

SMYRNA

1871

THREE LINE FIRM MARK USED
AS CANCELLOR
COLOUR: BLUE

THE ASIA MINOR
SCREW STEAMSHIP CO
SMYRNA AGENCY



ONE OF EIGHT KNOWN EXAMPLES OF 2 PIASTRES PRIVATE ADHESIVE ISSUED IN 1871 BY BRITISH STEAMSHIP COMPANY. BELL'S A.M.S.S.C. HAD FOLLOWED IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE "POSTE DEI VAPORI DELL'AMMIRAGLIATO" WHICH HAD ALSO ISSUED PRIVATE STAMPS 12 YEARS EARLIER, BUT OMITTED THE DESIGN OF A SHIP AND INSTEAD PRINTED TWO VALUES.



REMAINS OF POSTAL STATIONERY ISSUED BY BELL'S A.M.S.S.C. THE OTTOMAN CONCESSION TO THIS COMPANY WAS VALID FROM 1868 TO 1880 AND AUTHORIZED THE TRANSPORT OF PASSAGERS, GOODS AND MAIL BETWEEN PRATICLY ALL PORTS OF THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN.

