

The Posta Europea

Registered Mail.

The registration service is believed to have been in use from 1858 and, from the entire letter below, certainly from 1859. Originally this service was without handstamps and the docketing was of manuscript notation and number.

Straight line registration handstamps reading “Per Consegna” were introduced, copied from the then current cancellations used by the Tuscany Post Office.



1859 (arabic dated 2422): Cover from Tanta to Alexandria sent registered. Manuscript docketing number “No. 63” and “1” piastre additional postal charge in red crayon struck with “Per Consegna” and Type III “Posta Europea-Tanta” handstamps in deep blue ink.¹

Just two registered letters from Tanta have been recorded during the Posta Europea period. Smith: “All registered letters are rare”.²

Illustrated in ‘Posta Europea’ by Ambassador Luca Biolato on page 520.

- 1. Ex collections K. Woljsbauer and Ambassador Biolato.*
- 2. Smith ‘Egypt Stamps & Postal History’, page 18.*