

In this exhibit we will watch the establishment & the evolution of the Hellenic Postal Service
The introduction of postmarks & auxiliary cachets. Special routes, rates & services. The development of
the domestic postal net & the Greek p.o.'s abroad. International mail - connecting Greece to the world

Frame 1: The General Post Office

The use of administrative cachets:

Handwritten, Municipal, Provincial,
Prefectural, Lazarets

Special sea carriers, routes & rates

The post office Net

Typ.I pmks
Prefecture of Argolis & Corinthis,

Frame 2: Prefecture of Acarnania & Etolia

Prefecture of Achaia & Elis,
Prefecture of Cyclades,
Prefecture of Evia,
Prefecture of Messinia & Laconia,
Prefecture of Phthiotis & Fokis,
Typ.III pmks

Frame 3: Auxiliary & Special services

Registered mail
Certified mail

Greek p.o.'s abroad:

Constantinople, Smyrna, Alexandria,
Thessaloniki, Larissa, Volos, Arta, Ioannina

Frame 4: Mail from / to Ottoman Empire

French p.o.'s of: Constantinople, Smyrne,
Alexandria, Mersina, Metelin isl.,
Salonique, Trebizonde, Tunis
Austrian Lloyd Agencies: Constantinopoli,
Smirne, Salonico, Serres, Galatz, Beirut,
Chio isl., Candia

Mail from / to the Ionian islands

Transported by random chances & residents
of Zante isl.

Frame 5: Transported by the Greek regular lines

Transported by the English warship line
Transported by the Austrian Lloyd lines
Transported by the Ionian ships

Mail from / to the Italian States

The Grand Duchy of Tuscany
The Kingdom of Sardinia

Frame 6: The Papal States

The Kingdom of two Sicilies

Mail to Germania:

Kingdom of Prussia & Free city of Hamburg

Mail from the Russian Empire

Mail from / to the Central Europe:

Kingdom of Belgium &
Kingdom of the Netherlands

Mail from / to Great Britain

Transit via Trieste
Transit via Marseilles
Transported by private English steamers

Mail to U.S.A.

Frame 7: Mail from / to Austrian Empire

Kingdom of Illyria: Transported by
Greek ships

Transported by Austrian Warships
Transported by the Austrian Lloyd

Special Handling of Austrian mail
Kingdom of Lombardy

Archduchy of Austria

Kingdom of Hungary

Kingdom of Dalmatia

Postal receipt for letters transported by
Austrian Lloyd ships

Frame 8: Mail from / to Malta

Transported by English warships

Transported by French paquebots

Mail from / to the French Republic

Transported by Greek ships

Transported by the paquebots

de la Mediterranee

Transported by the Rostand et Cie Co.

Transported by the Messageries Nationales
- Imperiales

The Messageries Imperiales Fleet

Letters posted aboard the French paquebots

French Originating pmks on the letters
from Greece

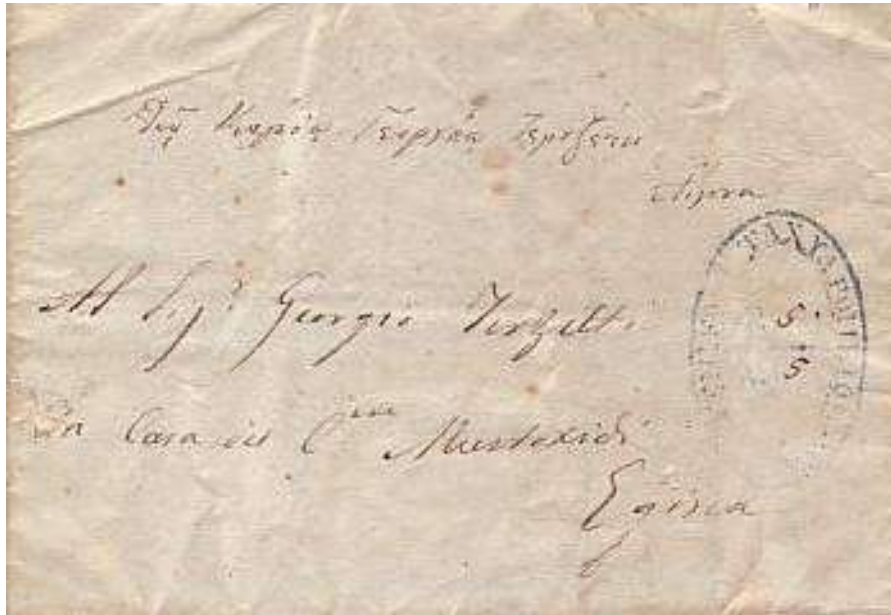
Transit mail to France via Trieste

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



The General Post Office in Nafplion

This is the first undated pmk used by the Hellenic Postal Service at the General p.o. of Nafplion
In use from Oct.1830 to Mar.1834 - Compulsory Prepayment (50 letters recorded)

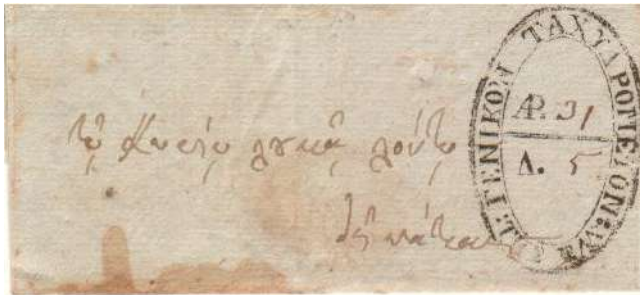


EL dated **Nafplion Jul.24.1831** to **Aegina isl.**

Stamped by the large oval pmk

ΓΕΝΙΚΟΝ ΤΑΧΥΠΟΜΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑ (General Post Office of Greece)

m/s added the s/n **5** & **5 Lepta prepaid** single rate for **one page letter**



EL dated **Nafplion Jul.22,183?**

to **Patras**

Stamped by the large oval pmk

ΓΕΝΙΚΟΝ ΤΑΧΥΠΟΜΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑ

(General Post Office of Greece)

m/s added s/n **3** & **5 Lepta prepaid**
single rate for **one page letter**



EL dated **Nafplion Jun.14,1832** to **Athens**

Stamped by the large oval pmk

ΓΕΝΙΚΟΝ ΤΑΧΥΠΟΜΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑ (General Post Office of Greece)

m/s added s/n **18** & **10 Lepta prepaid** double rate for **two pages letter**

The General Post Office after the regime change

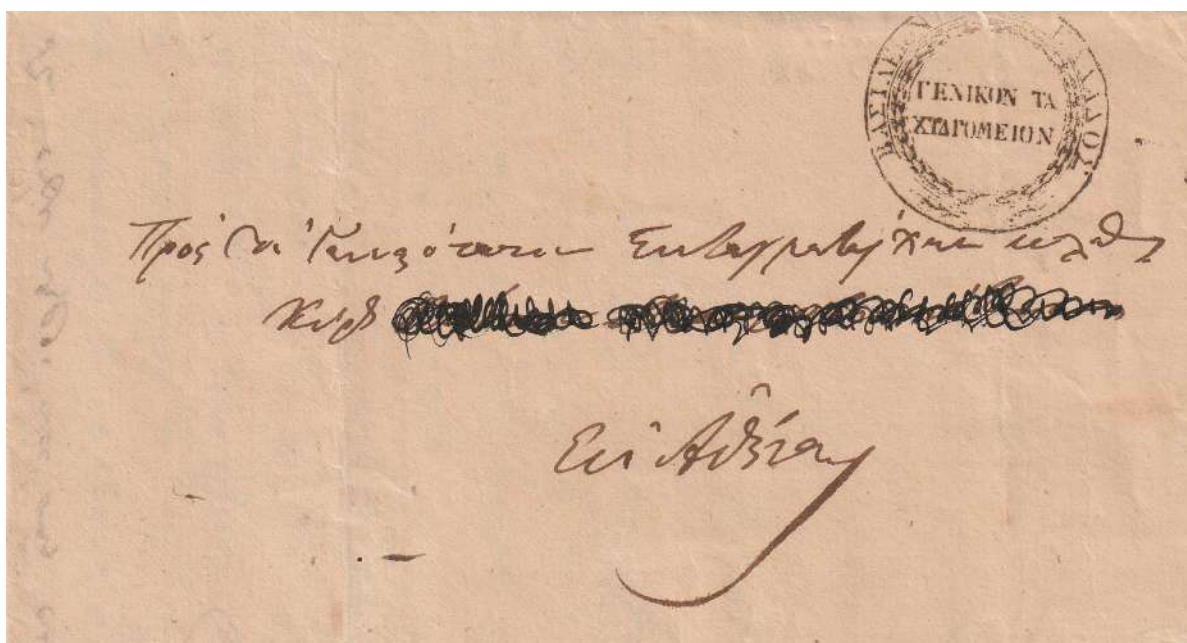
A new undated pmk introduced in 1834 for the General Post Office due to the change of the regime
In use from Nov,1833 to Feb,1835 - Compulsory Prepayment (27 letters recorded)

EL dated **Nafplion Jul.26,1834**
to **Athens**

Stamped by the circular pmk
ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ
ΓΕΝΙΚΟΝ ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΟΝ
(Kingdom of Greece / General post office)
(verso) **5 Lepta prepaid single rate**
for **one page letter**



EL dated
Nafplion May.3,1834
to **Mystras**
Stamped by the circular pmk
ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ
ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ / ΓΕΝΙΚΟΝ
ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΟΝ
(Kingdom of Greece
/ General post office)
(verso) **20 Lepta prepaid**
triple rate for
envelope up to 10 drams



EL dated **Nafplion Aug.18,1834** to **Athens**
ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ / ΓΕΝΙΚΟΝ ΤΑΧΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΟΝ
(verso) in red **10 Lepta prepaid double rate** for **two pages letter**

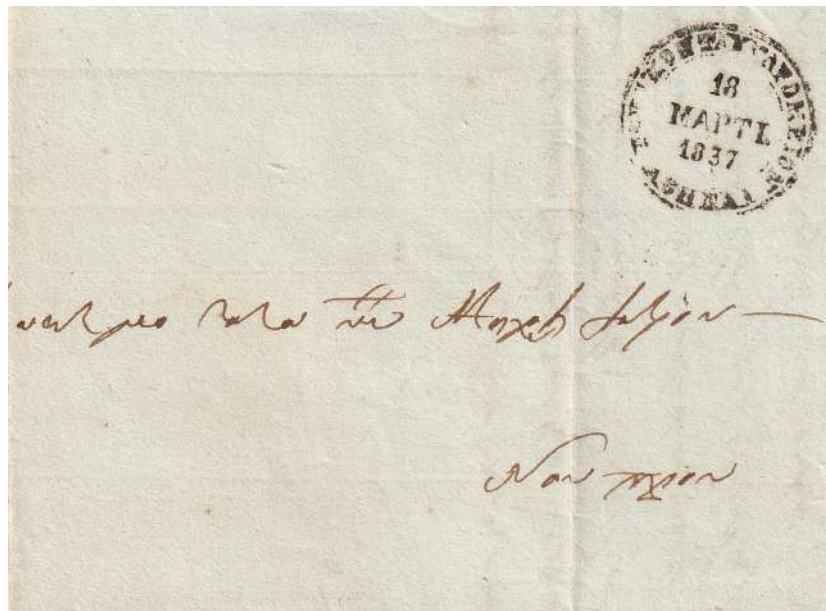
The General Post Office in the new capital of Athens

A new General Post Office dated postmark introduced in 1836,
due to the movement of the General P.O. from Nafplion to Athens

In use from Feb,1836 to Apr,1837 - Compulsory Prepayment (*70 letters recorded*)



EL stamped **Patras** (dep.Nov.24,1836)
to **ΓΕΝΙΚΟΝ ΤΑΞΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΟΝ - ΑΘΗΝΑΣ** (ar.Nov.26,1836)
(General p.o. of Greece in Athens)
(verso) in red **20 Lepta prepaid triple rate**
for **envelope up to 10 drams**



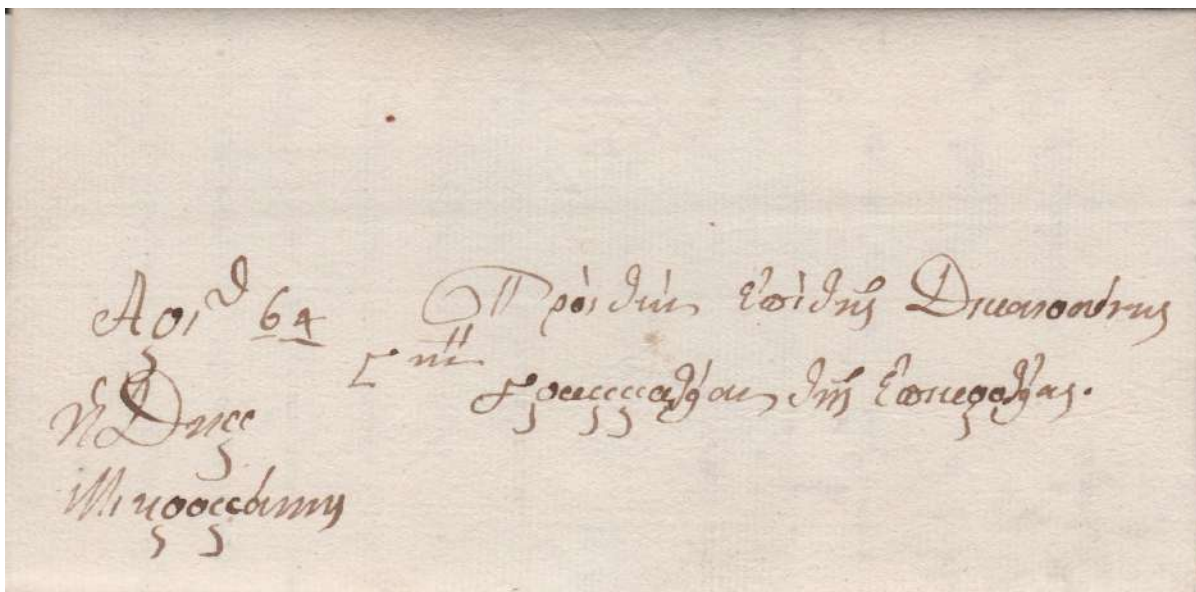
EL stamped **ΓΕΝΙΚΟΝ ΤΑΞΥΔΡΟΜΕΙΟΝ - ΑΘΗΝΑΣ** (dep.Mar.18,1837)
(General p.o. of Greece)
to **Nafplion** (ar.Mar.20,1837)
(verso) **20 Lepta prepaid rate**
for **1st weight letter & distance between 10 to 20 hours long**

*From Jan.1st 1837 a new calculation introduced for the postal rates
taking into account the weight of the letter plus the distance to be traveled*

The Use of Administrative marks on official letters

Before the introduction of administrative cachets or postmarks, Central, local government & government agencies, manuscript added the details of the sender to ensure free mail delivery

In use in 1833 - Official free mail



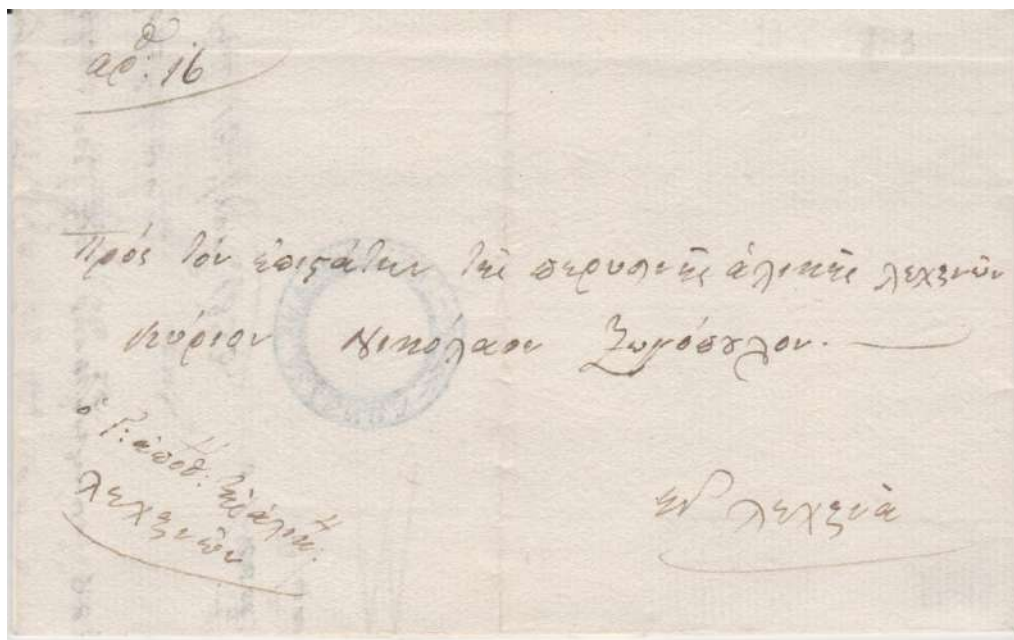
EL dated **Mikromani** May.3,1833 to (Nafplion)

m/s originating indication **Δημ.(ογεροντα) / Μικρομάνης No. 61**

(Elders of Micromani)

Local administration **official free mail**

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



EL dated **Lechena** Jun.13,1833 to **Intown**

m/s originating indication **ο Γ: αποθ. αλικων Λεχαιών / no.16**

(verso) Sealed by administrative cachet

ΓΕΝ.(ΙΚΑΙ) ΑΠΟΘ.(ΗΚΑΙ) ΑΛΙΚ.(ΩΝ) ΛΕΧΑΙΝΩΝ

(Lechena salt storage)

Local government agency **official free mail**

*The only known letter so far with m/s originating indication General Storage of Lechena
(ex collection: Daes)*

The Use of Administrative cachets on private letters: Municipal

Before the establishment of the local p.o.'s, postal duties performed by the local authorities which used their administrative cachets as postal on private letters
In use from Spring 1833 to late 1834 - Compulsory Prepayment

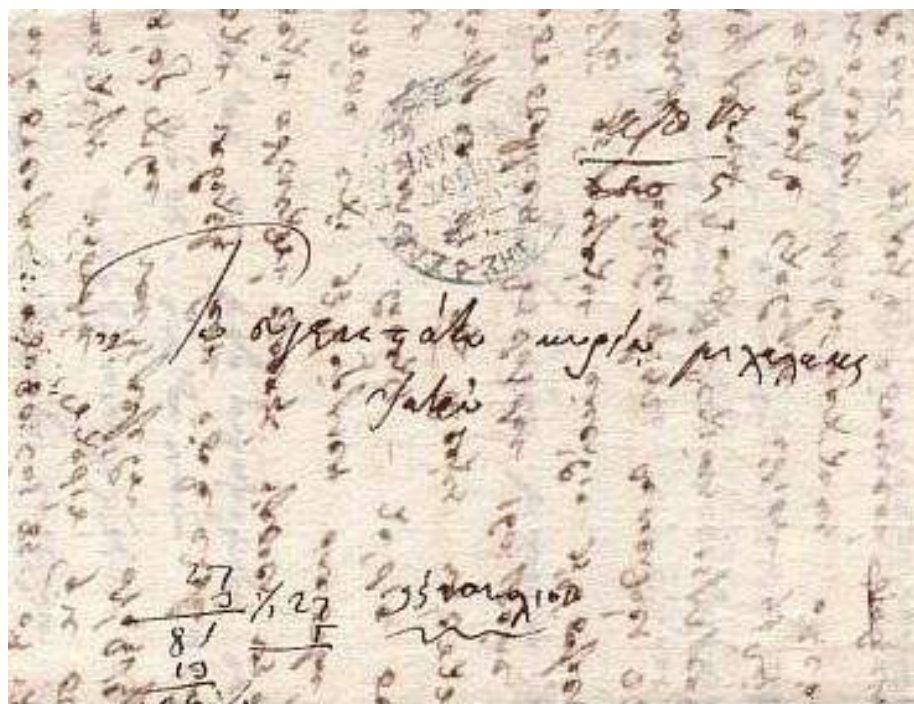


EL dated **Arcadia Mar.3,1834** to **Nafplion**

Administrative cachet **ΔΗΜΟΓΕΡΟΝΤΙΑ ΚΥΠΑΡΙΣΣΟΥ**

(Elders of Kyparissos)

m/s added s/n **5 & 5 Lepta prepaid single rate** for **one page letter**
(12 recorded letters)



EL dated **Kalamata Oct.31,1833** to **Nafplion**

Administrative cachet **ΕΠΙΛΑΧΕΙΟΝ / ΔΗΜΟΓΕΡΟΝΤΙΑ ΚΑΛΑΜΩΝ**

(Province / Elders of Kalamas)

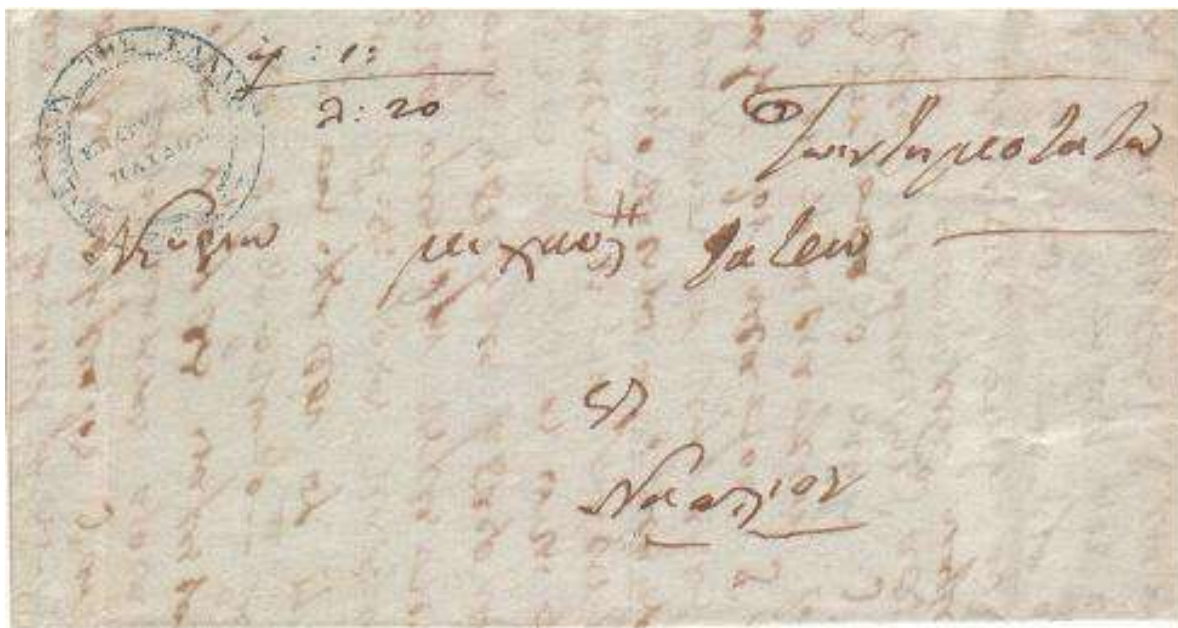
m/s added s/n **1 & 5 Lepta prepaid single rate** for **one page letter**
(9 recorded letters)

The Use of Administrative cachets on private letters: Provincial

EL dated **Pyrgos**
to **Nafplion**
Administrative cachet
ΕΠΙΡΧΕΙΟΝ ΗΛΙΔΟΣ
(Province of Elis)
m/s added s/n **8**
& **5 Lepta** prepaid
single rate
for **one page** letter
(30 recorded letters)



EL dated **Pyrgos**
to **Nafplion**
Administrative cachet
ΕΠΙΡΧΕΙΟΝ ΗΛΙΔΟΣ
(Province of Elis)
m/s added s/n **1**
& **10 Lepta** prepaid
double rate
for **two pages** letter
(30 recorded letters)



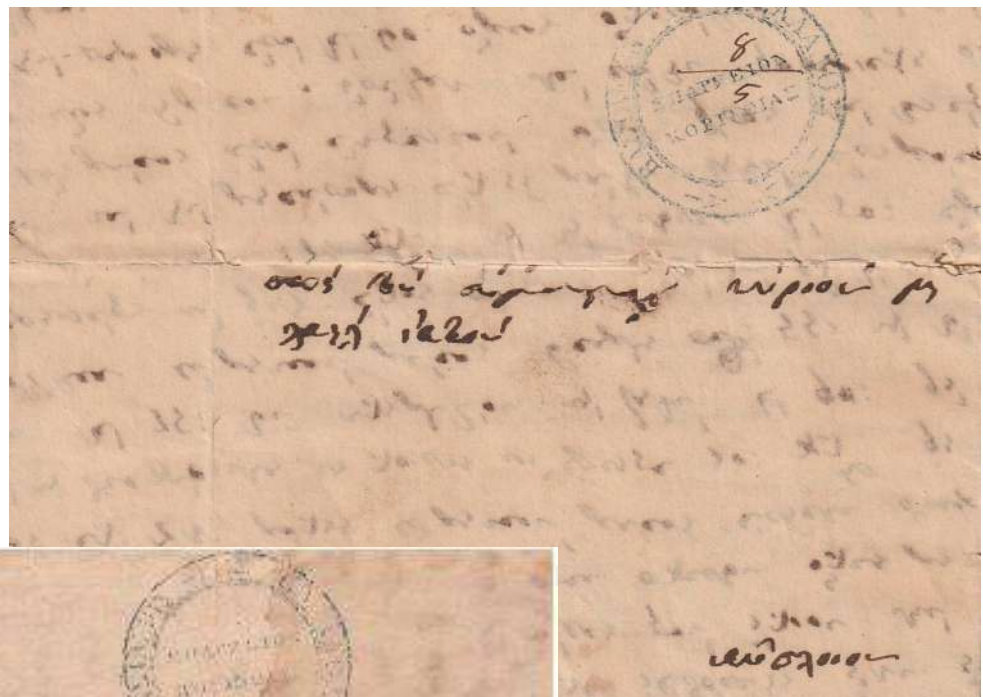
EL dated **Pyrgos Feb.15,1833** to **Nafplion**
Administrative cachet **ΕΠΙΡΧΕΙΟΝ ΗΛΙΔΟΣ** (Province of Elis)
m/s added s/n1 & **20 Lepta** prepaid triple rate
for envelope up to 10 drams

The Use of Administrative cachets on private letters: Provincial

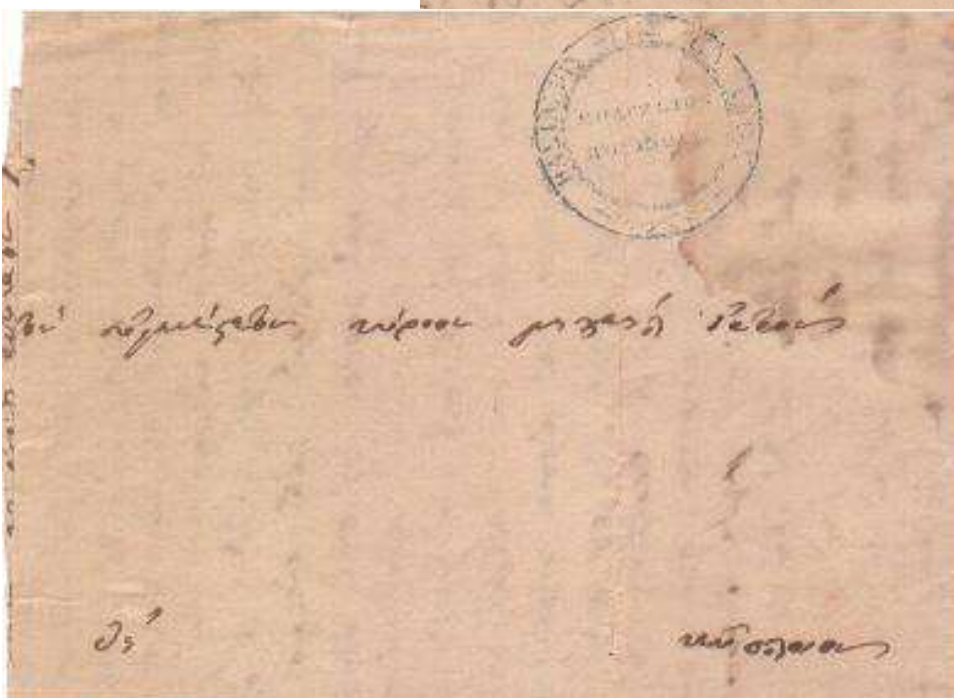


EL dated **Egion** Oct.28.1834 to **Nafplion** (ar.Oct.30,1834)
Administrative cachet **ΕΠΙΤΡΑΧΕΙΟΝ ΑΙΓΙΑΛΕΙΑΣ** (Province of Aegialia)
(verso) **10 Lepta prepaid** double rate for **two pages** letter
(16 recorded letters)

EL dated
Corinth Aug.16.1834
to **Nafplion**
Administrative cachet
ΕΠΙΤΡΑΧΕΙΟΝ ΚΟΡΙΝΘΟΥ
(Province of Corinth)
m/s added s/n **8**
& **5 Lepta prepaid**
single rate for **one page** letter
(12 recorded letters)



EL dated
Corinth Oct.26.,1834
to **Nafplion** (ar.Oct.26.,1834)
Administrative cachet
ΕΠΙΤΡΑΧΕΙΟΝ ΚΟΡΙΝΘΟΥ
(Province of Corinth)
(verso) **10 Lepta prepaid**
double rate
for **two pages** letter
(12 recorded letters)



The Use of Administrative cachets on private letters: Provincial



EL dated **Kalavryta**
to **Nafplion**
Administrative cachet
ΕΠΙΧΡΕΙΟΝ ΚΥΝΑΙΘΗΣ
(Province of Kynetha)
s/n **5 & 10 Lepta prepaid**
double rate
for **two pages letter**
(9 recorded letters)

EL dated **Gythion**
to **Nafplion** (ar.Oct.26,1834)
Administrative cachet
ΕΠΙΧΡΕΙΟΝ ΓΥΘΕΙΟΥ
(Province of Gythio)
(verso) **5 Lepta prepaid**
single rate
for **one page letter**
(10 recorded letters)



EL dated **Gythion**
to **Nafplion** (ar.Oct.12,1834)
Administrative cachet
ΕΠΙΧΡΕΙΟΝ ΓΥΘΕΙΟΥ
(Province of Gythio)
(verso) **10 Lepta prepaid**
double rate
for **two pages letter**
(10 recorded letters)

*This new type of administrative
pmk bearing the Royal emblem
used only in 1834*

The Use of Administrative cachets on private letters: Prefectural

EL dated **Sparta**
to **Nafplion**
Administrative cachet
NOMAPXIA ΛΑΚΩΝΙΑΣ
(Prefecture of Laconia)
m/s added s/n **5**
& **5 Lepta** prepaid
single rate
for **one page** letter
(20 recorded letters)



EL dated **Sparta**
to **Nafplion**
Administrative cachet
NOMAPXIA ΛΑΚΩΝΙΑΣ
(Prefecture of Laconia)
m/s added s/n **5**
& **10 Lepta** prepaid
double rate
for **two pages** letter
(20 recorded letters)



EL dated **Sparta**
to **Nafplion** (ar. Dec. 19, 1834)
Administrative cachet
NOMAPXIA ΛΑΚΩΝΙΑΣ
(Prefecture of Laconia)
(verso) **10 Lepta** prepaid
double rate
for **two page** letter
(19 recorded letters)
(ex collection: Daes)

*This new type of administrative pmk
bearing the Royal emblem
used only in 1834*



The Use of Administrative cachets on private letters: Lazarets



EL dated **Vostitsa** (Egion) Jan.17,1834 to **Nafplion**
Administrative cachet **ΥΓΕΙΟΝΟΜΕΙΟ ΛΙΜΕΝΟΣ ΒΟΣΤΙΤΣΗΣ**
(Vostitsa Seaport Health Station)
s/n **18** & **5 Lepta prepaid single rate** for **one page letter**
5 recorded letters exist with Vostitsa Seaport Health Station cachet
(*ex collection: Hut, Kotsis*)



EL dated **Marathonisi** (Gythion) to **Nafplion**
Administrative cachet **ΥΓΕΙΟΝΟΜΕΙΟ ΜΑΡΑΘΟΝΗΣΙΟΥ**
(Marathonisi Sanitation Station)
& m/s origination indication **πόλις Γυθείου** (City of Gythion)
m/s added s/n **4** & **5 Lepta prepaid single rate** for **one page letter**
2 recorded letters exist with Marathonisi Sanitary Station cachet
(*ex collection: Virvilis*)

Searoute Piraeus to Sira isl. by Feraldi's sail ships

In September 1833 special sea postal rates were set for mail transported by Mr. Feraldis sail ships between Nafplion and Sira isl. (in December 1834 Nafplion switched to Piraeus)

Valid from Sep.1st,1833 to the summer of 1837 - Compulsory prepayment

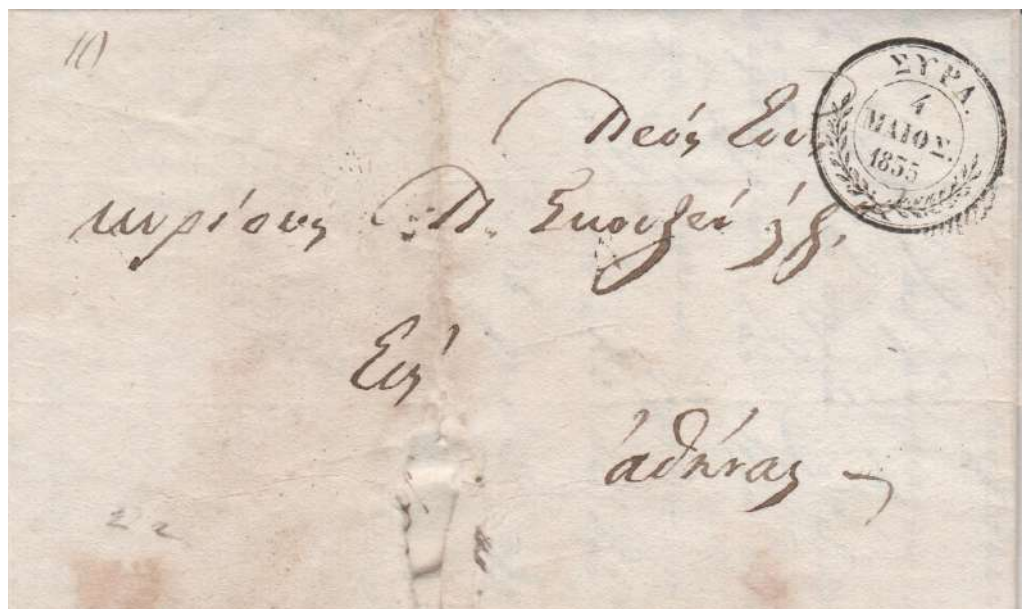


EL posted from **Athens** (dep.May.20,1835) to **Sira isl.** (ar.May.22,1835)

(verso) **14 Lepta prepaid double special searate**

for letter weighing **between 6 to 10 g.**

*The only recorded letter transported by Feraldis sail ship
on the route from Athens to Sira isl.*



EL posted from **Sira isl.** (dep.May.4,1835) to **Athens** (ar.May.7,1835)

(verso) **10 Lepta prepaid single special searate**

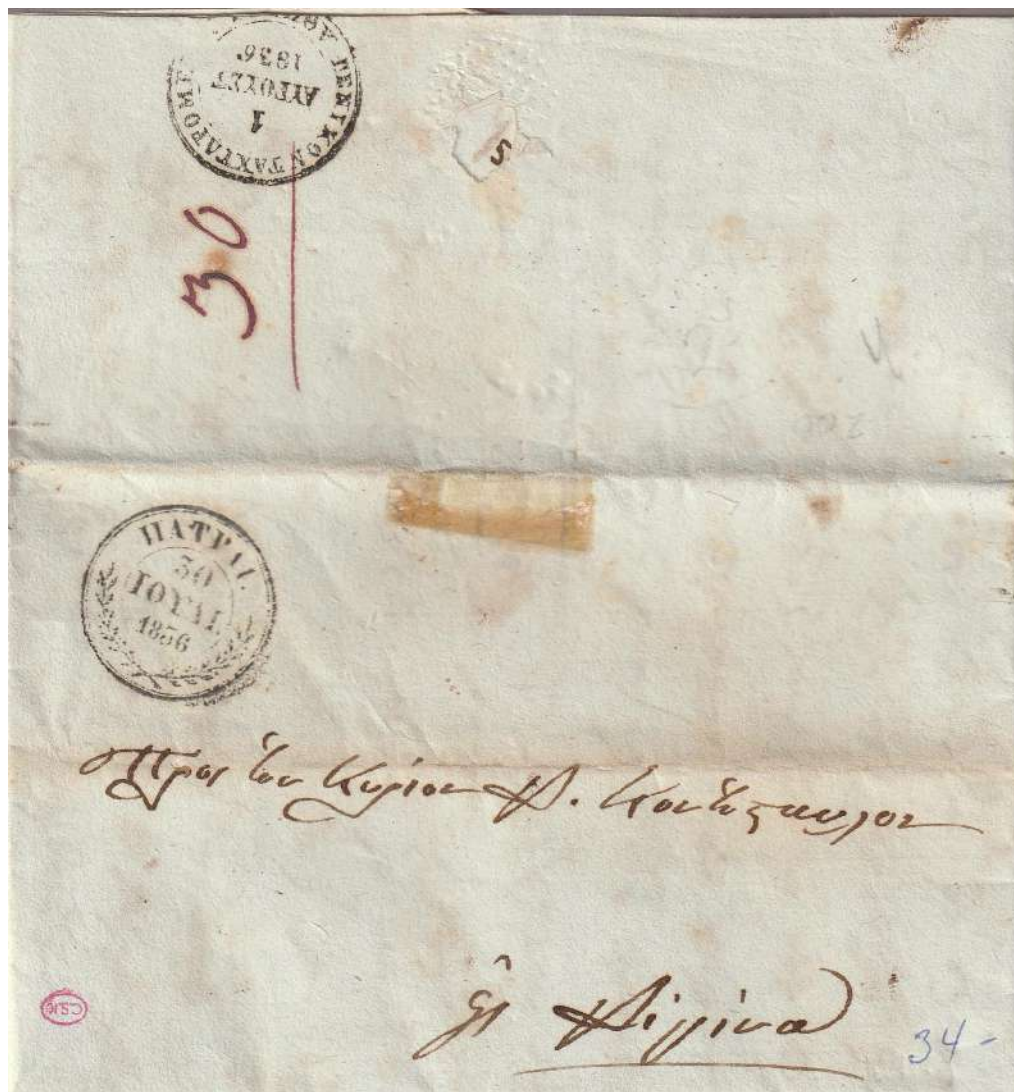
for letter weighing **up to 6 g.**

2 recorded letters exist (return travel)

Special sea postal rate to West Sporades isl.

A special rate of 10 Lepta applied to all domestic mail towards the West Sporades islands
(Aegina isl., Poros isl., Hydra isl., & Spetses isl.)
for the sea part of the voyage

Valid from July 1st, 1836 to December 31st, 1836 - Compulsory prepayment



EL from **Patras** (dep. Jul. 30, 1836)
via **Athens** (ar. Aug. 1, 1836) to **Aegina isl.**
(verso) in red **30 Lepta prepaid triple inland rate & special searate**
for **envelope up to 10 drams**



Greek State Steamers

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

Postal rate was set at 30 Lepta for simple letter

In use from Nov.1,1835 to May.20,1838 - Compulsory Prepayment



EL posted from **Sira isl.** (dep.Aug.30,1837) via **Piraeus** to **Athens**

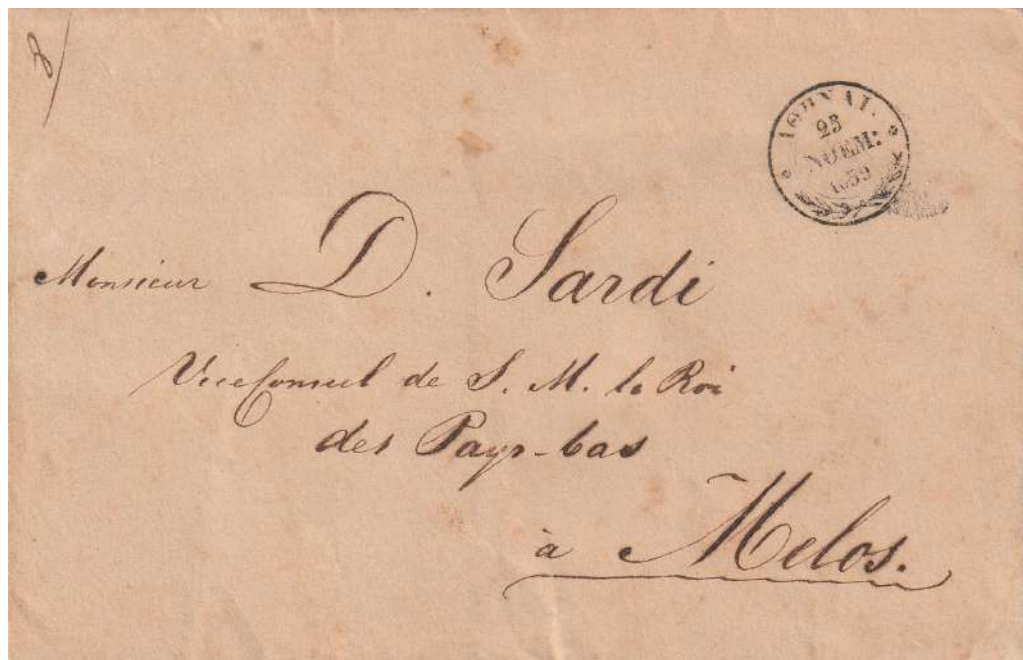
Crossing diagonal line & oval cachet **ΠΛΗΡΩΜΕΝΟΝ** (Paid)

(verso) **45+20+10= 75 Lepta prepaid**

double steamer rate plus triple inland rate plus searate for 10 g. letter

Greek Royal Navy steamer **MAXIMILIANOS** transported mail to Aegean islands

In use from the summer of 1837 to Oct.13,1841 - Compulsory prepayment



EL from **Athens** (dep.Nov.23,1839) (s/n 8)

via **Piraeus** (tr.Nov.27,1839) & **Sira isl.** (tr.Nov.26,1839) to **Milos isl.**

(verso) **20 Lepta prepaid single rate** (inland + searate) for **1st weight** letter

The post office net: Typ. I pmks

This is the first type of pmk that the local p.o.'s equipped from 1835



KΑΡΠΗΝΗΣΙΟΝ typ.I pmk
on EL posted from
Karpenision (dep.Feb.13,1854)
to **Athens**
(Unrated)

*Karpenision pop.: 1400 - 5800 p.
Distance from Athens 50 hours*

ΜΕΓΑΡΑ typ.I pmk
on EL posted from
Megara (dep.Aug.2,1850)
via **Athens** (tr.Aug.3,1850)
to **Piraeus** (ar.Aug.3,1850)
(verso) **10 Lepta prepaid**
for **1st weight** letter & for
distance up to 10 hours long

*Megara pop.1500 p.
Distance from Athens 7 hours
p.o. established in 1834*



ΓΑΣΤΟΥΝΗ typ.I pmk
on EL posted from
Gastouni (dep.May.20,1855)
via **Patras** (tr.May.21,1855)
to **Egio**
(Unrated)

*Gastouni pop.: 950 - 5000 p.
Distance from Pyrgos 6 hours
p.o.established in 1829*

ΚΟΡΩΝΗ typ.I pmk
on EL posted from
Nafplion (dep.Dec.8,1856)(s/n 1)
to **Koroni**
(verso) **30 Lepta prepaid**
for **2nd weight** letter & for
distance from 20 to 30 hours long

*Koroni pop.: 700 - 2830 p.
Distance from Athens 57 hours
p.o. established in 1833*



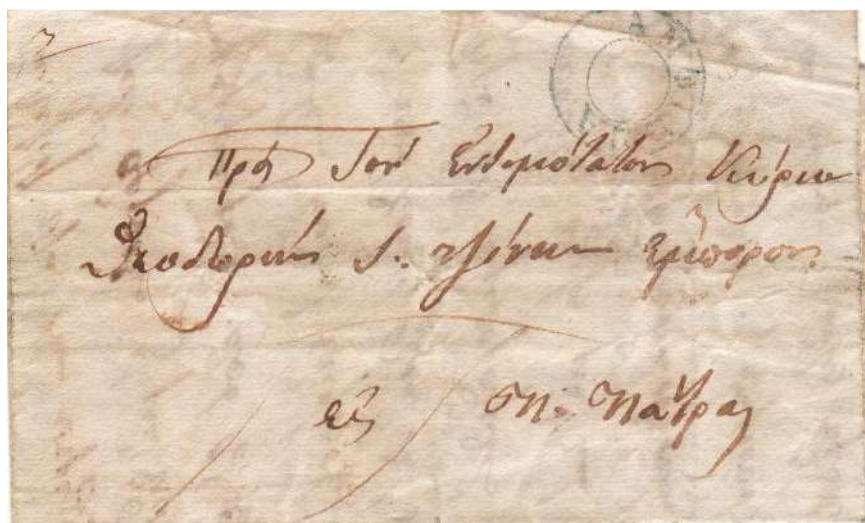
The post office net: Prefecture of Phthiotis & Fokis - Amfissa p.o.

Prefecture of Phthiotis & Fokis – Province of Parnassis – Amfissa (Salona) - *pop.:* 5770 *p.*

Amfissa p.o. established in 1833

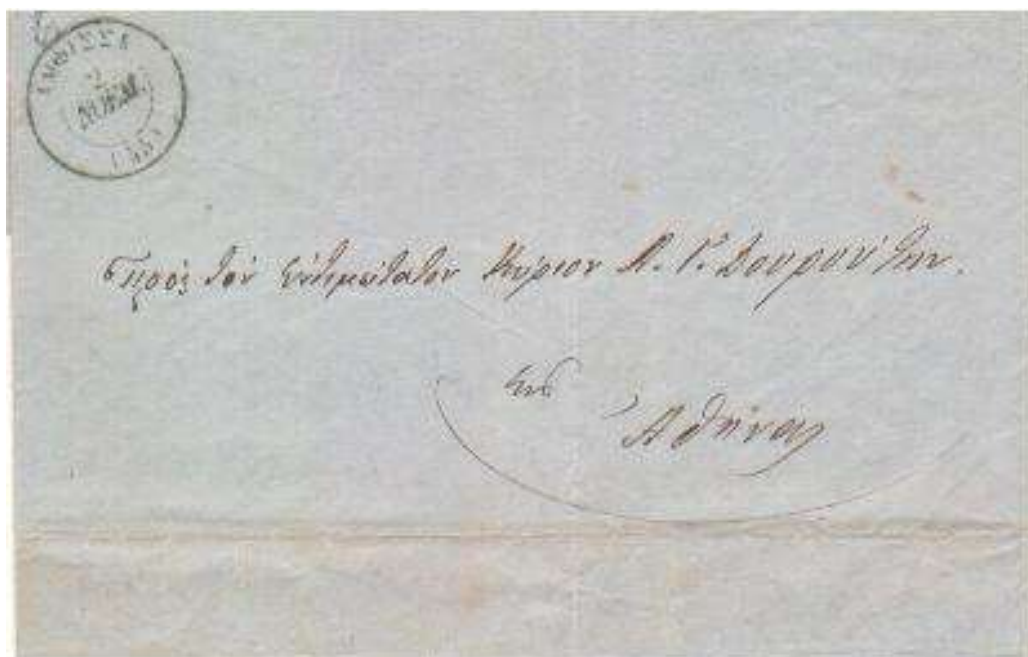
ΑΜΦΙΣΣΑ typ. I
on EL posted from
Amfissa (dep.Feb.13,1840) (s/n 3)
to **Patras** (ar.Feb.15,1840)
(verso) **20 Lepta** prepaid
for **1st weight letter** & for **distance**
between 10 to 20 hours long

*Button type pmk used from
1836 to 1843*



ΑΜΦΙΣΣΗΣ typ. II
on EL posted from
Amfissa
(dep.Oct.25,1843) (s/n 16)
to **Athens** (ar.Oct.27,1843)
Unrated

ΑΜΦΙΣΣΑ (45) typ. III
on EL posted from
Amfissa
(dep.Nov.2,1859) (s/n 6)
to **Athens**
(ar.Nov.4,1859)
(verso) **30 Lepta** prepaid
for **1st weight letter**
& for **distance between**
20 to 40 hours long



Post office net: Prefecture of Argolis & Corinthis

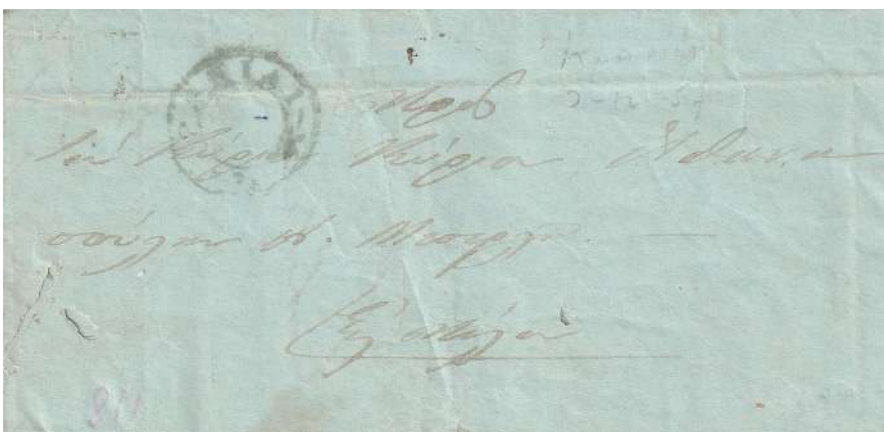
ΥΔΡΑ typ.I pmk
 on EL from **Hydra isl.** (Nov.17,1851)
 via **Piraeus** (tr.Nov.20,1851)
 to **Trieste** (ar.Dec.8,1851)
 Boxed cachet **ΔΠ** (Paid)
 (verso) in red **90 Lepta prepaid**
Austrian Lloyd rate
 for 1st weight letter
Taxed 2 Kreuzer
 for local distribution
Hydra isl. pop.:10000 p.
p.o. established in 1833



ΣΠΕΤΣΑΙ typ.I pmk
 on EL from
Spetses (Jan.13,1856)
 via **Nafplion** (tr.Jan.17,1856)
 to **Athens** (ar.Jan.19,1856)
 (verso) **10 Lepta prepaid**
searate for 1st weight letter
Spetses isl. pop.: 10000 p.
p.o. established in 1835

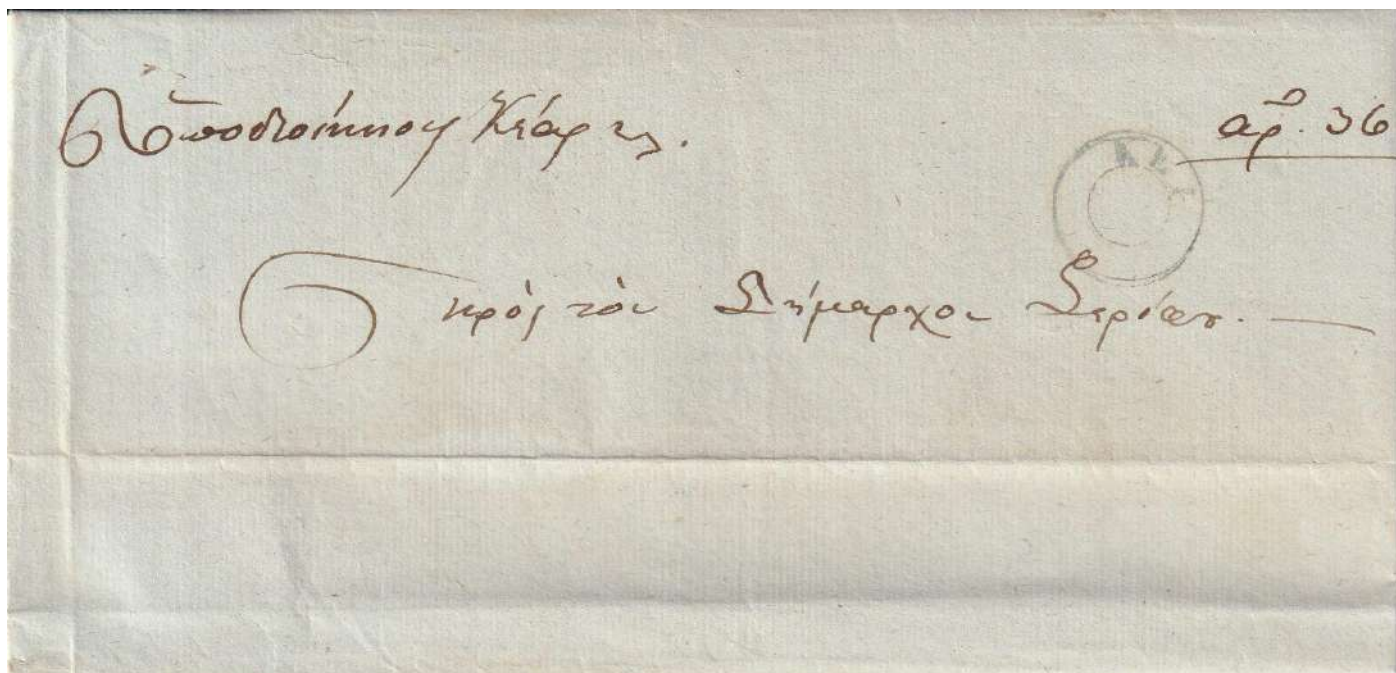
ΕΡΜΙΟΝΗ typ.I pmk
 on EL posted from
Hermioni
 to **Athens**
 (ar.Aug.9,1851)
 Unrated

Hermioni
pop.: 1650 - 2500 p.
Distance
from Spetses 2 hours
p.o. established in 1836



ΚΡΑΝΙΔΙ typ.Ia pmk
 on EL posted from
Kranidi (dep.Dec.3,1857)
 via **Nafplion** (tr.Dec.4,1857)
 to **Pylos**
 (verso) **20 Lepta prepaid** for
1st weight letter & for **distance**
between 10 to 20 hours long
Kranidi - pop.: 6650 - 7175 p.
Distance from Athens 42 hours

The post office net: Prefecture of Cyclades



KEA typ.I pmk on EL from **Kea isl.** (dep.Jan.20,1838) (s/n 36) to **Serifos isl.**
m/s origination indication **Υποδιοίκησης Κεας** (Sub administration of Kea)
(verso) Sealed by admin. cachet **Administration of Kea**
Local administration [official free mail](#)

Button type pmk used from 1836 to 1857
Kea isl. pop.: 3500 p. - p.o. established in 1833



KYΘΝΟΣ typ.I pmk on EL from **Kythnos isl.** (dep.Mar.21,1836) (s/n 170) to **Serifos isl.**
(verso) Sealed by admin. cachet **Province of Kythnos**
Local administration [official free mail](#)

Button type pmk used from 1836 to 1857
Kythnos isl. pop.: 1490 p. - Established in 1835

The post office net: Prefecture of Cyclades

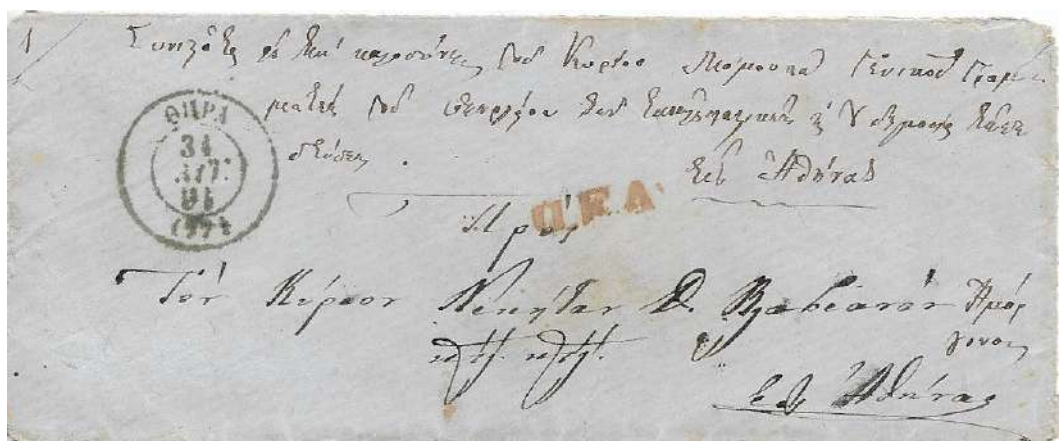


ΣΕΡΙΦΟΣ typ.I pmk on EL posted from **Serifos isl.** (Apr.30,1851)(s/n 125) to **Sira isl.**
 (verso) Sealed by admin. cachet **ΔΗΜΟΣ ΣΕΡΙΦΟΥ** (Municipality of Serifos)
 Local administration **official free mail**



ΜΥΚΩΝΟΣ typ.I pmk on EL posted from **Sira isl.** (dep.Apr.10,1845) (s/n 911) to **Mykonos isl.**
 Local administration **official free mail**
Mykonos isl.pop.: 4600 p. Mykonos p.o.established in 1835

ΘΗΡΑ (77) typ.III pmk
 on EL posted from
Thira isl. (77)
 (dep.Aug.31,1861) via
Sira isl. (tr.Sep.8,1861)
 to **Athens**
 (ar.Sep.10,1861)
 In red linear **ΠΕΔ** (Paid)
 (verso) in red
30 Lepta prepaid
 searate for 1st weight
 letter



The post office net: Prefecture of Acarnania & Etolis



ΑΙΤΩΛΙΚΟΝ typ.Ia pmk
on EL posted from
Aetolikon
(dep.Dec.21,1846)
via **Mesologgi** (tr.Dec.22,1846)
to **Patras**
(ar.Dec.31,1846)
Unrated

*Aetoliko pop.: 2160 p
Established in 1843*

ΑΣΤΑΚΟΣ typ.Ia pmk
on EL posted from
Astakos
(dep.Aug.27,1846)
to **Patras**
(ar.Aug.29,1846)
(verso) **30 Lepta prepaid**
for **1st weight** letter
& for **distance up**
to **10 hours long**

*Button with Laurel
type pmk used from
1837 to 1857*



ΑΣΤΑΚΟΣ (55) typ.III
pmk on EL posted from
Astakos
(dep.Dec.1,1859)(s/n 3)
to **Patras**
(verso) **30 Lepta prepaid**
for **1st weight** letter
& for **distance**
up to 10 hours long

*Astakos pop.:900-3700p.
Distance from
Vonitsa 15 hours
p.o.established in 1837*



The post office net: Prefecture of Acarnania & Etolia

ΑΓΡΙΝΙΟΝ typ I pmk on EL posted
from **Agrinion** (dep.Feb.4,1842)(s/n 2)
to **Patras** (ar.Feb.7,1842)
Unrated

*Agrinion pop.: 3270 p.
Established in 1834*



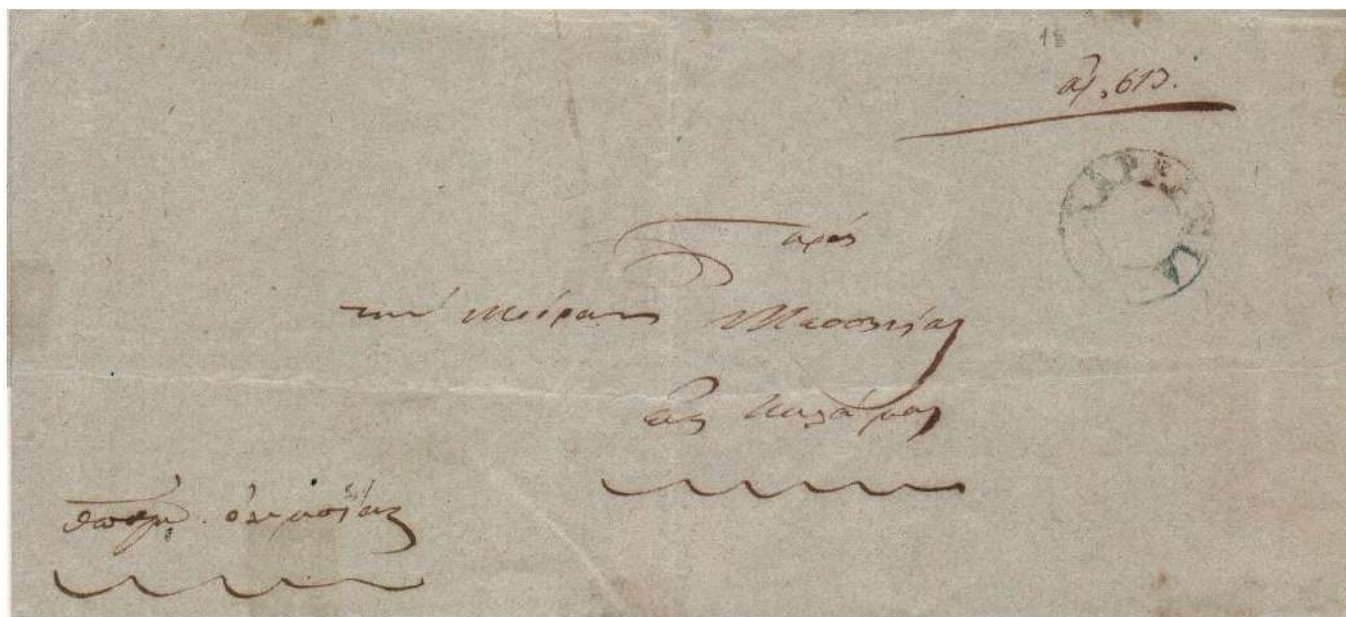
ΝΑΥΠΑΚΤΟΣ typ.I pmk
on EL posted from **Nafpaktos**
(dep.Oct.26,1849)
to **Patras** (ar.Oct.28,1849)
Unrated



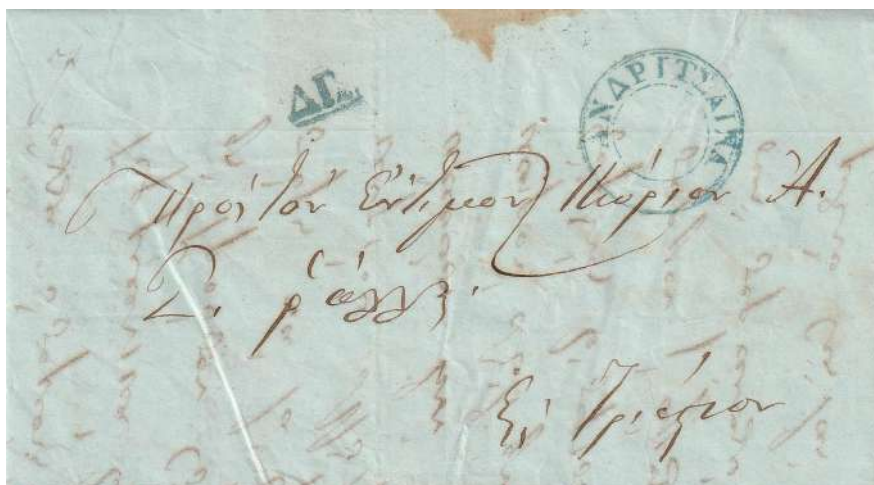
ΝΑΥΠΑΚΤΟΣ typ.II pmk on EL posted from **Nafpaktos** (dep.May.26,1857)
to **Patras** (ar.May.27, 1857)
Unrated

*Nafpaktos pop.:1400 - 3950 p.
Distance from Athens 45 hours - p.o. established in 1833*

The post office net: Prefecture of Achaia & Elis



ΠΑΡΑΣΣΙΑ typ.I pmk on EL posted from **Parassia** (dep.Oct.1,1845)(s/n 613) to **Kalamata**
m/s originating indication **Province of Olympia**
Local administration **official free mail**
Parassia pop.. 6300 p. - p.o. established in 1829

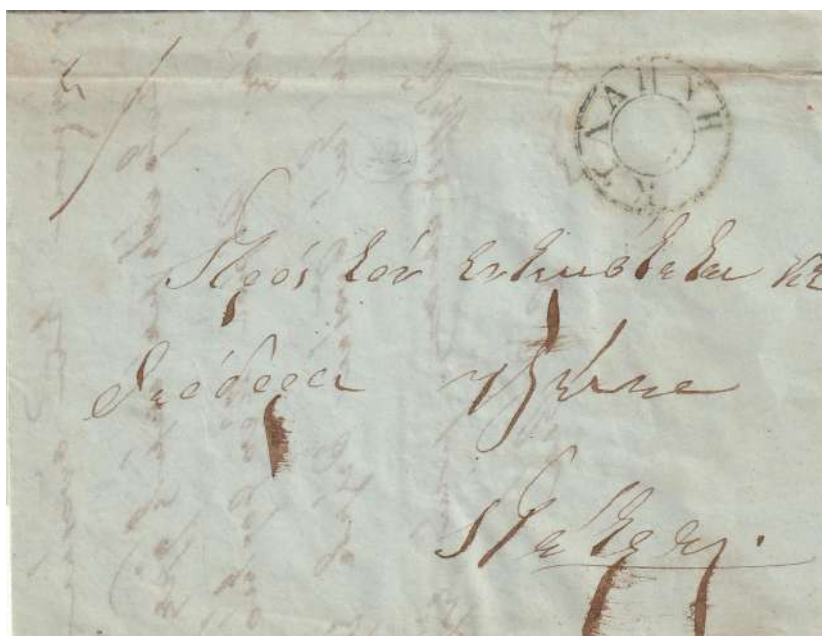


ΑΝΔΡΙΤΣΑΙΝΑ typ.I pmk
on EL posted from
Andritsena (dep.Feb.24,1852)
via **Athens** (tr.Feb.27,1852)
to **Trieste** (ar.Feb.22,1852)
Boxed cachet **ΔΠ** (Paid)
(verso) in red
12 Kreuzer prepaid
Austrian Lloyd rate
for 1st weight letter
Taxed 2 Kreuzer
for local distribution

Andritsena p.o. established in 1828

ΚΥΛΛΗΝΗ typ.I pmk
on EL posted from
Kyllini (dep.Oct.2,1845) (s/n 5)
to **Patras** (ar.Oct.3,1845)
(verso) **20 Lepta** prepaid
for 1st weight letter
& for distance from
10 to 20 hours long

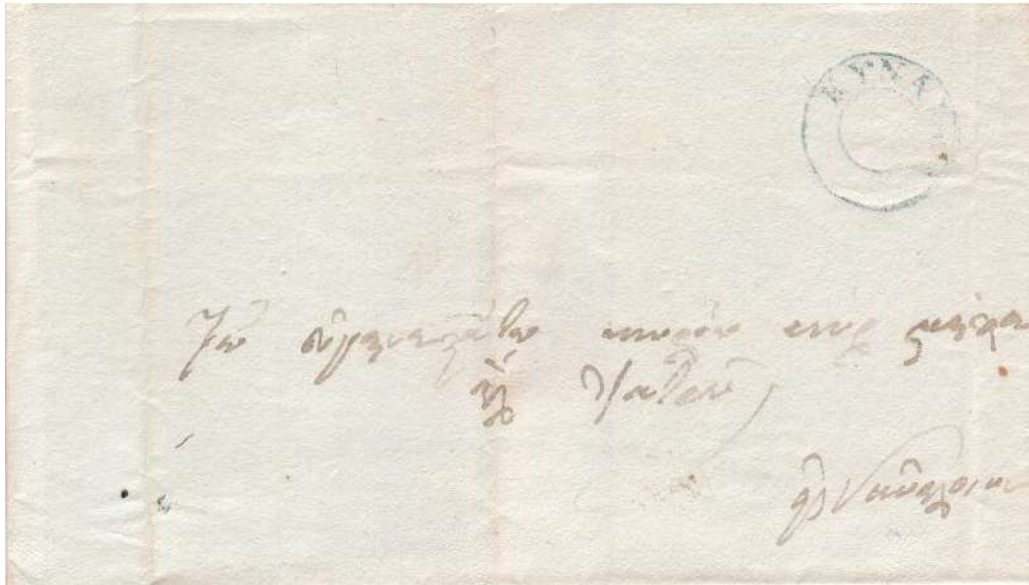
*Kyllini seaport pop.: 70 p.
p.o. established in 1835*



The post office net: Prefecture of Achaia & Elis - Kalavryta p.o.

Prefecture of Achaia & Elis – Province of Kalavryta – Kalavryta (Kynetha) - pop.: 1170 - 7100 p.

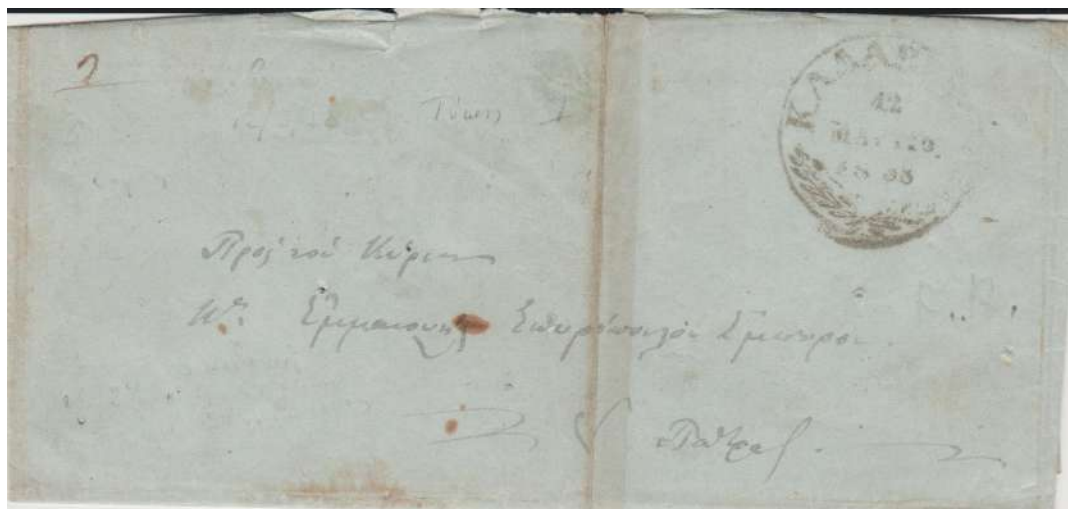
Distance from Athens 38 hours - Kynetha p.o. established in 1833



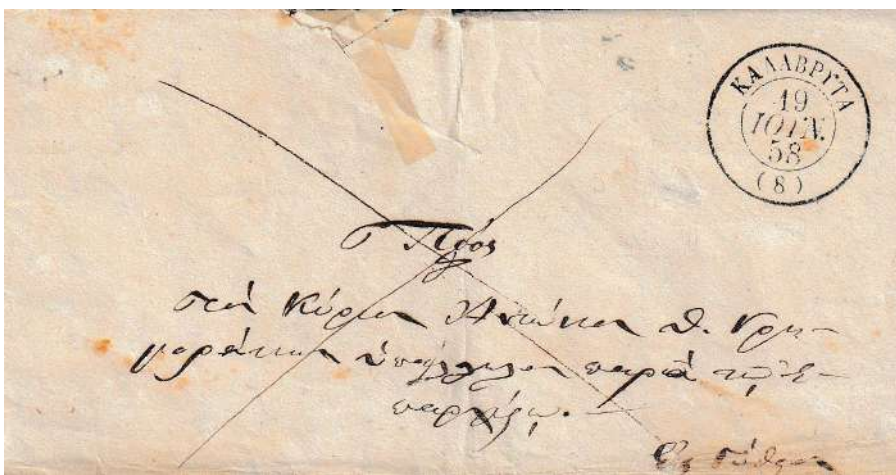
KYNAIΘA typ.I pmk on
to **Nafplion**
(verso)

EL posted from **Kynetha** (dep.Oct.30,1837)
(ar.Nov.4,1837)

20 Lepta prepaid for 1st weight letter & for distance from 10 to 20 hours long

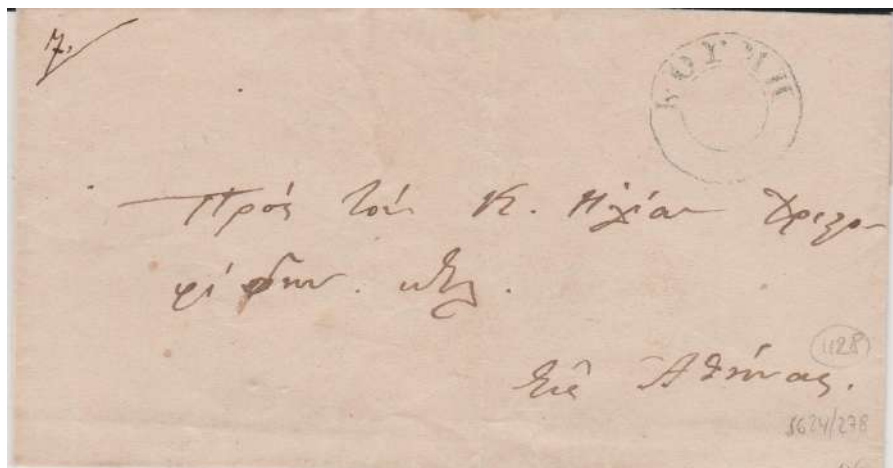


KΑΛΑΒΡΥΤΑ typ.II pmk on EL posted from **Kalavryta** (dep.Mar.12,1858)(s/n 9)
to **Patras** (ar.Mar.13,1858)
Unrated



KΑΛΑΒΡΥΤΑ (8) typ.III pmk
on EL posted from **Kalavryta**
(dep.Jun.10,1858)
to **Gythion** (ar.Jun.22,1858)
Two crossing diagonal lines (Paid)
Unrated

The post office net: Prefecture of Evia



KOYMI typ.I pmk on EL posted from **Koumi** (dep.Jul.24,1849) (s/n 7) to **Athens** (ar.Jul.27,1849) - Unrated

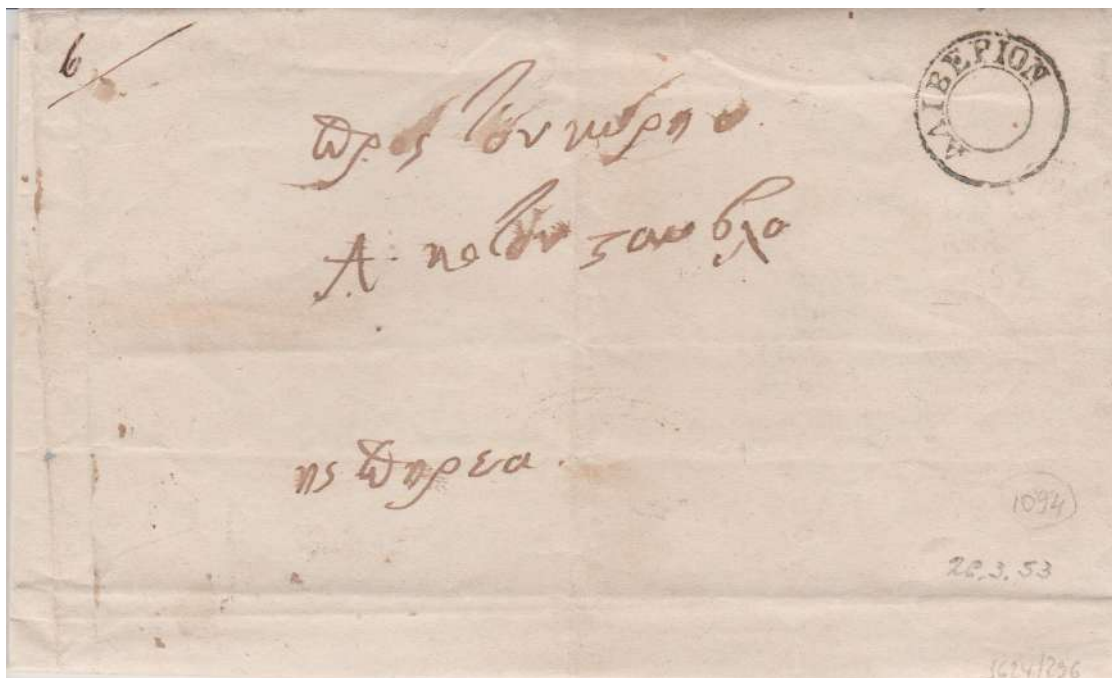


KYMH typ.II pmk on EL posted from **Kymi** (dep.Apr.9,1853) via **Athens** (tr.Apr.11,1853) to **Piraeus** - Unrated
Kymi (Koumi) pop.: 3600 - 5000 p. Distance from Karystos 16 hours p.o. established in 1835



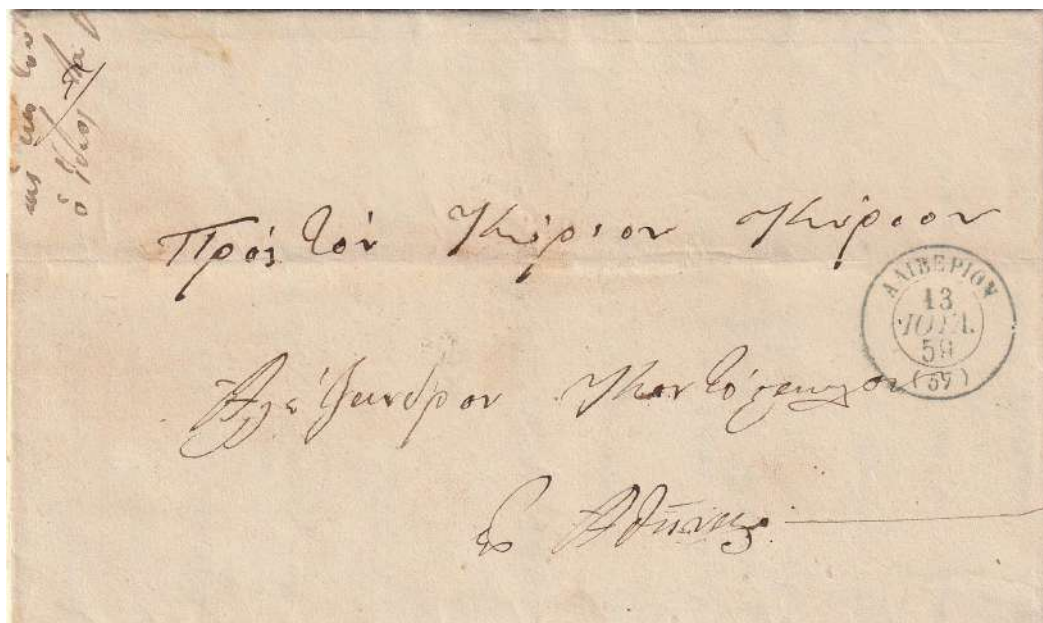
EHPOXΩPION typ.I pmk on EL from **Xirochorio** (dep.Nov.4,1856) (s/n 6) via **Athens** (tr.Nov.7,1856) to **Piraeus** (ar.Nov.7,1856)
(verso) **30 Lepta** prepaid for **1st weight** letter & for **distance from 30 to 40 hours long** pop.:2300 - 7450 p. Distance from Athens 36 hours p.o. established in 1837

The post office net: Prefecture of Evia



ΑΙΒΕΡΙΟΝ typ.I pmk on EL posted from **Aliverion** (dep.Mar.26,1853)
via **Athens** (tr.Mar.28,1853) to **Piraeus** (ar.Mar.28,1853)

(verso) **40 Lepta prepaid** triple rate for 3rd weight letter of **13g.** & for distance from 10 to 20 hours long



ΑΙΒΕΡΙΟΝ (57) typ.III pmk on EL posted from **Aliverion** (dep.Jul.13,1859) to **Athens** (ar.Jul.15,1859)

(verso) **20 Lepta prepaid** for 1st weight letter & for distance between 10 to 20 hours long

Aliverion p.o. established in 1838

ΣΚΟΠΕΛΟΣ typ.II pmk
on part of letter posted from
Skopelos isl. (dep.Oct.13,1860) to **Athens**

Skopelos isl. pop.4770 p.

p.o. established in 1835

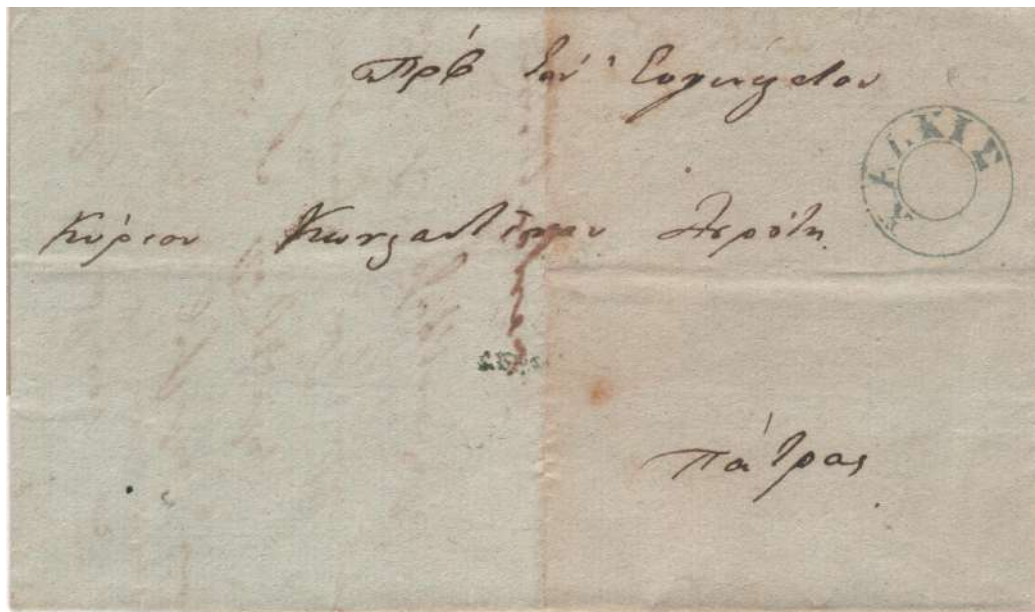
*Skopelos isl. administratively belonged
to the Prefecture of Evia at that time*



The post office net: Prefecture of Evia - Chalkis p.o.

Prefecture of Evia – Province of Chalkis – Chalkis - pop.: 6300 - 9000 p.

Distance from Athens 15 hours - Chalkis p.o. established in 1833



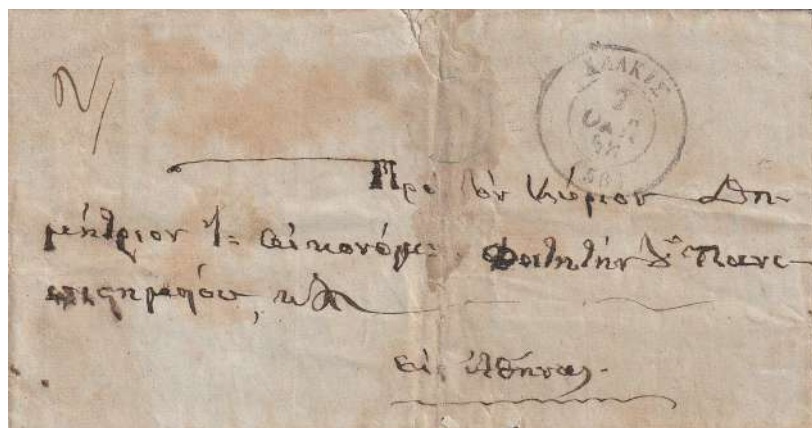
XAAKIS typ.I pmk on EL posted from **Chalkis** (dep.Sep.11,1836) to **Patras** (ar.Sept.14, 1836)
Unrated
Button type pmk used from 1836 to 1838



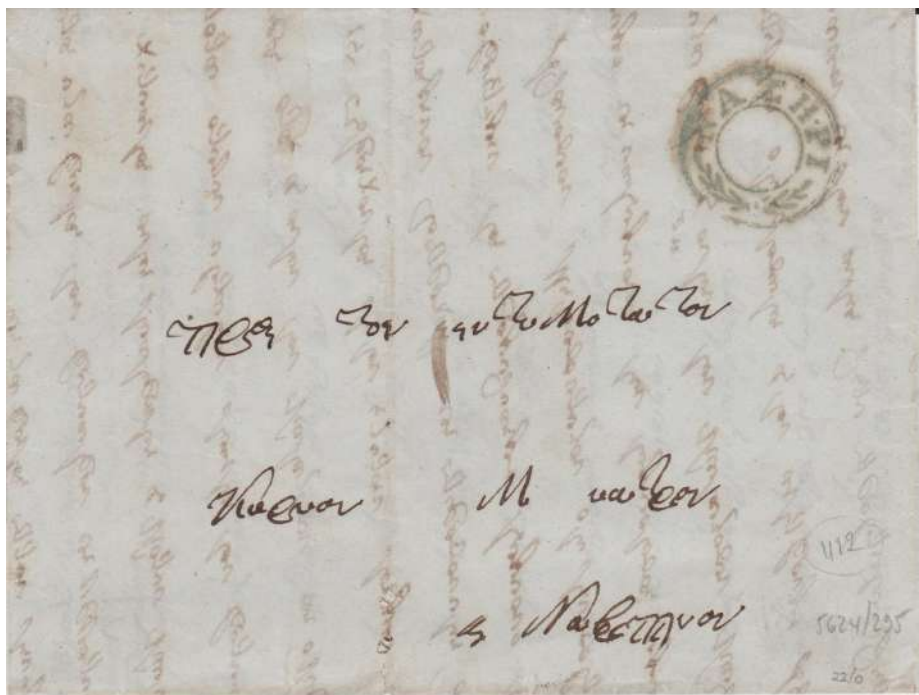
XAAKIS typ.II pmk
on EL posted from
Chalkis (dep.Jul.12,1838)(s/n 7)
to **Athens** (ar.Jul.13,1838)
(verso) **30 Lepta prepaid**
for **1st weight letter**
& for **distance between**
20 to 40 hours long

*This is the oldest known date of use
for laurel type pmk of Chalkis p.o.
Laurel type pmk used
from 1838 to 1857*

XAAKIS (56) typ.III pmk
on EL posted from
Chalkis (dep.Oct.7,1858) (s/n 2)
to **Athens** (ar.Oct.8,1858)
Unrated



The post office net: Prefecture of Messinia & Laconia



ΝΑΖΗΡΗ typ.Ia pmk
on EL posted from
Naziri
(dep.Apr,1856)
to **Nafplion**
(ar.Apr.23,1856)
Unrated

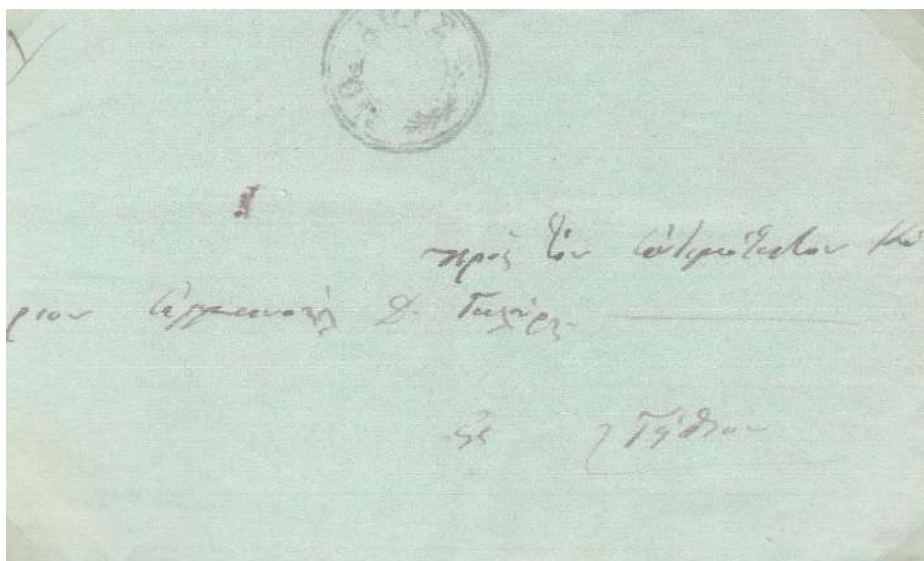
Naziri (Eva)
pop.:500 - 3850 p.
p.o. established in 1829

ΜΟΛΑΕΩΣ typ.Ia pmk
on EL posted from
Molaoe (dep.May.11,1846)
to **Gythion**

(verso) **10 Lepta** prepaid
for **1st weight** letter & for
distance up to 10 hours long

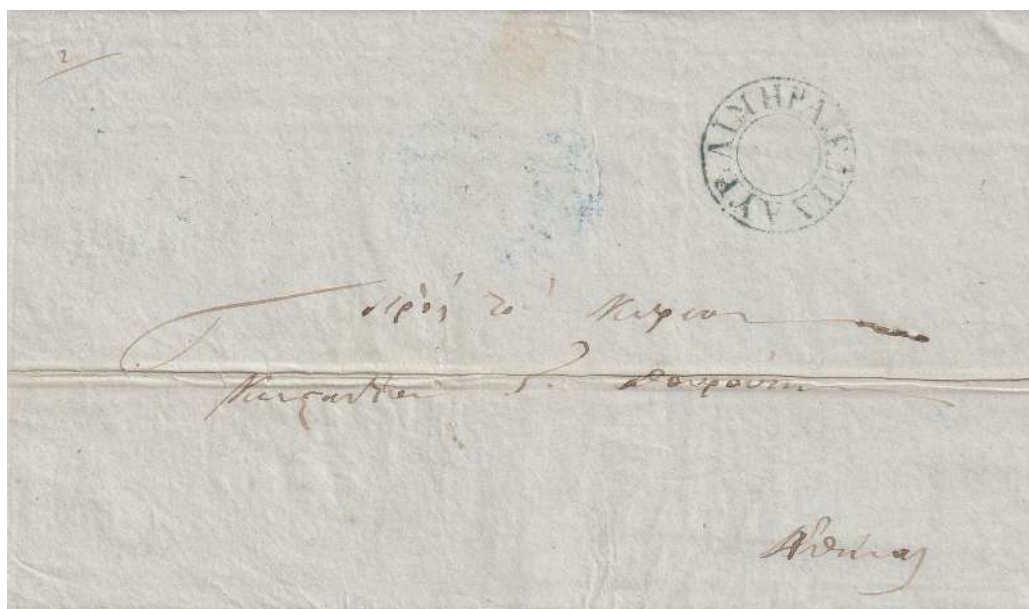
Button with **Laurel type pmk**
used from 1843 to 1857

Molaoe pop.: 790 - 4000 p.
Distance from Athens: 58 hours
p.o. established in 1843



ΕΠΙΔΑΥΡ. ΛΙΜΗΡΑ
typ.I pmk
on EL posted from
Epidavros Limira
(Monemvasia)
(dep.Mar.4,1850)
to **Athens**
(ar.Mar.8,1850)
Unrate

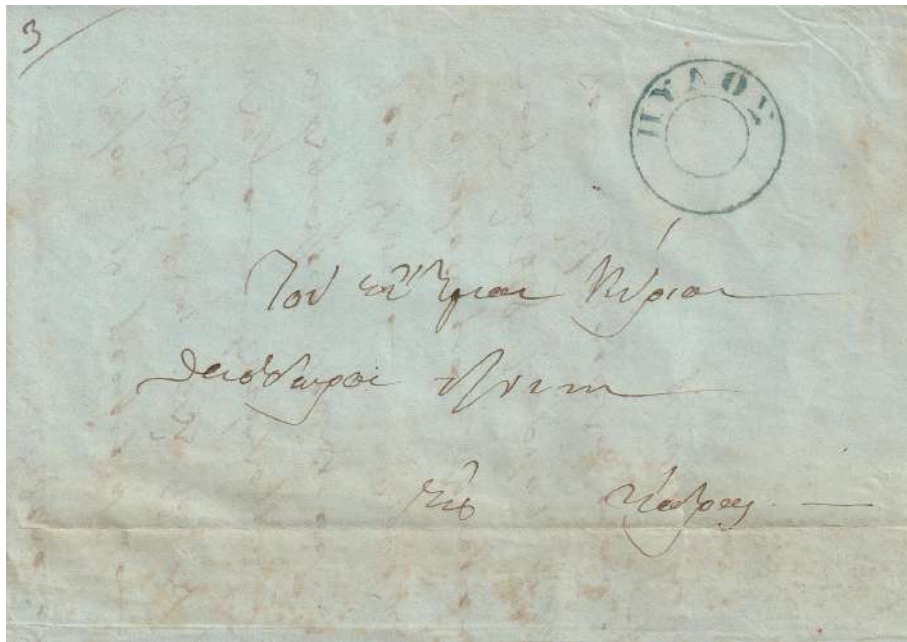
Epidavros Limira
(Monemvasia)
pop.: 3220
Distance from
Athens 54 hours
p.o. established in 1833



The post office net: Prefecture of Messinia - Pylos p.o.

Prefecture of Messinia – Province of Pylia – Pylos (Neokastro) - *pop.:1470 - 3830 p.*

Distance from Athens 55 hours - Pylos p.o. established in 1833



ΠΥΛΟΣ typ.I pmk
on EL posted from **Pylos**
(dep.Nov.14,1851) (s/n 3)
to **Patras** (ar.Nov.19,1851)
(verso) **20 Lepta prepaid**
for **1st weight** letter
& for **distance between**
10 to 20 hours long

*Button type pmk used
from 1836 to 1852*

ΠΥΛΟΣ typ.II pmk
on EL posted from
Pylos (dep.Apr.24,1857) (s/n 4)
via **Athens** (tr.Apr.27,1857)
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Apr.28,1857)
(verso) **75 Lepta prepaid**
double rate (inland & searate)
for **2nd weight** letter of **8 g.**
& for **distance between**
20 to 40 hours long
transported by Austrian ship

*Laurel type pmk used
from 1852 to 1857*

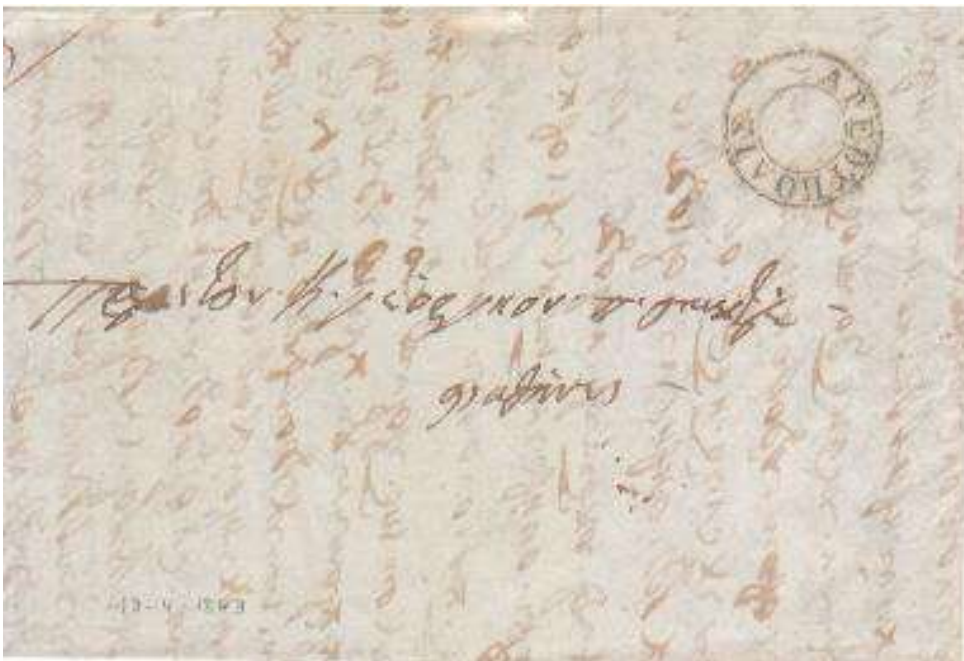
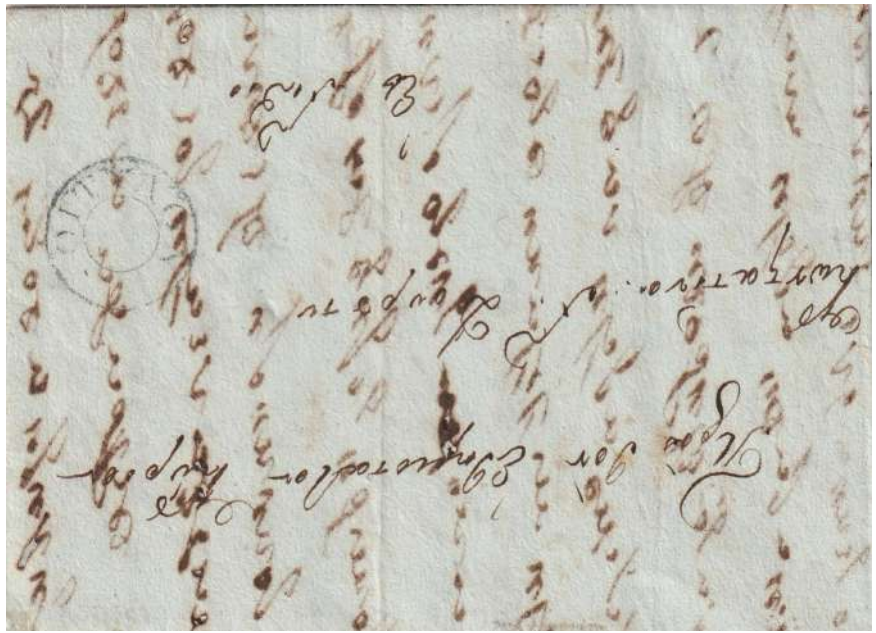


ΠΥΛΟΣ (26) typ.III pmk
on EL posted from
Pylos (dep.Nov.1,1857)
to **Gythion**
Unrated



The post office net: Prefecture of Laconia - Areopolis - Oetylon - Limeni p.o.'s
Prefecture of Laconia – Province of Oetylo – Oetylon (Tsimova) - pop.: 1080 - 6675 p.
Distance from Athens 56 hours - Oetylon p.o. established in 1833

OITYAON typ.I pmk
on EL posted from
Tsimova (dep.Oct,27,1836)
to **Gythion**
(verso) **5 Lepta prepaid**
single rate
for **one page letter**

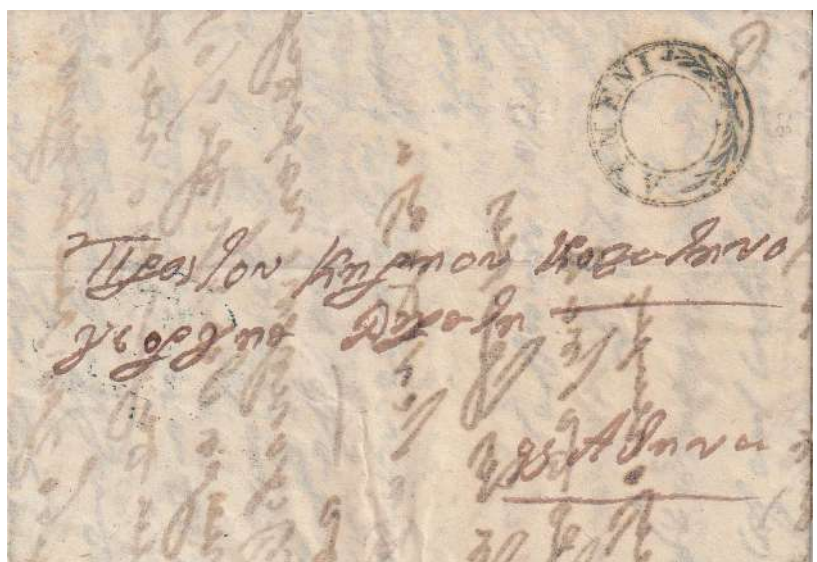


ΑΡΕΟΠΟΛΙΣ typ.I pmk
on EL posted from
Areopolis
(dep.Apr.13,1843) (s/n 3)
to **Athens**
(ar.Apr.17,1843)
Unrated

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

ΛΙΜΕΝΙ typ.Ia pmk
on EL posted from **Limeni**
(dep.Feb.28,1846)
to **Athens** (ar.Mar.6,1846)
(verso) **30 Lepta prepaid**
for **1st weight letter** & for
distance between
20 to 40 hours long

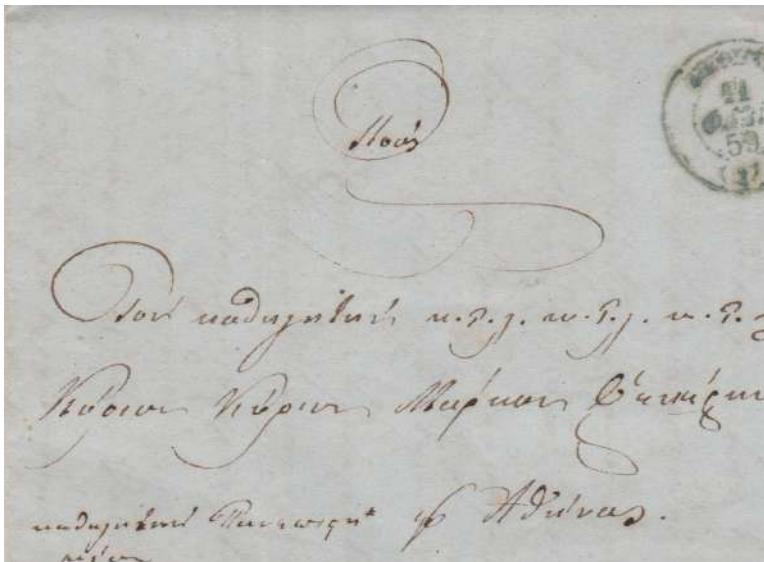
*Limeni seaport p.o.
established in April 1843
pop.: 70 p.*



The post office net: Typ.III pmk
Post offices that seem to use only the typ.III pmk

ΛΕΧΑΙΝΑ (10) typ. III
on EL from **Lechena**
(dep.Nov.10,1859) (s/n 11)
to **Patras** (ar.Nov.1,1859)
Unrated

Lechena pop. 5460
p.o. established in 1843

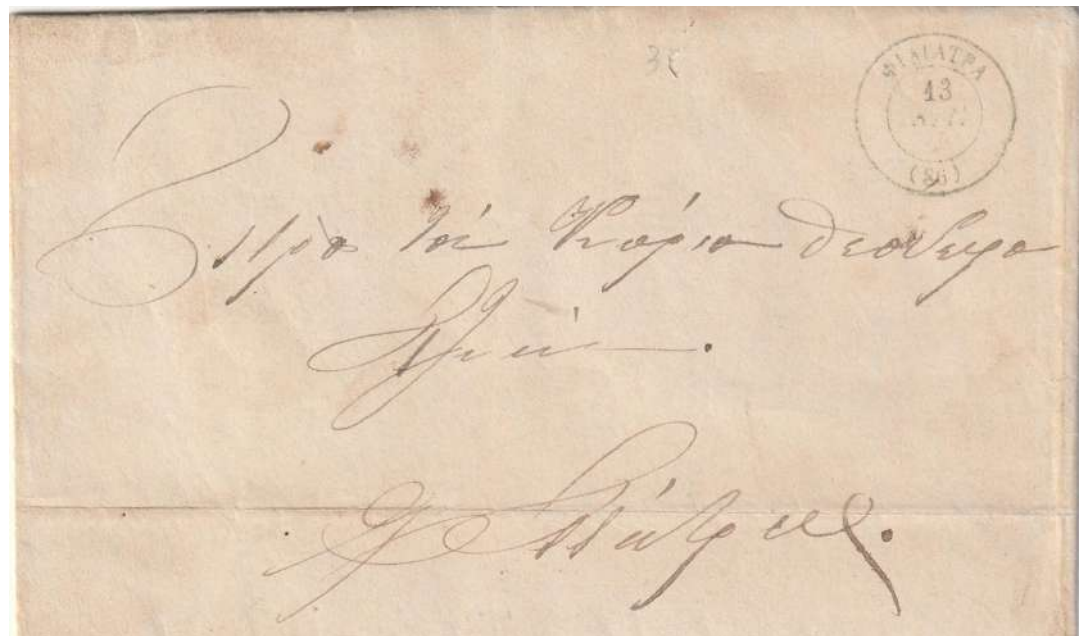


ΜΕΘΩΝΗ (27) typ. III
on EL posted from
Methoni (dep.Feb.11,1859)
to **Athens** (ar.Feb.14,1859)
Unrated

Methoni pop.2360
p.o. established in 1836

ΦΙΛΙΑΤΡΑ (86) typ.
III on EL posted
from
Filiatra
(dep.Aug.13,1859)
to **Patras**
(ar.Aug.17,1859)
(verso) **30 Lepta prepaid**
for 1st weight
letter & for
distance between
20 to 40 hours long

Filiatra pop. 3660.
p.o. established in 1857



Municipal post - Rural routes

In 1843 Municipal (Rural) postal service inaugurated & operated over 200 rural routes, covering the entire country



EL posted from **Stylis** (Nov.5,1850)
via **Lamia** (tr.Nov.6,1850) & **Athens** (tr.Nov.8,1850)
to **Piraeus** (ar.Nov.8,1850)
Boxed cachet **Δ.T. 30**
Municipality of **Falara** rural Route 30
Stylis village to Lamia p.o.
Unrated



EL posted from **Lechena** (Nov.27,1851)
via **Kyllini** to **Patras** (ar.Nov.28,1851)
Boxed cachet **Δ.T. 111**
Municipality of **Myrtountio** rural Route 111
Lechena village to Kyllini p.o.
Unrated

Municipal post - Rural routes



EL posted from **Filiatra** (Sep.3,1856)
via **Kyparissia** (tr.Sep.7,1856) to **Patras** (ar.Sep.10,1856)
Boxed cachet **Δ.Τ. 150**
Municipality of **Erani** rural Route 150
Filiatra village to Kyparissia p.o.
Unrated



EL posted from **Kalamata** (Jan.26,1847)
via **Athens** (tr.Jan.29,1847) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Feb.5,1847)
Boxed cachet **Δ.Τ. 161**
Municipality of **Thouria** rural Route 161
Kamari village to Kalamata p.o.
Unrated

Special Services - Registered mail

Registered mail was accepted from Aug.26,1833 onwards

Postal rate was set to double the regular postal rate for both domestic & international mail



EL posted from **Patras** (dep.May.5,1838) to **Nafplion** (ar.May.7,1838)

Linear cachet **ΕΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΟΝ ΑΡ. 136** (REGISTERED No.)

(verso) **30+30= 60 Lepta prepaid double rate**

for **registered 1st weight** letter & for **distance from 20 to 40 hours long**



EL posted from

Patras

(dep.Jul.16,1842)

to **Egion**

Linear cachet in red

ΕΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΟΝ 634

(Registered)

(verso) **20+20=**

40 Lepta prepaid

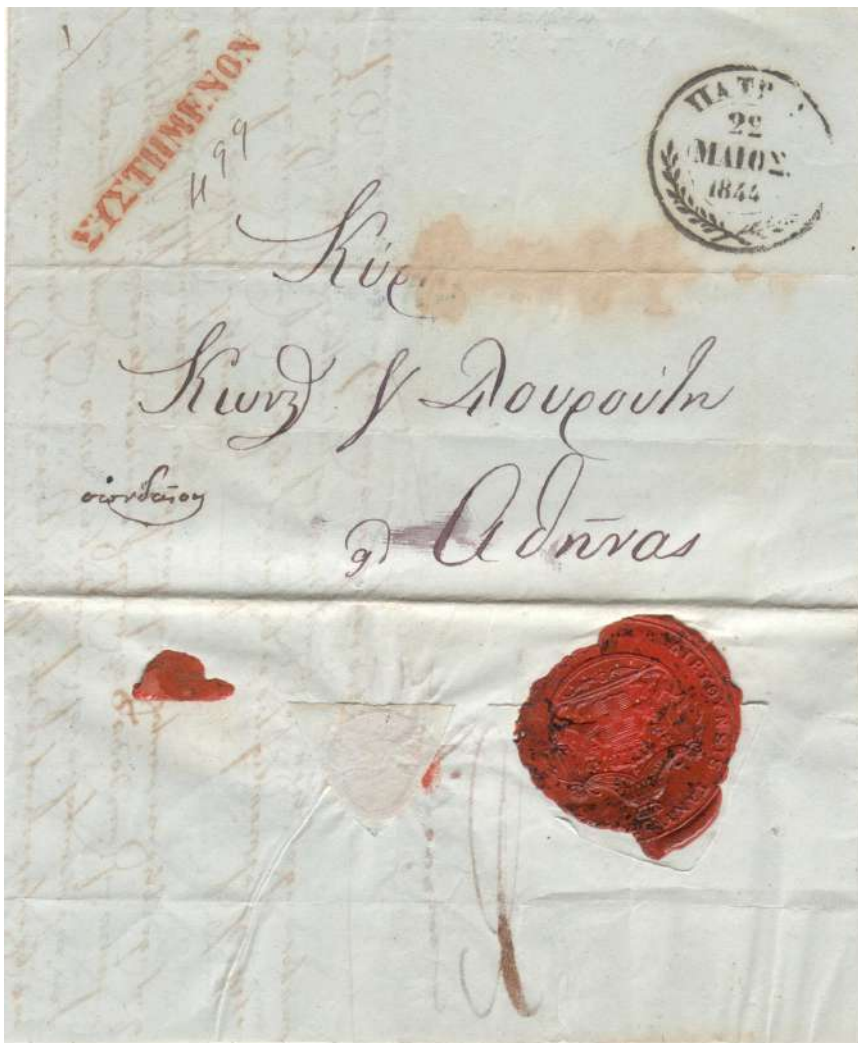
double the triple rate

for **registered 3rd weight**

letter & for **distance**

up to 10 hours long

Special Services - Registered mail



EL posted from
Patras (dep. May. 22, 1844)
to **Athens** (ar. May. 25, 1844)

Linear cachet in red
ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΟΝ 499

(REGISTERED)

(verso) **30+30=**

60 Lepta prepaid double rate
for registered 1st weight letter & for
distance from 20 to 40 hours long

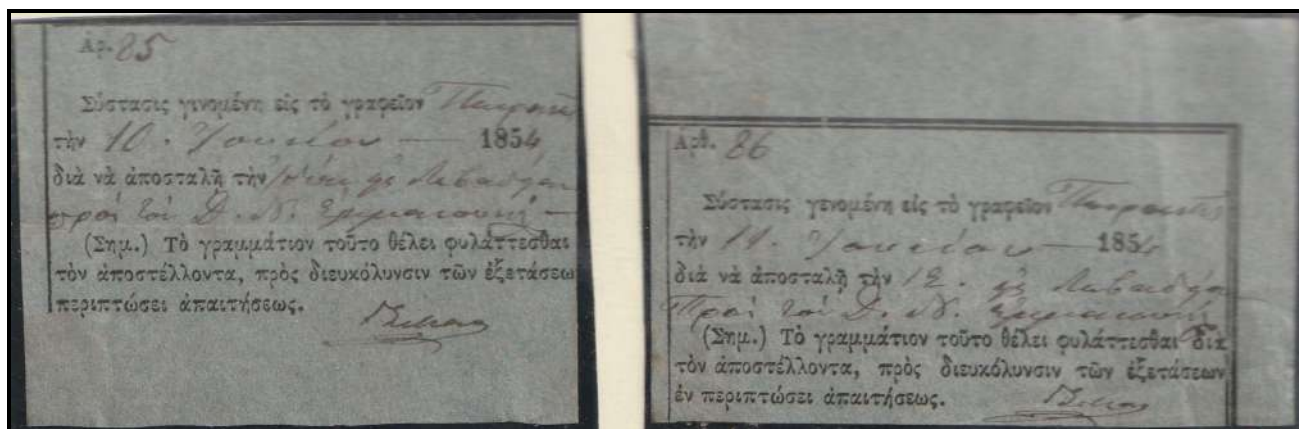
wax sealed by

ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΙΣ

TAXYAPOMEIΩΝ

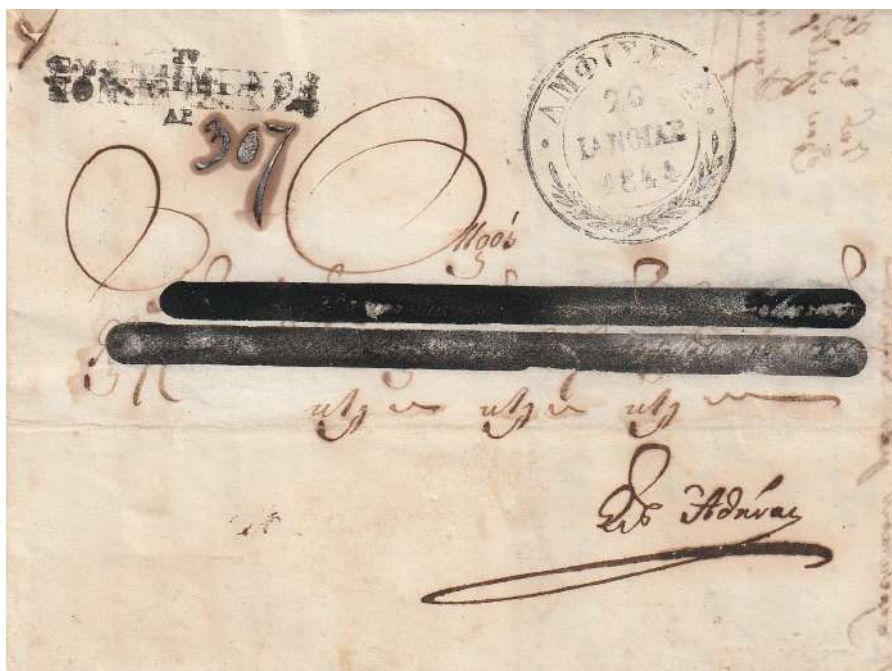
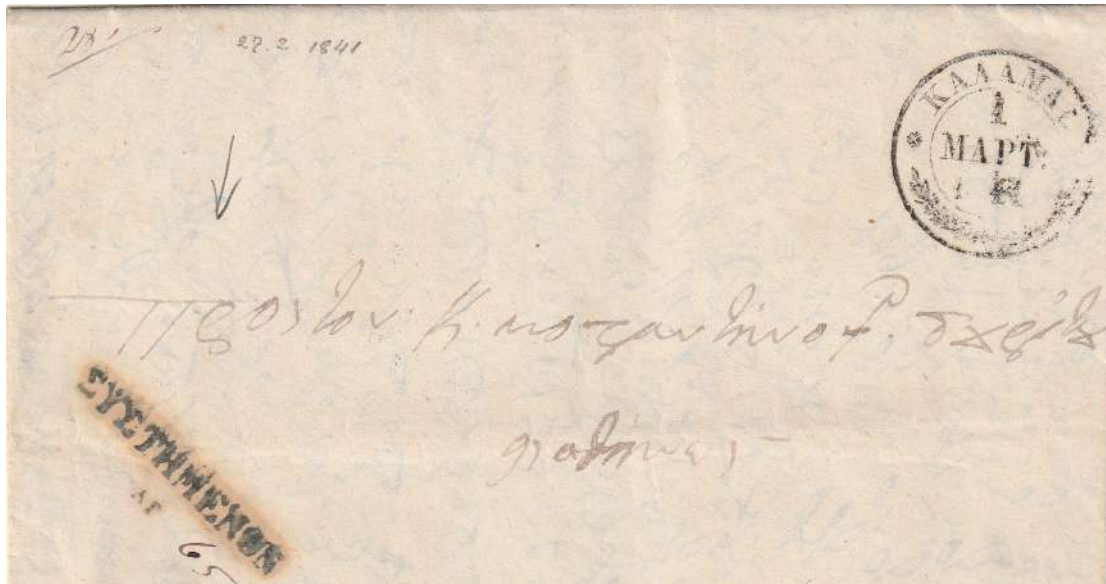
(Direction of Postal Service)

Registered mail receipts



Postal receipts # **85** & # **86** both for letters posted from **Piraeus** p.o. to **Levadia** p.o.
on the 10th & 11th of June 1854

EL posted from
Kalamata
 (dep. Mar. 1, 1841)
 to **Athens**
 (ar. Mar. 5, 1841)
 Linear cachet
ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΟΝ
ΑΡ. 65 (REGISTERED No.)
 (verso) **60+60=**
120 Lepta prepaid
 double rate for
 registered 3rd weight
 letter & for distance
 from 20 to 40 hours
 long



EL posted from
Amfissa (dep. Jan. 20, 1844)
 to **Athens** (ar. Jan. 22, 1844)
 Linear cachet
ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΟΝ ΑΡ. 307
 (REGISTERED No.)
 (verso) **60** Lepta prepaid
 double rate for registered
 1st weight letter & for distance
 from 20 to 40 hours long



EL posted from **Atalanti** (Apr. Jan. 13, 1844) to **Athens** (ar. Apr. 15, 1844)
 Linear cachet **ΣΥΣΤΗΜΕΝΟΝ ΑΡ. 265** (REGISTERED No.)
 (verso) **40** Lepta prepaid double rate
 for registered 1st weight letter & for distance from 10 to 20 hours long

Special services - Certified mail



EL posted from **Athens** (dep.Mar.10,1849) (s/n 337) via **Piraeus** (tr.Mar.11,1849) to **Poros isl.**
Bilinear cachet **ΕΠΙ ΑΠΟΔΕΙΞΕΙ** (CERTIFIED)
m/s originating indication **National Bank**



EL posted from **Athens** (Apr.27,1850) (s/n 450) to **Egio**
Bilinear cachet **ΕΠΙ ΑΠΟΔΕΙΞΕΙ** (CERTIFIED)
m/s originating indication **National Bank**



*National Bank of Greece, established in 1841, agreed to pay flat postal rates for domestic mail
Valid from 1841 to Oct.1,1861*

Mail from the Ottoman Empire - The Greek post office of Constantinople

The Greek p.o. of **Constantinople** established as an exchange consular p.o. in 1834 & operated as a regular p.o. from Jul.1850. Postal rates were set at 60 Lepta for 1st weight letter by Austrian Lloyd steamer. (Valid from Jul.1850 to Jul.11,1852 - Optional prepayment)



ΚΩΝΣΤΑΝΤΙΝΟΥΠΟΛΙΣ *ΤΟΥΡΚΙΑ* typ.II pmk in blue on EL posted from the Greek p.o. of **Constantinople** (dep.Jul.29,1850) via **Piraeus** (tr.Aug.3,1850) & **Athens** (tr.aug.3,1850) to **Patras** (ar.Aug.5,1850) (verso) In red **60 Lepta prepaid** (to Piraeus entry p.o.) for **1st weight** letter transported by Austrian Lloyd steamer Disinfected at Piraeus Port Sanitary Station - One vertical slit **Taxed in red 30 Lepta inland rate** (Piraeus to Patras) for **1st weight** letter & for **distance from 20 to 40 hours long**



EL posted from the Greek p.o. of **Constantinople** (dep.Oct.25,1852) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Oct.28.1852) In blue-green oval cachet **ΑΠΗ** (Paid) (verso) **60 Lepta prepaid** for **1st weight** letter transported by Austrian Lloyd steamer Disinfected at Sira Sanitary Station - Two horizontal slits

Mail from the Ottoman Empire - The Greek post office of Constantinople

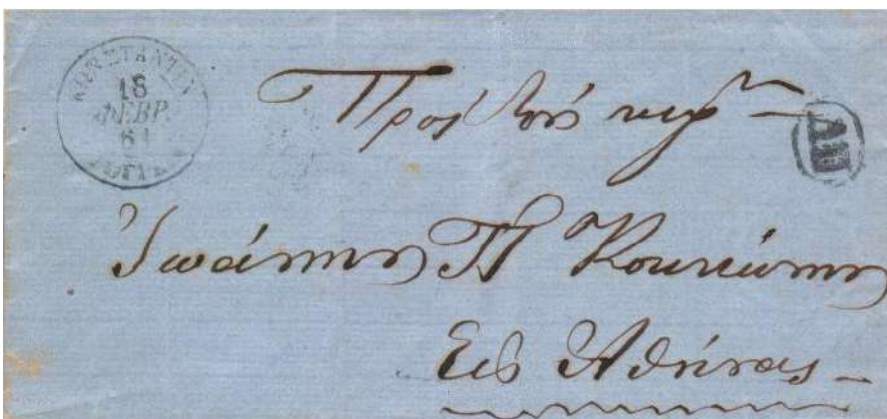
From Jul.11,1852 Austrian Lloyd postal rate reduced to 30 Lepta

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



EL posted from the Greek p.o. of **Constantinople** (dep.Nov.28,1855) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Dec.2,1855)
Oval cachet **ΔΠ** (Paid) (verso)
40 Lepta prepaid for **1st weight** letter transported by Austrian Lloyd steamer
This is the first date of the reopening of the Constantinople p.o. after the Crimean war

EL posted **unpaid** from the Greek p.o. of **Constantinople** (dep.Oct.31,1856) via **Sira isl.** (tr.Nov.5,1856) & **Athens** (tr.Nov.6,1856) to **Patras** (ar.Nov.7,1856)
Taxed in red 90 Lepta double rate for (Inland & searate)
2nd weight letter transported by Austrian Lloyd steamer & for inland **distance** from 20 to 40 hours long



ΚΩΝΣΤΑΝΤΙΝ (ΤΟΥΡΚΙΑ) typ. III pmk on EL posted from the Greek p.o. of **Constantinople** (dep.Feb.16,1861) via **Piraeus** (tr.Feb.20,1861) to **Athens** (ar.Feb.20,1861)
Oval cachet **ΔΠ** (Paid)
Unrated

Mail from the Ottoman Empire - The Greek post office of Smyrne by Greek steamers

The Greek p.o. of **Smyrna** established in 1834 as a distribution p.o.

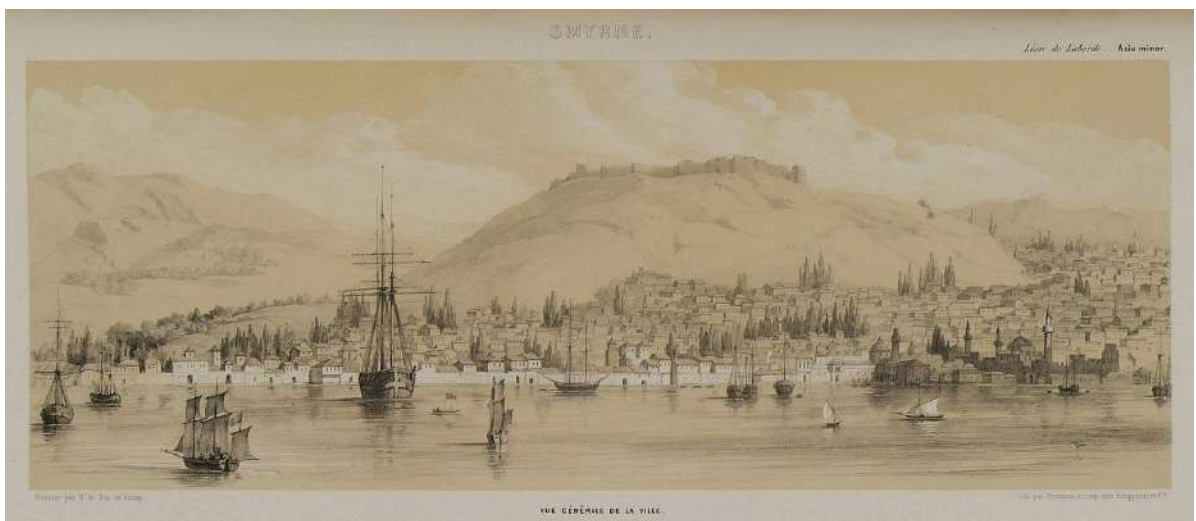
From Nov.1,1835 was served by the Greek steamer **ANATOLI**

on the line **Piraeus - Sira isl. - Smyrne**

Postal rate was set at 90 Lepta from Piraeus & 60 Lepta from Sira isl. for 1st weight letter
(Valid from Nov.1.,1835 to May.20,1838 - Compulsory prepayment)



EL posted from **Athens** (dep.Dec.15,1836) to **Smyrne**
Diagonal line & oval cachet **ΠΑΡΩΜΕΝΟΝ** (Paid)
(verso) **90 Lepta prepaid special searate**
for **1st weigh letter**



Smyrne 1838

Mail from the Ottoman Empire - The Greek post office of Smyrne by Greek steamers

On May.20,1837, **Hellenic Steam Co.** inaugurated a regular line **Piraeus - Smyrne**

Postal rate was set at 50 Lepta for simple letter

(Valid from May.20,1837 to May.20,1838 - Compulsory prepayment)



EL from **Athens** (dep. Apr. 12, 1838) via **Piraeus** to **Smyrne**

Oval cachet **ΠΑΡΩΜΕΝΟΝ** (Paid)

Diagonal line (paid)

(verso) In red **60 Lepta prepaid special searate**
for **1st weigh letter**

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



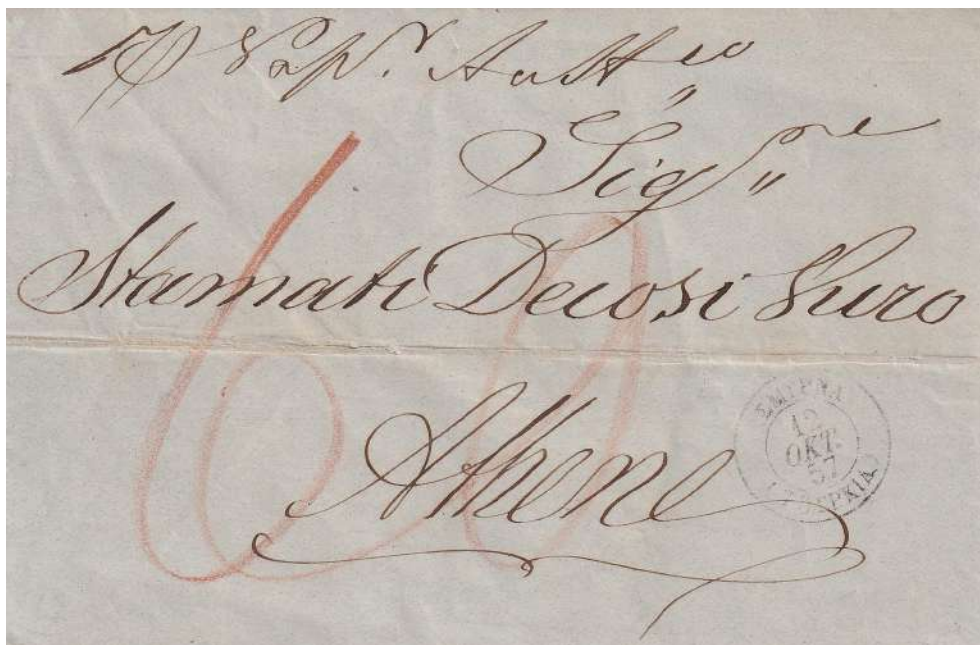
Sir Edmund Lyons

Mail from the Ottoman Empire - The Greek post office of Smyrn

The Greek p.o. of **Smyrne** established in late 1857

Postal rates were set at 30 Lepta for simple letter by Austrian Lloyd steamer

(Valid from Aug.1857 to Sep.30,1861 - Optional prepayment)



ΣΜΥΡΝΑ (ΤΟΥΡΚΙΑ) typ.III pmk

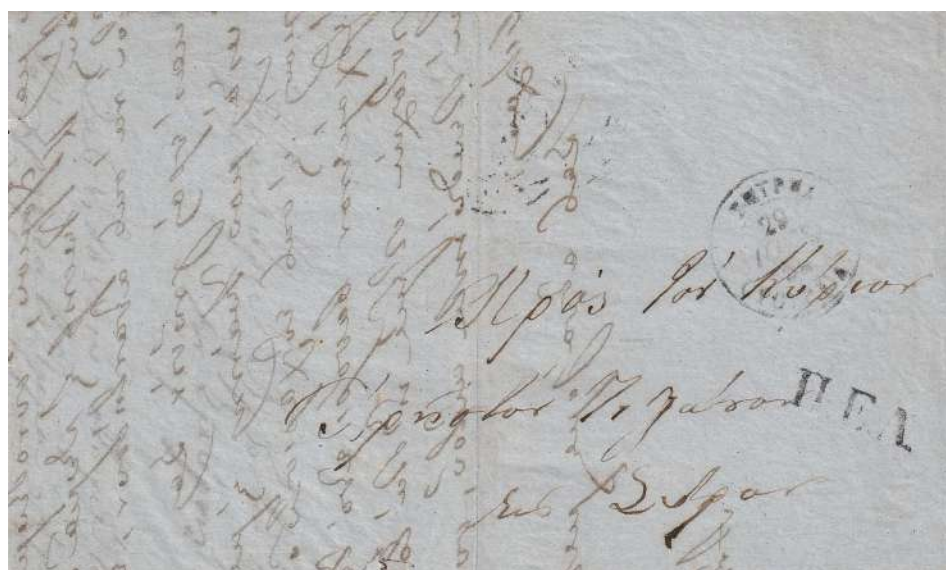
on EL posted **unpaid** from the Greek p.o. of **Smyrne** (dep.Oct.12,1857)

via **Piraeus** (tr.Oct.14,1857) to **Athens** (ar.Oct.14,1857)

Endorsed *Col Vapor Austriaco*

Taxed in red 60 Lepta double rate

for **2nd weight** letter transported by Austrian Lloyd steamer



EL posted from the Greek p.o. of **Smyrne** (dep.Jul.29,1859)

to **Sira isl.** (ar.Jul.30,1859)

Linear cachet **Π.Ε.Α.** (Paid to Greek port)

Unrated

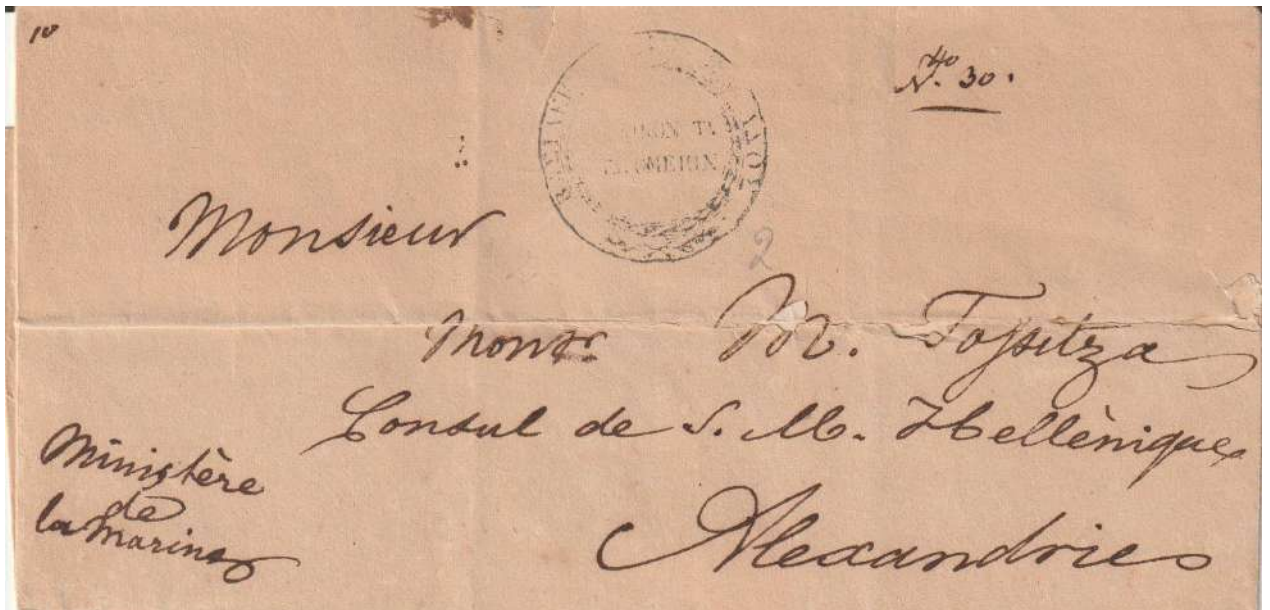
Mail from the Ottoman Empire - The Greek post office of Alexandria

The Greek p.o. of **Alexandria** established in 1834 as a distribution p.o.

on the Feraldi's line **Nafplion - Canea - Alexandria**

Postal rate was set at 45 Lepta for simple letter

(Valid from Sep.23,1833 to 1837 - Compulsory prepayment)



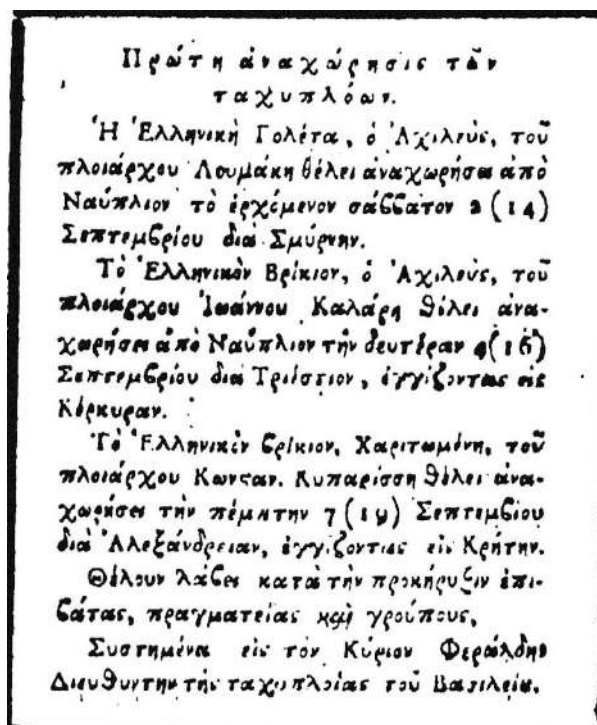
EL posted from **Athens** (dep. Jan. 3, 1835) (s/n 301) to **Alexandria** (Egypt)

m/s originating mark *Ministere de la marines*

(verso) **63 Lepta prepaid double special searate**
for **2nd weight letter**

Transported by Feraldis brick-paquebot "Charitomeni"
of captain Con. Kyparissi

This is the only known letter transported by Feraldi's sail ship
from Nafplion to Alexandria (Egypt)



Mail from the Ottoman Empire - The Greek post office of Alexandria (Egypt)

The Greek p.o. of **Alexandria** established in late 1857

Postal rates were set at 30 Lepta for simple letter by Austrian Lloyd steamer

(Valid from Oct.1857 to Sep.30,1861 - Optional prepayment)



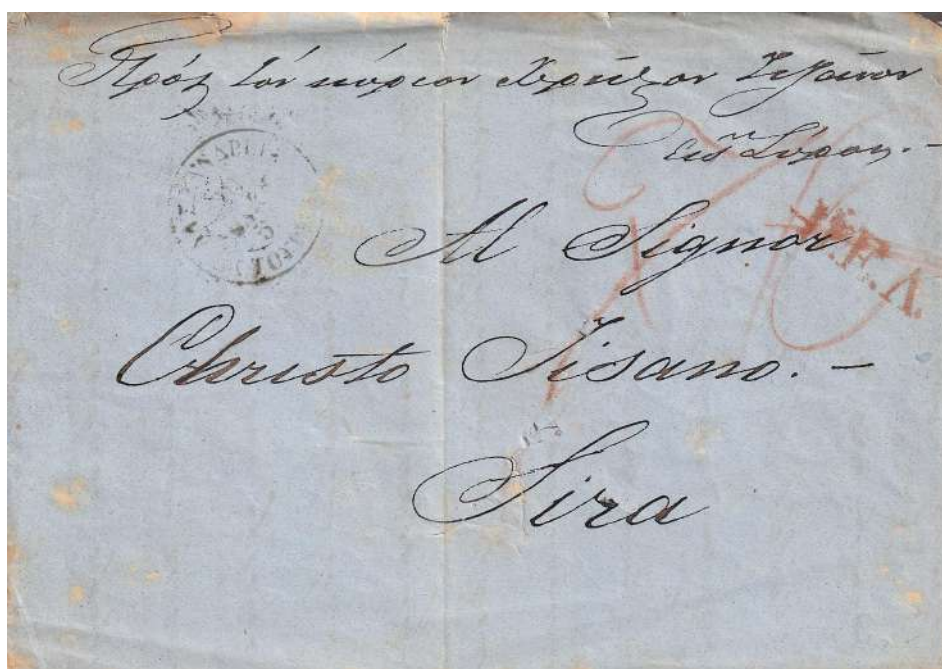
ΑΛΞΞΑΝΔΡΕΙΑ (ΤΟΥΡΚΙΑ) typ.III pmk

on EL posted from Greek p.o. of **Alexandria** (dep.Aug.11,1859)
to **Athens** (ar.Aug.17,1859)

Endorsed **Col vapeur Austriaco / Post-payé**

In red linear cachet **Π.Ε.Α.** (Paid to Greek port)

(verso) In red **100 Lepta prepaid double rate**
for **2nd weight** letter



EL posted **unpaid** from the Greek p.o. of **Alexandria** (dep.May.24,1858)
to **Sira isl.** (ar.May.15,1858)

Linear cachet in red **Π.Ε.Α** deleted

Taxed in red 70 Lepta for **1st weight** letter

Mail from the Ottoman Empire - The Greek post office of Thessaloniki - Overland line

The Greek p.o. of **Thessaloniki** established in Dec.1,1835 as a distribution p.o.
 & from 1840 operated as regular p.o. on the overland line **Lamia - Larissa - Thessaloniki**
 Postal rate was set at 40 Lepta (Overland rate to Greek borders) for simple letter
 Closed down from Jul.1,1845 to early 1847 for economic reasons
 Closed down from May.2,1854 to the May.27,1856 due to Crimean war
 (Valid from early 1940 to early 1850 - Optional prepayment)



ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ typ.I pmk

on EL posted **unpaid** from **Thessaloniki** (Jan.18,1841)
 via **Lamia** (tr.Jan.21,1841), **Athens** (tr.Jan.25,1841)
 & **Piraeus** (tr.Jan.25,1841) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Jan.26,1841)
 Boxed entry cachet **ΕΛΛΑΣ ΔΙΑ ΛΑΜΙΑΣ** (Greece via Lamia)
Taxed 40+40= 80 Lepta
 (overland + inland + searate) for **1st weight** letter



ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ typ.II pmk

on EL posted unpaid from the Greek p.o. of **Thessaloniki** (dep.Jul.3,1848)
 via **Lamia** (tr.Jul.7,1848) & **Athens** (tr.Jul.9,1848) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Jul.12,1848)
 Endorsed **δια της ξηρας Ταχυδρομειου** (by overland post)
 Boxed entry cachet **ΕΛΛΑΣ ΔΙΑ ΛΑΜΙΑΣ** (Greece via Lamia)
Taxed 80+40=120 Lepta double rate (Overland + Inland) for **2nd weight** letter
 Disinfected at Taratsa Sanitary Station - (Two vertical slits)

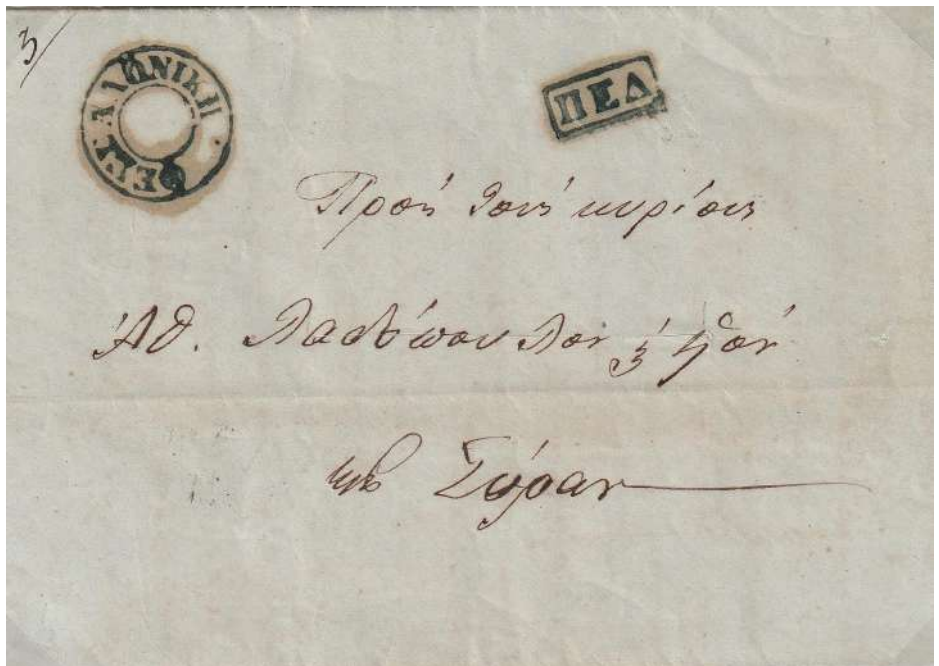
Mail from the Ottoman Empire - The Greek post office of Thessaloniki - Maritime line

From Jun.1843 onwards mail also transported by French & Austrian paquebots

Maritime postal rate set to 60 Lepta for simple letter

(Valid from Jun.1940 to Sep.30,1861 - Optional prepayment)

EL posted from
the Greek p.o. of
Thessaloniki (Feb.20,1847)
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Mar.1,1847)
Boxed cachet ΠΕΔ
(Paid to Destination)
(verso) **70 Lepta prepaid**
for **1st weight** letter
by Austrian Lloyd steamer
Disinfected at
Sira Sanitary Station
(One horizontal slits)



EL from the Greek p.o. of
Thessaloniki (dep.May.28,1847)
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Jun.6,1847)
Boxed cachet ΠΕΔ
(Paid to Destination)
(verso) **70 Lepta prepaid**
for **1st weight** letter
by Austrian Lloyd steamer
Disinfected at
Sira Sanitary Station
(One horizontal slits)

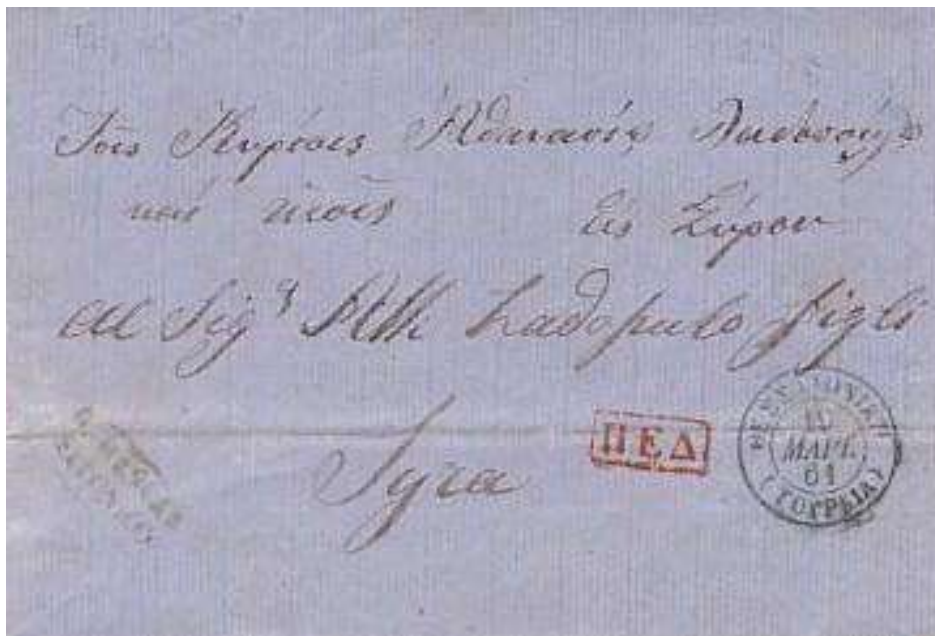
ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ typ.II pmk
in red on EL posted from
the Greek p.o. of
Thessaloniki (Mar.17,1848)
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Mar.22,1848)
Boxed cachet in red ΠΕΔ
(Paid to Destination)
(verso) **70 Lepta prepaid**
for **1st weight** letter
by Austrian Lloyd steamer
Disinfected at
Sira Sanitary Station
(One horizontal slits)



Mail from the Ottoman Empire - The Greek post office of Thessaloniki - Maritime line
 From Jul.11,1852 Austrin Lloyd reduced the maritime postal rate to 30 Lepta for simple letter
 (Valid from Jul.11,1852 to Sep.30,1861 - Optional prepayment)

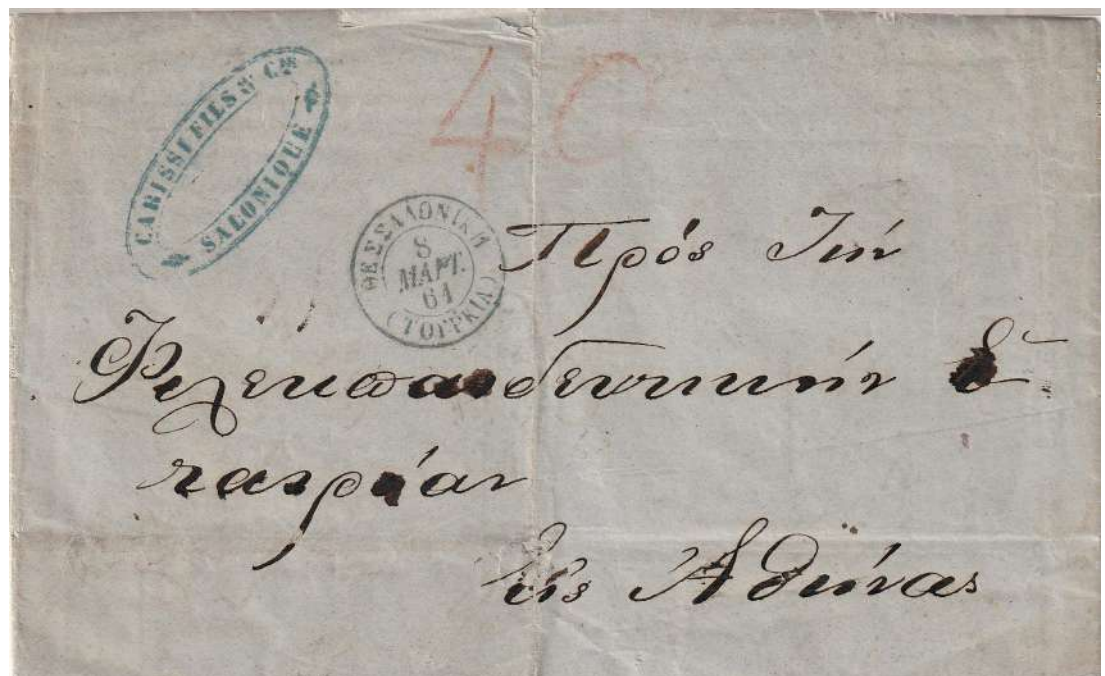
ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗ (ΤΟΥΡΚΙΑ)

typ.III pmk
 on EL posted **unpaid**
 from the Greek p.o. of
Thessaloniki
 (dep.Dec.817,1858)
 to **Sira isl.**
 (ar.Dec.21,1858)
Taxed in red 40 Lepta
 for **1st weight** letter
 by Austrian Lloyd steamer



EL from the Greek p.o. of
Thessaloniki (dep.Mar.19,1861)
 to **Sira isl.** (ar.Mar.25,1861)
 Boxed cachet in red **ΠΕΔ**
 (Paid to Destination)
 (verso) **40 Lepta prepaid**
 for **1st weight** letter
 by Austrian Lloyd steamer

EL posted **unpaid**
 from the Greek p.o.
 of **Thessaloniki**
 (dep.Mar.8,1861)
 via **Piraeus**
 (tr.Mar.13,1861)
 to **Athens**
 (ar.Mar.13,1861)
Taxed in red
40 Lepta
 for **1st weight** letter
 by Austrian Lloyd
 steamer



Mail from the Ottoman Empire - The Greek post offices in Thessaly

The Greek p.o. of **Larissa** established in early 1839 as a distribution p.o.
on the overland line **Lamia - Larissa - Thessaloniki**

Closed down from May.2,1854 to the summer 1856 due to Crimean war

Postal rate was set at 20 Lepta (Overland rate to Greek borders) for simple letter
(Valid from early 1839 to Sep.30,1861 - Only unpaid option available)



ΛΑΡΙΣΣΑ typ.I pmk
on EL posted **unpaid** from
Larissa (Oct.6,1852)
via **Lamia** (tr.Oct.9,1852)
to **Athens** (ar.Oct.10,1852)
Taxed in red 50 Lepta
(Overland + Inland)
for **1st weight** letter

The Greek p.o. of **Volos** established in 1961 as a distribution p.o.
on the overland line **Larissa - Volos**

Postal rate was set at 20 Lepta (Overland rate to Greek borders) for simple letter
(Valid from May.1861 to Sep.30,1861 - Only unpaid option available)



ΛΑΡΙΣΣΑ typ.III pmk on **unpaid** EL written in **Volos** (Mar.17,1861)
Handstamped in blue bi-linear **ΥΠΟΠΡΟΞΕΝΕΙΟΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΔΟΣ / ΕΙΣ ΒΩΛΟΝ**
forwarded to **Larissa** (dep.Mar.22,1861) via **Lamia** (tr.Mar.24,1861)
& **Athens** (tr.Mar.26,1861) to **Piraeus** (ar.Mar.26,1861)
Taxed in red 50 Lepta (Overland + Inland) for **1st weight** letter of **6 g.**

*This is the Only known letter & the Oldest Known Date of use
for the Vice-Consulate of Greece in Volos bi-linear handstamp (ex. collection: Drossos)*

Mail from the Ottoman Empire - The Greek post offices in Epirus

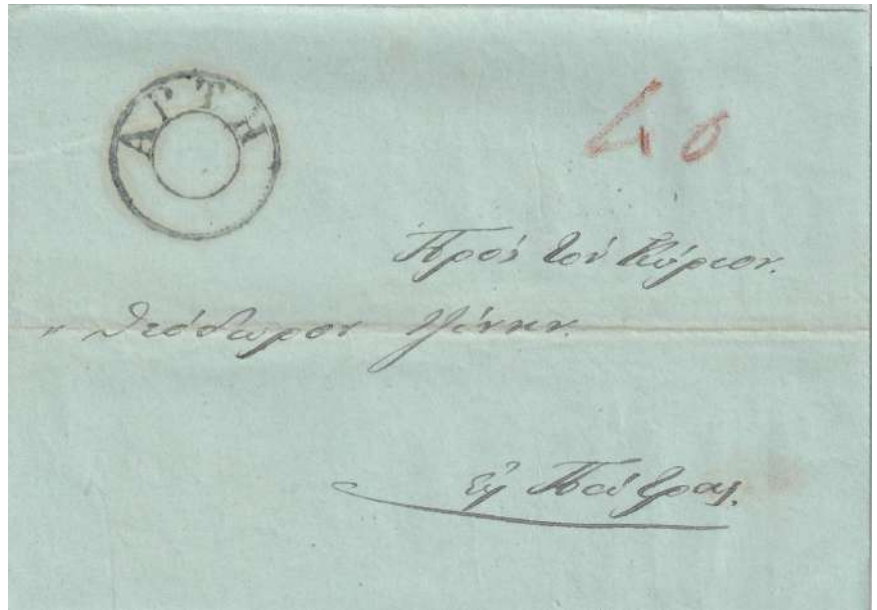
The Greek p.o. of **Arta** established in late 1852 as distribution p.o.

on the overland line **Amfilichiko Argos - Arta - Ioannina**

Closed down from early 1854 to early 1857 due to Crimean war

Postal rate was set at 20 Lepta (Overland rate to Greek borders) for simple letter
(Valid from late 1852 to Sep.30,1861 - Only unpaid option available)

APTH typ.I pmk
on EL posted **unpaid** from
Arta (Feb.26,1860)
via **Amfil.Argos** (tr.Mar.2,1860)
to **Patras** (ar.Mar.7,1860)
Taxed in red 40 Lepta
(Overland + Inland)
for **1st weight** letter

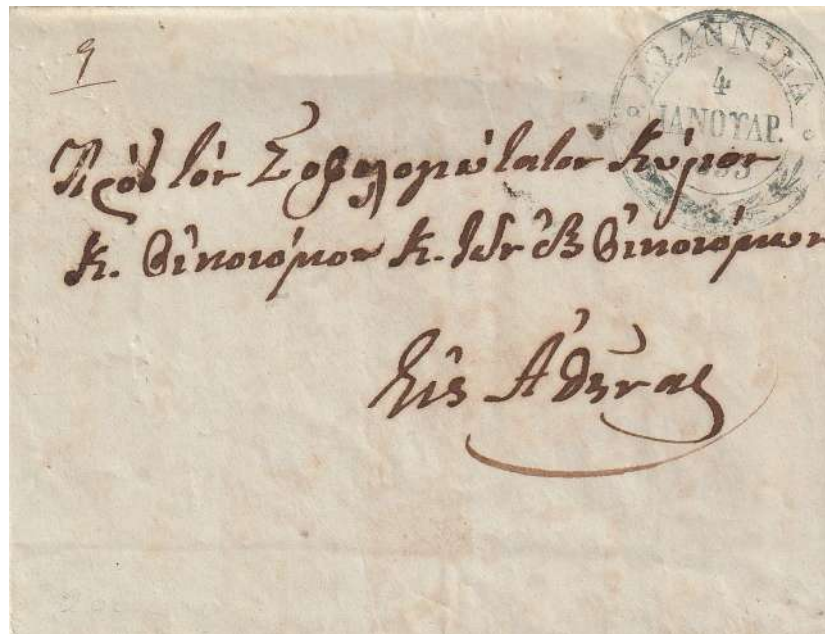


The Greek p.o. of **Ioannina** established in late 1852

on the line **Amfilichiko Argos - Arta - Ioannina**

Closed down from early 1854 to spring 1857 due to Crimean war

Postal rate was set at 20 Lepta (Overland rate to Greek borders) for simple letter
(Valid from late 1852 to Sep.30,1861 - Compulsory prepayment)



ΙΩΑΝΝΙΝΑ typ.II pmk on EL posted from **Ioannina** (dep.Jan.4,1853)
via **Amfil.Argos** to **Athens** (ar.Jan.11,1853)
(verso) in red **60 Lepta prepaid** (Overland + Inland) for **1st weight** letter

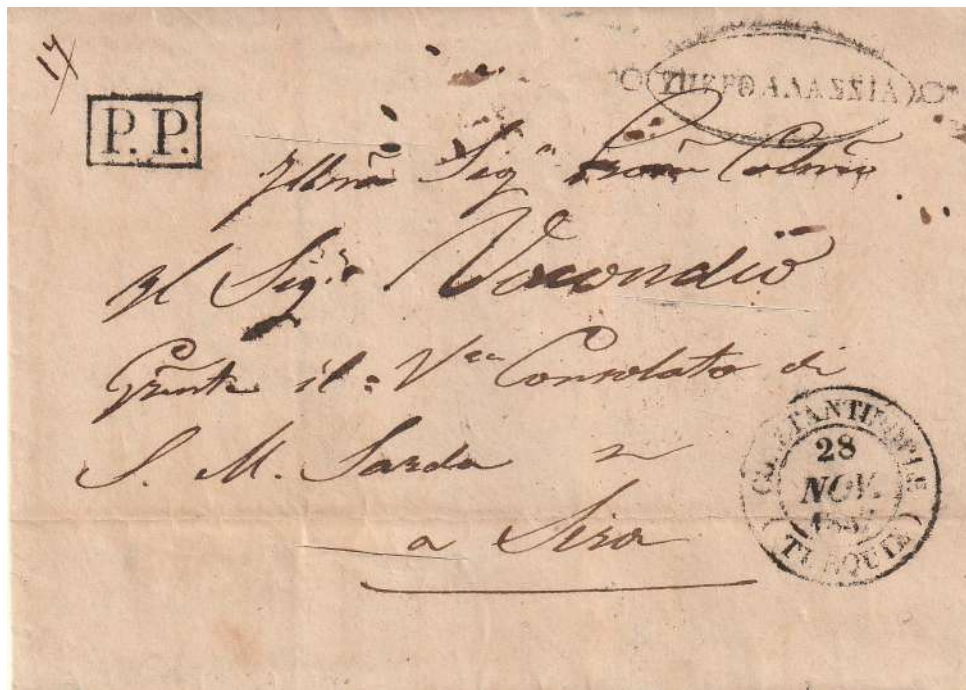
Only 3 known letters exist (ex collection: Kotsis)

Mail from the Ottoman Empire - French post office of Constantinople

French paquebots de la Mediterranee inaugurated service line **Ligne du Levant**
from Marseilles to Constantinople on May.1,1837

Return travel departed Constantinople on May.28,1837

Until Jun1,1838 mail from the French p.o. of Constantinople
should have been prepaid & taxed only the Greek seacharge fee
(Valid from May.1,1837 to Jun.1,1838 - Compulsory prepayment)



EL posted from the **French p.o. of Constantinople** (dep.Nov.28,1837)
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Nov.20,1837)

Boxed cachet **P.P.** (Post Payee)

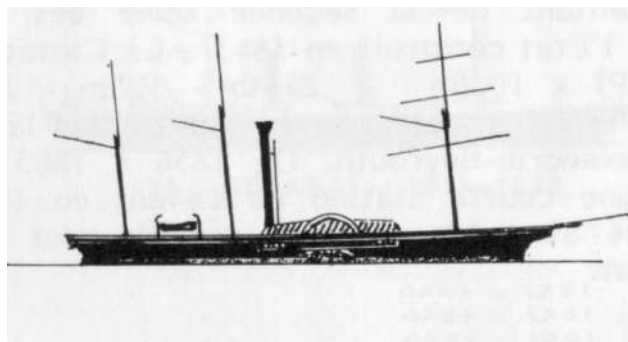
(verso) **10 Decimes** prepaid for **1st weight** letter

Oval entrance cachet **ΥΠΕΡΘΑΛΑΣΣΙΑ** (Overseas)

(verso) **LEGAZ. DI S. M. SARDA IT CONSTANTINOUPOLI**

Disinfected on arrival at Sira Sanitary Station
(Three horizontal disinfection slits)

*Transported by paquebot **TANCRETE***



French paquebot **TANCRETE**

Mail from the Ottoman Empire - French post office of Constantinople

After the Greek-French convention of Jun.1,1838
postal rate to French p.o. of Constantinople set to 60 Lepta for simple letter
(Valid from Jun.1,1838 to Dec.28,1844 - Optional prepayment)



EL posted from the French p.o. of **Constantinople** (dep.Apr.18,1838)
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Apr.10/22,1838)

Boxed cachet **P.P.** (Port Payee)

Taxed 15 Lepta double rate seacharge fee for 2nd weight letter

Disinfected & sealed at Sira Sanitary station

(verso) cachet **ΥΓΕΙΟΝΟΜΕΙΟ ΣΥΡΟΥ** (Sira Sanitary Station)

Transported by paquebot **EUROTAS**



EL posted **unpaid** from the French p.o. of **Constantinople** (dep.Sep.7,1841)
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Aug.30,1841)

Taxed 140 Lepta triple rate for 3rd weight letter of 10 g.
(verso) Disinfected & sealed **SIRA SANITARY STATION**

Transported by paquebot **LEONIDAS**

Mail from the Ottoman Empire - French post office of Constantinople

The 2nd Greek-French convention of Dec.28,1844

reduced postal rate between Constantinople & Greece to 30 Lepta or 0.25 Francs for simple letter

(Valid from Dec.28,1844 to Sep.30,1861 - Optional prepayment)

EL posted from the
French p.o. of
Constantinople
(dep.Nov.25,1850)
to **Piraeus**

(ar.Nov.19,1850)

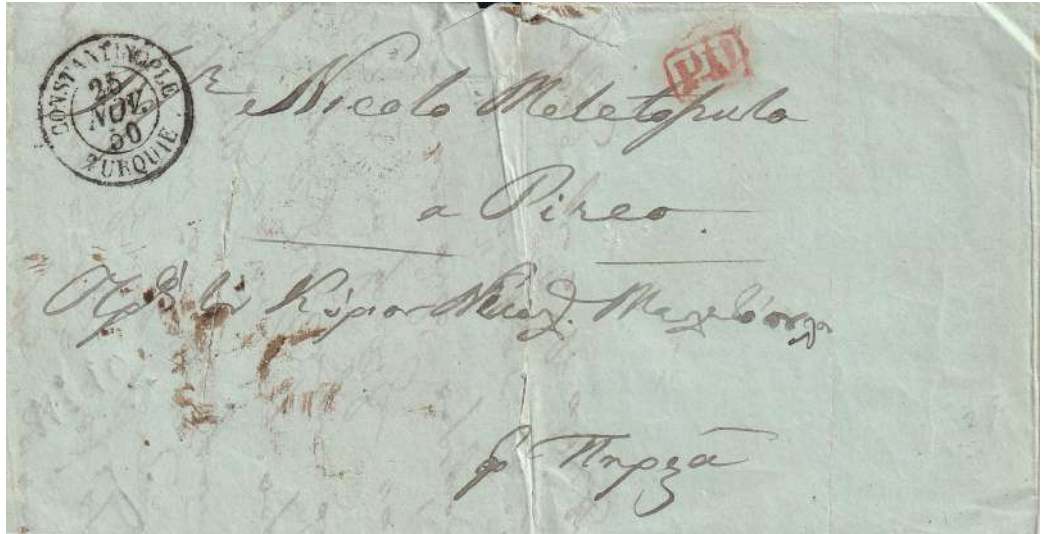
Boxed in red **PD**

(Paid to Destination)

Disinfected on arrival at
Piraeus Sanitary Station -

Two vertical slits

Transported by paquebot
SCAMANDRE



EL posted **unpaid**
from the
French p.o. of
Constantinople
(dep.Jan.5,1853)
to **Sira isl.**
(ar.Dec.28,1852)

Taxed in red
200 Lepta

for 9th weight letter
Disinfected at SIRA
Sanitary Station
(One horiz. slit)

Transported
by paquebot
MENTOR

EL posted from the French
p.o. of **Constantinople**

(dep.Oct.18,1860)

to **Athens** (ar.Oct.8,1860)

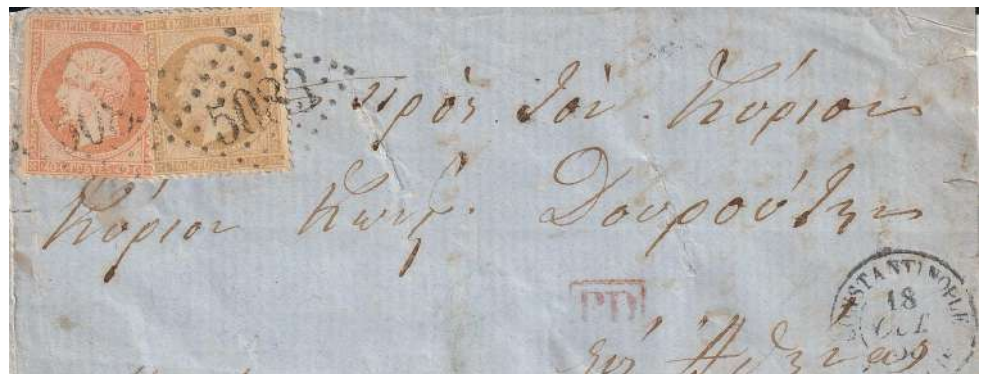
Franked 10c.+ 40c.= **50c.**

canc. by dotted **5083**

Boxed cachet in red **PD**

(Paid to Destination)

Transported by
paquebot **EUPHRATE**



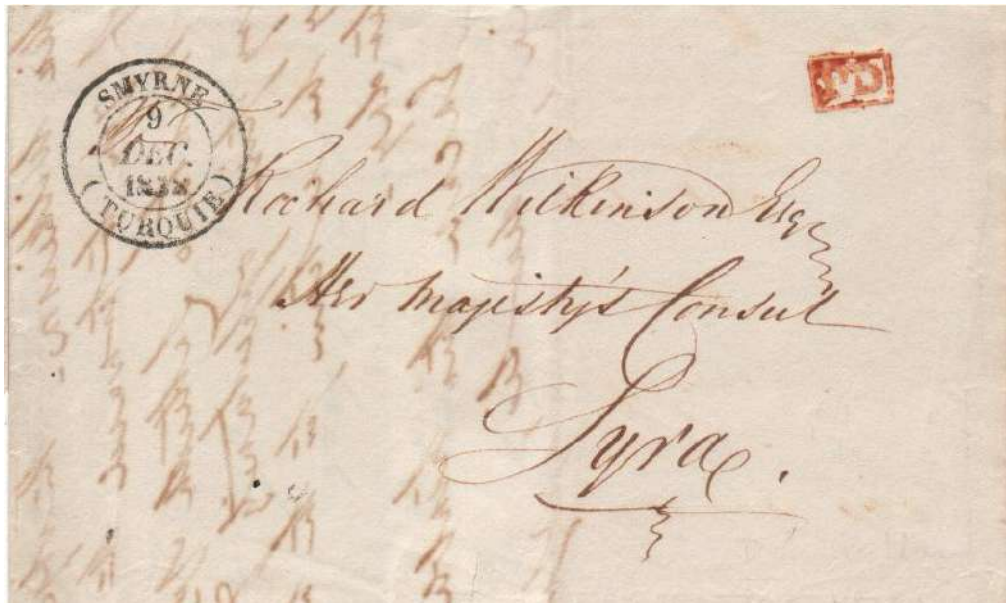
Postal rate for prepaid letters by affixed stamps was set to 50 cents for simple letter

Mail from the Ottoman Empire - French post office of Smyrna

French p.o. of Smyrne served also by the **Ligne du Levant**

After the Greek-French convention of Jun.1,1838 postal rates to the French p.o. of Smyrne were set to 40 Lepta to / from Piraeus & 50 Lepta to / from Sira isl. for simple letter

(Valid from Jun.1,1838 to Dec.28,1844 - Optional prepayment)



EL posted from the **French p.o. of Smyrne** (dep.Oct.9,1838)
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Oct.26,1838)

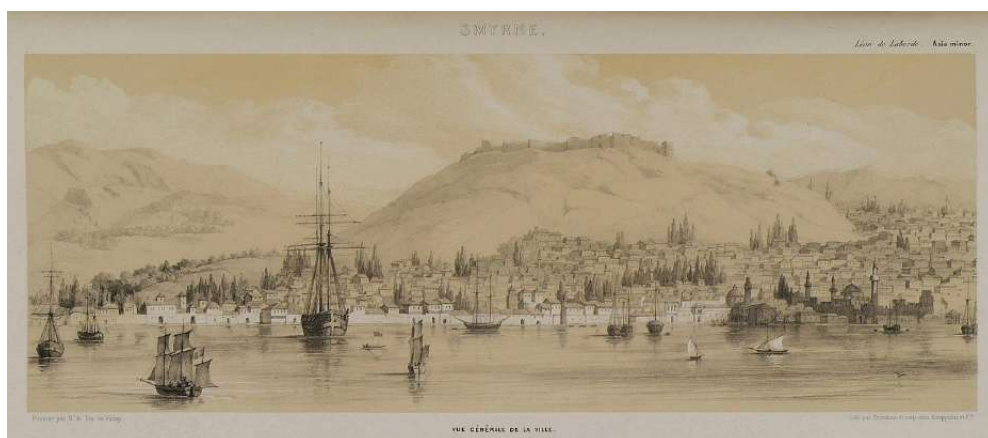
Boxed cachet in red **PD** (Paid to Destination)

(verso) **80+20= 100 Lepta prepaid triple rate** for **3rd weight** letter of **10 g.**

Disinfected & sealed at Sira Sanitary station

(verso) cachet **ΥΓΕΙΟΝΟΜΕΙΟ ΣΥΡΟΥ** (Sira Sanitary Station)

*Transported by paquebot **MINOS***



Smyrne 1838

Mail from the Ottoman Empire - French post office of Smyrna

The 2nd Greek-French convention of Dec.28,1844

reduced postal rate between Smyrne & Greece to 30 Lepta or 0.25 Francs for simple letter
(Valid from Dec.28,1844 to Sep.30,1861 - Optional prepayment)



EL posted **unpaid** from the French p.o. of **Smyrne** (dep.Mar.9,1847) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Mar.6,1847)
Taxed in red 40 Lepta for **1st weight** letter
Disinfected aboard the French paquebot
Two external disinfection slits

Transported paquebot **MENTOR**

EL posted unpaid from the French p.o. of **Smyrne** (dep.Jul.28,1855) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Jul.2,1855)
Taxed in red 40 Lepta for **1st weight** letter

Transported by paquebot **CARMEL**



EL posted from the French p.o. of **Smyrne** (dep.Apr.25,1860) via **Piraeus** (tr.Apr.24,1860) to **Athens** (ar.Apr.14,1860)
Franked 10c.+ 40c.= 50c.
Boxed cachet PD
(Paid to Destination)

Postal rate for prepaid letters by affixed stamps was set to 50 cents for simple letter



Mail from the Ottoman Empire - French post office of Alexandria (Egypt)

French p.o. of Smyrne served by the **Ligne Alexandria - Sira isl.**

After the Greek-French convention of Jun.1,1838

postal rate to the French p.o. of Alexandria were set to 80 Lepta for simple letter

(Valid from Jun.1,1838 to Dec.28,1844 - Optional prepayment)



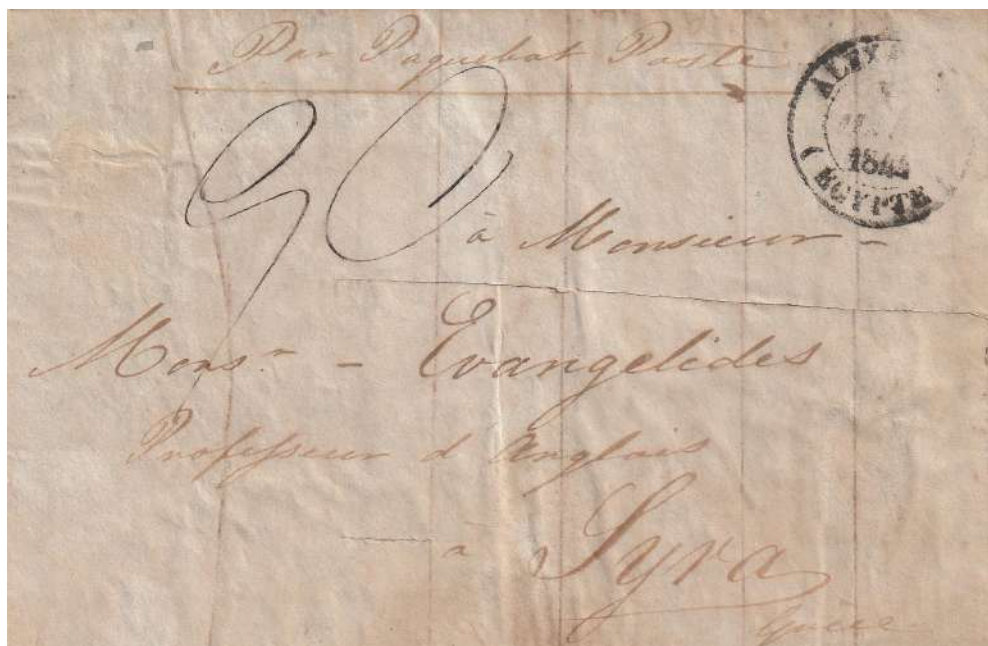
EL posted **unpaid** from the **French p.o. of Alexandria** (Oct.27,1838)
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Oct.18,1838)

Endorsed **Lycourgo**

Taxed 90 Lepta for **1st weight** letter

Disinfected at SIRA SANITARY STATION (Two horizontal slits)

Transported by paquebot LYCURGUE



EL posted **unpaid** from the French p.o. of **Alexandria** (Mar.2,1844)
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Feb.26,1844)

Taxed 90 Lepta for **1st weight** letter

Disinfected at Sira Sanitary Station (Two horizontal slits)

Mail from the Ottoman Empire - French post office of Mersina (Cilicia) & Metelin isl. (Aegean)
 French p.o. of Metelin isl. & Mersina served by the **Ligne de Syrie** on the line
Constantinople-Smyrne-Rhodes-Mersina-Alexandrette-Lattaqia-Tripoli-Beyruth-Jaffa-Alexandrie
 postal rates to the French p.o. of Metelin isl. (Aegean) & Mersina (Cilicia)
 were set to 30 Lepta for simple letter
 (Valid from Dec.28,1844 to Sep.30,1861 - Optional prepayment)

EL posted **unpaid** from
 the **French office of
 Mersina (Cilicia)**
 (dep. Jul. 6, 1855)
 via **Smyrne**
 (tr. Jul. 10, 1855)
 to **Sira isl.**
 (ar. Jul. 3, 1855)
Taxed in red 60 Lepta
 double rate for
 2nd weight letter



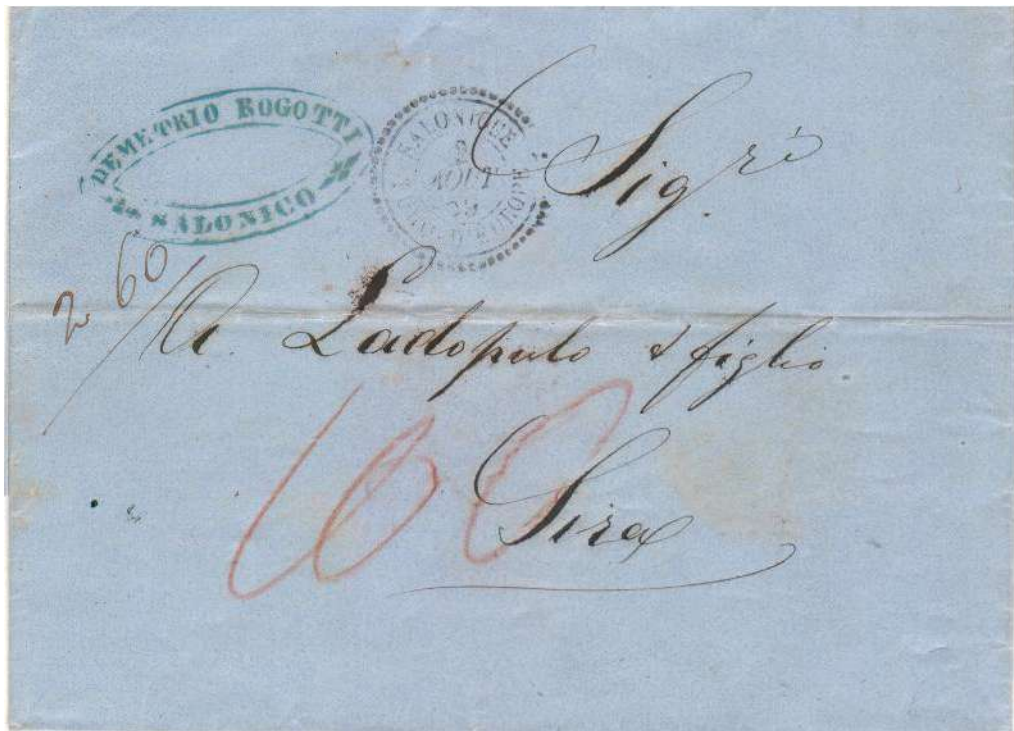
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 the French p.o. of
Mersina (Cilicia)
 (dep. Mar. 6, 1857)
 to **Sira isl.**
 (ar. Mar. 3, 1857)
 In red **Taxed 100 Lepta**
 quadruple rate for
 4th weight letter

EL posted from the **French
 p.o. of Metelin isl. (Aegean)**
 (dep. Aug. 21, 1858)
 to **Sira isl.**
 (ar. Aug. 13, 1858)
Franked 10c.+ 40c. = 50c.
 canc. by dotted **3771**
 Boxed cachet **PD**
 Disinfected
 Horiz. disinfection slits

*Postal rate for prepaid letters
 by affixed stamps was set to
 50 cents for simple letter*



Mail from the Ottoman Empire - French post office of Salonique
French p.o. of Salonique served by the **Ligne de Thessalie**
on the line **Constantinople - Gallipoli - Dardanelles - Salonique - Volos - Piraeus**
The postal rate to the French p.o. Salonique was set to 30 Lepta for simple letter
(Valid from May.1857 to Sep.30.1861 - Optional prepayment)



EL posted **unpaid** from the **French p.o. of Salonique** (dep.Aug.3,1859)
via **Piraeus** (tr.Jul.24,1859) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Jul.27,1859)
Taxed in red 40 Lepta for 1st weight letter

Transported by paquebot TAGE



EL posted from **Salonique** (dep.Jul.23,1861)
via **Les Dardanelles** (tr.Jul.24,1861) to **Athens** (ar.Jul.14,1861)
Franked 10c.+ 40c.= 50c. canc. by dotted **4012**
Boxed **PD** (Paid to Destination)

Transported by paquebot BOSPHORE

Mail from the Ottoman Empire - French post office of Trebizonde (Pontus)

French p.o. of Trebizonde served by the **Ligne de Trebizonde**
on the line **Constantinople - Ineboli - Sinopi - Samsoun - Kerassunde - Trbizonde**
The postal rate to the French p.o. Trebizonde was set to 30 Lepta for simple letter
(Valid from May.1857 to Sep.30.1861 - Optional prepayment)



EL posted from the **French p.o. of Trebizonde** (dep.Aug.7,1858)
via **Constantinople** (tr.Aug.11,1858)
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Aug.6,1858)
Boxed cachet **PD** (Paid to Destination)



Paquebot SULLY approaches Trebizonte port

Mail from the Ottoman Empire - North Africa - Tunis (Tunisia)

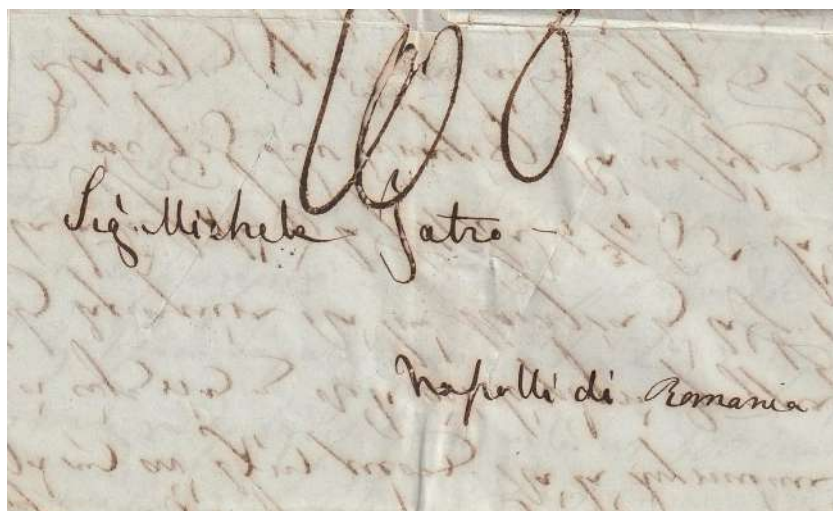
Letters from Tunis transported by French paquebots via Malta



EL written in **Tunis** (May.18,1844)
forwarded & posted **unpaid** from **Malta** (dep.May.27,1844)
via **Piraeus** (tr.May.21,1844) & **Athens** (tr.May.21,1844)
to **Nauplion** (ar.May.21,1844)

Taxed in red 100 Lepta for 1st weight letter
Disinfected at Piraeus Sanitary Station (Two vertical slits)

*Transported by paquebot **EUROTAS***



EL written in **Tunis** (Aug.20,1845)
forwarded & posted **unpaid** from **Malta** (dep.Aug.27,1845)
via **Piraeus** (tr.Aug.21,1845) & **Athens** (tr.Aug.21,1845)
to **Nauplion** (ar.Aug.25,1845)

Taxed 100 Lepta for 1st weight letter
Disinfected at Piraeus Sanitary Station (Two vertical slits)

*Transported by paquebot **EUROTAS***

Mail from the Ottoman Empire - from Austrian Lloyd Agencies

Mail from Austrian Lloyd agencies in Ottoman Empire to Greece should have been prepaid
Letters taxed only the Greek seacharge fee

Constantinople



EL posted from Austrian Lloyd agency of **Constantinople** (May.17,1854)
to **Sira isl.** (ar.May.29,1854)

Oval cachet **AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO-CONSTANTINOPOLI**

Taxed in red 25 Lepta

quadruple rate seacharge fee for 4th weight letter

Disinfection slits

Smyrne



EL posted from Austrian Lloyd agency in **Smyrna** (Feb.29,1854)
via **Piraeus** (tr.Feb.12,1854) to **Athens** (ar.Feb.12,1854)

Oval cachet **AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO-SMIRNE**

In red **Taxed 20 Lepta**

triple rate seacharge fee for 3rd weight letter

Mail from the Ottoman Empire - from Austrian Lloyd Agencies

Salonique



EL posted from the Austrian Lloyd agency in **Salonique** (Dec.29,1855)
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Jan.6,1856)

Oval cachet **AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO-SALONICCO**
Taxed in red 20 Lepta
triple rate seacharge fee for 3rd weight letter

Serres via Salonique



EL posted from **Serres** (Feb.19,1855)
via the Austrian Lloyd agency in **Salonique**
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Mar.3,1855)

Oval cachet **AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO-SALONICCO**
Taxed in red 10 Lepta
seacharge fee for 1st weight letter

Mail from the Ottoman Empire - from Austrian Lloyd Agencies

Galatz (Dunabian Principality)



EL posted from **Galatz** (Jul.5,1852) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Jul.15,1852)
Oval cachet **AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO-GALATZ**

Taxed in red 10 Lepta
seacharge fee for 1st weight letter

Beirut (Syria)



EL posted from the Austrian Lloyd agency in **Beirut**
(verso) **12 Kreuzer prepaid single rate** Austrian Lloyd **1st weight letter**
Oval cachet **AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO-BERUTTI**

Taxed in red 10 Lepta
seacharge fee for 1st weight letter
Disinfected at Sira Sanitary Station
(Two horizontal disinfection slits)

Mail from the Ottoman Empire - from Austrian Lloyd Agencies

Chio isl. (Aegean)



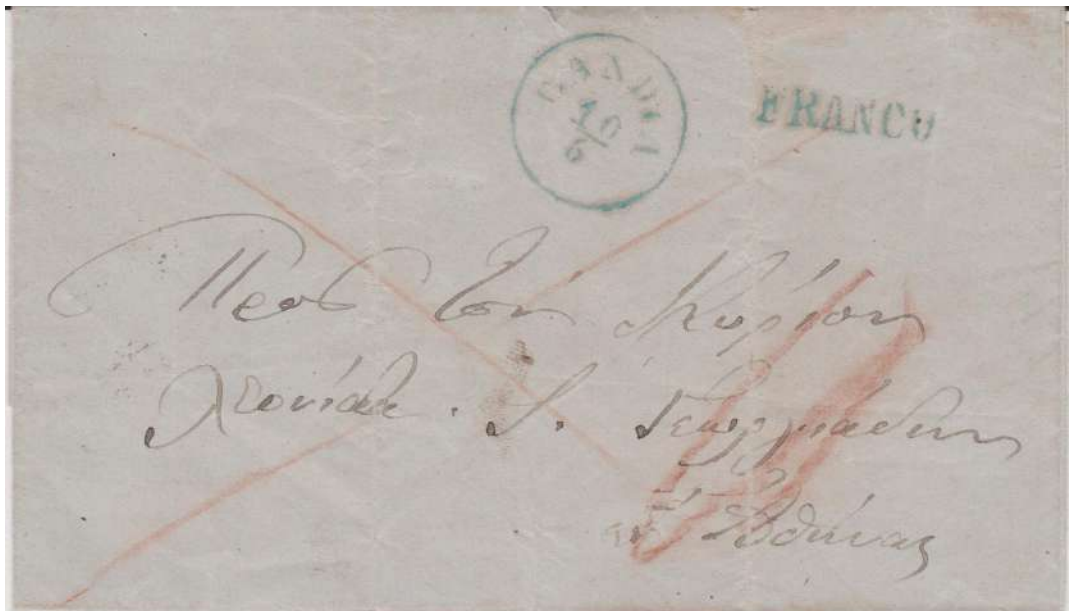
EL posted from Austrian Lloyd agency in **Chio isl.** (Jul.20,1856)
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Jul.21,1856)

Oval cachet **AGENZIA DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO-SCIO**

Taxed in red 20 Lepta

triple rate seacharge fee for 3rd weight letter

Candia (Crete)



EL posted from **Austrian Lloyd agency in Candia** (dep.Jun.10,1861)
via **Piraeus** (tr.May.31,1861) to **Athens** (ar.May.31,1861)

Crossed red diagonal lines & Linear cachet **FRANCO** (Paid)

(verso) In red **10 Kreuzer prepaid** Austrian Lloyd rate for **1st weight** letter

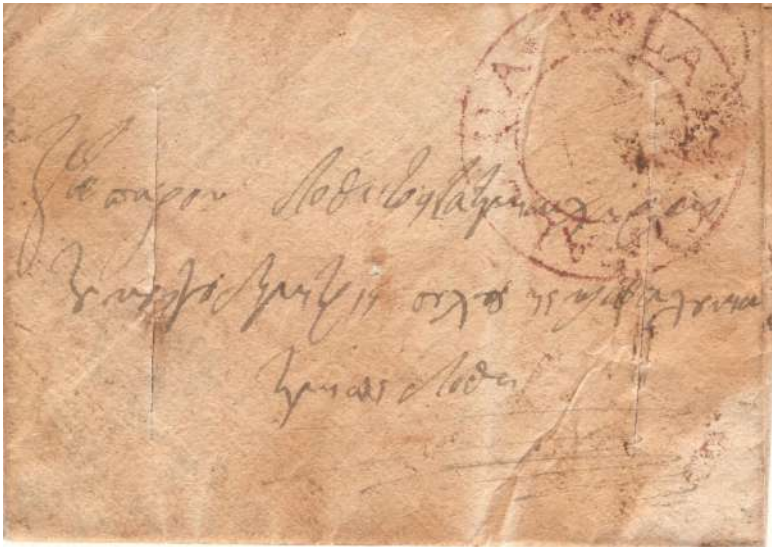
Taxed in red 10 Lepta

seacharge fee for 1st weight letter

Mail to the U.S. of Ionian Islands by random chances

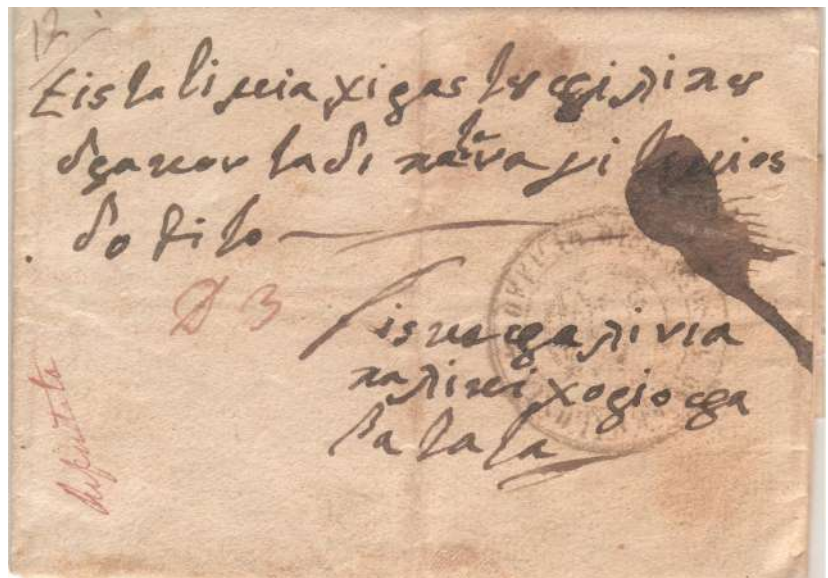
Before 1834 there wasn't any formal and regular communication to abroad

Mail was possible only by private means usually by random merchant ships calling at Greek ports

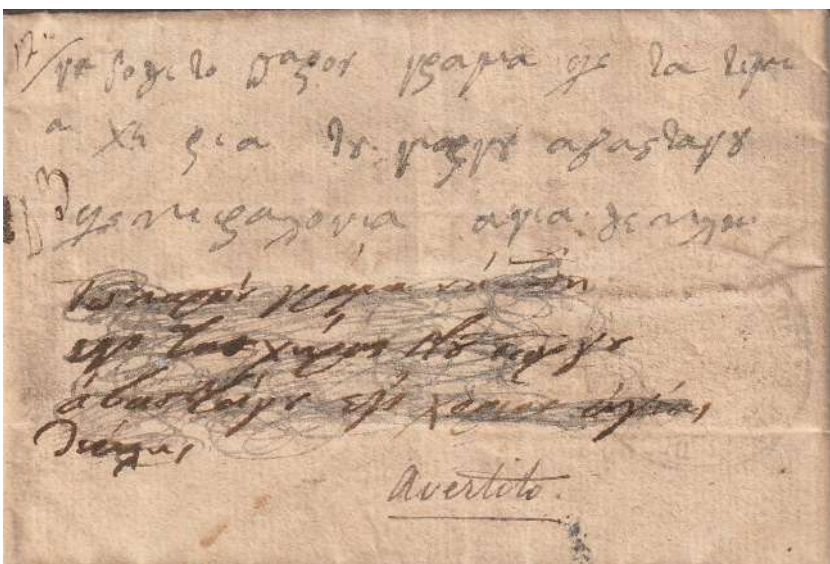


EL from **Mesologgi** (Nov.19,1829)
to **Cephalonia isl.**
Transported by English warship
Disinfected
(Two vertical disinfection slits)

EL from **Patras** (Jul.1,1830)
to **Cephalonia isl.** (ar.Jul.17,1830)
Transported by Ionian sail ship
Taxed in red 3 Pence
domestic Ionian isl. rate
for **1st weight** letter
(verso) Disinfection seal



EL from **Mesologgi** (Apr.1,1831)
to **Cephalonia isl.** (Ionian isl.)
(ar.May.30,1831)
Opened, disinfected & sealed
at Cephalonia Lazaret
Taxed 3 Pence
domestic Ionian isl. rate
for **1st weight** letter
Noted **Avertito** (notified)

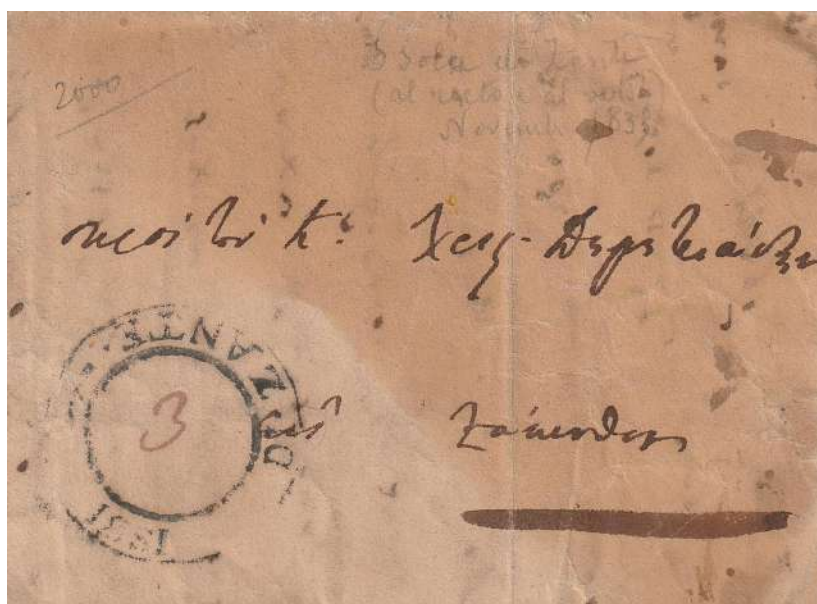


Mail to the U.S. of Ionian Islands forwarded by residents of Zante isl.

From 1834 to 1835 residents of Zante isl. were transported mail & people to nearby coasts



EL from **Patras** (Jan.26,1835) to **Zante Isl.** (ar.Feb.13,1835)
Taxed in red 3 Pence Ionian isl. rate
for **1st weight** letter



EL from **Nafplion** (Oct.11,1835) to **Zante Isl.** (ar.Nov.28,1835)
In red **Taxed 3 Pence** Ionian isl. rate
for **1st weight** letter
Disinfected by vinegar

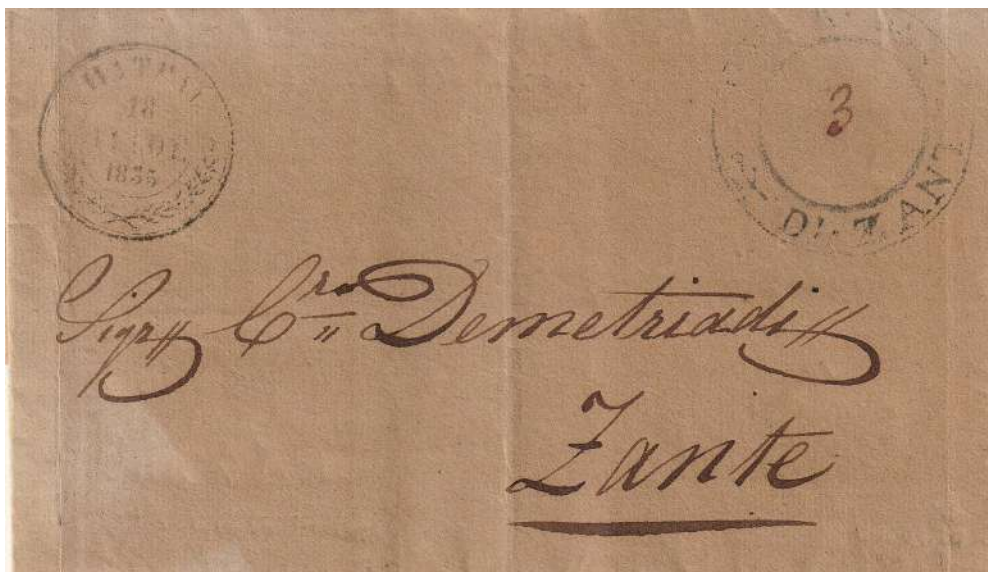
Mail to the U.S. of Ionian Islands by the Greek regular line ships

The line **Patras - Corfu isl. - Trieste** operated on behalf of the Greek Postal Service

by 2 sailships hired from Mr. Feraldis from Mar.3,1834

Postal rate between Patras and Corfu isl. was set to 30 Lepta for simple letter

Valid from Mar.3,1834 to Jun.1,1837 - Compulsory prepayment)

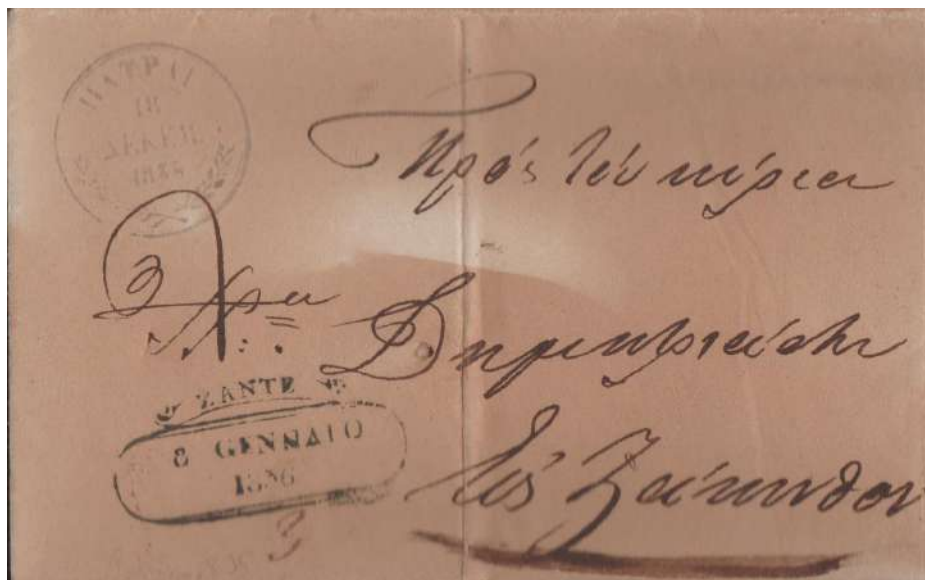


EL posted from **Patras** (dep.Aug.18,1835) to **Zante isl.** (ar.Sep.5,1835)
(verso) **30 Lepta prepaid special searate** for **1st weight** letter by Feraldi's sail ship

Taxed in red 3 Pence Ionian isl. rate

for **1st weight** letter

Disinfected by Vinegar bath



EL posted from **Patras** (dep.Dec.18,1835) to **Zante isl.** (ar.Jan.5,1836)
(verso) **30 Lepta prepaid special searate** for **1st weight** letter by Feraldi's sail ship

In red **Taxed 3 Pence** Ionian isl. rate

for **1st weight** letter

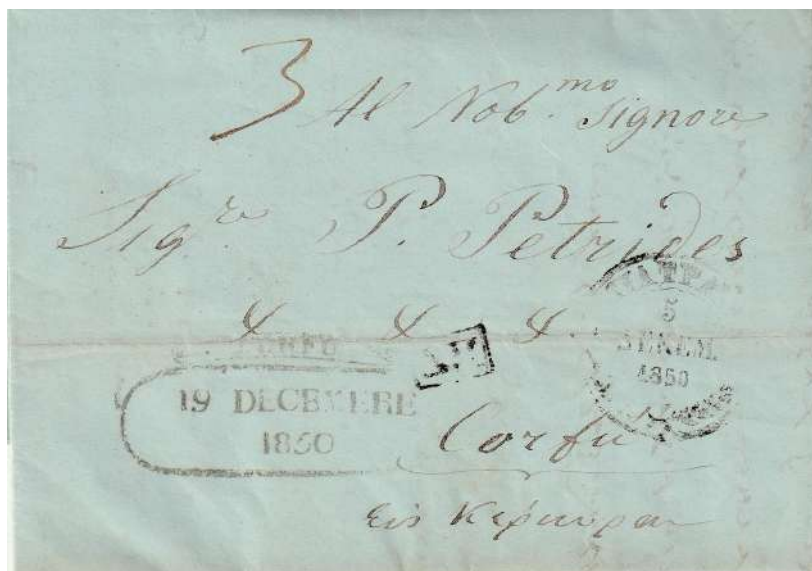
Disinfected by Vinegar bath

Mail to the U.S. of Ionian Islands by the Greek regular line ships

The postal decree of Jun.1,1837, for mail transported by regular Greek line postal ships, determined the postal rate for letters between Greece & Ionian isl. (Corfu isl.) to 20 Lepta for simple letter
(Valid from Jun.1,1837 to Jul.11,1852- Compulsory prepayment)



EL posted from **Patras** (dep.Mar.29,1838) to **Corfu isl.** (ar.Apr.14,1838)
(verso) **20+10= 30 Lepta prepaid** for **1st weight** letter
Taxed in red 3 Pence Ionian isl. rate
for **1st weight** letter



EL posted from **Patras** (dep.Dec.5,1850) to **Corfu isl.** (ar.Dec.19,1850)
(verso) In red **30 Lepta prepaid** for **1st weight** letter
Boxed cachet **ΔΠ** (Paid)
In red **Taxed 3 Pence** Ionian isl. rate
for **1st weight** letter

Mail from the U.S. of Ionian Islands by the regular line Greek ships



EL posted from **Cerigo isl.** (dep. Jan. 17, 1856) to **Sira isl.** (ar. Jan. 19, 1856)

POSTA PAGADA (Cerigo)

3 Pence prepaid Ionian rate to abroad

(verso) **2 & 5/10 Pence prepaid** maritime rate by Greek ship

Taxed in red 20 Lepta

triple rate for 3rd weight letter



EL posted from **Cephalonia isl.** (dep. Sep. 18, 1858) to **Patras** (ar. Sep. 10, 1858)

Oval cachets **Δ II** (Paid)

2 ½ Pence prepaid Greek ship rate & **1 Pence prepaid** Ionian rate

Taxed in red 10 Lepta

seacharge fee for 1st weight letter

Mail to the U.S. of Ionian Islands by English warship line

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

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

6 Pence (before Aug.1,1837) then 8 Pence (from Aug.1,1837 to Aug.14,1838),
again 6 Pence (from Aug.14,1838 to Jun.1,1843) & 5 Pence (from Jun.1,1843 to 1857)
(Valid from Aug.14,1838 to Jun.1,1843 - Prepayment compulsory)



EL posted from **Patras** (dep.Sep.26,1836)
to **Corfu isl.** (ar.Oct.10,1836)
in red **6 Pence prepaid** English warship rate
Disinfected - Two vertical disinfection slits



EL posted from **Patras** (dep.Oct.18,1837)
to **Corfu isl.** (ar.Oct.10,1837)
in red **8 Pence prepaid** English warship rate
Disinfected - Two vertical disinfection slits

Mail from / to the U.S. of Ionian Islands by English warship line



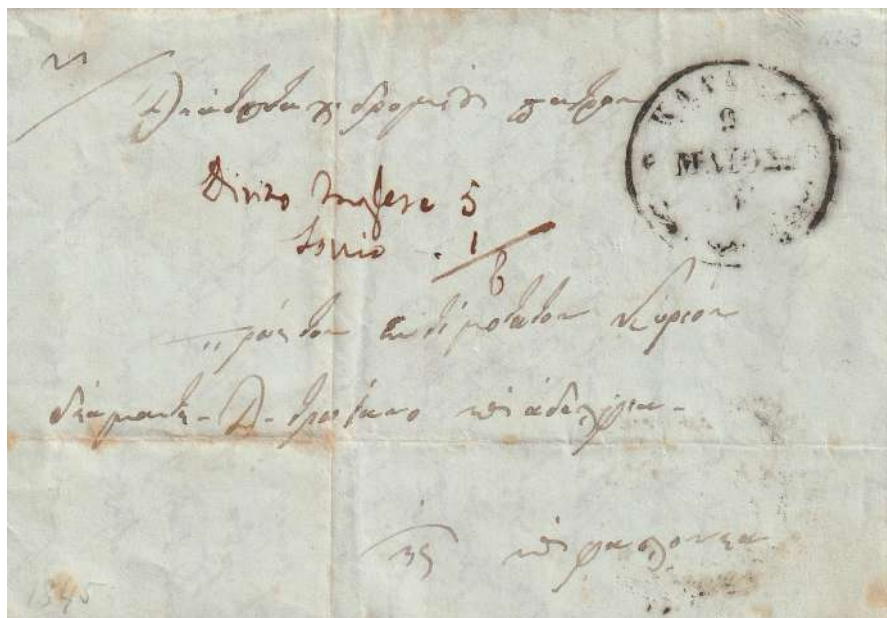
EL posted from **Corfu isl.** (dep. Nov. 22, 1848) to **Patras**

Circular cachet **CROWN / PAID AT CORFU**

In red **3 Pence prepaid** Ionian postal rate

In red **5 Pence prepaid** English warship rate

Taxed in red 10 Lepta seacharge fee for **1st weight** letter



EL posted from **Kalamata** (dep. May. 9, 1845)

via **Patras** (tr. May. 12, 1845) to **Cefalonia isl.** (ar. Jul. ?, 1845)

Calc. note **Dinero Inglese 5 + Ionio 1 = 6** (pence)

(**5 Pence** English warship rate + **1 Penny** Ionian rate)

Mail to / from the U.S. of Ionian Islands by Austrian Lloyd

Austrian Lloyd carried Greek mail to & from Ionian isl. on the line **Patras - Corfu - Trieste**

Postal rates set to 60 Lepta or 12 Kreuzer

(Valid from 1838 to Jul.11,1852 - Compulsory prepayment)



EL posted from
Athens (dep.Jun.15,1842)
to **Corfu isl.** (ar.Jun.30,1842)
Endorsed
Δια του αυστριακου ατμοπλ.
(by Austrian steamer)
Boxed cachet **ΔΠ** (Paid)
(verso) **60+40=**
100 Lepta prepaid
(Austrian Lloyd maritime
+ inland + seacharge) rates
for **1st weight** letter
Taxed 2 Pence
Internal rate of Ionian isl.

EL posted from
Corfu isl.
(dep.Sep.12,1845)
to **Patras**
(ar.Sep.2.1845)
3 Pence prepaid
Ionian rate to abroad
(verso)
12 Kreuzer prepaid
Austrian Lloyd rate
for **1st weight** letter



EL posted from
Athens (dep.Oct.7,1845)
to **Corfu isl.** (ar.Oct.20,1845)
Boxed cachet **ΔΠ** (Paid)
(verso) **70 Lepta prepaid**
for Austrian Lloyd rate
for **1st weight** letter
Taxed in red 3 Pence
Internal rate of Ionian isl.



Mail to / from the U.S. of Ionian Islands by Austrian Lloyd



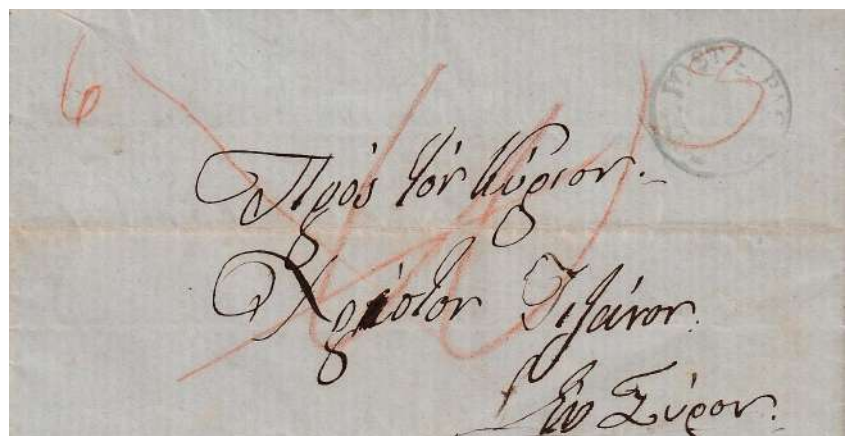
EL posted from **Corfu isl.** (dep. Jan. 17, 1846) to **Patras** (ar. Jan. 6, 1846)
3 Pence prepaid Ionian to abroad
(verso) 12 Kreuzer prepaid Austrian Lloyd single rate
Taxed in red 10 Lepta seacharge fee for 1st weight letter

Austrian Lloyd reduced postal rates on Jul. 11, 1852 on the line **Patras - Corfu - Trieste**
New postal rates set to 30 Lepta or 6 Kreuzer
(Valid from Jul. 11, 1852 to Sep. 30, 1861 - Compulsory prepayment)



EL posted from
Athens (dep. Jan. 25, 1854)
to **Cephalonia isl.** (ar. Feb. 4, 1854)
Boxed cachet **ΔΠ** (Paid)
(verso) 50 Lepta prepaid
for Austrian Lloyd
for 1st weight letter
Taxed 3 Pence
Internal rate of Ionian isl.

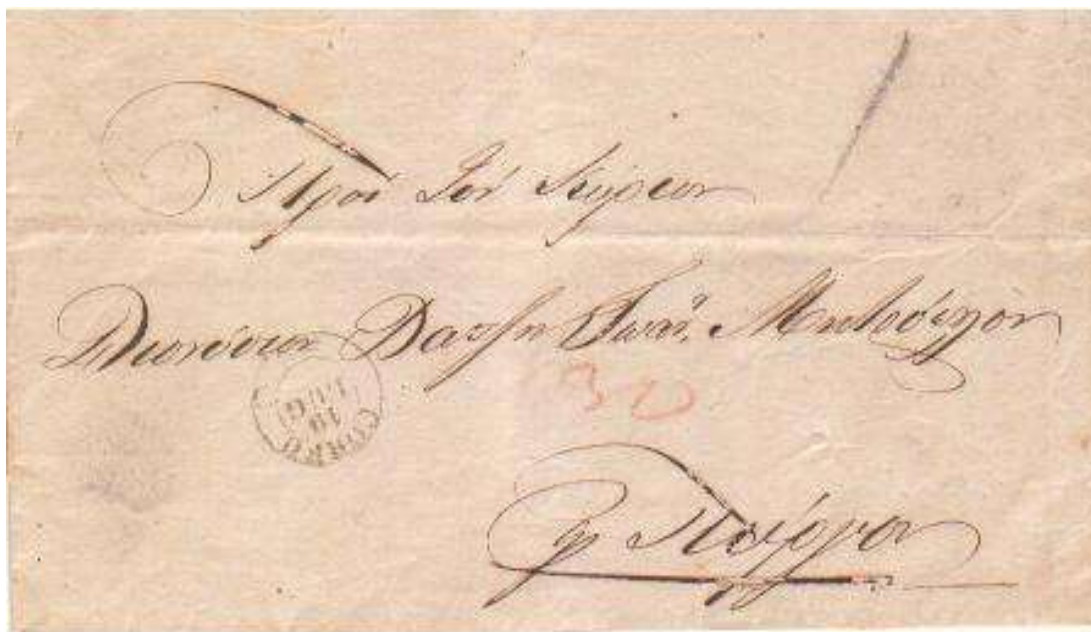
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to **Sira isl.** (ar. Apr. 17, 1857)
POSTA PAGADA (Cerigo)
In red 3 Pence prepaid
Ionian postal rate to abroad
In red 6 Pence prepaid additional
maritime rate for Austrian Lloyd
In red crossed diagonal lines (Paid)
Taxed in red 10 Lepta
seacharge fee for 1st weight letter



Mail to / from the U.S. of Ionian Islands by Austrian Lloyd



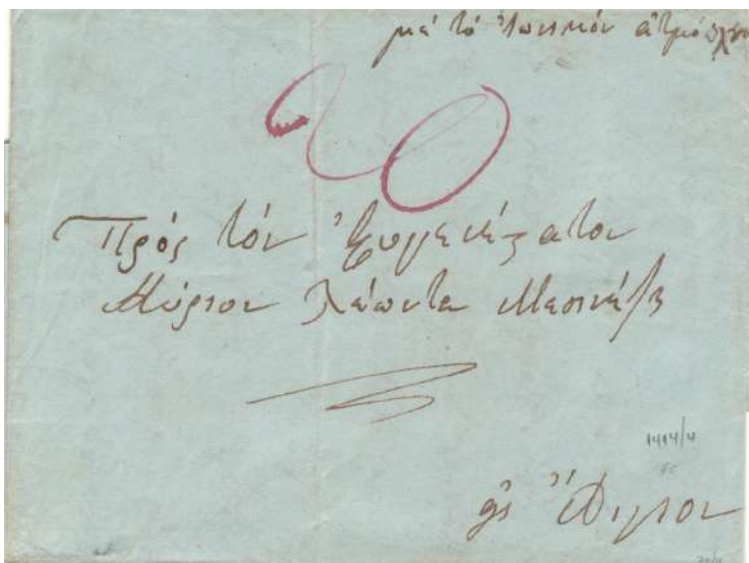
EL written in **Messina** (Kingdom of two Sicilies) (Jul.17,1856)
posted from **Piraeus** (dep.Jul.10,1856) to **Santa Maura isl.** (ar.Jul.17,1856)
Linear cachet in red **H.E.A.** (Paid to Destination)
(verso) **60 Lepta prepaid double rate** for **2nd weight** letter of **9 g.**
Taxed in red 3 Pence Internal rate of Ionian isl.



EL posted from **Corfu isl.** (dep.Jul.19,1858)
via **Patras** (tr.Jul.10,1858) to **Pyrgos**
1 Penny prepaid Ionian rate
(verso) **6 Kreuzer prepaid** Austrian Lloyd rate
Taxed in red 30 Lepta inland rate (Patras-Pyrgos)
for **1st weight** letter

Mail to / from the U.S. of Ionian Islands by Ionian ships

Ionian ships transported mail called on Greek ports of Peloponnese, Piraeus & Sira isl
(Compulsory prepayment)



EL posted from
Cephalonia isl. (Aug.24,1842)
via **Patras** (tr.Aug.20,1842)
to **Egion**

Endorsed **με το Ιονικόν ατμόπλοιο**
(by Ionian steamer)

Taxed in red 20 Lepta
(seacharge+inland) rate
for **1st weight** letter

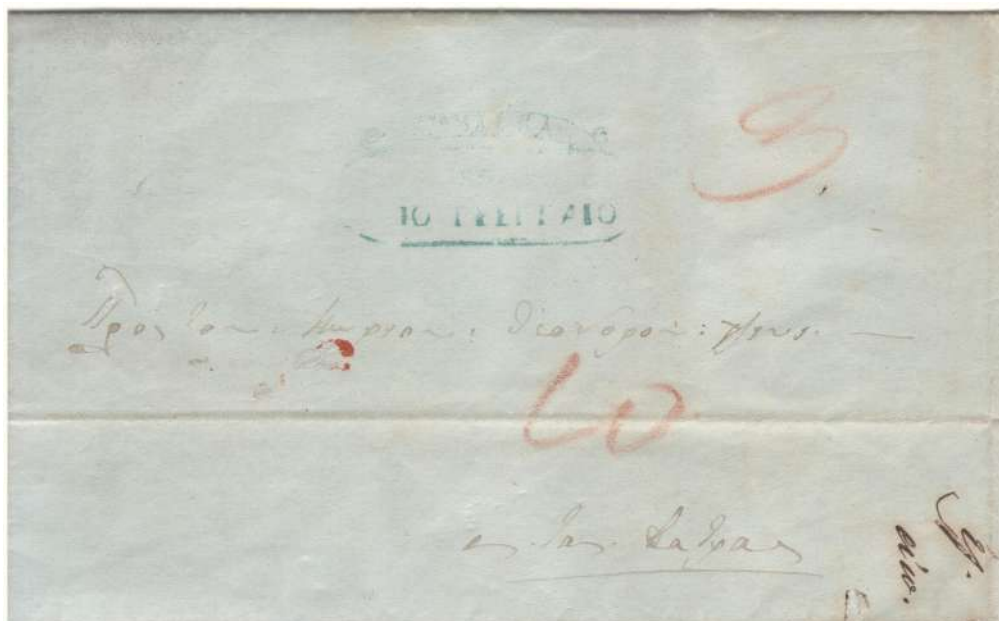
EL posted from
Santa Maura isl. (dep.Apr.18,1843)
to **Patras** (ar.Apr.28,1843)
POSTA PAGATA (Santa Maura)
In red **2 Pence prepaid**
Ionian rate to Peloponnese



EL posted from
Zante isl. (dep.Apr.29,1848)
to **Patras**
POSTA PAGATA (Zante)
In red **3 Pence prepaid**
Ionian rate to abroad



Mail to / from the U.S. of Ionian Islands by Ionian ships



EL posted from
Santa Maura isl.
(dep. Jan. 27, 1857)
to **Patras**
(ar. Jan. 30, 1857)
In red
3 Pence prepaid
Ionian rate
Taxed in red 10 Lepta
seacharge fee
for **1st weight** letter

EL posted from
Zante isl.
(dep. Dec. 15, 1857)
via **Piraeus** (tr. Dec. 6, 1857)
to **Athens** (ar. Dec. 6, 1857)
In red **1 Pence prepaid**
Ionian postal rate
In red crossing
diagonal lines (Paid)
Taxed in red 10 Lepta
seacharge fee
for **1st weight** letter



EL posted from
Zante isl.
(dep. Aug. 15, 1858)
to **Patras**
(ar. Aug. 4, 1858)
In red **2 Pence prepaid**
Ionian rate for
2nd weight letter
In red crossing
diagonal lines (Paid)
Taxed in red
30 Lepta
seacharge fee
for **5th weight** letter

Mail from the Italian States - Grand Duchy of Tuscany - by French paquebots

The exchange p.o. of Tuscany was the seaport p.o of Livorno

Postal rate to Greece by French paquebots was set to 100 Lepta - equals 1.4 to 1.5 Italian Lira

(Valid from May.5,1838 to Sep.30,1861 - Compulsory prepayment)

EL posted from
Livorno (dep.Aug.13,1838)
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Aug.9,1838)

Endorsed

*Par les paquebots Francais
de la Mediterranee*

(verso) **1.4 Lira prepaid**

rate for **each** letter

Credit 1.10 Lepta

for **1st weight** letter

for Greek post

Postal bag exchanged

at **Sira p.o.**



EL posted from

Livorno(dep.Aug.13,1838)

via **Pereas** (tr.Aug.10,1838)

& **Athens** (tr.Aug.10,1838)

to **Nafplio** (ar.Aug.12,1838)

Endorsed

*Col pacchetto Francese
del Guerra di Levante*

(verso) **1.4 Lira prepaid**

rate for **each** letter

Taxed 30 Lepta

inland rate for **1st weight** letter

Postal bag exchanged

at **Athens p.o.**

EL posted from
Livorno (dep.Sep.23,1840)
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Sep.20,1840)

Endorsed

Col po. vapor Francaise

Linear cachet **II.E.M.Σ.**

(Paid to borders)

(verso) **1.5 Lira prepaid**

rate for **each** letter

Taxed **25 Lepta**

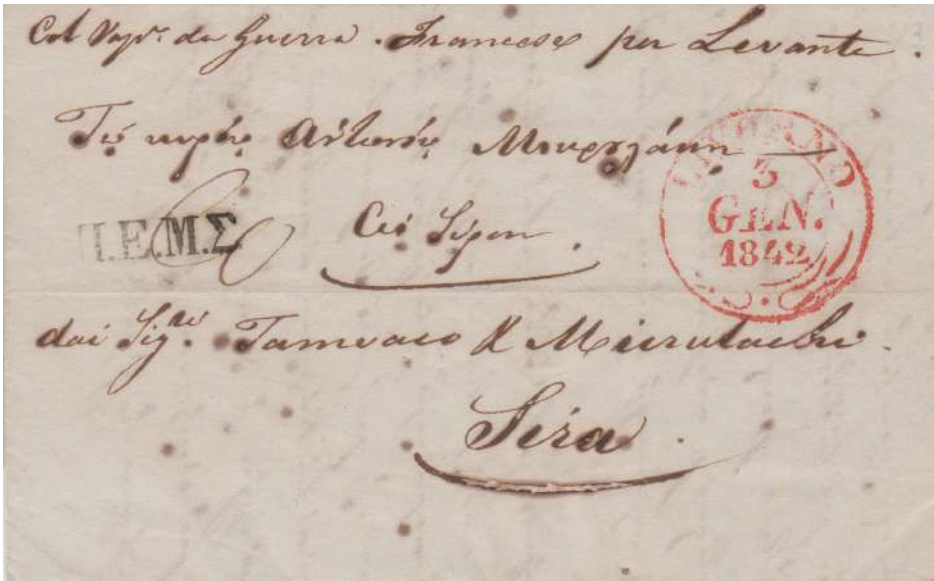
seacharge fee

for **4th weight** letter

of **15 g.**



Mail from the Italian States - Grand Duchy of Tuscany - by French paquebots



EL posted from
Livorno (dep. Jan. 3, 1842)
 to **Sira isl.** (ar. Dec. 31, 1841)
 Endorsed
*Col vapor Guerre
 Francaise por Levante*
 Linear cachet **L.E.M.S.**
 (Paid to borders)
 Forwarding agent cachet
MICHELE RODOCANACCI
 (verso) **10 Decimes prepaid**
 french maritime rate
Taxed 10 Lepta
 seacharge fee
 for 1st **weight** letter

EL posted from
Livorno (dep. Mar. 13, 1845)
 to **Sira isl.** (ar. Mar. 9, 1845)
 Endorsed
Reggio vapor Francaise
 (verso) **10 Decimes prepaid**
 french maritime rate
Taxed in red 10 Lepta
 seacharge fee for 1 st **weight** letter



EL posted from
Livorno (dep. Feb. 20, 1858)
 to **Sira isl.** (ar. Feb. 16, 1858)
 Endorsed
Vapore Postale Francese
 Franked
4cr.+9cr. = 13 Crazie
 for up to **6 Denari**
 (7 ½ g.) weight letter
Taxed in red 10 Lepta
 seacharge fee

Mail from the Italian States - Grand Duchy of Tuscany - via Trieste by Austrian Lloyd

From Oct.1,1852 due to Austro - Italian postal league

Papal State permitted the free transport of mail via the Lloyd Austriaco agency in Ancona
(Optional prepayment)



EL posted **unpaid** from **Livorno** (dep.Apr.11,1856)
to **Patras** (ar.Sep.12,1856)

Endorsed *Via Trieste*

In red **6 Crazie prepaid** Tuscany rate

Credit in blue **9 Kreuzer** for Austrian transit

+ **9 Kreuzer** for Austrian Lloyd

Taxed in red 100 Lepta for **1st weight** letter



EL posted **unpaid** from **Livorno** (dep.Sep.13,1856)
via **Trieste** (tr.Sep.17,1856) to **Patras** (ar.Sep.12,1856)

Endorsed *Via Trieste / Col Vapore del Lloyd*

In red **6 Crazie prepaid** Tuscany rate

Credit in blue **9 Kreuzer** for Austrian transit

+ **9 Kreuzer** for Austrian Lloyd

Taxed in red 100 Lepta for **1st weight** letter

Mail to the Italian States - Kingdom of Sardinia by Random means

Until 1834 there wasn't any formal and regular communication to abroad

Mail was possible only by private means usually by random merchant ships calling at Greek ports



Unpaid EL from Sira isl. (Jul.14,1830)
via **Genova** (tr.Oct.13,1830) to **Nice** (then Sardinia) (ar.Oct.16,1830)
Linear entry cachet in red **VIA DI MARE** (Genova)
Taxed 13 Decimes



Nice (1830)

Mail from the Italian States - Kingdom of Sardinia by French paquebots

The main seaport of the Kingdom of Sardinia was Genova which served by French paquebots

The postal rate to Greece was set from May.13,1841 to Nov.11,1850 at 9 Decimes
then from Nov.11,1850 to Jan.1,1861 at 1 Italian Lira and afterwards to 80 cents - Compulsory Prepayment



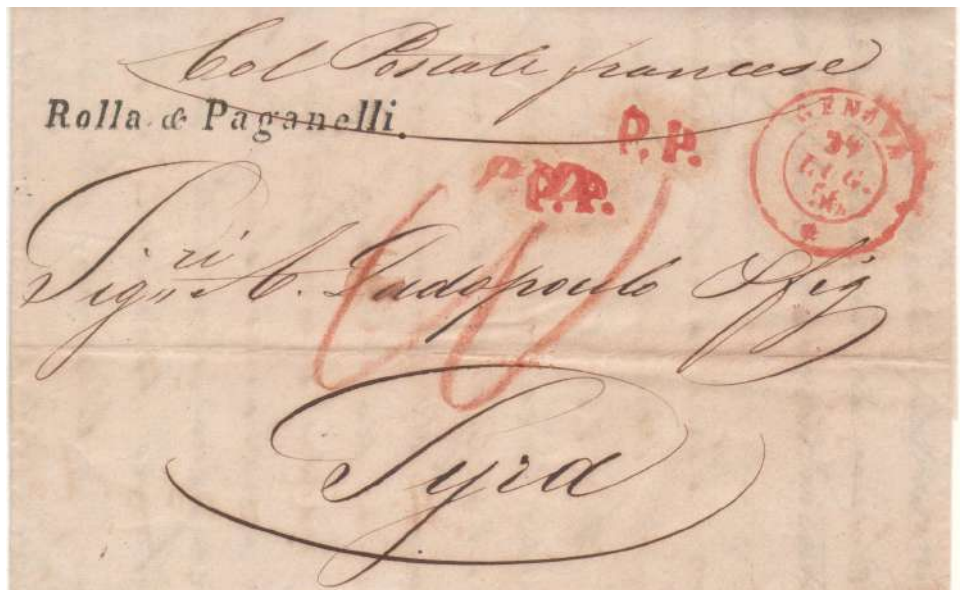
EL posted from
Torino
(dep. Mar. 8, 1841)
via **Livorno**
(tr. Mar. 13, 1841)
& **Piraeus**
(tr. Mar. 10, 1841)
to **Athens**
(ar. Mar. 10, 1841)
in red cachet **P.D.**
(Paid to Destination)
Credit 80 Cmes
packet rate
(verso) **32 Soldi**
prepaid postage
Taxed 10 Lepta
seacharge

Transported by paquebots

MENTOR (Livorno-Malta), **SESOSTRIS** (Malta-Sira), **RHAMSES** (Sira-Piraeus)

EL posted from
Genova (dep. Jul. 29, 1856)
to **Sira isl.** (ar. Jul. 26, 1856)
in red cachet **P.P.** (Paid to Port)
(verso) **10 Decimes** prepaid
french maritime rate
Taxed 10 Lepta seacharge
for **1st weight** letter

Transported by paquebot
VATICAN



EL posted from **Athens**
(dep. Jul. 7, 1861)
via **Genova**
(tr. Aug. 25, 1861)
to **Torino**
(ar. Aug. 25, 1861)
Boxed cachet **ΔΠ**
(verso) **130 Lepta** prepaid
for **1st weight** letter
PIROSCAFI
POSTALI
FRANCESI
Taxed 2 Decimi di Lira
for Sardinian rate

Mail from the Italian States - Kingdom of Sardinia via Trieste by Austrian Lloyd

Alternative route from Genova to Trieste by land and then by Austrian Lloyd ships



EL posted **unpaid** from **Genova** (dep. Apr. 27, 1858) via **Trieste** (tr. Jan. 29, 1858) to **Sira isl.** (ar. Apr. 23, 1858)
 Endorsed **Via di Trieste**
Col Vapore del Lloyd Austriaco
 Credit in blue:
 9 Kr. Lloyd maritime rate
 / 9 Kr. Austrian Transit rate
 / 5 Kr. Italian rate
 In red cachet **C.S. 1**
Taxed in red 125 Lepta
 for 1st weight letter

EL posted **unpaid** from **Genova** (dep. Sep. 7, 1858) via **Trieste** (tr. Sep. 9, 1858) to **Sira isl.** (ar. Sep. 3, 1858)
 Endorsed **Via di Trieste**
Col Vapore del Lloyd Austriaco
 Credit in blue:
 9 Kr. Lloyd maritime rate
 / 6 Kr. Austrian Transit rate
 / 5 Kr. Italian rate
 In red cachet **C.S. 1**
Taxed in red 110 Lepta
 for 1st weight letter



EL posted **unpaid** from **Genova** (dep. Jan. 25, 1859) via **Trieste** (tr. Jan. 29, 1859) to **Sira isl.** (ar. Jan. 21, 1859)
Via di Trieste
Col Vapore del Lloyd Austriaco
 Credit in blue:
 15 NKr. Lloyd maritime rate
 / 10 NKr. Austrian Transit rate
 / 11 NKr. Italian rate
 In red cachet **C.S. 1**
Taxed in red 115 Lepta
 for simple letter

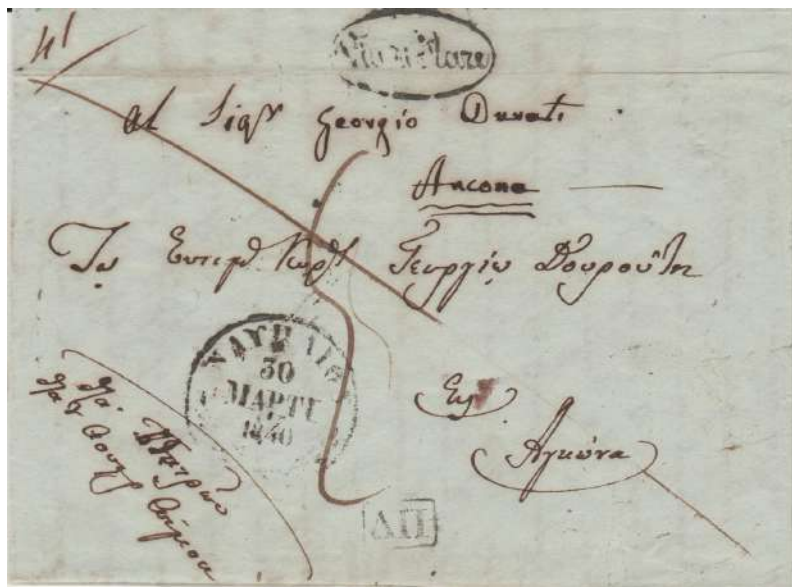


Mail to the Papal states by Austrian Lloyd ships

Papal states connected to Greece mainly by the Austrian Lloyd line **Trieste - Ancona - Corfu - Patras**

Postal rates set to 90 Lepta or 18 Kreuzer

(Valid from 1838 to Jul.11,1852 - Compulsory prepayment)



EL posted from **Nafplion** (dep.Mar.30,1840)

via **Patras** (tr.Apr.1,1840) to **Ancona** (ar.Apr.19,1840)

Endorsed *δια Πατρων / δια του Αυστρ. Ατμοπ.* (via Patras by Austrian steamer)

(verso) 90+30= **120 Lepta prepaid** (inland & maritime rate for **1st weight** letter)

Boxed cachet ΔΠ & diagonal line (postage paid)

Oval entrance cachet **VIA DI MARE** (Ancona)

(verso) Disinfected - Boxed cachet *Sanità di Ancona Netto fuori e dentro*

Taxed 5 Bajocchi

Papal states inland rate for **1st weight** letter



EL posted from **Patras** (dep.Jun.2,1842) to **Ancona** (ar.Jun.20,1842)

(verso) 135+20= **155 Lepta prepaid double rate** for **2nd weight** letter

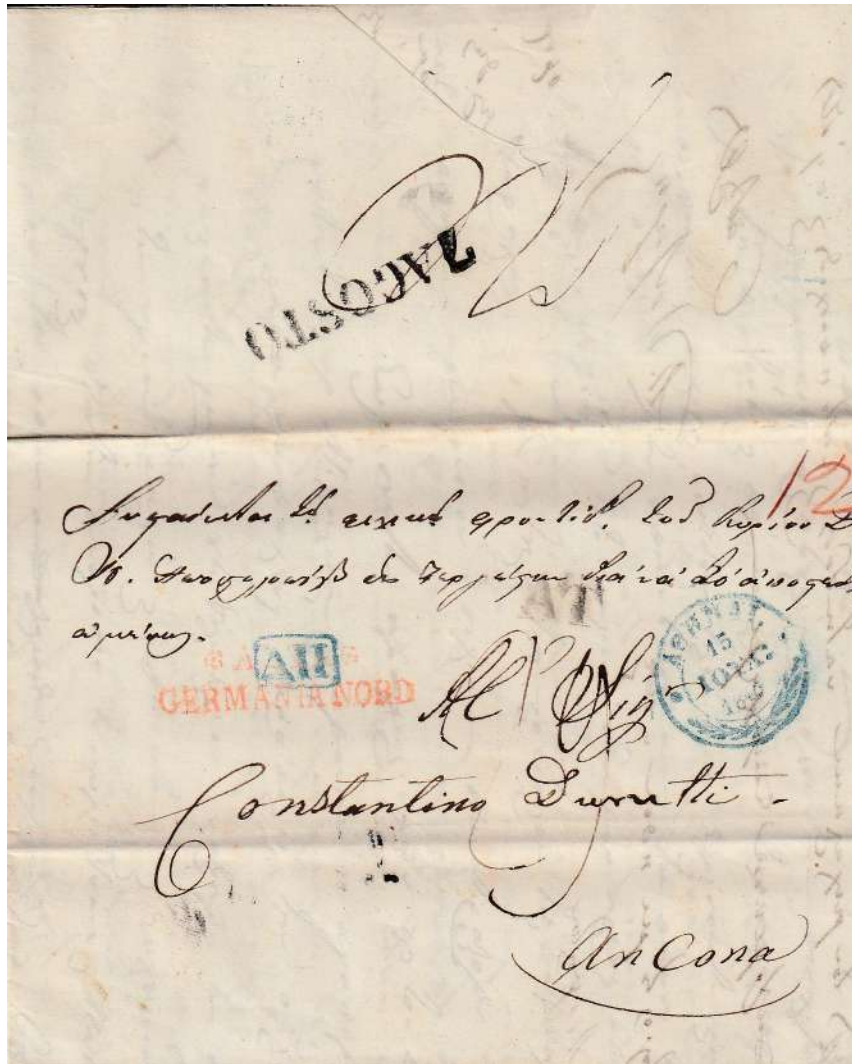
Oval entrance cachet **VIA DI MARE** (Ancona)

(verso) Disinfected - Boxed cachet *Sanità di Ancona Netto fuori e dentro*

Taxed 10 Bajocchi

Papal states inland **double rate** for **2nd weight** letter

Mail to the Papal states by Austrian Lloyd via Trieste & Austro-Italian postal Union
Another route composed of maritime travel to Trieste & then by land via Ferrara to Papal States
in comply to Austo-Italian Postal Union



EL posted from **Athens** (dep. Jul. 15, 1845)
via **Trieste** (tr. Aug. 7, 1845) to **Ancona**
(verso) **70 Lepta prepaid**
for **1st weight** letter
Boxed cachet **ΔΠ** (paid)
Credit in red **12 Kreuzer** for Austrian lloyd
Austrian borders transit cachet **AT**
Papal States border (Ferrara) transit cachet in red
ALTA
GERMANIA NORD
Taxed 29 Soldi Papal State rate

Mail from the Papal states via Lloyd Austriaco Agency in Ancona

In Ancona there was an Austrian Lloyd agency that accepted mail directly from the public

In this case mail did not charged any Papal State's postal fee

(Compulsory prepayment)



EL posted from **Ancona** (Nov.30,1848)

via **Patras** (tr.Nov.10,1848) to **Gythion**

Oval cachet **AGENZIE DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO / ANCONA**

(verso) **12 Kreuzer prepaid**

Austrian maritime rate for **1st weight** letter

Oval cachet **ΥΠΕΡΘΑΛΑΣΣΙΟΝ** (Overseas)

Taxed 10 Lepta seacharge fee



EL posted from **Ancona** (Jul.19,1858)

via **Patras** (tr.Jul.23,1858) to **Gythion** (ar.Jul.25,1858)

Oval cachet **AGENZIE DEL LLOYD AUSTRIACO / ANCONA**

Taxed in red 30 Lepta inland rate (Patras-Gythion)

for **1st weight** letter

Mail from the Papal postal service via Lloyd Austriaco Agency in Ancona



EL posted from
Ancona
 (dep. May. 2, 1855)
 to **Athens**
 (ar. Apr. 26, 1855)
 In blue oval cachet
**AGENZIE DEL
 LLOYD AUSTRIACO
 ANCONA**
 Franked 2x8Baj.+ 4Baj.=
Baj.20
Taxed in red 20 Lepta
 seacharge fee
 for **3rd weight** letter

EL posted from
Ancona
 (dep. Nov. 28, 1855)
 to **Sira isl.**
 (ar. Nov. 24, 1855)
 Oval cachet
**AGENZIE DEL LLOYD
 AUSTRIACO / ANCONA**
 Franked 2x7Baj.+ 6Baj
 = **Baj.20**
Taxed in red 20 Lepta
 seacharge fee
 for **3rd weight** letter
 Disinfected
 Two vertical disinfection slits



EL posted from
Ancona
 (dep. Sep. 2, 1855)
 to **Patras**
 Oval cachet
**AGENZIE DEL LLOYD
 AUSTRIACO / ANCONA**
 Franked 2x7Baj.+ 6Baj.
 = **Baj.20**
Taxed in red 10 Lepta
 seacharge fee
 for **1st weight** letter

Mail from the Papal States West coast seaports - Civitavecchia

Civitavecchia connected until 1851 to Greece by the paquebots of Rostand et Cie
on the line **Marseille - Livorno - Malta - Sira isl - Smyrna - Constantinople**

After the establishment of Messageries Nationales, Livorno connected to Malta by the Ligne d'Italie



Envelope posted from **Civitavecchia** to **Athens**

Administrative cachet **CONSULAT DE S.M. LE ROI DE LA GRECE A CIVITAVECHIA**

m/s originating indication **Service Royal de Grece**

Consular **official free mail**

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



EL posted from **Rome** (dep. Jul. 2, 1859) to **Sira isl.** (ar. Jul. 27, 1859)

Boxed cachet in red **Propaganda Fide** (Religious mail)

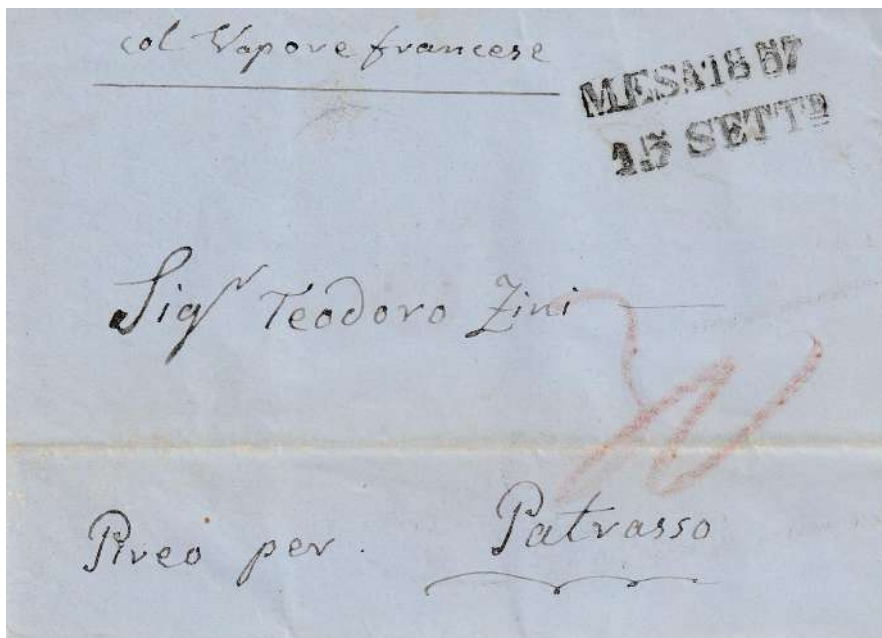
Franked 3Baj. (Reduced rate)

Taxed in red 20 Lepta seacharge fee for **3rd weight** letter

There are only 3 known letters bearing the Propaganda Fide cachet

Mail from / to Italian States - Kingdom of Two Sicilies by French paquebots
 The Kingdom of Two Sicilies had signed a convention to France from Mar.23,1853
 Postal rates were set at: 24 Grana for Napoli & 21 Grana for Messina

EL from **Licata** (dep.Aug.20,1856)
 via **Messina** (tr.Sep.6,1856)
 to **Sira isl.** (ar.Aug.29,1856)
 (verso) **23 Grana prepaid** rate
 (includes 2 Grana inland rate)
Taxed in red 10 Lepta
 for seacharge fee
 for **1st weight** letter



EL from **Messina** (dep.Sep.15,1857)
 via **Piraeus** (tr.Sep.5,1857)
 & **Athens** (tr.Sep.5,1857)
 to **Sira isl.** (ar.Aug.29,1856)
 Endorsed
col vapore francese
Pireo per Patrasso
Taxed in red 30 Lepta
 for **1st weight** letter

EL posted from
Napoli
 (dep.May.30,1858)
 to **Piraeus**
 (ar.May.24,1858)
24 Grana prepaid postal rate
 Endorsed
Col Vapore Postale Francese
 In red cachet
Servizio dei Vapori Francesi
del Mediterraneo - Posta di Napoli
Taxed in red 10 Lepta
 seacharge fee
 for **1st weight** letter



Mail to the Kingdom of Prussia & from the Free City of Hamburg

Letters from / to the Kingdom of Prussia & the Free Germanic cities could transported either via Marseilles (France) or Trieste (Austria) usually according to the wish of sender



EL posted from **Sira isl.** (dep.Oct.31,1851)
via **Berlin** (tr.Nov.23, 1851) & **Deutz-Minden** (tr.Nov.24,1851)
to **Duren** (ar.Nov.25,1851)
Endorsed *via Trieste par Vapore austriaco*
Boxed cachet **ΔΠ** (Paid)
(verso) **110 Lepta** prepaid rate for **1st weight** letter
Taxed 3 Pfennige Prussian inland rate



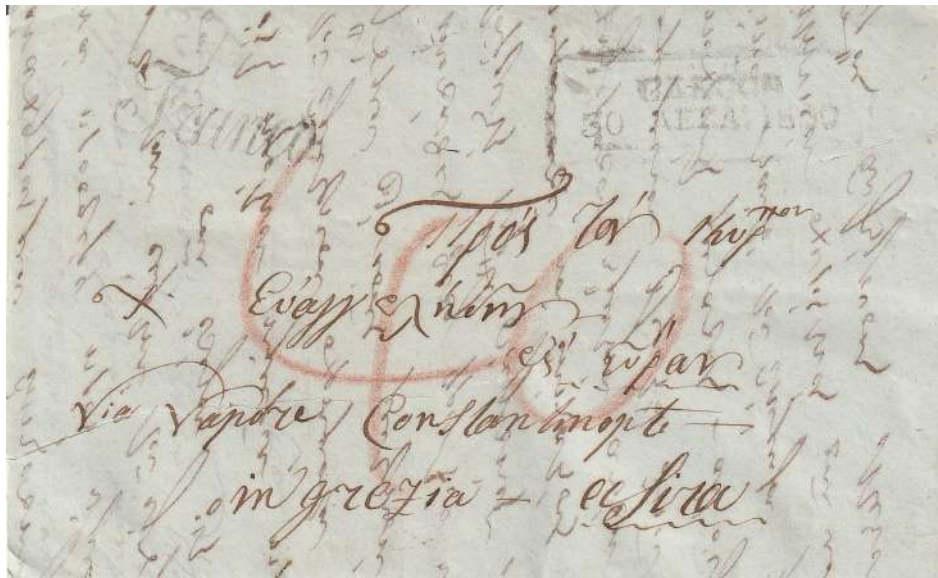
EL posted from **Hamburg** (dep.Nov.6,1850)
via **Trieste** (tr.Nov.11,1850) to **Patras** (ar.Nov.11,1850)
(verso) in red **6/6 (12 Schillings)** prepaid Hamburg rate plus rate to Austrian borders for **1st weight** letter
Credit 12/12 (24 Kreuzer) Austrian inland & Austrian Lloyd rate
Taxed 130 Lepta for **1st weight** letter

Mail from the Russian Empire

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

Postage was splitted in half between senders and recipients

An alternative land route also operated mainly during the winter **Odessa - Wien - Trieste ... Greece**



EL posted from **Odessa** (dep. Dec. 30, 1850)

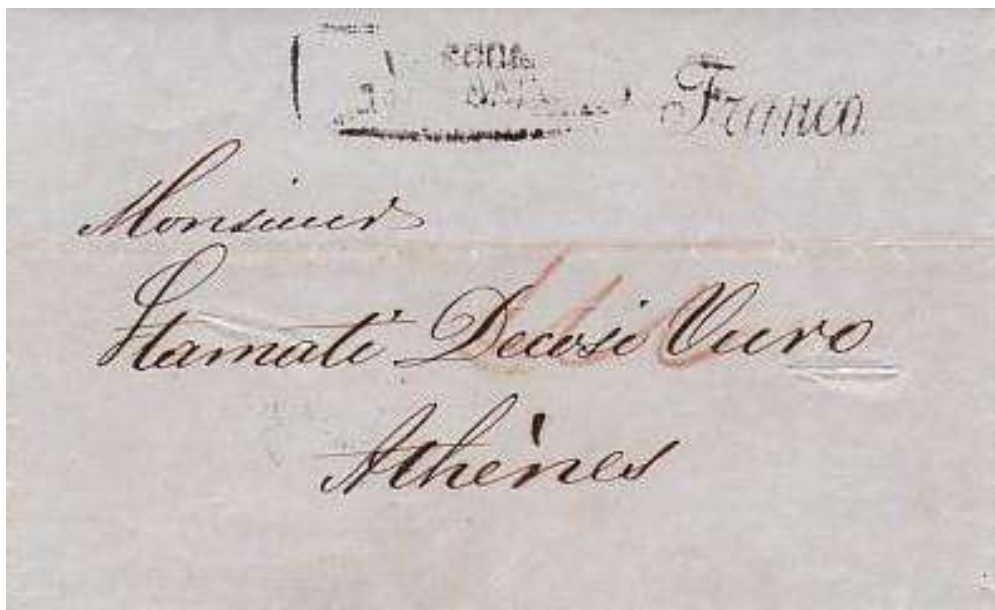
to **Sira isl.** (ar. Jan. 10, 1851)

Endorsed *via vapore Constantinople*

Linear cachet **Franco** (Paid to Constantinople)

Taxed in red 40 Lepta (for Constantinople to Athens part of the voyage)
for **1st weight** letter

Transported & Disinfected on board a French paquebot
(Two external disinfection cuts)



EL posted from **Petrograd** (dep. May. 4, 1851)

to **Athens** (ar. May. 9, 1851)

Linear cachet **Franco** (Paid to Constantinople)

Taxed in red 40 Lepta (for Constantinople to Athens part of the voyage)
for **1st weight** letter

Mail from / to Central Europe - Kingdoms of Belgium & Netherlands

Letters from / to the Kingdoms of Belgium & Netherlands could be transported either via Marseilles (France) or Trieste (Austria) usually according to the wish of sender



EL posted **unpaid** from
Athens
(dep. Jul. 27, 1851)
via **Marseilles**
(tr. Aug. 18, 1851)
to **Bruxelles**
(ar. Aug. 19, 1851)
Transit cachet **FRANCE**
PAR QUIEVRAIN No1
(tr. Nov. 19, 1851)
(verso) **2.00 Drachmas**
prepaid rate
Taxed 11 Decimes

EL posted from
Amsterdam (dep. Sep. 5, 1844)
to **Sira isl.** (ar. Sep. 9, 1844)
In blue cachet **P.P.** (Port Payé)
Endorsed
Voie de Marseille
par Bateau à Vapeur
Credit 15 Décimes
for Austrian German
Postal Union
Transit **PAYS BAS VALNES**
(tr. Sep. 7, 1844)

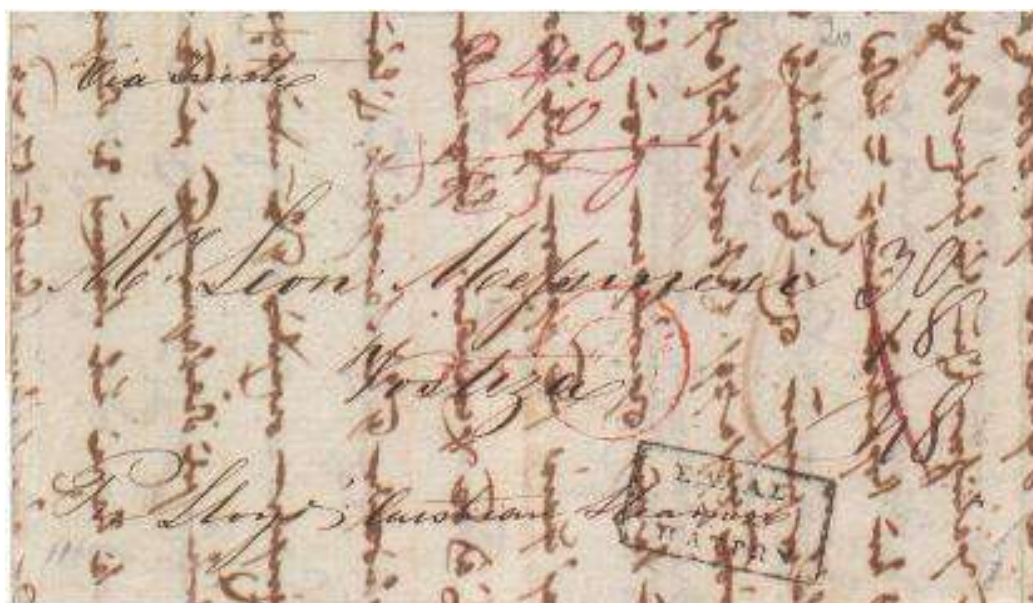


EL posted from
Patras (Feb. 9, 1854)
via **Trieste** (tr. Mar. 4, 1854)
to **Amsterdam**
(ar. Mar. 8, 1854)
Forwarding agent cachet
FELS & Co PATRAS
Credit in blue 3 Pfennige
for Austro-German union
Credit in red 3 Decimes
for Belgian transit rate
Taxed 30 Cents for
Netherlands postal rate



Mail from Great Britain via Trieste Austria

2nd Greco Austrian convention of 1838 connected Greece to Great Britain
Postal rate was set to 150 Lepta or 30 Kreuzer (Trieste to Great Britain)
plus the maritime rate of 90 Lepta or 18 Kreuzer between Trieste & Greece (Patras)
Austrian maritime rate reduced to 60 Lepta or 12 Kreuzer from Jul.10,1845 to Aug.1,1852)
(Valid from May.20,1838 to Aug.1,1852 - Prepayment Optional)



EL posted **unpaid** from **London** (Aug.17,1839)
via **Calais, Trieste & Patras** (tr.Aug.25,1839) to **Egion**
Endorsed **Via Trieste**

Boxed entrance cachet **ΕΛΛΑΣ/ΔΙΑ/ΠΑΤΡΩΝ** (Greece via Patras)
Credit **30 + 18 = 48 Kreuzer** for Austrian Lloyd
Taxed in red 240 + 10 = 250 Lepta for 1st weight letter

From 1852 mail routed via Belgium (Ostende) & the AustroGerman Postal Union (Aachen)



EL posted from **Dundee** (Scotland) (dep.Dec.21,1853)
via **Aachen** (tr.Dec.23,1852) & **Trieste** (tr.Dec.26,1853)
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Dec.21,1853)

1 Shilling & 2 ½ Pence prepaid rate
Endorsee **via Belgium**

Transit dated pmk in red **AUS ENGLAND PER AACHEN**
Taxed 30 Lepta Greek inland rate (Patras-Sira isl.)

Mail from Great Britain via Trieste Austria



EL posted **unpaid** from **London** (dep.Apr.15,1854) via **Aachen** (tr.Apr.16,1854) & **Trieste** (tr.Apr.20,1854) to **Athens** (ar.Apr.14,1854) Endorsed *via Ostendo & Trieste* In red credit **12/9/9** (30 Kr.) Credit in blue **21** Kr. for Austro-German Postal Union Credit cachet **3 ½ Groschen** **Taxed in red 160 Lepta** for 1st weight letter

EL posted from **London** (dep.Aug.17,1858) via **Aachen** (tr.Aug.18,1858) & **Trieste** (tr.Aug.22,1858) to **Patras** (ar.Aug.23,1858) Endorsed *via Ostendo & Trieste* In blue credit **9/9/12** (30 Kr.) Credit in blue **21** Kr. for Austro-German Postal Union **Taxed in red 170 Lepta** for 1st weight letter



EL posted **unpaid** from **London** (dep.Apr.2,1860) via **Aachen** (tr.apr.10,1860), **Trieste** (tr.Apr.13,1860), & **Athens** (tr.Apr.2,1860) to **Pyrgos** Endorsed *via Ostend & Trieste* In blue credit **20/15/15** (50 Kr.) Credit in blue **35** Kr. for Austro-German Postal Union **Taxed in red 190 Lepta** for 1st weight letter

Mail from Great Britain via Trieste Austria



EL from **Piraeus** (dep.Jul.23,1860) via **London**(tr.Aug.10.1860)
to **Devenport** (England) (ar.Aug.13,1860)

Endorsed *via Trieste*

In red linear cachet **Π.Ε.Α.** & circled **P.** (Paid)
(verso) **160 Lepta prepaid** rate for **1st weight** letter
& Credit in red **15 / 15 / 20** (50 Kreuzer)



EL posted **unpaid** from **Piraeus** (dep.Jul.30.1860)
via **Trieste** (tr.Aug.?,1860)

to **Davenport** (England) (ar.Aug.21.1860)

Endorsed *via Trieste*

Credit in red **15/10** (25 Kreuzer) equals in blue **8 Sgrochen**
Credit **10 Pence** (24kr.) for the Austrian-German postal union
Taxed 1 Shilling & 2 Pence

Mail from Great Britain via Marseille French Republic

1st convention to France of 1838 also connected Greece to Great Britain

Postal rate was set to 150 Lepta or 130 Centimes

(Valid from Jun.1,1838 to Sep.30,1861 - Prepayment Optional)

EL posted from **London**
(dep.Mar.15,1841)
via **Calais** (tr.Mar.17,1841)
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Mar.19,1841)
Endorsed *Via Marseille*
by French packet
In red oval cachet **P.D.**
(Paid to Destination)
Linear cachet **Π.Ε.Μ.Σ**
(Paid to Borders)
2 Shillings & 8 ½ Pence
prepaid rate
Taxed 10 Lepta
seacharge fee
for **1st weight** letter



EL posted from **London**
(dep.Aug.27,1849)
via **Boulogne S Mer**
(tr.Aug.28,1849)
to **Athens**
(ar.Aug.27,1849)
Endorsed *via Marseilles*
/ Vapor Française
In red oval cachet **PD**
(Paid to Destination)
1 Shilling & 5 Pence
prepaid postal rate

EL posted **unpaid** from **London** (dep.Feb.26,1852)
via **Calais** (tr.Feb.27,1852)
to **Athens** (ar.Feb.26,1852)
Endorsed *via Marseilles*
by French Steamers
Taxed in red 320 Lepta
for **3rd weight** letter



Mail from Great Britain via Marseille French Republic



EL posted from **London** (dep. Jan. 20, 1859) via **Calais** (tr. Jan. 21, 1859) & **Paris** (tr. Jan. 21, 1859) to **Athens** (ar. Jan. 16, 1859) Endorsed *Via Marseilles par French Steamer* **1 Shilling** prepaid rate for **1st weight** letter *Franked 1 Penny* canc. by multilinear **50** (Late fee) In red oval cachet **PD** (Paid to Destination)

EL posted **unpaid** from **London** (dep. Nov. 25, 1858) via **Calais** (tr. Nov. 26, 1858), **Paris** (tr. Nov. 26, 1858) & **Athens** (tr. Nov. 24, 1857) to **Patras** (ar. Feb. 28, 1858) Endorsed *via Marseilles by French Pacht* **Taxed in red 450 Lepta** for **4th weight** letter

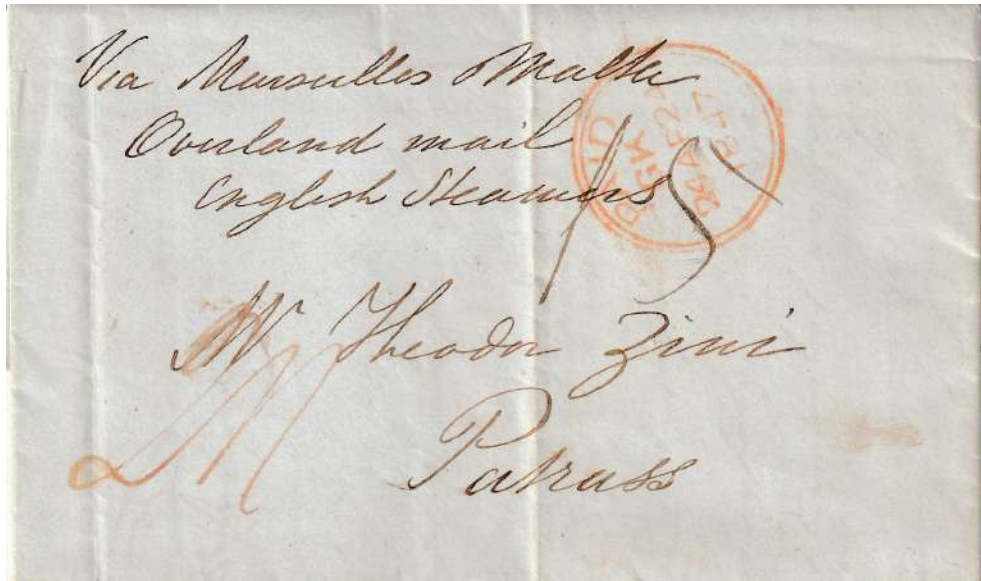


EL posted from **London** (dep. Dec. 26, 1860) via **Calais** (tr. Dec. 27, 1860) & **Paris** (tr. Dec. 27, 1860) to **Athens** (ar. Dec. 22, 1860) *Franked 4p. + 6p. + 1p.* = **11 Pence** for **1st weight** letter In red oval cachet **PD** (Paid to Destination)



Mail from Great Britain carried by English private steamers

A third way for mail from Great Britain to reach Greece
was the English private steamers on the route Malta - Ionian isl. - Patras
Since there was not a official convention, all letters
must have been prepaid to the Greek entry p.o. and taxed only the Greek seacharge fee



EL posted from **London** (dep. Apr. 24, 1847)
via **Marseilles** to **Patras** (ar. Apr. 23, 1847)
Endorsed *Via Marseilles v. Malta English steamers Overland mail*
1 Shilling & 8 Pence prepaid rate
Taxed 15 Lepta seacharge fee
for **2nd weight** letter



EL posted from **London** (dep. May. 24, 1848)
via **Marseilles** to **Patras** (ar. May. 24, 1848)
Endorsed *Via Marseilles v. Malta English steamers Overland mail*
1 Shilling & 8 Pence prepaid rate
Oval cachet **ΥΠΕΡΘΑΛΑΣΣΙΟΝ** (Overseas)
Taxed 10 Lepta seacharge fee for **1st weight** letter

Transatlantic mail to the U.S.A.

Transatlantic mail before 1838, was possible only by private means.
In 1838 Greece connected to USA via Marseilles (France) or Trieste (Austria)



EL written in
Sira isl. (Jun.3,1835)
Transported by private means
to **Smyrne (Jun.28,1835)**
& forwarded to **Boston**
where posted unpaid
to **Newton**
Noted *Received at Smyrna
on 18th June 1835*
forwarded
by **Y.M.O.J. Jacob Van Lennep**
Taxed in red 8 Cents
internal US rate

EL posted from
Piraeus
(dep. Nov.28.1857)
via **Trieste**
(tr. Dec.15,1857),
Aachen
& **Boston**
(tr. Jan.6,1858)
to **New York**
Boxed cachet **ΔΠ (Paid)**
Credit 5 Pence
to Austrian - German
postal union
Taxed in red 2 Cents
internal U.S. rate



EL written in
Patras (Oct.4,1859)
forwarded to **Malta**
where posted to **New York**
Forwarding agent cachet
FELS & CO / PATRAS
Franked 2x 2p.+ 2x 4p.
= 12 Pence
In red curved cachet
PAID

Mail from / to the Austrian Empire - Illyria - Trieste - by Greek Sailships (Feraldis)

The line **Patra - Corfu - Trieste** inaugurated on Oct.26,1833
by one sailship hired by the Greek government from Mr. Feraldis
Postal rate was set to 60 Lepta for simple letter
Compulsory prepayment



EL from **Trieste** (Feb.4,1834)
to **Athens** (Δ1) (ar.Feb.20,1834)
Taxed 20 Lepta
inland **triple rate** for
envelope up to 20 drams

(70%)

*This is the only
known letter
transported by
Feraldi's sail ships
on Trieste - Athens
route*

*This is the Oldest
known date of use
for laurel type pmk
of Athens p.o.*



EL posted from
Sira isl. (Nov.28,1834)
to **Trieste** (ar.Jan.17,1835)
Oval cachet
ΠΑΗΡΩΜΕΝΟΝ (Paid)
(verso) **84+14=**
98 Lepta prepaid double rate
for **2nd weight** letter of **10 g.**
Double boxed Austrian
entrance cachet **GRECE**
Taxed 4 1/2 Kreuzer
for disinfection fees
(Santa Teresa)

Mail from the Austrian Empire - Illyria- Trieste - by Austrian warships

The 1st Austro-Greek convention of May.16,1834

set the maritime rate from Trieste to Western Greek port of Patras to 50 Lepta or 10 Kreuzer
& Eastern Greek p.o of Athens & Sira isl. to 120 Lepta or 24 Kreuzer for simple letter

(Valid from May.16,1834 to May.20,1838 - Compulsory prepayment)

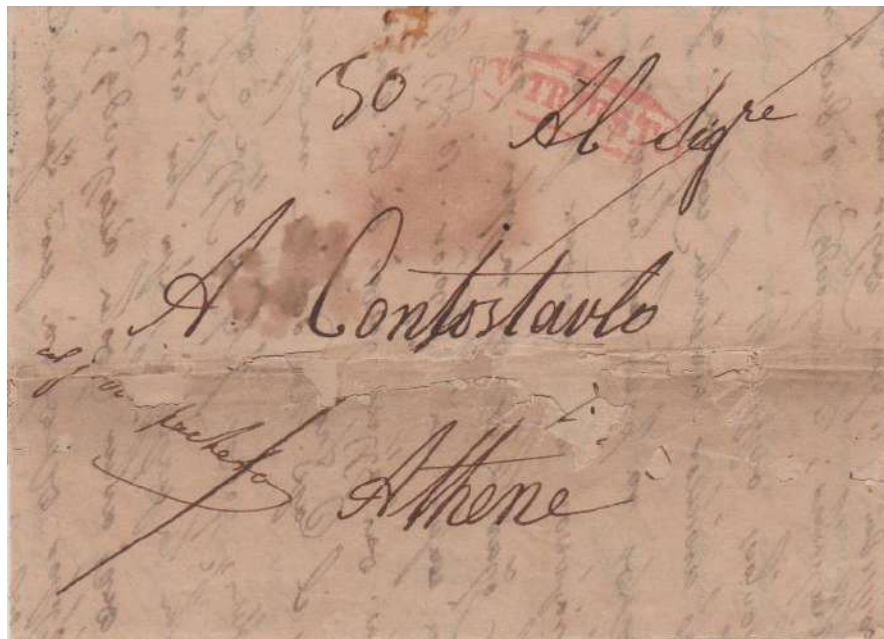


EL posted from **Trieste** (Nov.1,1837) to **Athens** (ar.Oct.27,1837)

Endorsed *con pacheto*

(verso) **24 Kreuzer prepaid** maritime postal rate
to Eastern Greek Aegean port (Athens)

Taxed 10 Lepta seacharge fee
for **1st weight** letter



EL posted from **Trieste** (May.?,1837) to **Athens** (ar.May.12,1837)

Endorsed *con pacheto*

(verso) **10 Kreuzer prepaid** maritime postal rate
to Western Greek port (Patras)

Taxed 30 Lepta internal rate (Patras to Athens)
for **1st weight** letter

Mail from / to the Austrian Empire - Illyria - Trieste - by Austrian Lloyd - Period A

On May.20,1838 the maritime rate on the line **Trieste - Corfu - Patras**
 was increased to 90 Lepta or 18 Kreuzer for simple letter
 (Valid from May.20,1838 to Jul.10,1845 - Compulsory Prepayment)



EL posted from **Trieste** (dep.Jan.25,1838)
 via **Patras** (tr.Jan.18,1838) to **Nafplion** (ar.Jan.21,1838)
 Endorsed *col vapore del Lloyd Austriaco / Giovanni Arciduca d' Austria*
 (verso) **18 Kreuzer prepaid** Austrian maritime post
 Boxed entrance cachet **ΕΛΛΑΣ/ΔΙΑ/ΠΑΤΡΩΝ** (Greece via Patras)
 Linear cachet **Π.Ε.Μ.Σ.** (Paid to Borders)
Taxed 30 Lepta inland postal rate for **1st weight** letter



EL posted from **Sira isl.** (dep.Apr.16,1838) to **Trieste**
 Oval cachet **ΠΑΗΡΩΜΕΝΟΝ** (Paid)
 (verso) **180+20=200 Lepta prepaid triple rate**
 for **3rd weight** letter of **10 g.**
 Disinfection fees: **1 6/2 = 4 sheets x 3 Kr. = 12 Kreuzer (Taxed)**

Mail to the Austrian Empire - Illyria - Trieste - by Austrian Lloyd - Period A



EL posted from **Sira isl.** (dep. Nov. 4, 1839) to **Trieste** (ar. Nov. 25, 1839)

Boxed cachet ΔΠ (Paid)

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

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



EL posted from **Sira isl.** (dep. Jun. 26, 1840) to **Trieste** (ar. Jul. 20, 1840)

Boxed cachet ΔΠ (Paid)

Credit in red **24 Kreuzer** for Austrian Lloyd
(verso) **130 Lepta prepaid double rate** for 2nd weight letter

Rastel disinfection slits

Mail to the Austrian Empire - Illyria - Trieste - by Austrian Lloyd - Period A



EL posted from **Patras** (dep. May. 17, 1841) to **Trieste** (ar. Jun. 5, 1841)

Boxed **ΔΠ** (Paid)

Credit in red **18 Kreuzer** (for Austrian Lloyd)

(verso) **90+10=100 Lepta prepaid** rate for **1st weight** letter

Rastel disinfection slits



EL posted from **Athens** (dep. Jun. 13, 1842)
via **Patras** (tr. Jun. 17, 1842) to **Trieste** (ar. Jun. 3, 1842)

Boxed **ΔΠ** (Paid)

Endorsed *δια του Αυστριακου ατμοπλοιου - franco*

Credit **54 Kreuzer** for Austrian Lloyd

(verso) **305+150= 465 Lepta prepaid** rate **5th weight** letter of **40 g.**

Disinfection fees: **8 ½ Kreuzer (Taxed)**

Mail to / from the Austrian Empire - Illyria - Trieste - by Austrian Lloyd - Period A



EL posted from **Trieste**
 (dep.Sep.16,1842)
 via **Patras** (tr.Sep.11,1842)
 to **Nafplion** (ar.Sep.14,1842)
 Endorsed **δια Πατρων**
με το Ατμοπλοιο
 (via Patras by the steamer)
 (verso) **18 Kreuzer prepaid**
 Austrian maritime rate
 for **1st weight** letter
 Linear cachet in red **Franco** (paid)
 & Linear cachet **Π.Ε.Μ.Σ.**
 (Paid to Borders)
 Boxed entrance cachet
ΕΛΛΑΣ/ΔΙΑ/ΠΑΤΡΩΝ
 (Greece via Patras)
Taxed 30 Lepta inland rate

EL posted from **Trieste**
 (dep.Jul.1,1843)
 via **Athens** (tr.Jun.25,1843) &
Piraeus (tr.Jun.28,1843)
 to **Sira isl.** (ar.Jun.29,1843)
 Linear cachet in red
Franco (Paid)
 (verso) **18 Kreuzer**
prepaid Austrian rate
Taxed in red 20 Lepta
 Greek domestic rate
 for **1st weight** letter

*This is the 1st day of
 the new Austrian Lloyd
 postal rates*



EL posted from
Piraeus (dep.Jan.14,1844)
 to **Trieste** (ar.Feb.5,1844)
 Boxed cachet **ΔΠ** (Paid)
 Credit in red **27 Kreuzer**
 (for Austrian Lloyd)
 (verso) **150 Lepta prepaid**
double rate
 for **2nd weight** letter
 Rastel disinfection slits



Mail to / from the Austrian Empire - Illyria - Trieste - by Austrian Lloyd - Period B
 On Jul.10,1845 Austrian Lloyd reduced the maritime rate to Trieste to 60 Lepta or 12 Kreuzer
 (Valid from Jul.10,1845 to Aug.1,1852 - Compulsory Prepayment)



EL posted from
Sira isl.
 (dep. May.30,1848)
 to **Trieste**
 (ar. Jun.15,1848)
 Boxed cachet **ΔΠ** (Paid)
 Credit **48 Kreuzer**
 for Austrian Lloyd
 (verso) **330 Lepta prepaid**
quadruple rate
 for **4th weight** letter

EL posted from
Trieste (dep. Jan.9,1849)
 to **Piraeus** (ar. Jan.4,1849)
 Crossing diagonal lines
 & **TRIEST-Franco** (Paid)
 (verso) **30 Kreuzer prepaid**
quadruple rate
 for **4th weight** letter
Taxed in red 40 Lepta
 seacharge fee
 for **4th weight** letter
 of **15 - 20 g.**



EL posted **unpaid** from
Trieste (dep. Oct.16,1851)
 to **Athens** (ar. Oct.12,1851)
 Credit **2 / 9** (11 Kreuzer)
 for Austrian Lloyd
Taxed in red 65 Lepta
 rate for **1st weight** letter

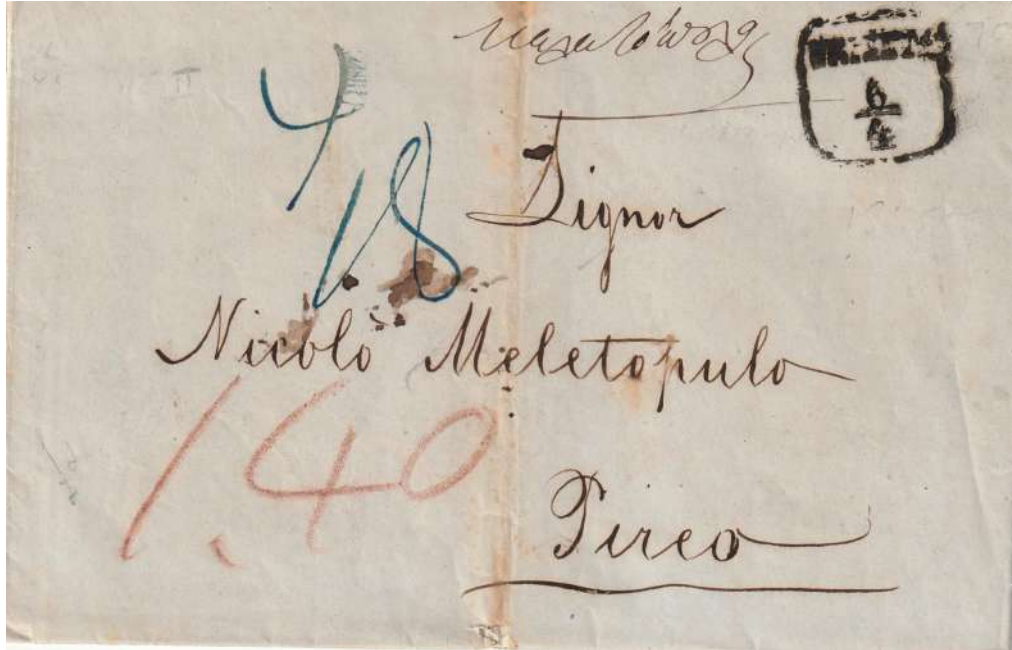
*This is the Oldest Known
 letter send unpaid
 Officially optional prepayment
 took effect in Aug,1852*

Mail to / from the Austrian Empire - Illyria - Trieste - by Austrian Lloyd - Period C

On Aug.1,1852 Austrian Lloyd reduced again the maritime rate to Trieste to 45 Lepta or 9 Kreuzer
Also agreed that for the prepaid letters the maritime rate will include also any inland rates at no extra charge

Please note Austrian Lloyd weight climax was following 15 g. increase climax.

Respectively the Greek climax followed after the first 7 ½ g. th 5 g. increase climax
(Optional Prepayment)



EL posted **unpaid** from **Trieste** (dep.Oct.19,1855) to **Piraeus** (ar.Oct.13,1855)
Credit in blue **4** distribution + **18** maritime (total 22 Kreuzer) for **2nd weight** Austrian Lloyd letter
Taxed in red 140 Lepta for **5th weight** letter



EL posted **unpaid** from **Patras** (dep.Oct.12,1857) to **Trieste** (ar.Oct.29,1857)
Credit **27** Kr. maritime rate & total **45** Kreuzer for Austrian Lloyd
Taxed in red 51 Kreuzer
(for **3rd weight** Austrian Lloyd & **9th weight** Greek letter)

Mail to / from the Austrian Empire - Illyria - Trieste - by Austrian Lloyd - Period C

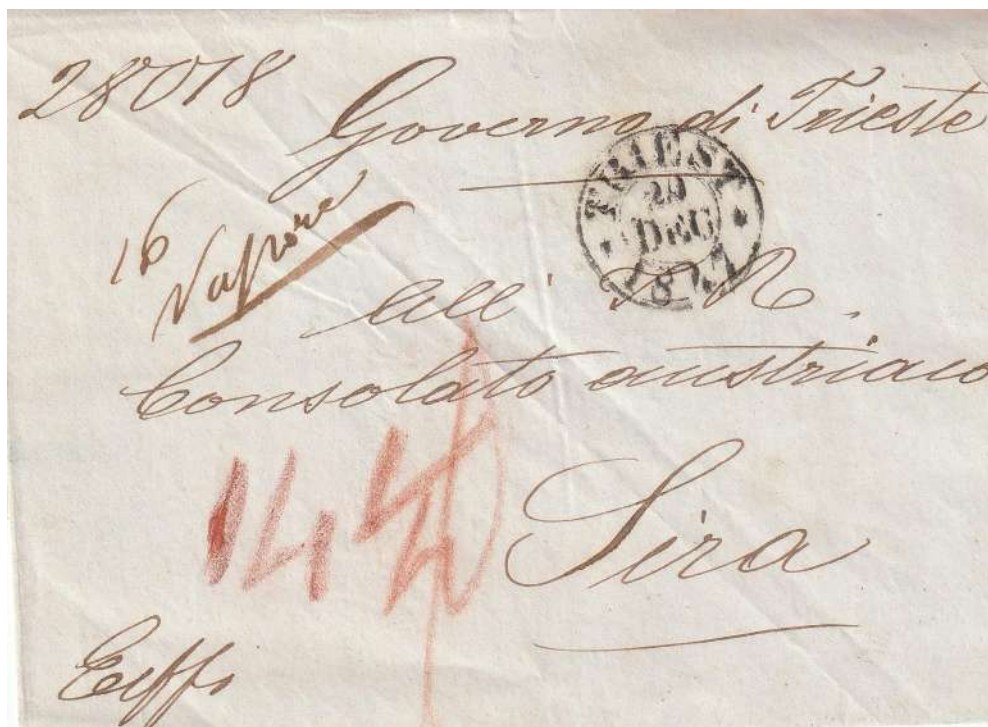


EL posted **unpaid** from **Trieste** (dep.Oct.9,1858) to **Kalamata**
Credit **2 / 9** (11 Kreuzer) for Austrian Lloyd
Taxed in red 85 Lepta rate
for **1st weight** letter



EL posted **unpaid** from **Pyrgos** (dep.Feb.12,1860)
via **Athens** (tr.Feb.15,1860) to **Trieste** (ar.Feb.21,1860)
Credit in red **15 NKr.** for Austrian maritime rate & **40 Lepta** for Greek Inland rate
Taxed in blue 28 New Kreuzer
for **1st weight** letter

Mail to / from the Austrian Empire - Illyria - Trieste - by Austrian Lloyd - Special Handling



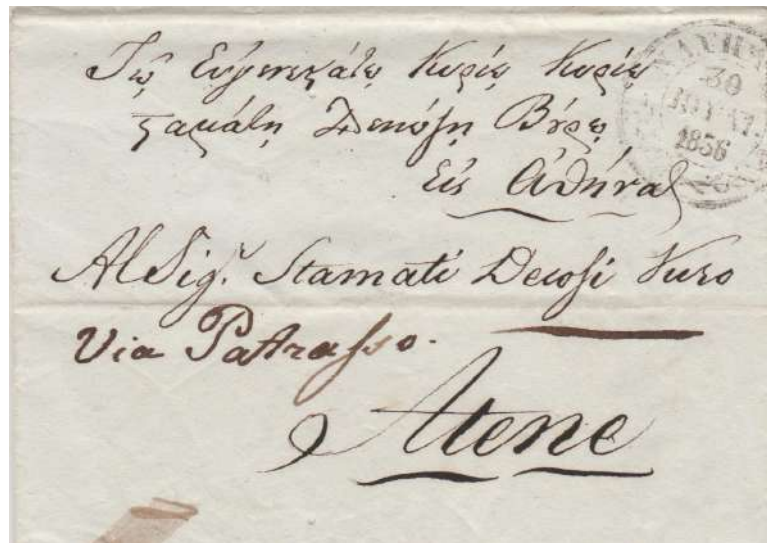
EL posted from **Trieste** (dep. Dec. 29, 1847) (s/n 28018) to **Sira isl.**
m/s originating indication **Governo di Trieste / Exoffo** (official)
Austrian Government [official free mail](#)



EL posted from **Sira isl.** (May. 27, 1852) to **Trieste** (ar. Jun. 14, 1852)
Let'arr'per mare (arrived by sea)
Transported via irregular route
(probable via Austrian Lloyd agency in Amfissa, Greece)

Mail from / to the Austrian Empire - Kingdom of Lombardy - Venezia

Austrian naval military line Trieste – Venezia – Corfu extended in 1834 to Patras
Operated in parallel to Austrian Lloyd from 1837 to 1840. Line abolished in the summer of 1840
After 1840 all mail between Venezia & Greece served by the Austrian Lloyd lines



EL posted from **Venezia** (May.16,1836)
via **Patras & Nafplion** (tr.Jun.30,1836) to **Athens** (ar.Jul.2,1836)
Endorsed *via Patrasso*
(verso) **10 Kreuzer prepaid** for **1st weight** letter



EL posted from **Athens** (dep.Aug.14,1853)
via **Trieste** (tr.Aug.31,1853) to **Venezia** (ar.Sep.1,1853)
Diagonal line & linear cachet in red **H.E.A.** (Paid to Destination)
(verso) **85 Lepta prepaid** rate for **1st weight** letter
(verso) **Credit in red 6 Kr.** maritime rate Trieste - Venezia
/ **5 Kr.** maritime rate Triest - Athens (**11Kr.**) for Austrian Lloyd

Mail from the Austrian Empire - Archduchy of Austria - Wien

Mail between Wien & Greece were served by Austrian Lloyd via Trieste

There is also known an Austrian postal service overland line

Lamia - Larissa - Thessaloniki - Semlin - Wien operating from Dec.1835 to 1850s



EL posted from **Wien** (dep. May.28,1839)

via **Patras** (tr. May.25,1839) to **Nafplion** (ar. May.27,1839)

Endorsed *col vapore del / Lloyd Austriaco*

Linear cachet in red **Franco** & Linear cachet **Π.Ε.Μ.Σ.** (Paid to Borders)

Boxed entrance cachet **ΕΛΛΑΣ/ΔΙΑ/ΠΑΤΡΩΝ** (Greece via Patras)

(verso) **14 Kr.** Austrian Inland + **18 Kr.** Austrian maritime = **32 Kreuzer** prepaid rate

Taxed 30 Lepta Greek inland postal rate for **1st weight** letter

(ex collection: *Cotsis*)



EL posted from

Wien (dep. Aug.23,1852)

via **Trieste**

to **Sira isl.** (ar. Aug.19,1852)

Crossing diagonal lines (Paid)

& linear cachet in red

Franco

(verso) **9 Kr.** Austrian Inland

+ **9 Kr.** Austrian maritime

= **18 Kreuzer** prepaid

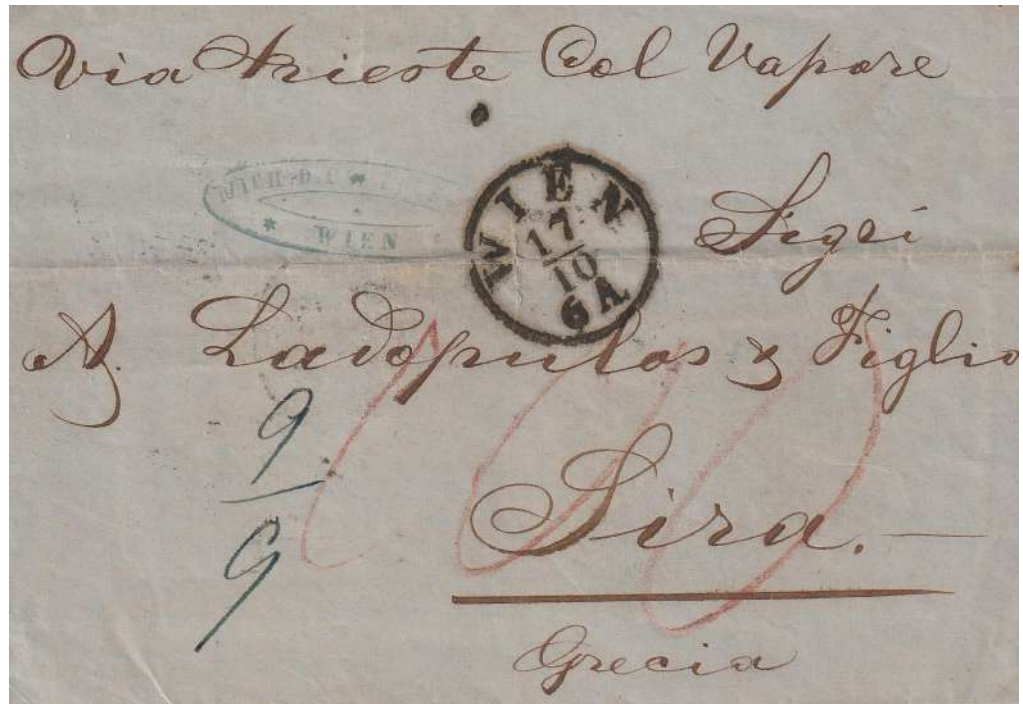
for **1st weight** letter

Mail from / to the Austrian Empire - Archduchy of Austria - Wien



EL posted from **Piraeus** (dep. Mar. 6, 1853) to **Wien** (ar. Mar. 30, 1853)
 Crossing diagonal lines & Linear cachet in red **Π.Ε.Δ.** (Paid)

EL posted **unpaid** from **Vienna** (dep. Oct. 17, 1855) via **Trieste** (tr. Oct. 19, 1855) to **Sira isl.** (ar. Oct. 15, 1855)
 Endorsed
Via Trieste Col Vapore
 Credit in blue:
 9 Kr. Austrian inland rate
 + 9 Kr. Austrian maritime
 (18 Kr. for Austrian Lloyd)
Taxed in red 100 Lepta
 for 1st weight letter



EL posted **unpaid** from **Sira isl.** (dep. Sep. 15, 1857) to **Vienna** (ar. Oct. 2, 1857)
 Credit in red
 9 Kr. maritime rate
 + 10 Kr. Austrian inland for Austrian Lloyd
Taxed in red 24 Kreuzer



Mail to the Austrian Empire - Kingdom of Hungary

Mail between Kingdom of Hungary & Greece were served by Austrian Lloyd via Trieste
Changes in postal rates reflects the changes of the Austrian maritime rates between Trieste - Greece



EL posted from **Sira isl.** (dep.Nov.5,1847) to **Peste** (ar.Nov.28,1847)
Boxed cachet ΔΠ (Paid)
(verso) **70 Lepta prepaid** rate to Trieste
Taxed 11 Kreuzer Austrian inland rate



EL posted from **Sira isl.** (dep.Nov.15,1858)
to **Peste** (ar.Dec.4,1858)
(verso) in red **100 Lepta prepaid** rate
Linear cachet n red Π.Ε.Α. (Paid to Destination)

Mail to the Austrian Empire - Kingdom of Dalmatia

Mail between Dalmatia & Greece were served by Austrian Lloyd via Trieste

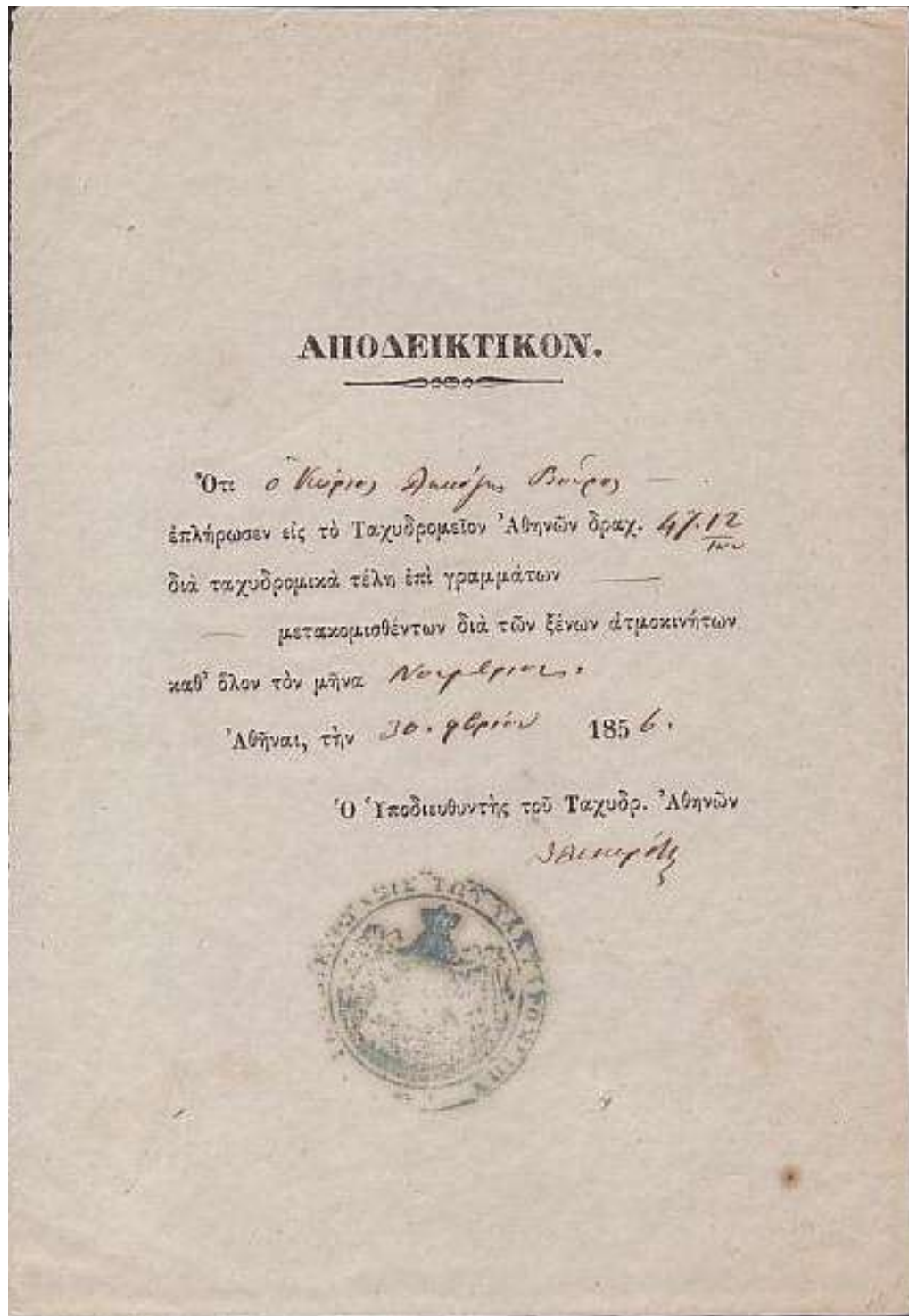


EL posted **unpaid** from **Sira isl.** (dep. May.25, **1858**)
to **Lesina isl.** (today's Hvar isl.) (ar. Jun.11, 1858)
15 Kr. inland Austrian rate + **9 Kr.** maritime Austrian Lloyd rate
totalling **Taxed 24 Kreuzer** for **1st weight** letter



Lesina isl. (1860)

Mail transported by the Austrian Lloyd - Postal receipt



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

19th recorded receipts with Direction of Postal Service cachet

Mail to / from Malta transported by English warships

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

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

6 Pence (before Aug.1,1837) then 8 Pence (from Aug.1,1837 to Aug.14,1838),
again 6 Pence (from Aug.14,1838 to Jun.1,1843) & 5 Pence (from Jun.1,1843 to 1857)
Prepayment compulsory



EL posted from **Patras** (dep.Apr.2,1838) to **Malta**

Endorsed *col vapor Britanico*

8 Pence prepaid for English warship rate

Disinfected - Two vertical disinfection slits



EL posted from **Malta** (May.16,1839) to **Patras** (ar.May.7,1839)

Curved bilinear cachet **PAID MALTA**

In red **6 Pence prepaid** for English warship rate

Mail from Malta transported by English warships



EL posted from **Malta** (dep.Feb.10,1856) to **Sira isl.** (ar.Feb.1,1856)
Circled **P** cachet (Paid)
In red **5 Pence prepaid** for English warship rate
Taxed in red 15 Lepta Greek seacharge fee
for **2nd weight** letter

English warships service ended in 1857
Afterwards mail transported by private steamers



EL posted from **Malta** (dep.Mar.30,1861)
via **Piraeus** (tr.Apr.23,1861) to **Athens** (ar.Apr.23,1861)
3 Pence prepaid International rate
for **1st weight** letter
In red circled **P** cachet (Paid)
Taxed in red 10 Lepta Greek seacharge fee

Mail from Malta transported by French paquebots - Ligne de Levant

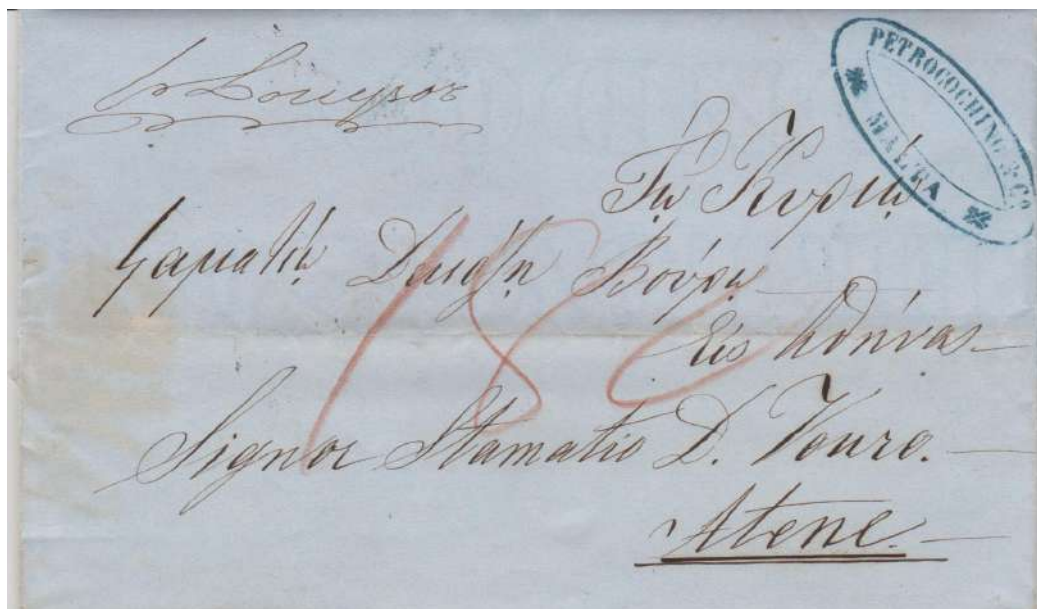
According to the 1st (1838) & 2nd (1844) conventions between Greece & France
the maritime postal rate for simple letters between Greek seaports (Piraeus or Sira isl.) & Malta
was set to 80 Lepta plus 10 Lepta for Greek seacharge fee
Prepayment compulsory for Greek mail - Optional for Maltese mail
(Valid from Jun.1,1838 to Sept.30,1861)



EL posted **unpaid** from **Malta** (dep.Feb.6,1842)
to **Sira isl.** (ar.Jan.31,1842)

Linear cachet **Malta Post Office**
Taxed 90 Lepta for **1st weight** letter

Transported by paquebot DANTE

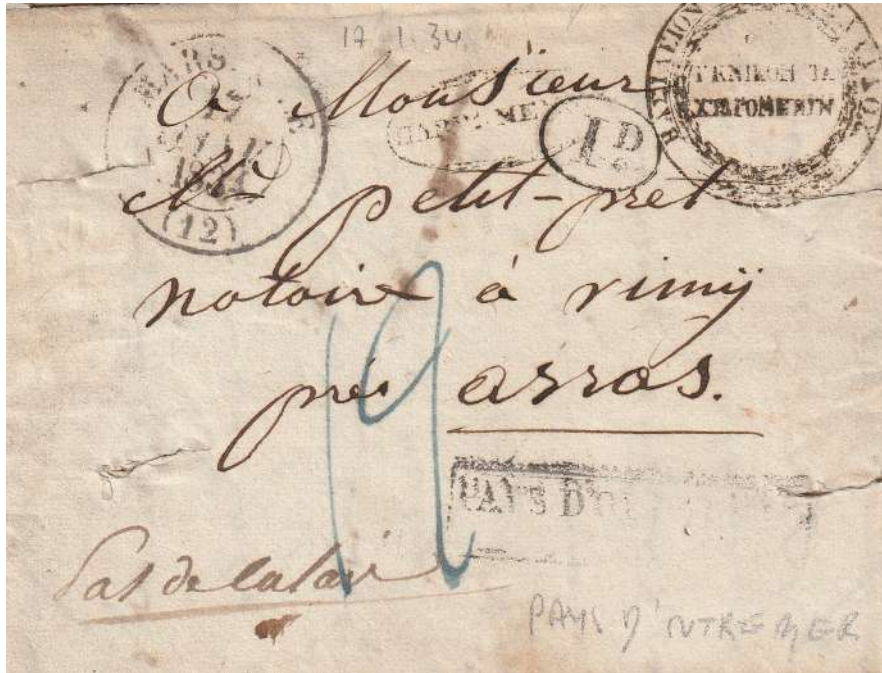


EL posted **unpaid** from **Malta** (dep.Oct.15,1852)
via **Sira isl.** (tr.Oct.6,1852) to **Athens** (ar.Oct.7,1852)

Endorsed **Le Louqsor**
Taxed in red 180 Lepta for **3rd weight** letter
(includes 20 Lepta seacharge fee)

First postal voyage to the Levant in 1852 for paquebot LOUQSOR

Mail to the French Republic by Greek Sailships (Feraldis)
 The line **Nafplion - Malta - Marseilles** inaugurated on Sept.23,1833
 by one sailship hired by the Greek government from Mr. Feraldis
 Postal rate was set to 80 Lepta for simple letter
 Compulsory prepayment



EL posted from **Nafplion** (Nov.29,1833) via **Marseilles** (tr.Jan.17,1834)
 to **Arras** (French republic) (ar.Jan.23,1834)
 Oval cachet **ΠΛΗΡΩΜΕΝΟΝ** (Paid) (*earliest known use*)
 (verso) **80 Lepta prepaid** rate for **1st weight** letter
 Circled **P.** cachet (Paid)
 (verso) Linear cachet **Purifée a Marseille** - Disinfection slits
 Boxed cachet **PAYS D'OUTREMER**
 Endorsed **Par de Calais**
 Oval rural distribution tax cachet **ID**
Taxed 12 Decimes French inland rate

Transported by Feraldi's brick-paquebot "**Kali Elpis**" of captain Filinis
 Feraldis paquebot service ended in 1837
 (ex collection: Cotsis)

Δευτέρα ἀναχώρησις τῶν
 ταχυπλόων.

Τὸ Ἑλληνικὸν Βρῆκιον, Μιθραίων, τοῦ
 πλοίαρχου Φιλίη ἀναχωρεῖ ἀπὸ Ναυπλίου τὴν
 παρασκευὴν 23 Σεπτεμβρίου διὰ Γερ-
 γύστην. Θίλει διαμεῖναι μίαν ἡμέραν εἰς
 Κέρκυραν.

Τὸ Ἑλληνικὸν Βρῆκιον, Ἀχιλλεύς, τῆς πλ.
 Λουμάτη ἀναχωρεῖ ἀπὸ Ναυπλίου τὴν
 Τρίτην 3 Ὀκτωβρίου διὰ Σμύρνην. Θίλει
 διαμεῖναι μίαν ἡμέραν εἰς Σύρον.

Τὸ Ἑλληνικὸν Βρῆκιον, Καλλιῆ, τοῦ
 πλ. Φιλίη ἀναχωρεῖ ἀπὸ Ναυπλίου τὴν
 τετάρτην 4 Ὀκτωβρίου διὰ Μασσαλίαν.
 Θίλει διαμεῖναι μίαν ἡμέραν εἰς Μάλταν.

Θίλουσιν λαβεῖν γιούτους, πρεγματῆρας
 καὶ ἐπιστάτας. Συσταίνεται δὲ εἰς τὸν ἐ-
 ταῦθα Κ. Φεράλδη Γενικ. ἐπιχειρησὴν
 τῶν Ταχυπλόων τῶν Βασιλείας τῆς Ἑλλάδος.

Mail from / to the French Republic by Paquebots de la Mediterranee

The 1st convention (1838) to France set the maritime rate
between Marseilles & the Greek p.o. of Athens & Sira isl. to 10 Decimes or 100 Lepta
(Valid from Jun.1,1838 to Dec.28,1844 - Prepayment optional)



EL posted **unpaid** from
Piraeus (dep.Oct.28,1838)
to **Paris** (ar.Nov.14/26,1838)

Taxed 18 Decimes
for **1st weight** letter
Disinfection slits
Lazaret Malte cachet

Transported by paquebots
MINOS & EUROTAS

EL posted **unpaid** from
Sira isl.

(dep.Dec.30,1841)

via **Marseilles**

(tr.Jan.12,1842)

to **Lyon**

(ar.Jan.13,1842)

Transit pmk

1 GRECE 1

MARSEILLE

Taxed 25 Decimes

for letter of **10g.**

(**2nd weight**)

Two disinfection slits

Lazaret Malte cachet



Transported by paquebots
MINOS & SESOSTRIS



EL posted **unpaid** from
Marseille (dep.Nov.4,1844)
via **Piraeus** (tr.Jun.20,1844)
to **Athens** (ar.Nov.1,1844)

Endorsed *par les*
Paquebots de la Medit

Taxed in red 200 Lepta
for **3rd weight** letter

Transported by paquebot
SCAMANDRE

Mail from / to the French Republic by Paquebots de la Mediterranee

The 2nd convention (1844) to France set the maritime rate between Marseilles & the Greek p.o. of Athens, Piraeus & Sira isl. to 1 Franc or 112 Lepta
(Valid from Dec.128,1844 to Sep.30,1861 - Prepayment optional)



EL posted from **Athens** (dep.Sep.28,1847) via **Marseille** (tr.Oct.20,1847) to **Paris**
Transit pmk in red **2 GRECE 2 MARSEILLE**
Taxed 20 Decimes for 1st weight letter

Transported by paquebots **PERICLES & CAIRE**



EL posted **unpaid** from **Marseilles** (dep.May.4,1849) to **Piraeus** (ar.Apr.28,1849)
Endorsed **Par Paquebots de la Mediterranee**
Taxed in red 122 Lepta rate for 1st weight letter
Decorated in red by using a medallion

Mail from the French Republic by Rostand et Cie Paquebots

Rostand et Cie were operating 3 paquebots: **ORONTE, HELLESPONT & BOSPHORE**
 from 1947 to 1951 on the line: **Marseilles - Livorno - Malta - Sira isl. - Smyrna - Constantinople**
 Maritime postal rates were set at 80 Lepta Compulsory prepayment from Greece - Optional from France



EL posted from **Marseilles**
 (dep. Oct. 12, 1847)
 to **Sira isl.**
 (ar. Oct. 8, 1847)
 In red boxed cachet
P.P. (Paid to Port)
 Endorsed
avec le vapeur
L'Oronte
Taxed in red 15 Lepta
 Greek seacharge fee
 for 2nd weight letter

EL posted **unpaid** from
Marseilles
 (dep. Oct. 3, 1848)
 to **Sira isl.**
 (ar. Sep. 30, 1848)
 In red boxed cachet
P.P. (Paid to Port)
 Endorsed
Par Hellespont
Taxed in red 90 Lepta
 for 1st weight letter



EL posted from **Marseilles**
 (dep. Mar. 5, 1849)
 to **Sira isl.**
 (ar. Mar. 8, 1849)
 In red boxed cachet
P.P. (Paid to Port)
 Endorsed
Par le Bosphore
Taxed in red 90 Lepta
 for 1st weight letter

Mail from / to the French Republic by Rostand et Cie Paquebots

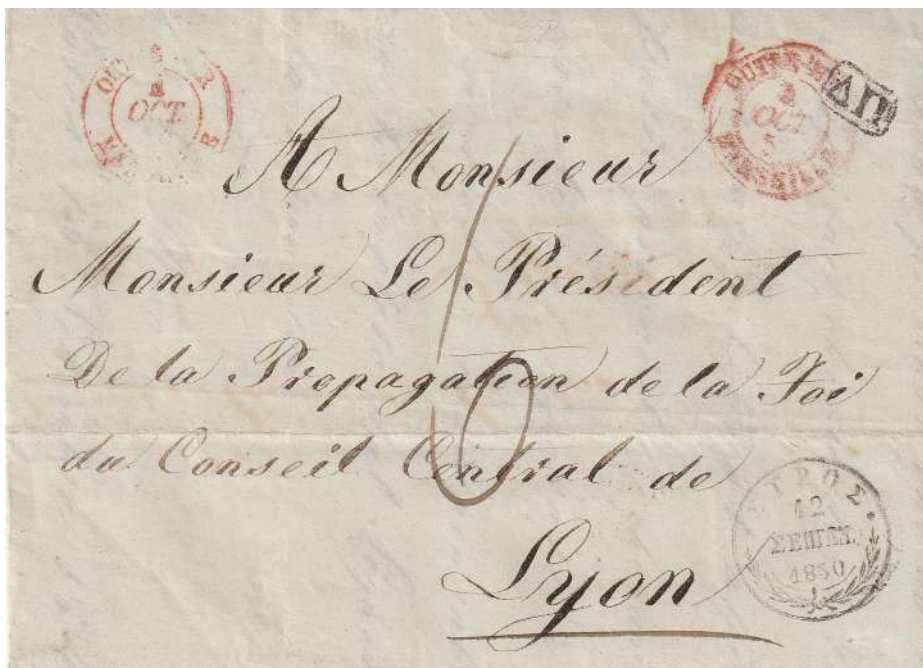


EL written in **Livorno**
 (Grand Duchy of Tuscany)
 (Oct.17,1849)
 Endorsed
par Hellespont
 to Sira isl. where disinfected
 (One vertical slit)
 & posted from
Sira isl. (dep.Oct.10,1849)
 via **Athens** (tr.Oct.13,1849)
 to **Nauplion** (ar.Oct.15,1849)
 (verso) in red **20 Lepta prepaid**
 Inland rate
 Boxed cachet **ΔΠ** (Paid)

EL posted from
Marseilles
 (dep.Apr.14,1850)
 to **Sira isl.**
 (ar.Apr.12,1850)
 In red boxed cachet
P.P. (Paid to Port)
 Endorsed
Par l' Oronte
Taxed in red 90 Lepta
 for 1st weight letter



EL posted from
Sira isl.
 (dep.Sep.12,1850)
 via **Marseilles**
 (tr.Oct.4,1850)
 to **Lyon**
 (ar.Oct.6,1850)
 Boxed **ΔΠ** (Paid)
 (verso) in red
90 Lepta prepaid rate
 Transported by
 Rostand et Cie ship
 Transit cachet in red
OUTREMER MARSEILLE
Taxed 6 Decimes
 inland French rate



Mail to / from the French Republic by Messageries Nationales - Imperiales

In 1851 Rostand et Cie merged to Paquebots de la Meditarrenee to form Messageries Nationales that renamed in 1852 to Messageries Imperiales

Maritime postal rates remain those of Paquebots de la Mediterranee

EL posted from **Piraeus**
(dep.Dec.15,1851)
via **Marseilles** (tr.Jan.8,1851)
to **Paris** (ar.Jan.1,1851)
(verso) **122 Lepta prepaid**
rate for **1st weight** letter
Linear cachet in red **Π.Ε.Δ.**
& boxed cachet **PD** (paid)
Transit pmk in orange
2 GRECE 2 MARSEILLE

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

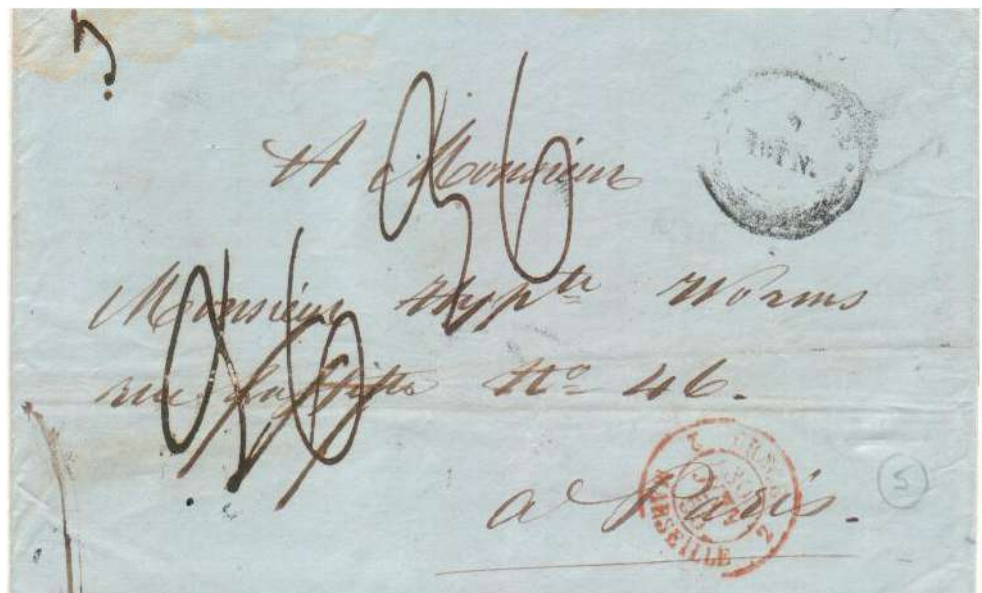


EL posted **unpaid**
from **Marseilles**
(dep.Sep.21,1854)
to **Sira isl.**
(ar.Sep.17,1854)
Endorsed **Paquebot**
des Messageries
Impéiales
Taxed 427 Lepta
for **6th weight** letter
Top & bottom
disinfection slits

Transported by
paquebot
TELEMAQUE

EL posted **unpaid** from
Milos isl. (Jun.18,1856)
via **Sira isl.** (tr.Jun.9,1856)
& **Marseilles** (tr.Jun.30,1856)
to **Paris** (ar.Jun.30,1856)
Transit pmk in red
2 GRECE 2 MARSEILLE
Taxed 36 Decimes

Transported by paquebot
CARMEL



Mail from the French Republic - Circulation of French stamps

By the reform of 1849 the new postal rate for stamped prepaid mail to Greece changed to 120 Centimes



EL posted from
Dornach (dep. Aug. 4, 1854)
(then French Republic)
via **Strasbourg** (tr. Aug. 4, 1854)
Paris (tr. Aug. 5, 1854)
& **Marseilles** (Aug. 5, 1854)
to **Athens** (ar. Jul. 30, 1854)
Franked 3x 40c.=
120 centimes
franco (paid)
Boxed **PD**
(Paid to Destination)

Transported by
paquebot **EUPHRATE**

EL posted from
Paris (dep. Dec. 2, 1859)
to **Athens** (ar. Nov. 26, 1859)
Franked 40c. + 80c.=
120 centimes
In red boxed **PD**
(Paid to Destination)

Transported by
paquebot **PHASE**



EL posted from
Marseille
(dep. Dec. 2, 1859)
to **Athens**
(ar. Nov. 26, 1859)
Endorsed
par vapeur poste
Franked 40c. + 80c.=
120 centimes
In red boxed **PD**
(Paid to Destination)

Transported by
paquebot **PHASE**



The Messageries Imperiales fleet

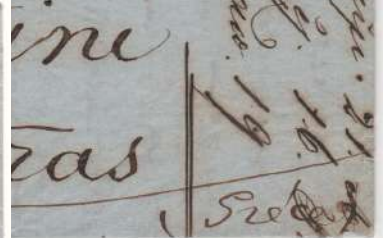
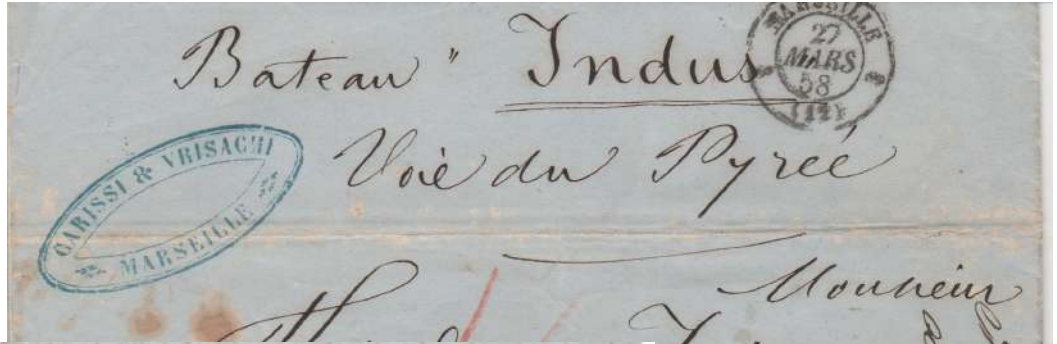
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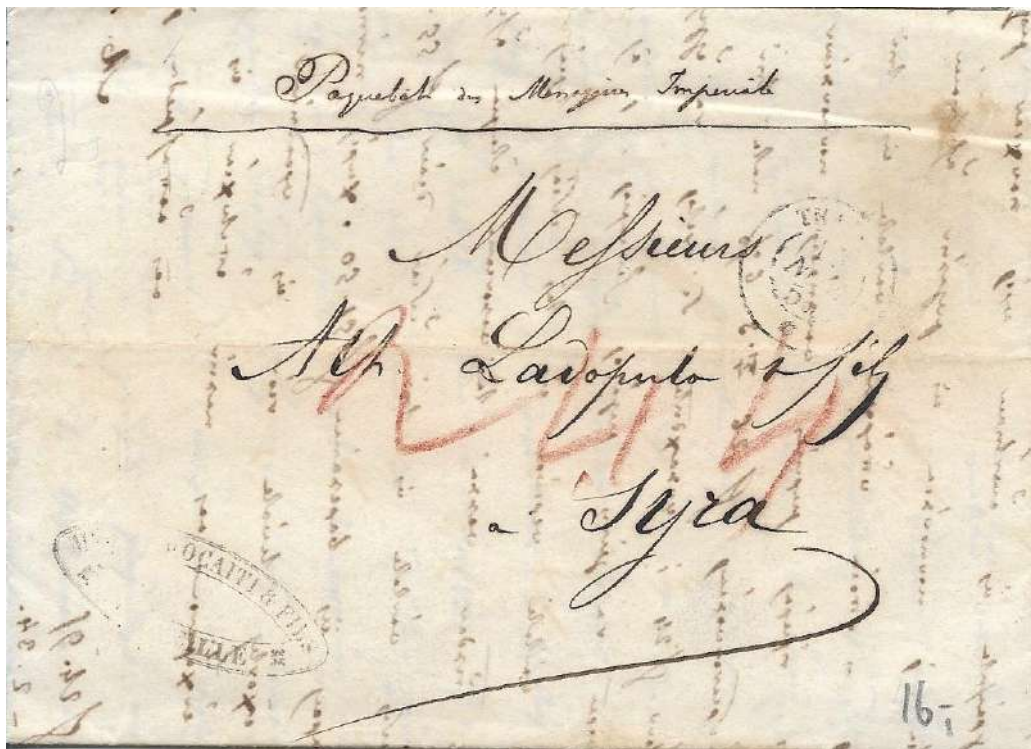
EGYPTUS

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Mail posted on board the Messageries Imperiales paquebots before departure

EL written in
Marseilles
 (Nov.6,1856)
 posted **unpaid** on
 paquebot **THABOR**
 (dep.Nov.10,1856)
 to **Sira isl.**
 (ar.Oct.31,1856)
 Endorsed *Paquebot des
 Messageries Impériales*
Taxed in red 244 Lepta
 rate for 3rd weigh letter



EL written in
Lyon (Oct.30,1858)
 posted **unpaid** on the
 paquebot **CYDNUS**
 (dep.Oct.30,1858)
 via **Piraeus** (tr.Oct.23,1858)
 to **Athens** (ar.Oct.23,1858)
Taxed in red 122 Lepta
 for 1st weight letter
 (ex collection: Kotsis)

EL written in
Marseilles
 (Nov.3,1860)
 posted **unpaid** on
 paquebot **PHASE**
 (dep.Nov.3,1860)
 to **Piraeus** (ar.Oct.27,1860)
 Endorsed
Paquebots - Poste
Taxed in red 122 Lepta
 for 1st weight letter



French Origination pmks for use on mail from Greece

French origination pmks introduced in 1839 for use on letters from Greece

Designated no.1 for letters distributed in Marseilles area & no. 2 for letters distributed in the Paris area

Also exist Ambulant p.o. origination pmks for letters from Greece designated by a capital letter



EL posted from **Athens**
(dep. Jan. 8, 1860)
via **Marseilles A.M. A**
(tr. Jan. 30, 1860)
& **Paris**
(tr. Jan. 31, 1860)
to **London**
(ar. Feb. 1, 1860)
In red cachet **H.E.A.**
& boxed cachet **PD**
(verso)
160 Lepta prepaid
rate for **1st weight** letter

Transported by
paquebot **CEPHISE**

EL posted **unpaid** from
Sira isl. (dep. Jan. 25, 1861)
via **Marseilles A.M. B**
(tr. Feb. 14, 1861)
& **Paris** (tr. Feb. 15, 1861)
to **London** (ar. Feb. 16, 1861)
Endorsed *Voie de Marseille
par le paquebot française*
Boxed cachet **FR / 3F 76C**
credit for French post
Taxed 1 Shilling

Transported by
paquebot **CLYDE**



EL posted unpaid
from **Athens**
(dep. Apr. 8, 1860)
via **Marseille**
(tr. Apr. 25, 1860)
& **Paris**
(tr. Apr. ?, 1860)
to **Reims**
(ar. Apr. 27, 1860)
Transit pmk **GRECE
MARSEILLE
A.M. C**
Taxed 12 Decimes
for **1st weight** letter
Transported by
paquebot **CARMEL**

French Origination pmks for use on mail from Greece



EL posted from **Piraeus** (dep. Jul. 21, 1860)
via **Marseille** (tr. Aug. 9, 1860) & **Paris** (tr. Aug. 10, 1860)
to **Devenport** (England) (ar. Aug. 12, 1860)

Endorsed *via Marseilles*

(verso) **122 Lepta prepaid** rate for **1st weight** letter

In red linear cachet **I.E.A.** & boxed **PD** (Paid to destination)

Transit pmk in red **GRECE MARSEILLE A.M. E**

Transported by paquebot HYDASPE



EL posted **unpaid** from **Andros isl.** (Oct. 8, 1860)
via **Sira isl.** (tr. Sep. 29, 1860) & **Marseille** (tr. Oct. 11, 1860)
to **Ardeche** (ar. Oct. 12, 1860)

Transit mark in red **GRECE MARSEILLE A.M. N**

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

Mail to Marseille France - Convention to Austria - Transit via Trieste

By Austro-French convention, the postal rate of Greek transit mail via Trieste Austria to France, would have been set by the Greek post to 145 Lepta - Optional Prepayment



EL written in **Canea** (May.25,1851), forwarded and posted from **Sira isl.** (dep.May.23,1851) via **Trieste** (tr.Jun.8,1851) to **Marseilles** (ar.Jun.18,1851)

(verso) in red **70 Lepta prepaid** rate

Boxed cachet **ΔΠ** (Paid)

Austrian borders transit cachet **AT**

Transit cachets in red **VIA DI CHIASSO**, & **AUTRICHE LE BALE** (tr.Jun.12,1851)

Credit 12 Kreuzer for Austrian Lloyd

Taxed 20 Decimes for **2nd weight** letter



EL written in **Canea** (Aug.6,1852) forwarded & posted from **Sira isl.** (dep.Jul.30,1852) via **Trieste**(tr.Aug.18,1851) & **Gap** (tr.Aug.20,1852) to **Marseilles**(ar.Aug.21,1852)

Boxed cachet **ΔΠ** (paid)

(verso) **70 Lepta prepaid** rate

Austrian borders transit cachet **AT**

Credit 12 Kreuzer for Austrian Lloyd

Taxed 10 Decimes for **1st weight** letter