

1881-1902. Second De La Rue Issue.

The 1882-1902 Colour Changes.



December 15th 1884. 5pi. pale grey.
Watermark normally found upright.



1884. 5pi. slate grey.



1902. 5pi. slate grey.
Chalk surfaced paper.

Block of four showing Plate Number 2.



1902. 5pi. slate grey
Block of four used on piece cancelled
by Indian Field Post Office-No.35
based at Alexandria March 2nd 1915.

1888. New Currency.

4m. rate for Overseas postcards.



July 12th 1900. Postcard initially franked on journey through Suez Canal with 1888 1m. brown and 1893 3m. orange-yellow cancelled in manuscript as mailed outside Egyptian jurisdiction. Sent on arrival in Djibouti, Somali Coast. franked by imperforate 1893-94 10c. green & brown cancelled in blue with 'Djibouti / Cote Des Somalis' datestamp. Readdressed on arrival in Brussels on July 30th to Molowe St. Lambert.



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EGYPT.

1900 (July 12th): Postcard of Suez franked by Egypt 1888 1m. brown and 3m. orange-yellow, written on board Steamer and eventually mailed in Djibouti. The Egyptian adhesives deleted with manuscript pen crosses. 1894 Cote des Somalis imperforate 10c. green & red-brown (SG 94) cancelled by 'Djibouti / Cote Des Somalis' datestamp in blue. Readdressed on arrival in Brussels (July 30th) to Moluwe St. Lambert (same day). An unusual usage and, in my opinion, genuine in all respects.

SG 58b,61a.
Photo overleaf.

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Registered cover with 1888 1pi. and 2pi.



August 13th 1898. Registered cover to Paris erroneously mailed to Hinterbrühl, Austria
franked by 1893 2pi. orange brown and pair of 1pi. ultramarine on reverse from Cairo.
From Hinterbrühl mailed on to Paris arriving on August 27th.

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The 1893-1902 Colour Change of the 2p.



1902. 2pi. orange brown.
Chalk surfaced paper.



August 1st 1893. 2pi. orange brown.



1902 2pi. orange.
Chalk surfaced paper.



1902. 2pi. orange brown.
Block of four on piece cancelled
by Indian Field Post office-No.35
based at Alexandria February 13th 1915.



April 23rd 1897. 2pi. orange brown used on 1pi. blue stationery envelope for 3 piastre
registered rate from Alexandria to Cairo.

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Mixed issue Franklin to the Netherlands.



February 23rd 1889. Registered usage of 1888 2pi. orange postal stationery envelope,
up-rated with 1879 2pi. orange and 1881 1pi. blue
cancelled by Cairo registration datestamps.
Reverse with Paris-Valenciennes Travelling Post Office datestamp March 1st 1889.

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1884. 1pi. blue on covers.



March 30th 1893. Cover to the USA franked by 1pi.
cancelled by SUEZ STATION datestamp.



February 25th 1893. 5m or 20c orange stationery envelope up-rated with
1884 1c. blue used from Cairo to Alexandria.

In a letter dated 24th December, 1883 to Thomas De La Rue & Company, London, the Director General of Posts of Egypt requested that the colors of four values of the current series of postage stamps be modified "to accord with the agreement which was made between the countries of the Postal Union to adopt uniform colors for Postage stamps representing the typical rates". The color changes were specified as "10 paras light green like the annexed 10/- English Postage Stamp". Before proceeding with the production of the stamps, De La Rue were instructed to forward specimens of the new colors for approval. Accordingly, on 9th January, 1884, the firm sent to Egypt a "Scheme of colours". The text of the D.C.R. letter stated that the requested green (green), Additionally, the letter stated that "The 5 Piastre stamp we have printed in a somewhat lighter shade than the colour of the English 10/- Postage Stamps, as we found that the 5 Piastre stamp did not look well printed in so dark a grey". The accompanying 1 piastre stamp is unquestionably an example of the U.P.U. color scheme specimen proof. Printed from the same submitted 1 piastre stamp, differs in several major ways from the latter. It is slightly thicker, and is more porous, exhibiting typographic surface, and in the exact same color, as were the issued 1 piastre stamps of 1884. Its resemblance to an issued stamp ends with its image and its ink. The unsurfaced paper of the proof, although similar in surface texture to the paper used for the issued stamps, differs in several major ways from the latter. The thinner paper of the issued stamps is more finely woven, with little or no sign of the wire weave when held to the light. The thinner paper of the issued stamps is more watermark, whereas the issued 1 piastre stamps are printed on paper with the wide star and crescent watermark (☪, Revell type II). While the issued stamps are comb-perforated 14 on all sides, the proof is comb-perforated 12 on all sides. This submitted example shows signs of having been pasted down, in what was quite possibly the aforementioned D.C.R. Scheme of colours, as it has disturbed gum, with small fragments of paper adhering to it. It also shows, at its left-hand edge, what appears to be ink from a manuscript notation. The quantity of such items produced is not recorded, although this is the only example of the 1 piastre U.P.U. uniform color scheme specimen proof currently known to me. *cm*



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January 9th 1884.

UPU Colour Trial Proof of the 1 Piastre Value in issued colour of blue, on un-watermarked porous unsurfaced paper, perforated 12 on all sides.

This stamp was sent by De La Rue of London to the Egyptian Post Office for approval after the Egyptian Post Office's letter of December 24th 1883.

The issued stamp is always watermarked Star & Crescent either upright or more rarely, inverted. The reverse of the stamp shows previous adherence on reverse indicating that this Proof was pulled from a 'specimen' card provided by De La Rue.¹

Unique.



December 15th 1884. 1pi. blue.
Ordinary paper.



1pi. deep ultramarine.



1pi. pale ultramarine.



1902. 1pi. ultramarine.
Chalk surfaced paper.

1879-1902. Second De La Rue Issue.

The 1882-1884 Colour Changes.



December 15th 1884. 20pa. rose carmine.

Watermark is only recorded upright.



1884. 20pa. pale rose.



February 1885. 20pa. cancelled
by Souakin (Sudan) datestamp.



July 30th 1885. 20pa. cancelled
by new type datestamp of Souakin
now spelt Sawakin.

Both the above stamps used during the British Occupation of Sudan.

1879. De La Rue Issue.

Varieties and Cancellations.



5pa. pale brown.
Watermark inverted.



10pa. reddish lilac.
Used block cancelled
at Samanoud Feb 30th 1880.



10pa. reddish lilac.
Used block cancelled
at Suez Aug 23rd 1879.



10pa. reddish lilac.
Cancelled at Metelino (Mytilene).



20pa. pale blue.
Cancelled Masawah (Sudan) in blue
June 10th 1882.



20pa. pale blue.
Cancelled at Metelino.
September 8th 1879.



20pa. pale blue.
Cancelled at Metelino in blue.

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The 1882-1884 Colour Changes.



January 25th 1882. 10pa. bluish grey.

The watermark is normally found upright.



December 15th 1884. 10pa. green to deep green.

The watermark is normally found upright.



1884. 10pa. green.

Block of four used on piece cancelled
by Indian Field Post Office-No.35
based at Alexandria May 21st 1915.

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From January 1881 De La Rue had changed the colour of the 10pa. reddish lilac and produced an example in claret. The two 10pa. values were used concurrently and the new colour change, despite Balian, Zeheri and Stanley Gibbons catalogue listings; really belongs with the previous issue.

In 1881 the new Director General of Posts, W.F.Halton Pasha specified that the 10 para value be issued in grey, no reason being given.

*From 1884 the colours of the stamps issued were changed to correspond with the optional UPU regulations as the 1879 previously issued set did not:
International Printed Matter stamps were to be green-10 para.
International Postal Card rate was to be red-20pa.
International Letter rate was to be blue-1pi.*

*The issue was printed by De La Rue using the typographic process on ordinary paper.
Later issues from 1902 appearing on the DLR chalky paper.*

Watermark Star & Crescent. Perforated 14.



*January 1881. 10pa. claret.
720,000 stamps printed, most of which were used.*

The watermark is only found inverted.

1879. De La Rue Issue.

Covers to Netherlands East Indies and Italy.



August 8th 1882. Cover at UPU 1pi rate to Buitenzorg, Java.
Franked by 1879 1pi. rose cancelled at Port Said and back-stamped
Suez (August 9th), Singapore-Paid in red on September 16th and at Weltvreden
on September 21st.

Cover bears manuscript on reverse: 'In Quarantine at Aden on way to Suez'.



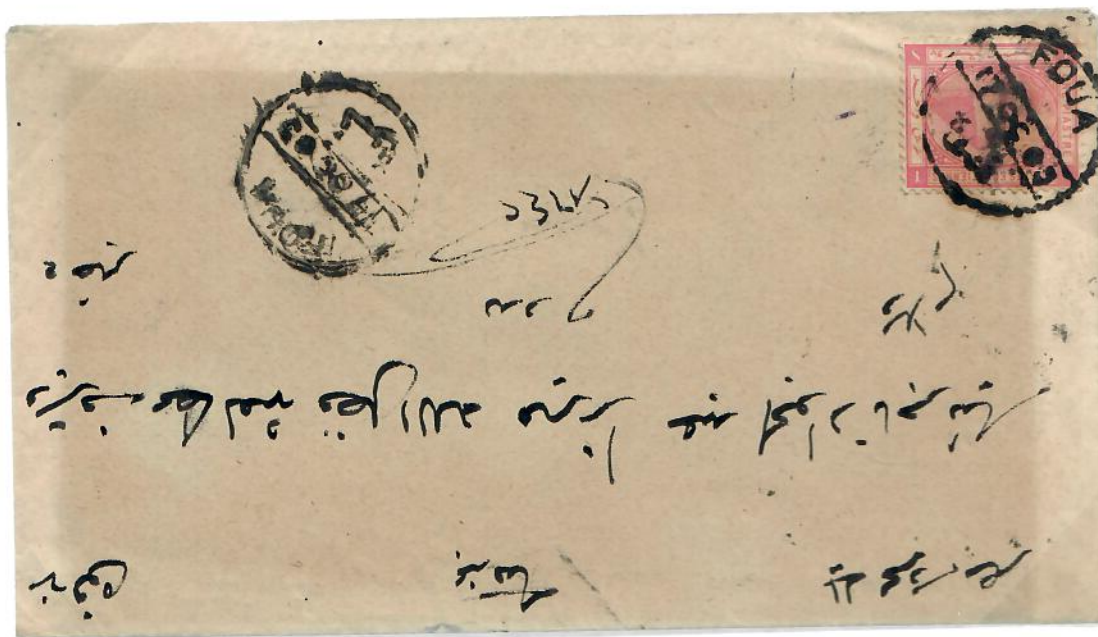
February 13th 1884. Cover to Florence, Italy with 1pi. rose cancelled by Caire-Depart
datestamps. Cover slit for disinfection. Arrived February 22nd at Florence.

1879. De La Rue Issue.

Covers from Minouf and Foua.



September 11th 1883. Cover with contents to Cairo with 1879 1pi. rose cancelled Minouf datestamp.



October 17th 1883. Cover with complete contents to Cairo with 1879 1pi. rose cancelled by Foua datestamp.

1879. De La Rue Issue.

1pi. rose on cover from Sidi Gaber to England.



May 20th 1884. Cover with embossed flap of the Cameron Highlanders sent to London endorsed 'Via Brindisi' franked by 1879 1pi. rose cancelled by Sidi Gaber dispatch datestamp. Alexandria datestamp of same day on reverse, London arrival May 26th.

1879, De La Rue Issue.

Cancellations and Usages.



1pi. rose.
Cancelled 'V.R. Poste Egiziane Metelino (Mylène)
August 2nd 1880.



1pi. rose.
Small piece with diagonally bisected example
cancelled 'Alexandrie-Caire Ambulant'
Travelling Post Office September 8th 1881.



2pi. orange.
Cancelled at 'V.R. Poste Egiziane-Costantinopoli'
April 22nd 1879.
Early usage in first month of issue..

1879. De La Rue Issue.



5pa. deep brown.
Watermark upright.

Multiples.



10pa. reddish lilac
Watermark inverted.



20pa. pale blue.
Watermark upright.



20pa. pale blue.
Watermark inverted.



1pi. rose.
Watermark upright.
Interpanneau pair.



1pi. rose.
Watermark upright.



2pi. orange.
Watermark upright.



5pi. green.
Watermark upright.
Interpanneau pair.

1879. De La Rue Issue.

The set of five values was issued on April 1st 1879.

Printed by De La Rue & Co., in London by typography. The issue was to last in various forms, until 1914.

The previous issues were to be de-monetised by December 31st 1879
and after that date no returns were accepted.

It should be noted that De La Rue followed the previous issue in allotting the colours
to the stamp's face value.

Watermarked Star & Crescent.

The Watermark is normally upright except for the 10pa. where it is normally
found inverted and on the 2pi. & 5pi. where upright or inverted examples are equally found.

Perforated 14.



The issued set including listed shades.

Quantities printed:

5pa. deep brown. 1,500,000 stamps.

10pa. reddish lilac. 2,000,000.

20pa. pale blue. 2,000,000.

1pi. rose. 8,320,000.

2pi. orange yellow. 1,000,000.

5pi. green. 180,000.



January 13th 1897. Four piastre rate cover to Winterthur, Switzerland franked by three 1884 1p. blue and 1888 2m. green, 3m. yellow orange and 5m. rose carmine all cancelled by Helouan datestamps of dispatch.

On reverse a further 1888 1m. brown has been applied, not needed for the quadruple rate, but instead applied as a seal to the letter being tied by 'retta' in black.

Winterthur arrival on reverse dated January 19th.

1888. New Currency.

5m. rose-carmine on cover.



Two covers with the 5m. value, upper cover June 29th 1907 with overseas Printed Matter rate paid by single 5m. cancelled in transit by NAPOLI squared circle datestamp with London transit on reverse dated July 2nd used to Felixstowe.

Lower cover, December 4th 1911 with pair of 1902 5m. on chalky paper cancelled by ALEXANDRIA-DOUANE (Customs) datestamp used at normal rate to Stamboul.

1888. New Currency.

1906. 4m. vermilion value.



The issued stamp.

*The 4m. was issued to cover
the overseas postcard rate.*

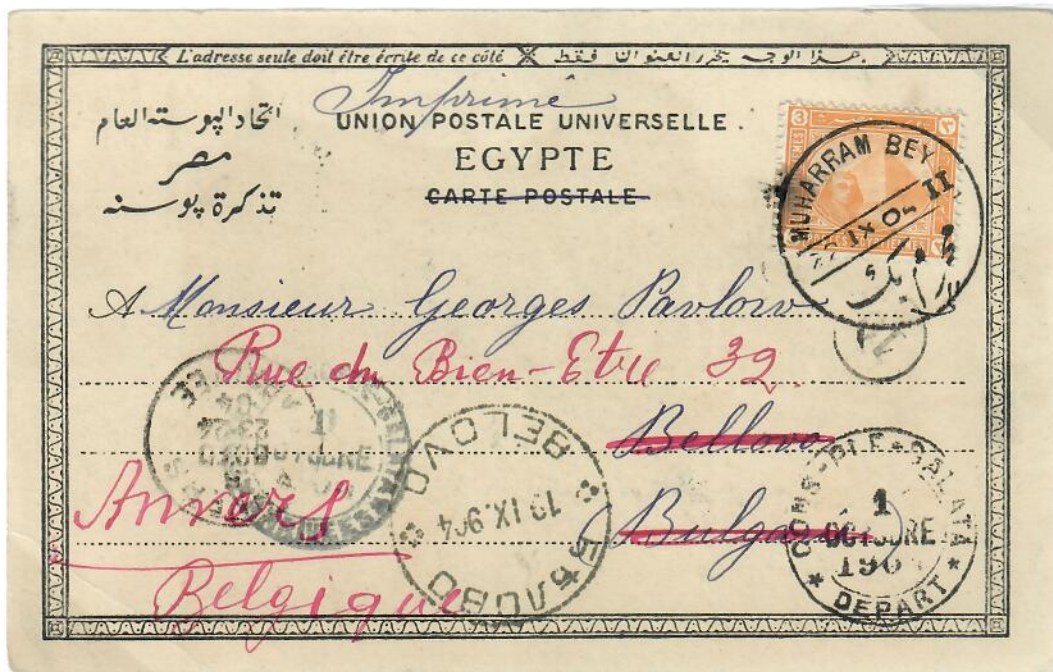


*Corner marginal block of four
from the interpanneau pane join,
imperforate on watermarked paper.*

Only one sheet of 240 stamps printed thus.

1888. New Currency.

3m. postcard rate to Bulgaria.



September 22nd 1904. Postcard used to Belovo, Bulgaria and readdressed to Belgium
franked by 1902 3m. orange yellow on chalky paper
cancelled by MUHARRAM BEY datestamp carried at printed card rate.

Constantinople transit datestamp and Belovo arrival (Julian calendar).
Readdressed to Antwerp.

1888. New Currency.

1m. brown on local letters.

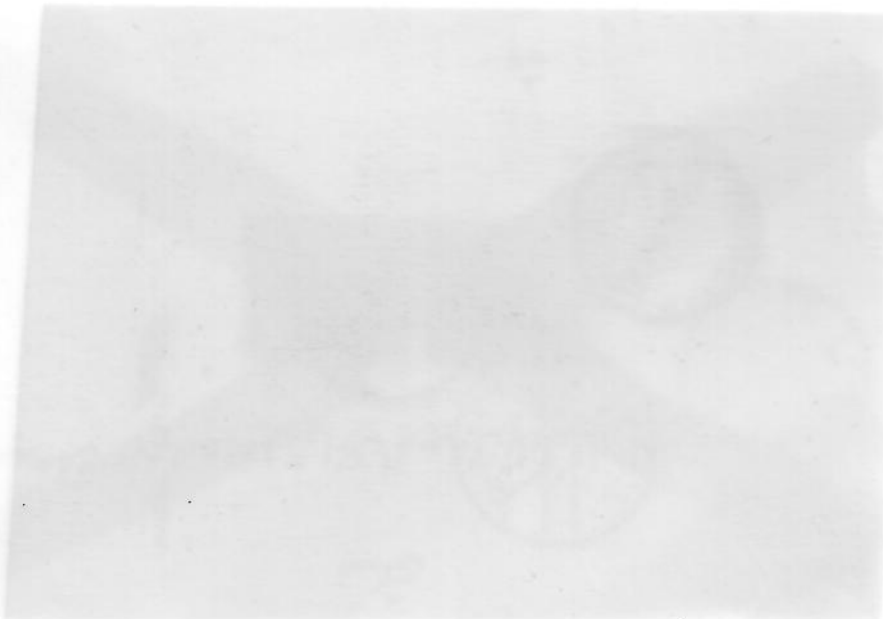


October 4th 1912. The 1m. value used on a local Cairo 'drop' letter,
the local unsealed letter rate for cards or Printed Matter,
and Port Said local usage on February 2nd 1910.

Note the extensive period of use of this issue-not replaced until January 1914.

EGYPT.1884 Cover to Cairo franked on reverse with pair of 1884 20pa on 5pi green tied by Ghirgeh cds, Assiout cds of transit and Cairo arrivals. Scarce stamp on letter. SG 57.

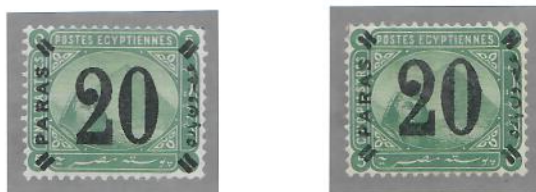
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1884. Provisional 20pa on 5pi.

It was deemed feasible to use up the stock of the 5 piastre green as the new issue of 1888 would have a 10 para value in this colour. Therefore the stock of 962,880 stamps held were surcharged 20 Paras in black by lithography at the Government Printing Works, Bulaq. This was 80% of the total number of the 5 piastre issued.

Issued on February 1st 1884,
the stamp was demonetised on June 30th 1888 when the para currency was abolished.



20pa. on 5pi. green.

Watermark upright and watermark inverted.



20pa. on 5pi. green.

Surcharge inverted variety.

Watermark upright.

Only 2,880 printed in error.



November 27th 1884 . Cover at 1 piastre rate from Ghirgeh to Cairo
Assiout transit and 'Caire-Ghouria' star and crescent datestamp alongside.

1888. New Currency.

1m. brown usages.



July 24th 1900. Postcard to Cuneo, Italy franked by four 1m. brown cancelled at French P.O. in Port Said.



1906. Postcard to St. Gallen, Switzerland with four 1m. brown cancelled 'Cataract Hotel-Assouan'.

1888. New Currency.

11m. and 21m. rate covers.



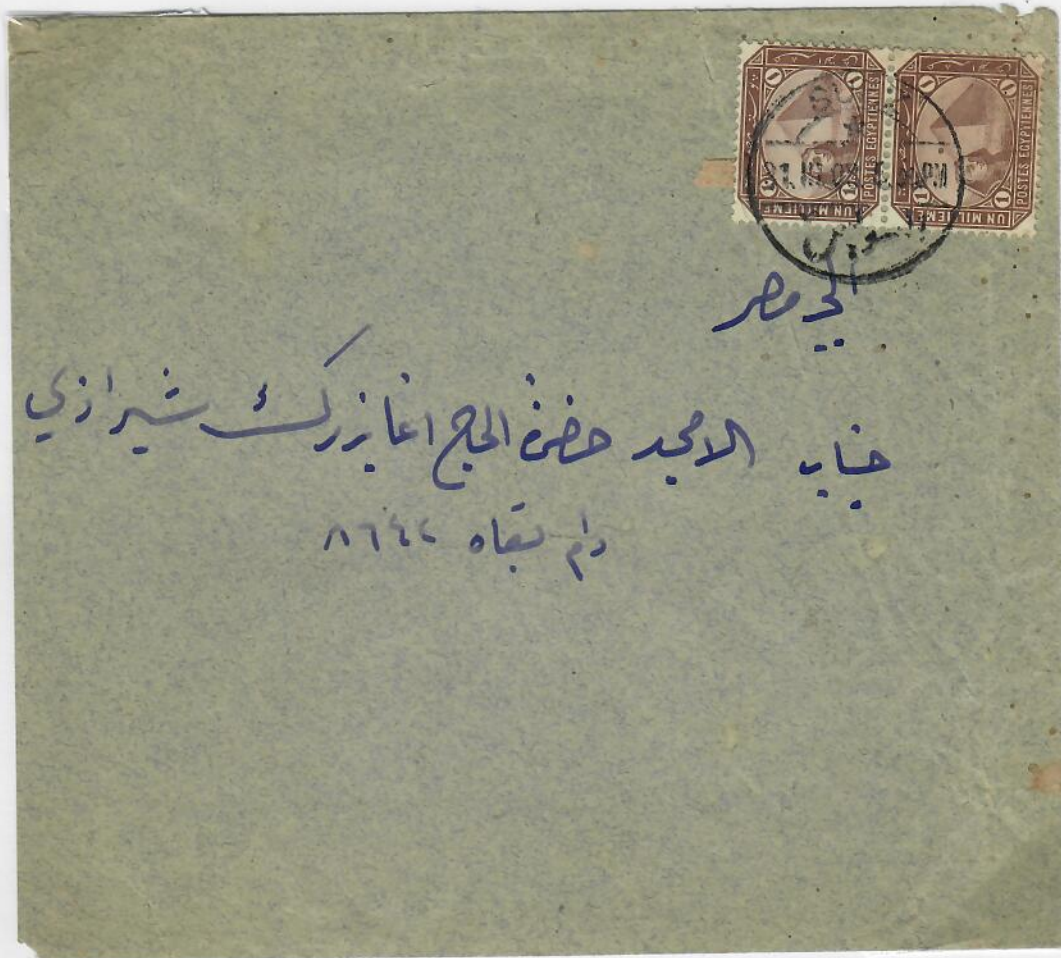
May 28th 1898. Cover to Southsea, UK from Suez franked by 1888 1m. brown, 2m. pale green, 3m. orange yellow and 5m. rose carmine all tied by Suez datestamps.



January 5th 1899. Colourful cover with mixed issue franking of 1884 1pi. blue and 1888 1m., 2m., 3m. and 5m. all cancelled by Cairo datestamps.

1888. New Currency.

1m. value on cover.



March 21st 1908. Printed Matter rate cover, the 2m. rate from Suez to Alexandria
paid by two 1m. brown tied by Suez datestamp.
Reverse with Caire-Alexandrie & V.V Travelling Post Office datestamp.

1888. New Currency.

With the advent of a new currency with 10m. now equalling 1 piastre and 100 piastres to £1, a new issue was ordered from De La Rue and issued, in similar designs to those of 1879, on January 1st 1888.

As with the 1881-1902 issue certain values were issued on chalk surfaced paper in 1902.

Typographed by De La Rue, watermarked Star & Crescent, perforated 14.



The issued set of six values and the replacement colour of the 3 millieme.

Issue Dates:

- 1m. shades of brown January 1st 1888.
- 2m. shades of green January 1st 1888.
- 3m. maroon January 1st 1892.
- 3m. orange yellow August 1st 1893.
- 4m. vermillion 1906.
- 5m. shades of rose carmine January 1st 1888.
- 10pi. shades of mauve January 1st 1889.