

## *Posta Europea*

*Essays for proposed Stamp Issue.*



*1863-1864: Essays for proposed adhesive stamp issue, rectangular labels in black on white paper in four different denominations with Piastr e Tarifa. 1 piastre, 1½ piastres, 2 piastres and 3 piastres, rates which were applicable to both the Posta Europea service and the later Government Post.*

*Only two sets of these Essays have been found, the other being in the Roth collection, ex King Farouk.*

*The lower row shows the second type of Essay, with imprinted "Posta Europea - Bono Per Para - Mansura" again Italian showing denominations with 10 paras, 20 paras, 30 paras and 1 piastre values on yellow, deep blue, green and rose-white papers.*

*This set is one of three complete sets recorded and the Essays are mounted on the album page upon which they were originally found.*

*These Essays became the basis from which the Interpostal Seals were issued under the auspices of the Egyptian Post Office from 1864.*

*This stamp project was aborted-the Interpostal Seals were only ever utilised as Official stamps with no value indicated. However, these Essays demonstrate the initial attempt to issue a set of stamps for pre-payment of postage in Egypt.<sup>1</sup>*

*1. Quarterly Circular, Egypt Study Circle, Volume XIII, No. 9, March 2004, by Greg Todd. Ex collection Ambassador Luca Biolato.*