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### FRENCH CONSULAR MAIL

#### La Port au Prince

An 'Agence des Postes de France à terre' was opened in Port au Prince in February 1875 in conjunction with the transformation of the annex line 'D' from St. Thomas to Colon-Aspinwall into main line 'D' from Bordeaux to Colon-Aspinwall. The new line made its first call at Port au Prince on 26 April 1875.





25 May 1875, to Marseille, arrived on 18 June, 20 days later, rated 1 franc (rate of July 1871) using a pair of the 10c. and a single 80c. both 'Cères, III Republique' type, issue of 1871-75. Stamps are cancelled with 'lozenges and anchor', used in Port au Prince for only one year. The cover bears the octagonal datestamp of origin. Has been embarked on the steamer Luisianne (Line D) which stamp is impressed on the back.



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An "Agence des Postes de France à terre" was opened in Cap Haitien in June 1865, when the Maritime Ligne B went into service shuttling between St. Thomas and Kingston with stops in San Juan, Mayaguez and Santiago de Cuba. Three different octagonal handstamps were used at Cap Haitien.











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As a result of the 1883 Convention, which was to come into force on 22 July 1886, Postal Bulletin No. 7, of July 1886, specifies the route of the new line 'F'. Main line theoretically, since it leaves Havre, Saint-Nazaire and Bordeaux towards Saint-Thomas and Haiti, to apparently replace the previous subsidiary line from Saint-Thomas to Jamaica, but in reality a subsidiary line, since the route from Havre to Saint-Thomas was considered free and only the fraction from Saint-Thomas to Port-au-Prince was subsidized and provided with the presence of a postal agent, who had to board the liners in Saint-Thomas and, on the way back, go back down to Saint-Thomas.





 $11\,September\,1891, from\,Cap\,Haitien\,to\,Paris,\,a\,single\,weighted\,letter\,rated\,10\,centimes, franked\,with\,Haitian\,postage\,stamps.\\ The\,letter\,put\,on\,board\,a\,steamer\,of\,the\,Line\,F\,connecting\,Bordeaux\,to\,St.\,Thomas\,and\,Haiti,\,[Salle\,1.601/1].$