

TURKEY
Piroscafi Ottomani

1859

The entire (written in French) shown below is franked with the official "Porto - Piastre label with manuscript "2" (piasters) added. It also bears the frank type 11 ("P/anchor/P") to the right of the stamp. P P = Porto Pagato (postage paid).



The entire was sent from Constantinople to Brousse on 16th April 1859.



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Note: One signature indicates that the item is GENUINE.
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In the OPINION of the **EXPERT COMMITTEE** the item

TURKEY : TURKISH STEAMSHIP Co. 1859 S.G. No. _____
Letter sheet dated 16 Av 1859, Constantinople to
Brousse - with PaAs - Piastre label with ms '2' - used
with strike of the "P (Anchor) P" - is Genuine.

[Signature]
On behalf of the Committee

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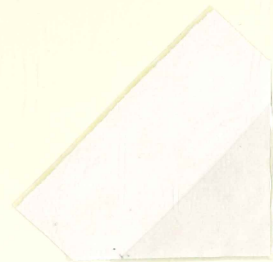
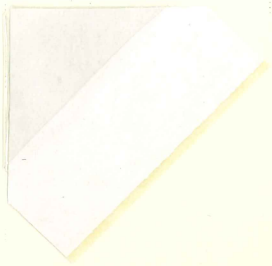


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1860

This Italian Steamship Company, which operated from Constantinople with agencies in the various parts of the Levant, is known to have held mail contracts with the Turkish Government from the 1840s to the 1860s. The company issued an official stamp in 1859 and used a number of franks.

The part of an entire (written in Greek) shown below is franked with the official stamp and has the frank type 11 ("P/anchor/P") to the right of the stamp. P P = Porto Pagato (postage paid). The entire was sent from Constantinople on 12th April 1860.



The stamp is inscribed "Ufficio Postale Vapori Ammiragliato" which means "Office of the Directorship of the Mail Boat Company". The postage charged has been added in manuscript on the stamp: in this case "3" (piastres). It is believed that this stamp was only used on mail between Constantinople, Broussa and Smyrna.

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OTTOMAN EMPIRE:

POST OFFICE OF ADMIRALTY STEAMSHIPS: Yv 1, Mi I ©
1858 Ship design in carmine inscribed "UFFICIO POSTALE
VAPORI AMMIRAGLIATO / P° P°" with "3" m/script rate, imperf.

EXPERTIZING RESULT:

Genuine in all respects. Extremely rare.

CONDITION:

Used with 4 large margins as per photo (used stamps were not further cancelled after the insertion of the m/script rate), affixed on piece of 1860 letter from Constantinople with boxed "P. anchor P." cachet.

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TURKEY
T B Morton & Co

This was small Mail Boat Company dating from about 1867. It ran a mail service between Constantinople and Galatz via Sulima from July 1870 to December 1872.

1870 (October)

½ piastre green, 1 piastre red and 2 piastre blue



Journal Stamp - 1871

10 paras

Imperforate (with "LETTER" handstamped over "JOURNAL")



Perforated



TURKEY
T B Morton & Co

1869 (July) - Type 2

(Handstamped on white or coloured paper)

Type 2 has a representation of a steamship above "FRANCO" added

For Burgha, Kustendje and Varna



(½ Piastre)



(1 Piastre)

For Sulima



(1 Piastre)

TURKEY
T B Morton & Co

1869 (June) - Type 1
(Handstamped on white or coloured paper)

For Ibralia



(1 Piastre)

For Sulima



(½ Piastre)



(1 Piastre)