

POSTMARKS OF HAMBURG

1673 - 1867



PORT. 1850



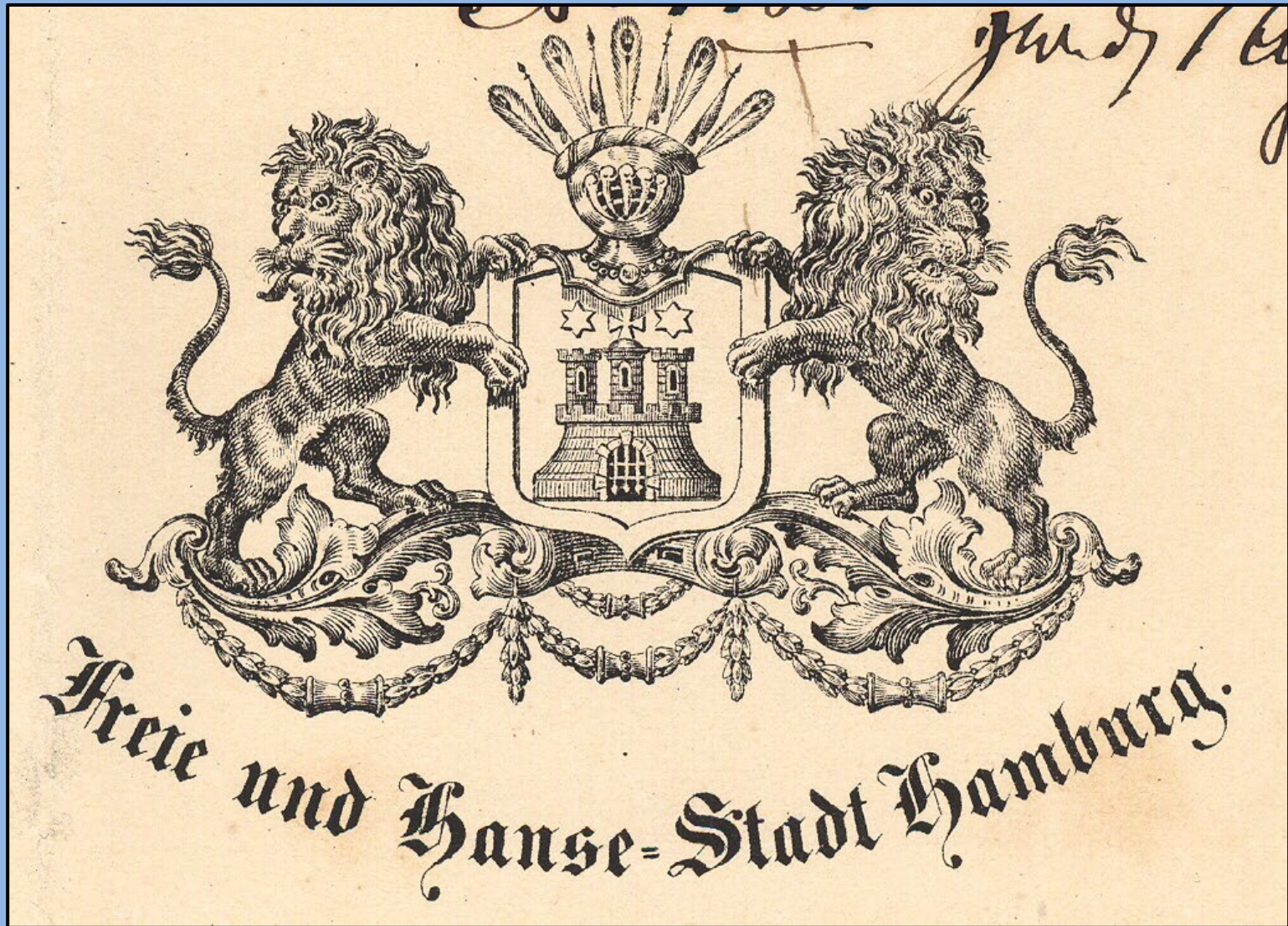
Seal of 1245

WHY HAMBURG ?

- **«Free and Hanseatic City»**
- **Its geographical location**

Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg

Coat of Arms



HAMBURG

FREE CITY

HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE OF THE GERMAN NATION (1789)



HAMBURG

HANSEATIC CITY

HANSA or HANSEATIC LEAGUE



Joint Issue Sweden-Germany
650th anniversary of
the Hanseatic League

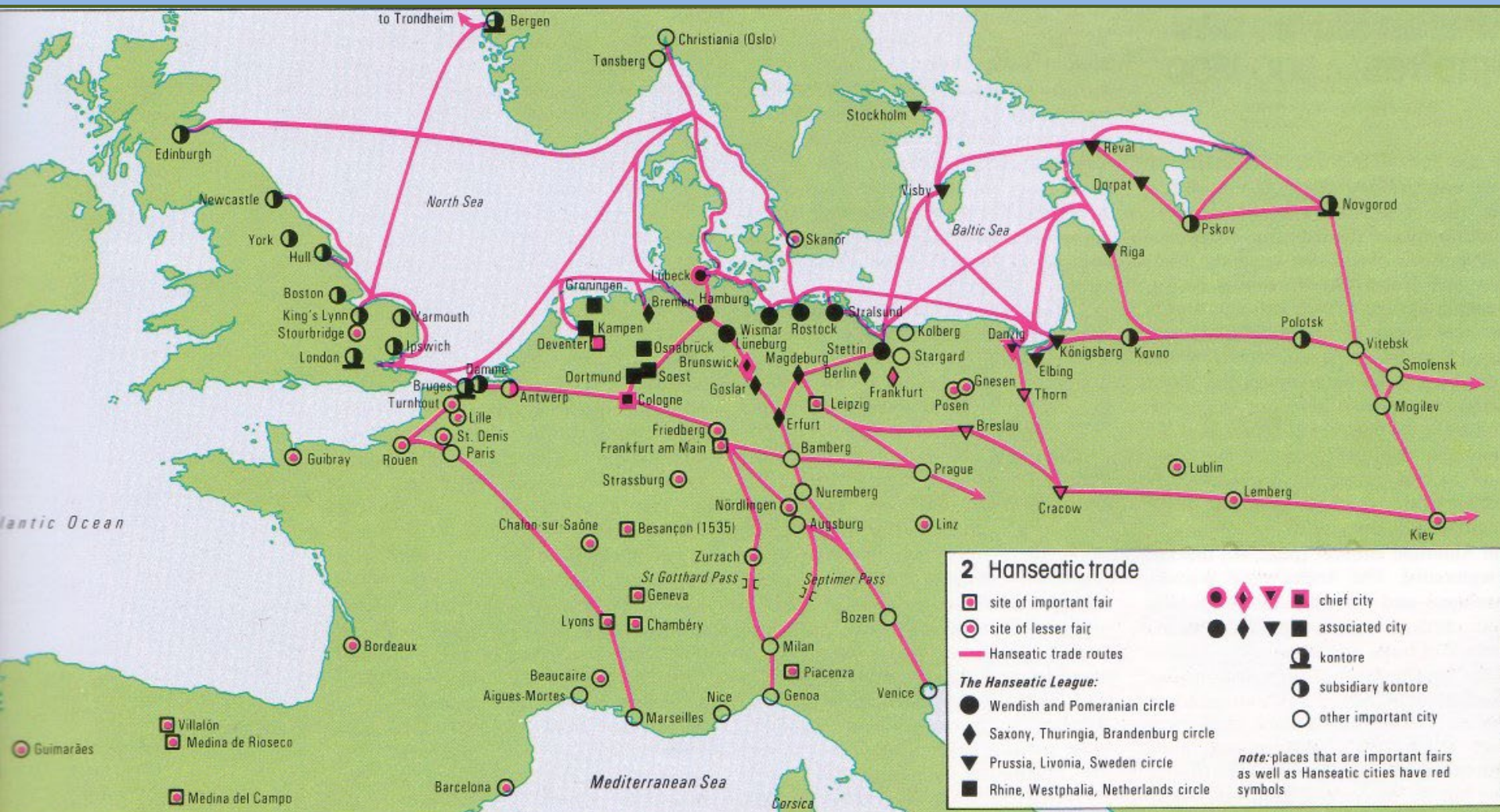


Kontor of
Hansa in
Antwerp
16th century



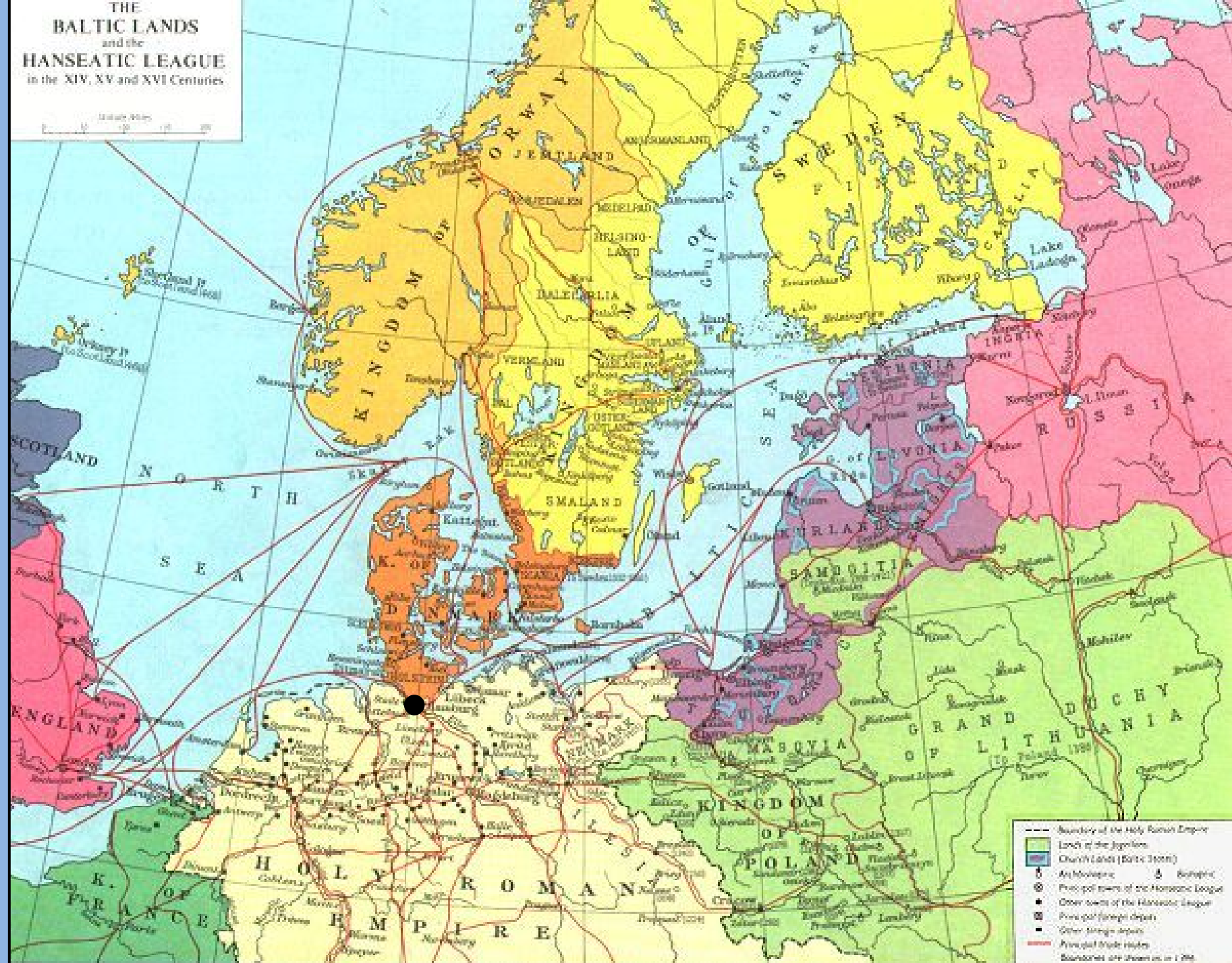
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HANSEATIC TRADE ROUTES



THE BALTIC LANDS and the HANSEATIC LEAGUE in the XIV, XV and XVI Centuries

Scale: Miles
0 10 20



MAJOR TRADE ROUTES in 1025

Les grandes routes commerciales





Actual license plate of a car in Hamburg.



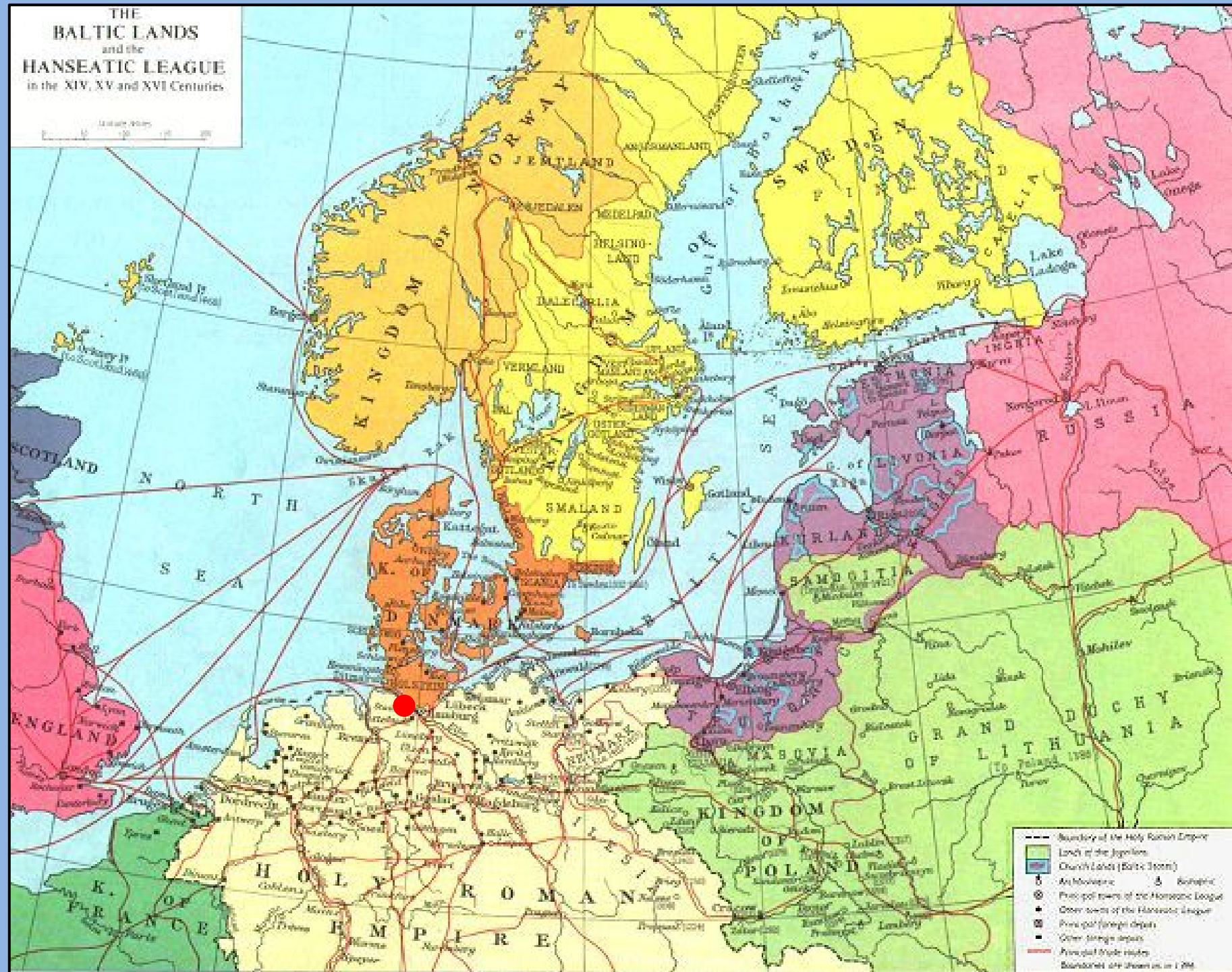
1955. Lufthansa Airline

HAMBURG

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

THE BALTIC LANDS and the HANSEATIC LEAGUE in the XIV, XV and XVI Centuries

Scale: Miles
0 10 20 30



- Boundary of the Holy Roman Empire
 - Land of the Jagiellon
 - Church Lands (Baltic Coast)
 - ⊙ Any Monastery
 - ⊙ Principal ports of the Hanseatic League
 - ⊙ Other ports of the Hanseatic League
 - ⊙ Principal foreign ports
 - ⊙ Other foreign ports
 - ⊙ Principal storage depots
 - Principal trade routes
- Boundaries are shown as in 1500

Germany, 1815



HAMBURG

Hanseatic City - Free City

From a philatelic aspect:

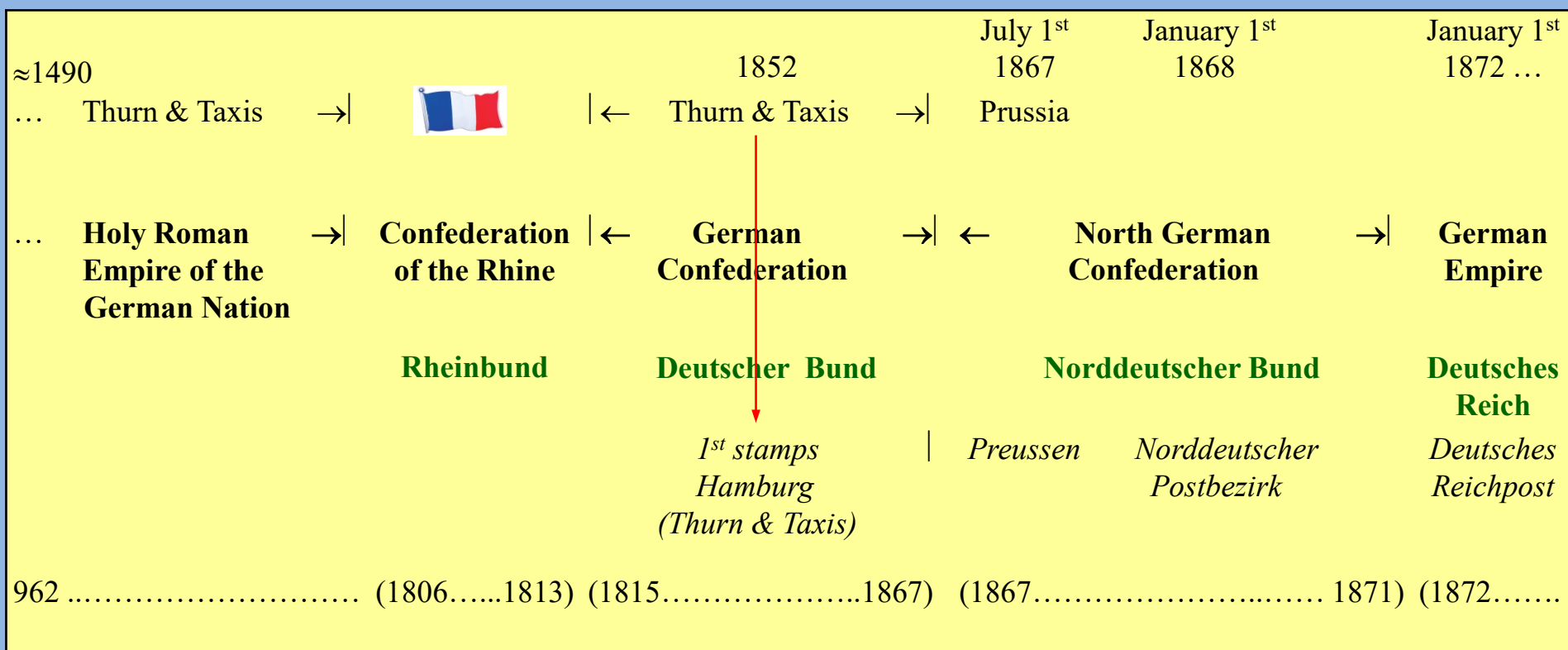
- the Imperial Post of *Thurn und Taxis*
- the French Post
- the *Thurn und Taxis* Postal Agency
- the Hamburg City Post Office → «St.P.A.» → «*Stadt Post Amt*»
- the Prussian Post Office
- the Hanover Post Office
- the Mecklenburg Post Office
- the Royal Post Office of Denmark «K.D.O.P.A.»
→ «*Königlich Dänisches Ober Post Amt*»
- the Royal Post Office of Sweden «K.S.P.A.»
→ «*Königlich Schwedisches Post Amt*»
- the Royal Post Office of Norway «K.S.&N.P.C.»
→ «*Königlich Schwedisches &
Norwegisches Post Compt*»

PLAN

POSTMARKS OF HAMBURG (1673-1867)

1. A brief history of Germany...
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 - 2.1. before 1751
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 - 1806 to 1810
4. The annexation by France
 - 1810 to 1813
5. The *Thurn und Taxis* postal service
 - 1814 to 1867
6. The Hamburg City post office
7. The Postal Agencies of:
 - 7.1. Prussia
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 - 7.3. Mecklenburg
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9. The Royal Post Office of Sweden and Norway
10. Conclusion

1. A Brief History of Germany ...



EXCHANGE OFFICES GERMANY - FRANCE

A number of French offices are designated to receive mail from Germany.

They are: Paris, Givet, Forbach, Strasbourg, Le Havre, Lille, Valenciennes et Erquelines.



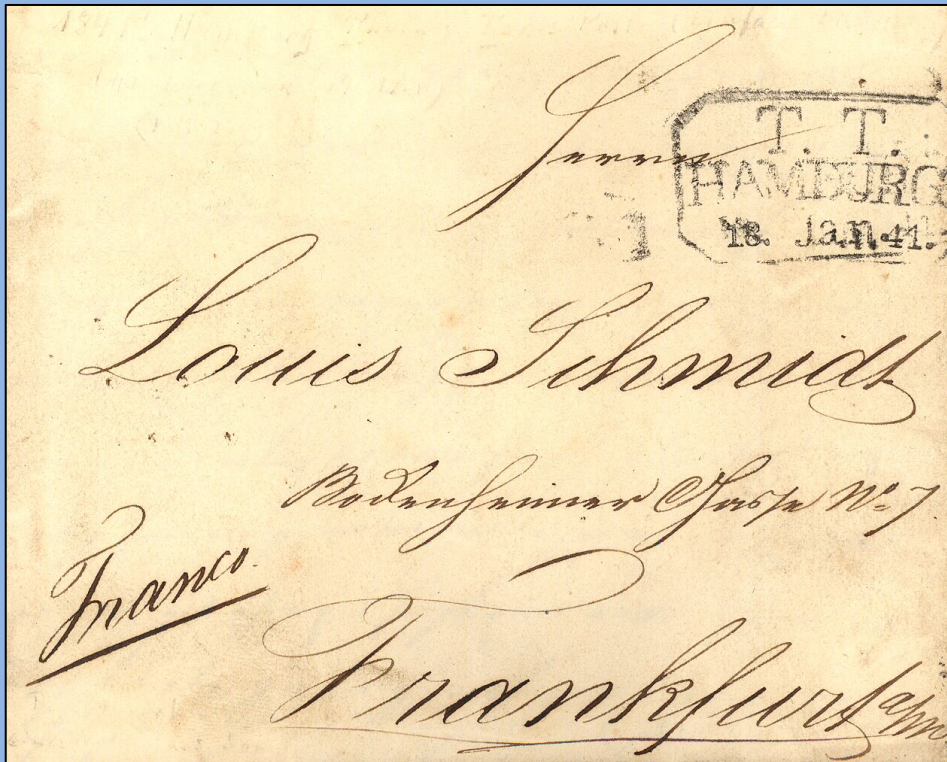
Letter from Hamburg to Rheims
9 February 1864.

Cachet of entry in France by
Erquelines on February 11 1864.

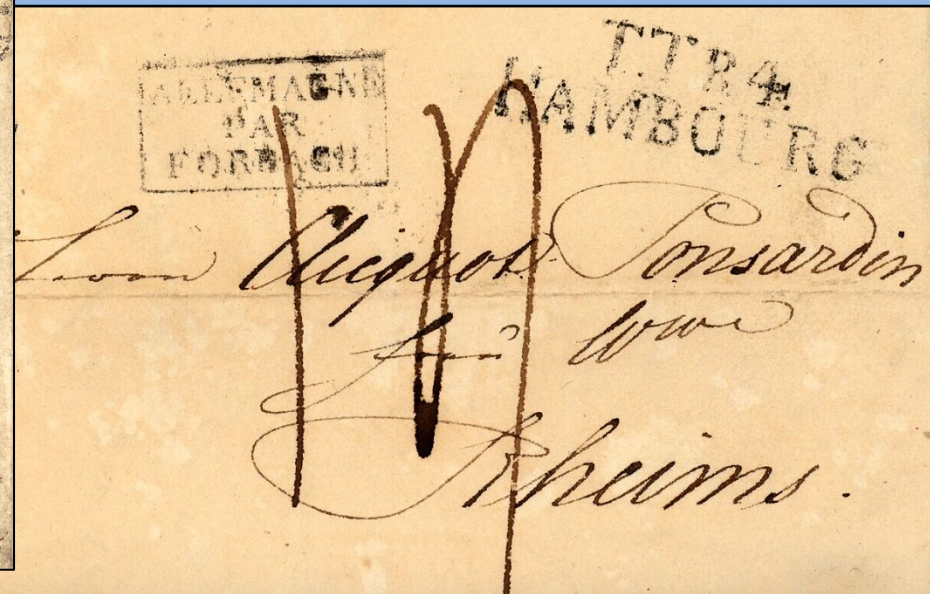


On stampless folded letters, we have:

- a postmark of origin ...
- tax paid by the recipient : **Postage due** (*Port dû*)
 - manuscript marking
- tax paid by the sender: **Prepaid** (*Post Paid*) (*Port payé*)
 - at the beginning: manuscript markings: porto, franco, frei
 - later: handstamp: **PP**, **PD** (**paid to destination**)(*port payé jusqu'à destination*)

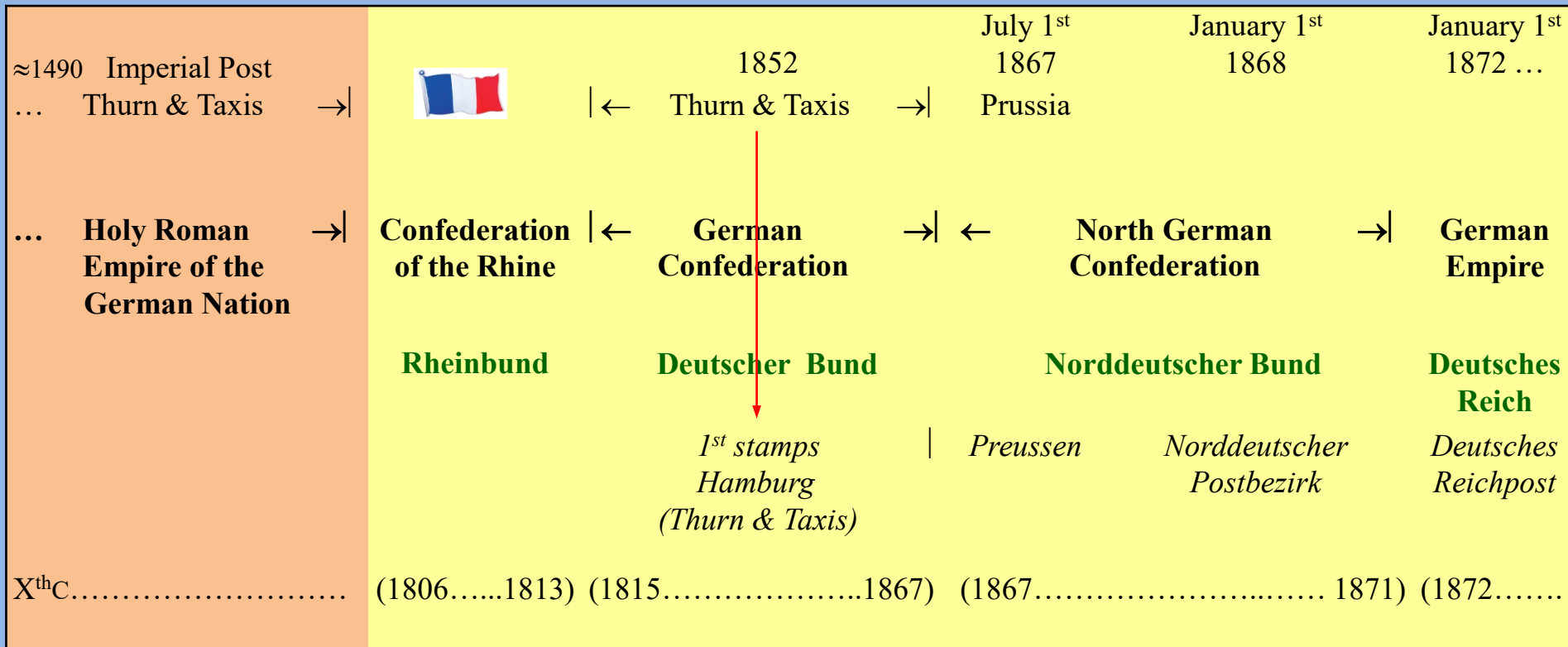


1841



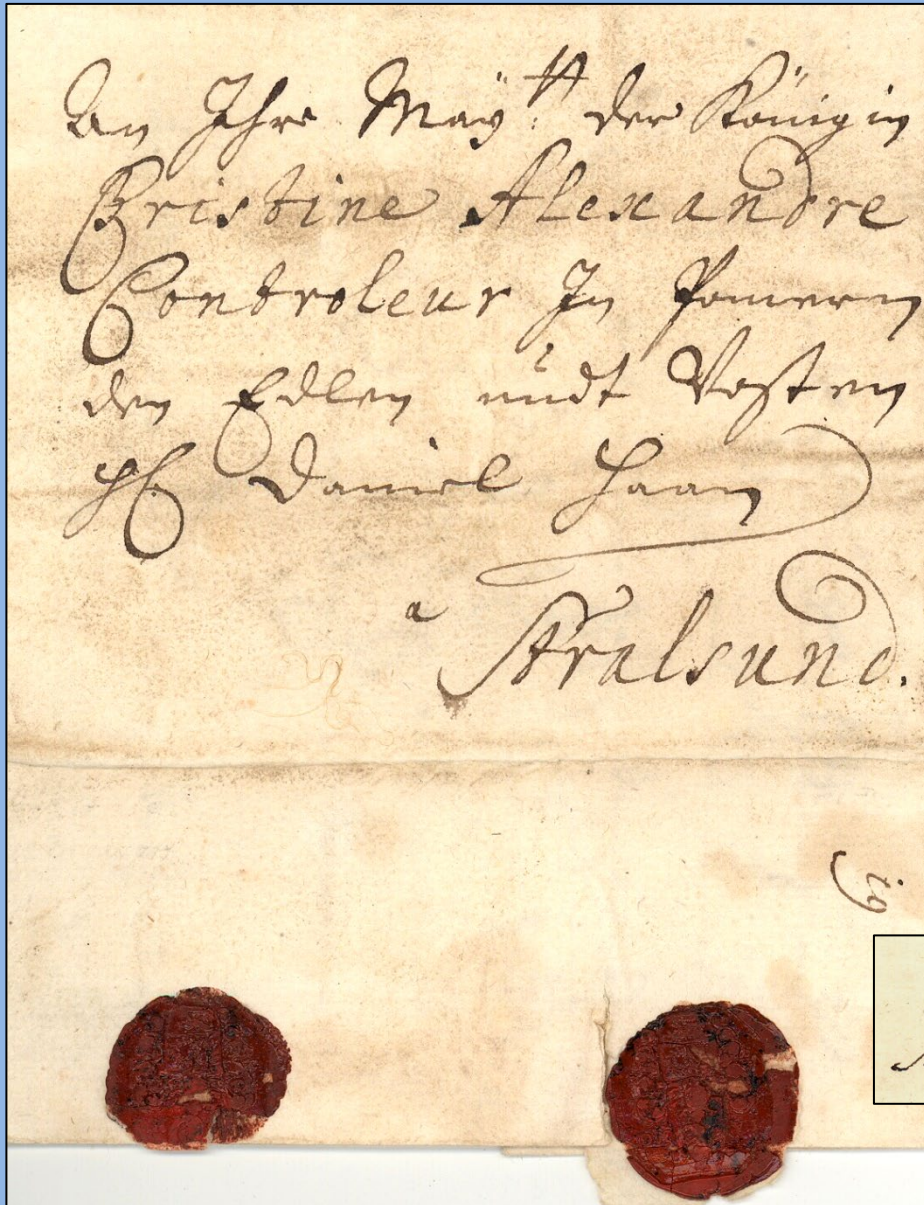
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2. The Imperial Post of *Thurn und Taxis*



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2.1 before 1751



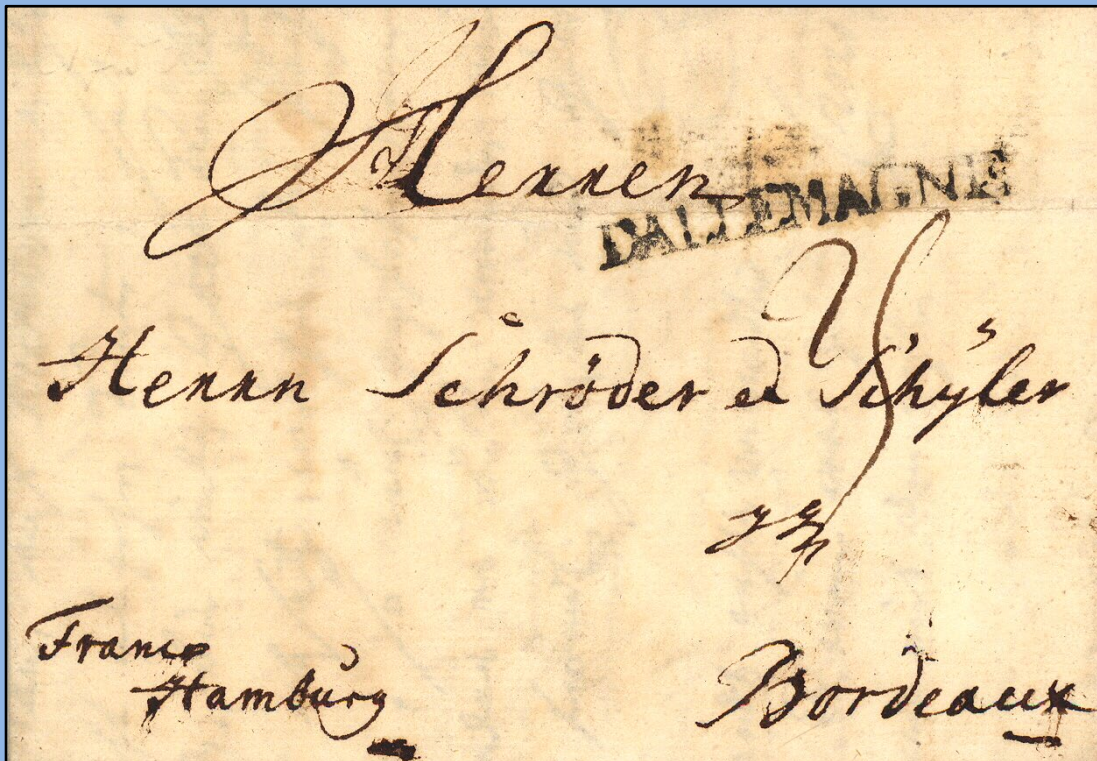
Courier inside the Empire:
no postmark

- Hamburg to Stralsund (Pomerania)
- 30 April 1673
- prepaid

Monsieur,
Hamb: 30 Apr: 1673.

- Courier outside of the Empire

- no german postmark
- **entry mark** applied at the exchange agency or, more probably, in Paris
- straight line cancel: D'ALLEMAGNE - 5 types - wooden hammer
- 1695 - 1751



Flensburg 230⁵ Mark 1750⁴

- › Cover from Flensburg to Bordeaux
[duchy of Schleswig (Danish)]

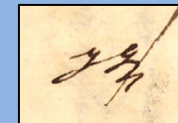
- › 1750

- › *Franco Hamburg*

- postage paid from Flensburg to Hamburg
- postage due from Hamburg to Bordeaux
 - rate from Hamburg to Paris: 18 sols
 - rate from Paris to Bordeaux: 7 sols
 - postage due in Bordeaux: 25 sols

- › mark of entry in France
D'ALLEMAGNE (hand-strucked in Paris)

- › special mark:





- › Horn to St-Diez en Lorraine (St-Dié-des-Vosges)
- › 1760
- › *fco 1/2* = 1 gros → 17 sols – postage paid
- › mark of entry in France - D'ALLEMAGNE

(1 gros = 1/8 once = 3.8 grammes)

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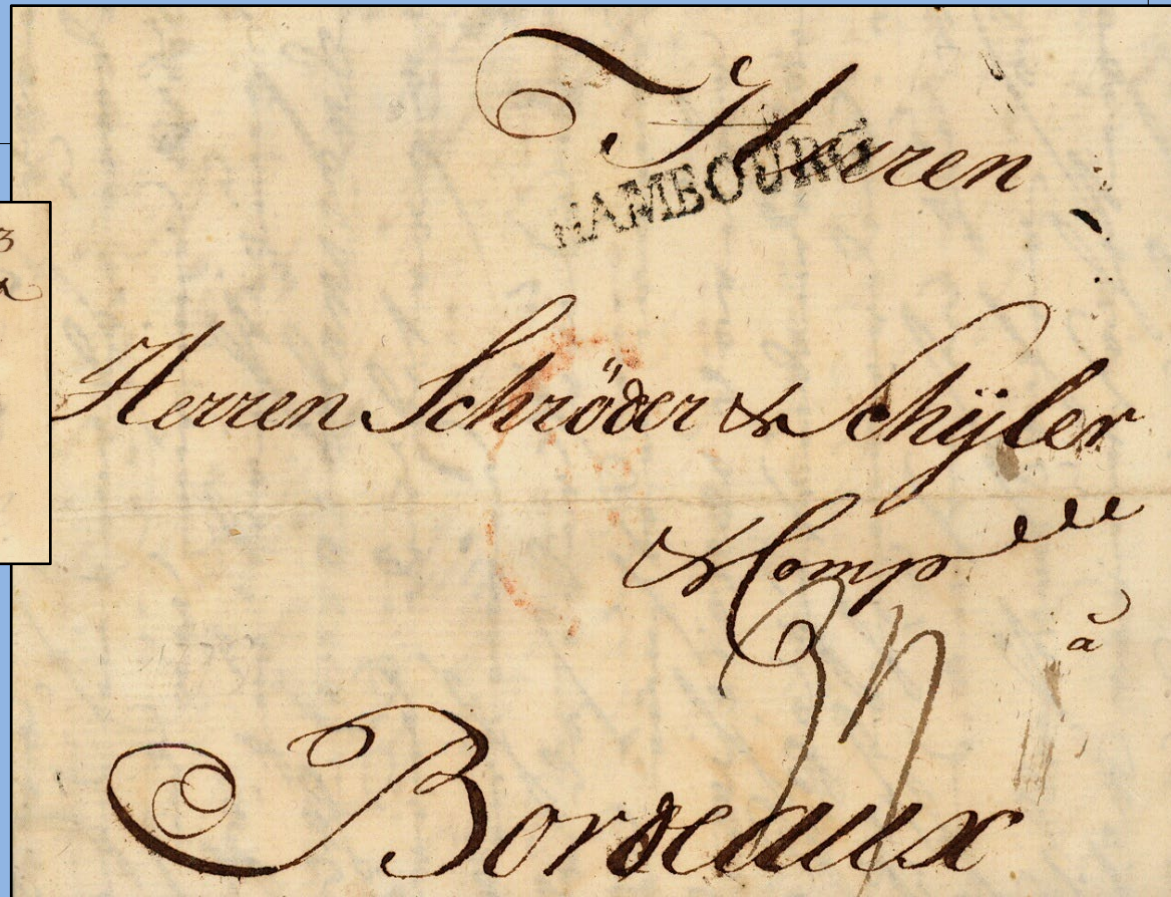
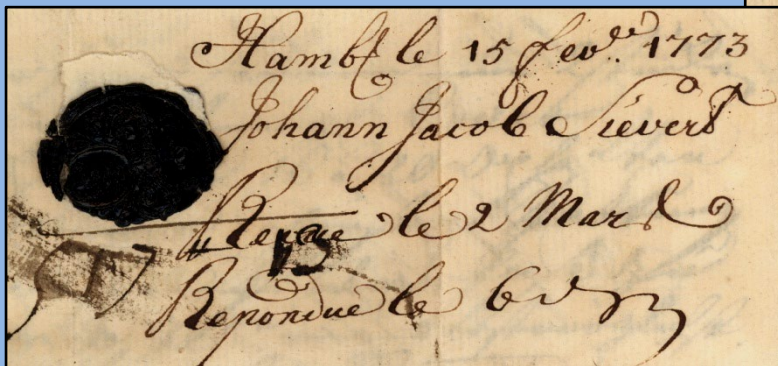
2.2 from 1751 to 1806

2.2.1. straight line **HAMBOURG**

German cachet or French transit mark ?

* **Only on letters transiting by Paris for Western / Southern France**

- in use **1751 to 1784**
- metal canceller



- from Hamburg to Bordeaux
- 1773
- single rate: 34 sols (rate of 1759)
 - . Hamburg to Paris: 24 sols
 - . Paris to Bordeaux: 10 sols

Courrier inside the Empire: no postmark

3
A Monsieur
Monsieur Claude Galtiot
de Diez
Adress. Mons: Bauman
a
Frankfort
sur le Main

- 1760
- cover from Hamburg to Frankfurt-am-Main
- postage due: 3 kreuzers in red crayon

Hambourg. le 20. fev^r 1760.

HAMBOURG

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Germ Chröder & Schyler
& Comp.
Franco Hamburg
Bordeaux

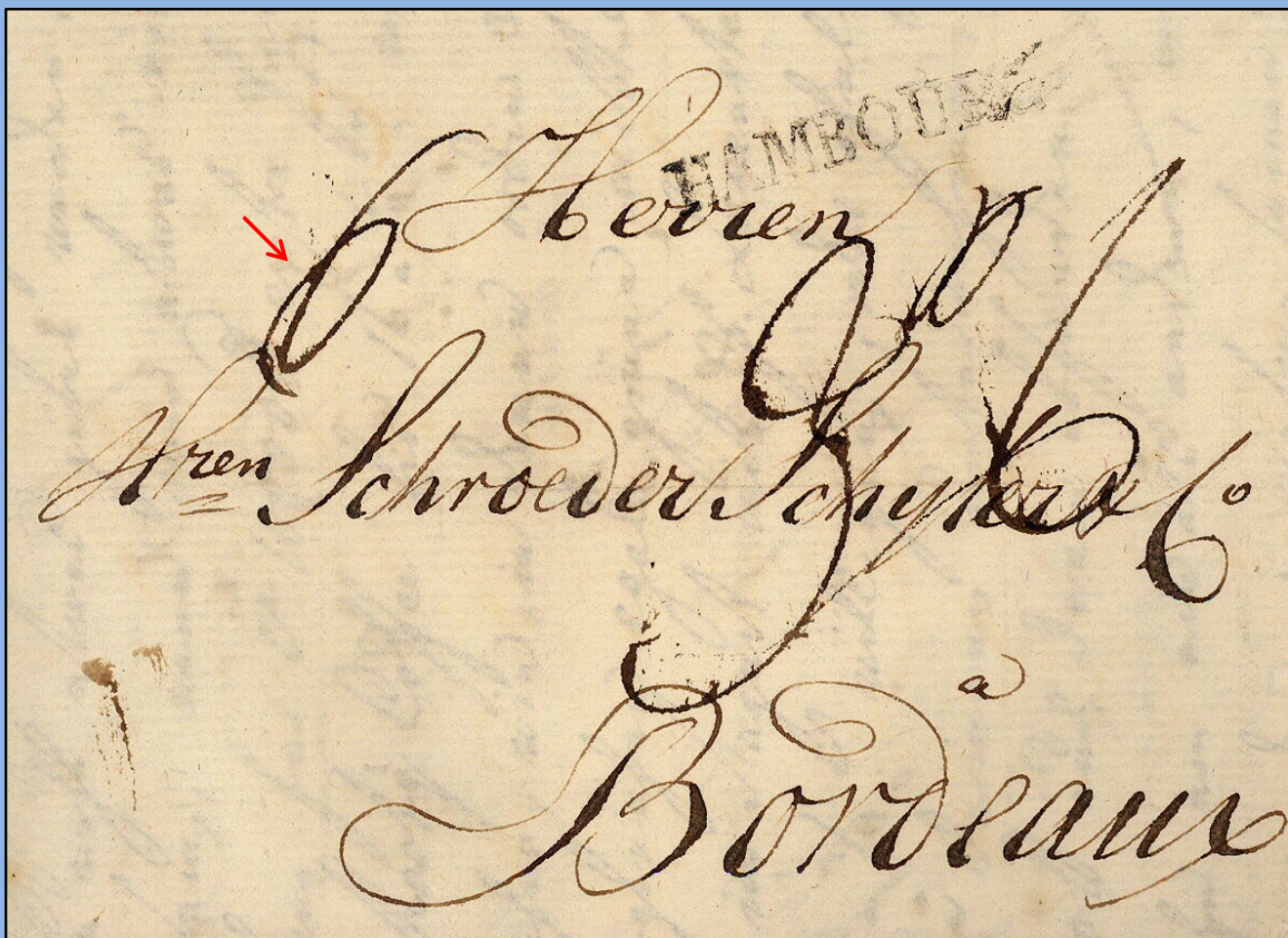
- Flensburg (Danish) to Bordeaux
- 1773
- postage due 34 sols
- Hamburg to Paris = 24 sols
- Paris to Bordeaux = 10 sols
- single rate letter
- *franco Hamburg*



verso

- rated 6 Danish shillings
- paid by the sender from Flensburg to Hamburg

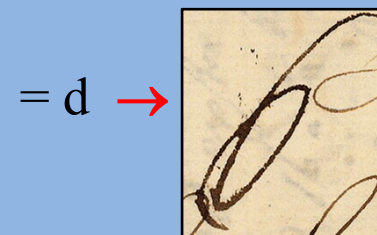
Chröder & Schyler & Comp.
Bordeaux
Flensburg 18 Decr. 1773.



- Hamburg to Bordeaux
- 1784
- postage due: 3 livres
and 6 sols

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ livre} = 20 \text{ sols} \\ \quad \times 3 = 60 \text{ sols} + 6 \\ \quad = 66 \text{ sols} \end{array} \right]$$

- double rate letter
(66 sols)



wax seal

Johann Schroeder Schyler & Co. Bordeaux Hamburg 316 April 1784

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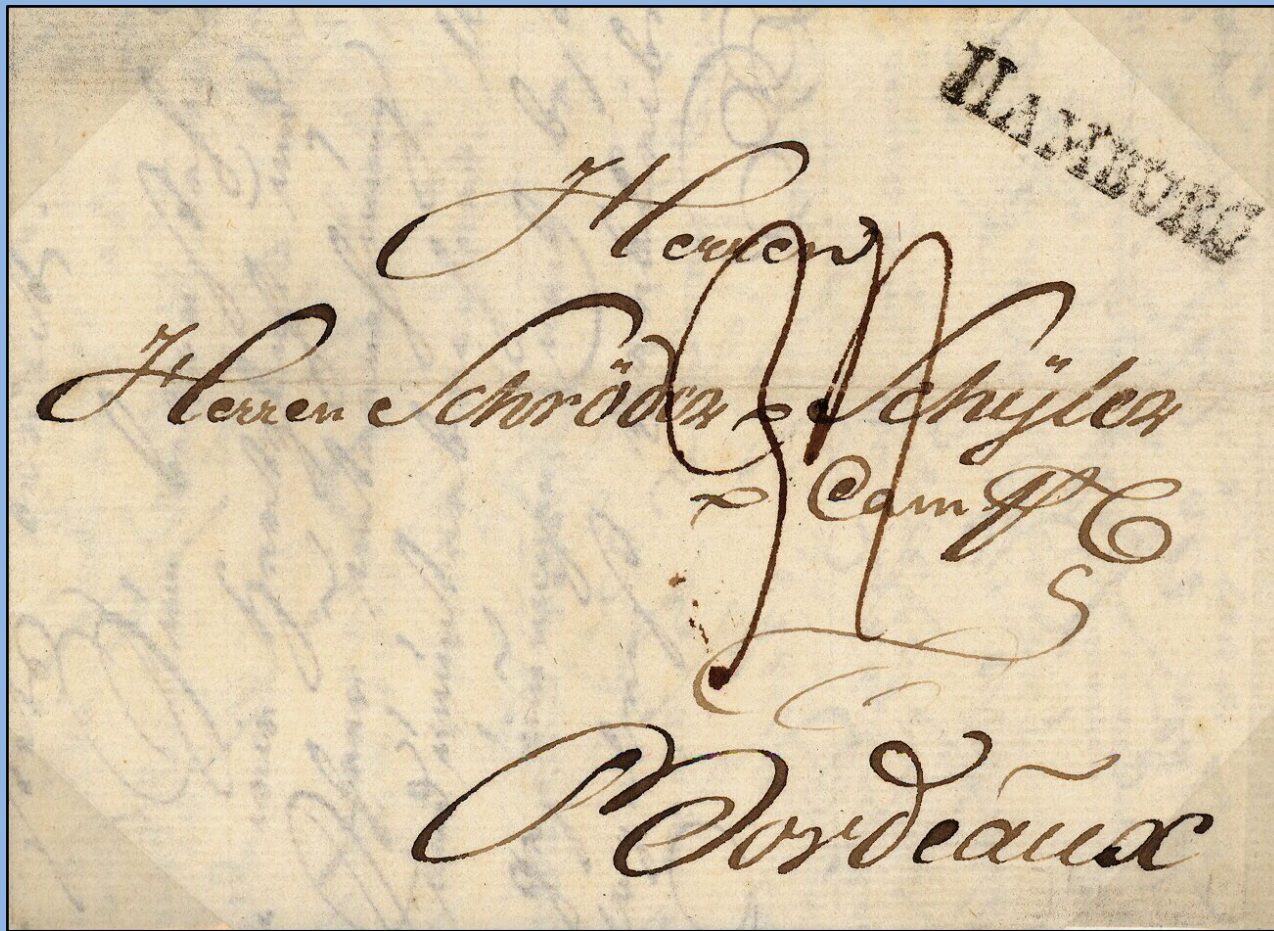
2.2. from 1751 to 1806

2.2.1. straight line **HAMBOURG** • from 1751 to 1784

2.2.2. straight line **HAMBURG**

- from 1784 to 1806
- metal die handstamp device - 13 types
- mark of origin from Hamburg for the Imperial Post of T. & T.

This postmark **HAMBURG** is considered to be the **FIRST** postmark
from Hamburg



- Hamburg to Bordeaux
- 1784

- straight line cancel

HAMBURG type I

(du 25/4 1784 – 27/8 1784)

April to August

- rated 34 sols



head-letter

HAMBURG

Au Citoyen La Salle.
Marchand Tailleur.
A. Châlons
sur Marne

- from Hamburg to Châlons-sur Marne (Châlons-en-Champagne)
- 1800
- straight line cancel HAMBURG type IX (16/11 1796 - xx)
- letter rated 12 décimes
- note: the addressee...
Au Citoyen La Salle ...

a Hambourg le 1^{er} 8bre 1800

HAMBURG

M^r. B. L. fould
N^o 1^{re}

Paris.

- Hamburg to Paris
- 1800
- straight line cancel
HAMBURG de type XIII
(1/6 1798 – 2/7 1806)
- postage due 23 décimes
 - tariff Hamburg – Paris = 15 dc
 - special cachet
= double rate letter



verso

receiving mark from *Bureau Central de Paris* – for a foreign letter

Mons^r. B. L. fould
Paris.

Hambourg 31 mars 1800
22.

HAMBURG

Monsieur Holagray

Bordeaux

- Hamburg to Bordeaux
- 1802
- straight line cancel
HAMBURG type XII
(28/10 1797 – 15/2 1802)
- tariff: 17 décimes

verso: 26 March 1802 – 3 germinal 10^e an

error: 5 germinal an X

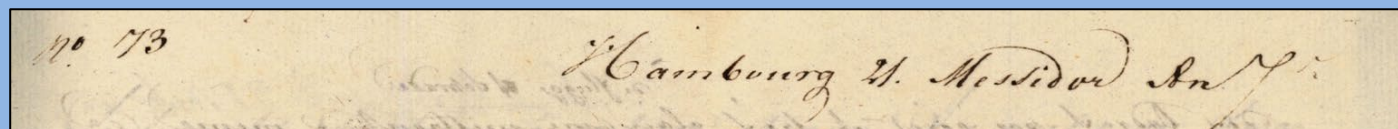
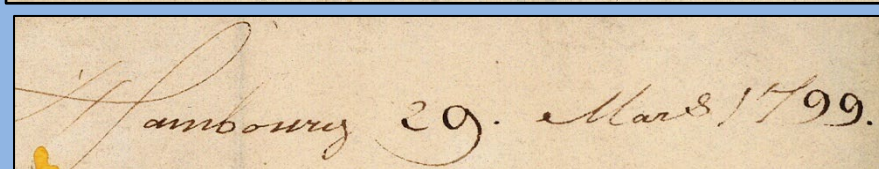
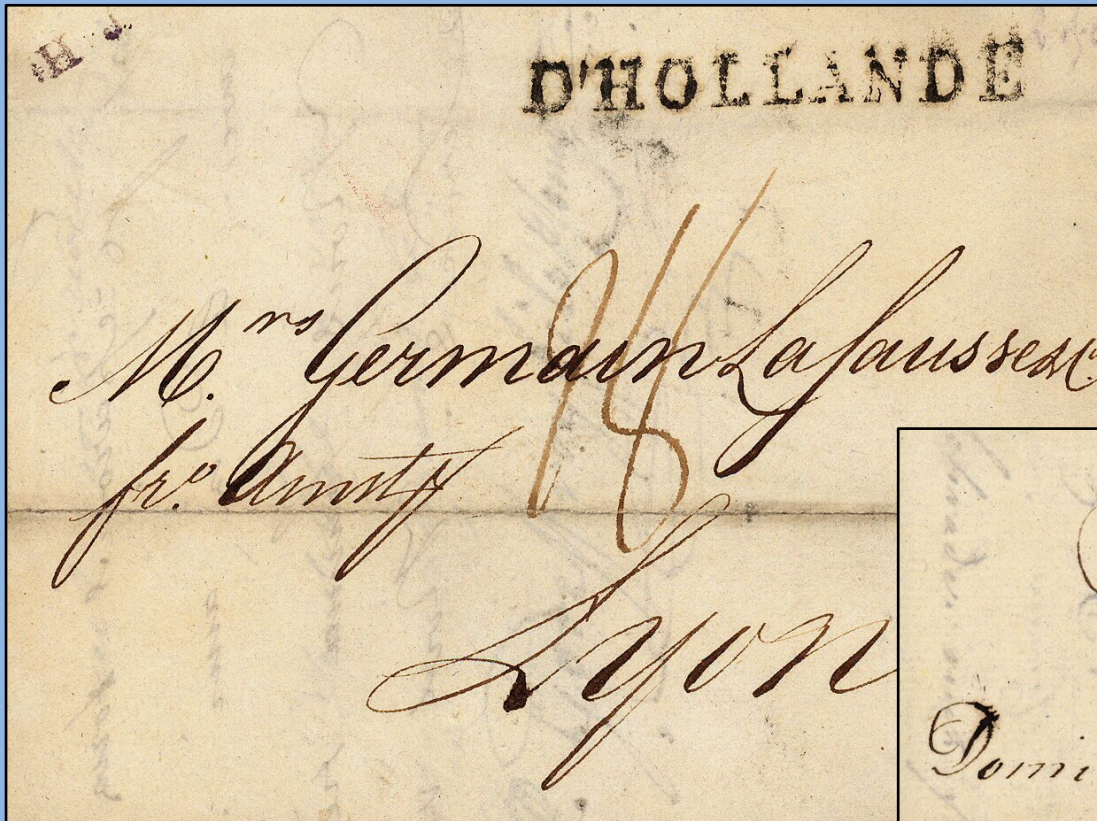
Du 26. Mars 1802. Recue le 8. Avril
Germinal 10^e an. 18. germinal.
Hambourg
P. Godeffroy fils & Co
repondre le 11 avril 1802
(21 Germinal an 10)

À Monsieur Holagray,
à Bordeaux.

Hambourg Le 26. Mars 1802.

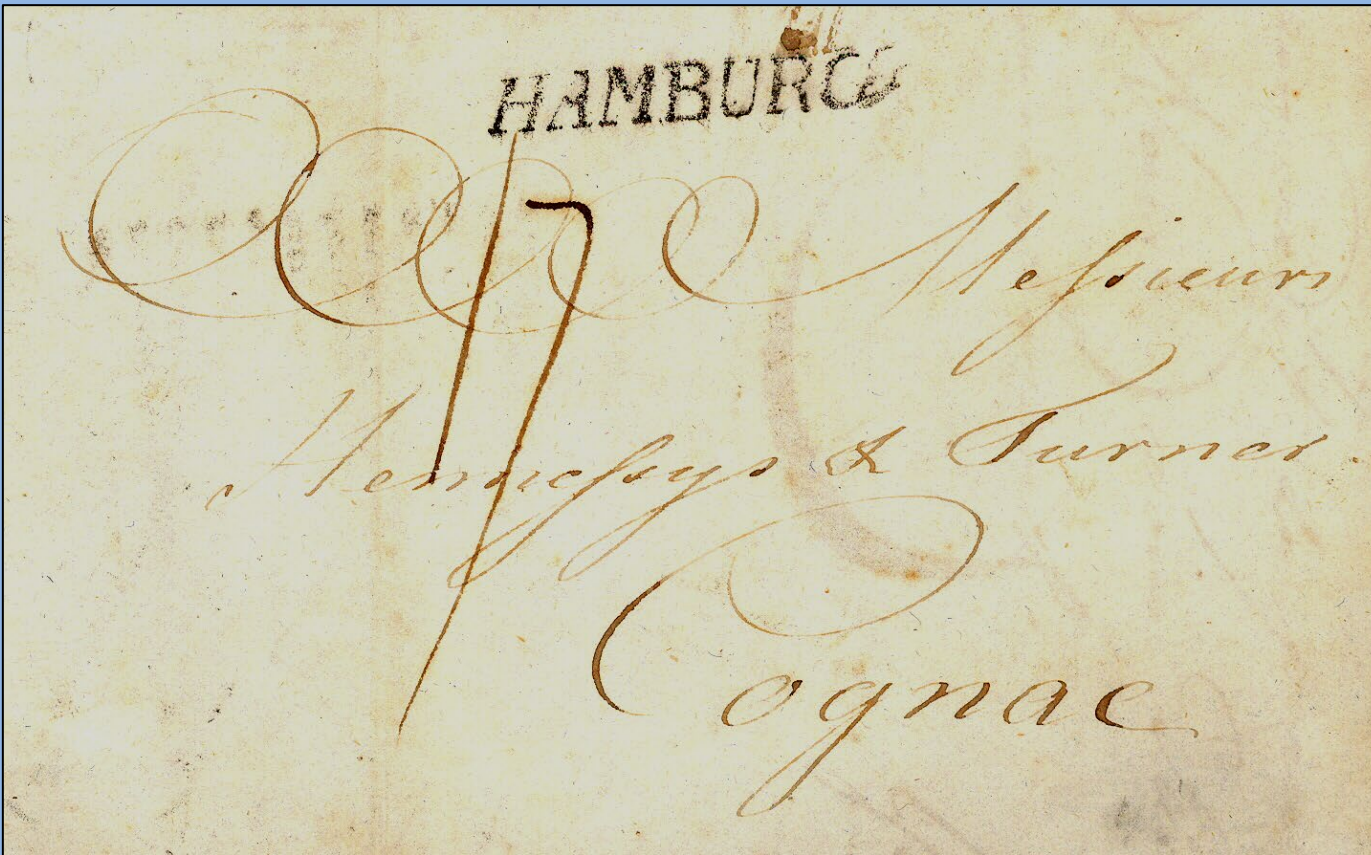
NO POSTMARK OF ORIGIN

- Hamburg to France
- French TRANSIT postmarks
«D'HOLLANDE» - 2 ≠ types
- *franco* Amsterdam
- rated 28 and 30 décimes

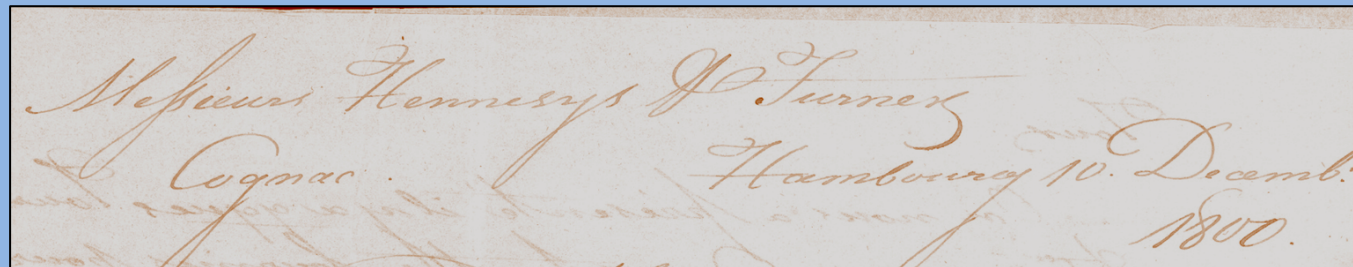


Dated heading 21 Messidor an 7 → 9 July 1799

1797-1802. Hamburg is invaded by the Danish troops
allied of Napoléon Bonaparte



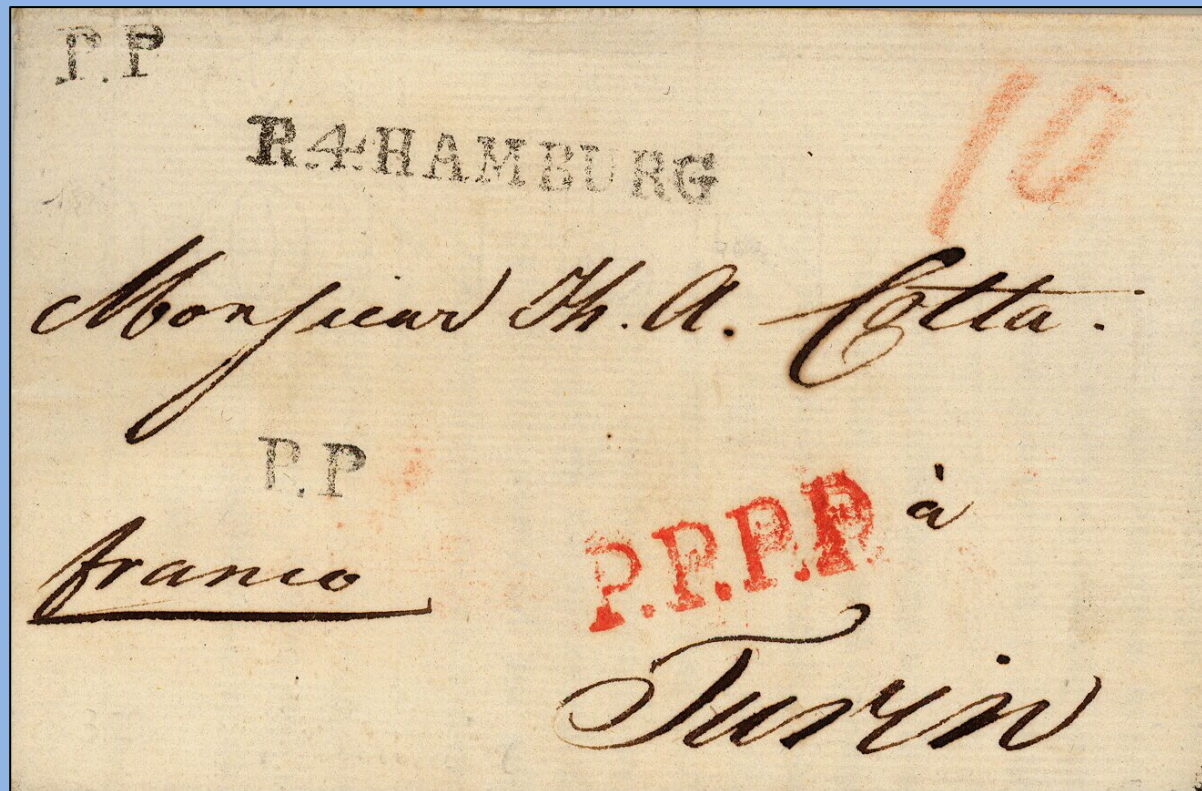
- Hamburg to Cognac
- mark of origin
- HAMBURG** italic letters - rare
- rated 17 décimes
- no transit or receiving postmark



In 1802, the Empire is divided in 4 *rayons* depending on the distance from the city post office to the French border

«**R.4. HAMBURG**»

24/9 1802 – 3/9 1806 until the arrival of the French army



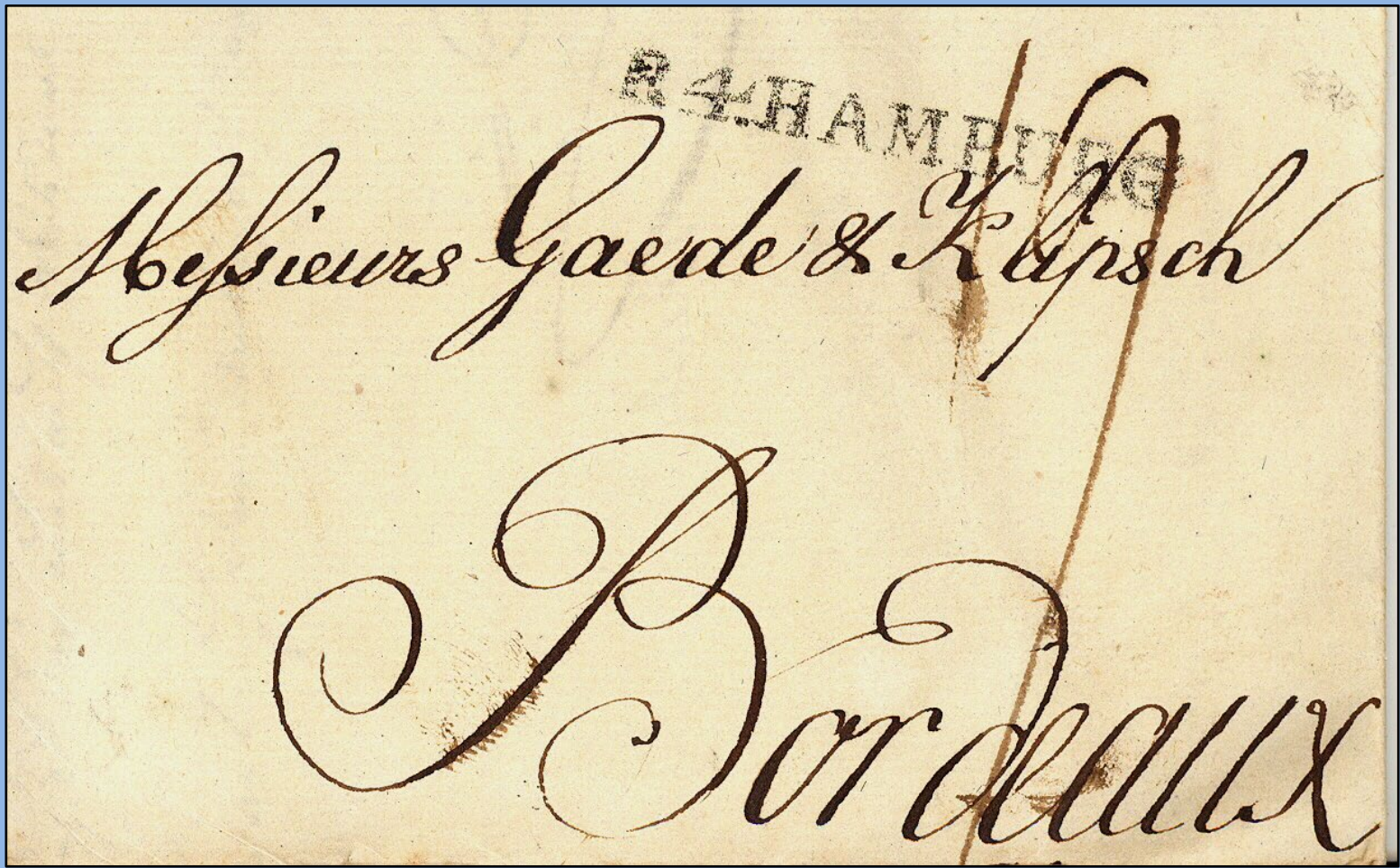
- 1804. Hamburg to Turin, Italy – POST PAID **P.P.** / *franco*
- TRANSIT MARK - Paris **P.P.P.P.**
- **10** Hamburgian schillings paid by sender

8. **HAMBURG**
A Monsieur
Monsieur De Gramont,
rue d'oree, à
Chateau Gonthier.
Département de
la Mayenne.

- Hamburg to Chateau-Gonthier
- 1803
- weight: 8 grammes
double rate
- rated 26 décimes

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embour; ce 14 septembre ce 1803



- Hamburg to Bordeaux
- 4 August 1806
- single rate letter: 19 décimes

Gaden & Klipsch in Bordeaux *Hamburg den 4^{ten} August 1806.*

→ Gaden & Klipsch: wine merchants

BASSE Saxe

francon C. Gaden & Klipsch
fr. Hamburg Bordeaux

BASSE-SAXE

- French postmark
‘Bureau Central’
Paris
- 15/3 1806 -
16/10 1806 – rare

- Lübeck TO Bordeaux
- *francon* Hamburg
- single rate letter 19 décimes
- manuscript transit mark
- no receiving postmark

Lübeck 8 3 Juny 1806
francon C. Gaden & Klipsch in Bordeaux.

NAPOLÉON BONAPARTE'S CONQUESTS

* BATTLE of AUSTERLITZ * 2 December 1805

Battle of the Three Emperors



Painting by baron François Gérard (1770-1837)

NAPOLEONIC CONQUESTS

CONSEQUENCES OF THE BATTLE OF AUSTERLITZ

- Treaty of Pressburg - 26 December 1805
- dissolution of the *Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation* -
6 August 1806
- establishment of the *Confederation of the Rhine* (1806 à 1813)

CONSEQUENCES ON THE POSTAL SYSTEM

- closing of the *Thurn und Taxis* post offices
- French postal service under the responsibility of Joachim Murat, appointed Grand-duke of Berg and Cleves
- French postmarks

3. THE GRAND-DUCAL OFFICE OF BERG AND CLEVES

TEMPORARY POSTMARK

R. HAMBOURG

from 15/9 1806 to 20/1 1807

- rare -

≈1490 ... Thurn & Taxis →		← 1852 Thurn & Taxis →	July 1 st 1867 Prussia	January 1 st 1868	January 1 st 1872 ...
... Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation →	Confederation of the Rhine	← German Confederation →	← North German Confederation →	German Empire	
	Rheinbund	Deutscher Bund	Norddeutscher Bund	Deutsches Reich	
		<i>1st stamps Hamburg (Thurn & Taxis)</i>	<i>Preussen</i>	<i>Norddeutscher Postbezirk</i>	<i>Deutsches Reichpost</i>
X th C.....	(1806.....1813)	(1815.....1867)	(1867.....1871)	(1872.....	

Monsieur

R. HAMBURG

Duffour fils

Bordeaux



- backstamped at the *Hôtel des Postes* in Paris
 - crowned double circle cancel
 - 27 December 1806

- cover from Hamburg to Bordeaux
- **R. HAMBURG** - very rare
- 1806
- rated 19 décimes – single rate

Hamburg le 29^{de} Dec: 1806

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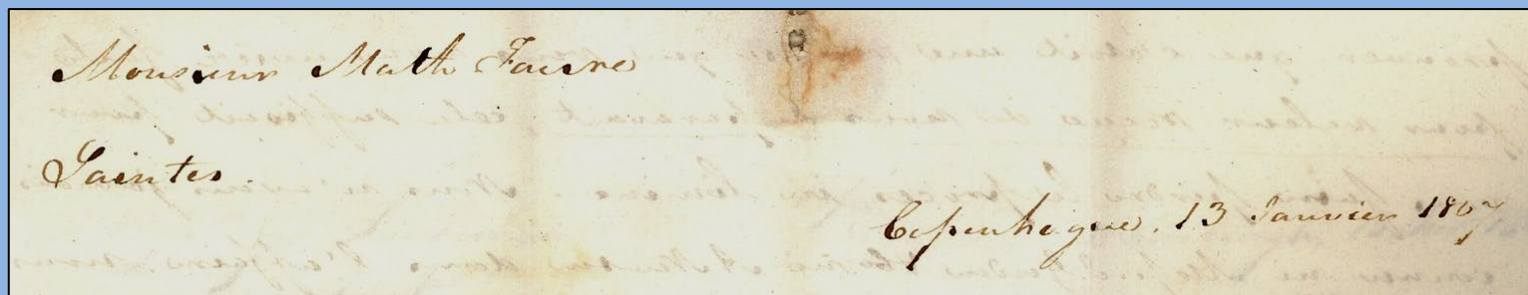
Monsieur Math. Faure
Saintes
en France

- from Copenhagen (Denmark) to Saintes
- weight: 8 grams
- double rate letter
- tariff: 27 décimes
- rate from Copenhagen to Hamburg ?

Error: 0781 instead of 1807
- VERY RARE -

B.G.D. HAMBOURG : boxed «Bureau Grand Ducal» in red

- 3/1 1807 to 4/2 1807 → 1 month



HAMBURG.4
B.G.D.27 Mars 1807.

RARE - letter 'O' missing in Hambourg



- Hamburg to Bordeaux
- 1807
- 01.1807... (08.04.1807)
→ another with Hambourg
on 20.02.1807
- rate: 19 décimes

J. J. J. Schroder & Schyler & Co in Bordeaux
Hamburg am 27 März 1807

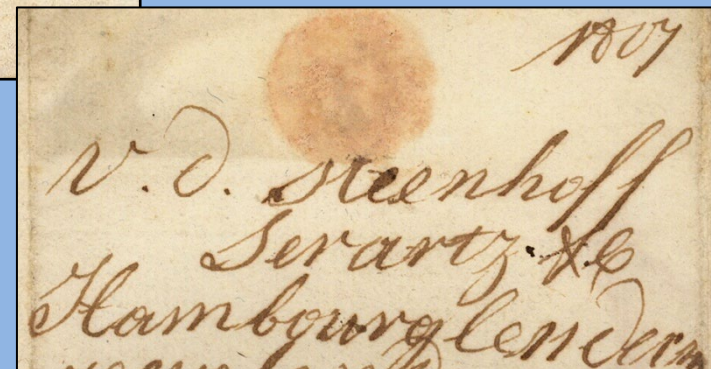
- in April 1807, black ink in use

- 13/8 1807 to 18/1 1808



- Hamburg to Bordeaux
- 11 December 1807
- rated 19 décimes:
single rate letter

HAMBOURG R 4.: rayon 4
B.G.D. : «Bureau Grand Ducal»



- on January 1808, J. Murat leaves the Grand-Duchy of Berg and Cleves
- all post offices of Hamburg are combined in only one P.O.
- at the beginning, only one postmark; later on, other types
- 15/01 1808 - 06/09 1809



- Hamburg to Bordeaux
- 14/01 1809
- rated 27 décimes

Wm Gasland
 Hambourg le 14 Janvier 1809
 regu le 18 Janvier 1809

- New postmark **R. 4. HAMBURG**
- September 1809 to August 1811

R. 4. HAMBURG.
Wilhelm Grimmell
in
Bremen

- Altona to Bremen
- 1810
- rated 7 grote in red crayon

1810
 Altona 16 April
 W Heidermann
 für 17 -
 bezahlt 17. mit Puzellen
 & 18 v. Puz

4. THE ANNEXATION BY FRANCE

**THE NORTHERN STATES ARE ANNEXED TO THE FRENCH EMPIRE
WITH A FRENCH TYPE ADMINISTRATION**



DER RHEINBUND 1812

AB = Anhalt-Bernburg
 AD = Anhalt-Dessau
 AK = Anhalt-Köthen
 FI = Fürstentum Isenburg
 FW = zu Fürstentum Waldeck
 GK = Grafschaft Katzenelnbogen
 H = Hohengeroldesck (Fsm. v.d. Leyen)
 HZH = Hohenzollern-Hechingen
 HZS = Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen
 KW = zu Königreich Westphalen
 LD = Lippe-Detmold
 MST = zu Mecklenburg-Strelitz
 OLD = zu Oldenburg
 SC = Sachsen-Coburg
 SG = Sachsen-Gotha
 SH = Sachsen-Hildburghausen
 SL = Schaumburg-Lippe
 SM = Sachsen-Meiningen
 SR = Schwarzbürg-Rudolstadt
 SW = Sachsen-Weimar

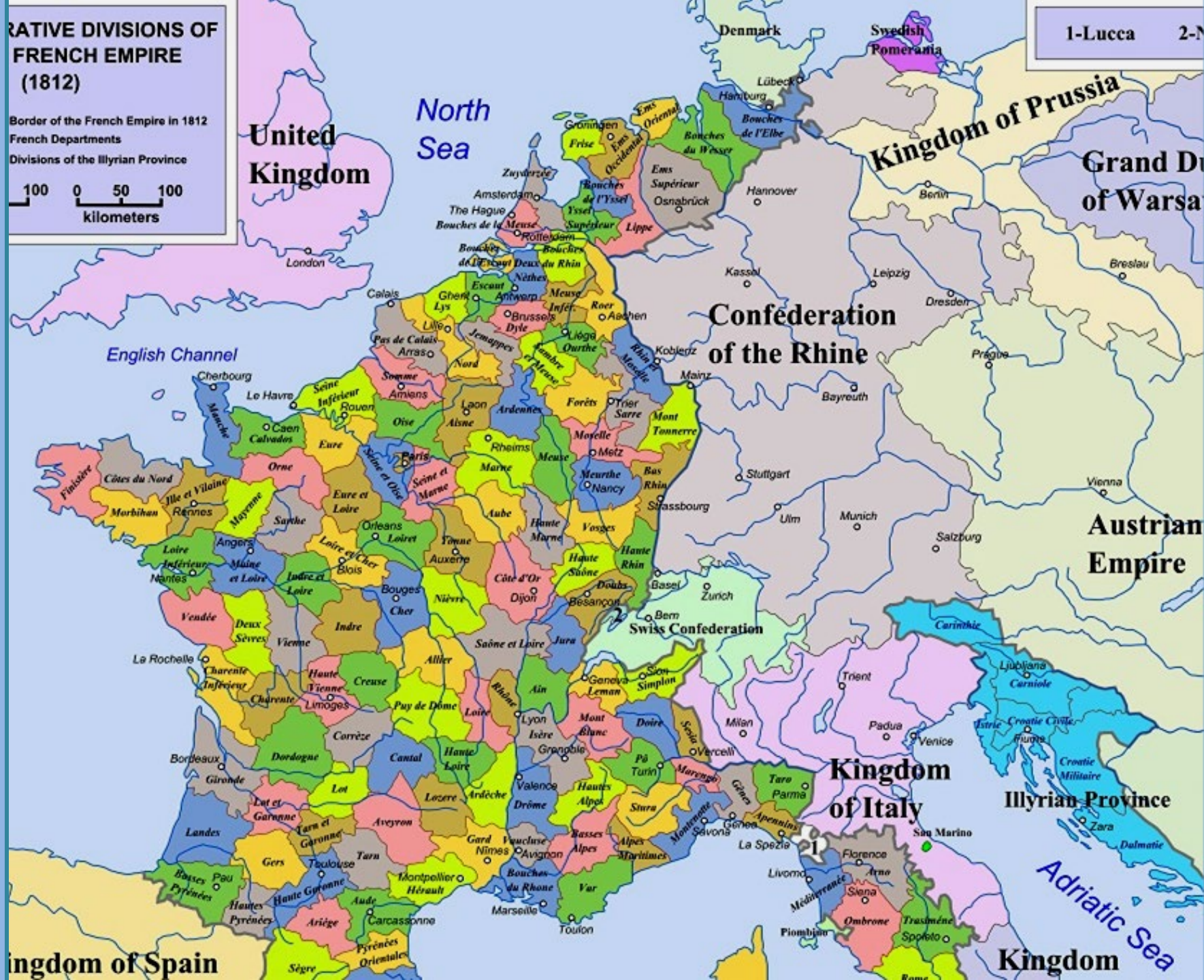
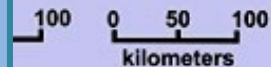
— Grenze des Rheinbundes
 ■ Napoleonische „Modellstaaten“

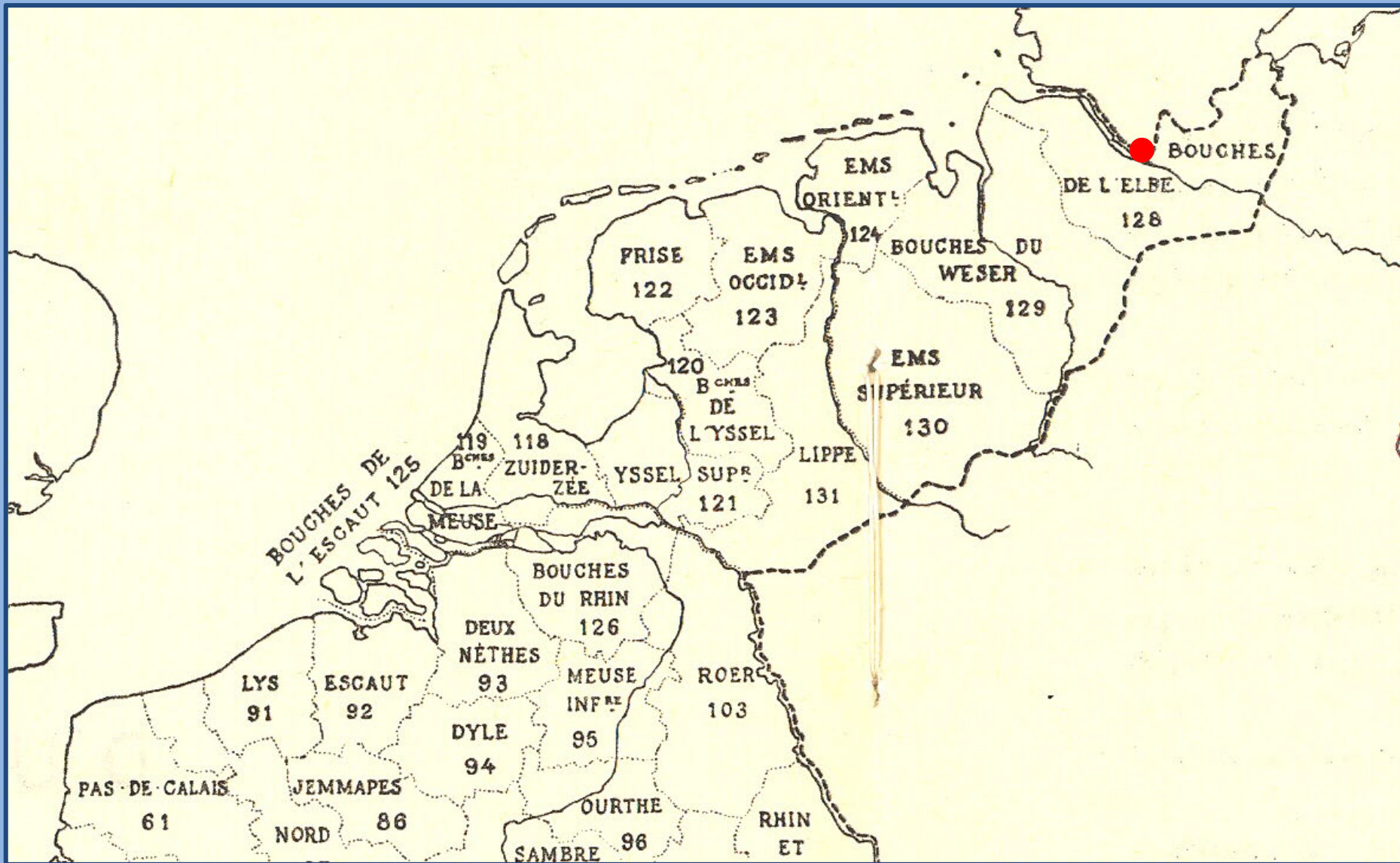
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 Kilometer

- 1813. Napoléon defeated in Russia
- 1814. treaty of Paris
 - German States
 - independents

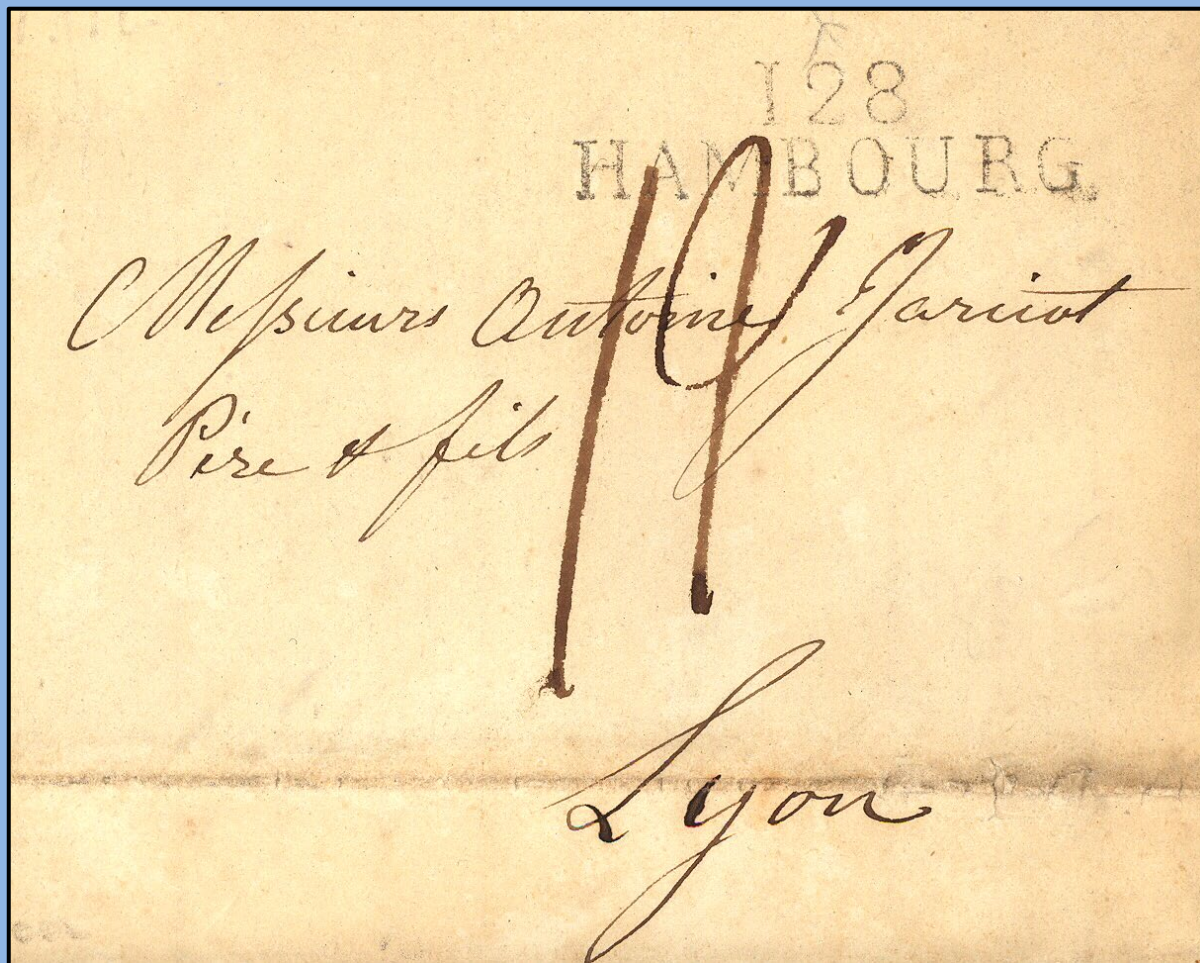
RELATIVE DIVISIONS OF FRENCH EMPIRE (1812)

Border of the French Empire in 1812
French Departments
Divisions of the Illyrian Province

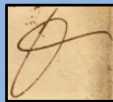


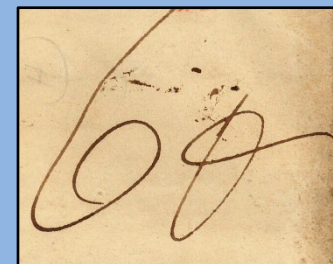


THE FRENCH DEPARTMENTS OF NORTHERN GERMANY



128 HAMBOURG
128 = department of
Bouches-de-l'Elbe

- Hamburg to Lyon
- 12 June 1812
- postage due
- Rate: 19 décimes +
6 décimes for a
 double rated letter



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Messieurs Antoine Jariot Père & fils
à Lyon
Hambourg 13 juin 1812

In use from 26.08.1811 to 09.11.1813

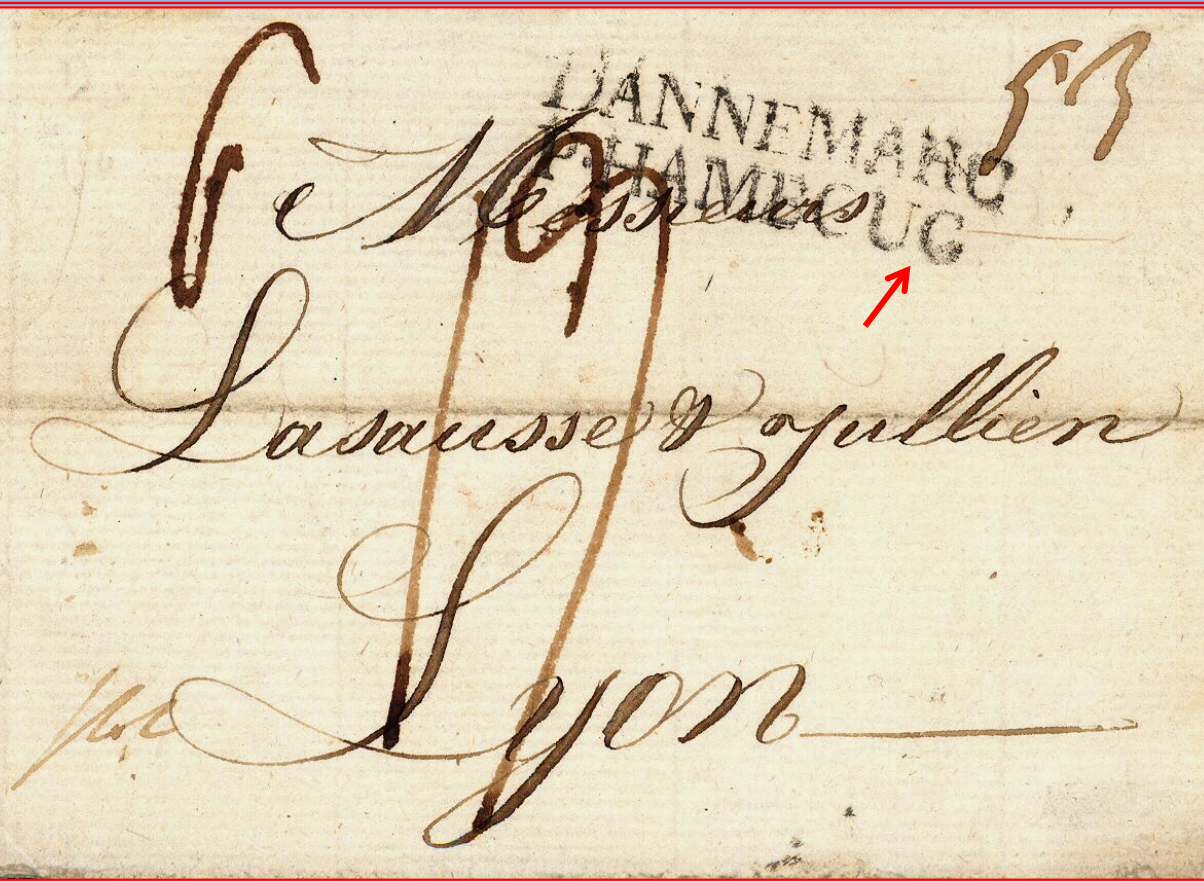
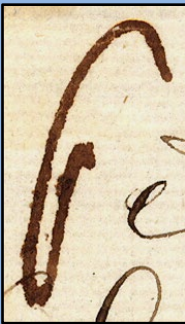
FRENCH POSTMARKS FOR LETTERS
COMING FROM DENMARK

DANNEMARC
P HAMBOURG

11/3 1811 - ../3 1813

- Copenhagen, Denmark to Lyon
- 28 March 1812
- rated 19 décimes

- special mark:
single-rated
letter →
- 53 = index nb.



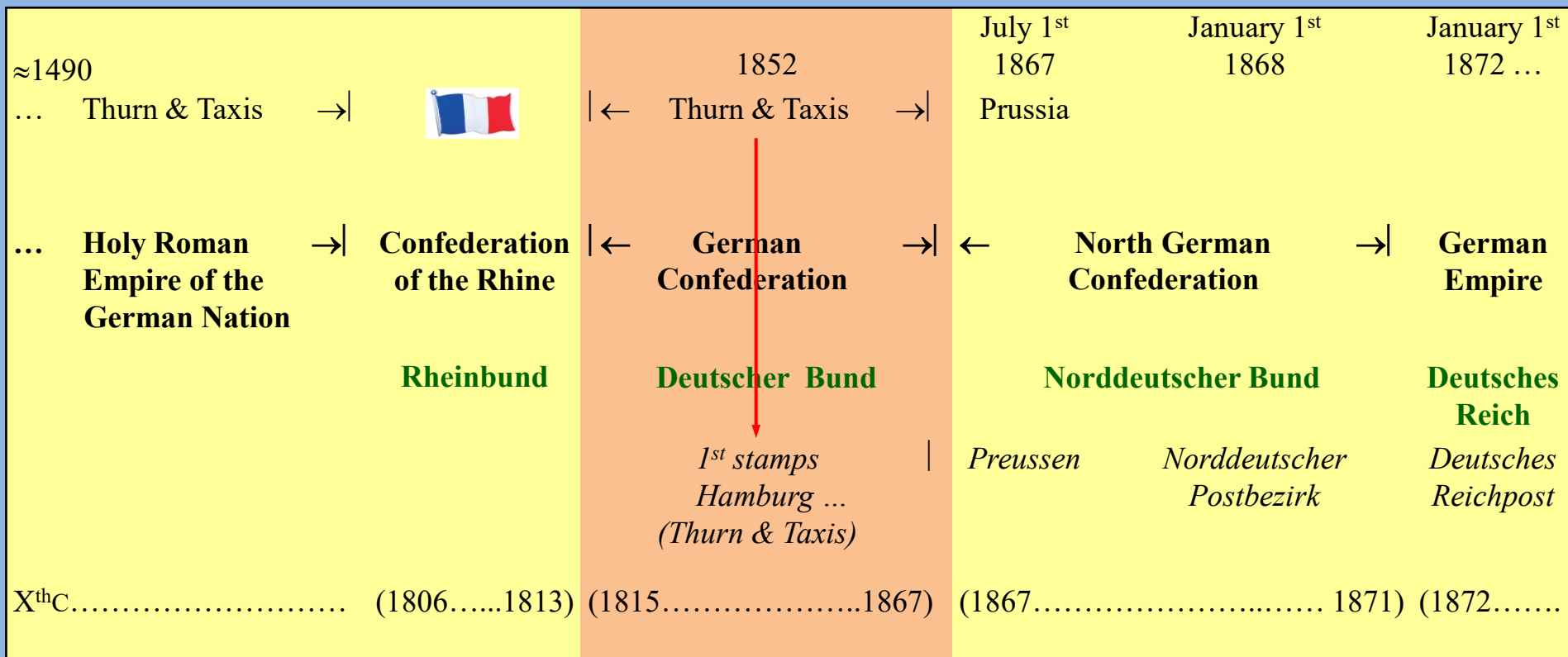
Postmark - **ERROR** → **HAMBOURG**

«**R**» missing

→ **rare** → **one date known**

- 1813. Napoléon defeated in Russia
 ↓ → end of the RHINE CONFEDERATION
- 1814. Treaty of Paris → the German States became independent again
- Congress in Vienna → GERMAN CONFEDERATION (1815-1866)
- The postal service of Thurn & Taxis comes back as a private company

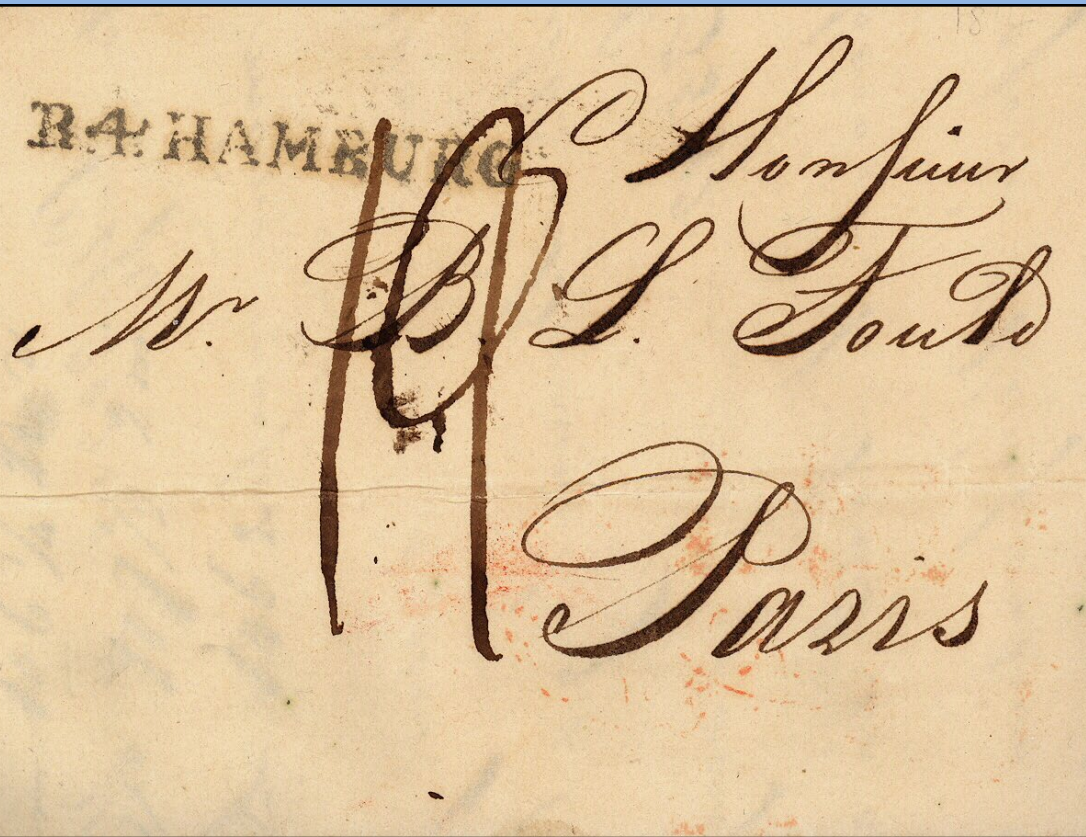
5. THE POSTAL SERVICE OF *THURN UND TAXIS* (1815 – 1867)



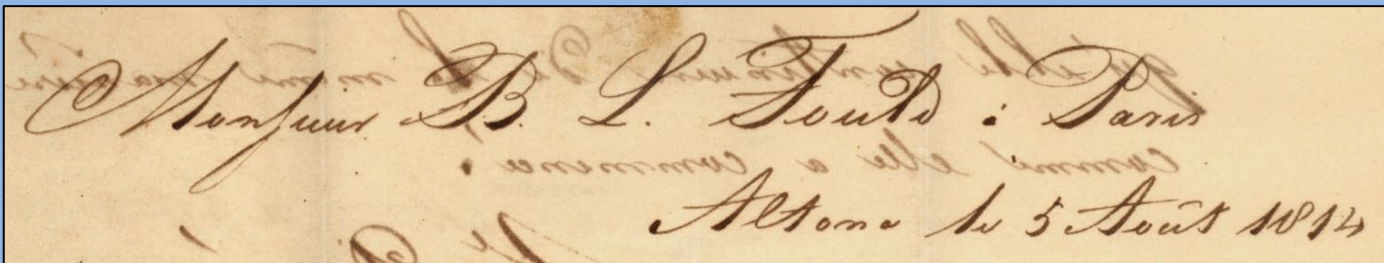
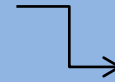
- 31 May 1814, the last French regiment leaves Hamburg
- June 1st 1814, T. & T. is back with the postmark of 1806

R.4.HAMBURG

1/6 1814 - ../12 1818



- Altona to Paris
- 5 August 1814
- rated 19 décimes
- backstamped at Paris
→ crowned double circle
on August 13 1814



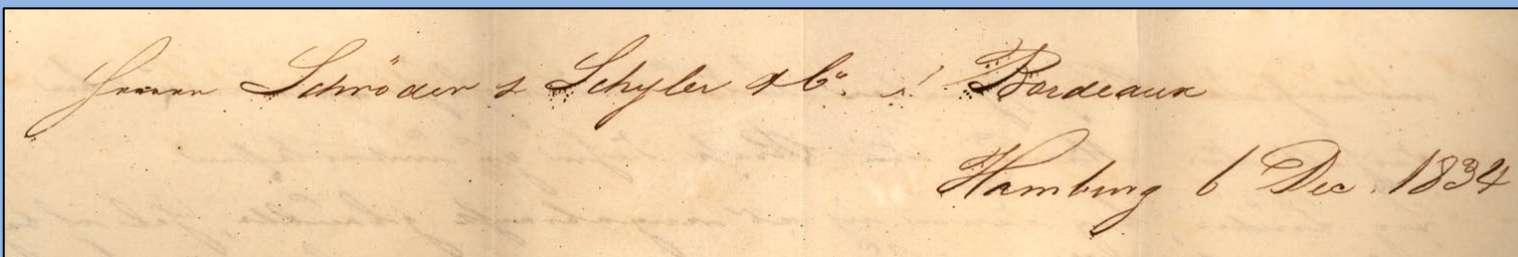
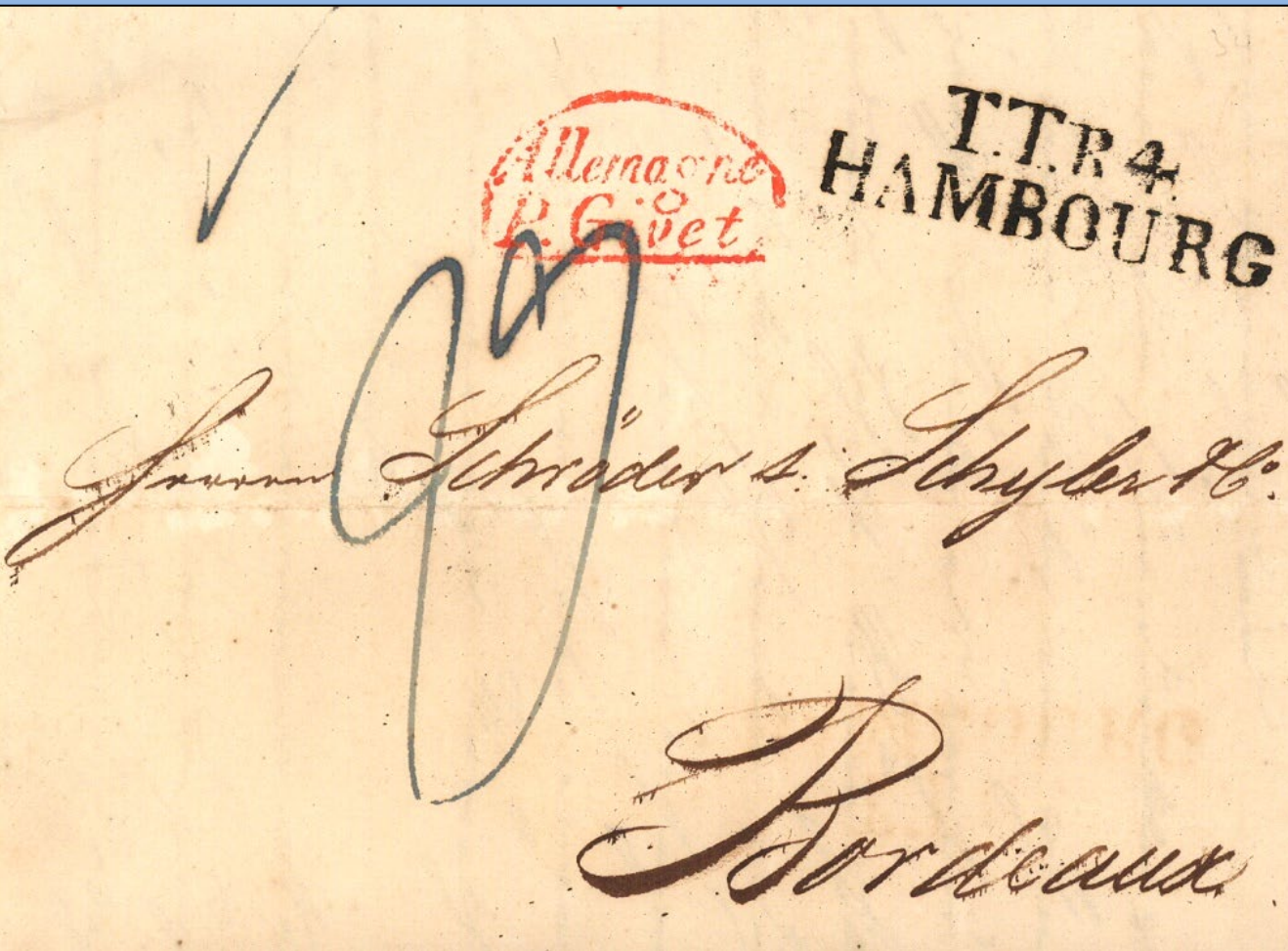


- Hamburg to Rheims
- boxed cachet of entry in France ALLEMAGNE PAR FORBACH
- 1829
- addressee *Madame Clicquot Ponsardin, madame veuve*
- taxed 14 décimes
- + 9 : *chiffre taxe* – French cachet ‘postage due’ because number 9 is on the recto (if backstamped: ‘postpaid’)

**T.T.R 4.
HAMBOURG**

8/4 1820 - 21/4 1841

- Hamburg to Bordeaux
- 1834
- *Givet* entry mark in France
- postage due: 27 dc
- backstamped at Bordeaux
↓
(receiving mark)



**CETTE FEMME EST UN
GRAND HOMME**

**Nicole-Barbe Ponsardin
Veuve Clicquot**



Madame Veuve Clicquot née Ponsardin (1778-1866) - Tableau de Léon Cogniet (Détail)



*Jan
Ister, Wähler & Bruggisser
Wohlen*

36

Datestamp

Boxed three-line cancel

5/1 1830 – 11/1 1845

- Hamburg to Wohlen, Switzerland
- 1840
- postage due: 28 shillings H. / **36** rappen

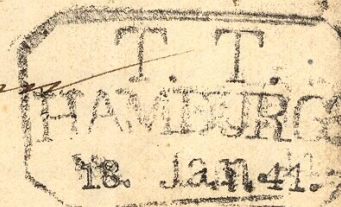
1840

Hamburg 6 März



- Hamburg to Frankfurt a/M
- 1841
- postpaid

Hamburg 18. 2 Janor 1841



Louis Schmidt

Postanummer 18. 7

Franko.

Frankfurt a/M

Datestamp

Boxed three-line cancel

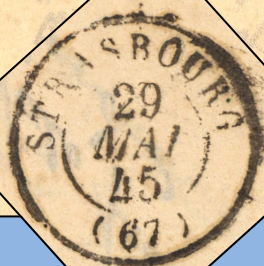
../3 1835 - ../6 1845

← postmark of origin

- Hamburg to Strasbourg, France
- 1845
- postage due: 7 décimes
- backstamped at STRASBOURG
- double circle cancel with
department nb. 67 (Bas-Rhin)

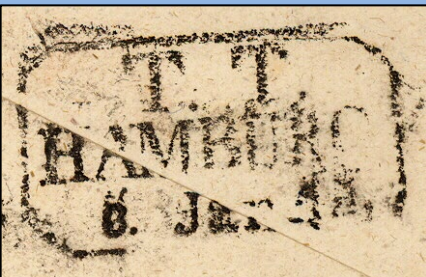
Guise G. Y. Herrenschmidt

Strasbourg

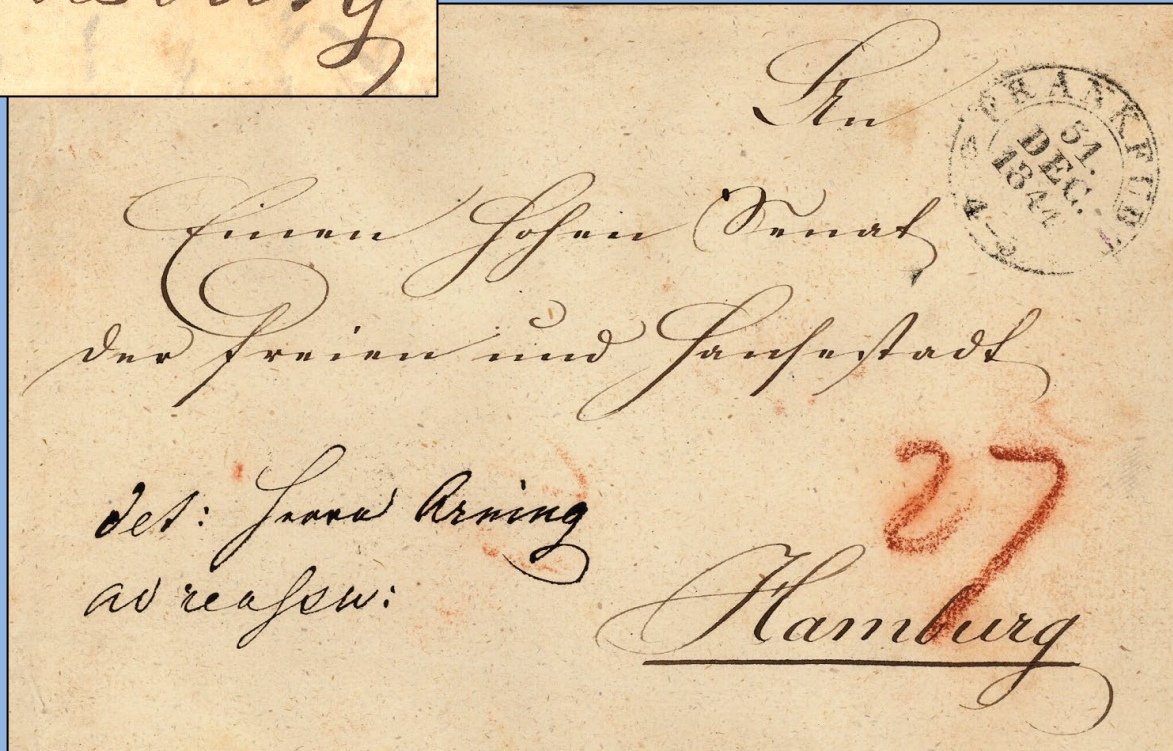


- from Frankfurt to Hamburg
- 1844

→
• postage due: 27 schilling H.
receiving mark at Hamburg:



rectangle
with
single
line



Gera



Ernst Weber

Gera

Datestamp
CROWNED DOUBLE CIRCLE

« *gothic* »

4/7 1845 – 5/1 1863

- ←
- Hamburg to Gera (Reuß)
 - 1846
 - postage due: 5 kreuzers

- Hamburg to Rheims →
- 1848
- Valenciennes entry mark applied on 7 May
- **NACH ABGANG DER POST**
after postal departure
- postage due: 12 décimes (8+4 (late))

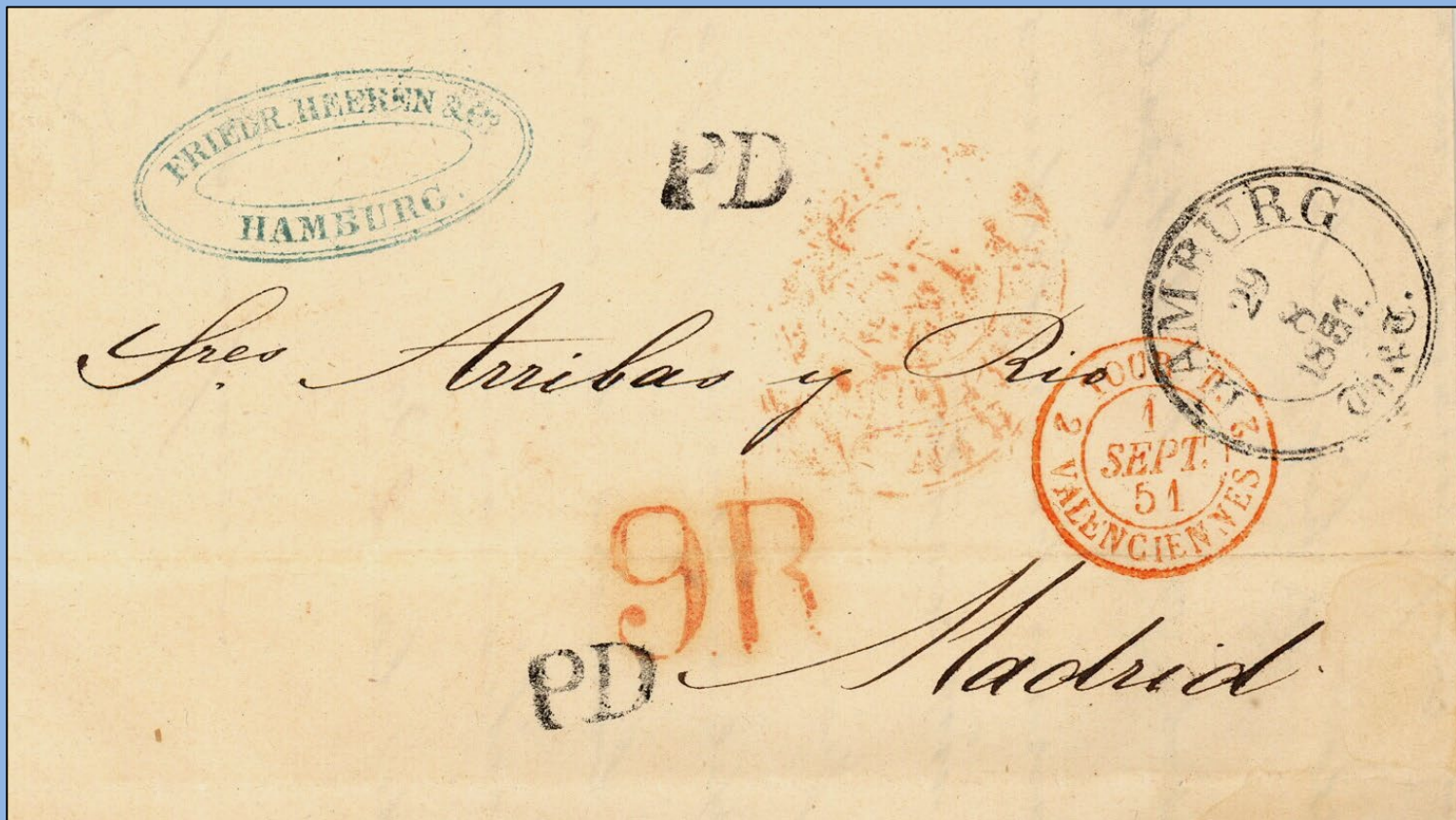


Messieurs

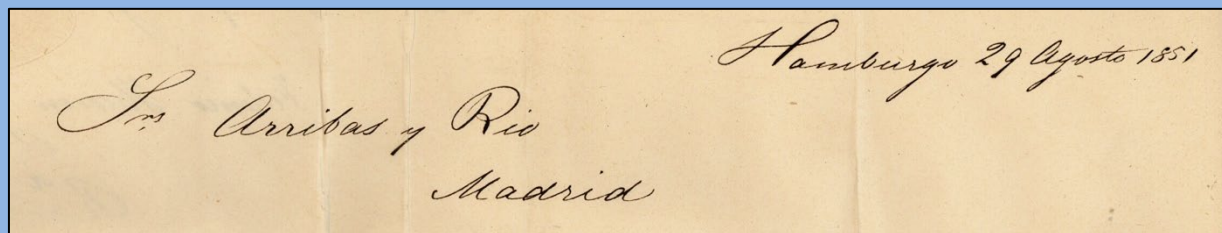
Ruinart pour fils

Rheims





- from Hamburg to Madrid
- 1851
- Valenciennes entry mark in France
- **PD** *paid to destination* → 9 reales (equiv.) paid by sender





- Hamburg to Strasbourg • 1851
- German-french exchange office in
- **frei** and **PD** *paid to destination* 6 hamburgian shillings

← French oval cachet **A.E.D.**

Affranchi à l'Étranger jusqu'à Destination

nb.11 = city of Strasbourg

After the first stamp was issued in Great-Britain*, on May 6 1840, by Sir Rowland Hill, 15 German states and *free cities* of which Hamburg, will issue stamps to signify their sovereignty.



* *Penny Black*

≈1490 ... Thurn & Taxis →	→ 	1852 ← Thurn & Taxis →	July 1st 1867 Prussia	January 1st 1868	January 1st 1872 ...
... Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation →	Confederation of the Rhine Rheinbund	← German Confederation → Deutscher Bund	← North German Confederation → Norddeutscher Bund	→ German Empire Deutsches Reich	
		↓ 1st stamps Hamburg ... (Thurn & Taxis)	Preussen	Norddeutscher Postbezirk	Deutsches Reichpost
XthC.....	(1806.....1813)	(1815.....1867)	(1867.....1871)	(1872.....	



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BADEN

Mi # 2b
1851-1868

BAYERN

2 # 12
1849-1920

BERGEDORF

1b
1861-1867

BREMEN

1
1855-1867



BRAUNSCHWEIG

10a # 11a
1852-1865

watermark



HAMBURG

1
1859-1867



HANNOVER

1
1850-1864

* mill weel cancel - *mühlradstempel* – roue de moulin



LÜBECK

2

1859-1865



MECKLENBURG-SCHWERIN

1

1856-1867



MECKLENBURG-STRELITZ

5

1864



OLDENBURG

2

1852-1867



PREUSSEN

2

1850-1867



12a



SACHSEN

4

1850-1863



SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN

4

1850-1865



WÜRTTEMBERG

2

1851-1920

THURN UND TAXIS

stamps issued from 1852 to 1867

Year of issue 1852



Mi no.1



no.2



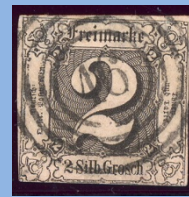
no.3a
Gera



no.3b
Oldendorf



no.4



no.5
Nentershausen



no.6a



no.6b
Weimar

Northern District



no.7a
Homburg



no.7b
Geisenheim



no.8
Mainz



no.9a
Weilburg



no.9b
Frankfurt



no.10 Grossumstadt

Southern District



no.11
Esschwege



no.12

Northern District

Southern District

Nördlicher Bezirk: 1 Thaler = 30 Silbergroschen
(Northern District)

Südlicher Bezirk: 1 Gulden = 60 Kreuzer
(Southern District)

Nummernringstempel - oblitération cible - 'numeral and ring cancel' (4 rings)



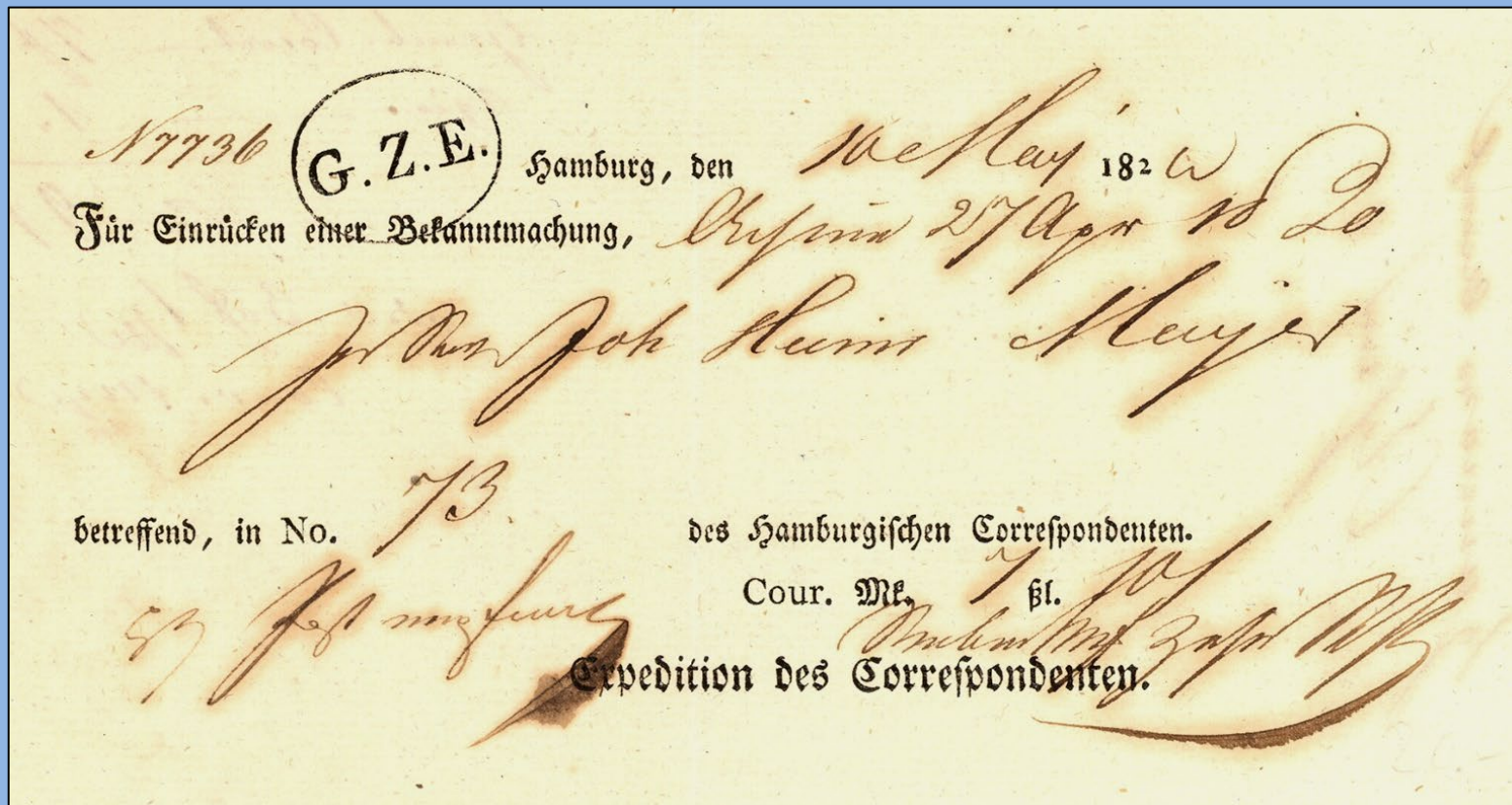
- Hamburg to Cassel
- 1853
- 2 postmarks
 - dater: **crowned double circle**
 - target cancel
«Nummernringstempel»
 - 300 = Hamburg → T&T
- stamp Mi # 6b

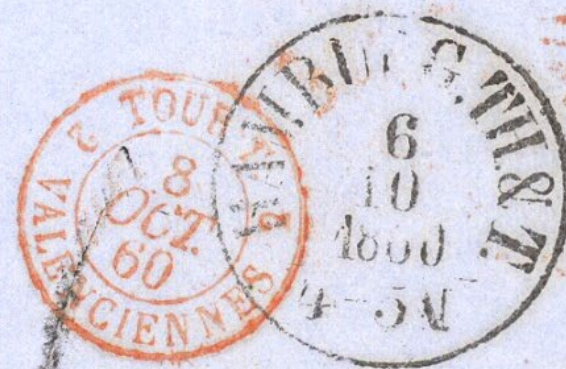
- Hamburg to Frankfurt a/M
- registered letter
 - CHARGÉ **##**
 - 706 = registration nb.
- 2 postmarks
 - dater: **single full ring**
 - target cancel
«Nummernringstempel»
- stamp Mi # 6a



Receipt for a registered letter from Hamburg. 1820

G.Z.E. = postage paid





Messieurs

Ernest Dreyer & Co

Mareuil sur Ay



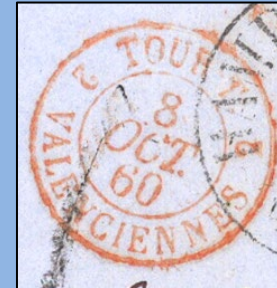
- cover from Hamburg to *Mareuil sur Ay*
- 1860
- entered in France by Valenciennes agency
- postage due 6 décimes

MARQUES DE TRANSIT

① from Hamburg



① postmark of origin Hamburg
Th. & T.



② Valenciennes
entry mark in
France



③ To Paris
by coach

③ - ④

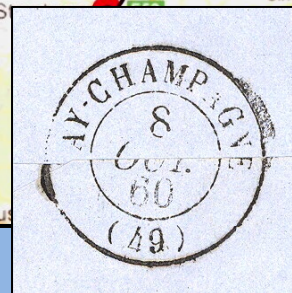
- Travelling Post Office (T.P.O.)
Paris-Sedan

- Daytime ('ambulant' ↓ de jour)

⑤ Train stops at Reims' P.O.

⑥ ← Ay Post Office ↙

⑦ To the hamlet of Mareuil ←



LAST POSTMARK
from T&T
Postal Service
../7 1864 – 30/6 1867
single circle

- Hamburg to Bordeaux
- 1865
- red entry mark applied in Forbach
- postage due: 6 décimes



BACKSTAMPS

- Hamburg → entry mark in Forbach
- *Bureau Central des Postes, Paris: 11 August*
- 11 August: T.P.O. Paris-Bordeaux
- octagon: 1st daytime train (1°)
- J: team «brigade de service»

- arrival at Bordeaux on August 12





LAST T & T POSTMARK

../7 1864 – 30/6 1867
single circle

SPECIAL CASES

- City of Hamburg's stamp and dater (blue)
- T & T postmark
- 23 January 1867
- Eschwege: Hesse-Cassel state



-
- cover mailed in the Prussian mailbox: **error**
(Prussian postmark cancelled)
 - T & T postmark
 - 1862

MAIN POST OFFICES in Hamburg * 1850 *

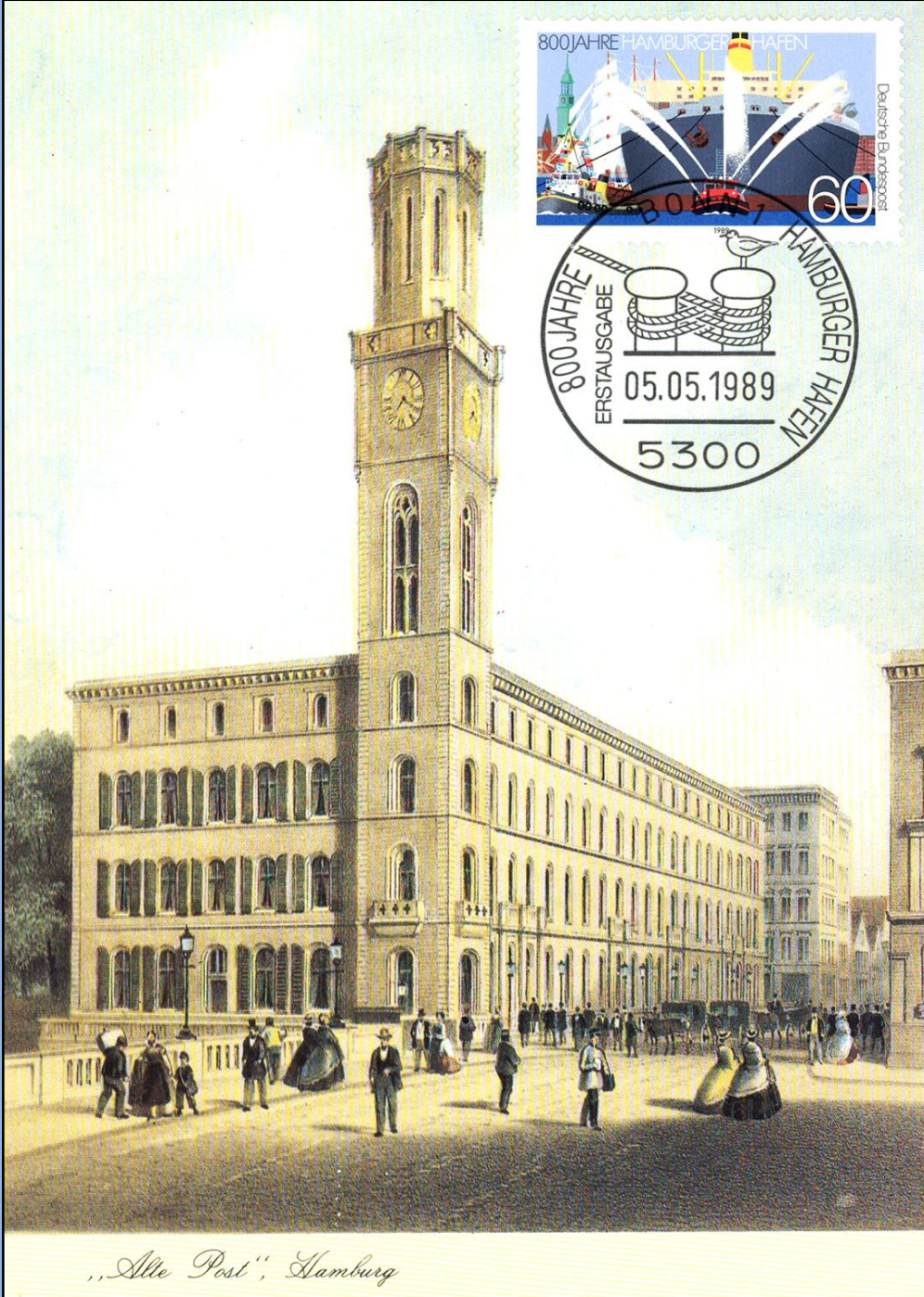
In the first building we have:

- Thurn & Taxis post office
- City of Hamburg post office
- postal agency of Sweden and Norway
- postal agency of the Kingdom of Hannover

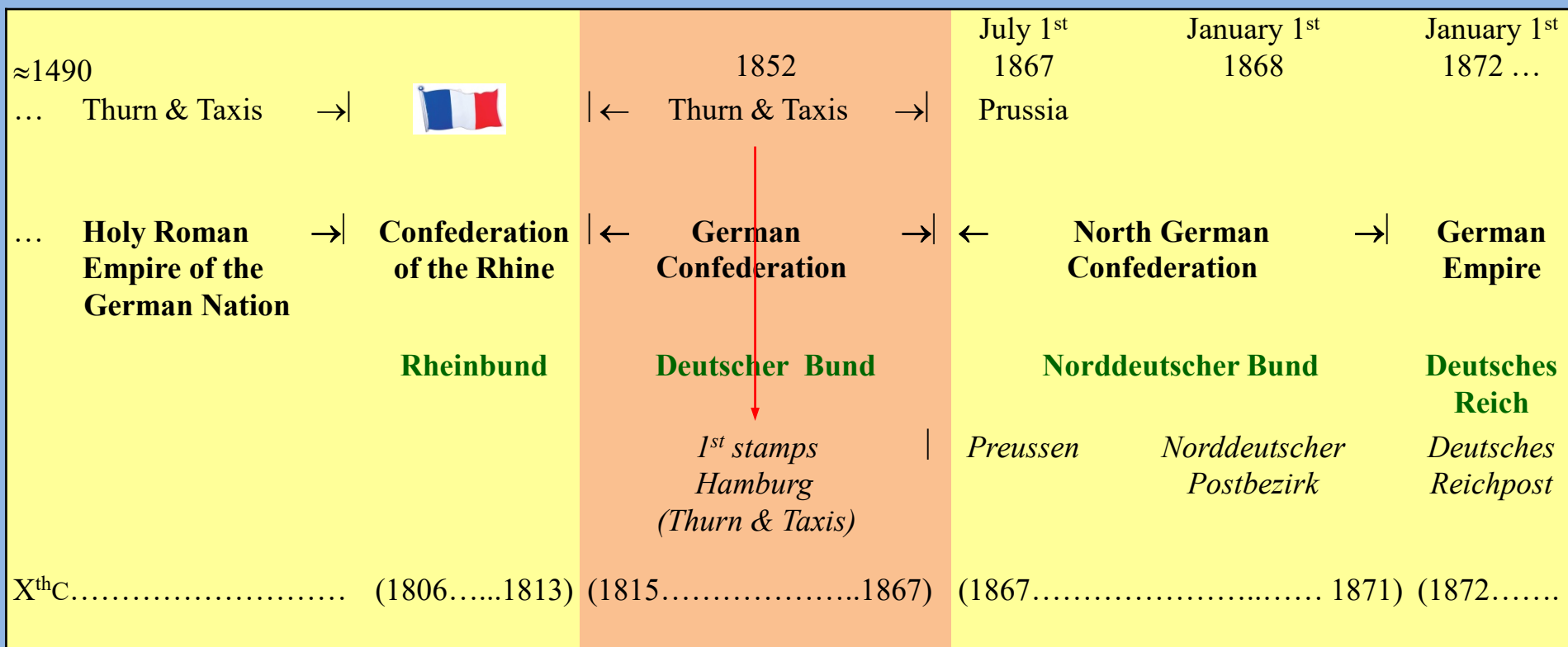
In an independent building nearby,
we have:

- postal agency of the Kingdom of Prussia
- postal agency of the Grand-Duchy of Mecklenburg
- postal agency of Denmark

- register available



„Alte Post“, Hamburg

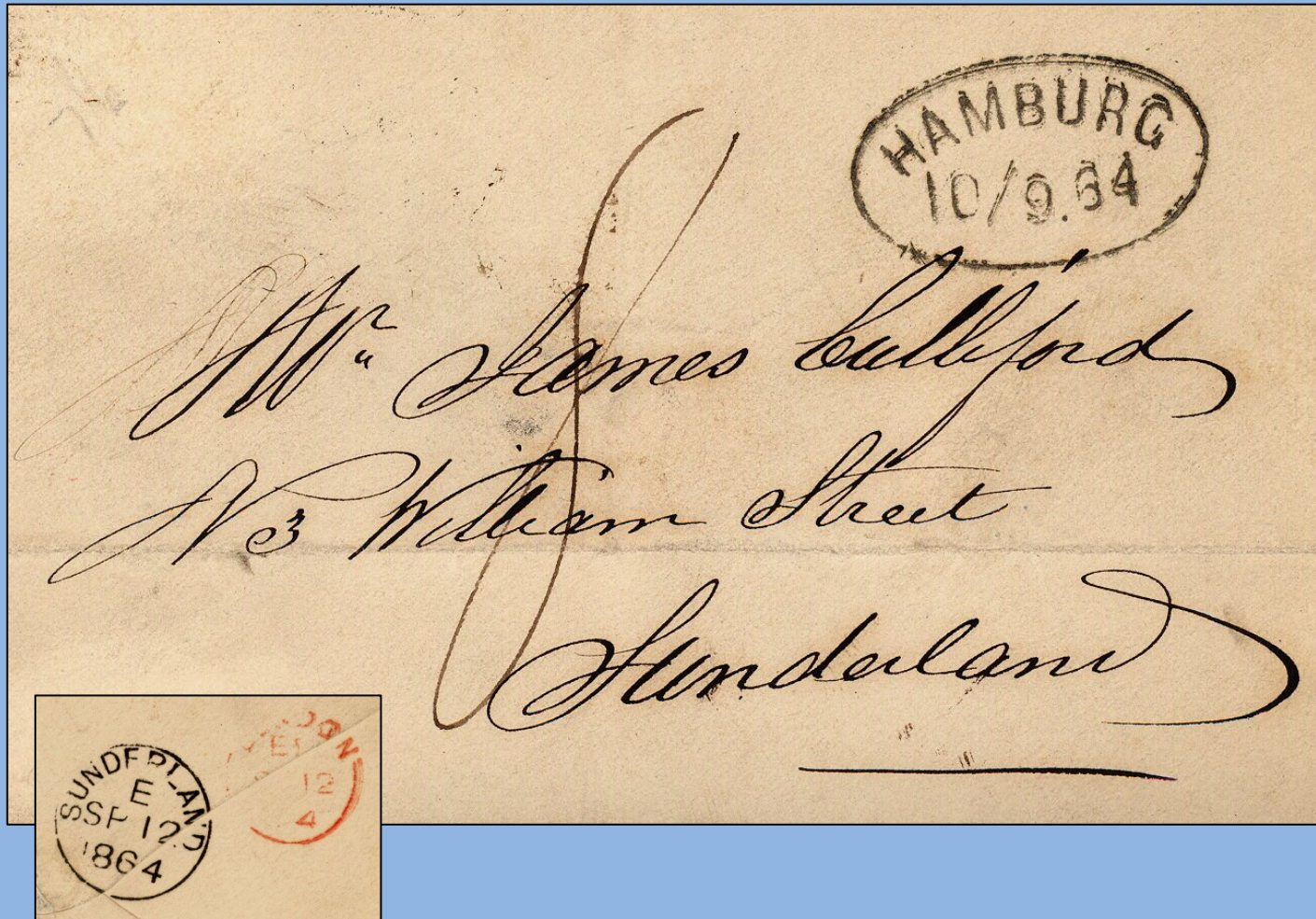


6. The Hamburg City Postal System

This postal service delivered mail

- inside the city
- to England and overseas

- Hamburg to Sunderland, port of NE England
- 1864
- 8/1 1861-17/4 1866
- OVAL cachet
- postmark of origin



VERSO

- transit mark
LONDON
- receiving mark



«BUTTERFLY» POSTMARK

schmetterlingsstempel

- different types
- 1823 – 1860

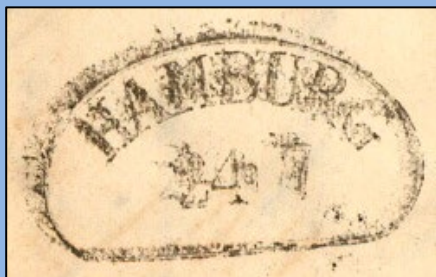
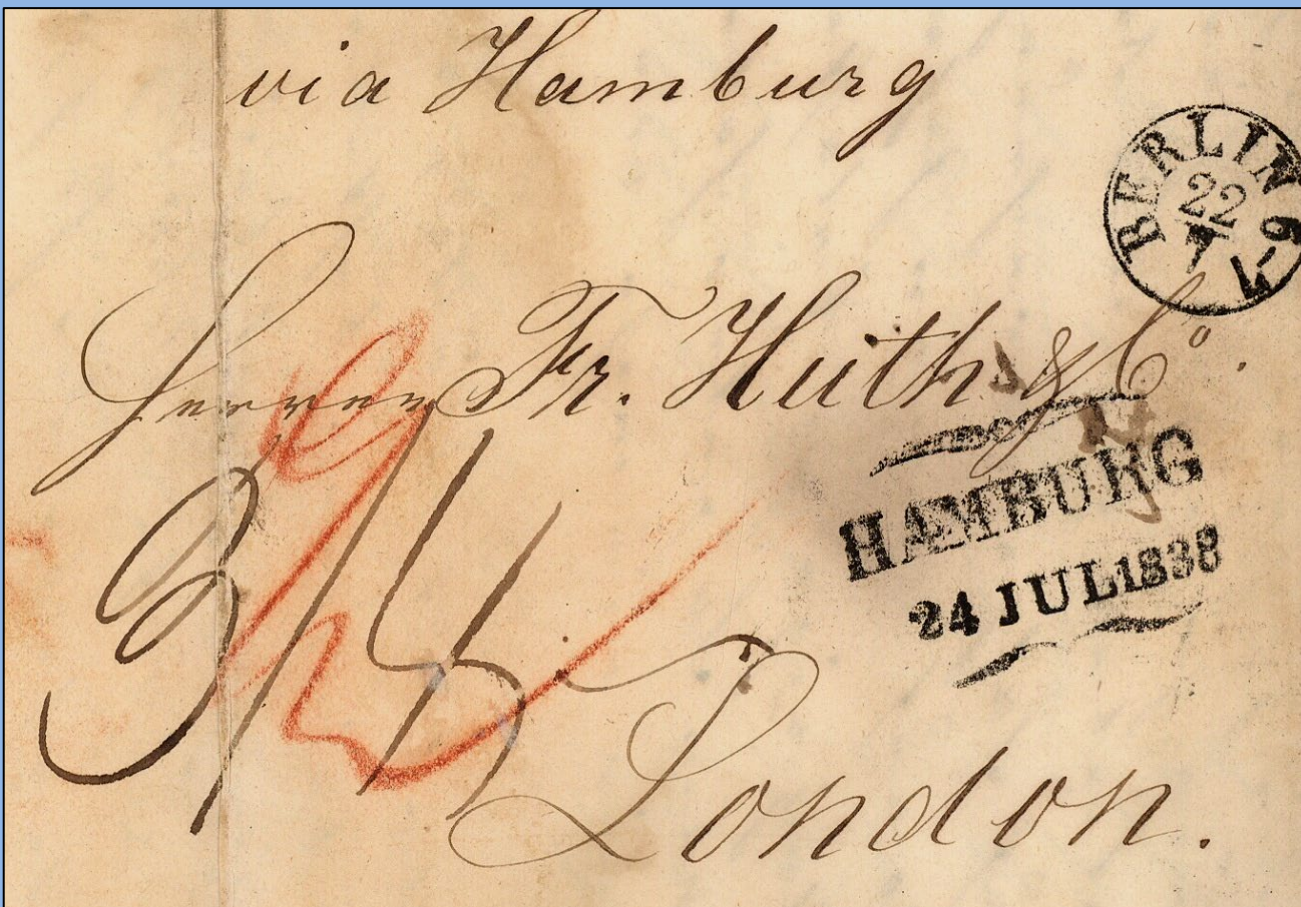
- cover from Berlin
(Prussia) to London

• 1838

- postage due: 3 sh 4p
[9 silbergroschen
from Berlin to Hamburg]

← ❶ Prussian mark of
origin

← ❸ transit mark; ship
letter from P.O. City
of Hamburg
to London



- ❷ VERSO – receiving postmark - Prussian
post office agency in Hamburg

← *nierenstempel*

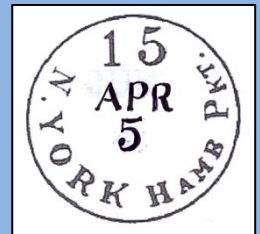


VERSO

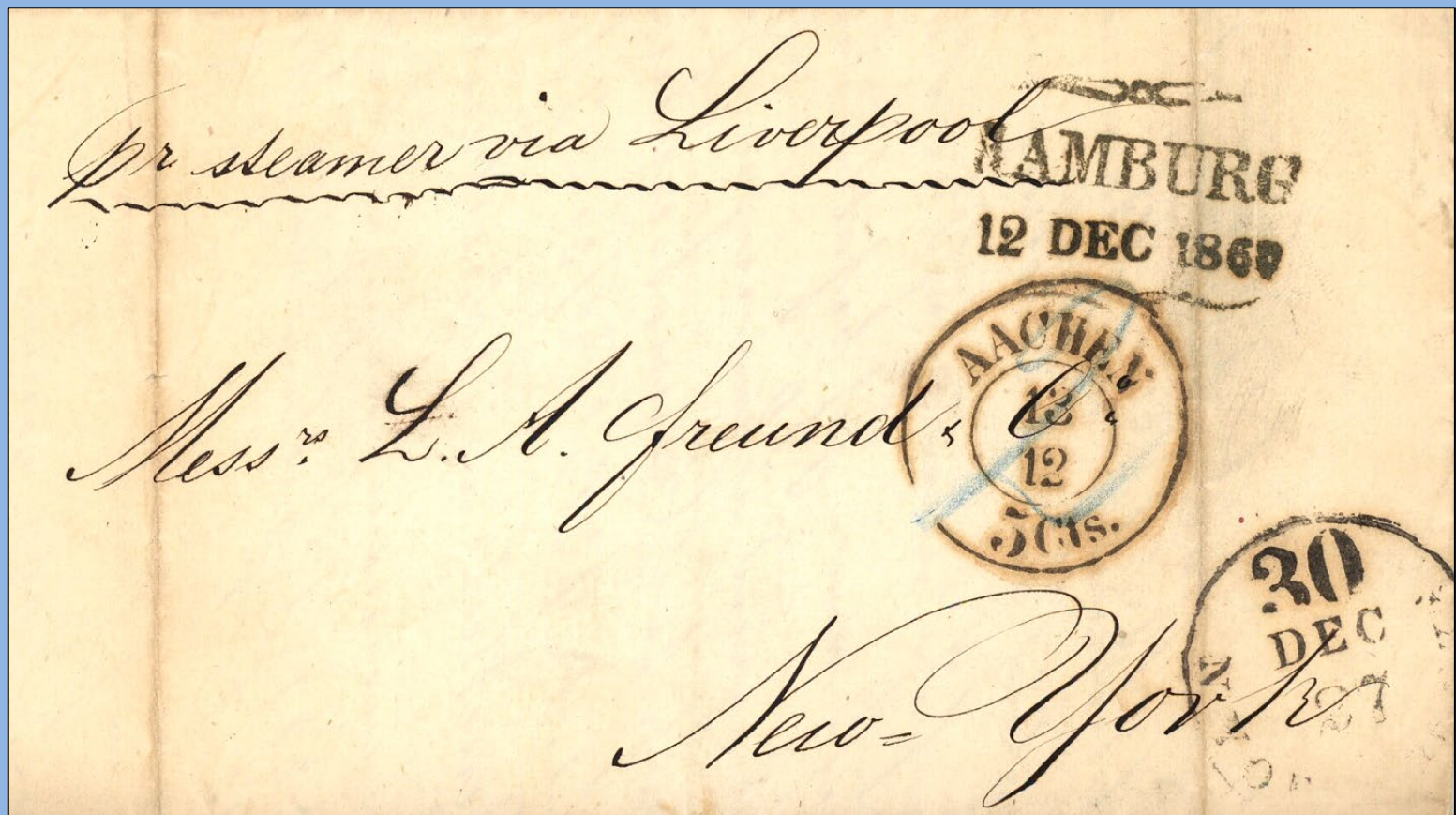
- ❹ receiving mark in London



Receiving
mark from
P.O. of City
of Hamburg



- letter from Bremen to New York via Hamburg
- 1860
- packet boat *Bavaria*; company *Hamburg-Amerikanische Packetfahrt Aktien Gesellschaft (HAPAG)*, Hamburg American Line. Capt. P. Hensen
- postage due in New York: 15¢
- black handstamp 5/10 was Hamburg indication that the transit tax of 5¢ for Hamburg plus the international rate of 10¢ were unpaid.
- blue ink manuscript '2' was a German debit to Hamburg of 2 *silbergroschen* (5¢), the internal German postage



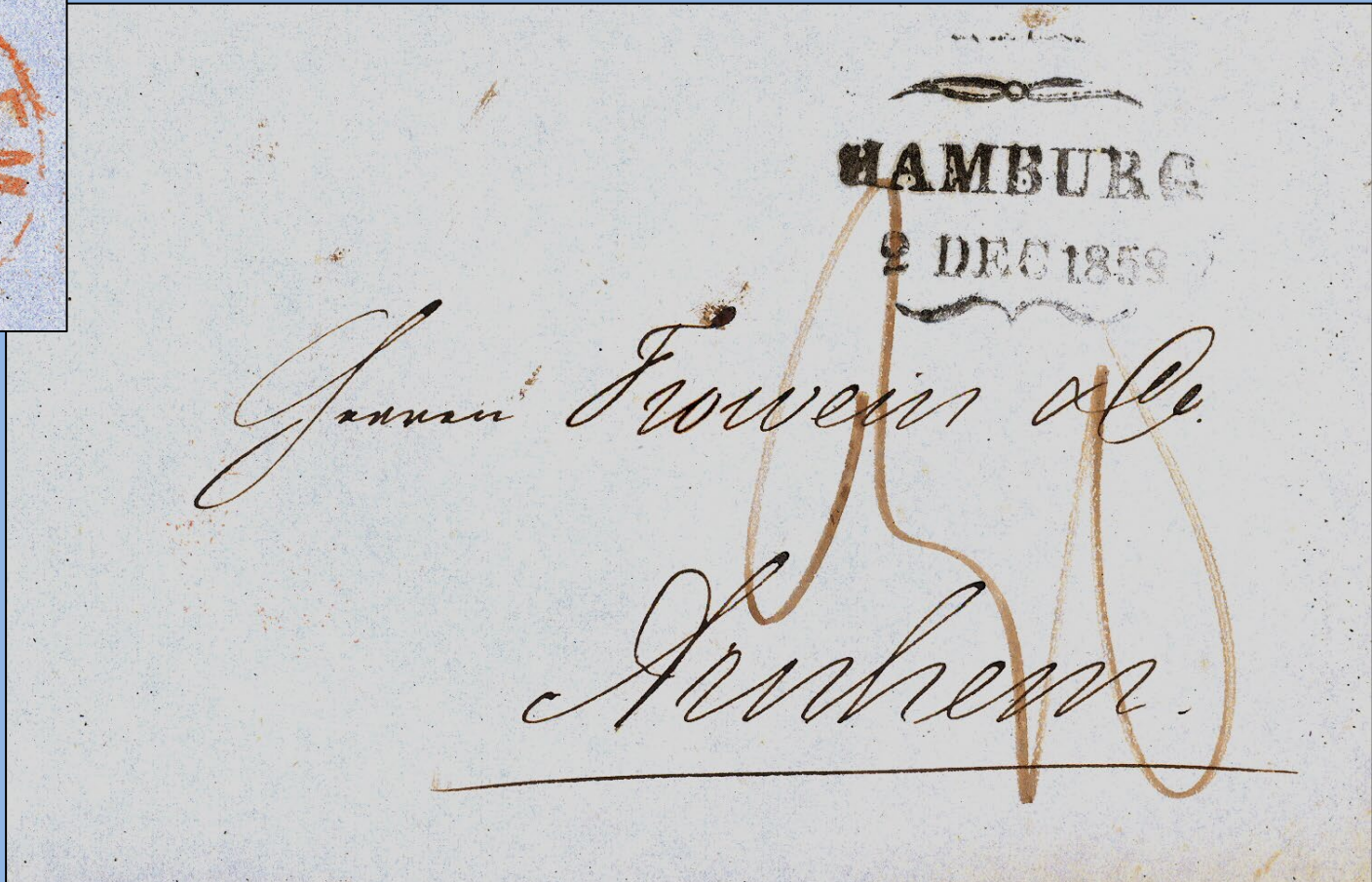
- 1860 letter sent unpaid from Hamburg to New York
- Hamburg Stadtpost *schmetterlingsstempel* (butterfly) for oversea letter
- transit postmark Aachen (Aix-la-Chapelle) 2 *silbg.* in blue (equiv. 5¢) [Aachen being the Prussian exchange office for letters to U.S.A.] (U.S.A. – Prussia Treaty of 1852)
- steamship *Hammonia* from the *Hamburg-Amerikanische Packetfahrt Aktien Gesellschaft Co. (HAPAG)*. Capt. H.F. Schwensen
- postage due in New York 30¢

schmetterlingsstempel

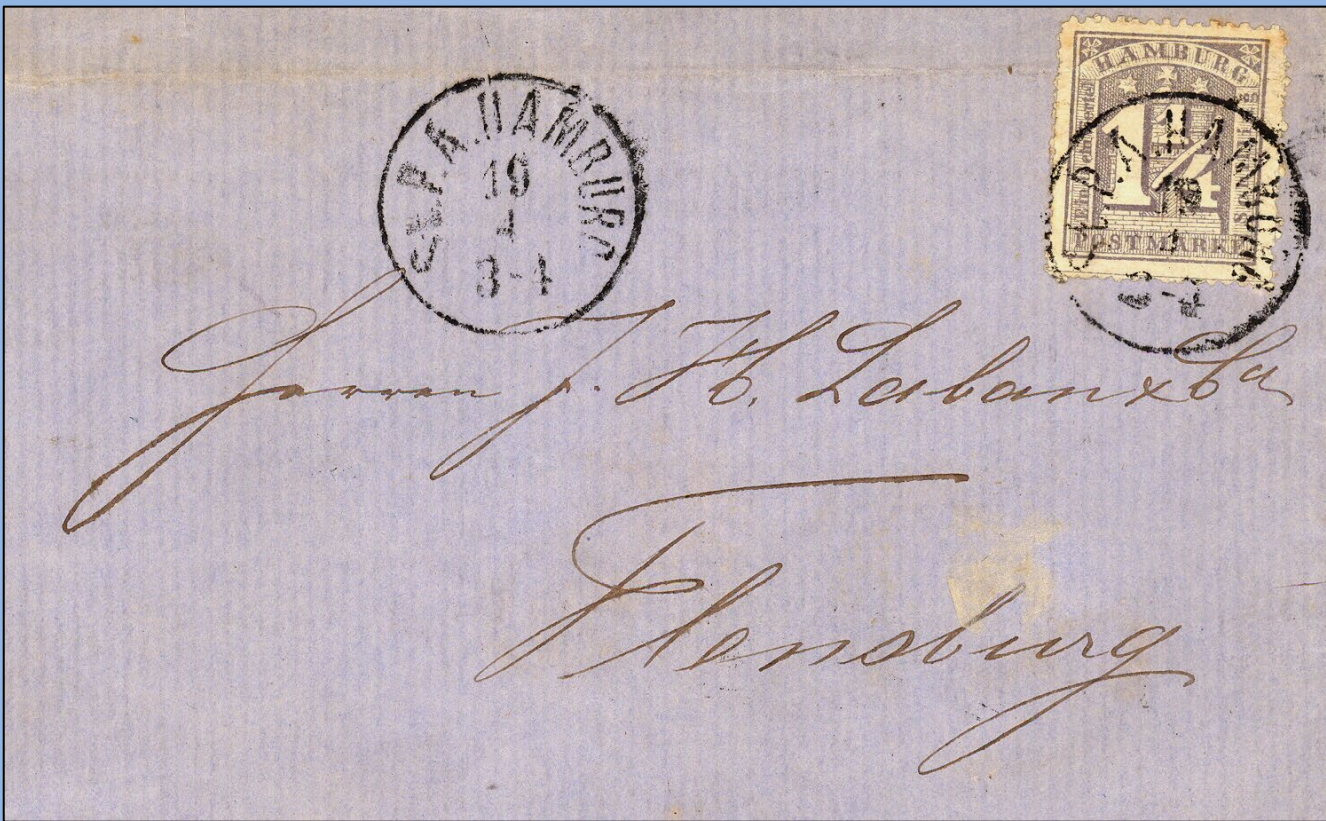
- different types



VERSO
receiving mark
«Arnhem»

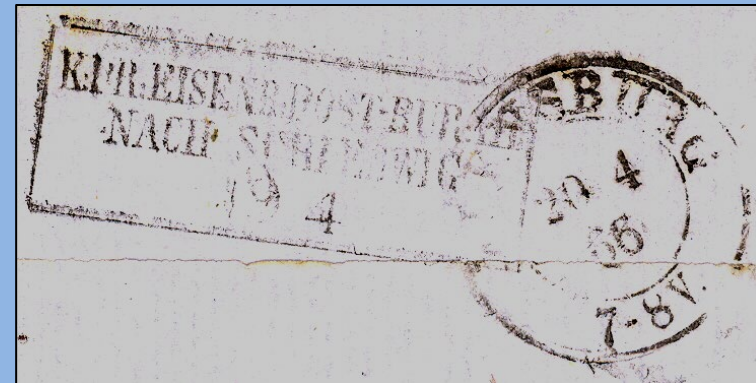


- postmark of origin from Hamburg to Arnhem (Netherlands)
- 1859



VERSO
 Stadtpost mark
 identifying the letterbox
 # 5

- Hamburg to Flensburg (Schleswig: Prussian state)
- 1866
- postmark of origin **St.P.A. HAMBURG**
- **K(ÖNIGLICH).PR(EUSSEN).EISENB(AHN)
 POST.BUREAU .NACIP SCHLESWIG**
 → Prussian Travelling Post office



Receiving mark ↑
 in Flensburg



James



J. Ravn's Eftf.

Copenhagen

- Hamburg to Copenhagen
- 1866

- postmark of origin
St.P.A.HAMBURG
STADT POST AMT HAMBURG
- 16/8 1864 – 21/7 1866
- stamp Mi. 9

- backstamp: KOBENHAVN





- de Londres à Kiel
(Schleswig-Holstein)
(prussien)
- 1866



- marque de départ * duplex
- timbres Sc # 29 et 44
- taxe suppl. Hamb-Kiel 3² silbergroschen (?)

2. Laurence Pountney Hill.
London 19 Dec. 1866

- 2 marques de transit de Hamburg ↑
 - ① du 15.02.1866 au 22.02 1866 essai - 8 jours
 - ② du 17.09 1866 au 23.12 1866
- ③ marque d'arrivée au bureau de poste de Kiel

- Königsberg (Prussia) to London

- 1844

Red oval Hamburg transit mark →

- postage due in London 1sh 8p

11/5 1841 – 23/2 1847



Prussian transit mark
in Hamburg
11/9 1840 -../10 1845



Receiving mark
in London

- 15½ silbergroschen

Steamboat

Franz Friedr. Kutschke
London

«wrapper» carried
per Steamboat
from Hamburg
to London

Postmark of
origin from
Hamburg's
harbour P.O.

SCHIFFS BRIEF-POST
30/9 1825 - 24/7 1865

- postage due in
London 1sh 4p



Black ink receiving mark from London's harbour P.O.

SHIP LETTER LONDON 4 SE 1832 with crown



Red ink receiving postmark from London «E» post office

7. THE POSTAL AGENCIES of

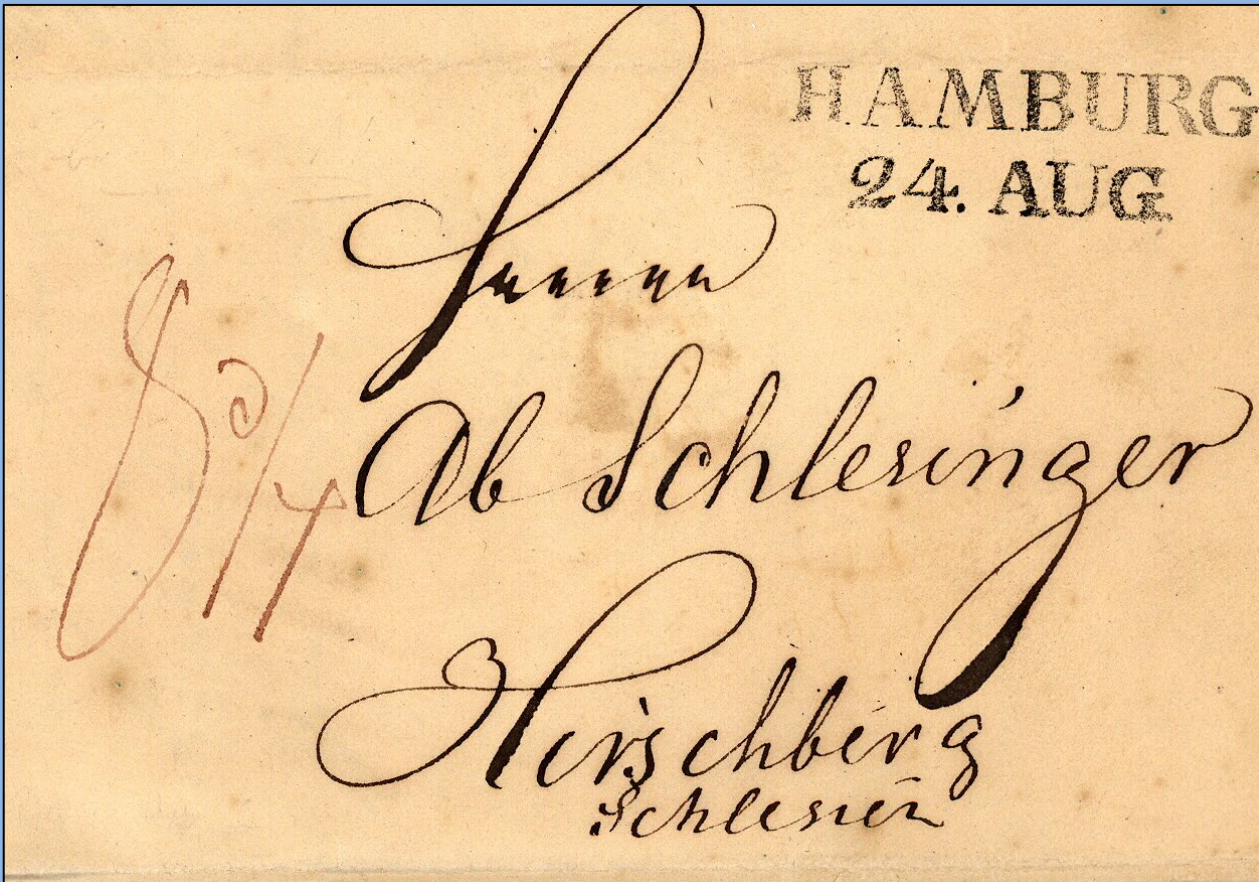
7.1. Prussia

7.2. Hanover

7.3. Mecklenburg

7.1. postal agency of the Kingdom of Prussia

1817

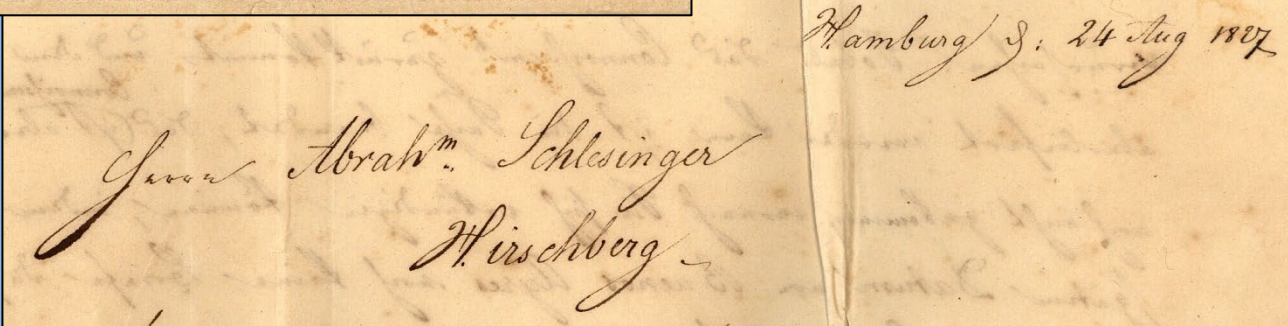


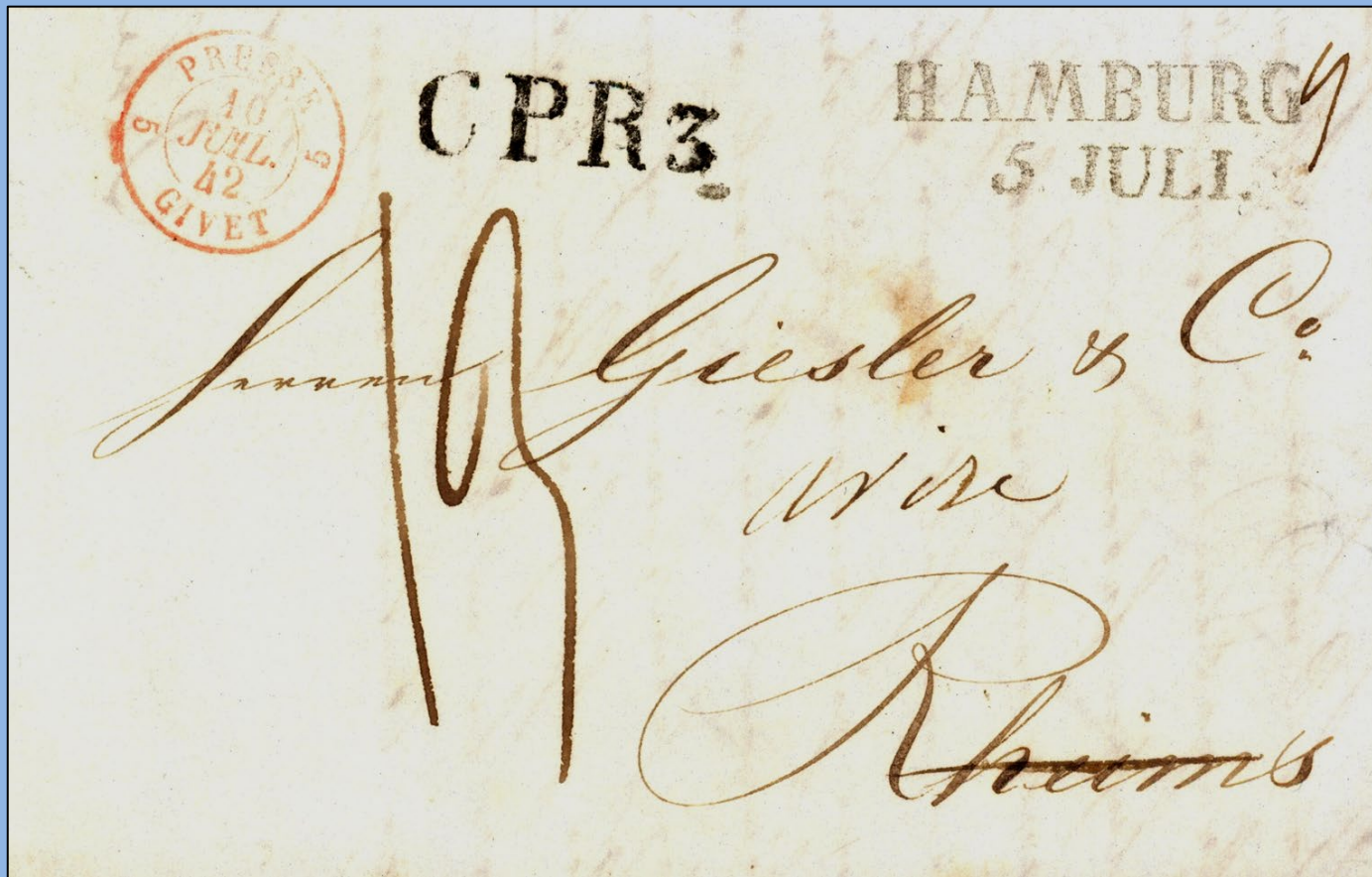
1st postmark
../6 1817 – 27/7 1848

- Hamburg to Hirschberg in Silesia. 1827
(Prussian Province of Silesia)

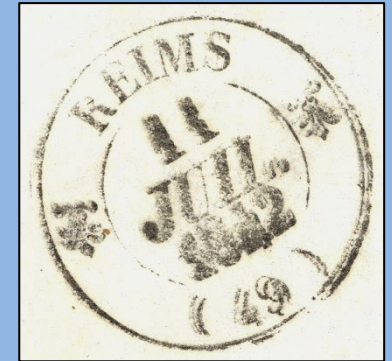
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- straight line cancel
- postage due: rate 8 2/4
silbergroschen





Transit mark



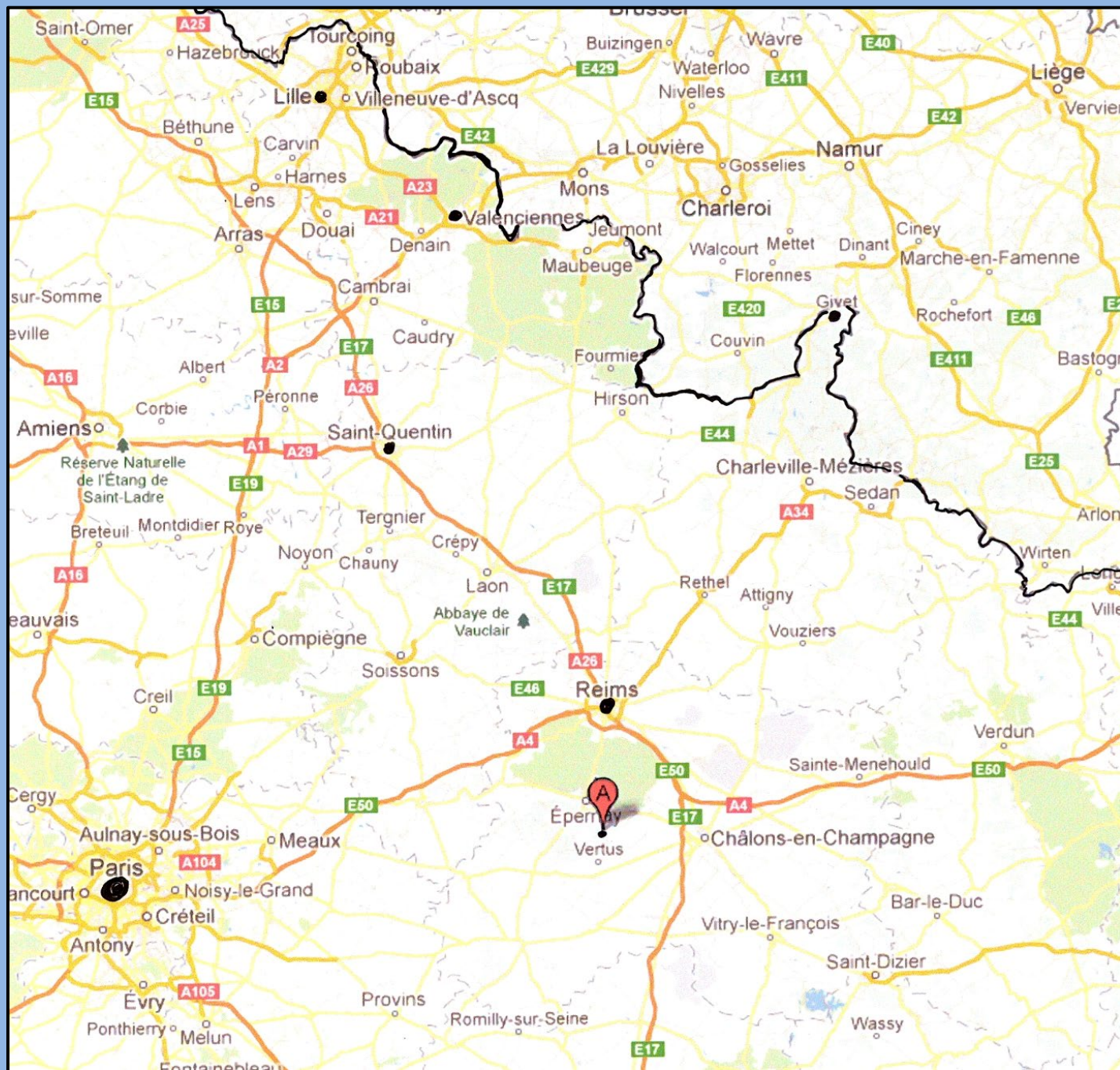
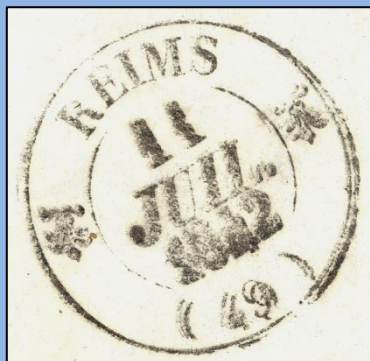
Transit mark



Receiving postmark

- Hamburg to Avize
- 1842
- Red ink entry mark **Givet** from the Prussian exchange office
- **CPR3**: Correspondance Prussienne du 3^e Rayon
- rate: 13 décimes to France for 8+ gram letter (9g)

➤ Postal convention France-Prussia of 30.09.1836



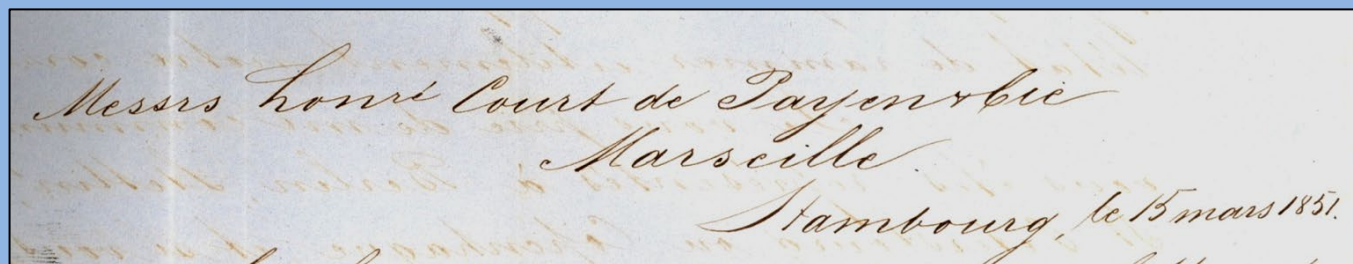


- Hamburg to Marseille. 1851
-
• postmark of origin:
 - double circle
- 21/01 1855-1866
- red ink Prussian entry mark in France by **Valenciennes**
- rate 27 décimes

- receiving mark in Marseille



verso





• Mi #4b



• Hamburg to Lenzen. 1854

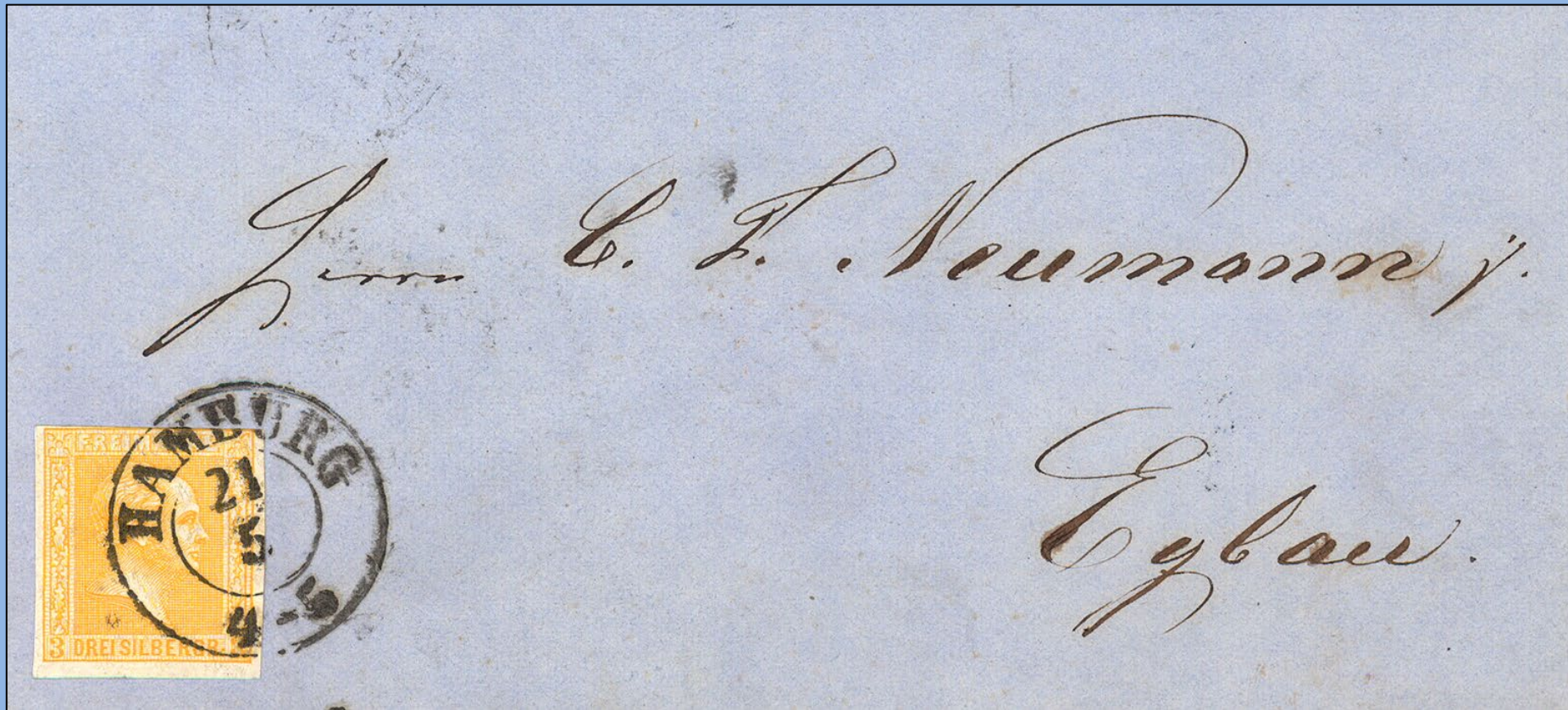
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• postmark double circle 1848 – 7/11 1854

• type *nummernringstempel* 578

• Prussia Mi #3

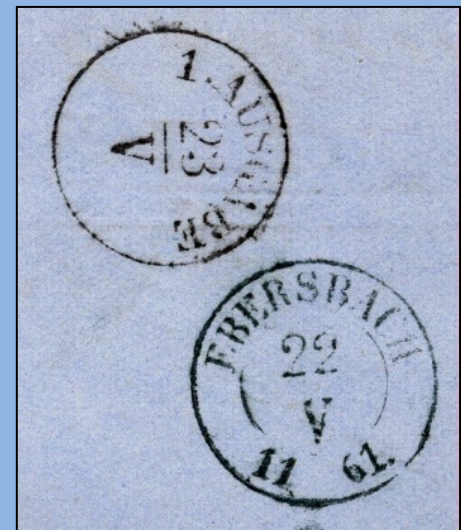
→ 1850 -1859



1861

- starting in 1859, the postmark of origin (dater) will also cancel the stamp

backstamps — {
 receiving mark: Eybau (Eibau) →
 transit mark: Ebersbach →



Post: Einlieferungschein.

Die Scheine
für Beträge über 500
bis 1000 Thlr. einschl. wer-
den auf gelbem, die Scheine für
Beträge über 1000 Thlr. auf
grünem Papier aus-
gestellt.

Daß am heutigen Tage

Gegen-
stand

Decla-
rirt
Werth

(unter und bis
fünfhundert
Thlr. einschl.)

Zeichen und
Gewicht

Adressat

Bestimmungs-
Ort und
baar bezahltes
Franco

Sgr.
baar bezahltes
Franco.

zur Beförderung mit der Post richtig eingeliefert worden,
wird hierdurch von Amt wegen bescheinigt.

HAMBURG

den 27. Juli 1866

Königliche Post-Annahme-Expedition.



Formular für recommandirte Briefe und für Beträge unter und bis fünfhundert Thlr. einschl.

*Gen. ? zurmeyer &
21 2/3*

8 1/2

H. F. Alst

Berlin

Prussian Agency in Hamburg

• receipt

• 1867

←

• registered letter

• 1866

• railway station P.O.

HAMBURG

BAHNHOF

• 22 registr. nb.

seo postpaid 7 silbergroschen

Recomandirt

22
Recomandirt

Summe

Friedr.

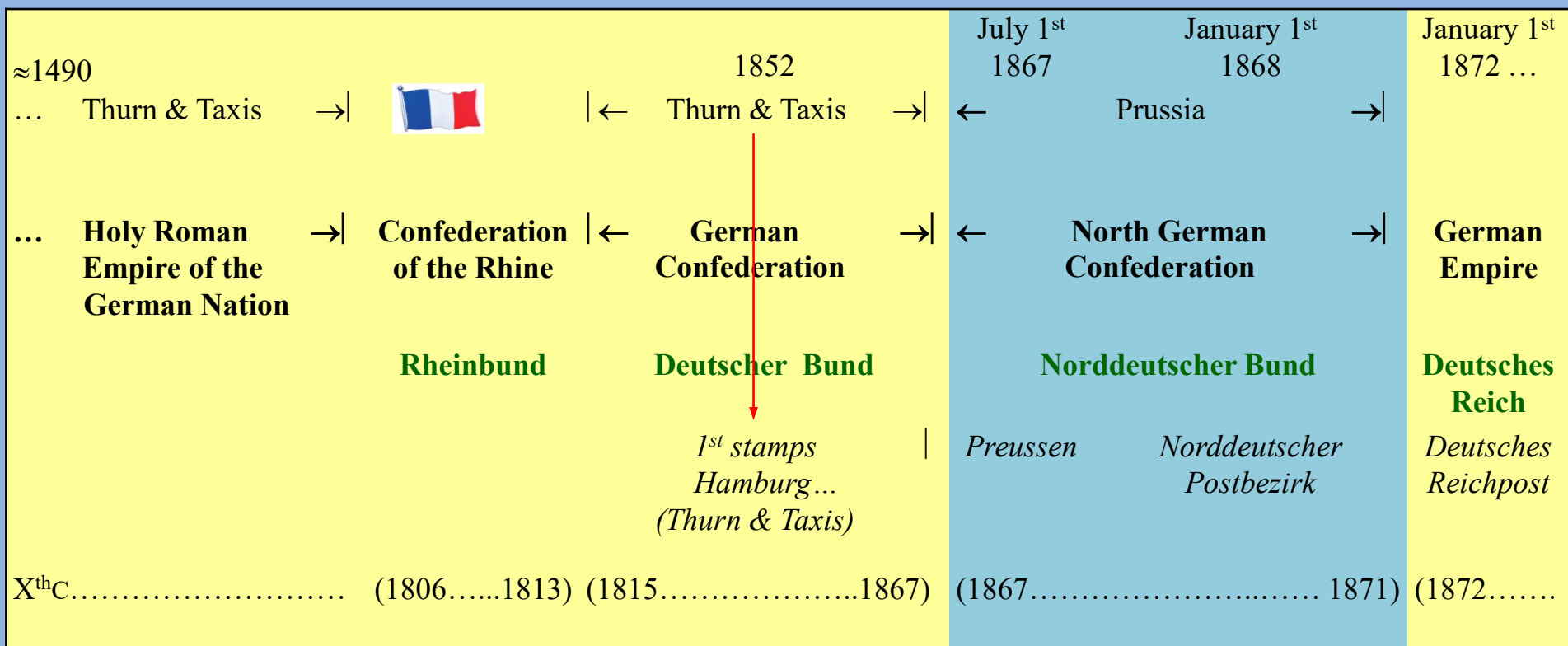
Redlich.



seo

Prism.

1866





← Prussian cancellation
from the Prussian Agency

- 1866
- Hamburg à Waldheim
(Prussian Province of Saxony ↓

.....

Cancellation+Stamp:
North German
Confederation ↓



North German Confederation

July 1st 1867 → *Preussen* stamps
January 1st 1868 → *Norddeutscher
Postbezirk*



7. THE POSTAL AGENCIES of

7.1. Prussia

7.2. Hanover

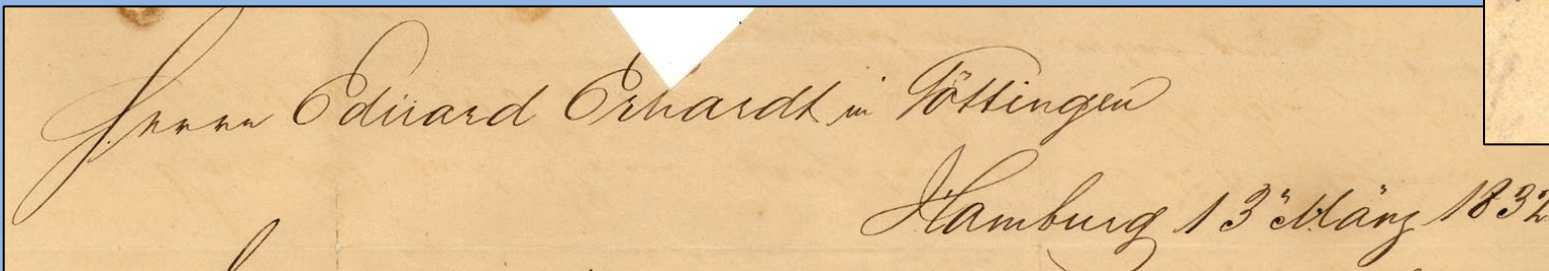
7.3. Mecklenburg

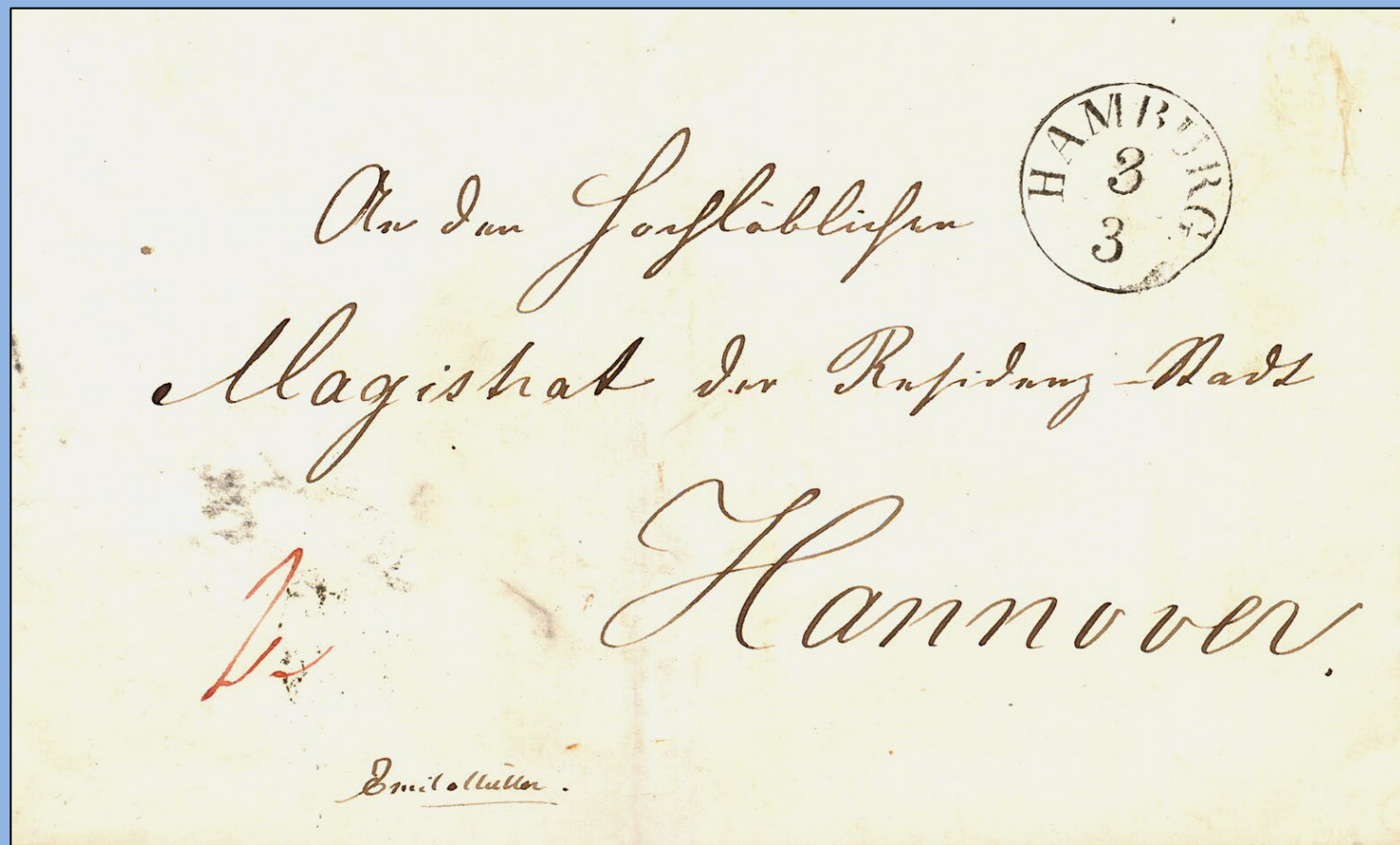
7.2. postal agency of the Kingdom of Hannover

1814

- Hamburg to Göttingen
(Prussian Province of Saxony)
- 1832
- postmark: 8 types,
de 15/4 1818 - 18/5 1834
- postage due: 3.6 *silbergroschen*

receiving mark
verso





- Hamburg to Hannover
- 1845
- postmark 1833 – 14/10 1845
- postage due: 2 *silbergroschen*



receiving mark
verso →



Ci joint un paquet CP #1.



a. Hamburg.

872

1864
Messieurs
J. Chaudoir & fils

Liège
Belgique



- Hamburg to Liège, Belgium
- 1860
- postmark:/10 1852-../6 1866
- cover with package
- postage due 7 décimes

Off
Hambourg Coctob
L. L. Kajor
1864
1863

- transit backstamp
- railway station
in Aachen
(Aix-la-Chapelle)



(Nº 65.)

Aufgabe - Schein.

Dieser Schein
ist nur auf
6 Monate
gültig.



Franco
und
Scheingeld.

Unterzeichnetes Postbüro hat heute zur
Beförderung mit der Post in Empfang genommen:

ein *brief*

gezeichnet

adressirt an

in

declarirt zu einem Werth = Inhalte von

12 fl. 10 kr.

HAMBURG den *16. Aug.* 185*4*

Königl. Hannov. Post = *amt*

Meyer



Frau Dorette Loest
geb. Gabain

Celle
Postprüfer.

- postal stationary
- Hamburg to Celle (Lower-Saxony)
- 6 April 1866
- (1852 – 1866)



- receiving mark in Celle
nachts – evening courier

Receipt for a registered letter
from the Kingdom of Hanover's
agency in Hamburg
1854

7. THE POSTAL AGENCIES of

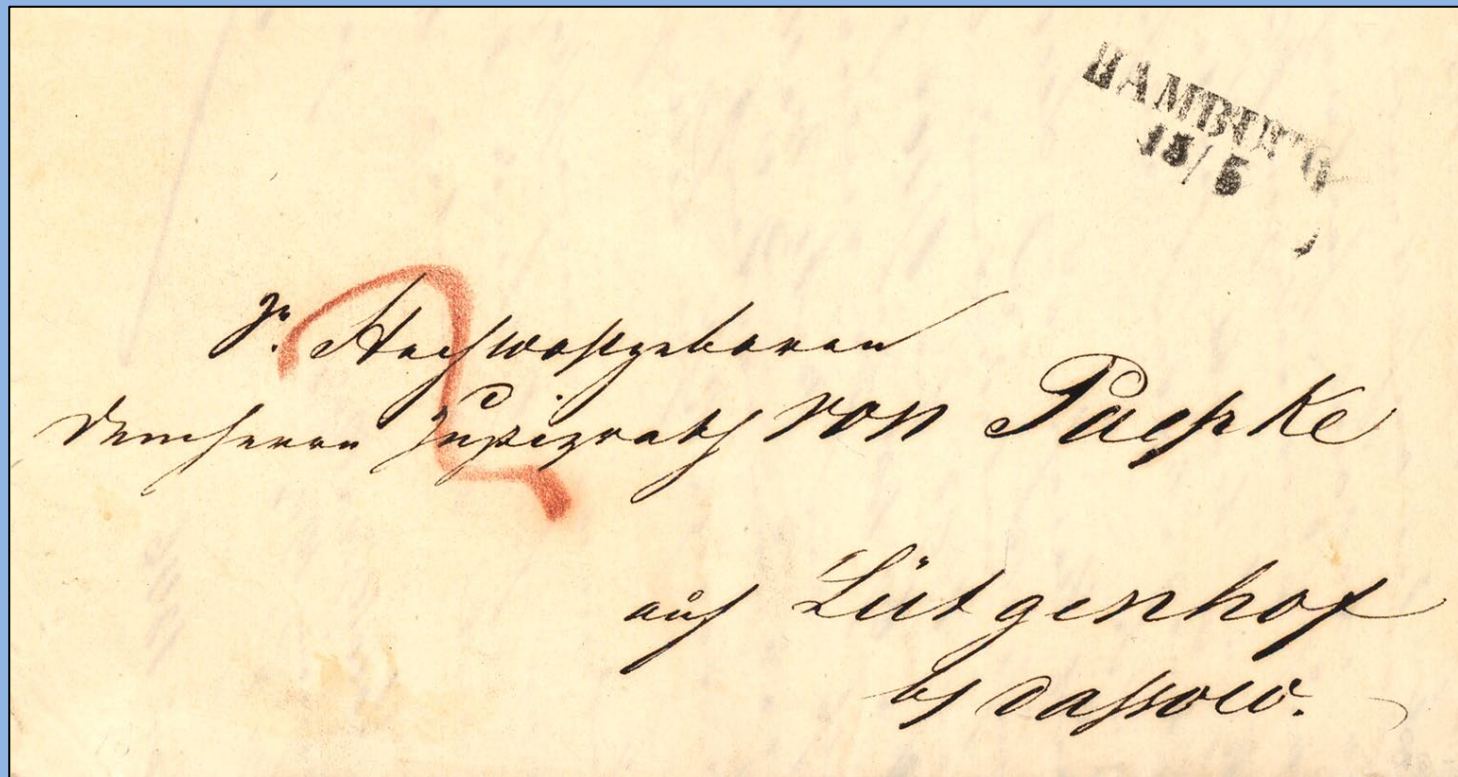
7.1. Prussia

7.2. Hanover

7.3. Mecklenburg

7.3. postal agency of the Kingdom of Mecklenburg

1825



- Hamburg to Lütgenhof by Dassow (Mecklenburg-Pomerania)
not to be confused with Lütgenhof-Überlingen (Baden-Württemberg)
- 1846
 - 8/10 1833 – 5/12 1838
(replaced later by a double circle mark)

Hamburg 15 Mai 1846

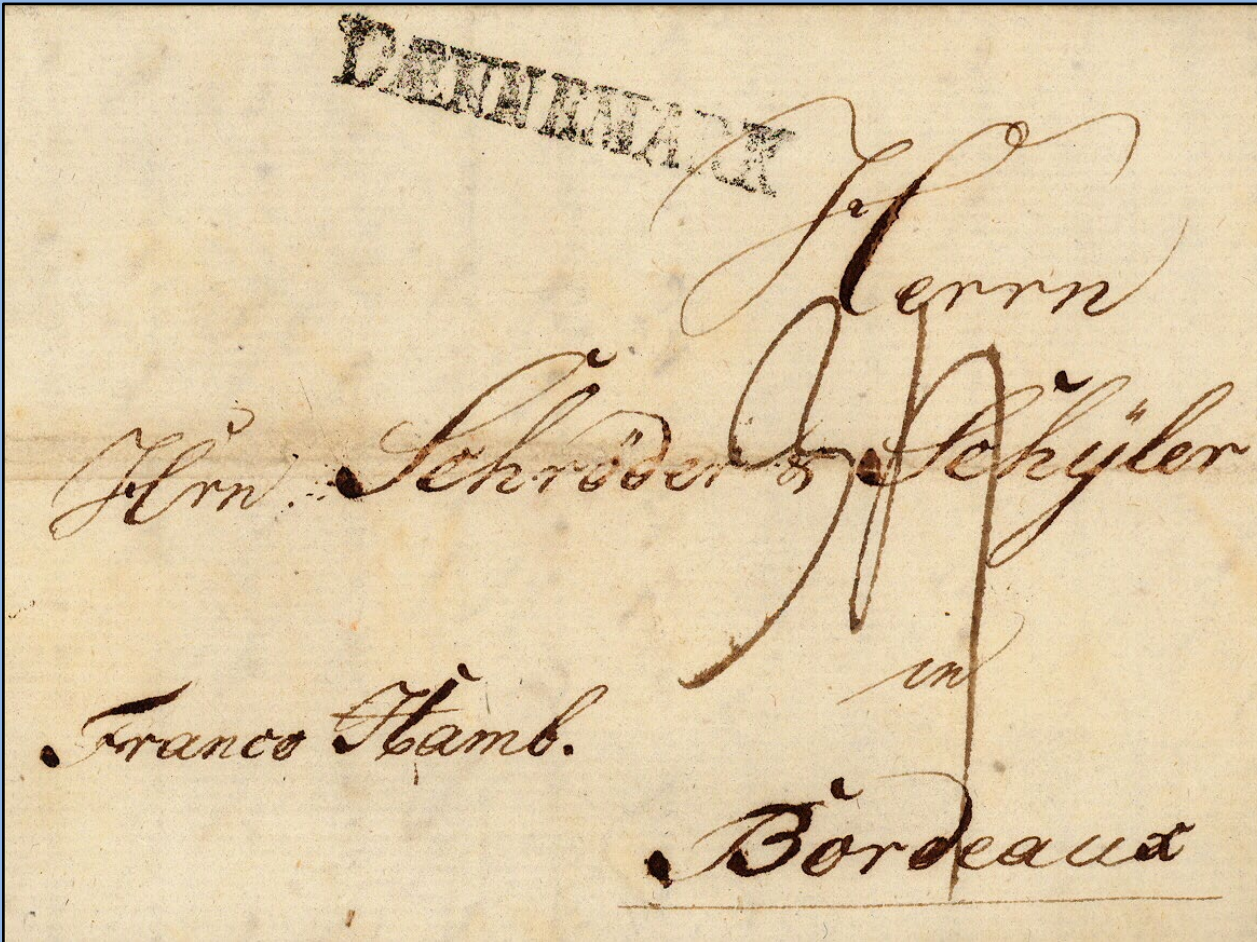
8. THE ROYAL POST OFFICE OF DENMARK 1837

«*Königlich Dänisches Ober Post Amt*»

K.D.O.P.A.

- ❖ **BEFORE 1837, THE DANISH MAIL WAS CARRIED BY THE THURN & TAXIS POSTAL SYSTEM**

From the THURN UND TAXIS POSTAL OFFICE - **DÄNNEMARK**
-/2 1786 au 24/9 1806



- Flensburg, Denmark to Bordeaux
- 1788
- **DÄNNEMARK** postmark from the T.&T. postal office in Hamburg
- *Franco Hamb.* postpaid to Hamburg
- postage due in Bordeaux
34 sols: double rate letter

*Janna Schroder & Schyler
in Bordeaux* *Flensburg, d. 18^{te} Sept. 1788.*



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- letter from Denmark via Hamburg to Cette, France
- Strasburg entry mark in France
- 1821
- T.T.R.4. postal service of T.&T.
- *fH* - franco Hamburg

- AFTER 1837, THE DANISH COURIER FROM HAMBURG OR TRAVELLING THROUGH HAMBURG, WAS CARRIED BY THE DANISH POSTAL AGENCY
- THE POSTAL MARK **KON.DAN.O.P.A**
«Königlich Dänisches Ober Post Amt»



- Hamburg to Lunden
 Schleswig-Holstein (Danish)
 (1815-1864)

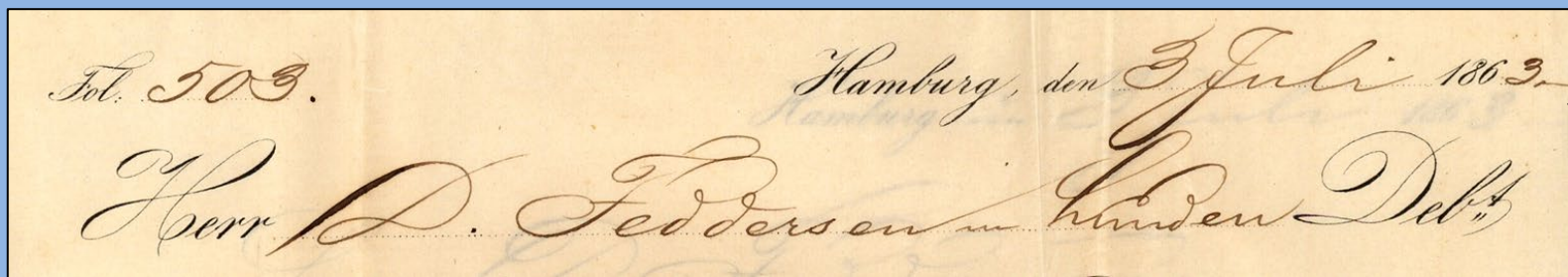
• 1863

• cover with parcel #815

• postage due:

- weight: 12 lods (red)
- tariff: 15 skillings (red)

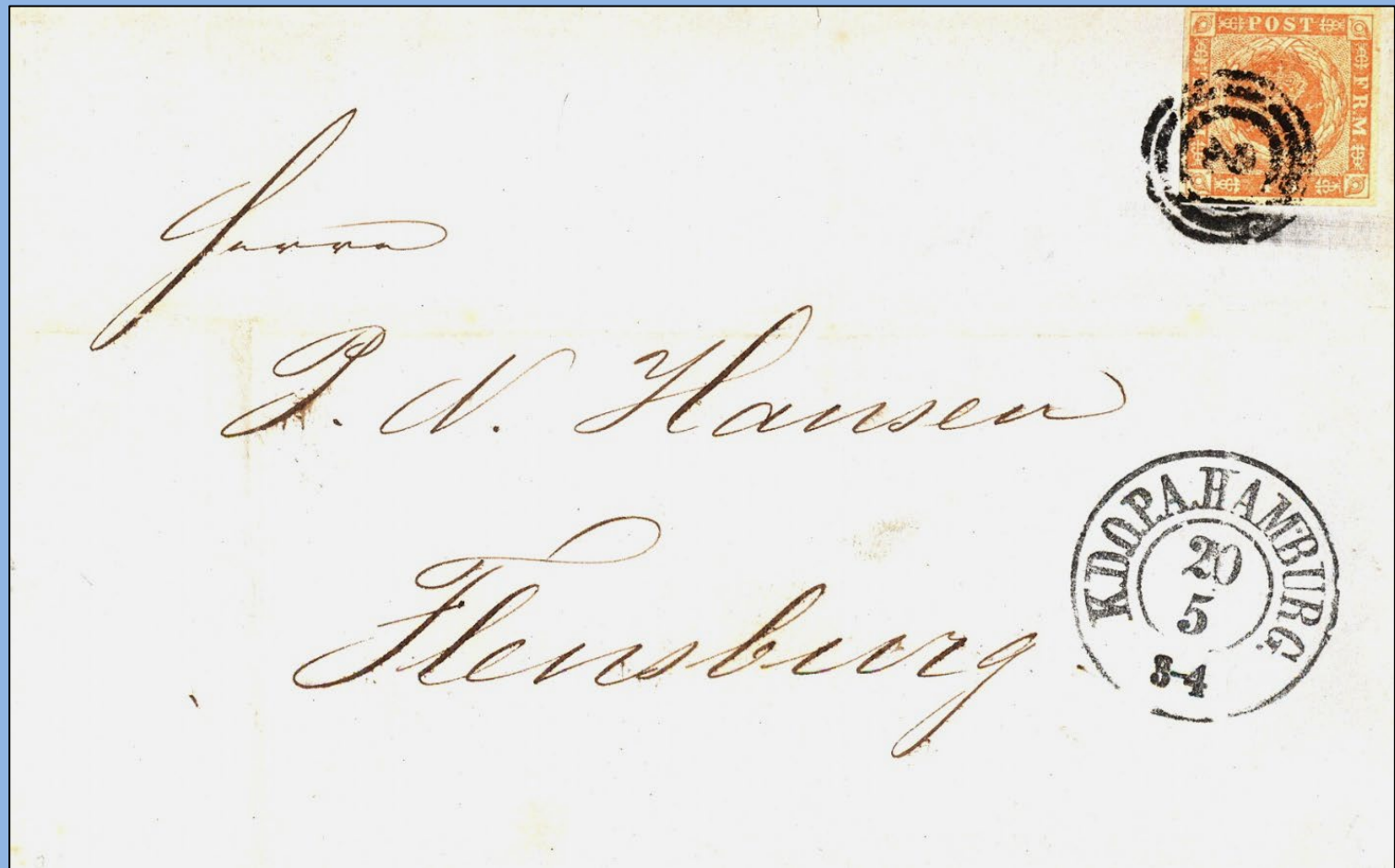
Receiving mark - Lunden



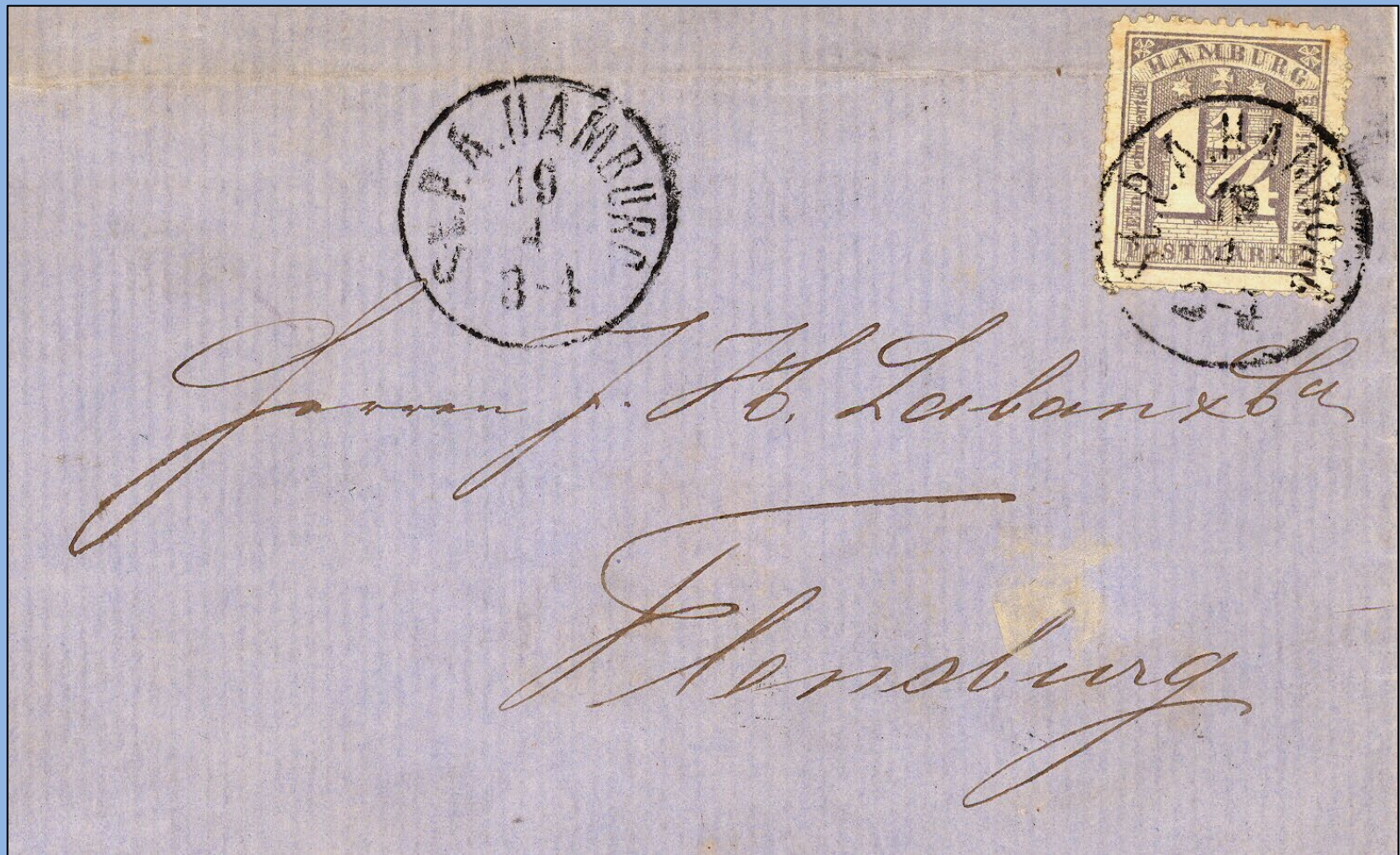
Postmark from the Danish Postal Agency in Hamburg **K.D.O.P.A.**
«*Königlich Dänisches Ober Post Amt*»



- cover from Newcastle upon Tyne, England, with Hamburg transit mark **K.D.O.P.A. Hamburg** to Copenhagen
- 1858
- no mark of origin / receiving mark



- Hamburg to Flensburg (Holstein → Danish State from 1851 à 1864)
- 1857
- Danish stamp of 4 skillings
- cancellation type *Nummernringstempel*
- **2** is the number of the Danish P.O. in Hamburg



- Hamburg to Flensburg (Holstein → German State in 1865)
- 1866
- 1¼ shilling stamp from the City of Hamburg and
- *St.P.A.Hamburg* postmark

CANCELLATIONS: TYPE *Nummernringstempel*

Hamburg



300

Thurn und Taxis



578

Prussia



2

Denmark



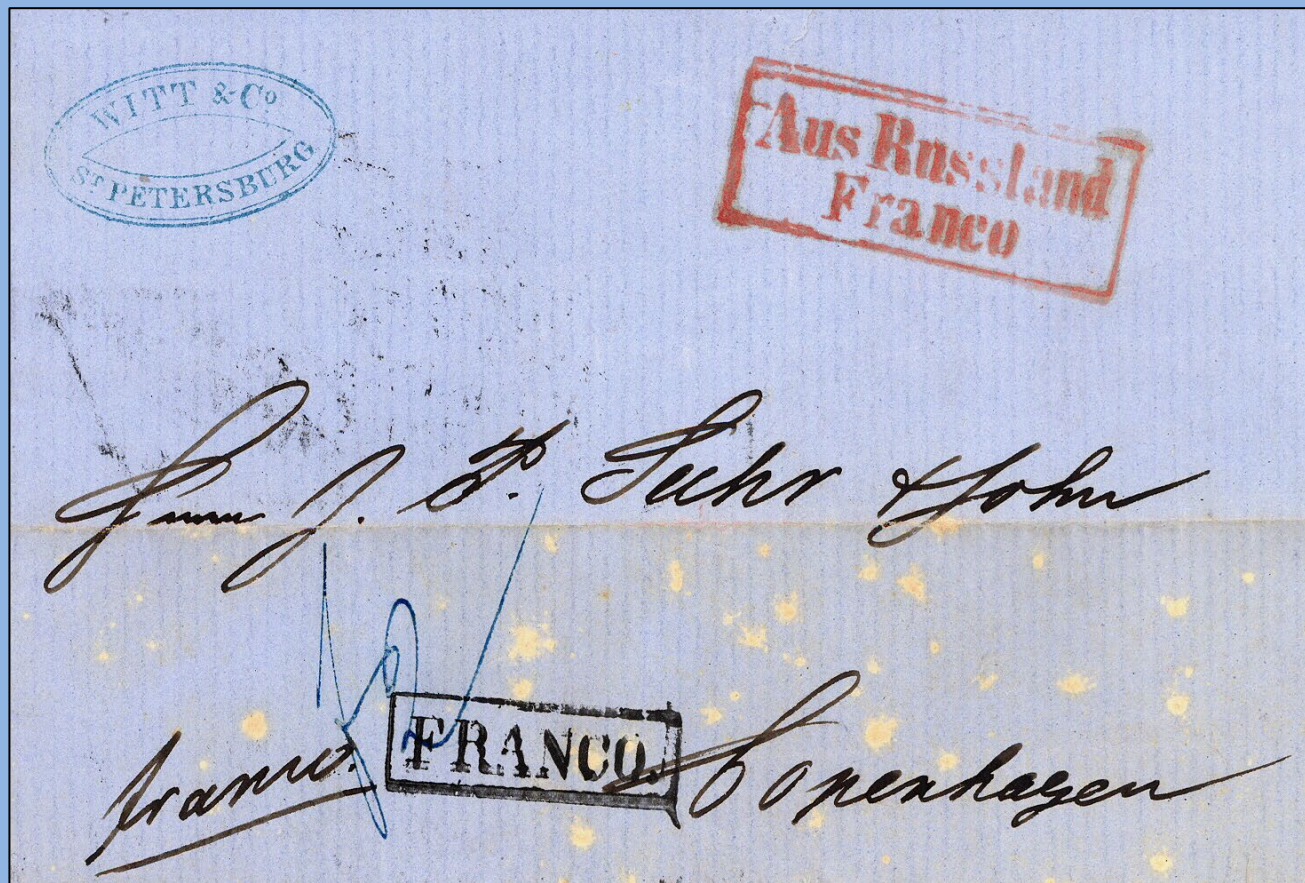
- diamond mark of origin



- Prussian railway
«northern transit mark»



- Danish agency in
Hamburg postmark



- St. Petersburg to Copenhagen, Denmark
- 1858
- **Aus Russland Franco** entry mark in Prussia from Russia probably Tilsit
- postpaid by sender: 2 kopecks in blue ink f2
- **FRANCO** = postpaid to destination

9. THE ROYAL POST OFFICE OF SWEDEN AND NORWAY

1814 - 1858

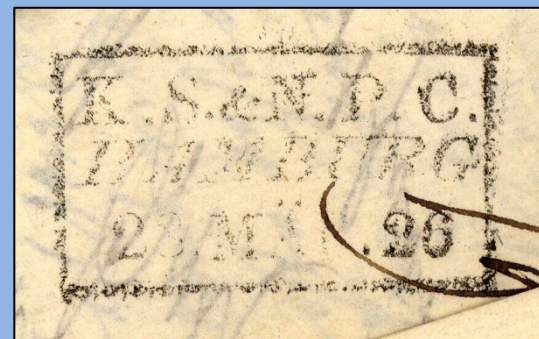
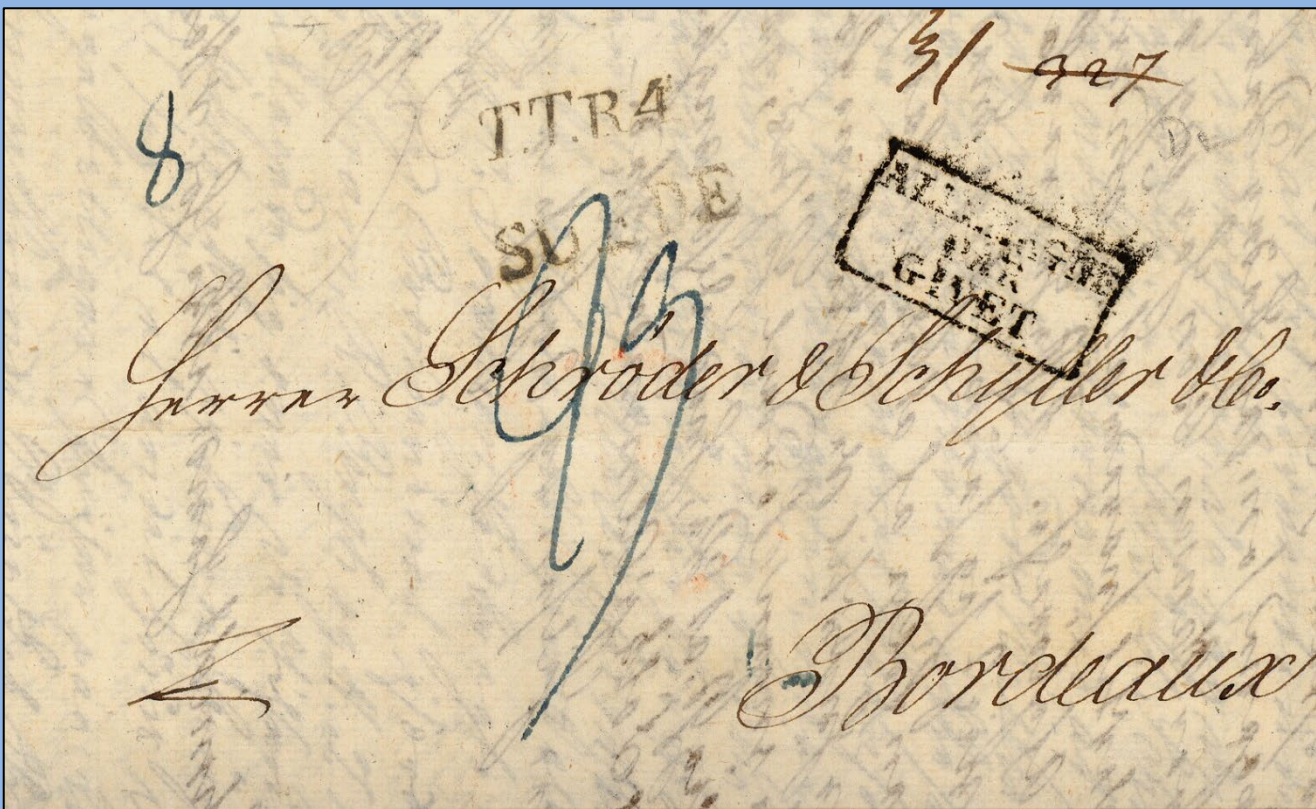
«*Königlich Schwedisches & Norwegisches Post Compt*»

THE ROYAL POST OFFICE OF SWEDEN

1858 - 1869

«*Königlich Schwedisches Post Amt*»

- from 1814 to 1905, Norway and Sweden were in *Personal Union* i.e. under this arrangement, Norway kept its liberal constitution and its own institutions, except for the foreign service.

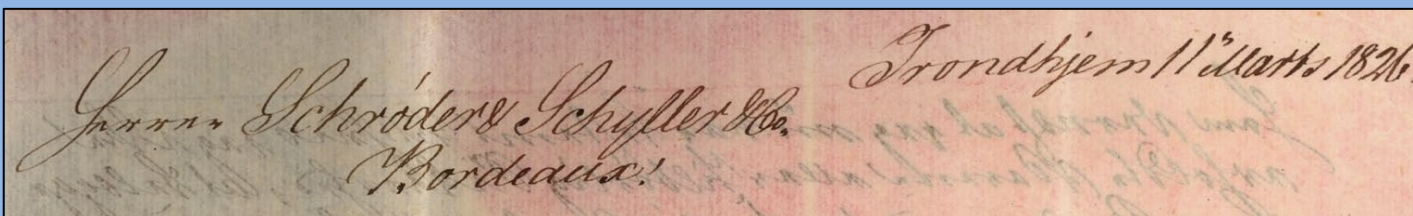


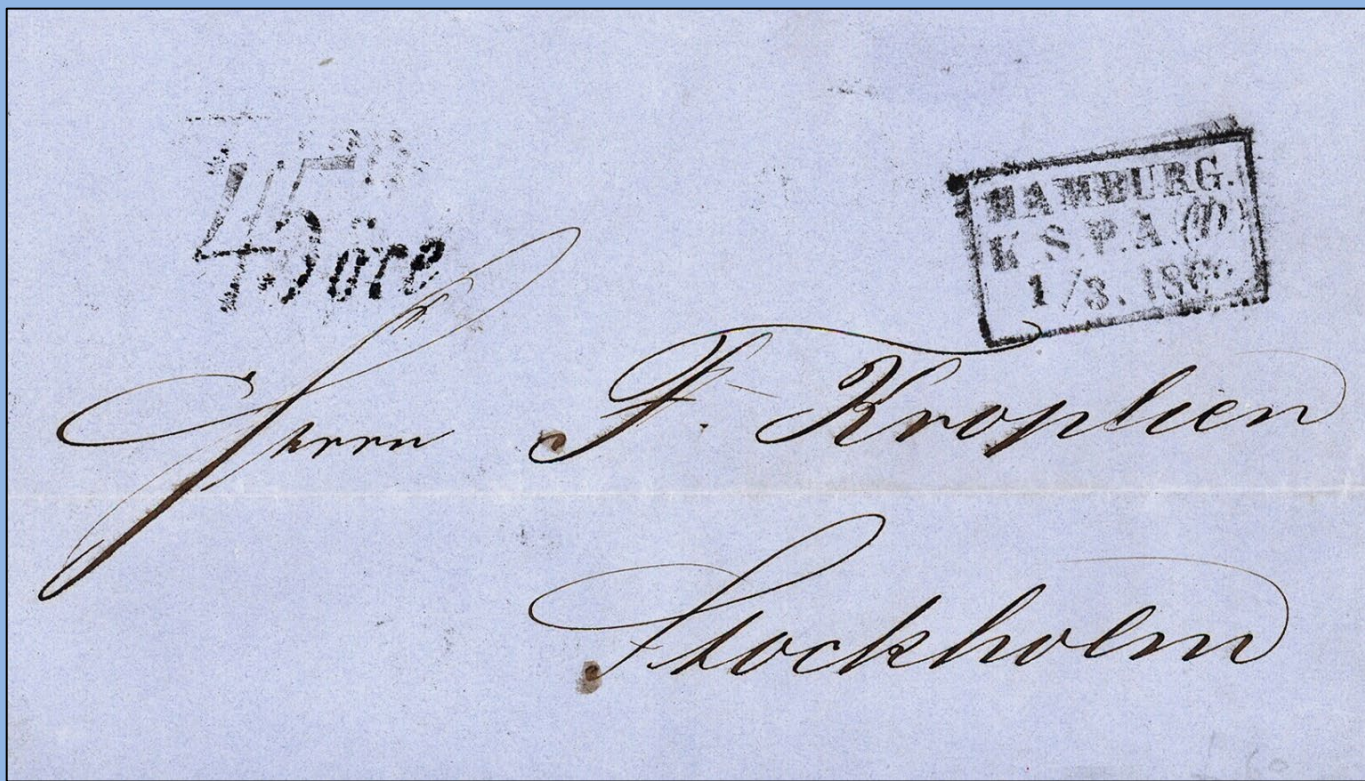
**K.S.&N.P.C.
HAMBURG**

1st postal marking

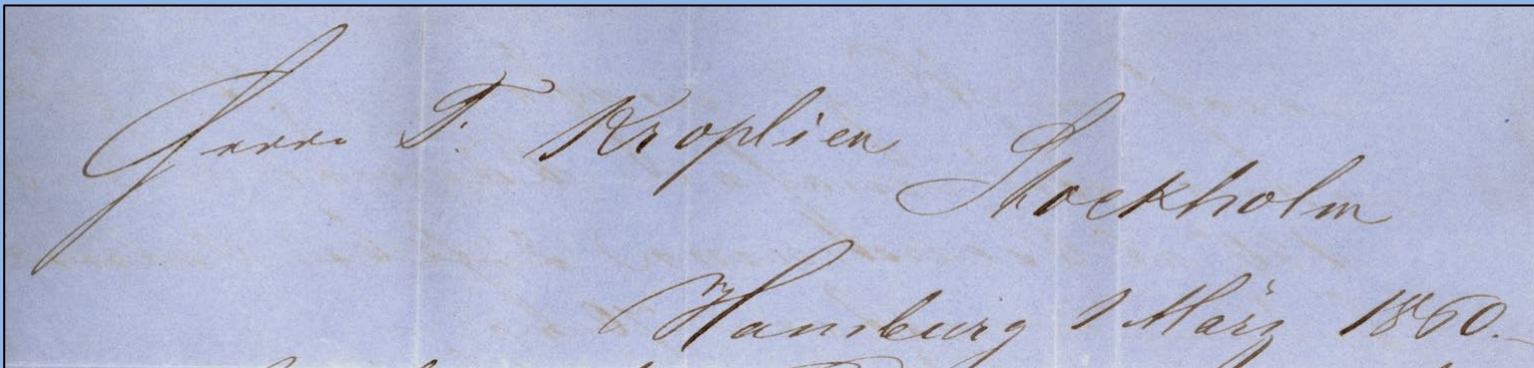
- Trondhjem (Trondheim, Norway) on March 11 **1826**
- Hamburg transit mark **K.S.&N.P.C.** on March 28
- T.&T. postal service - **T.T.R.4 SUÈDE**
- boxed entry mark in France: **Allemagne par Givet**
- postage due: 29 décimes (double rate letter: 8 grams)

Receiving mark in
Bordeaux





- Hamburg to Stockholm, Sweden
- 1860
- mark of origin **K.S.P.A.(D)**
 - **(D)** shows that the letter must travel through Denmark



- postage due:
45 öre

via Ostende

Herr O. P. Hallin
for Rydabls Manufaktur
Actie Balag
Boras & Rydboholm
Sweden



transit postmark
HAMBURG Stadtpost



transit mark **K.S.P.A.(D)**

- Londres to Borås Rydboholm, Sweden
- 1865
- Hamburg transit mark
- postage due

London den 10 Maj 1865

Herr O. P. Hallin
for Rydabls Manufaktur Actie Balag
Boras & Rydboholm.



railway mail postmark
Södra-St-Banan



- backstamp
Stockholm

- Hamburg to Stockholm, Sweden
- 1867
- postmark of origin **K.S.P.A. * HAMBURG**
- **last cancellation from the Swedish Postal Agency in Hamburg**
- **FRANCO** 23.07 1867 to 11.10.1867
- postage paid 6 Hamburgian schillings



Heinrich von Stephan

10. CONCLUSION

- North German Confederation (*Norddeutscher Bund*) 1867 – 1871

- states united their postal services

- Heinrich von Stephan

- *Norddeutscher Postbezirk* stamps

- from January 1st 1868 to
December 31 1872

- German Empire (*Deutsches Kaiserreich*) 1872

- from January 1st 1872

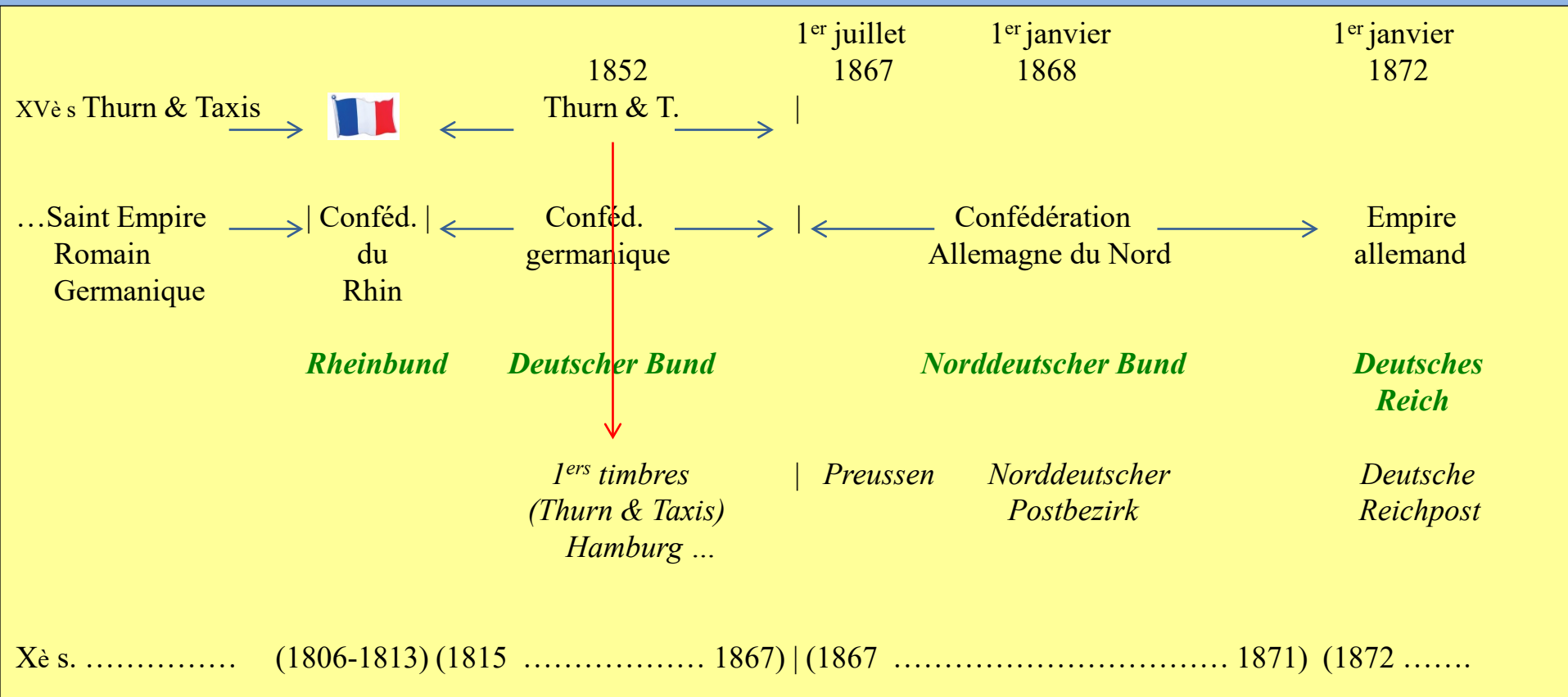
- *Deutsche Reichspost* stamps

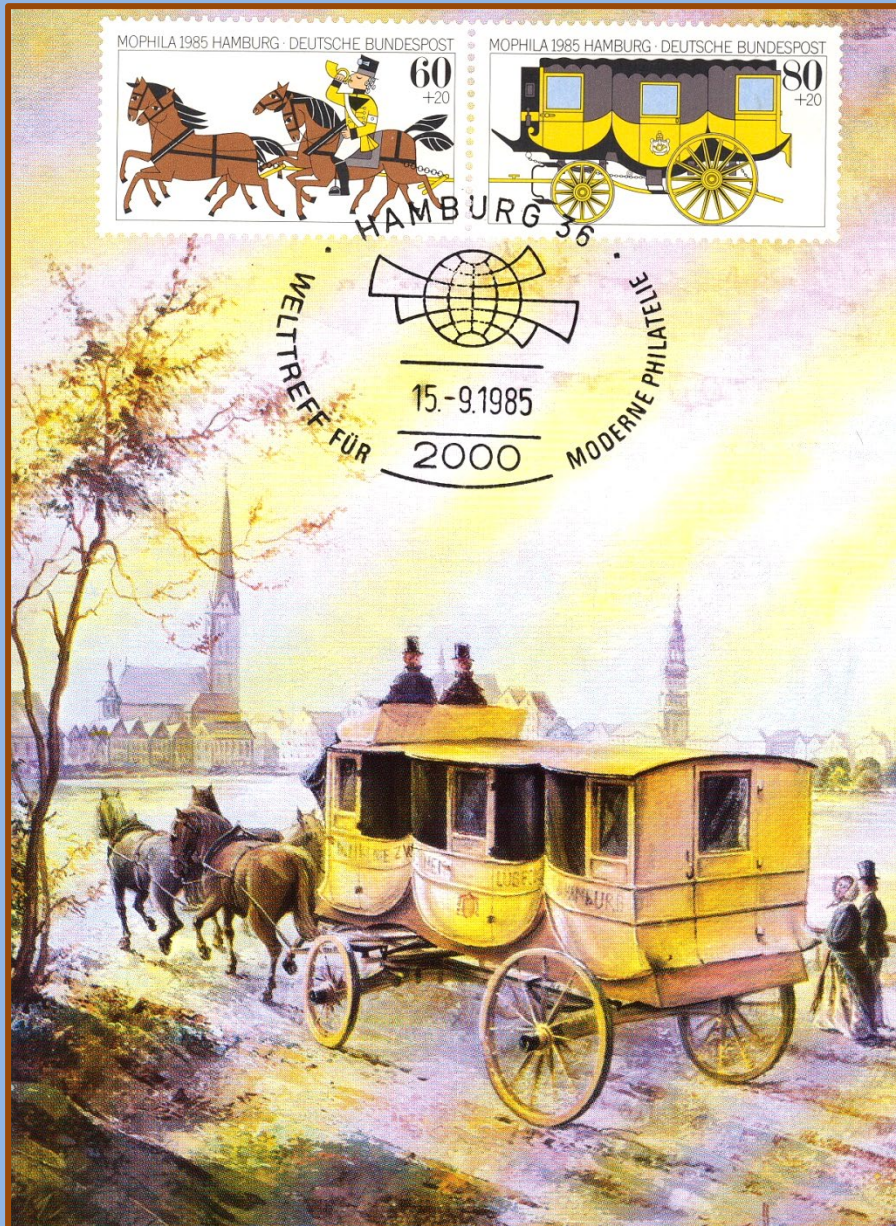
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International conference in Bern - 1874

→ «General Postal Union» (G.P.U.)

→ **U.P.U. - 1878**





The End

