



6½ sgr (15¢) rate prepaid from Clausthal, Hanover, 20 June 1860 to Edwardsville, Illinois, by Borussia (Hamburg American Line), Hamburg 19 May 1867, New York 1 June 1867.



22 kr (15¢) rate prepaid from Frankfurt 15 August 1866 to Louisville, Kentucky, by Teutonia (Hamburg American Line), Hamburg 1 July 1860, New York 19 July 1860.

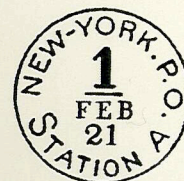
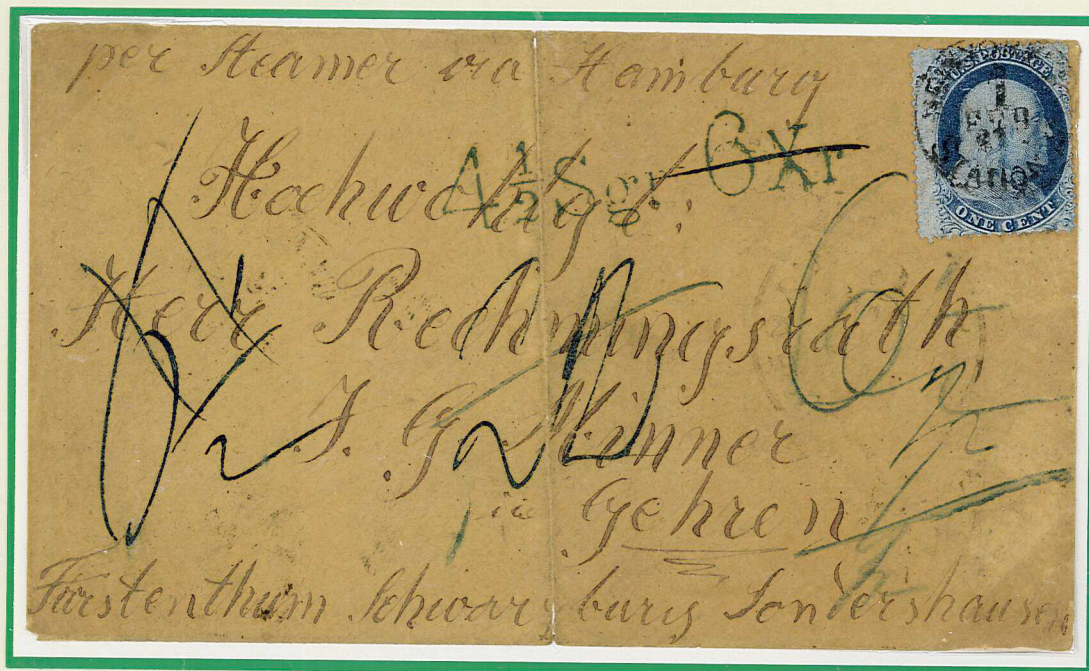
U.S. internal  
Sea  
Hamburg  
G.A.P.U.  
Prepaid

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

International  
rate 10¢ = 4½ sgr



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



Only 1¢ paid for  
carrier service to  
the post office.

15¢ rate unpaid from New York 21 February 1861 to Gehren, Schwarzburg-Sondershausen,  
by Saxonia (Hamburg American Line), New York 2 March 1861, Hamburg 15 March 1861.  
1¢ carrier fee prepaid. 15¢ Convention rate unpaid.



6  $\frac{1}{2}$

Applied in Hamburg to  
indicate 6½ sgr due.

15¢ rate unpaid from Cincinnati, Ohio, 12 June 1861 to Rittierode, Braunschweig,  
by Borussia (Hamburg American Line), New York 15 June 1861, Hamburg 29 June 1861.

U.S. internal	5¢ debit to Hamburg	]	4½ Sgr	16 kr
Hamburg	1¢			
Sea	4¢			
G.A.P.U.	5¢		2 sgr	6 Xr (kr)
Due	15¢		6½ sgr	22 kr



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



6  $\frac{1}{2}$

Scarce large 6½  
sgr due marking  
applied in Bremen.

15¢ rate unpaid from New York 9 June 1866 to Leer, Hanover,  
by *Teutonia* (Hamburg American Line), New York 9 June 1866, Hamburg 23 June 1866.



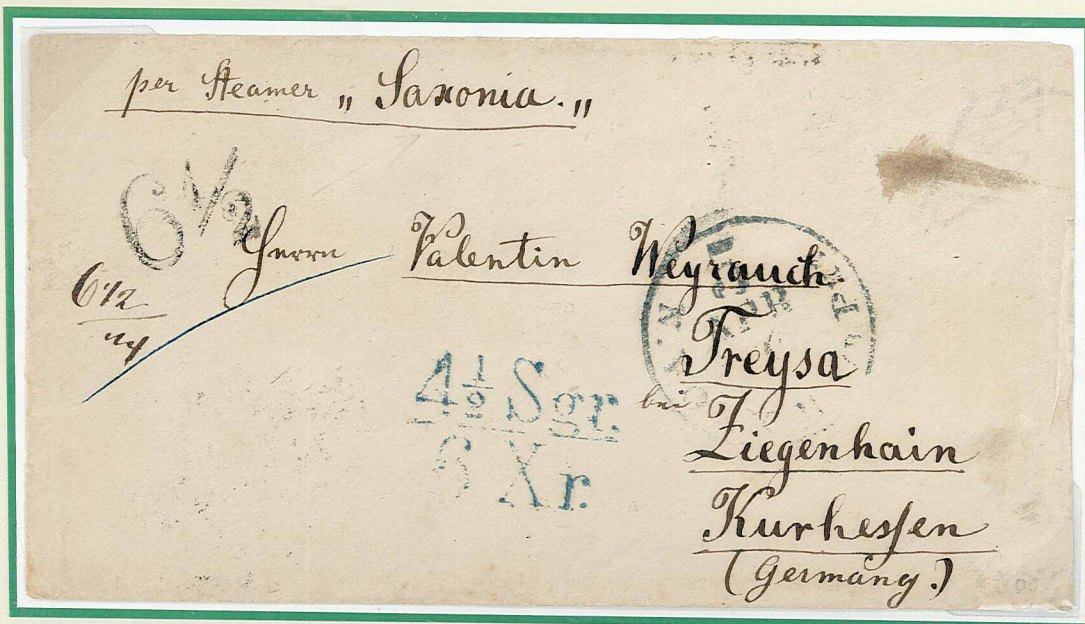
15¢ rate unpaid from New York 4 May 1861 to Bayreuth, Bavaria,  
by *Bavaria* (Hamburg American Line), New York 4 May 1861, Hamburg 19 May 1861.

To Hanover			
U.S. internal	3¢	debit to Hamburg	] 4½ sgr
Sea	6¢		
Hamburg	1¢		
G.A.P.U.	5¢		
Due	15¢		2 sgr
			6½ sgr

To Bayreuth			
U.S. internal	5¢	debit to Hamburg	] 4½ Sgr
Sea	4¢		
Hamburg	1¢		
G.A.P.U.	5¢		
Due	15¢		2 sgr
			6½ sgr
			16 kr
			6 Xr (kr)
			22 kr

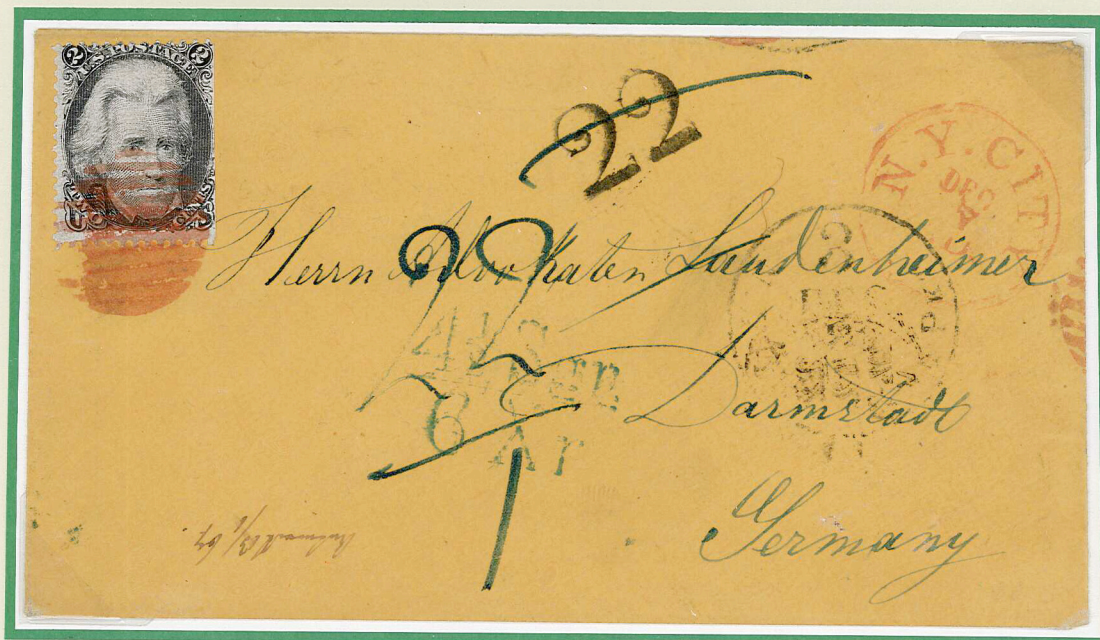


**V.A. 1857 U.S.-Hamburg Convention - 15¢ Rate - Unpaid**



**6 1/2**  
6 1/2 sgr due.  
Applied in  
Hamburg.

15¢ rate unpaid from New York 5 April 1863 to Treysa, Kurhessen,  
by *Saxonia* (Hamburg American Line), New York 5 April 1863, Hamburg 20 April 1863.



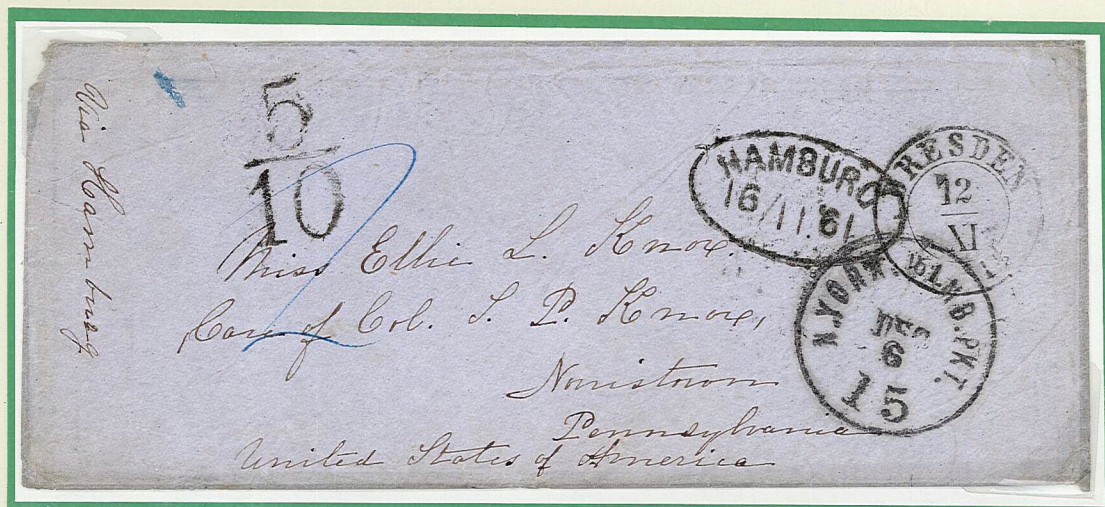
**22**  
Applied in  
Hamburg to  
indicate 22 kr due.

15¢ rate unpaid from New York 7 December 1866 to Darmstadt, Hessen,  
by *Germania* (Hamburg American Line), New York 8 December 1866, Hamburg 20 December 1866.  
Effective 1 July 1863, carrier fees were abolished. Prepayment of 2¢ drop rate from N.Y. City Station D to the main  
post office was unnecessary. 15¢ (22 kr) Convention rate included domestic postage. 1 kr additional local postage.

	1863 Letter			1866 Letter		
U.S. internal	5¢	] 4 1/2 Sgr	16 kr	3¢	] 4 1/2 Sgr	16 kr
Hamburg	1¢			1¢		
Sea	4¢			6¢		
G.A.P.U.	5¢	2 sgr	6 Xr (kr)	5¢	2 sgr	6 Xr (kr)
Due	15¢	6 1/2 sgr	22 kr	15¢	6 1/2 sgr	22 kr



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



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Shows the division of the 15¢ rate: 5¢ German internal, 10¢ international rate. Applied in Hamburg.

Single 15¢ rate unpaid from Dresden, Saxony, 12 November 1861 to Norristown, Pennsylvania, by *Borussia* (Hamburg American Line), Hamburg 17 November 1861, New York 6 December 1861

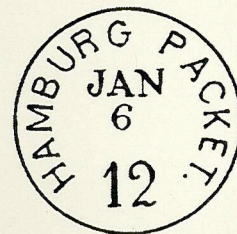


Double 15¢ rate unpaid from Calw, Württemberg, 8 October 1864 to Buffalo, New York, by *Germania* (Hamburg American Line), Hamburg 16 October 1864, New York 31 October 1864. **HAMBURG PACKET / 24** applied in Hamburg.

	Single Letter		Double Letter	
G.A.P.U.	5¢	] 10¢ international rate	10¢	] 20¢ international rate
Hamburg	1¢		2¢	
Sea	4¢		8¢	
U.S. internal	5¢		10¢	
Due	15¢	= 2 sgr	30¢ or	= 4 sgr
				65¢ in U.S. NOTES



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



12¢ debit from  
Hamburg to the U.S.  
for sea, Hamburg, and  
German internal.  
Applied in Hamburg.

15¢ rate unpaid from Dresden, Saxony, 4 January 1866 to New York  
by Germania (Hamburg American Line), Hamburg 8 January 1866, New York 26 January 1866.



15¢ rate unpaid from Bremen 9 November 1866 to New York  
by Germania (Hamburg American Line), Hamburg 11 November 1866, New York 25 November 1866.

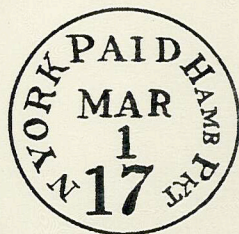
G.A.P.U.	5¢	] 12¢ debit to U.S.
Hamburg	1¢	
Sea	6¢	
U.S. internal	3¢ = 2 sgr	
Totals	15¢ or 21¢ in U.S. NOTES	

**HAMBURG PACKET / 12** applied in Hamburg.



# V.C. 1857 U.S.-Hamburg Convention - 22¢ Rate

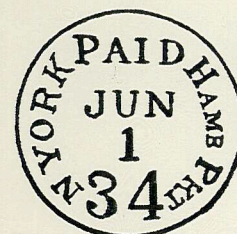
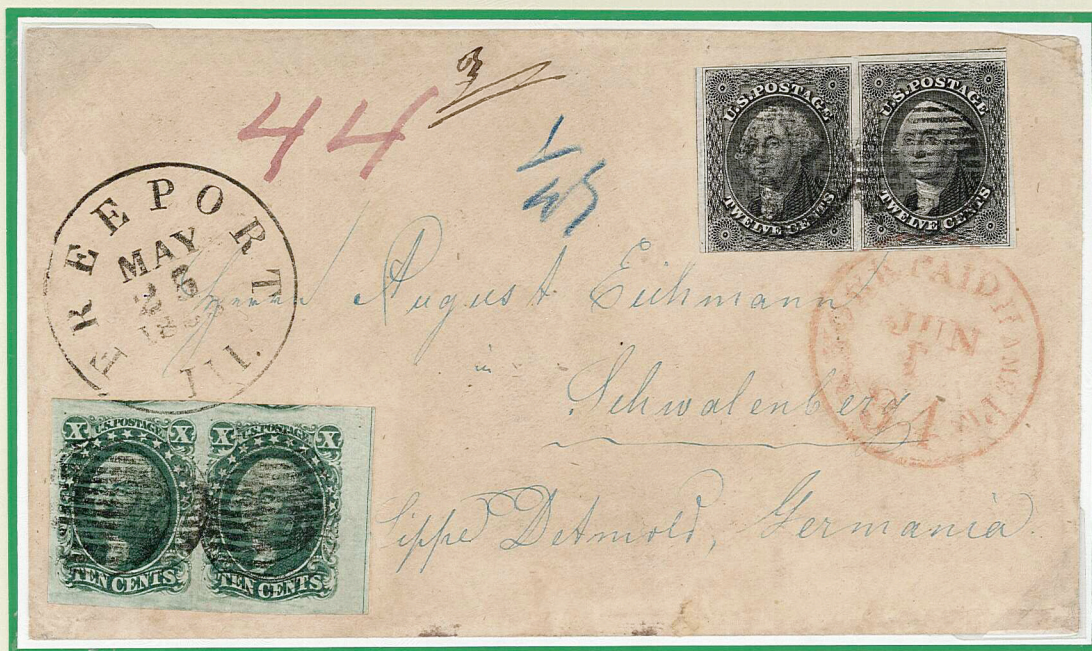
The 15¢ rate did not apply to German states that had not reduced their postage to the equivalent of 5¢ or less. For those states the total rate was 22¢. This represented the sum of a 15¢ international rate (5¢ U.S. internal, 9¢ sea postage, 1¢ Bremen postage), plus 7¢ German internal postage.



Scarce 17¢ credit to Hamburg for sea, Hamburg, and German internal.



Single 22¢ prepaid from Staunton, Virginia, 20 February 1858 to Shlitz, Hessen, by *Borussia* (Hamburg American Line), New York 1 March 1858, Hamburg 16 March 1858.



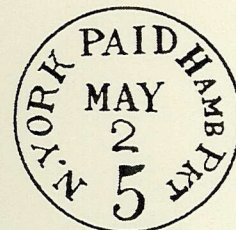
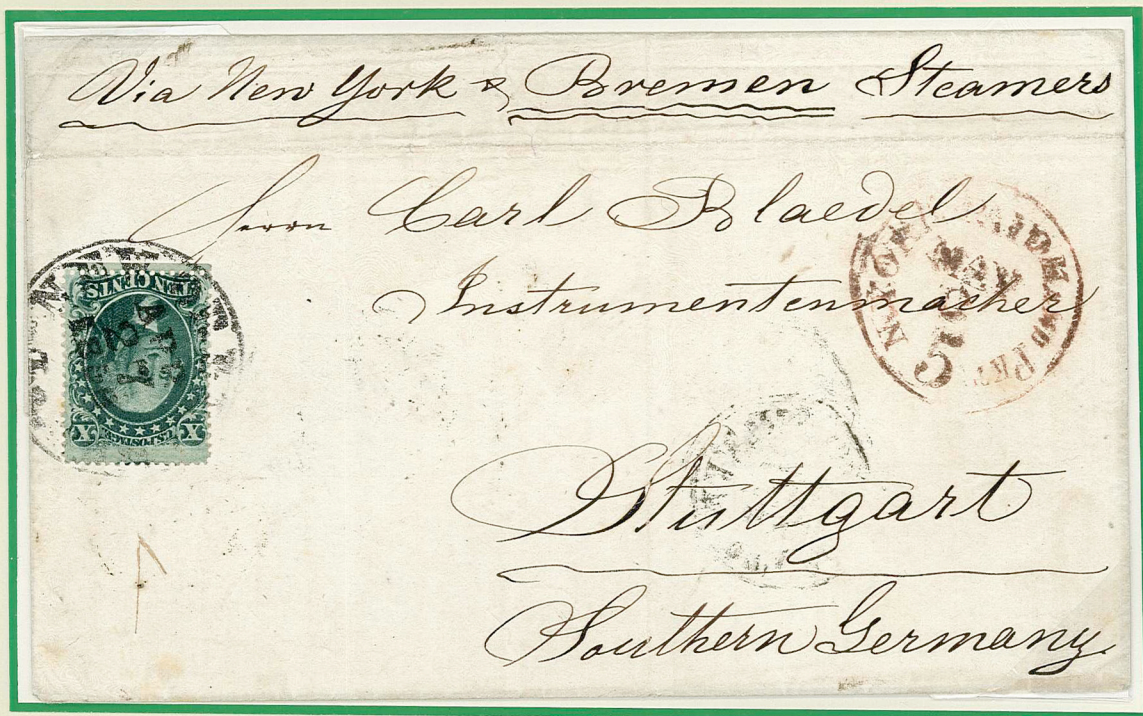
Scarce 34¢ double rate credit to Hamburg used for mail to the Southern German states.

Double 22¢ rate prepaid from Freeport, Illinois, 25 May 1858 to Schwalenberg, Lippe, by *Austria* (Hamburg American Line), first voyage, New York 1 June 1858, Hamburg 16 June 1858. The *Austria* was destroyed by fire 13 September 1858 during its third voyage.

U.S. internal	5¢		10¢	
Sea	9¢		18¢	
Hamburg	1¢	] 17¢ credit to Hamburg	2¢	] 34¢ credit to Hamburg
Thurn & Taxis	7¢		14¢	
Prepaid	22¢		44¢	



**V.D. 1857 U.S.-Hamburg Convention - 10¢ Rate to and from Hamburg - Prepaid**

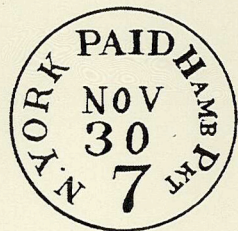


Used on mail paid to Hamburg. 5¢ credit to Hamburg for 4¢ sea and 1¢ Hamburg. Used from May 1859 to August 1861.

10¢ rate to Hamburg prepaid from New Orleans 27 April 1859 to Stuttgart, Württemberg, by *Saxonia* (Hamburg American Line), New York 2 May 1859, Hamburg 17 May 1859.

Only **10¢** international rate prepaid; treated as a direct rate letter.

5¢ G.A.P.U. rate not credited to Hamburg, and apparently not collected.



Used on mail paid to Hamburg. 7¢ credit to Hamburg for 6¢ sea and 1¢ Hamburg applied from October 1863 to August 1867.



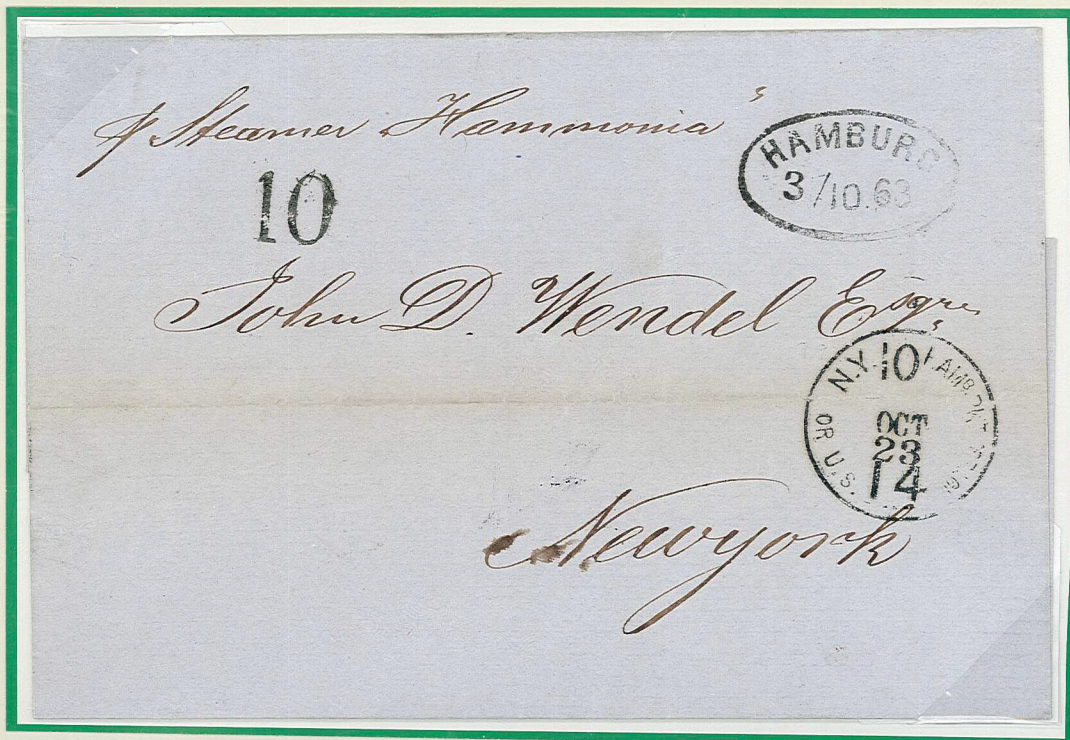
10¢ rate to Hamburg prepaid from New York 30 November 1867 to Hamburg by *Saxonia* (Hamburg American Line), New York 30 November 1867, Hamburg 14 December 1867.

	5¢ U.S. Portion		3¢ U.S. Portion	
U.S. internal	5¢		3¢	
Sea	4¢	] 5¢ credit to Hamburg	6¢	] 7¢ credit to Hamburg
Hamburg	1¢		1¢	
Prepaid	10¢		10¢	

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



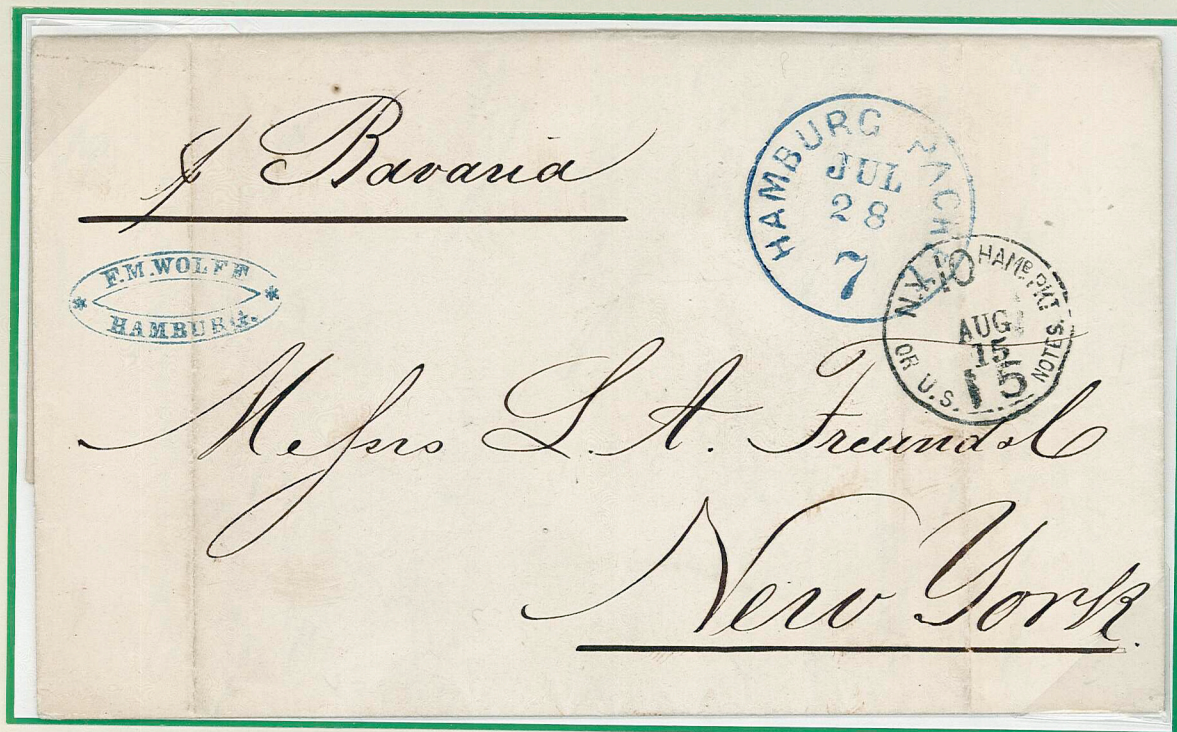
V.D. 1857 U.S.-Hamburg Convention - 10¢ Rate to and from Hamburg - Prepaid



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10¢ international rate. Applied in Hamburg.

10¢ rate from Hamburg unpaid from Hamburg 3 October 1863 to New York by *Hammonia* (Hamburg American Line), Hamburg 4 October 1863, New York 23 October 1863.



7¢ debit from Hamburg to the U.S. for 6¢ sea and 1¢ Hamburg. Applied in Hamburg.

10¢ rate from Hamburg unpaid from Hamburg 28 July 1866 to New York by *Bavaria* (Hamburg American Line), Hamburg 28 July 1866, New York 15 August 1866.

**HAMBURG PACKET / 7** applied in Hamburg.

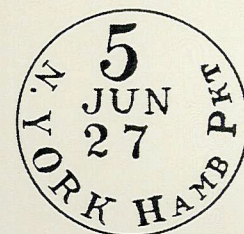
U.S. internal  
Sea  
Hamburg  
Due

3¢  
6¢  
1¢  
10¢ or 14¢ / 15¢ in U.S. NOTES

7¢ debit  
to U.S.

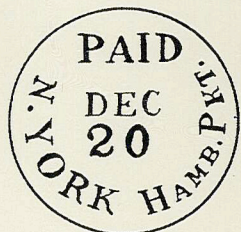


V.D. 1857 U.S.-Hamburg Convention - 10¢ Rate to and from Hamburg - Unpaid / Prepaid



5¢ debit to Hamburg  
for U.S. internal.

10¢ (6 sh) rate to Hamburg unpaid from New York 27 June 1863 to Hamburg  
by *Teutonia* (Hamburg American Line), New York 27 June 1863, Hamburg 13 July 1863



Used September 1857  
to August 1867.

10¢ rate from Hamburg prepaid from Hamburg 30 November 1860 to New York  
by *Borussia* (Hamburg American Line), Hamburg 1 December 1860, New York 20 December 1860.  
5¢ credit to New York not shown.

Unpaid Letter to Hamburg	
U.S. internal	5¢ debit to Hamburg
Sea	4¢
Hamburg	1¢
Total	10¢ = 6 sh

Prepaid Letter to New York	
Hamburg	1¢
Sea	4¢
U.S. internal	5¢
Total	10¢ = 6 sh



V.E. 1857 U.S.-Hamburg Convention - 25¢ Holstein Rate



*fr. Hbg*

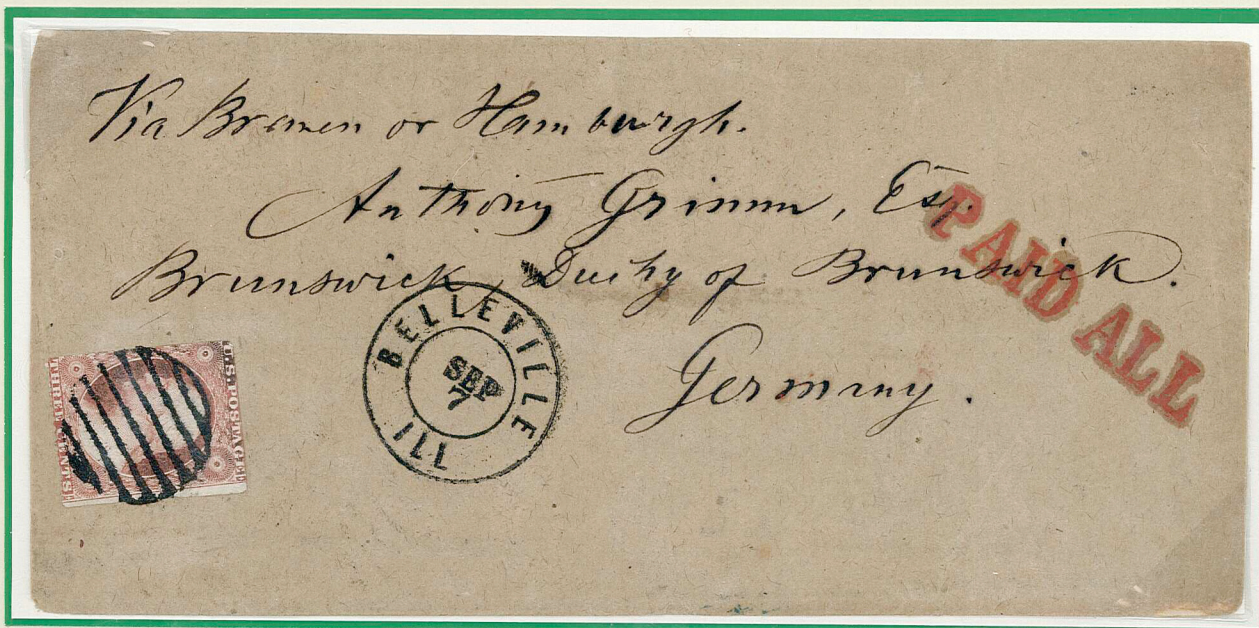
Scarce fr. Hbg (franco Hamburg) indicated letter was paid only to Hamburg. Applied in Hamburg.

25¢ rate part paid from New York 29 April 1865 to Lunden, Holstein, by *Germania* (Hamburg American Line), New York 29 April 1865, Hamburg 12 May 1865.  
**fr. Hbg** indicates letter was paid only to Hamburg. 3 schillinge (10¢) due.

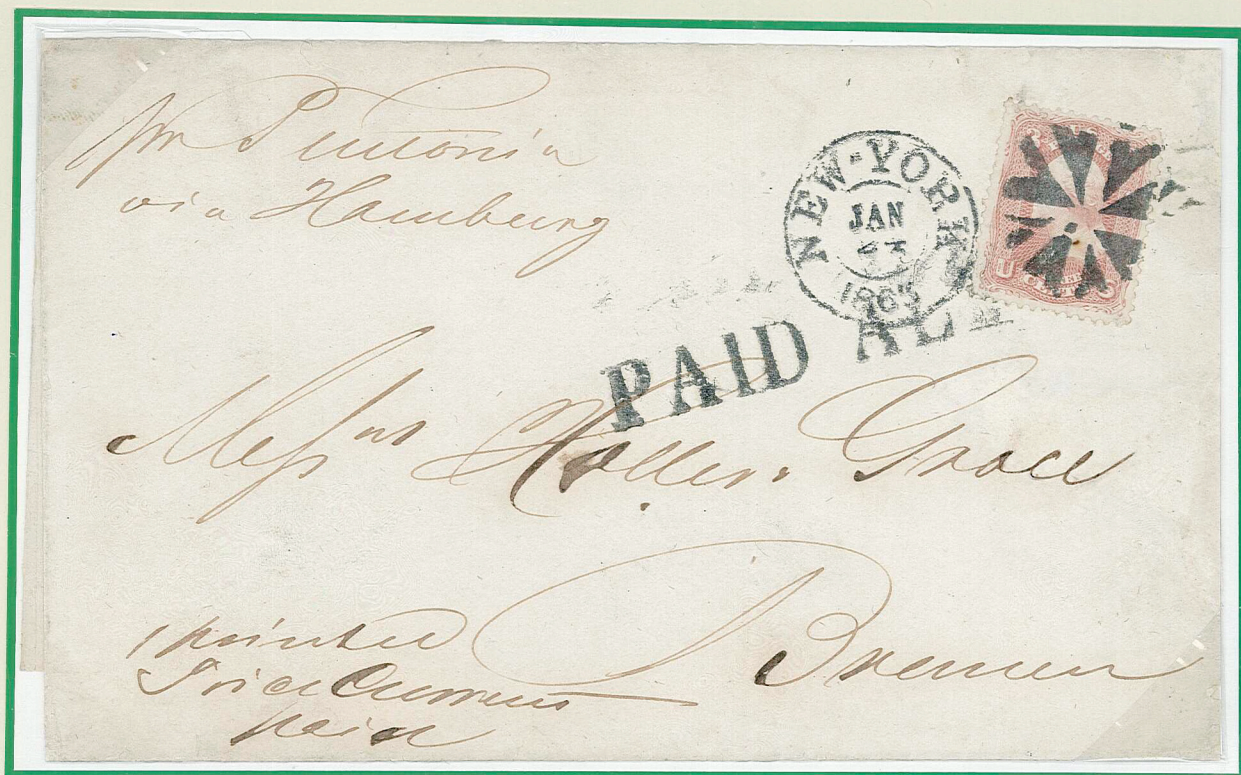
U.S. internal	3¢	] 12¢ credit to Bremen	
Sea	6¢		
Bremen	1¢		
G.A.P.U.	5¢		
Transit to Holstein			<u>3 schillinge</u>
Totals	<u>15¢</u>		3 schillinge due



**V.F. 1857 U.S.-Hamburg Convention - Newspaper and Printed Matter Rates**



3¢ newspaper rate prepaid from Belleville, Illinois, 7 September [1860] to Brunswick, Duchy of Brunswick.



3¢ newspaper rate prepaid from New York 23 January 1863 to Bremen by *Teutonia* (Hamburg American Line), New York 24 January 1863, Hamburg 7 February 1863.

Under Article V of the Convention, the rate to other parts of G.A.P.U. was 3¢ and was allocated 2¢ to Hamburg, 1¢ to G.A.P.U.

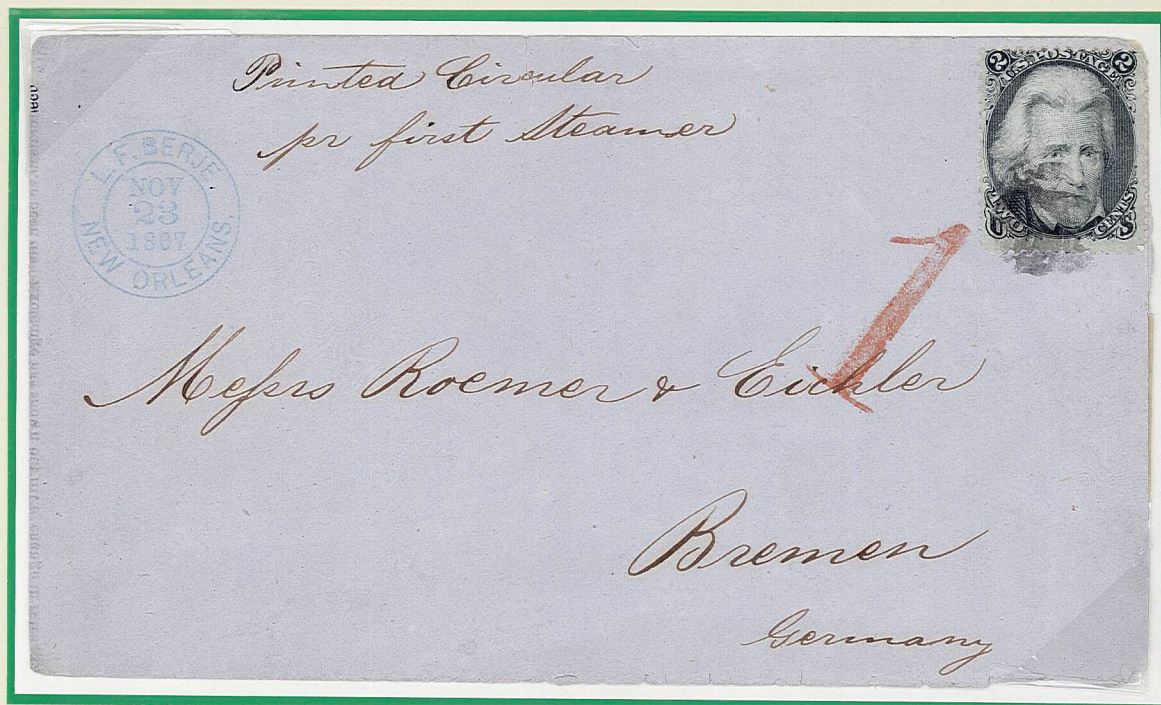


## V.F. U.S.-Hamburg Convention - Newspaper and Printed Matter Rates

In 1867 printed matter could be prepaid to the destination. Circulars were rated as printed matter (rather than newspapers, as before). The printed matter rates were 1¢ to Hamburg and 1½¢ to other parts of the G.A.P.U., both up to 1 ounce. The U.S. credited to Hamburg ½¢ if addressed to Hamburg and 1¢ if addressed to other parts of the G.A.P.U. Whether the circular was sent by Hamburg or U.S. packet was irrelevant. New York began using credit stamps ½ and 1 on circulars, indicating they were being treated as printed matter. The red and black colors of the handstamps were irrelevant.



1½¢ printed matter rate overpaid from New Orleans 14 September 1867 to Bremen by *Cimbria* (Hamburg American Line), New York 21 September 1867, Hamburg 3 October 1867.



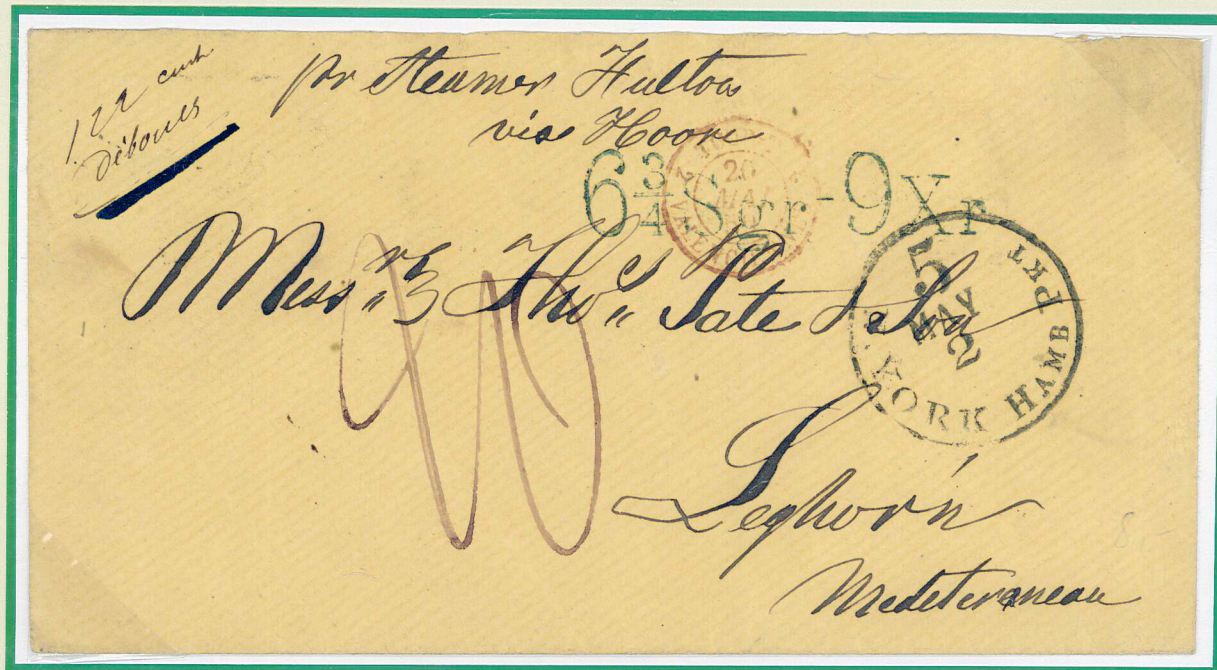
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Struck in New York. 1¢ credit applied because the letter was addressed to another part of the G.A.P.U.

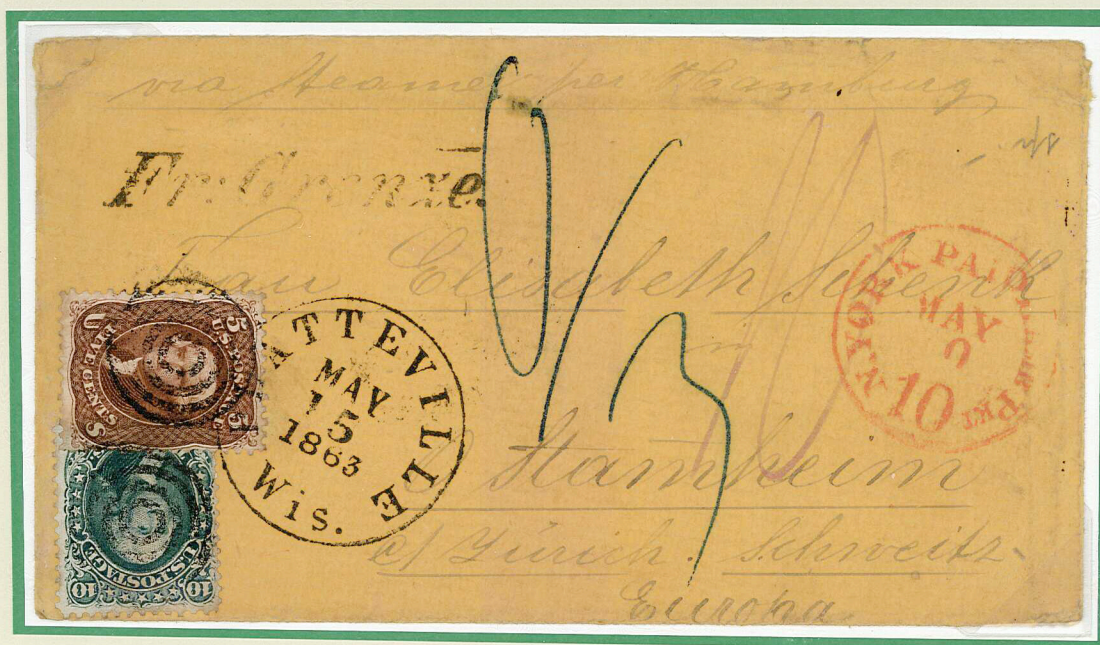
1½¢ printed matter rate overpaid from New Orleans 23 November 1867 to Bremen by *Saxonia* (Hamburg American line), New York 30 November 1867, Bremen 14 December 1867.



# V.G. 1857 U.S.-Hamburg Convention - Origins and Destinations Beyond Germany



28¢ rate unpaid from New York late April 1859 to Leghorn (Livorno), Tuscany, by *Saxonia* (Hamburg American Line), New York 2 May 1859, Hamburg 17 May 1859. Letter missed the 30 April 1859 sailing of the Havre Line *Fulton*. War between Austria and the Kingdom of Sardinia began 30 April 1859. Letter sent via France instead of usual route via Switzerland and Austria. Carried by Thurn & Taxis from Hamburg to Valenciennes, France. Paris struck **TOUR. T. / 2 VALENCIENNES 2** marking. **122 cent. debours** in upper left is a debit to France for the accumulated transit fees, 33 kr or 122 centimes.



**Fr: Grenze.**

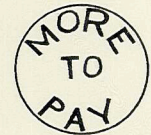
Scarce Fr: Grenze. applied in Hamburg to indicate letter was paid only to the G.A.P.U. border.

15¢ prepaid to the G.A.P.U. border from Platteville, Wisconsin, 15 May 1863 to Stanheim, Switzerland, by *Borussia* (Hamburg American Line), New York 30 May 1863, Hamburg 29 December 1865. Fraction 0/3 indicates international rate was paid and 3 sgr for G.A.P.U. (2 sgr) and transit to Switzerland (1 sgr). 10 centimes due.

	To Tuscany	
U.S. internal	5¢	] = 6¾ Sgr
Sea	9¢	
Hamburg	1¢	
Thurn & Taxis	7¢ = 9 Xr (kr)	
French Transit	6¢	
Due	28¢ = 20 crazie due	

	To Switzerland	
U.S. internal	5¢	] 10¢ credit to Hamburg
Sea	4¢	
Hamburg	1¢	
German internal	5¢	
Prepaid	15¢	





Applied in  
London.

42¢ (420 reis) rate unpaid 14 February 1866 to Lisbon, Portugal  
by *Bavaria* (Hamburg American Line), New York 17 February 1866, Hamburg 5 March 1866.  
3¢ part payment disregarded under Article 2 of the Convention. 8 sgr Hamburg debit to Britain in blue crayon and  
to the right of stamp. London struck **MORE TO PAY** and **BRITISH 4 / FOREIGN 9½** for a total of 13½ d or 1/1½d



28¢ direct rate prepaid 30 October 1863 from Bristol, Connecticut, to Rome, Papal States,  
by *Hammonia* (Hamburg American Line), New York 31 October 1863, Hamburg 14 November 1863.  
5¢ paid in cash. Hamburg **Franco** indicated letter was paid to the border of the Papal States and Italy. Carried by  
Thurn & Taxis through Frankfurt to Basil, where **PP** applied to indicate letter was not fully paid to the destination.  
Carried by steamer from Lucern to Flüelen, Switzerland, and across Lake Maggiore to Verbano, Italy.  
Crayon **3 2/4** is double the Italian transit of 1¼ sgr or 6 kr per 6/10 loth or 10 grams. **12/2** is a credit to Italy,  
indicating 12 kr for 2 rates. **2** tying stamps indicates double rate in Papal states. Due 12 bajocchi double rate.

	To Portugal		
U.S. internal	3¢ debit to Hamburg		
Sea	6¢		
Hamburg	1¢		
G.A.P.U.	5¢		
Due	15¢	6½ sgr	7½d
Hamburg to Britain		1½ sgr	2 d
Total <b>FOREIGN</b> postage		8 Sgr	9½d
<b>BRITISH</b> postage			4 d
Subtotal			1/1½d
Transit to Portugal			3½d
Total			1/5 d
Portugal internal			340 reis
Due			80 reis
			420 reis

	To Rome	
U.S. internal	3¢	
Sea	4¢	
Hamburg	3¢	
German & Swiss transit	9¢	
Beyond Switzerland	9¢	
Totals	28¢	

25¢ credit  
to Hamburg



# V.G. 1857 U.S.-Hamburg Convention - Origins and Destinations Beyond Germany

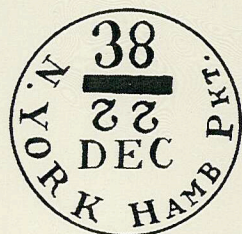


Boston applied exchange office marking for mail to Canada.

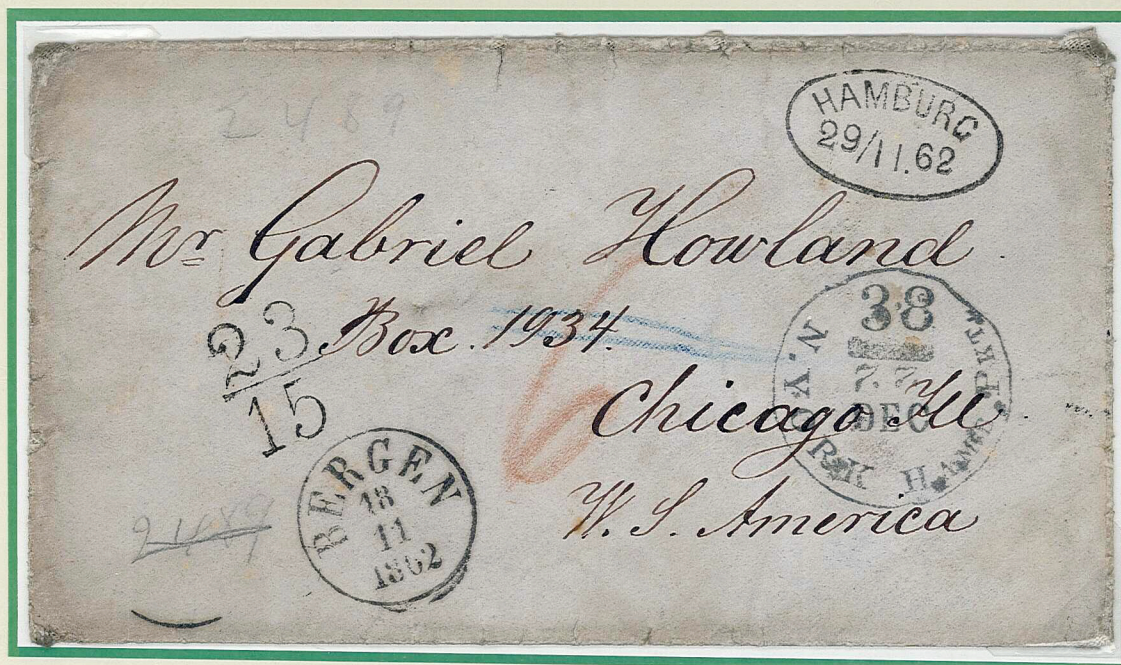
38¢ rate unpaid from Tvedestrand, Norway, 4 May 1860 to Richibucto, New Brunswick, by Bavaria (Hamburg American Line), Hamburg 8 May 1860, New York 26 May 1860. Rare double through rate (through Hamburg and through the U.S.). New York sent letter to Boston where oval **UNITED STATES**. marking applied. Sent by coastwise steamer to St. Johns, New Brunswick. 1/0½ cy due.

23  
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Shows the division of the 38¢ rate: 15¢ international and 23¢ beyond Hamburg.



Scarce exchange office marking indicates 38¢ due.



38¢ rate unpaid from Bergen, Norway, 18 November 1862 to Chicago by Teutonia (Hamburg American Line), Hamburg 29 November 1862, New York 22 December 1862. 23 / 15 and 38 / N.YORK HAMB. PKT. markings are quite scarce.

Transit from Norway  
German internal  
Hamburg  
Sea  
U.S. internal  
Due

16¢  
7¢  
1¢  
9¢  
5¢  
38¢

23¢ beyond  
Hamburg  
International  
rate 15¢ = 6 sgr