

The Government Post

Final Day of Stampless Mail.



December 31, 1865: Cover from Alexandria to Cairo, prepaid 1 piastre with manuscript crayon marking in blue- as practiced by the Posta Europea mail system.

Cancelled by "Poste Vice Reali Egiziane-Alessandria" datestamp in black, Cairo arrival, in black, on reverse dated the same day.

The Government Post period runs from April 15, 1865 until December 31, 1865. The first adhesive stamps were issued on January 1, 1866 thus the cover above represents a 'last day' usage.¹