SOUTHERN CLASSICS

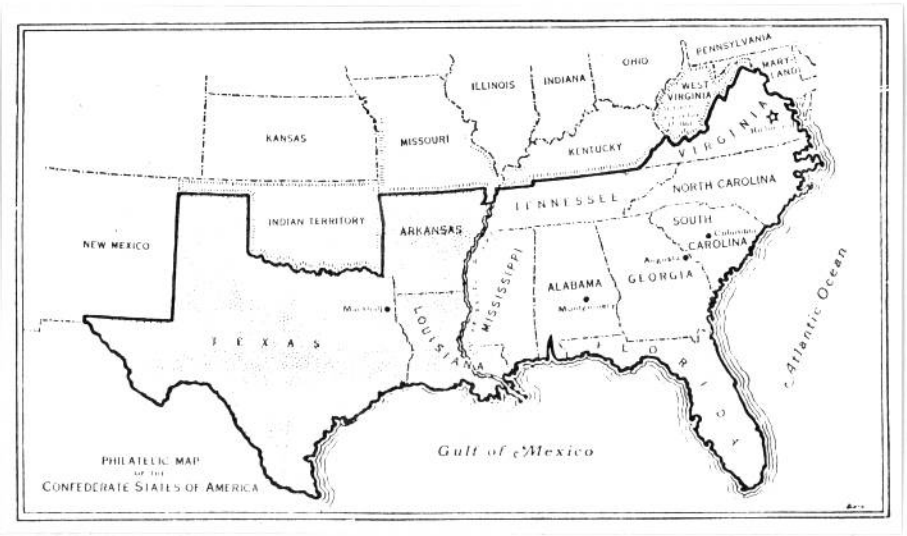
THE GENERAL ISSUES OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

The Confederate States of America Post Office Department during its brief existence issued fourteen different stamps using five different contractors for their production. Stamps were produced using Lithography, Typography and Line Engraving. The lack of supplies, equipment, and experienced personnel resulted in a wide range of printing quality and many color shades.

This exhibit, which is traditional in form, presents the stamps in their order of issue and includes Progressive Die, Trial Color, Finished Die and Plate Proofs wherever possible, along with both unused and used stamps and covers. Also shown are some of the many color shades, plate/printing varieties and colored cancels available.

Covers are shown which illustrate Basic rates, Multiple rates, Adversity uses Military Field cancels, Patriotic Envelopes, Smuggled mail, Louisiana Relief Committee mail, Hand Carried Blockade, and Prisoner of War mail. Semi-Official mail, Official mail, (The only covers in this exhibit without stamps) Inland Waterway uses, Private Express mail and Trans-Mississippi Express mail, are also shown along with Overpaid, Underpaid, Missent, Advertised, Held For Postage Postage, Forwarded, Valentines, Mourning Covers, Railroad Cancels and College Cancels.

Philatelic Map of The Confederate States



1861 Five Cents Green

The first stamp issued by the Confederate Government.
used to Pay the one half ounce under 500 mile rate of five cents

Lithographed by Hoyer & Ludwig, Richmond, Virginia

Proof



Plate proof
on wove paper

Issued stamps

Unused examples from the three printing stones



Stone A/B



Stone 1



Stone 2



Dry Print
(Printers Waste)

1861 Five Cent Green

Unused multiples



Stone A/B



Block of eighteen
Stone 2

1861 Five Cent Green

Used examples and varieties



Stone A/B



Stone 1



Stone 2

The two major types of New Orleans, La. Cancels

Single Circle CDS



Double Circle CDS



Montgomery, Ala.



Charleston, S. C.



Printing Varieties



Acid Flaw



White Tie

1861 Five Cent Green

Colored cancels



Blue Target



Blue Grid



Blue Town (Columbia, S. C.)



Red Grid



Red Paid



Red-Orange Town (Smithfield, Va.)

1861 Five Cents Green

Used multiples



Montgomery, Ala. Apr. 14, 1862



Richmond, Va. Nov. ( ) , 1861



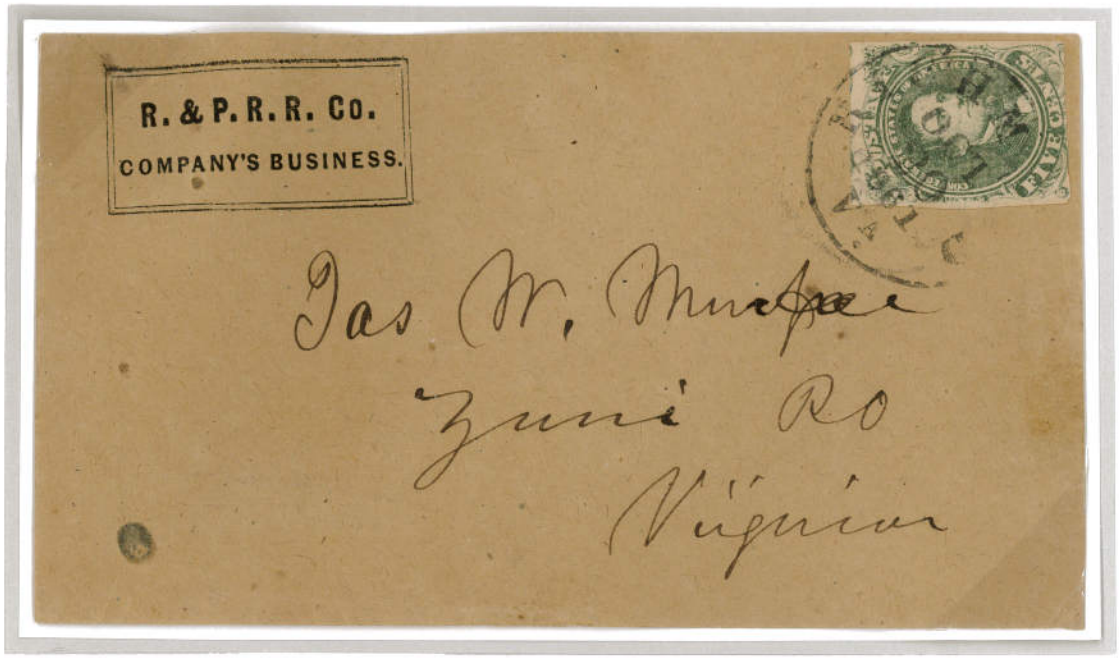
Mobile, Ala. Feb. 8, 1862



New Orleans, La. Feb. 7, (1862)

1861 Five Cent Green

Single Rate (5 cents per half ounce) for letters traveling under 500 miles prior to July 1, 1862



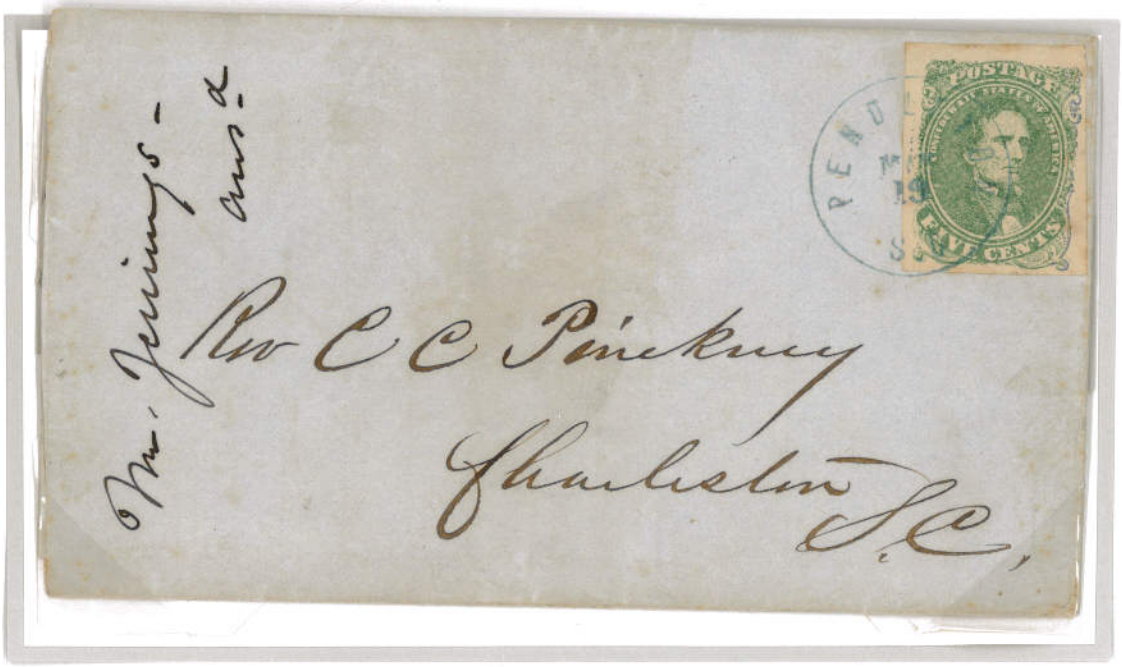
Richmond, Va. Oct. 30, 1861 to Zuni, Va.
Richmond & Petersburg R.R. corner card



Petersburg, Va. Dec. 1,(1861) to Danville, Va.
Use of Pre-war Canceler before removal of '5 cts'
Blue town cancel

1861 Five Cents Green

Single rate (5 Cents per half ounce) for letters traveling under 500 miles prior to July 1, 1862



Pendleton, S.C. to Charleston, S.C.
Blue town cancel



Memphis, Tenn. to Bayou LaChute, La.

1861 Five Cent Green

Single rate (5 cents per half ounce) for letters traveling under 500 miles prior to July 1, 1862



Nashville, Tenn. to Abington, Va.
Blue town cancel

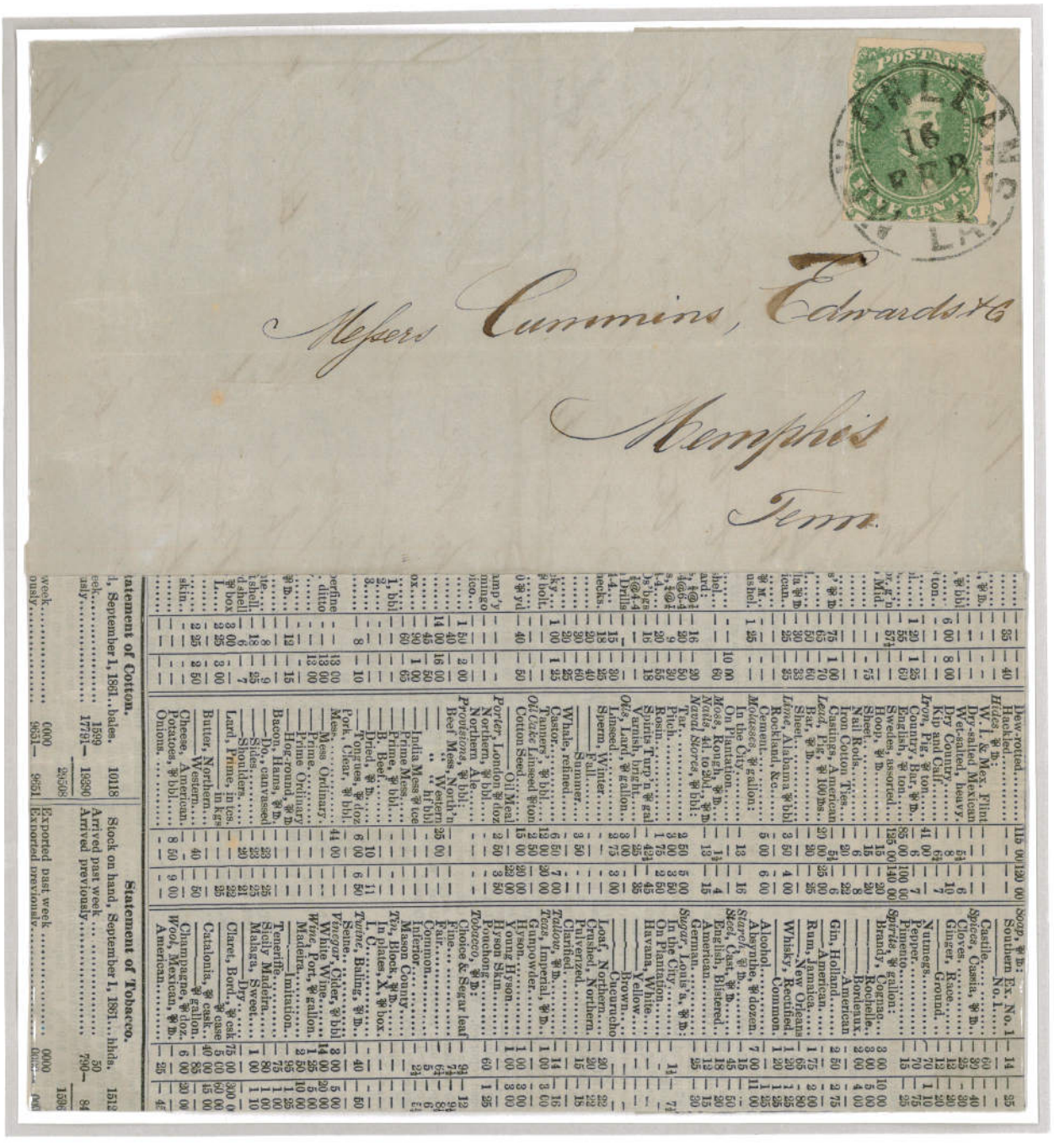


Little Rock, Ark. to Spring Hill, Texas

1861 Five Cents Green

Pre Printed Prices Current Circular dated Feb 16, 1862, with an added hand written note.

Without the added hand written note, this folded circular
Would have been eligible for the Two Cent circular rate.



New Orleans, La. Feb, 16, (1862) to Memphis, Tenn.

1861 Five Cent Green

Pair of Five Cent Stamps Paying the basic rate of
10 Cents per Half Ounce for letters traveling over 500 miles
prior to July 1,1862

EARLIEST KNOWN USE ON COVER



Richmond, Va. Oct. 17, 1861 to Cartersville, Georgia



Montgomery, Ala. Nov. 24, 1861 To Manassas Junction, Va.

1861 Five Cent Green

Single rate (10 cents per half ounce) for letters traveling over 500 miles prior to July 1, 1862



Yorktown, Va. to Athens, Ga.



Gordonsville, Va. to Woodruffs, S.C.

1861 Five Cent Green



Block of four paying 4 times the single rate for distances under 500 miles

Columbus, Miss.
to
Jackson, Miss.

1861 Ten Cents Blue

Used to pay the one half ounce over 500 mile rate
Lithographed by Hoyer & Ludwig

Proof



Plate Proof
on wove paper

Issued Stamps





1861 Ten Cents Blue

Hoyer & Ludwig Printing

Used examples



Atlanta Ga.



Yorktown Va.



Tudor Hall Va.

Colored cancels



Alexandria, La.
Red town cancel



Southern Express
Red cancel



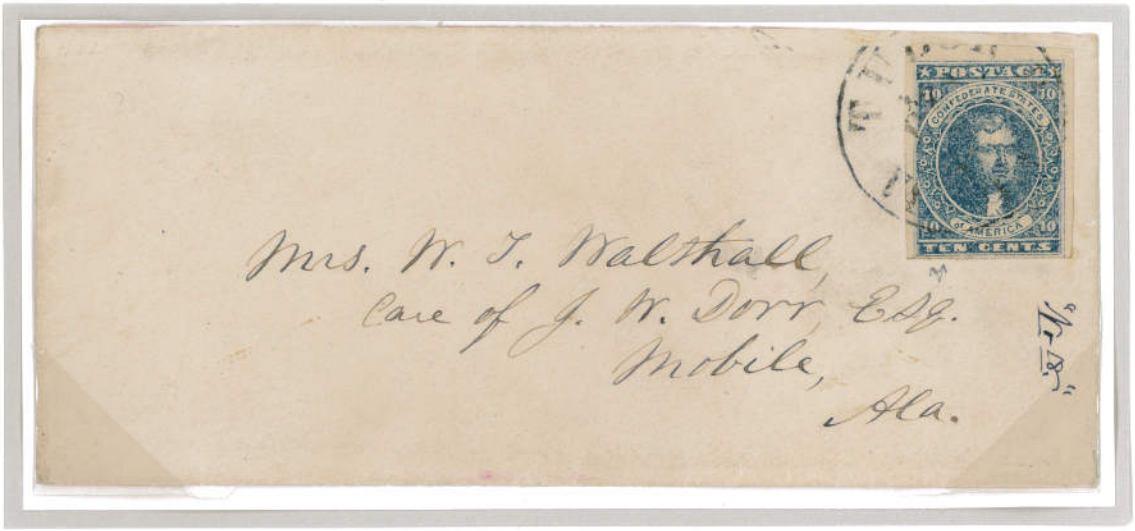
Raleigh N.C.
Blue town cancel



Columbia S.C.
Blue town cancel

1861 Ten Cents Blue

Hoyer & Ludwig Printing



Tudor Hall, Va. to Mobile, Ala.



Liberty, Va. to Glenwood, Va.

1861 Ten Cents Blue

Patterson Printing

Trial Color Proof



Black
on wove paper

Issued Stamps









Gutter Strip of four

1861 Ten Cents Blue

Patterson Printing

Used examples



Mobile, Ala.



Little Rock, Ark.

Blue town cancel



Charlotte C.H., Va.

Stone Y



Columbia, S.C.



Charleston, S.C.



Staunton, Va.

1861 Ten Cents Blue

Patterson Printing

Manuscript Semi Official Use



Greensborough, N.C. to Salem, N.C.
Red town cancel



Greensborough, Ala to Mobile, Ala.

1861 Ten Cents Blue

Patterson Printing

Stone Y



Columbia, S. C. to Newberry C. H., S. C.
Blue town cancel



Lynchburg, Va. to Georgia
Blue town cancel

1861 Ten Cent Blue

Patterson Printing

Double rate combination use



1861 ten cent Patterson print used in combination with a Type I 1863 10 cents blue Archer & Daly print, paying the double rate to Liberty Hill, N.C.

1862 Two Cent Green

Unused examples



Light Green



Dark Green



Used examples



Augusta, Ga.



Richmond, Va. Jan 24, 1862



Blue town cancel

1862 Two Cent Green

Two Cent Drop Letter Rate

A Drop Letter was defined as originating from and being delivered to the same city/town



Savannah, Georgia to Savannah, Georgia

Strip of Five paying the Ten Cent letter Rate



Montgomery, Texas (Mar 1) to Washington, Washington Co. Texas

1862 Two Cent Green
Circular



Richmond Va. Nov. 1, 1862 to Macon, Ga.

Reduced photo copy of Circular Showing the Pre - Printed content Which qualifies it for the 2 Cent Circular Rate

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

Richmond, October 22, 1862.

CIRCULAR LETTER TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, AND TO RECEIVERS UNDER THE SEQUESTRATION ACT.

The Act of the thirtieth of August, 1861, declares that certain property "held, owned, possessed, or enjoyed by, or for any alien enemy, since the 21st day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one," is thereby sequestrated, and that it shall be held for the full indemnity of a class of persons therein specified. The Act vested the property in the Confederate States, and declared a trust, and you are instructed to proceed in all cases, in which that trust seems to be impaired by subsequent legislation, as if no such legislation had been made. The object is to settle judicially the constitutionality of such subsequent legislation.

Instances wherein the trust seems to be impaired by the amendatory Act of the 15th February, 1862, readily occur: as the seventh section thereof, which gives the property of certain alien enemies to the next of kin. Independently of any trust, the section is a nullity. If the property be not sequestrated, it remains in the alien enemy; if sequestrated, the title is in the Confederate States, and the Congress cannot make gifts nor grant bounties.

The fourth section of the amendatory Act seems also to be violative of the trust, as in contravention of the original Act, it exempts from sequestration property transferred by an alien enemy to a citizen of the Confederate States, prior to the 30th August, 1861; and so of the sixth section of the amendatory Act, if it shall appear that it limits the class of persons known as alien enemies, at the time the first Act was approved. But these are given merely as instances, the better to call the whole subject to your careful consideration.

WADE KEYES,

Acting Attorney General.

1862 Five Cents Blue

Stone 2

Unused Examples













1862 Five Cent Blue

Hoyer & Ludwig Printing

Unused examples

Stone 2 Gutter Block



1862 Five Cent Blue

Stone 2

Used Examples









Richmond, Va.



Atlanta, Ga.

Blue Cancel

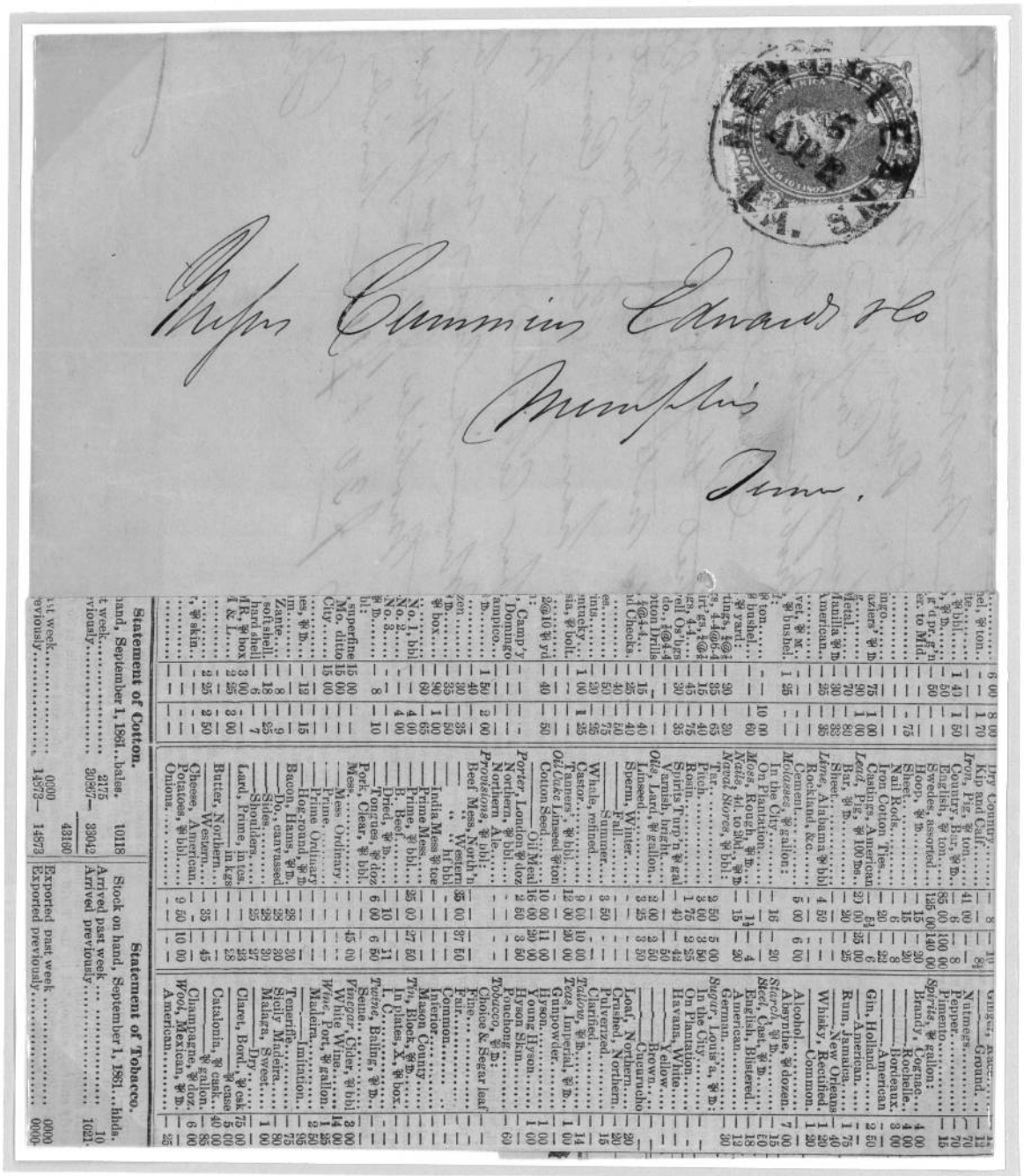


Charlotte C.H., Va.

1862 Five Cent Blue

Printed Circular with added hand written note

The addition of a hand written note to this circular changed the rate from the two cent pre-printed circular rate to the five cents letter rate for distances under 500 miles.



New Orleans, La. to Memphis, Tenn.

1862 Five Cent Blue

Last day of the Five Cent per Half Ounce rate for distances under 500 miles
June 30, 1862



Danville, Va. to Lynchburg, Va.

First Day of the 10 Cents per Half Ounce regardless of distance
July 1, 1862



Newberry C.H. S.C. to Martins Depot, S.C.
This letter marked Due 5 because of a Five Cent Underpayment of the new rate

1862 Five Cent Blue

Uniform 10 Cent rate regardless of distance traveled
After June 30, 1862



Richmond, Va. to Pittsylvania C.H., Va.



Petersburg, Va. to Palmer Springs, Va.
Blue town cancel

1862 Five Cent Blue
Stone 3

Unused examples



Light Blue



Blue



Used Examples



Greenville, Tenn.



Milky Blue Shade



Blue Grid

Milky Blue Shade

1862 Five Cent Blue
Stone 3

EARLIEST KNOWN USE
Single stamp paying the five cents per half oz. rate for distances of up to 500 miles.
Prior to July 1, 1862



Suffolk, Va. to Marion C.H., S.C.

Pair of stamps from stone 3 paying the ten cent rate
After July 1, 1862



Mobile, Ala. to Marion Station, Miss

1862 Ten Cent Rose

Unused Examples







Imprint strip of four

Used Examples



Mt. Carmel S.C.



Harrisonburg, Va.



Hazlehurst, Miss.

Colored cancels



Carmine Shade



Blue



Red

1863 TEN Cent Blue



Richmond, Va. May 2, 1863 to Sangersville, Va.



Pair paying 20 cent rate for over one half ounce weight
Adams Run S.C. Spartsnburg C.H. S.C.

1862 10 Cent Rose

Single Stamp
(Letter Rate for Under One Half Ounce)



Selma, Ala. (JUL 21) To Mobile, Ala.

Pair
(Letter Rate for Over One Half Ounce but Under 1 Ounce)



Newbern, Va. July 31, (1862) to Richmond, Va.
Blue town cancel

1862 Ten Cent Rose

Selma, Ala. to Mobile, Ala.



Richmond, Va. to Lexington Va.

1862 Five Cent Blue
London (De La Rue) Printing

Progressive Die Essays and Proofs

Progressive Die Essays on Glazed Card cut to size



Early State



Intermediate State



Advanced State

Black Progressive Die Essays on full size glazed card

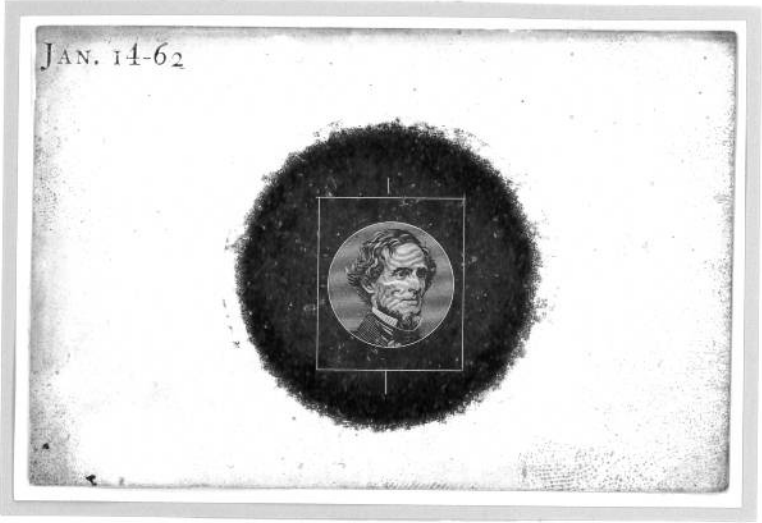


Intermediate-Advanced State of Vignette Design



Advanced State (Nearly Complete) Vignette Design

1862 Five Cent Blue
London (De La Rue) Printing
Black Progressive Die Essays on full size glazed card



Complete Vignette Design



Completed Stamp Design before Striking

Trial Color Die Proof in Black



1862 Five Cent Blue
London (De La Rue) Printing

Trial Color Die Proof



Pink

Trial Color Die Proof



Blue

Trial Color Die Proof



Black
on card

Trial Color Plate Proof



Black
on wove paper
(Discovery copy)

Trial Color Plate Proof



Grey Blue
on stamp paper

1862 Five Cent Blue
London (De La Rue) Printing

Unused examples



Dark Blue



Blue



Upper Left sheet margin bock of four



Sheet Margin copy
With De La Rue
Accountancy Marking

1862 Five Cent Blue
London (De La Rue) Printing

Used examples















Colored Cancels



Red



Blue



Green

1862 Five Cent Blue
London (De La Rue) Printing

Five Cent Single Rate for distances under 500 miles Prior to July 1, 1862



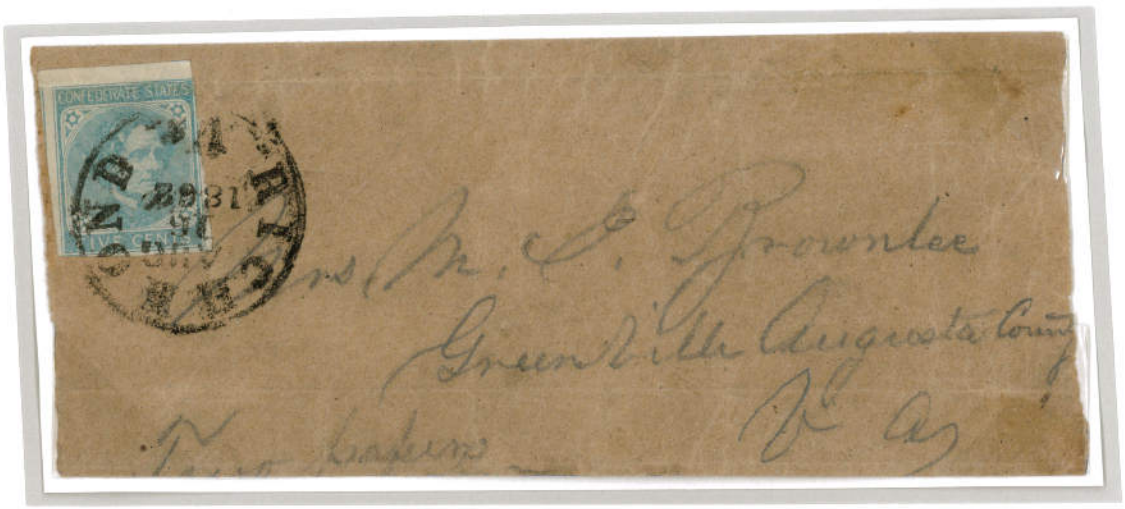
Montgomery, Ala. to Abbeville, Ala.



Mobile, Ala. to Livingston, Ala.

1862 Five Cent Blue
London (De La Rue) Printing

Two Cent Circular/Newspaper Rate
one cent over payment for two papers



Richmond, Va. to Greenville, Augusta County Va.

Over Paid Drop Letter
three cent over payment of the two cent drop letter rate



Richmond, Va. to Richmond Va.

1862 Five Cent Blue
London (De La Rue) Printing

Ten Cents per Half Oz. Rate for distances over 500 miles Prior to July 1, 1862



Richmond, Va. to Level Land, S.C.



Richmond, Va. to Greenville, Ala.

1862 Five Cent Blue
London (De La Rue) Printing

LAST DAY OF THE FIVE CENT RATE
June 30, 1862



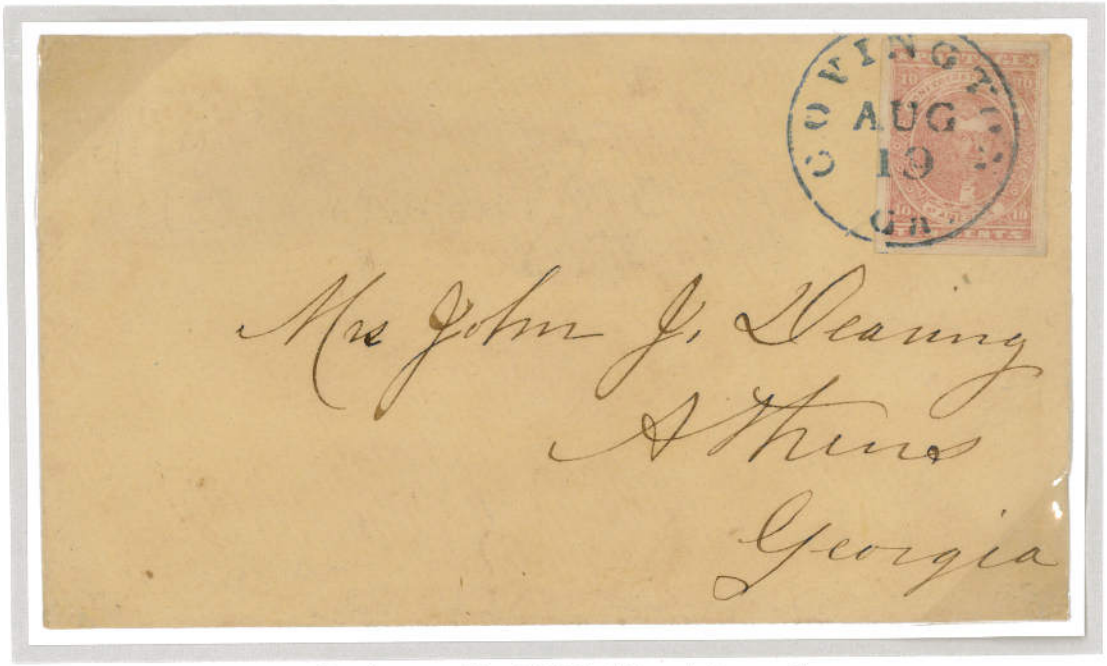
Danville, Va. to Richmond, Va.
Single Five Cent Blue London Print stamp paying the Five Cent per Half Ounce under 500 mile rate on the Last Day of use for this rate.

FIRST DAY OF THE UNIFORM TEN CENT RATE.
On July 1, 1862 a uniform rate of Ten Cents per Half Ounce regardless of the distance traveled was established.



July 1, 1862
Charleston, S.C. to Aiken, Barnwell District, S.C.
Single Five Cent Blue London Print stamp underpaying the new Ten Cent rate. This letter was accepted and sent at the old five cent rate either in error, or as having been deposited at the Post Office the previous day (June 30) and was deemed eligible for the old rate.

1862 Ten Cent Rose



Covington, Ga. (AUG. 19) to Athens, Ga.
Used after the rate change of July 1, 1862
(Ten Cente per Half Ounce regardless of distance traveled)



Carmine Shade

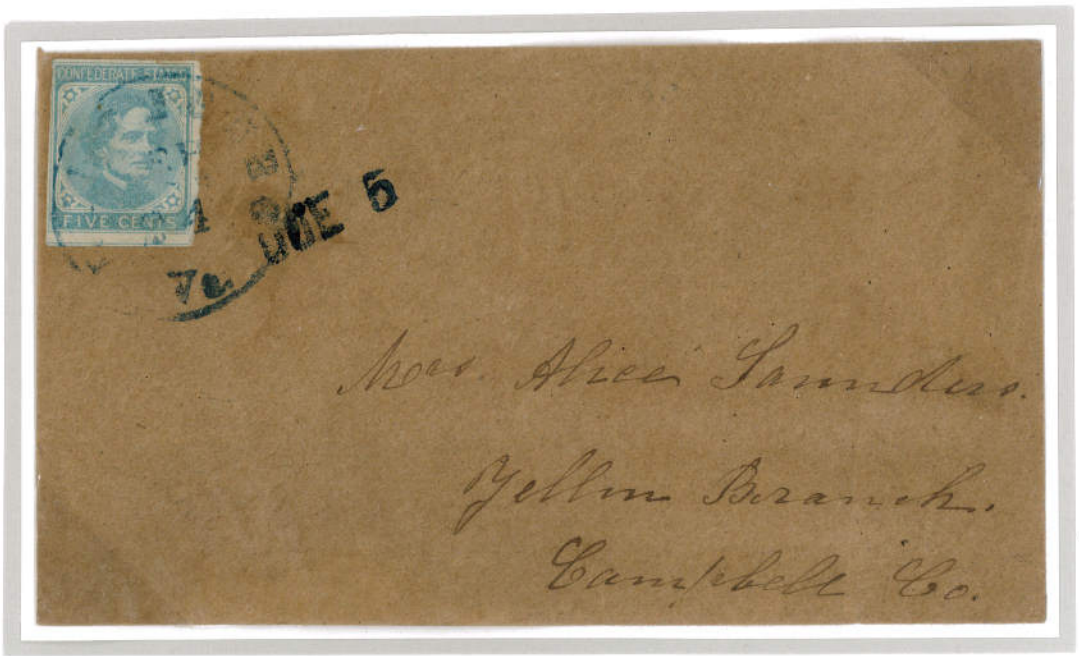
Atlanta, Ga. to (NOV 15, 1862) Conwayboro, S.C.

1862 Five Cent Blue
London (De La Rue) Printing

Single stamp under paying the 10 Cent Rate after June 30, 1862
(Rated Due 5 to correct the defficiency)



Charleston, S. C. to Greenville, N. C.



Lynchburg, Va. to Yellow Branch, Campbell Co. Va.
Blue town cancel

1862 Five Cent Blue
Local (Richmond) Printing

Trial Color Plate Proofs



Carmine
On wove paper



Carmine
On thin card

Issued Stamps





Printed on London Paper
with local gum





Gutter block

1862 Five Cent Blue
Local (Richmond) Printing

Constant Printing Varieties



Scratched plate



White tie

Printing anamolies



Short inked plate



Dry print

Ink spots







1862 Five Cent Blue
Local (Richmond) Printing

Used examples



Richmond, Va.



Richmond, Va.
(Cobalt Shade)



Richmond, Va.

Estell Springs N & C R.R.



Colored Cancels

Green



Raleigh, N.C.

Blue



Lynchburg, Va.

Brown



Midlothian, Va.

Red



Alexandria, La.

Violet



Lynchburg, Va.

1862 Five Cent Blue
Local (Richmond) Printing

Used Multiples



Charleston, S.C.



Columbia, S.C.



Richmond, Va.



Richmond, Va.

1862 Five Cent Blue
Local (Richmond) Printing

EARLIEST RECORDED USE ON COVER
August 15, 1862



Richmond, Va. to Chattanooga, Tenn.

Cobalt Shade



Savannah, Ga. to Richmond, Va.

1862 Five Cent Blue
Local (Richmond) Printing

Over Paid Drop Letter
Three cent overpayment of the two cent drop letter rate



Petersburg, Va. to Petersburg, Va.
Blue town cancel



Columbia, S. C. to Marion C. H., S. C.
Blue town cancel

1862 Five Cent Blue
Local (Richmond) Printing

Richmond Mute Cancels



Richmond, Va. to Palmetto, Ga.



Richmond, Va. to Dry Pond, N.C.

1862 Five Cent Blue
Local (Richmond) Printing

Five Cent underpayment of the Ten Cent rate.
Hand stamped DUE 5 with the oval due marking of Savannah, Ga.



Savannah, Ga. to Richmond, Va.

Underpaid double rate letter
Hand stamped (10) to show a ten cent underpayment of the double rate.



Charleston, S.C. to Greenville, S.C.

1863 Two Cent Brown Red

Trial Color Proof



Black on wove paper

Issued Stamps



Brown Red



Pale Rose Red



Gutter Block of Eight

1863 Two Cent Brown Red

Used examples



Typical town cancel
Charleston, S.C.

Two Cent circular/newspaper rate



Richmond, Va.

Colored cancels

Red



Greensborough, N.C.

Blue



Greensborough, N.C.

1863 Two Cent Brown Red

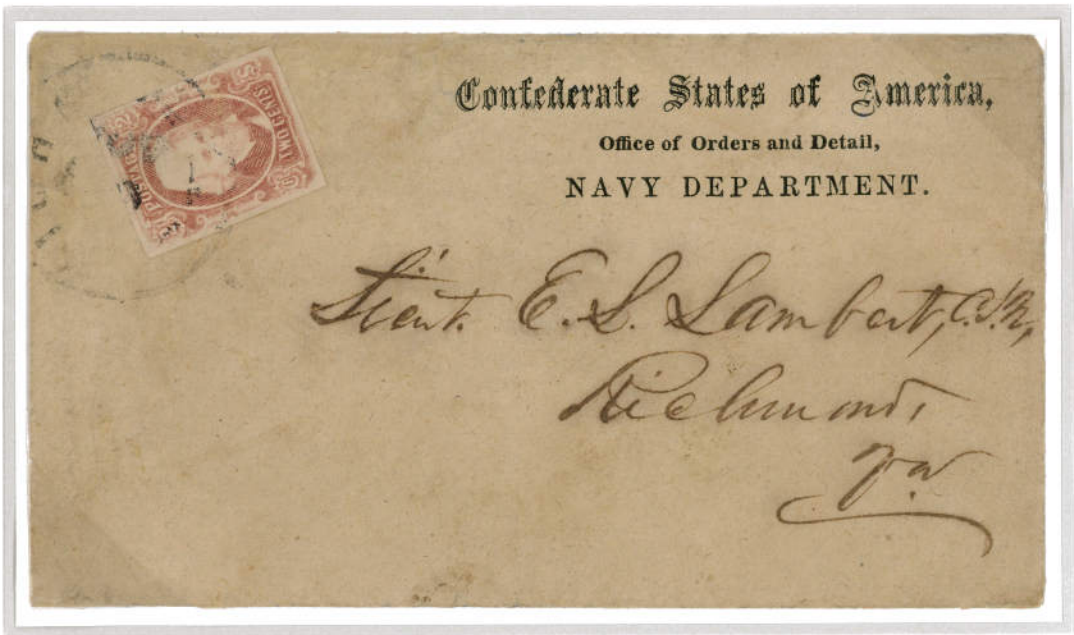
Manuscript Semi Official Use

Unsealed homemade envelope, using a single stamp to pay the two cent circular rate to the Sheriff of Spotsylvania, Va.



Richmond, Va. to Spotsylvania, Va.

CSA Navy Department envelope
Semi Official use of two cent drop letter rate



Richmond, Va. to Richmond, Va.

1863 Two Cent Brown Red

Strip of five of the two cent stamps used to make up the ten cent rate



Columbia, S.C, to James Island, S.C.
Blue town cancel

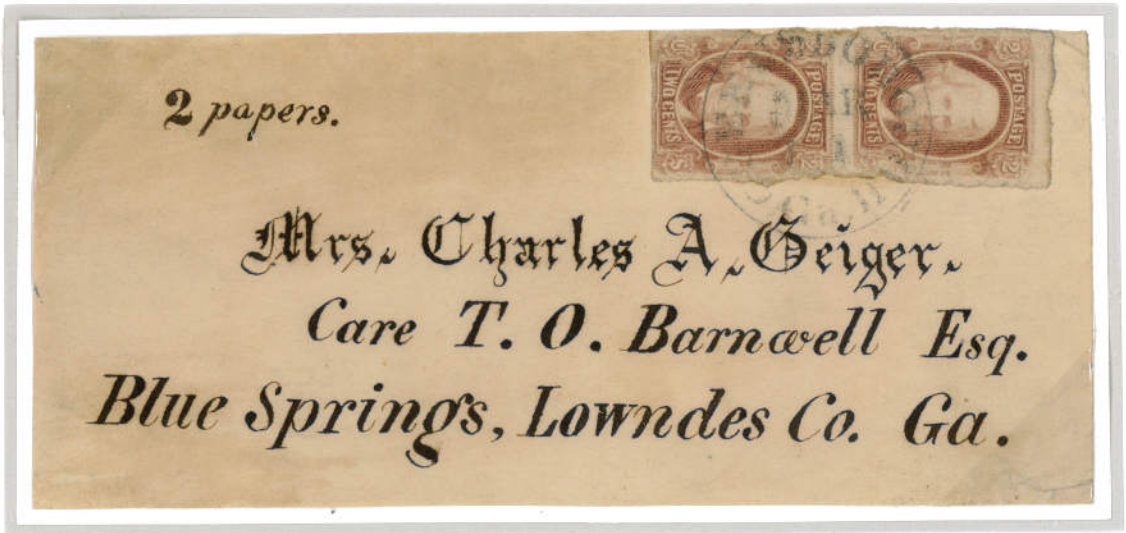
1863 Two Cent Brown Red

Locally used wrapper
Two cent circular rate



Chester C.H., S.C. to Chester C.H., S.C.

Wrapper
Double circular rate (four cents) for 2 papers



Greensborough, Ga. to Blue Springs, Lowndes Co. Ga.

1863 10 Cent Blue "Frame Line"

Unused Examples



Blue



Greenish Blue



Strip of Three
one of a very few unused multiples
to survive

Used examples



Mobile, Ala.
All Four Frame Lines Complete



Mobile, Ala
Horiz. Pair

1862 Five Cent Blue
London (De La Rue) Printing

Pair paying the Single Rate after June 30, 1862



Richmond Va. Aug 16 1863 to Petersburg, Va.

Double rate
Two Pair paying the Double Rate after June 30, 1862



Savannah, Ga. (Mar 6 ____) to Charleston, S.C.

1863 TEN Cents Blue

Unused examples





Used examples



Variety
Bruised Plate
(Lower LH Margin)



Colored cancels



Blue cancel
Glade Springs Depot, Va.



Red cancel

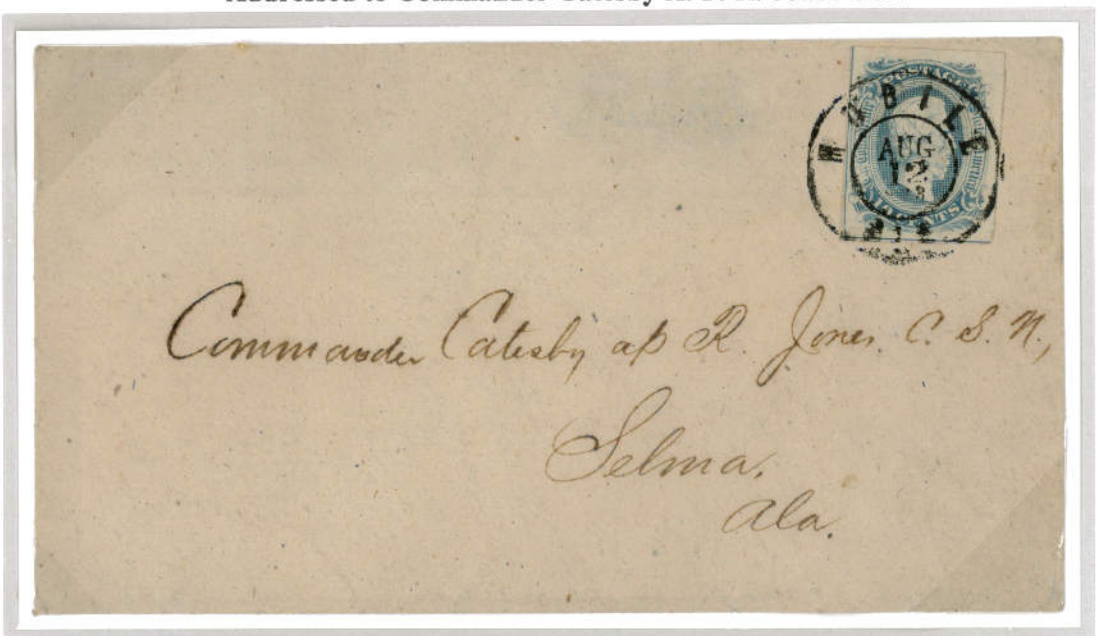
1863 10 Cent Blue "Frame line"

Richmond Va. Mute Cancel (no Month, Day, or Year logo)
Blue ink was used for a short time in May of 1863.
This cancel is usually found on soldiers letters.



Richmond, Va. to Mt. Pleasant, Va.

Addressed to Commander Catesby A. P. R. Jones CSN



Commander Catesby A.P.R. Jones was the Commander of the Confederate ram Virginia (Merrimac) during the Battle of Hampton Roads on March 9, 1862. This was the first battle between two ironclad vessels.

1863 10 Cent Blue
Type I

Unused examples and multiples



RH Stamp
Short Transfer At Top



Gutter Block of Four



Imprint Block

1863 10 Cent Blue
Type I

Used Examples

Used over
U.S. 3 Cent
Star Die

Fancy Star



Tuscalousa, Ala.



Mayesville, S.C.

R.R. Cancel



(Estelle) Springs
N & C R.R.



Bridgewater, Va.



Taladaga, Ala.



Richmond, Va.



Pollard, Ala.

1863 10 Cent Blue
Type I
Used Examples



Shreveport, La.



Pittsylvania C.H., Va.



Georgetown, S.C.



Richmond, Va.



Martinsville, Va.



Big Island, Va.

Colored Cancels

Red



Green



Lynchburg, Va.

Violet



Lynchburg, Va.

Blue



Richmond, Va.

Red Brown



1863 10 Cent Blue
Type I

Double Rate



Macon, Ga. to Mobile, Ala.

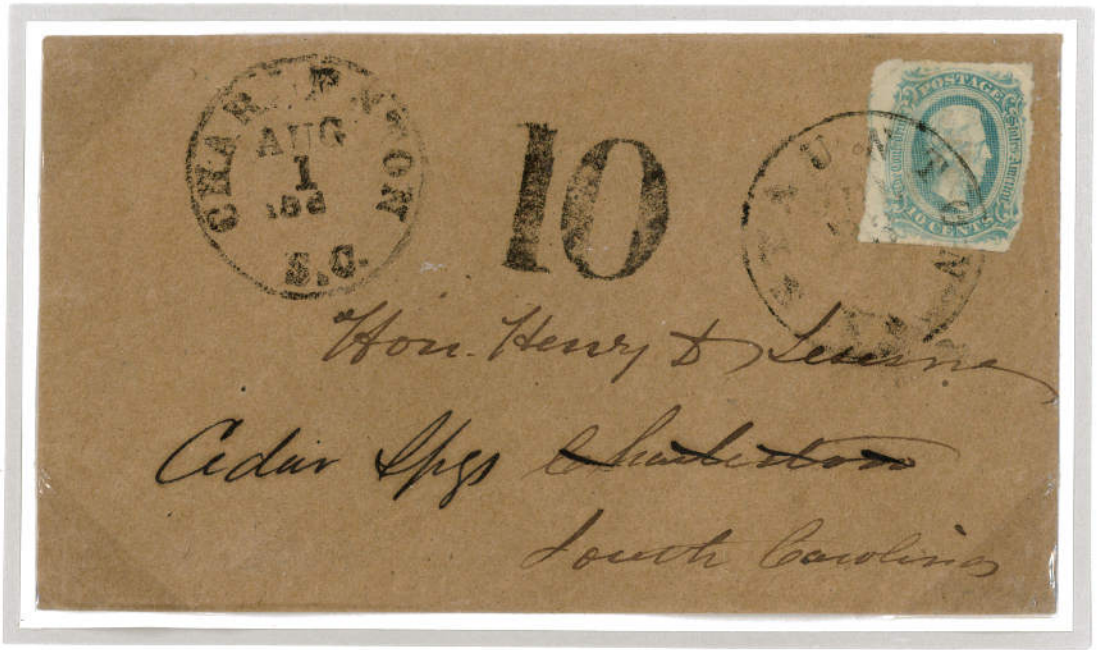
Double Rate



Montgomery, Ala. to Marietta, Ga.

1863 10 Cent Blue
Type I

Forwarded Mail rated Due 10



Staunton, Va. to Charleston, S.C.
Then forwarded to Cedar Springs, S.C.



Columbia, S. C. to Columbia, S. C.
Forwarded to Greenville C. H., S. C.

1863 10 Cent Blue
Type II

Proof



One of two recorded copies

Unused Examples







Gutter Block

1863 10 Cent Blue
Type II

Used Examples



Raleigh, N.C.



Taladaga, Ala.











Oxford, N.C.



Enfield, N.C.



Willmington, N.C.



Charleston, S.C.



Cheraw, S.C.

1863 10 Cent Blue
Type II

Military Field Cancels

Army of Tenn.



Hand Carved woodblock

Army of No. Va.



Target

Modified canceler
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Sep 8, 1863 to Dec. 1863



Colored cancels

Red



Blue



Brown



1863 10 Cent Blue
Type II



Lynchburg, Va. to Amelia Court House, Va.
Brown town cancel

Overpaid Drop Letter



Richmond, Va. to Richmond, Va.

1863 10 Cent Blue
Type II

Double Rate



Blakley, Ga. to Albany, Ga.

Double Rate



Thomasville, Ga. To Breckenridge's Division (Army of) Tenn.

1863 10 Cent Blue
Type II

Multiple Rate



Five times the basic rate of 10 cents per one half Ounce
Bridgewater, Va. to Staunton, Va.

Delayed Mail



This letter was captured by Federal forces and held for examination.
After examination the letter was sent on for delivery.
The letter was in transit from Nov. 1, 1864 to Feb. 1, 1865

Wytheville, Va. to Natural Bridge, Rockbridge Co. Va.

1863 10 Cent Blue
Type I

Keating & Ball Printing

Unused examples





Chilled Plate



Overheated Plate

Used examples



Raliegh, N.C



Petersburgh, Va.



Raliegh, N.C.

1863 10 Cent Blue
Type I

Keating & Ball Printing



Petersburg, Va. to Cedar Brush, Davidson County S.C.

Overpaid Drop Letter and Manuscript Semi Official use.
(Eight cent overpayment of the two cent drop letter rate)



Richmond, Va. to Richmond, Va.

1863 10 Cent Blue
Type II

Keating & Ball Printing

Unused examples







Gutter block

Used examples





Blue town Cancel



Red Brown town cancel



Red Grid

1863 10 Cent Blue
Type II

Keating & Ball Printing



Charleston, S.C.FEB 8 (1865) to Columbia, S.C.

Double Rate



Charleston, S.C. to Columbia, S.C.

1863 10 Cent Blue
Type II

Keating & Ball Printing



Tuiskegge, Ala. to Watkinsville, Ga.
Blue town cancel

LATE USE
Used May 6, 1865 twenty seven days after the surrender at Appomattox, C.H. Va.



Staunton, Va. to Stuarts Draft, Va.

1863 Twenty Cent Green

Proofs

Trial Color Proof
(Red Brown)

Plate Proof

Issued Stamps

Color shades



Dark Green



Green



Blue Green



Light Green

Blocks



Lower Right Hand Sheet margin



Unevenly inked plate

1863 Twenty Cent Green

Unused multiples

Imprint block



The Plate imprint was present on the initial printing, but was removed from later printings.

Gutter block of eight



1863 Twenty Cent Green

Used examples



Augusta, Ga.



Columbia, S.C.



Third day of use (June 3, 1863)

Bisected stamp used to pay the ten cent rate



Savannah, Ga.

Strip of three used from Richmond, Va.



Blue Cancel



Glade Springs Depot, Va.

Red Cancel



Greensborough

1863 Twenty Cent Green

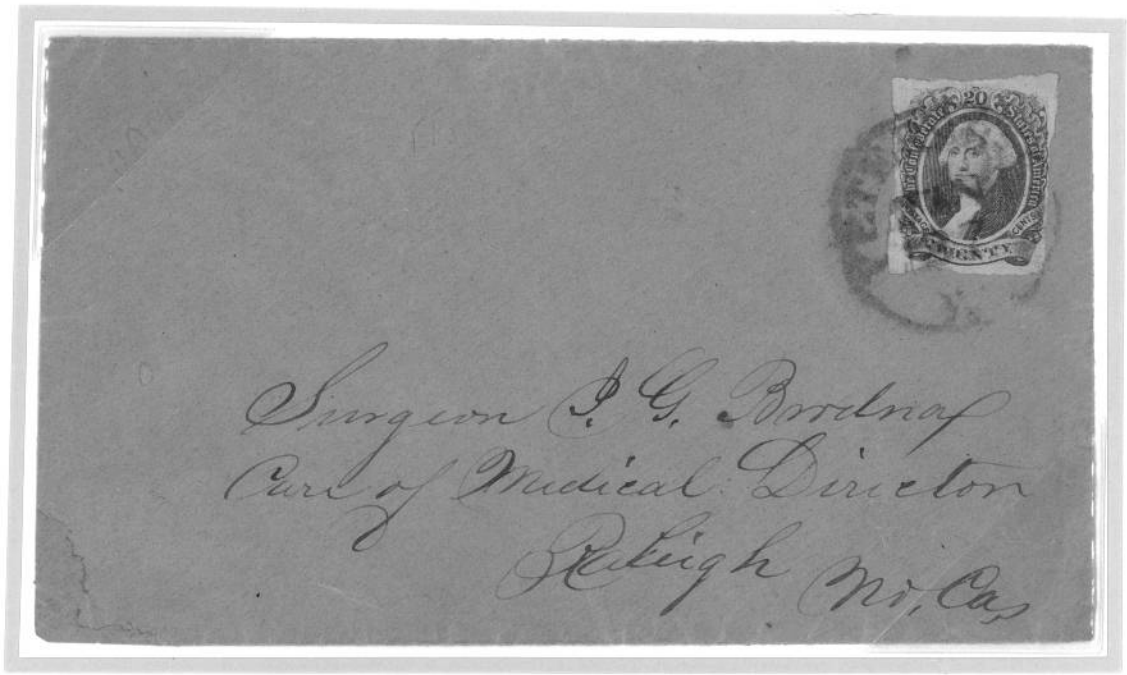


Richmond, Va. (~~FEB 31~~, 1864) to Columbus, Ga.
Double weight letter (weight greater than 1 ounce)



Bisected 20 cent stamp to pay the 10 cent rate
Bisecting a stamp to get the 'correct rate' was not legal, but was commonly accepted.
Selma, Ala. (NOV __, 1864) to Talladega, Ala.
Turned (Reused Envelope)

1863 Twenty Cent Green



Petersburg, Va. Jan. 3, (1865) to Raleigh, N.C.

Petersburg, Va. Used black ink on their cancellers from Dec. 1864 until Petersburg Fell to Union forces on April 2, 1865.

1863 One Cent Orange

Preliminary Essay in Black



Vignette design and outline of Frame

Trial Color Die Proof in Black



Die Proof on Glazed Card



1863 One Cent Orange

Proofs

Combination Die Proof



1862 Five Cent Blue and 1863 One Cent Orange
Both designs on a 79 mm by 129 mm Glazed Card
Only Recorded Example

Plate Proof



Trial Color – Brownish Orange
(Differs slightly from the final color)

1863 One Cent Orange

The two primary color shades



Orange



Dark Orange



Upper Right Sheet Margin Block

These stamps were designed, printed and delivered to The Confederate Post Office Department by Thomas De La Rue & Co. Ltd. London, England but they were never placed on sale or used.

1863 10 Cent Blue
Type I

Experimental Government Perforations

Unused





Strip showing partial plate imprint

Used examples



Red town cancel



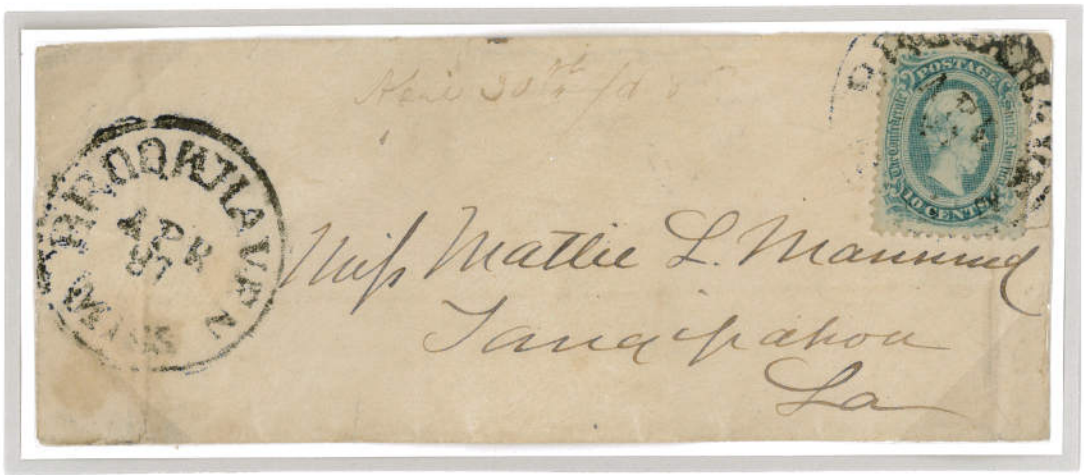
1863 10 Cent Blue
Type I

Experimental Government Perforations

Army of Tennessee Military Field Cancel
Seven bar grid with rim



Army of Tennessee field cancel to Madison, Ga.



Brookhaven, Miss. to Tangapahoa, La.
(inverted date in canceler)

1863 10 Cent Blue
Type II

Experimental Government Perforations

Unused examples





Block of six showing partial plate imprint

Used example



1863 10 Cent Blue
Type II

Experimental Government Perforations



Demopolis, Ala. to Summerfield, Ala.



Demopolis, Ala. to Charlottesville, Albermarle, Co. Va.

Privately Perforated Uses

Privately perforated Stamps are known from a small number of Confederate Post Offices. In most cases it is believed that these perforations were applied in very limited quantities by local postmasters for their own use.



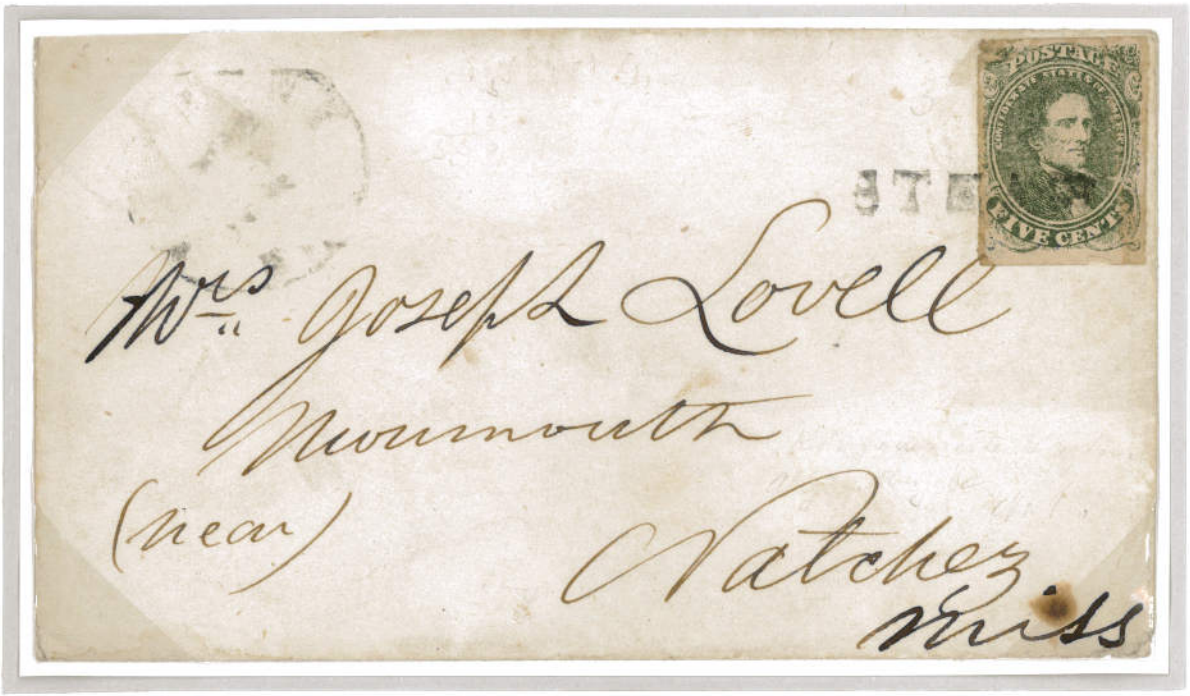
Baton Rouge La. Roulette Postmaster's Private Perforation
Baton Rouge, La. (FEB 16) to Buffalo, Miss.

Harrisonburg, Va.



(Postmaster's Private Perforation)
Harrisonburg, Va. (Feb 25) to Cartersville P.O. Cumberland Co., Va.

Inland Waterway Uses



Hand stamp, STEAM
Via Natchez, Miss. to Monmouth, near Natchez, Miss.



Hand stamp, STEAM BOAT
Via Montgomery, Ala. to Brandon, Miss.

Steam and/or Steamboat hand stamps indicate that the mail was picked up along the way by an inland waterway or coastal steamer or steamboat. The hand stamps and town cancels were applied at the next Post Office and the mail was placed in the regular postal delivery system and it continued on to its destination via. normal overland routes.

Trans-Mississippi Express Mail

The Express Mail Rate of 40 Cents per Half Oz was established for mail between the Eastern & Western parts of the C.S.A.. With the fall of Vicksburg, Miss. this Express Mail very rapidly became an important if not critical communication link between the now divided Confederacy.

EAST TO WEST



To Waco (Village), Texas Via. Jackson Miss. By Express

WEST TO EAST



To Capt. L. J. Telman Co. E 4th Texas reg. Vol. Inf. Gregg's Brigade Longstreet's Corps Richmond, Virginia Via. Shreveport, La.

Auxiliary Uses

Forwarded Mail

Five Cent blue 1862 lithographed Stamp used to pay forwarding fee.



Basic postage paid by a hand stamp PAID 5
Original destination was Fort Caswell
Forwarded destination was Tawboro N. C.

Solder's letter from 6th Texas Inf. Cleborne's Division
Forwarded without the required forwarding charge



Basic postage paid from Mansfield La. To Victoria Victoria Co., Texas.
Forwarded to Port La Vaca, Texas

Private Express Mail

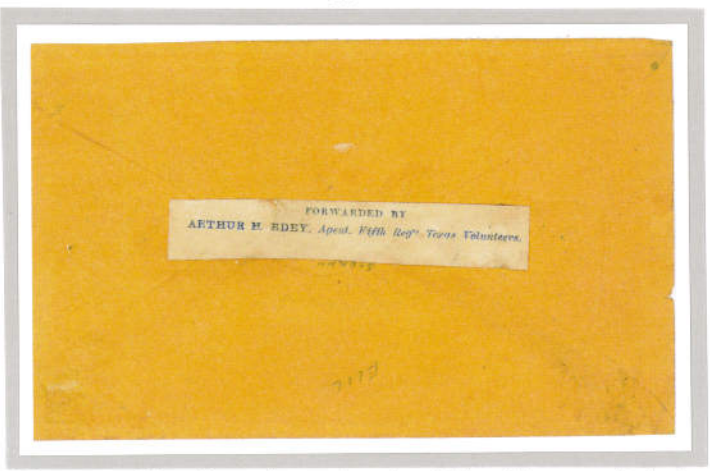
Arthur E. Edey Express

This express service carried mail from the Fifth Reg. Texas Volunteers for which it was an agent, across the Mississippi river to various locations in Texas where they were placed in the regular Confederate Mails for delivery in Texas. Edey's Express service operated for a very short time (June, 1862 to October, 1862) and very few covers have survived. Most recorded covers bear either two of the 5 Cent De La Rue Typographs or a single copy of a 10 Cent Lithograph. The Label signifying that express service was provided by Edey's Express is usually found on the back of the envelope.



By Edey Express Courier to Hempstead, Texas where it was placed in The CSA mail for delivery to Columbus, Texas. Two of the 5 Cent De La Rue Typographs pays the postage.

Photo copy (reduced)



Reverse side of envelope showing Edey Express Label.

LOUISIANA RELIEF COMMITTEE AT MOBILE

From June 1863 to Sep. 1864 a group of Citizens in New Orleans La. and Mobile Ala. operated in secret to process and smuggle mail out of New Orleans, La. to Mobile Ala. The mail was then placed in the Confederate mails for delivery. Mail which traveled By this route is readily identified by the manuscript notations on either the front or the back of the envelope indicating that it was handled by the Louisiana Relief Committee at Mobile. Very few of these endorsed covers have survived.

Drop Letter



This Mourning Letter was smuggled from New Orleans La. to Mobile Ala. by The Louisiana Relief Committee at Mobile and put into the mail as a Drop Letter for local delivery. The Endorsement of the Louisiana Relief Committee is shown on the cover front in its short form. (La. Com.)

A single 2 Cent Red Brown stamp pays the Drop Letter Rate

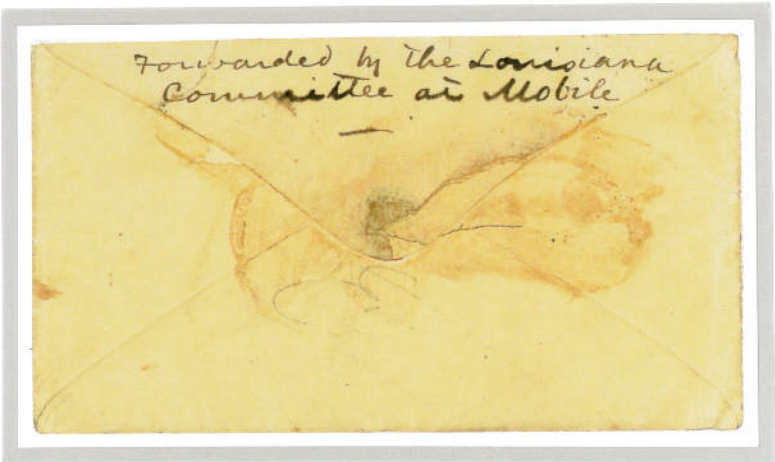
LOUISIANA RELIEF COMMITTEE AT MOBILE

'Forwarded by The Louisiana Relief Committee at Mobile'



Received outside the mail, (smuggled out of New Orleans) endorsed by The Committee and placed in the Confederate Mail at Mobile Ala. for delivery to Montgomery, Ala. The 10 Cent Type I issue of 1863 pays the postage of 10 Cents per half ounce regardless of the distance traveled.

Photo copy (reduced)



Reverse side of envelope showing endorsement (Forwarded by The Louisiana Committee at Mobile)

Smuggled Mail

Folded Letter dated New Orleans, La. June 24, 1864



SMUGGLED out of New Orleans and traveled overland to Mobile, Ala. where this letter entered the Confederate mail, was canceled and delivered as a Drop Letter.

Hand Carried BLOCKADE LETTER smuggled out of New Orleans.



New Orleans, La. to Augusta, Ga.
This letter was SMUGGLED out of New Orleans, La. on a Union vessel to Havana, Cuba where it was given to a Confederate agent, and was hand carried on a Confederate Blockade Runner to Charleston, S.C. When the letter arrived in Charleston it was placed in the Confederate Mails to Augusta, Ga. where on its' arrival it was rated "DUE 5" and delivered to the addressee.

Patriotic Envelope Uses

Eleven Star Flag with Verse



Franklin Depot, Va. to Speedwell, Va.
Blue town cancel

Captured Union Patriotic envelope



Richmond, Va. to Cobham Depot, Va.

Patriotic Envelope Uses

10 Star Flag in Color



Fredericksburg, Va. to Lenoir, Caldwell Co. N.C.

Eleven Star Flag with Verse



Raleigh, N.C. to Waughtown, N.C.

Auxiliary Markings
HELD FOR POSTAGE

This letter was received at the Richmond Post Office without pre-paid postage. it was hand stamped HELD FOR POSTAGE and stayed at the office until the postage was paid. (NOV 22) It then entered the mails for delivery to its destination.

The HELD FOR POSTAGE hand stamp is a seldom seen CSA use of a Pre-War P.O. Marking



Richmond, Va. to Fredericksburg, Va.

MISSENT hand stamp of Wilmington, N.C. indicating that this letter was received at the wrong location, and sent on to its destination with no additional charge because the mistake was made by the Post Office, not the sender.



Greensborough, N.C. MISSENT to Wilmington, N.C. and then, on to Wilmington, S.C.
Red town cancel

Auxiliary Markings

Straight line Blue FORWARDED hands tamp and Raleigh N.C. cancel and a manuscript 5 (DUE) to pay the forwarding fee.



Salem N.C. to Raleigh, N.C. then forwarded to Gibsons (Store), N.C.

Boxed FORWARDED hand stamp and Lexington, Va. Cancel with a manuscript 10 (DUE) to pay the forwarding fee.



Lynchburg, Va. to Lexington, Va. then forwarded to Vernon Hill, Va.

Auxiliary Markings

Advertised Cover
Notched Advertised Hand Stamp of Richmond Va.



Petersburg, Va. To Richmond, Va.
Back stamped Richmond, Va. Nov. 17

Flag of Truce Mail

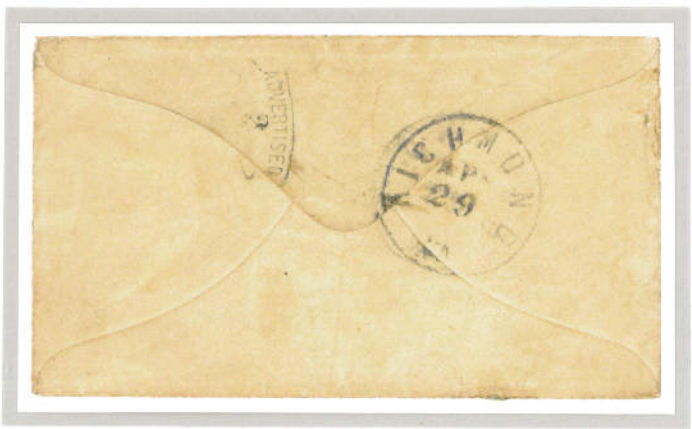
Flag of Truce interior envelope bearing a single five cent Local (Richmond Printing) stamp. This letter entered the CSA Mail at Richmond Va. where it was received as a three cent overpayment of the two cent drop letter rate. The letter was canceled APR 24 it was not called for and was ADVERTISED as indicated by the Richmond, Va. Apr. 29 cancel and hand stamp on the back of the envelope.

The absence of any examination marking or POW notation indicates a civilian origin.



Unknown Origin via. Flag of Truce to Richmond, Va. (APR 24)

PHOTOCOPY
Envelope back, showing
Richmond, Va. Apr. 29 Cancel and ADVERTISED hand stamp



Prisoner of war Letters

Inner envelope from a POW at Camp Douglas, Illinois



**Via. City Point Va. per Flag of Truce to Richmond, Va.
for delivery to Rutherfordton, Rutherford Co. N.C.**

Double franked POW envelope from a prisoner at Fort Delaware.



**Flag of Truce Via. Fortress Monroe, thru Delaware City, Del. to Richmond, Va.
for delivery to Pleasant Hill, Ga.**

Military Field Cancels

Army of Tennessee

The Chattanooga, Tenn. town canceler with year logo removed was used as a military field cancel after the evacuation of Chattanooga on Sep. 8, 1863



to Pleasant Lane, S.C.

Manuscript Chickamauga, Tenn. Cancel
Forerunner to the wood block Army of Tenn., and Chickamauga Cancel



to Washington, Ga.

Military Field Cancels

Army of Tennessee

Wood block canceler
ARMY
OF
TENN



to Mt. Jefferson, Chambers County Ala.

Seven bar grid with rim



to Columbus, Ga.

Military Field Cancels

Army of Northern Virginia

Seven bar rimless grid



to Paineville P.O. Amelia County, Va.

Ten bar rimless grid



to McFarlands Lunenburg, Va.

Military Field Cancels

Army of Northern Virginia

Four ring target



to Lewis Fork P.O. Wilkes County, N.C.

Seven bar grid with rim

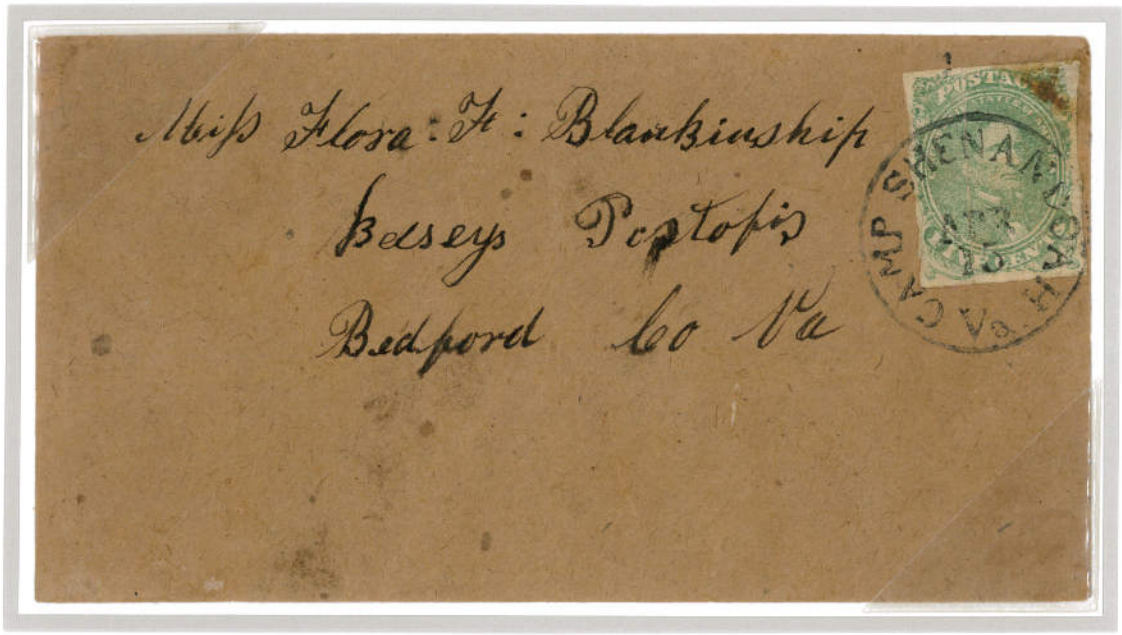


to Talladega, Ala.

CAMP SHENANDOAH, VIRGINIA

Military Camp Postmark

A post Office for the military was established at Camp Shenandoah, Virginia (about 20 miles northwest of Staunton, Virginia) in early April of 1862. The Camp ceased operation on April 20, 1862 when it was abandoned. Both postmarked and manuscript canceled mail is known from this camp. The total number of covers recorded from Camp Shenandoah of both types is Seven.

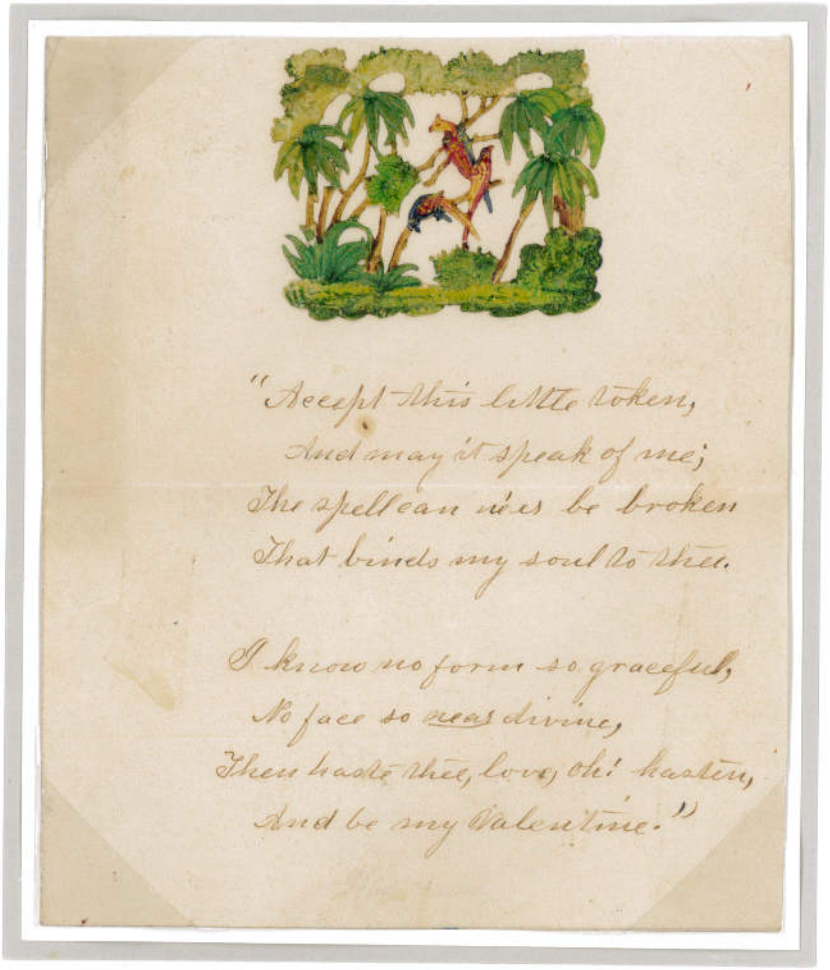


Camp Shenandoah, Virginia April 15, (1862) to Bedford County, Virginia

A single 5 Cent Green Lithograph of 1861 pre-pays the 5 cents per half ounce rate for letters traveling less than 500 miles.

Valentine

From the date of issue of the first Confederate postage stamps in October of 1861, until the end of the war in 1865 there were only 4 Valentines days.



"Accept this little token,
And may it speak of me;
The spell can ne'er be broken
That binds my soul to thee.

I know no form so graceful,
No face so ~~near~~ divine,
Then trade thee, love, oh! hasten,
And be my Valentine."



Richmond, Va. Feb. 13, 1863 to Mocksville, N.C.

Valentine



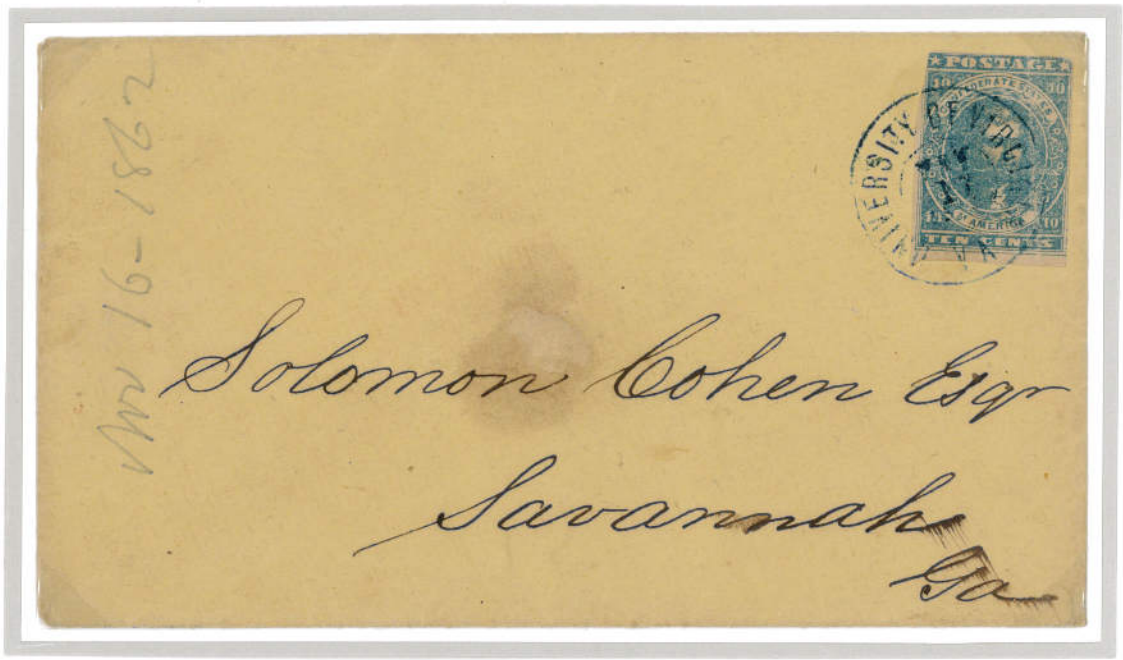


Emory, Va. Feb. 13, (1864) to Carters Depot, Tenn.
Blue town cancel



College Mail

University of Virginia



University of Virginia to Savannah, Ga.
Blue cancel

Trinity College
(Predecessor of present day Duke University)



Trinity College to Army of Northern Virginia

Railroad Mail

Wartrace (Station) N & C R. R.



To Chattanooga, Tenn.

Bristol (Station) V. & T. R. R.



To Starrsville, Ga.

Mourning Covers



Mobile, Ala.
to
Flat Rock,
Henderson, Co. N.C.

Tallahassee, Fla.
to
Raleigh, N.C.





Thomasville, Ga.
to
Charlottesville, Va.

Adversity Uses

Wallpaper envelopes



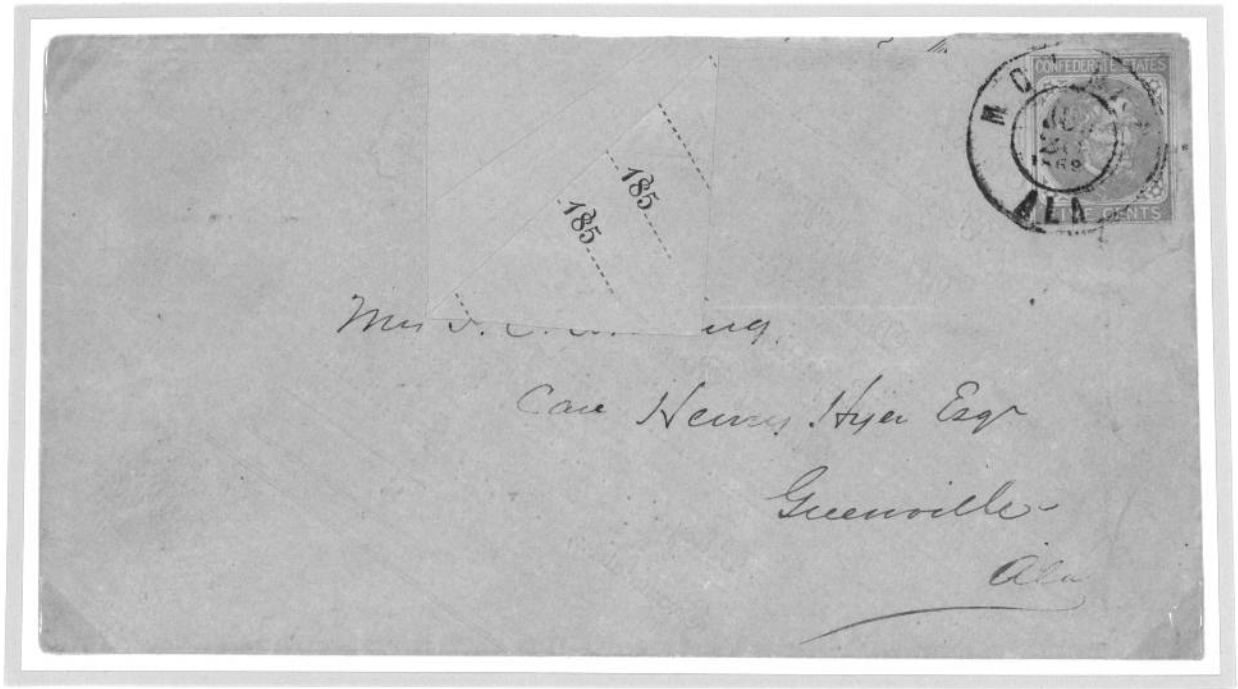
Charleston, S.C. to Spartanburg, S.C.



Savannah, Ga. to Adams Run, S.C.

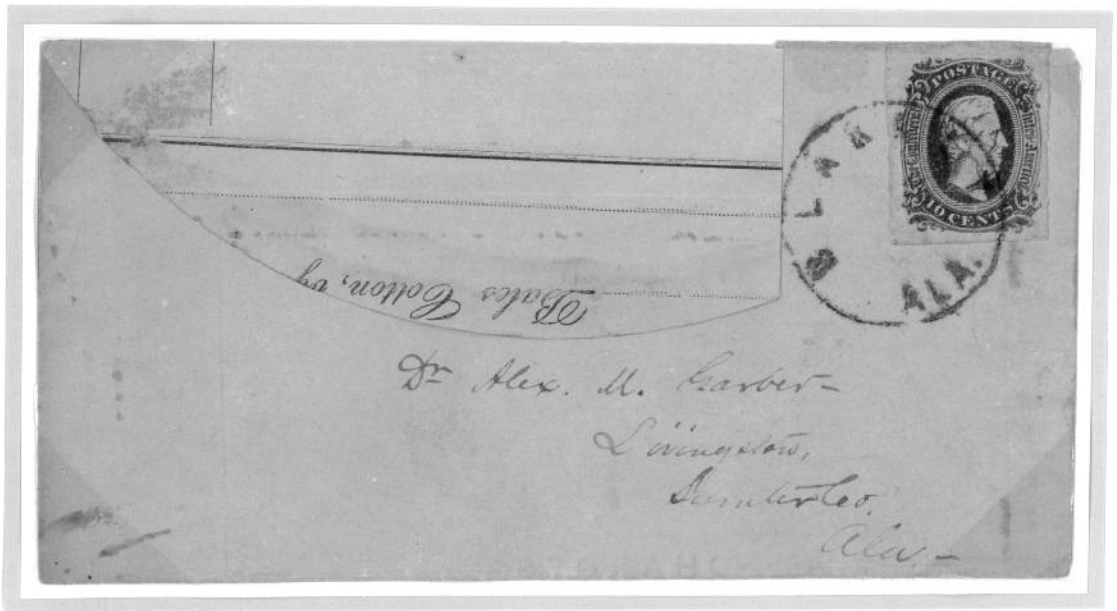
Adversity Uses

Envelope made from a pre-war Insurance Form



Mobile, Ala. to Greenville, Ala.

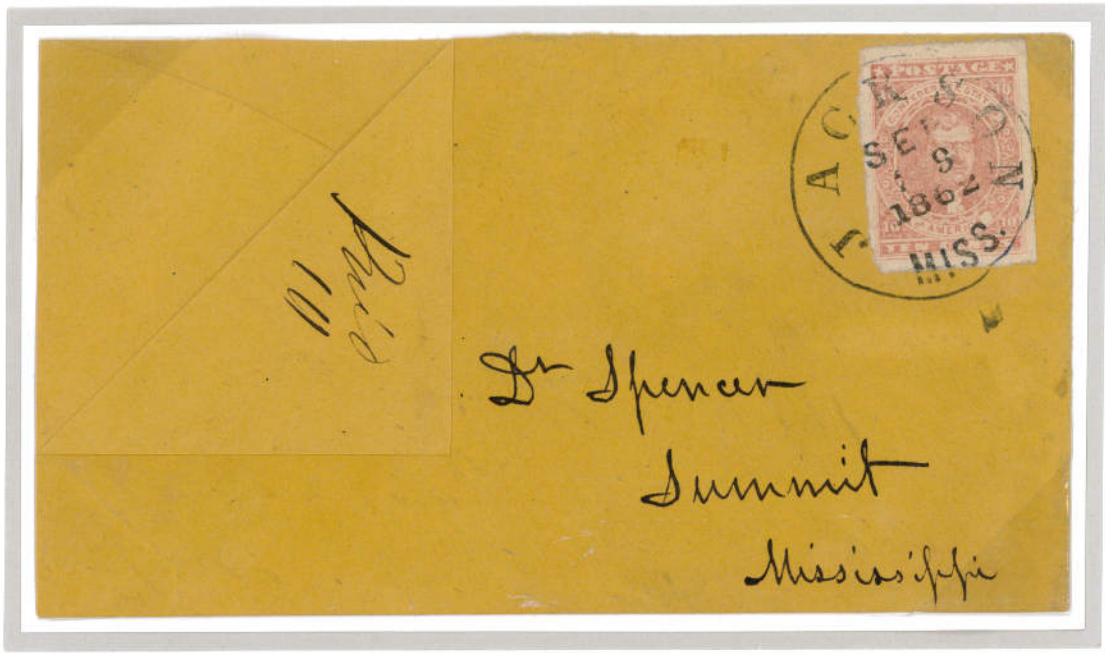
Envelope made from a cotton invoice form



Blakley, Ala. to Livingston, Ala.

Adversity Uses

Turned (reused) envelopes



First Use: Summit, Miss. to Jackson, Miss. (Manuscript Paid 10)
Second Use: Jackson, Miss. To Summit, Miss. (10 Cent Rose Adhesive SEP 19, 1862)



First Use: Richmond, Va. to Mechum's River, Va. (20 Cent Green Adhesive JUL 29 1863)
Second Use: Mechum's River, Va. to Richmond, Va. (10 Cent Blue Type 1 Adhesive Aug 1)

Note: The first Use contents apparently exceeded One Half Oz. While The second Use contents apparently were under One Half Oz.

Adversity Uses

Turned (reused) envelopes



First Use: Liberty, Va. to Richmond, Va.
Second Use: Richmond. Va. to Liberty, Va.



First Use: Columbia, S.C. to Salem, N.C.
Second Use: Salem, N.C. to Hillsboro, N.C.

Adversity Uses

Envelope made from a legal form



Army of Tenn. grid cancel to Bellsville, Ala.

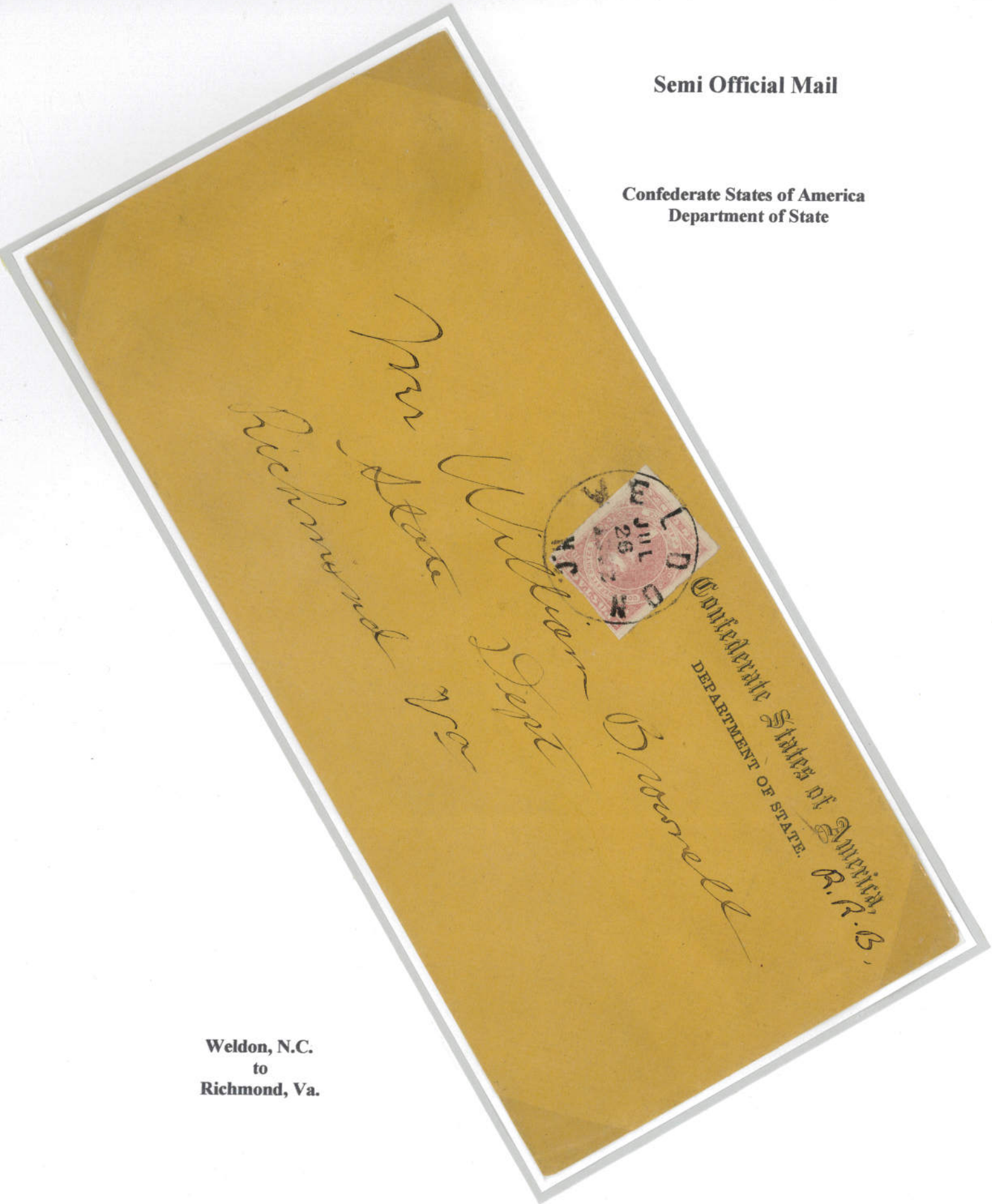
Refolded commercial envelope



Savannah, Ga. to Athens, Ga.

Semi Official Mail

Confederate States of America
Department of State



Weldon, N.C.
to
Richmond, Va.

Semi Official Mail

State of Georgia
Adjutant and Inspector General's Office
Ordnance Bureau

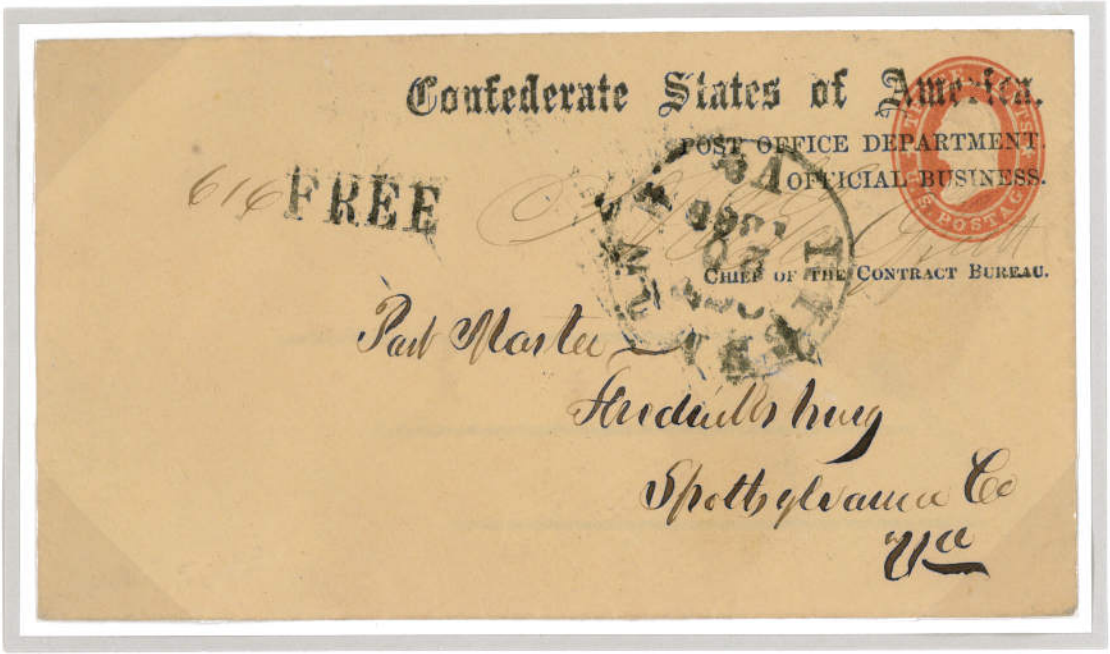


Milledgeville, Ga.
to
Stovall's Brigade
Army of Tenn.
in
Georgia

Official Mail

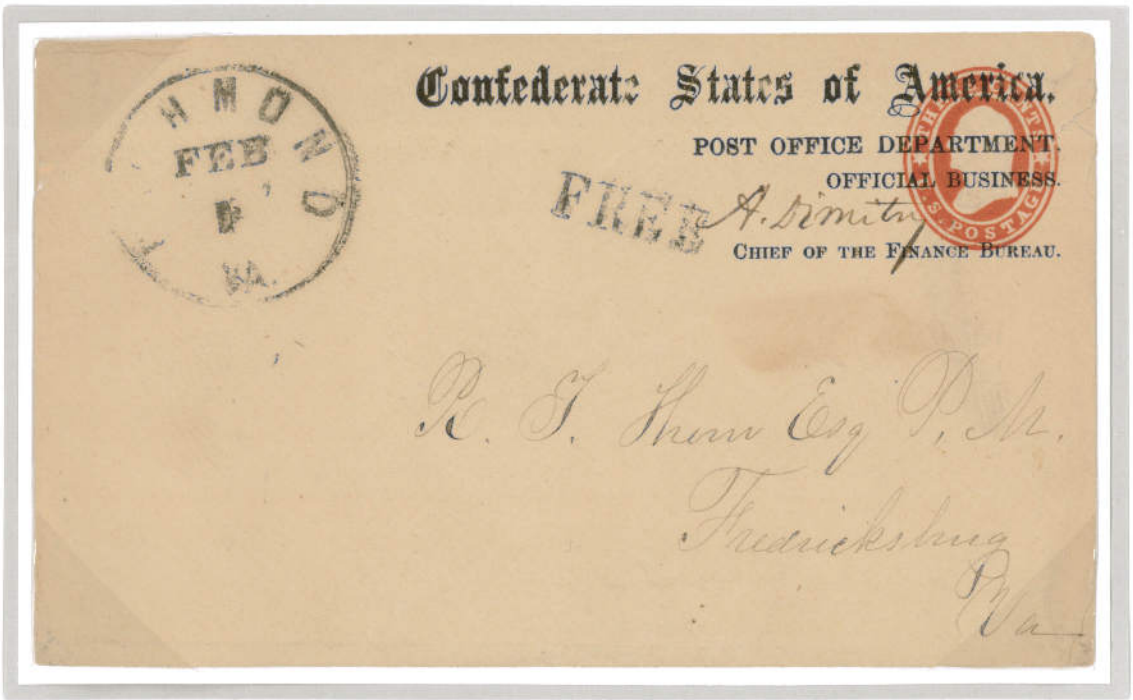
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Post Office Department Official Business, Contract Bureau
Signed by: H. St. Geo. Offutt



FREE, Richmond, Va. to Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania Co. Va.

Post Office Department Official Business, Finance Bureau
Signed by: A. Dimitry



FREE, Richmond, Va. to Fredericksburg, Va.



Official Mail

Post Office Department,
Dead Letter Office,
Official Business

Signed by
Jno. L. Harrell

Chief of the Finance Bureau

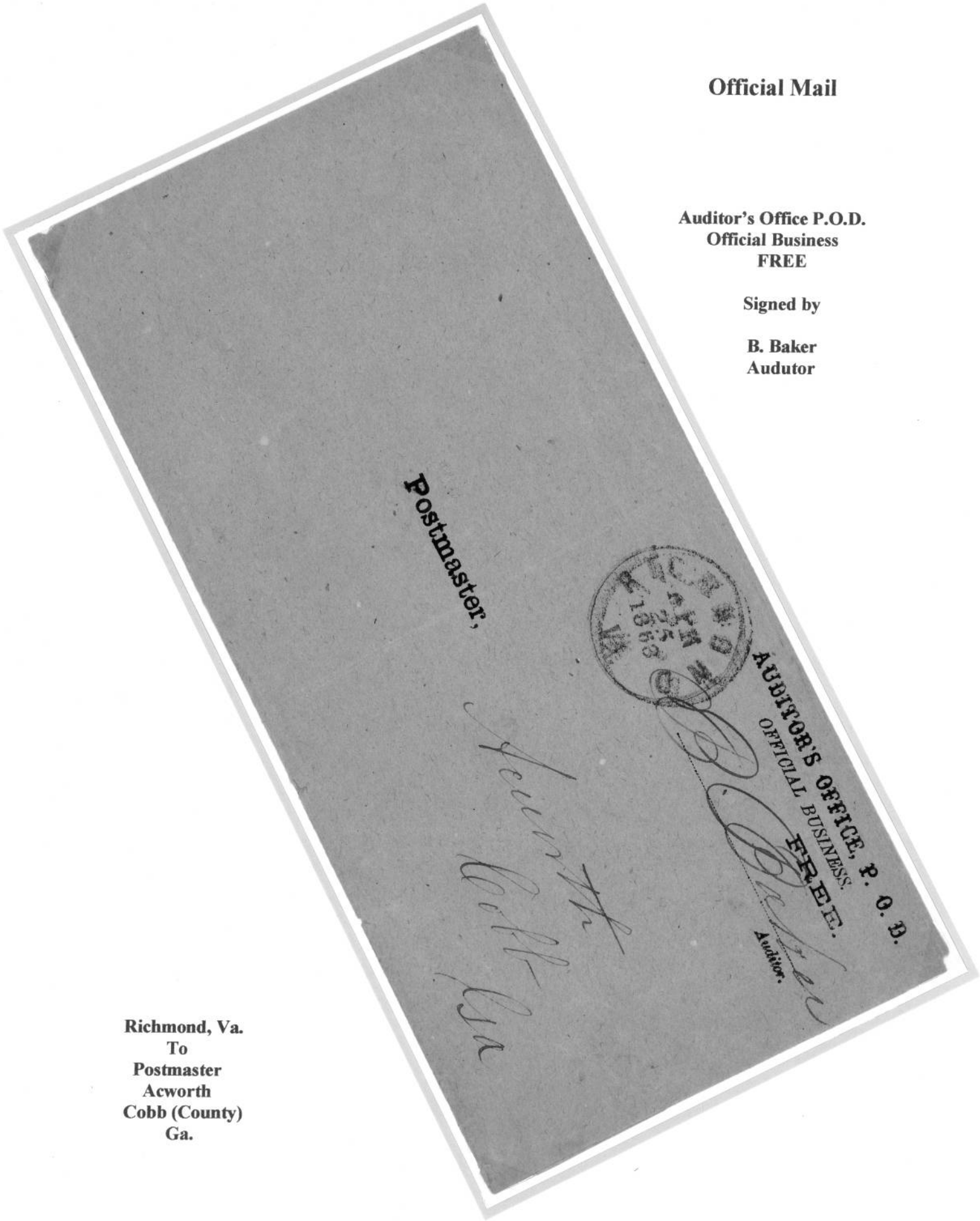
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Richmond, Va.
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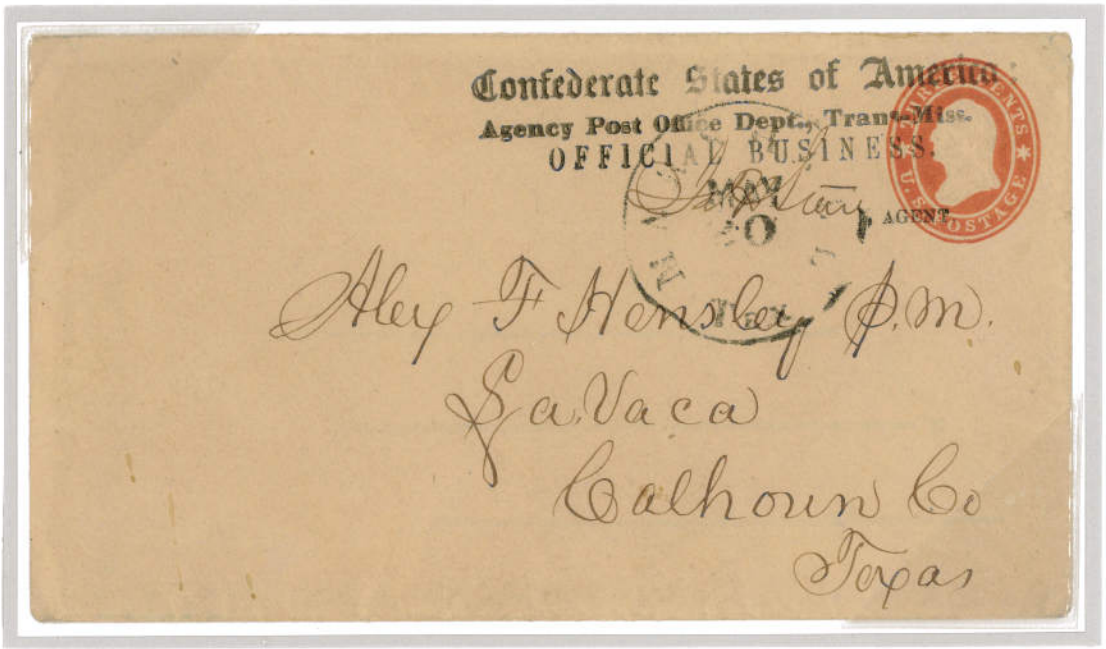
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Richmond, Va.
To
Postmaster
Acworth
Cobb (County)
Ga.

Official Mail

Agency Post Office Dept., Trans-Miss.
Signed by: Jas. H. Starr



Marshall Texas May 20,(1863)to Port Lavaca, Calhoun Co. Texas

With the threat of the fall of Vicksburg Miss. And Port Hudson, La. the Confederate States Government authorized the creation of the Trans Mississippi Express mails in early May of 1863. The rate was set at 40 cents per half ounce. With the fall of Vicksburg, Mississippi and Port Hudson, La. The Confederacy was split and control of the Mississippi river was lost. The Trans-Mississippi mail became vital As a primary communication link between the Eastern & Western Parts of the Confederate States.