

Green on white paper **(certificate)**



Purple on white paper

1879 (1 April, perforation 13 ¼).

IMPRIMES handstamped on 10 PARAS

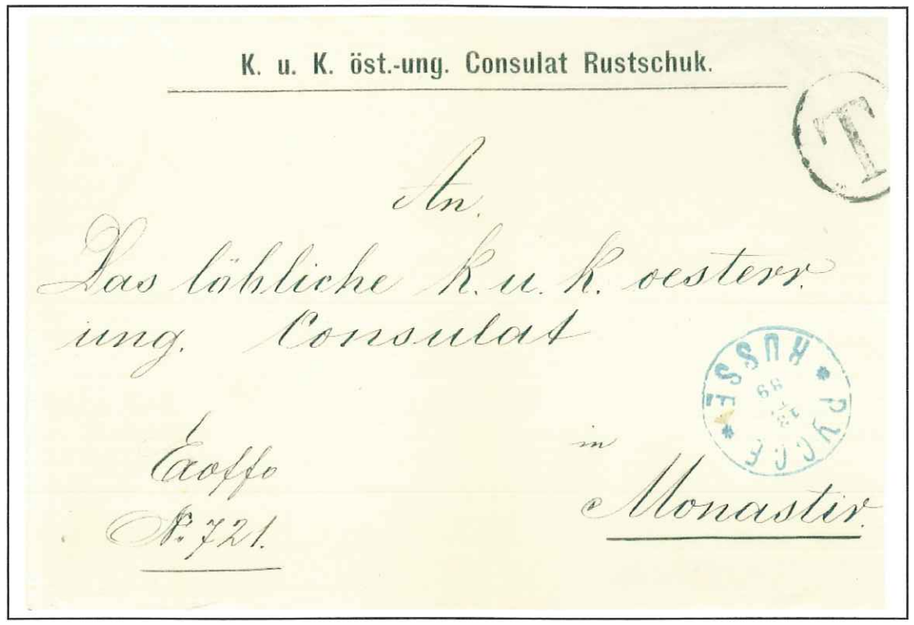




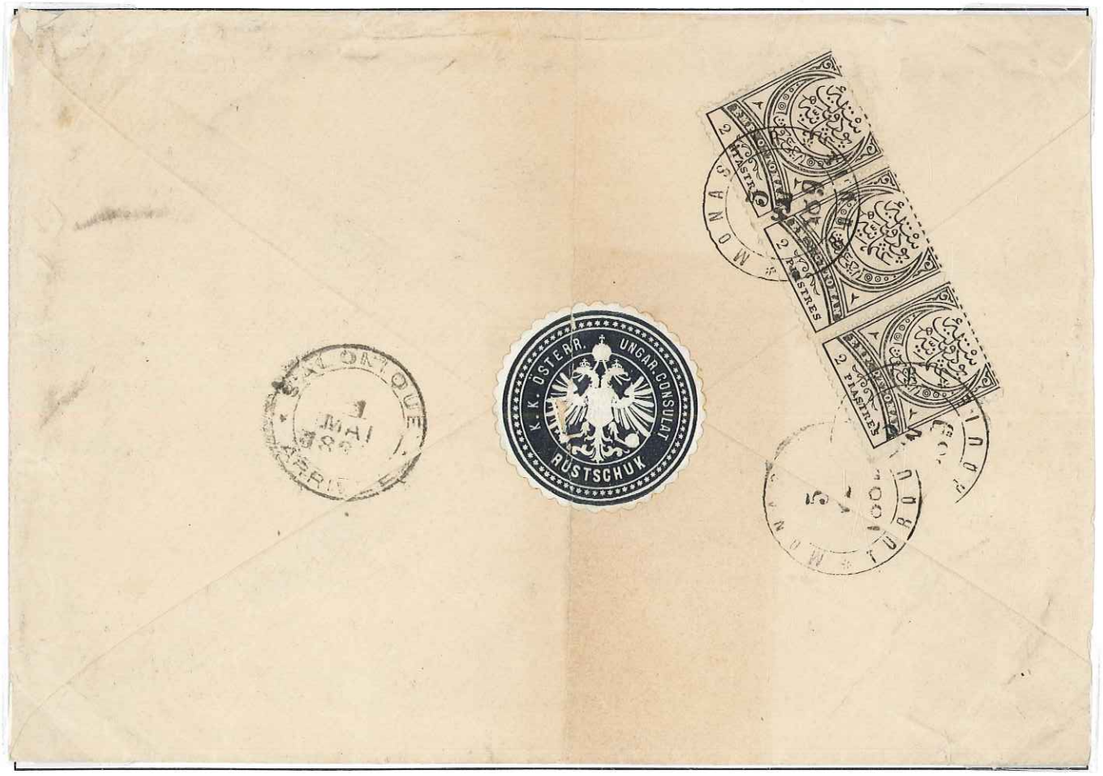


1880 (23 July) cover to Ottoman Embassy in Vienna, Austria franked with 1879 IMPRIME handstamped 10pa and two 1pi of 1880 issue, all tied by CONSTANTINOPLE * TURQUIE date stamps. Reverse Austrian Post Office Constantinopel dispatch and Wien 28.7 arrival date stamps. ***Ex. Bayindir.***

Only known IMPRIME handstamped 10pa Cover



Reduced to 80%



1889 (13 March) official stampless cover from Austro Hungarian Consulate in Rustchuk to Monastir. Letter should have been 31 to 45gr. According to 13.3.1884 rates table 15gr. External rate was 1pi. On arrival letter franked with strip of three 2pi postage due stamp (3pi for postage and 3pi for due) tied by MONASTIR*TURQUIE 5 May (*A&P type 6*) date stamps.

Only recorded multiple on cover. Unique.



1890 (1/3) opened out cover to Istanbul franked with 1pi on 10kr Austrian Levant stamp and tied by DURAZZO (Durres, Albania) date stamp alongside oval 'T' hand stamp. On arrival pair of 1pi affixed for 1pi postage due and 1pi City Post local delivery, all tied by hexagonal KADIKOY (A&P type 2, rated R) hand stamp. Also Constantinople Ottoman and Austrian post offices arrival date stamps. *Ex. Alanyali*

Unique Mix Franked Cover





OTTOMAN EMPIRE
U.P.U. Issues, 1876 – 1891

Following Ottoman Empire's entry into 'General Postal Organization' which later in 1878 called Universal Postal Union at 1st of April 1875, so called 'Empire' stamps issued for use to countries belonging to the U.P.U. The postage and postage-due stamps used in this period are the same in design.

The Printing & Paper

All of the stamps of this issue were printed in typography by *Dette Publique Ottomane* in Istanbul. Designer is unknown. They were to be used to U.P.U Countries only till March 1884. From that day on were available to use in the Empire as well. The paper of the prints is white, generally good quality with varying thickness and printed in sheets of 150 (10 x 15)

The Perforation

Except the July 1884 issue which is printed 11 ½ perforation, all stamps officially printed with 13 ¼ perforation. However most of them also available in perforation 11 ½ suggesting they were produced to meet demands from dealers and collectors.

This Exhibit

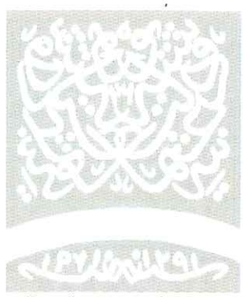
It gives an impression of the stamps issued during this period including , locally surcharged issues, handstamped printed matter types and with emphasis on errors and varieties as well as largest known pieces. Although this collection is not a postal history one, the rates are explained as much as possible and the emphasis is not cancels but the use of stamps on document where available. Exhibit also shows some unique proofs and essays as well as a section for forgeries.

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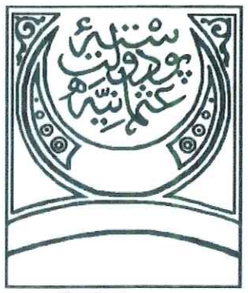
Printing Process

Stamps printed by typography at five stages. First a light coloured background surface printed from typographic plates followed by framed design and denominations. The printing plates consisted of 15 horizontal rows of 10 dies. Therefore each sheet contains 150 stamps. Original dies prepared for the first issue of 1876 used until 1881. Then in the 1881 issue, the die of 5 paras is obtained from the original die of 5 piastres by replacing *PIASTRES* with *PARAS* and the original die of 1 piastres was corrected by removing the last letter of *S* from *PIASTRES*. These corrected dies are used until 1890. It is not known when these stamps withdrawn from circulation.



Background print

It has been mirror printed with the words **Posta-i Devleti Osmaniye [Ottoman Government Post]** written in five lines on each side. Below the arch **Sene-i 1291 [Year 1875]** which is the year of Ottoman Empire's entry into General Postal Organization, later in 1878 called Universal Postal Union.



first step



second step



third step



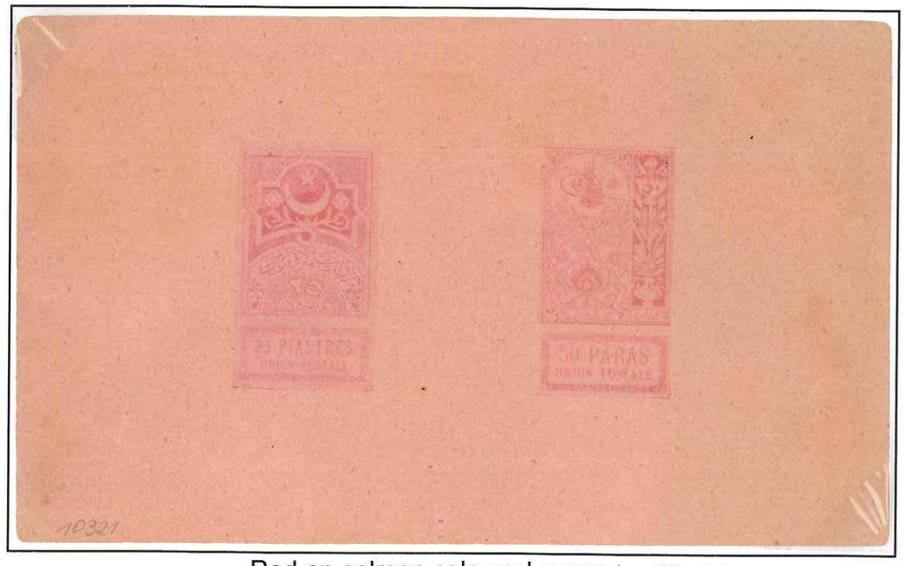
fourth step



Final Design
rare u/m 20pa block of 4

Unadopted Essays

Unadopted design printed on medium thick paper with values of 25 piastres and 50 paras as well as UNION POSTALE words. 50 paras value first time used on Ottoman stamps since this is the postal rate to UPU countries. **Only complete set in existence.**

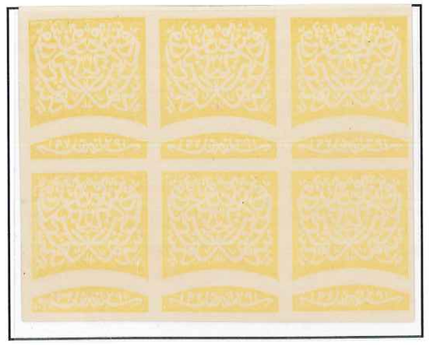


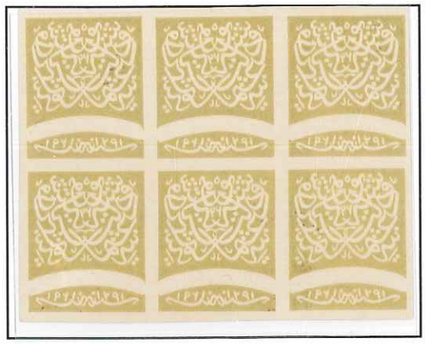
Red on salmon coloured paper **(certificate)**

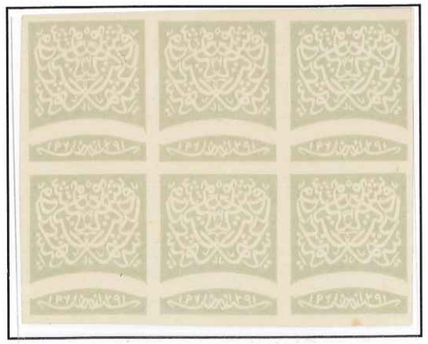
Colour Proofs

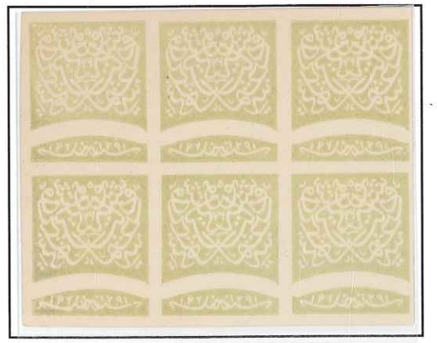
Background Design imperforate Colour Trials printed on thick paper. They are printed as blocks of 10. This set cut-out to blocks of six. *Ex. Colonel Wilson as blocks of 10.*

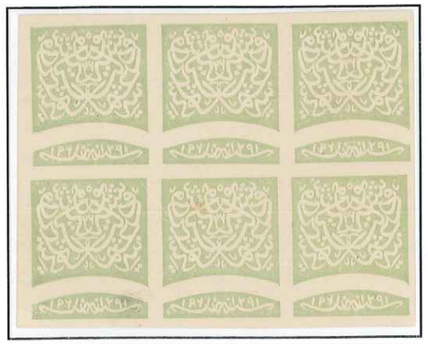
Largest known colour varieties set.

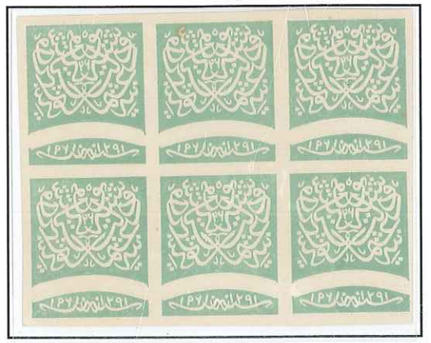


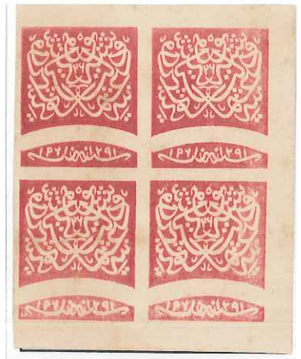


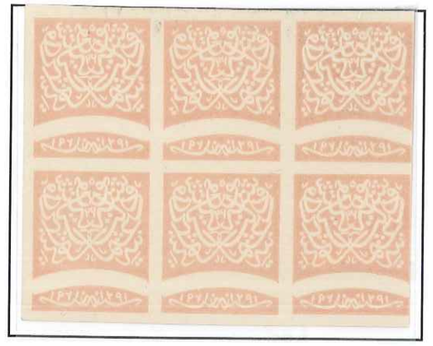


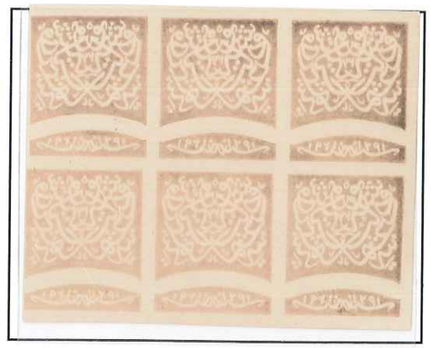




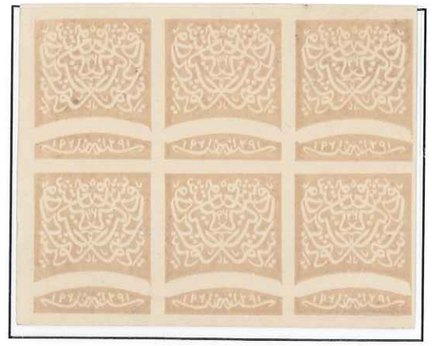




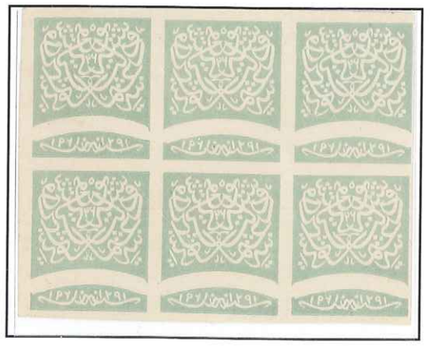


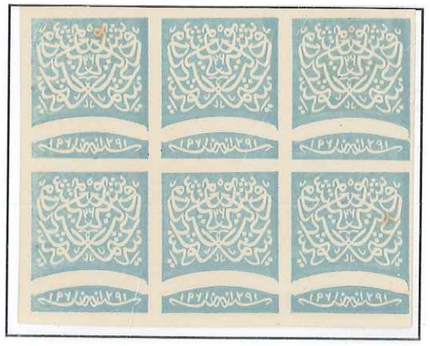












Colour Trials

Perforated or Imperforated, rarely seen used.

10 paras



imperf between colour trials. **Believed to be unique**



Colour Trials

20 paras



1 piastre



Unique imperforate pair

2 piastres



cancelled Kastamonu

cancelled Ortakoy

5 piastres



Unique strip with small part background design on bottom left

Colour Trials

25 piastres

Largest known set




EMP: OTTOMAN
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1876 (27 September, perforation 13 ¼)

10 PARAS



colour variations



imperforate pair



imperforate pair on cardboard
Unique



tete-beche



imperf tete-beche



vertically double perforation



1880 (16 April) complete folded entire from Istanbul to Genoa, Italy franked with 10pa ***[paperfold error]*** and 1pi of 1880 issue and tied by dispatch cds's. Reverse 21 April arrival cds.

Only known cover with this error.

20 PARAS





imperforate pair



imperf pair on cardboard. **Unique**



tete-beche



imperf tete-beche



1pi on 20pa colour and misplaced background



1879 (5 November) folded commercial entire from Istanbul to Nimes, France franked with pair of 20pa and tied by dispatch cds's alongside *TURQUIE MOD. A. PARIS. A.* 12 Nov. maritime cancel. Reverse 13 November arrival cds.

50 PARAS





500 on left



1pi on 50pa colour



tete-beche



imperf tete-beche



double perf. through stamp



horizontally double perf.



1876 (19 October) cover to London franked with 50pa. U.P.U countries postal rate and tied by Constantinople dispatch and red London arrival date stamps.

Earliest recorded cover



1879 (5 May) cover to United States franked with 50pa. U.P.U countries postal rate and tied by POSTAHANE-I HALEB 1278 negative seal. Cover traveled through port of Alexandrette (5 May) to port of Alexandria (11 May) then to London (19 May) and finally arrived to destination on 30th May.

2 PIASTRES





imperforate pair



tete-beche



imperf tete-beche



horizontally double perf



tete-beche **perf. 11 ½**



Circa 1876 cover from Köprülü [today Veles, Macedonia] to Prizren [today in Kosovo] franked with 2pi and tied by oval Köprülü *(A&P type1)* hand stamp.

5 PIASTRES





inverted background



imperforate pair



misplaced background
imperforated pair. **Unique**



tete-beche



imperf tete-beche



tete-beche **perf. 11 ½**

25 PIASTRES





imperforate pair



tete-beche



tete-beche **perf. 11 ½**

5 PIASTRES – 25 PIASTRES

SE-TENANT PAIRS

This is the most famous and rare error of these stamps. Although believed to be one sheet of 150 printed only a handful of them recorded up to this date.



Only two vertical pair known



Only two strip of three known

1880 (27 May, perforation 13 ¼)

20 PARAS



colour variations



double perf.
used



misplaced background



tete-beche



imperforate tete-beche



Circa 1880 cover to Istanbul franked on reverse 20pa and tied by *previously unrecorded by any postmark literature* TELGRAF ve POSTAHANE-I SINOP negative seal with transit and arrival date stamps. **Believed to be unique**



Circa 1880 cover to Izmir franked with 20pa internal letter rate and tied by violet AYVALIK 285 *[A&P type 1, rated RR]* negative seal. Reverse Smyrne arrival cds.

1 PIASTRES



black on grey misplaced background variations



dramatic paperfold error on block of twelve



1884 (20 February) commercial entire to Marseilles, France franked with 1pi standard foreign letter rate and tied by boxed Istanbul handstamp alongside dispatch date stamp. Reverse 26 February arrival cds. Stamp has **missing frame line on top right** error.

Only recorded document with this error.

1881 (13 April, perforation 13 ¼)

5 PARAS





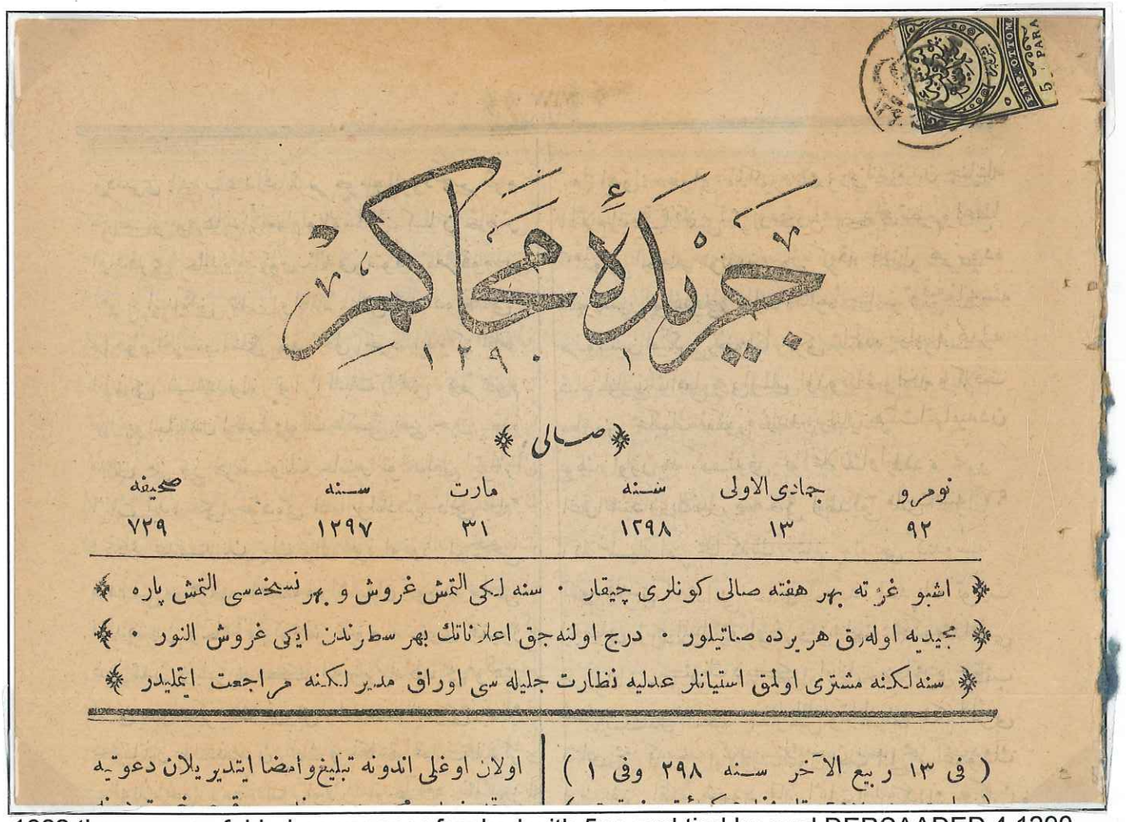
plate flaw
dot after '5'



tete-beche



imperf tete-beche



1882 three pages folded newspaper franked with 5pa and tied by oval DERSAADED 4 1290 *[A&P type 22, rated RR)* handstamp. 5pa was the printed matter rate. Address label removed

1 PIASTRE





plate flaw
two dots after E



missing '**E**'
of PIASTRE



black rosette
before value **1**



imperforate pair



tete-beche



imperf tete-beche



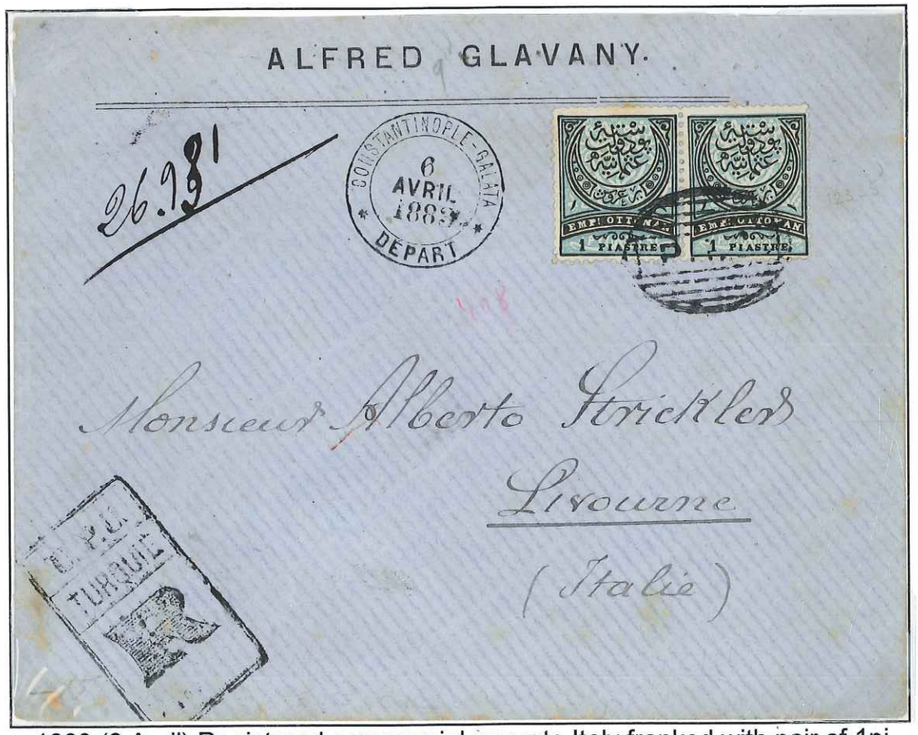
tete-beche perf.11 ½



Unique imperforate strip of three
with first stamp spelled **PIASTRES**



1882 (14 March) Registered cover to U.S.A. franked on reverse with pair of 1pi **black on grey-blue** (*in the colours of 1880 issue*) and tied by dispatch date stamps. Unclaimed and returned to sender. Very rare colour variation.

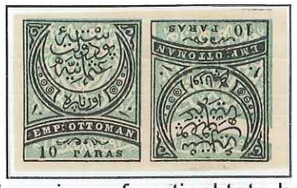


1883 (6 April) Registered commercial cover to Italy franked with pair of 1pi black on pale blue and tied by oval P.I.O Istanbul dispatch hand stamp alongside Depart cds. Reverse transit and 12 April arrival date stamps.

1884 (13 March, perforation 13 ¼)

10 PARAS





Unique imperf vertical tete-beche



imperf marginal pair



tete-beche



imperf tete-beche



tete-beche **perf. 11 ½**



1884 (5 April) cover to Istanbul franked with two 5pa of 1881 issue and 10pa for internal of 20pa rate, tied by triple circular EDIRNE [*type 6*] and ANDRINOPLE * TURQUIE (*A&P type 12, rated R)* hand stamps alongside 16 April Istanbul arrival cds. This issue was only available for about a month, therefore any document considered a rarity. **This is the earliest recorded cover**. *Ex.Passer, Hornung*

1884 (13 May, perforated 13 ¼)

10 PARAS





imperforate pair



1889 (23 June) re-directed cover from Manastir (today Bitola, Macedonia) to Germany franked with pair of 10pa and 20pa for 1pi foreign destination letter rate. Reverse 30 June arrival.



1888 (25 October) Newspaper franked with 10pa over 2pi newspaper tax stamp.

20 PARAS





vertically double perf



horizontally
double perf



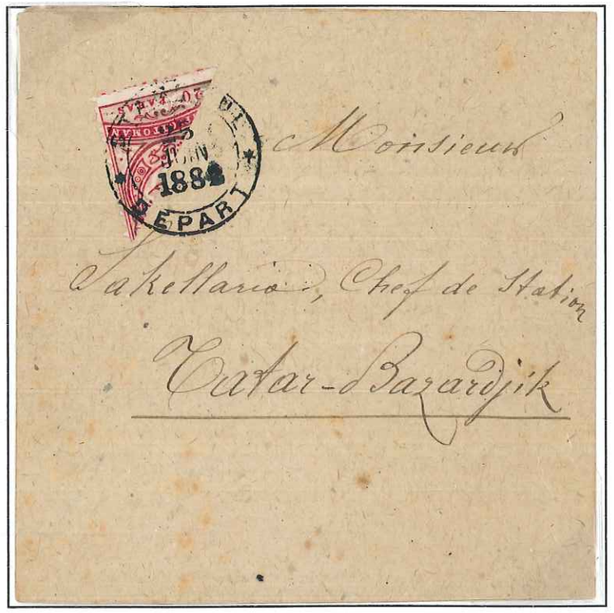
used imperf pair



imperf between



imperforate marginal strip of three



1884 (25 June) newspaper wrapper to Tatar Pazarcik (today Pazardzhik, Bulgaria) franked with bisected 20pa for 10pa printed matter rate and tied by STAMBOUL * DEPART (*unrecorded by A&P*) date stamp. Wrapper used almost six weeks after the issue date. **Cerificate**

Possible the earliest recorded



Circa 1884 cover from Kut (today in Iraq) to Istanbul franked on reverse with 20pa and tied by BATTAL [cancelled] hand stamp. Internal letter rate.

1 PIASTRE





spelled PIASTRE**F**



spelled PIASTRE**L**



imperf pair, broken Frame



imperf pair, broken **E**



imperf, dot after **E**



1890 (January) cover to USA franked with 1pi and tied by MARAṢ (*A&P type1, rated RR*) negative seal. Reverse Istanbul transit and 6 January arrival cds's

1884 (July, perforated 11 ½)

10 PARAS

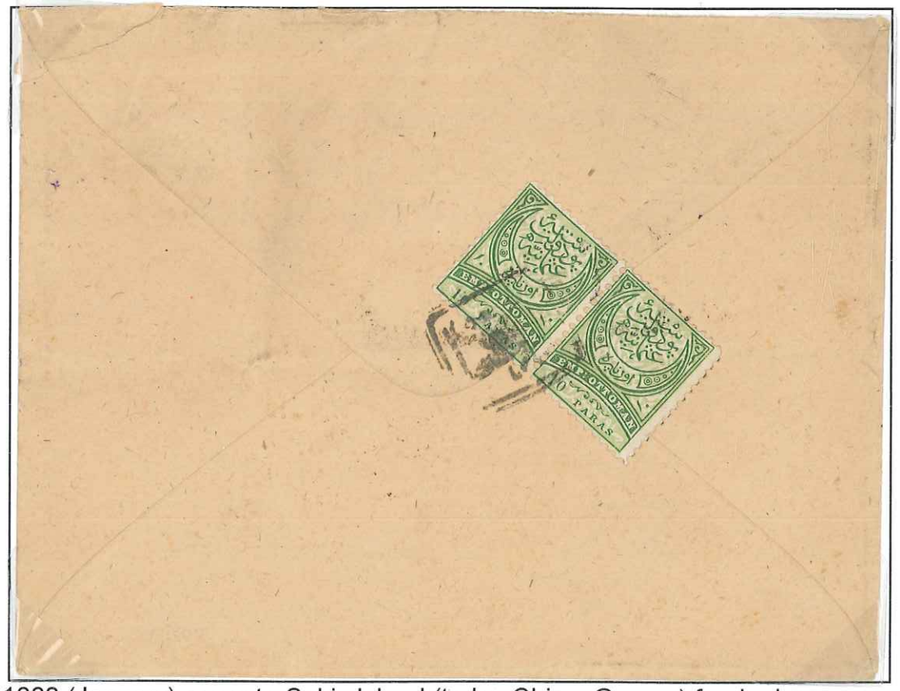




used imperf



Unique imperforate pair with misplaced background design



1888 (January) cover to Sakiz Island (today Chios, Greece) franked on reverse with pair of 10pa and tied by boxed DERSAADET (Istanbul) hand stamp.

20 PARAS





Unique imperforate pair with misplaced background design



oily print showing design through



1884 (December) commercial cover to Istanbul franked with 20pa perf 11 ½ and tied by boxed IZMIR (*A&P type 20, rated RR*) hand stamp.

1 PIASTRE





double perf on top



1885 (26 April) cover to London franked with 1pi and tied by MERSINA * TURQUIE (*A&P type 3,* ***rated RRR***) date stamp alongside 2 May Istanbul transit and 6 May arrival on reverse.

2 PIASTRES





imperforate pair



imperforated between



1891 (25 November) registered cover to Metz, France franked with 2pi (1pi letter rate + 1pi registration) and tied by SALONIQUE DEPART (*A&P type 20*) cds's.

5 PIASTRES





scarce mint block of four



imperforate pair



in the colours of 2pi

1886 (13 February, perforated 13 ¼)

5 PARAS





perf. **11 ½**



imperforate pair

25 PIASTRES





perf. **11 ½**



Unique imperf between



Unique misplaced background
in yellow instead of beige

1886 (1 April, perforated 13 ¼)

5 PARAS





thick yellowish paper



imperforate pair



Unique block of four cardboard essay



1887 (17 December) printed matter rate cover from an Evangelist Church to Germany franked with JERUSALEM * TURQUIE (*A&P type 4, rated R*) cds.

2 PIASTRES





imperforate pair



pair with stamp design and background printed separately



1891 (7 July) cover to Istanbul franked on reverse with 2pi for internal rate and tied by SAMSOUN * TURQUIE (*A&P type 7, rated* ***RRR***) date stamp.

5 PIASTRES





thick yellowish paper



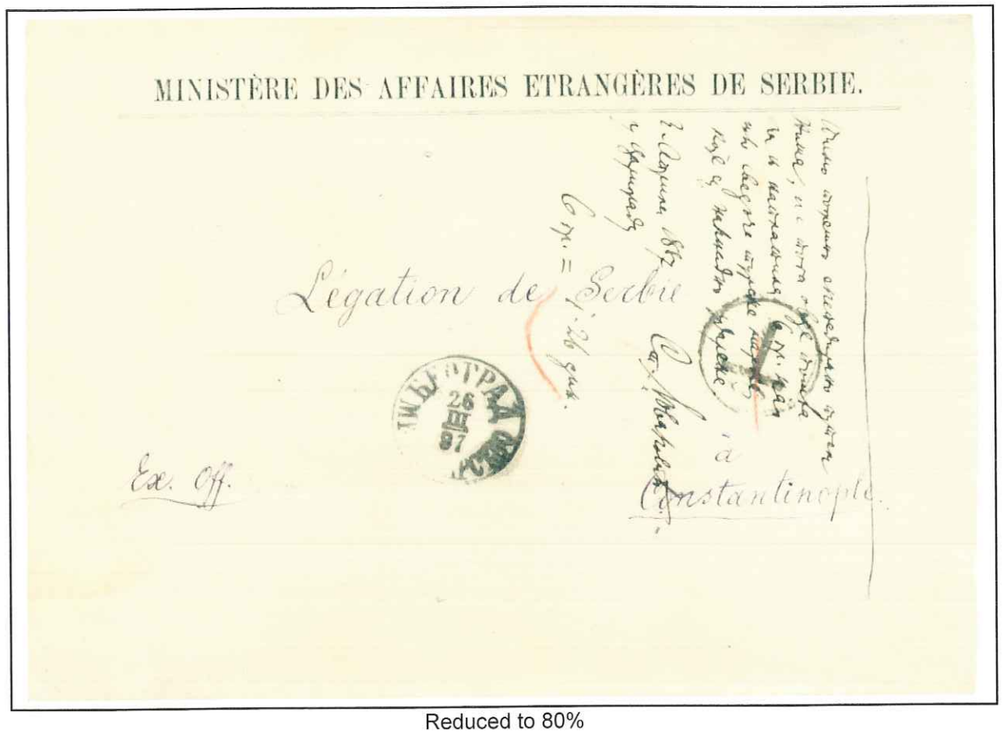
imperforate pair



imperforate pair



pair with stamp design and background printed separately



Reduced to 80%



1887 (26 March) official stampless ordinary cover from Serbian Foreign Ministry to Serbian Legation in Istanbul. Letter was 45gr. According to 13.3.1884 rates table 15gr. External rate was 1pi. Therefore 3pi for postage and 3pi for postage due, total 6pi, applied on reverse. **Unique** usage of 5pi as postage due.

25 PIASTRES





imperf pair with double sideways print. **Unique**



scarce mint block of four



imperforate pair



pair with stamp design and background printed separately

1888 (13 March, perforated 13 ¼)

5 PARAS

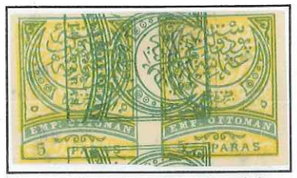




oily print showing design through



imperforate pair



imperf pair with double sideways print. **Unique**

25 PIASTRES





imperforate with double background design, one printed on reverse **Unique**



imperforate pair

2 PIASTRES





colour variation



oily print showing design through





imperforate pair



imperf, misplaced double background design. **Unique**



1889 registered A.R. letter to Istanbul franked with pair of 2pi and a 1pi of 1884 issue tied by triple boxed IZMIR MERKEZI 1 301 (*A&P type 12*) hand stamps. 1pi letter, 1pi registration, 1pi A.R. and 2pi extra weight

5 PIASTRES





oily print showing
design through



Unique trial print



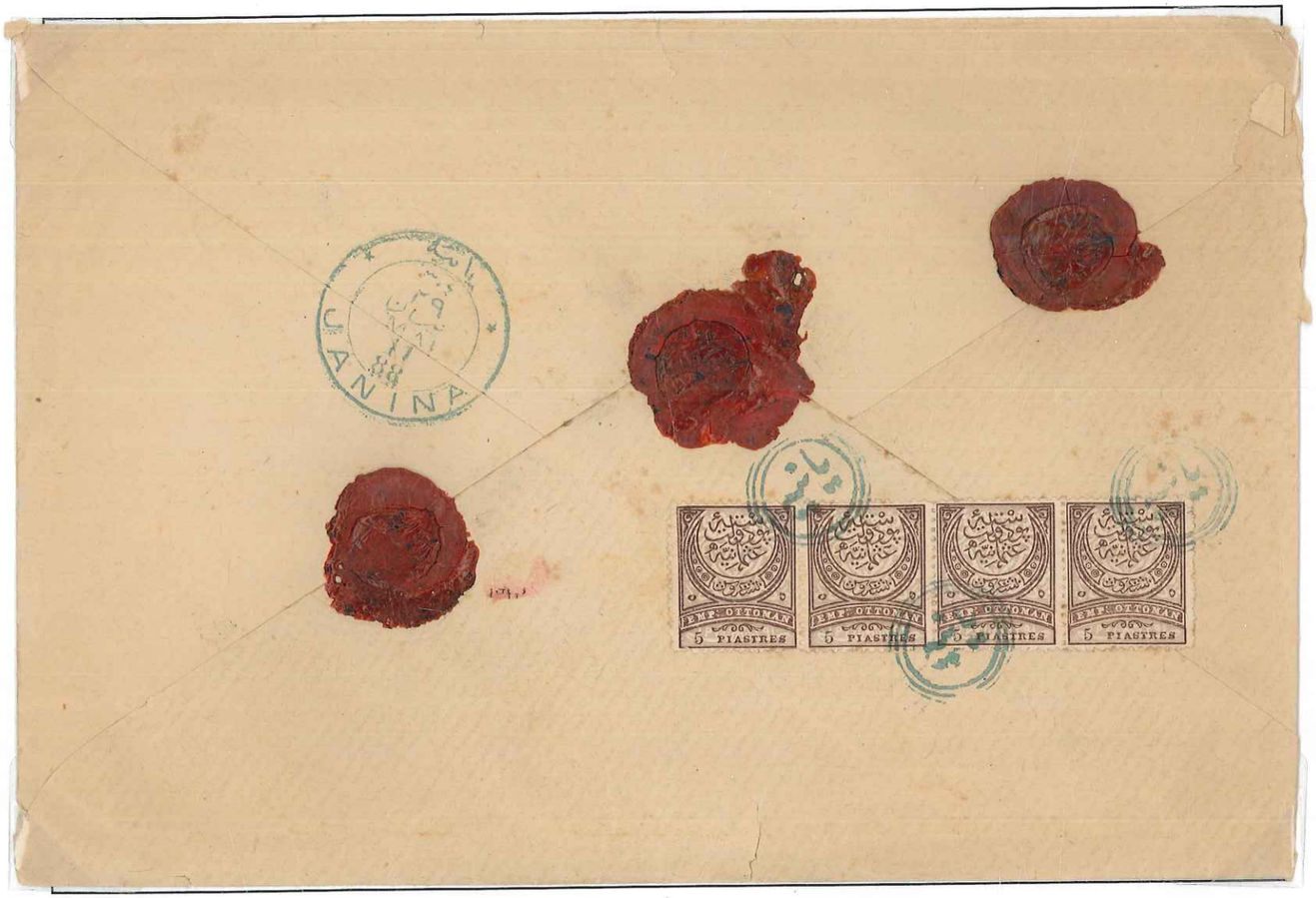
dot after western 5



imperforate pair



double perf



1888 (11 May) registered letter with its contents to Istanbul franked with strip of four 5pi and tied by triple circular YANYA [today Ioaninna, Greece] (*A&P type 4, **rated RRR***) hand stamps, with JANINA (*A&P type 7, rated R*) date stamp. According to 13.3.1884 postal tariff internal letters charged 2pi for per 10gr. This letter is 50gr. Therefore it is charged 10pi for regular internal rate and 10pi for registration.

Largest multiple ever recorded of this issue. UNIQUE

1888 Postage Dues

(13 March, perforated 13 ¼)

20 PARAS





oily print showing design through



perf 11 ½



oily print showing design through



imperforate pair



used imperforate pair



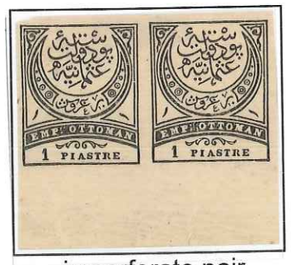
1890 (15 March) cover to Belgium franked with pair of 10pa of 1876 issue and 20pa postage due stamp to make up the 1pi letter rate. Reverse 19 March arrival. **Rare usage of Postage Due as regular postage stamp.**

1 PIASTRE





perf. 11 ½



imperforate pair



used imperforate pair

2 PIASTRES

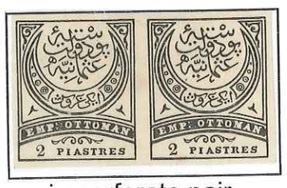




perf. 11 ½



oily print showing design through



imperforate pair



used imperforate pair



double perf.

1890 (17 June, perforated 13 ¼)

10 PARAS





perf 11 ½

20 PARAS





2 instead of 20



imperforate block of 4



horizontally double perf



vertically double perf



Circa 1890 cover from to Sakiz [today Chios, Greece] franked with 20pa and tied by oval P.I.O. (*Poste Imperiale Ottomane*) hand stamp alongside GALATA cds..

1 PIASTRE





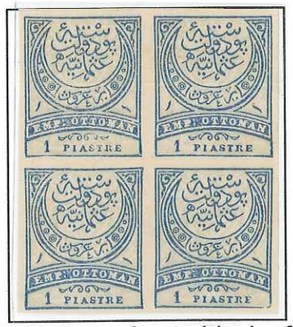
perf. 11 ½



PIASTREL



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Unique imperforate block of 4



1891 (17 June) registered commercial cover to Leeds, U.K. franked in reverse with pair of 1pi and tied by P.I.O. of Istanbul hand stamp alongside Leeds 22 June oval arrival date stamp. Obverse red oval Registered London 21 June date stamp.

2 PIASTRES


olive on yellow


perf. 11 ½


yellow on grey


imperforate pair


top imperforate strip


Circa 1890 cover from Istanbul to Ṣam (today Damascus, Syria) franked on reverse with 2pi and tied by oval *Stamboul 2* hand stamp. 1pi were overseas and 2pi internal letter rate at the time.

5 PIASTRES





imperforate pair



1891 (4 February) registered cover to Istanbul franked on reverse with 1pi and 5pi, tied by boxed TOSYA (*A&P type 2, rated RR*) alongside TELGRAF ve POSTAHANE-I TOSYA 303 (*type 3, rated RR*) negative seal and **previously unrecorded** double circle **TOSSIA** date stamp. Also Istanbul 13 February arrival cancels 6pi franking can be explained as 2pi internal rate + 2pi registration + 2pi double weight. **UNIQUE**

1891 (June) Handstamped IMPRIME – MATBUA

Short survived and possibly the most valuable stamps of the era. These are hand stamped in Istanbul and only found on documents departing from Istanbul. It hasn't been used on other parts of the Empire and on to foreign countries. Only 17th of June 1890 issue handstamped.

Black Handstamped

10 PARAS





perf 11 ½



used pair



mint block of four

Certificate

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EKSPERTİZ KOMİTESİ
EXPERTS COMMITTEE

SERTİFİKA NO : 01166
CERTIFICATE NO :

TOPLANTI TARİHİ : 18.01.2010
MEETING DATE :

TURKEY 1891

(**İSFİLA 142** - Michel 64 a A)

10 paras green on grey stamp for printed matter, with " مطبوعه - **IMPRIMÉ** " black handstamp overprint on 1890 Crescent (Empire Ottoman) postage stamp (İSFİLA 136- Michel 59 A), as block of four.

We have examined the above block of four in mint hinged condition of which a color photostat is attached hereto. We are of opinion that the stamps and the overprints are genuine. The stamps have yellow stains on back.



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20 PARAS





used vertical pair
Certificate



mint block of four.
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YAKUP NAKRİ

"Professional Philatelist"

16 November 2009

Ref.No: 00723

Certificate

TURKEY:

I have examined the Ottoman stamp, which I have attached a color Xerox to the present certificate.

Ottoman Empire period: 1891 issue handstamped 'Imprime' (black overprint) stamp for Printed Matter 20 paras Rose on Grey perf, 13 ¼ **block of four two stamps with inverted overprint**, very fine and fresh with original gum unused. (İsfila 143=Michel 65aA).signed by Georg Bühler.

I am of opinion that the stamps and overprints are genuine.

Yakup Nakri.AIEP






ѣлнята дума | ВИДЪ ПРИСЖТСТВИЕТО НА РУСОФИЛ

ЄМВРИЙ, 1891 Г. БРОЙ 23

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О-ЛИТЕРАТУРЕНЪ И Д

Всичко, що се относя до вѣстника и до неговата администрация ще се испраща до Редакцията: Constantinople, Orta-keuy-

Цѣна на обявленията:

За всѣко печатание на четвъртата страница единъ грошъ, или двадесять стотинки на редъ за първото обнародване, и 20 пари или 10 стотинки за всѣко послѣдующе обнародване.

ни християни, бѫде на мѣ-

бразува и възроди, да се осъвършенствува въ земледѣлческата наука и

за причината на тѣхното отсѫтствие. Тѣзи родители, които не испроваж-

1891 (10 December) complete Bulgarian language newspaper titled NOVINI sent from Istanbul to Kotlenska (*small mountain town near Kotel*) via Harmanli (both today in Bulgaria) and tied by 10pa IMPRIME-MATBUA handstamped issue.

1 PIASTRE



Certificate



perf 11 ½



used strip of four. **Certificate**



used strip of five. **Certificate**

Largest recorded multiple

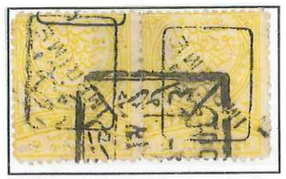






2 PIASTRES





used pair with partially double handstamp. **Certificate**



used pair



FORGED COVER: Circa 1891 registered cover to Istanbul franked with 1pi and 2pi of 1890 issue, all tied by SAMSOUN *(A&P type 9*) date stamp. IMPRIME hand stamp applied to cover on a later date. IMPRIME handstamped issue only used in Istanbul

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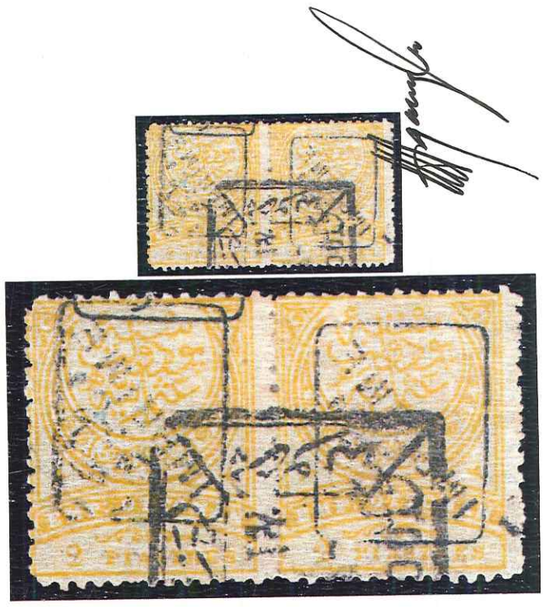
TOPLANTI TARİHİ: **18.01.2010**
MEETING DATE

TURKEY 1891

(**İSFİLA 145** - Michel Unlisted)

2 gurush bright yellow on grey stamp for printed matter, with " مطبوعه - **IMPRIMÉ** " black handstamp overprint on 1890 Crescent (Empire Ottoman) postage stamp (**İSFİLA 140**- Michel 62 c A), as horizontal pair, cancelled.

We have examined the above stamps in used condition of which a color photo-stat is attached hereto. We are of opinion that the stamps, the overprints and the cancellation are genuine.



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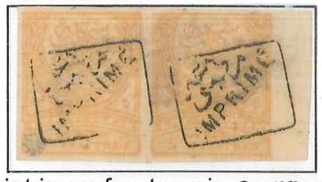
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5 PIASTRES



used



mint imperforate pair. **Certificate**

BLUE HANDSTAMPED



20 paras
mint



1 piastre



5 piastres

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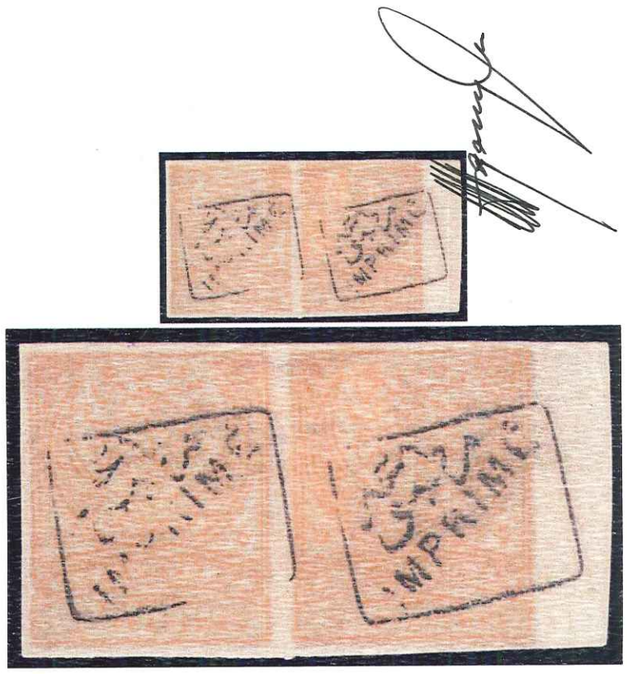
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TURKEY 1891

(**İSFİLA 146** - Michel 68)

5 gurush buff on grey stamp for printed matter, with **" مطبوعه - IMPRIMÉ "** black handstamp overprint on 1890 Crescent (Empire Ottoman) postage stamp (İSFİLA 141- Michel Unlisted), as horizontal pair, imperforated.

We have examined the above stamps in mint hinged condition of which a color photostat is attached hereto. We are of opinion that the stamps and the overprints are genuine.



EKSPERLER
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EXPERTS COMMITTEE PRESIDENT


25 ЮЛИЙ 1891 Г. БРОЙ 44
Mons. Ivan Naïdenoff, directeur des écoles bulgares
Andrinople
ЧНО-ЛИТЕ РЕНЪ И ДУХОВЕНЪ
ь въ седмицата,
ВЪРТЪКЪ
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1891 (25 July) large part of Bulgarian language newspaper titled NOVINI sent from Istanbul to Andrinople (today Edirne, Turkey) and tied by black handstamped 10pa and 2pi and blue handstamped 20pa IMPRIME-MATBUA handstamped issues. **UNIQUE. Certificate**

Only recorded three colour franking

Only recorded usage of blue handstamped 20pa

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YAKUP NAKRİ

"Professional Philatelist"

14 February 2009

Ref.No: 00636

Certificate

TURKEY:

I have examined the newspaper, which I have attached a color Xerox to the present certificate.

Ottoman Empire period: Bulgarian Newspaper printed in Constantinople sent to Andrinople (to day Edirne city) dated 25 July 1891 bearing on wrapper three 1891 issue 'Imprime' hand stamp overprinted 10 para (black overprinted) + 20 para (blue overprinted) + 2 piastres (black overprinted) tied by 'Constantinople-Depart' cancellations.(Isfila 142+148+145=Michel 64a+65A+67A).

Extremely rare stamps on document and the only recorded example with blue overprinted 20 para Imprime stamp.

AN IMPORTANT EXHIBITION ITEM AND ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TURKISH PHILATELY.

I am of opinion that the stamps overprints and all cancellations are genuine.

Yakup Nakri/AIEP



RED HANDSTAMPED



10 paras





20 paras



1 piastre
imperforate



2 piastres

1887-1888 BISECTED STAMPS SURCHARGED at ISTANBUL

SURCHARGED WITH NUMBERS ONLY

10 on 20 Paras of 1884 issue



perforated with *black* surcharge



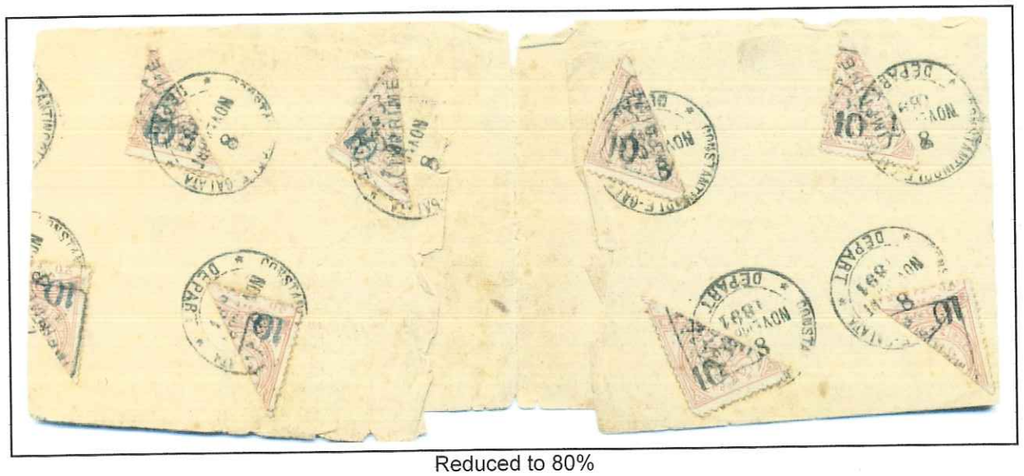
unsevered with *blue* surcharge

2 on 5 Piastres of 1886 issue



left bisect


right bisect



Reduced to 80%



1891 (8 November) newspaper wrapper to Colombia franked with blue surcharged thirteen bisected 10 on 20pa of 1891 IMPRIME – MATBUA hand stamped issue instead of 1884 issue and tied by CONSTANTINOPLE – GALATA * DEPART date stamps. Total franking of 3pi 10pa assumingly was the rate for bundle of newspapers.

Only known document of bisected 10 on 20pa IMPRIME hand stamp.

1887-1888 BISECTED STAMPS SURCHARGED AT ISTANBUL

SURCHARGED WITH DENOMINATIONS



10pa on 20pa
of 1884 issue



20pa on 1pi
of 1884 issue



1pi on 2pi
of 1884 issue



1pi on 2pi
of 1886 issue



2pi on 5pi
of 1886 issue



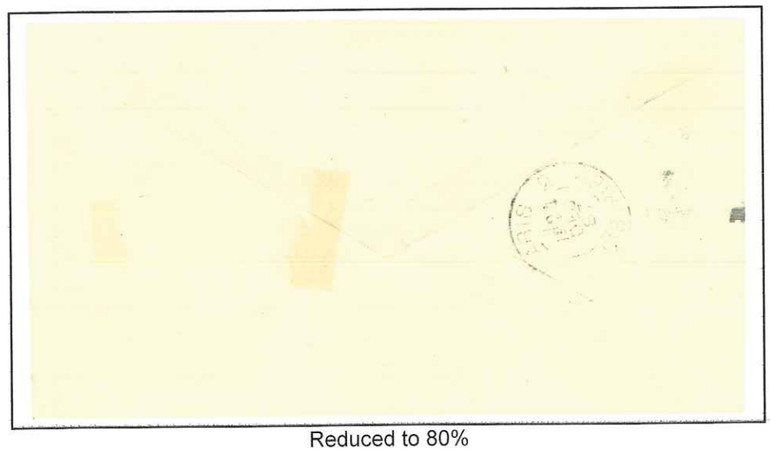








Complete set of five in unsevered blocks of fours



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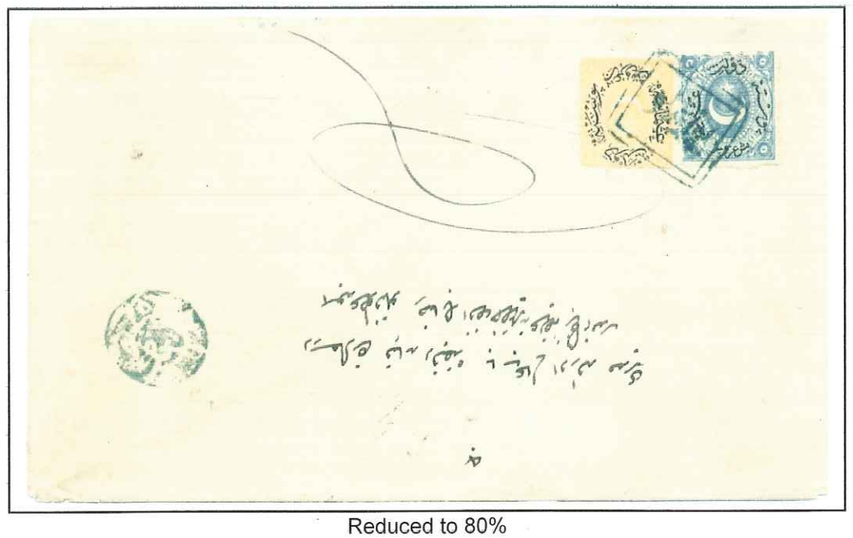


1887 (20 December) registered cover to Paris, France franked with pair of bisected 1pi on 2pi and tied by oval GALATA (*A&P type 10*) hand stamp alongside GALATA * DEPART date stamps. Reverse 24 DEC arrival cds.

Unique pair on cover

Istanbul City Post

Between 1870 and 1873 all internal mail to Istanbul was subject to a local delivery charge. For that purpose earlier star & crescent stamps handstamped with LOCAL cachet in various forms used. This practice reinstated on 1880 for about a year and regular stamps used for the purpose. So far all recorded examples bearing the 1876 and 1880 issues. All covers recoded from this period are scarce



Reduced to 80%



1880 (April) registered double weight cover to Istanbul franked with 1pi and 5pi of Duloz type stamps and tied by YOZGAT *(A&P type 1, rated RR)* hand stamp. On arrival 1pi of 1880 issue affixed for Local Delivery and tied by oval Baghce Capussi date stamp.



1880 (28 March) registered cover to Istanbul franked on reverse with 1pi and 2pi of Duloz type stamps and tied by ANDRINOPLE * TURQUIE (*A&P type 12, rated R*) date stamp. On arrival 1pi of 1880 issue stamp affixed for Local Delivery and tied by oval Baghtce Capussi date stamp alongside Stamboul 31 March cds.



1880 (August) cover with its contents to Istanbul franked with 1pi of Duloz type stamp and tied by double circle MANASTIR 81 (*A&P type 4*) [*today Bitola, Macedonia*] hand stamp. On arrival pair of 1876 20pa stamps affixed and tied by Baghtce Capussi oval date stamp.

1881 – 1882

Pre-hand stamped ŞEHİR – LOCAL (City) Postal Stationeries.

Out of six different hand stamps used on star & crescent stamps only three types applied on 20 paras Postal Stationery Cards to be used in Istanbul. They are only applied on postal stationery cards. Genuinely used examples are very scarce



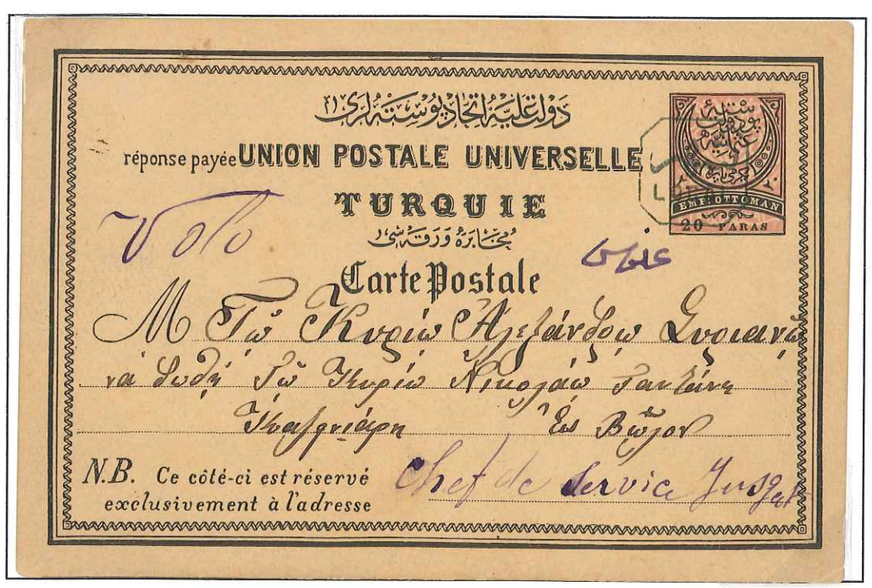
type I
(originally type VI)



type 2
(originally type III)



type 3
(originally type IV)



Properly used 20pa postal card with type I hand stamp.

1890 – 1892 BISECTED STAMPS SURCHARGED AT BAGHDAD

Due to shortage of certain values, by the authorization of Central Post Office various stamps surcharged and bisected in Baghdad for *local use only*.
Three types of hand stamps prepared and used between 1890 to 1892.



type I – 1pi on 2pi of 1888 issue (1890)


unsevered


left bisected


right bisected


used on piece



Circa 1890 locally used cover franked with 2pi of 1888 issue bisected and surcharged in Baghdad with type I hand stamp and tied by POSTAHANE-I BAĞDAD 1299 (*A&P type 5, rated RR*) negative seal. Reverse NASRIYE POSTA ŞUBESI (*A&P type 1, rated RR*) [today an-Nasiriyah, Iraq] arrival negative seal.



type II – 1pi on 2pi of 1888 issue (1890)



left bisected



right bisected



type III 1pi on 2pi of 1890 issue (1892)



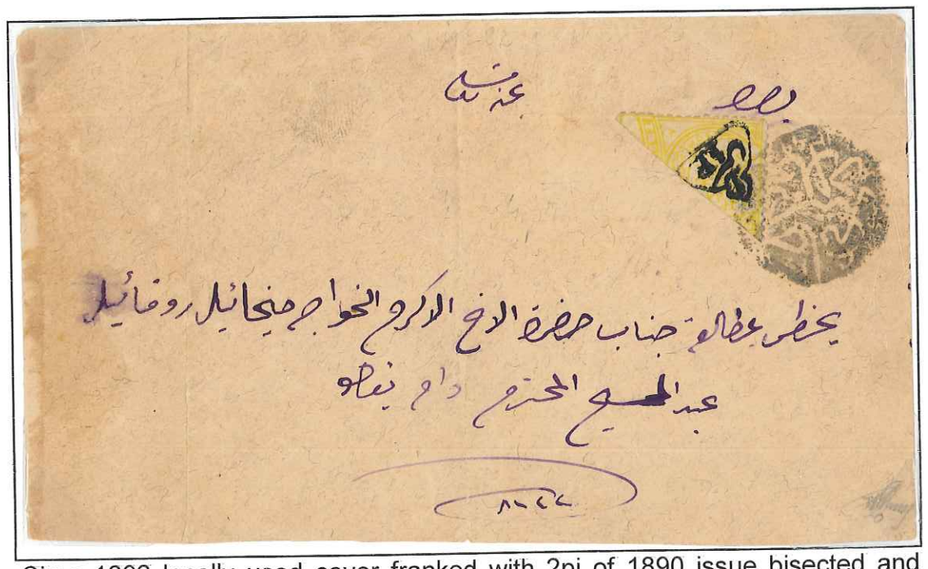
left bisected



right bisected



used on piece



Circa 1892 locally used cover franked with 2pi of 1890 issue bisected and surcharged in Baghdad with type III hand stamp and tied by POSTAHANE-I BAĞDAD 1299 (*A&P type 5, rated RR*) seal. Reverse illegible arrival seal.

Mixed Issue Covers

Ottoman Empire entered to U.P.U on 1st of April 1875 and to comply with regulations so called Duloz type 1876 (13 January) star and crescent stamps surcharged with western numbers and letters and used until the new type of stamps issued on 27th September 1876. *Usage of two different issues together rarely seen on documents.* All recorded examples dated 1880 and also bearing ¼ Pre surcharged Duloz stamps, suggesting that they have been reused because of the shortage for 10pa value since the basic rate for letters to UPU countries was 1pi10pa (or 50paras) on that time.



1880 (25 August) cover to Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada franked with 1pi and Duloz type ¼ Pre on 10pa tied by Constantinople dispatch date stamps. Reverse London transit and Halifax (SP 12) arrival cds's.



1880 (7 September) cover to U.S.A. franked with 1pi and Duloz type ¼ Pre on 10pa tied by Alexandrette date stamps. Reverse Alexandrie (12 SE), London (SP 20) and New York (OCT 1) transit and Wellsville (OCT 2) arrival cds's.

Mixed Franking



Reduced to 80%



1888 (12 November) cover to Russia franked with 1pi of 13 May 1884 issue and tied by MONT – ATHOS *(A&P type 5, rated **RRR**)* date stamp. Reverse 5 k. Bogorodsk Zemstvo stamp affixed on arrival and tied 15.11 arrival cds.



1880 (24 September) Queen Victoria 1d postal card to Germany tied by red British Post Office * Constantinople cds. Card posted by Ottoman post therefore 20pa of 1876 issue affixed and tied by Constantinople*Turquie cds. Pre-valued stationeries of the foreign offices in Ottoman Empire can not be used through Ottoman post.



1884 (13 July) cover from Putney, London, England to Izmir franked with 2½d plate 22 Queen Victoria stamp and tied by dispatch cds. Reverse 21 July arrival cds. Cover re-directed to Ghediz (*approx. 250km east of Izmir*) on 26th of July then returned to sender via Izmir where 1pi of 1881 issue affixed and tied by boxed hand stamp, transit to Istanbul 9th of August and finally arrived London on 14th of August.

FORGERIES

There are two major forgeries of the basic stamp and numerous forgeries of the hand stamped or overprinted issues. Only the basic stamp forgeries shown in this collection. The most important forgery is the *Sperati* and rather cruel is *Fournier*

Fournier Forgeries





















Sperati Forgeries



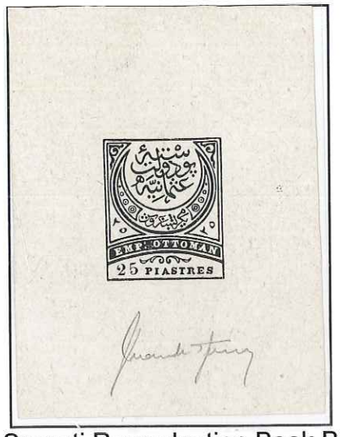
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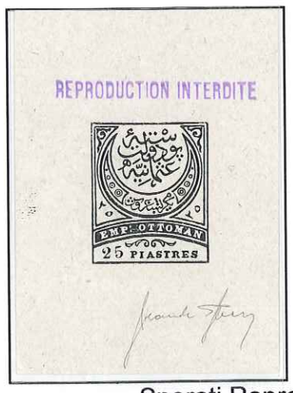
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Sperati Reproduction Book A



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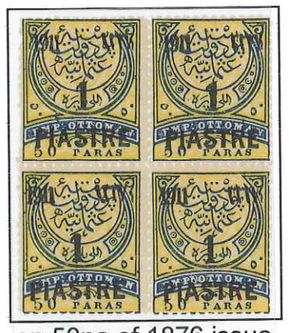




Sperati Reproduction design stages from Book A & B combined

1911 – 1 PIASTRE Overprinted Stamps

Below overprinted stamps which also includes some earlier Ottoman Empire issues recently discovered. Total of 30 issues prepared which the relevant part to the collection shown. So far only three complete blocks of 4 set recorded along with several single sets. There are no documents or used copies recorded. Currently they have been considered as privately made overprints without authority for commemorating the Sultan Reshad's visit to Macedonia region



on 50pa of 1876 issue



on 2pi of 1876 issue



on 5pa of 1881 issue



on 10pa of 1881 issue



on 10pa of 1884 perf.13 ¼ issue



on 10pa of 1884 issue



on 20pa of 1884 issue



on 1pi of 1884 issue



on 2pi of 1884 issue



on 5pa of 1886 issue



on 2pi of 1886 issue



on 5pa of 1888 issue



on 2pi of 1888 Postage Due



on 20pa of 1888 Postage Due



on 1pi of 1888 Postage Due



on 2pi of 1888 Postage Due



on 10pa of 1890 issue



on 20pa of 1890 issue



on 1pi of 1890 issue