

The United Principalities of Moldavia & Wallachia - 1862 issue handstruck from single dies

- The 30 parale stamp (issued June the 26<sup>th</sup>, 1862) - study of the M3 Moldavian postmarks -

The classic Moldavian postmarks M3 FRANCO had a relatively long period of use between 1859 and 1865, and they are found on four different issues: the second issue of the Bull's Heads, both issues of the United Principalities and the Prince Cuza issue. However, despite their apparent abundance, as they were afterall intended for canceling stamps exclusively, clear and neat strikes are difficult to find even on the most common stamps of the above mentioned issues. Moreover, of the total of 21 different M3 postmarks that existed, only very few are somewhat readily available, the others ranging from scarce to extremely rare. Thus, a complete display of all the M3 postmarks on the same type of stamp is very difficult to assemble.



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