



*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 colours of the inks used by some of the larger post offices - part 2 -*

It should be noted that the classification of the colours of the inks used by some post offices in conjunction with particular years is only a rough guideline offered by the specialised philatelic literature, and it should thus be treated as such. Although such classification has been reached through intensive study and research, it is only obvious that exceptions can very well occur, especially since there are no records regarding the colours of the inks supplied to post offices in that period. The folded letter below is only one example of such an exception, as it shows two identical postmarks in two different colours, black and deep blue-green respectively. It is dated inside 1862 whilst according to the specialised philatelic literature only green ink is supposedly known to have been used during that year.

Star-type  
postmark S62  
"GIURGIU 9/5"  
in black ink



Star-type postmark  
S62 "GIURGIU ?/9"  
(1862) in blue-green  
ink, which has been  
used in 1862 only



Folded letter sent registered from Giurgiu to Bucuresci and dated inside 1862, bearing a pair of the 30 parale in order to pay for the simple domestic mail rate (of 30 parale) and the registration fee (also of 30 parale), tied by the star-type postmark S62 "GIURGIU 14/10" in black ink, and also showing another strike of the same postmark in deep blue-green alongside. Judging by the different positions of the strikes, it is quite likely that they were applied by two different postal clerks, each using a different ink of a different colour.