

The Posta Europea

The first handstamp of Alexandria.

Oval handstamp, Type I, reading "Posta Europea-In Alessandria D'Egitto"
Recorded dates of use: April 4, 1844 until June 21, 1848.



May 23, 1846: Cover from Casale de Montferrato, Sardinia to Cairo, addressed to the Sardinian Consul, with two line dated despatch, prepaid 1 lire 30 centesemi in manuscript. Reverse with Livorno transit (June 3) and French Post Office "Alexandrie-Egypte" datestamp (June 11), thence transferred to the Posta Europea and struck with "Posta Europea-In Alessandria D'Egitto" in black.¹

Illustrated in 'Posta Europea' by Ambassador Luca Biolato on page 743.



Reduced copy of the reverse.

¹.Ex collection Ambassador Biolato