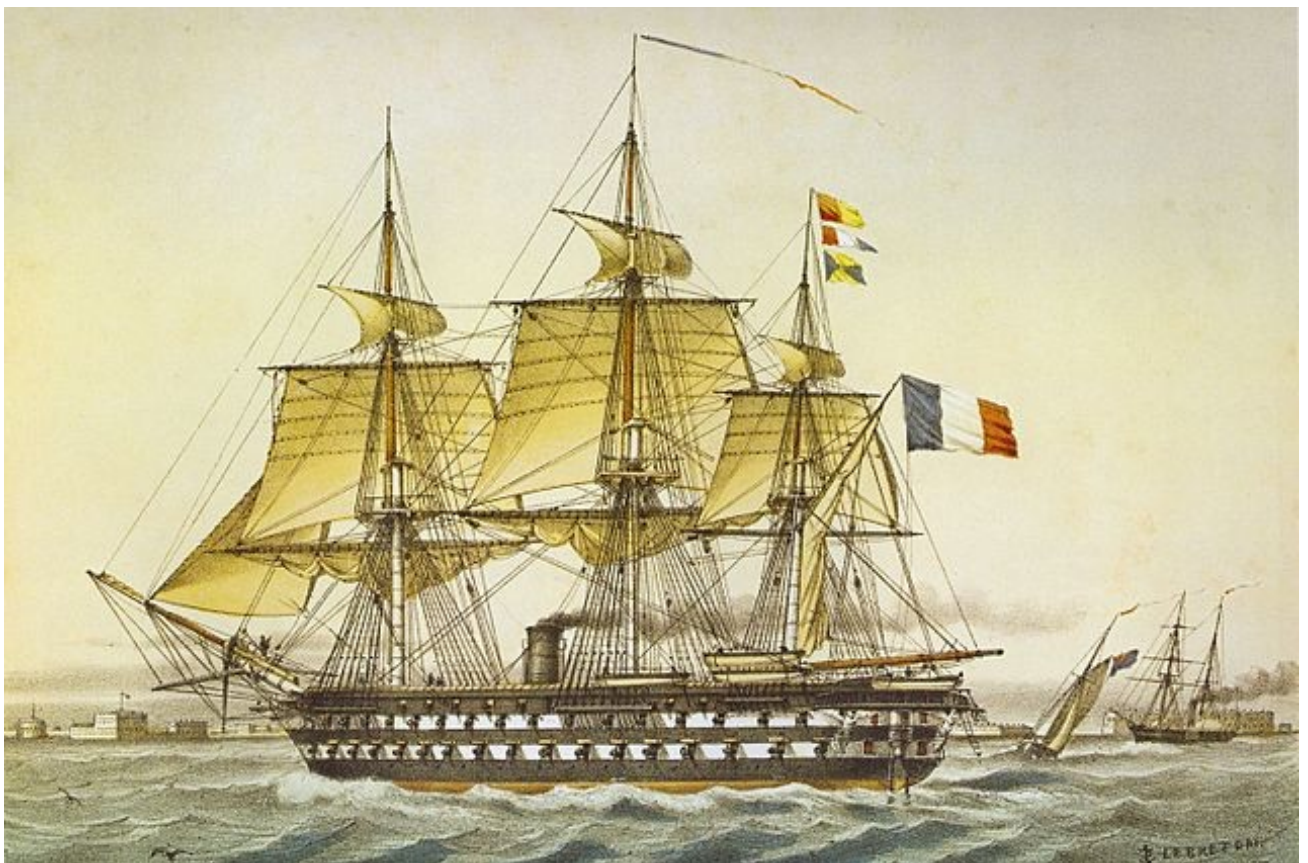


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France along with England and Russia intervened during the Greek war for Independence in favor of the Greeks
Thus from the seabattle of Navarin in October, 1827 the French presence in the Greece was continuous and prominent
In 1828 France, organised the Moreas military expedition in order to supervise the withdrawal of the Ottomans
French military expedition accompanied by an scientific expedition, lasted to 183, where geological, fauna and flora data was recorded
Another task was to rebuilt the infrastructure destroyed by the 10 years long war
In the following years French naval units stationed in varius Greek ports
A major incident was the blockade of Pireaus port in 1854, to prevent the Greek intervention in the Crimean war in favor of Russia
During this blockade French troops occupied Piraeus port from where a major cholera outbreak spread in Athens
In the later years due to the use of envelopes the origin of the French military & naval mail is not traceable

*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*

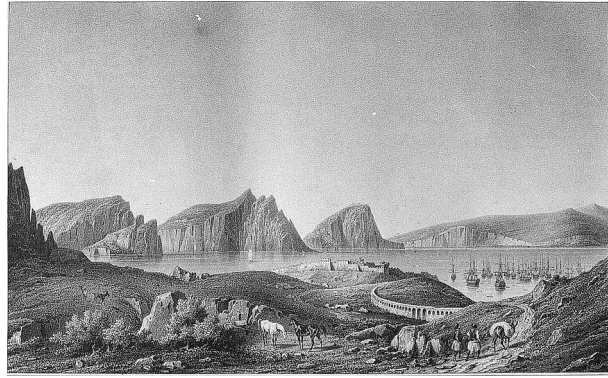
Moreas expedition
Navarin camp
Modon Fort
Nafplion Capital of Greece
Athens new Capital of Greece
Naval units stationed in Greek ports
French military postal rates
The blockade of 1854



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Moreas Expedition - Navarin camp

On Aug.30,1828 French army embarked near Navarin & established a provisional camp
Ottomans surrendered on Oct.6,1828. The French troops settled permanently in Navarino, rebuilding its fortifications and houses and setting up a hospital and various features of local administration



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Navarin (Sep.28,1828)
Sarthe (ar.Oct.27,1828)
cachet **QERGA** ARM. DE MOREE
France par Toulon

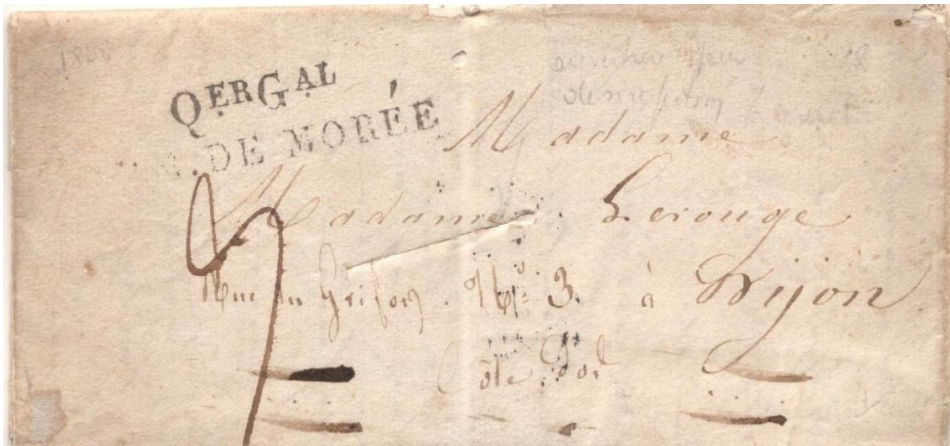
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to **Sable sur**
Bilinear
Endorsed
Free

maritime transport by French warship
Disinfected on arrival at Toulon - One horizontal slit
Taxed 10 Decimes
French inland single rate for distance of 600-750 Km



Moreas Expedition - Modon fort
Modon fort surrendered by the Ottomans on Oct.7,1828

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 General Maison installed his apartments there as well as
 the Headquarters of the Morea Expedition



EL posted **unpaid** from **Modon (Methoni)** (Jan.8,1829)
 to **Dijon** (ar.Feb.22,1829)

Bilinear cachet **QERGAL ARM. DE MOREE**

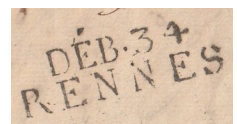
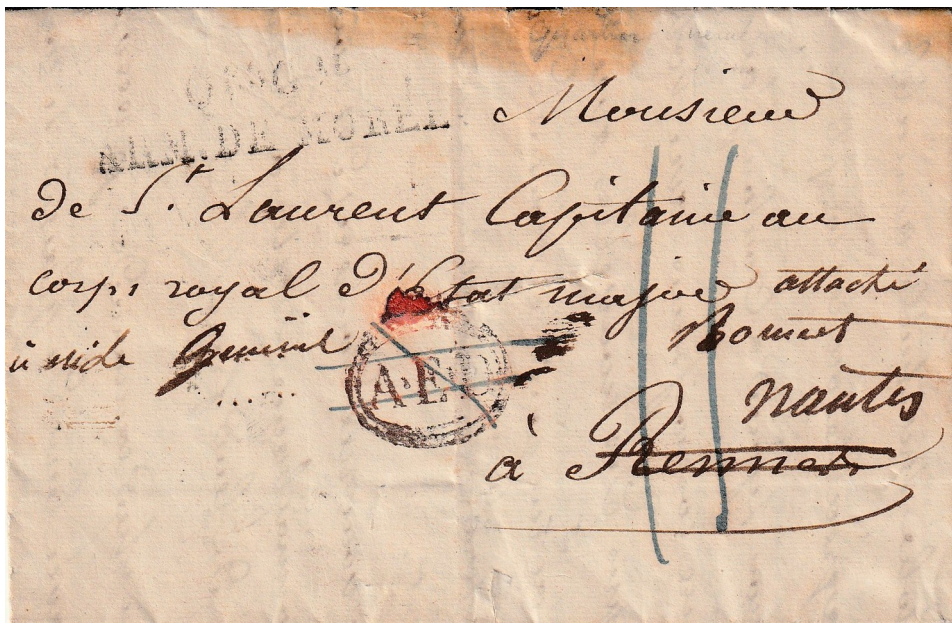
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Disinfected on arrival at Toulon - One horizontal slit

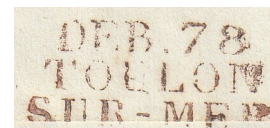
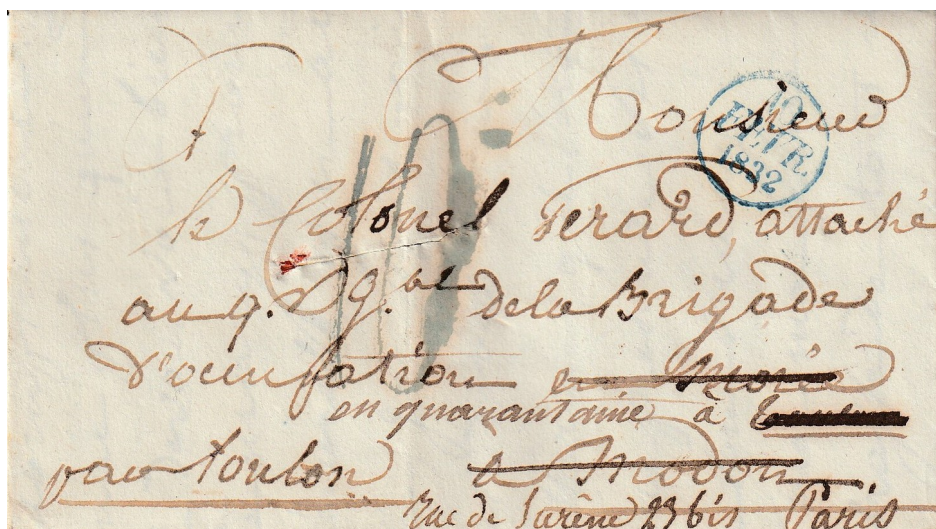
Taxed 9 Decimes

French inland single rate for distance of 500-600 Km

Moreas Expedition - Modon fort



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 to **Nantes** (ar.Nov.2,1831)
 Bilinear cachet **QER GAL ARM. DE MOREE**
 Free maritime transport by French warship
 Oval cachet in red **A.E.D.** (deleted)
 Disinfected on arrival at Toulon - One horizontal slit
Taxed 11 Decimes
 French inland single rate distance of 750-900 Km



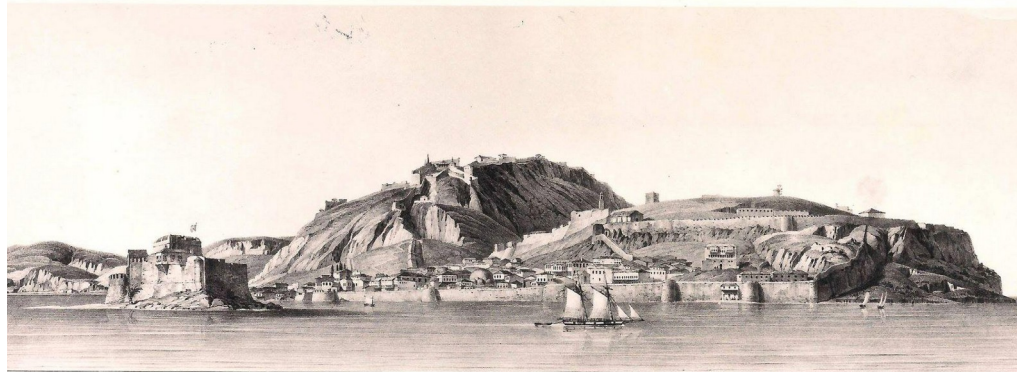
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(Feb.2,1832) to **Modon**
 Endorsed *par Toulon*
 m/s *on quarantine a ...*
 (verso) Three lines cachet
DEB. 78 / TOULON / SUR-MER
Taxed 10 Decimes
 French inland single rate for distance of 600-750 Km
 Returned to sender in **Paris** (ar.Mar.13,1832)

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Moreas Expedition - Nauplion

Nafplion at that time was the capital of Greece

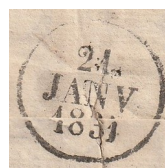
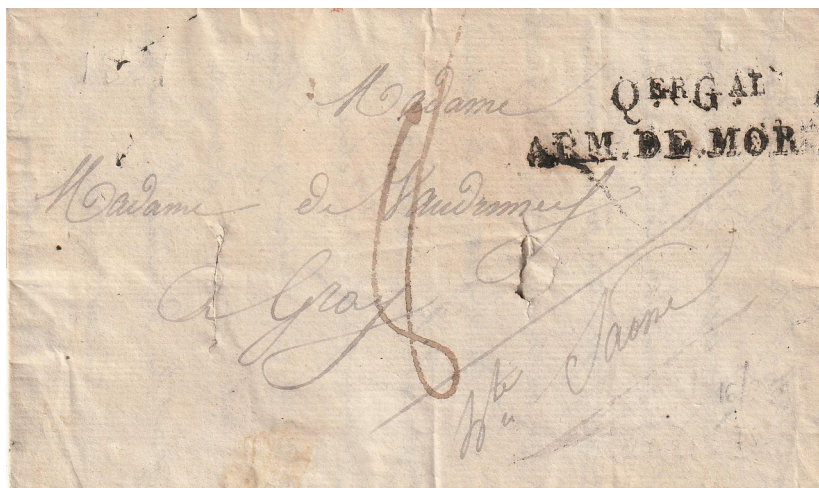


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Endorsed **par Toulon**
Taxed 10 Decimes
French inland single rate to Toulon



EL posted (Dec.8,1830) to **Nauplion**
Linear **P.PAYE PARIS** (paid to Paris)
Endorsed **par Toulon**
(verso) **10 Decimes prepaid** single rate to Toulon

Prestamp Greece - French Military mail
Moreas Expedition - Nauplion



EL posted [unpaid](#) from **Napoli di Romania** (*Nauplion*) (Dec.18,1830)
to **Gray** (ar.Jan.21,1831)

Bilinear cachet **QER GAL ARM. DE MOREE**

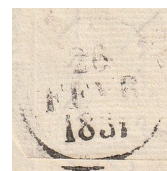
Free maritime transport by French warship

Disinfected on arrival at Toulon

One horizontal slit

Taxed 8 Decimes

French inland single rate
for distance of 400-500 Km



EL posted [unpaid](#) from **Napoli di Romania** (Jan.11,1831)
to **Gray** (ar.Feb.26,1831)

Bilinear cachet **QER GAL ARM. DE MOREE**

Free maritime transport by French warship

Disinfected on arrival at Toulon

One horizontal slit

Taxed 8 Decimes

French inland single rate
for distance of 400-500 Km

Prestamp Greece - French Military mail
Moreas Expedition - Nauplion



EL
Nafplion (Feb.23,1831)

posted **unpaid** from
to **Paris**

(ar.Mar.25,1831)

Bilinear cachet **QERGA** **ARM. DE MOREE**

Free maritime transport by French warship

Disinfected on arrival at Toulon

One horizontal slit

Taxed 20 Decimes

French inland triple rate for letter of 10g.

& for distance of 600-750 Km



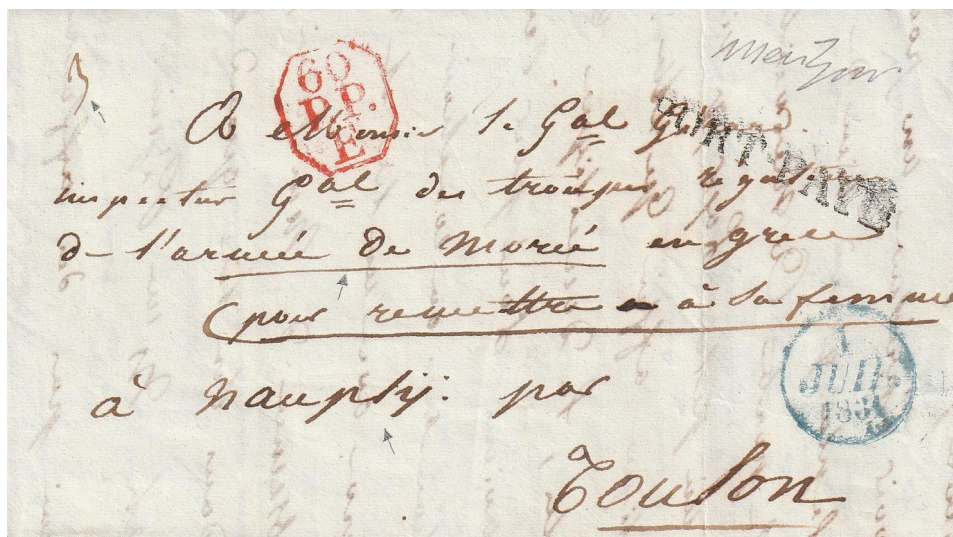
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Taxed 10 Decimes

French inland single rate to Toulon

Prestamp Greece - French Military mail
Moreas Expedition - Nauplion



EL posted (Jun.1,1831) to Gal du troopes at Naflion

Linear **PORT PAYE** (paid)

Boxed in red **60/P.P./E**

Endorsed **par Toulon**

(verso) **11 Decimes prepaid**

French inland rate to Toulon



EL posted (1831) to Nauplion

Linear **P.PAYE PARIS** (paid to Paris)

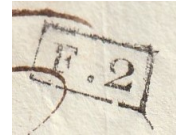
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French inland triple rate for letter of 10g.

& for distance of 600-750 Km

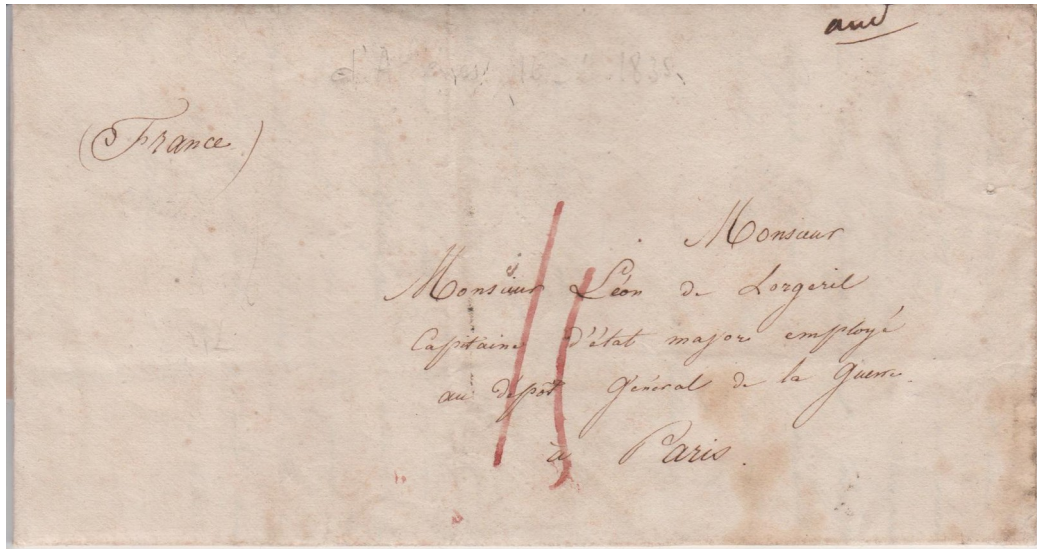
Prestamp Greece - French Military mail
Moreas Expedition - Nauplion



EL posted **unpaid** from **Nauplion** to **Paris** (ar.Oct.2,1831)
Bilinear cachet **QERGA ARM. DE MOREE**
Free maritime transport by French warship
Disinfected on arrival at Toulon - One horizontal slit
Taxed 20 Decimes
French inland triple rate for letter of **10g.**
& for distance of 600-750 Km



Prestamp Greece - French Military mail
Moreas Scientific Expedition - Athens



EL posted **unpaid** from **Athens** (dep. Dec. 16, 1835)
to **Paris** (ar. Jan. 21, 1835)
Taxed 11 Decimes
French inland single rate distance of 750-900 Km



French military mail - Naval units stationed in Greek ports

Prestamp Greece - French Military mail



EL posted **unpaid** from **Toulon** (Jun.10,1844)
via **Marseille** (tr.Jun.10,1844) & **Smyrna** (tr.Jul.1,1844)
to **Patras** (Station du Levant)
(Levant)

Paquebot postes de la Méditerranée

Taxed 3 Decimes

French inland single rate for distance of 40-80 Km



French military mail - Naval units stationed in Greek ports

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EL posted **unpaid** from **Piraeus** (Apr.7,1847)
via **Marseille** (tr.Apr.19,1847)
to **Calais** (ar.Apr..23,1847)
du Pyree

Taxed 11 Decimes

French inland single rate
& for distance of 750-900 Km



EL posted **unpaid** from **Petalidi** (Jun.27,1847)
via **Marseille** (tr.Jul.18,1847) to **Calais** (ar.Jul.12,1847)
du Petalide

Taxed 17 Decimes

French inland double rate
& for distance of 750-900 Km

French military mail - Naval units stationed in Greek ports

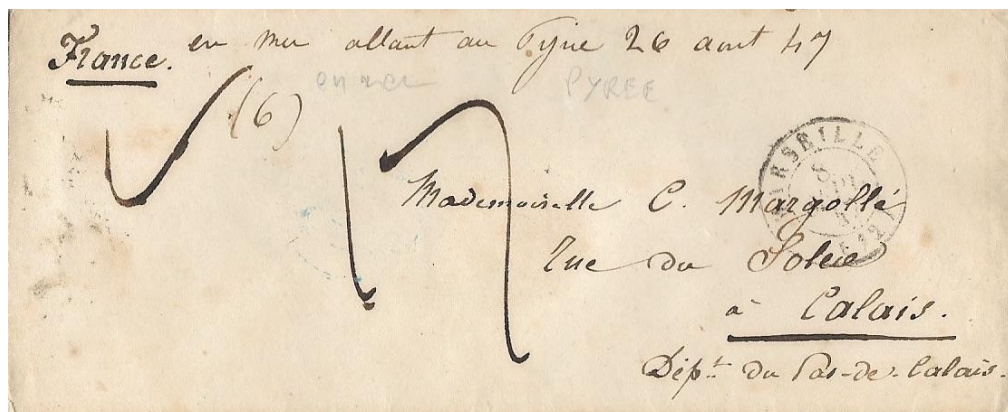
Prestamp Greece - French Military mail



EL posted **unpaid** from **Patras** (Aug.5,1847)
via **Marseille** (tr.Aug.19,1847) to **Calais** (ar.Aug.28,1847)
du Patras

Taxed 11 Decimes

French inland single rate
& for distance of 750-900 Km

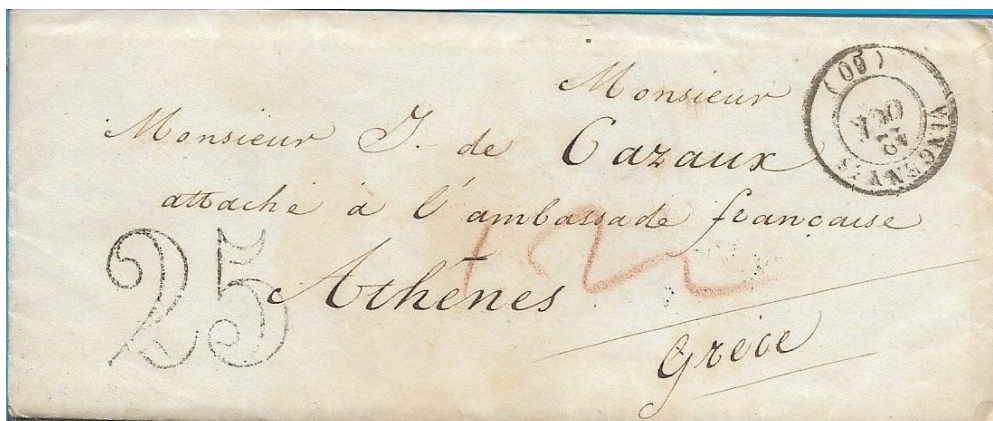


EL posted **unpaid** from **Piraeus** (Aug.26,1847)
via **Marseilles** (tr.Sep.8,1847) to **Calais** (ar.Sep.12,1847)
au mer allant du Pyree

Taxed 17 Decimes

French inland double rate
& for distance of 750-900 Km

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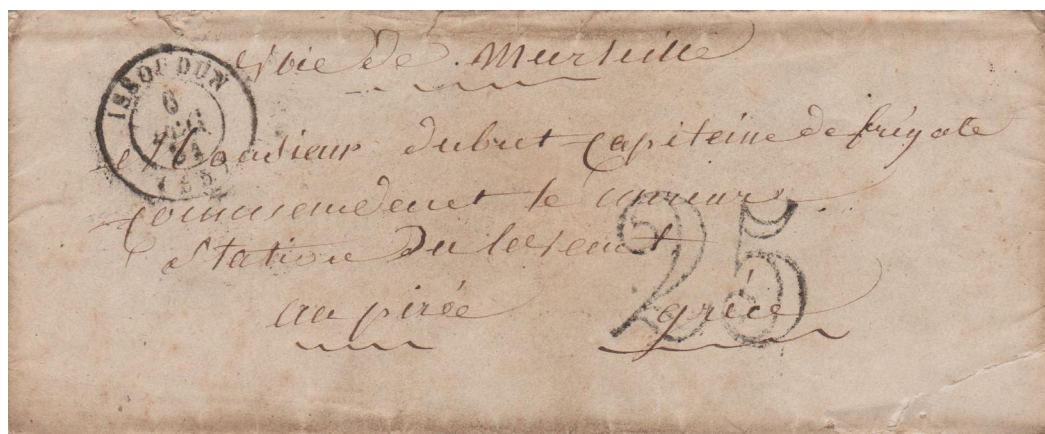
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via **Paris** (tr.Oct.12,1851) to **Athens** (ar.Oct.16,1851)

Taxed 25 Centimes

French naval maritime rate

Letter handed over to the Greek postal service
for final delivery

Taxed in red 122 Lepta



Envelope posted **unpaid** from **Dun** (Dec.6,1851)
via **Paris** (tr.Dec.7,1851) & **Marseilles** (tr.Dec.9,1851)
to **Piraeus**

Taxed 25 Centimes

French naval maritime rate

French military mail - The

Naval Blockade



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Prestamp Greece - French Military mail



EL posted **unpaid** from **Piraeus** (June.2,1854) to **France**
ESCADRE DE LA MEDITERRANEE

Taxed 25 Centimes

French naval maritime rate
(verso) nine different arrival pmks
dated from June 17th to June 21st
in search of the addressee

*This is the Oldest known date of use of French military postal service
from Greece during the naval blockade of 1854/57*

French military mail - The naval postal rates

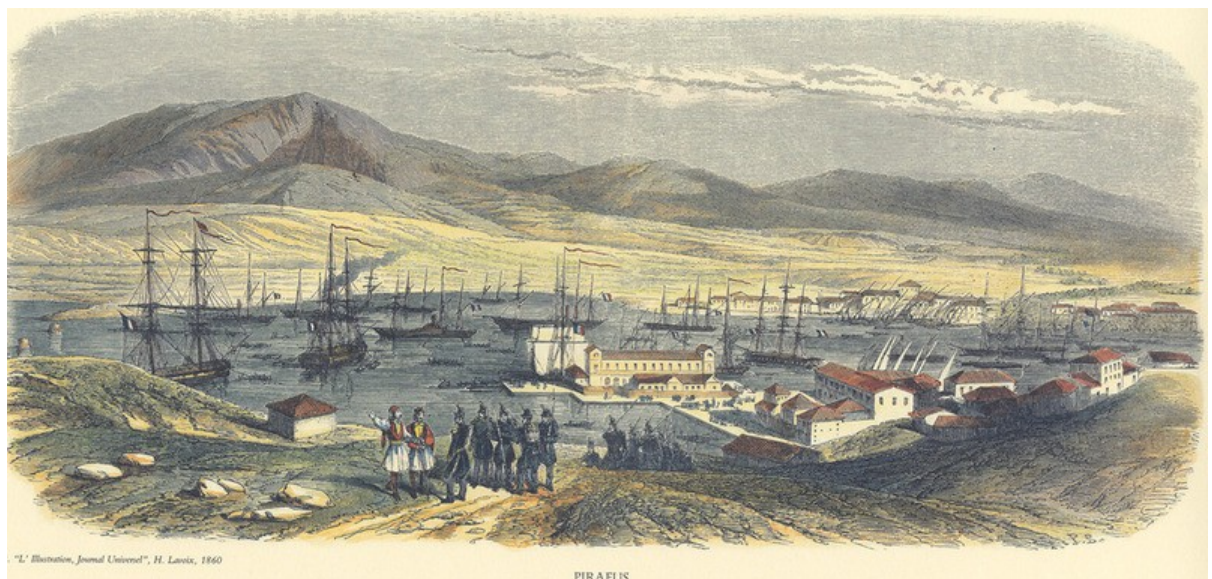
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EL posted from **Piraeus** (June.30,1859)
via **Marseilles** (tr.Jul.12,1859 to **Paris** (ar.Jul.13,1859)
Taxed 30 Centimes
French naval maritime rate

*French military postal rate changed for unpaid letters
from 25 to 30 Centimes on 1st of July, 1854*



PIRAEUS