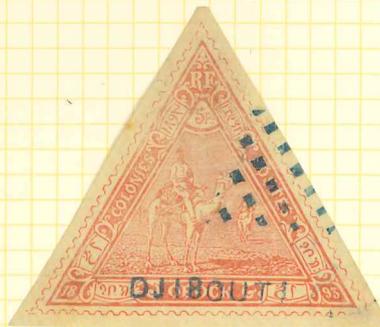
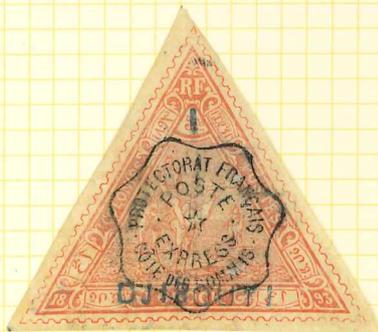


Djibouti

The French acquired Obock as a refuelling base for their navy and merchant navy in 1862, further lands were acquired in the area in the 1880s. But Obock offered insufficient mooring. A new port at Djibouti was therefore created from scratch, beginning in 1888. It became the 'capital' of French Somali Coast four years later and administrative control gradually transferred over the succeeding four years.

1893 Stamps of Obock overprinted/surcharged



(Roumel)

Djibouti

1894

Views of Djibouti

Imperf.



thick paper



thick paper



shade : deep lilac



thick paper

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Behr Art.



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Djibouti

1894 series

10 cents used on cover (foreign postcard rate)



July 1899 card to Belgium. The card was purchased in Port scia (complete with french stamp!), written ar sea, and posted in Djibouti



October 1901 card ('the Arab market') to Switzerland.

Djibouti

1894 cover

10 cents value used on cover (foreign postcard rate)



October 1899 Postcard (Bazar Parisien de Djibouti) to Austria.



May 1900 Postcard to Switzerland, written on board the 'Messageries Maritimes' liner Laos, on its way to Saigon, and posted in Djibouti

Djibouti

July 1901

Bisected 10 cents value.

Bisected 10 cents values were authorized for use in the second half of 1901, to pay the printed paper rate during a shortage of the 5 cents value.



October 1901 card to Switzerland, sent at the printed paper (or cards with less than 5 words) 5 cents rate. Bisects were normally vertical. Diagonal bisects, as on this card, are rare.



left half



right half



Djibouti

November 1901.

Bisected 10c.
Value, representing
5 cents printed
paper rate used
on complete
newspaper (plus
wrapper) to Paris.

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Djibouti

1894 Series

15 cents value on cover.

The rate to France was reduced to 15 cents in 1899



22 February 1899 cover from Djibouti - the improbably named Café du Louvre - to Grenoble. Transit mark, probably applied in Marseille for 1 March on the face, and Grenoble arrival mark on the reverse.

An early example of a cover at the new rate.

Djibouti

1894 Series

15 Cents value on cover

Compagnie Impériale des Chemins de Fer Ethiopiens



December 1899^{1st} cover to France, with Paquebot transit mark; and Miradoux arrival mark - plus the stamp - on the reverse.

A Compagnie cover from one of the few periods in its existence when it was doing other than flounder around out of its financial depth. Construction was in full flow, and would bring the rail link to Diz-Daous (at that time a senby settlement of zero importance) before halting again for lack of funds. But at least it had reached Ethiopia.

The cover is handstamped 'Construction', and probably originated at the Railroad in Ethiopia. The postmark differs in several respects from that normally in use in Djibouti at the time, and no specific date is indicated.

Djibouti

1894 Series

25 cents used on cover (foreign letter rate)



October 1896 Entire to France franked at the then current single rate of 25 cents (the lower rate of 15 cents for franco-colonial mail was not introduced until 1899)

Djibouti

1894 Series

30 cents used on cover



India

Monsieur C. J. Meoud
54, Apollo Street

Bombay

Schiffpost.

November 1895 Cover to India franked 30c + 10c. On reverse, Aden transit date stamp; Reunion-Marseille ship marking for the voyage to Aden, and British 'sea post' stamp for the onward voyage to Bombay.



July 1901: bisect used
as 15c value

Djibouti

1894 series

50 cents on cover (single, registered, foreign rate)



April 1898. Single rate registered cover to France (25c+25c) correctly franked. The Franco-Colonial single letter rate was not reduced to 15 cents until the following year.

Djibouti

1894 Series

50 cents on cover (single registered foreign rate)

Compagnie Impériale des Chemins de fer Ethiopiens



November 1891. Cover to Switzerland franked 50 cents, representing the single registered rate (25c + 25c) to non-franco Colonial destinations.

The Compagnie Impériale was set up in 1894 as a private venture, with the Emperor's blessing, to build a rail link between Addis Ababa and Djibouti. It quickly ran into financial difficulty. The rail link reached Dire Dawa in 1901, but got no further. The company finally went bust in 1906.

Djibouti

1894 Series

50 cents value on cover



November 1909. Registered cover, used locally, franked 50c.
(15 cents overpaid). Late use of the 1894 series



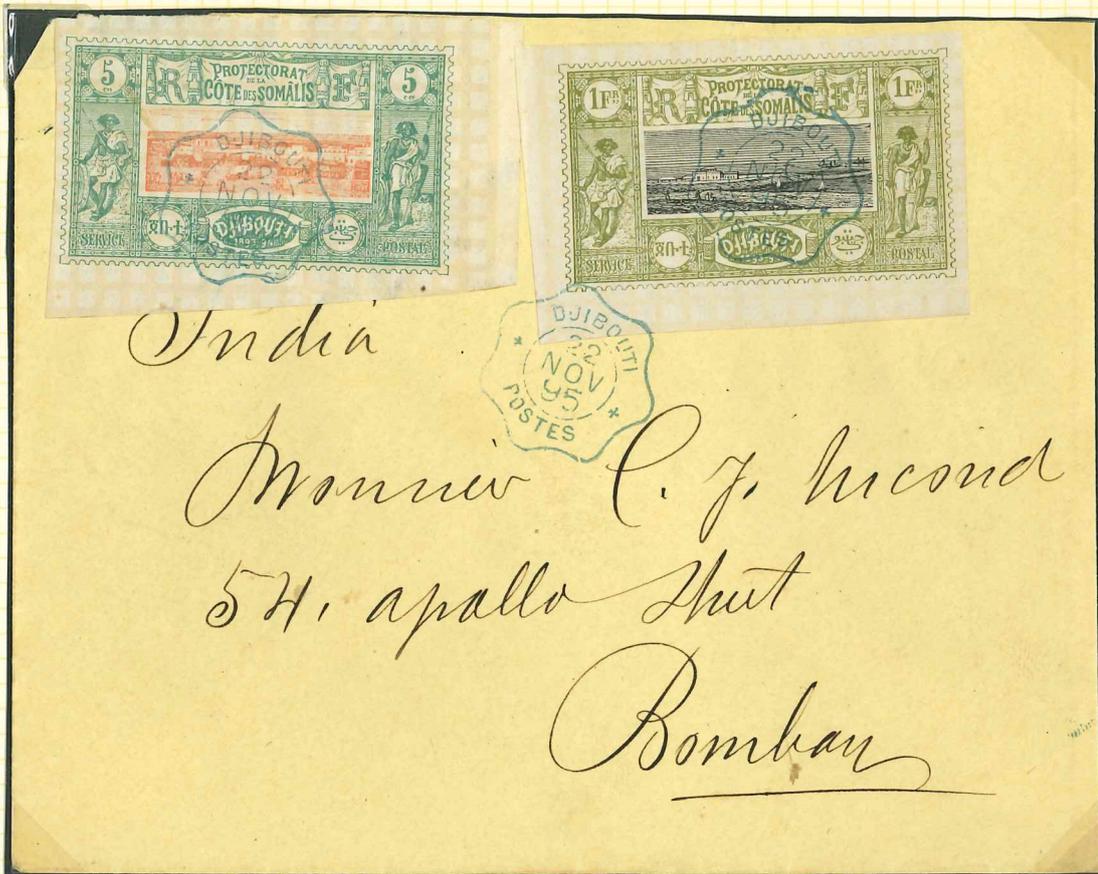
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Djibouti

1894 Series

used on cover

1 franc



November 1895 Cover to Bombay, franked 1fr 5c (1 franc plus 5 cents). On reverse, ship markings and Aden transit stamp.



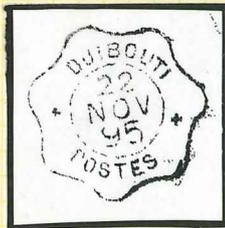
Djibouti

1894 Series

2 Francs value used on cover



November 1895 Cover to India franked 2 Francs. On reverse, ship markings and Aden transit stamp. Philatelic in origin, but still a very scarce stamp on cover.



Djibouti

1899

0,40 surcharge on 4 cents

40 cents became the new rate (single, registered) for letters to France and other French Colonies following the reduction of the letter rate from 25c to 15c in early 1899. This issue was not sold mint, to prevent philatelic speculation - but two sheets nevertheless slipped through.



heavily inked.



August 1899 0,40 surcharge used to pay the single registered letter rate on cover to Paris.

Djibouti

1899

0,40 Surcharge a He



August 1899

used on registered internal cover



July 1899

used on registered internal cover. Registration slip still attached.

Djibouti

1900

View of Djibouti

New Value : 40 cents

The rate for Franco-Colonial letters was reduced from 25c to 15c in 1899. 40c became the single registered rate. This issue replaced the 1899 provisional surcharge.



December 1909 Corner marginal example used on local registered cover. 5 cents overpaid.

Djibouti

1894 series

mixed franking with Obock issue



February 1902 Registered cover to France. The single registered rate was 40 cents. The other two stamps, totalling a further 1 franc 25 cents represent overpayment, presumably philatelic. Nonetheless a colourful mixed franking of Djibouti and Obock issues. The 75c Obock issue is rare on cover.

Djibouti

January - February 1902 0.05 handstamped surcharge on 75 cents

(a) Obock value



Roumel

(b) Djibouti series



with dot in value



with comma in value



misaligned figures

Djibouti

1902

0,10 surcharge on 1 franc.



Block of six (right hand half of sheet) surcharged
0,10; top right corner stamp with surcharge inverted
Behr Critique

Djibouti

January 1902

0,10 surcharge on 1 franc



18 January 1902 Postcard ('tame cheetah') franked 0,10 surcharge, addressed to Paris. Early use of the surcharge, which was only issued that month, to make up a chronic shortage of the 10 cents value - used for internal letter postage as well as cards overseas.

Djibouti

January - February 1902.

Handstamped surcharges

0.40 on 2 francs



0.75 on 5 francs



Rare in multiples, Behr. cat

no doubt there was a perfectly rational reason for surcharging the existing 75c values for use as 5 cents, and simultaneously creating a 75c surcharge!

Djibouti

April - July 1902

Views of Djibouti surcharged

(a) 26 April

5 centimes



Surcharge double

(b) 11 July

10 centimes



Djibouti

April 1902 'View of Djibouti' : 40^c surcharged '5 centimes'



Monsieur Ph. Champion
13, rue Drouot
Paris

July 1902 cover, franked 25 centimes using a variety of 1902 surcharged issues; addressed, possibly at a later date, to a well-known Paris dealer.

Djibouti

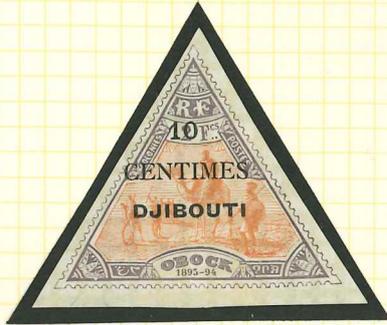
15 April 1902 Stamps of Obock surcharged with new value, but not overprinted Djibouti



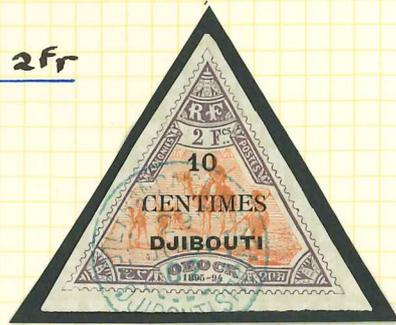
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Djibouti

April - May 1902 Obock high values overprinted DJIBOUTI
and surcharged '10 centimes'.



on 2fr

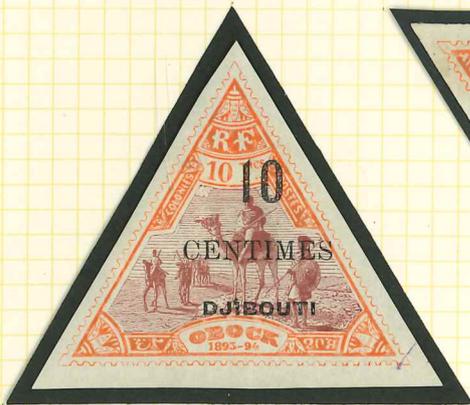


DJIBOUTI inverted



wide 'o'

on 10 Fr.



Djibouti

June-July 1902

Obock low values overprinted DJIBOUTI
and surcharged.

5 centimes / 30c



10 centimes / 25c

