

Under the Treaty of Commerce of 1812 between France & Turkey a French Post Office was established in Constantinople, but was suspended on the outbreak of War between Turkey and the Allies in 1827. It was re-opened in 1835. Between the years 1857 & 1884 contemporary French stamps were used, cancelled with duplex postmarks bearing a number allotted to each P. O. Two types were used, one being with small numerals, superseded later by the other which had large ones. On the 16th August 1885 the first stamps surcharged in Turkish currency were issued.

Constantinople. Pmk. Nos 3707 Small & 5083 large.
1853-1861.



Die II



Issue of 1853-61.
Constantinople pmk large 5083.

1¢.



Die I



Issue of 1862-71.
Perf. 14 x 13 1/2.

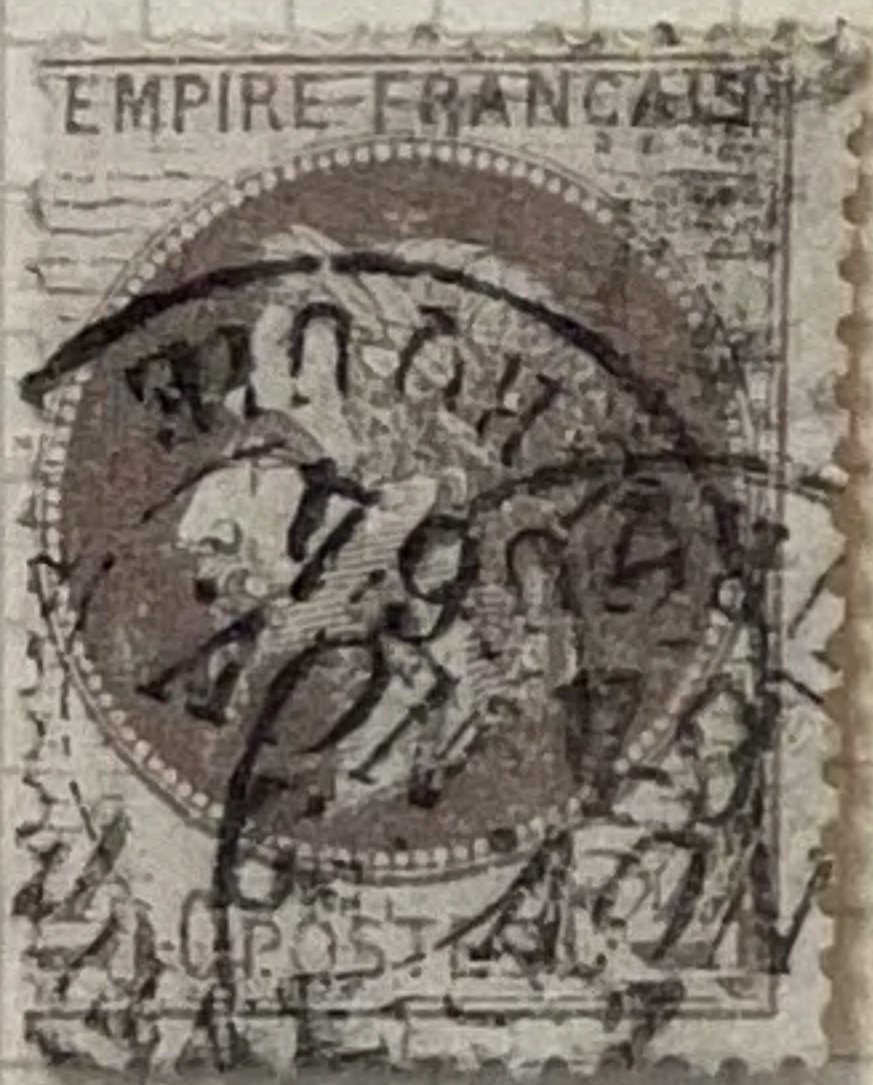
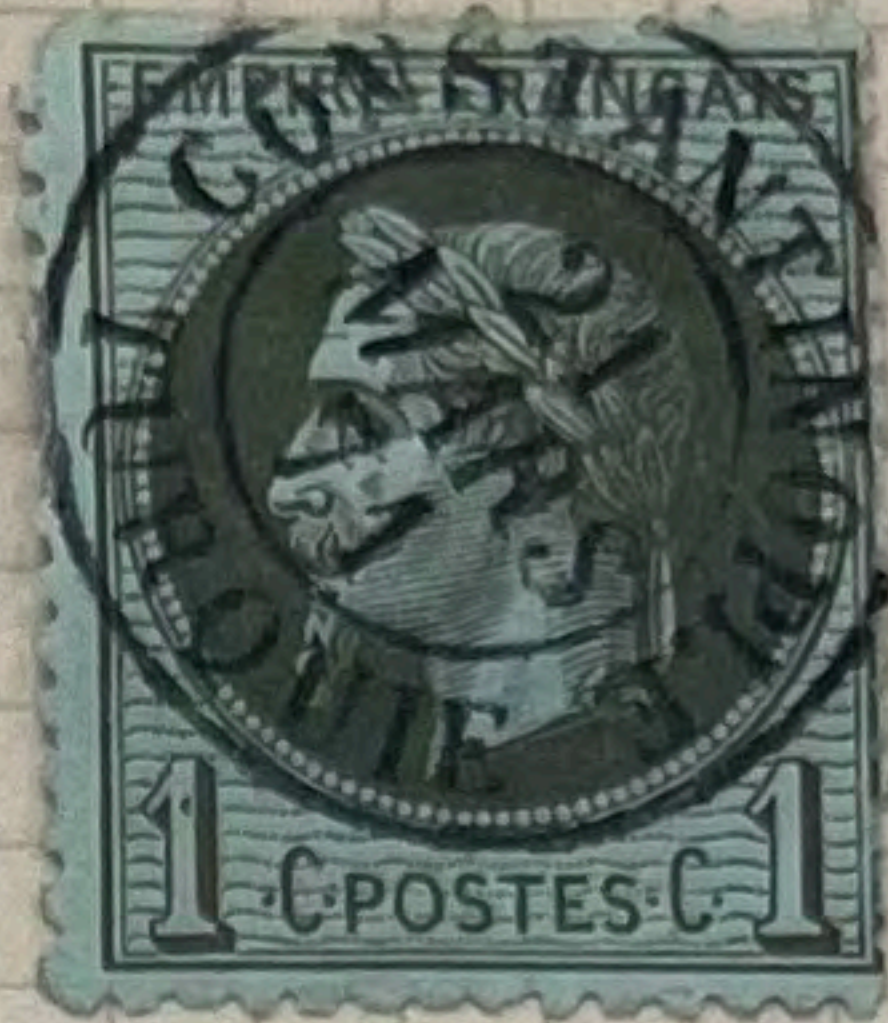
"Constantinople" circular post or "5083".





Laureated head
Issued 1863-70.
Perf 14 x 13 1/2.

Round "Constantinople" postmark or "5083"





Issue of 1870 - Bordeaux.

Constantinople

P. O.





Constantinople



Issue of Oct. 1870-73.
Printed in Paris

Circular "Constantinople" postmark of "5083".



Issue of 1872-75.
With large figures of Value.





Sura Stortisi
Odessa

28
AOUT
1875



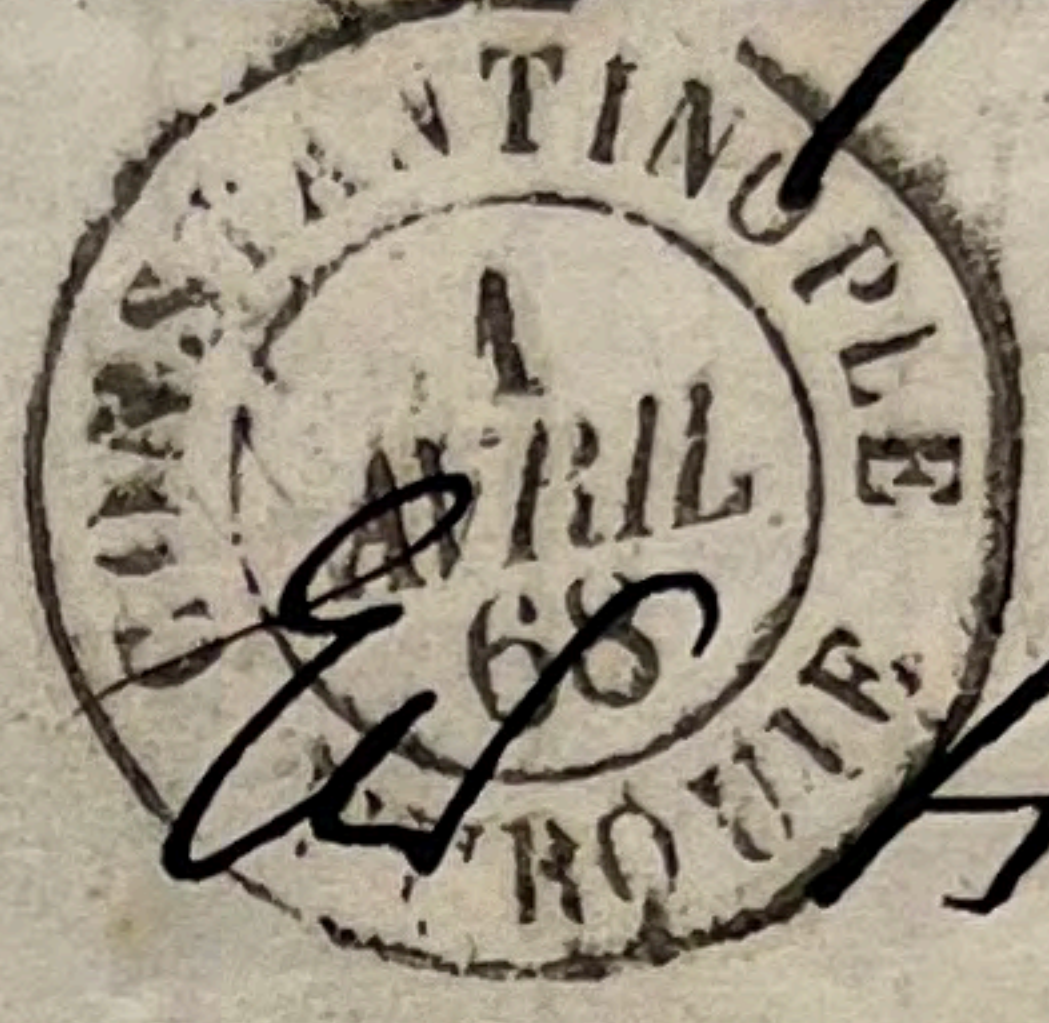


Monsieur G C Duran
Athènes

PO



M^{rs} Kupie J N Douprin



Edouard

Voie de Marseille

PO



Messieurs H. Palluat & Testenoire

Lyon



405 9

Used at the French Postoffice at
Smyrna.

Issue of 1853-61.

Postmarks :- Circular "Smyrne" or "3709" small or "5098" large.



Die II



Die I







Posted 13 Sept 1859 - Delivered 23 Sept 1859



Posted 28 Dec 1858 - Delivered 7 Jan 1859





Issue of 1862.
Smyrna

small "3709". Very late use.



Circular "Smyrne" postmark or "5098".



Die II



Die I



Die I









APPROPRIÉ
INSTRUMENT
PAQUET
DE LA
TURQUIE

CONSTANTINOPLE
6
AOUT
11
TURQUIE

23
Monsieur
M. Tonson Philippe & Olibert
Rue Richer 23.
neg 4

Paris

B. H. ELAMBI
CONSTANTINOPLE

J. J. Garis



CONSTANTINOPLE
8
JULI
7
TURQUIE

M. Caussier

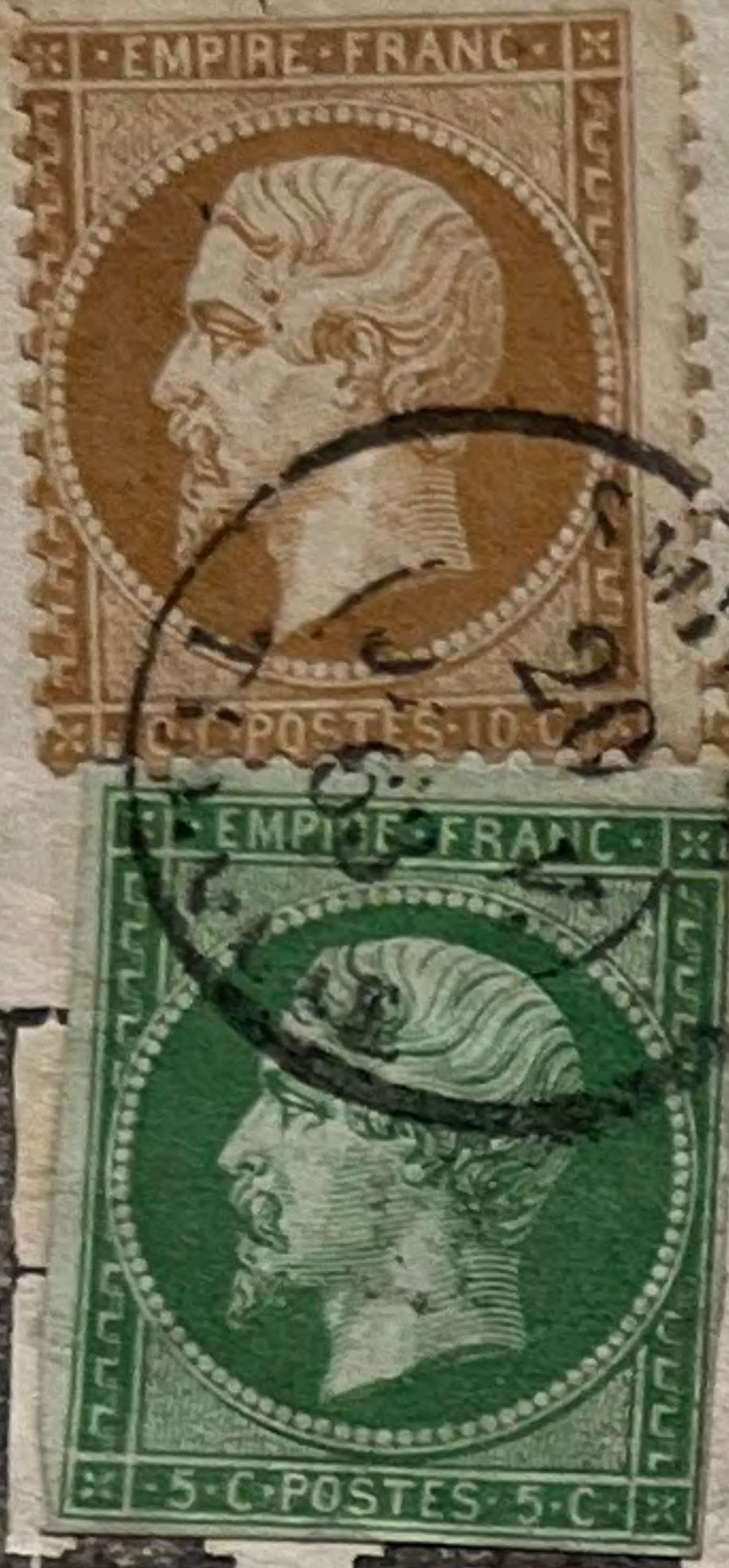
M. Caussier Darblay
156 rue de Rivoli

Paris

Paris



England



Athene



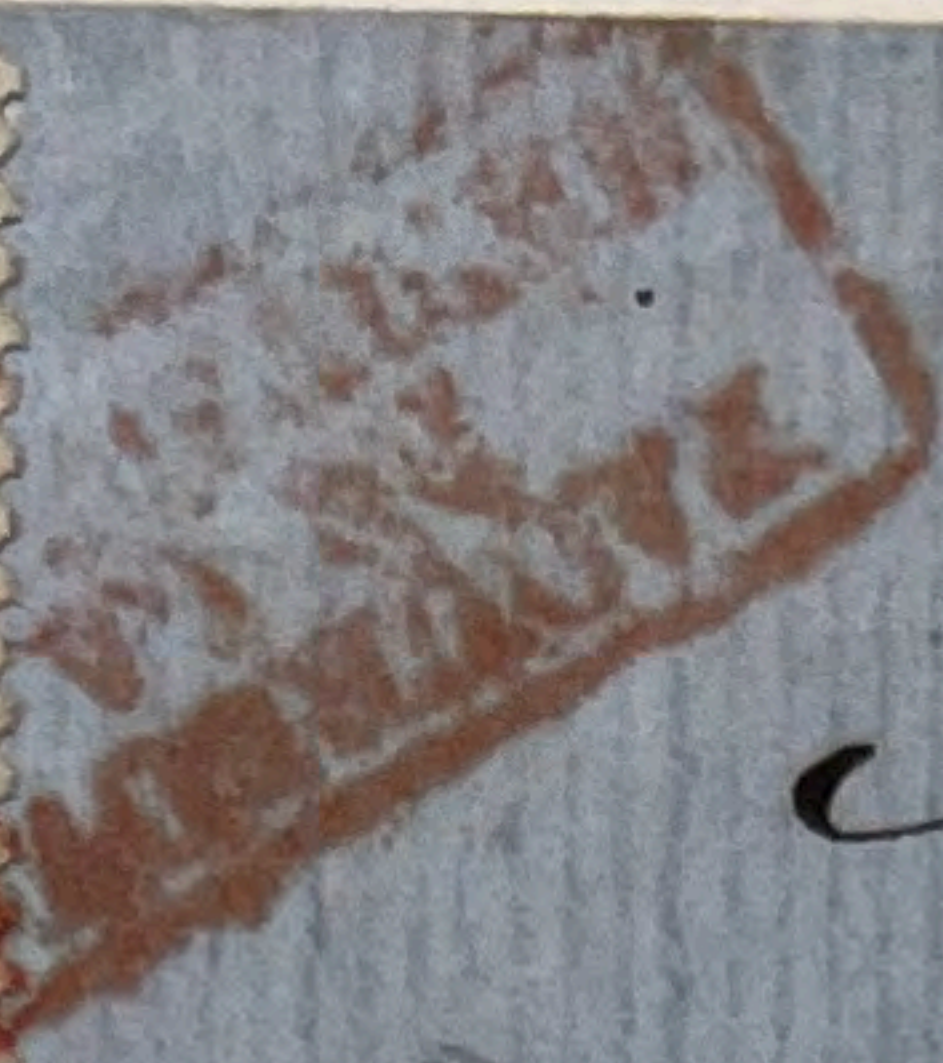
Αποστολή υπέρ του κ. Γ. Βουρνού



Issue of 1863-70
Laureated head - perf 14 x 13 1/2

used at Smyrna





Monsieur



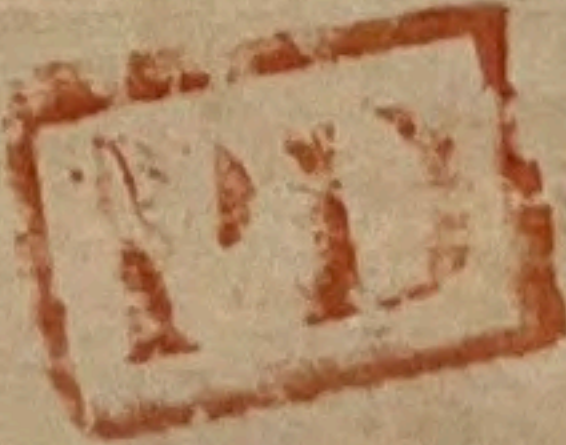
D. Paleologue



Marseille

[Faint handwritten signature]

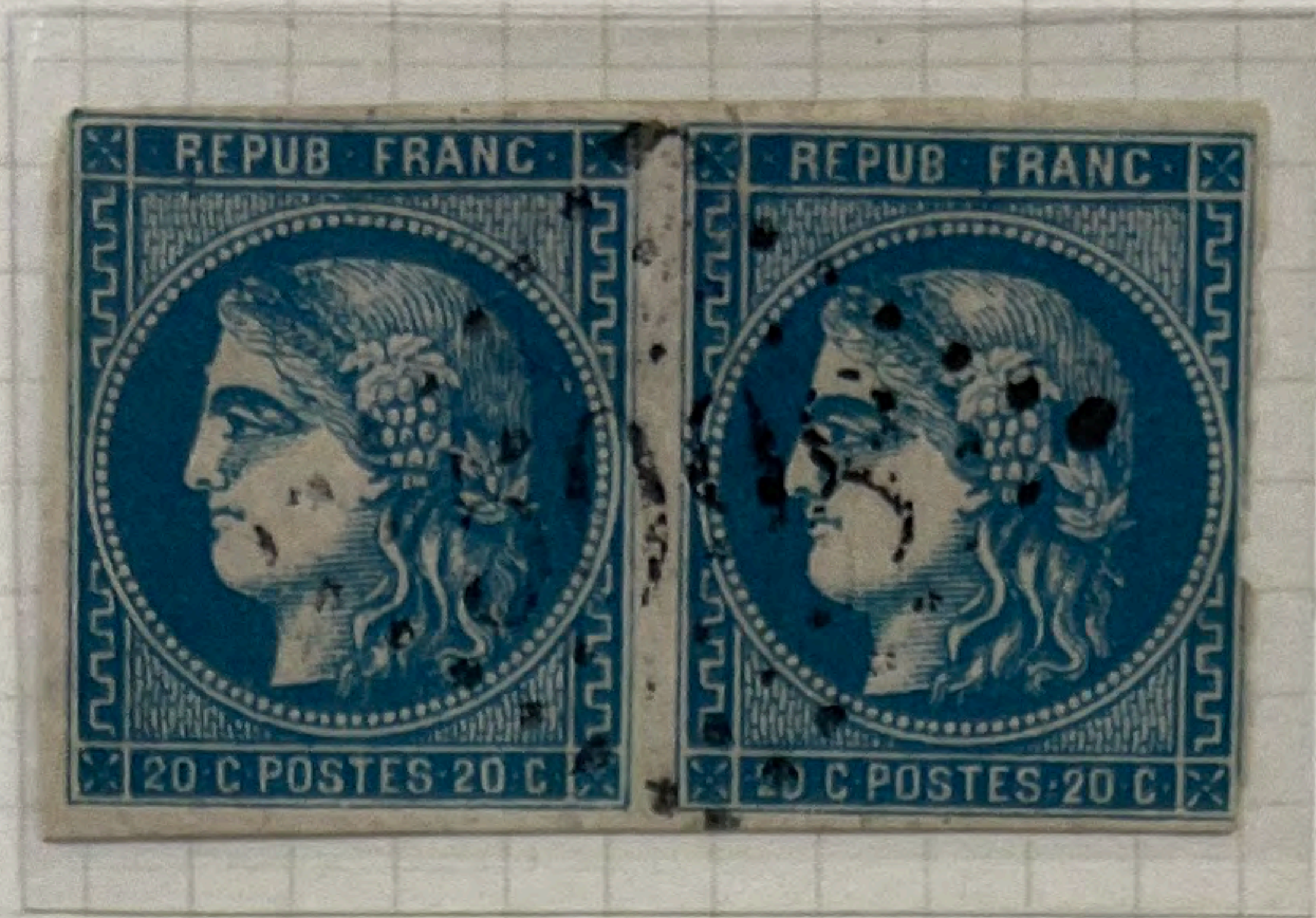
Pel postate francese



Sig

G. P. Scampania
Lissa

295
55



Issue of 1870



Monsieur Bardenet
Sous-lieutenant au 27^e F
régiment de ligne
Antibes,
Alpes maritimes,

Issue of 1870



Messieurs
C. F. Darrasse
21 Rue Simon-le-franc
Paris

BATTI FRERES
SMYRNE

Issue of 1853



Sign. Salvatore Grattol
Catania
Sicile

Col Postale Francese
via di Napoli



Messieurs
B M
J. Lebeault
53 Rue Racine
Paris



Messieurs

Olossmann & C

000 A26

Norddeuil



1/ Signi

Dom: Passi & Co



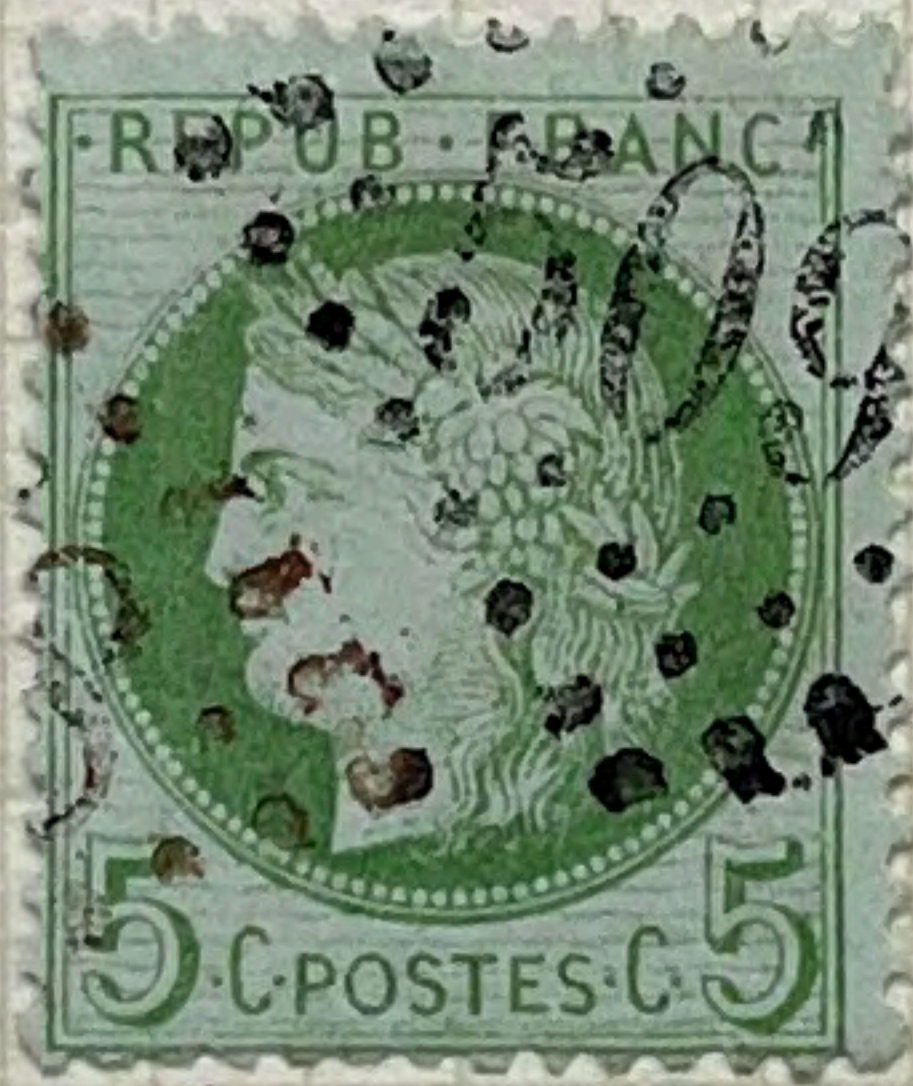
Genova



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Paris issue 1870-73.

used at Smyrna.





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14



12



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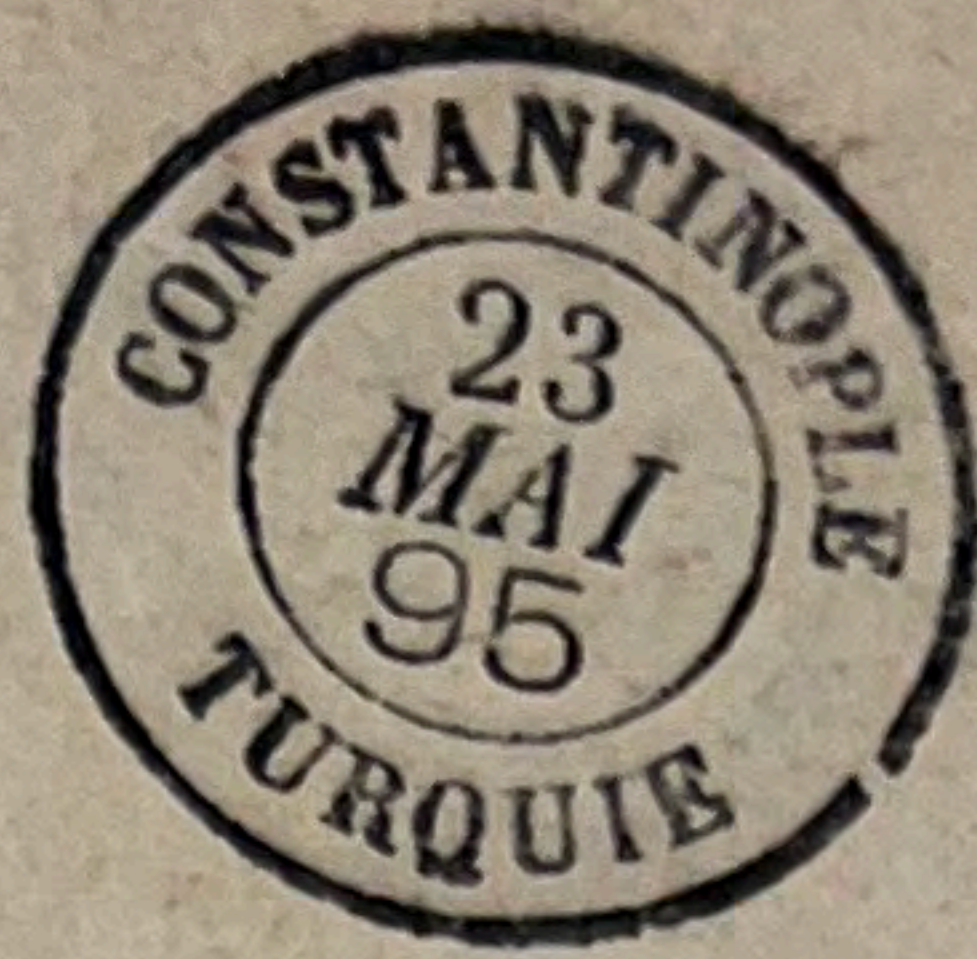


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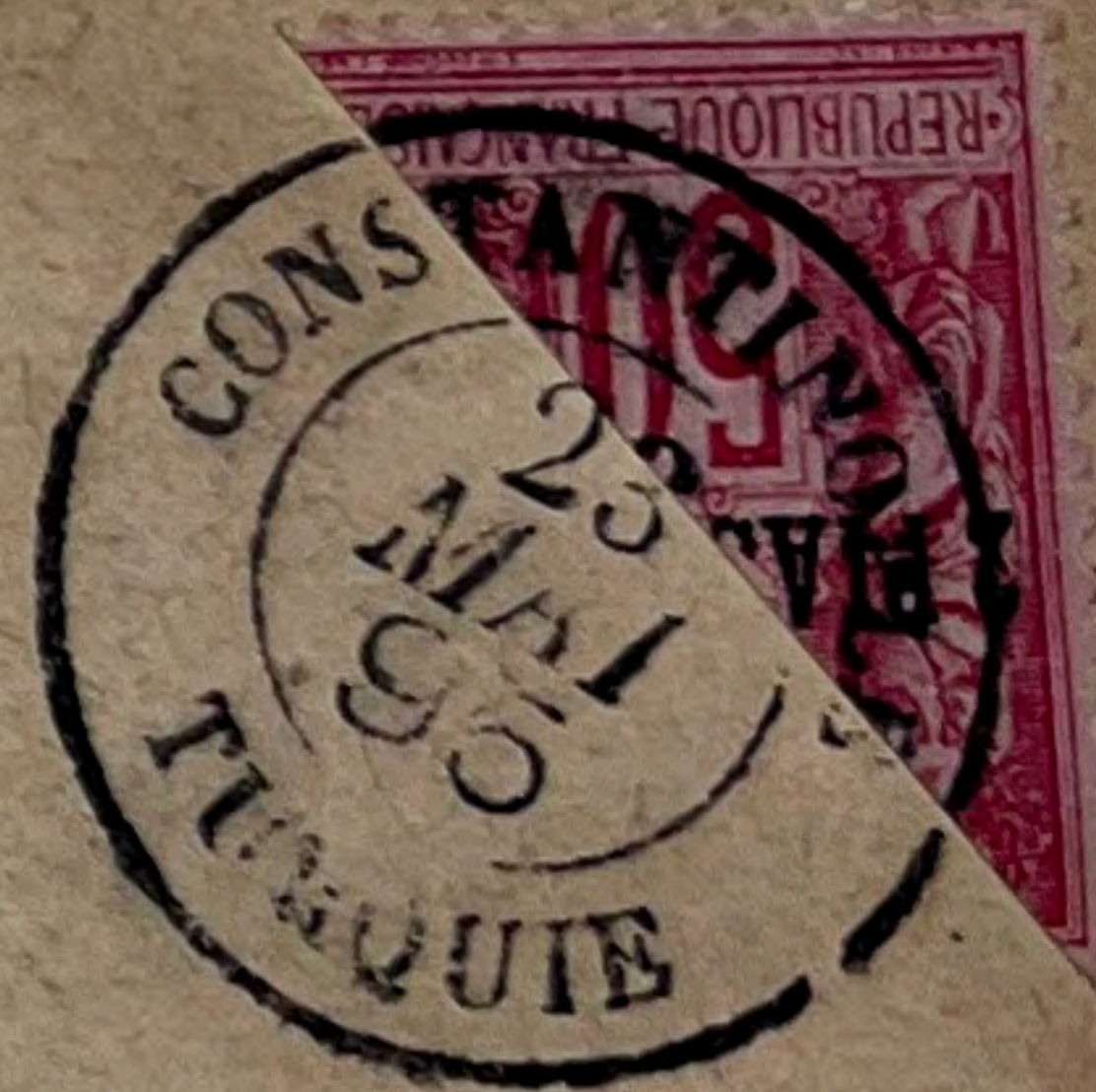
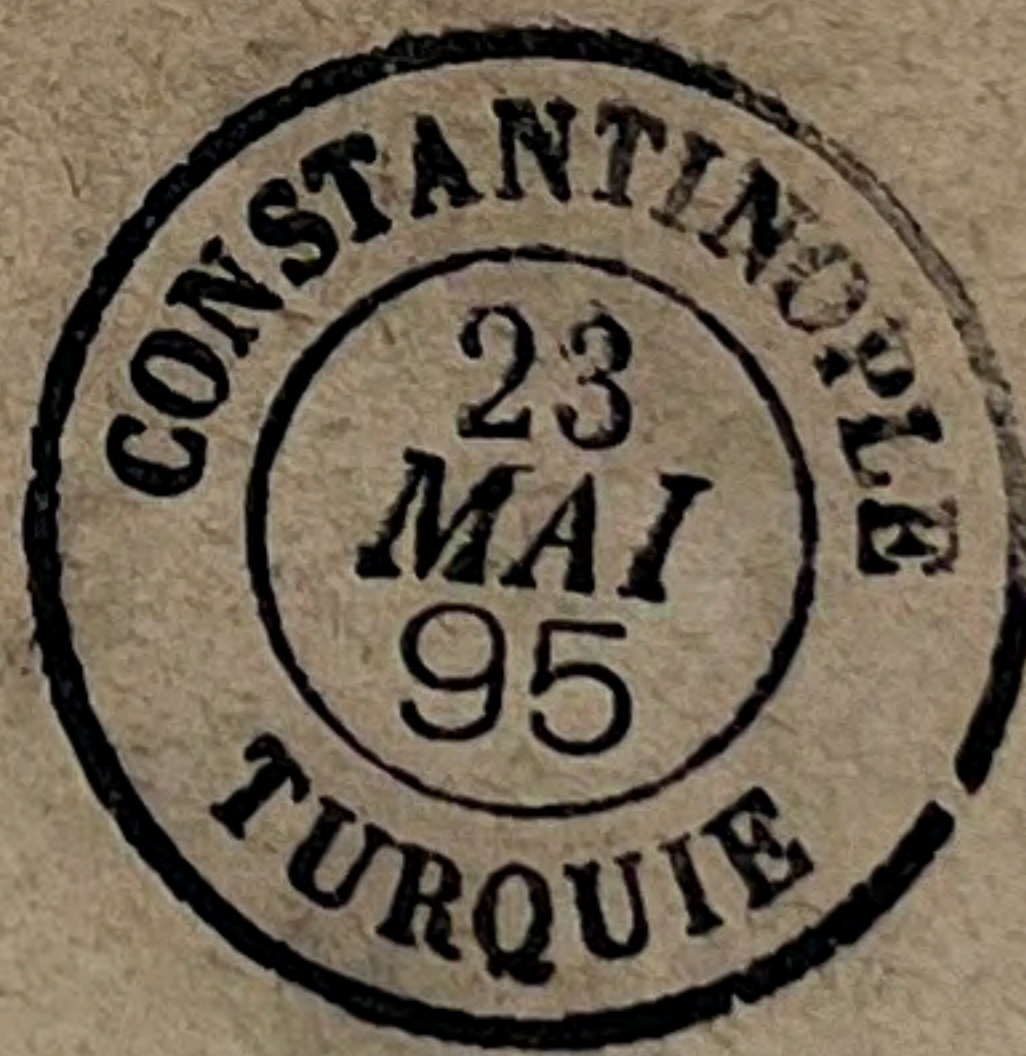


Issue of 1853-61
used at P.O. at Smyrna.





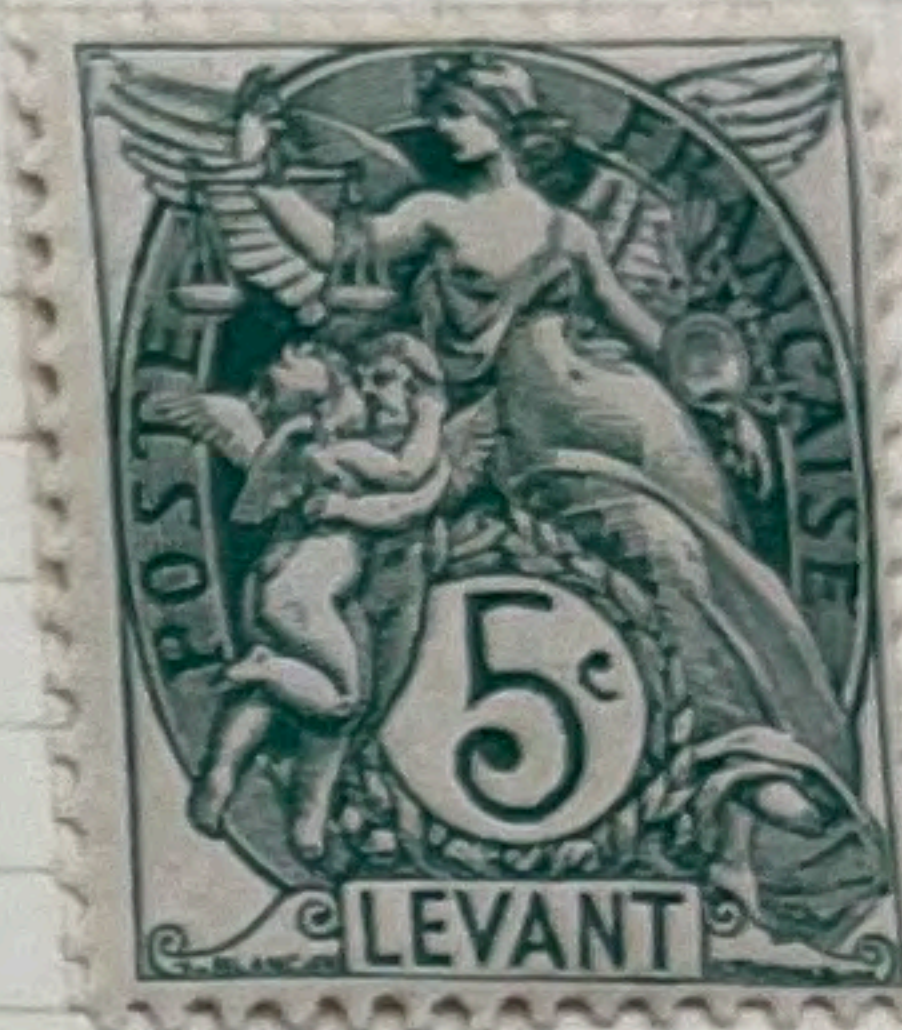
Monsieur Georges Tursock
Beyrouth
Syrie.



Monsieur Nedjib Bustras
Beyrouth.
Syrie.

1902-06.

Types of contemporary French Issue
inscribed LEVANT.



Error

1. PIASTRE instead 1. PIASTRE 1.
of



1902-6.



French P. Os. in Turkey closed on Declaration of War.

7. Nov. 1914.

1919-21.

Stamps of France unsurcharged
used at French P.Os. in Turkey and
postmarked TRESOR ET POSTES.
after Armistice 30. Oct. 1918.



1921.
Used copies.



1921.

Surcharged with higher values due to depreciation of Turkish currency.



used specimens.



1923.
Handstamped surcharge.



1922-3.
Colours changed



Issue of 1886.

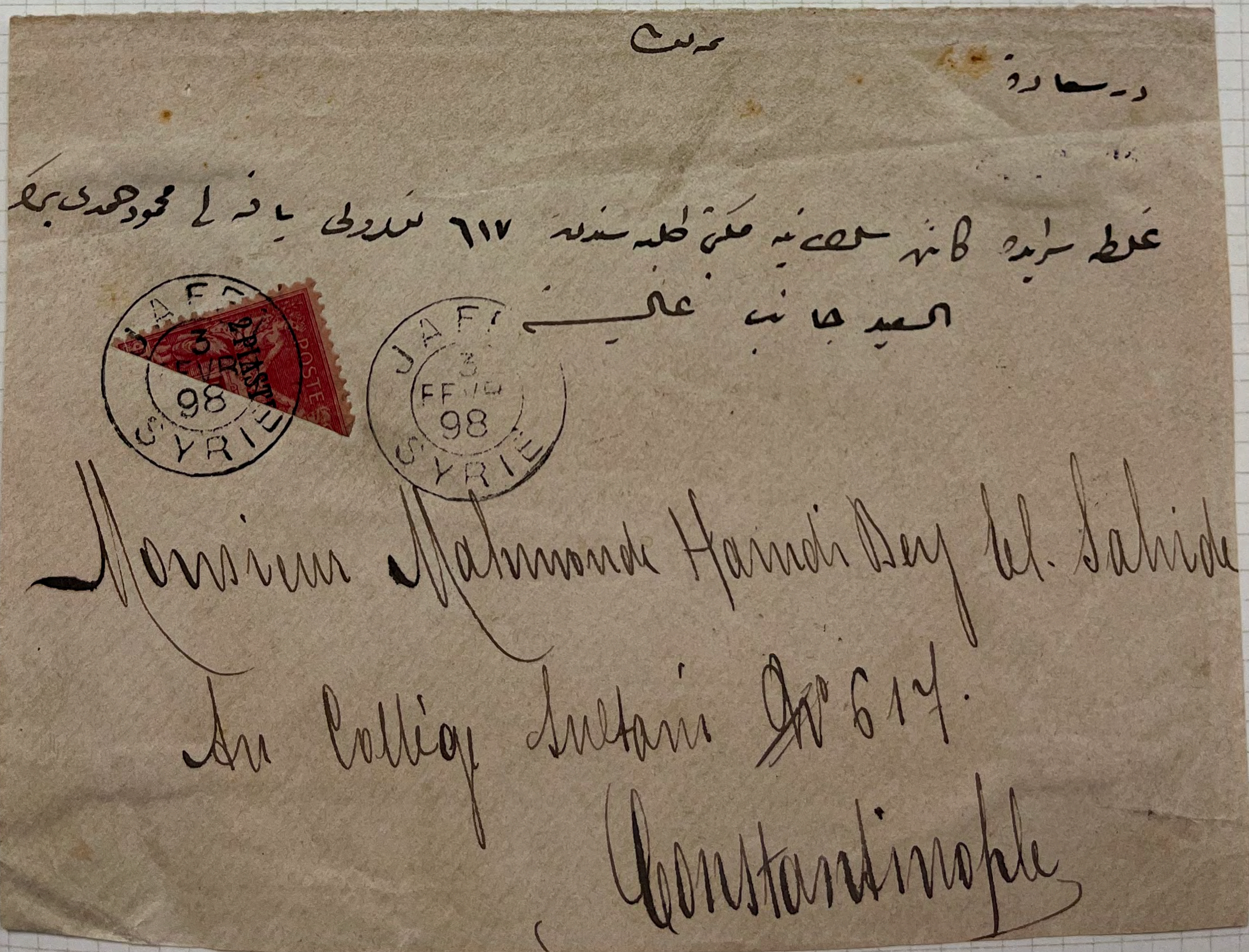
Vermilion surcharge



Carminé surcharge.



2 PIASTRES bisected and used as a 1 Pi. stamp.

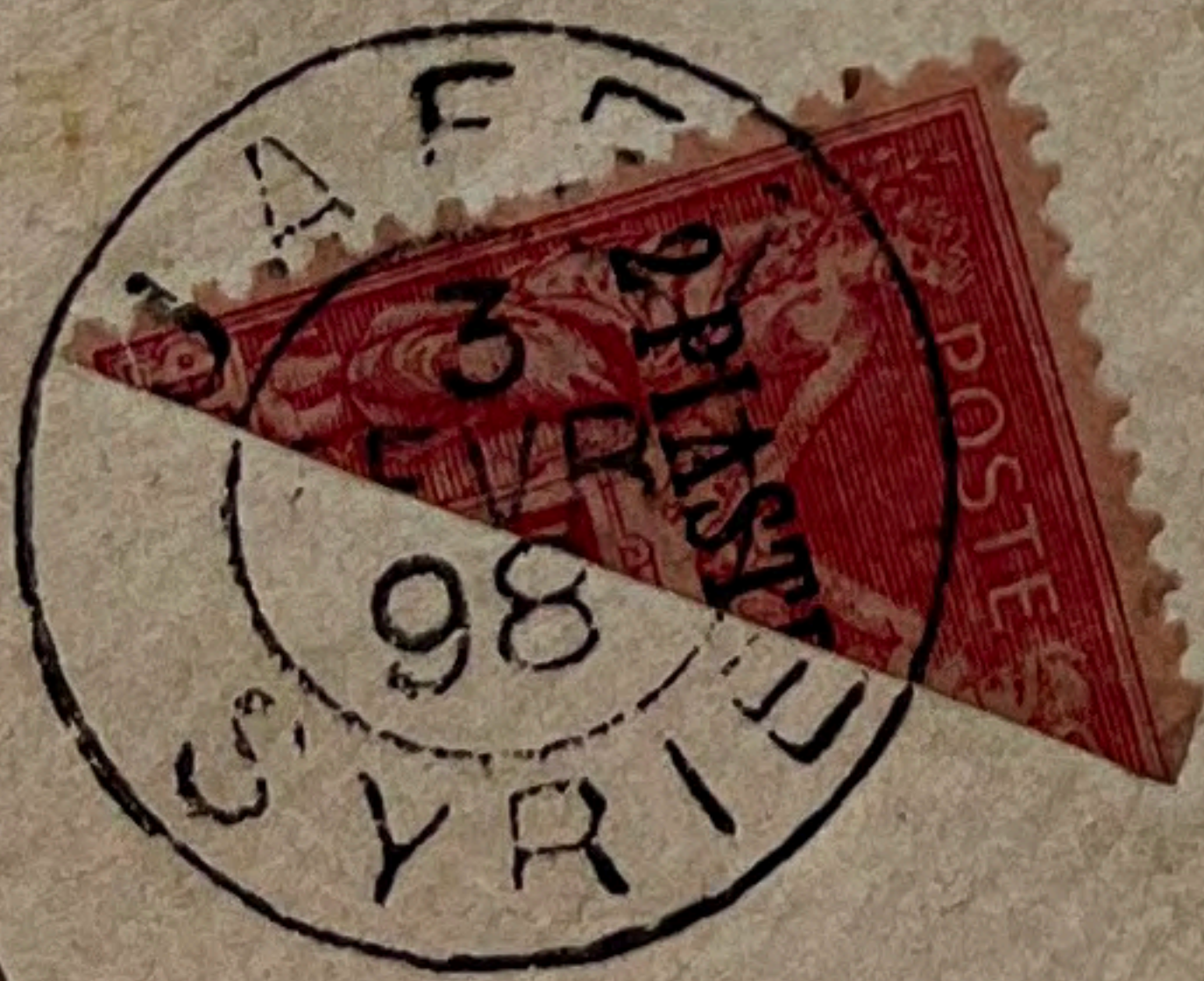


مست

دستاره

عزت سریده بانہ سعیدہ مکتبہ طبعہ سندھ ۶۱۷ سندھ یافہ ل محمد محمدی بیک

السید جان علی



Monsieur Mahmond Hamid Bey el. Sahide

Au Collège Sultan No 614.

Constantinople

August 16th 1885.

Surcharged in Turkish currency by Ministerial Decree
of 5. Aug. 1885.

Inverted Surcharge

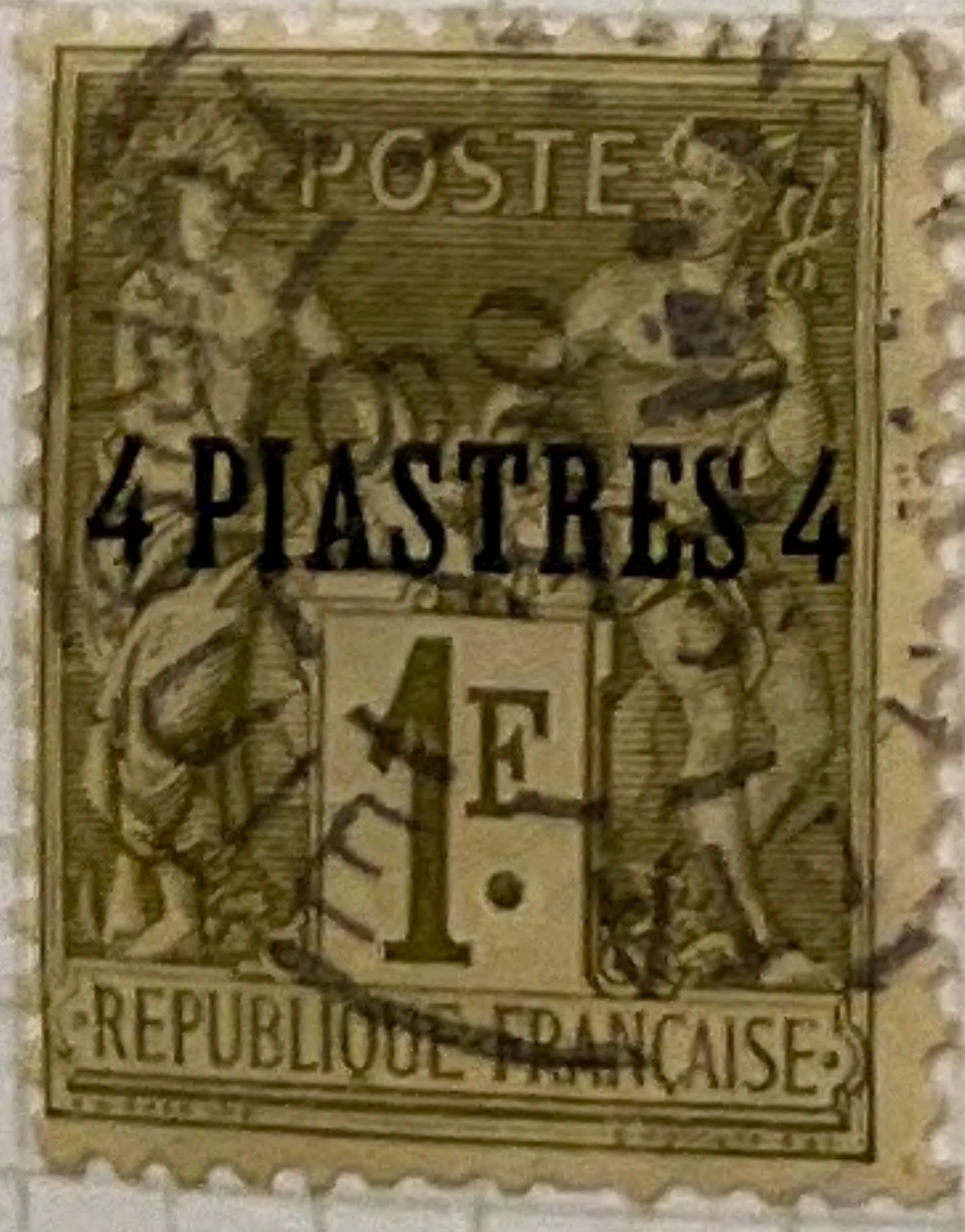
*signed,
very rare
slab*



Var B.



Var B.



SALONIQUE

SMYRNE



TREBIZONDE



Corps d'Armees - Constantinople
1893 - 1895.



- Mersina to Smyrna -

Issue of 1876-81.

Letter N of 'INV' under U of République.



Issue of 1877-90.



cost

10c



SUEZ.



Issue of 1876.

Letter N of IXV. under B. of REPUBLIQUE



cost

SMIRNE



TREBIS

SMIR



cost



cost