

1866(January 1<sup>st</sup>). First Issue.

2 Piastre Value.

Cover bearing bisected 2 piastre for the 1 piastre rate.



29<sup>th</sup> July 1867. Entire letter to Alexandria from Cairo bearing diagonally bisected 2pi cancelled by Poste Vice Reali Egiziane-Cairo datestamp in blue, for the 1 piastre rate.

The 1 piastre stamps had run out, and the 2pi was authorised for use as a bisect for two weeks only from 16<sup>th</sup> July until 31<sup>st</sup> July, prior to the release of the new issue of 1<sup>st</sup> August 1867.

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5 Plastre Value.

The 5 plastre value was entirely lithographed and exists in ten different types, with the two major types dependent on which way up the stamp was printed.

Printed in sheets of 200.

300,000 of the 5pl were sent of which only 18,400 were sold.



Imperforate Proof block of twenty, without watermark, with full 'Ministero' marginal inscription. Types I and Types II from top in alternating rows.



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**Certificate 20025.**

EGYPT.

1866 (Jan 1<sup>st</sup>): 20 paras pale blue, an imperforate mint example, with watermark upright, with small traces of original gum is, in my opinion, genuine in all respects.  
SG 3b var. Nile Post D3g.  
Royal Philatelic Society certificate 75252.  
Photo below.

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20 Para Value.



20pa. blue.  
Imperforate unused example,  
watermark upright, Type II.<sup>1</sup>



Perforation 13 all round, used example, watermark upright, Type II.  
Only one position on the sheet of 200 is perforated 13 all round.  
The centring indicates that this stamp was from Position 1.



Perforated 13x12½x12½, watermark upright, Type I.  
This perforation occurs 18 times on the sheet.  
Used with 'Retta' cancellation in black.

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10 Piastre Value.



10 piastres.

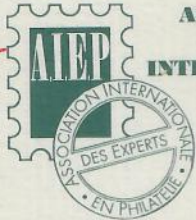
Type II.

Perforated  $12\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2} \times 13$ , watermark upright,  
constant flaw, position 165 on sheet with  
'10' in NE corner damaged.<sup>1</sup>



Enlarge Illustration, at 125% showing the flaw.

Only 7'600 stamps were sold,  
thus as the sheet size was 200 stamps,  
only 38 examples of this variety can exist.



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EGYPT.

1866 (Jan 1<sup>st</sup>): 10 piastre slate-blue, perforated 12½x12½x13, watermark upright, an unused example from position 165 on the sheet showing constant variety '10' in upper right corner damaged is, in my opinion, genuine in all respects.

SG 7 var. Nile Post D7c.

Photo below.

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1 Piastre Value.



Perforated 12½, Type I, unused example showing Plate Flaw below NE corner '1' value tablet.



Perforated 12½ horizontal pair, Type I and Type II, cancelled by 'Poste Vice-Reali Egiziane-Suez' datestamp in black, April 20<sup>th</sup> 1866.



March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1867. Entire letter to Alexandria and single rate, bearing 1pi. cancelled by 'Poste Vice-Reali Egiziane-Michalla' datestamp in black.<sup>1</sup> During the life of the first issue there were only 12 Post Offices with cancellations of this type documented Michalla's earliest recorded date being April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1865 under the Government Post period. However, it seems likely that other Offices used the retta cancellation or have yet to be discovered.<sup>2</sup>



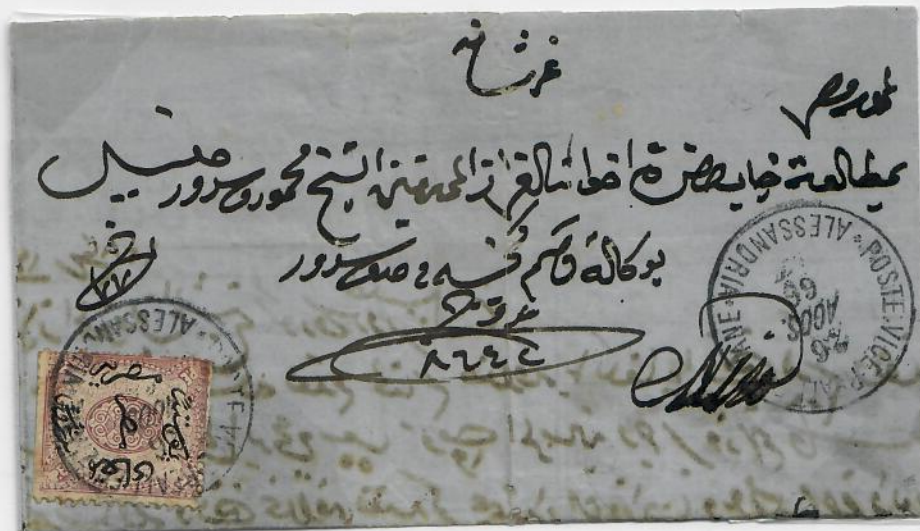


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1 Piastre Value.



5<sup>th</sup> April 1867. Cover to Suez franked by 1pi.  
cancelled by 'Poste Vice-Reali Egiziane - Cairo' datestamp in blue.  
Suez arrival, same day, in black on reverse.



26<sup>th</sup> August 1866. Entire to Cairo franked by 1pi.  
cancelled Poste Vice Reali Egiziane-Alessandria datestamp.

The 1 piastre covered the basic under ½ ounce rate.

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1 Piastre Value.

Cover from Alexandria to Constantinople carried at 2 piastre rate.



17<sup>th</sup> April 1866. Entire letter from Alexandria to Constantinople,  
carried at double the 'Port to Port' rate franked by pair of 1pi cancelled by black 'Retta'.<sup>1</sup>

Poste Vice Reali Egiziane-Costantinopoli  
datestamp on reverse of 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1866.



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EGYPT.

1866 (Jan 1<sup>st</sup>): 1 piastre claret in a horizontal pair, both Type I, cancelled by 81 dot 'retta' in black, used on entire letter from Alexandria to Constantinople with arrival "Poste Vice-Real Egiziane / Costantinopoli" (April 23<sup>rd</sup>) in black.

The pair of 1 piastre adhesives prepaid double the "Port-to-Port" rate between Alexandria and Constantinople.

SG 4. Nile Post D4.

Signed Hass.

Photo overleaf.

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5 Piastre Value.



Error of Inscription variety.  
Arabic '10pi.' for '5pi.' in inscription at base with normal  
on left for comparison.



Perforated 13x12½, watermark upright.



Perforated 12½, watermark inverted.  
Cancelled by black 'Retta'.

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5 Piastre Value.



Imperforate Proof block of four, without watermark.

Upper row Type II and lower row Type I.

Paler shade than the block of twenty exhibited on previous page,  
with two single examples: Type I, deep shade, Type II, pale shade.



Issued Stamp, perforated 12½, watermark upright.



Perforated 12½, watermark inverted.  
Note the varieties of shade.

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2 Piastre Value.

The 2 piastre value had a typographed overprint on a lithographed basic stamp.  
There are ten types of the 2pi only distinguishable by the overprint. Printed in sheets of 200.  
Watermarked, the inverted being slightly more common than the upright.

500,000 stamps supplied. 165,400 sold.

It is evident by the extraordinary scarcity of unused singles and multiples that  
the remainders of the 2pi, 5pi and 10pi values were destroyed.



Imperforate Proof block of four, without watermark.



Issued Stamp. Perforated 12½, watermark inverted,  
unused examples showing the shade band of pale yellow to yellow-orange.



Issued Stamp. Rejoined imperforate pair, watermark inverted.<sup>1</sup>

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2 Piastre Value.



Perforated 12½, watermark inverted.  
Used examples with large outer margins, normally  
found at the corner extremities of the sheet.



Perforated 13x12½x13x12½,  
watermark upright.



Perforated 12½,  
watermark upright  
used in Constantinople.



Perforated 13x12½x13x12½,  
watermark inverted.



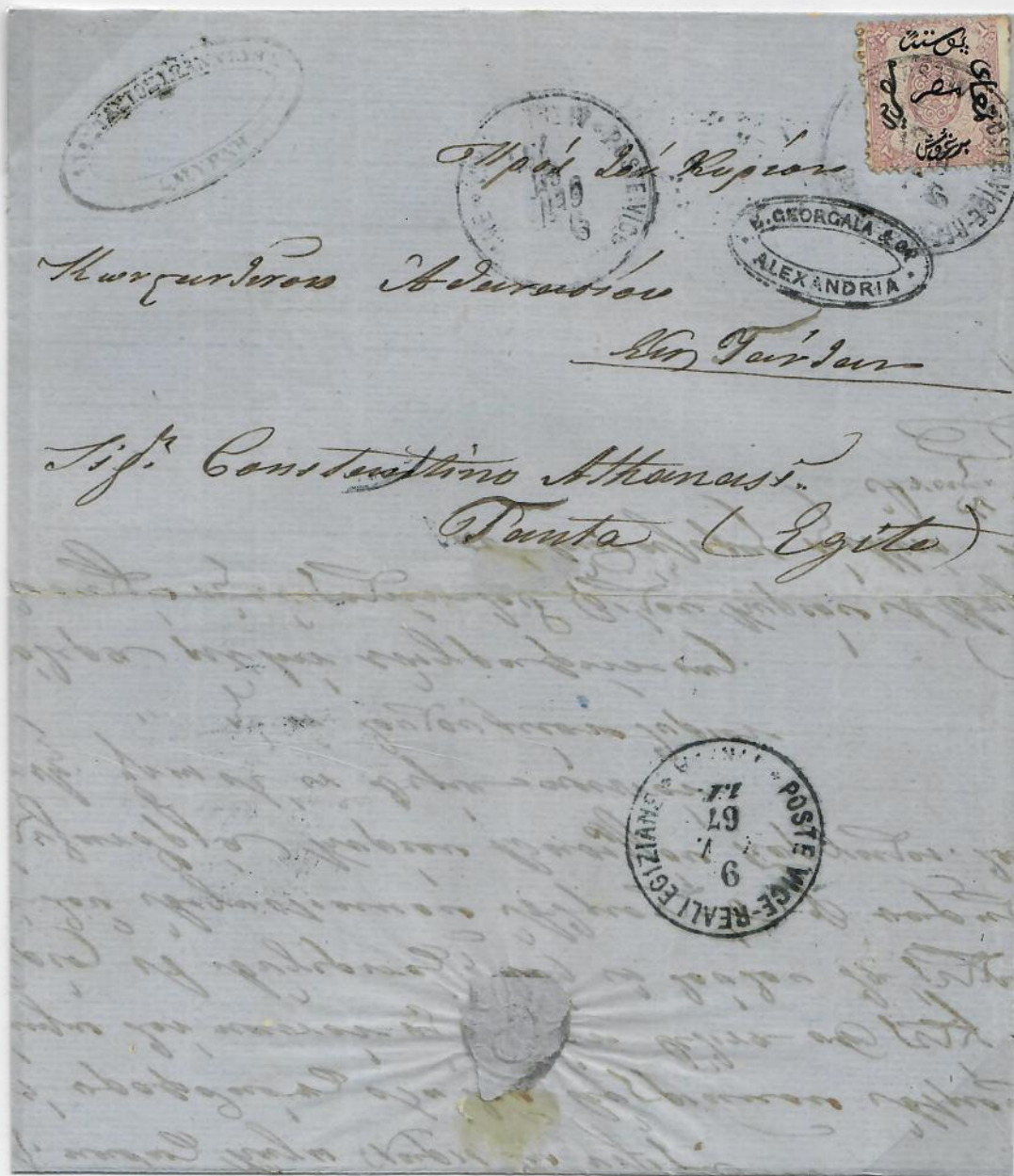
Perforated 12½, a used pair cancelled  
in Alexandria.  
Multiples of this, and all the first issue values,  
are extremely scarce.



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1 Piastre Value.

Cover via Forwarding Agent from Smirne (Turkey), via Alexandria, to Tanta.



22<sup>nd</sup> December 1866. Entire letter written at Smirne,  
with Agent's Company cachet at upper left, carried by Ship's Captain privately  
and delivered to Forwarding Agent's 'B.Georgala & Co' in Alexandria.  
The 1pi adhesive being applied (9<sup>th</sup> January 1867) by the Forwarding Agent's in full payment of rate to Tanta  
where it arrived on the same day.

The method employed here avoided the additional 1 piastre 'Port to Port' charge on letters between  
Smirne and Alexandria.

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1 Piastre Value.



Small piece with perforated 12½, Type II,  
No 'dot' between 'PE' in upper left hand corner  
used with red Poste Vice Reali Egiziane-Cairo datestamp.  
This colour cancellation was used in Cairo in July and August 1866.



Perforated 12½, Type II.  
No 'dot' between 'PE' in upper left hand corner.  
Used with blue datestamp 11<sup>th</sup> February 1867.



Perforated 12½, Type I,  
on piece cancelled by  
PVRE-Tanta datestamp.  
12<sup>th</sup> August 1866.



Perforated 12½, Type II,  
vertical pair cancelled  
by blue Cairo datestamp.  
February 1867.



Perforated 12½, Type II,  
horizontal pair with  
blind perf at base,  
black 'Retta' cancel.

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1 Piastre Value.



Imperforate Proofs by Pellas without the overprint, printed in black and grey.  
One sheet existed of this Proof, many of which were damaged.



Imperforate Proof and the Imperforate variety of the Issued Stamp.  
The Proof at left, Type I and the stamp, Type II.  
Note the paler, less crisp colour of the issued stamp.



Issued Stamp in an unused block of four. Upper pair Type I, lower pair Type II.  
Upper pair perforated 13x12½x13, lower pair 13x12½x12½.  
Plate positions 14-15/34-35 on sheet.  
"All multiples are rare.." - Smith.

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**1 Piastre Value.**

*The 1 piastre was printed by typography with typographed overprint.*

*Issued in sheets of 200.*

*There are only two major types, dependent on which way up the stamp was overprinted.*

*The 1 piastre value was never issued with a watermark.*

*1,200,000 stamps supplied of which 1,190,657 were sold.*



*Imperforate Proof block of four, all Type II.*

*The imperforate varieties on the basic stamp can normally be attributed on grounds of colour, the Proof being brighter, and on the texture of the paper, the Proof being on higher quality glazed paper.*



*Issued Stamp, Perforated 12 all round, an unusual variety of perforation, Type II.  
Unlisted by all major catalogues, possibly of perforation Trial status.<sup>1</sup>*



*Perforated 12½ x Imperforate vertically between, 'Tête-Bêche' pair of Type II and I.  
Extremely rare showing two types.  
Note the wear in the outer frame lines in NE corner of left hand stamp.*

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20 Para Value.



Perforated 13x12½x13, watermark upright, Type II.  
This perforation variety occurs 18 times on the sheet of 200.



Perforated 12½x12½x12½x13, watermark upright, Type I.  
This perforation occurs 18 times on the sheet of 200.



Perforated 12½, watermark inverted, Type I.



Black 'Retta' cancellation.



Used in Constantinople,  
(Constantinopoli).



Black datestamp.

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20 Para Value.

The 20 para value was printed entirely by lithography, in sheets of 200, in ten types.

Two major Types with 'close and open' crescents.  
The two Types are spread evenly through the sheet.  
Watermarks on this value normally found upright.

250,000 stamps supplied of which 240,199 were sold.



Imperforate Proof block of four, without watermark. Upper stamps Type II, lower Type I.  
The Proofs of this value and the 2pi., are closer to the issued colour.



Issued Stamp, perforated 12½,  
watermark upright, Types I and II.



Pair in the greenish blue shade, perforated 12½,  
watermark upright, Types I/II.

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10 Para Value.



Perforated 12½, watermark upright,  
Type I.



Perforated 12½, watermark upright,  
Type II.



Perforated 12½, watermark upright,  
Type II.



Perforated 12½, used pair, watermark upright, Types I/II.



Perforated 12½, horizontal strip of four, watermark upright, all Type I.  
Used in Alexandria.  
All first issue multiples are extremely scarce.

1866(January 1<sup>st</sup>). First Issue.

10 Para Value.



Perforated 12½, watermark inverted, all Type II.  
Used with black 'Retta' cancellations.



Perforated 13 all round, watermark upright, Type I.  
Only one position on the sheet is perforated thus, 144 of the 200 being perforated 12½.



Perforated 12½, watermark upright,  
Type I. Blue Cairo cancellation.



Perforated 12½, watermark inverted,  
Type I. Black Alexandria cancellation.



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5 Para Value.

Proof by Pellas of Genoa.



*Proof of 5pa., Perforated 13, block of six showing part marginal inscription 'R' of 'Reali' in upper margin.*

*Whilst there are ten different types of the 5pa. value there are two significant types where one background is inverted against the other.*

*In this block the first five stamps are all Type II, the lower right stamp Type I.*



*Perforated Proof, Type I.*



*Imperforate Proof, Type II.*

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**10 Para Value.**

*The 10 para value was printed entirely by lithography. Issued in sheets of 200, in ten types.  
Two major Types with upright background design, Type I and inverted background design, Type II.  
Unlike the 5 para value, Type II is slightly more scarce.*

*250,000 of the 10pa. sent and issued of which 238,600 were sold.*



*Imperforate Proof block of four, without watermark. Types I/II and I/II.  
Note the fresher colour of the Proof compared to the issued stamps below.*



*Imperforate, watermark inverted, Type I.  
Issued in error due to perforating difficulties.*



*Perforated 12½x1Imperforate vertically, watermark upright, Type I.*

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5 Para Value.

The issued stamp, printed by Pellas of Genoa.

The 5 para value was printed entirely by lithography. Issued in sheets of 200, in ten types.  
Two major Types being upright background design, Type I and the more common  
inverted background design, Type II.

The stamps were despatched from Genoa on 30<sup>th</sup> September 1865.

300,000 of the 5pa sent and issued, all but 200 examples being sold.



Perforated 12½, watermark inverted, shades vary from grey to greenish grey.



Perforated 12½ and vertically imperforate, watermark inverted.



Perforated 12½, watermark inverted, used examples cancelled  
in black at Alexandria, in blue and example used at Cairo with red datestamp  
-short period of use in red from July-August 1866.



Perforated 12½x13, watermark inverted,  
cancelled by 'Retta'.



Perforated 13x12½, watermark inverted,  
cancelled in red.

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Proofs by Pellas of Genoa.



1865. Imperforate Proof set of the seven values chosen.

Imperforate, without watermark on card paper, with overprint as issued.

The black inscription, in Turkish Arabic reads 'Bosta' at top,  
'Masriya' at left and 'Tamghai' at right with value at foot.

These Proofs are, for the first issue of any stamp issuing country, reasonably abundant. Luckily sheets existed and the Plating of the first issue was possible and undertaken largely by Dr Byam. This led to the discovery of the different types of the first issue which would have been almost impossible to undertake with the issued stamps owing to the lack of multiples available for study.

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Unadopted Essays by Reister of Paris.



Essay in red without the ornaments above design.  
No values expressed.

On this type there is no horizontal guide line running across the upper outer frame line.  
Therefore trimmed examples of these Essays can normally be identified.

Green with ornaments Essay for comparison.

EGYPT.

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The first adhesive stamp issue of Egypt was requested by Giacomo Muzzi, Director of the Posta Europea on 7<sup>th</sup> June 1864 and a proposal was made to him by Ismail Pasha, the Viceroy, that the Egyptian Government purchase the Posta Europea. This was achieved by January 1865.

Tenders were put out to Printing firms abroad and Essays were received from Messrs Negroni, Prevost, Reister all of Paris and Pellas of Genoa.

Unaccepted Essays by Reister of Paris.



Engraved in four colours. Ornaments above design.  
No values expressed.

Thin paper, only some found with watermark, the brown example above having 'JR' in watermark, the green example showing part of a circle. Both these examples are ex the Farouk Palace Collection.

These unadopted Essays constitute the first pictorial designs for an Egyptian Postage Stamp.

Note the format and size used, the exact size as adopted for the 1867, 1872 and 1874 issues.

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I am not prepared to issue a certificate for  
Aus folgenden Gründen bin ich nicht bere

*Egypt 1866 Essay by Riester. Paris in costume  
Reheri 18 is genuine*



Ex Farouk  
Palace Collection

Date: *[Signature]* *Apr 24 83*

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10 Piastre Value.

The 10 piastre value was entirely lithographed and exists in nine different types, the two major types being dependent on which way up the stamp was printed.

Printed in sheets of 200.

200,000 of the 10pl. were sent of which only 7,600 were sold.



Pellas Imperatore Proof of background only.

Much paler shade than that issued, with watermark.

On very thin paper with part impression of design repeated on reverse.



Imperforate Proof block of four, without watermark, all Type II.



Issued Stamp, perforated 12½, watermark upright.

Deeper shade Type I, used example Type I, unused in paler shade Type II.