

UNITED STATES ONE CENT STAMP
1851-1861

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Essays and Plate proof

This exhibit contains examples of the only essays and plate proof believed to precede or to be contemporary with the stamps and usages which follow. Toppan, Carpenter, Casilear & Co. were awarded the 1851 stamp contract after submitting essays of only one value. The 6¢ essay was a later suggestion. It was changed to 1¢ by need for a lower value due to rate changes of the postal law which was to go into effect from and after June 30, 1851.



Die essay of
vignette
without border



Die essay 6¢
cut to shape



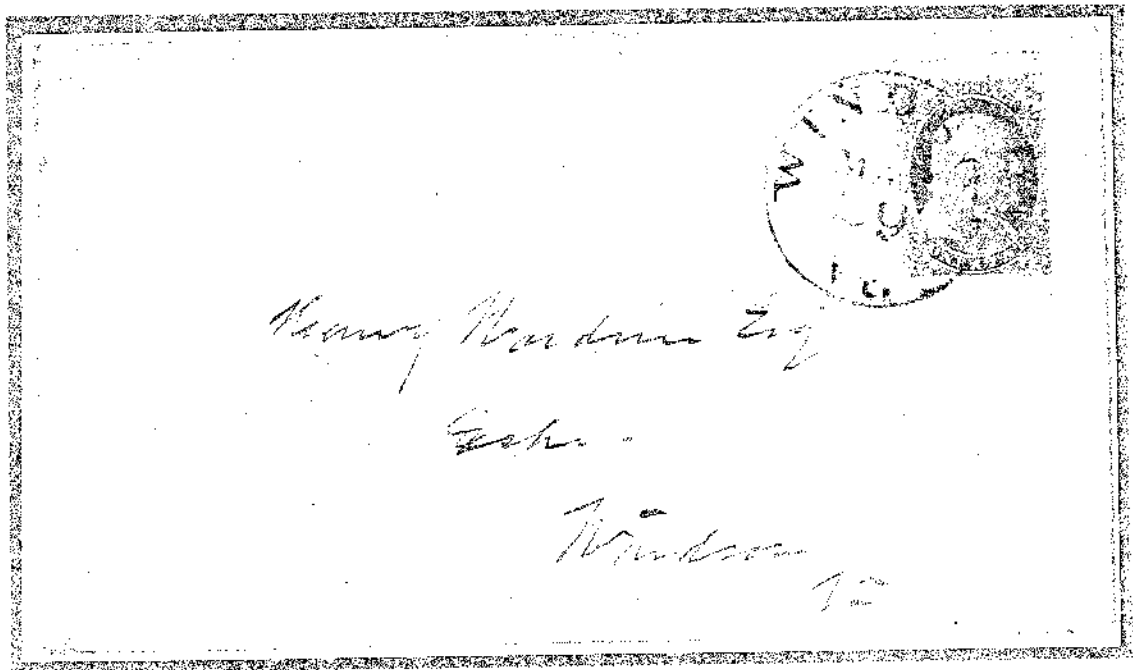
Plate proof
on india
23L9
Type V

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Plate One Early

In preparing the first plate, Toppan, Carpenter, Casilear & Co. entered three vertical positions. These were erased and ten top row positions were entered. For more room they burnished lower parts of seven entries and erased two. Position 7R, not touched, was only one to retain full type I characteristics.



7R Type I
Drop letter

af

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Plate One Early

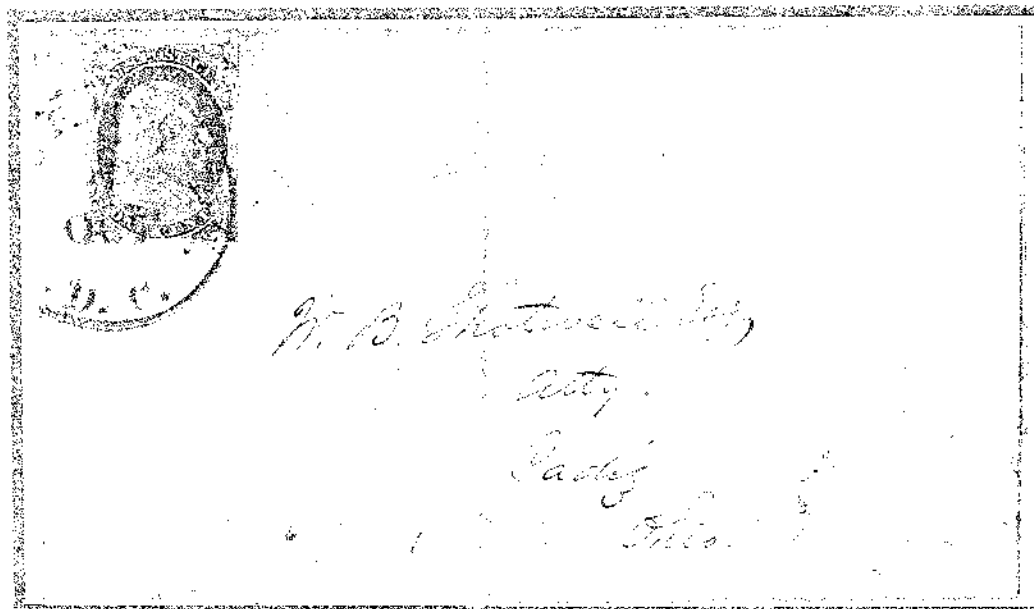
After trimming top row positions, engravers, using new transfer roll, finished the top row, re-entering the erased positions i.e., 1 & 2R.

2R
Type II



adjoining
reliefs

3R
Type IB



3R Type IB
Circular

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The remainder of plate was completed with trimmed reliefs of new transfer roll. Some entries produced broken lines at top or bottom, now called Type IIIA.

49L
Type II

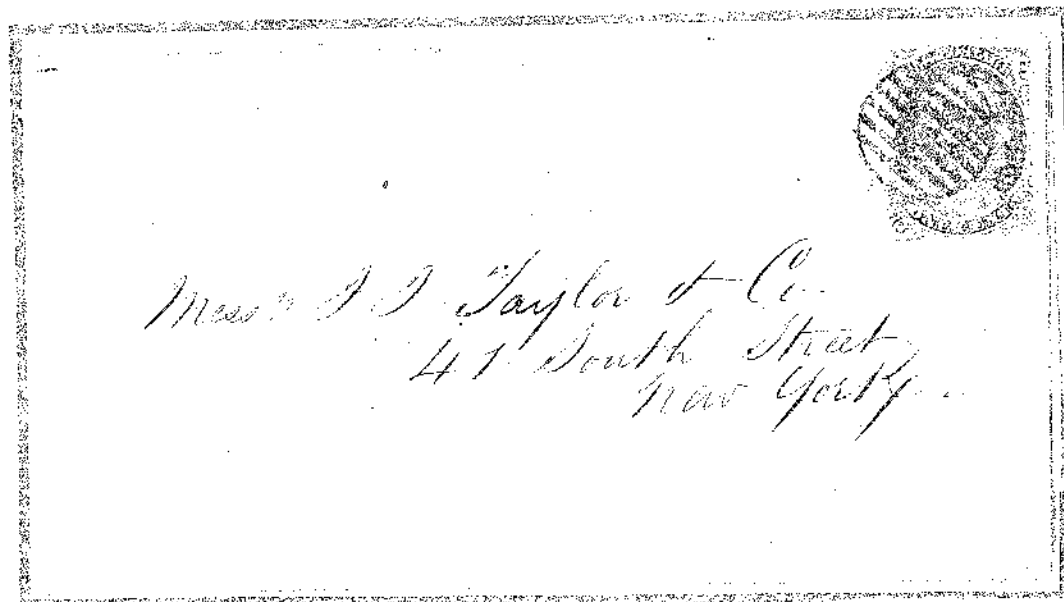


60R
Type II



Small Boston 'paid'
known usage
7/12/51 - 1/15/52

33R
Type IIIA



32R Type IIIA

First reported use of grid in New York on 1¢ in 1851.
Circular of sugar prices dated New York Oct. 6, 1851.

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Plate One Early

71-73R



IIIA

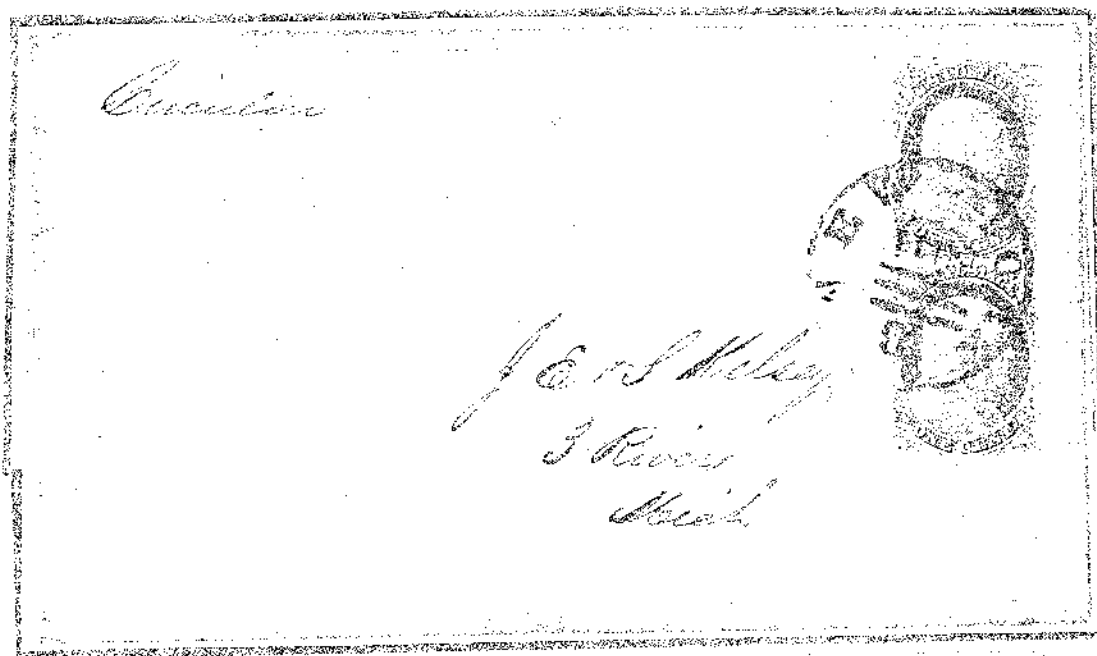
IIIA

II



100R

Type IIIA



61/71R Type II, IIIA - late impression
2¢ circular, '15 months rate' for distance over 500 miles n/e
1500 miles. (7/1/51 - 9/30/52)

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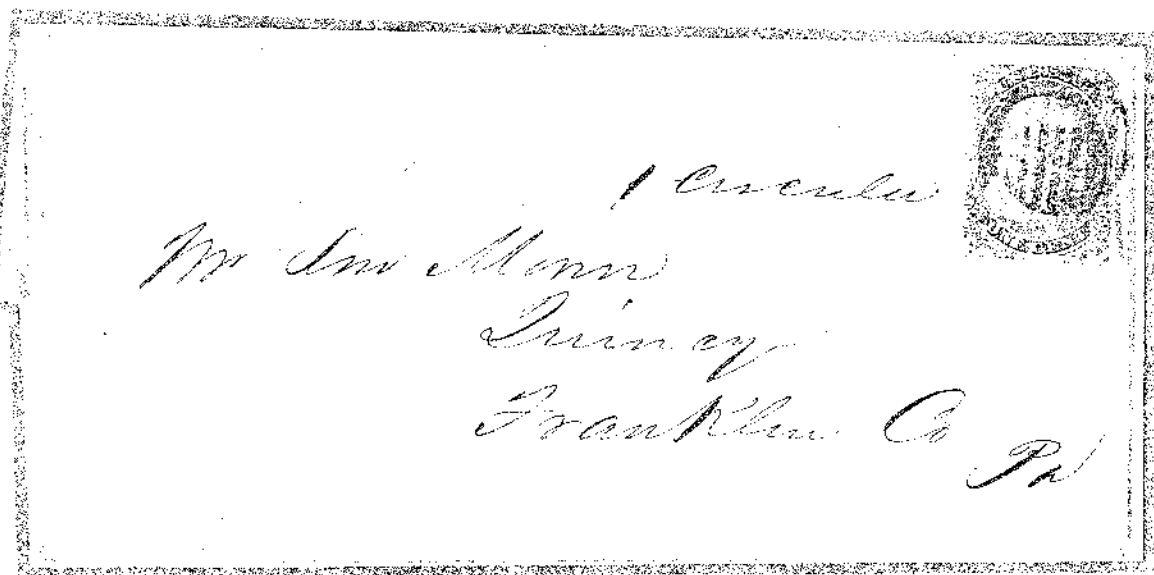
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As mentioned, the first three vertical positions were erased. The burnishing was not thorough. Bits of original entries showed through, becoming stronger as the plate wore.

71L
Type II



Inverted
double
transfer

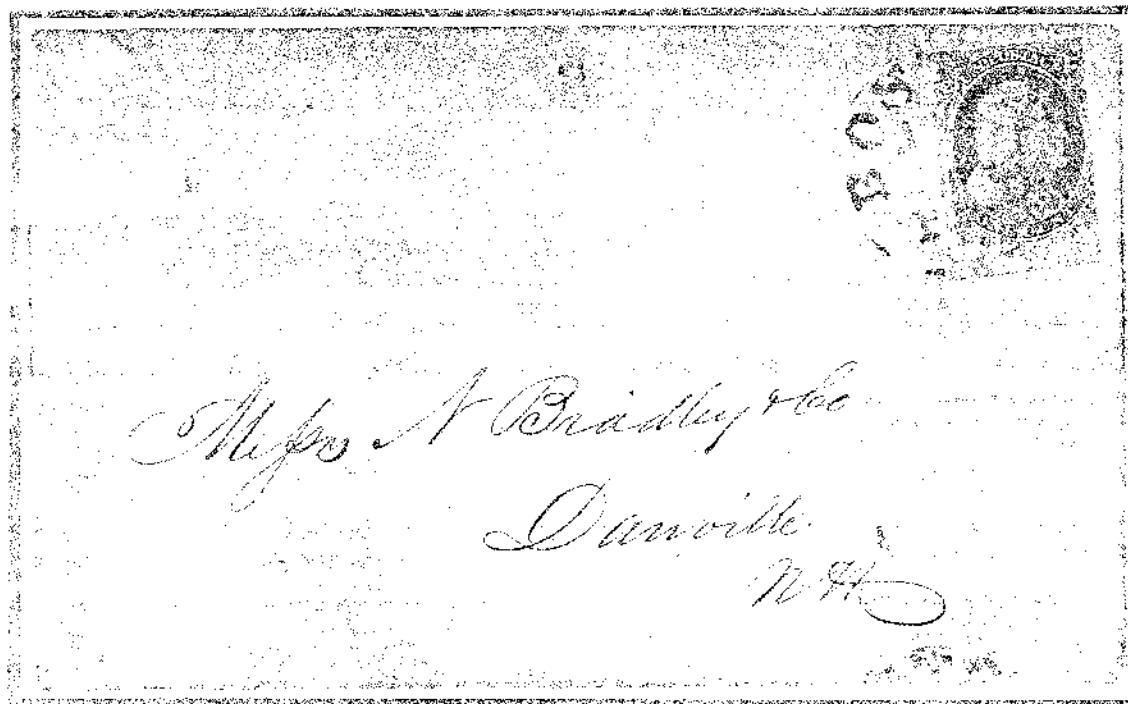


81L Type IIIA
Inverted double transfer
Circular

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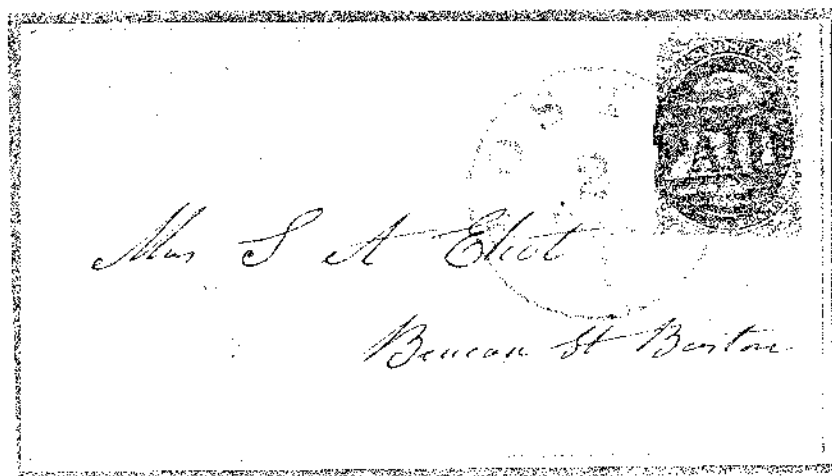


91L Type II
Inverted triple transfer
Circular

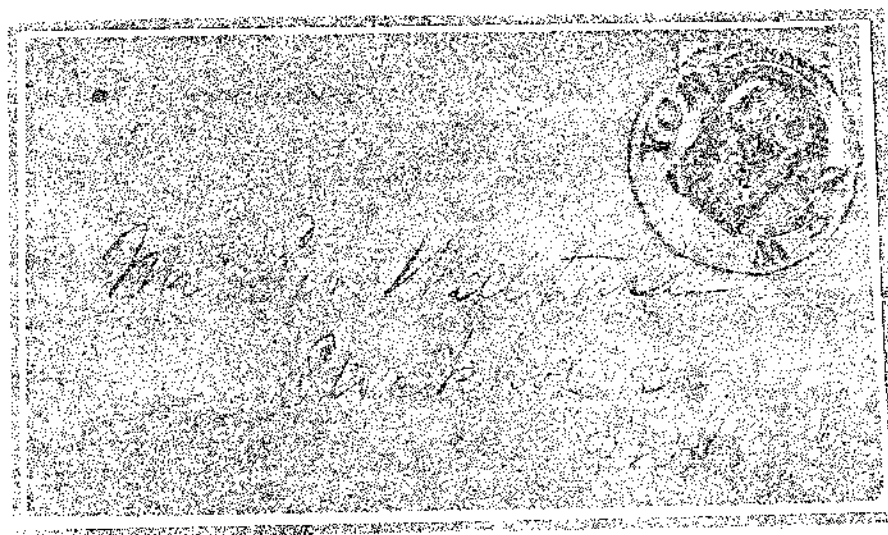
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1R Type II Small Boston Paid
Drop letter marking known used from 10/9 -
12/28/51.

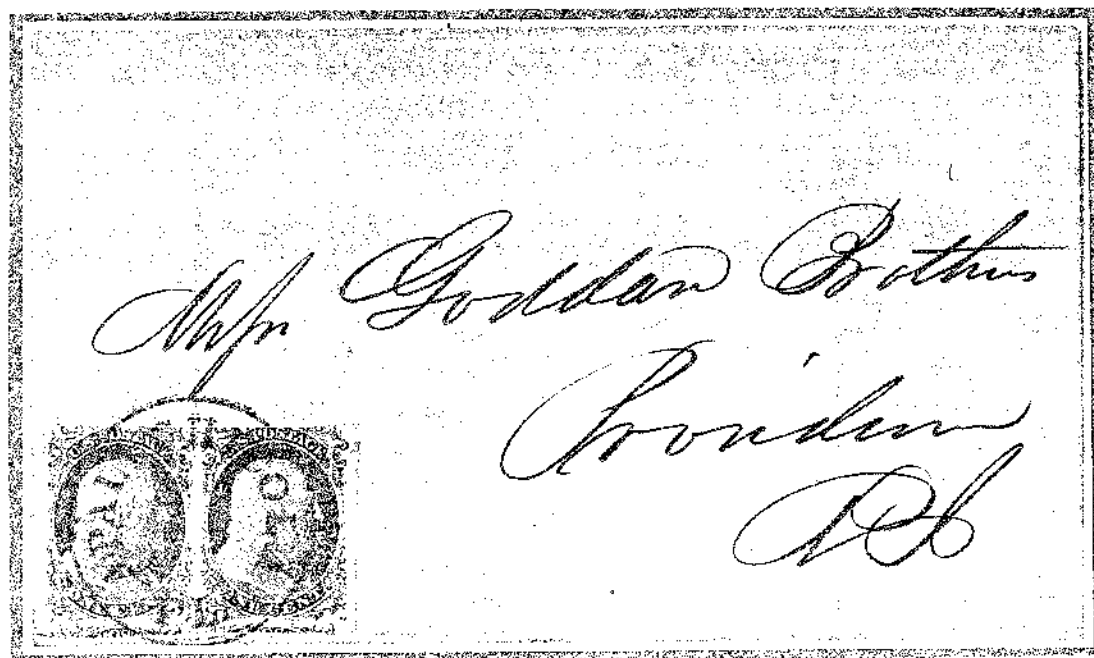


2R Type II
'Slug' found only on circulars
from Nov. 1851 to July, 1852.

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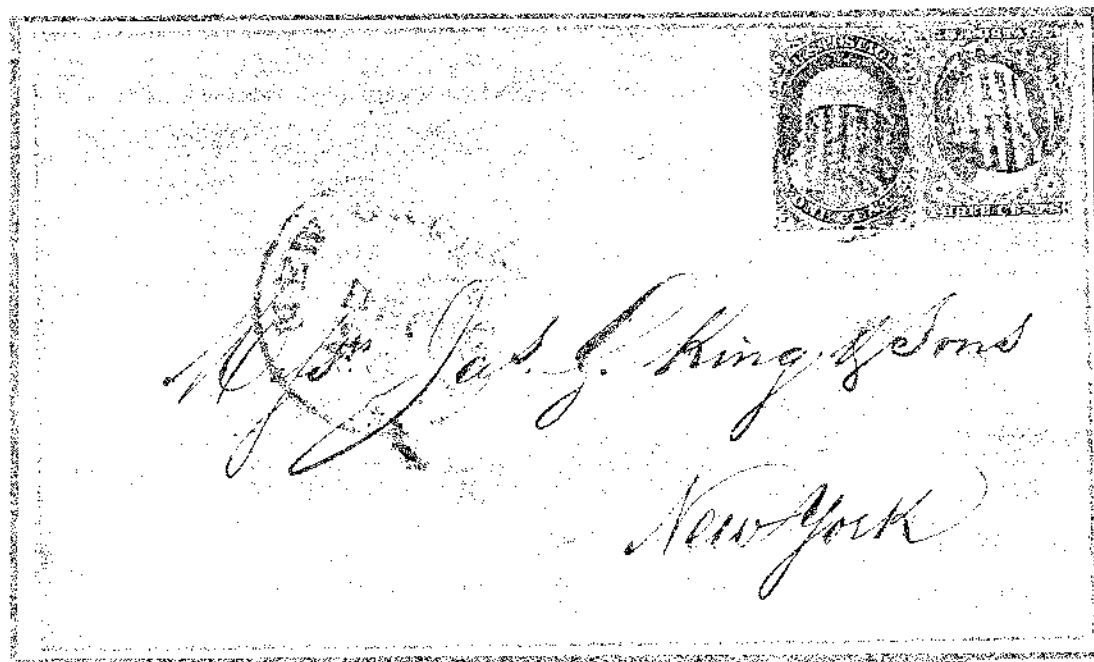
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87-88L Type II

2¢ circular, distance over 500 miles n/e 1500 miles. (7/1/51 - 9/30/52)



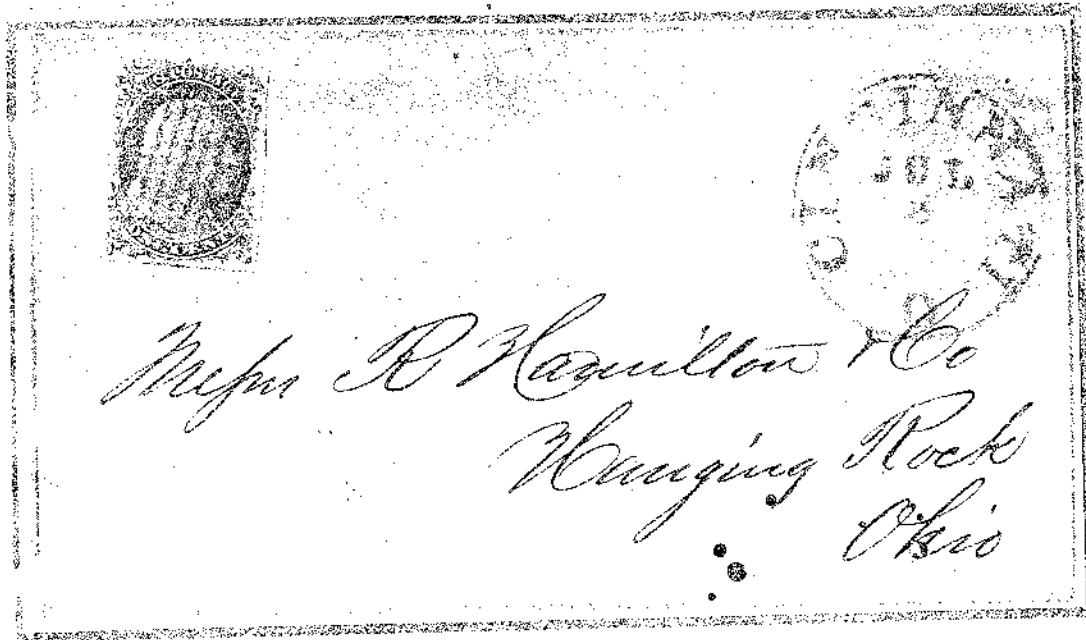
27L Type II Double transfer

Prepaid way as letter given to contract carrier enroute to post office.

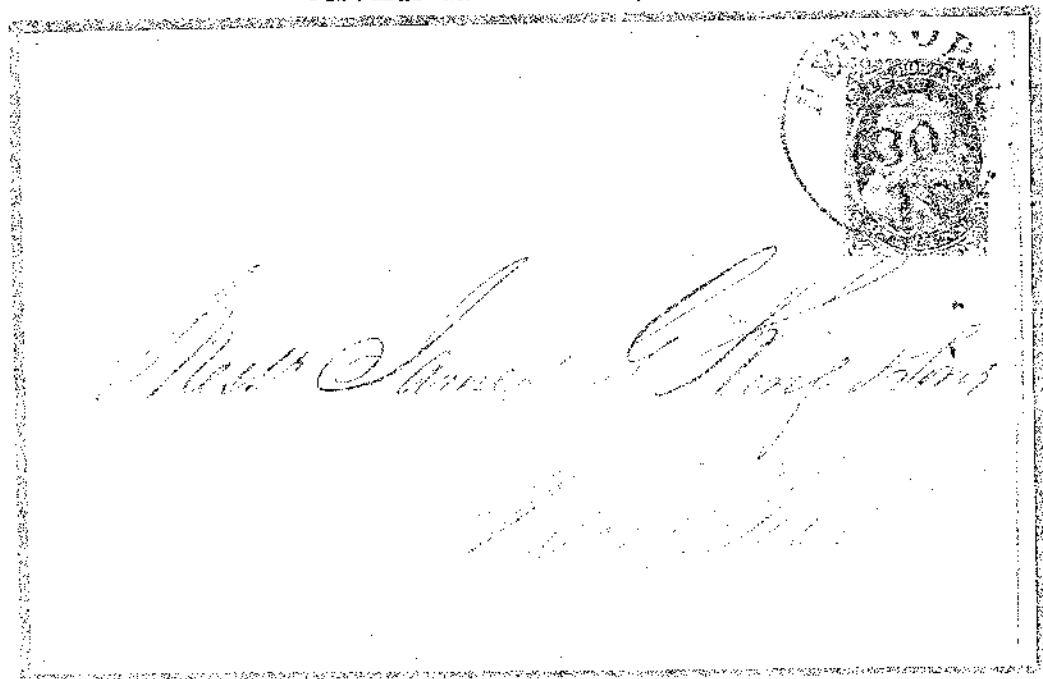
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28R Type II
Early use of 1¢.
Circular dated June 30, 1851.



59R Type II
Seldom seen dark shade appearing in Spring, 1852.
Circular.

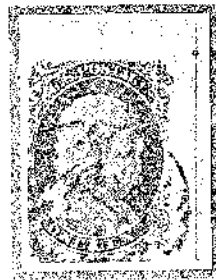
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Plate One Late

Plate One was reworked about May, 1852. Most positions were re-entered; all but one were recut. An imprint was added. The plate was in service until early 1857.

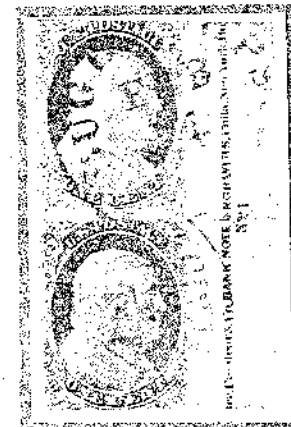
All stamps
Type IV



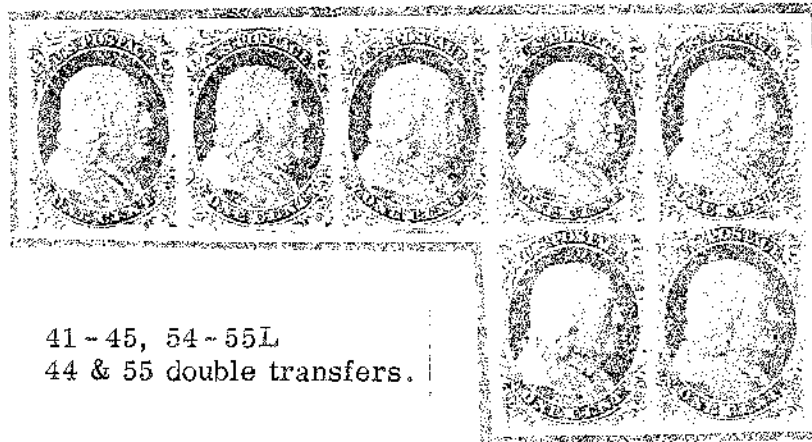
10L

50R

60R



First
imprint
number



41-45, 54-55L
44 & 55 double transfers.

Wm. H. Wood

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Plate One Late

All stamps
Type IV

The 7 recuts & quantities



1L
"T" relief

11 positions



6R
"T" relief

8 positions



77L
"A" relief

4 positions



71R
"A" relief

113 positions



24R
"B" relief

21 positions



52L
"A" relief

2 positions



92R
"B" relief

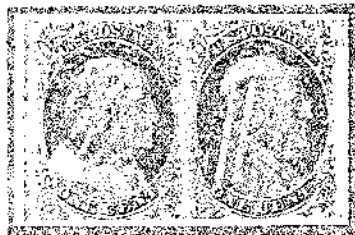
40 positions

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All Stamps
Type IV



7-8R



97-98R



32-36L
early color



95L

plate



96L

rust



97L

major

double



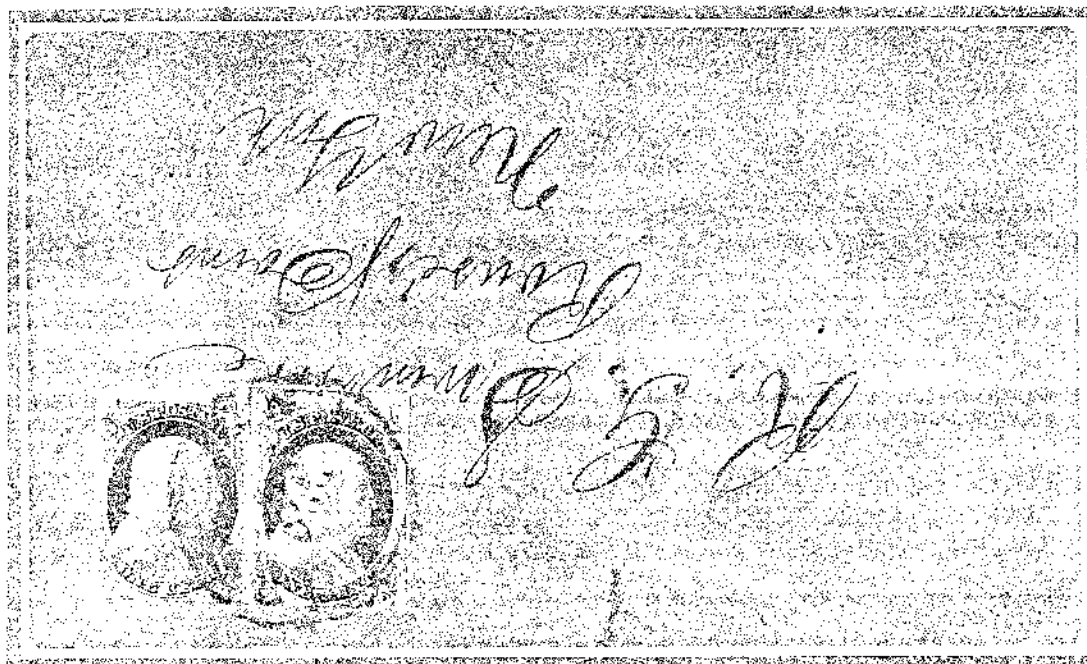
100L

transfers

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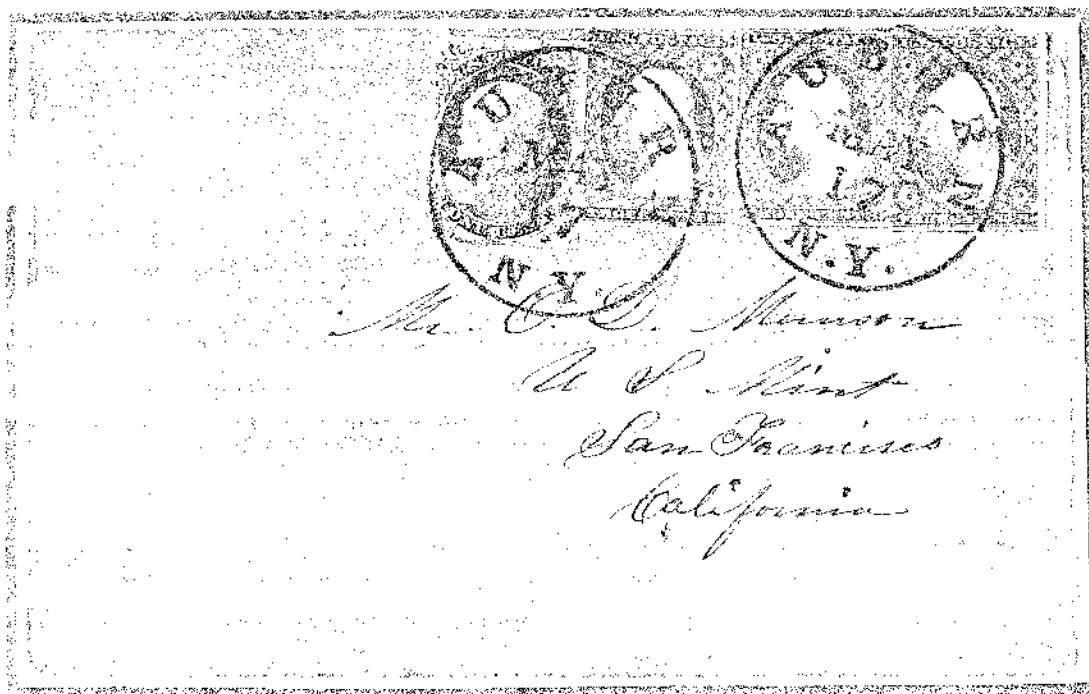


3 - 4R Type IV, II
4R only position not recut.
Two page circular.
New York - Rouse's Point.

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4R Type II
Transcontinental rate after April 1, 1855.