

The printing plate was consisted of 15 rows of 10 stamps. Two shades are recorded as subnumbers, *hellbraun* and *graubraun*.

1861 Proof Cancelled in 1864 with A Trace of Remove

Proof, pos8/10 with the NE corner margin and inscription 8, 9, 10, and 1.

Double ring cds BERLIN 2 6 64

Proof sheets are imperforated, containing 150 stamp.

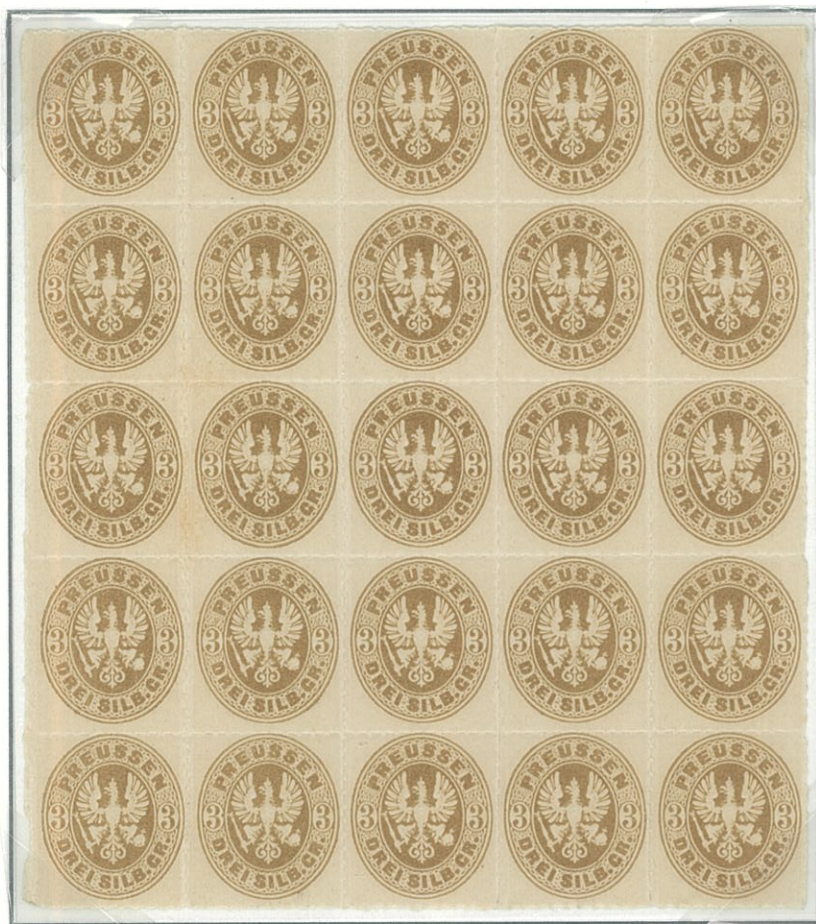


Berlin CPO cancelled two proof sheets in 1864 to test if the cancellations can be removed or washing off.

The middle stamp in the horizontal strip has a trace of remove test.

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The Second Largest Block



Hellbraun

Only two blocks more than 25 survive.



Crown Postmark
KPR POST- EXPEDITION
FRANKF. BAHNHOF BERLIN



Blue Datestamps BERLIN / POST-EXP.16. / 16 11 (18)66



Bow Cancellation, Train post
KÖNIGSBERG PR
EISENB. POST-BUER. XI

The largest block recorded for unused is 35, and for used is 32 for normal *Hellbraun* shade.

The Largest Block, Only One Recorded



The largest block of 32, HANNOVER double ring cds in blue GÖSLAR, 28 5

The Largest Used Strip for *Graubraun* Shade



A strip of seven *graubraun* FRECKENHORST 26 9

Two Blocks of Eight on Cover



Two blocks of eight and two horizontal pairs of *hellbraun*, a horizontal strip of four 1 Sgr., and a 6 Pfg. franked on a 3 Sgr. stamped envelope, and tied by rectangle datestamps

BRIEG to Jena, 21 12
(90 miles in distance)

$1\frac{1}{2}$ Pfg. x 90 x 6 = 810 Pfg. =
 $67\frac{1}{2}$ Sgr Sgr. correctly paid for
parcel accompanied letter of
the distance 90 miles and of the
weight 6 pound.

Block of Ten

Irregular shaped block of
10 *ockerbraun* on a parcel
accompanied letter

COETHEN to Elbing



block of ten



Surface letters to Africa or Asia were transported from Marseille / France or Trieste / Italy.

15 Sgr. Rate, Double Weight Letter to Japan



Quintuple franking tied by framed rectangle datestamp

ELBERFELD BAHNHOF to French post office in Yokohama / Japan via Marseille, 16 3 (1867)

It was carried by French ship through Marseille and Suez, and arrived at Yokohama on May 9th, 1867.

15 Sgr. correctly paid for a letter to Japan of the weight up between $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1 loth,

1 for internal fee per 1 loth and 7 per $\frac{1}{2}$ loth multiplisd by two for French share.

6 Sgr. Rate, Surface Letter to Egypt



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Double franked with a 1 Sgr. tied by rectangle framed datestamp

Memel (Klaipėda in Lithuania, nowadays) to Alexandria / Egypt, via Trieste, 22 1

7 Sgr. overpaid by 1 Sgr. for a letter to Alexandria, 3 for internal third zone and 3 for the Austrian Lloyd share.

Apr. 1st, 1865, A new denomination stamp of 3 Pfg. was also introduced in this Coat of Arms issue.

- *Graulila* Shade -

3.5 Sgr. Rate, Pre-Printed Post Ins Document



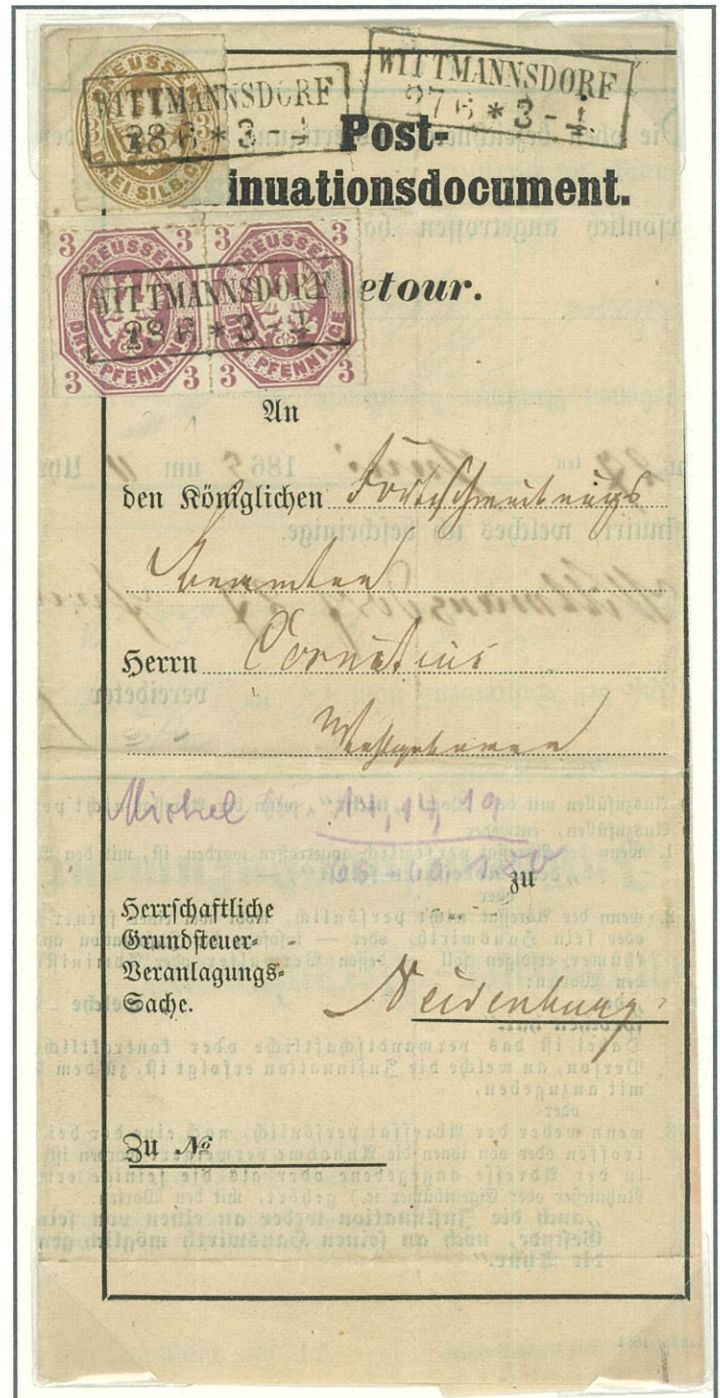
A block of nine



LINGEN 16 1



BIELEFELD 19 2 (18)67



Double franked with a 3 Sgr. tied by framed rectangle datestamp
WITTMANNSDORF to Neidenburg, 27 6
3 Sgr 6 Pfg. = 3.5 Sgr. correctly paid for Post-Ins document

3 Pfg. was issued for the franking of printed matters to Belgium, the Netherlands and Norway demanding $3/4$ Sgr.

Octuple Franking



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A strip of five and three single *graulila* tied by framed rectangle datestamp
GROSS-STREHLITZ to Breslau, 8 5 (1866)
2 Sgr. correctly paid for the second zone letter.

All Three Pfennig Currency Stamps Franking



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A horizontal strip of three and a single *graulila* franked with triple 4 Pfg. and double 6 Pfg.
tied by double ring c.d.s. in blue
BERLIN to Wien, 16 10 67,
36 Pfg. = 3 Sgr. correctly paid for the third zone letter.

The brighter shade *dunkelpurpur* was appeared in July 1867, which were mainly sold at the former Thurn & Taxis area.

- *Dunkelpurpur* Shade -



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Bräunlichlila

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Dunkelbräunlichlila
pos.9-10 / 19-20

The left block is 19b and the right one is 19c, according to the classification of Michel Catalogue

Only Several Blocks Recorded for Each Shades

The Second Earliest Usage



Bräunlichlila uprating 3 Pfg. stamped envelope, tied by single ring c.d.s. with another same c.d.s. beside WALTERSHAUSEN to Gosya, 17 7 1867

6 pfg. correctly paid for local letter rate.
The earliest usage recorded is July 12, 1867.

This shade was appeared half a year before the invalidation of the stamps, thus both unused and used stamps are uncommon.



The Last Day Usage Also Special Reduced Rate Usage

Dunkelpurpur franked with 6 Pfg. tied by single ring c.d.s.

NEUKIRCHEN bei Ziegenhain to Kirtorf, 31 12 1867
the last day of Prussian stamps.

9 Pfg. correctly paid for the third weight step.

According to Generale No.4 dated August 28, 1861 the postal rate between near distance places like Neukirchen-Kirtorf was reduced to 3 Pfg. the special rates were continued by the Prussian post.

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Michel #19c on Cover

Dunkelbräunlichlila franked with 6 Pfg. and a pair of 3 Sgr.

#19c used to be given to the shade *dunkelbräunlichlila* in Michel catalog before, which were no longer listed now, however as this shade is different from *bräunlichlila*, this collection have both of them.

MAGDEBURG to Turin / Italy,
via Baden, Switzerland, 5 7 66

6 $\frac{3}{4}$ Sgr. correctly paid for
letter to Italy, 3 for DOPV, 2
for Switzerland, and 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ for
Italian share. $2 + 1 \frac{3}{4} = 3 \frac{3}{4}$
Sgr.= 12 Kr. in red manuscript



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Local Letter

Double *dunkelpurpur*, tied by single ring c.d.s.
GREIZ to Elsterberg, 10 9 (1867)
6 Pfg. correctly paid for local letter

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Chapter.5 1866 High Value Stamps

With the General Decree No.123, dated Nov. 24th, 1866, the introduction of the two high face value stamps of 10 Sgr. and 30 Sgr. was announced.

The first two essays were described by Paul Orth and printed in black in the middle of 1865, which have disappeared, and followed by the third essay produced in autumn 1865.

The first proof was produced in early 1866 on a thick-board in black or red, followed by the second color proof in dark rose or light grey blue. The third color proof was also produced but on a thin paper.

The stamps were finally issued on Dec. 16th, 1866, through the printing plate of 100 (10 x 10). To avoid re-use of the used stamps, very thin paper was introduced for these two denomination stamps.

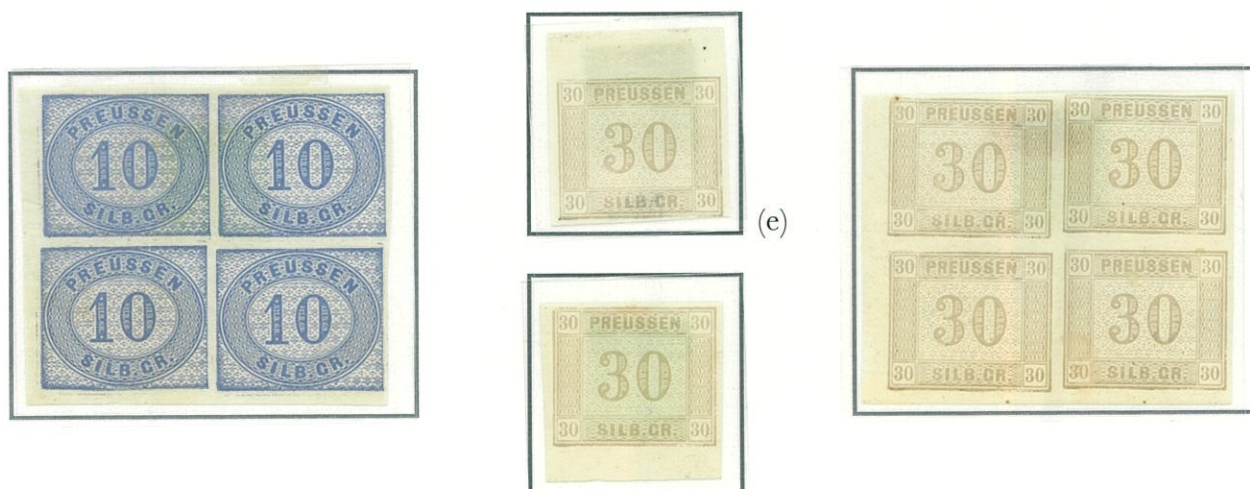
1866 Color Proof

Printed on normal papers



1866 The Final Color Proof

Printed on thin papers



Two sheets of 50 copies each value were produced from the final color proof

The printing plate was consisted of 100 copies of 10 rows of 10 stamps.

Plate Number on the Margin



A horizontal strip of three with a plate number 1
Only five 30 Sgr. known with plate numbers.



pos.1



pos.9/20



pos.81/92



Partial blurred printed sheet

A Horizontal Strip of Four



Train Post Cancellation BARMEN / RITTERHAUSEN / 20.3

The issued stamps were printed on very thin papers, thus the ratio of the stamps in bad condition remains is bigger than usual.

A Vertical Strip of Six on Cover Front



A horizontal strip of six tied by framed rectangle datestamp
SCHNEIDEMÜHL / STADT to , 6 7

The Prussia-Schleswig=Holstein Mixed-Frinking

Only One Such Mixed-Frinking Known for Combination Franking of Both High Value Stamps



A 30 Sgr, double 10 Sgr. mixed-franked with triple 1865 SCHLEWIG 4 Sch. tied by double ring cds of Schleswig
HUSUM / SCHLESWIG → Keitum → Weningstedt / Denmark, 16 12 67
62 Sgr. correctly paid for Schleswig=Holstein Parcel of the weight up to 40 pound.

To pay high postage rate such as parcel and etc, Schleswig=Holstein introduced Prussian high value stamps, however only two examples franking 30 Sgr. known, and this is the only known franking both of 10 Sgr. and 30 Sgr. there.



38.5 Sgr. Rate, Parcel Accompanied Letter

Franked with a 2 Sgr, double 3 Sgr, and a 6 Pfg. tied by rectangle datestamp in blue

BERLIN POST EXP. 3. to
Dresden, 23 12 67



The Front (40%)

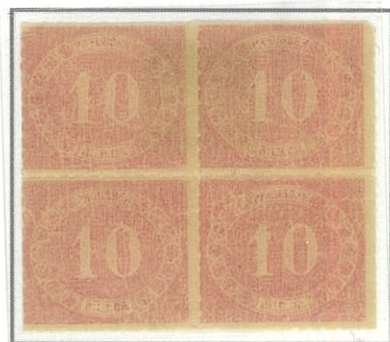
38 ¾ Sgr. Rate, Parcel to France with 1500 Fr. Insurance



Mixed-franked with a horizontal pair of 1868 NDP 5 Sgr., tied by double ring c.d.s. in blue
BERLIN to Paris / France, 12 11 (1868)

An insured parcel of 400 Thaler, which is equal to 1500 Francs to France, 10.5 for parcel of the seventh weight step, 2 for registration fee and 1 ¾ for insurance fee per each 100 Franc, multiplied by 15,
French dimation = fiscal stamp was attached to charge 20 cent from the recipient in cash.

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Unused Block of Four*Rosarot*

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Used Block of Four*Rosarot*

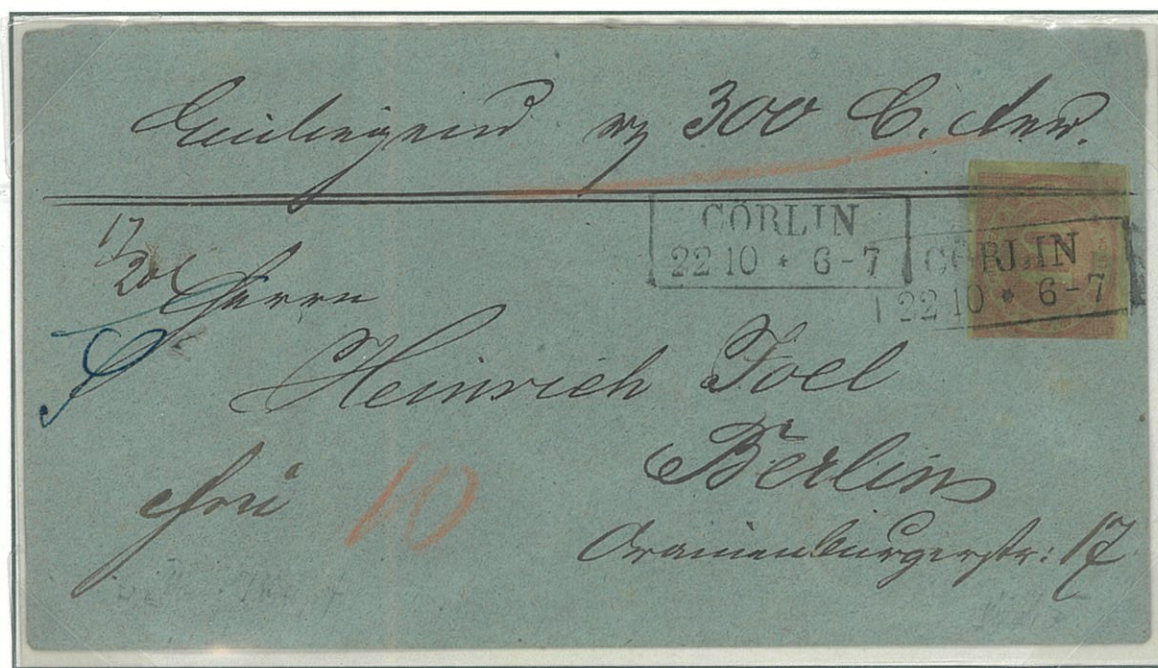
QUEDLINBURG 21 1
framed rectangle datestamp

With Lower-Right Corner Margin*Rosarot pos.100***Insured Letter to Hungary**

Franked with triple 1861 2 Sgr. blau, tied by double ring c.d.s.
BESSAU to Pest / Hungary, 30 12 67, pre-last day of Prussian Post

16 Sgr. correctly paid for insured letter to Hungary of 405 Thaler,
4 for insurance fee per 100 Th. to the destination of the distance over 50 miles, multiplied by four.

The rate of parcel accompanied letter was 1½ Pfg. per each pund and every 5 miles.



A Value Declared Letter

A single franking of *rosarot*, tied by rectangle framed datestamp°
CORLIN (nowadays in Poland, 40 miles in distance) to Berlin, 22 10

10 Sgr. correctly paid for a value declared letter up to 500 Th. $16 = 2 + 2 \times 4$

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Horizontal Strip of Three on Cover

A horizontal strip of three *rosarot* franked with a pair of 1861 2 Sgr. *blau*, tied by rectangle framed datestamp ANKLAM to Bamberg, 15 2

34 Sgr. correctly paid for a parcel accompanying letter



Parcel Accompanied Letter

Rosarot franked with a pair of 1861 2 Sgr. *blau*, tied by double ring c.d.s. Schwiebus (nowadays in Poland) to Arensdorf near Lebus, Oct. 10th 1867

14 Sgr. correctly paid for parcel accompanied letter of the distance 16 miles and of the weight 28 pound.



A Value Declared Letter



Franked with a horizontal pair of 3 Sgr. tied by rectangle framed datestamp
HAYNAU (nowadays in Poland, 40 miles in distance) to Berlin, 31 2 (1867)

16 Sgr. correctly paid for a value declared letter up to 800 Th. $16 = 2 + 2 \times 7$

46 $\frac{1}{4}$ Sgr. Rate, Parcel to France with 500 Thaler Insurance

Both of 10 & 30 Sgr. franked with NDP $\frac{1}{4}$, 1 and 5 Gr. tied by rectangle datestamps
COLBERG to Coulommiers via Saarbrück bahnhof, 13 2 (1869)

46 $\frac{1}{4}$ Sgr. correctly paid for insured letter of 500 Thaler, which is equal to 1875 Francs to France.
9 for letter, 4 for registration fee and 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ for insurance fee per each 100 Franc, multiplied by 19

High value stamps were often used for prepaying parcel accompanied letter as they cost much more than normal mails.

Mixed Franking with 1867 3 Kr. Denomination Stamp



Franked with 1867 3 Kr., tied by single ring c.d.s.

Parcel accompanied letter from Ruedesheim to Fritzlar, 7 9 (1867)

The distance between RUEDESHEIM and Fritzlar is 38 miles, as manuscript "38" was shown in red.

The rate was $1\frac{1}{2}$ Pfg. per each pund and every 5 miles.

Rate explanation : $1\frac{1}{2}$ Pfg. x 11 x 8 = 132 Pfg. = 11 Sgr. = 10 Sgr. + 3 Kr. correctly paid