

Jan 21st, 1843

The Council of Basel approved the introduction of postal prepayment system using stamps, however it took more than two years and a half until the issue of the first stamp, "Basel Dove".

One of the reason taking such longer period than the other two cantons is "Basel Dove" was the world first stamp of tricolor as well as manufactured abroad. The first shade "yellow-green" was denied by Basel Post and remain unissued because dove doesn't seem to fly in the blue sky as it is yellow green.

Essays



Yellow green



Yellow green

Only One Recorded Used Essay



Double ring cds
expertised by André Nussbaum-Bisser

July 1st 1845

522 sheets of 40 copies, which were ordered on June 18th, 1845 was issued.

It was intended for letters in the town itself of the weight under 1 Loth by single franking, and double franking for letters between the town and the suburbs or the other communes of the Canton.

Traditional Classification by Shade



Blue



Bright blue

As double franking rate was uncommon then in Basel, a small number of pairs are recorded.

Cantonal Period Used Horizontal Pair
Only Two Recorded and Marginal Example is Unique



Blue

Rihgt marginal horizontal pair
Pos.23/24 and a part of pos.15 of the first printing plate

Double ring c.d.s with ornament in red,
which was used until Nov. of 1848
BASEL 2 MAY (1845-1848)

Double franking was only needed for weight letter or letter between the city and three rural areas,
which were uncommon then and only two horizontal pairs are known.
The other example was used on July 22th, 1848, so this must be the earliest.

Postal Tariff in Basel between 1845.7.1 and 1849.9.30

Classification	Detail	Weight	Rate
City Rate	Letter in the Basel city	-1 Loth	2 ½ Rp.
		1-2 Loth	5 Rp.
Rural Rate	Letter between Basel city and Riehen, Bettingen or Kleinhüningen	-1 Loth	5 Rp.

The First Printing Plate

Basel Dove was produced at the Benjamin Krebs in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. It was lithographed in tri-color, and the printing plate consists of 40 stamps (5 rows of 8 stamps each)

To make the printing plate of each color, 40 lithograph stone pieces were made from the original plate, thus 120 stone pieces were made in total. They're put into each printing plates consisting of 40 stones pieces, and with this first printing plate, the unissued stamps and the first stamps were produced.

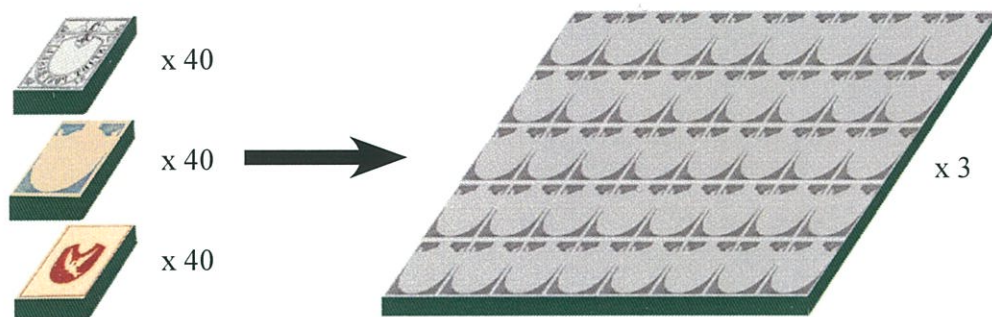
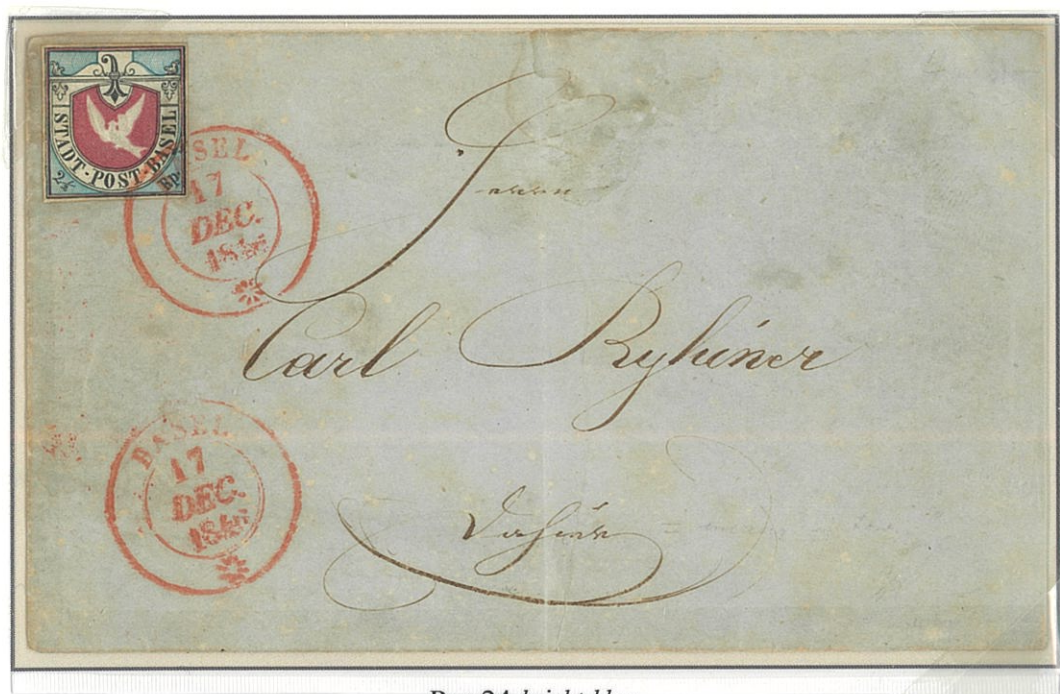


Plate flow of the Pos.24 of the first plate, Used & Cover

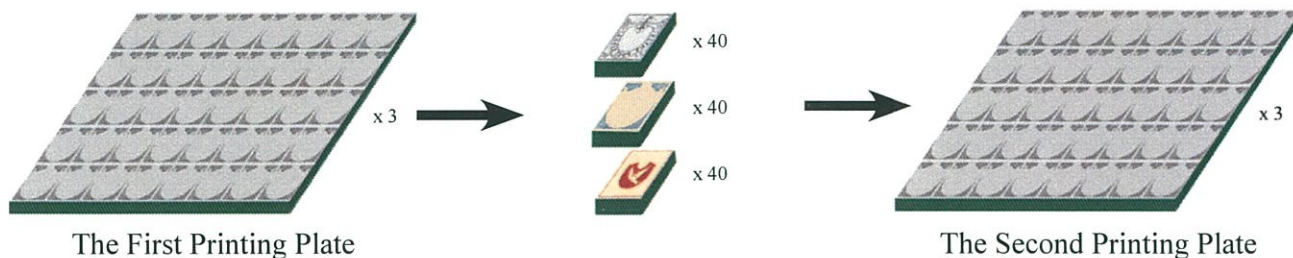
Pos.24 *blue*Black dot under "AS" of
BASEL on black plate

Pos.24 *bright blue*,
tied by double ring cds in red with another same cds beside
BASEL to Basel, 17 DEC 1846
2 ½ Rp. correctly paid for a letter in the town

The Second Printing Plate

When the first stamps were delivered, as more jobs from Basel Post were not expected, 120 stones were taken from the three printing plates into a box.

When another order came from Basel, these stones were put into three plates again, however the position is not what they used to be and some stones were newly made because of the failure. All the stamps shown here are expertised.

**[red] Colorless Spot around the Head**

Mint & used. The known error of the Pos.39 of the first printing plate, however the right edge show the aspect of the right edge, so this must be Pos 8,16,24,32 or 40 of the second plate.

[red] Colorless Point over the Pigeon

Mint & used. According to Corinphila database, this plate flaw is the printing variety of the third row of the second printing plate.(Pos.17 to 24)

[red] Colorless hood on the head

According to Seebub pair listed on Corinphila database, this plate flaw exists on the Pos.25 of the second plate

Colorless Point over the Pigeon with features of Pos. 28 of the First Plate

According to Max Hertsch and Hans Hunziker's study, the stamp with the feature written in the title must be the unknown position of the second plate.

[red] Minor Flaws left under the Body

The known plate flaw of the Pos.15 of the first plate, however blue color shows the broken colorless spot, which does not belong to this position. So this is the unknown position of the second plate.

[black] Line Break over 'P' of 'POST'

The known plate flaw of the Pos.16 of the first printing black plate, however the other two colors show none for this position, so this must be the unknown position of the second plate.

Both of Cantonal letter rate within a twon and federal local letter rate, started on Oct. 1st, 1849 were 2 ½ Rp.

Cantonal Letter Within A Town



Blue

tied by double ring cds with rosette in red and red double ring cds on the back
 BASEL to Basel, 2 SEPT 1846

2 ½ Rp. correctly paid for a letter in the town between 1845.7.1 and 1849.9.30

Chnges of Postal Tariff in Basel

	1845.7.1	1849.10.1		1852.1.1	
Local letter	2 ½	2 ½		-	
Cantonal letter	5	-		-	
RAYON I	-	5	(-48km)	5	(-9.6km)
RAYON II	-	10	(-120km)	10	(-48km)
RAYON III	-	15	(-192km)	15	(48km-)
RAYON IV	-	20	(192km-)	-	

Liverpool 28 May

International Bulk Printed Matter from Liverpool
11 Similar Covers Recorded



tied by double ring cds in red

“Blysig Draunz et Cie” in Liverpool sent Cotton Market Report by bulk to Swiss bank, from there each printed matters were sent to each addressee with stamps attached.

11 similar covers recorded

Mit Anfang Physik, Maunzle 54

Basel Dove was used as a postage due, more than 10 years before the issue of the world first postage due in France, 1859.

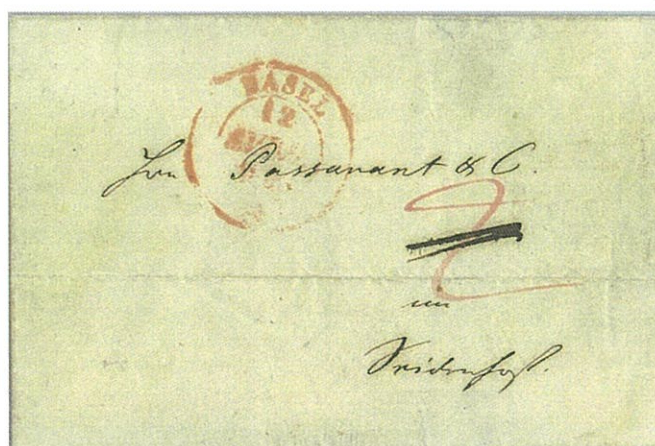
Irregular Usage as a Postage Due



Blue

closed by two double ring cds with another one beside
BASEL to Seidenhof, 12 AVRIL 1848 NACH-MITTAG

The stamp was put to seal the flap of the envelope.



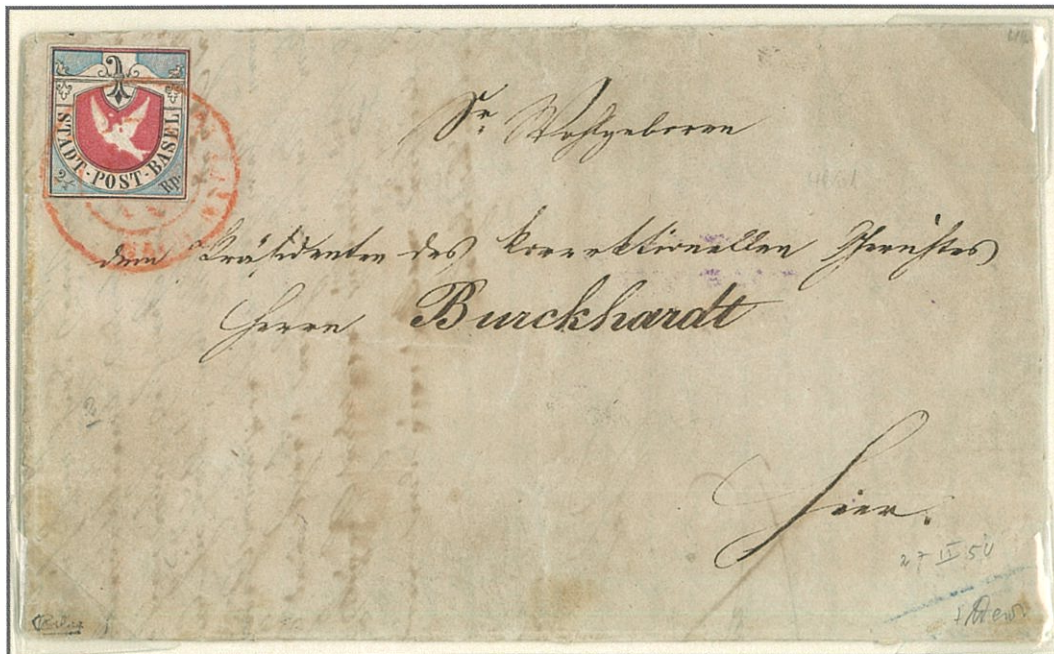
Front (80 %)

Red manuscript "2" was written on the front, as this letter was unfranked and it was needed to charge 2 Kreuzer to the recipient.

However the manuscript was cancelled in black pen later and
Basel Dove was franked on the back as a postage due.

As the federal local letter rate was the same as the former cantonal local letter rate, it was kept using in Basel until early 1851.

2.5 Rp. Rate, Federal Local Letter



Bright blue tied by double ring cds in red with another red double ring cds on the back

BASEL to Basel, 27 FEB 1850 NACH-MITTAG

2 ½ Rp. correctly paid for a local letter between 1849.10.1 and 1851.12.31

Red Framed FRANCO & Nach-Mittag Datestamp



Blue tied by red framed FRANCO cancellation with a red double ring cds beside

BASEL to Basel, 20 OCT 1849 NACH-MITTAG

NACH-MITTAG datestamps are uncommon in Basel, compared with VOR-MITTAG ones.

The district Postmasters were ordered to be immediately supplied with federal postage stamps for local letters to the post offices in 36 towns on April 5th, 1850.

2 ½ Rp. denomination stamps with ORTS-POST or POSTE-LOCALE were produced at a lithographer Durheim in Bern, with bi-color printing plates of 4 panes of 40 copies. Federal cross was thought to be framed for ORTS-POST after September 1850.

Unframed Cross



Type 2



Type 6



Type 8

The Earliest Used Stamp of Swiss Confederation



Type 16

Double ring CDS

St.GALLEN, 27 6 1850

expertised by R. Berra-Gautschy

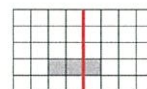
Only 3 covers recorded used before Sep. 30th, 1850 and the earliest usage of 28 June 1850 is shown at p.65
Above material was used one day before, and the earliest used stamp of Swiss Confederation.

Multiples over the sheet center is uncommon as most of the sheets were separated in the middle before dispatch to post offices.
Several exceptions are known especially from St. Gallen

**Type 27-29
ORTS-POST
Framed Cross**



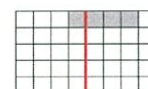
Black P.P



**Type 4-7
POSTE LOCALE
Framed Cross**



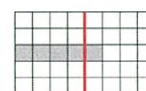
Rejoined strips on piece
Double vertical lines
in red manuscript



**Type 17-21
ORTS-POST
Unframed Cross**



Black P.P. of St.Gallen



ex- Silvain Wyler

Type 19-22, POSTE LOCALE Framed Cross



A horizontal strip of four POSTE LOCALE pos.19/22, tied by black grilled diamond with a blue CDS beside
BÜLACH to Embrach, 23 (8) 51
10 Rp. correctly paid for RAYON I C.O.D. letter



It was issued for a local letter, and was also applied for a RAYON I printed matte rate and e.t.c.

2 ½ Rp. Rate, Complete Printed Wrapper



Type 15 franking tid by PP (AW240) in blue
SOLOTHURN to Wasen near Sumiswald, 20 MAI 1851

2 ½ Rp. correctly paid for RAYON I printed matter

7 ½ Rp. Rate, C.O.D. Wrapper Part



Type 21 franked with RAYON I dark blue type 31
cancelled by two black PP of the postal district IX (AW 243)
St. GALLEN to Stadel

7 ½ Rp. correctly paid for C.O.D. printed matter
2 ½ for RAYON I printed matter and 5 for COD fee to charge 54 Kr.

It was issued for a local letter, and was also applied for a RAYON I printed matte rate and e.t.c.

Framed FRANCO of Basel



Type 39, tied by framed FRANCO BASEL to Basel, May 2nd, 1851 2 ½ Rp. correctly paid for local letter

12 ½ Rp. Rate, Double Weight C.O.D. Letter Only Nine Such Frankings Recorded at SBK



Type 17 franked with RAYON II A2RU-15
tied by black Zürich rosette with a single ring cds and handstamp "N.Abq." both in red beside

ZÜRICH to Rümlang, 8 MARS 51 NACHMITTAG
12 ½ Rp. correctly paid for RAYON I C.O.D. letter of the second weight step, 12 ½ = 7 ½ + 5

Federal cross was thought to be framed around September or October 1850, when RAYON I and II were produced.



Type 34

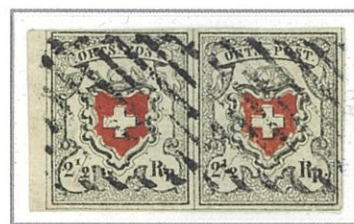


Type 36

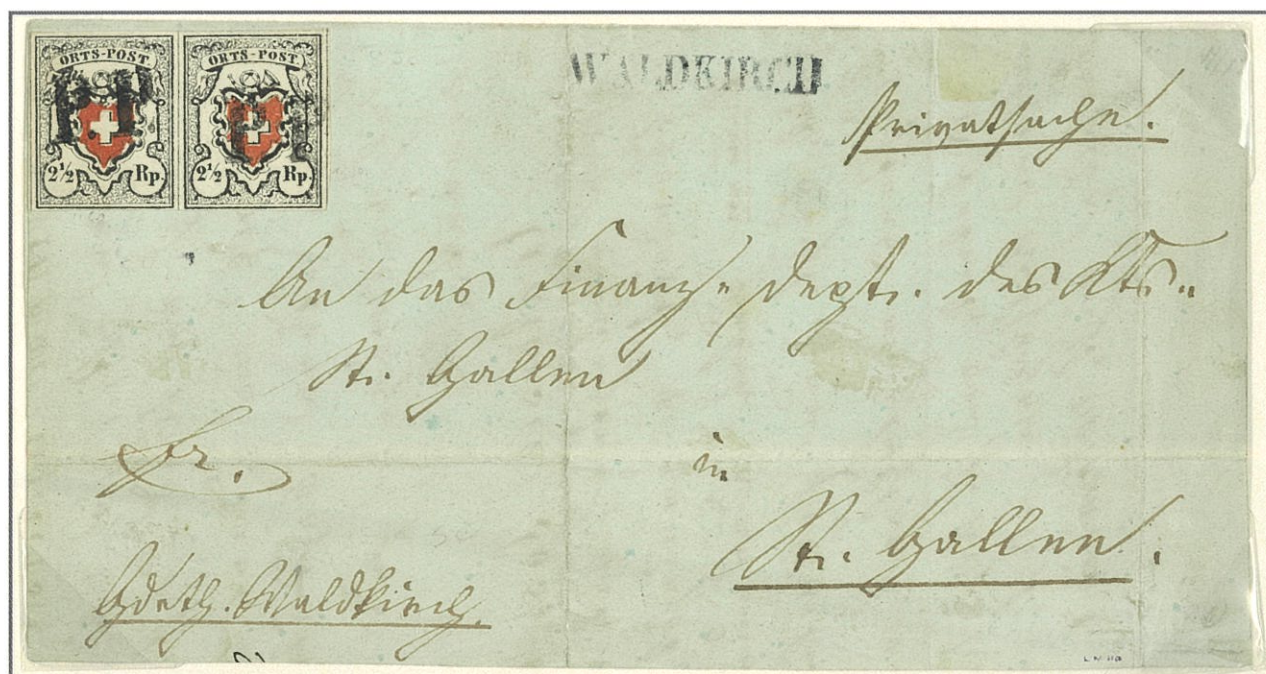


Type 37

- Cancellation Varieties -

P.P.
Type 3/4P.P.
Type 19Aargau 10 lines grilled
Type 33/34

5 Rp. Rate, RAYON I Letter



A horizontal pair with the types 15/16, tied by black "PP" of the IX postal district
WALDKIRCH to St. Gallen via Gossau, 18 JAN 1851
5 Rp. correctly paid for RAYON I letter

Printed matter rate was first introduced in Swiss philately on October 1st, 1849.

2 ½ Rp. Rate, RAYON I Newsletter in Bern



Jenner 1851.

Verzeichniß
alter und neuer, gebundener Bü
zu den beigefügten billigen Preisen gegen bare Bezahlung bei
F. Däniker, Antiquar, in Zürich,
sogleich zu beziehen sind.

Schöne Wissenschaften.		Bg.			Bg.
1	Agnes von Lilien. 2 Bde. Berl. 798. br.	5	56	Marmontel, les Incas ou la destruction de l'empire du Pérou. 2 vol. Neuch. 777. Hfz.	5
2	L'An 2440. Lond. 774. C.	3	57	Matthiassens Gedichte. 798 br.	3
3	Auffenberg, sämmtl. Werke. 20 Bde. 843. br.	120	58	Morgen, C., das Buch des Schrecklichen u. Abenteuerlichen. 2 Bde. 832. br.	20
4	Bacherer, G., der Zauberjüngling. Jrf. 838. (am Rande festg.)	4	59	Mücke, C., Erzählungen a. d. Wachtstube. Berl. 848. br.	7
5	Beiträge z. wissensch. u. gesell. Unterhalt. v. Gottinger, Scholz u. 3 Bde. Zür. 815. C.	12	60	Musäus, Volksmärchen d. Deutschen. 4 Thle. in 2 Bdn. Jrf. 801. br.	4
6	— z. Erschütterung d. Zwischfelles. 807. C.	3	61	Pestalozzi, H., Lienhard u. Gertrud. Ein Buch fürs Volk. 4 Bde. 831. br.	24
7	Biedermanns deutsche Monatschrift. Jahrg. 1845. (fehlt d. 6te Hest.) (Jedes Hest ist für sich bestehend.)	12	62	Piarrre u. Pfaffen. Eine Schrift z. Belehrung des Volkes, daß es unterscheiden lerne zwischen Gitten u. Miehlingen. 840. br.	3
8	Bilder, verhüllte (Charaden, Räthsel.) 845. br.	4	63	Pfessels poetische Versuche. 10 Bde. 803. Hfz.	40
9	v. Bilderbeck, die Brüder. Ein Familiengemälde. 4 Bde. 805. Hfz.	6	64	Prolog z. großen Moloch. Berl. 850. br.	1
10	Blumauer, Herkules. Jrf. 794. Hfz.	2	65	Prometheus. Für Recht u. Licht. Zeitschrift v. H. Jschoffe. 1r u. 2r Thl. Mar. 832. br.	15
11	—, sämmtl. Gedichte. 4 Bde. Berl. 806. C.	10	66	Prevot, Manon Lescaut. Ein Sittengemälde. Berl. 792. C.	3
12	—, Virgils Aeneis. Jrf. 802. Hfz.	6	67	Poesie conomane di autore viventi per Nözze illustri. 2 vol. Bres. 822. Lwd.	8
13	Blumenhagens gesam. Werke. 25r Bd. Stuttg. 840. br.	3	68	Prinz Gito der Verfolgte od. d. Bruderkrieg. 3 Bde. 826. C.	8
14	Börne's franz. Schriften. Bern 847. br.	7	69	St. Pierre, Amasis. Eine Begebenheit aus d. Vorwelt. 800. C.	3
15	Bouterwecks Gedichte. Neutl. 803. Hfz.	7	70	Parini, G., della vita e degle scritti. Lettere di due amici. 802. C.	4
16	Bulwer, L., Athens its rise and fall. 2 vol. Lpz. 837. br.	15	71	v. Profesch-Oßen, kleine Schriften. Stuttg. 844. br. (7 Bde.) (18 fl.)	90
17	Cavalliere Servente oder Damen-Liebling. Eine Sammlg. kurzer Original-Romane. 15 diverse, einzeln für sich bestehende Bchn. 806. Hfz.	30	72	Poemi di Lord G. Byron. 2 vol. 832. br.	8
18	Chronique galante. Das Kaiserreich. Galante u. intrigante Liebes- u. Hofgeschichten a. d. Jahren 1805—1815. 4 Bde. Lpz. 837. br. (7 Jrf.)	35	73	Pantheon auserlesener Erzählungen d. Auslands. 7r—12r Thl. in 3 Bdn. 844. C.	20
19	Comische Erzählungen. Neutl. 785. Hfz.	2	74	Penelope, Taschenbuch f. 1846 v. Hell. Mit Stahlst. C.	15
20	Cramer, G., Geniestreiche. 2 Bde. 802. Hfz.	6	75	Petit, Sittengallerie d. Nationen. 836. br.	8
21	Devisen, die neuesten u. Stammbuchstückchen. Vad. 836. C.	2	76	Propst, aufgesang. Geistesfunken. Lpz. 820. br.	2
22	Engel, J., Herr Lorenz Stark. Neutl. 803. Hfz.	5	77	Ratuzzi, Wandervers Pilgerfahrt u. Heimkehr. Niederfranz. 841. br.	2
23	Erweiterungen. Monatschrift v. Jschoffe. 4 diverse, für sich besteh. Heste. 813. C.	6	78	—, die beiden Bürgermeister in Ulm. Histor. Trauerspiel. 843. br.	2
24	Falk, D., der Mensch u. die Helden. 808. br.	9	111	Schillers Werke. 1r Bd. gr. Hfz. (Prosa.)	gr
			112	— Geschichte d. Unruhen in Fr.	gr
			113	— Der Riese als Dnfel. 836	gr
			114	— Der Parasit od. die Kunmachen. Lustsp. 806. br.	gr
			115	— Wilhelm Tell mit geschid Joh. Müller. Kap. 833. br.	gr
			116	—, Gedichte. 2 Thle. in 1	gr
			117	—, 2r Bd. Lpz. 808.	gr
			118	—, Ein biograph. Denkmal 839. br.	gr
			119	—, Wallenstein, ein dramat. Jrf. 800. br.	gr
			120	—, die Jungfrau v. Orleans	gr
			121	—, Schneller, J., Weiblichkeit.	gr
			122	—, Schiefer, C., Dichterlese.	gr
			123	—, Schattenbild e. für f. Vate Prinzen. Jrf. 814. C.	gr
			124	—, Schwarzschild, H., König M. Gnomen. Gedicht in 20 Gesä br. (neu.) (3 fl. 8 h.)	gr
			125	—, Stein, R., Thalia. Berl. 8	gr
			126	—, Schlenker, F., d. Bürger u Freiburg. 799. br.	gr
			127	—, Schmidt, St., Gedichte.	gr
			128	—, Schwaben, die 7. Mit 11 H	gr
			129	—, Schubert, D., sämmtl. Ge	gr
			130	—, v. Sternberg, der Missionä 2 Bde. Lpz. 842.	gr
			131	—, Sand, G., la comtesse de Re Brux. 844. br.	gr
			132	—, Sandoval, od. d. Freimaurer zählung. 3 Bde. 827. C.	gr
			133	—, Schulz, Geschichte d. großen Frankreich. 790. C.	gr
			134	—, Scheffer, H., Wanderjahre.	gr
			135	—, Schiefers Gedichte. 28 Bch	gr
			136	—, Schulz, F., ab. Paris u. die (544 Seiten.) 791. C.	gr
			137	—, Schwarzkünster, d. Zelandi	gr

Type 8, tied by blue P.D. handstamp in BERN, January 1851

2 ½ Rp. correctly paid for a RAYON I printed matter

Printed Matter Rate	-2 Loth	2-4 Loth	4-8 Loth	8-32 Loth
RAYON I (-48km)	2 ½	5	7 ½	10
RAYON II(48-120km)	5	10	15	20
RAYON III(120-192km)	7 ½	15	22 ½	30
RAYON IV(192km-)	10	20	30	40

It was also used to prepay a part of rate such as 7 ½ Rp. for weight letter or printed matter

12 ½ Rp. Rate,
RAYON III
C.O.D. Wrapper

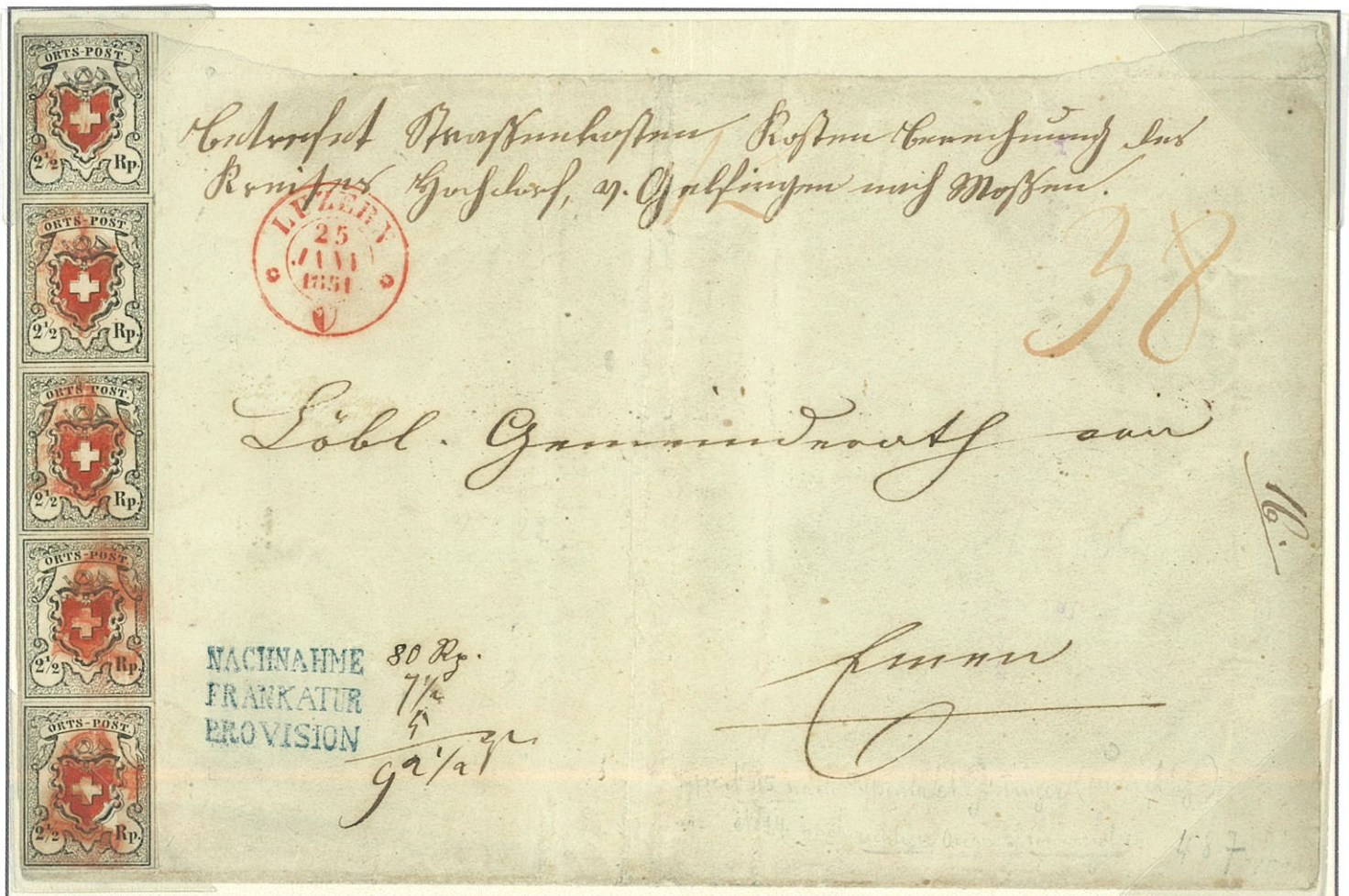


Type 33 franked with RAYON II BLU-32 cancelled by two black PD handstamps with a double ring cds beside

BERN to Geneva,
29 MARS 51

12 ½ = 7 ½ + 5
7 ½ for RAYON III
printed matter of the
first weight step, and 5
for COD fee

12 ½ Rp. Rate, Double Weight RAYON I C.O.D. Letter
The Largest Multipel Franking and Only One Recorded



A vertical strip of five of types 6/38, tied by red "PP" of Luzern
LUZERN to Emmen, 25 JANV 1851

12 ½ Rp. correctly paid for RAYON I double weight C.O.D. letter,
7 ½ for RAYON I letter of the weight between ½ and 1 Loth and 5 for C.O.D. fee.

Only six letters with such multiple franking are known, but not all as stripes except this one.

It was also used to prepay a part of rate such as 7 ½ Rp. for weight letter or printed matter

Two Different Cancellations on the Same Stamps



Type 30 with RAYON I, type 27,
at first slightly cancelled by single line cancellation of Münsingen, then cancelled by blue "PD" handstamps in Bern again.
MÜNSINGEN to Rüegsau, via Bern and Goldbach, 25 MARS 1851
7 ½ Rp. correctly paid for RAYON I letter of the second weight step.

PP of the IX Postal District



Type 39 franked with RAYON I type 24
cancelled by two black "PP" of the IX. Postal district with a double lines obliteration beside
OBER HELFENSCHWEIL to St. Gallen, 6 MARCH 1851 MORNING".
7 ½ Rp. correctly paid for RAYON I letter of the second weight step.