \$150 - 200
- 5068 ☒ **1856 (Jul. 18, Sep. 27) United States to Germany by American Packet**, two buff covers via Collins Line, "Bloomfield N.J., Jul 18" cds with fancy scroll "Paid" handstamp and ms. "21" rating to Suizbach an der Murr, Württemberg, red "New-York, Am. Pkt. Jul 19" exchange cds, carried by Collins Line Baltic from New York Jul. 19th to Liverpool arriving Jul. 30th, Prussian "14/6" rating totalled to "20" kr due; second with "Rondout N.Y. Sep 22, 1856" cds and matching "Paid" handstamp and ms. "21" rating, red "New-York, Am. Pkt. Sep 27" exchange cds, carried by Collins Line Atlantic from New York Sep. 27th to Liverpool arriving Oct. 9th, Prussian "14/3" rating totalled to "17" kr. due; some edge wear, **Very Fine exhibit pair**.
Estimate. \$200 - 300

1848 US-UK Convention - Printed Matter

Until the 1867 US-NGU Convention, over three-quarters of printed matter from the US to Europe went by British steamship lines because they had the most departures and the trips were a few days faster. Also, the Bremen, Prussia, and Hamburg agreements required printed matter to be fully prepaid. Merchants preferred sharing their mailing costs with recipients.

Most British Open Mail circulars to Germany went via France, which had extensive conventions with the German States.



- 5069  **1856 (Oct. 13) New Orleans La. to Augsburg, Bavaria**, blue folded printed prices current bearing **1¢ blue (9) horizontal pair**, large margins to just touched, tied by bold "New Orleans La. Oct 13" cds, carried as endorsed by Cunard Line *Persia* from New York Oct. 29th to Liverpool arriving Nov. 7th, red French (11.8.1856) transit cds, Augsburg (11.10) arrival backstamp, green crayon "5" due rating, backstamp, **fresh and Very Fine circular rate use**, *ex-Cipolla*.
 Estimate. \$500 - 750



Cunard Line *Persia*



- 5070 ☒ **1859 (Feb. 5) New Orleans La. to Cromford, Prussia via New York**, February 5th 1859 printed circular bearing **1¢ blue (24) pair**, intense shade and impression, scissor trimmed at bottom and upper left corner scuff, tied by dateless "New York" circular postmark, printed "Printed Report. / Per first Steamer." endorsement at upper left, carried by Inman Line Charter *Lebanon* from New York Feb. 27th to Liverpool arriving Mar. 11th, French red (3.12.59) transit cds, blue manuscript ratings, reverse with Paris (3.16), Frankfurt (3.17) transits and German (3.19) arrival; forwarded internally, a **Very Fine circular-rate use**.
Estimate. \$200 - 300
- 5071 ☒ **1859 (Mar. 5) New Orleans La. to Cromford, Prussia**, Mar. 5th 1859 printed circular bearing **1¢ blue (24) horizontal pair**, tied by partial "New Orleans La., Mar 11" cds, printed "Printed Report. / Per first Steamer" endorsement, red French (4.5) transit cds, red Aachen (4.6) exchange backstamp and blue manuscript "2½" due rating, German (4.6) arrival backstamp, **Very Fine**.
Estimate. \$200 - 300
- 5072 ☒ **1855 (Aug. 11) New Orleans La. to Trieste, Austria**, blue folded printed circular with company "Printed Circular" straightline at top left and bearing **1¢ blue (9) horizontal pair**, huge margins to in at bottom incl. portion of adjoining stamps at top, tied by "New Orleans La, Aug 18" cds, carried by Collins Line *Baltic* from New York Aug. 22nd to Liverpool arriving Sep. 2nd, red Calais (10.3) transit cds, red Trieste (10.9) arrival backstamp, blue ms. "3" corrected to "7" krCM due rating due to four enclosed circulars, **Very Fine and rare multiple circular rate use**.
Estimate. \$300 - 400

The top cover was marked 3 krCM due (1843 Austria-France Convention). The clerk saw it contained four more circulars (see vertical ribbon marks) and rerated the postage due of 7 krCM (+1 KrCM each).




- 5073 ☒ **1856 (Mar. 16) New Orleans La. to Augsburg, Bavaria**, blue folded printed prices current bearing **1¢ blue (7) bottom sheet margin pair**, huge margins to just touched, tied by "New Orleans La. Mar 16" cds, endorsed "Circulaire" at top, partial red French transit cds, manuscript "7" kr due rating, blue crayon "X", Augsburg (4.9) arrival backstamp, **fresh and Very Fine circular rate use**.
Estimate. \$300 - 400


via Retende

GBR 1871

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Messrs. Herrdingen & Rhomburg
Feldkirch
Vorarlberg
Austria.

- 5075  **1857 (Mar. 22) New Orleans La. to Feldkirch, Austria**, blue folded printed circular bearing **1¢ blue (9) horizontal pair**, large margins to just in, tied by “New Orleans La. Mar 12” cds, carried by Cunard Line *Africa* from New York Apr. 1st to Liverpool arriving Apr. 12th, red Calais (4.13) transit cds, “GB / 2^F PK” accountancy handstamp, “Feldkirch/16. Apr.” two-line arrival backstamp and neat ms. “3” krCM due rating, forwarded within Austria, **Very Fine and rare use of this “GB / 2^F PK” accountancy handstamp**, which was used only during the so-called “three months” period., *ex-Neinken, Wagshal*; with 1979 P.F. certificate.
- Estimate. \$500 - 750

- 5076  **1857 (Sep. 21) New Orleans La. to Cromford, Rhenish Prussia**, blue folded printed circular bearing **1¢ blue, type IIIa (8A) horizontal pair**, pos. 73-74R4, rich color, tied by indistinct "New Orleans La. Sep 21" cds, endorsed "via Ostend" at top right, carried by Cunard Line *Persia* from New York Sep. 30th to Liverpool arriving Oct. 10th, red Calais (10.12) transit cds, Prussia blue ms. "3" sgr due rating, Oct. 14th arrival backstamp, a **Very Fine use**.
 Scott No. **8A**: \$2,250 as off-cover pair Estimate \$200 - 300

- 5077 ☒ **1858 (Apr. 17) New Orleans La. to Vienna, Austria**, blue folded printed circular with blue company “Printed Circular” framed handstamp at top right and bearing **1¢ blue (24) horizontal pair**, scissor separated, tied by partial “New Orleans La” cds, carried by Cunard Line *Africa* from New York Apr. 28th to Liverpool arriving May 10th, red Calais transit cds, Vienna (5.14) arrival backstamps, blue ms. “5” krCM due rating due, **Very Fine use**.
 Estimate. \$150 - 200

This circular shows 5 krCM due for France 4kr transit and Austria 1kr postage. The 1857 Austria-France Convention increased France's share for transit from 2kr to 4kr.

- 5078  **1858 (Jul. 3) New Orleans La. to Vienna, Austria**, blue folded printed circular with blue company “Printed Circular” framed handstamp at top right and bearing **1¢ blue, type Va (24 var.) horizontal pair**, pos. 23-24R5 with 23 showing Curl in “E” variety, scissor trimmed perfs; tied by partial “New Orleans, La. Jul 3” cds, endorsed “via Ostende”, carried by Cunard Line *Arabia* from Boston Jul. 14th to Liverpool arriving Jul. 24th, red Aachen “Seebrief per England and Aachen” (7.27) transit backstamp, Prussian manuscript “2” kr debit, Austria blue ms. “7” krCM final due rating, red Vienna (7.29) arrival backstamp; some edge wear, **F.-V.F. and scarce 1¢ type Va plate 5 franking**. Estimate. \$200 - 300

- 5079 ☒ **1858 (Oct. 6, Nov. 3) New Orleans La. to Thiengen, Germany**, two blue folded printed circulars from same correspondence without addresses, first bearing 1¢ blue (24) horizontal pair, pos. 43-44L5, tied by “New Orleans La., Oct 6” cds, carried by Cunard Line *Arabia* from New York Oct. 13th to Liverpool arriving Oct. 25th, red Calais “Et-Unis Serv. Br. A. C., J” (10.25) transit cds; second bearing **1¢ blue, type Va (24) horizontal pair**, pos. 49-59L5, creased from file fold, tied by “New Orleans La., Nov 3” cds, carried by Inman Line contract *Vigo* from New York Nov. 6th to Liverpool arriving Nov. 21st, red Calais “Et-Unis Serv. Am. A. C., J” (11.23) transit cds, Thiengen (11.25) arrival backstamp, **F.-V.F. pair of 1¢ plate V circulars**.
 Estimate. \$300 - 400

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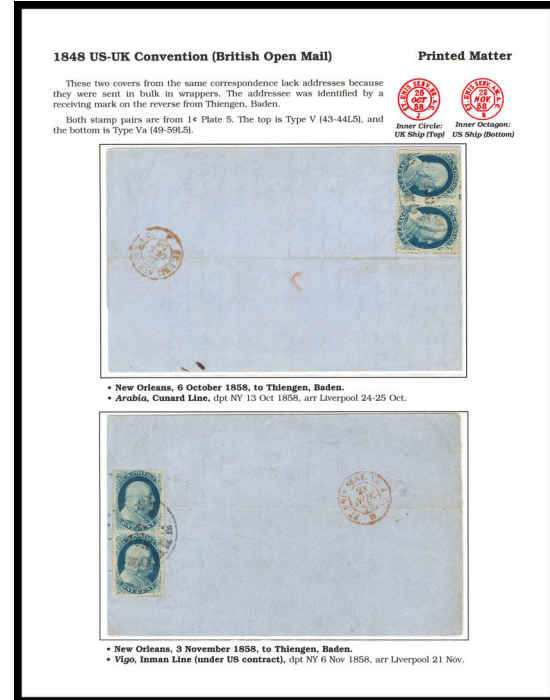
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- 5080 ☒ **1860 (Feb. 4) New Orleans La. to Schopfheim, Baden**, folded printed circular bearing **1c blue (24) horizontal pair** tied by partial "New Orleans La., Feb 4" cds, carried by Cunard Line *Canada* from Boston Feb. 22nd to Queenstown arriving Mar. 4th, red Calais (3.5) transit cds, blue ms. "4/1" rating (4kr UK/France transit, 1kr Baden) totaled in blue crayon "5" kr, **Very Fine**.
Estimate. \$300 - 400

Under the 1857 Baden-France Convention, France paid the UK for bulk transit, but collected from Baden by the piece.

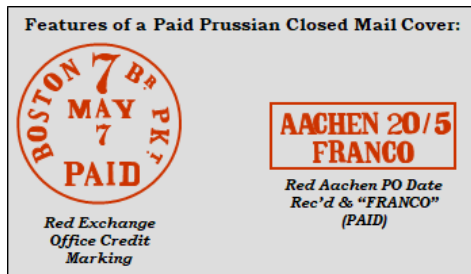
- 5081 ☒ **1862 (Mar. 28) New York N.Y. to Bremen**, folded cover endorsed "Printed Prices Current, Paid" at bottom left, bearing **1c blue (63) pair** tied by "New-York, Mar 28, 1863" duplex with fancy circle of wedges, carried as endorsed by Inman Line *Edinburgh* from New York Mar. 28th to Queenstown arriving Apr. 8th, red French (4.10) transit cds, Bremen (4.12) arrival backstamp and blue crayon "4" kr due rating; cover mend at right, **Very Fine appearance**.
Estimate. \$300 - 400

1852 Prussian Closed Mail Agreement

In 1852, the US and Prussia concluded an agreement for direct exchange of closed mail bags by American and British packets between exchange offices in New York, Boston, and Aachen. The single rate was 30¢ from any place in the US to any place in the GAPU; prepayment was not required. Prepaid mail shows a credit in red of 7¢ to Prussia to pay Belgian and GAPU fees.

Frequent, reliable steamship service made Prussian Closed Mail the most commonly used means to send mail to the German States. The British Cunard Line provided weekly service alternately from NY and Boston and the American Havre Line monthly service from NY. Additional service was provided by the US Ocean Line (1851-57), Collins Line (1851-58), and Vanderbilt Line (1855, 57-60); the British Inman Line (1857-67); and the German Hapag Line (1860-67) and NGL Line (1858-67).

This agreement was superseded by the US-North German Union Convention effective 1 January 1868.



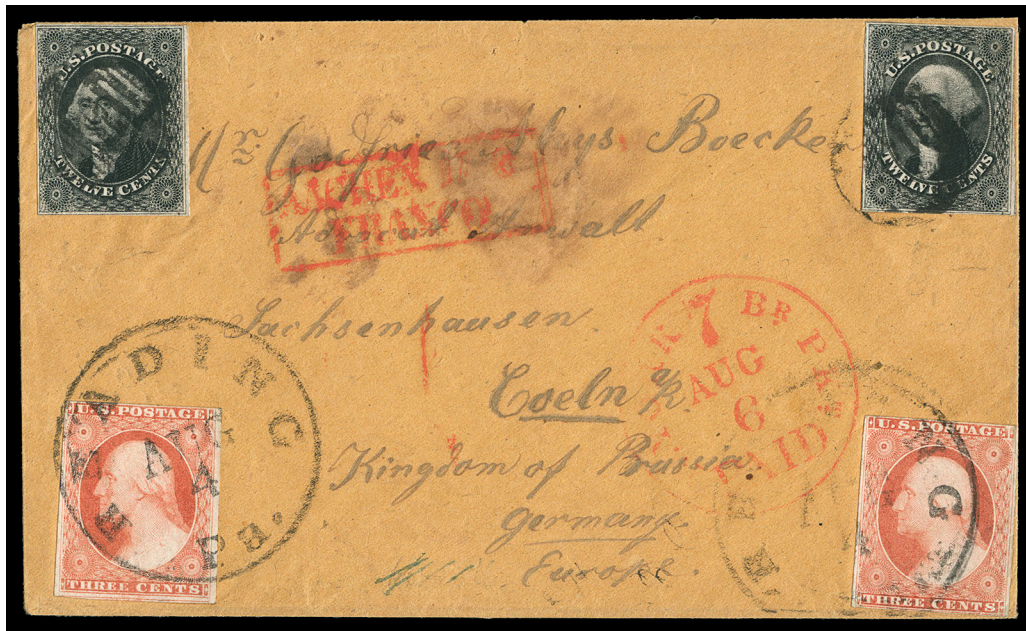
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US Domestic	5
Sea & UK Transit	18
Belgian Transit	2
Prussia/GAPU	5
Total:	30

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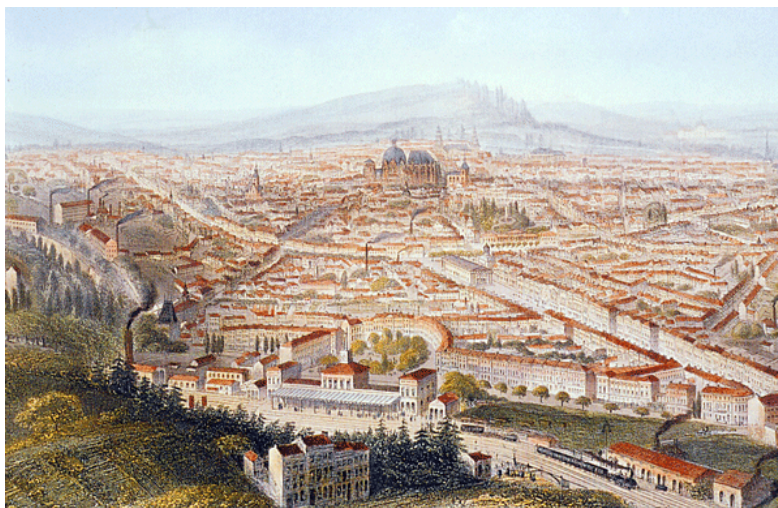
Paid Letters



- 5082 ☒ **1856 (May 6) New Haven Ct. to Munich, Germany**, cover bearing **10¢ green, type III (15) strip of three**, large margins to clear at top, tied by magenta grid cancels, matching "New Haven Con. May 6, 1856" cds, endorsed "Via Prussian Closed Mail" at top left, sharp strike of red "Boston, Br. Pkt. 'Paid 7' May 7" credit exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *Arabia* from Boston May 7th to Liverpool arriving May 18th, red "Aachen Franco, 20/5" framed transit, partial Munich arrival backstamp; no back flap, **Very Fine and attractive prepaid use at the 30¢ PCM rate**.
 Estimate. \$500 - 750



- 5083 ☒ **1856 (Aug. 4) Reading Pa. to Sachsenhausen, Coeln, Prussia**, orange cover bearing two **12¢ gray black (17)** singles, margins clear to barely in, and two **3¢ dull red (11A)** singles, stamps artfully placed at all four corners of the cover, tied by either grids or "Reading Pa. Aug. 4" cds, red "N. York, Br. Pkt. 'Paid 7' Aug 6" credit exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *Persia* from New York Aug. 6th to Liverpool arriving Aug. 15th, red "Aachen, Franco 17/8" framed handstamp, Coeln (8.17) receiving backstamp; trivial cover stain at top, **Very Fine and colorful attractively franked cover at the 30¢ Prussian Closed Mail rate**, *ex-J & J, Corey Long*.
 Estimate. \$1,000 - 1,500



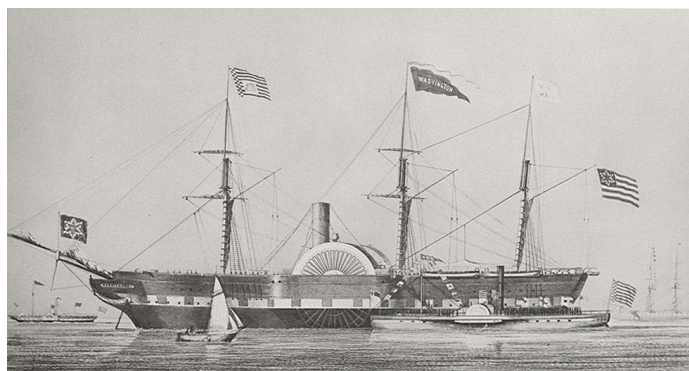
Aachen was the exchange office for Prussian Closed Mail and is the westernmost city in Germany, located near the borders with Belgium and the Netherlands in a coal-mining area. Aachen developed from a Roman settlement and spa, subsequently becoming the preferred medieval Imperial residence of Emperor Charlemagne of the Frankish Empire, and, from 936 to 1531, the place where 31 Holy Roman Emperors were crowned Kings of the Germans.



5084 ☒

1856 (Jun. 10) Mercersburg Pa. to Berlin, Prussia, light "Mercersburgh Pa. Jun. 10" cds ties **1¢ blue (9)**, **3¢ dull red (11A)** horizontal pair, mostly ample margins, and **10¢ green, types II-IV (14-16) pair**, positions 53-54L1, right stamp recut at bottom, large margins all around, on **3¢ red Nesbitt (U10) buff entire**, endorsed "Per Prussian Closed Mail, paid through" at bottom left, red "N. York, Am. Pkt. 'Paid 7' Jun 14" credit exchange cds, carried by Ocean Line *Washington* from New York Jun. 14th to Southampton arriving Jun. 28th, bold red "Aachen, Franco, 20/6" framed handstamp; one 3¢ has manuscript. "X" cancel, which has been removed from 1¢ and 10¢ stamps to improve appearance, entire slight wrinkle and part of backflap missing, **Very Fine appearance**, *ex-De Wasserman, Piller, Sevenoaks, Tito*.
 Estimate. \$3,000 - 4,000

AN EXTRAORDINARY FOUR-COLOR COMBINATION TO MAKE UP THE 30¢ PRUSSIAN CLOSED MAIL RATE, WHICH IS PROBABLY UNIQUE WITH THE 10¢ TYPE IV STAMP.



Ocean Line *Washington*



5085 ☒

1856 (Aug. 5) San Francisco Cal. to Reutlingen, Württemberg, 10¢ pale green (U18a) buff Nesbitt entire bearing 10¢ green, type I (13), full to mostly large margins, and 10¢ green, type II (14), large margins to in, both tied by two strikes of "San Francisco, Cal., 5 Aug" cds, endorsed "via Liverpool & Ostende", red "N. York, Am. Pkt. 'Paid 7' Aug 30" credit exchange cds, carried by Collins Line *Baltic* from New York Aug. 30th to Liverpool arriving Sep. 11th, red "Aachen, Franco 12/9" framed transit, reverse with Stuttgart (9.13) transit and Sep. 14th arrival cds; couple tone spots, F.-V.F. and scarce 10¢ type I-II 1855 issue combination use at the 30¢ Prussian Closed Mail rate, ex-Tito.

Estimate. \$1,000 - 1,500

10¢ stamps and envelopes paid the April 1, 1855 domestic rate for distance over 3,000 miles. The envelopes were most commonly sold in California, so Prussian Closed Mail covers from there often have two 10¢ stamps affixed to one 10¢ envelope; from the rest of the US, payment by three 10¢ stamps is more common.



5086 ☒

1856 (Oct. 6) Schenectady, N.Y. to Göttingen, Hanover, 3¢ red (U1) Nesbitt entire bearing two 12¢ black (17) singles, pos. 44L1, 53R1, and 3¢ dull red (11A) single, pos. 67R5L, each large margins to slightly in, tied by circular grid cancels, matching "Schenectady, N.Y. 03 6" cds (03 instead of Oct) and red "Paid" straightline with magenta "30", red "N. York, Br. Pkt. 'Paid 7' Oct 7" credit exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *Canada* from Boston Oct. 8th to Liverpool arriving Oct. 18th, blue Oct. 22nd arrival backstamp; partial flap, **Very Fine and unusual franking for the 30¢ Prussian Closed Mail rate.**

Estimate. \$750 - 1,000

The writer initially applied one 12¢ stamp to the 3¢ Nesbitt envelope for the 15¢ rate via Bremen on Ocean "Washington", but since it would not reach New York in time, another 15¢ had to be applied for the 30¢ Prussian Closed Mail.



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- 5087 ☒ **1857 (Feb. 23) Saxonburg Pa. to Alme, Prussia**, cover bearing **10c green, type II (14) horizontal strip of three**, pos. 13-15L1, full to mostly large margins, tied by two open circular grid cancels, manuscript "Saxonburg Pa., Febr 23." manuscript postmark, bold red "N. York, Br. Pkt. 'Paid 7' Mar 4" credit exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *Asia* from New York Mar. 4th to Liverpool arriving Mar. 16th, red "Aachen, Franco 18/3" framed handstamp, Mar. 19th arrival backstamp; some soiling, right stamp vertical scrape, small scissor cut between right pair, **a Very Fine appearing use at the 30c Prussian Closed Mail rate**.
Estimate. \$300 - 400

- 5088 ☒ **1858 (Jun. 15) Philadelphia Pa. to Braunschweig**, gray folded letter bearing three **10c green, type III (33) singles**, each tied by circular grid cancel, matching "Philadelphia Pa., Jun 15" cds, red "N. York, Am. Pkt. 'Paid 7' Jun 19" credit exchange cds, carried by Vanderbilt Line *North Star* from New York Jun. 19th to Southampton arriving Jul. 1st, red "Aachen, Franco 3/7" framed transit, arrival backstamp, **Very Fine use at the 30c Prussian Closed Mail rate**.
Estimate. \$300 - 400

Original desired routing was via the Hapag Line "Hammonia" at the 15c Hamburg rate, but it was too late. The bottom two stamps applied over a "Paid" notation after rerouting.

- 5089 ☒ **1859 (Feb. 7) Columbia Ill. to Gimmeldingen bei Neustadt an der Haardt, Bavaria**, light buff cover bearing **10c green (35)**, pair and single, tied by red "Columbia Ill. Feb 7" balloon-style cds, red "N. York, Am. Pkt. 'Paid 7' Feb 11" credit exchange cds, carried by Inman Line *City of Baltimore* from New York Feb. 11th to Queenstown arriving Feb. 22nd, partial red "Aachen, Franco" transit, magenta "30" cent restatement; slight overall wear, **F.-V.F.**.
Estimate. \$200 - 300

- 5090 ☒ **1859 (Jun. 18) Brunswick Mo. to Wehrheim, Nassau**, orange buff cover bearing **10c green, types II & III (32, 33)**, six comprising two vertical pairs (one stamp type III) arranged as a block, and single of each type, tied by multiple strikes of "Brunswick Me. Jun 18" cds, four additional strikes on reverse, red "N. York, Am. Pkt. 'Paid 14' Jun 25" credit exchange cds, carried by Havre Line *Fulton* from New York Jun. 25th to Southampton arriving Jul. 7th, partial red "Aachen, Franco 9/7" transit, arrival backstamp; small cover tears, right edge of cover refolded to show overlapping stamps (one creased), **Fine and spectacular 10c franking for double the 30c Prussian Closed Mail rate**.
Estimate. \$300 - 400

- 5091 ☒ **1859 (Nov. 25) Peoria, Ill. to Fieburg im Breisgau, Baden**, orange buff cover bearing **10c green, types II-III (32-33) horizontal pair and 10c green, type V (35)**, each cancelled by matching grid cancel, pair tied by "Peoria Ills., Nov 25, 1859" cds, red "N. York, Br. Pkt. 'Paid 7' Nov 20" credit exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *Canada* from Boston Nov. 30th to Queenstown arriving Dec. 12th, red "Aachen, Franco, 13/12" framed transit, blue ms. "2/" kr local postage due rating, indistinct arrival backstamp; small stamp faults from edge placement, minor cover mend bottom left, **F.-V.F. and rare 10c 1857 type II, III, V combination use**; with 1975 P.F. certificate.
Estimate. \$300 - 400

- 5092 ☒ **1866 (Jun. 2) New Orleans La. to Berlin, Prussia**, yellow cover bearing **2c black (73), 12c black (69) pair and 30c orange (71)**, each cancelled by circle of wedges fancy cancel, matching "New Orleans La. Jun 2" cds at left, red "N. York, Br. Pkt '14 Paid' Jun 9" credit exchange cds, carried by Inman Line *City of London* from New York Jun. 9th to Queenstown arriving Jun. 20th, blue "Aachen, Franco 22/6" framed handstamp, blue Jun. 23rd arrival backstamp; reduced slightly at left barely into sender's corner card oval, small non-contemporary pen notation at lower right, **Very Fine and attractive franking paying double the 28c Prussian Closed Mail rate, ex-Gliedman**.
Estimate. \$750 - 1,000

A Stunning Magee Patriotic Cover from the Angell Correspondence



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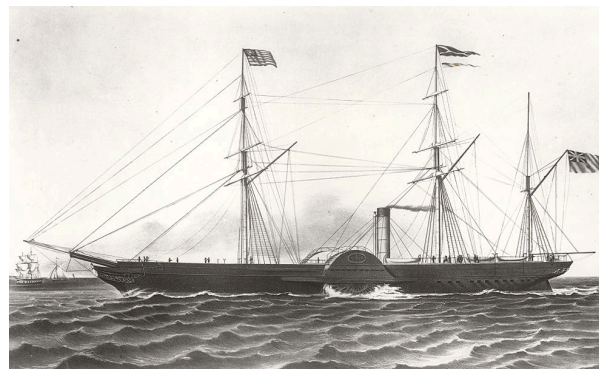
1862 (Sep 3) Boston Mass. to Meran, Austria, stunning red and blue **Eagle with Shield, Flags, and Symbols, Magee patriotic design (Walcott 2463)** with "Onward to Victory" slogan on cover bearing **1¢ blue, 3¢ rose, 12¢ black (63, 65, 69 pair)** tied by Boston "Paid" grid cancellations, red "Boston, Br Pkt '7 Paid' Sep 8" credit exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *Europa* from Boston Sep. 3rd to Queenstown arriving Sep. 13th, red "Aachen Franco 16 / 9" framed transit with manuscript "5 / 15" rating for 5 kreuzer internal German fee and 15 kr foreign fee, Meran arrival backstamp, redirected to Vevey, Switzerland with various backstamps including Zurich (9.21) and Lausanne (9.22) transits; 3¢ with straight edge, **Very Fine, ex-Matthies, Gabriel, Mark Gordon, Pacetti**; with 1987 P.F. certificate.

Estimate \$10,000 - 15,000

AN EXCEPTIONAL CIVIL WAR PATRIOTIC DESIGN WITH A THREE-COLOR FRANKING FROM THE ANGELL CORRESPONDENCE.

In September 1861, the US Post Office Department reduced the prepaid letter single rate to most German states from 30¢ to 28¢ due to a British reduction of 1d (2¢) postage to those states. By British-Prussian agreement, the single rate for letters was reduced by 2d, half of which was extended to the transit of US mail.

In May 1862, the reduction was applied to all German States except Baden, which was included one year later. The rate for unpaid mail remained at 30¢.



Cunard Line *Europa*



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5094 ☒ **1860 (Oct. 4) Louisville Ky. to Oldenburg**, folded cover with part letter bearing **3¢ dull red (26) pair** and **12¢ black (36B) pair**, tied by three strikes of blue large circular grids and matching "Louisville Ky., Oct 4, 1860" cds, red "N.York, Br. Pkt '7 Paid' Oct 10" credit exchange cds, carried by Cunard *Persia* from New York Oct. 10th to Queenstown arriving Oct. 19th, red "Aachen, Franco, 21/10" framed transit; edge splitting, **Very Fine**.
Estimate. \$200 - 300

5095 ☒ **1860 (Oct. 31) Metamora, Ill. to Triensbach, Württemberg**, buff cover bearing **12¢ black (36B)**, strip of four and single, tied by grid cancels, matching over-inked "Metamora, Ill. Oct 31" cds, sharp red "N.York, Br. Pkt. 'Paid 14' Nov 7" credit exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *Asia* from New York Nov. 7th to Queenstown arriving Nov. 18th, red "Aachen, Franco 20/11" framed handstamp also ties strip, reverse with Stuttgart transit and arrival cds; corners improved, **Fine and rare 12¢ 1857 Issue multiple use prepaying double the 30¢ Prussian Closed Mail**.
Estimate. \$500 - 750



5096 ☒ **1861 (Jan. 10) New Orleans La. to Weddewarden, Hanover**, orange yellow cover bearing **30¢ orange (38) vertical pair**, vibrant color, tied by large “New Orleans La., 10 Jan” cds, red “N.York, Br. Pkt. ‘14 Paid’ Jan 16” credit exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *Australasian* from New York Jan. 16th to Queenstown arriving Jan. 26th, red “Aachen, Franco 29/1” framed transit; slightly reduced at right, expertly restored along edges, **otherwise Very Fine, unusual quadruple-rate franking, ex-Wagshal.**
 Estimate. \$2,000 - 3,000

A RARE 30¢ 1860 ISSUE PAIR AT DOUBLE THE 30¢ PRUSSIAN CLOSED MAIL RATE TO GERMANY.



Hannover Post Office



5097 ☒

1861 (Jan. 22) New York N.Y. to Önsbach, Baden, orange buff cover bearing **1¢ blue (24)** and **30¢ orange (38)**, each tied by red NYFM circular grid cancel, matching red "N. York, Br. Pkt. '7 Paid' Jan 22" credit exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *America* from Boston Jan. 23rd to Queenstown arriving Feb. 4th, red "Aachen, Franco 6/2" framed handstamp, Baden (2.8) and blue ms. "2" kr due rating; barely reduced at right, some slight wear, **Very Fine**, *ex-Grunin, Wagshal*; with photocopy of 1988 P.F. certificate.
 Estimate. \$3,000 - 4,000

A 1857 ISSUE COMBINATION TO GERMANY PREPAYING THE DOUBLE THE 30¢ PRUSSIAN CLOSED MAIL RATE PLUS 1¢ CARRIER FEE.

The 1¢ stamp prepaid the carrier fee to the post office that was in effect from mid-1861 to June 30, 1863. The Baden post office assessed a delivery charge of 2kr, which was unusual for prepaid mail.



New York American
Packet Marking



- 5098 ☒ **1861 (Apr. 6) New York N.Y. to Pulsnitz bei Dresden, Saxony**, light buff cover bearing **30¢ orange (38)** cancelled by red NYFM circular grid cancel, matching "N. York, Am. Pkt. '7 Paid, Apr 6" credit exchange cds, carried by Inman Line *City of Baltimore* from New York Apr. 6th to Queenstown arriving Apr. 18th, red "Aachen, Franco 20/4" framed handstamp; German (4.22) arrival backstamp, **Extremely Fine and choice**; with 1980 and 2004 P.F. certificates.
 Estimate. \$750 - 1,000

A BEAUTIFUL 30¢ 1860 ISSUE USE TO GERMANY WITH ALL POSTAL MARKINGS STRUCK IN RED.



- 5099 ☒ **1861 (Jul. 14) Washington D.C. to Lechhausen bei Augsburg, Bavaria**, "Washington D.C., Jul 14, 1861" cds ties 30¢ orange (38) on embossed "Union Forever" Flag Patriotic cover, partial strike of red "N. York, Br. Pkt. '7 Paid' Jul. 17" credit exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *Persia* from New York Jul. 17th to Queenstown arriving Jul. 26th, partial red Aachen Franco framed transit, Lechhausen (7.30) arrival backstamp; reduced slightly at left, 30¢ slightly scissor separated at top with intact perfs, **otherwise Very Fine**.
 Scott No. **38**; \$7,500 on a patriotic cover. Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500

A RARE 30¢ 1860 ISSUE USE ON A CIVIL WAR PATRIOTIC COVER TO GERMANY.

This "Union Forever" Flag patriotic cover was mailed the day after the Battle of Bull Run, the first major Civil War battle and a win for the Confederacy.

- 5100 ☒ **1863 (Jul. 28) Washington D.C. to Aerzen, Hanover**, small cover bearing **1¢ blue (63)**, **3¢ rose (65)** and **24¢ steel blue (70b)**, all tied by "Washington D.C., Jul 28" double-circle datestamp, red "N.York, Br. Pkt. '7 Paid' Jul 30" credit exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *Persia* from New York Jul. 29th to Queenstown arriving Aug. 7th, red "Aachen Franco 10/8" framed transit, blue Aerzen (8.11) arrival backstamp; some light soiling slightly affecting stamps, **F.-V.F. appearance**.
Estimate. \$200 - 300

- 5101 ☒ **1864 (May 6) Wabash Ill. to Nieder-Ingelheim**, orange cover bearing three **30¢ orange (71)** singles, right two nat. s.e. at right, slight creases and tiny tear in one, cancelled by grids, matching partial "Wabash Ill. May 6" cds, red "New York, Br. Pkt. 'Paid' May 10" exchange cds and red crayon "14" cent credit rating, carried by Cunard *Europa* from Boston May 11th to Queenstown arriving May 22nd, red "Aachen, Franco" framed transit, several transit backstamps including Nieder-Ingelheim arrival cds; some minor wear, **still Very Fine and rare franking prepaying triple the 30¢ Prussian Closed Mail rate**.
Estimate. \$500 - 750

Although this cover is prepaid at three-times the 30¢ Prussian Closed Mail rate, the New York exchange office credited only two-times the corresponding 7¢ credit.

- 5102 ☒ **1864 (Oct. 8) New York N.Y. to Dresden, Saxony**, cover bearing on reverse **3¢ rose (65)**, ten in two strips of four and two singles, all tied by strikes of NYFM red circular grids, matching "N.York, Br. Pkt. '7 Paid' Oct 8" credit exchange cds, carried by Inman Line *City of Baltimore* from New York Oct. 8th to Queenstown arriving Oct. 18th, red "Aachen, Franco, 19/10" framed transit; opened on three sides with small mends at left, **otherwise Very Fine and attractive franking convenience overpaying 28¢ Prussian Closed Mail**.
Estimate. \$200 - 300



- 5103 ☒ **1865 (May 1) Buffalo N.Y. to Langenblielau, Silesia (Poland)**, yellow cover bearing **10¢ green (68)**, **12¢ black (69)** and **three 30¢ orange (71)** singles, all cancelled by circular grids matching "Buffalo N.Y., May 1, 1865" cds, red "N.York, Br. Pkt. 'Paid' May 8" exchange cds and red crayon "28" cent credit, carried by Cunard Line *Persia* from New York May 3rd to Queenstown arriving May 13th, blue "Aachen, Franco 16/5" framed transit, May 17th arrival backstamp; one 30¢ stamp rounded corner, small cover tear at top right and part of backflap missing, **Very Fine and attractive franking prepaying quadruple the 28¢ Prussian Closed Mail rate to Italy, ex-Dupuy, Gliedman**.
Estimate. \$2,000 - 3,000

- 5104 ☒ **1866 (Mar. 1) La Crosse, Wisc. to Rükettshausen, Württemberg**, orange buff cover bearing two **2¢ black (73)** singles and **12¢ black (69) pair**, tied by circular grid cancels, matching partial "La Crosse" cds at left, red "N.York, Br. Pkt. '7 Paid' Mar 7" credit exchange cds also ties pair, carried by Cunard Line *Cuba* from New York Mar. 7th to Liverpool arriving Mar. 18th, blue "Aachen Franco 20/3" framed transit, various backstamps including Stuttgart (3.10) cds, **F.-V.F.**.
Estimate. \$200 - 300

- 5105 ☒ **1867 (May 1) New York, N.Y. to Aachen, Prussia**, datelined folded letter bearing three-color franking of **2¢ black (73)**, **10¢ green (68)** and **30¢ orange (71)**, tied by NYFM grid cancels, red "N.York, Br. Pkt. '7 Paid' May 1" credit exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *Scotia* from New York May 1st to Queenstown arriving May 10th, blue "Aachen, Franco" framed transit, bold May 13th arrival backstamp, **Very Fine and attractive use apparently overpaying the 30¢ Prussian Closed Mail rate**.
Estimate. \$400 - 600



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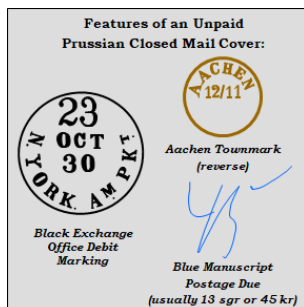
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- 5106 ☒ **1867 (Jun. 19) Bloomington Ill. to Nentershausen, Hesse**, orange cover with "S. Elil & Co., Tobacconists" oval corner card handstamp bearing **30¢ orange (71)**, radiant color, tied by target duplexed with "Bloomington Ill. Jun 19" double-circle datestamp, red "N. York, Br. Pkt. '7 Paid' Jun 22" credit exchange datestamp, carried by Inman Line *City of Antwerp* from New York Jun. 22nd to Queenstown arriving Jul. 2nd, blue boxed "Aachen, Franco, 4/7" datestamp, Nentershausen (7.5) arrival backstamp. **Very Fine and attractive use overpaying by 2¢ the 28¢ Prussian Closed Mail rate which became effective September 1861 for prepaid letters. The new rate, however was widely ignored., ex-Curtis.**
 Estimate. \$400 - 600

- 5107 ☒ **1867 (Nov. 26) Portsmouth Va. to Lüdingsworth, Hanover**, orange cover with fancy H. Hudtwalcker & Co., Wholesale Grocers corner card bearing three **2¢ black (73)** singles and **24¢ lilac (78)**, each tied by four-ring cancel, red "N.York, Br. Pkt. '7 Paid' Nov 30" credit exchange cds, carried by Inman Line *City of Washington* from New York Nov. 30th to Queenstown arriving Dec. 12th, blue "Aachen Franco (12.13) framed transit, reverse with blue Ottendorf (12.14) framed transit and Altenbruch (12.14) arrival cds, forwarded to Bremervörde; some light soiling, **F.-V.F.**
 Estimate. \$200 - 300

PCM – Unpaid Mail

Prepaid mail rarely had German currency markings, but unpaid mail from the US always did to show the postage due. Smaller states often used multiple currencies, so Aachen would mark the postage due in both silbergroschen (sgr) and kreuzer (kr). Unpaid mail shows a single-rate debit in black of 23¢, which Prussia paid the US from postage collected from the addressee.



Rate Breakdown (Unpaid Letters)			
	¢	sgr.	kr.
US Domestic	5	2	8
US or British Packet	16	7	24
British Transit	2	1	3
Belgian Transit	2	1	3
Prussia/GAPU	5	2	7
Total:	30	13	45

Debit to Prussia (23¢)

Kept by Prussia (7¢)



5108 ☒ **1852 (Oct. 29) Philadelphia Pa. to Heilbronn, Württemberg**, blue folded letter sheet with blue "Philadelphia Pa., Oct 29" cds and matching "20" rate handstamp, black "N. York, Am. Pkt. '23' Oct 30" debit exchange cds, carried by Collins Line *Baltic* from New York Oct. 30th to Liverpool arriving Nov. 10th, red Aachen (11.12) backstamp and blue ms. "45" kreuzer due rating, reverse with Frankfurt (11.14) transit and Nov. 15th arrival cds, magenta "47" kreuzer final due rating; cover wrinkle, **Very Fine**.
 Estimate. \$1,000 - 1,500

ONE OF ONLY THREE RECORDED USAGES CARRIED ON THE FIRST VOYAGE FROM THE UNITED STATES WITH PRUSSIAN CLOSED MAIL, THIS BEING THE ONLY ONE TO GERMANY.

We record three uses carried on the first Prussian Closed Mail voyage:

1. 1852 Oct. 29, Philadelphia Pa. to Heilbronn, Württemberg.
2. 1852 Oct. 30, New York, N.Y. to Wohlen, Switzerland, ex-Winter.
3. 1852 Oct. 30, New York, N.Y. to Geneva, Switzerland, ex-Baird.

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- 5110 ☒ **1854 (Apr. 20) Cleveland Oh. to Weilburg, Nassau**, buff cover bearing 3¢ dull red (11A) horizontal pair, large margins except slightly in at bottom, with red “Cleveland Oh. Apr 20” cds, partial also tied by “N.York, Br. Pkt. ‘23’ Apr 25” debit exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *America* from Boston Apr. 26th to Liverpool arriving May 8th, red Aachen (5.10) transit backstamp and blue ms. “45” kreuzer due rating, Weilburg (5.12) arrival backstamp, **Very Fine use**.
 Estimate. \$300 - 400

This cover was franked to convenience overpay by 1¢ the 3¢ domestic U.S. postage plus 2¢ shore-to-ship rate via British Mails, this was treated as unpaid and so 23¢ of the 30¢ rate was debited by the U.S.

Partial Payments Accepted

- 5111 ☒ **1857 (Aug. 28) Cedar Rapids, Ia. to Steinheim am Aalbuch, Württemberg**, buff cover bearing 10¢ green, type II (32) strip of three, right stamp with trimmed perfs, tied by matching strikes of “Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Aug 28” cds, black “New York Br. Pkt. ‘23’ Sep 2” exchange debit cds, carried by Cunard Line *Arabia* from New York Sep. 2nd to Liverpool arriving Sep. 13th, Aachen blue manuscript “halb” and “45” kr. due rating; some cover stains and wear, **Fine and unusual Prussian Closed Mail postage due usage, ex-Winter**.
 Estimate. \$500 - 750

The New York exchange office weighed the letter and determined two rates were required. Existing regulations permitted sending the letter if at least one full rate was prepaid, with the remaining postage to be collected at destination. New York credited Prussia 7¢ for the one rate paid and debited Prussia 23¢ for the one rate unpaid. Aachen marked “halb” in blue ink to indicate that half the rate was paid as an explanation for the additional postage due rate of 45 kreuzer, the remaining unpaid rate. This cover was referenced in Chronicle 181, parcel post. 58-67.

- 5112 ☒ **1859 (Jan. 3) United States to Büdesheim, Hesse**, orange buff cover bearing 10¢ green (32) and 12¢ black (36), tied by indistinct cds and red “N.York, Am. Pkt. ‘Paid 7’ Jan 8” credit exchange cds, carried by Havre Line *Fulton* from New York Jan. 8th to Southampton arriving Jan. 21st, red “Aachen, Franco 22/1” framed transit, German arrival backstamps; 10¢ stamp small tear, **F.-V.F. and interesting accepted partial prepayment**; with 1999 P.F. certificate.
 Estimate. \$300 - 400

This cover was prepaid 22¢ for Bremen mails, but NGL Line “Weser” had suffered severe damage on its maiden voyage and could not sail on January 8th.

24¢ Mistaken Rates



- 5113 ☒ **1860 (Dec. 11) New York N.Y. to Breslau, Prussia**, all-over pink shaded “A. Lievenroth & Von Auw Stationers” advertising cover bearing **1¢ blue (24)**, **3¢ dull red (26)**, **10¢ green, types V & III (35, 33)**, each tied by red open grid cancels, matching red “New York ‘19’ Feb 11” credit exchange cds crossed out in magenta, red framed “Short Paid” handstamp and black “New-York, Br. Pkt. ‘23’ Dec 11” debit exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *Arabia* from Boston Dec. 12th to Queenstown arriving Dec. 22nd, red Aachen transit backstamp and blue ms. “13” sgr (30¢) due rating, Dec. 27th arrival cds; small stamp flaws from edge placement, **Very Fine and attractive three-color franking with two different 10¢ types, ex-Gabriel**; with 2007 P.F. certificate (See “Mistaken 24¢ Rate to Germany”, Chronicle 226, pp. 139-149, fig.7).

Estimate. \$750 - 1,000

There was a widespread misapprehension in the latter half of the 1850's that a 24¢ rate to Germany existed. The 24¢ postage made the clerk think this was mail to England, so he applied the “19” cent exchange credit cds, then replaced it with “Short Paid” and the correct debit as totally unpaid. The “45” kreuzer and “12¾” (usually 13) sgr debits were equivalent to the 30¢ Prussian Closed Mail rate.



- 5114 ☒ **1861 (Oct. 8) Lima, Oh. to Oberweisbach, Thuringia**, Gates red and blue **Flag & Eagle clutching “Protect” ribbon Civil War Patriotic** cover bearing **24¢ gray lilac (37)** tied by “Lima O., Oct 3, 1861” cds, repeated at left, black “New-York, Am. Pkt. ‘23’ Oct 12” debit exchange cds, carried by Havre Line *Fulton* from New York Oct. 12th to Southampton arriving Oct. 24th, red Aachen (10.26) transit backstamp and blue ms. “45” kr due rating, updated in blue ms. “12¾” sgr, Oct. 28th arrival backstamp; light edge wear, **Very Fine, ex-Waterhouse, Ishikawa, Gallagher, Gabriel**; with 2008 P.F. certificate (See “Mistaken 24¢ Rate to Germany”, Chronicle 226, pp. 139-149, fig.10).

Estimate. \$2,000 - 3,000

A RARE 24¢ 1860 ISSUE USED ON A CIVIL WAR PATRIOTIC TO GERMANY.

There was a widespread misapprehension in the latter half of the 1850s that a 24¢ rate to Germany existed. Ashbrook's note on reverse interpreted the late use of the 24¢ 1860 issue as “Old Stamp Not Recognized”, but this was actually a short payment of the 30¢ Prussian Closed Mail rate treated as totally unpaid.



- 5115 ☒ **1865 (Dec.) San Francisco Cal. to Maburg, Hesse**, printed "Wells Fargo & Co., Paid" frank on **3¢ pink (U35) buff entire** bearing **5¢ brown (76)** and **10¢ green (68)**, nat. s.e. at left, tied by NYFM cross-roads cancels, red "N. York '7 Paid' Dec 27" exchange cds, manuscript "per Steamer Constitution Connexion to German line of steamers from New York" endorsement, carried by Cunard *Java* from New York Dec. 27th to Queenstown arriving Jan. 5th, red Aachen Franco (10.1) boxed transit datestamp, Marburg (10.12) arrival backstamp; reduced slightly at top, stamp flaws, **Very Fine**.
 Estimate. \$1,000 - 1,500

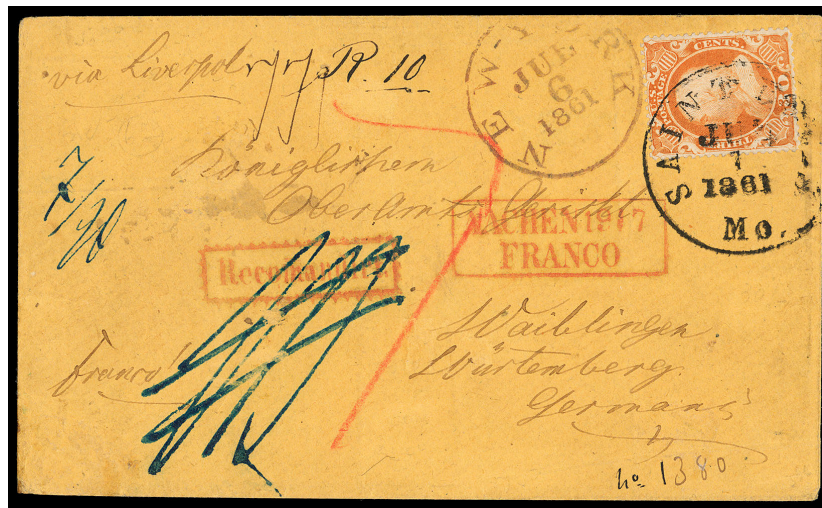
A rare usage carried by Wells, Fargo & Co. and entering the mails in New York, with U.S. adhesives intending to pay the Hamburg rate however sent by Prussian closed mail.

Registered Mail



- 5116 ☒ **1858 (Nov. 17) Jefferson City, Mo. to Munster, Prussia**, blue folded letter bearing **10¢ green, types I, II, III (31, 32, 33)**, each canceled by "Paid" handstamp, matching "Jefferson Mo., Nov 17", red "N. York, Br. Pkt. 'Paid 7' Nov 24" credit exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *Asia* from New York Nov. 24th to Liverpool arriving Dec. 5th, red "Aachen, Franco 12/7" framed handstamp and matching "**Recommandirt**" fancy framed handstamp, Dec. 8th arrival backstamp; 10¢ type 1 with scissor cut, **a fresh and Very Fine registered use**, a rare franking with three different 10¢ 1857 issue types prepaying the 30¢ PCM rate.
 Estimate. \$500 - 750

In October 1855, a registered mail article was added to the Prussian Closed Mail agreement. Registered letters had to be fully prepaid, including the 5¢ registration fee in cash. US post offices usually did not use "Registered" markings; the originating post office and the NY exchange office assigned registry numbers. Aachen marked a registered letter with a red "Recommandirt" (Recommandirt-Registered) and the weight in Prussian Loth (1 Loth = 1/2 oz). This letter weighed "4/10" Loth Württemberg and marked "recommand".



- 5117 ☒ **1861 (Jul. 1) St. Louis Mo. to Waiblingen, Württemberg**, orange buff cover bearing **30¢ orange (38)**, tied by "Saint Louis Mo., Jul 7 1861" cds, red "New-York, Jul 6, 1861" cds and red crayon "7" cent credit rating, carried by Inman Line *Kangaroo* from New York Jul. 6th to Queenstown arriving Jul. 17th, red "Aachen, Franco 19/7" framed transit and matching "**Recomandirt.**" fancy framed registry handstamp, blue ms. ratings including "7/10" Loth weight, Waiblingen (7.26) arrival backstamp, **Very Fine**, 30¢ Prussian Closed Mail rate plus 5¢ Registry Fee paid in cash.; with 1994 and 2008 P.F. certificates.
 Estimate. \$2,000 - 3,000

AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE AND EARLY FOREIGN REGISTRY USAGE BEARING THE 1860 30¢ ISSUE.



- 5118 ☒ **1867 (Nov. 12) Savannah, Ga. to Rendsburg, Holstein**, registered folded cover showing blue "Savannah, Ga. Nov 12" cds and "Registered" framed handstamp with matching open grids tying **two 30¢ orange (71) vertical pairs** and **5¢ brown (76) single**, red "New York, Registered, Nov 19, 1867" rimless transit and red crayon "28" credit (7-times 4¢), carried by Cunard Line *Java* from Boston Nov. 20th to Liverpool arriving Dec. 3rd, blue Verviers Coeln (12.3) transit backstamp and manuscript "19" Sbgr. (45¢) due rating; vertical file fold, 5¢ with some slight perf toning, **a Very Fine use**, overpayment of the four-times 28¢ Prussian closed mail rate plus 5¢ registry fee, ex-Palafito, DuPuy.
 Estimate. \$2,000 - 3,000

A RARE FOREIGN REGISTRY USAGE TO GERMANY WITH THE FEE PAID BY STAMPS.

The Aachen Exchange Office began using blue ink for their markings in 1865. This quadruple-rate wrapper had the registry fee paid by a stamp rather than cash, which was common practice by this time.

The convention with the North German Union became effective 1 January 1868, and ended the Prussian Closed Mail agreement. Instead of the customary "AACHEN FRANCO" marking for Prussian Closed Mail, this cover bears the marking of the Verviers-Coeln Railway Post Office, the name of the Aachen Exchange Office under the NGU convention. The December 5, 1867 date on this and one other cover is its earliest known use.

Transit to Other Countries (by Country)



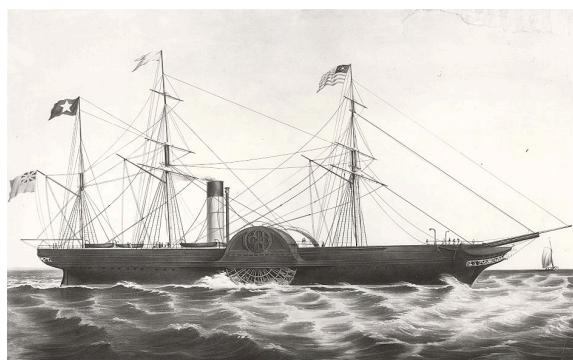
- 5119 ☒ (Holland) 1858 (Sep. 14) New Orleans La. to Aalten, Holland, folded cover bearing 10¢ green, types III-III-IV (33-33-34) strip of three, bright color, tied by "New Orleans, La. Sep 14, 1859" cds, black "Boston, Br. Pkt., 22 Sep" exchange backstamp, red "7" credit handstamp, carried by Cunard Line *Asia* from Boston Sep. 22nd to Liverpool arriving Oct. 2nd, red matching "Aachen, Franco 5/10" and "Franco Preuss./resp:Vereinsl:Ausg:Gr" framed handstamps, Aalten (10.6) arrival backstamp; light vertical fold away from stamps, **Very Fine**; with 2006 P.F. certificate.
 Estimate. \$2,000 - 3,000

A RARE 10¢ TYPE III-III-IV STRIP OF THREE ON COVER TO HOLLAND.

This cover was prepaid at the 30¢ Prussian Closed Mail rate to the border of Germany.



Paid to Border of GAPU
 Member Prussia



Cunard Line *Asia*



5120 ☒

(Italy) 1858 (Apr. 21) New Orleans La. to Intra, Italy, blue folded cover bearing 1¢ blue (24), 3¢ dull red (26 two) and 10¢ green, type I-III (31-33), types I and III in vertical pairs, small perf faults from placement at edge, tied by bold "New Orleans La. Apr 21, 1858" cds, black "New-York, Br. Pkt., Apr 28" exchange backstamp and red "15" cent credit handstamp, carried by Cunard Line *Africa* from New York Apr. 28th to Liverpool arriving May 10th, red "Aachen, Franco 11/5" framed transit and magenta "2¼" sgr credit updated in red crayon "4", Genoa (5.15) transit, red "Franca", "P.D." and "Via Di Svizzera" handstamps, Intra (5.16) arrival backstamp, 1¢ pair creased, a **Very Fine and attractive use, ex-Piller**.

Estimate. \$1,000 - 1,500

A REMARKABLE THREE-COLOR 1857 ISSUE FRANKING ON 1858 COVER TO ITALY AT THE 38¢ PRUSSIAN CLOSED MAIL RATE.



Intra is a little town with roots in the Middle Ages, beautifully situated on the Borromean Gulf. Intra owes its name (from the Latin "intra flumina" or "between the rivers") to its location between two mountain rivers, the San Bernardino and the San Giovanni. It is currently part of the municipality of Verbania.



- 5121 ☒ (Italy) 1858 (Dec. 25) New Orleans La. to Genoa, Sardinia, blue cover bearing 1¢ blue, type III-IIIa (21-22) horizontal plate 4 pair, C Reliefs, used with 12¢ black, Plate 1 (36), horizontal pair and single, perfs scissors-separated causing some straight edges, used with tied by "New Orleans La. Dec. 23, 1858" cds, sender's railroad route instructions "Via Jackson & G.N.R.R. & Co." at top (Jackson & Great Northern Railroad), red "New-York, Br. Pkt., Jan 5" exchange backstamp and magenta "15" cent credit rating, carried by Cunard Line *Asia* from New York Jan. 5th to Liverpool arriving Jan. 16th, red "Aachen, Franco 18/1" framed handstamp ties left two 12¢ stamps and magenta "f 3¼" sgr credit to Italy, Genoa (1.21) arrival backstamp, red "Franca", "P.D." and "Via Di Svizzera" handstamps; 1¢ stamps with pre-printing paperfolds, **a Very Fine and attractive use, ex-Neinken, Wagshal.**
 Estimate..... \$2,000 - 3,000

A WONDERFUL 1857 ISSUE FRANKING ON 1859 COVER TO ITALY AT THE 38¢ PRUSSIAN CLOSED MAIL RATE.


Russia



- 5122 ☒ **1858 (Sep. 13) Portland Ct. to St. Petersburg, Russia**, cover bearing **1¢ blue, type III (21)** and three **12¢ black (36)** singles, each with manuscript cancels and “Portland Conn., Sep 13” cds, additional strike at lower left, red “New-York, Br. Pkt, Sep 15” exchange cds backstamp and magenta “14” cent credit, carried by Cunard Line *Africa* from New York Sep. 15th to Liverpool arriving Sep. 26th, red “Aachen, Franco 28/3” framed transit and blue ms. “f 3” credit, Russian arrival backstamp; 12¢ stamp faults, **Fine and scarce 1857 Issue use to Russia.**
 Estimate. \$500 - 750

The magenta "13" at upper left is not for accounting, but marks letter #13. Each mail bag was accompanied by a Letter Bill showing the numbers of letters of various rates. A clerk used the back of this envelope for calculations. The PCM rate to Russia was 37¢ for prepaid mail.




- 5123  **1860 (Aug. 7) Portland Me. to St. Petersburg, Russia**, Pierce correspondence cover bearing 1¢ blue (24), 12¢ black (36) and 24¢ gray lilac (37), tied together by three strikes of circular grid cancel, matching "Portland Me., Paid, Aug 7" cds, partial "Boston, Br. Pkt, Aug 8" exchange backstamp and red crayon "14" cent credit, carried by Cunard Line *Canada* from Boston Aug. 8th to Queenstown arriving Aug. 20th, red boxed "Aachen, Franco 23/8" transit and blue ms. "f3" sgr credit rating; barely reduced at top, 24¢ slightly discolored, Very Fine appearance, **Very Fine appearance**, *ex-Gibson, Grunin and "J & J"*.
Estimate. \$1,000 - 1,500

AN ATTRACTIVE AND SCARCE THREE-COLOR FRANKING PAYING THE 37¢ PRUSSIAN CLOSED MAIL RATE TO RUSSIA.

Josiah Pierce was Secretary of the U.S. Legation to Russia at St. Petersburg.



- 5124  **1861 (c., Jun. 28) Boston Mass. to St. Petersburg, Russia**, Pierce correspondence cover bearing 30¢ orange (38), rich color, tied by large Boston "Paid" grid and red "N. York, Br. Pkt. '7 Paid' Jun 29" cds, carried by Inman Line *City of Baltimore* from New York Jun. 29th to Queenstown arriving Jul. 11th, red "Aachen, Franco 13/7" framed transit and matching red "**Franco, Preuss.Resp.Vereins., Aus Gangs-Grenze**" framed handstamp; some minor cosmetic improvements along edges, 30¢ small tear, **Very Fine appearance**, *ex-Gibson, DuPuy*; with clear 1988 P.F. certificate.
Estimate. \$1,000 - 1,500

A RARE SINGLE USE OF THE 30C 1860 TO RUSSIA, FROM THE PIERCE CORRESPONDENCE.

- 5125 (☒) **1863 (Mar. 25) New York, N.Y. to Goldingen, Russia**, red and blue “The Star Spangled Banner must be Upheld” Eagle patriotic rebacked cover front with “New-York, Br. Pkt ‘23’ Mar 25” debit exchange cds and manuscript “37” rating, carried by Cunard Line *Australasian* from New York Mar. 26th to Queenstown arriving Apr. 4th, Prussia “12/2” due rating; small edge flaws, **Very Fine Civil War patriotic front to Russia**.
Estimate. \$300 - 400

Cunard Line Australasian was delayed one day due to fog representing the one-day differential in exchange office date and sailing date.



- 5126 ☒ **1865 (Nov. 6) Portland Me. to St. Petersburg, Russia**, Pierce correspondence cover bearing **5¢ brown (76)** and **30¢ orange (71)**, tied by “Portland Me., Nov 6 ‘65” duplex, red “Boston Br. Pkt., Paid, 8 Nov” exchange cds and red crayon “14” cent credit, carried by Cunard Line *Africa* from Boston Nov. 8th to Queenstown arriving Nov. 19th, blue “Aachen, Franco 21/11” framed transit and blue crayon “f3” sgr credit rating, **Very Fine and attractive use**; with 2014 P.F. certificate.
Estimate. \$750 - 1,000

Scandinavia

- 5127 ☒ **1854 (Nov. 29) New York N.Y. to Copenhagen, Denmark**, blue folded letter with pencil “37” cent prepaid rating and red “New-York, Br. Pkt., Nov 29” exchange cds with magenta “14” cent credit rating, carried by Cunard Line *Asia* from New York Nov. 29th to Liverpool arriving Dec. 10th, red Aachen (12.12) transit backstamp and “FRANCO” straightline with blue ms. “f2” 2sgr credit corrected to proper “3” sgr, Hamburg (12.13) transit backstamps, **fresh and Very Fine**.
Estimate. \$150 - 200



- 5128 ☒ **1861 (Jan. 31) Sacramento, Cal. to Aabenraa, Denmark**, cover bearing **5¢ brown (30A)** s.e. at left, and **30¢ orange (38)**, tied together by “Sacramento City, Cal. Jan 31, 1861” cds, red “New-York, Br. Pkt., Feb 27” exchange backstamp and matching “12” cent credit handstamp, carried by Cunard Line *Africa* from New York Feb. 27th to Queenstown arriving Mar. 10th, red “Aachen, Franco 12/2” framed transit and magenta “f2” sgr credit rating, blue Hamburg (3.14.61) oval transit backstamp and Aabenraa (3.15) arrival backstamp; 30¢ diagonal crease at top right, sealed cover tear at left and some overall wear, **Fine and scarce use at the 35¢ Prussian Closed Mail rate, ex-Starnes**.
Estimate. \$750 - 1,000

A REMARKABLE USE BEARING THE 1¢ AND 24¢ 1857 ISSUE PREPAYING THE 25¢ BREMEN-HAMBURG RATE TO DENMARK.



5125



5127



5129 ☒

1859 (Nov. 29) Clermont, Iowa to Hadelland, Norway, buff cover bearing **10¢ green, type II (32)** and **12¢ black (36)** pair and single, each tied together by rim of cds, strike of "Clermont, Ioa., Nov 26" balloon-style cds at bottom right, red "New-York, Am. Pkt., Dec 3" exchange cds and magenta "23" cent credit, carried by Inman Line *Vigo* from New York Dec. 3rd to Liverpool arriving Dec. 17th, red "Aachen, Franco" framed transit and magenta "6½" sgr credit, Christiana (12.29) arrival backstamp; left 12¢ repaired, middle trimmed perfs at right, cover reduced at right, light wear and soiling, **Fine and rare 1857 Issue use at the 46¢ Prussian Closed Mail rate.**
 Estimate. \$500 - 750



5130 ☒

1859 (Jul. 5) Knight's Ferry, Cal. to Dahlarna Mora, Sweden, cover bearing two **1¢ blue (24)** singles, **10¢ green (33)** single and **10¢ green (35)** strip of three, each canceled by open grid cancels, matching "Knights Ferry, Cal. Jul 5" cds, magenta "Paid 42" rating, partial red New York Jul. 30th exchange backstamp and matching "19" credit handstamp, carried by Vanderbilt *Ariel* from New York Jul. 30th to Southampton arriving Aug. 12th, red "Aachen, Franco 14/8" framed handstamp and blue ms. "f5" sgr credit rating; no flap; faults, no back flap and light staining, **Fine and rare 1857 Issue franking at the 42¢ Prussian Closed Mail rate to Sweden.**
 Estimate. \$750 - 1,000

Switzerland



- 5131 ☒ **1855 (Apr. 17) Philadelphia Pa. to Goldach, Switzerland**, gray folded cover bearing **3¢ dull red (11A) pair**, margins to touched, and **12¢ black (17) pair**, large margins all around, tied by strikes of "Philadelphia Pa., Apr 17" cds, red "N.York 'Paid 7' Am. Pkt." credit exchange cds, carried by Collins Line *Baltic* from New York Apr. 18th to Liverpool arriving Apr. 29th, red "Aachen, 1/5" transit backstamp and matching red "Franco" straightline with ms. "3" sgr debit rating, red "**Franco Preuss: resp: Vereinsl: Ausg: Gr.**" two-line framed handstamp and red ms. "10" rappen due rating (3 sgr), forwarded to Emmishofen; some fold separation reinforced, **Very Fine**; with 1999 P.F. certificate.
 Estimate. \$1,500 - 2,000

AN EXCEPTIONAL 1851 ISSUE COVER TO SWITZERLAND PREPAYING THE 30¢ PRUSSIAN CLOSED MAIL RATE TO GERMAN BORDER ONLY.

As long as one full Prussian Closed Mail rate was paid, a letter would be sent paid to the GAPU border with the addressee responsible for any postage due. The two-line "Franco Preuss: resp: Vereinsl: Ausg: Gr." handstamp (Paid to Border of GAPU Member Prussia) was used on such mail until mid-1860, when a three-line handstamp superseded it. Goldach and Emmishofen were in Rayon I next to Germany, so actual postage due was only 3 kr or 10 rappen (2¢).



- 5132 ☒ **1855 (Sep. 4) Sacramento, Cal. to Geneva, Switzerland**, "Sacramento, Cal., 4 Sep" cds and "Paid" handstamp with magenta "20" cent rating on **10¢ pale green (U18a)** buff Nesbitt entire, red "N. York, Am. pkt. 'Paid 7' Oct 3" credit exchange cds, carried by Collins Line *Baltic* from New York Oct. 3rd to Liverpool arriving Oct. 14th, red "Aachen, Franco 16/10" and sharp "**Franco Preuss: resp: Vereinsl: Ausg: Gr.**" framed handstamps for paid to German border only, ms. "6" kr due rating, Geneva (10.20.55) arrival backstamp and red ms. "20" rappen due; small edge flaws and wear, **a Very Fine and interesting use**.
 Estimate. \$500 - 750

This is an unusual 10¢ Nesbitt use with 20¢ paid in cash for the 30¢ Prussian Closed Mail rate to German border only, with transit to Switzerland due.

5133 ☒

1856 (Apr. 8) Stillwater, Minn. Terr. to Hauptweil, Switzerland, folded letter with "Stillwater, M.T. Apr 8" cds and matching "Paid" handstamp with magenta "35" rating, red "New-York, Am. Pkt., Apr 26" exchange backstamp and matching large red "12" credit handstamp, carried by Collins Line *Baltic* from New York Apr. 26th to Liverpool arriving May 7th, red "Aachen, Franco 9/5" framed transit and blue ms. "f2" sgr credit rating, backstamps include Schaffhausen (5.12) transit and Hauptweil (5.13) arrival cds, magenta "3" kr due rating, **Very Fine and attractive Minnesota Territorial use at the 35¢ Prussian Closed Mail rate.**
 Estimate. \$200 - 300



5134 ☒

1859 (Jan. 6) Winesburgh Oh. to Oberthal, Switzerland, buff cover bearing 5¢ red brown (28), 10¢ green, type II (32) and 12¢ black (36), all tied by neat "Winesburg, O. Jan 6" cds and matching "Paid" handstamp, partial red New York Sep. 11th exchange backstamp and matching red "12" cent credit handstamp, carried by Cunard Line *America* from Boston Jan. 12th to Liverpool arriving Jan. 24th, red "Aachen, Franco 26: 1" framed handstamp and magenta "f2" credit, reverse with Bern (1.27), Basel (1.28) transits and Cross-Hochtetten (1.29) arrival cds; partial flap; stamps removed and replaced, 10¢ lightly soiling, **F.-V.F.**; with 2002 P.F. certificate.
 Estimate. \$400 - 600

This cover was prepaid 27¢ for the 27¢ Bremen mails rate, but the NGL Weser could not sail. The 27¢ prepayment was accept as full payment of the 35¢ Prussian Closed Mail rate.



5135 ☒

1859 (Jan. 20) Economy, Ind. to Sulz, Switzerland, cover bearing 5¢ red brown (28) and 10¢ green, type III (33) horizontal pair and single, all tied by two strikes of blue "Economy Ind. Jan 20" cds on 1859 cover to Sulz, Switzerland, red "New-York, Am. Pkt. Jan 29" exchange backstamp and matching red "12" credit credit h.s., carried by Inman Line *City of Washington* from New York Jan. 29th to Liverpool arriving Feb. 11th, red boxed "Aachen Franco" transit handstamp and magenta "fr 1" sgr credit, Basel (2.15) transit and Laufenburg (2.16) arrival cds, red crayon "3" kr due rating; 10¢ stamps small flaws, **otherwise Very Fine use at the 35¢ Prussian Closed Mail rate.**
 Estimate. \$750 - 1,000



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- 5136 ☒ **1860 (Sep. 15) New Orleans, La. to Biasca, Switzerland**, orange cover bearing **5¢ red brown (28)**, s.e. at left, and **30¢ orange (38)**, each tied by bold "New Orleans, La. Sep 15, 1860" cds, red "N. York, Am. Pkt. 'Paid' Sep 22" cds with matching red "12" credit handstamp, carried by Vanderbilt Line *Illinois* from New York Sep. 22nd to Southampton arriving Oct. 6th, red boxed "Aachen, Franco 7/10" transit and magenta "f2" sgr credit rating, reverse with Zurich (10.8) transit and Biasca (10.10) arrival cds, red crayon "6" kr due rating; slightly reduced at right with clipped corners and some slight wear, 30¢ scissor blunted perfs, **F.-V.F. and scarce 30¢ 1860 use at the 35¢ Prussian Closed Mail rate**; with 2010 P.F. certificate.

Estimate. \$500 - 750

- 5137 ☒ **1866 (Dec. 13) New Orleans La. to Berne, Switzerland**, cover bearing **3¢ rose (65)** and **30¢ orange (71)**, each tied by cork cancel, matching "New Orleans, La. Dec 13" cds, red "N. York, Br. Pkt. 'Paid' Dec 18" exchange cds and matching "12" cent credit handstamp, carried by Cunard Line *Asia* from Boston Dec. 19th to Queenstown arriving Dec. 29th, blue "Aachen, Franco 1/1" framed transit and blue crayon "f2" credit, reverse with Basel-Olten (1.2) transit and Berne (1.2) arrival cds; couple small stamp flaws and tiny edge tear, **Very Fine and attractive use at the 33¢ Prussian Closed Mail rate**.

Estimate. \$300 - 400

- 5138 ☒ **1867 (Jun. 21) Lancaster, Wisc. to Geneva, Switzerland**, "Lancaster Wis. Jun 21" cds duplexed with neat circle of wedges cancel on **30¢ orange (71)** on **3¢ pink (U59)** buff entire, red "N. York, Br. Pkt. 'Paid' Jun 26" exchange cds and matching "12" cent credit handstamp, carried by Cunard Line *Persia* from New York Jun. 26th to Queenstown arriving Jul. 6th, clear blue "Aachen, Franco 8/7" framed transit and blue "f2" credit rating, reverse with Basel (7.9) transit and Geneva (7.9) arrival cds, red crayon "6" rating, "Inconnu L' Appel" straightline; some wear and tiny edge tear at top, **F.-V.F.**

Estimate. \$300 - 400

Printed Matter



- 5139 ☒ **1857 (Feb. 25) Sunfish, Ohio to Signau, Bern, Switzerland**, unsealed buff cover bearing two **3¢ dull red (11A)** singles tied by neat “Sun Fish, Ohio, Feb 28” cds, black “N.York, Br. Pkt. ‘23’ Mar 4” debit exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *Asia* from New York Mar. 4th to Liverpool arriving Mar. 16th, red Aachen (3.18) transit backstamp and blue ms. “45” kr due rating, reverse with Basel (3.20), Bern (3.21) transits and Signau (3.21) arrival cds, red crayon “185” rappen due rating, **Very Fine and unusual attempted Prussian Closed Mail printed matter use**.
 Estimate. \$300 - 400

Payment of 6¢ and the open top flap show the sender had enclosed a circular and wanted it to go as printed matter. The agreement required wrappers to be open at the sides, not the top, so this cover was charged the unpaid letter rate.



- 5140 ☒ **1858 (c., Feb. 12) Cincinnati, Oh. to Eutingen, Württemberg via New York**, buff wrapper bearing **3¢ dull red (26) vertical pair** tied by blue circle grid cancels, New York red “Paid All” straightline also ties pair, carried by Glasgow & N.Y. Steamship Co. *New York* from New York Feb. 13th to Glasgow arriving Feb. 26th, partial strike of red Aachen (2.28) framed transit at right, reverse with Stuttgart (3.2.1858) transit and Mar. 3rd arrival cds, **Very Fine and rare use at the 6¢ Prussian Closed Mail printed matter rate**.
 Estimate \$1,500 -2,000

ONE OF ONLY THREE RECORDED 6¢ PRUSSIAN CLOSED MAIL WRAPPERS TO GERMANY.

Printed matter sent via Prussian Closed mail is rare. The rate was 6¢ for up to 2 oz., which was two or three-times the rates by other routes. The Glasgow & N.Y. Steamship was a substitute for the Collins Line, which had ceased operations in February.

Germania
 Herrn. A. Hensemann.
 Königsgraben 8.
 Berlin
 Preussien

Herrn Louis Eichrodt,
 Reparaturs am Gießh. Cyl. 40. 2. 2.
Bühl
 Baden.

Per Hamburg or Bremen Steamer

Major Henning

Stettin

Prussia

FRANCO Grünhof Grenzstraße. 102.

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1857 US-Hamburg Agreement

In July 1857, the US and the City of Hamburg signed an agreement with the same terms as the 1847 Bremen Agreement. Hamburg Amerikanische Paketfahrt Aktien Gesellschaft, better known as Hapag or the Hamburg-American Line, provided biweekly service from NY to Hamburg.

In 1858, the US and Bremen abolished the 22¢ rate after Thurn & Taxis adopted a lower transit fee and reduced the US postage of the international rate from 5¢ to 3¢, increasing the share for sea transport. The Hamburg agreement did not include these amendments until 1859 and 1863, respectively.

This agreement was superseded by the US-North German Union Convention on 1 January 1868.

Rates

Summary of Postage Rates			
	1857-59	1857-63	1863-68
	(South Germany Only)		
US (Debit if unpaid)	15¢	10¢	10¢
Sea	5¢	5¢	3¢
Int'l	9¢	4¢	6¢
Rate	1¢	1¢	1¢
Hamburg	17¢	10¢	12¢
	Credit (if paid)	Credit (if paid)	Credit (if paid)
GAPU Transit	7¢	5¢	5¢
Total Rate	22¢	15¢	15¢

5143 ☒ **1859 (Mar. 29) Philadelphia Pa. to Oberschwörstadt, Baden**, cover bearing **5¢ red brown (28)** and **10¢ green, type II (32)**, each tied by circular grid cancel, matching "Philadelphia Pa., Mar 10, 1859" octagon datestamp, red "N.York, Hamb. Pkt. 'Paid 17' Apr 1" credit exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Borussia* from New York Apr. 1st to Hamburg arriving Apr. 14th, backstamps include Hamburg (4.15) transit and Grennet (4.17) transits; cover repaired with stamps lifted and replaced, 10¢ light stain, **Very Fine appearance and rare 5¢ red brown type I 1857 issue use.**

Estimate. \$500 - 750

The sender of this cover was aware of the reduction in the Bremen rate six months earlier and wrote "Bremen Steamer, Paid 15 cts." at left. That steamer, "Weser", was damaged at sea and not scheduled to carry mail on its April 2nd 1859 sailing. Despite prepayment of only 15¢, the New York exchange office sent it as a fully prepaid 22¢ letter on the Hamburg packet.

5144 ☒ **1859 (Jul. 15) New York N.Y. to Berlin, Prussia**, orange buff cover bearing two **1¢ blue (24)** singles, **3¢ dull red (26)** and **10¢ green (35)**, faulty, each tied by New York F.M. circle grid cancel to Berlin, Prussia, red "N.York, Hamb. Pkt. 'Paid 10' Jul 1" credit exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Bavaria* from New York Jul. 15th to Hamburg arriving Jul. 31st, reverse with Hamburg (7.31) transit and Berlin (8.1) arrival cds; cover creasing affects one 1¢, **Fine.**

Estimate. \$150 - 200





- 5145 ☒ **1859 (Sep. 10) New Orleans La. to Stuttgart, Württemberg**, buff cover bearing **5¢ brown (29) vertical strip of three**, scissor separation leaving full intact perfs all around, tied by two bold “New Orleans La. Sep 10, 1859” cds datestamps, red “N. York, Hamb. Pkt. ‘Paid 10’ Oct 1” credit exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Borussia* from New York Oct. 1st to Hamburg arriving Oct. 16th, reverse with Hamburg (10.16) transit and Württemberg (10.17) arrival cds; light staining at bottom, **otherwise Very Fine use at the 15¢ Bremen-Hamburg packet rate**; with 1992 P.F. certificate.

Estimate. \$300 - 400

- 5146 ☒ **1860 (Jun. 13) Chicago Ill. to Bühl, Baden**, light buff cover bearing **1¢ blue (24) pair** and **10¢ green (35) pair**, positions 38-39R2, both scissor-separated causing some short perfs, tied by neat strikes of blue “Chicago Ills. Jun 13” double-circle datestamps, light strike of red “N. York, Hamb. Pkt. ‘Paid 10’ Jun 15” credit exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Saxonia* from New York Jun. 15th to Hamburg arriving Jun. 30th, backstamps include Hamburg (6.30) and Bühl (7.1) arrival; some slight wear incl. one 1¢ affected by horizontal file fold at bottom, **Fine and unusual franking, ex-Neinken, Wagshal**; signed Ashbrook on reverse.

Estimate. \$300 - 400

The 22¢ rate via Bremen-Hamburg Mails was reduced to 15¢ in October 1859, so this is an overpayment of the old rate and corresponding credit of 17¢ reduced to 10¢.

- 5147 ☒ **1860 (Jun. 25) Philadelphia Pa. to Stettin, Prussia (now Poland)**, orange cover bearing **10¢ green (35) horizontal strip of three with captured imprint at left**, tied by “Philadelphia Pa., Jun 25, 1860” octagonal datestamps, partial strike of scarce red “N. York, Hamb. Pkt. ‘Paid 20’ Jun 30” credit exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Hammonia* from New York Jun. 30th to Hamburg arriving Jul. 15th, Hamburg (7.15) arrival backstamp and matching neat “Franco” handstamp, Jul. 16th arrival backstamp; slightly reduced at left and some wear, left stamp small corner crease at lower left, the 20c credit marking is unusual, **F.-V.F. and scarce double-weight use**.

Estimate. \$200 - 300

- 5148 ☒ **1860 (Jul. 3) Providence R.I. to Zittau, Saxony**, folded letter bearing **5¢ brick red (27)**, bright distinctive shade, and **10¢ green (35)**, tied by red “Paid” in circle cancels, matching “Providence R.I., Jul 3, 1860” cds, red “N. York, Hamb. Pkt. ‘Paid 10’ Jul 16” credit exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Bavaria* from New York Jul. 16th to Hamburg arriving Jul. 31st, Hamburg (7.31) backstamp and “Franco” straightline, Aug. 2nd arrival backstamp; small stamp flaws, **otherwise a Very Fine appearing use**; with 2004 P.F. certificate.

Estimate. \$300 - 400

- 5149 ☒ **1861 (Mar. 16) New York N.Y. to Bremen**, cover bearing **10¢ green (35)**, tied by paint red circular grid cancel, red “N. York, Hamb. Pkt. ‘Paid 5’ Apr 1” credit exchange cds and black “TOO LATE” straightline, carried by Hapag Line *Teutonia* from New York to Hamburg arriving Apr. 20th, Hamburg (4.21) transit backstamp and blue crayon “2” sgr due rating, red crayon “5” grote due, **F.-V.F.**

Estimate. \$200 - 300

This cover was prepaid 10¢ for Bremen via NGL packet, but it was “Too Late” and sent via Hapag packet at the ordinary 15¢ rate. The extra 5¢ postage was due from addressee.

- 5150 ☒ **1861 (May 4) New York, N.Y. to Schwerin, Mecklenburg**, lighth buff cover bearing **3¢ dull red (26)** and **12¢ black (36B)**, each tied by red NYFM circular grid, matching “N. York, Hamb. Pkt. ‘Paid 10’ May 4” credit exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Bavaria* from New York May 4th to Hamburg arriving May 19th, Hamburg (5.19.61) arrival backstamp and blue ms. “fr” and “3” ratings, May 20th arrival backstamps, **Very Fine used at the 15¢ Hamburg rate**.

Estimate. \$300 - 400



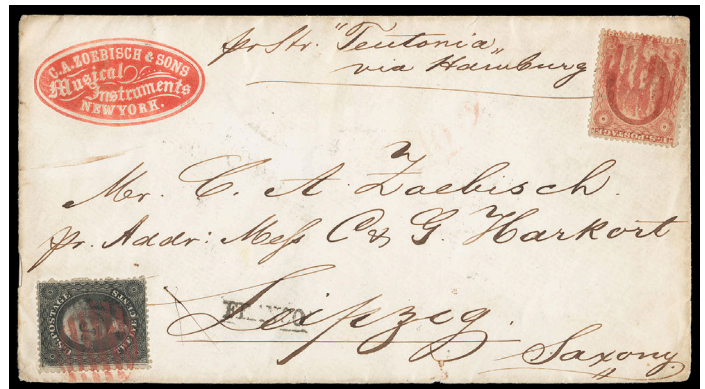
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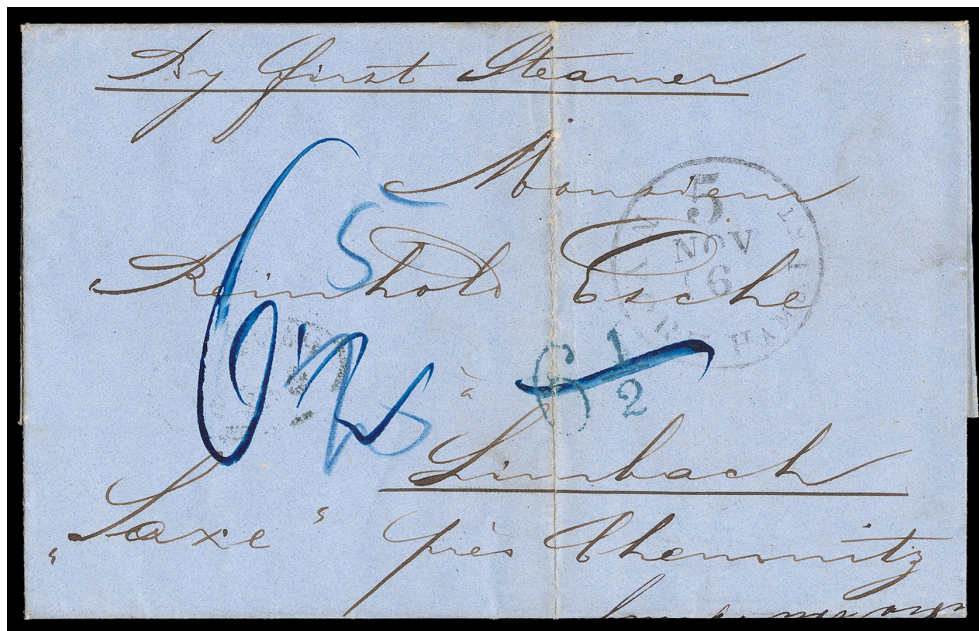


- 5151 ☒ **1861 (May 9) New Orleans, La., Confederate States of America to Limbach, Saxony**, folded letter with partial "New Orleans La. May 9" cds and matching "30" unpaid rating handstamp for the Prussian Closed Mail rate, partial "N. York Hamb. Pkt. '5' May 18" debit exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Hammonia* from New York May 18th to Hamburg arriving Jun. 1st, Hamburg (6.1) backstamp and "6½" sbr. debit rating handstamp, Saxony blue manuscript "6 5/10" neugroschen due rating, Limbach (6.3) arrival backstamp, vertical file fold toning, **Fine, a very scarce Confederate period transatlantic cover**, ex-Winter.
 Estimate. \$400 - 600

Letter originated in Confederate New Orleans during the brief period when Federal postal system allowed mails north from the Confederacy. New York elected to send letter in the Hamburg mails and debited Hamburg 5¢. Hamburg showed 6½ silbergroschen postage due, which Saxony changed in blue crayon to 6 5/10 neugroschen.



- 5152 ☒ **1861 (Aug. 6) Marion, Ohio to Hamburg**, cover bearing **10¢ green (35)** tied by neat **"Paid 3" in Circle** cancel, matching "Marion, Ohio, Aug 6" cds, red "N.York, Hamb. Pkt. 'Paid 5' Aug 10" credit exchange cds, carried by Hapag *Borussia* from New York Aug. 10th to Hamburg arriving Aug. 25th, reverse with Hamburg (8.25.61) oval arrival, **Very Fine and attractive use at the special 10¢ Direct rate to Hamburg.**
 Estimate. \$400 - 600



- 5153 ☒ **1861 (Aug. 21) New Orleans, La., Confederate States of America to Limbach, Saxony**, folded letter with "N. York Hamb. Pkt. '5' Sep 7" debit exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Teutonia* from New York Sep. 7th to Hamburg arriving Sep. 23rd, Hamburg (9.23) backstamp and "6½" sbr. debit rating handstamp, Saxony blue manuscript "6 5/10" neugroschen due rating, Limbach (9.24) arrival backstamp, heavy vertical file fold, **Fine, A very scarce Confederate period transatlantic cover since New Orleans was recaptured by Federal forces in early 1862., ex-Winter.**
 Estimate. \$500 - 750

Letter originated in Confederate New Orleans during the Civil War. Effective June 1, 1861 postal service between the North and South was suspended. This letter was carried privately (probably through the lines by some unknown express service) to New York where it was posted unpaid to Saxony. New York debited Hamburg 5¢. Hamburg showed 6½ silbergroschen postage due, which Saxony changed in blue crayon to 6 5/10 neugroschen.

- 5154 ☒ **1861 (Sep. 7) New York, N.Y. to Leipzig, Saxony**, red "C.A. Zoebisch & Sons, Musical Instruments, New York" oval cameo corner card cover bearing **3¢ dull red (26)** and **12¢ black (36)**, each tied by NYFM red circular open grid, matching indistinct strike of New York Hamb. Pkt. "Paid 10" exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Teutonia* from New York Sep. 7th to Hamburg arriving Sep. 23rd, reverse with Hamburg (9.23) transit cds and Sep. 24th arrival cds; 3¢ small flaws from edge placement, **otherwise Very Fine and attractive use, ex-Gabriel.**
 Estimate. \$200 - 300



- 5155 ☒ **1861 (Oct. 18) New York N.Y. to Mittenwalde, Bavaria**, blue folded letter bearing three **5¢ buff (67)** singles, bright shade, each cancelled by NYFM red circular open grid cancel, matching partial red “N.York, Hamb. Pkt. ‘Paid 10’ Oct 19” credit exchange cds, carried as endorsed by Hapag Line *Bavaria* from New York Oct. 19th to Hamburg arriving Nov. 4th; two 5¢ affected by file folds, upper right tied by docketing, **otherwise Very Fine and pretty 5¢ buff 1861 use**.
 Estimate. \$500 - 750



- 5156 ☒ **1861 (Nov. 13) Kensington Pa. to Ebingen, Württemberg**, all-over blue “Beckhaus & Allgaier Coach Builders” shaded building ad cover bearing **5¢ brown yellow (67a)** and **10¢ green (68)**, each cancelled by bold circular grid, partial red-orange “Kensington Pa., Nov. 13” cds, partial red “N.York, Hamb. Pkt. ‘Paid 10’ 16 Nov” credit exchange cds, carried by Hapag *Borussia* from New York Nov. 16th to Hamburg arriving Dec. 2nd, Hamburg (12.3) oval transit and Ebingen (12.4) arrival cds; 10¢ top corner flaws and some edge wear, **otherwise Very Fine and attractive 5¢ brown yellow 1861 issue use**; with 2008 P.F. certificate.
 Estimate. \$750 - 1,000



- 5157 ☒ **1863 (c., Nov. 27) Boston Mass. to Vienna, Austria via New York**, red and blue **Union and Constitution Civil War Patriotic** design on Angell correspondence cover bearing **1¢ blue (63)** and **12¢ black (69)**, tied by Boston segmented cork cancels, red "N. York, Hamb. Pkt., Nov. 28" credit exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Teutonia* from New York Nov. 28th to Hamburg arriving Dec. 12th, Hamburg (12.13) transit backstamp and neat "Franco" handstamp, Vienna (11.15) arrival backstamp; some light waterstaining at sides, 12¢ small tear at top right, **Very Fine appearance**, *ex-Matthies, Allen, McCracken*.
Estimate. \$5,000 - 7,500

AN EXTREMELY RARE USAGE OF THE 2¢ BLACK JACK ISSUE ON AN ANGELL CIVIL WAR PATRIOTIC COVER TO AUSTRIA.

Illustrated in Lane. Only four covers with Black Jacks were offered in our 1969 Matthies sale.



- 5158 ☒ **1865 (May 11) Canton, Ohio to Hanover**, gray all-over "**Indiana**" **Union Loyal States Civil War patriotic** cover bearing **5¢ brown (76)** and **10¢ green (68)**, tied by "Canton Oh., May 11" duplex, bold red "N. York 'Paid 12' May 13" credit exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Bavaria* from New York May 13th to Hamburg arriving May 27th; 10¢ slightly affected by edge placement, **Very Fine**.
Estimate. \$1,000 - 1,500

A SCARCE AND ATTRACTIVE TRANSATLANTIC CIVIL WAR PATRIOTIC USE.



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- 5159 ☒ **1867 (Apr. 10) Cleveland, Ohio to Stuttgart, Germany**, yellow cover bearing **15¢ black (77)** tied by “Cleveland O., Apr 10” duplex, partial red “N.York, Hamb. Pkt. ‘Paid 12’ Apr 13” credit exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Germania* from New York Apr. 13th to Southampton arriving Apr. 24th, reverse with blue Hamburg (4.25) transit and German (4.27) arrival cds, **Very Fine use at the 15¢ Hamburg rate**.
 Estimate. \$150 - 200

24¢ Mistaken Rate

As Robert Boyd discusses in his May 2010 Chronicle article “Mistaken 24¢ Rate to Germany, 1857-61”, there was an apparent widespread misapprehension in the latter half of the 1850s that a 24¢ rate to Germany existed. In the Boyd collection are seven covers showing payment of exactly 24¢. They were sent from New York (2), Ohio (2), Michigan, Indiana, and Louisiana between 1857 and 1861.

When a U.S. exchange office decided to send one of these letters by Bremen, Hamburg, or France, 24¢ sufficed to pay the full rate, so it was merely overpaid. However, such a letter was considered unpaid in Prussian closed mail, since partial payment of the 30¢ rate was not permitted. This was an expensive error, as 24¢ in 1860 was worth about \$5 today.

As stated above, the following are two lots show the 24¢ “Mistaken” rate via Hamburg. Unlike Prussian Closed Mail, 24¢ exceeded the Hamburg packet rate, so letters by this route were accepted as paid.

- 5160 ☒ **1860 (Aug. 8) Indianapolis, Ind. to Weissenburg bei Nürnberg, Bavaria**, all-over gray shaded Bates House illustrated ad design showing building on cover bearing **1¢ blue (24)**, **3¢ dull red (26)** and two **10¢ green (35)** singles, each tied by “Indianapolis, Ind. Aug 8” double-circle datestamps, slightly indistinct red “N.York, Hamb. Pkt. ‘Paid 10’ Aug 15” credit exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Saxonia* from New York Aug. 15th to Hamburg arriving Aug. 29th, reverse with Hamburg (8.30) transit and Weissenburg (9.1) arrival backstamp; cover and stamp flaws, left 10¢ with lightened ms. cancel, **Fine and attractive appearance at the 24¢ “Mistaken” rate**; with 2008 P.F. certificate (See Chronicle 226, pp. 139-149, fig.4).
 Estimate. \$200 - 300

It appears the sender reused the left 10¢ stamp to attempt to pay the “mistaken” 24¢ rate.

- 5161 ☒ **1860 (c., Nov. 26) Mount Vernon, Ia. to Tiefenbach, Prussia**, orange cover bearing **12¢ black (36) horizontal pair** tied by “Mount Vernon, Ia. Nov 26” cds, New York red “3” credit handstamp obliterated with circular grid, correct “N.York, Hamb. Pkt., ‘Paid 10’ Dec 1” credit exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Teutonia* from New York Dec. 1st to Hamburg arriving Dec. 16th, Hamburg (12.16) transit backstamp and bold “Franco” straightline, **F.-V.F. prepaid for the 24¢ “Mistaken” rate** (See Chronicle 226, pp. 139-149, fig. 6).
 Estimate. \$200 - 300

The sender prepaid the cover for the “mistaken” 24¢ rate, which confused the New York exchange office who initially struck the red “3” credit handstamp used on mail at the 24¢ rate to Great Britain.

24¢ Mistaken Rate - Part Paid



- 5162 ☒ **1861 (May 12) Bucks, Ohio to Rohrdorf, Overamt Horb, Württemberg**, legal-size orange cover with manuscript "Bucks O, May 12" postmark and bearing **3¢ dull red, type IV (26A) block of eight**, positions 1-4/11-14R10L, s.e. at left, bright color, choice centering for this difficult issue, tied by red "N. York Paid, Hamb. Pkt. 'Paid 10' May 18" credit exchange datestamp, carried by Hapag Line *Hammonia* from New York May 18th to Hamburg arriving Jun. 1st, Hamburg (6.2) arrival backstamp and well-struck "**Part Paid**" straightline, blue crayon "12" kr due rating, Stuttgart and Horb (6.4) backstamps; small cover imperfections, stamps with few slight flaws to be expected, **Very Fine appearance.**

Estimate. \$3,000 - 4,000

A SCARCE AND DESIRABLE BLOCK OF EIGHT OF THE 1857 3¢ TYPE IV USED ON A COVER TO GERMANY.

This exceedingly rare on-cover multiple of the 3¢ type IV is especially desirable because one can clearly see the identifying characteristics of the type, the interrupted framelines between stamps.

Bucks, Ohio accepted this letter as single-rate for 24¢, paid by a rare block of eight 3¢ Type IV. The New York Exchange Office found the letter required two rates (30¢). To avoid treating it as unpaid, New York sent it as "PART PAID" with the full double rate to Hamburg (20¢) and kept the extra 4¢ prepayment.

Rounding among the various currencies was imperfect. Had this letter been fully paid, the GAPU transit share would have been 10¢. It was not, so the GAPU double rate of 12 kr (only 8¢) applied.

Reference: Mistaken 24c Rate to Germany, 1857-61 by Robert S. Boyd, *The Chronicle* 226 (May 2010), PP. 139-149, fig. 9.

Rate Breakdown	¢
US Postage	5 x 2 = 10 } Kept by US
Sea	4 x 2 = 8 } Credit to
Hamburg Transit	1 x 2 = 2 } Hamburg
GAPU Transit	5 x 2 = 10 } 12 kr (8¢) Due
Total Rate	30
Overpayment	4 } Kept by US
Total Postage Paid	34

Transit to Other Countries (by Country)

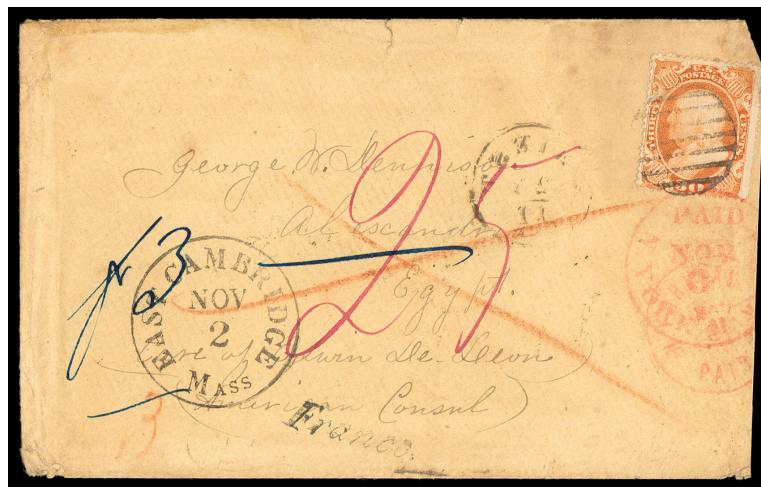


- 5163 ☒ **(Denmark) 1859 (Aug. 4) Georgetown Cal. to Burg, Schleswig, Denmark**, buff cover bearing two **10¢ green (33)** singles, each cancelled by neat "15" fancy handstamp, matching "Georgetown Cal., Aug 4, 1859" cds, partial strike of red "N.York, Hamb. Pkt. 'Paid' Sep 15" credit exchange cds and red crayon "5" credit at upper right, carried by Hapag Line *Saxonia* from New York Sep. 1st to Hamburg arriving Sep. 15th, Hamburg (9.17) transit backstamp and "Franco" handstamp ties stamps; minor cosmetic edge repairs and reduced slightly at top, **Very Fine appearance**.

Estimate. \$1,000 - 1,500

A RARE USE AT THE 20¢ BREMEN-HAMBURG RATE TO DENMARK.

Although slower, Hamburg was an affordable alternative to Prussian Closed Mail. The 20¢ rate to Denmark was 15¢ cheaper.



- 5164 ☒ **(Egypt) 1860 (Nov. 2) East Cambridge Mass. to Alexandria, Egypt**, buff cover bearing **30¢ orange (38)**, bright color, tied by grid, matching "East Cambridge Mass. Nov 2" cds, red "N.York, Hamb. Pkt. 'Paid' Nov 3" exchange cds with magenta "25" credit rating, Hamburg (11.20) transit backstamp with matching "Franco" handstamp at bottom and blue ms. "f3" sgr credit rating, reverse with Trieste (11.23) and blue Alexandria (12.3) arrival, red crayon "15" credit rating on reverse split for Prussian and Austrian transit; slightly reduced at right, some edgewear and soiling, **Fine and unusual use, ex-Dupuy**.

Estimate. \$750 - 1,000

AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE 1857 ISSUE COVER TO EGYPT VIA BREMEN-HAMBURG MAILS.

Egypt is a rare destination with the 1857 issue and the slower, more affordable Bremen-Hamburg mails were seldom used. The 30¢ rate to Egypt was 8¢ cheaper than the Prussian Closed mail.

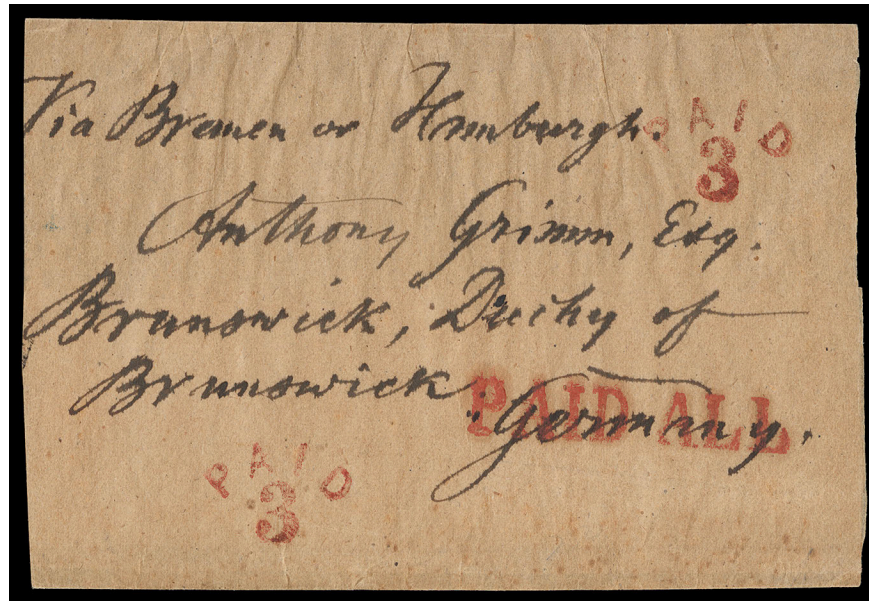
- 5165 ☒ **(Italy) 1861 (Dec. 27) Paris, Ky. to Florence, Italy**, yellow cover bearing **30¢ orange (71)** cancelled by circular grid cancel, matching sharp "Paris, Ky, Dec 27, 1861" double-circle datestamp, red "New York, Hamb. Pkt. 'Paid' Jan 11" exchange cds and magenta "23" cent credit rating, carried by Hapag *Teutonia* from New York Dec. 28th to Hamburg arriving Jan. 28th, Hamburg arrival backstamp and "Franco" straightline with red "3/4" sgr credit, black "P.D." handstamp and ms. "3/4" restatement updated in red crayon "15", numerous backstamps including Florence arrival cds, **Fine and unusual use via Hamburg mails to Italy**.

Estimate. \$300 - 400

Printed Matter

As we have seen in Bremen, there was confusion about the price for fully paid circulars, with 2¢ frequently deemed sufficient postage. The following newspaper wrapper was correctly paid 3¢ in cash.

The rates were clearly stated as 3¢ for newspapers and 1¢ per ounce for pamphlets to any destination in the GAPU. Circulars were not mentioned specifically. The reason for the confusion is uncertain, but many circulars paid by 2¢ in stamps were accepted as fully paid, as the following cover shows. The NY Exchange Office marked it "PAID ALL;" Hamburg accepted New York's determination and marked it "FRANCO."



- 5166 ☒ **1857 (c.) Belleville Ill. to Brunswick**, newspaper wrapper with two strikes of red "Paid 3", endorsed "Via Bremen or Hamburg" at top, New York red "Paid All" straightline, probably carried by Hapag line, **Very Fine and rare wrapper use, ex-Winter**.
 Estimate. \$300 - 400

Although origin markings do not appear on this wrapper, three other wrappers are known in the same hand and to the same addressee in Brunswick, all from Belleville, Illinois. "Via Bremen or Hamburg" routing instructions would indicate contract steamship service of either the North German Lloyd Line to Bremen or HAPAG Line to Hamburg, setting the date after July 1, 1857 when the Hamburg Treaty began. New York marked the red PAID ALL because the newspaper was paid to destination. Absence of a Bremen arrival markings indicates HAPAG steamer to Hamburg.

- 5167 ☒ **1859 (Oct.) New Orleans, La. to Cromford (Ratingen), Rhenish Prussia**, blue printed circular outer sheet bearing **1¢ blue (24) horizontal pair**, tied by partial "New Orleans" cds, New York large red "Paid All" straightline, carried by Hapag Line *Hammonia* from New York Nov. 1st to Hamburg arriving Nov. 16th, Hamburg (11.16) backstamp and small black "Franco" straightline handstamp, Dusseldorf (11.17) backstamp, **Very Fine and attractive, ex-Winter**.
 Estimate. \$300 - 400

Prepaid normal printed matter rate for most circulars overseas. New York elected to place it in the mails carried to Hamburg under the Hamburg Convention, even though the newspaper rate beyond Hamburg was 3¢, allowing the 1¢ underpayment. Hamburg struck the small FRANCO based on New York's PAID ALL handstamp. Steamship determined by best fit of sailings and the Hamburg arrival date shown on reverse.

- 5168 ☒ **1865 (Aug. 4) New York, N.Y. to Greifswald, Prussia**, blue printed circular outer sheet at 2¢ printed matter rate prepaid by **2¢ black (73)** tied by NYFM star cancel and black "Paid All" straightline handstamp, carried by Hapag Line *Teutonia* from New York Aug. 5th to Hamburg arriving Aug. 18th, reverse with Aug. 20th arrival backstamp, **fresh and Very Fine, ex-Winter**.
 Estimate. \$300 - 400

Circular paid printed matter rate to Hamburg when the rate to Prussia via Hamburg was 3¢. Although underpaid by 1¢, circular allowed to go through since New York marked PAID ALL handstamp in black ink across adhesive.



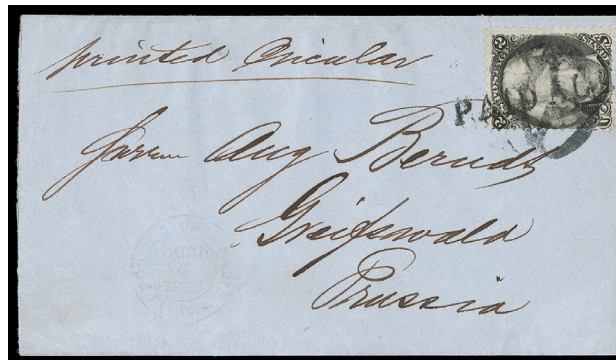
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1867 (Nov. 16) New Orleans, La. to Bremen, Germany, printed circular bearing 2¢ black (73) cancelled by cork duplexed with partial "New Orleans La. Nov 16" cds, New York large red "1" (silbergroschen) handstamp credit to Bremen, carried by Hapag Line *Hammonia II* departing New York Nov. 23rd to Hamburg arriving Dec. 5th, **Very Fine**, ex-Winter.
Estimate. \$400 - 600

Prepaid the 2¢ printed matter rate to Hamburg when the rate via Hamburg to Bremen was 3¢. Although underpaid by 1¢, the circular was allowed to go through. Large "1" handstamp of New York, known in red and in black, applied as a result of late 1866/early 1867 negotiations with the Germans that established printed matter rates beyond the GAPU and set U.S. credits per item.

1867 US-North German Union Convention

The US and Prussia led a movement to simplify postage rates. At an International Postal Conference in Paris in May 1863, delegates from sixteen postal administrations agreed to work to reduce international rates and to abolish closed mail transit fees.

In 1867, after its victory in the Austro-Prussian War, Prussia formed the North German Union and took over the Thurn & Taxis postal system. In that same year, the two leaders of the movement to simplify postage rates concluded a new agreement that began to implement the goals of the 1863 Paris conference.

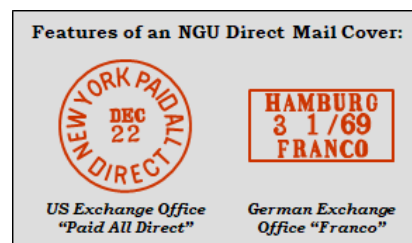
The US-NGU Convention, effective 1 January 1868, not only reduced the 15¢ Bremen-Hamburg direct mail rate to 10¢ and the 28¢ PCM rate to 15¢, but greatly simplified accounting. Additional conventions in 1870 and 1871 further reduced postage rates. The German Empire succeeded the NGU in January 1871 after Prussia won the Franco-Prussian War. A final agreement in 1873 permitted postal cards.

The US-NGU Convention set the stage for the 1875 General Postal Union.

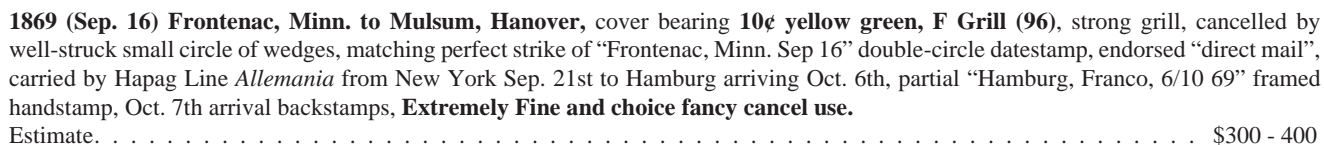
1868-70 Rates - 10¢ Direct Mail

The direct mail part of the convention continued mail service from New York to Bremen and Hamburg by the NGL and Hapag Lines.

German mail steamers often made stops in English ports to drop off passengers and mail for and via England, but then continued to Germany. The same ship could offload closed mail bags in England and carry mail directly to Germany.



- 5170 ☒ **1868 (Jun. 29) New Orleans La. to Heidelberg, Baden**, yellow cover bearing **5¢ brown (76) pair**, cancelled by corks, matching “New Orleans La., Jun 29” cds at right, dark red “New York, Paid All, Direct, Jul 7” exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Cimbria* from New York Jul. 7th to Hamburg arriving Jul. 19th, red “Hamburg, Franco” framed transit, Heidelberg (7.21) arrival backstamp, **Very Fine**.
Estimate. \$200 - 300
- 5171 ☒ **1868 (Dec. 19) Washington D.C. to Munich, Bavaria**, Legation of the North-German Union imprint cover addressed to Baron von Werthern, Prussian Legation, bearing **30¢ orange, F grill (100)**, tied by “Washington D.C., Dec 19” duplex, red “New York, Paid All, Direct Dec 22” exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Cimbria* from New York Dec. 22nd to Hamburg arriving Jan. 3rd, red “Bremen, Franco 3/1 69” framed transit, Munich (1.4) arrival backstamp, reverse with NGU Legation coat-of-arms oval; edge tear and addressee erased, **Fine and scarce 30¢ F. grill use**.
Scott No. **100**; \$1,800 on cover. Estimate \$300 - 400
- 5172 ☒ **1868 (Dec. 21) Chicago, Ill. to Berlin**, yellow Wolfenee’s House corner card cover bearing **3¢ red, grilled (94)** strip of four and three singles, tied by cork cancels and matching “Chicago Ill., Dec 21” cds, carried by NGL Line *Main* from New York Dec. 24th to Bremerhaven arriving Jan. 5th, purple “Bremen, Franco, 5/1 69” framed transit, Jan 6th arrival backstamp, crayon “2” indicating double-weight; some wear, **F.-V.F.**.
Estimate. \$150 - 200
- Letter was prepaid for double the 10¢ direct rate. Sender probably over paid 1¢ since the hotel only had 3¢ stamps and it was a Sunday.*
- 5173 ☒ **1869 (Mar. 18) New York N.Y. to Berlin, Germany**, cover bearing **10¢ green, F grill (96)** tied by NYFM circle of wedges cancel, red “New York, Paid All, Direct, Mar 18” exchange cds, carried by NGL Line *New York* from New York Mar. 18th to Bremerhaven arriving Apr. 2nd, red “Bremen, Franco, 2/4 69” framed transit, blue Berlin (4.3) arrival backstamp; no back flap, **Very Fine**.
Estimate. \$200 - 300
- 5174 ☒ **1869 (Jul. 31) Shiloh, Ill. to Homberg, Hessen-Cassel**, blue “Shiloh Ill. Jul. 31” cds with matching target cancels tie two **1¢ buff (112)** singles and **5¢ brown (76) on 3¢ pink (U58) entire**, red “New York, Paid All, Direct, Aug 5” exchange cds, carried by NGL Line *Donau* from Aug. 5th to Bremerhaven arriving Aug. 16th, red “Bremen, Franco 16/8 69” framed transit, Homberg (8.18) arrival backstamp; stamps have faults and cover is soiled, **Fine and unusual franking overpaying the 7¢ NGU Direct Mail rate**.
Estimate. \$400 - 600



- 5177 ☒ **1869 (Nov. 3) Jacksonville, Florida to Königsberg, East Prussia**, blue circle of wedges duplexed with "Jacksonville Fla., Nov 3" cds on 3¢ pink (U58) entire, rare strike of New York "Insufficient, 2¾ Sgr." circular handstamp, carried by Hapag Line *Cimbria* from New York Nov. 9th to Hamburg arriving Nov. 21st, Hamburg (11.21) arrival backstamp and blue crayon "4¾" sgr due rating, Nov. 22nd arrival backstamp, **Very Fine and scarce insufficiently prepaid use**.
Estimate. \$300 - 400
- The entire was treated as totally unpaid with New York marking 2¾ sgr due. Hamburg added 2 sgr fine for a total of "4¾" sgr due.*
- As with the predecessor conventions, prepayment was optional but strong encouraged. The 1867 Convention required the recipient pay deficient postage plus a fine of 2 sgr. The 1870 Additional Convention eliminated the fine, but as a penalty doubled the rate for each ½ oz.*
- 5178 ☒ **1869 (Nov. 15) Louisville Ky. to Oldenburg**, "Louisville Ky. Nov 15" cds duplex with grids cancels tie **2¢ brown (113)** vertical pair and single, and **3¢ ultramarine (114)** on **3¢ pink (U58) entire**, red "New York, Paid All, Direct, Nov 16" exchange cds, carried by NGL Line *Donau* from New York Nov. 18th to Bremerhaven arriving Dec. 1st, partial red "Bremen, Franco" transit ties 2¢ pair, Dec. 1st arrival backstamp; stamp perf toning, **still Fine and attractive with an unusual franking for the 10¢ Bremen-Hamburg Direct rate, ex-Coulter**; with 2016 P.F. certificate.
Estimate. \$300 - 400
- 5179 ☒ **1869 (Dec. 21) New York, N.Y. to Dresden, Saxony**, small cover bearing **2¢ brown (113)**, **3¢ ultramarine**, **split grill (114 var.) vertical pairs**, tied by NYFM circle of open wedges fancy cancels, "New York, Paid All, Direct, Dec 21" exchange cds also ties 3¢ pair, carried by Hapag Line *Cimbria* from New York Dec. 21st to Hamburg arriving Jan. 3rd, red "Hamburg, Franco, 3/1" framed transit; cover tear bottom left, part of flap missing, **Very Fine and unusual 1869 franking for the 10¢ NGU direct rate, ex-Heimbürger**; with 1990 P.F. certificate.
Estimate. \$300 - 400



- 5180 ☒ **1870 (Jan. 3) Fall River, Mass. to Dresden, Saxony**, cover bearing **2¢ brown (113)**, **3¢ ultramarine (114)** and **15¢ brown & blue (119)**, all tied by quartered corks duplexed with "Fall River, Mass. Jan 3" cds, partial red "New York, Paid All, Direct, Jan 4" exchange cds (date inverted), carried by Hapag Line *Hammonia II* from New York Jan. 4th to Hamburg arriving Jan. 16th, red "Hamburg, Franco 16/1 70" framed transit, Jan. 17th arrival backstamp; missing back flap and reduced at left, 2¢ & 15¢ small defects, **Very Fine appearance, a scarce combination for double 10c rate to Germany**.
Estimate. \$400 - 600
- 5181 ☒ **1870 (Apr. 10) San Francisco, Cal. to Altona, Germany**, folded letter bearing **10¢ yellow (116)**, large margins and bright color, tied by circular cork cancel, matching "San Francisco, Cal. Apr 10" cds, red "Chicago, Paid All, Direct, Apr 17" exchange backstamp, carried by Hapag *Holsatia* from New York Apr. 19th to Hamburg arriving Apr. 29th, red "Hamburg, Franco, 1/5 70" framed transit, German (5.1) arrival backstamp and forwarded to Berlin with May 2nd arrival backstamp, **Very Fine**.
Estimate. \$300 - 400
- 5182 ☒ **1870 (Apr. 18) Boston, Mass. to Dresden, Saxony**, embossed "Burrage Bro's & Co." corner card cover bearing **10¢ yellow (116)**, strong color, tied by fancy circle of wedges cancel, sharp red "Boston, Paid All, Direct Apr 18" exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Holsatia* from New York Apr. 19th to Hamburg arriving May 2nd, partial red Hamburg transit, May 2nd arrival backstamp; reduced slightly at left, **Very Fine**.
Estimate. \$300 - 400

- 5183 ☒ **1870 (May 12) Chicago, Ill. to Esens, Prussia**, cover bearing **10¢ yellow (116) horizontal pair**, rich color, tied by cork cancels, matching "Chicago, Ill. May 12" cds at top right, red "Chicago, Paid All, Direct, May 12" exchange backstamp, carried by NGL Line *Rhein* from New York May 14th to Bremerhaven arriving May 26th, red "Bremen, Franco, 28/5 70" framed transit, Esens (5.26) framed arrival backstamp; small corner nick, **otherwise Very Fine and scarce 10¢ 1869 franking at double the 10¢ direct rate.**
 Estimate. \$400 - 600

1868-70 Rates - 10¢ Closed Mail

Like Prussian Closed Mail, steamships landed mail for Germany in England. Because of the reduced transit fee, closed mail was now only 15¢ instead of 30¢ or 28¢. The 15¢ Lincoln was commonly used.

Aachen was again designated the Exchange Office, but the regulations clarified it as "The Traveling Post-Office No. 10, between Cologne and Verviers," not "Aachen" as it was called under the PCM Convention.



- 5184 ☒ **1868 (Mar. 5) Gainesville, Fla. to Berlin**, blue "Gainesville Fla., Mar 5" cds with matching target cancels tie **two 3¢ red, F grill (94) vertical pairs on 3¢ pink (U58) entire**, red "New York, Paid All, Br. Transit, Mar 10" exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line Charter *Bremen* from New York Mar. 10th to Southampton arriving Mar. 21st, red "Verviers. Coeln, Franco" (3.22) four-line transit, Berlin (3.23) arrival backstamp; right pair trimmed at top, gum stain spot, **F-V.F. and unusual franking for the 15¢ Closed Mail rate.**
 Estimate. \$150 - 200

The NGL Line "Bremen" was on loan to the Hapag Line for this voyage.



- 5185 ☒ **1868 (May 23) New York N.Y. to Leipzig, Saxony**, folded cover bearing **15¢ black, E grill (91) and 30¢ orange (71)**, tied by NYFM grids, red "New York, Paid All, Br. Transit, May 23" exchange cds, carried by Inman Line *City of Paris* from New York May 23rd to Queenstown arriving Jun. 1st, red "Verviers, Coeln, Franco" (6.3) transit, Jun. 4th arrival backstamp; some edge wear, **Very Fine and early E grill franking for the triple 45¢ Closed Mail rate.**
 Estimate. \$500 - 750

This a first month use of the 15¢ E grill issue, mailed only 19 days after the earliest recorded use.

- 5186 ☒ **1868 (Jul. 16) New York N.Y. to Fürth, Bavaria**, buff envelope with preprinted Mess. Seligman Bendit & Söhne address and "per closed Mail via London & Ostende" endorsement, bearing **15¢ black (77)** tied by NYFM geometric cancel, red "New York, Paid All, Br. Transit, Jul 16" exchange cds, carried by NGL Line *Hansa* from New York Jul. 16th to Southampton arriving Jul. 28th, red "Verviers, Coeln, Franco" (7.29) four-line transit, Fürth (7.30) arrival backstamp; small corner tear top left, **otherwise Very Fine.**
 Estimate. \$150 - 200



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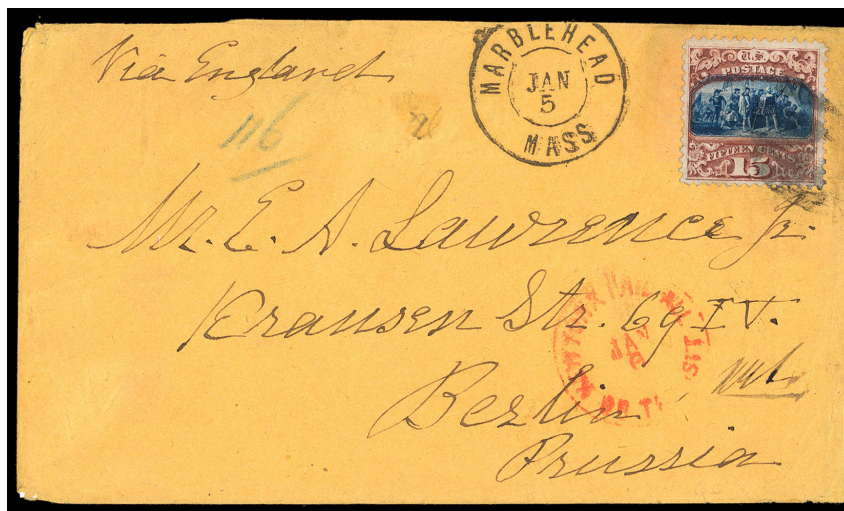


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- 5187 ☒ **1869 (Mar. 13) New York, N.Y. to Göttingen, Prussia**, cover bearing **15¢ black, F grill (98)** tied by NYFM square grid cancel, red "New York, Paid All, Br. Transit, Mar 13" exchange cds, carried by Inman Line *City of Brooklyn* from New York Mar. 13th to Queenstown arriving Mar. 23rd, red "Verviers, Coeln, Franco" (3.24) four-line transit, Göttingen (3.25) arrival backstamp, **Very Fine**.
Estimate. \$200 - 300
- 5188 ☒ **1869 (May 8) New York N.Y. to Leipzig, Saxony**, cover bearing **3¢ ultramarine (114)** and **12¢ Green (117)**, nat. s.e., each tied by NYFM circle of rounded wedges cancels, red "New York, Paid All, Br. Transit, Nov 3" cds, carried by Inman Line *City of Baltimore* from New York May 8th to Queenstown arriving May 17th, red "Verviers, Coeln, Franco" (5.20) four-line transit, May 21st arrival backstamp; repaired tear and small hole, **Very Fine appearance, ex-Heimburger**.
Estimate. \$500 - 750



- 5189 ☒ **1870 (Jan. 5) Marblehead, Mass. to Berlin**, orange buff cover bearing **15¢ brown & blue (119)** rich colors, tied by cork cancel, matching bold "Marblehead, Mass., Jan. 5" double-circle datestamp, red "New York, Paid All, Br. Transit, Jan 6" exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *Nemesis* from New York Jan. 6th to Queenstown arriving Jan. 17th, Jan. 19th arrival backstamps; minor edgewear, **Very Fine, ex-Heimburger**.
Estimate. \$300 - 400

Beginning in 1870, the "Verviers-Coeln" exchange office marking was used less frequently and does not appear on all closed mail covers.

- 5190 ☒ **1870 (May 31) San Francisco, Cal. to Ochtersleben, Prussia**, orange cover bearing **5¢ brown (76)** and **10¢ yellow (116)**, tied by split cork cancels, matching "San Francisco, Cal. May 31" cds at top right, red "Chicago, Paid All, Direct, Jun 7" exchange backstamp, carried by NGL Line *Weser II* from New York Jun. 11th to Southampton arriving Jun. 22nd, red "Bremen, Franco, 23/6 70" framed transit, Jun. 24th arrival backstamp; part of flap missing and small edge tear, **F.-V.F. and unusual 1861-1869 Issue combination franking**.
Estimate. \$300 - 400

The sender intentional overpaid for closed mail. The trains from San Francisco to New York via Chicago took 7-8 days. If early or late, it would have had to go by closed mail.

1870 NGU Direct Mail - 7¢ Rate

The US and NGU concluded an additional postal convention effective 1 July 1870. Due to agreement by the Hapag and NGL Lines to accept reduced compensation, the direct mail rate became 7¢.

The Franco-Prussian War broke out on 19 July 1870. Direct mail service was suspended. The closed mail route remained open. The decisive Prussian victory at Sedan on 2 September 1870 left no doubt about the outcome of the war, and direct mail service resumed 29 October 1870.

- 5191 ☒ **1870 (Jul. 5) Milwaukee, Wisc. to Gronau, Hanover**, orange cover bearing **10¢ yellow (116)** tied by bold circle of wedges duplexed with partial "Milwaukee, Wis., Jul 5" cds, red "Chicago, Paid All, Direct, Jul 7" exchange backstamp, carried by NGL Line *Main* from New York Jul. 9th to Southampton only arriving Jul. 19th, then by another vessel to Bremen, red "Bremen, Franco, 21/7 70" framed transit, Gronau (7.22) arrival backstamp; ink stain, **F.-V.F., ex-Juhring, Coulter**.
Estimate. \$300 - 400

This cover arrived on NGL "Main" at Southampton on July 19th, the day the Franco-Prussian War was declared. This effectively closed down the route and this is one of a few known 1869 Pictorial covers prepaid at the 7¢ NGU rate (overpaid 3¢) prior to disruption of the service due to war. See the Laurence 10¢ 1869 Issue book and article in PRA 1982 Register (pp. 8-9) for a discussion of the 7¢ NGU pre-war covers including mention of this cover.



- 5192 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 7) Williamsburgh, N.Y. to Darmstadt, Hesse**, orange buff cover bearing **1¢ buff (112)** and **6¢ ultramarine (115)**, tied by cork cancels duplexed with "Williamsburgh N.Y. Dec 7" cds, red "New York, Paid All, Direct, Dec 10" exchange cds, carried by NGL Line *America* from New York Dec. 10th to Bremerhaven arriving Dec. 24th, red "Bremen, Franco, 25/12 70" framed transit, Dec. 27th arrival backstamp, **Very Fine and rare 1869 Issue franking for the 7¢ direct rate**.
Estimate. \$500 - 750

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1871, 1873 (c., Oct. 23) United States to Leipzig, Saxony, blue correspondence pair, each bearing 7¢ orange vermillion (160), one tied by "Mich., Oct 23" duplex with cork cancel, red "New York, Paid All, Br. Transit, Oct 29" exchange cds for the 7¢ Closed Mail rate effective Oct. 1871 to June 1875, other tied by circle of wedges fancy cancel, red "Boston, Paid All, Direct" exchange at the 7¢ Direct Mail rate effective only August 1870 to June 1871, Very Fine pair of 7¢ Bank Note uses at the two solo German use.

Estimate. \$200 - 300



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- 5194 ☒ **1871 (Mar. 27) Cincinnati, Ohio to Dresden, Saxony**, cover bearing **1¢ blue (145)** and **6¢ carmine (148)**, tied by blue "Cincinnati O., Mar 27" duplex with four-ring target cancel, bold red "New York, Paid All, Direct Apr 1" exchange cds, carried by NGL Line *Hermann* from New York Apr. 1st to Bremerhaven arriving Apr. 14th, red "Bremen, Franco, 15/4 71" framed transit, May 17th arrival backstamp, **F.-V.F. and colorful**.
Estimate. \$150 - 200
- 5195 ☒ **1871 (May 10) New York N.Y. to Bremen, Germany**, folded letter bearing **7¢ vermilion (149)**, well centered, tied by NYFM grid cancel, intense "New York, Paid All, Direct, May 11" exchange cds, carried as endorsed by NGL Line *Bremen* from New York May 11th to Bremerhaven arriving May 24th, May 25th arrival backstamp; addressee name lightened, **otherwise Very Fine and scarce 7¢ issue use at the intended 7¢ direct rate**.
Estimate. \$200 - 300
- 5196 ☒ **1871 (Aug. 13) East Jaffrey, N.H. to Göttingen, Prussian Hanover**, cover bearing **3¢ green (147)** and **12¢ dull violet (151)**, tied by circle of wedges fancy cancels, matching partial "East Jaffrey, N.H. Aug 13" cds, red "New York, Aug 15" exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Thuringia* from New York Aug. 15th to Hamburg arriving Aug. 28th, Aug. 29th arrival backstamp; 3¢ light tone spots, **F.-V.F. and scarce franking for 1¢ convenience overpay of double the 7¢ direct rate**.
Estimate. \$150 - 200

1870 NGU Closed Mail - 10¢ Rate

The December 1869 US-UK Additional Convention set the fee for sea transport of closed mails at 6¢ per ounce (3¢ per ½ ounce single rate vice the former 8¢). Taking advantage of this, the US-NGU Additional Convention of April 1870 established a new closed mail rate of 10¢.

- 5197 ☒ **1870 (Sep. 9) Yolo, Cal. to Lautlingen, Württemberg**, orange cover bearing **10¢ green, F grill (96)** tied by blue four-ring targets, matching "Yolo, Cal. Sep 9" cds, red "New York, Paid All, Br. Transit, Sep 21" transit cds, carried by Cunard Line *Cuba* from New York Sep. 21st to Queenstown arriving Sep. 30th, Ebingen (10.7) arrival backstamp; reduced at ends, **F.-V.F.**.
Estimate. \$150 - 200
- 5198 ☒ **1870 (Dec. 3) Addison Ill. to Althensdorf, Saxony**, four-ring targets tie **1¢ blue (145)** and **2¢ red brown (146) strip of three**, nat. s.e. at right, on 3¢ pink (U58) entire, matching "Addison Ill., Dec. 3" cds, red "New York, Paid All, Br. Transit, Mar 8" exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *Siberia* from New York Dec. 8th to Queenstown arriving Dec. 20th, ec. 25th arrival backstamp; partial flap and edge wear, **F.-V.F. and unusual franking for 10¢ Closed Mail rate**.
Estimate. \$150 - 200



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- 5199 ☒ **1871 (Jan. 16) Greencastle Pa. to Geidelberg, Baden**, cover bearing **15¢ deep orange (152) horizontal pair**, strong shade, cancelled by bold quartered corks and tied by "Greencastle, Pa. Jan 16" cds, partial red New York exchange cds also ties pair, pencil "3" indicating triple-rate, carried by Cunard Line *Siberia* from New York Jan. 18th to Queenstown arriving Jan. 30th, Heidelberg (2.2) arrival backstamp, **Very Fine and attractive use at triple the 10¢ direct mail rate.**
 Estimate. \$300 - 400

1871-75 Direct Mail - 6¢ Rate

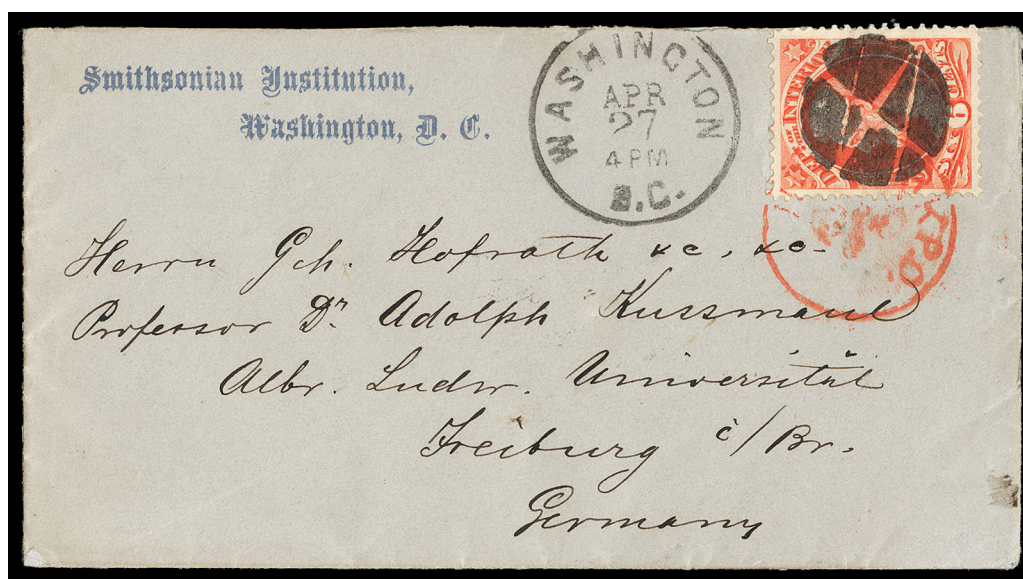
The German Empire, declared on 18 Jan 1871, included the NGU and the southern states. It affirmed the US-NGU Conventions and added a 6¢ rate to Stettin, Prussia, later extended to Bremen and Hamburg.

- 5200 ☒ **1872 (Sep. 27) Hoboken, N.J. to Rostock, Mecklenburg-Schwerin**, "Henry Bischoff Banker" corner card cover bearing **12¢ dull purple (151)** tied by four-ring cancel duplexed with "Hoboken, N.J., Sep 27" double-circle datestamp and partial indistinct strike of red "New York, Paid All, Br. Transit, Sep 28" exchange cds, carried by NGL Line *Rhein* from New York Sep. 28th to Bremerhaven arriving Oct. 10th, red "Bremen, Franco, 10/10 72" framed transit, Oct. 11th arrival backstamp, **Very Fine use at double the 6¢ Direct Mail rate.**
 Estimate. \$200 - 300
- 5201 ☒ **1873 (Jun. 26) New York N.Y. to Hamburg**, blue folded cover bearing **6¢ carmine (137)**, strong grill and large margins, tied by NYFM geometric star fancy cancel and sharp red "New York, Paid All, Direct, Jun 26" exchange cds, carried as endorsed by Hapag *Cimbria* from New York Jun. 26th to Hamburg arriving Jul. 9th, Hamburg (7.9) arrival backstamp, **Very Fine**; with 1984 P.F. certificate.
 Scott No. **137**; \$525. Estimate \$200 - 300
- 5202 ☒ **1874 (Feb. 13) New York N.Y. to Cassel, Hesse**, cover bearing two **3¢ green (158)** s.e. singles, tied by NYFM geometric fancy cancel and red "New York, Feb. 14" exchange cds, carried by NGL Line *Hermann* from New York Feb. 14th to Bremerhaven arriving Feb. 27th, German (3.2) arrival backstamp; light stains at left, **otherwise Very Fine.**
 Estimate. \$100 - 150
- 5203 ☒ **1875 (Jan. 9) New York N.Y. to Regensburg, Bavaria**, all-over gray shaded "Bildersee & May Lamps & Glassware" ad cover attractively addressed in purple ink and bearing **3¢ green (158) pair** tied by NYFM geometric radial fancy cancel and red "New York Jan 9" exchange cds, carried by NGL Line *Hohenzollern* from New York Jan. 9th to Bremen arriving Jan. 20th, Regensburg (1.21) arrival backstamp; tiny edge tear, **Very Fine and pretty NYFM ad cover use.**
 Estimate. \$150 - 200

Department of the Interior

Congress authorized official stamps in March 1873. Stamps for each department of the executive branch were issued in July 1873. Of the eleven known official stamp covers to Germany, only this and one other were used before the General Postal Union went into effect.

Although not part of the Interior Department, the Smithsonian Institution had a close relationship with it and used Interior stamps.



- 5204 ☒ **1875 (Apr. 27) Washington D.C. to Freiburg, Baden**, gray "Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C." imprint cover bearing **6¢ Interior (O18)** cancelled by bold quartered cork cancel duplexed with "Washington D.C., Apr 27" cds, tied by indistinct strike of red "New York, P.O., Apr 28" exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Pommerania* from New York Apr. 29th to Plymouth arriving May 9th, Freiburg (5.14) arrival backstamp, **Very Fine and choice**, *ex-Huggins*.
 Estimate. \$3,000 - 4,000

A RARE USE OF THE 6¢ INTERIOR DEPARTMENT ISSUE ON COVER TO GERMANY.

Lester C. Lanphear, in his comprehensive study of Official covers to foreign destinations in Chronicle 239 (Aug. 2013), records only 126 covers to any foreign destination. For the Interior Department he records 21 covers, mostly franked with 2¢ or 3¢ stamps. This is one of only two covers franked with a 6¢ stamp, the other is addressed to Italy.



1871-75 Closed Mail - 7¢ Rate

When the direct mail rate to Bremen and Hamburg was reduced to 6¢ in October 1871, the closed mail rate was also reduced to 7¢, giving a new purpose to the 7¢ stamps and envelopes issued for the former 7¢ direct mail rate.


- 5205 ☒ **1872 (Jan. 2) St. Louis, Mo. to Leipzig, Germany**, dove ribbon cover bearing **7¢ vermilion (149)**, vibrant color, tied by fancy boxed geometric cancel duplexed with "St. Louis Mo, Jan 2" cds, red "New York, Br. Transit, Jan 6" exchange cds also ties stamp, carried by Inman Line *City of Washington* from New York Jan. 6th to Queenstown arriving Jan. 16th, Jan. 19th arrival backstamp, **Very Fine and attractive use at the 7¢ Closed Mail rate.**
 Estimate. \$200 - 300
- 5206 ☒ **1872 (Jan. 20) New York N.Y. to Leipzig**, cover with preprinted address bearing two **2¢ red brown (146)** singles and **3¢ green (147)**, each tied by NYFM closepin geometric fancy cancel, red "New York, Paid All, Br. Transit, Jan 20" exchange cds also ties 2¢ stamps, carried as endorsed by Inman Line *City of Antwerp* from New York Jan. 20th to Queenstown arriving Jan. 30th, Feb. 3rd arrival backstamp; reduced slightly at left barely affecting 3¢, slight gum toning, **otherwise Very Fine NYFM use at the 7¢ Closed Mail rate.**
 Estimate. \$150 - 200
- 5207 ☒ **1873 (Aug. 3) New Braunfels, Texas to Meine, Hanover, Prussia**, light "New Braunfels, Tex., Aug 3" cds duplexed with grid cancel on **7¢ vermilion (U88) amber entire**, red "New York, Br. Transit, Aug 10" exchange cds (inverted day), Meine (8.24) arrival backstamp; reduced slightly at left, some insect spots and soiling, **F.-V.F. and rare use of 7¢ entire at the 7¢ Closed Mail rate.**
 Scott No. **U88**; \$900 Estimate \$300 - 400



- 5208 ☒ **1874 (Feb. 10) San Antonio, Texas to Bremen**, folded letter bearing **6¢ dull pink (159)** and **15¢ orange (163)** tied by segmented grid cancels, matching "San Antonio, Tex. Feb 10" cds, red "New York, Br. Transit, Feb 18" exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *Algeria* from New York Feb. 18th to Liverpool arriving Mar. 1st, Bremen (3.3) arrival backstamp, **Very Fine and attractive use at triple the 6¢ Direct Mail rate.**
 Estimate. \$300 - 400
- 5209 ☒ **1875 (Jan. 30) New York N.Y. to Braunschweig, Germany**, cover bearing **7¢ orange vermilion (160)** tied by bold NYFM star geometric fancy cancel, red "New York, Br. Transit, Jan 30" exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line from New York to Queenstown, German Feb. 2nd arrival backstamp, **Very Fine use at the 7¢ NGU Closed Mail rate.**
 Estimate. \$200 - 300
- 5210 ☒ **1875 (Apr. 3) New York N.Y. to Braunschweig (Brunswick)**, cover bearing two **7¢ orange vermilion (160)** singles, rich color, tied by intense bold NYFM geometric (GE-EN2) fancy cancel, red "New York, Br. Transit, Apr 3" exchange cds, carried as endorsed by NGL Line *Oder* from New York Apr. 3rd to Southampton arriving Apr. 14th, Apr. 15th arrival backstamp; right 7¢ corner creases, cover reduced at left and small top left repair, **Very Fine appearing use with gem NYFM strike at double the 7¢ Closed Mail rate**; with 2016 P.F. certificate.
 Estimate. \$200 - 300
- 5211 ☒ **1875 (Jun. 5) New York N.Y. to Jever, Oldenburg**, cover bearing **7¢ vermilion (149)**, deep shade, tied by bold NYFM geometric fancy cancel, red "New York, Br. Transit, Jun 5" exchange cds, carried by NGL Line *Mosel* from New York Jun. 5th to Southampton arriving Jun. 15th, Jever (6.18) arrival backstamp; reduced slightly at left, **Very Fine.**
 Estimate. \$200 - 300

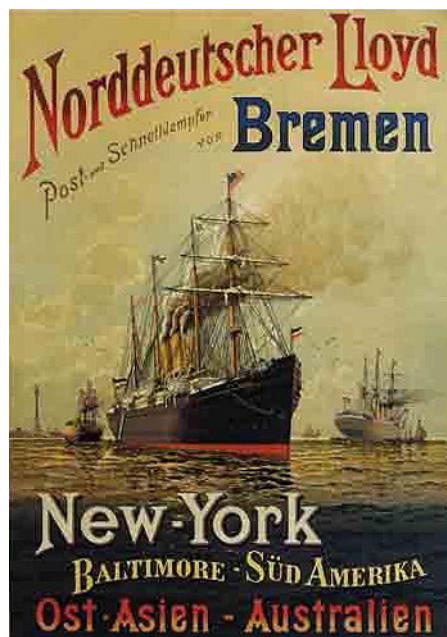
Registered Mail



- 5212  **1870 (Jan. 23) Milwaukee, Wisc. to Greiz, Saxony**, "S. Adler & Bro. Wholesale Clothiers" corner card registered cover bearing three **3¢ ultramarine (114)** singles and **10¢ yellow (116)**, each cancelled by purple star cancel, matching "Milwaukee, Wis. Jan 23" cds, carried by NGL Line *Hansa* from New York Feb. 2nd to Bremerhaven arriving Feb. 19th, red "Bremen, Franco, 20/2 70" framed transit, red "Recommandirt" fancy framed handstamp, Greiz (2.22) arrival backstamp; some light wear and soiling, **Very Fine**; with 2015 P.F. certificate.
 Estimate. \$1,000 - 1,500

AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE 1869 ISSUE REGISTERED COVER TO GERMANY.

The 1867 US-NGU Convention set the maximum registration fees at 10¢ for the US and 2 sgr for Germany. The US actually charge an 8¢ registration fee. This cover is 1¢ convenience overpaid for the 10¢ Closed Mail rate plus 8¢ registry fee.

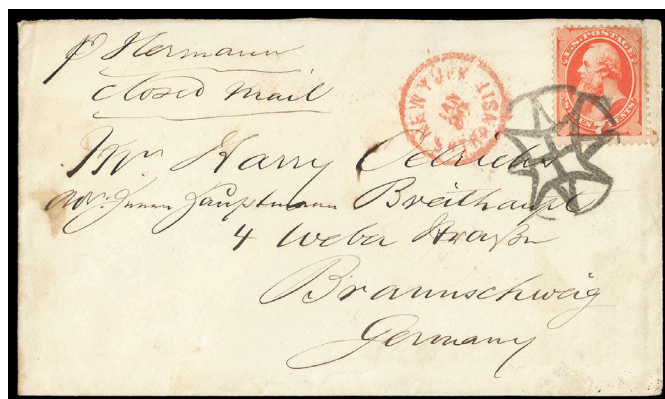




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- 5213 ☒ **1873 (Feb. 2) Milwaukee, Wisc. to Honnig, North Rhine-Westphalia**, cover bearing **15¢ bright orange (152)**, slightly affected by edge placement, tied by "Milwaukee, Wis., Feb 3" double-circle datestamp, manuscript registry no. "319", New York green crayon "12165" registry number, carried by NGL Line America from New York Feb. 15th to Bremerhaven arriving Feb. 27th, red "Bremen, Franco 27/2 73" framed transit and fancy framed "Recommandirt" handstamp, Mar. 3rd arrival backstamp, **Very Fine use convenience overpaid 1¢ for the 6¢ Direct Mail rate plus 8¢ registry fee.**

Estimate. \$200 - 300

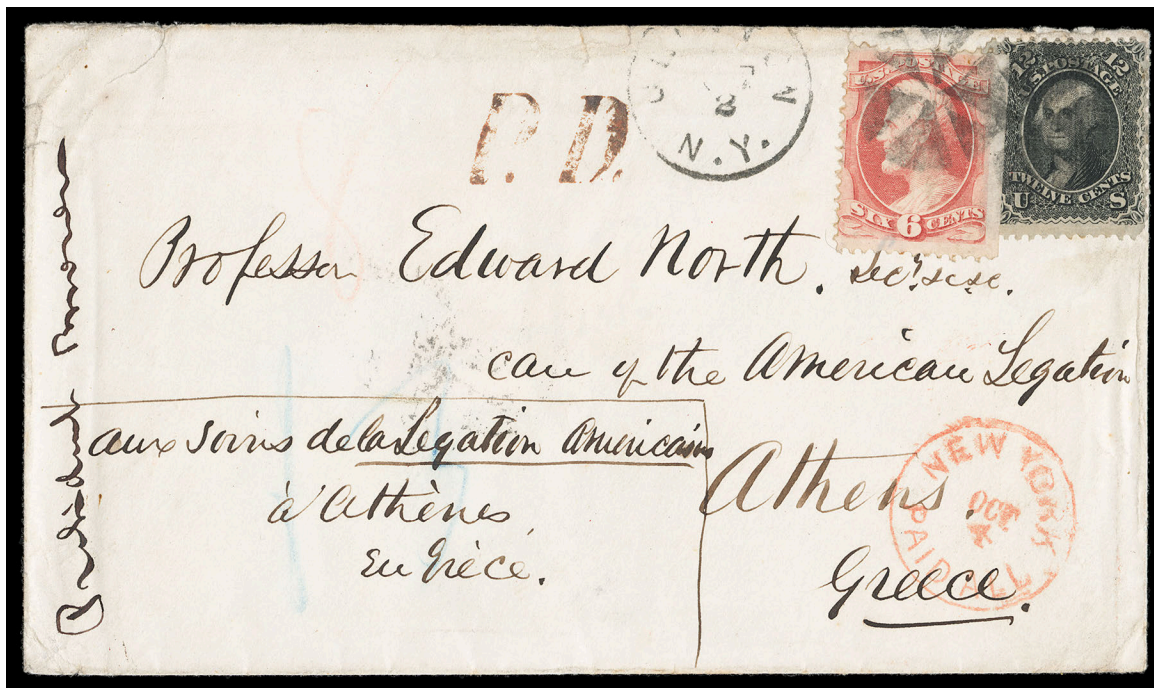
- 5214 ☒ **1873 (Oct. 27) United States to Großbeuthen, Saxony**, orange buff cover bearing **6¢ carmine (148)** canceled by boxed "X", matching indistinct Oct. 27th cds, partial red "New York, Paid All, Direct, Oct 30" exchange cds ties 6¢, carried by Hapag Line Wesphalia from New York Oct. 30th to Hamburg arriving Nov. 12th, red "Hamburg, Franco, 12/11 73" framed transit, sharp strike of black "Recommandirt" fancy framed handstamp and blue crayon "2" sgr due rating, Nov. 13th arrival backstamp, forwarded to Alkersleben, Nov. 15th arrival backstamp, **Very Fine and unusual registered due use.**

Estimate. \$200 - 300

This cover was sent via ordinary mail, but upon entry or forwarding in Germany it was marked "Recommandirt" and marked "2" sgr due for the registered fee.

NGU Transit to other Countries

The rates for foreign mail sent via the NGU included the base direct and closed mail rates plus transit fees. The US credited the NGU with the transit fee portion of the rate.



- 5215 ☒ (Greece) 1871 (Oct. 2) Clinton, N.Y. to Athens, Greece, cover bearing 12¢ black, E grill (90) clear grill, and 6¢ carmine, H grill (137), s.e. at right and with discernible grill on forehead, each tied by circle of wedges cancel duplexes with "Clinton N.Y., Oct 2" cds, red "New York, Paid All, Oct 4" exchange cds and red crayon "8" cent credit rating, carried by Cunard Line *Russia* from New York Oct. 4th to Queenstown arriving Oct. 13th, red "P.D." paid direct handstamp and blue crayon "1½" sgr, reverse with Trieste (10.16) oval and Athens receiving backstamp; some edge wear, **Very Fine**, ex-Vogel, Gliedman.
 Estimate. \$2,000 - 3,000

A CHOICE 1868 AND 1870 GRILLED ISSUE COMBINATION FRANKING PREPAYING THE 18¢ RATE TO GREECE VIA NORTH GERMAN UNION CLOSED MAIL.

In July 1870, the NGU Direct Mail rate was reduced to 15¢ with a corresponding reduction of the 23¢ NGU Closed Mail rate to 18¢. The extra transit charge for letters to Greece was 8¢ for the entire NGU period. Cover to Greece in these years are uncommon as there was little emigration from Greece and no large finds of business or professional correspondence. The recipient Dr. Edward North was a Professor of Greek at Hamilton College, Clinton N.Y. before his appointment as Secretary of the Legation at Athens. This letter was probably sent by a friend there.

- 5216 ☒ (Hungary) 1873 (Jan. 15) New York N.Y. to Galgocs, Hungary, cover bearing 1¢ blue (145) and 6¢ carmine (148), each canceled by cork, red "New York, Paid All, Br. Transit, Jan 15" exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *Java* from New York Jan. 15th to Queenstown arriving Jan. 24th, Galgocs (1.31) arrival backstamp; slightly reduced at top, **Very Fine and scarce destination at the 7¢ NGU Closed Mail rate**, ex-Landau; with 2006 P.F. certificate.
 Estimate. \$200 - 300

Austria-Hungary retained GAPU rates after the 1866 war, Prussia was leading the effort for a new General Postal Union.

There were published rates to India and the Far East using NGU mail, but other routes were used far more frequently, so there are few covers to India extant showing NGU transit.

Rate Breakdown	¢	d	Annas-Pie
US Postage	2		
Atlantic Transit	2		
British Postage to India	(20)	} (13)	8 - 8
Insufficient Postage Fine	(6)		
Postage Paid	4		
Postage Due	(26)	(13)	8 - 8



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5217 ☒ **(India) 1870 (Nov. 18) Northampton Mass. to Calcutta, India**, Benjamin Smith Lyman correspondence cover bearing **3¢ ultramarine (114)** and **1¢ ultramarine (145)**, each tied by four-ring target cancels duplexed with "Northampton Ms. Nov 18" double-circle datestamp, black "New-York Nov 19" backstamp and matching "Insufficiently Paid" straightline with blue crayon "6", changed to "4" with "Calcutta" underlined and annotated "Ret. for postage", red "New-York, Dec 15" exchange cds ties stamps and matching "Insufficiently Paid" straightline handstamp, carried by Cunard Line *Aleppo* from New York Dec. 15th to Queenstown arriving Dec. 26th, red London (12.27) transit and "PAID-ONLY/TO ENGLAND" two-line handstamp, routed via Brindisi with blue Verviers-Cologne transit (1.12) backstamp, Bombay (1.20) transit and Calcutta (1.24) arrival backstamps, "St. Bo. A-P 8-8" due handstamp (8 annas - 8 pie, or 26¢ U.S.), with original enclosure; 3¢ stamp with small tear, cover with sealed tear at top affecting postmark and minor repair along top left edge, **a Very Fine use**, ex-Coulter, Bailar; with 2015 P.F. certificate.

Estimate. \$3,000 - 4,000

A SPECTACULAR 1869 AND BANK NOTE MIXED-ISSUE USE DEMONSTRATING THE COMPLEXITIES OF FOREIGN-MAIL RATES DURING THE 1869-70 PERIOD.

The 1870 US-UK agreement allowed partial payment of 4¢ on mail to or through England, but the New York foreign mail clerk rejected the prepayment. This letter would normally have gone in British Mail via Marseilles, but in November 1870 overland routes through France were closed due to the Franco-Prussian War. The British Post Office sent it via Ostende (Belgium) and Coeln (Germany) through the Brenner Pass to Brindisi, then to Alexandria, Egypt by Italian or British packet. It went to India on a steamship of the British Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co.

India did not apply the correct surcharge for this route, instead applying the old 8a-8p due marking for mail via Marseilles route (30¢ less 4¢ because of the "Paid Only to England" marking). The Via Brindisi route was in use for less than nine months.

Benjamin Smith Lyman was a mining engineer for the Department of Public Works in India.

Italy

- 5218 ☒ **1868 (Nov. 8) Cincinnati, Ohio to Rome, Italy**, cover bearing **2¢ black**, **E grill (87)** and **12¢ black (69)**, tied by "Cincinnati O., Nov 8" duplex with four-ring target cancel, red "New York, Paid All, Direct, Nov 10" exchange cds also ties 2¢, red "4" cent credit handstamp, carried by Hapag Line *Cimbria* from New York Nov. 10th to Hamburg arriving Nov. 23rd, red "Hamburg, Franco, 23/11 68" framed transit, large "P.P." part paid handstamp and ms. "25" centesimi due rating, Rome (11.28) arrival backstamp, **F.-V.F.**; with 1983 P.F. certificate.
Estimate. \$200 - 300

The rates for foreign mail sent via the NGU included the base direct rate and closed mail rates plus transit fees. The US credited the NGU with the transit fee portion of the rate, which was 4¢ for Italy. This cover was for prepaid 14¢ direct rate with a 4¢ credit, but was mailed prior to the NGU-Italian Convention effective on April 1, 1869, so it was partially paid with 25 centesimi postage due (about 1¢).



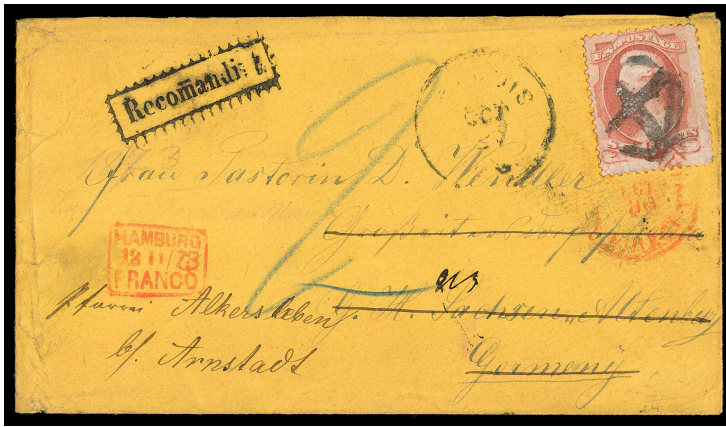
- 5219 ☒ **1870 (Jan. 20) Gloucester, Mass. to Genova, Italy**, folded letter bearing **1¢ buff (112)**, **3¢ ultramarine (114)** and **15¢ brown & blue, type I (118)**, bright colors, each cancelled by circle of wedges, matching "Gloucester, Mass. Jan 19" cds, red "New York, Paid All, Br. Transit, Jan 22" exchange cds and matching "4" cent credit handstamp, carried by Inman Line *City of Brooklyn* from New York Jan. 22nd to Liverpool arriving Feb. 2nd, red "Verviers, Coeln, Franco" (2.2) transit, blue crayon "f 1½" sgr credit rating, Italian "P.D." paid direct handstamp, transit and receiving backstamps; 1¢ small flaws, **still Very Fine and colorful franking paying the 19¢ rate by North German Union Closed Mail via England**; with 1988 P.F. certificate.
Estimate. \$1,000 - 1,500

ONE OF ONLY 10 RECORDED 15C TYPE I 1869 ISSUE COVERS TO ITALY.

- 5220 ☒ **1872 (Mar. 18) Lowell, Mass. to Rome, Italy**, cover bearing **2¢ red brown (146)** and **3¢ green (147)** pair and single, each canceled cancel duplexed with "Lowell, Mass., Mar 18" cds, bold red "New York, Paid All, Mar 20" exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *Abyssinia* from New York Mar. 20th to Queenstown arriving Mar. 30, reverse with Genova (4.5) transit and Rome (4.6) arrival cds; reduced slightly at right; "Roma" doodling, **Very Fine use at the 11¢ Closed Mail rate to Italy**.
Estimate. \$150 - 200

The 4¢ transit fee for Italy remained the same for the life of the convention. Later cover often lack red credit markings for the transit fees, probably reflecting a change to implementation of the convention regulations.

- 5221 ☒ **1874 (Mar. 14) Cincinnati, Ohio to Naples, Italy**, orange cover bearing **3¢ green (158)** and **7¢ orange vermilion (160)**, tied by blue "Cincinnati, O. Mar. 14" duplex with four-ring target cancel, red "New York, Paid All, Mar 18" exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Frisia* from New York Mar. 19th to Hamburg arriving Jun. 2nd, partial red Napoli arrival backstamp; 3¢ slightly affected by edge placement, **Very Fine and colorful use at the 10¢ Italian Direct mail rate**.
Estimate. \$150 - 200



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Ottoman Empire



5222 ☒

1874 (Mar. 7) Fort Garland, Colorado Terr. to Cairo, Egypt, cover from the Lieut. Col. James Basell correspondence bearing **3¢ green (158)** and **7¢ orange vermillion (160) horizontal pair** tied by light quartered cork cancels, matching "Fort Garland, Colo., Mar 7" third-type cds, red "New York, Paid All, May 17" exchange cds and red crayon "10" cent credit rating, carried by Guion *Manhattan* from New York Mar. 17th to Queenstown arriving Mar. 29th, "P.D." paid direct handstamp and blue crayon "Wf 4" credit rating, reverse with Brindisi and Alexandria (4.10) transits, Cairo arrival postmark, with original four-page enclosure with interesting content regarding events at the fort and Indian problems in area "...It is just possible that the hostile attitude of Mr Lo. in various parts of the county may stay the already whetted axe and uplifted hand already to send the fatal blow. One officer & some men so far - Lt. Robinson - have been killed by the Sioux. I believe, the Hualapi Apachi in Arizona appear to be on the eve of an attack"; repaired cover nick at lower left edge and backflap refolded to show stamps that were folded over edge, **F.-V.F. appearance, A wonderful usage to Egypt from Fort Garland at the 17¢ Closed Mail rate., ex-Bauer.**

Estimate. \$1,000 - 1,500

Estimate. \$500 - 750

Cover was sent over the Brenner Pass via Brindisi, an Italian port with weekly packet service to Alexandria, Egypt. The red “10” is the credit to the NGU, and the red “Wf 4” is a restatement of the transit fee of 4 sgr (10¢).

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Estimate.....\$400 - 600



Estimate..... \$750 - 1,000



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- 5226 ☒ **1870 (Apr. 19) Middleborough, Mass. to Constantinople, Turkey**, tissue paper cover from the Washburn correspondence bearing **15¢ brown & blue (119)**, rich colors, cancelled by cork duplexed with "Middleborough, Mass. Apr 19" cds and tied by red "Boston, Paid All, Direct, Apr 20" exchange cds, red crayon "5" credit rating, carried by NGL Line *Hermann* from New York Apr. 21st to Bremen arriving May 4th, red "Bremen, Franco, 4/5 70" framed transit and matching red "Weiterfr. 2 Sgr" framed handstamp restating credit in silbergroschen, Norddeutsche Post (5.9) arrival backstamp; small edge repair at top just affecting cds rim, **Very Fine appearance**. Estimate. \$1,500 - 2,000

ONE OF FINEST OF ONLY SIX RECORDED 15¢ 1869 COVERS TO TURKEY.

In US publications, quotes of postage rates were given for "Turkey", which actually.

- 5227 ☒ **1873 (Nov. 22) New York, N.Y. to Constantinople, Turkey**, blue cover bearing **2¢ red brown (146)** and **3¢ green (147)** pair and single, tied by Boston Foreign Mail circle of wedges cancels, bold red "New York, Paid All, Nov 22" exchange cds and red crayon "4" cent credit rating, carried by White Star Line *Baltic* from New York Nov. 22nd to Queenstown arriving Dec. 1st, German Post (12.15) arrival backstamp; stamp flaws, **F.-V.F.** Estimate. \$150 - 200

Russia



- 5228 ☒ **1868 (Sep. 15) Hartford, Conn. to St. Petersburg, Russia**, amber cover bearing **30¢ orange (71) vertical pair**, tied by **magenta cross-roads fancy cancels** duplexed with "Hartford, Conn., Sep 15" cds, red "New York, Paid All, Br. Transit, Sep 16" exchange backstamp and red crayon "15" cent credit, carried by Cunard Line *Scotia* from New York Sep. 16th to Liverpool arriving Sept. 26th, red "Verviers, Coeln, Franco" (9.28) transit also ties pair, blue crayon "fr" and "3" ratings; some wear, **Very Fine and and rare**.
Estimate. \$1,000 - 1,500

A EXCEPTIONAL 30¢ 1861 ISSUE USE AT TRIPLE THE 20¢ CLOSED MAIL RATE TO RUSSIA.

This cover was prepaid 60¢ for three times the 20¢ rate with corresponding credit of 15¢ for three times 5¢ transit fee.



- 5229 ☒ **1872 (Jul. 29) New York, N.Y. to St. Petersburg, Russia**, all-over gray shaded New York Times advertising cover bearing **3¢ green (158) pair with nat. s.e. and two singles**, tied by three strikes of bold NYFM circular grid cancels and red "New York '4' Aug 10" credit exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *Abyssinia* from New York Aug. 10th to Queenstown arriving Aug. 19th, red "*Franco*" and "*Wfr. 1 1/2*" handstamps, reverse with red crayon "3" and St. Petersburg (8.14 Julian, approx. 8.24) arrival backstamp, **Extremely Fine**.
Estimate. \$1,000 - 1,500

A BEAUTIFUL 1870 BANK NOTE ISSUE USE TO RUSSIA AT THE 11¢ CLOSED MAIL RATE.

The transit fee to Russia remained at 5¢ until August 1872, when lowered to 4¢. This cover was mailed only 10 days after the corresponding Closed Mail rate was lowered from 12¢ to 11¢.

Scandinavia



- 5230 ☒ **1868 (Mar. 16) Plain City, Utah Territory to Fåborg, Denmark**, buff cover 2¢ black (73), 3¢ rose (65) and 10¢ green (68), manuscript cancels and matching "Plain City, Utah, March 16/68" postmark on 3¢ pink (U59) buff entire, red "New York, Paid All, Direct, Mar 31" cds and bold red "3" cent credit handstamp, carried by Hapag Line *Allemania* from New York Mar. 31st to Hamburg arriving Apr. 13th, light red "Hamburg, Franco 13/4 68" framed transit and blue crayon "1 Wfr" sgr credit rating, "Nyborg 14/4" cds with attached concentric circle "43" struck front and back; light file fold does not affect stamps, **Very Fine and extremely rare Utah Territory Black Jack use to Denmark, ex-Allen, Rorke, Faust.**
 Estimate. \$500 - 750

This entire was prepaid at the 18¢ Closed Mail rate to Denmark to ensure sending on the first possible ship out of New York, but actually sent direct at the 13¢ rate.

Reference: Illustrated in Lane book on p. 43.



- 5231 ☒ **1870 (Mar. 1) Hartford, Conn. to Copenhagen, Denmark**, cover with preprinted address bearing 3¢ ultramarine (114) horizontal pair, tied by cross-roads fancy cancel duplexed with "Hartford, Conn. Mar 1" cds, black "New York, Mar 2" cds and matching "Insufficiently Paid" straightline, carried by Cunard Line *Calabria* from New York Mar. 2nd to Queenstown arriving Mar. 12th, blue "Verviers, Coeln" (3.14) transit backstamp with blue crayon "7" sgr due rating for 5 sgr postage (marked on reverse) plus 2 sgr fine, Copenhagen (3.16) arrival backstamp with red crayon "38" skilling due rating; slightly reduced at top, **otherwise Very Fine and interesting short-paid use, ex-Coulter.**
 Estimate. \$400 - 600

Copenhagen marked "38" skilling due for 28 skilling (7 sgr) plus 10 skilling local postage.

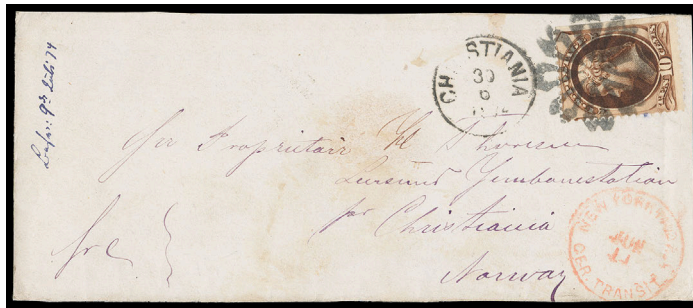
- 5232 ☒ **1874 (Apr. 3) Astoria, Oregon to Copenhagen, Denmark**, cover bearing 3¢ green (158) and 6¢ dull pink (159), each canceled by neat grid, matching "Astoria, Ogn. Apr 3" cds, red "New York, Paid All, Via Hamburg, May 7" exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Thuringia* from New York May 7th to Hamburg arriving May 19th, Copenhagen (5.21) arrival backstamp; bottom right corner wear, **Very Fine use at the 9¢ Direct Mail rate.**
 Estimate. \$200 - 300



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- 5233 ☐ **1874 (Jan. 27) Concord, N.H. to Trondheim, Norway**, cover bearing **10¢ brown (161)** tied by bold circular grid cancel duplexed with "Concord N.H., Jan 27" cds, red "New York, Paid All, Ger. Transit, Jan 28" exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *Java* from New York Jan. 28th to Queenstown arriving Feb. 7th, **Very Fine and scarce use at the 10¢ NGU Closed Mail rate via England**.
Estimate. \$300 - 400
- The US-Kingdom of Sweden and Norway Convention effective July 1, 1873 established closed mails through England the NGU for a single rate of 10¢. The new style New York exchange office "Ger. Transit" cds marking was used for this convention.*
- 5234 ☒ **1874 (Jun. 11) New York N.Y. to Christiania, Norway**, cover front only bearing **10¢ brown (161)** tied by **NYFM radial geometric cancel**, red "New York, Paid All, Ger. Transit, Jan 11" exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Frisia* from New York Jun. 11th to Hamburg arriving Jun. 23rd, **Very Fine**.
Estimate. \$150 - 200
- 5235 ☒ **1874 (Jun. 18) New York, N.Y. to Christiania, Norway**, reduced cover front bearing **10¢ brown (161)** tied by bold NYFM multi-star geometric cancel, red "New York, Ger. Transit, Jun 18" exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Thuringia* from New York Jun. 18th to Southampton arriving Jun. 28th, Christiania (7.7) arrival cds, **Very Fine reduced front at the 10¢ NGU Closed Mail rate**.
Estimate. \$150 - 200



- 5236 ☒ **1861 (Apr. 20) Boston, Mass. to Gottenburg, Sweden**, cover bearing 12¢ black (36B) and 30¢ orange (38), tied by two strikes of large “Paid” grids, matching “Boston, Am. Pkt., Apr 20” exchange backstamp, carried by Allan Line Canadian II from Portland Apr. 20th to Liverpool arriving May 2nd, red London (5.2) transit backstamp and manuscript “1/” debit 1s rating (82 øre), Swedish ms. “111” inland for final due rating of “193” øre at top left; stamps and cover faults, **Fine and rare usage to Sweden, ex-DuPuy**.
 Estimate. \$750 - 1,000

Cover was prepaid for the 42¢ Prussian Closed mail rate per ½ oz., but found to be over weight. Insufficient postage for full prepayment by any route, so sent by British Open Mail despite not have been publicly available since 1857.



- 5237 ☒ **1870 (Jul. 7) Hartford, Conn. to Gothenburg, Sweden**, Warner correspondence cover bearing 2¢ brown (113), 3¢ blue (114) pair and 10¢ yellow (116), vibrant color, all tied by segmented grid cancels duplexed with indistinct Hartford, Ct. July 8th cds, endorsed “via N. German Union” at lower left, red “New York, Paid All, Direct, Jul 9” exchange backstamp and red “4” cent credit handstamp, carried by NGL Line *Main* from New York Jul. 9th to Southampton arriving Jul. 19th, red “Bremen, Franco, 21/7 70” framed transit and and matching partial strike of “Weiterfr. 1½ Sgr” framed credit handstamp (paid beyond); cover repaired at left, **Very Fine appearance**.
 Estimate. \$1,000 - 1,500

A SCARCE 1869 ISSUE USE TO SWEDEN WITH AN ATTRACTIVE THREE-COLOR FRANKING.

- 5238 ☒ **1873 (Jul. 17) Bedford Pa. to Stockholm, Sweden**, blue “Bedford, Pa. Jul 17” duplex with quartered cork cancel ties 7¢ orange vermilion (160) on 3¢ green on amber entire, orange “Philada., Paid All, Jul. 18” exchange cds also ties stamp and bold strike of Philadelphia Foreign Mail three-bar grid cancel, red crayon “4” cent credit rating, carried by NGL Line *Deutschland* from New York Jul. 19th to Bremerhaven arriving Aug. 1st, red “Bremen, Franco, 1/8 73” framed transit and matching “Weiterfr. 1½ Sgr” framed credit handstamp, Stockholm (8.4) arrival backstamp, **Very Fine and choice use at the 10¢ Direct Mail rate to Sweden, ex-Gallagher**.
 Estimate. \$300 - 400

Switzerland



- 5239 ☒ **1860 (Dec. 20) Detroit, Mich. to Cugy, Canton Fribourg, Switzerland**, buff cover bearing three **10¢ green (35)** singles and **12¢ black (36)**, tied by grids, matching "Detroit, Mich. Dec 20, 1860" cds, red "New York, Am. Pkt. Dec 24" exchange backstamp and magenta "36/2" double-weight 36¢ credit, carried by NGL Line *New York* from New York Dec. 22nd to Bremerhaven arriving Jan. 11th, blue "America/über Bremen/Franco" three-line transit, various transit backstamps of Frankfurt (1.13), Bern (1.13) and Basel (1.14), red crayon credits, reverse of cover also with Swiss Consulate at Detroit consular seal, **Very Fine**, ex-"J & J" Collection; with 2006 P.F. certificate.
Estimate. \$1,000 - 1,500

The 42c postage was intended to pay the double the 21¢ French Mail rate; however, this was sent via Bremen-Hamburg Mail, where the double-rate would have been only 38c with a 4¢ overpayment.

- 5240 ☒ **1867 (Oct. 26) New York, N.Y. to Aarau, Switzerland**, cover bearing **3¢ rose (65)**, seven, and **10¢ green (68)**, each tied by fancy NYFM grid cancel, red "N.York, Hamb. Pkt. 'Paid 21' Oct 26" credit exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Borussia* from New York Oct. 26th to Hamburg arriving Nov. 12th, blue Hamburg (11.13) transit backstamp, "Fr. Grenzo" straightline, reverse with Basel transits and Aarau (11.15) arrival cds, red crayon "30" due rating; small faults and no back flap, **F.-V.F. and attractive NYFM use**.
Estimate. \$200 - 300

- 5241 ☒ **1868 (Feb. 11) Phillipsburg, N.Y. to Thun, Switzerland**, peace dove address envelope bearing **10¢ green (68) horizontal pair**, tied by cork cancels, matching "Phillisburgh N.J., Feb 11" cds, New York red "5" in circle credit handstamp, carried by Cunard Line *Siberia* from New York Feb. 12th to Queenstown arriving Feb. 22nd, blue "Verviers, Coeln, Franco" (2.23) transit and matching blue "Wfco 2" credit restatement handstamp, Thun (2.25) arrival backstamp and red crayon "6" rating; some gum staining and right stamp light creases, **F.-V.F. and attractive use at the rare 20¢ Closed Mail NGU rate**; with 2012 P.F. certificate.
Estimate. \$400 - 600

The 20¢ NGU Closed Mail rate through England was effective for only three months from January 1st to March 30, 1868.



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1868 (Feb. 22) Chicago Ill. to Ilanz, Switzerland, yellow cover bearing 2¢ black (73), 3¢ rose (65) and 10¢ green (68), 2¢ and 3¢ faintly creased, 10¢ choice centering and margins, tied by bold quartered cork cancels duplexed with "Chicago Ill. Feb 22" cds, carried by Hapag Line *Cimbria* from New York Feb. 25th to Hamburg arriving Mar. 8th, red "Hamburg, Franco" (3.8) framed transit and blue crayon "2" sgr credit restatement, reverse with Basel (3.10), Chur (3.11) transits, Ilanz (3.12) arrival cds, **a Very Fine use**, ex-Dr. Rorke, Faust. Estimate. \$500 - 750

AN ATTRACTIVE THREE-COLOR FRANKING AT THE RARE 15¢ DIRECT MAIL NGU RATE VALID FOR ONLY THREE MONTHS.

The 15¢ NGU Closed Mail rate to Bremen or Hamburg was effective for only three months from January 1st to March 30, 1868.

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1869 (Nov. 6) New York N.Y. to Bienne, Switzerland, cover bearing 15¢ brown & blue (119) tied by NYFM circle of wedges cancel, red "New York, Paid All, Br. Transit, Nov 6" exchange cds, carried by Inman Line *City of Paris* from New York Nov. 6th to Queenstown arriving Nov. 15th, reverse with Basel (11.18) transit and Bienne (11.19) arrival cds; small upper left corner tear, **otherwise Very Fine use at the 15¢ NGU Closed Mail rate via England & Belgium**. Estimate. \$300 - 400



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- 5244 ☒ **1874 (Feb. 28) Syracuse, N.Y. to Rhinefelden, Switzerland**, yellow cover bearing **7¢ orange vermilion (160)** tied by four-ring target duplexed with "Syracuse N.Y., Feb 28" cds, red "New York, Br. Transit, Mar 4" exchange cds, restructured with black "New York, Paid All, Via Eng. & Ost. Mar 4" exchange cds and matching "Insufficiently Paid" straightline with blue crayon "15" centimes (3¢) short payment rating, two strikes of "Via Ostende" straightline at top, carried by Cunard Line *Cuba* from New York Mar. 4th to Queenstown arriving Mar. 15th, reverse with Basel (3.18) transit and Rhinefelden (3.18) arrival cds, red crayon "35" centimes due rating (15¢ short payment plus 20¢ fine), **Very Fine use shortpaying the 10¢ NGU Closed Mail rate via England & Belgium.**
Estimate. \$150 - 200
- 5245 ☒ **1874 (Mar. 4) New York N.Y. to Zurich, Switzerland**, folded cover bearing **3¢ green (158)** and **7¢ orange vermilion (160)**, rich colors, tied by NYFM geometric fancy cancel, bold red "New York, Via England & Ostend. Mar 4" exchange cds, carried by Cunard Line *Cuba* from New York Mar. 4th to Queenstown arriving Mar. 15th, reverse with Basel (3.18) transit and Zurich (3.19) arrival cds, **Very Fine and attractive use at the 10¢ rate via England and Belgium.**
Estimate. \$200 - 300
- 5246 ☒ **1874 (Jun. 4) New York, N.Y. to Zurich, Switzerland**, blue folded letter bearing **10¢ brown (161)**, rich color, tied by NYFM circular of open carets fancy cancel, bold red "New York, Paid All, Via Eng. & Ost., Jun 4" exchange cds, reverse with Basel (4.17) transit and Zurich (4.17) arrival cds, **Very Fine and attractive NYFM use at the 10¢ NGU Closed Mail rate.**
Estimate. \$200 - 300
- 5247 ☒ **1874 (Sep. 10) Newark, N.J. to Zurich, Switzerland**, "Newark N.J., Sep 10" cds duplexed with cork cancels tie **3¢ green (157)** and **10¢ brown (161)** on **3¢ green entire**, bold red "New York, Paid All, Sep 12" exchange cds, carried by NGL Line *Neckar* from New York Sep. 12th to Bremerhaven arriving Sep. 24th, reverse with Basel (9.26) transit and Zurich (9.27) arrival cds, **Very Fine use at double the 8¢ NGU Direct Mail rate via Bremen.**
Estimate. \$150 - 200
- 5248 ☒ **1875 (May 11) Reserve, N.Y. to Basel, Switzerland**, orange buff cover bearing **2¢ red brown (146)** and **6¢ dull pink (159)**, rounded corner, tied by target cancels duplexed with "Reserve N.Y., May 11" cds, red "New York, Paid All, Via Hamburg, May 13" exchange cds, carried by Hapag Line *Cimbria* from New York May 13th, to Hamburg arriving May 26th, Basel (5.27) arrival backstamp (VI month error), **Very Fine use at the 8¢ rate via Hamburg.**
Estimate. \$150 - 200

Transit via the United States

Under the US-NGU Convention, the US charged a transit fee of 7¢ for mail to Germany from Cuba.



- 5249 ☒ **1869 (Aug. 20) Havana, Cuba to Trieste, Austria via New York**, blue cover endorsed on reverse "1869, 20/8 Havana" and partial merchant flap handstamp, Cuban stamp removed in transit at New York, black "New York, Direct, Sep. 2" exchange cds and large "7" cents due handstamp, carried by NGL Line Deutschland from New York Sep. 2nd to Bremerhaven arriving Sep. 15th, Bremen (9.15) transit backstamp and framed "Aus Westindien/über New York." handstamp, Trieste (9.18) arrival backstamp and blue crayon "45" Austrian nkr. due rating; light staining top right and some edge wear, **F.-V.F. and rare.**
 Estimate. \$500 - 750

ONE OF ONLY 7 RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE BREMEN "AUS WESTINDIEN/ÜBER NEWYORK." HANDSTAMP.

The postage due was 4sgr direct mail rate, 2¾sgr US transit and 2sgr unpaid fine for total of 8¾sgr due, or 45 Austrian neukreuzer.

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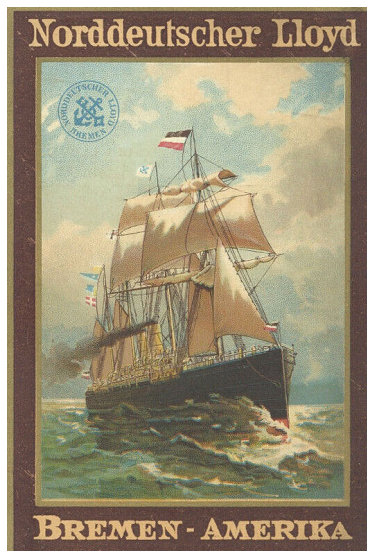


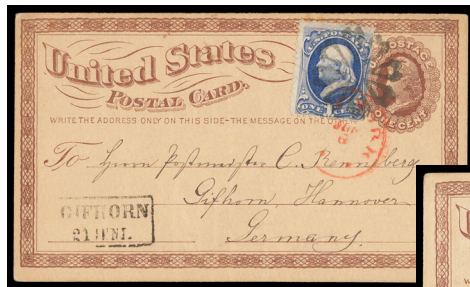
- 5250 ☒ **1875 (Jun. 19) Havana, Cuba to Schönbach dei Löbau, Saxony**, cover bearing **Cuba 50c green pair** cancelled by blue “P.C” in circle handstamps, some gum toning, blue merchant “Alvarez Valle y Ca, Habana, Jun 19, 1875” double-oval flap seal, black “New York, Jun 26” exchange cds and matching “UNPAID” framed and “7” cent due handstamps, carried by NGL Line *Rhein* from New York Jun. 26th to Bremerhaven arriving Jul. 8th, black “Aus Westindien/über Newyork.” framed handstamp and updated with blue crayon “80” pfennings due, Schönbach (7.9) arrival backstamp, *ex-Kouri*; with 1989 P.F. certificate.
 Estimate. \$2,000 - 3,000

ONE OF ONLY 7 RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE BREMEN “AUS WESTINDIEN/ÜBER NEWYORK.” HANDSTAMP.

Cuba stamps were not recognized since it did not become a member of the U.P.U. until May 1, 1877.

This cover is important because it shows postage due in the 1875 single German currency (1 Mark = 100 pfennings). Since it arrived after the General Postal Union became effective on July 1, 1875, the U.S. transit fee was crossed out. Postage due was 50 pf. Direct Mail rate plus 30 pf US Transit = 80 pfennings (8 sgr in old currency).





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Postal Cards

An additional article effective December 1, 1873 provided for a 2¢ rate for postal cards but limited the exchange to direct mail by Bremen or Hamburg.



- 5251 ☒ **1873 (Dec. 11) Michigan City, Ind. to Hildesheim, Prussia**, “Michigan City, Ind. Dec 11” duplex with four-bar grid cancel ties **1¢ blue (145)** on **1¢ postal card (UX1)**, bold red “New York, Dec 13” exchange cds, carried by NGL Line *Donau* from New York Dec. 13th to Bremerhaven arriving Dec. 25th, 1873, **Very Fine and choice, ex-Gundel**.
Estimate. \$750 - 1,000

THE EARLIEST RECORDED USE OF THE 2¢ POSTAL CARD RATE TO GERMANY.

- 5252 ☒ **1874 (Jun. 4) Harlem, N.Y. to Gifhorn, Hanover**, “Harlem, Jan 4th ‘74” message dateline on **1¢ postal card (UX3)** bearing 1¢ blue (156) tied by **NYFM circle of open carets** fancy cancel, partial red “New York, Jun 6” exchange cds carried by NGL Line *Main* from New York Jun. 6th to Bremerhaven arriving Jun. 20th, Gifhorn (6.21) framed arrival, **Very Fine**.
Estimate. \$200 - 300

- 5253 ☒ **1875 (Apr. 22) Snow Hill, Md. to Lausanne, Switzerland**, “Snow Hill, Md. Apr 22” cds duplexed with cork cancel ties **1¢ blue (156)** on **1¢ postal card (UX3)**, red “New York, Paid All, Via Bremen, Apr 24” exchange cds, carried by NGL Line *Weser II* from New York Apr. 24th to Bremerhaven arriving May 7th, Lausanne (5.9) arrival cds, **fresh and Very Fine**.
Estimate. \$150 - 200

Shortly after concluding the December 1873 agreement for the exchange of postal cards with the German Empire, the United States made a similar agreement to the agreement with Switzerland effective March 1874. Postal cards to Switzerland could only enter Germany in closed bags at Bremen or Hamburg.

- 5254 ☒ **1875 (May 13) New York, N.Y. to St. Gallen, Switzerland**, red “New York, Paid All, Via Hamburg, May 13” exchange cds ties **1¢ blue (156)** on **1¢ postal card (UX3)** along with two strikes of unusual NYFM radial fancy cancels, carried by Hapag Line *Cimbria* from New York May 13th to Hamburg arriving May 26th, St. Gallen (5.28) arrival cds, **Very Fine**.
Estimate. \$200 - 300

Printed Matter

Unlike the case with letter postage, rates for printed matter became higher and more complex under the US-NGU Convention. Base rates for newspapers up to 4 oz. were 3¢ by direct mail and 4¢ by closed mail. Circulars were considered “book-packets” up to 4 oz. and were charged 6¢ by direct mail and 8¢ by closed. That lasted until late 1870, when a special “book-packet” up to 1 oz. rate was introduced for circulars and charged 2¢ for direct mail and 3¢ for closed.



- 5255 ☒ **1870 (May 26) Detroit, Mich. to Göttingen, Hanover, Prussia**, wrapper bearing **3¢ ultramarine (114)** nat. s.e. at right, tied by split cork cancel duplexed with “Detroit Mich. May 26” cds at the printed matter rate, New York black “PAID ALL” straightline, carried by NGL Line *Main* from New York May 28th to Bremenhaven arriving Jun. 8th, reverse with red crayon “10/6 7” rating and partial Göttingen (6.10) arrival cds, **Very Fine**.
 Estimate. \$1,000 - 1,500

AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE 3¢ 1869 ISSUE TRANSATLANTIC PRINTED MATTER USE TO PRUSSIA.



International Forwarded Mail



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- 5256 ☒ **1861 (Jul. 16) Cambridge Mass. to Paris, France, forwarded to Freiburg, Saxony**, cover bearing **10¢ green (35) strip of three** cancelled by circular grids for double the 15¢ French mail rate (7½-10 grams), matching “Cambridge Ms., Jul 16” double-circle datestamp, red “Boston ‘24’ Jul 16, 1860” credit exchange cds for French packet service, red Calais (7.28) entry cds ties strip and matching framed “P.D.” handstamp; forwarded to Freiburg with red “Aus Frankreich, per Aachen, 29/7” exchange backstamp and blue manuscript. “2½” sgr due rating, German (7.30) arrival backstamp; small cover tear and wear, **F-V.F. and interesting forwarded use**.
 Estimate. \$200 - 300

This cover was prepaid 30¢ under the 1857 US-France Convention at two-times 15¢ per 7½ grams. Forwarded under the 1858 France-Prussia Convention at 2½ sgr. per 10 grams, so letter weighed between 7½ and 10 grams.

Slow mid-19th century communications meant letters to intermediate destinations often arrived after the traveler had departed. Forwarders, banks and hotels sent them on to the next country as if they had originated there.

- 5257 ☒ **1868 (Aug. 18) St. Louis Mo. to Lausanne, Switzerland, forwarded to Naples, Italy**, fancy lime green lined envelope bearing **15¢ black (77)** tied by quartered cork duplexed with “St. Louis, Mo. Aug 18” cds, red “New York, Paid All, Br. Transit, Aug 22” exchange cds, carried by Inman Line *City of Boston* from New York Aug. 22nd to Queenstown arriving Sep. 1st, Lausanne (9.4) arrival backstamp, forwarded to Naples with Lausanne (9.10) cds, reverse with Milan (9.12) transit and Naples (9.14) arrival cds; small edge tear, minor perf toning, **Very Fine and attractive use**.
 Estimate. \$150 - 200

Under the 1861 Switzerland-Italy Convention, postage due was 40 centesimi, but there is no indication it was collected.

- 5258 ☒ **1874 (Oct. 26) Syracuse, N.Y. to Paris, France, forwarded to Munich, Germany**, cover bearing **3¢ green (158) and 10¢ brown (161)** tied by large four-ring targets duplexed with “Syracuse N.Y., Oct 26” cds, blue French (11.9) entry cds and small red “PD” handstamps, Paris (11.9) arrival backstamp, neat “Forwarded by Munroe & Co., Paris” forwarder’s oval, remailed with **France 40c orange** tied by Paris “3” star cancel and Paris (11.9) cds, Munich (11.11) arrival backstamp; 3¢ irregularly separated at left, **Very Fine and pretty forwarder use**; with 2016 P.F. certificate.
 Estimate. \$300 - 400

Companies specializing in forwarding mail usually had accounts with their clients and often affixed stamps on forwarded mail to take advantage of lower rate for paid letters. Munroe & Co. affixed a 40c French stamp to pay the rate under the 1861 France-Thurn & Taxis Convention.

UPU Mail

The United States and Germany entered the General Postal Union (GPU/UPU) as a founding members on July 1, 1875. Rates from the United States were 5¢ per ½ ounce for letters, 2¢ for circulars and 2¢ for postal cards.



- 5259 ☒ **1875 (Jul. 22) New York, N.Y. to Fiume, Austria (Croatia)**, folded letter bearing **5¢ blue (179)** tied by partial NYFM geometric cancel (ST-MP2), red "New York, Jul 22" exchange cds, Fiume (8.8) arrival backstamp, **Very Fine and scarce first-month UPU use to Austria at the new 5¢ UPU rate.**
 Estimate. \$200 - 300



- 5260 ☒ **1876 (May 30) New York N.Y. to Trieste, Austria**, printed prices current bearing **2¢ vermilion (178)**, vibrant color, tied by **NYFM circular geometric (GE-C8)**, reverse with Vienna (6.15) and Trieste (6.17) datestamps, **Very Fine and scarce 2¢ UPU printed matter use, ex-Weiss, Mercedes.**
 Estimate. \$750 - 1,000

THE EARLIEST OF ONLY FOUR RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THIS CANCEL.

