

The Posta Europea.

The first handstamp of Alexandria.

Recorded dates of use: April 4, 1844 until June 21, 1848.



May 20, 1845: Cover from Alexandria to Cairo, addressed to the Sardinian Consul, struck with Type I handstamp "Posta Europea-In Alessandria D'Egitto" in black. On the earlier usages rate notifications are unusual as most mail was carried under contract, this letter, unlike the one below, is rated "1½" piastres in manuscript.



May 3, 1847: Cover from Marseille carried outside the Mails to Alexandria, where posted through the Posta Europea system to Cairo, addressed to the Sardinian Consul. Struck with Type I handstamp "Posta Europea-In Alessandria D'Egitto" in blue.