

April 16th, 1851

As triple colors printing cost expensive, the Postal department ordered Durheim's lithographic printing office to try printing the 5 and 10 Rp. in two colors only. As a result of this trial, the 5 Rp. alone was altered to bi-colors.

There was no announce when this change in the color of the 5 Rp. took place, and the earliest date known of a cancelled stamp is April 16th, 1851.

Unfinished Reconstruction



Left : C2LO - 1/34

Right : C2LU - 13/40

unused block of 18 with original gum

unused block of 16 with original gum

ex-Maurice Burrus and ex- Silvain Wyler

Plate Flaws

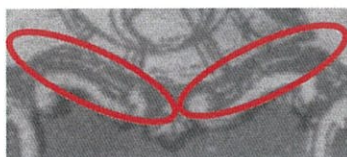
300%, if otherwise stated

Break in the middle of the lower frame



C2LO - 11

White line in the blue frame of the shield



C2LO - 12 (500%)

Break in the middle of the left frame



C2LO - 17

Red crop mark at the lower-right corner



C2LU - 40

The number of framed RAYON I light blue known is around 10-20.

11 Complete Segments of Crossing Lines and a small Trace of the Twelveth



C2RO - 18 with 11 complete segments of crossing lines and a small trace of the twelveth.

No examples of the complete frame around the cross are known from this stone,
so this is the best C2 example with nearly complete frames.

Almost Framed Cross On Cover



B2RU - 35 with a large part of framed cross (10/12)
tied by black Zürich rosette with a red cds beside

ZÜRICH to Pfäffikon, 5 AOUT 51 NACHMITTAG
5 Rp. correctly paid for RAYON I letter

The printing plate was consisted of 2 panes for stone A2, A3 and M.
3% of the RAYON I stamps were produced by this stone. according to "Bestimmung der Drucksteine"

Mint



A2U - 18

- Cancellation Varieties -



Black rosette
A2U - 26/27



Boxed FRANCO
A2U - 33/34

Worn impression
(Zumstein 17II.2.21)



Blue gridded diamond
A2U - 18/20

Worn Impression

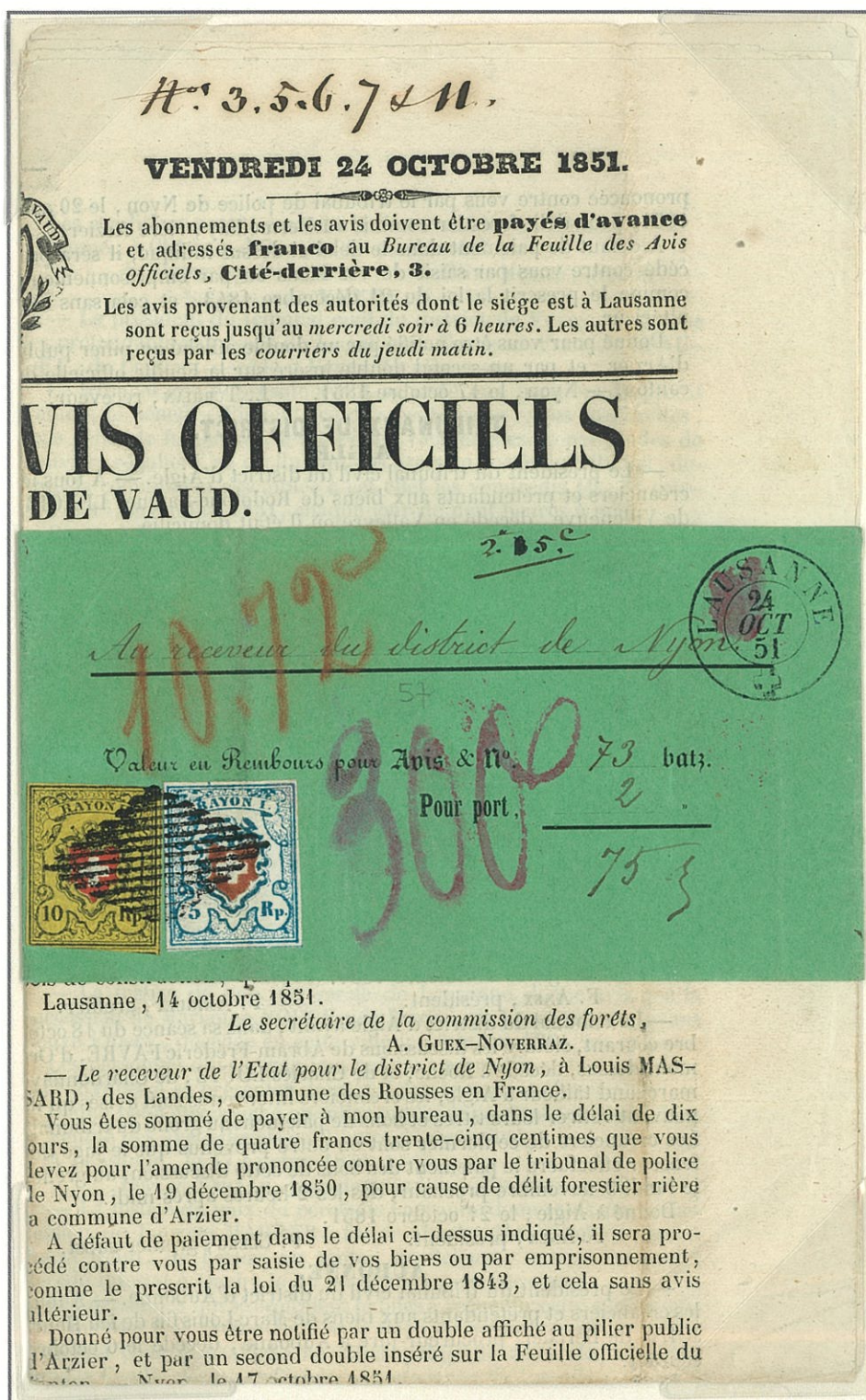


A2U - 39 with worn impression

cancelled by black Zürich rosette with a red c.d.s and a handstamp N: Abg. in red beside
ZÜRICH to Benken, 17 JUN 51 NACHMITTAG

This denomination stamp was also applied for RAYON I printed matter of the second weight step.

COD Weight Newspaper Wrapper, RAYON I



A20 - 30 franked with a RAYON II BRO - 22, cancelled by black gridded with a double ring cds beside LAUSANNE to Nyon, 24 OCT 51

15 Rp. correctly paid for RAYON I double weight C.O.D. printed matter collecting 10.72 Fr.
5 for RAYON I printed matter of the weight between 2 and 4 Loth, and 10 for C.O.D. fee up to 20 Franc.

ex-Gavin Fryer

2% of the RAYON I stamps were produced by this stone. according to "Bestimmung der Drucksteine"



A3U-31



A3O - 31

Zürich Black Rosette

A Horizontal Strip of Three Only A Few Known



A horizontal strip of A3O - 34/36 tied by blue grilled diamond with a double ring CDS in blue beside
BERN to Geneva, 2 NOV 1851
15 Rp. correctly paid for RAYON III letter



A3U-34 cancelled by framed P.P. (AW271) with a double ring CDS beside
DIESSBACH bei THUN to Signau, 2 AUG (18)51

7 ½ Rp. Rate, Double Weight Letter



A3U-32 franked with Type 30 of the RAYON I light blue
 tied by black gridded with a double ring cds beside
 CHAUX-de-FONDS, to Neuchatel, 29 AOUT 51

7 ½ Rappen correctly paid for RAYON I letter of the weight between ½ and 1 Loth between 1849.10.1 and 1851.12.31

25 Rp. Rate, C.O.D. Letter Collecting 12.30 Franc



A3O - 18 franked with a horizontal pair RAYON II BRO - 21/22
 cancelled by P.D. with a double ring cds beside

BERN to Stebler in La Chaux-de-Fonds, 7 JUL 51

25 Rp. correctly paid for RAYON II C.O.D. letter,
 10 for RAYON II letter, and 15 for C.O.D. fee (492 Kr. = 12.30 Franc)

The printing plate became consisted of 4 panes for stone B1 and after it.
4.5% of the RAYON I stamps were produced by this stone. according to "Bestimmung der Drucksteine"

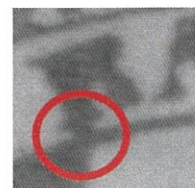
Only A Few Unused Known



B1RU - 15



B1RO - 20 with PF



R touches the frame

- Cancellation Varieties -



Black diamond
B1RU - 33/35



Red pen strokes
A block of three B1RU - 1/29



Circled PP
(AW315)
AARAU
B1RU - 20



Blue diamond
(AW107)
ZURZACH
B1LO-15

10 Rp. Rate, C.O.D. Official Letter from the Court



B1RU - 7 & 37 cancelled by a single line obliteration (AW1212) and two red pen crosses
ESCHOLZMATT to Luzern, July 29th, 1851
10 Rappen correctly paid for C.O.D. letter, 5 for RAYON I letter, and 5 for C.O.D. fee
16 Kr. = 4 Batzen was charged to the recipient

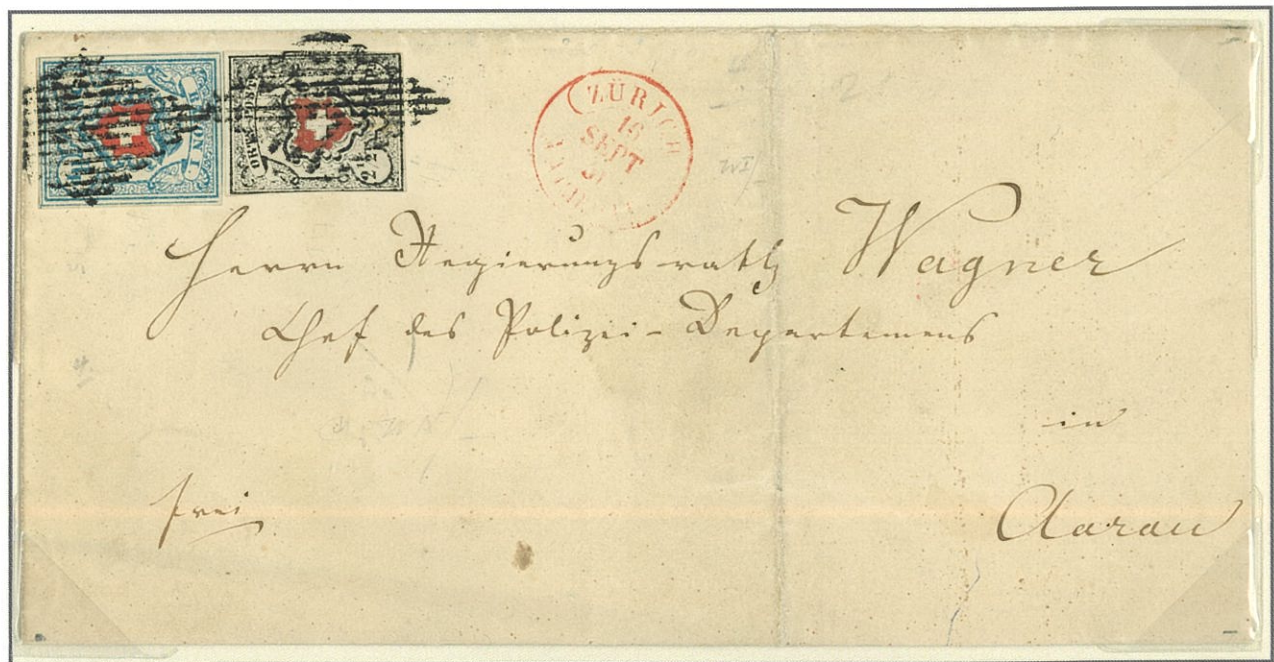
5 Rp. was issued for RAYON I rate, and also applied for other rates as it is a nice round number

15 Rp. Rate, RAYON III Letter



BIRU - 11 franked with a B1LO - 36 of RAYON II, cancelled by P.P. with a line obliteration beside
RUSSWYL to Zürich, Oct. 14 1851
15 Rp. correctly paid for RAYON III letter

7 ½ Rp. Rate, Double Weight Letter



B1LU - 15 franked with a type 17 of framed ORTS-POST, tied by black gridded diamond with a red CDS beside
ZÜRICH NACHMITTAG to Aarau, 16 SEPT (18)51
7 ½ Rappen correctly paid for RAYON I letter of the weight between ½ and 1 Loth between 1849.10.1 and 1851.12.31

7.3% of the RAYON I stamps were produced by this stone. according to "Bestimmung der Drucksteine"

The Largest Multiple of This Stone Only One Recorded



B2RO - 7/16
mint with original gum



B2LU - 14
PP

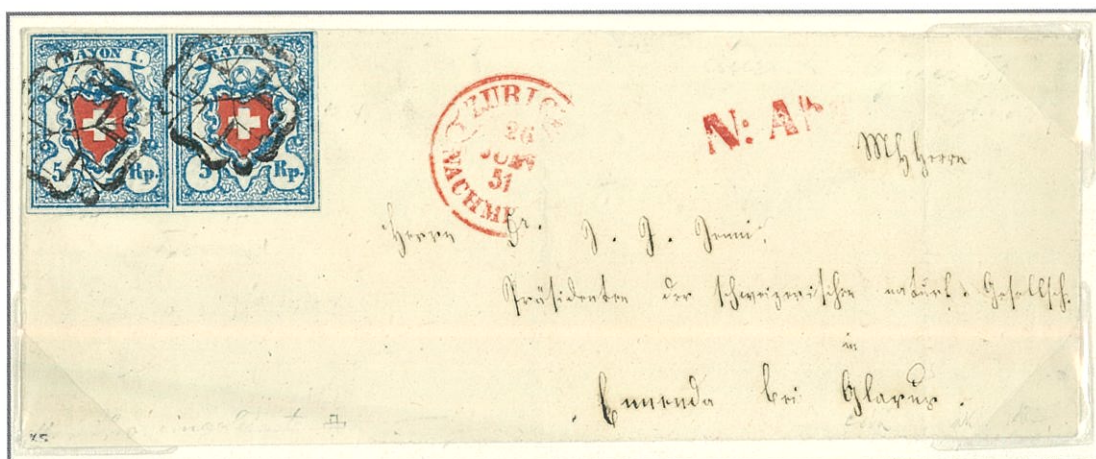


B2RU - 1/4
Black grilled diamond



B2RU - 24
Circled P.P.(AW313)

N:Abg Handstamp



A horizontal pair of B2RO - 27/28
cancelled twice by black Zürich rosette with a red cds and a handstamp N: Abg beside

ZÜRICH to Vlarus near Ennenda, 26 JUN 51
10 Rp. correctly paid for RAYON II letter

5 Rp. was issued for RAYON I rate, and also applied for RAYON II rate as double-franking, RAYON III rate as triple-franking

Aarau Diamonds



BIRU - 3/4 & 12, tied by black the 6th post circle diamonds
BREMgarten to Frybourg, 15 JUL 1851
15 Rp. RAYON III letter

RAYON III Letter



B2RU - 4 franked with a RAYON II undefined plate Type-26, tied by black grilled
BADEN II to Schwarzenburg, 1 NOV 1st, 1851
15 Rp. correctly paid for RAYON III letter

8% of the RAYON I stamps were produced by this stone. according to "Bestimmung der Drucksteine"



B3RU - 29/30
mint with original gum



B3RO - 5/13
black diamond



B3RU - 5/8
black grilled diamond



B3LO - 32/40
blue diamond

Bar Cancellation of ROGGWIL



B3LO - 5, tied by black grilled diamond with a line cancellation beside
ROGGWIL to Burgdorf via Murgenthal Nov. 28th, 1851
5 Rp. correctly paid for RAYON I letter

This stone appeared in July 1851

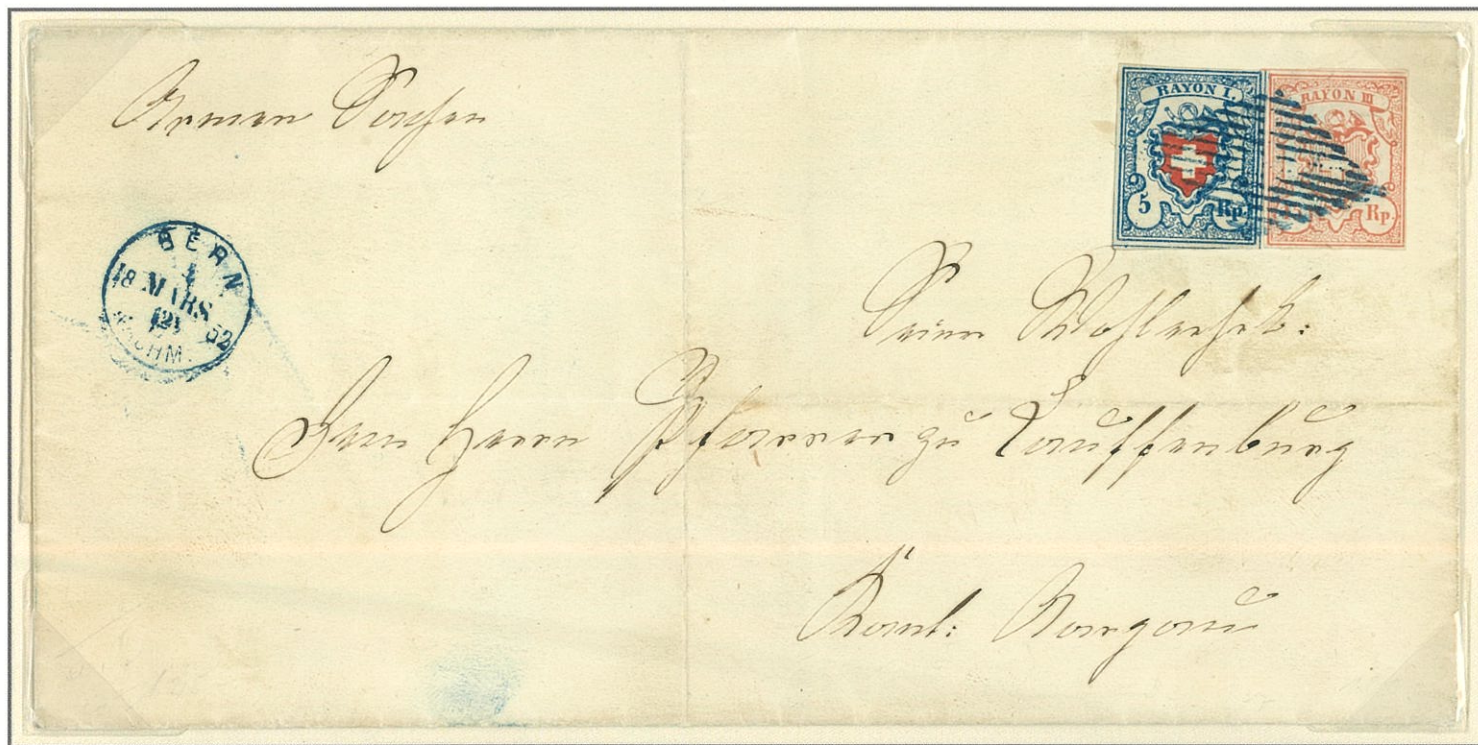
15 Rp. Rate, Underpaid Usage Just After the Tariff Change



B3LU - 13 & 39, cancelled by black gridded diamond with a double ring CDS and red manuscript 5 beside
SAMADEN to Brusio, 15 JAN 1852

15 Rp. for new RAYON III letter rate, which was underpaid and 5 Rp. was charged to the recipient.

20 Rp. Rate, RAYON II Double Weight Letter



B3RO - 37 with PF "dot on the left outer line" franked with a MMII - 4 of RAYON III small Rappen
cancelled by a blue gridded diamond with a single ring CDS in blue beside
BERN to Laufenburg, 4 MARS 1852 NACHM.

20 Rp correctly paid for a RAYON II letter of the second weight step, $20 = 10 * 2$

The Stone M is rare, and the right group of the unknown stone is also uncommon, as the right half of the printing plate was broken.

Unused Stone M Only One Known

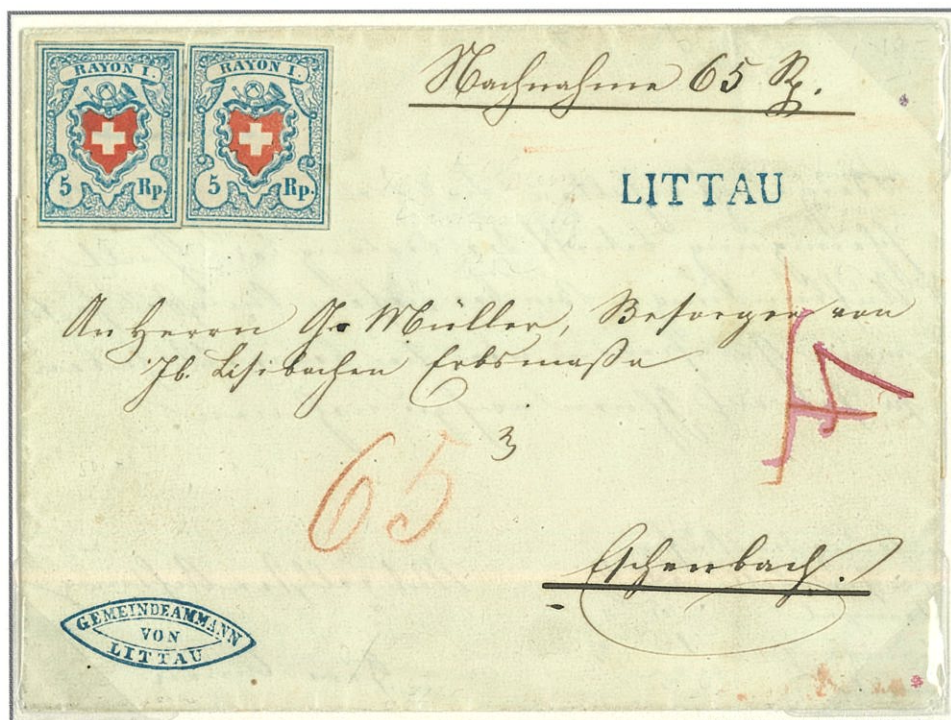


MO - 33

Out of the nine stones from which this stamp was produced, Stone M is the rarest one and only 1% of the entire print run came from it, and this example is the only known unused one.

Unused Left & Right Group of Unknown Stone

Only A Few Unused Right Stone Known



ULU - 36 franked with URO - 26
uncancelled with a blue single line cancellation beside

LITTAU to Eschenbach, 24 SEPT 1852

10 Rp. underpaid by 10 Rp. for RAYON II C.O.D. letter. A manuscript "4 (Kr.) " was written in red to charge a short of 10 Rp. to the recipient. 10 for RAYON II letter and 10 for COD fee, 20=10+10

The printing plate was consisted of 2 panes for stone M.

1% of the RAYON I stamps were produced by this stone. according to "Bestimmung der Drucksteine"

Combination with POSTE-LOCALE



MU - 18 and 19 franked with a POSTE-LOCALE type 21
black federal grilled cancellation

Quintuple Weight Letter



MU - 34 franked
with a RAYON II
BRU - 37

cancelled by black
grilled with a red
line cancellation

Luzern to Ebikon,

Oct. 20th, 1851

15 Rappen
correctly paid, for
RAYON 1 letter,
weight between 2
and 2.5 Loth.

RAYON 1 Letter



MU - 39, tied by black
grilled

ZÜRICH to
Bäretschweil
7 SEPT 51

5 Rp. RAYON I letter

The printing plate was consisted of 4 panes for unknown stone.
4% of the RAYON I stamps were produced by this stone. according to "Bestimmung der Drucksteine"

The Largest Multiple of This Group



ULO - 29/32
cancellation removed

Mixed Franking with RAYON II



ULU - 39 franked with a RAYON II BRU - 37
cancelld by black gridded with a double ring c.d.s beside
YVERDON to Bern, 26 FEBR 52
15 Rp. correctly paid for new RAYON III letter

Double Franking



ULU - 9 and 17 franked together
cancelld by black gridded with a line cancellation (AW1195) beside
EMMISHOFEN to Tobel via Frauenfeld, May 1852
10 Rp. correctly paid for new RAYON II letter

The right group of the unknown stone is uncommon, as the right half of the printing plate was broken soon.

The Largest Multiple of The Right Group



URO-17



URU - 25/34
black grilled



URO-23



URU - 11 franked with a RAYON III large numeral MRI-4 cancelled by black grilled with a single ring cds beside
BASEL to Neuchatel, 15 AVRIL (1853) NACHM
20 Rappen correctly paid for new RAYON III letter of the weight between $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 Loth.



URU - 11/12 + 4 tied by red grilled diamond
Folded letter to Bex, 15 JUIL (18)52, possibly 15 Rp. for RAYON III letter