1837, Jeddah to Paris

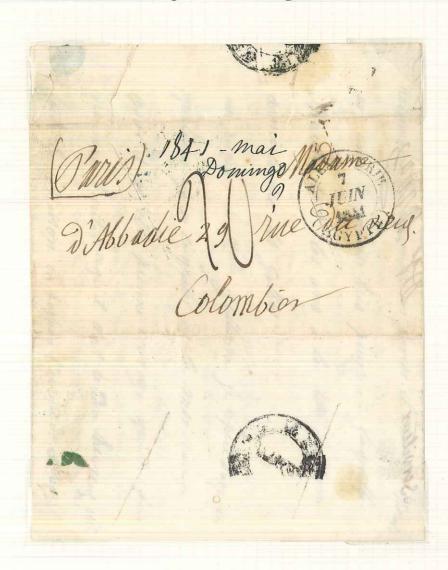
Folded letter dated "Djidda 10 Decembre 1837" via Alexandria (18.1.38) with red oval "PAQUEBOTS DE LA MEDITERRANEE" and blue arrival handstamp (3.2.38). Manuscript postage due markings "20", "99" (deleted) and "90".



Only five pre-stamp letters are known, of which three (dated 1834, 1836 and 1842) are to England and this and one other (1841), both only recently discovered, to France.

1841, Jeddah to France

Folded letter dated "Jeddah (Asie) 1 er Mai 1841" via Alexandria (7.6) and Malta to Colombier with tax "90" and disinfection/fumigation slits, with historical contents about expeditions undertaken despite "un assez grand desordre en Hedjaz".



One of only five recorded pre-stamp covers from Saudi Arabia.

Maritime Accident Mail, 1857, S.S. EMEU

Cover endorsed "P. Emeu", with New South Wales 6 d. The Emeu sailed from Sydney (11.9) on her first trip to Suez where she should have arrived on 3rd November. However, whilst in the Red Sea, the Emeu was stranded on the Guttal el Bunna, a coral reef 120 miles from Jeddah. She was refloated the next day and beached for repairs near Duber Dubb. The mail was transferred to the P&O "S.S. Madras", reached Suez on 19 November and arrived in London on 7 December.



Maritime Accident Mail, 1859, S.S. NORTHAM

Bank letter endorsed 'P. Northam/ via Marseilles', with Victoria 1 Sh. The "Northam" sailed from Sydney on July 14, bound for Suez. She left Aden on August 17, and on the evening of August 20 stranded on the Shab-barger Reef near Jeddah. On the morning of August 25, she re-floated and cleared the reef. Passengers and mail, which had been landed on the nearby island of Myetta, were re-boarded and the journey was resumed, arriving in Suez on August 28. The delayed mail reached London on 13 September.



Saudi Arabia, Algeria

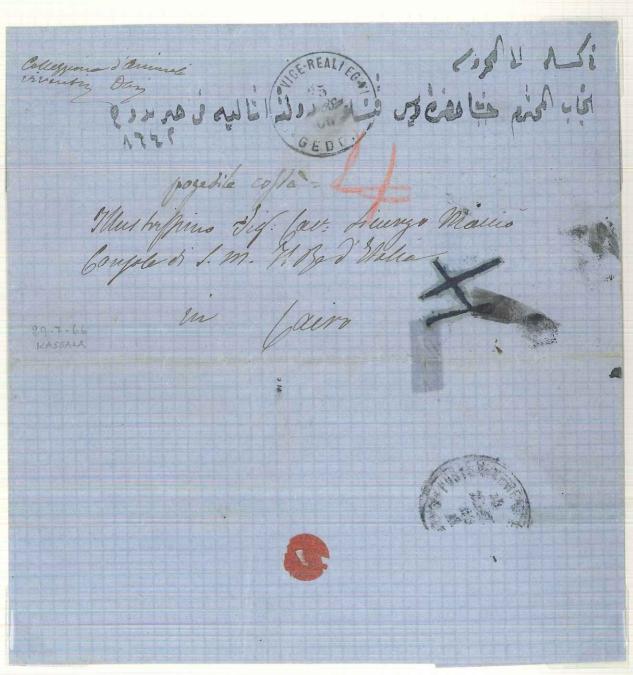
1863, letter from Abd El-Kader, the Algerian scholar and leader, who had defended his country against the French, to General Durrien, sent from Taif "three stages from Mecca" on 15. Safar 1280 (1.10.1863).

- A remarkable historical document.

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1866, entire letter written in Kassala, E. Sudan (29.7) to the Italian Consul in Cairo, carried eastwards and posted at the Egyptian P.O. in Jeddah, with the first recorded strike of the "POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE/GEDDA" (25.8). Manuscript "pagabile costa" (=to be paid by recipient) with red "4" (Piastres) and "4" due handstamp in blue. Cairo cds. on reverse. This is the only known pre-stamp letter, reported on p. 14 of the "Early Postal History of Saudi Arabia", sent before the arrival of the first Egyptian stamps in Jeddah.



1867, the Unique First Issue Pair.

Folded letter sheet posted from the Egyptian Post Office at GEDDA (Jeddah), with pair of Egypt First Issue 1 Piastre tied by "POSTE VICE REALI EGIZIANE/GEDDA" (July 1, 1867) with another strike at right. Clear arrival cancel on reverse of the "POSTE VICE REALI EGIZIANE/SUEZ" dated July 6.



The only multiple franking of the Egypt First Issue known from this office.

The Crown Jewel of Saudi Arabian postal history, illustrated on the front cover of "The Early Postal History of Saudi Arabia".

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1867. Arabie Saoudite.

Lettre postée à Djeddah et convoyée par les postes égyptiennes, affranchie d'une paire du 1 piastre lilas de la 1ère émission d'Egypte, oblitérée du cad Poste Vice Reali Egiziane Gedda, avec une autre frappe de ce cachet à droite. Au dos arrivée cad Vice Reali Egiziane Suez le 6 juillet 1867. Cette lettre est illustrée en couverture de l'ouvrage de Jakob Von Uexkull. Unique et la plus grande rareté d'Arabie saoudite.

Authentique



The Egyptian Post Office in Jeddah

1866, "Poste Vice-Reali Egiziane/ Gedda" with the date inverted on Egypt,

First Issue 1Pia. mauve.

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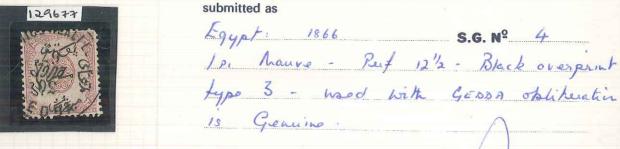


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1866, incoming mail

Cover to the British Consul in Jeddah, franked by Great Britain 1865 6d. lilac, tied by 'Bath/53' duplex in black (April 26), with British P.O. in Suez cds at right in blue. Transferred to the Egyptian P.O. for onward transmission by the British Consul in Suez and franked by 1866 1 pi. claret tied by POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE/SUEZ datestamp (May 21) in black with repeated strike alongside. A splendid and extremely rare combination usage.



1867, Egyptian P.O. in Jeddah

The famous mixed issue franking cover from Jeddah to Suez bearing 1866 2 pi. yellow (as supplied by sender), the cover found to be triple weight and the newly issued August 1867 1 pi. red applied and tied by POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE/ GEDDA datestamp in black with repeated strike at left (August 20). The first issue 2 pi. here used in the 'grace period' before the stamp was demonetised on August 31, 1867. Reverse with Suez arrival cds (Sept 6). Illustrated in Smith on colour plate 3. This is the only known usage of an 1866 first & 1867 second issue combination on cover and one of the greatest rarieties of both Egyptian and Saudi Arabian classic philately. Ex Hinde





The Egyptian P.O. in Jeddah

1867, POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE GEDDA, first type on Egypt First Issue 2 Pia., ex Antonini.



Star and Crescent undated cancel (ca. 1867) for official mail





Ex Marzouk Forgery?











1875, 5 Pa. Tete-Beche with middle pair inverted. The only recorded block cancelled "GEDDA"

1865-74, Egyptian Post office in Jeddah

"POSTE VICE REALI EGIZIANE/ GEDDA", with star and crescent, official mail postmark on the 1866, Interpostal seal, in blue and black. Only two other used examples of this seal have been recorded.



1874, "POSTE KHEDEVIE EGIZIANE/ GEDDA", variety "solid lunette" (half-moon) instead of year. Two of the four recorded examples.







1867-70, Egypt Second Issue used in Jeddah

"POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE GEDDA" 10 Pa. circular rate



Jeddah 28.12.67

Suez 2.1.78

Smith does not record this value used in Jeddah

> 1 Pia. single letter rate (10 g.)

> > *Jeddah* 28.4.70

Suez 2.5.70

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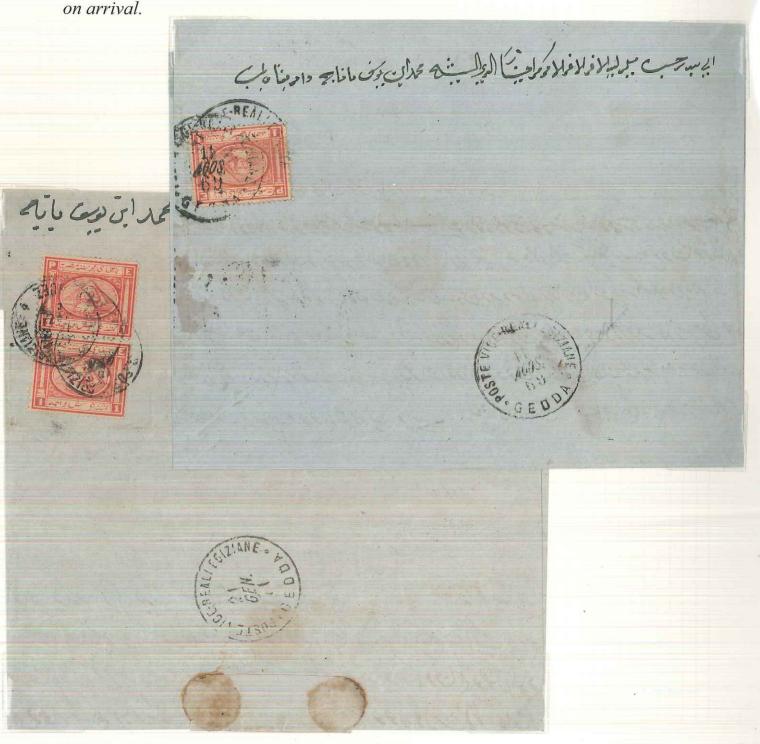
EGYPT USED IN SAUDI ARABIA.

A lettersheet bearing an 1867, 1pi. dull rose lake, impressed watermark, perf. 15 x 12 1/2, S.G. 14, Scott 13, Michel 11A, cancelled "Poste Vice-Reali Egiziane, Gedda ...1870" with a further strike adjacent, sent to Suez, Egypt, receiving a "Poste Egiziane, Suez" on arrival, is in my opinion genuine. The lettersheet has been strengthened in places. A rare usage.

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1869-71, "POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE / GEDDA" on incoming mail.

Pair of folded letters form Suez with the single 1 Pia. and double 2x 1Pia. rates, both with clear strikes in black of the first postmark from the Egyptian P.O. in Jeddah. As the single 1 Pia. was only faintly cancelled in Suez, it was struck again on arrival.



1869-70, Egypt Second Issue used in Jeddah "POSTE VICE-REALI EGIZIANE GEDDA"

3 Pi. treble rate letter to Egypt (front)



1869 (18.7)



1870 (22.8) Dates inverted

2 Pi. double rate to Egypt (front)



Dates inverted

1871, The Egyptian P.O. in Jeddah Early incoming mail.



1873, Egyptian Post office in Jeddah

"POSTE KHEDEVIE EGIZIANE GEDDA" in black
on 1872, 10 Pa. block



on 1872, 1 Pia. pair and block

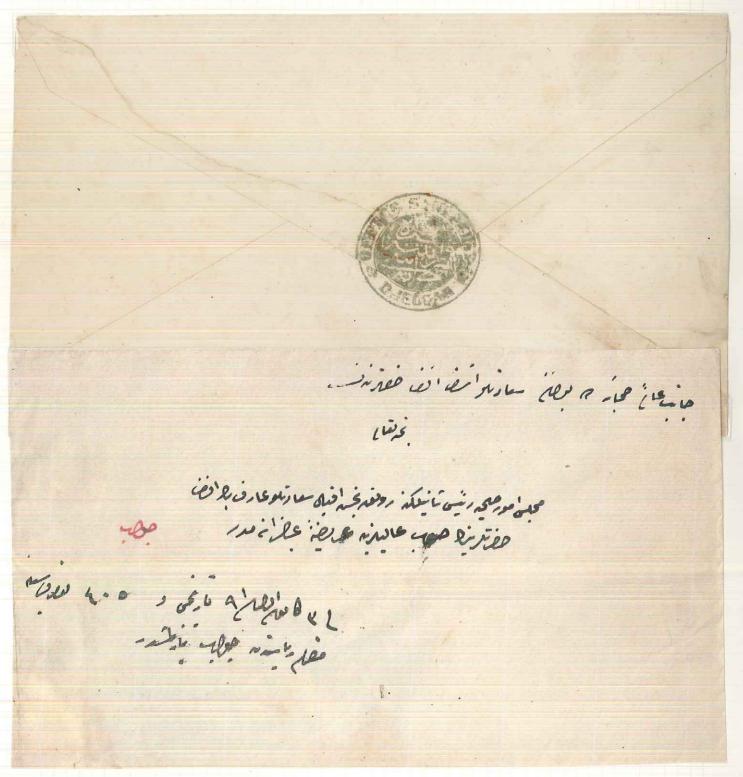






Multiples are rarely seen.

1873, "SERVICE SANITAIRE DU HEDJAZ DJEDDAH", negative seal on official cover from the "Office for Health Affairs Hejaz and Yemen" (Arabic Text). Only one other cover known with this seal.



1874, the Egyptian Post Office in Jeddah

Wrapper from England, franked with 1d. and 4d. cancelled "NPB/G." (=Newspaper Branch), addressed to a member of well-known Banaji trading family in Suez, redirected to Jeddah, with Egypt 5 Pa. (2) added, cancelled "V.R.POSTE EGIZIANE/SUEZ" (27.11). Postage Due "16" charge mark. Arrival "POSTE KHEDEVIE EGIZIANE/GEDDA" on reverse.



A unique mixed franking.

Ex WIPA 1979 International Large Gold Medal Collection.

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GREAT BRITAIN - 1874 - EGYPT MIXED FRANKING

GB Scott N°33 and 43 Egypt Scott N° 26

Great Britain 1d. red and 4d. vermilion (plate 13) tied by "NPB/G" cancel to wrapper send to Suez with a "16" piaster postage. Due handstamp and then forwarded to Jeddah (Saudi Arabia) with a pair of Egypt 5 para brown cancelled "SUEZ 27 NOV 74".

A unique mixed franking.

Genuine and in perfect condition.

Paris, 25th of May, 2009





1874, "POSTE KHEDEVIE EGIZIANE / GEDDA" in blue.

1 Pia. single rate on folded letter from Jeddah (5.9) to Suez (arr. cds. 18.9 on reverse) and piece with 3 Pia. registered letter rate (1 Pia. strip) from Jeddah (20.8) to Suez (28.8). Very scarce usages.









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EGYPT: TERRITORIAL P.O. IN GEDDA (JEDDAH).

1874 (SEPT 15): ENTIRE LETTER TO SUEZ WITH 1872

EGYPT 1 PIASTRE RED-LITHOGRAPHED - SG 27, TIED

BY "POSTE KHEDEVIE EGIZIANE-GEDDA" CDS IN

BLUE (UEXKULL TYPE GC, FIGURE 7). REVERSE WITH

'P.V.R.E-SUEZ' ARRIVAL (SEPT 18).

DISINFECTED WITH TWO CHISEL SLITS AGAINST CHOLERA (AS ARE THREE OTHER LETTERS OF THIS PERIOD, 1867-1875).

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COVER #3 IN VEXKULL CENSUS (PAGE 18).

THE STAMP & COVER ARE GENUINE IN ALL RESPECTS.

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1874, the Egyptian Post Office in Jeddah



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1875, the 2 Pia. bisect.

Mail was sent from the Egyptian post office in Jeddah via Suez on the weekly (or fortnightly) mailboat. Prior to July 1875 the single letter (15gr) rate to Suez was 1 Pi. with an additional 1 Pi. for destinations in inland Egypt.

In April 1875, a shortage of 1 Pi. stamps necessitated the (diagonal)bisecting of the 2 Pi. Only a few have survived, all cancelled with the 'KHEDEVIE' postmark in blue on April 13 (with the year slug missing). All mail was cancelled on the day of departure of the mailboat.



Lower right half on cover front, ex Ferrari, Danson, Kaczmarczyk.

Illustrated on p.19 of the Uexkull Handbook.

1875, the 1 Pia. bisect

1872: 1 pi. red and diagonally bisected 1 pi. red used on piece, tied by POSTE KHEDEVIE EGIZIANE/ GEDDA (5. LUG. 75) in black, bisected to make up the newly introduced UPU rate of 1 ½ piastres, all the genuine recorded bisects being used on July 5, 1875 only, see Uexkull page 19 where this piece is one of the three recorded. Illustrated in Smith on page 572.





1875, "POSTE KHEDIVIE EGIZIANE GEDDA".

Cover with Egypt 1874, 1 and 2 Pia. from Jeddah (17.8) to Bandar Abbas, redirected to Bombay (31.8), with manuscript "3/4 as" charge and boxed "BOMBAY/SHIP LETTER/POSTAGE DUE 1 A."



The only recorded cover with this franking and the only known re-directed cover from this office. Illustrated on p.14 of "THE EARLY POSTAL HISTORY OF SAUDI ARABIA".

1877, "POSTE KHEDEVIE" interpostal seal in red. A very scarce seal.

















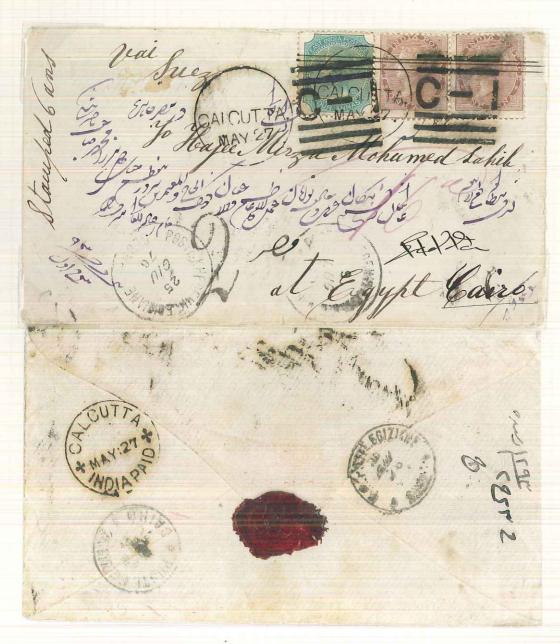






1876, Egyptian P.O. - the unique "2" due mark

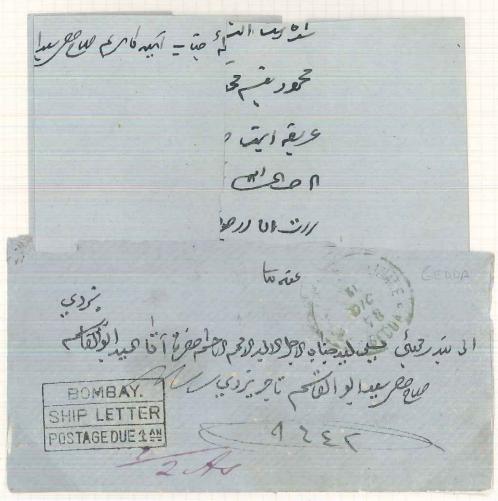
Cover with full contents from Calcutta (27.5) to Jeddah with arrival datestamp (25.6) "POSTE KHEDEVIE EGIZIANE GEDDA", eventually re-directed to Cairo with another strike (9.7), both on the front together with a large "2" postage due handstamp in the same colour.



The only recorded due handstamp undoubtedly used at the DJeddah office!

1878, POSTE KHEDEVIE EGIZIANE GEDDA

Letter posted unpaid from the Egyptian Post Office in Jeddah (31.12.78) to Bombay (arr. 14.1.79) with boxed "BOMBAY/SHIP LETTER/POSTAGE DUE 1 AN." in three sections.

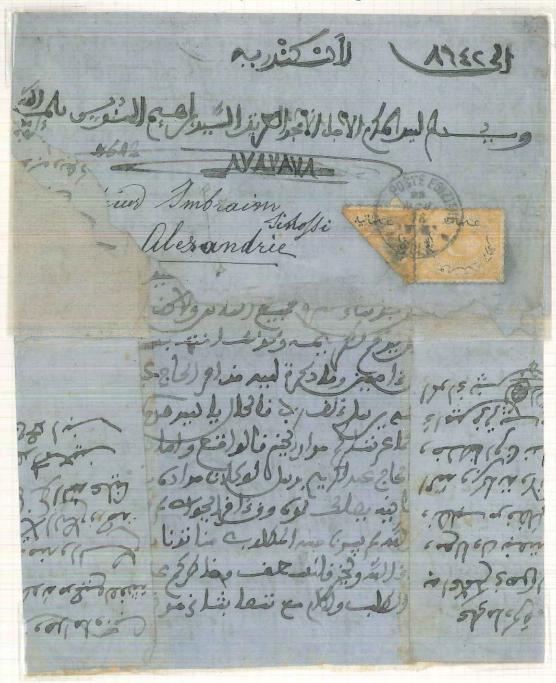


A very rare mark.

Unpaid mail sent from this office not previously recorded.

1878, Unique Bisect on Letter.

Folded letter (damaged) sent by a Hadji from Mecca to Alexandria, franked with Turkey 1875, 1 Pia. and ditto bisected for use as 20 Pa., cancelled on arrival in Suez (POSTE EGIZIANE SUEZ, 24. NOV.) and backstamped Alexandria (25. NOV.).



The only recorded usage of a bisected Turkish stamp from Saudi Arabia.

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1878. Arabie Saoudite.

Lettre postée par un pèlerin pendant le Hadj de la Mecque pour Alexandrie d'Egypte) affranchie Turquie Duloz 1875 1 piastre + moitié diagonale du 1 piastre utilisée pour 20 paras. Les deux timbres sont oblitérés en transit du cad Poste Egiziane Suez. Au dos une autre frappe du cachet de Suez + le cachet d'arrivée. Lettre extraordinaire avec triple combinaison Arabie saoudite-Turquie-Egypte. Unique.

Authentique



1878, incoming telegramme

1878 (July 27): 'Eastern Telegraph Co. Ltd.' envelope, mailed to Jeddah/ Gedda, franked at the registered rate with single Bulâq 2 pi. yellow tied by rare POSTES EGYPTIENNES/ SUEZ datestamp in black. Repeated strike at right and framed RACCOMANDATO on front; reverse with POSTE KHEDEVIE EGIZIANE/ GEDDA cds of receipt (Aug 1) in black. The only recorded registered telegramme to Jeddah. Illustrated in Smith on Colour plate 13.





1879, (8.11) "POSTE KHEDEVE EGIZIANE GEDDA"

On Egypt 20 Para Pair on cover from the French vice-Consulate. On the reverse postmarks of Suez (11.11), Alexandria (12.11), Naples (19.11) and Alencon arrival (22.11). Red French Travelling P.O. (21.11) on front. A very rare early cover.



"The Early Postal History of Saudi Arabia" handbook does not record this cover.

Only one other cover with this franking is known, going to Turkey.

1879, Egyptian P.O. in Jeddah

Incoming official mail from the Italian Consulate in Alexandria, carried free of charge, with the Consulate's cachet and "ALEXANDRIE/A" duplex (25.3). On the reverse "SUEZ" (25.3) in blue and black arrival mark

"POSTE KHEDEVIE EGIZIANE GEDDA"



The only known incoming consular mail to this office.

1880, Egyptian P.O. in Jeddah

Registered cover to Turkey with bilingual "DJEDDAH" (15.7) and boxed "RACCCOMANDATO". The 1879, 2 Pia. has been cancelled in transit in Suez (17.7). On the reverse five seals and datestamps of Alexandria and Constantinople.



A unique and remarkable usage, not previously recorded.

1880, the "T" mark of the Egyptian Post Office

Unpaid cover from Jeddah with cds. "POSTE KHEDEVIE EGIZIANE GEDDA" (2.4.80) and alongside the boxed "T" tax mark of this office. Charged "5" and sent via Suez (7.4) and Alexandria (8.4) to Sidmouth, England (arr. 15.4 on reverse).

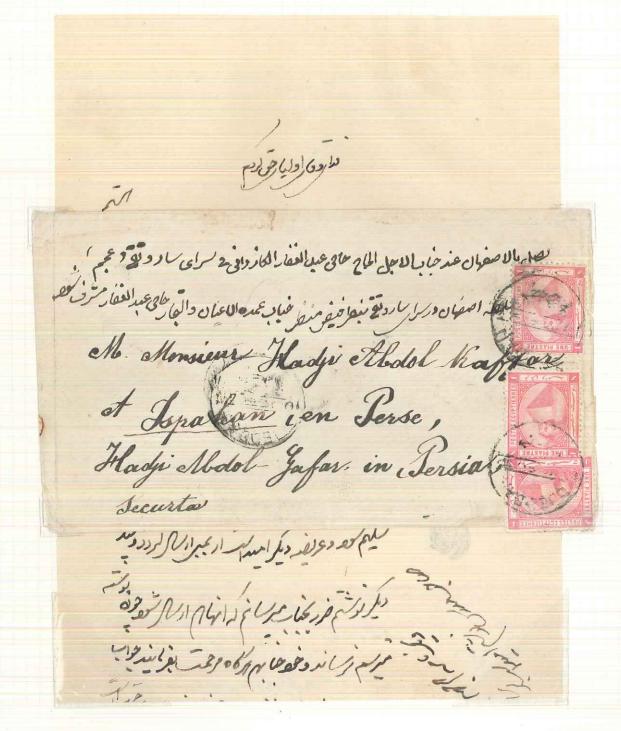




The only recorded example of this tax handstamp.

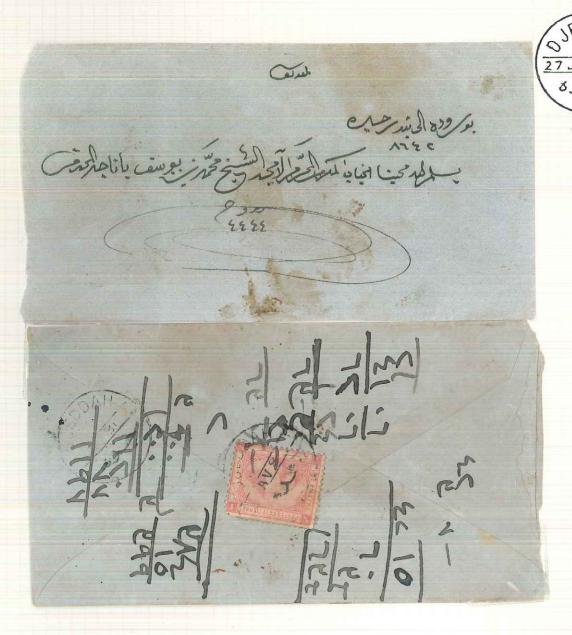
1881, Egyptian P.O. in Jeddah to Isfahan

Egypt 1879, 10 Pia. (3) cancelled with the bilingual "DJEDDAH" (10.11.81) of the Egyptian Post Office on cover to Isfahan, via Suez (13.11), Aden-Bombay Sea Post Office (18.11) and Bushire (BOUCHIR 14.12), with 4 intact seals and contents. The highest recorded franking of this issue from Jeddah.



1881, 1 Pia. rose with bilingual "DJEDDAH" cds. on incoming cover from Egypt to the Banaji trading family in Jeddah. This cover would have been posted directly on the Suez-Jeddah steamer and cancelled on arrival.

It is recorded as No. 8 in the Uexkull Handbook (p.20). A very rare cover.



1879, the Ottoman boxed "Djidé" on Egypt 1 Pia.

One of three recorded examples of the first cancellation from the Ottoman P.O. in Jeddah used on an Egyptian stamp.

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1882, Ottoman "DJEDDAH" on Egypt

Three covers are known franked with Egypt 1879, 1 Pia. and cancelled with the bilingual "DJEDDAH" postmark of the Ottoman P.O. after the closure of the Egyptian P.O. in 1881. They are addressed to the Banaji trading family in Jeddah, so it is likely that they were incoming ship letters cancelled on arrival. All are in poor condition.















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1879, "POSTE KHEDEVIE EGIZIANE GEDDA"

Registered cover with 1874 2 Pia., from the Egyptian P.O. in Jeddah (3.3) to France, via Suez (9.3), Alexandria (10.3), Paris (17.3) etc. to Cognac. Boxed "RACCOMANDATO" and fancy "JEDDAH" sender's cachet of "MAGGIE & BONNICI/SHIP CHARTERS & SHIP BROKERS".



A unique usage.

1878, Ship Letter to Alexandria

Folded letter with full contents, written in Jeddah ("Gedda") 23.4.78 and posted directly on the Jeddah-Suez mail boat, franked with pair 20 Paras (1 Pia. rate). Cancelled on arrival in Suez (30.4) and sent on to Alexandria, with arrival cds. of the same day on reverse.



No. 3 of the 4 such ship letters from the Egyptian Post in Jeddah recorded in "The Early Postal History of Saudi Arabia" (p.20).

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