

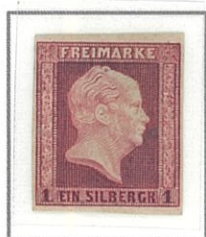
Chapter.2 1857 issue

The issue of 1, 2 and 3 Sgr. stamps printed in color on white paper was announced on Dec. 23rd, 1856. These stamps, which had a solid back ground, were issued from May to November of 1857.

Typographed printing method took over engraved printing in this issue, however the color proof was made through the engraved printing plate of the first issue in 1856.

The second color proof was produced in 1857 from the first finished plate of 3 Sgr. stamp.

The First Color Proofs through the Engraved Printing Plate of the First issue



Dunkelilarot
on white paper



Schwarzblau
on white paper



Dunkelgelb
on white paper

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The first color proof, produced in 1856 on white paper through the engraved printing plate of the first issue

The Second Color Proofs through Typographed Printing Plate



Pos.59/60
Marginal Pair of *Lebhaftlilarosa*
Color Proof of 3 Sgr



Pos.69/70
Marginal Pair of *Lebhaftgrauultramarin*
Color Proof of 3 Sgr

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Lebhaftlilarosa



Lebhaftgrauultramarin
Only a few blocks known



Pos.10
Lebhaftgrauultramarin
Only one recorded corner
marginal example

3 Sgr. was the first finished plate, so color proofs were printed in 1857 from that plate in the colors red for 1 Sgr. and blue for 2 Sgr.

Stamps of the issue were issued from January to November of 1857

The Earliest Usage of 1 Sgr. - January, 1857 -



1 Sgr. franked with a 1850 2 Sgr. and tied by four ring cds(103)

BERLIN to Sprottau, 21 1 (1857)

3 Sgr. correctly paid for third zone letter

Jan. 1857
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Inside (110%)

Early Usage of the 3 Sgr. - May, 1857 -

1857
Hamburg
Hof Behrens
Bf fol 6146

Inside (120%)



Franked with 1850 2 Sgr., tied by four ring cancellation "578"

Hamburg to Bischofsweier, Saxony, 30 5 (1857)

5 Sgr. correctly paid for third zone letter with registration

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The stamps of the second issue were started to be sold after the stock of each denomination of the first issue was sold out.

1 Sgr.- 1 Sgr. Mixed-Frinking



Franked with a 1850 1 Sgr. and tied by four ring cancellation "573" with a framed datestamp beside
HALLE BAHNHOF to Pirna, 4/6 (1858)
2 Sgr. correctly paid for the second zone letter

3 Sgr.- 3 Sgr. Mixed-Frinking Only One Such Combination Recorded



Mixed-franked with a 1850 3 Sgr. and tied by four ring cancellation "989"
NACKEL to Breslau, 18 10
6 Sgr. correctly paid for the third zone letter of the second weight step

The stamps of the second issue were started to be sold after the stock of each denomination of the first issue was sold out.

2 Sgr.- 2 Sgr. Mixed-Franking



Franked with a 1850 2 Sgr.

cancelled by four ring cancellation "221" and rectangle datestamp with oval arrival cancellation beside

Parcel accompanied letter from CALAU to Potsdam (16 miles in distance), Oct. 7th

Manuscript "2" at the upper left of the front means the weight of the parcel is 2 pound. The rate was $1\frac{1}{2}$ Pfg. per each pound and every 5 miles.

Rate explanation : $1\frac{1}{2}$ Pfg. x 8 x 4 = 48 Pfg. = 4 Sgr. correctly paid

Triple Color Mixed-Franking with The Next Issue



1 Sgr. and 3 Sgr. mixed-franked with 1 Sgr. and 2 Sgr. of the 1858-1859 issue

ZEHDENICK to Berlin, 16

7 Sgr. correctly paid for value declared letter

The earliest usage known is Jan. 21st, 1857. Two shades are recorded as subnumbers, *rosa* and *rosakarmin*

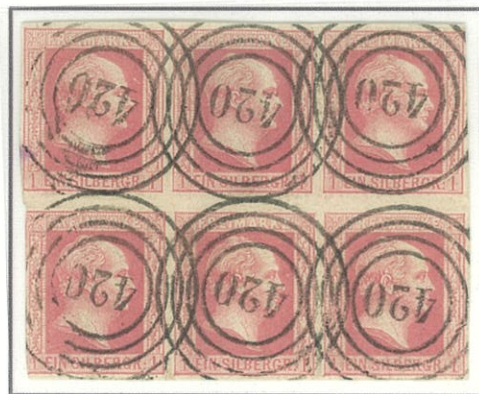


Rosa

The Largest Used Multiple Only Six Recorded



Pos.142-143 *rosakarmin*
STETTIN (1439)
inscribed '2' & '3'



Rosa FORSTE (420)

The lower rows shifts from the upper rows.

To produce a printing plate of 150 stamps in a sheet,
a block of 50 cliches were transferred three times.



Pos.120 *rosa*
inscribed '12'

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The First Year Usage



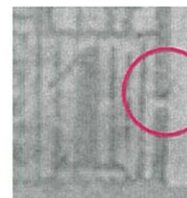
Mittelrötlichkarmin tied by four ring cancellation "258"
COELN to Hückeswagen, 25 11 (1857), The first zone letter

It was difficult to keep uniform paper quality such as thickness and thick papers are much uncommon.

The Largest Strip with Plate Flaw 6IV
Only A Few Examples Known for This Plate Flaw



Plate Flaw 6IV



(800%)
notch in the outer edge
line lower right next to
the value

A horizontal strip of five *rosa*
with plate flaw 6IV twice on the third and fourth stamp from the left
BERLIN POST-SPED-AMT.Nr.I (104) with a London circled P. tied to the stamps

The Largest Multiple Printed on Thick Paper



A horizontal strip of four *rosa*
FREIENWALDE a.d.O. (435)

It was difficult to keep uniform paper quality such as thickness, thick and thin papers were found for
all three denomination stamps, though thick ones are much uncommon.



Rosakarmin
BERNBURG
(110)



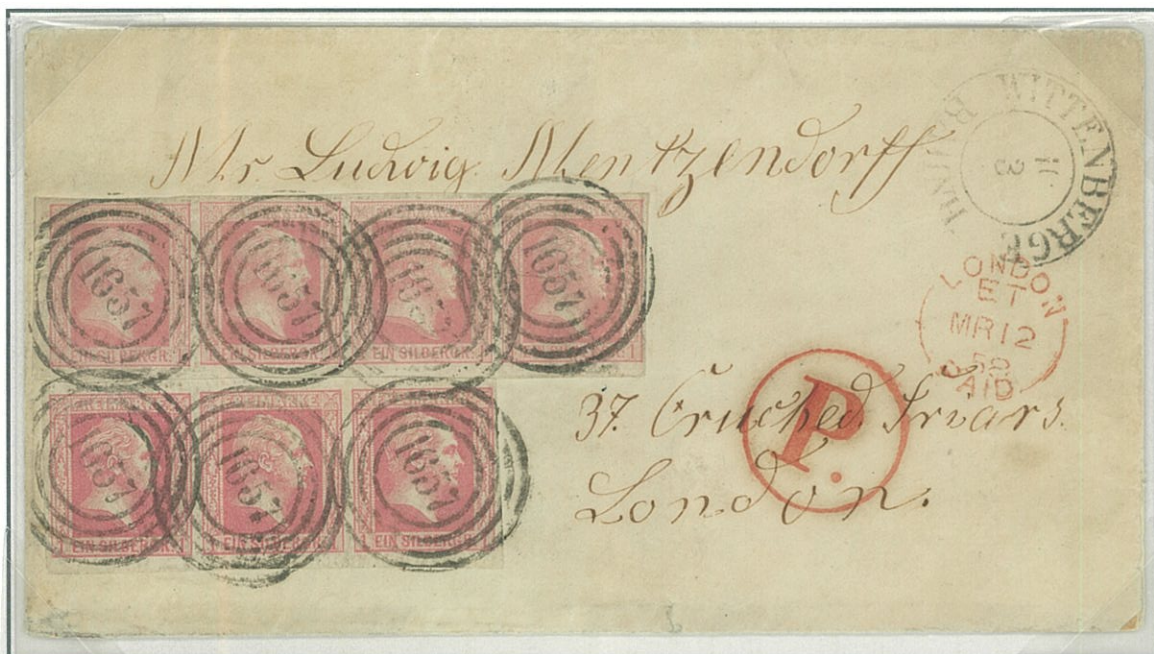
Rosakarmin
DÜSSELDORF (359)



Rosa
LANGENFELD 21 6

International mails became popular with signing bilateral postal agreements with some countries in late 1850s.

7 Sgr. Rate, Surface Letter to London via Belgium



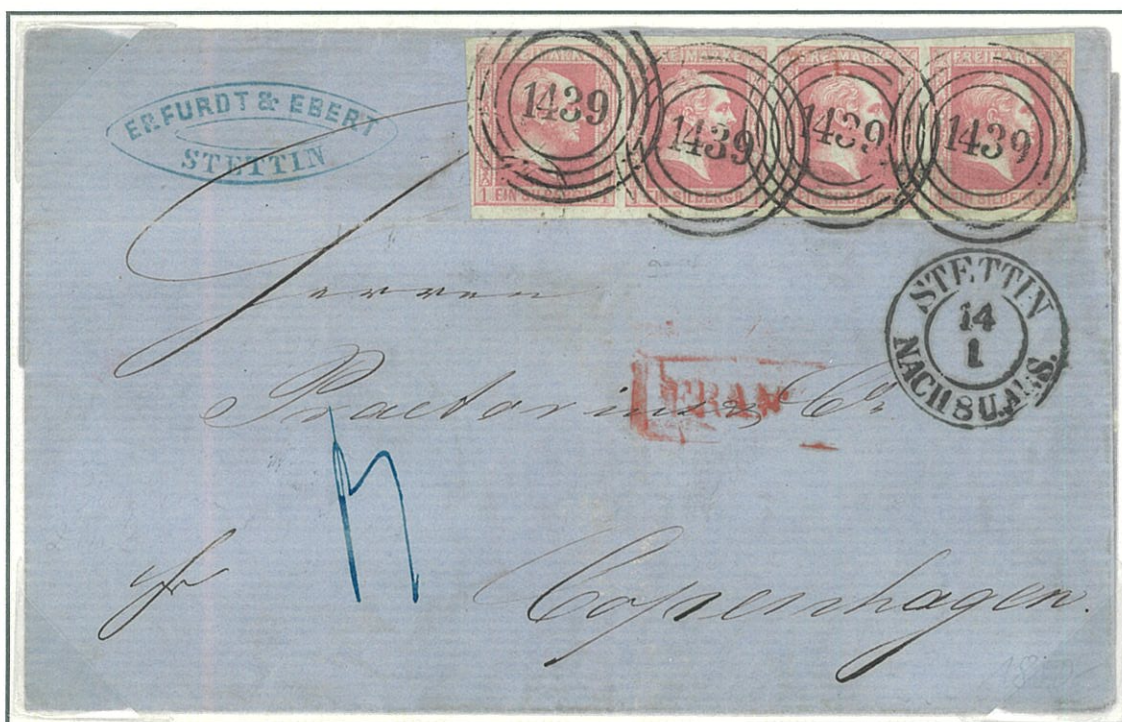
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Rosa two strips of four and three tied by four ring cancellation "1657" with a double ring cds beside, WITTENBERGE BAHNHOF to London via Belgium, 11 3 (1858)

with a London circled P. and a PAID cds both in vermillion

7 Sgr. correctly paid for a single surface letter to GB via Belgium, which was valid after Aug. 1st, 1852.

4 Sgr. Rate, Surface Letter to Denmark



A horizontal strip of four *rosa*, tied by four ring cancellation "1439" with a double ring c.d.s beside STETTIN to Copenhagen, Denmark, 14 1 (1858)

4 Sgr. correctly paid for letter to Denmark

2 for Prussian second zone rate, and 2 for Danish second zone of the distance more than 10 miles from the border

The 1 Sgr. of the next issue appeared on Sept. 1858, and replaced the former 1 Sgr. soon.

Mixed Franking with the Former Issue



A horizontal strip of three franked with a 1850 3 Sgr., tied by four ring cancellation "266"
COESLIN to Berlin (40 miles in distance) 2/3 (1859)
6 Sgr. (= 72 Pfg. = $1\frac{1}{2} * 8 * 6$) correctly paid for a parcel accompanying letter

Mixed-Franking of The Same Denomination Stamps



Double franked with a 1 Sgr. of the first issue, tied by four ring cancellation "258" with a double ring c.d.s. beside
COELN to Worms / Thurn & Taxis area, 7/4 (1858)

In Prussia, the first weight is 1 Loth exclusive, so this is the second weight letter.

3 Sgr. was underpaid for the second weight letter to DOPV countries, and the short amount of 3 Sgr. and 1 Sgr. for penalty was charged to the recipient. This equated to 12 Kr. and another 1 Kr. for local delivery fee was also charged.

The earliest usage recorded is Nov 27th, 1857. Three shades are recorded as subnumbers and shown here.

Shade Varieties



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Blau*Hellblau*

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Mattblau

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Mattblau

The Largest Strip

Only 5 Recorded and Unique with Plate Flaw



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A horizontal strip of four *hellblau*
with a plate flow in the second stamp from the left
"1439" STETTIN four ring cancellation



(800%)
Upper-left
"M" missing

Cancellation Varieties

*Hellblau*

framed rectangle three lines datestamp
Berlin Stadtpost-Exp.7 Dec. 20th



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Hellblau
double ring c.d.s.
LIPKE 10 7

*Hellblau*

2 1/2 tax handstamp in red
DANZIG 15 7 with arrival c.d.s. in London beside

*Blau*

triple lines train post cancellation
BERLIN / 14 4 III / MINDEN

There're several large plate flaws in this issue as it was the first Prussian stamps printed by unaccustomed typography.

2 Sgr. Rate, The Second Zone Letter



Cavity over
"M" of the
"FREIMARKE"
(400%)

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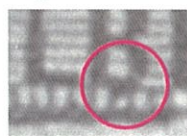
Hellblau with plate flaw
tied by four ring cancellation "258"
New Year's letter from Cöln to Münster, 31 12 1858
The second zone letter.

4 Sgr. Rate, Registered Second Zone Letter



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A horizontal pair of *mittelkobalt*, with plate flaw at the right stamp
tied by framed rectangle datestamp, with framed "Recomendirt" in red beside.
OSTROWO to Lissa, June 26th
4 Sgr. correctly paid for registered second zone letter, $4 = 2 + 2$



Broken the downward of "B" of the
"SILBERGR" at the right stamp(800%)

It was also used for the third zone letter to be franked with a 1 Sgr. stamp.

Mixed Franking with a 1 Sgr. of the 1861-1865 issue



Dunkelblau mixed franked with 1861-1865 1 Sgr. *rosa*
 tied by framed rectangle datestamp
 BERLIN STADT-POST-EXP XI to Schweinfurt 14 6 1862
 3 Sgr. correctly paid for the third zone letter

Mixed Franking with 2 Sgr. of the Next issue Only One Such Combination Recorded



Blau mixed franked with a horizontal strip of 1858-1859 2 Sgr. *blau*
 tied by framed rectangle datestamp
 SOLDAU to Posen (40 miles in distance) 27 11
 8 Sgr. (= 96 Pfg. = 1½ Pfg. x 8 x 8) was correctly paid for parcel accompanied letter

Triple Color Franking



Pos. 10 upper-right marginal copy uprating 3 Sgr. stamped envelope with 1/2 Sgr. and 3 Sgr. tied by framed rectangle datestamps and another framed rectangle stamp beside GRÜNBERG to Windisch-Marchwitz in Namslau (nowadays both cities in Poland, 35 miles in distance) 1/10 8 1/2 Sgr. (= 102 Pfg. = 1 1/2 * 4 * 17) correctly paid for a parcel accompanying letter

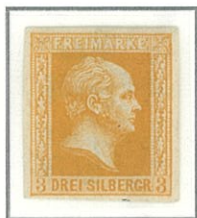
4 Sgr. Rate, Double Weight Second Zone Letter



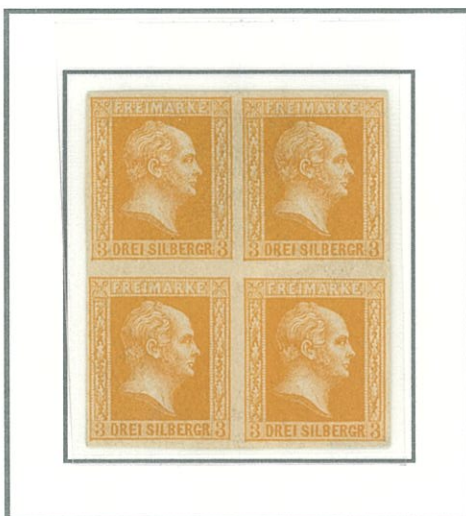
Uprating 1 Sgr. stamped envelope with a 1 Sgr., tied by four ring cancellation "1456" STREHLEN to Hirschberg (nowadays in Poland), nowadays in Poland, 6/3 4 Sgr. correctly paid for the second zone letter of the second weight step

The earliest usage recorded is May 26th, 1857. Three shades are recorded as subnumbers

- Shade Varieties -



Dunkelorange



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Dunkelorange

The largest multiple of this shade



Gelb



Dunkelorange



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Gelborange

3 Sgr. Rate, Surface Letter to the Netherlands



Single franking pf *gelborange* tied by four ring cancellation "524" with a double ring cds beside GRAEFRATH to Schapenburg / Uetrecht / the Netherlands, 11 7

3 Sgr. correctly paid for surface letter to the Netherlands, 1 for the first zone rate to the border and 2 for Dutch share.

The second die of 50 was produced by transferring the original die one by one, which sometimes caused a shifted set.

Horizontal Shifted Set



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A horizontal strip of three *gelborange*,
framed rectangle datestamp
Münster BHF Dec. 20th



Shifted set

Projected line on the
upper left corner

Vertical Wide Distance

A vertical strip of
three *gelb*
HAMBURG (578)

The second die
was consisted of
50 copies, which
were transferred
to printing plates
thrice, and it
caused a vertical
wide distance.



I 3.3 mm

I 2.8 mm

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Prussia-Thurn & Taxis Mixed-Frinking



Gelborange mixed franked with 1852
Thurn & Taxis 9 Kr. *schwarz* on
lebhaftbraungelb,
Frankfurt, framed rectangle
datestamp and two pen strokes

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The Same Denomination Franking with The Next Issue



A horizontal pair franked with a 1858 3 Sgr, tied by double ring cds
MAGDEBURG to Königsberg 22 2 (1862)

9 Sgr. correctly paid for the third zone letter of the third weight step, $9 = 3 \times 3$

This shade is also uncommon in comparison with the common shade of *gelborange*.

Cancellation Varieties



Gelborange
Double ring cds
KÖNIGSBERG. PR. 4 8



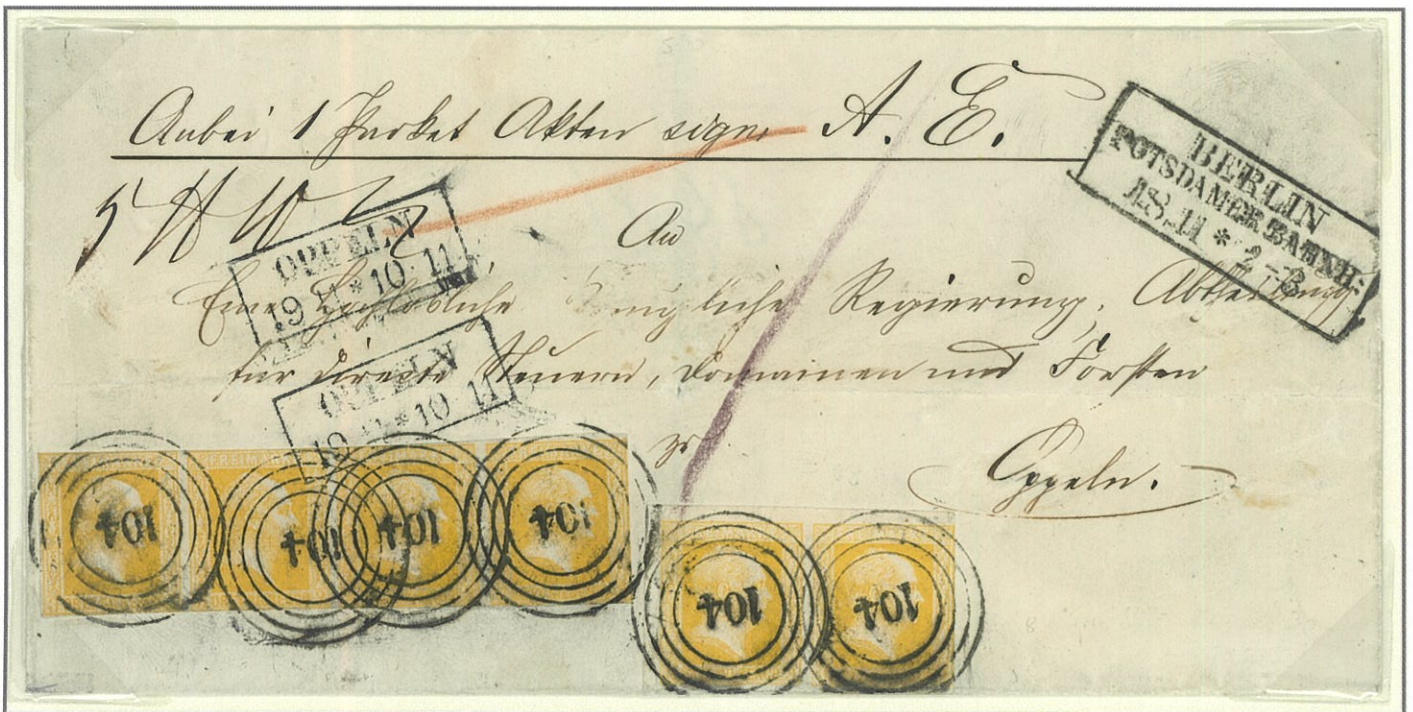
Gelborange
Framed datestamp
SCHWEDT 8 10



Dunkelorange
Train post cancellation
SOEST 30 7 * II / DÜSSELDORF

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18 Sgr. Rate, Parcel Accompanied Letter



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A horizontal strip of four and a horizontal pair *gelb*
tied by four ring "104" with a rectangle 3 lines datestamp and rectangle 2 lines datestamp as arrival marks
BERLIN POTSDAMER BHF to Oppeln (60 miles in distance) 18 11
18 Sgr. (= 216 Pfg. = 1½ * 12 * 12 pounds) correctly paid for parcel accompanied letter

It was the most highest face value, and thus it was used for international mails more often than the other values.

13 Sgr. Rate, Surface Letter to USA



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A horizontal strip of four franked with a 1 Sgr. tied by four ring cancellation "1" with double ring c.d.s. beside
AACHEN to New York / USA, 24/11 (1858)

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

Surface Letter to Paris



Franked with a 1/2 Sgr.

tied by four ring cancellation "258" with two double ring c.d.s. in black and blue beside
COELN to Paris / France 2/10 (1857)

3 1/2 Sgr. correctly paid for surface letter to France, 1 for the first zone rate to the border and 2 1/2 for French share