

IV.B. 1852 U.S.-Prussian Convention - 28¢ Rate - Prepaid



**AACHEN 21 10  
FRANCO**

Uncommon magenta boxed  
Aachen exchange office  
marking used from July  
1864 to January 1865.

28¢ rate (2¢ overpaid) from Stockton, California, 30 July 1864 to Herford, Westphalia, Prussia,  
by City of Baltimore (Inman Line), New York 8 October 1864, Queenstown 18 October 1864.



**AACHEN 27 5  
FRANCO**

Blue boxed Aachen  
exchange office marking  
used from February 1865  
until December 1867.

28¢ rate from New York 16 May 1866 to Fürth, Bavaria,  
by Scotia (Cunard Line), New York 16 May 1866, Queenstown 25 May 1866.

U.S. internal  
Sea & British transit  
Belgian transit  
G.A.P.U.  
Prepaid

5¢  
16¢  
2¢  
5¢  
28¢

7¢ Credit  
to Prussia

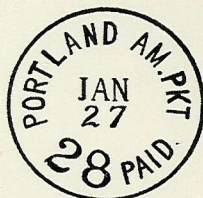


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23¢ credit from Prussia to the U.S. for U.S. internal, sea, and Belgian transit.

12 sgr (28¢) rate prepaid from Jena (234), Weimar, 11 November 1866 to Walden, New York, by City of Washington (Inman Line), Queenstown 16 November 1866, New York 27 November 1866.



Portland, Detroit, and Chicago became exchange offices under the Prussian Convention effective May 1861.

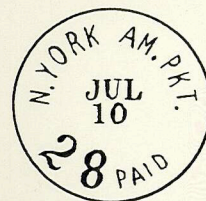


41 kr (28¢) rate prepaid from Mainz (134), Hessen, 6 January 1864 to Philadelphia by Damascus (Allan Line), Londonderry 8 January 1864, Portland 26 January 1864.

U.S. internal	5¢	} 23¢ credit to U.S.	=	10 sgr	35 kr
Sea & British transit	16¢				
Belgian transit	2¢				
G.A.P.U.	5¢				
Prepaid	28¢			<u>2 sgr</u> 12 sgr	<u>6 kr</u> 41 kr



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New York  
(Via England)  
United States



Austrian currency changed from kreuzer to neukreuzer in 1857. Boxed backstamp indicates letter mailed at the branch "K.K. BRIEF-FILIALAMT / IN WIEN 20/6." Since endorsed "**via England**," 69 neukreuzer paid for Anglo-Prussian open mail rate (15 neukreuzer for G.A.P.U. and 54 neukreuzer foreign fee). Cross on the front indicates all fees were paid. **Wien** marking on the front is from the main post office. Sent under the U.S.-Prussian Convention. 50 neukreuzer international portion in red crayon.



Uncommon magenta color used only from July 1864 to January 1865. 23¢ credit from Prussia to the U.S. for U.S. internal, sea, and Belgian transit.



**12 sgr** (28¢) rate prepaid from Berlin, Prussia, 23 January 1865 to Boston by *City of London* (Inman Line), Queenstown 26 January 1865, New York 10 February 1865. Sent through New York in a closed mail bag for Boston.

U.S. internal	5¢	} 23¢ credit to U.S.	=	10 sgr	50 neukreuzer
Sea & British transit	16¢				
Belgian transit	2¢				
G.A.P.U.	5¢				
Prepaid	<u>28¢</u>			<u>2 sgr</u>	<u>10 neukreuzer</u>
				<u>12 sgr</u>	60 neukreuzer



# IV.C. 1852 U.S.-Prussian Convention - 30¢ Rate - One Rate Prepaid / One Rate Unpaid

**One Rate Paid Letters.** Article II of the Convention prohibited payment of less than the whole rate. Nevertheless, an August 31, 1853, notice of the United States Post Office Department to postmasters instructed that "...contrary to the practice under the United States and British Postal Convention, in the Prussian mail every full rate of 30 cents is credited, whether the whole postage on a letter or packet is prepaid or not, leaving any balance due to be collected at the office of delivery."



Struck six times on cover, including four times over the marking applied to unpaid covers. Should read JUN 18, not JUN 8.



Applied to unpaid Prussian Convention letters. Indicated 30¢ due.

84 kr prepaid from Augsburg (28), Bavaria, 3 June 1861, to East Des Moines, Iowa, by Jura (Allan Line), Londonderry 7 June 1861, Quebec 17 June 1861.

Letter weighed 1 loth or more, requiring prepayment of double 45 kr rate. Since 84 kr prepayment was insufficient for one rate, Prussian clerk wrote *halb frei*, (half free) indicating only one full rate was paid. With respect to the unpaid portion, he applied **AACHEN / 5 Cts.** indicating a 5¢ debit to the U.S. With respect to the paid portion, he applied **AACHEN / PAID 25 Cts.** indicating a 25¢ credit to the U.S. Chicago exchange office clerk apparently struck unpaid handstamp **CHICAGO ILL / JUN 18 / 30** then struck paid marking **CHICAGO ILL AM PKT / JUN 8 / 30 PAID** six times, including four times over the unpaid marking.

This is the only recorded westbound part-paid U.S.-Prussian Convention cover.

	Paid Portion		Unpaid Portion	
U.S. internal	5¢	] 25¢ credit to U.S.	5¢ = 2 sgr debit to U.S.	
Sea & British transit	18¢		18¢	
Belgian transit	2¢		2¢	
G.A.P.U.	5¢		5¢	
Prepaid	30¢		30¢	
		= 11 sgr		
		2 sgr		
		13 sgr		



#### IV.D. 1852 U.S.-Prussian Convention - Printed Matter

Newspapers were the only types of printed matter that received favorable rates under the Convention. Article V established a 6¢ rate for up to two ounces. The U.S. accounted to Britain for 2¢ transit, whether the newspaper was sent or received was from the U.S. Even though Prussia accounted to Belgium for 1¢ transit postage only on mail from the U.S., the 6¢ postage was always credited  $\frac{1}{3}$  to Prussia and  $\frac{2}{3}$  to the U.S. Examples of printed matter rates under the U.S.-Prussian convention are extremely scarce. In addition to this Westbound wrapper, at least one Eastbound wrapper is known.



**Paid all**

Scarce Paid all marking applied in Aachen.

2½ sgr (6¢) prepaid from Halle, Prussian Saxony, 8 April 1855 to Salem, Massachusetts, by *Africa* (Cunard Line), Liverpool 14 April 1855, Boston 26 April 1855.

1 **ztg** (1 zeitung or 1 newspaper) at upper left indicates the wrapper contained one newspaper.  
**Ztg / frco** at lower left means zeitung franco (newspaper paid). 4¢ credit to U.S. in magenta ink.  
 "German Book Catalogue 1855" written on reverse of wrapper.

G.A.P.U.		2¢	
Sea & British transit		2¢	
U.S. internal		2¢	] 4¢ credit to U.S.
Due		6¢	
2½ sgr	=	6¢	



# IV.E. 1852 U.S.-Prussian Convention - Origins and Destinations Beyond Germany



**Franco Preuss.  
resp. Vereinsl. Ausg. Gr.**

Two line marking struck by Aachen to indicate letter was paid only to Prussia and not beyond the G.A.P.U. border. Used in red beginning in 1855.

30¢ rate prepaid to the G.A.P.U. border from Don Pedro's Bar, California, 1 October 1856 to San Remo, Sardinia, by Golden Gate (Pacific Mail Steamship Co.), San Francisco 6 October 1856, Panama 20 October 1856, by Illinois (United States Mail Steamship Co.), Aspinwall 20 October 1856, New York 28 October 1856, by Persia (Cunard Line), New York 29 October 1856, Liverpool 7 November 1856.

Sent via Baden to Switzerland and crossed Swiss Alps via St. Gotthard route to Milan Austrian-Lombardy, where **VIA DI SVIZZERA** (indicating letter came from Switzerland) and **D.A.a.L. =3** (Diritto Austriaco-austriache Lire, 3 krCM) Austrian debit to Sardinia for transit fees from Prussia.



**FRANCO  
PREUSS. RESP. VEREINS.  
AUSGANGS-GRENZE.**

Aachen struck three line marking (used in red beginning in 1860) to indicate letter was paid only to Prussia and not beyond the G.A.P.U. border.

30¢ rate prepaid to the G.A.P.U. border from Pendleton, Indiana, 21 May 1860 to Sulz, Switzerland, by Fulton (Havre Line), New York 26 May 1860, Southampton 7 June 1860.

To Sardinia		
U.S. internal	5¢	
Sea & British transit	18¢	
Belgian transit	2¢	
G.A.P.U.	5¢	
Prepaid	30¢	
Transit to Sardinia		
Sardinia internal		
Due		

7¢ credit  
to Prussia

3 krCM = 13 centessimi  
20 centessimi  
30 centessimi = 3 decimi

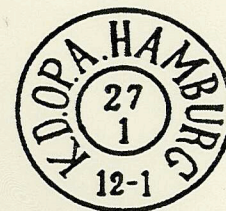
To Switzerland		
U.S. internal	5¢	
Sea & British transit	18¢	
Belgian transit	2¢	
G.A.P.U.	5¢	
Prepaid	30¢	
Transit to Switzerland		
Due		

7¢ credit  
to Prussia

3 sgr  
3 sgr = 10 rappen



#### IV.E. 1852 U.S.-Prussian Convention - Origins and Destinations Beyond Germany



(reverse)  
Applied by Danish post  
office in Hamburg (Königlich  
Dänische Ober Postamt).

35¢ rate prepaid from New York 11 January 1859 to Copenhagen, Denmark,  
by *America* (Cunard Line), Boston 12 January 1859, Liverpool 24 January 1859.  
Danish post office in Hamburg applied K.D.O.P.A. HAMBURG backstamp  
(Königlich Dänische Ober Postamt), and forwarded letter to Copenhagen.

#### A. 3

(Under the **P.D.**) Austrian  
exchange office marking  
under the  
Austria-Sardinian  
Convention, which referred  
to Austria bureau 3.



Entered France  
from Austria.  
Processed at Culoz  
exchange office.



38¢ prepaid from New Orleans 15 February 1859 via Sardinia to Nantes, France,  
by *America* (Cunard Line), Boston 23 February 1859, Liverpool 8 March 1859.  
Aachen routed the letter through Austria and Sardinia. **A.3** (applied under the **P.D.**) was an Austrian exchange office  
marking under the Austrian-Sardinian Convention of 28 September 1853 and referred to Austria bureau 3. Paris  
applied **AUTRICHE / 3 CULOZ 3**, indicating letter entered France at Culoz. Sent on the Paris-Bordeaux railroad.

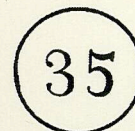
	To Denmark		To France
U.S. internal	5¢		5¢
Sea & British transit	18¢		18¢
Belgian transit	2¢		2¢
G.A.P.U.	5¢		5¢
Foreign transit	5¢ = 2 sgr	] 12¢ credit to Prussia	8¢ = 3¼ sgr
Prepaid	35¢		38¢





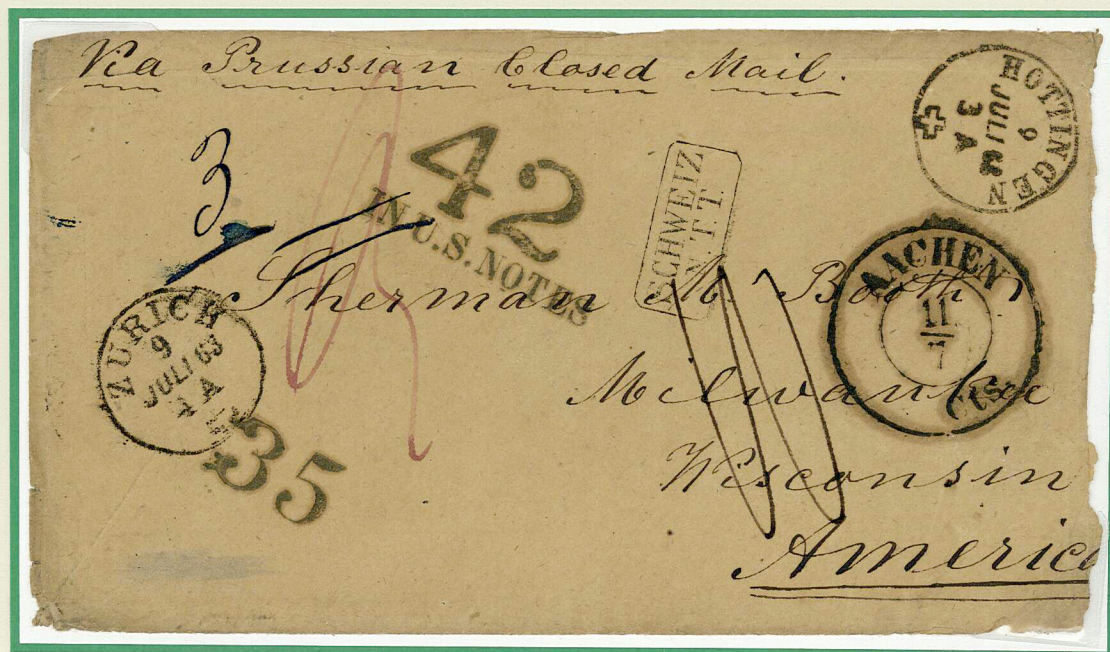


#### IV.E. 1852 U.S.-Prussian Convention - Origins and Destinations Beyond Germany



35¢ due marking  
applied by Chicago  
exchange office.

35¢ rate unpaid from Hottingen, Switzerland, 20 October 1862 to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by *Norwegian* (Allan Line), Queenstown 24 October 1862, Quebec 8 November 1862. Carried by railroad through Baden. 3 kr (magenta) or 1 sgr debit from Switzerland to Baden. 4 sgr (blue) or 10¢ debit from Prussia to U.S. (1 sgr Swiss transit, 3 sgr Baden transit).



SCHWEIZ  
N.T.T.

"Schweiz nach Thurn  
& Taxis" indicated  
letter was carried from  
Switzerland by Thurn &  
Taxis. Applied in  
Frankfurt am Main.

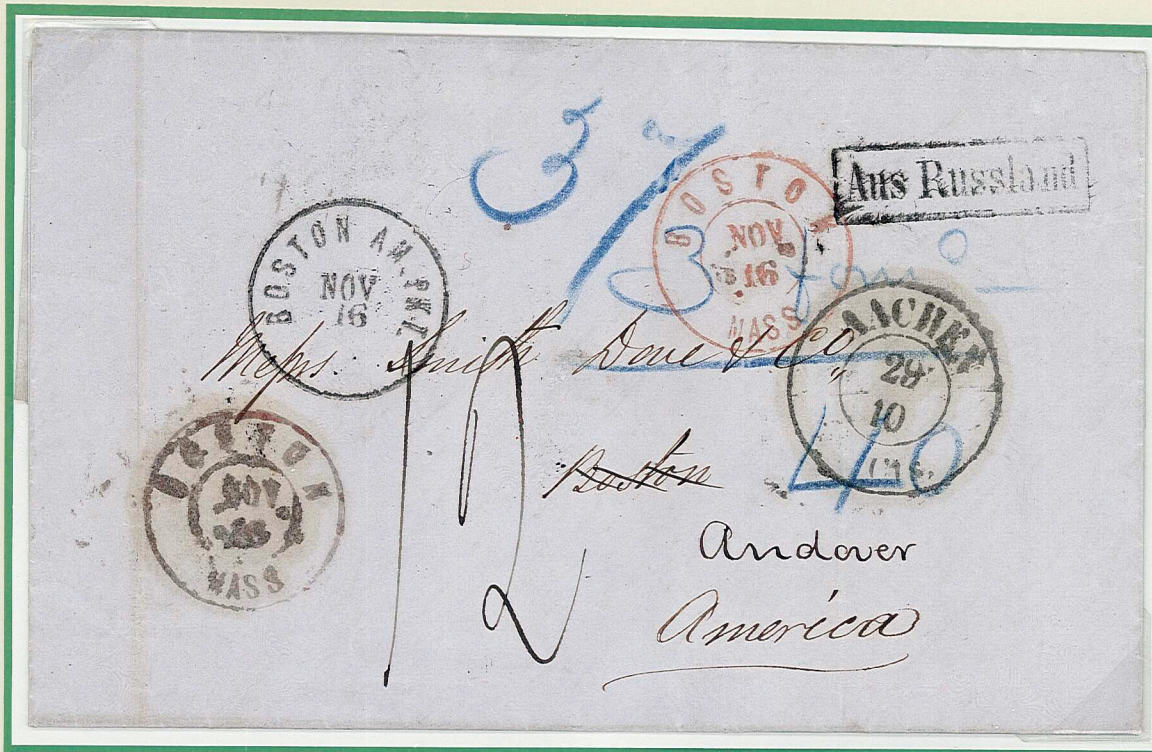
35¢ rate unpaid from Hottingen, Switzerland, 9 July 1863 to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by *Africa* (Cunard Line), Queenstown 12 July 1863, Boston 22 July 1863. Thurn & Taxis carried letter from Switzerland. **SCHWEIZ / N.T.T.** struck in Frankfurt am Main. 3 kr (magenta) or 1 sgr debit from Switzerland to Thurn & Taxis. 3 sgr (blue) debit from Thurn & Taxis to Prussia (1 sgr Swiss transit, 2 sgr Thurn & Taxis transit).

Transit from Switzerland  
G.A.P.U.  
Belgian transit  
Sea & British transit  
U.S. internal  
Due

5¢ } 10¢ debit = 4 sgr  
5¢ } to U.S.  
2¢  
18¢  
5¢  
35¢ = 42¢ IN U.S. NOTES



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**Aus Russland**

Applied on Eydtkuhnen  
(Kybartai)-Bromberg  
(Bydgoszcz) railroad.

37¢ rate unpaid from St. Petersburg, Russia, 18 October 1861 to Boston  
3¢ due for forwarding to Andover, Massachusetts,  
by *Edinburgh* (Inman Line), Queenstown 31 October 1861, New York 15 November 1861.



(reverse)  
From Russia via  
Bromberg (Bydgoszcz)-  
Eydtkuhnen (Kybartai)  
railroad.

37¢ rate unpaid from St. Petersburg, Russia, 2 May 1867 to New York  
by *Scotia* (Cunard Line), Queenstown 19 May 1867, New York 28 May 1867.

Transit from Russia  
G.A.P.U.  
Belgian transit  
Sea & British transit  
U.S. internal  
Due

3 sgr = 7¢	] 12¢ debit to U.S.
5¢	
2¢	
18¢	
5¢	
<b>37¢ = 49¢ in U.S. NOTES</b>	



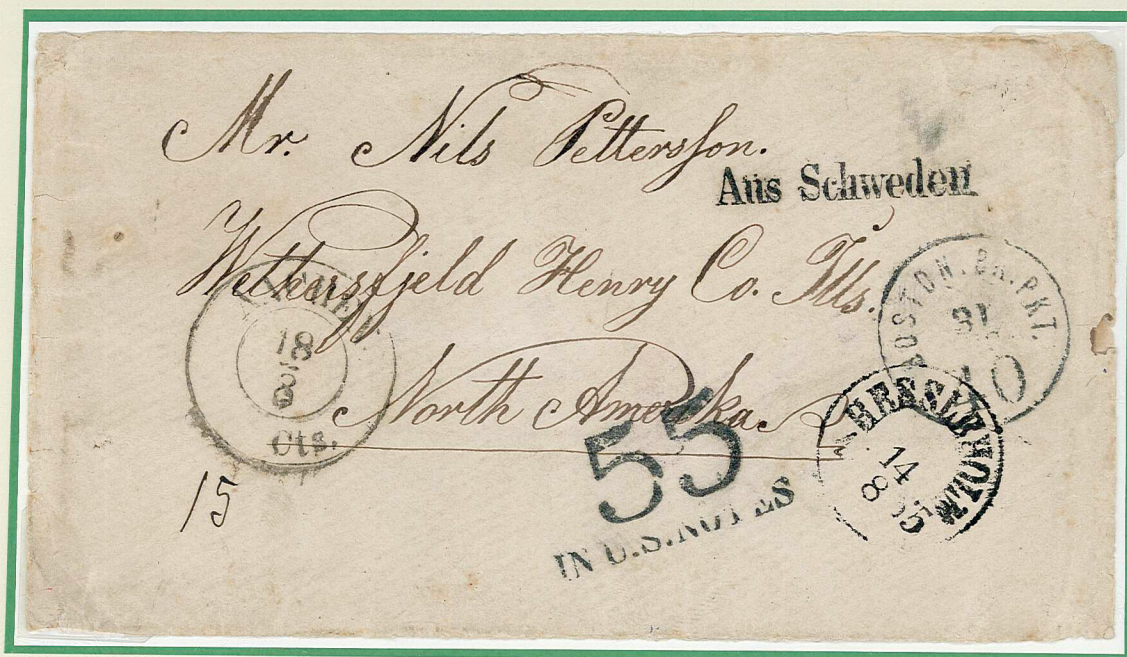
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1½ a.P.

(reverse)  
1½ sgr auslage Porto  
(foreign postage).

33¢ rate unpaid from Rudkjobing, Denmark, 19 February 1867 to Angels [Camp], Calaveras [County], California, by Cuba (Cunard Line), Queenstown 24 February 1867, New York 7 March 1867.  
Carried by ferry from Korsør to Kiel. Kiel-Hamburg railroad backstamp.



4¼ a.P.

(reverse)  
4¼ sgr auslage Porto  
(foreign postage).

40¢ rate unpaid from Hrsslholm, Sweden, 12 August 1865 to Whethersfield, Illinois, by Africa (Cunard Line), Queenstown 20 August 1865, Boston 31 August 1865.  
Stralsund to Berlin railroad backstamp.

	From Denmark	
Transit to Prussia	1½ sgr	3¢
G.A.P.U.		5¢
Belgian transit		2¢
Sea & British transit		18¢
U.S. internal		5¢
Due		33¢ = 43¢ in U.S. NOTES

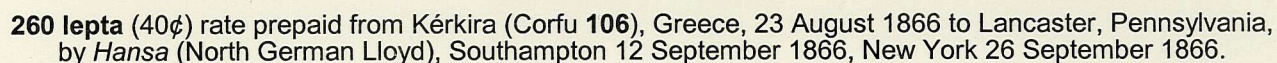
	From Sweden	
Transit to Prussia	4¼ sgr	10¢
G.A.P.U.		5¢
Belgian transit		2¢
Sea & British transit		18¢
U.S. internal		5¢
Due		40¢ = 55¢ in U.S. NOTES



#### IV.E. 1852 U.S.-Prussian Convention - Origins and Destinations Beyond Germany



37¢ rate prepaid from Moscou (Moscow), Russia, 20 September 1856 to Hartford, Connecticut, by *Arabia* (Cunard Line), Liverpool 11 October 1856, Boston 24 October 1856.



	From Russia		From Greece	
Foreign transit	7¢	3 sgr	12¢	
G.A.P.U.	5¢	2 sgr	5¢	
Belgian transit	2¢		2¢	
Sea & British transit	18¢	25¢ credit to U.S. = 11 sgr	16¢	23¢ credit to U.S.
U.S. internal	5¢		5¢	
Prepaid	37¢	16 sgr	40¢	= 260 lepta



# V.A. 1857 U.S.-Hamburg Convention - 15¢ Rate - Prepaid

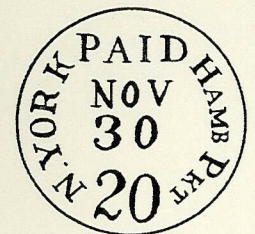
Effective 1 July 1857, the U.S. entered a postal convention with Hamburg that paralleled the convention with Bremen. Thus, the rate was 15¢ for German states that reduced their postage to the equivalent of 5¢ or less. This 15¢ total rate represented the sum of a 10¢ international rate (5¢ U.S. internal, 4¢ sea postage, and 1¢ Bremen postage) plus 5¢ German internal under the G.A.P.U.

*fr Hbg*

Indicates letter was paid only to Hamburg.



Single 15¢ rate prepaid from Boston 27 June 1861 to Rostock, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, by *Bavaria* (Hamburg American Line), New York 29 June 1861, Hamburg 14 July 1861. *fr Hbg* indicates letter was paid only to Hamburg. 3 schillings (5¢) due.



20¢ double rate credit to Hamburg for sea, Hamburg, and German internal.

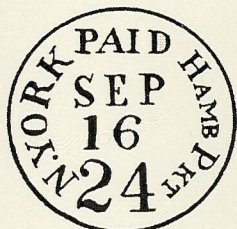
Double 15¢ rate prepaid from New York 30 November 1861 to Berlin, Prussia, by *Saxonia* (Hamburg American Line), New York 30 November 1861, Hamburg 14 December 1861.

	Single Rate		Double Rate
U.S. internal	5¢		10¢
Sea	4¢		8¢
Hamburg	1¢		2¢
G.A.P.U.	5¢		10¢
Prepaid	15¢	10¢ credit to Hamburg	20¢ credit to Hamburg
			30¢



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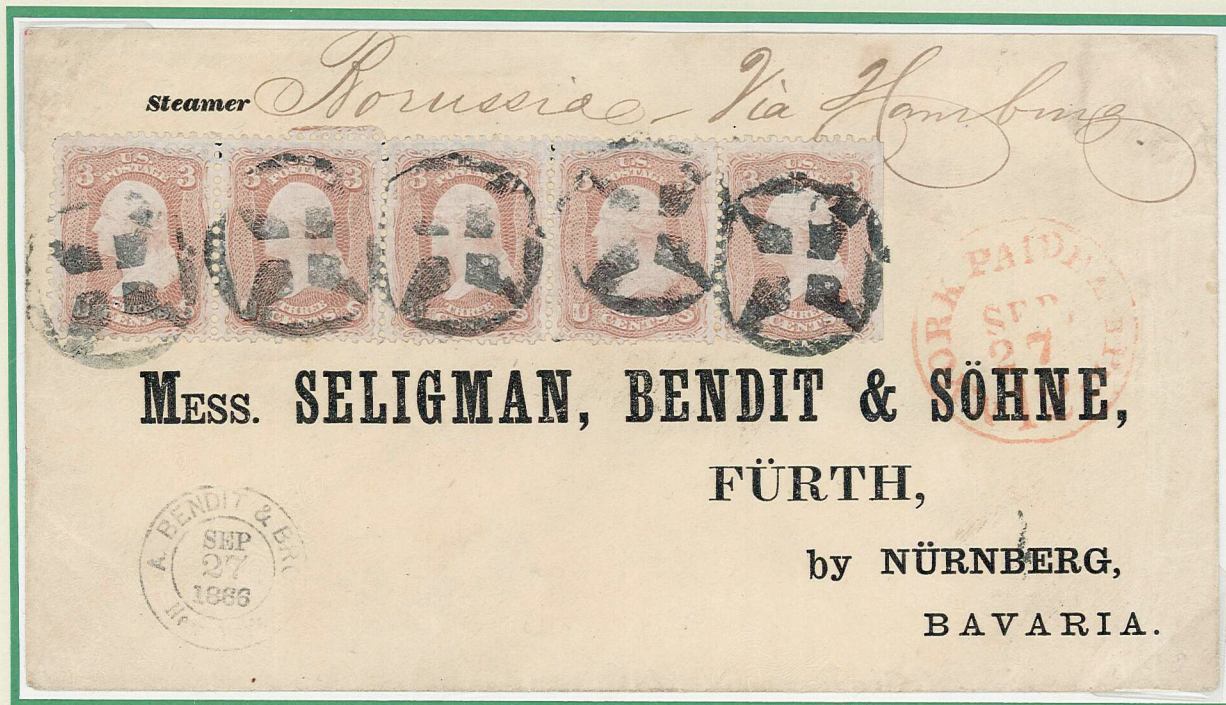
U.S. internal under the Convention reduced from 5¢ to 3¢ in October 1863.



24¢ double rate credit to Hamburg for 12¢ sea, 2¢ Hamburg, and 10¢ German internal.



Double 15¢ rate prepaid from New York 16 September 1865 to Darmstadt, Hessen, by *Saxonia* (Hamburg American Line), New York 16 September 1865, Hamburg 29 September 1865.



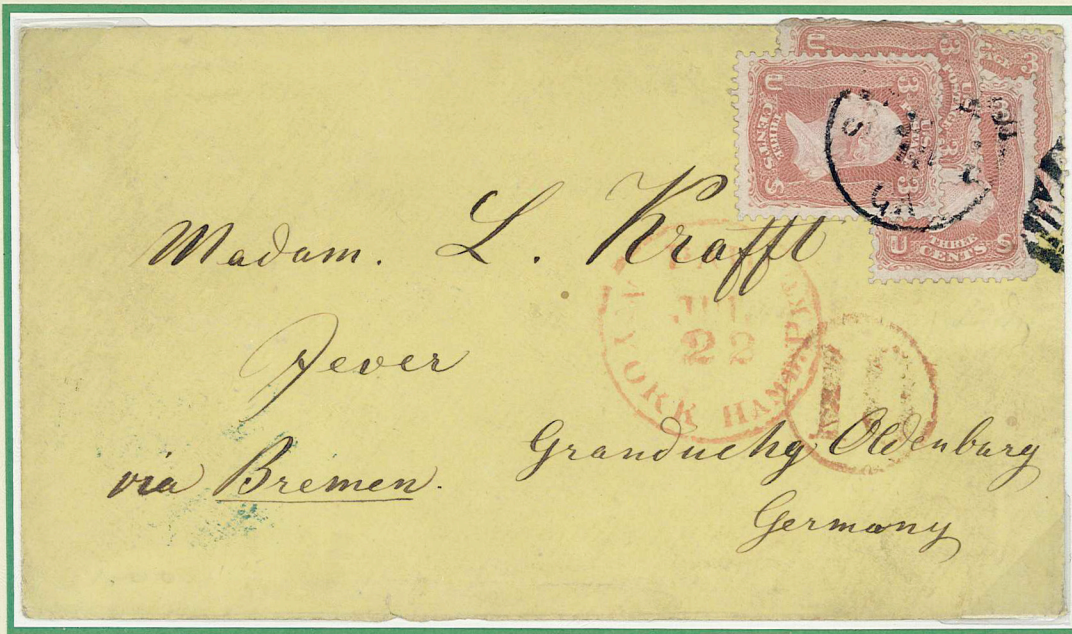
Single 15¢ rate prepaid from New York 27 September 1866 to Fürth, Bavaria, by *Borussia* (Hamburg American Line), New York 27 September 1866, Hamburg 13 October 1866.

	Single Rate		Double Rate
U.S. internal	3¢	} 12¢ credit to Hamburg	6¢
Sea	6¢		12¢
Hamburg	1¢		2¢
G.A.P.U.	5¢		10¢
Prepaid	15¢		30¢



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A 2¢ lower rate applied to Oldenburg than to most other German states, resulting in a credit to Hamburg of 2¢ less than the usual 12¢ credit.

13¢ rate prepaid from Savanna, Georgia, 18 July 1865 to Jever, Oldenburg, by Saxonia (Hamburg American Line), New York 22 July 1865, Hamburg 4 August 1865. Additional 1¢ paid in cash or by a stamp that is now missing.

SUPPLEMENTARY  
MAIL.

Posted after the  
regular mail closed.  
Struck in New York.



15¢ rate and 15¢ supplementary fee prepaid from New York 13 July 1867 to Triest, Austria, by Saxonia (Hamburg American Line), New York 13 July 1867, Hamburg 26 July 1867. New York kept a mailbag open at dockside and charged double the single letter rate for letters posted after the regular mails closed to be sent in this **SUPPLEMENTARY / MAIL.** mailbag. 12¢ credit written in crayon.

	To Oldenburg		Supplementary Letter	
U.S. internal	3¢	] 10¢ credit to Bremen	3¢	] 12¢ credit to Bremen
Sea	6¢		6¢	
Bremen	1¢		1¢	
G.A.P.U.	3¢		5¢	
Prepaid	13¢		15¢	



**V.A. 1857 U.S.-Hamburg Convention - 15¢ Rate - Prepaid**



3¢ credit from Hamburg to the U.S. for U.S. internal. Applied in Hamburg.

**6½ sgr (15¢) rate prepaid from Berlin, Prussia, 17 May 1867 to Rush, New York, by Borussia (Hamburg American Line), Hamburg 19 May 1867, New York 1 June 1867.**



**22 kr (15¢) rate prepaid from Rudolstadt (288), Thüringen, 20 June 1866 to Dayton, Ohio, by Saxonia (Hamburg American Line), Hamburg 24 June 1866, New York 8 July 1866.**

U.S. internal  
Sea  
Hamburg  
G.A.P.U.  
Prepaid

3¢ credit to U.S.  
6¢  
1¢  
5¢  
15¢ = 22 kr = 6½ sgr

International  
rate 10¢ = 4½ sgr