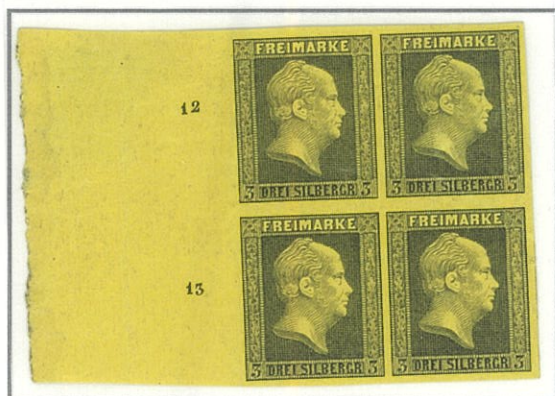


Nov. 15th, 1850. 3 Sgr. denomination stamp was issued for the third zone letter basic rate.

The Largest Multiple Only Six Recorded



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Gelb, with 28 mm margin
Pos.111/122 with row figure 12&13



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Gelb, with 25 mm margin

- *Maingelb* Shade Variety -

It was only produced in a short period around the mid. 1851



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Maisgelb, pos.31/32
row figure "4" on the left margin



(e)

Maisgelb

- Sheet Margin Varieties -



Gelb, pos.101/102
row figure "11" on the left margin



Gelb



Gelb, pos.8/9
column "8" & "9" on the margin

Blocks are much uncommon than strips for both in unused and used condition.

Plate Numbers

Three plates of Plate.No.3, 4 & 10 were used for 3 Sgr. denomination stamp. The name of the plate is inscribed on the right margin of the pos.80.

Platte No.4



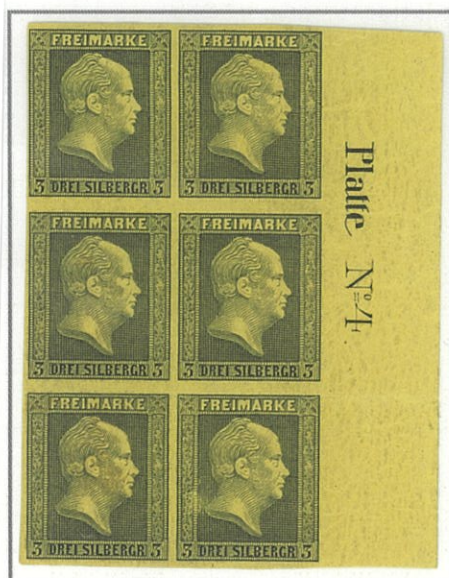
pos.70, showing part of the first
four characters of "Platte."
MERZIG (937)

Platte No.10



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pos.80
MAGDEBURG (906)



1864 First Reprint 3 Sgr. pos.59/80

Inverted Wartermark Varieties



Image of the back
(120%)



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Gelb, KÖNIGSBERG i.O. (742)

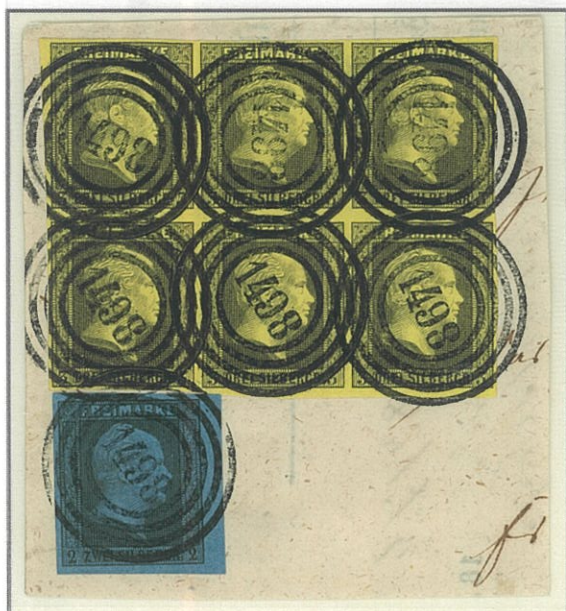


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Maisgelb, BERLIN (103)
Only Two Examples Known
for *maisgelb* Shade

Blocks are much uncommon than strips for both in unused and used condition.

Only Two Known Block of Six



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A block of six, four ring "1498" Tiegenhof



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A block of four
four ring "1373" Schwelm

23 Sgr. rate, Insured Third Zone Letter



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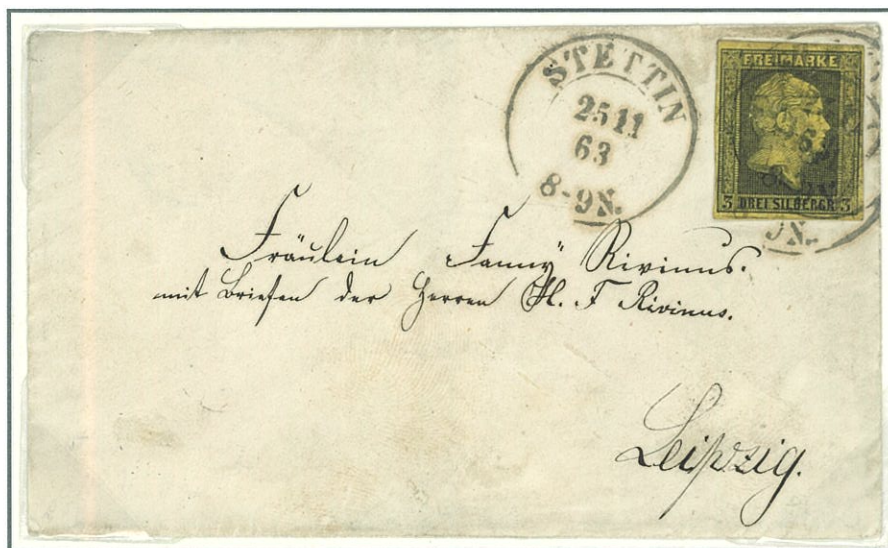
A block of five franked on 1852 6 Sgr. stamped envelope with a 2 Sgr. tied by four ring "281"

DEUTSCH CRONE to Berlin (221 km in distance), 31 7, possibly in 1853

23 Sgr. correctly paid for insured third zone letter, the insurance fee for 1000 Thaler became 20 Sgr on July 1st, 1853.

3 Sgr. was replaced by a following 3 Sgr. stamp in late 1857.

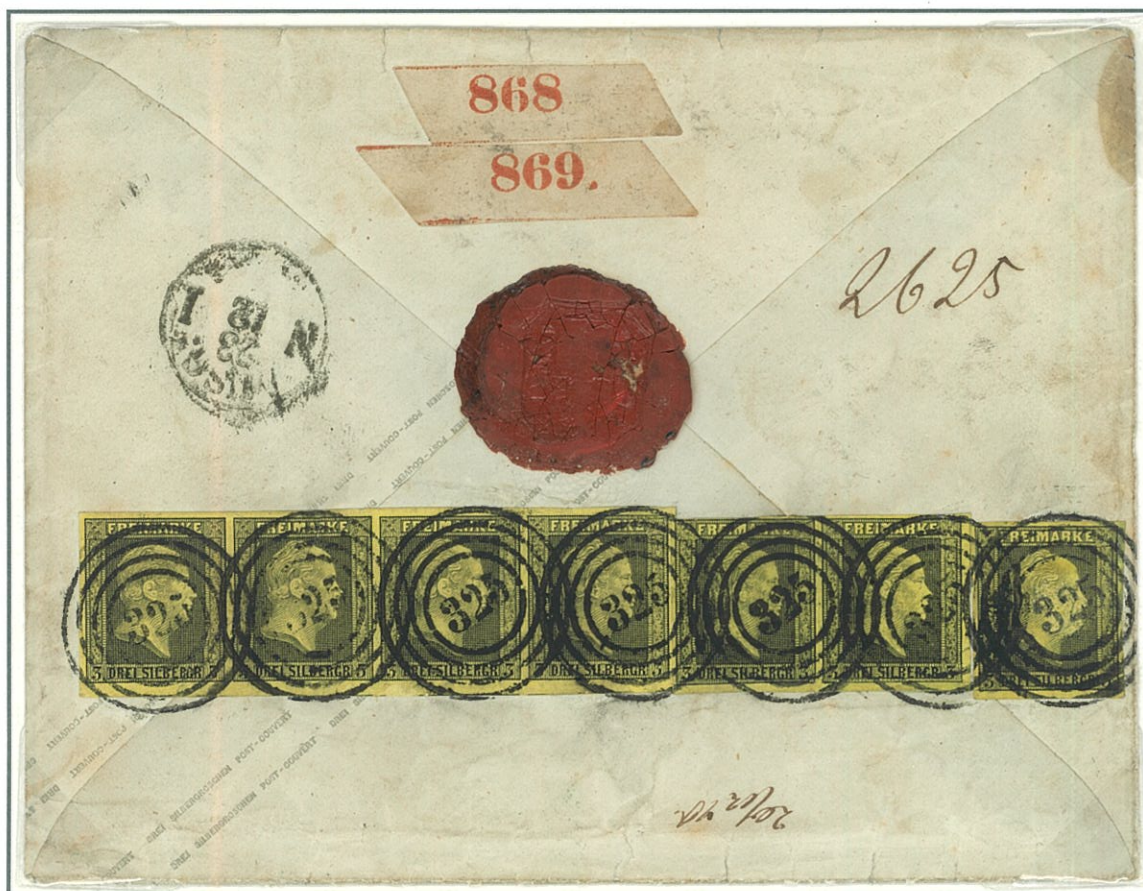
Late Usage in 1863



Tied by a double ring cds twice with another same one beside
STETTIN to Leipzig, 25 11 (18)63

Four ring cancellation was not in use after Mar. 31st 1859, and three kinds of following 3 Sgr. stamps were already issued then.

24 Sgr. Rate, Parcel Accompanied Letter



A horizontal strip of four franked with a horizontal pair and a single on the back of 3 Sgr. stamped envelope, tied by four ring "325"
DIRSCHAU(nowadays in Poland) to Halberstadt (160 miles in distance), 12 17
24 Sgr. = 288 Pfg. = 1½ Pfg. x 6 x 32 was correctly paid for the parcel accompanied letter.

Prepayment only by Prussian stamps for mails going abroad beyond DOPV was improper until September 1st, 1852.

The Earliest Usage of Only Prussian Stamps Going Abroad Beyond DOPV



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Triple franked with a 1 Sgr. tied by four ring cancellation "103" and framed triple lines datestamp, black handstamp P.D. and a French arrival double ring c.d.s. in red beside

BERLIN STADTPOSTAMT VIII to Paris via Valenciennes 21 8 (1852)

The application of Prussian stamps to send letters abroad was not yet authorized to any country beyond the German-Austrian-Postal-Convention until September 1st, 1852.

On Sept. 1st, 1852. the disposal 48/202/52 came into force, which says "Usage of postage stamps and such envelopes for prepayment not only for letters posted within the Prussian post area and those going to members of the German-Austrian-Postal-Convention, but also for mailing from Prussia going abroad."

So this letter would have been rejected at the post office counter because this form was illegal then. The post office in Berlin, however, validated the applied postage containing 10 Sgr by labeling "P.D." (paid destination) and sent it to France.

It was because there's a manuscript "tres-pressé" (very urgent) written above the address by the sender, and it was found in the letter box, as the upper-right manuscript "Im Briefkasten vorgefunden" (found in the letter box) shows.

10 Sgr. in total was franked, but according to the postal contract France-Prussia from January 1st 1848, the calculation of the postage amounts to 10 ½ Sgr in the second weight level.

Numeral four ring cancellation must be centrally struck on stamps one by one.

Block of Eight, Only One Known



MÜNSTER (982)



STETIN (1439)

38 Sgr. Rate, Value Declared Letter

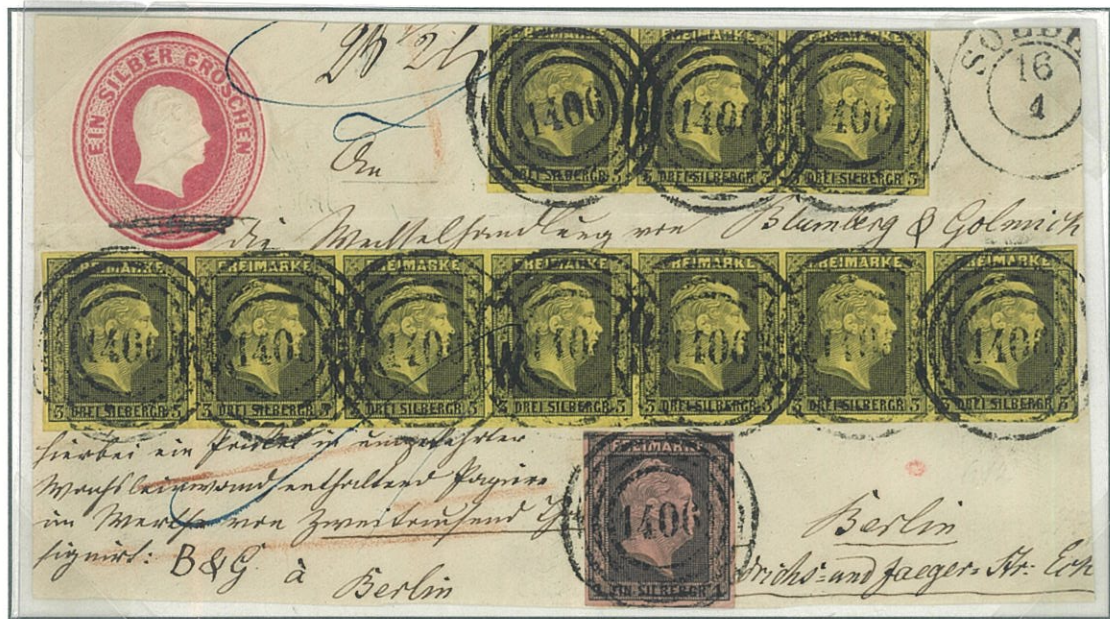


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Horizontal strips of six and five franked with a single 2 Sgr. and 3 Sgr., tied by four ring "184"
BRESLAU BERLIN EISENB. to Berlin, 6 7 (1855)
38 Sgr. correctly paid for a value declared letter

Prepayment only by Prussian stamps for mails going abroad beyond DOPV became valid on September 1st, 1852.

32 Sgr. Rate, Parcel Accompanied Letter



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Horizontal strips of seven and three with a single a Sgr. franked on 1 Sgr. stamped envelope, tied by four ring "1406" SOLDIN to Berlin, 16 4 , 32 Sgr. correctly paid for parcel accompanied letter

26 Sgr. Rate, Double Weight Letter to US West Coast

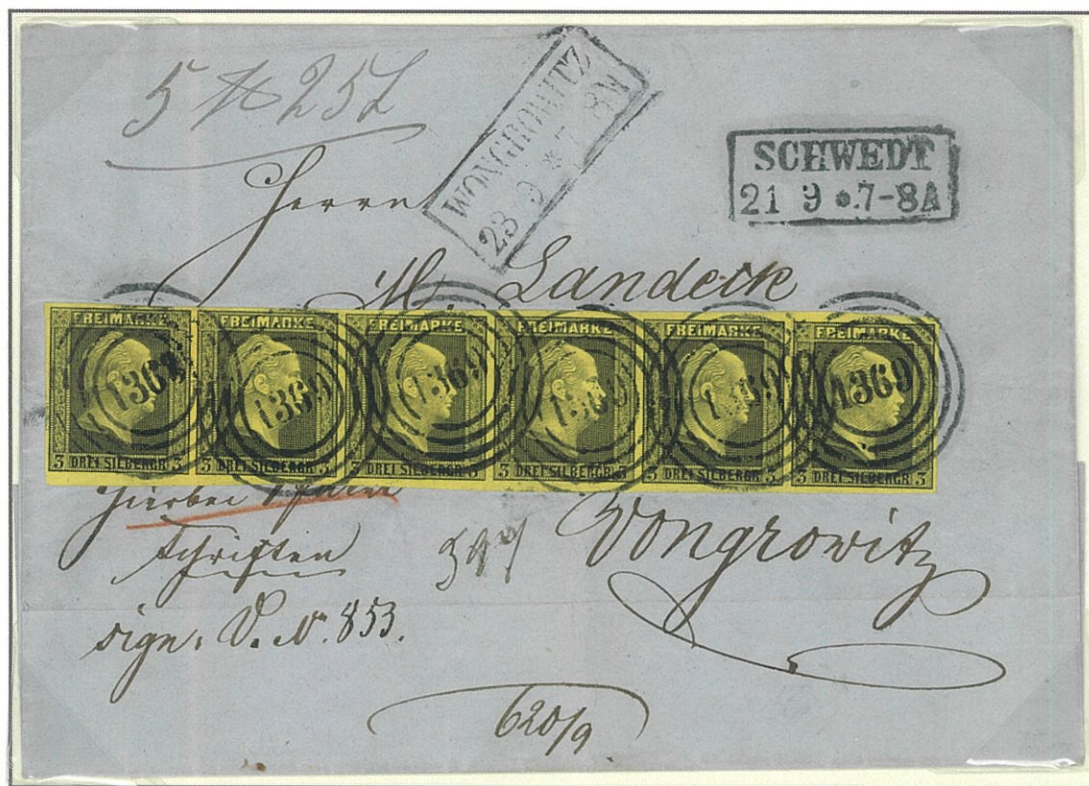


A horizontal strip of five franked with a horizontal pair and a 2 Sgr. to uprate 3 Sgr. stamped envelope tied by four ring cancellation "517" with a framed rectangle datestamp and two red transit c.d.s.

GÖRLITZ to San Francisco / USA via Aachen and New York 4 3

26 Sgr. correctly paid for double weight surface letter to the USA after Dec. 15th, 1852

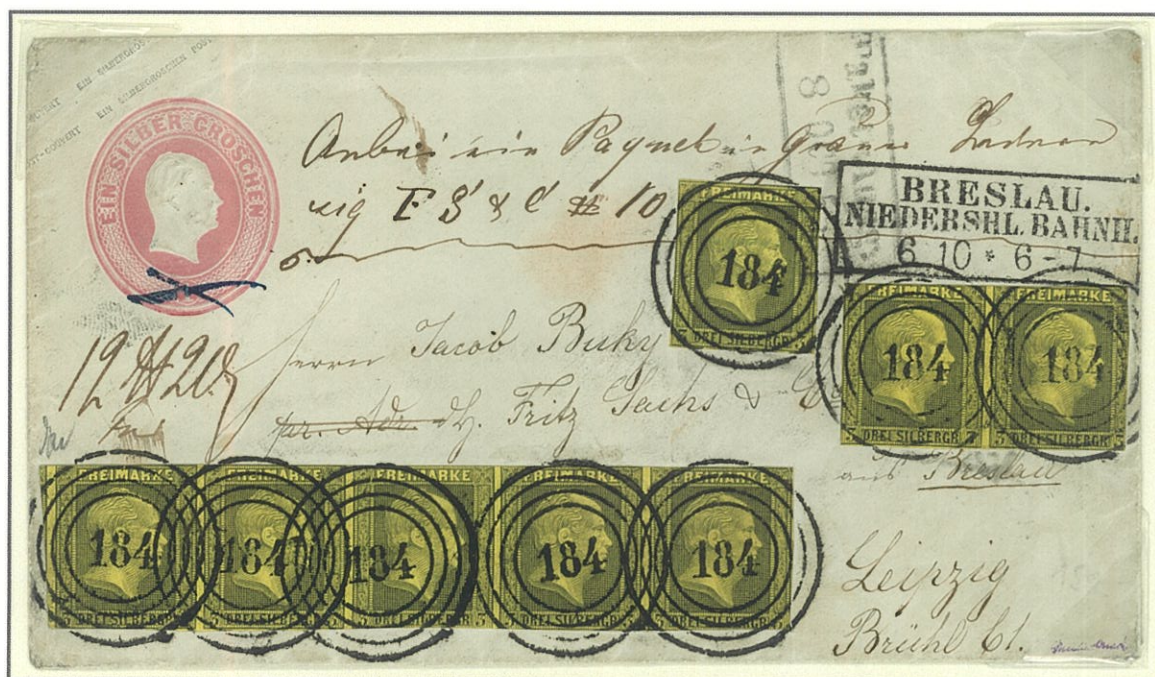
18 Sgr. Rate, Parcel Accompanied Letter within Prussia



A horizontal strip of six tied by four ring cancellation "1369", with a framed rectangle datestamp beside SCHWEDT to Wongrowitz (nowadays in Poland 60 miles in distance), 21 9 (1855)
18 Sgr. = 216 Pfg. = 1½ Pfg. x 12 x 12 was correctly paid for the parcel accompanied letter.

ex- John Boker

25 Sgr. Rate, Parcel Accompanied Letter to Saxony



A horizontal strip of five franked with a horizontal pair and a single to uprate 1 Sgr. stamped envelope tied by four ring cancellation "184", with a framed rectangle datestamp beside BRESLAU NIEDERSHL. BAHNH. (Wrocław in Poland nowadays) to Leipzig / Saxony (50 miles in distance), 6 10 (1855)
25 Sgr. = 300 Pfg. = 1½ Pfg. x 10 x 20 was correctly paid for the parcel accompanied letter.

June 13th, 1856. The reduction of the printed matter rate from 6 Pfg. to 4 Pfg. caused the issue of the new denomination of 4 Pfg.

Proof



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Schwärzlichgrün

- Multiples of *Grün* Shade -



Pos.71/92 with plate numbe "1"
1873 Second Reprint



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A block of nine with 29 mm right margin



Grün



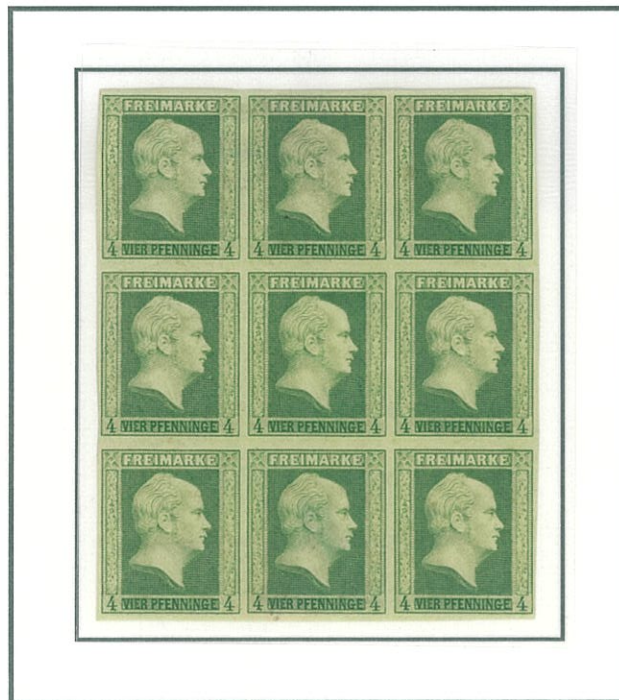
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A block of eight with 29 mm right margin

Two shades are recorded as subnumbers, *grün* and *dunkelgrün*, the latter is much uncommon.

- Multiples of *Dunkelgrün* Shade -

The Largest Multiple of This Shade



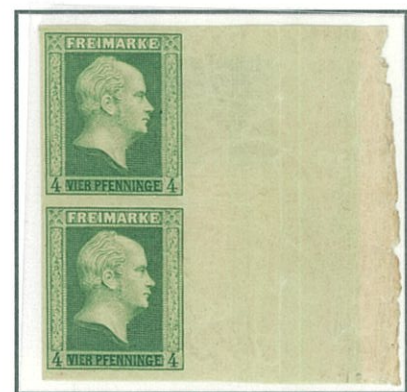
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The largest multiple of *Dunkelgrün* shade
ex-Caspary



Pos.138/150, the second largest multiple of *dunkelgrün* shade

ex- Boker



(e)

Dunkelgrün with 28 mm right margin

A part of margins are also filled by light green ink.
It goes 23 mm over the right margin,
and 11 mm under the bottom.

Four ring cancellation was mainly used at first, followed by rectangle framed cancellation and c.d.s., to cancel stamps.

The Largest Multiple



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UNKEL (1533) *dunkelgrün*

16 Times Franking



(e)

RELLINGHAUSEN / 20 2

These three blocks of 4+6+6 were possibly used together.



STETTIN (1439) *dunkelgrün*



Four ring cancellation UNKEL (1533)
Double cancelled on three stamps which was
against the regulation to cancel stamp one by one



Double ring CDS
COELN / 4 10

Sheets were usually cut horizontally at post offices, thus vertical strips are uncommon in Prussian philately.

Vertical Pair and Strips



GREIFSWALD / 30 3



(e)

NORDHAUSEN (1065)



HALBER-
STADT
(571)

(e)

First Zone Letter from Lower Rhine



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A vertical strip of three *dunkelgrün* franked
tied by four ring cancellation "224" with a framed rectangle datestamp beside
CALCAR, Lower Rhine to Velbert, 11/11

This stamp was issued for the new printed matter rate, which was reduced from 6 Pfg. to 4 Pfg. on May 1st, 1856.

Printed Wrapper with A Content

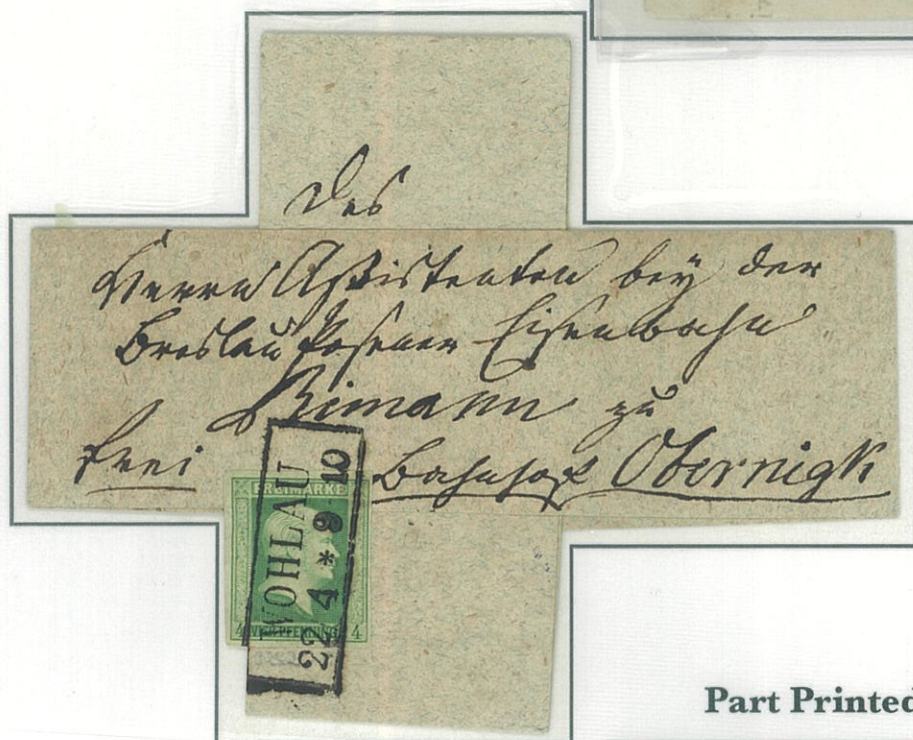
Double franked with a 1 Sgr. tied by rectangle datestamp
KLECKO to Bromberg, 21 5 (1857)

1 $\frac{2}{3}$ Sgr. correctly paid for printed matter of
the fifth weight step = 4 $\frac{6}{10}$ Loth.

1 $\frac{2}{3}$ Sgr. = 4 Pfg. * 5



(e)



Newspaper Crossed Band

A single franking, tied by framed rectangle datestamp
Wohlau to Wohlau, 22 4

4 Pfg. correctly paid for printed wrapper
valid after May 1st, 1856.

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Part Printed Matter to the Netherlands

A horizontal pair, tied by rectangle datestamp with
triangle "1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. AMSTERDAM." in blue beside

RONSDORF to Amsterdam / the Netherlands, 1 9

Surface printed matter without stripe with Dutch text inside.

Blue triangle is classified as a postage-triangle-
Ra2 and 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c was charged to the recipient.

1 Sgrc orrectly paid for double weight printed
matter to the border, and one stamp is missing



Triple franking of this stamp was also used for the first zone letter, as 12 Pfg. was equal to 1 Sgr.

3 Sgr. Rate, The Third Zone Letter



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Nonuple franking of *grün* tied by four ring cancellation "996" and double ring cds on the rightend stamp
 NAUMBURG a.d.SA. to Osnabrück, 3 1 (1858)
 3 Sgr. correctly paid for internal third zone letter

3 Sgr. Rate, The Third Zone Letter Unique Combination with A Stamped Envelope Cut



Triple franking of *grün*. franked with a cut of 2 Sgr. stamped envelope,
 tied by four ring cancellation "103" and double circle c.d.s.
 BERLIN to Königsberg, 13 1 1859

This stamp was replaced by the 4 Pfg. stamp in the third issue soon after its issue in 1858.

A Mixed Franking With 4th Issue Stamps
Only One Such Combination Known



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Mixed franked with a horizontal pair of 4 Pfg. of the fourth issue tied by double ring cds
 BRESLAU to Landeshut / Silesia, 30 5 (1863)
 12 Pfg. = 1 Sgr. correctly paid for the first zone letter

24 Pfg. Rate, Printed Wrapper of the 6th Weight Step



(e)

A horizontal strip of five with a single stamp tied by four ring cancellation "578" with a double ring cds beside
 HAMBURG to Berlin, 13 3 .

24 Pfg. correctly paid for the printed matter of the 6th weight step, $24 = 4 * 6$

Multi Color Frankings



Up-rating 1 Sgr. stamped envelope with 1 Sgr. and 2 Sgr. tied by four ring cancellation "1262"
ROSSIA to Ballenstaedt (7 miles in distance) 1/8

4 Sgr. 3 Pfg. over paid by 1 Pfg. (= 51 Pfg. = $1\frac{1}{2} \cdot x 2 \times 17$) for a parcel accompanying letter



Double grün franked with sextuple un-wmk rötlichorange, a 1858 2 Sgr. blau and a strip of three 3 Sgr. orange, up-rated 3 Sgr. stamped envelope, tied by octuple framed rectangle datestamps

STETTIN to Magdeburg (35 miles) 25 9

17 Sgr. 8 Pfg. overpaid by 2 pfg. = (210 Pfg. = $1\frac{1}{2} \cdot x 20 \times 7$) for parcel accompanied letter