

On Dec. 20th, 1846, revised design of unpopular Small Eagle was issued.

- Shade Varieties -



Pale green



Light green
pos. 98/99 with original gum



Light green

The Printing Company, Schmid used light green paper at first, however the color was not stable and different shades can be seen with increasing number of stamps were manufactured.

The First Week Usage



Red Geneve rosette
(AW2)
used between
1843.9.30 and 1848.6.13

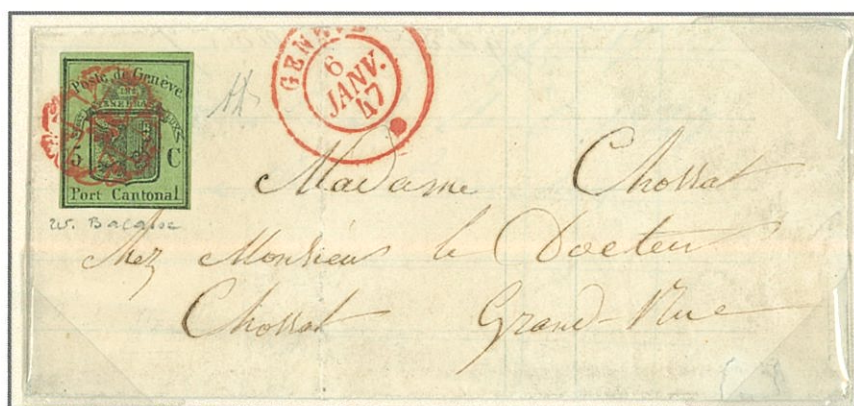


GENEVE 23 DEC 46
Only two first month entire letters,
Dec 20th and 27th, are recorded.
This 4th day usage is **the second earliest**.



Red Geneve rosette
(AW4)
used between
1848.6.14 and 1849.10.20

The Fourth Earliest Usage



Tied by red rosette (AW2) and double ring cds in red beside
GENEVE to Grand-Rue, Geneva, 6 JANV. 47
Pre city-drop mail area

4 C was correctly paid for a letter rate, which was valid until 1849.9.30
The 5 C stamps were sold and valid as 4 C.

Because of the stock of the former small eagle stamp, only a few examples are recorded for early usages of the new stamp.

Only Two Recorded Block of Four



Only six blocks of more than four are recorded.

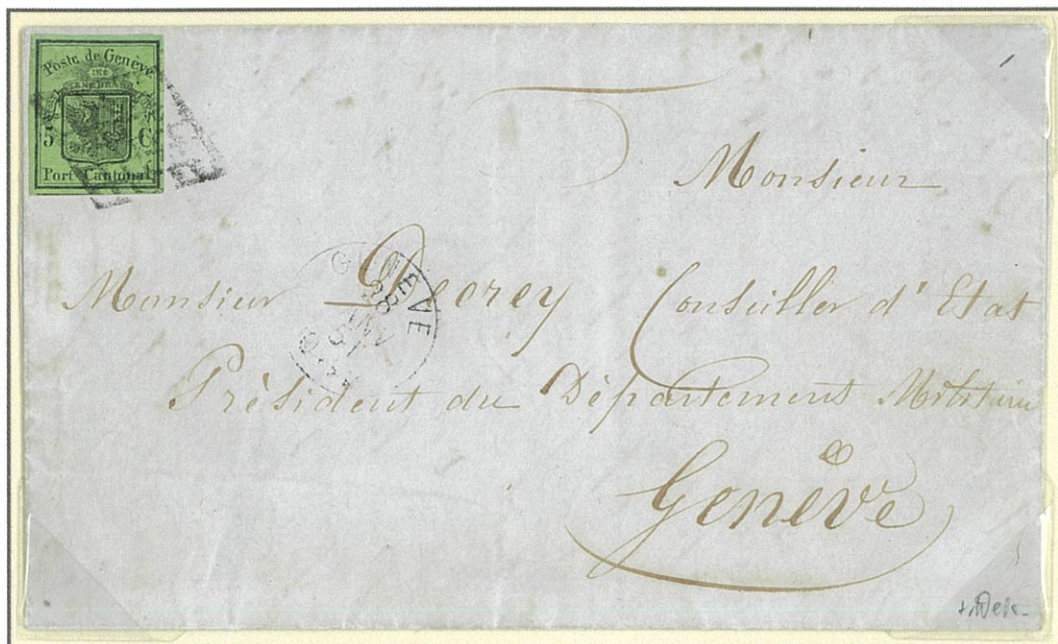
Early Usage of Pre-Cantonal Mail Area



Tied by red rosette (AW2) and double ring cds in red beside
GENÈVE to Jussy 1 FEVR 47
33rd day of the issue

Black cancellations took over red rosette in Geneve in 1851

The Earliest Geneve Grid Diamond Usage Only Five Usages Recorded

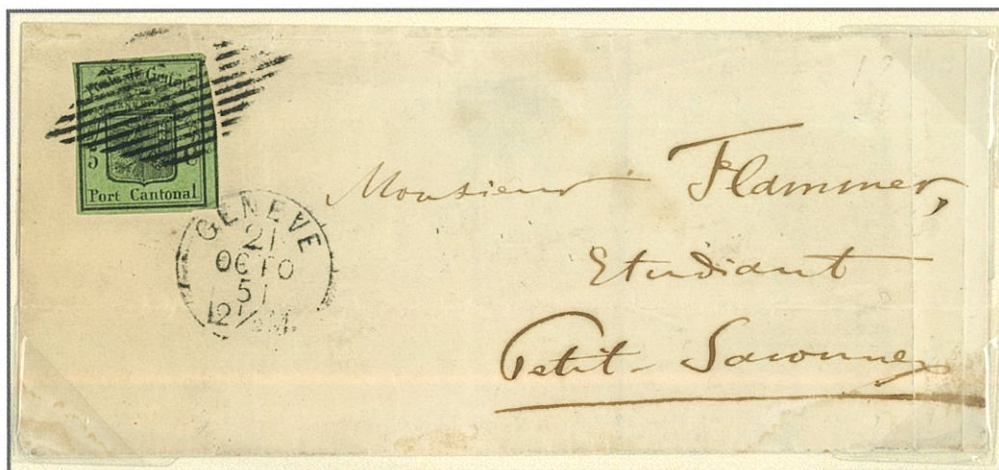


Tied by black Geneva grid diamond (AW 101) with a single ring cds beside
GENEVE to Geneve, 18 JANV 51 10½ M"

Black Geneva grid diamond was used between January and August 1851
and this example is the earliest usage with light green Geneve eagle.

5 C was correctly paid for a local rate in Geneve, which was valid between 1850.1.22 and 1851.1.31

Only Three Recorded Black Grilled Cancellation Usage



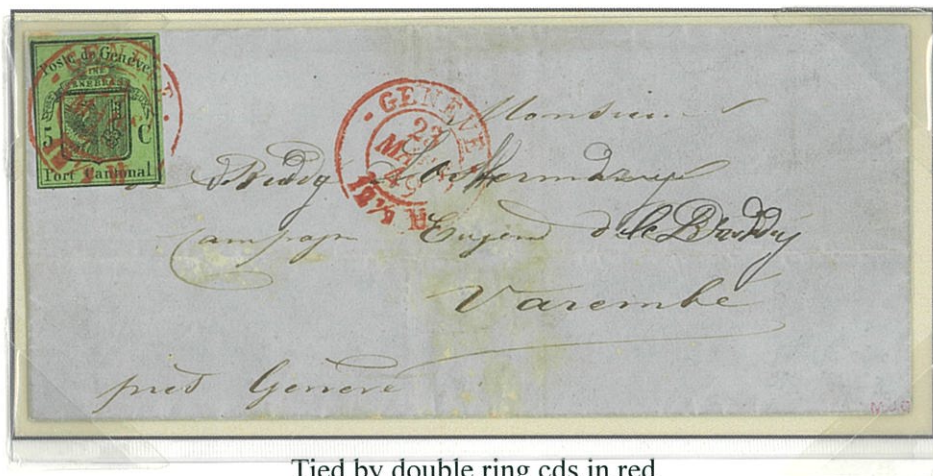
Tied by Grilled Obliteration
Geneve to Petit Saconnex, 21 OCTO 51

All the latest 7 usages used after late 1851 are cancelled by grilled
cancellation, of which only three in black, and four in purple.

8 C was correctly paid for a RAYON I rate in Geneve, which was valid between
1850.10.1 and 1851.1.31. The 5 C stamps were sold and valid as 8 C.

Red rosette was mostly used for cancellation, and uncommon grilled cancellation or cds was also used to cancel stamps.

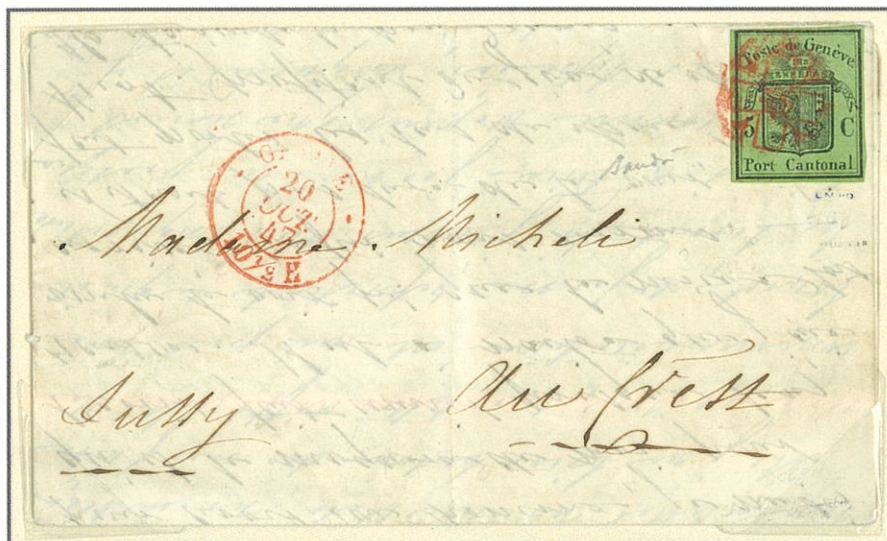
Double Ring cds on Late Usage



Tied by double ring cds in red
GENEVE to Valembé 23 MARS 49

Geneve double ring cds was replaced by single ring cds in early 1849.
So this example is a very late usage.

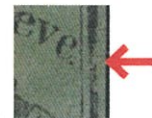
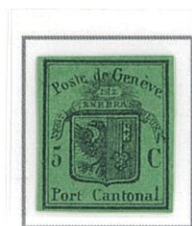
Geneve Red Rosette, AW2



Tied by red rosette with a double ring cds beside
GENEVE to Jussy 20 OCT 47

The printing company, Schmid changed papers from light green to deep green in August of 1848.
The earliest date recorded is Aug. 22nd, 1848

Plate Flaw



(300%)

Pos.43 with a plate flaw
"Broken outer thick frame
at the Right of "Genève"

Early Usage



Tied by red Zürich rosette (AW4), with a single ring cds in red beside
GENEVE to Pré l'Evêque in Geneve, 29 SEPT 48
AW4 was used between 1848.6.14 and 1849.10.20

- Cancellation Varieties -



Zürich red rosette
AW5
1849.10.21 - 1850.1.21



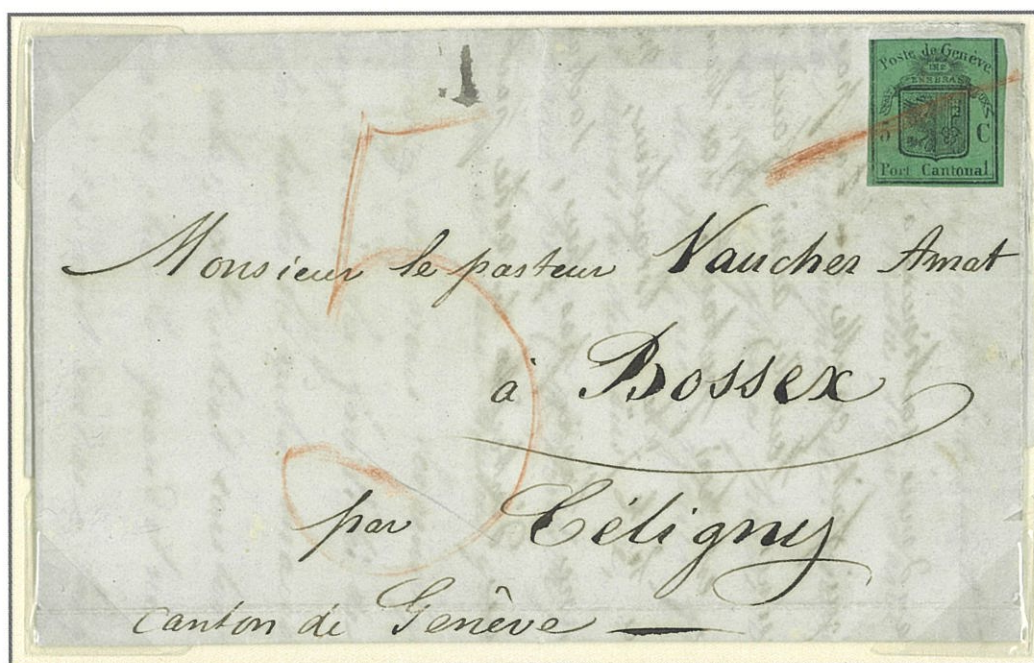
Zürich red rosette
AW3
1850.1.23 - 1850.12.31



Zürich black rosette
AW3
1851.1 - 1851.1.16

Stamps then were only valid within the canton of Geneva, and invalid for mails to the other cantons.

**Letter to The Other Canton
Only One Recorded**



Invalidated by red manuscript line and taxed 5 in red
GENEVE to Bossex / Waadt via Céligny, April 7th, 1849

Letter rate from Geneva canton to Waadt canton was 5 centimes then,
however Geneva stamps then were only valid for mails within the canton of Geneva,
thus it was invalid for a letter to the other canton.

This is the only known letter franking this stamp to the other canton

ex- Iwan Bally

New tariff of 7c. for cantonal letter was introduced on Nov. 1st, 1849, and lasted only for three months.

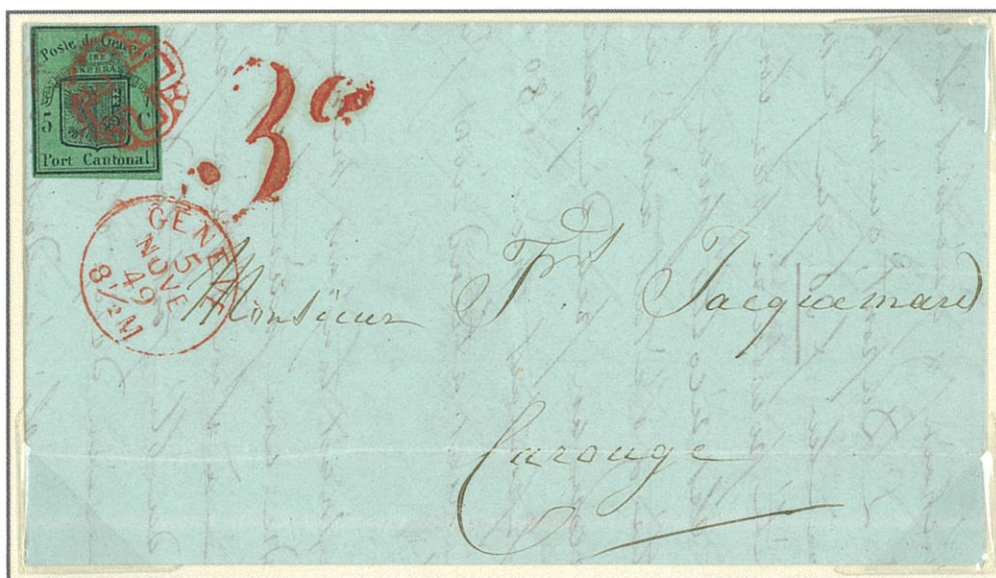
7 c Rate, Cantonal Letter Only Valid for Three Months
16 Such Overpaid Frankings Recorded, of which 4 are between Geneve and Geneve



A horizontal pair, tied by two red rosette (AW5), with a single ring cds in red beside
 GENEVE to Geneve, 8 NOV 49

7 C was paid for cantonal letter rate only valid for three months between 1849.10.1 and 1849.12.31
 The stamps were sold and valid as 4 C, so it was overfranked by 1 C.

7 c Rate, Underpaid with a Taxstamp
14 Such Usages Recorded, only one of which are recorded to Carouge



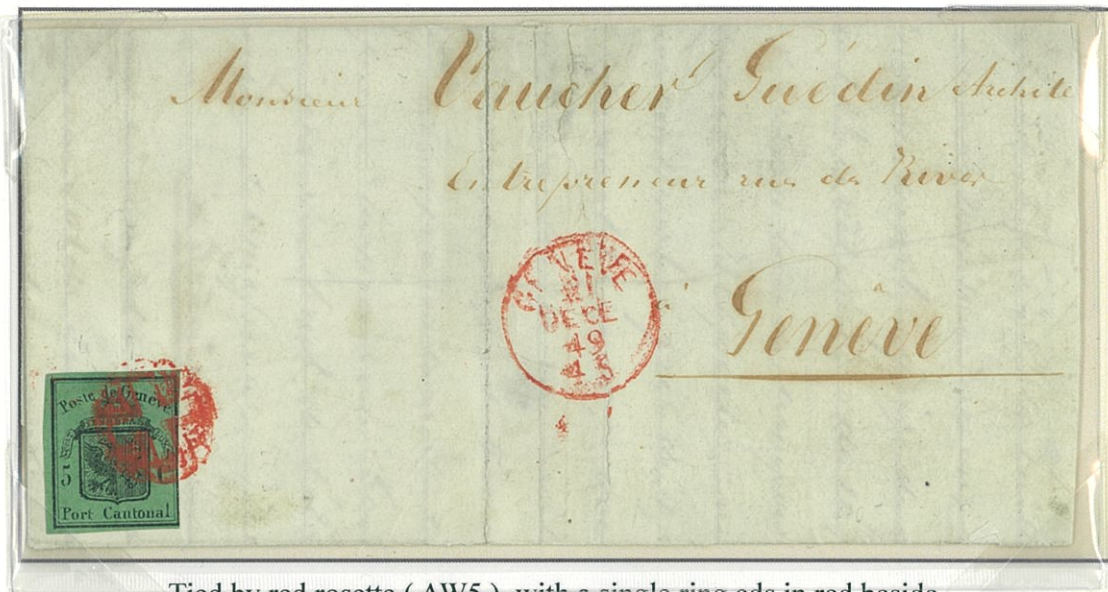
Tied by red rosette (AW5), with a single ring cds in red and a taxstamp "3c" in red beside
 GENEVE to Carouge, 5 NOVE 49 8 1/2 M

7 C correctly paid for cantonal letter rate only valid for three months between 1849.10.1 and 1849.12.31
 4 C was paid by the stamp, although the face value is 5 C, and 3 C was paid in cash

ex- Iwan Bally

New tariff of 5 C for local letter was introduced on Nov. 1st, 1849, followed by twice changes in 1850.

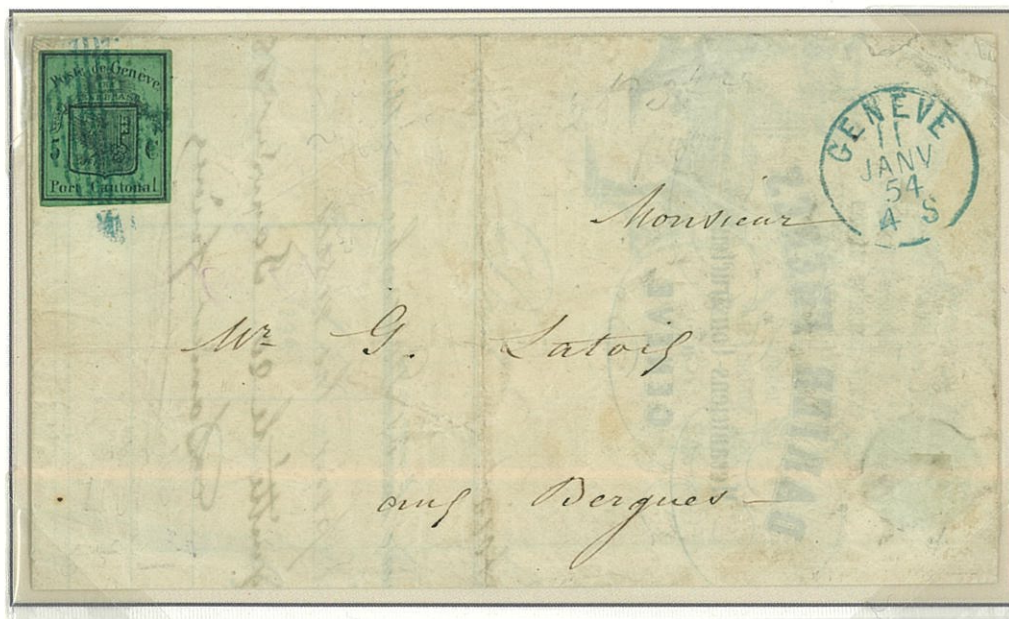
5 C Local Letter Rate Only Valid for Three Months
29 Such Examples Are Recorded



Tied by red rosette (AW5), with a single ring cds in red beside
 GENEVE to Geneva, 21 DECE 49

5 c was for local letter rate only valid for three months between 1849.10.1 and 1849.12.31
 The 5 C stamps were sold and valid as 4 C, so it was underpaid by 1 C for 5 C local letter rate.

The Last Year Usage
Only 2 Examples Used in 1854 Are Recorded



Tied by blue gridded obliteration, with a single ring cds in blue beside
 GENEVE to Bergues in Geneva, 11 JANV 54

5 C correctly paid for RAYON 1 rate, which was valid after Jan. 1st, 1852.

Only 2 Examples Are Recorded in 1854, Both of Which Are Cancelled in Blue

Soon after the postal law of the 8th of June 1849 came into force, allowing to offer local letter rates at a reduced rate, production of 4 Cts. denomination stamp was supposed to be started.

Bi-color original design was produced and transferred a hundred times on the lithographic stone. There're no document when this stamp was issued, but the earliest used date known is Dec. 1st, 1849

Only Seven Known Unused Stamp



Pos. 12



Pos. 12
red Zürich rosette (AW5)

Changes of the Postal Tariff and the Selling Price of the Stamps between 1849 and 1852

	weight	1849.10.1	1850.1.1	1850.1.22	1850.10.1	1852.1.1
RAYON I	-1 Loth	7 cts. (p.42)	4 cts. (p.43)	5 cts. (P.43)	8 cts. (P.46)	5 Rp. (P.46)
Local letter	-1 Loth	5 cts. (p.40)	-	5 cts. (P.44)	5 cts. (P.45)	-
Selling / valid price of 5 C. stamp		4 cts.	4 cts.	5 cts.	8 cts.	5 Rp.
Valid price of 4 C. stamp		4 cts.	4 cts.	5 cts.	-	-

Postal tariff was changed on Nov. 1st, 1849, and lasted only for three months. Cantonal letter became again and it was 7 C.

Single Franking with Taxstamp 3 C
Only 3 Such Usages Recorded



Pos. 58 tied twice by red Geneva rosette (AW5) with a single ring cds in red beside
GENEVE to Chouilly, 18 DECE 49 10½M

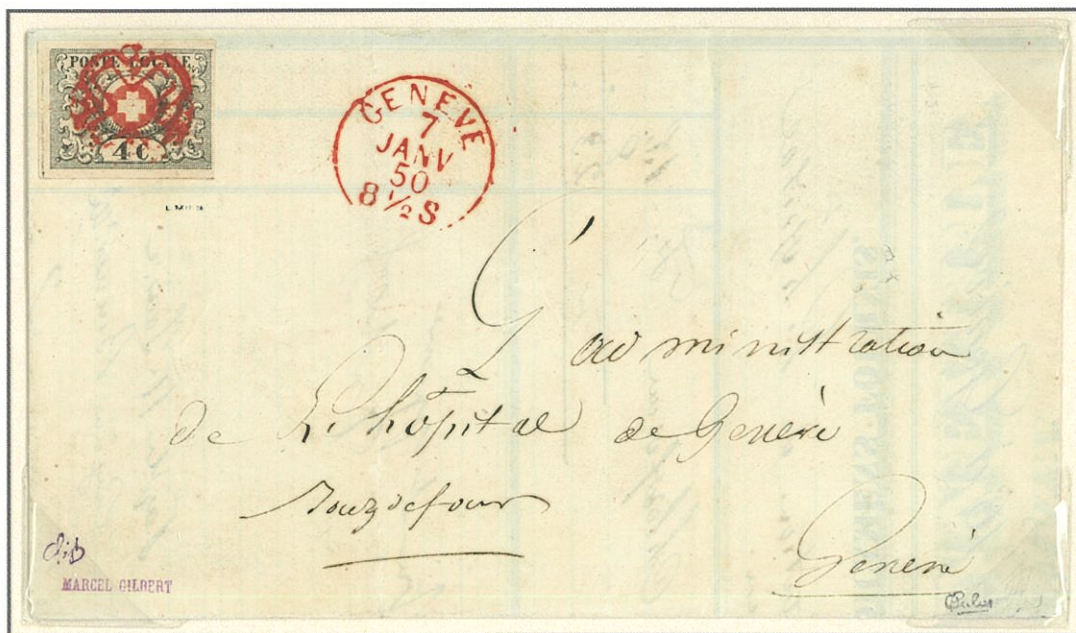
7 C was paid for cantonal letter rate only valid for three months between 1849.1.1 and 1849.12.31

Red tax stamp "3CS" (AW545) was stamped for the recipient of the difference of 3 Cs.

There were no combination of any stamps, which was equal to 7 Centimes.

New Postal tariff was introduced on Jan. 1st, 1850, and the rate to the first circled area called "RAYON I" became 5 C.

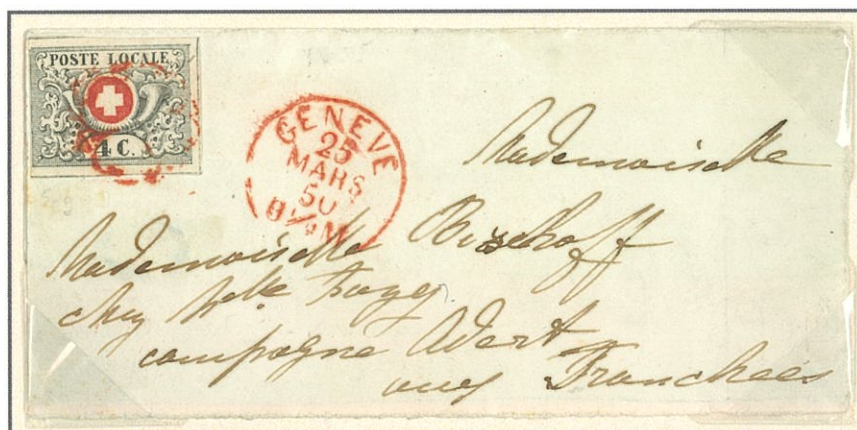
4 Cts. Rate, RAYON I Letter Reduction Rate



Tied by red Zürich rosette (AW5) with a single ring cds in red beside
GENEVE to Geneve, 7 JANV 50

RAYON I rate, which was introduced on Jan. 1st, 1850 was 5 C,
however, when it was prepaid by stamps, reduced rate of 4 C was applied until Jan. 21st, 1850.

5 Cts. Rate, RAYON I Letter Rate



Tied by red Zürich rosette (AW3) with a single ring c.d.d. in red beside
GENEVE to , 25 MARS 50

5 C correctly paid for RAYON I rate, which was introduced on Jan. 1st, 1850,
and the 1 C reduction system was ended on Jan. 22nd, 1850.

VAUD 4 became valid as 5 C stamp after this date.

Jan. 22nd, 1850.

It was issued for a local letter rate. A hundred each figure 4 of the printing stone of VAUD 4 was altered to 5 by hand.



Pos. 21



Pos. 43



Pos. 56
with original gum



Pos. 63



Pos. 28

5 Cts. Rate, Local Letter in Geneva

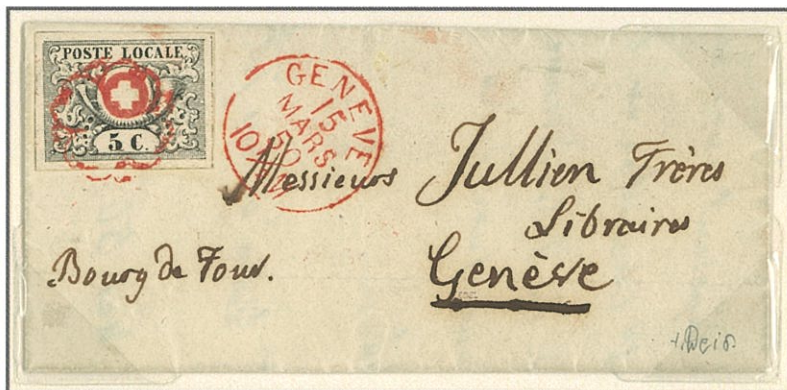


Tied by black Geneva grilling (AW101) with a single ring cds beside
GENEVE to Geneve, 10 JUN 51

5 Cts. correctly paid for local letter in the Canton of Geneva between 1850.1.22 and 1851.12.31

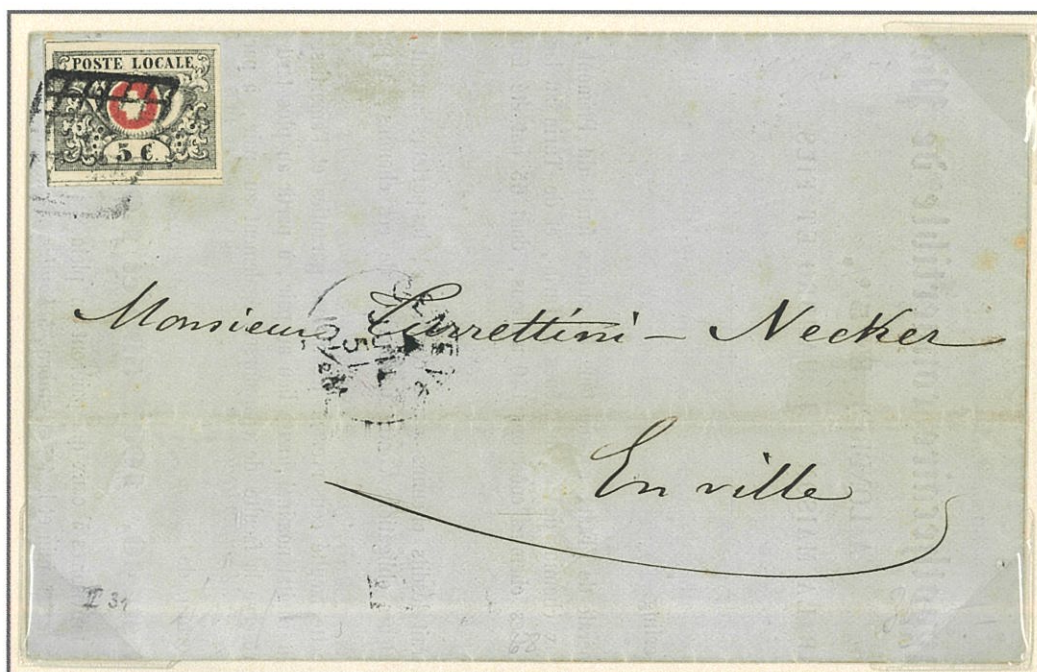
This stamp was issued for 5 Cts. local letter rate.

Geneva Red Rosette Usage



Tied by red Geneva rosette (AW3) with a single ring c.d.s in red beside
GENEVE to Geneve, 15 MARS 50

Local Letter to En ville

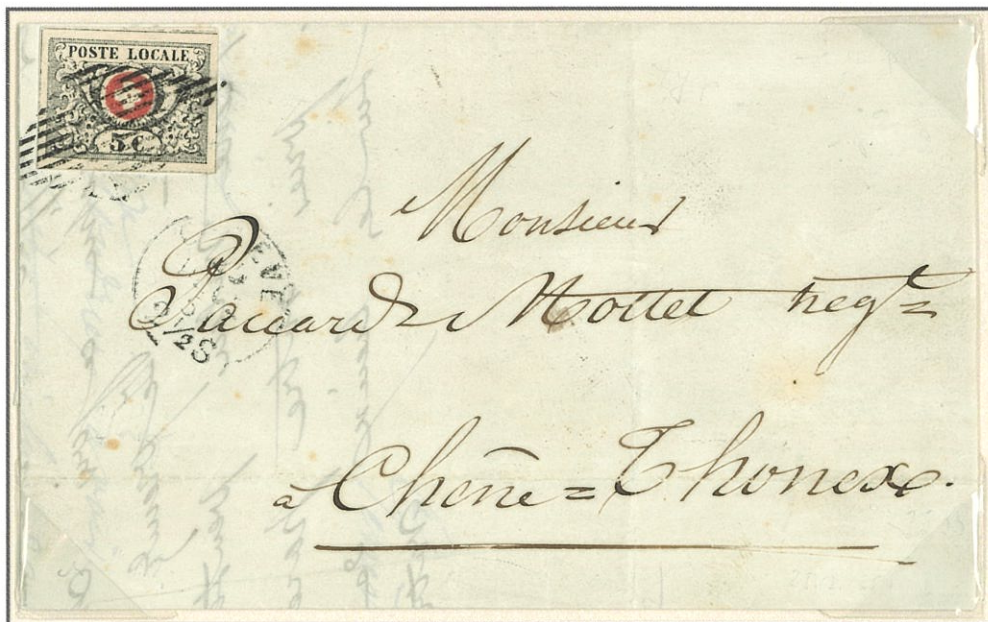


Tied by Geneve grilled in black
GENEVE to En ville, 4 JUIL 51

En ville is located at the east of Geneva and local letter rate was applid.

This stamp was valid as 8 Cts. on RAYON I letter between 1850.10.1 and 1851.12.31

8 Cts. Rate, RAYON I Usage before the Currency Reform



Pos.1 with a plate flaw "dotted in red at the middle of the cross" (ZNr.10.1.02), tied by black grilled with a single ring cds beside

GENEVE to Chêne-Thonex, 25 DECE 51

This stamp was valid as 8 Cts. on RAYON I letter between 1850.10.1 and 1851.12.31

8 Cts. correctly paid for RAYON I letter between 1850.10.1 and 1851.12.31

Before the currency reform on Jan. 1st 1852, federal stamps were returned to the postmaster from post offices on Dec. 25th, and were dispatched again on Jan. 1st, 1852.

Although, cantonal stamps were not returned and could therefore be used in this period.

CHÊNE Grilled Cancellation Only 3 Recorded



Tied by Grilled Cancellation
CHÊNE to Geneve, 17 SEPT (1852) SOIR

5 C = 5 Rp. correctly paid for new RAYON I rate after 1852.1.1

Instead of using the 2 1/2 Rp. Poste locale stamps issued by the Federal government, the Conton of Geneva, which did not employ rappen, decided to issue local mail 5 Cts. stamp, which resembled in shape of the Poste locale stamp around Aug. 1850. This stamp was sold after the stock of VAUD 5 run out, and the earliest date recorded is Aug. 9th,

Proof



One sheet of 100 copies known, of which the lower half is in the Postal Museum in Berne.

It was printed on the backside of a document illustrating the Sardinian-Savoy Post Coach.

Issued Stamps



Unused



Black grilled

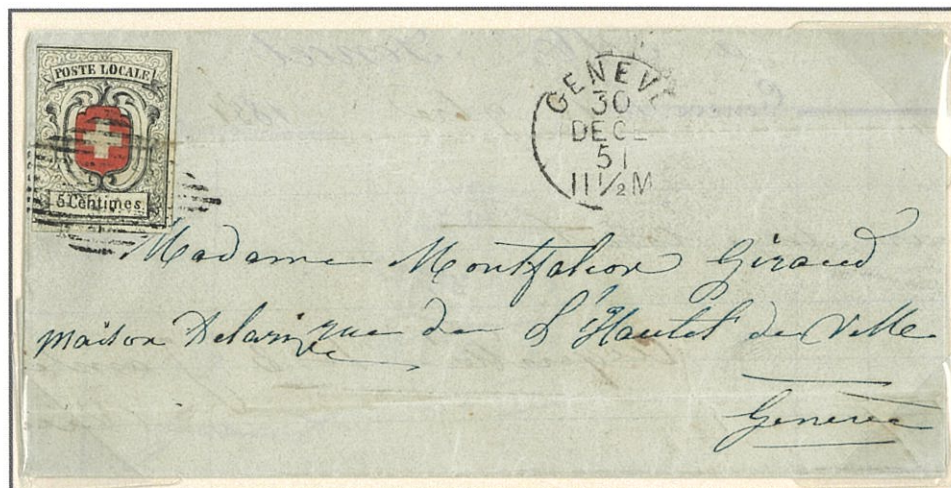
Plate Flaw



Large black dot at the lower left outer frame, unknown position



Franked Example during the Short Stampless Period just before the Monetary Unification



Tied by confederation gridded obliteration GENEVE to Geneve, 30 DEC 51

All the post offices stopped selling stamps during 20th and 31st of December, 1851, preparing for the monetary unification on Jan. 1st, 1852. So most of the letters were sent unfranked.

Local Letter



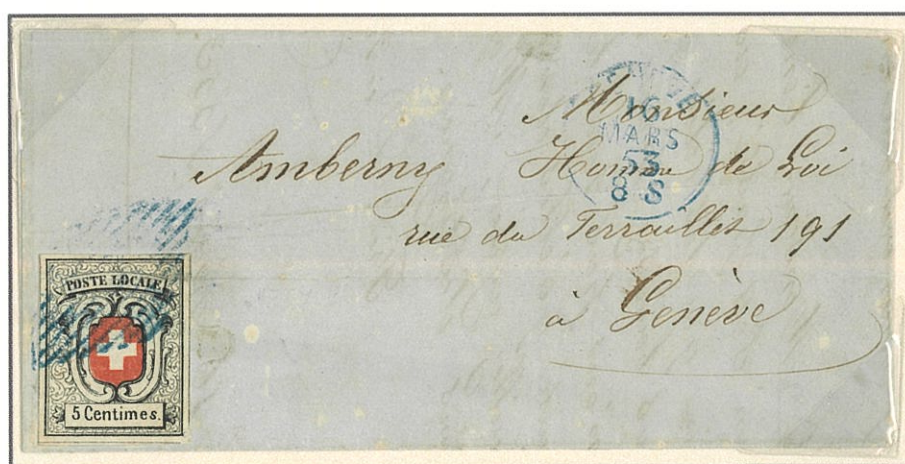
Tied by black gridded with a single ring cds beside

GENEVE to Jussy, Geneva, 13 DECE 51

5 Cts. correctly paid for local letter in the Canton of Geneva between 1850.1.22 and 1851.12.31

RAYON 1 Letter

Only 13 Usages Are Recorded After 1853



Tied by gridded obliteration in blue
GENEVE to Geneve, 16 MAR 53

5 C correctly paid for RAYON 1 rate, which was valid after Jan. 1st, 1852.

The color of gridded obliteration of Geneve was change from black to blue on July 14th, 1852.