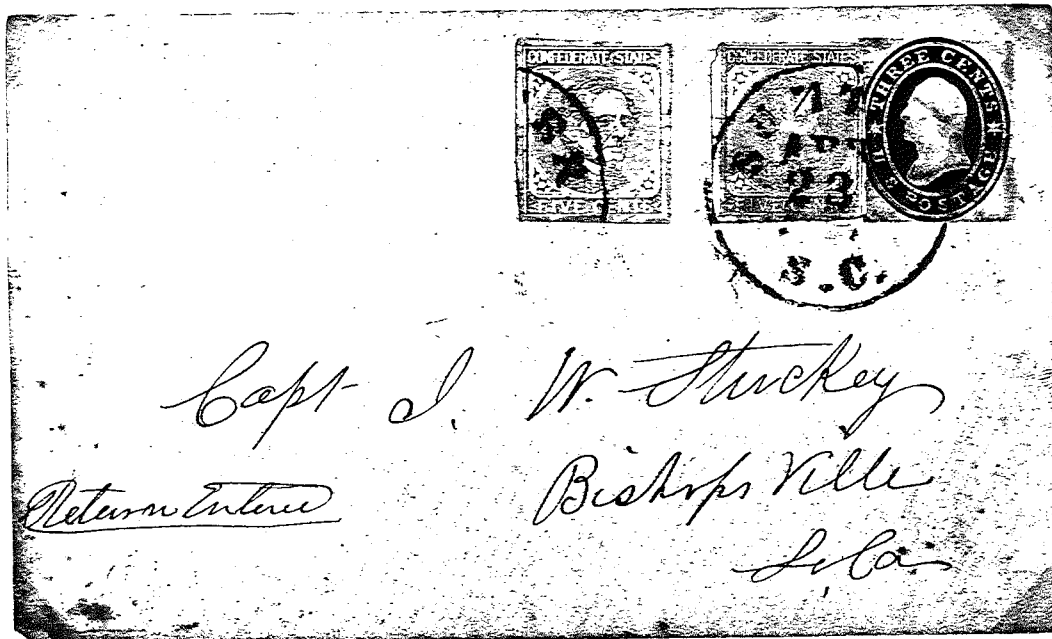


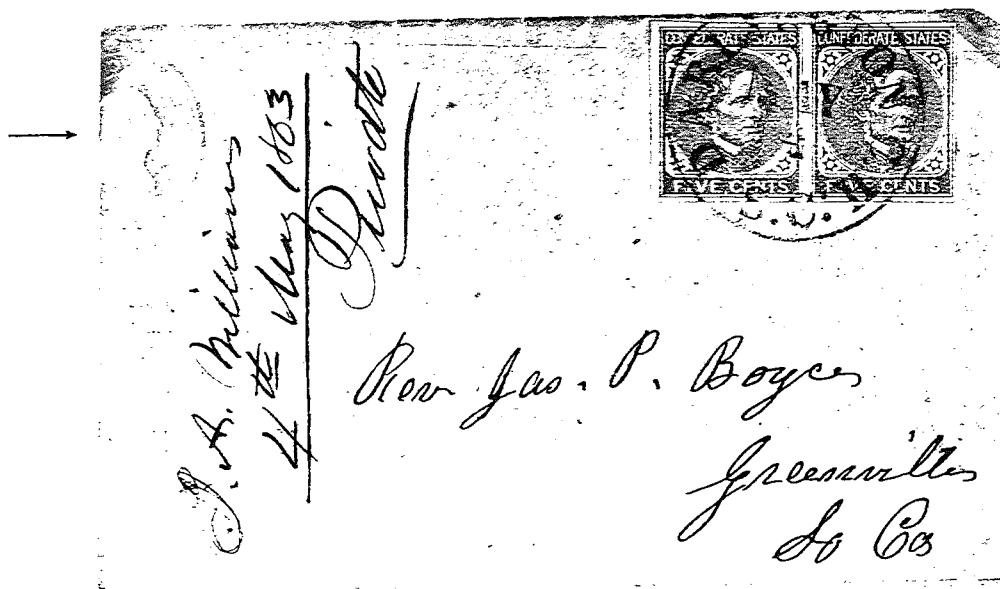
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ADVERSITY COVERS. USE OF U. S. STAR DIE ENVELOPES.



5¢ typographed, Richmond printing, used over U. S. 3¢ Star Die at Sumter, S. C. One of the stamps has been moved to disclose the red embossed stamp underneath.

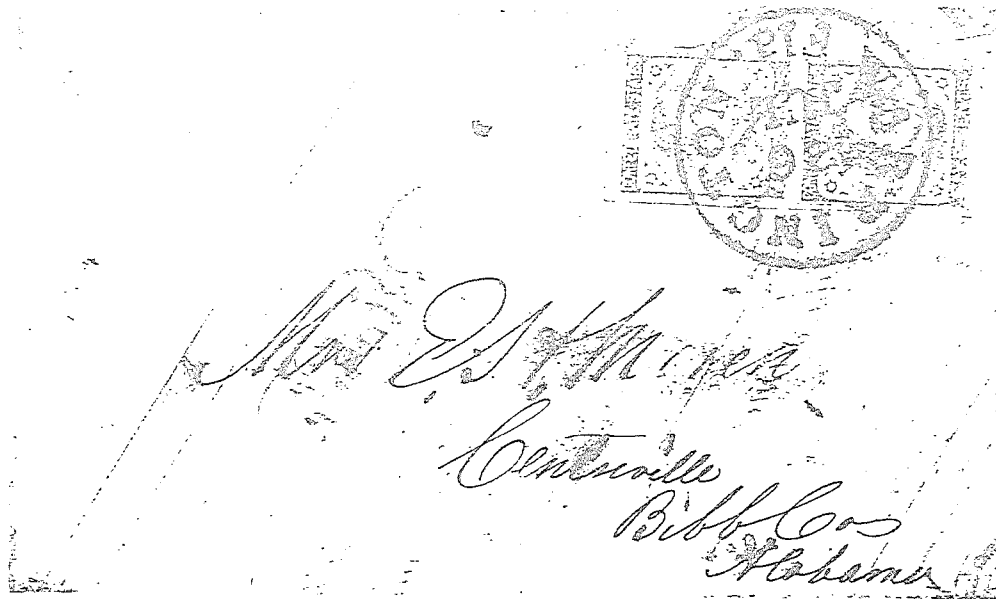


5¢ typographed, pair of Richmond printing, used on U. S. 3¢ Star Die envelope which has been turned for re-use at Darlington Court House, S. C. Originally used from Charleston, S. C. The embossed stamp can be seen at upper left.

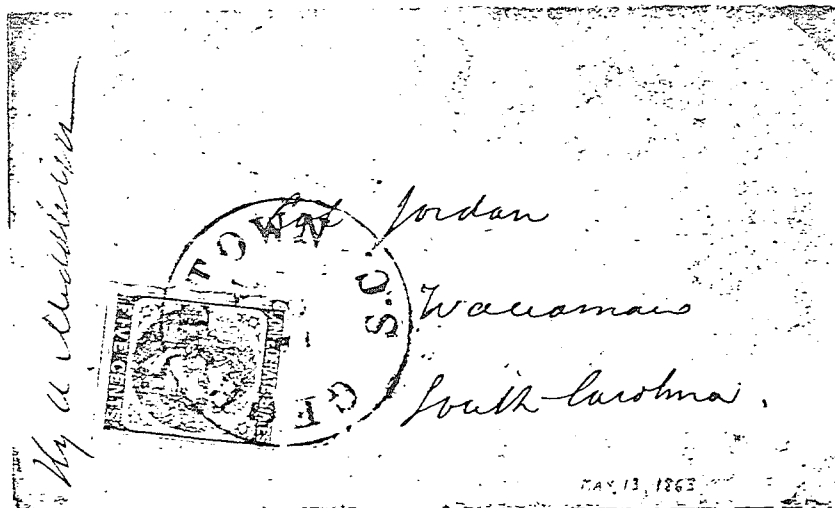
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5¢ TYPOGRAPHED



Pair, London Printing, postmarked Warrington, Fla. after Union occupation in April 1862. The Warrington postmaster carried the datestamp to Pollard, Ala. and set up a post office there using the Warrington canceler.



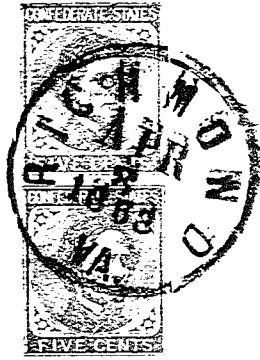
Richmond Printing

Single, overpaying 2¢ drop letter rate, from Georgetown, S. C. The folded letter is addressed to Waccamaw, S. C., a suburb serviced by the Georgetown Post Office.

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5 ¢ TYPOGRAPHED, RICHMOND PRINTINGS



M. R. H. Gamete
M. C.

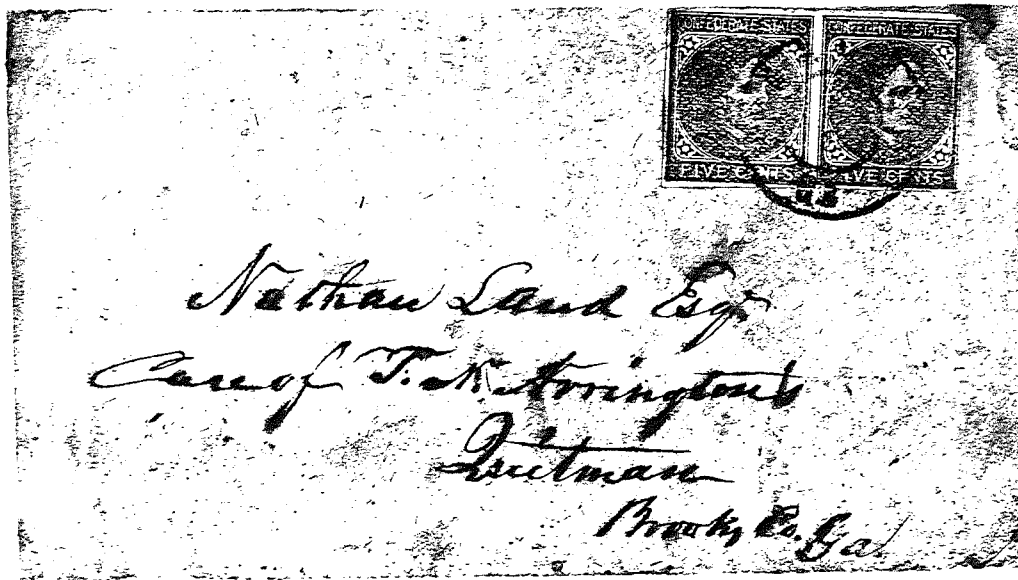
Mrs. Maria H. Gamete

Loretto

Essex Co.

Pa.

5 ¢ blue on De La Rue paper. Signature of Congressman M. R. H. Gamete on cover for identification.



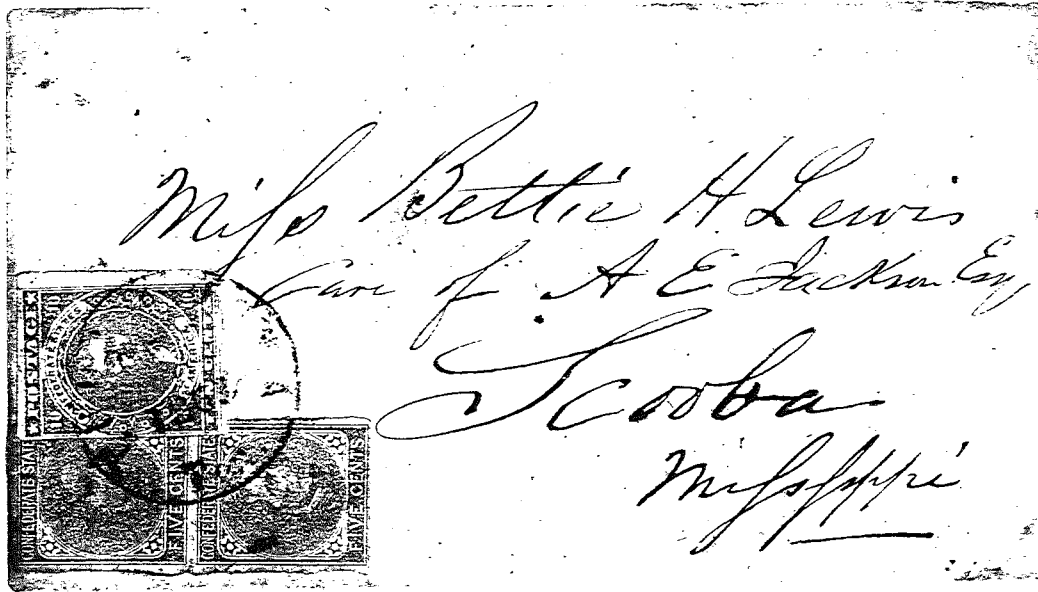
Nathan Land Esq.
Care of T. K. Worthington
Quetman
Macon, Ga.

5 ¢ blue, poor impression with filled-in lines, on local paper. Used at Macon, Ga.

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MIXED FRANKING



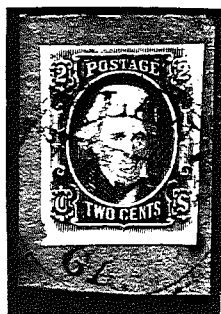
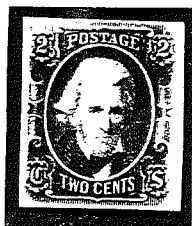
10¢ blue lithographed, Paterson printing, and pair of 5¢ typographed, Richmond printing, used at Tullahoma, Tenn. 20¢ rate for letter over 1/2 ounce to 1 ounce.

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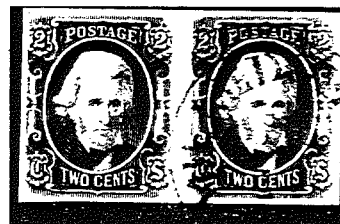
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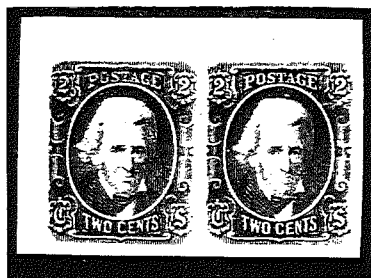
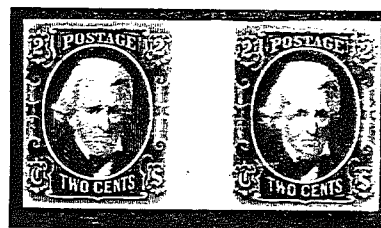
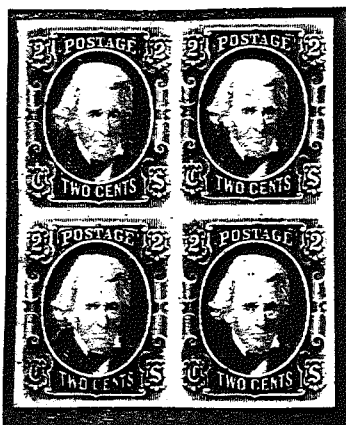
Portrait of Andrew Jackson. Engraved by Archer & Daly of Richmond, Va. Earliest known use April 8, 1863.



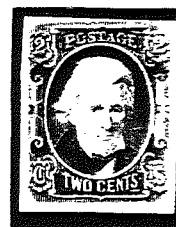
Atlanta, Ga.



Milledgeville, Ga.



Pos. 1 and 2 in Right Pane
Pos. 1 Double Transfer T and B

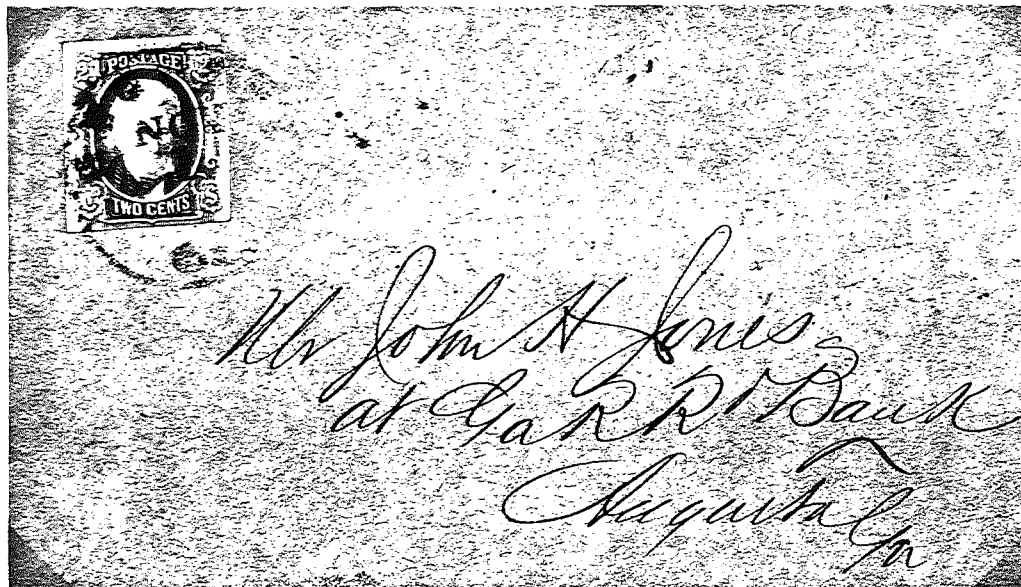


Pos. 48 in Right Pane
Double Transfer T

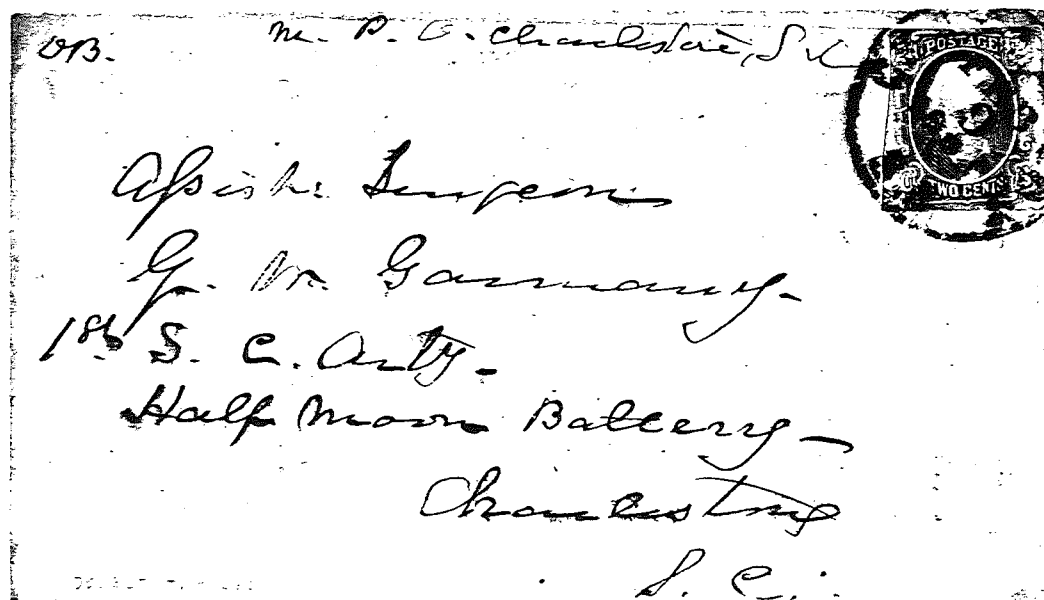
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1863

2¢ BROWN RED ON DROP LETTERS



2¢ brown red on Augusta, Georgia drop letter.



2¢ brown red, variety double transfer in "TWO CENTS," on Charleston, S. C. drop letter to 1st South Carolina Artillery, Half Moon Battery. Marked "O B" (Official Business) at upper left.

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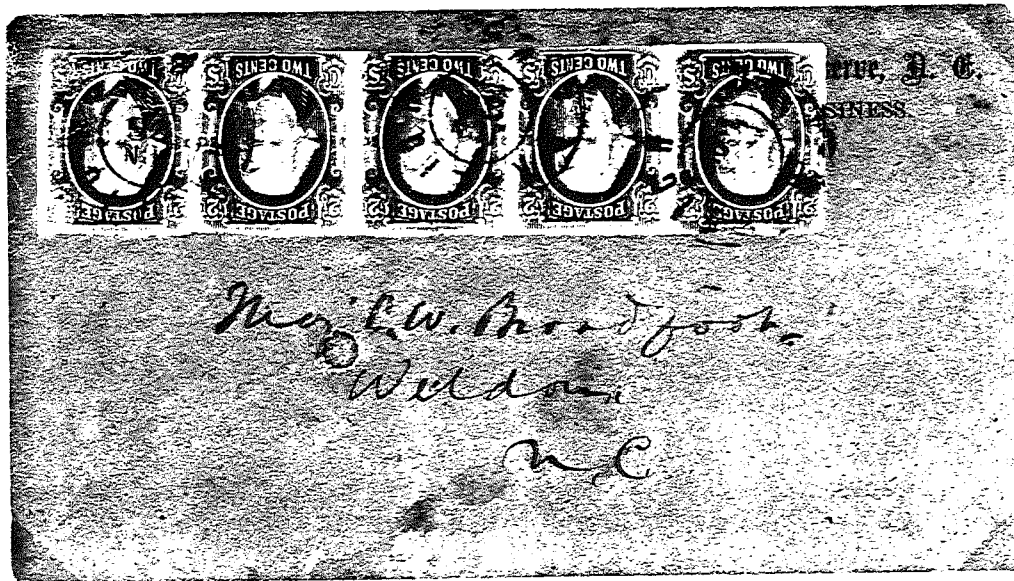
ENGRAVED 2¢ BROWN RED ON SEMI-OFFICIAL COVERS.



Office of the Commissioner of Taxes.

Charles J. Sinton Esq
Richmond

Drop letter. "Office of the Commissioner of Taxes."



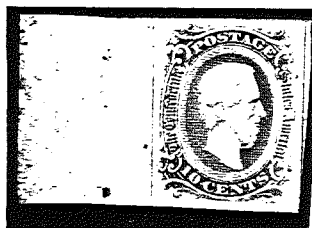
Strip of five paying 10¢ letter rate. "Headquarter's Reserve,
N. C. / OFFICIAL BUSINESS."

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Portrait of Jefferson Davis. Engraved by Archer & Daly of Richmond, Va. Earliest known use April 18, 1863. Frame line between stamps.



Pos. No. 51



Curved Line Above
POSTAGE Recut



B Ornaments and Hor.
Lines Under Bust Recut

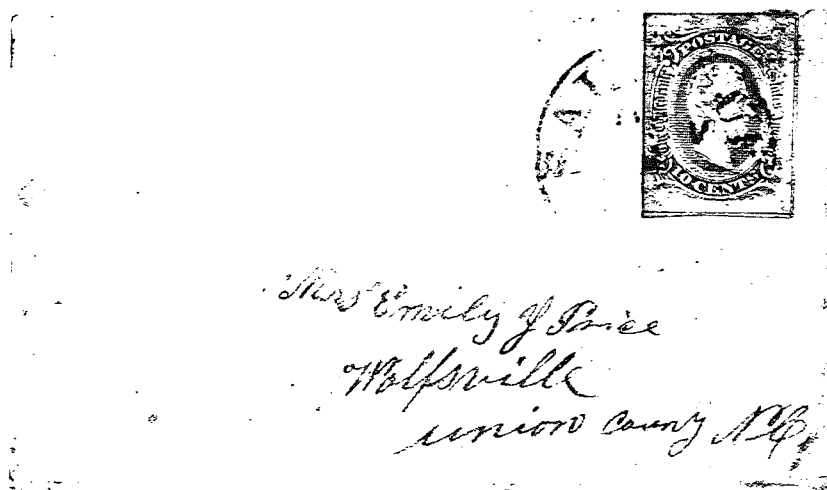


Pos. No. 7

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1863

"FRAME LINE" ON COVER FROM CONFEDERATE SOLDIER



10¢ bright milky blue with four frame lines postmarked at Salisbury, N. C. on Nov. 1, (1863). The stamp has transfer roll flaw under bust repaired by recutting.

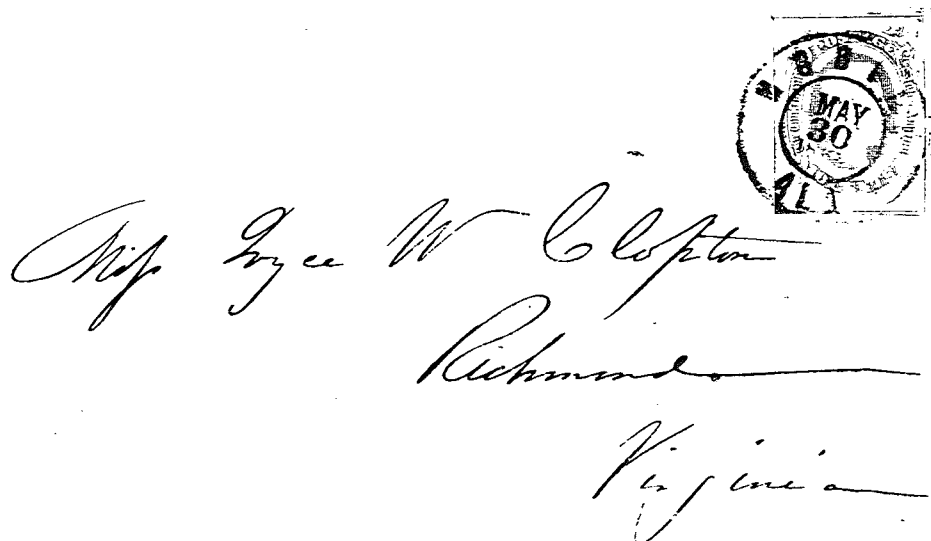
State of North Carolina
Camp Vance near Mangerton N.C.
Oct 30 1863
Dear Wife I take my pen in hand to drop you
a few lines by letter. I have arrived at
Wilmington. I left Charlotte Wednesday evening
and got to Statesville the same evening I had
to stay there until Thursday night.
I have no more to write at present.

Soldier's letter from Camp Vance enclosed. The letter tells about camp life and hunting down of deserters.

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1863

"FRAME LINE" ON ENVELOPE THAT RAN THE BLOCKADE



10¢ blue with three complete frame lines on cover from Mobile, Ala. Curved lines at top and bottom of stamp recut.

Tracing of envelope watermark. This envelope was made by the English firm Dickinson & Co. in 1862. It was imported from England and entered the Confederate States by blockade runner.

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1863

Portrait of Jefferson Davis. The value spelled out "TEN."
Engraved by Archer & Daly of Richmond, Va. Earliest known
use April 23, 1863.



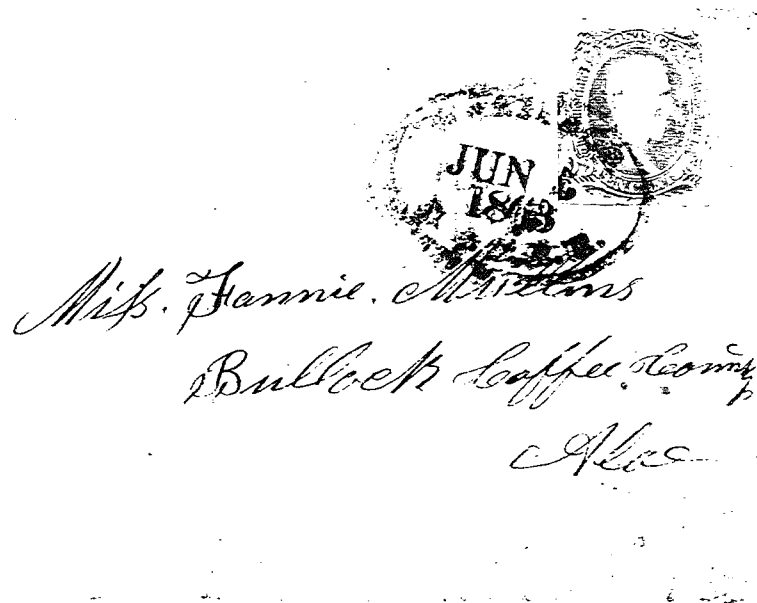
D. T. in
"TEN CENTS"



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"TEN" CENTS ENGRAVED WITH RAILROAD CANCELLATION.



Oval postmark of the Wartrace, Tenn. R. R. Station on the Nashville & Chattanooga Railroad.

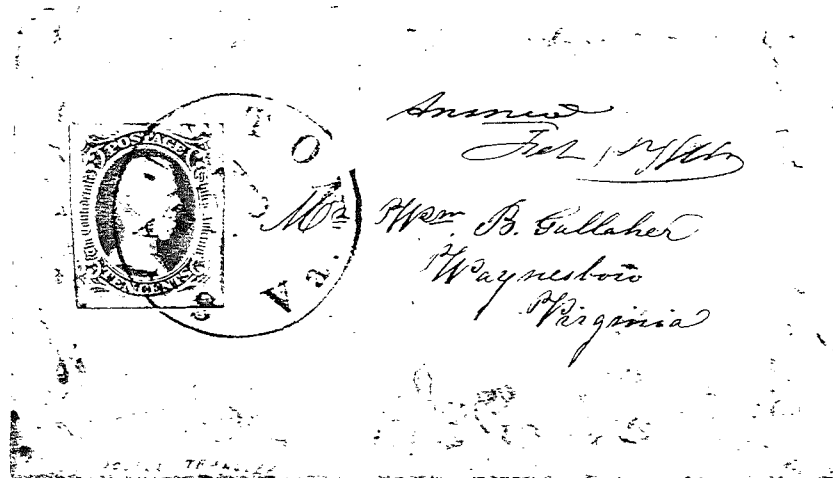


Tracing (improved) of postmark.

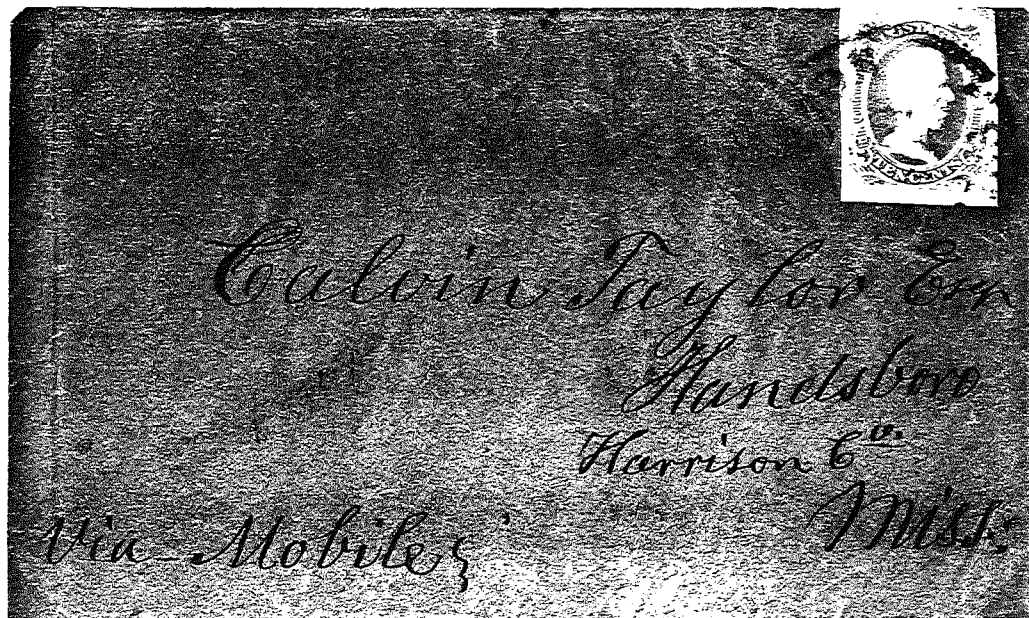
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"TEN" CENTS BLUE ENGRAVED



Embossed lady's cover from Staunton, Va. The stamp has clear double transfer in "TEN CENTS."



Cover of wartime paper from a Mississippi town to Handsboro, Miss. "via Mobile (Ala.)." The cover probably traveled by boat from Mobile on its way to Handsboro.

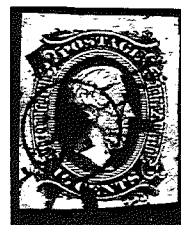
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1863

Portrait of Jefferson Davis. Die I engraved by John Archer of Archer & Daly, Richmond, Va. Earliest known use April 21, 1863. Two plates made. Printed in many shades of blue.

Die I



"PAID 10" of
Patterson, N. C.

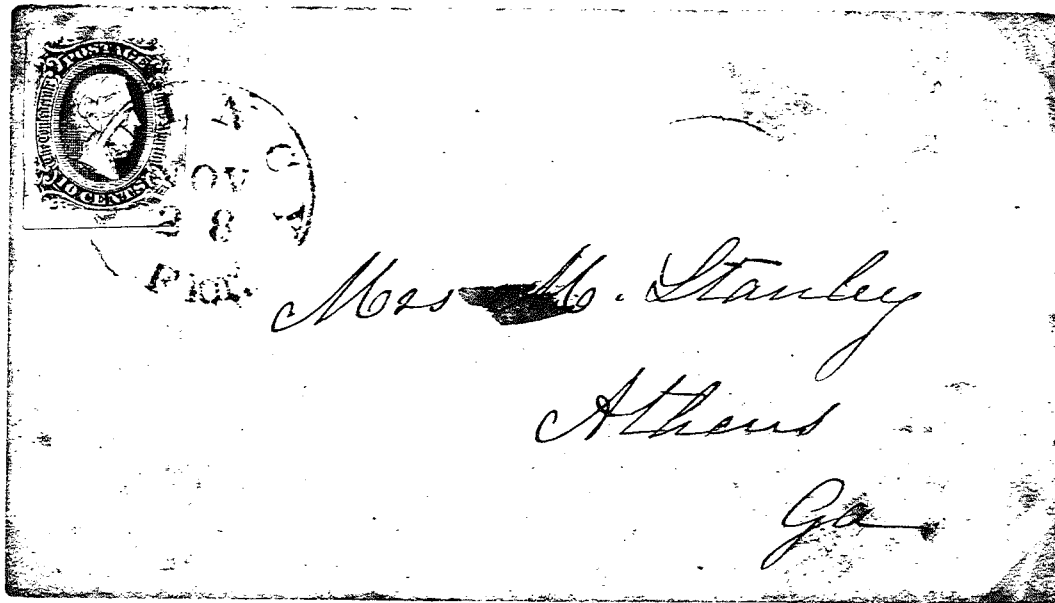


A small number of sheets were perforated 12 1/2 experimentally by postal officials. They were sold for postal use.

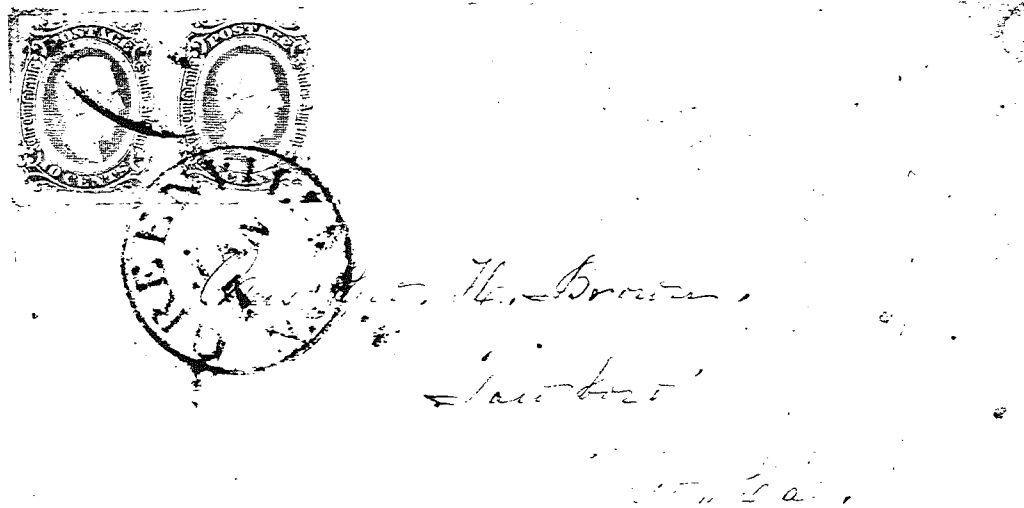
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10 ¢ BLUE ENGRAVED TYPE I



10 ¢ blue used at Quincy, Florida.

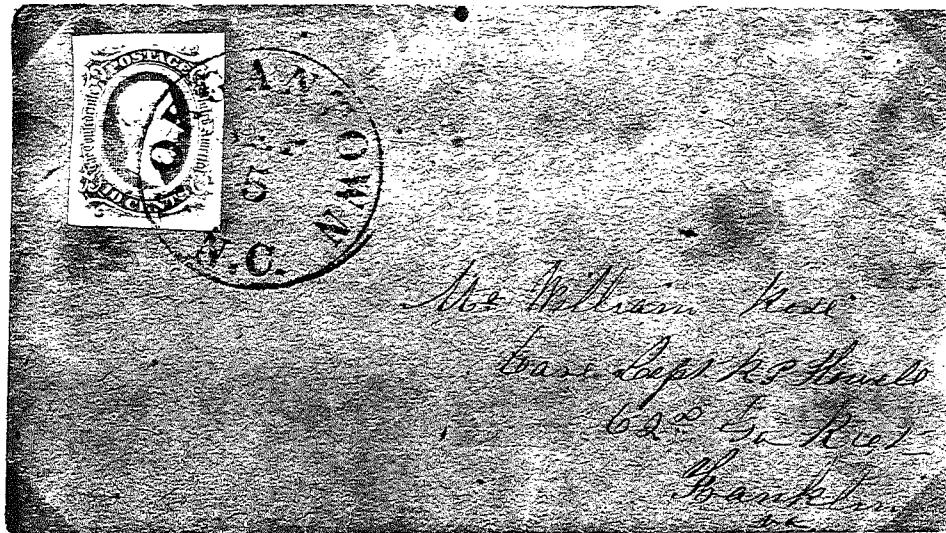


10 ¢ milky blue, pair used at Greenville, North Carolina.

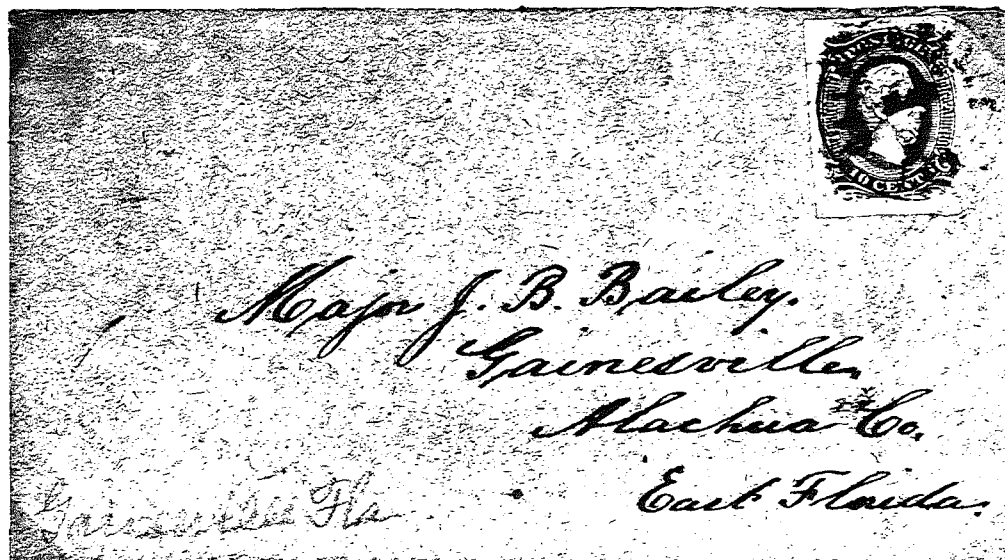
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10¢ BLUE ENGRAVED TYPE I, ARCHER & DALY PRINTINGS.



10¢ milky blue, first printing, from Morgantown, N. C.

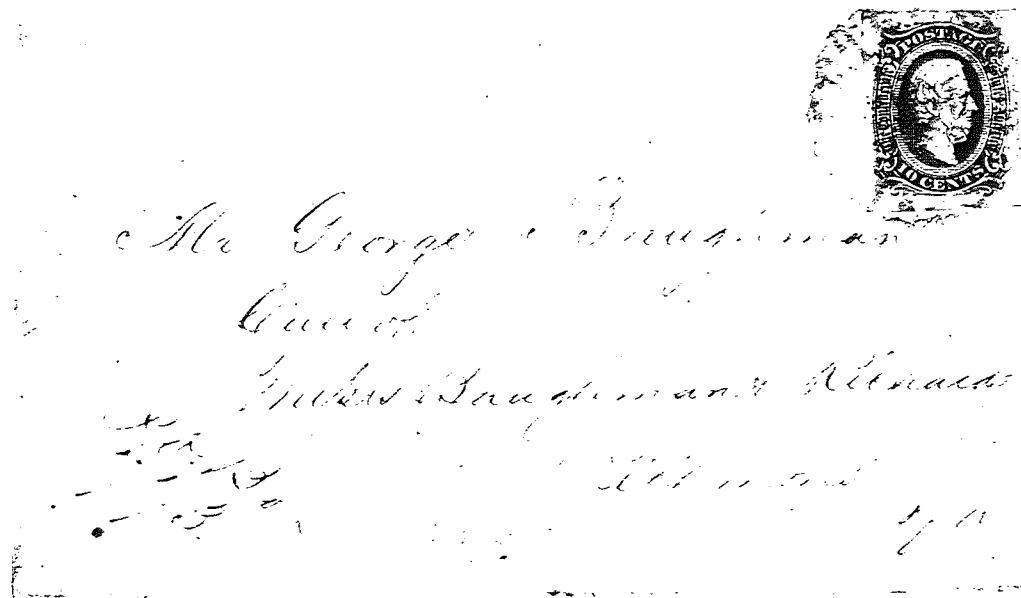


10¢ greenish blue on overpaid drop letter at Gainesville, Fla.

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10¢ ENGRAVED TYPE I. COLORED POSTMARKS.



Red Petersburg, Va. postmark.

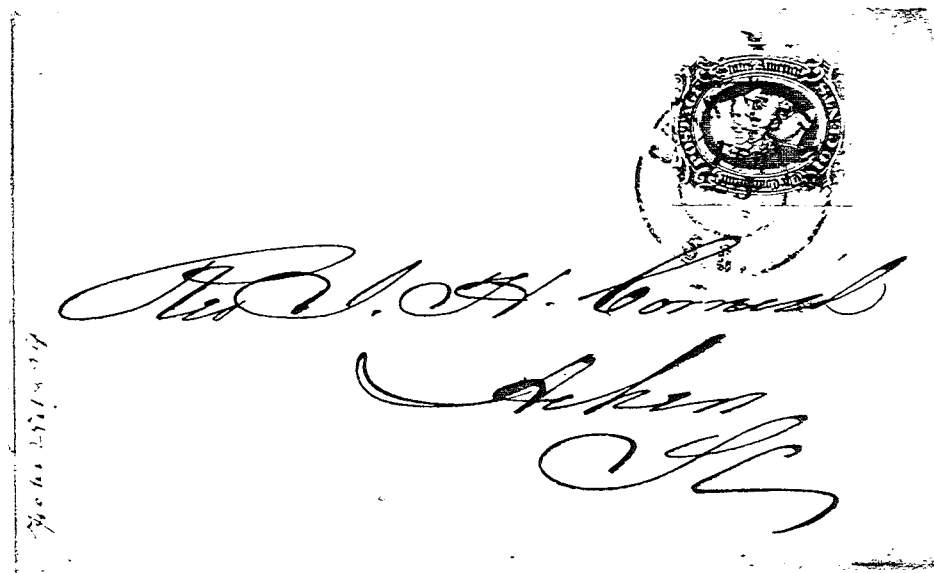


Orange Taylorsville, Va. postmark.

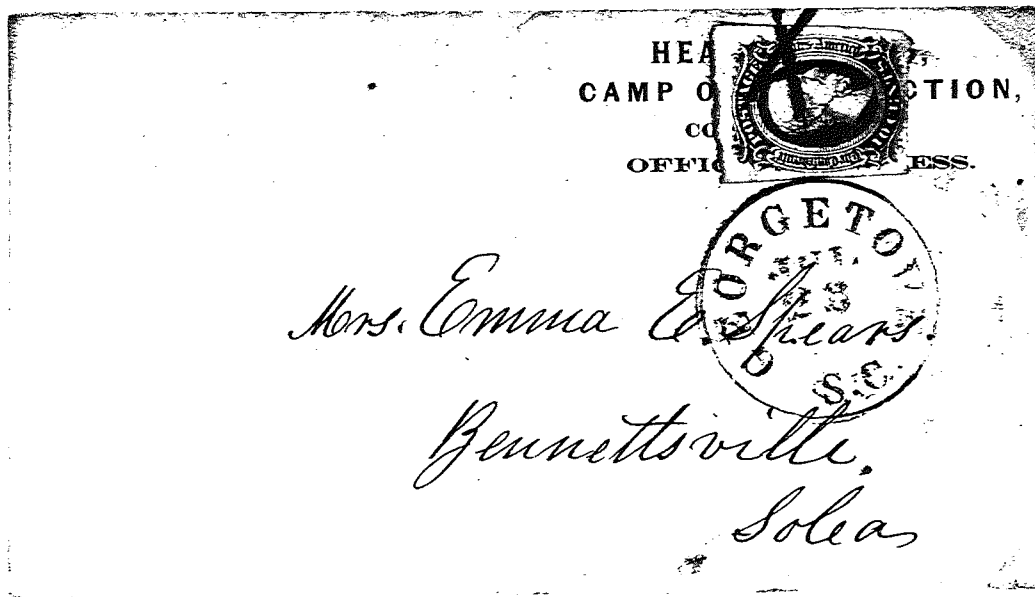
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1863-64

10 ¢ ENGRAVED TYPE I



10 ¢ stamp overpaying 2 ¢ rate for printed circular. Folded circular of religious society.

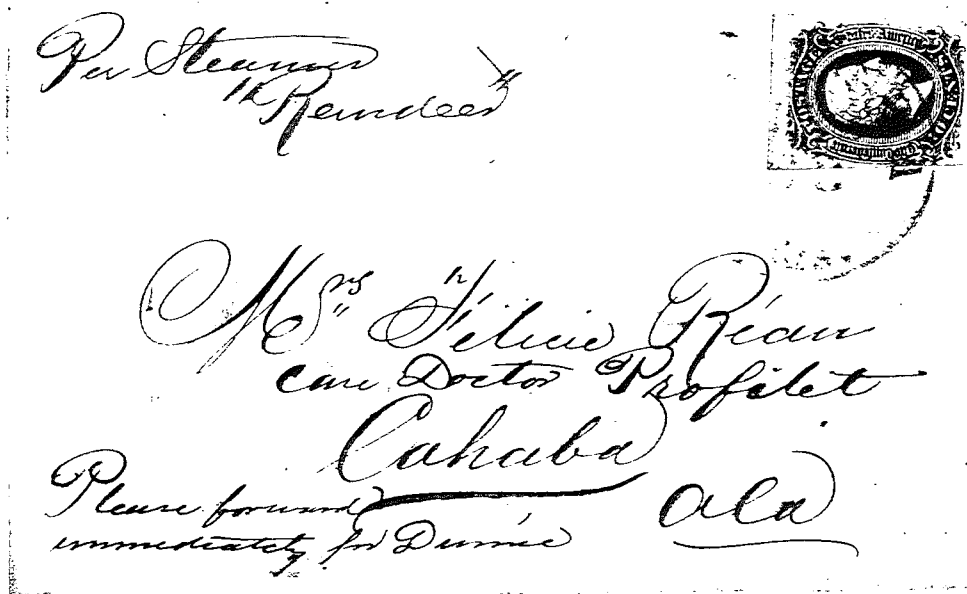


10 ¢ stamp canceled by handstamped "X." Army imprint of "HEADQUARTERS, CAMP ORDNANCE SECTION, COLUMBIA, S. C., OFFICIAL BUSINESS."

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1864 or 1865

ALABAMA RIVER PACKET BOAT



Cover carried by Steamer "Reindeer" on the Alabama River to Cahaba, Ala. The 10¢ dark blue stamp, Keatinge & Ball printing, was cancelled by Cahaba, Ala. postmark when received.

Cahaba is an obsolete town which was located where the Cahaba River flows into the Alabama River.

The cover is made from a printed Mobile steamboat form.

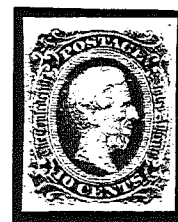
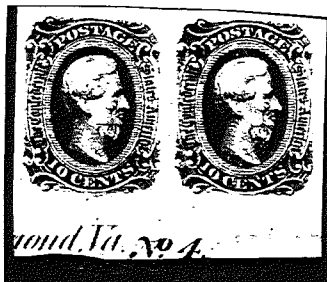
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Portrait of Jefferson Davis. Die II engraved by Frederick Halpin of Archer & Daly, Richmond, Va. Plates Nos. 3 and 4. Earliest known use May 1, 1863. Printed in many shades of blue.

Die II

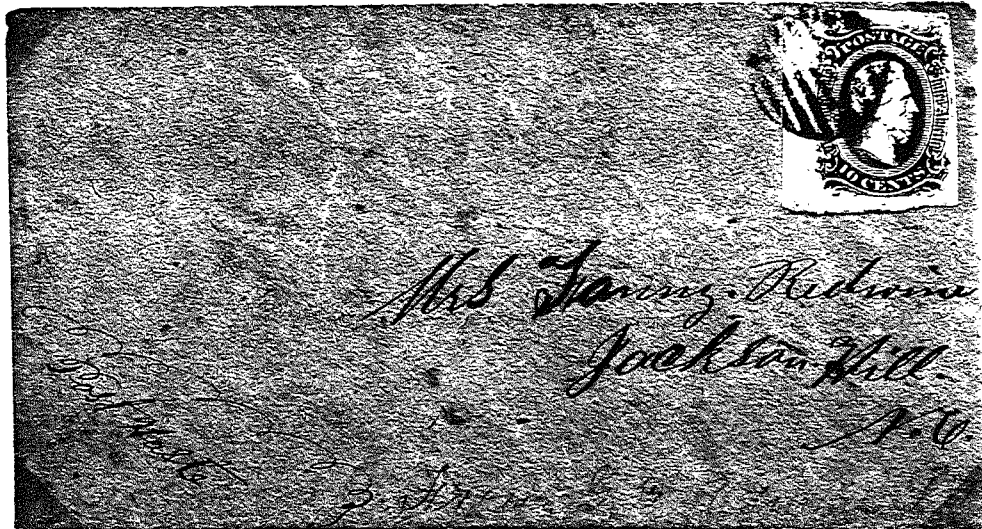


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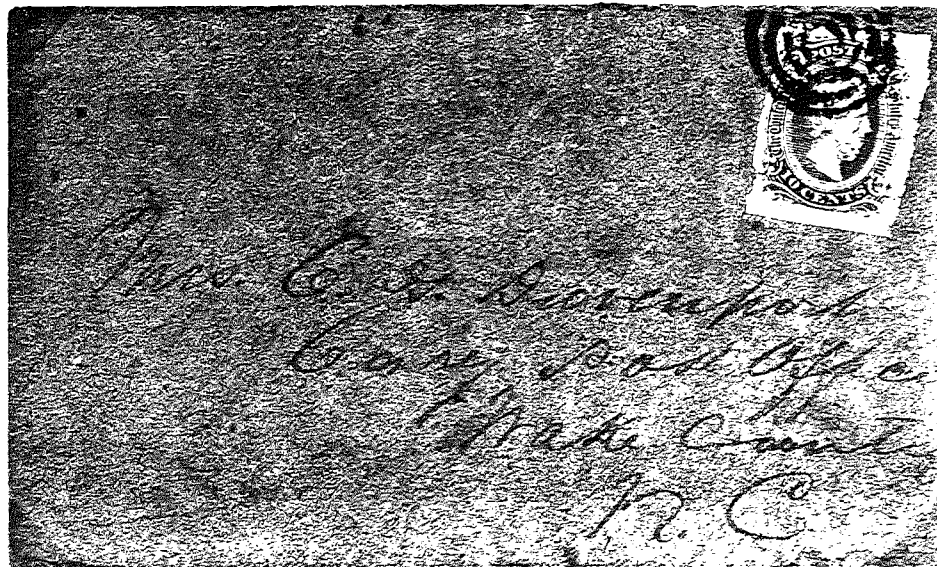
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10¢ BLUE ENGRAVED TYPE I USED IN ARMY CAMPS.



10¢ dark blue canceled by 7-bar grid, used in combat zone by Army of Northern Virginia.



10¢ greenish blue canceled by target, used in combat zone by Army of Northern Virginia.

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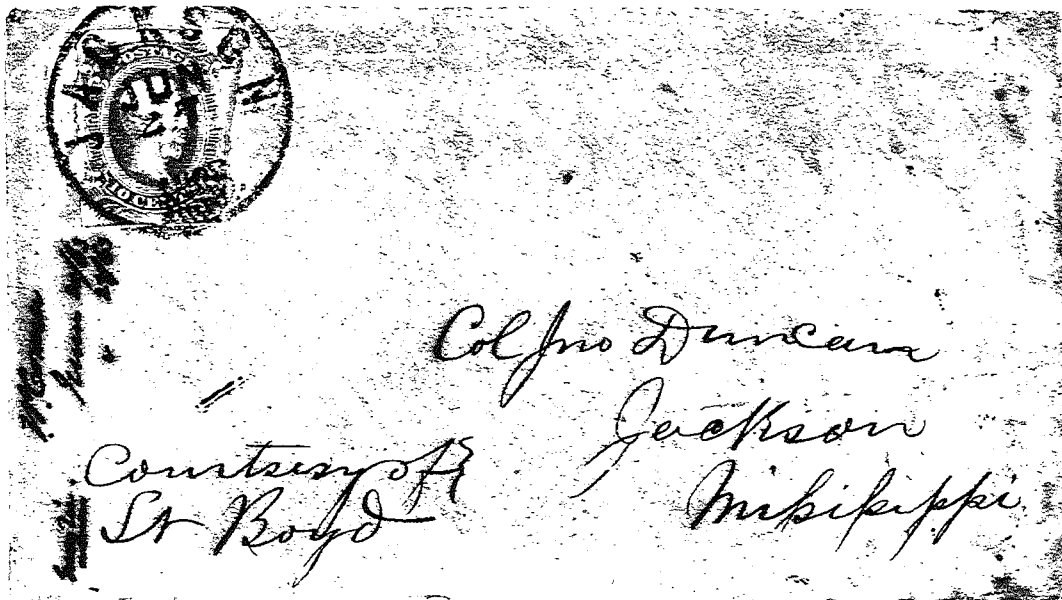
10¢ ENGRAVED. ARCHER & DALY PRINTINGS.

and eight
which satisfac
ve you this Writ bet
Witness,
the
States of America.



to Glover
Arthur
S.C.

10¢ blue Type I, large margins, used at Charleston, S. C. on adversity cover made from a court form.

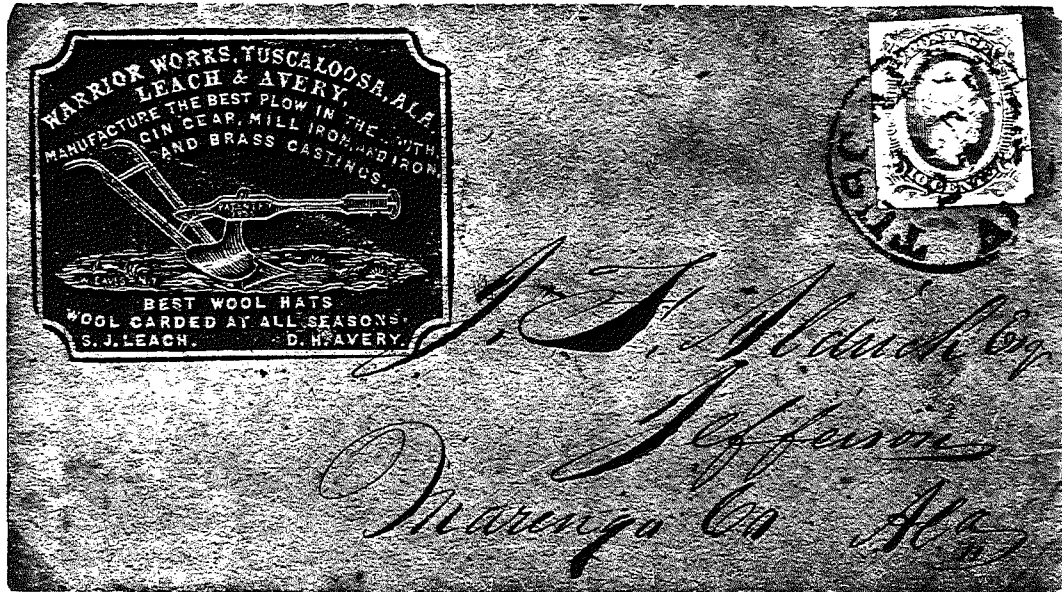


10¢ milky blue Type II canceled an unusual Jackson, Miss. postmark of June 27, (1863) on cover to Jackson, Miss. The town of Jackson was in Federal hands May 14, 1863 and again July 17-23, 1863. Some specialists believe that this is not an overpaid drop letter, but rather a cover postmarked with a canceler traveling with Confederate troops. C.S.A. Certificate.

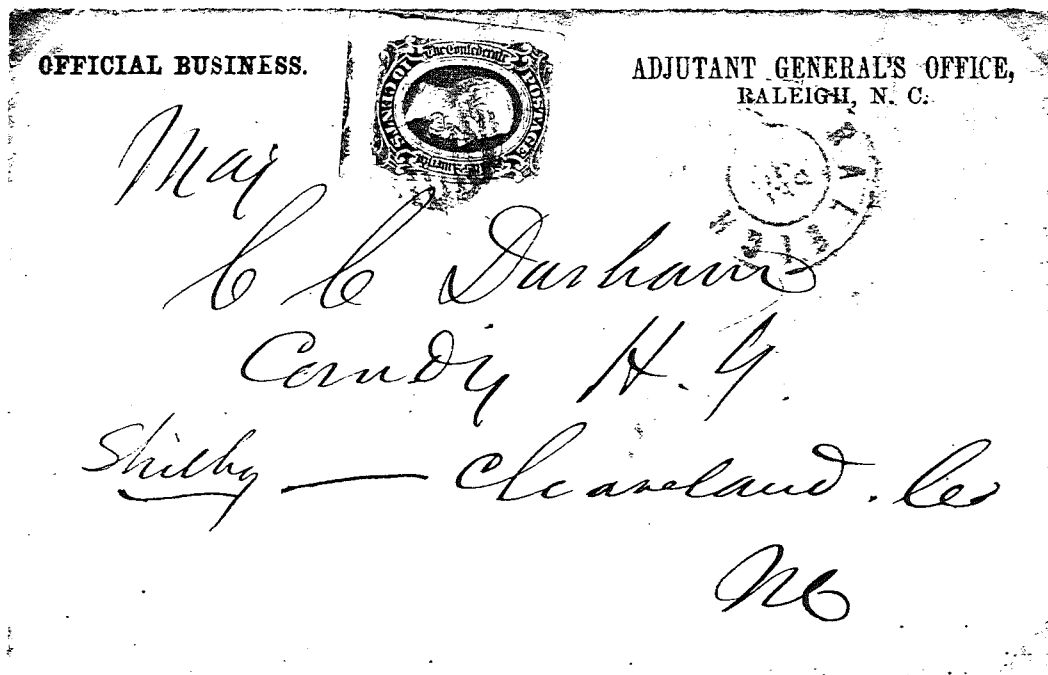
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10¢ BLUE ENGRAVED TYPE II



10¢ milky blue on cover from Tuscaloosa, Ala. Illustrated advertisement of "Warrior Works."

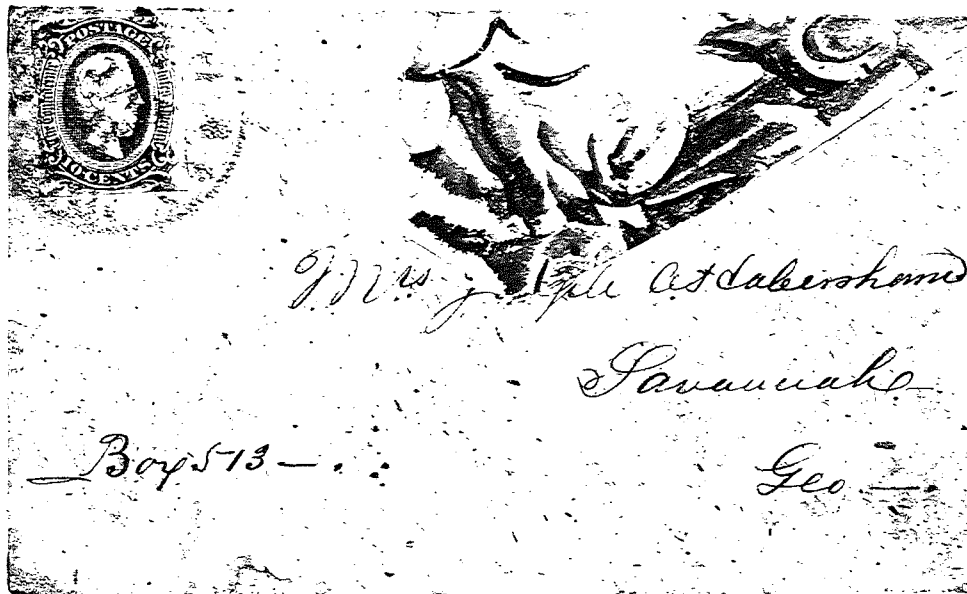


10¢ greenish blue on semi-official cover from Raleigh, N. C.

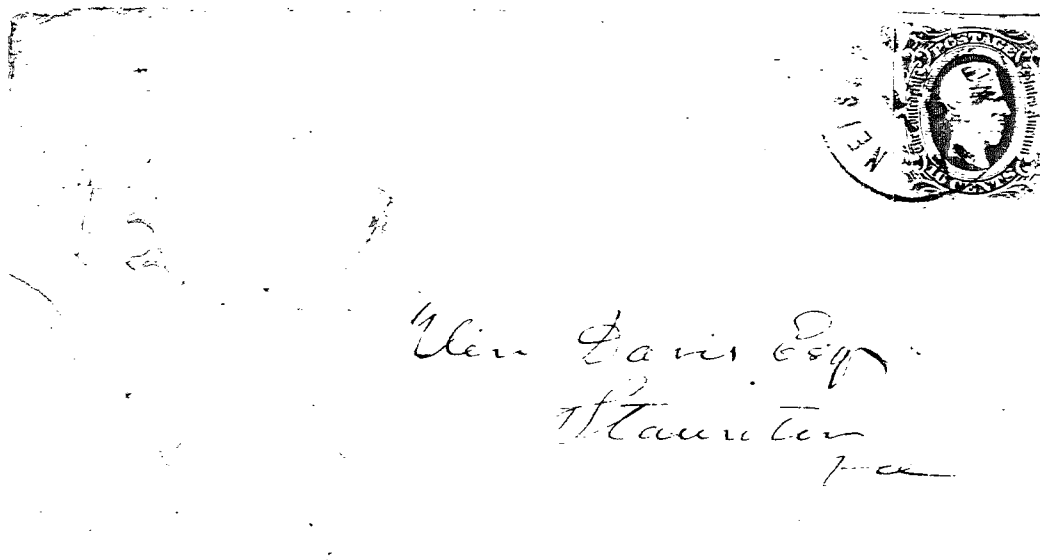
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10¢ BLUE ENGRAVED ON WALLPAPER COVERS.



Multicolored floral design. 10¢ Type I from Columbia, S. C.

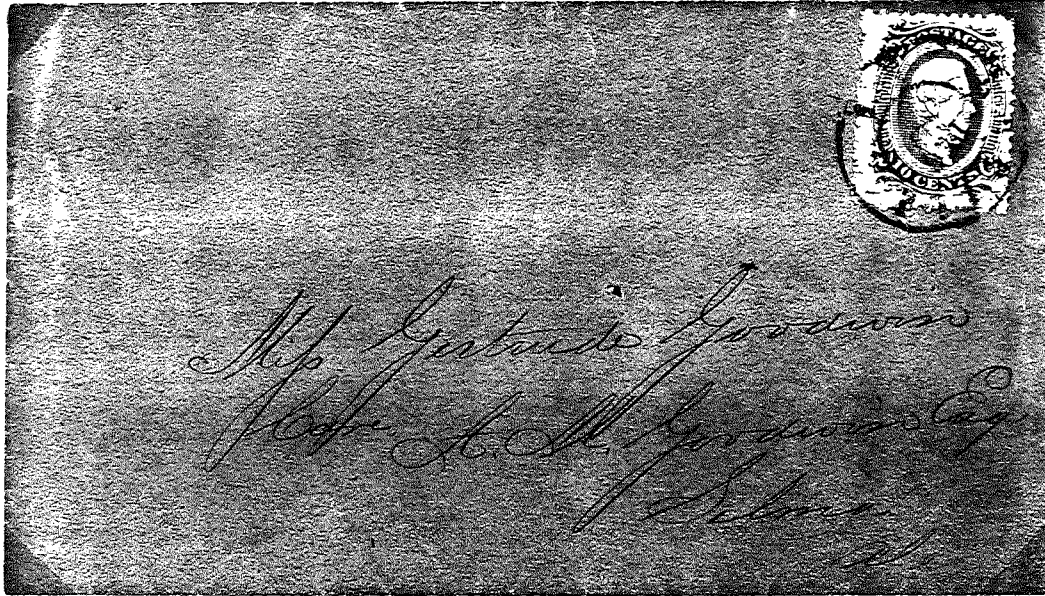


Floral design. 10¢ Type II from Nelson's Station, Va.

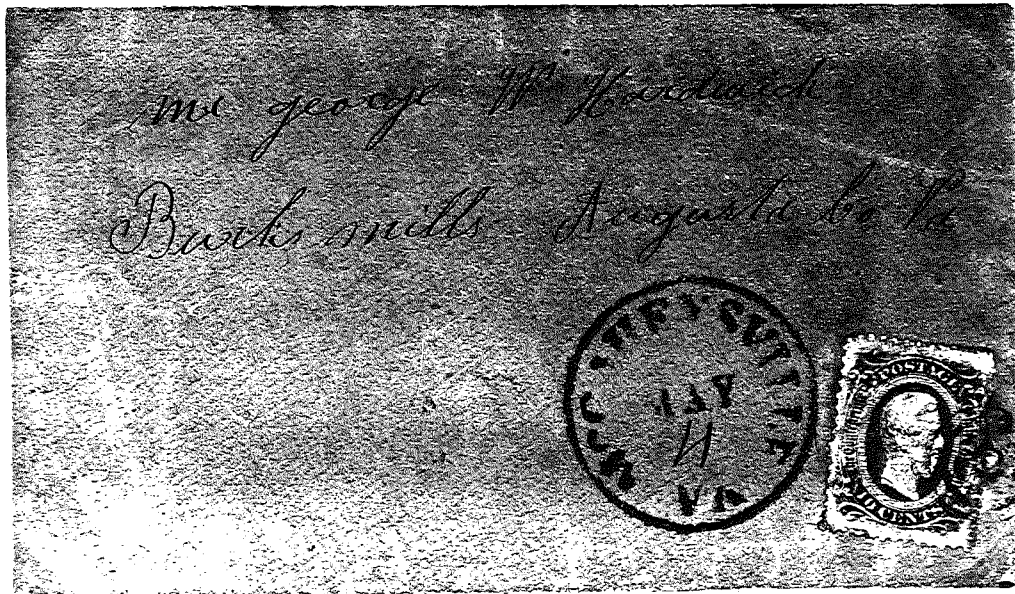
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PERFORATED EXPERIMENTALLY BY POSTAL OFFICIALS.



Type I. Postmarked at Mobile, Ala. P. F. Cert.

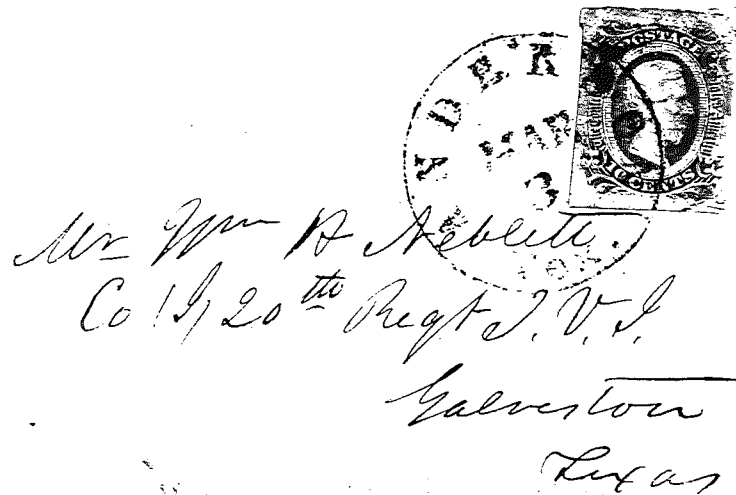


Type II. Cancelled target at McGaheysville, Va.

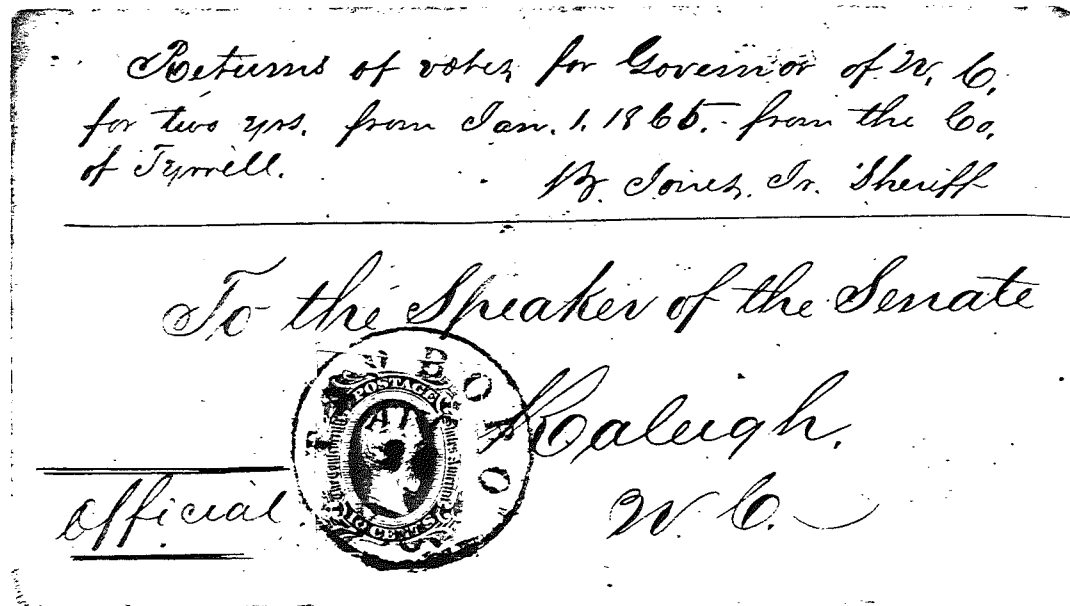
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1864-65

10¢ BLUE ENGRAVED TYPE II



10¢ blue from Anderson, Texas. Home-made cover from Galveston port form.

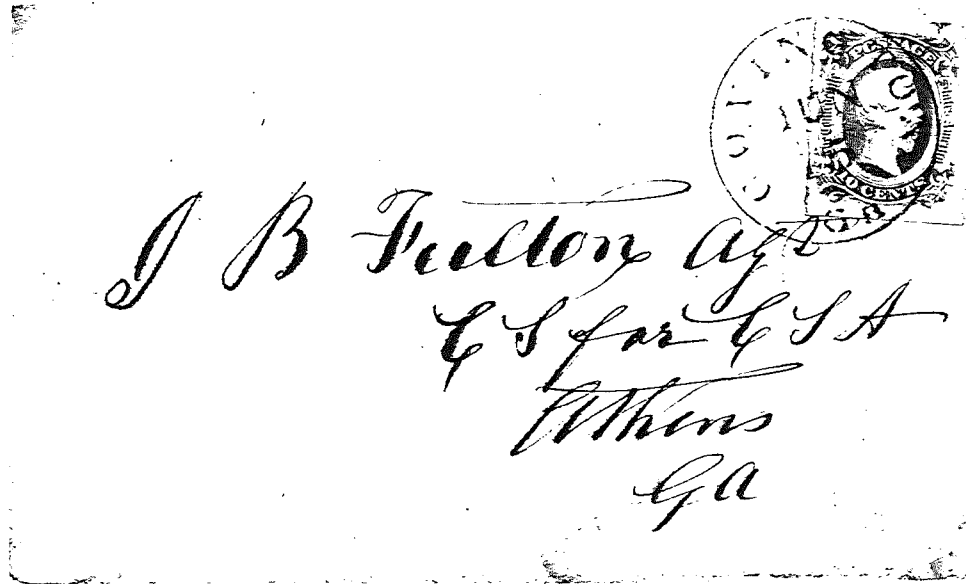


10¢ blue from Tarboro, N. C. Official cover to the Speaker of the Senate, Raleigh, N. C.

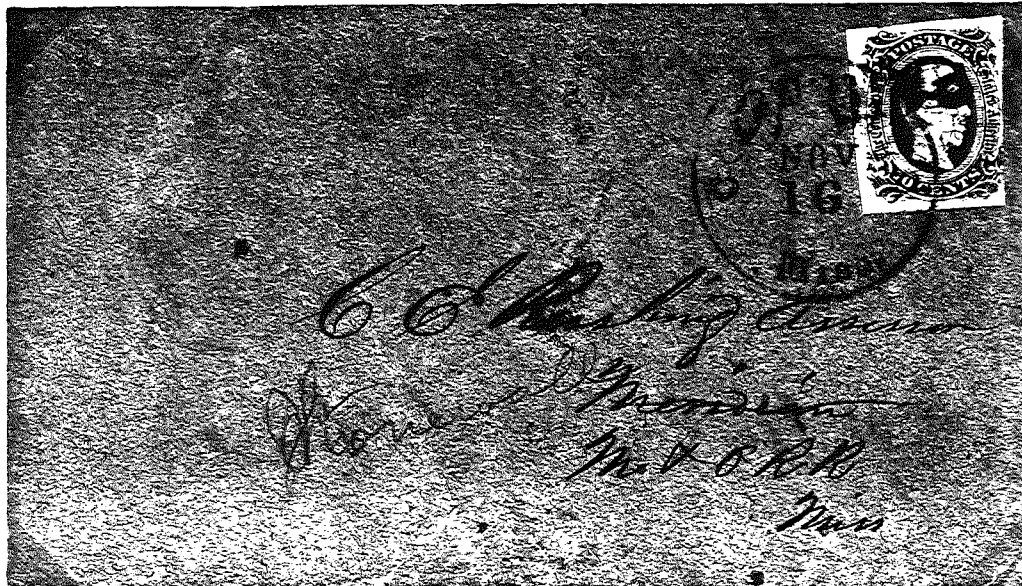
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10¢ BLUE ENGRAVED TYPE II



10¢ milky blue Type II from Covington, Ga. to an agent in the Commissary Service of Confederate Army at Athens, Ga.

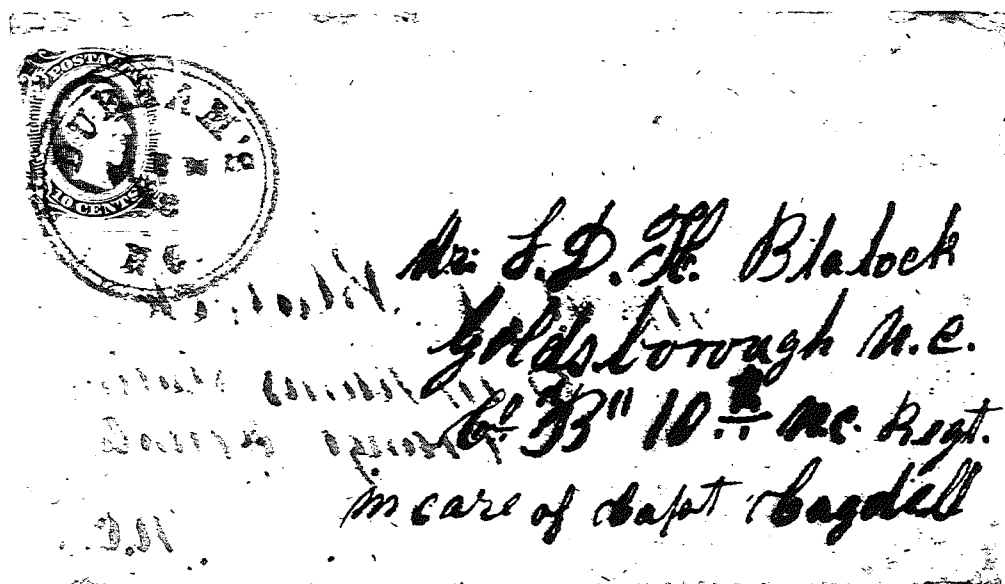


10¢ blue Type II from Columbus, Miss. to Meridian, Miss. and forwarded to Stonewall, Miss. Handstamped "PAID 10" at upper right was applied at Meridian and paid the forwarding charge. Only reported "PAID 10" from Meridian, Miss.

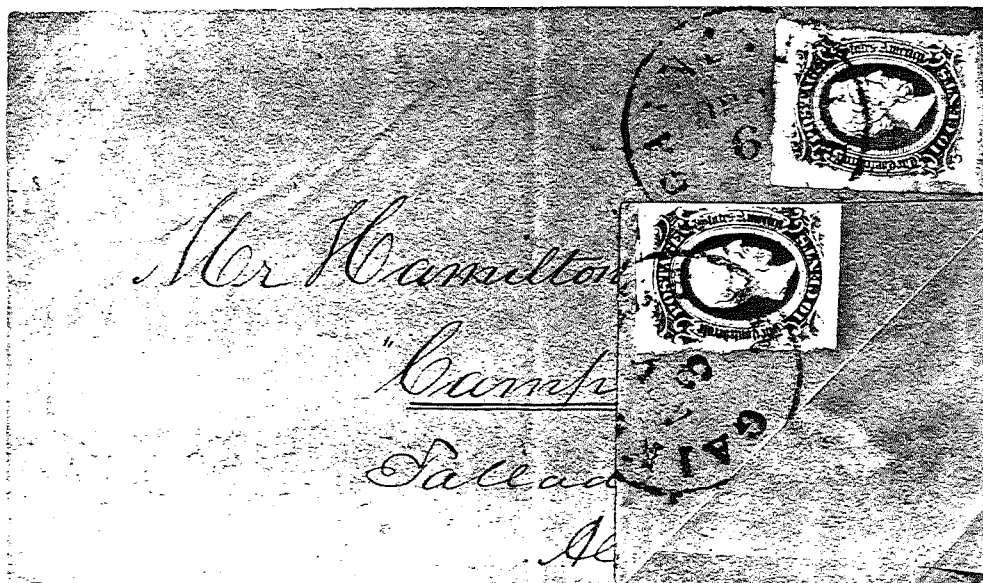
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ADVERSITY COVERS



10¢ blue Type II on turned cover from Durham's Station, N. C. Inside is a pair of 5¢ typographed, Richmond printing, from Charleston, S. C. to Durham's Station, N. C.



10¢ blue Types I and II on turned cover. Each side was postmarked at Gainesville, Ala. and addressed to Camp Buckner, Talladega, Alabama.

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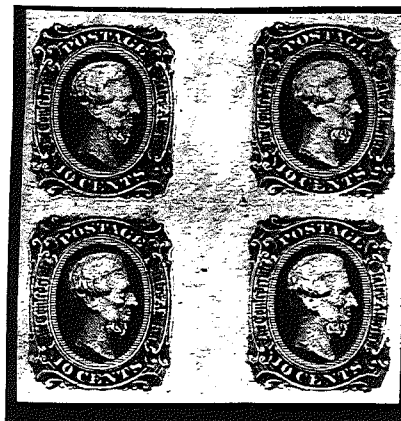
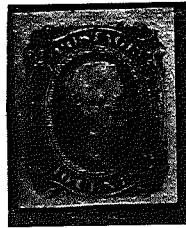
1864

Printed by Keatinge & Ball of Columbia, S. C. with engraved plates previously used by Archer & Daly of Richmond, Va. The earliest known use December 4, 1864. Poorer quality printings.

Die I



Die II



Gutter Between Panes

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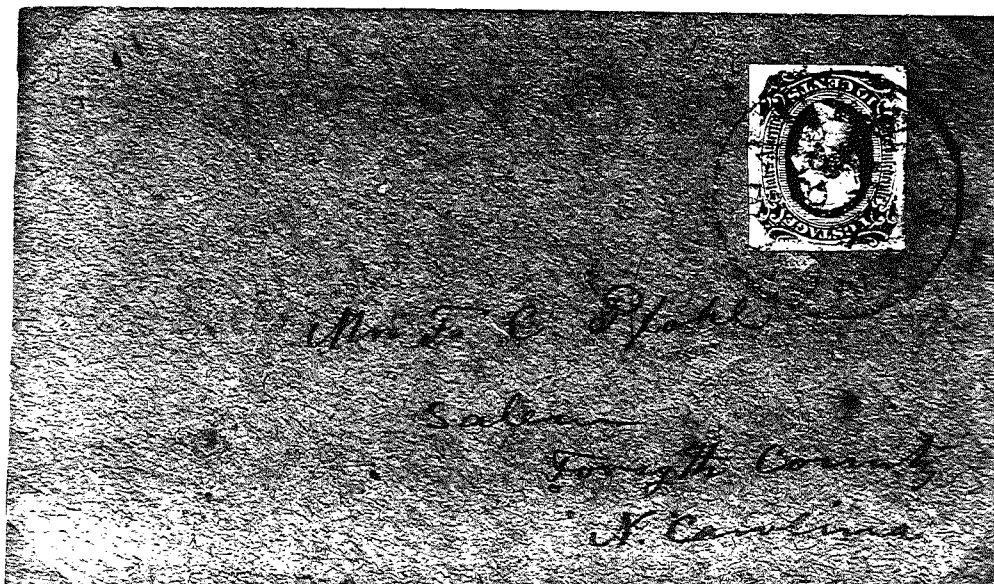
1864

10¢ ENGRAVED. KEATINGE & BALL PRINTINGS.



*Mr R E Pennel
Care of Mr E Carson
Sumter S.C.*

10¢ deep blue Type II used at Sumter, S. C. on overpaid drop letter.



*Mr J. C. Pfahler
Salem
Forsyth County
N. Carolina*

10¢ deep blue Type II used at Newmarket, Va. on envelope of war-time paper.

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1864

KEATINGE & BALL



Keating Ball Esq
Strawberry Post
N E B B

10¢ deep blue Type II postmarked at Charleston, S. C. on Nov. 8, 1864 and addressed to "Keating Ball Esq." The fine impression of the stamp resembles Archer & Daly printings. The color of the stamp and brownish gum suggests Keatinge & Ball printing.



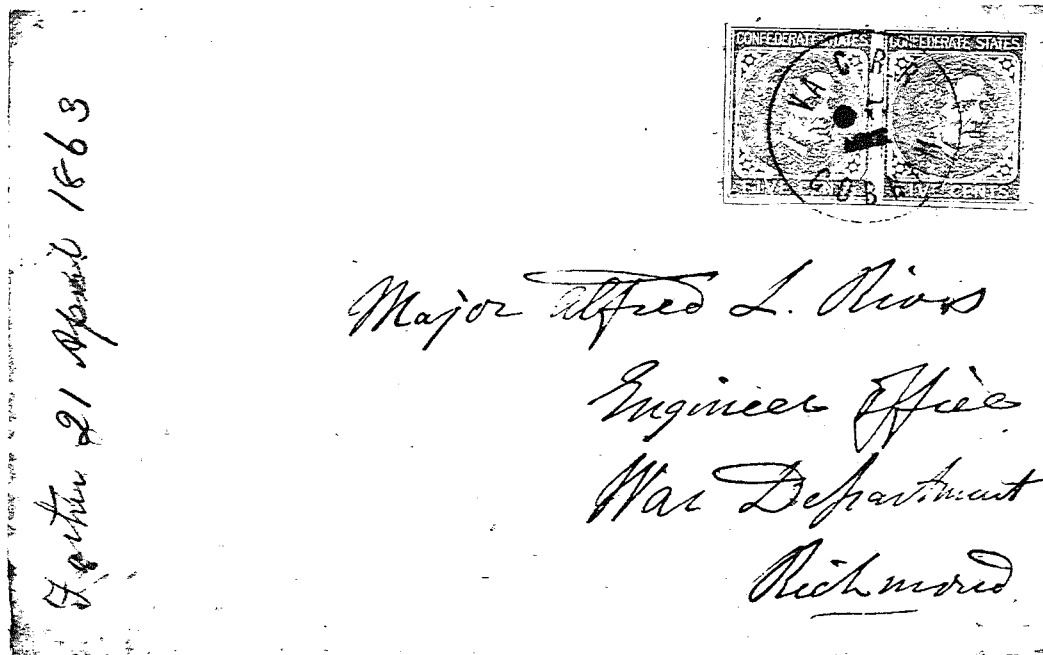
Mr Evellin Logan
Hunsuckers Store
Montgomery County N.C.

10¢ deep blue Type II postmarked at Petersburg, Va. on Mar. 23, (1865) and addressed to Hunsuckers Store, Montgomery County, N. C. The stamp shows deep color and poor impression of a Keatinge & Ball printing.

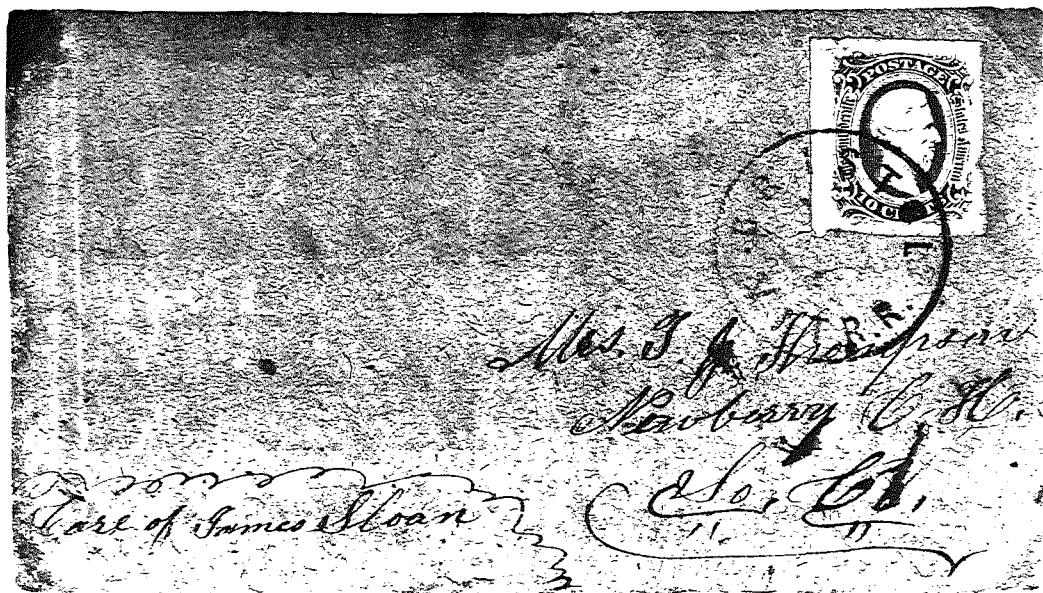
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1863

RAILROAD POSTMARKS



Virginia Central Railroad, Cobham Station.



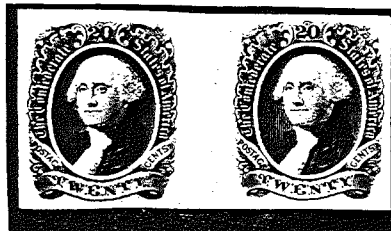
Virginia & Tennessee Railroad, Bristol Station.

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Portrait of George Washington. Engraved by Archer & Daly
of Richmond, Va. Earliest known use July 1, 1863.



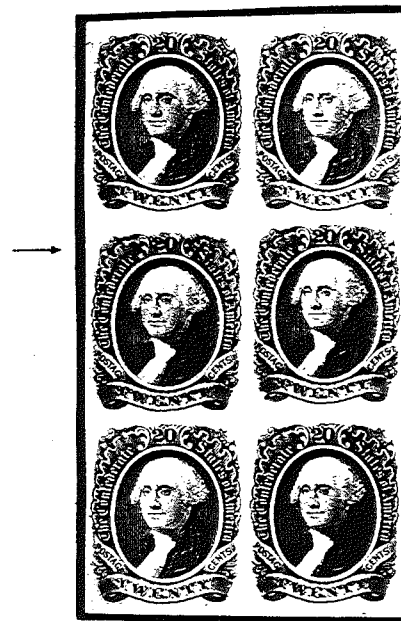
Gutter Between Panes



Thin Paper



Nacogdoches, Tex.
Pmk. P.F. Cert.



Double Transfer in "20"
Pos. 35 R at LC

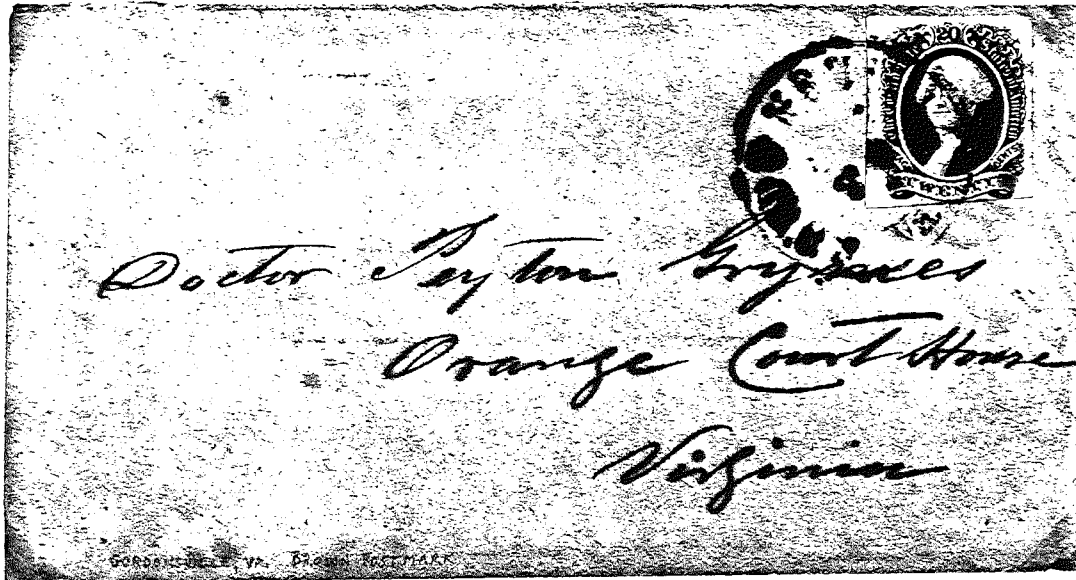


Atlanta, Ga. Postmarks

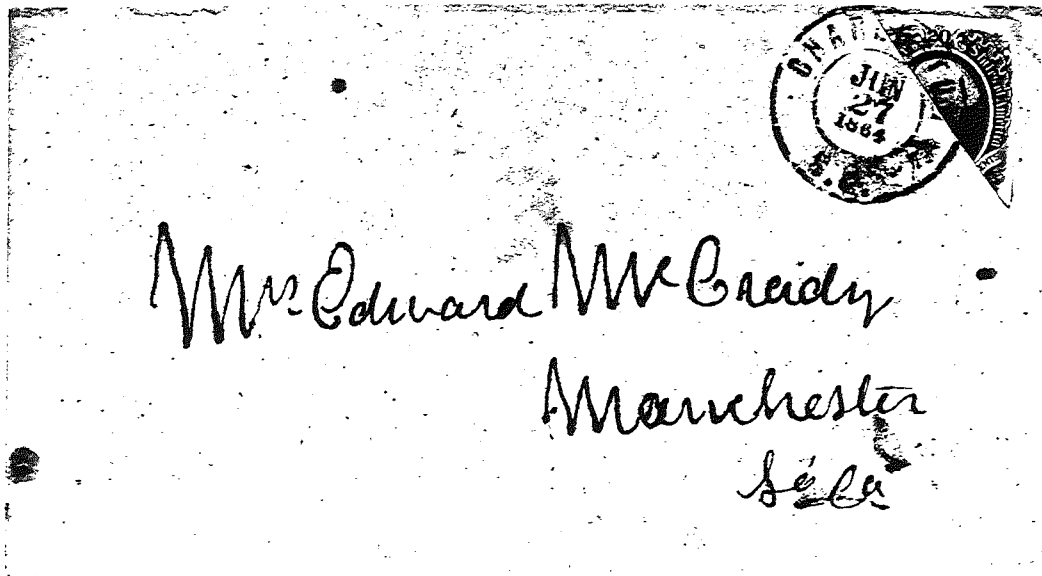
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1863-64

20 ¢ GREEN



Gordonsville, Virginia brown postmark.



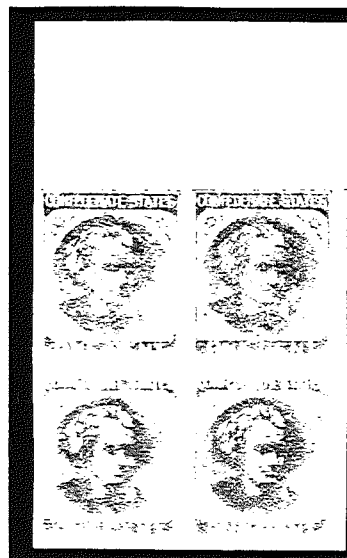
Diagonal half used as 10 ¢ from Charleston, S. C. When supplies of 10 ¢ stamps became exhausted, halves of 20 ¢ stamps were used. P. F. Certificate.

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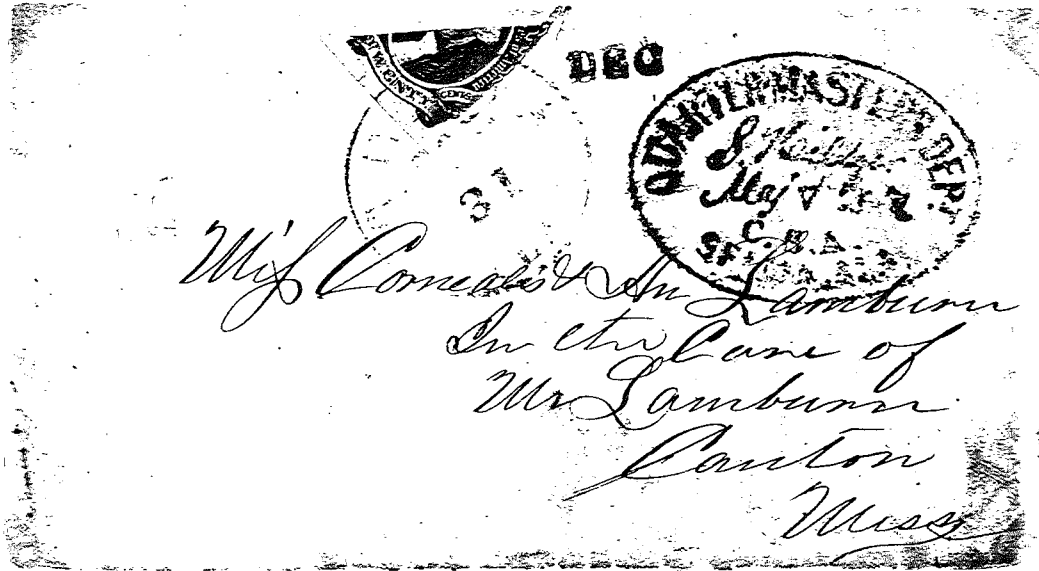
Portrait of John C. Calhoun. Typographed by De La Rue & Co. of London, England. The stamps were delivered to the Confederate States by blockade runner. They were not issued for postal use.



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1864

20¢ BISECT ON SELMA, ALA. QUARTERMASTER'S COVER



Quartersmaster's Office,

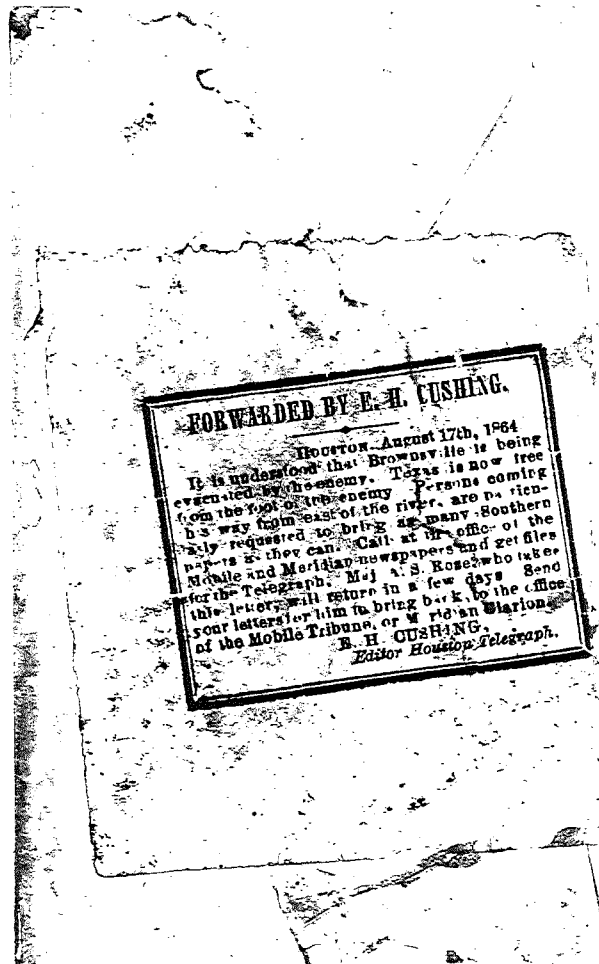
Selma, Ala., Oct 30 1864

Maj Connelley's Co. in Lamburn
After returning back
from Maj I did not have time to
fulfill my promise that I made to you
parting with you. as you know I
promised to write to you and this is
the first opportunity I have had
but you must not suppose or conclude
because I have not written to you that
I have forgotten you for I have not
and will never do so while my hand

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1864

CUSHING TRANS-MISSISSIPPI EXPRESS MAIL

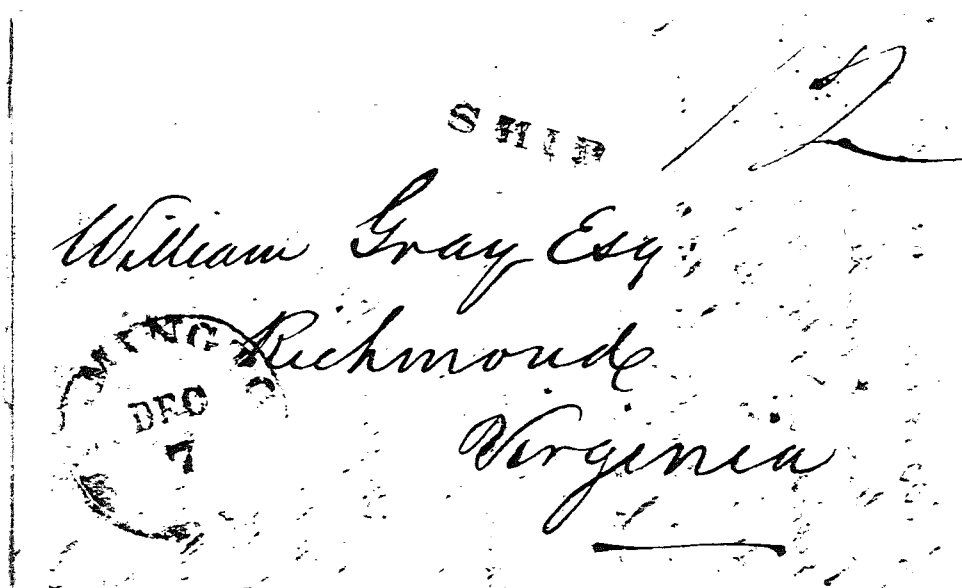


E. H. Cushing dated label, Dietz Type IV, on back of cover from Houston, Texas to 5th Reg. Tex. Vol., Longstreet's Corps, Richmond, Va. 20¢ green stamp attached on face but not postmarked as the cover was carried the entire route by Cushing courier. Cushing's fee in 1864 was \$5.00 per letter, the last of several increases.

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1863

BLOCKADE-RUN COVER



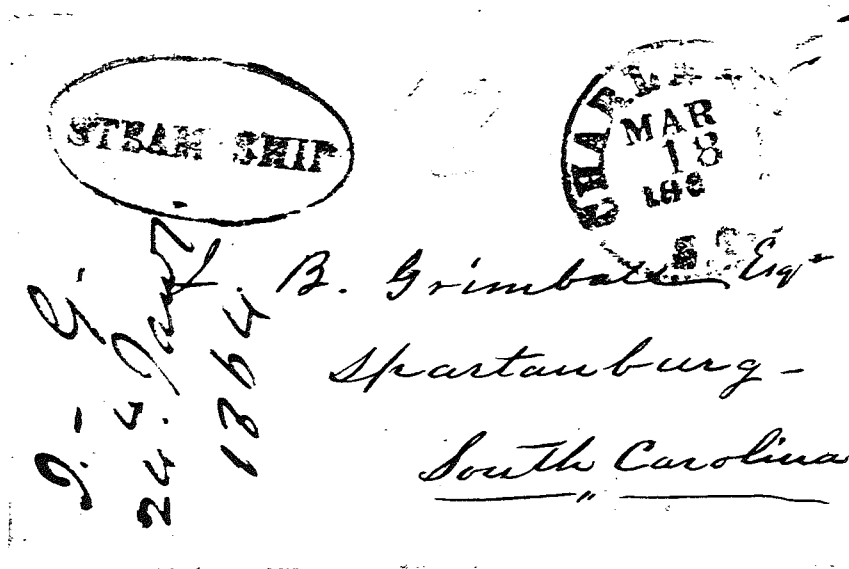
"SHIP" handstamped on blockade-run folded letter at Wilmington, N. C., port of entry. Manuscript "12" rate includes 2¢ due for ship's captain and 10¢ due for Confederate postage.

The letter, written in London on June 23, 1863, arrived at Wilmington on December 7th. It discusses tobacco shipment, blockade-breaking, purchase of Confederate bonds and the death of General Jackson.

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1864

BLOCKADE-RUN COVER

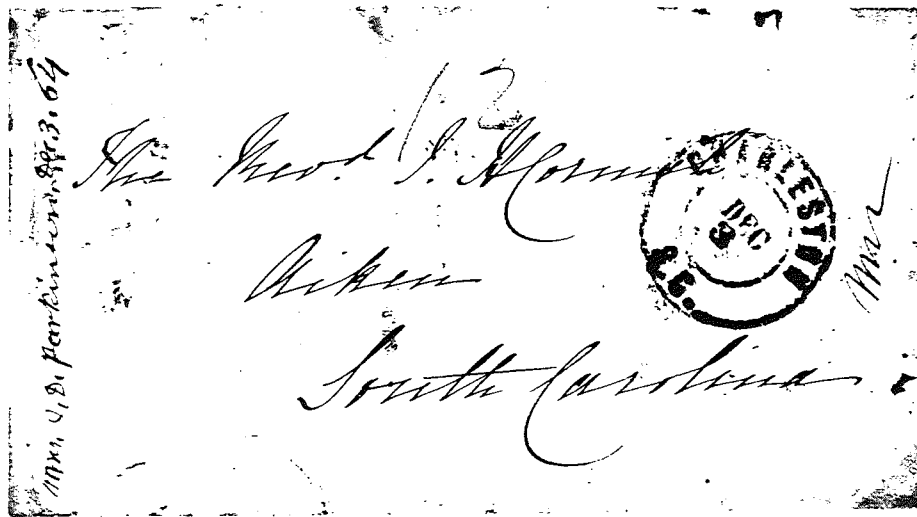


"STEAM-SHIP" in oval, handstamped on blockade-run cover at Charleston, S. C., port of entry. Manuscript "12" represents 2¢ due for ship's captain plus 10¢ due for Confederate postage.

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1864

BLOCKADE-RUN COVER ENTERING CHARLESTON, S. C.



This cover ran the blockade from a West Indies port. The manuscript "12" represents 2¢ due for ship's captain and 10¢ due for Confederate postage.

The envelope has embossed manufacturer's name on a back flap, "HENRY RODRIGUES . MAKER . 42 . PICCADILLY."

Following normal procedure, the letter was removed from its original envelope and enclosed in this cover before delivery to the blockade runner.

Enclosure on following album page.

ENCLOSURE OF BLOCKADE-RUN COVER INTO CHARLESTON.

Dear Sir,
 I have just received a letter from
 Dunlin dated Key West July 21st 64 - he had
 been taken prisoner whilst on a visit to
 some neighbors, by some federal soldiers.
 I have written him to that effect and
 am telling him by no means to sell out.
 I hope he will have the right mind to come in
 now, I have written him to that effect and
 am telling him by no means to sell out.
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 am telling him by no means to sell out.

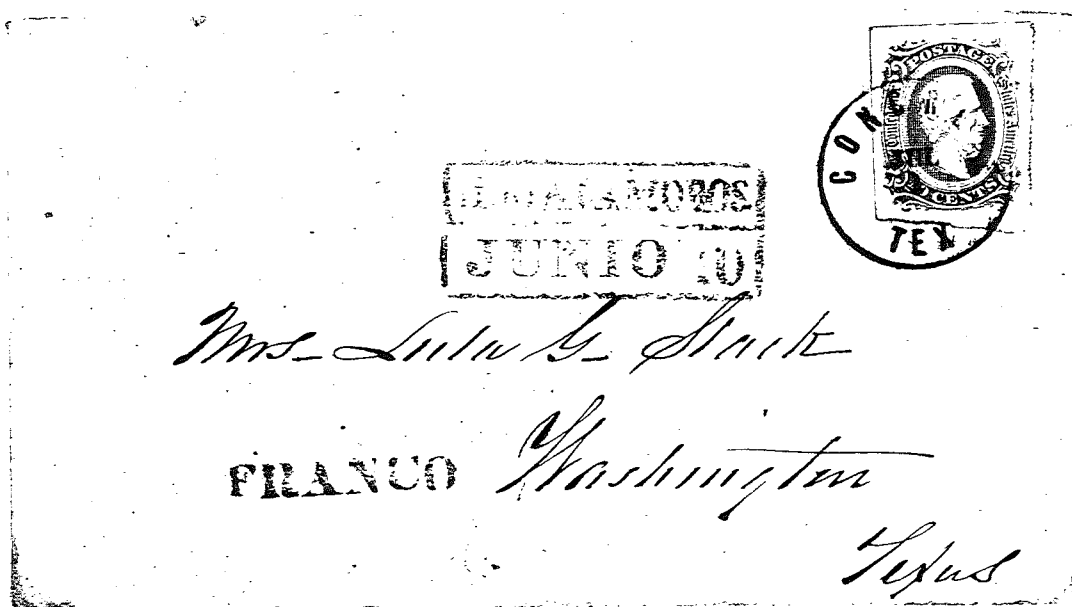
This letter, written in New York City on Aug. 19, 1864,
 was received in Charleston, S. C. on Dec. 3, 1864. It was
 written to a minister and begins:

"I this morning received a letter from Dunlin dated
 Key West July 21st 64 - he had been taken prisoner
 whilst on a visit to some neighbors, by some federal
 soldiers"

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1863 or 1864

MEXICO TO TEXAS COVER



This cover, mailed in Mexico, has the June 10 Matamoros postmark and "FRANCO," signifying Mexican postage paid. It was carried by a forwarding agent from Mexico to Concrete, Texas. There, on July 1st it was placed in the regular mail, where the Confederate 10¢ stamp was canceled.

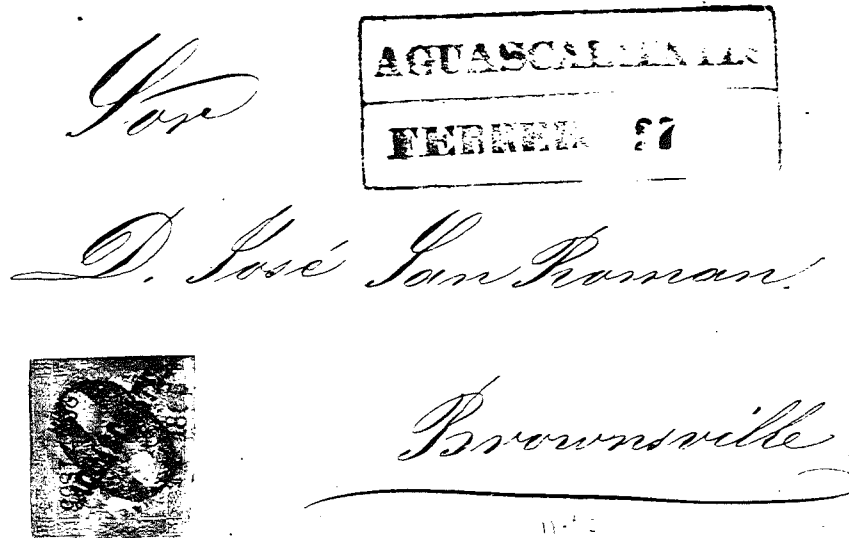
One other similar cover is known.

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1865

AGUASCALIENTES, MEXICO TO BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

Addressed to Blockade-Runner



Folded cover postmarked February 27, 1865 at Aguascalientes. To José San Roman, a well-known blockade-runner.

Two reales orange stamp of the fourth period overprinted consignment no. 20-1865, sub-consignment no. 11-1865 and sub-office "AGUASCALIENTES."

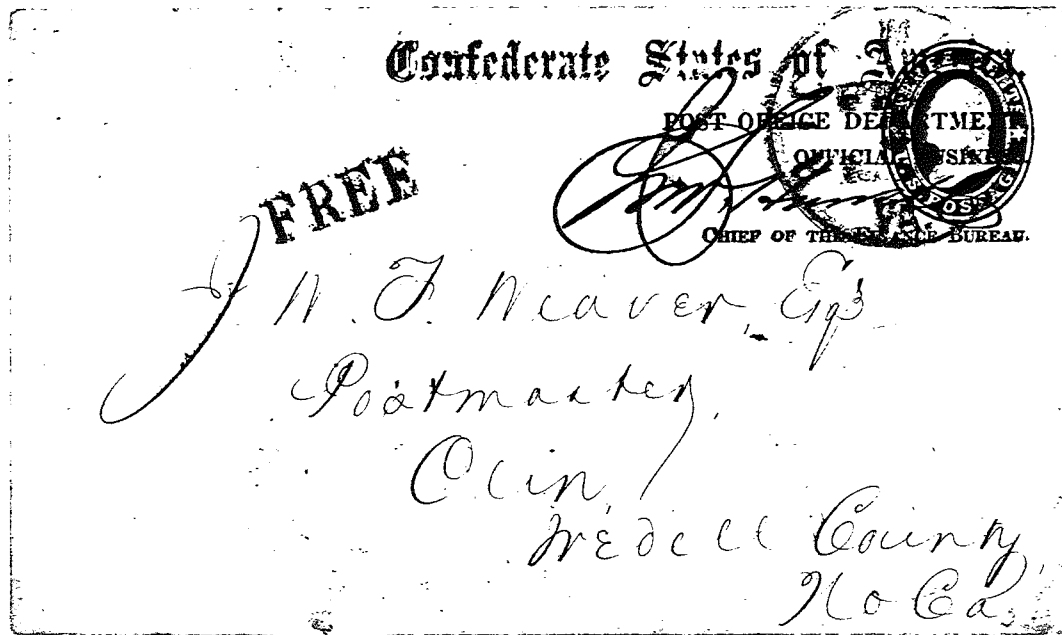
Docketing on flap:

*Ag. San Roman
Ag. Calientes
Feb. 27 1865*

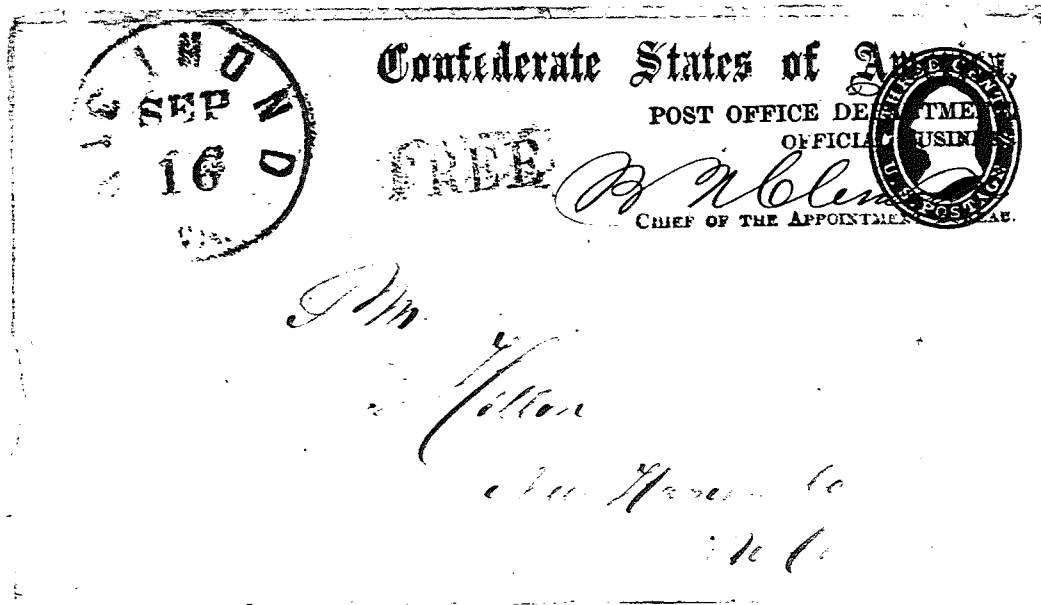
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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL COVERS.



Signature of Jno. L. Harrell, Chief of the Finance Bureau.
Post Office Department imprint on U. S. Star Die envelope.
Sent free on official business.



Signature of B. N. Clements, Chief of the Appointment Bureau. Only high officials of the Post Office Department had the free franking privilege, used for official business only.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

H. St. Geo. Offutt, Chief of Contract Bureau

Confederate States of America.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,

CONTRACT BUREAU,

Richmond,

June 12th 1863.

W. Smith Esq. M.
E. Willcox M.

Having received your letter
of the 9th inst. I send you herewith a copy of the
act of Congress on the subject to which you allude
Very truly
yours
H. St. Geo. Offutt

"... I send you herewith a copy of an Act of Congress ..."

See next album page for copy of Act.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Act of Congress, April 14, 1863

AN ACT

To exempt Contractors for carrying the Mails of the Confederate States and the Drivers of Post Coaches and Hacks from Military Service.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, that the contractors for carrying the mails of the Confederate States shall be exempt from the performance of military duty in the armies of the Confederate States, from and after the passage of this act, during the time they are such contractors: provided, that no more than one contractor shall be exempt on any route, and that no more than one member of any firm of contractors shall be exempt, and no contractor on any route of less than ten miles in length, and on which the mail is carried on horse, shall be exempt under this act; and if one or more members of any such firm be exempt from age or other cause from the performance of military duty, the other member, or members of such firm, shall not be exempt by this act on account of being mail contractors: and provided further, that no person to whom a contract for carrying the mails may be transferred, with the consent of the Post Office Department, after the passage of this act, shall be exempt from military service on that account.

SEC. 2. That drivers of post coaches and hacks for carrying the mails on all routes where the weight of the mails requires that they should be carried in coaches or hacks, shall be exempt from military service in the armies of the Confederate States from and after the passage of this act, so long as they continue to be employed as such drivers: provided, the contractor by whom any such driver is employed, shall take and subscribe an oath to be furnished to the enrolling officer, that the weight of the mails on his route requires the use of coaches or hacks for their conveyance, and that he has not a greater number of drivers employed in his service than are indispensable to enable him to fulfill his contract for carrying the mails, and that he will not, while a contractor, employ a greater number of drivers than may be indispensably necessary for that purpose; and that he will give notice to the enrolling officer when any such driver ceases to be in his employment.

APPROVED April 14, 1863.

Mail contractors and drivers of post coaches exempt from military duty.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1863

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

John H. Regan, Postmaster General

DEPARTMENT

No. 4382

\$ 2.02

Postmaster Barney's Mills N.C.

or Agent,

02 Dollars.

June 3, 1863.

John H. Regan

Postmaster General.

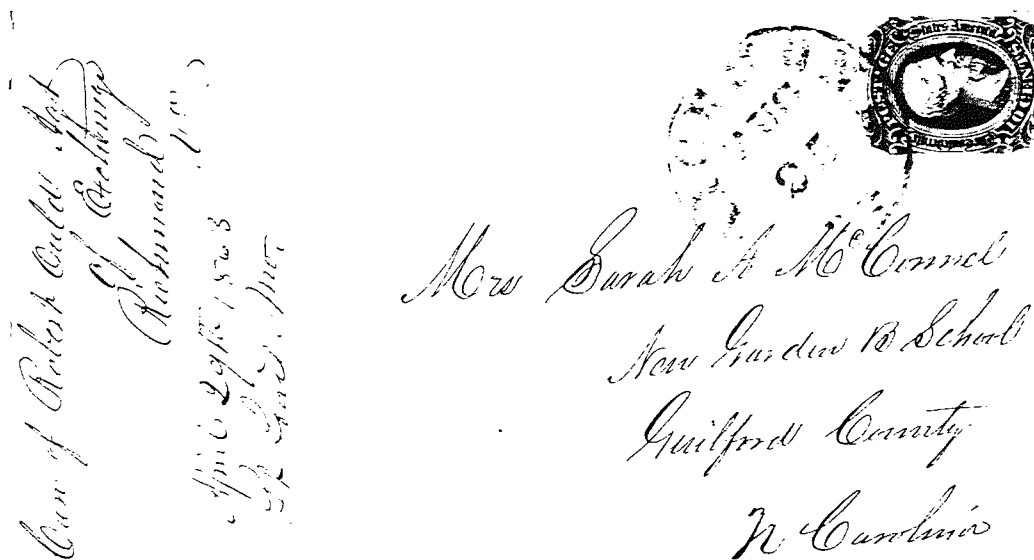
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TABLE.

Part of draft signed by John H. Regan. Reverse has half of duplex receipt; other half was returned to Regan.

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1863

ACROSS-THE-LINES COVER FROM ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI



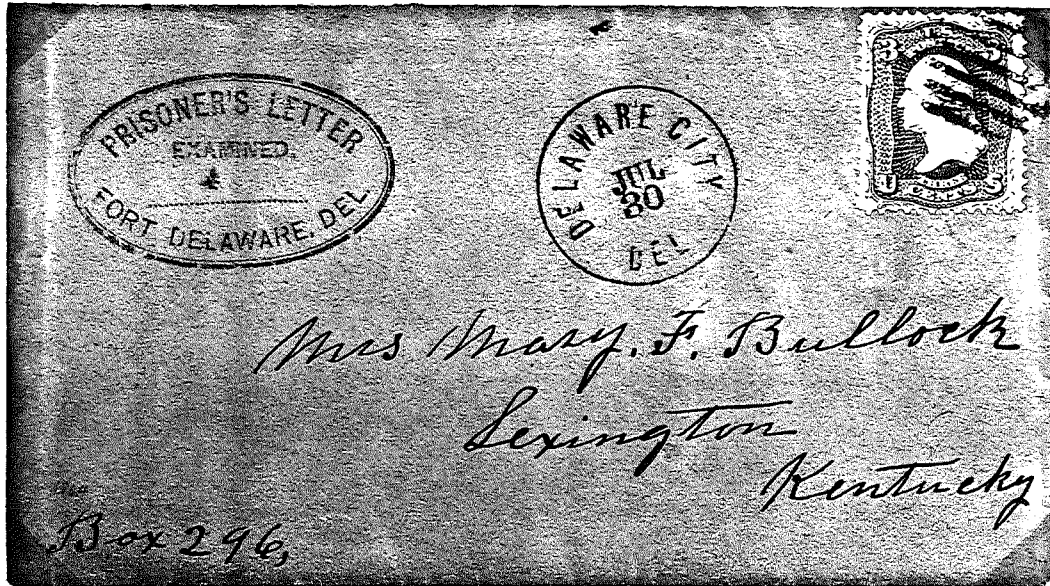
"Care of Robert Ould, Agt. of Exchange, Richmond, Va., April 29th 1863, St. Louis, Mo.," endorsement on left side of cover.

This unsealed cover was enclosed in an outer envelope at St. Louis, Mo. and crossed the lines by flag of truce. It was removed from the outer envelope at Richmond, Va., where the 10¢ stamp was canceled and the cover forwarded to addressee in North Carolina.

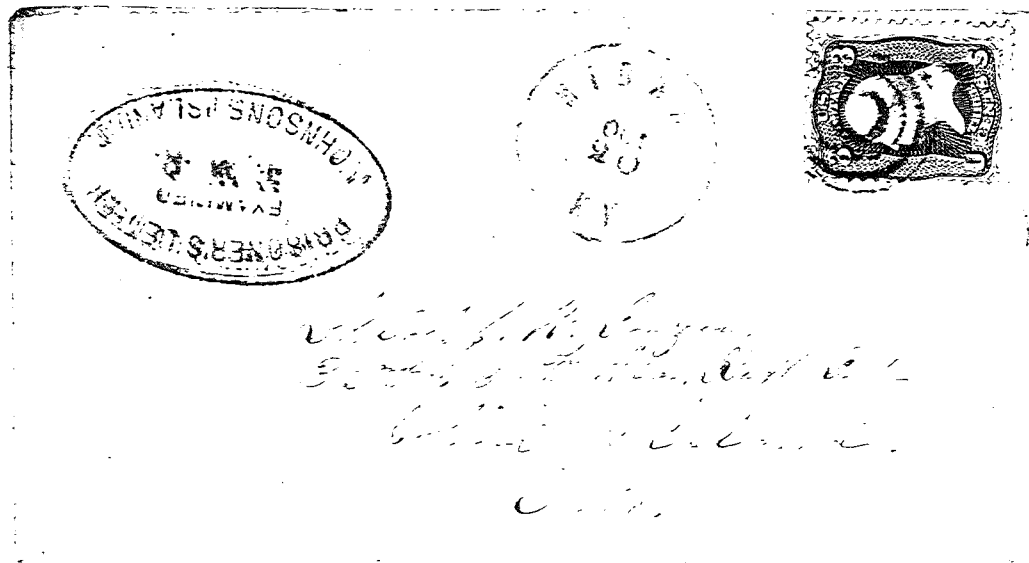
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1864

FEDERAL PRISON HANDSTAMPS



Fort Delaware, Delaware. Cover from a prisoner of war.

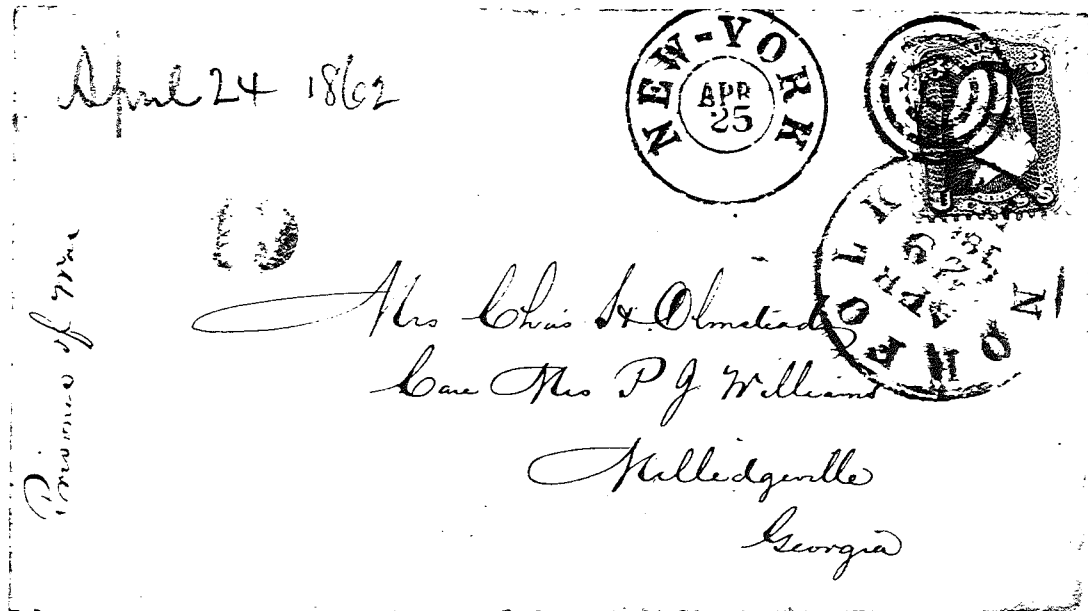


Johnson's Island, Sandusky, Ohio. Examined by "F. W. R." Cover to a prisoner of war.

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1862

P.O.W. COVER FROM FORT COLUMBUS VIA NORFOLK, VA.



Prisoner of War cover to Georgia from Fort Columbus, N.Y. Prison on Governors Island in New York Harbor. Col. Charles H. Olmstead of Georgia mailed this cover to his wife while he was confined at the prison in April 1862 (Official Records II; 3pp 500, 522-23).

This is the only recorded P.O.W. cover from Fort Columbus Prison.

The first official Prisoner of War mail between the United States and the Confederate States passed through Norfolk, Va. in the South under Flag of Truce. The Norfolk route was in use only six months because Norfolk was occupied by Federal forces in early May 1862. United States postage was paid by the 3¢ stamp. The blue "10" indicates Confederate postage due of ten cents.

This is the last known P.O.W. cover to pass through the Norfolk, Va. route.

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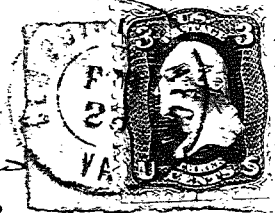
1862

FLAG OF TRUCE VIA NORFOLK, VA.

Via Norfolk & Flag of Truce

*Mr. Sispith Wilmes
1725. Walnut Street -*

Philadelphia



This cover traveled the first official Flag of Truce route, Norfolk, Va. in the South to Old Point Comfort, Va. in the North.

The unsealed cover was enclosed in an outer envelope that was mailed in the Confederate States to Norfolk, Va. To pay for United States postage, a half dime was attached to the inner envelope under the small strip of blue paper.

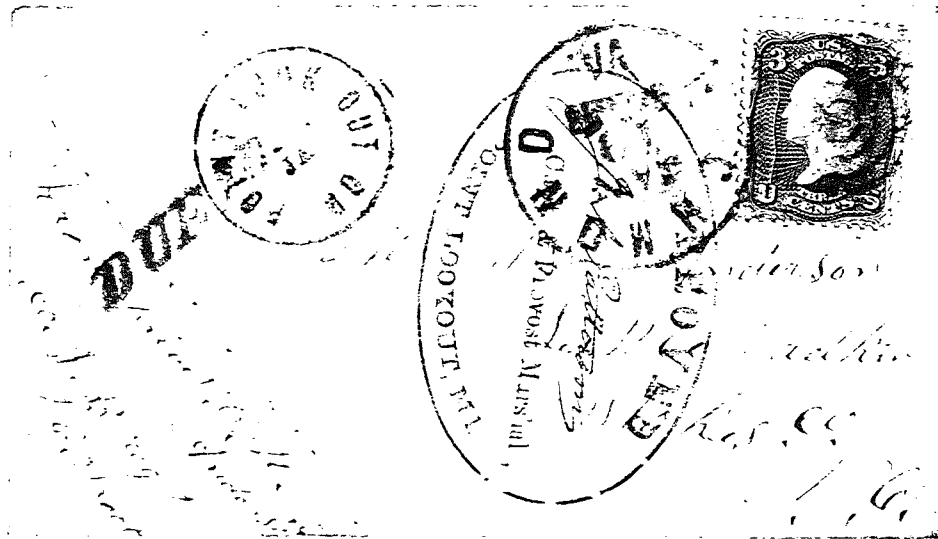
After traveling by Flag of Truce boat from Norfolk to Old Point Comfort, the outer envelope was discarded and the coin removed. A U. S. 3¢ stamp was attached and the cover forwarded to Philadelphia. When the blue paper is lifted, the impression of the removed coin can be seen.

Norfolk, Va. was captured in May 1862 and the route was discontinued.

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1864

PRISONER OF WAR COVER FROM POINT LOOKOUT, MD.



Across-the-lines cover from Point Lookout, Md. to Little Yadkin, N. C. by way of Richmond, Va., where it was rated "DUE 10" for Confederate postage. Large oval "APPROVED" handstamp of J. A. Patterson, Capt. & Provost Marshal.

Point Lookout Md
Jan 5 1864

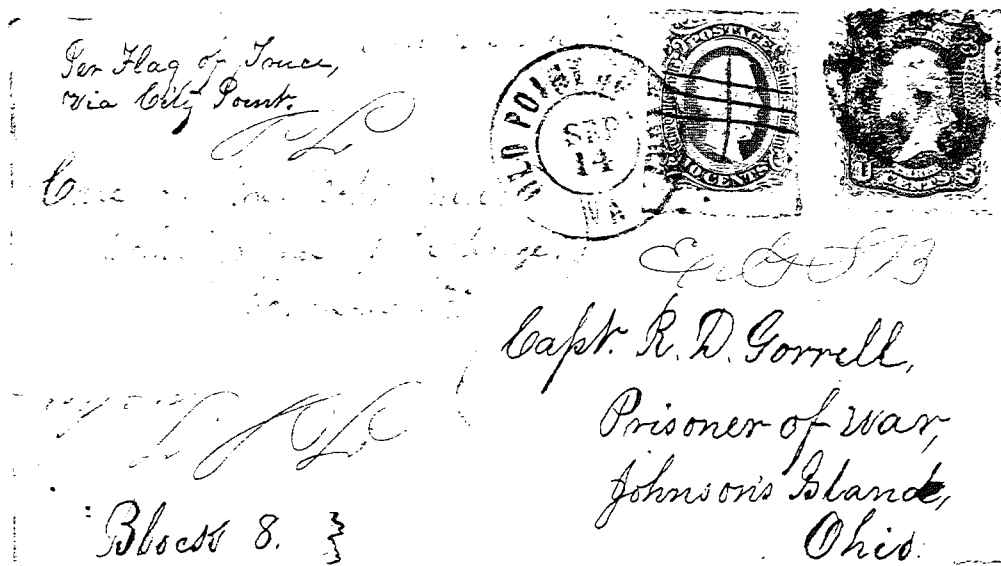
Dear Father & Mother I
with pleasure take my pen
in hand to let you know
that I am well & happy this

Prisoner's letter enclosed. Written on one side of a single letter sheet as per regulations.

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1864

FLAG OF TRUCE COVER TO JOHNSON'S ISLAND, OHIO



From "Olin, N. C., Sep. 6th, 1864" (manuscript postmark),
"Care of Hon. Robt Ould, Commissioner of Exchange, Richmond,
Va.," to a Prisoner of War.

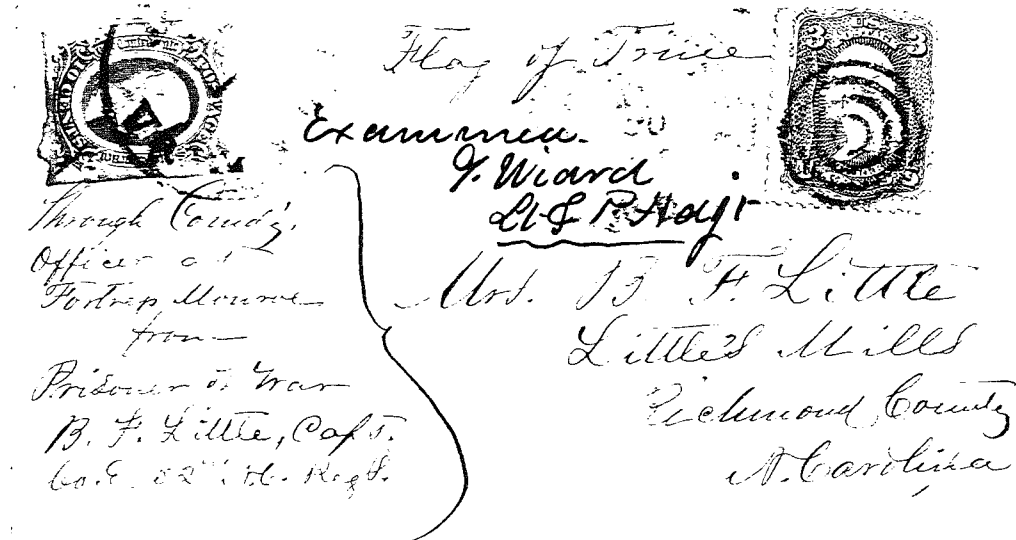
At City Point, near Richmond, Va., the cover was placed on
Flag of Truce boat, which carried it to Old Point Comfort, Va.
Then, it was forwarded to Johnson's Island, Ohio.

Examined on arrival at the prison by "G. S. B."

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1864

FLAG OF TRUCE COVER FROM FORT McHENRY



From a Prisoner of War at Fort McHenry in Baltimore, Md.
Inscribed "Through Comd'g Officer at Fortress Monroe ..."

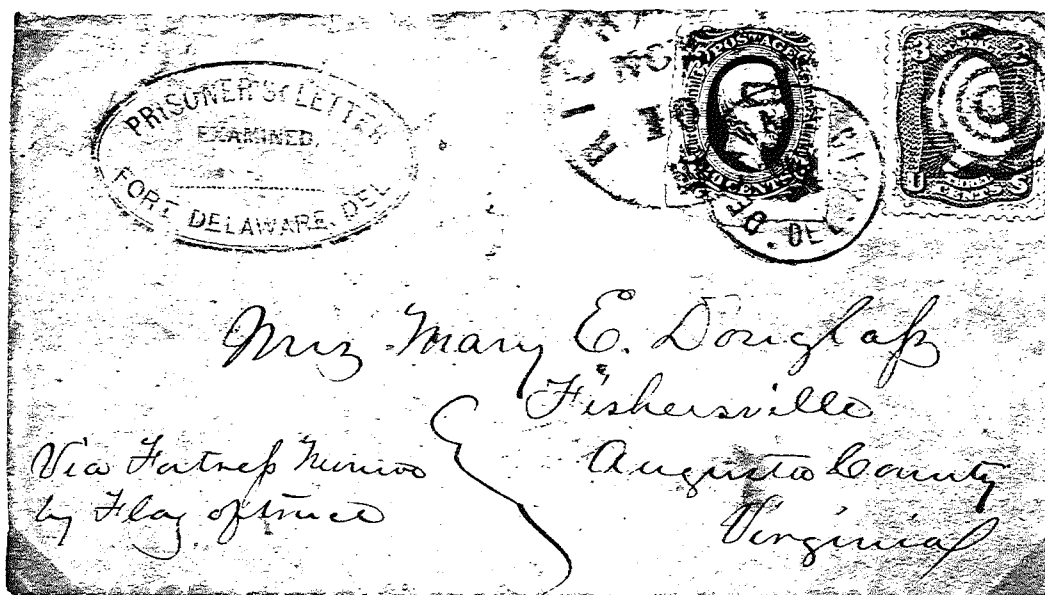
This cover traveled from Baltimore to Fortress Monroe at
Old Point Comfort, Va. Then, by Flag of Truce boat to City
Point, near Richmond. The Confederate stamp was canceled at
Richmond, Va. and the cover forwarded to Little's Mills, N. C.

Examined at Fort McHenry by Prison Adjutant Lt. Wiard.

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1864

FLAG OF TRUCE COVER FROM FORT DELAWARE

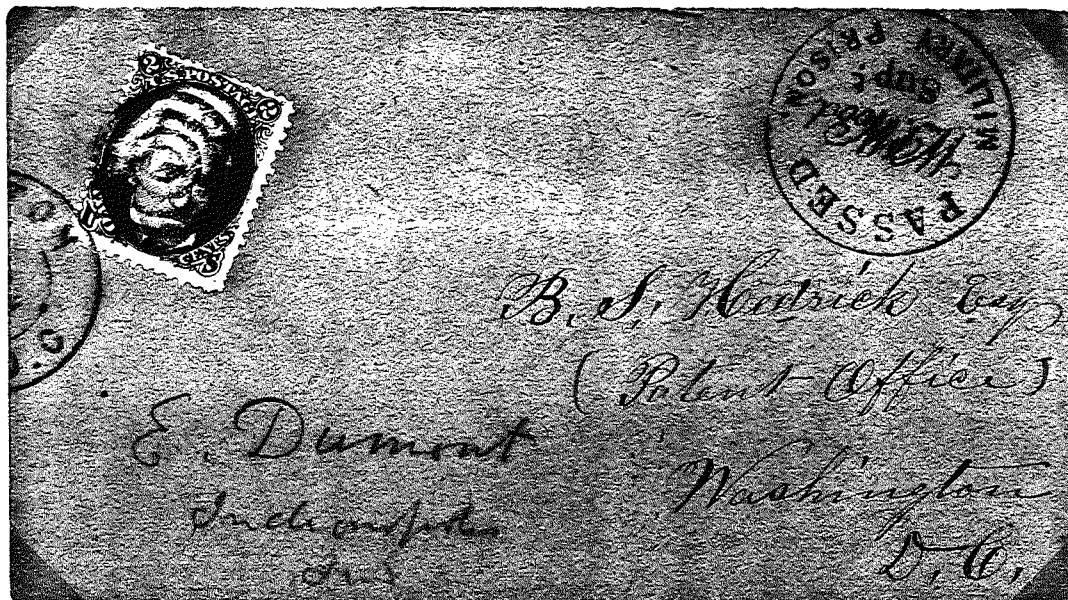


This cover traveled from Delaware City, Del. to Fortress Monroe at Old Point Comfort, Va. Then, by Flag of Truce boat to City Point, near Richmond. The Confederate stamp was canceled at Richmond, Va. and the cover forwarded to Fishersville, Va.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1864

PRISONER OF WAR COVER FROM OLD CAPITOL PRISON



2 ¢ Black Jack on drop letter from Old Capitol Prison in Washington, D. C. Circular handstamp of Prison Supt. W. P. Wood.

Old Capitol Prison
 Washington D. C.
 July 22nd 1864
 Mr. J. B. Robbins
 Randolph N. C.

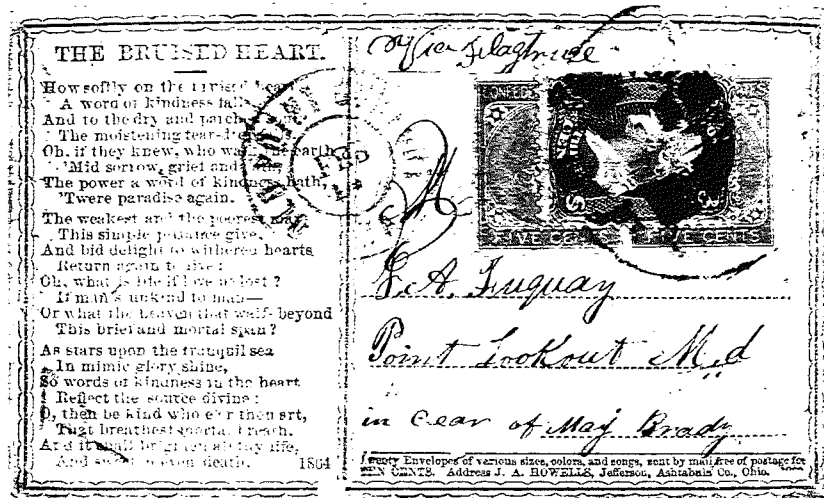
Prisoner's letter of N. B. Robbins of Randolph, N. C. enclosed, seeking help in getting a release from prison.

One other similar Black Jack cover is recorded.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1865

VALENTINE COVER TO POINT LOOKOUT PRISON, MD.



Howell's "The Bruised Heart" envelope sent "Via Flag truce" to a prisoner of war at Point Lookout, Md., in care of Major Brady (Provost Marshal). Censor's initial "B" at left of the stamps.

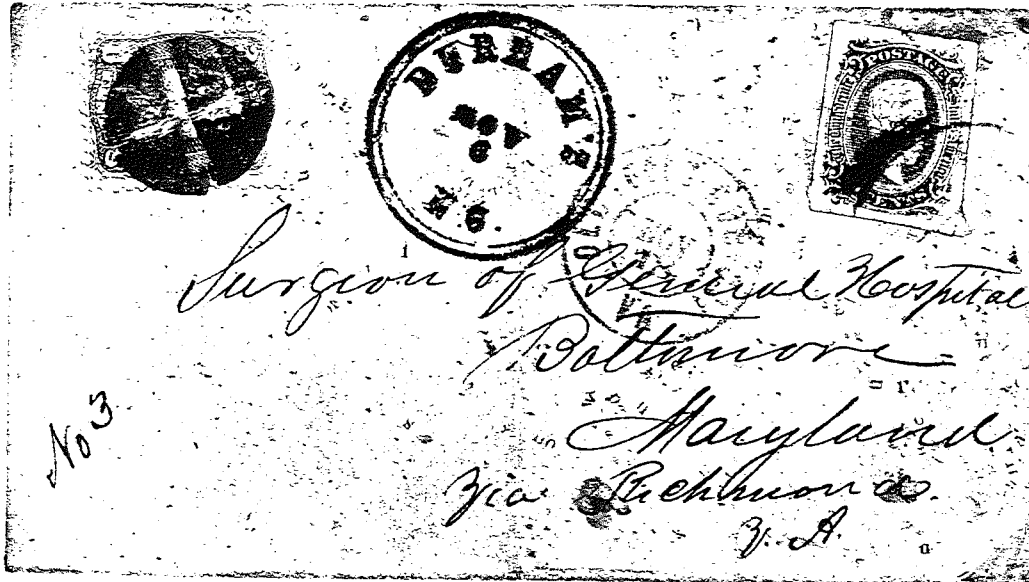
Printed in Ohio in 1864, the envelope was mailed in North Carolina with pair of 5¢ blue stamps and traveled via Old Point Comfort, Va., where a U. S. 3¢ stamp was attached over the Confederate stamps. The letter probably was not received as the prison clerk's notes in red say, "Jan. 25, 1865 / From wife / No. Ca. / Dead."

Illustrated on Page 102 in "Civil War Prisons and Their Covers" by Earl Antrim.

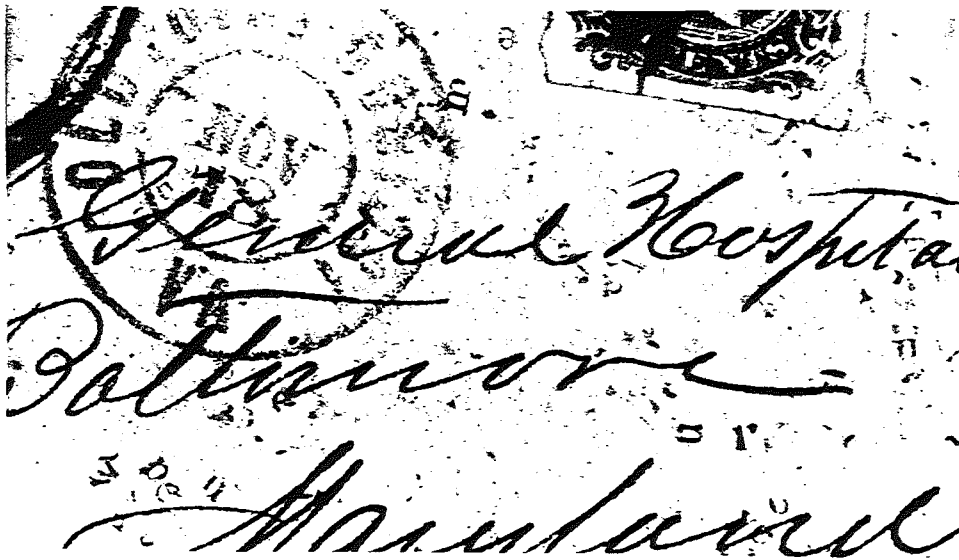
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1863 or 1864

ACROSS THE LINES COVER. ENVELOPE OF RECYCLED PAPER.



Durham's (Durham's Station), N. C. to Baltimore, Md. via Richmond, Va. and Old Point Comfort, Va. This cover crossed the lines between Richmond and Old Point Comfort, probably by Flag of Truce Boat "New York." Postage was paid by Confederate and United States stamps.



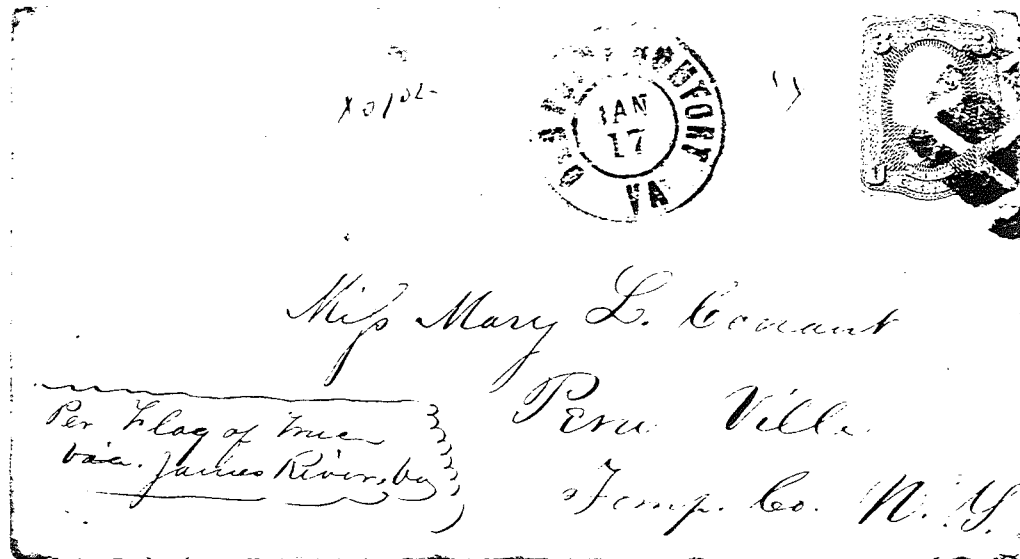
Photographic enlargement showing printed letters from recycled paper both on the surface and beneath the surface of the paper. Contemporary technology was not capable of removing printing ink; therefore, printed paper was very rarely recycled.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1865

C. S. MILITARY PRISON, DANVILLE, VA.

Cover from Capt. D. Tarbell



"Per Flag of Truce via James River, Va."

Examined by R. C. Smith, Lt. Colonel Commanding,
Confederate States Military Prisons, Danville, Va.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1865

C. S. MILITARY PRISON, DANVILLE, VA.

Letter from Capt. D. Tarbell



C. S. Military Prison
Danville Va. Jan. 10/1865

My dear Mary:-

I hope my long silence has not led you to imagine for one moment that I have forgotten a line. What I can in this letter must be confined to reassure you. I am still a prisoner and in the Danville Military Prison. I have at present no opportunity of writing you more than a few lines.

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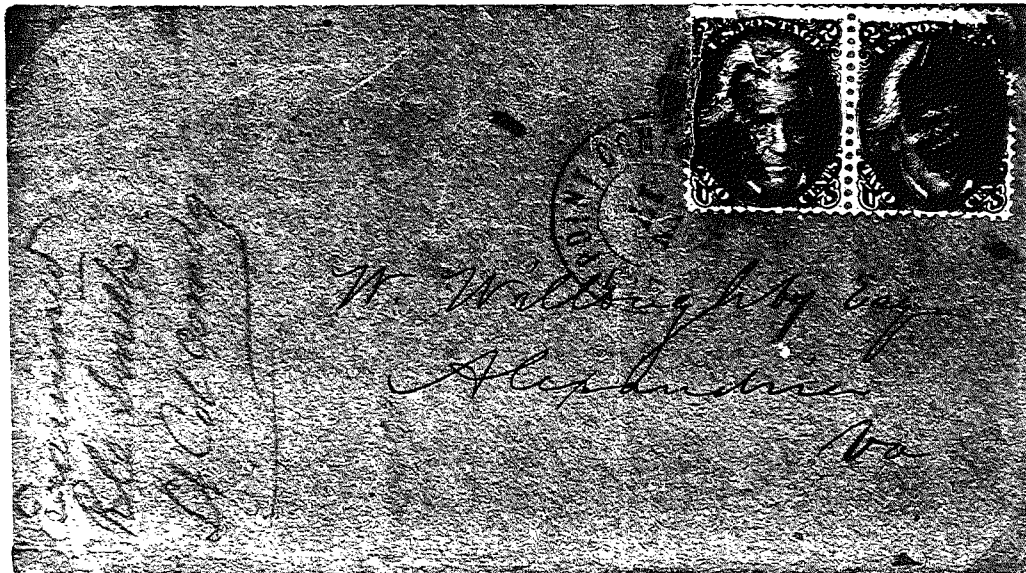
1864 - 65

DANVILLE, VA. C. S. MILITARY PRISON LIBERATED

P.O.W. Capt. D. Tarbell to W. Willoughby

"Military Prison"
Danville Va
Nov. 12" 1864
W Willoughby, Alex, Va
Dear Sir
I have been a prisoner.
since Sept. 21st 64 - Am now at Danville.
My health is good. & Am fully able
Very truly your friend
D. Tarbell
Capt. U.S.A.

Prisoner's letter of Nov. 12, 1864 asking to be exchanged.



After Union take-over: The cover traveled via Old Point Comfort, Va. (June 17, 1865) as did the earlier prisoner's letters. Endorsed, "Examined, R. C. Smith, Lt. Col. Comdg." Confederate Lt. Col. Smith was kept temporarily in command and was assigned to censor mail. Stamps show 1¢ overpayment of 3¢ rate.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA

1864

U. S. USAGE OF CONFEDERATE PATRIOTIC

Memphis, Tenn. (Union occupation) to Hinterset, Iowa.



Written at top, "Captured at Jackson, Miss., May 14th, '63." Jackson fell to Union forces on that day.

This flag design has been reported on one other cover. The other cover was used in the Confederate States.