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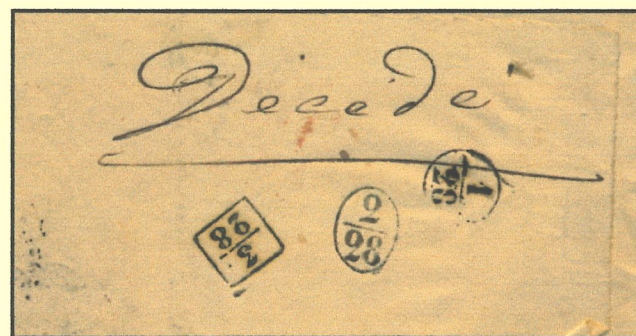
MAIL RETURNED TO SENDER.

DECEDE



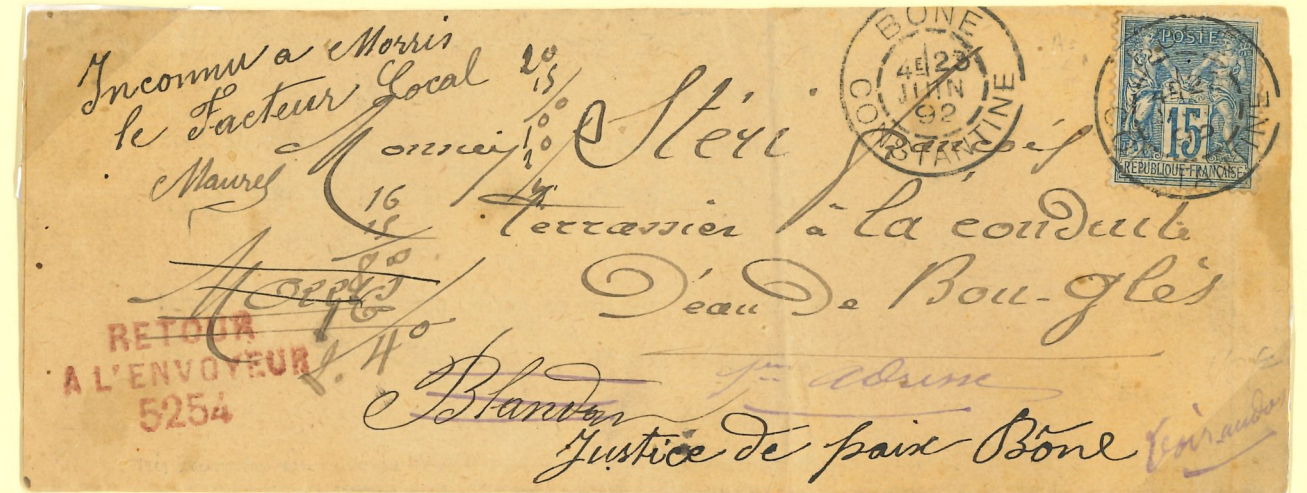
21 October 1881

Registered letter ds Marseille Affranchissements to Marseille.
m/s DECEDE Three attempts made at delivery evidenced by postmen's stamps.
Returned to sender with RETOUR / A L'ENVOYEUR / 2240 of Marseille.



TYPE SAGE

MAIL DELIVERY PROBLEMS IN ALGERIA.



23 June 1892

Bone, Constantine to Blandan, Constantine and redirected to Morris (Constantine)
The addressee was unknown at both locations and it was returned to sender at Bone.
ds BLANDAN, CONSTANTINE (facteur boitier) 26.6 & 2.7

m/s *Inconnu à Blandan*

Redirected to Morris (ds 3.7)

M/s *Inconnu à Morris / Le facteur local / Maures (signature)*

Returned to sender by Morris RETOUR / A L'ENVOYEUR / 5254

Received at Bone 4.7



TYPE SAGE

MAIL SENT TO A PRISON.

A letter to the Maison Centrale de Fontevault 1878



TYPE SAGE

MAIL RETURNED TO SENDER.

DECEDE



12 January 1894

St Marcellin (Isere) to St Marcellin

m/s DECEDE / LE FACTEUR / SIGNATURE and black perforated label DECEDE
Returned to sender with RETOUR / A L'ENVOYEUR / 3741 of St Marcellin.



TYPE SAGE

MAIL SENT TO A PRISON.

A letter to the Maison Centrale de Fontevrault. 1878.

14 March 1878

Chateaubriand (Loire Inferieure) to a prisoner at the Maison Centrale de Fontevrault with a 25c postage stamp attached for the reply.

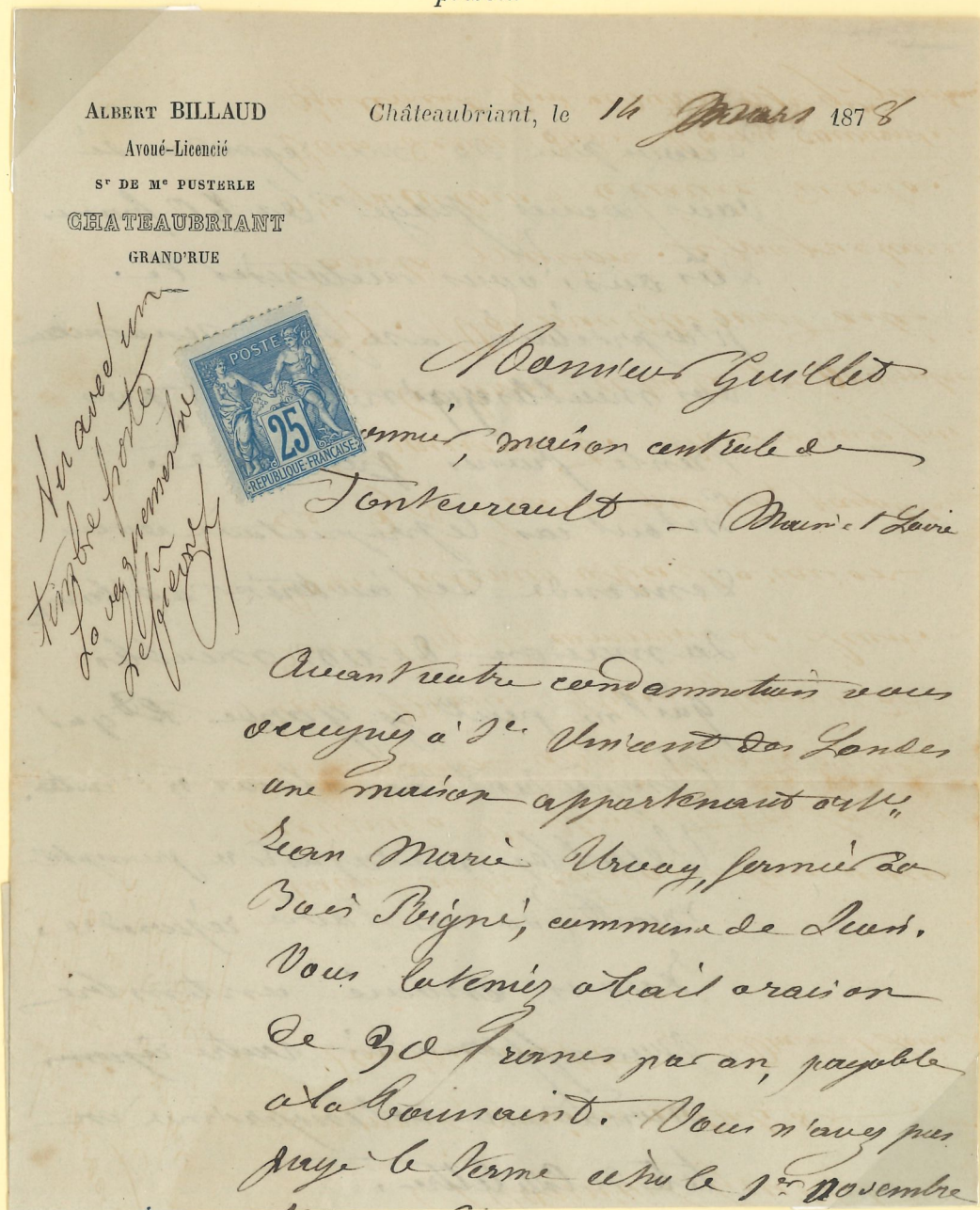
The letter has been opened by the prison but returned with the following comments:

Ouvert par conformité de nom / Le vaguemestre de la maison centrale.

Inconnu à la maison centrale de Fontevrault / Le Vaguemestre.

The letter has been tied with string and sealed by the Fontevrault post office and returned to sender with their stamp "retour / à l'envoyeur / 1548".

A lawyer writes to a prisoner in connection with unpaid rent on his house as the owner is unable to let it out again until all the furniture and effects are removed. He adds a postage stamp for the reply and this is noted on the letter by the Vaguemestre who is in charge of the postal services at the prison.



TYPE SAGE

MAIL RETURNED TO SENDER.

NOM COMMUN
A PLUSIEURS
PERSONNES



17 November 1897

Registered letter from Paris-50, r St Denis to Graulhet (Tarn)

Received at Graulhet on 19.11.

As there was more than one person sharing this name in Graulhet the letter was returned to Paris

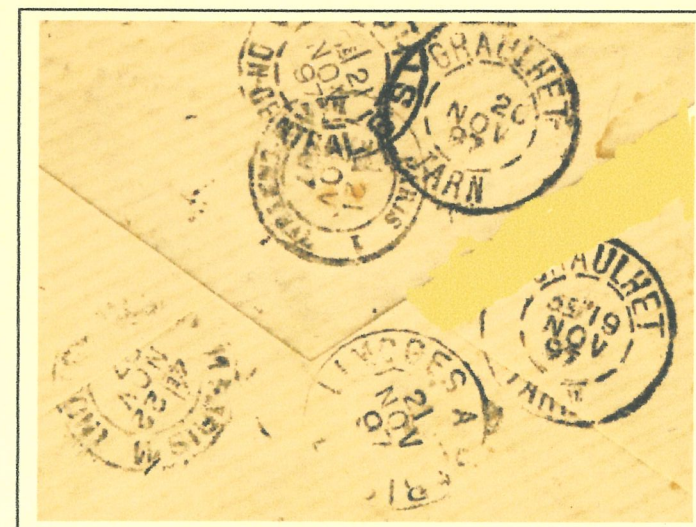
Gummed label 'nom commun / a plusieurs / personnes'

'Retour / a l'envoyeur / 1708 (Graulhet)

Transit: Limoges à Paris TPO 21.11

h/s '1-Paris-1 / rayon central' (type 17) and '8 Paris 8 / rayon central' (Type A) 21.11

passed to '11 Paris 11 / Distribution' 22.11



TYPE SAGE.
RETURNED REGISTERED MAIL.



2 August 1889
Registered letter from St Dizier (Haute Marne) to Chevillon Haute Marne)

Franked 40c
Postage 15c & registration 25c.

The letter was refused. Black gummed label "REFUSE"
M/S Je certifie que je suis présente a la porte et que la destinataire n'a pas voulu ouvrir la porte"

22 attempts were made to deliver the letter.

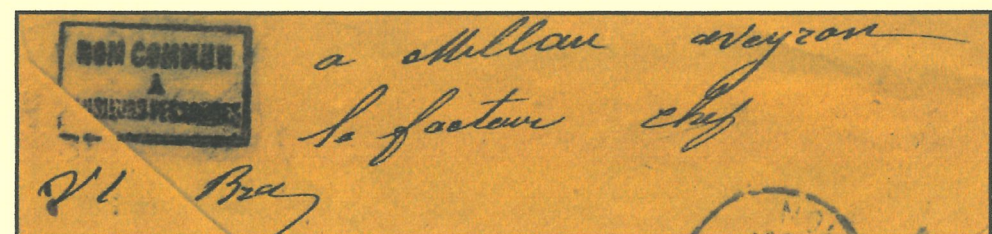
Retour a l'envoyeur 1010 of Chevillon. Received St Dizier 10.10.

TYPE SAGE.
MAIL RETURNED TO SENDER.

NOM COMMUN
A
PLUSIEURS PERSONNES



22 April 1896
Marseille, Place de la République to Millau (Aveyron)
Boxed handstamp NOM COMMUN A PLUSIEURS PERSONNES
accompanied by m/s A MILLAU, AVEYRON / LE FACTEUR CHEF / (SIGNATURE)
Returned to sender with stamped RETOUR / A L'ENVOYEUR / 2360 of Millau.



TYPE SAGE
 REGISTERED MAIL
 RETURNED TO SENDER.



9 January 1900.
 Registered letter from Cognac (Charente) to St-Antonin (Tarn & Garonne)

Franked 40c.
 Postage 0-15 Tariff of 1.5.1878
 Registration 0-25 Tariff of 16.1.1879

Reason for return: "Inconnu" (unknown) indicated by perforated label.
 "Retour a l'Envoyeur / 3505" = St Antonin.

TYPE SAGE
 MAIL RETURNED TO SENDER.
 An unknown castle.



8 June 1898
 TROARN
 Troarn (Calvados) to Chateau de la Lamoriniere,
 near Vire (Calvados)

Chateau inconnu au service rural de Vire.
 Localité ne figure pas au dictionnaire.



cds of Vire (9.6) and RETOUR / A L'ENVOYEUR / 4291 (Vire).
 Received at Troarn 10.6
 TROARN

TYPE SAGE.

MAIL RETURNED TO SENDER.

INCONNU A GOURDON (LOT)
LE FACTEUR LOCAL
N^{RO} 2 ROUSSEL



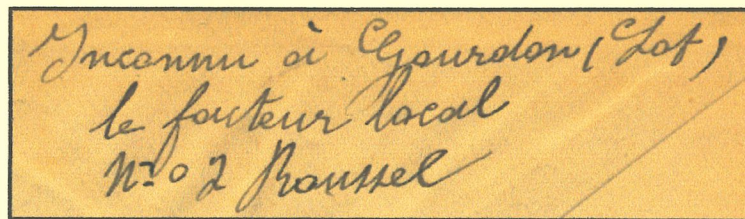
23 September 1898

Perigueux to Gourdon (Lot)

m/s INCONNU A GOURDON (LOT) / LE FACTEUR LOCAL / NRO 2 ROUSSEL.

Handstamp RETOUR / A L'ENVOYEUR / 1680 of Gourdon.

Unusual detail given of the identity of the local (town) postman.



TYPE SAGE.

POSTCARDS

Registered "Precurseur" postcards.



31 October 1878

Registered postcard sent by La Rouenaise insurance company, Rouen, to Champigny, Marne.

Returned to sender marked *Inconnu à Champigny par Reims*

Retour / A l'Envoyeur / 3103 in red applied at Reims.

Returned and represented.

Transit marks.

Givet à Paris 2° 3.11 (night TPO of 2.11) Paris au Havre 3.11 (Day TPO)

Received at La Rouenais, 4.11

Le Havre à Paris Day TPO 9.11.

Givet à Paris 2° 11.11 (Night TPO 10.11) Paris au Havre Day TPO 11.11

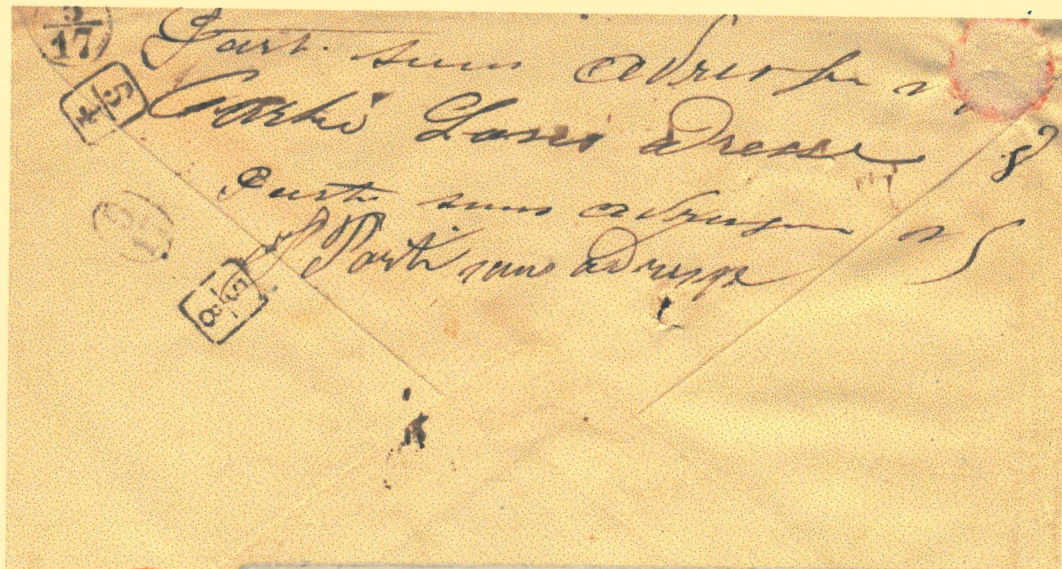
Received at La Rouenais 11.11.

Franked 35c.

Postage 10c (Tariff of 1.5.1878) and Registration 25c (Tariff of 2/1873)

TYPE SAGE

UNDELIVERED MAIL



4 February 1880
Paris, Rue Taitbou, to Paris.

M/s "Parti sans adresse" plus postmen's marks.
Opened and returned to sender by the "Rebuts" (RLO)
Red h/s "Rebuts de Paris" of 5 February

PRECURSOR POSTCARDS.

REBUTS DE PARIS

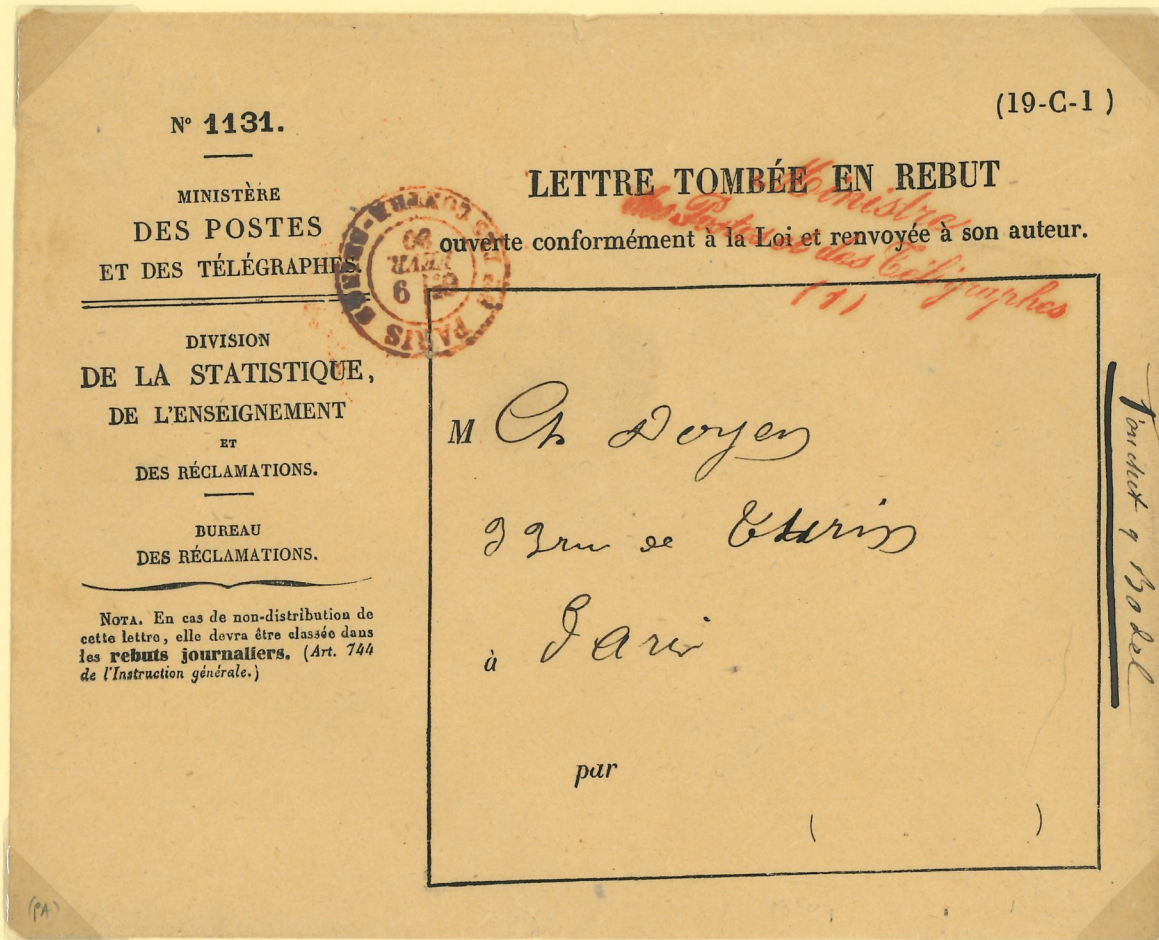


21 July 1875
Card from Angerville (72) to Paris.
Address given as "Faubourg Bannier".
Received at Paris 21.7
(in red) Faub(ourg) Inconnu

The Law of Secrecy prevents Post Office employees from opening envelopes or reading the backs of postcards. This means that even if the information is there and visible, the cards needs to be dealt with by the Rebuts.
(in red) Rebuts de Paris / * 22.7

The Rebuts know that the "Faubourg Bannier" is in Orléans and not Paris and the card is marked (in blue) "Voir Orléans" and "Pour Orléans".

TYPE SAGE
UNDELIVERED MAIL



9 February 1880
Paris, B^{au} des Contre-Seings to Paris.

Envelope 1131 used to return letters that cannot be delivered.
Sent under franchise with linear franchise mark " Ministre / des Postes et des
telegraphes / (1)

The name of the addressee " Bodel " shown on the right hand side of the envelope
links it with the undelivered letter on the previous sheet.

TYPE SAGE.
MAIL RETURNED TO SENDER.
REBUTS DE PARIS

INCONNU
A L'APPEL



19 February 1888
Lille to Paris

Four attempts at delivery. m/s INCONNU and INCONNU A L'APPEL then stamped boxed
INCONNU / A L'APPEL and passed to the Returned Letter Office who stamped it with
their own REBUTS DE PARIS / * handstamp together with the return to sender stamp of
the Recette Principale RETOUR / A L'ENVOYEUR / *



TYPE SAGE

MAIL DELIVERY PROBLEMS

REBUTS DE PARIS



23 July 1892.

Advice of death (Avis de décès) from a men's old peoples home (Maison de Vieillesse Hommes) at Gentilly (Seine) to a next of kin in Paris, requiring removal of the body in 24 hours.

Unsuccessful attempts to deliver it by brigades 1,2,3 and 4 of the postmen of the 6th Rayon, 11th quartier. With the mention *Parti sans adresse*

Handstamp: RC PARIS RC / DISTRIBUTION.(Rayon Central) 23.7

Sent to Rebuts. Handstamp: * PARIS REBUTS * 26.7

Returned to sender RETOUR / A L'ENVOYEUR / * (applied at the Recette Principale)



Note on postmen's marks.

These show two figures; Rayon above and Quartier below.

Brigade 1. circular without dividing line.

Brigade 2. Circular with dividing line

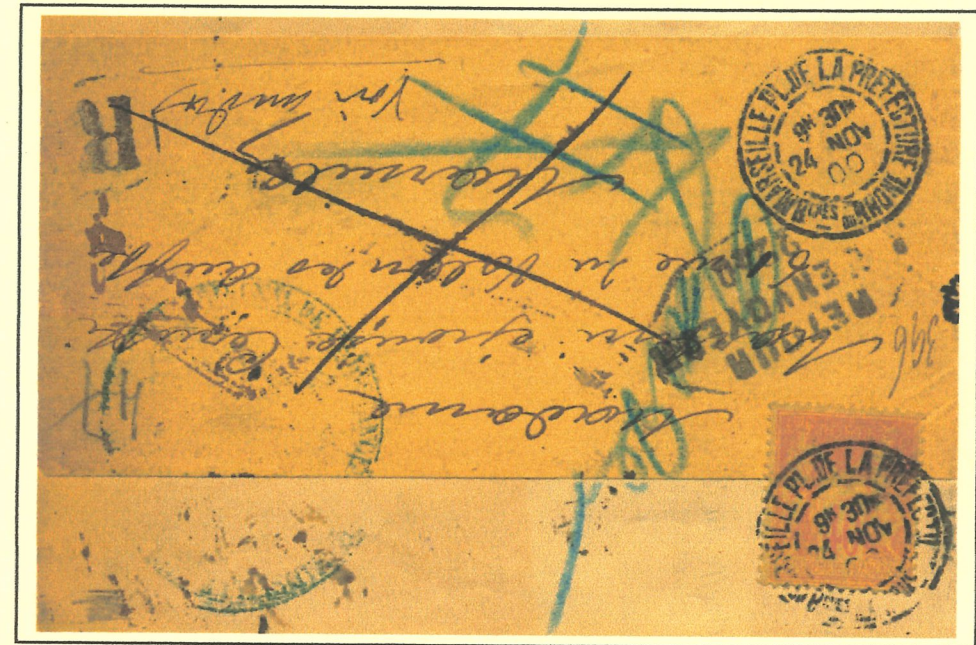
Brigade 3. Oval without dividing line.

Brigade 4. Oval with dividing line

TYPE SAGE.

MAIL RETURNED TO SENDER.

REBUTS, MARSEILLE (Returned letter office)



24 November 1900

Registered letter from Marseille, Place de la Prefecture, to Marseille. Marked "absent" and several attempts made to deliver it, witnessed by the postmens square, oval, circular and diamond shaped personal handstamps. Stamped NON RECLAME and passed to the returned letter office who have stamped it with their circular date stamp (type 15, 24mm block capitals) REBUTS / MARSEILLE. The letter was returned to sender with the mark RETOUR / A L'ENVOYEUR / 2240 of Marseille.

This Rebuts mark is not recorded by de Beaufond or Catalogue des Estampilles.



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UNDELIVERED FOREIGN MAIL.

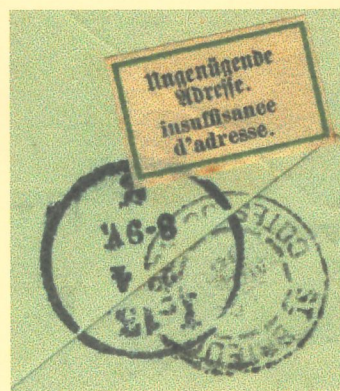


22 April 1898

St Briec (Cotes du Nord) to Leipzig, Germany.

Returned to sender as the address is insufficient to allow delivery.
m/s "zuruck" and label "Insuffisance d'adresse" on reverse.

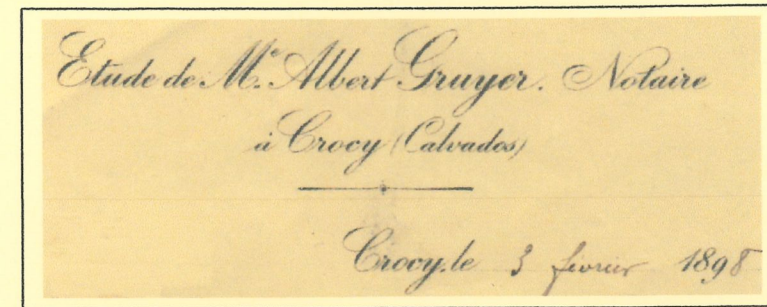
Returned to sender by the Paris rebuts in the envelope on the accompanying sheet.



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PROBLEMS WITH THE MAIL.

Addressee unknown. Letter returned to sender via the "Rebuts".



Etude de M. Albert Gruyer. Notaire à Crocy (Calvados)

Crocy le 3 février 1898

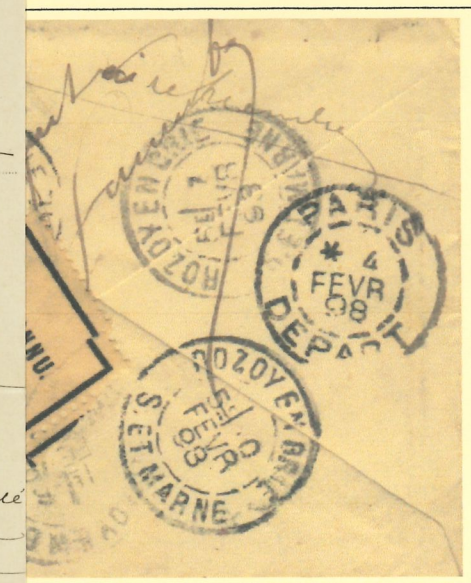
Monsieur Gondouin

Je viens vous rappeler ma lettre du 19 novembre 1897, restée sans réponse.

Dans cette lettre, je vous ai expliqué que des poursuites étaient sur le point d'être exercées pour obtenir le paiement des sommes empruntées lors de vos avances de famille.

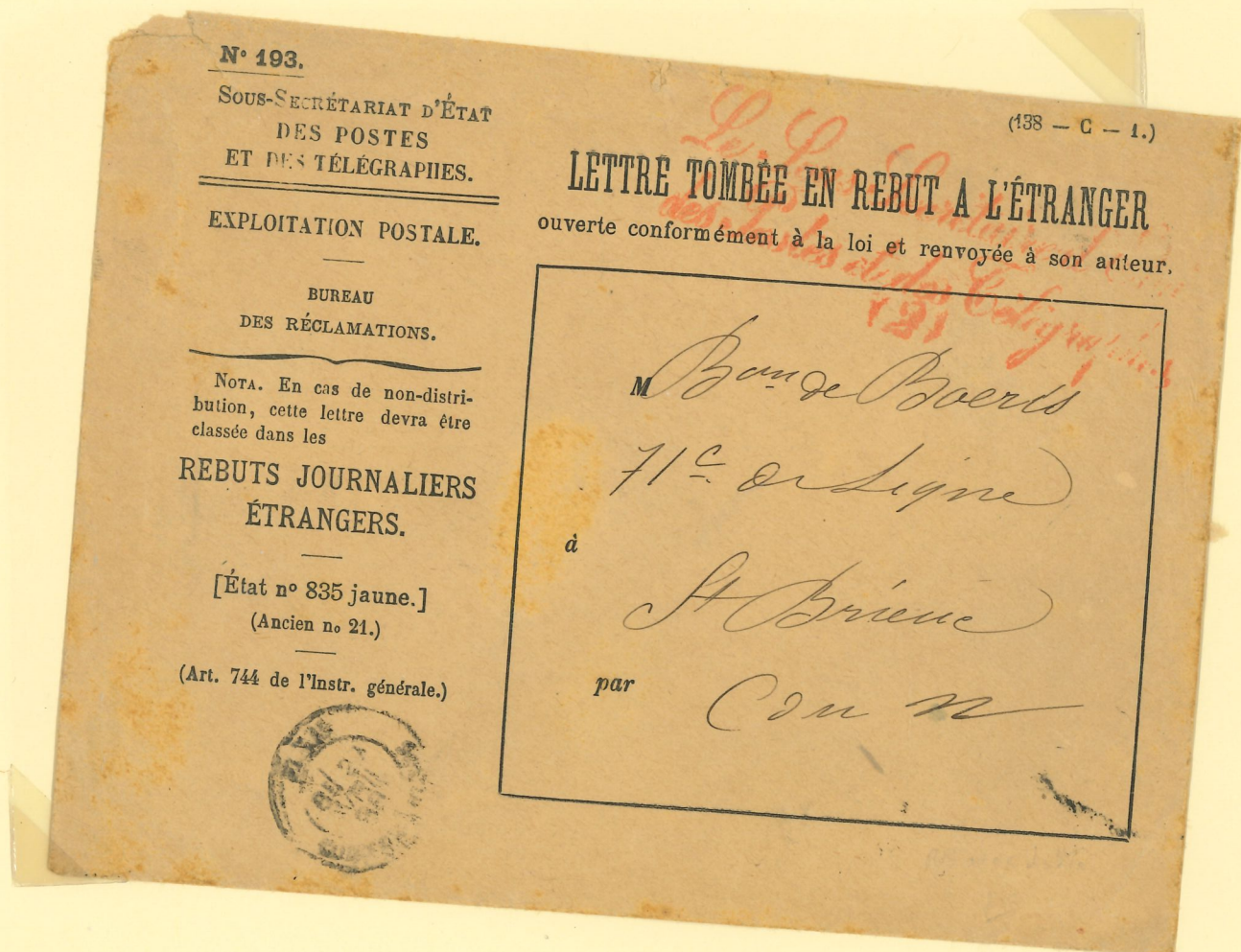
J'avais engagé votre dame à vendre amiablement et à liquider sa situation.

Sans votre autorisation, elle ne put rien faire ou il faut qu'elle s'adresse au Tribunal, ce qui est toujours plus coûteux.



TYPE SAGE

UNDELIVERED FOREIGN MAIL.



24 April 1898.

Paris, Contre-Seings (?) to St Brieuc (Cotes du Nord)

Envelope 193 used to return mail sent abroad that cannot be delivered.
Sent under franchise with linear mark "Le Sous Secretariat / des Postes et des Telegraphes / 2"

The returned letter contained in this envelope is shown on the accompanying sheet.

TYPE SAGE

PROBLEMS WITH THE MAIL.

Addressee unknown. Letter returned to sender via the "Rebuts".

(2)

3 February 1898

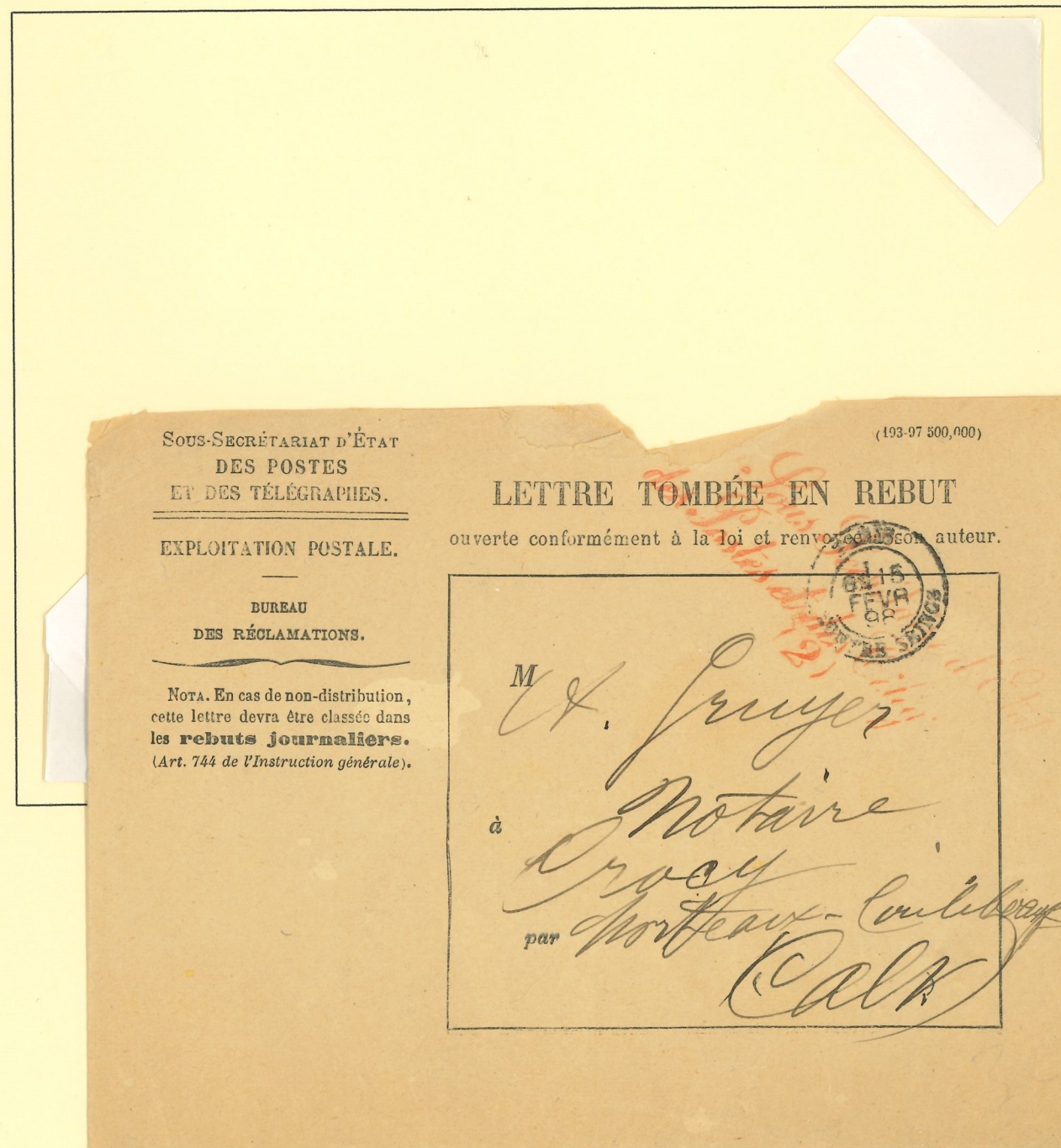
Letter from a 'notaire' at Crocy (Calvados) to Nesles via Rozoy en Brie (Seine & Marne)
Posted in rural box F of the Morteaux Couliboeuf (Calvados) office situated at Crocy.

Transit: Paris, Depart 4 February.

Unsuccessful attempts by the Rozoy en Brie office to locate addressee on 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 10th of February.
m/s "Inconnu à Nesles par Rozoy / le Facteur / signature" and perforated "Inconnu" label.

Returned to the Rebuts at Paris R.P. to ascertain return address.

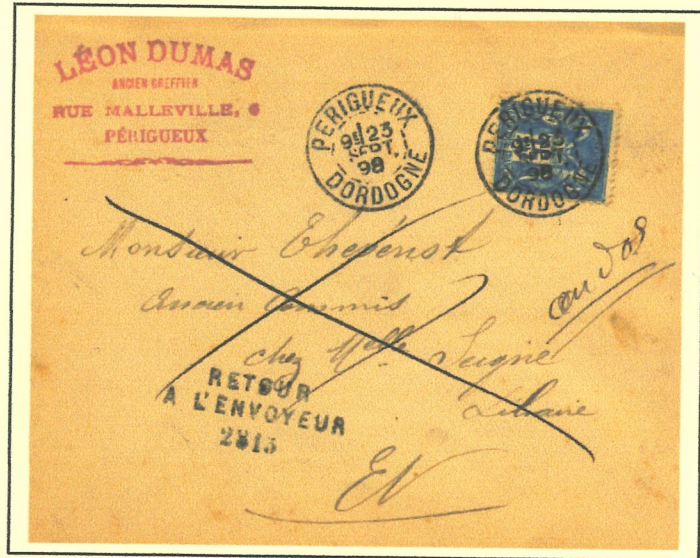
Returned to sender in ambulance cover with "Paris / Contre-Seings" date stamp (15 February)
and authorising stamp **Sous Secrétariat d'Etat / des Postes et des Télégraphes / 2**



TYPE SAGE.

MAIL RETURNED TO SENDER.

INCONNU
A L'APPEL DES FACTEURS
Le Facteur-Chef, GRAMOND



X 2/3

23 September 1898
Perigueux to Perigueux

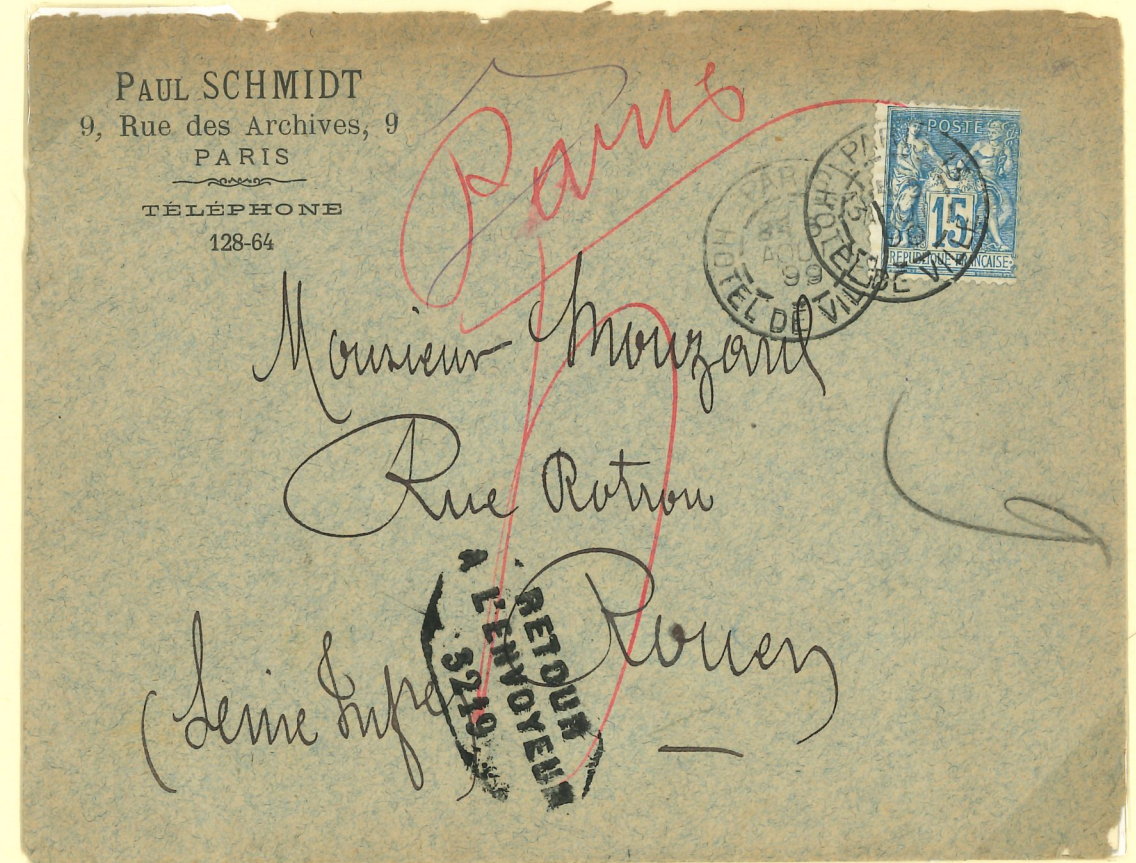
m/s INCONNU A L'ANCIENNE LIBRAIRIE SEIGNE and signed by the postman.
Fine boxed mark INCONNU A L'APPEL DES FACTEURS giving, unusually, the name of
the postmaster but not that of the locality.
The front is stamped RETOUR / A L'ENVOYEUR / 2813 of Perigueux.



TYPE SAGE

MAIL RETURNED TO SENDER

RUE
INCONNU À L'APPEL
À ROUEN
(signature)



5 August 1899

Paris-13 Hotel de Ville to Rouen.

This letter could not be delivered because the name of the street was unknown.
The 'Inconnu à l'appel' handstamp was amended in ink to reflect this.
Received by Rouen on 6.8 and returned on 8.8
RETOUR / A L'ENVOYEUR / 3219 (Rouen)



TYPE SAGE
MAIL DELIVERY PROBLEMS
TUNISIA.



20 October 1900

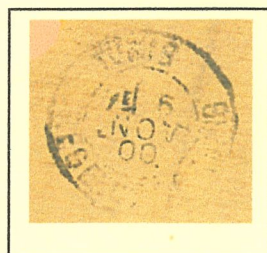
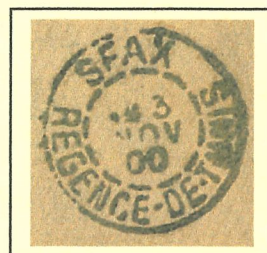
Coutances (Manche) to a cavalry lieutenant at Sfax sent at the printed matter rate of 5c for unsealed envelopes up to 50 grams.

The recipient could not be traced at Sfax or Tunis
m/s *Inconnu au 4ème Spahis* with circular regimental stamp and *Inconnu au 4ème Rt de Chasseurs de l'Afrique*

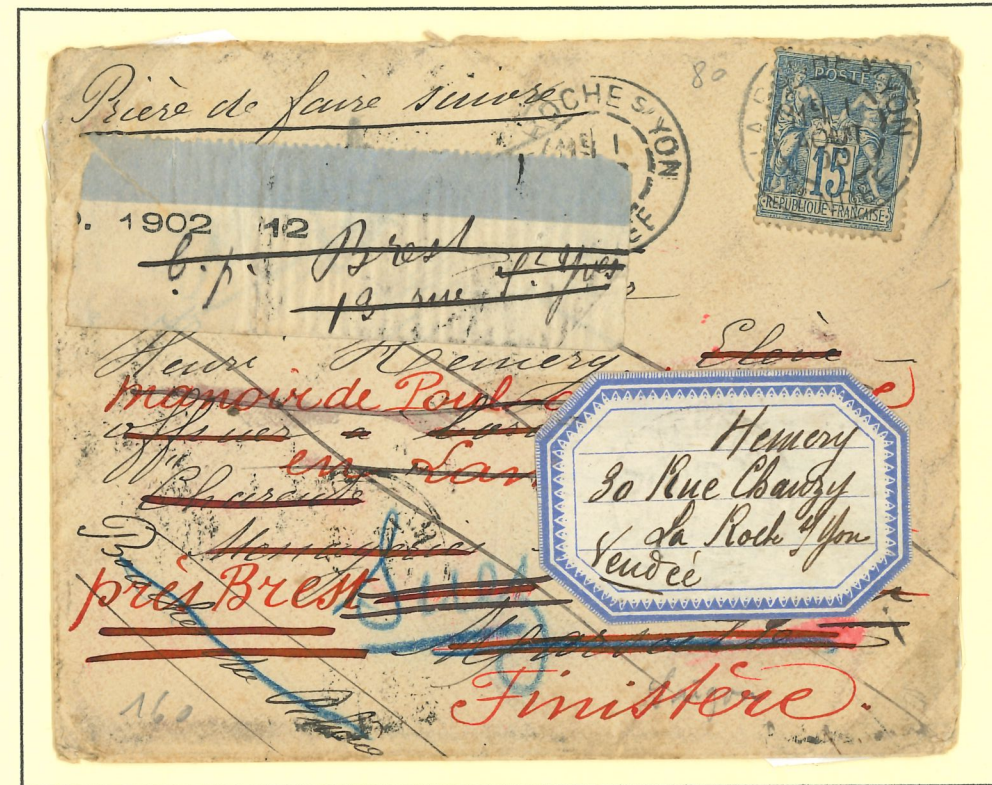
Reverse: cds SFAX / REGENCE DE TUNIS 3.11 and TUNIS / REGENCE DE TUNIS 6.11

Marked **RETOUR / A L'ENVOYEUR / 1** at Tunis.

Received at Coutances 13.11

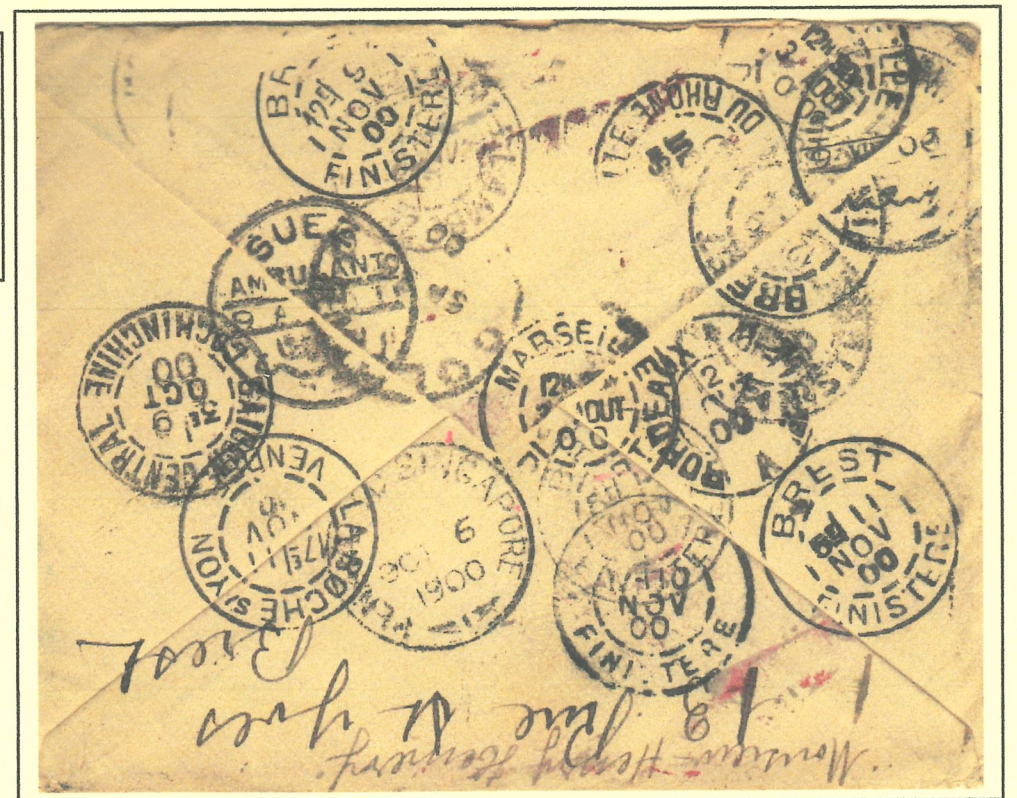


TYPE SAGE
PROBLEMS WITH THE MAIL
Mail sent abroad and returned.



Postmarks.	
La Roche-s-Yonne	1.8.1900
Bordeaux-Cette TPO	2.8
Marseille	3.8
Suez (TPO)	9.8
Colombo, Ceylon	??.9
Singapore	6.10
Saigon Central	9.10
Brest	9,10,11./11
La Roche-s-Yonne	11.11

La Roche-s-Yonne to Marseille. 1.8.1900 and an abortive journey out to the Far East and back before being returned to sender



This letter was addressed to an officer under training on board the Messageries Maritimes mailboat *Charente* at **Marseille**. This was redirected on arrival with m/s *Suez* in blue. From there it was forwarded again in turn to **Colombo, Singapore and Saigon-Central** before being returned to France on M/M *Indus* on 12.10, arriving back at Marseille on 8.11. It then took three efforts to locate the addressee at **Lambazellic, Brest** and finally **La Roche-s-Yonne**.

TYPE SAGE.

FOREIGN POST OFFICES ABROAD.

TURKEY.

Treatment of mail that could not be delivered at Smyrna.

NON RÉCLAMÉ
INCONNU DE LA POSTE FRANCAISE

PARIS-REBUTS



12 August 1901
Constantinople to Smyrna
cds CONSTANTINOPLE, TURQUIE 12.8
Received SMYRNE, TURQUIE D'ASIE 14.8

Addressed to a commercial traveller at Smyrna but not collected and sent to the Paris rebuts or Returned Letter Office.

Note: This is confirmation of the highly centralised French postal system where mail which could not be delivered or collected was returned to Paris despite, in this case, having its origins in Turkey.

TYPE SAGE

LATE USE OF SAGE.

A 1914 letter to Santiago, Chile.



Registered letter from Paris-48, r Ste Cécile to Santiago, Chile 2 June 1914

Transit: Certificado / Santiago 18.7

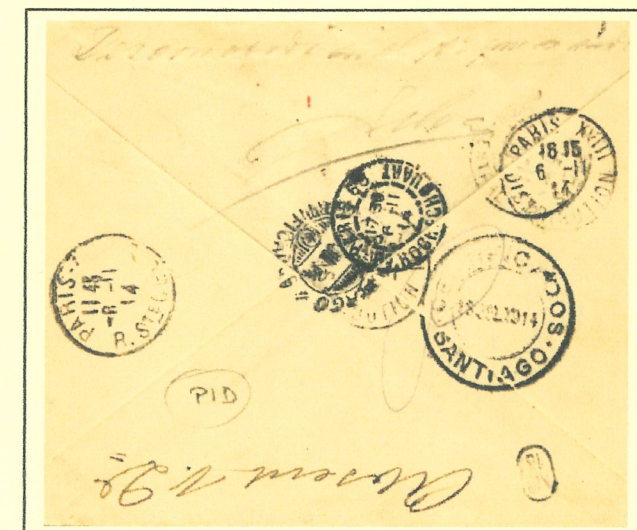
Franked 50c.

Postage 25c (tariff 1.5.1910 – per 20 gms) + 25c Registration (tariff of 16.1.79)

The addressee was unknown and the letter could not be delivered so was returned to France with an “inconnu” label reaching Paris-48 on 6.11 (and Paris XVIII- Distribution). Redirected to an address in the Bd Rochechouart and sent to Paris-68 in that street.

Franked with 3 x 15c Sage and a 5c red Sower camée of the 1907 issue.

60%



TYPE SAGE

Returned mail from Norway



(-) October 1895

Narbonne / Imprimés / P.P. to Christiania, Norway.
Franked 5c for the printed matter rate to 50g (Tariff 1.1.1876)
No transit or receipt marks.

The letter could not be delivered and was marked m/s "Flyttet adresse ukjendt"
Translated as "Left, address unknown"
Stamps "Retur" and Ukjendt / Inconnu".

Returned to Paris Etranger with date stamps of 24 and 26 October
m/s "Narbonne". The sender's name and address, the stamp dealer Henry de Martin, are on the back.

TYPE SAGE

PROVINCES

IRREGULAR CANCELLATIONS.



St Michel (Savoie) to Aiguebelle (Savoie)

27 September 1880

Posted at St Michel and received at Aiguebelle 27.9 They note that the card has not been cancelled
and do so themselves by means of crossed linear Aiguebelle handstamp.



St Jean de Losne (20) Côte d'Or, to Genlis (Côte d'Or)

23 April 1877.

cds St Jean de Losne (type 16)

The stamp is also cancelled by a linear Côte d'Or handstamp.
Why? Is it because the St Jean cds is not legible???

TYPE SAGE

MAIL RETURNED TO SENDER.

INCONNU A L'APPEL A LILLE
LE FACTEUR CHEF BILLAU.



11 April 1882

Paris, Gare du Nord to Lille (Nord)

Transit: Paris à Amiens rapide TPO 11.4

Received at Lille 12.4, marked as 'Inconnu a l'appel' and returned to the sender's address at Douai (Nord).

RETOUR / A L'ENVOYEUR / 2046 (Lille)

Received at Douai 15.4 and readdressed to Paris (received on 15.4)



TYPE SAGE.

MAIL RETURNED TO SENDER.

ADRESSE INCOMPLETE
INCONNU A L'APPEL
DES FACTEURS A BORDEAUX R^{TE} P^{LE}
BRIGADES C ET D

INCONNU A L'APPEL DES
FACTEURS DE BORDEAUX BASTIDE



26 November 1901

Registered wrapper from Bordeaux to Bordeaux (Franked 40c for letter rate)

Stamped **ADRESSE INCOMPLETE / INCONNU A L'APPEL / DES FACTEURS A BORDEAUX R^{TE} P^{LE} / BRIGADES C ET D.** Postman's mark 1 / 26 in circle. m/s **VOIR (BORDEAUX) BASTIDE**. Stamped **INCONNU A L'APPEL** by this district office and returned to sender with **RETOUR / A L'ENVOYEUR / 532** of Bordeaux.



TYPE SAGE.

MAIL RETURNED TO SENDER.

INCONNU A L'APPEL
LE SOUS-CHEF
MAYNAUD



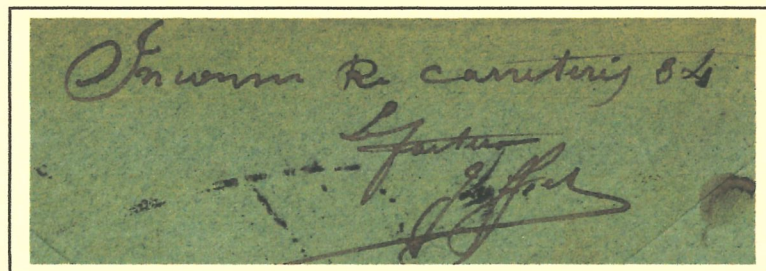
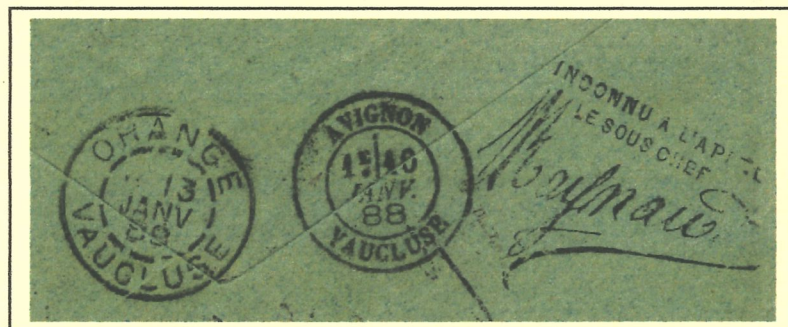
9 January 1888

Orange (Vaucluse) to Avignon

m/s INCONNU R CARRETERRE 34 / LE FACTEUR / (SIGNATURE)

Stamped INCONNU A L'APPEL / LE SOUS-CHEF / MAYNAUD

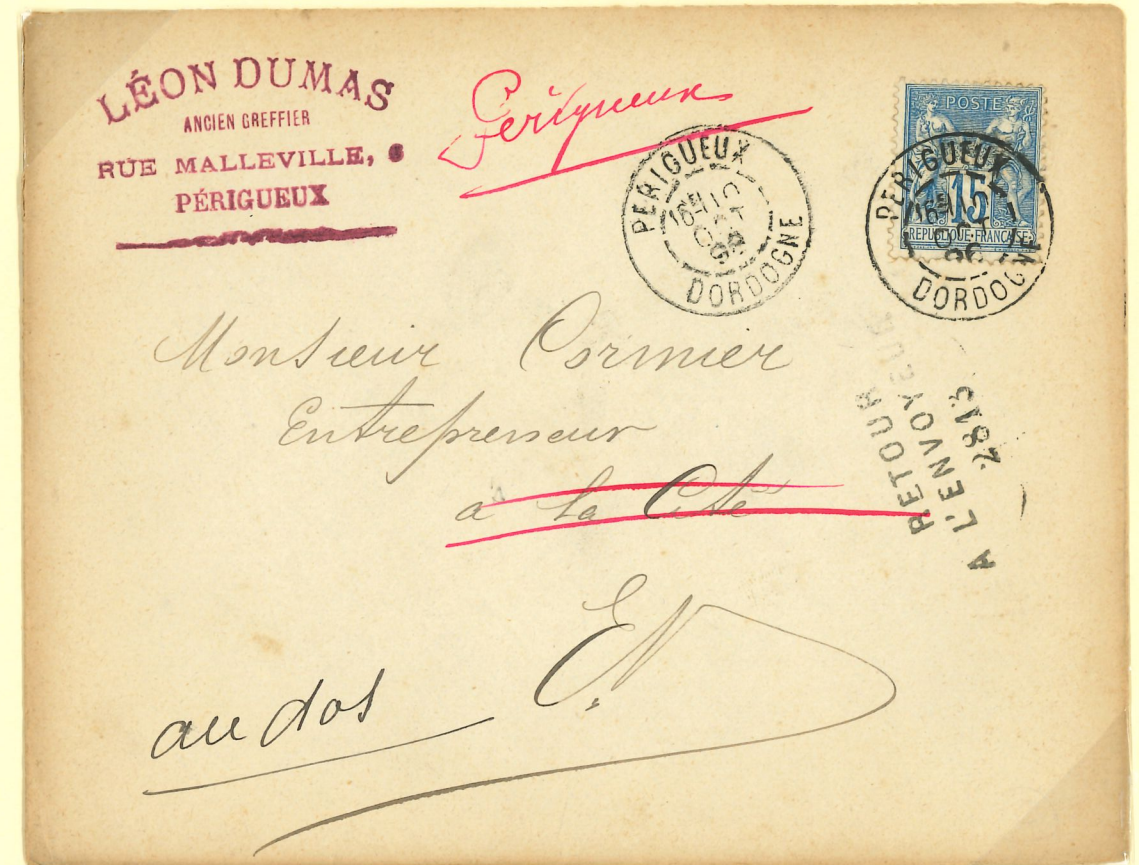
Returned to sender stamped RETOUR / A L'ENVOYEUR / 260 of Avignon.



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MAIL RETURNED TO SENDER.

DECEDE



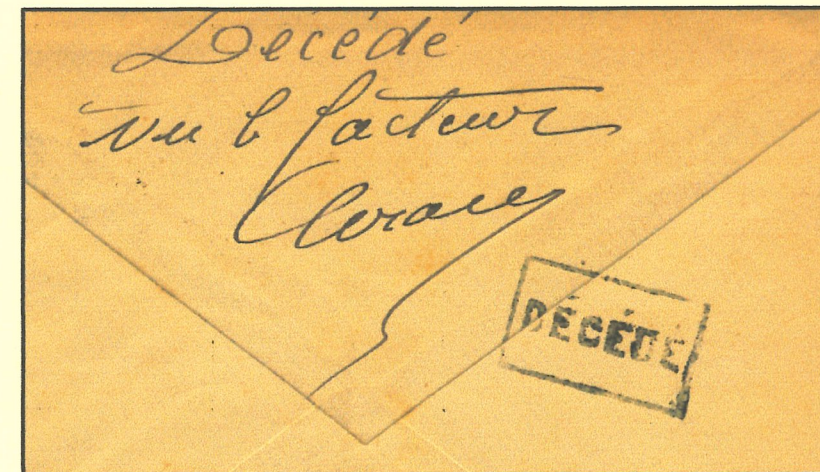
10 October 1898

Perigueux to Perigueux

m/s DECEDE VU LE FACTEUR and signed by him

Handstamp; boxed DECEDE

RETOUR / A L'ENVOYEUR / 2183 of Perigueux.



TYPE SAGE

MAIL DELIVERY PROBLEMS,

REBUT

(Applied at Le Mans, Sarthe)



31 December 1901

5c postal stationery envelope from and to Le Mans (Sarthe)

"Jour de l'an"

Reverse: nil

m/s *Adresse incomplete*

The returned and dead letter office "Rebuts" was a central service based either at Paris Recette Principale for Paris and other mail or at certain large towns. This cachet was, in all likelihood, applied at Le Mans.

Only post office officials at the Rebuts were authorised to open letters in order to obtain the return address of the sender. It was necessary for the mail to be marked with some form of stamp justifying the opening of the letter which, in principle but not in these circumstances, amounted to a breach in the law of privacy.

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MAIL DELIVERY PROBLEMS

**REBUTS
MARSEILLE.**



8 June 1889

Marseille, Cour du Chapitre to Marseille.
m/s *Trouvée le 8 Juin à ma boîte aux lettres.*
Voir mieux chez vous. Je n'ai personne de ce nom. (Signature) (Concierger)

M/s *Inconnu à l'adresse* (postman)

INCONNU À L'APPEL

MARSEILLE

DE LA 1^{ERE}, 2^{ME}, 3^{ME} BRIGADE.

Rayon de distribution.

MARSEILLE / 4^E B DU RHONE 4^E 6.6

Letter transferred to Rebuts.

REBUTS / MARSEILLE 12.6



TYPE SAGE
 POSTAL STATIONERY
 Reply paid lettercard uprated for foreign use.



27 February 1897

15c reply paid part of lettercard uprated by 10pf to make up the UPU foreign rate of the equivalent of 25c.

From Braunschweig, Germany to Pierre Bénéit (Rhone) France.
 Transit: Lyon-Gare / Rhone 282. Received at Pierre Bénéit 1.3

Note. 1 pfennig had the same value as 1c.

This is incorrectly framed - Letter cards were not recognised by UPU - Full postage rate should have been paid in Germany with German stamps

TYPE SAGE
 MAIL DELIVERY PROBLEMS.

**BORDEAUX
 REBUTS**



Mont de Marsan (Landes) to Bordeaux (Gironde)

2 April 1877

3 BORDEAUX 3 (32) 3.4 (cachet de rayon)

m/s Inconnu (with signature of postman)

h/s INCONNU 2^{ME} & 3^{ME} BRIGADE

The addressee was not known so the letter was transferred to the "rebuts" (R.L.O)

BORDEAUX / REBUTS 3.4

Returned in a separate envelope to sender at Mont de Marsan.



TYPE SAGE.

UNDELIVERED MAIL

BORDEAUX / REBUTS. (Returned letter office)

INCONNU

INCONNU A L'APPEL B

INCONNU A L'APPEL D



(X 2/3)

27 February 1878

Bordeaux to Bordeaux.

Addressee unknown and m/s **INCONNU** accompanied by postmens stamps and handstamps **INCONNU A L'APPEL D** and **B**. **BORDEAUX 1,3 & 4 GIRONDE** distribution marks. Note the two kinds of Bordeaux 4 cachet showing the department in letters and numerically. The letter was passed to the returned letter office **BORDEAUX / REBUTS** whose handstamp was applied in red. The front shows the **RETOUR / A L'ENVOYEUR / 532** of Bordeaux which has been deleted in red ink.



TYPE SAGE

MAIL DELIVERY PROBLEMS.

BORDEAUX

REBUTS



Mont de Marsan (Landes) to Bordeaux (Gironde)

14 March 1896

BORDEAUX ARRIVEE 14.3

This letter could not be delivered because of similarity of name although addressed to a company

m/s *Homonymes* h/s (Brigade) A

Boxed **NOM COMMUN / À / PLUSIEURS PERSONNES**

Transferred to the "rebuts" (R.L.O.)

BORDEAUX / REBUTS 16.3

Returned to sender: **RETOUR / A L'ENVOYEUR / 532** (Bordeaux)



TYPE SAGE
BORDEAUX REBUTS.



Romorantin to Bordeaux

19 April 1878

The address is not given and the Postmen of Brigades A and B were unable to identify it from the addressee's name. The letter was passed to Bordeaux Etranger who also was unable to help. It was then passed to Bordeaux - Rebut, the returned letter office who would have opened it, seen the name and address of the sender inside, and returned it.

Handstamps include "Inconnu a l'Appel A" and "B".
3 Bordeaux 3, Gironde. Distribution stamp of the R.P. 20/7.
Bordeaux / Etranger. 20/7
Bordeaux / Rebut 21/7. (Type 15 in red)



N^o A. GAILLARDON
Huissier
A MARENNES

Marennés, le 6 Avril 1898

Marennés - Imp. J. Bertram

Monsieur, *Paul Bouquille*
187 Cour de la rue de la République
Bordeaux

Vous êtes prié de passer en mon étude, m'adresser
sous trois jours, ~~pour~~ ~~passer~~ la somme de
19760
que vous devez à M. *Georges Dumoulin*
à Marennés

Ce délai passé sans réponse, je me verrai
obligé de vous poursuivre.

Coût de la lettre: Un Franc.
Je vous salue.

A. GAILLARDON.

N. B. — Vous ne devez payer qu'entre mes mains — Rapporter la présente sans faute.

Various postmen's handstamps and stamped INCONNU A L'APPEL / DES BRIGADES A B and accompanied by octagonal boxed letters A and B
Note unusual BORDEAUX ARRIVEE. Transferred to BORDEAUX REBUTS and returned to sender with RETOUR / A L'ENVOYEUR / 532 of Bordeaux.



TYPE SAGE

MAIL DELIVERY PROBLEMS

BORDEAUX REBUTS



Printed matter unsealed envelope from Bordeaux to Bordeaux 10 October 1898
 Cds BORDEAUX ARRIVEE 10.10
 m/s Parti sans adresse
 Postmen's marks.
 INCONNU A L'APPEL B. C
 Sent to BORDEAUX REBUTS 13.10 (type 15/black)
 Returned to sender RETOUR / A L'ENVOYEUR. (without indication of origin)

Inconnu à l'appel B.C



TYPE SAGE

REBUTS DE PARIS

An example of a letter that could not be delivered because the addressee had left without leaving a forwarding address. The Post Office has made four attempts to deliver the letter, recording each on the reverse with the postman's stamp. The letter has then been passed to the "Rebuts" who have added their stamp in red. (Type 84) The front has been stamped with the "Retour a l'Envoyeur" (Return to sender) with an asterisk underneath denoting the "Recette Principale".

Clamecy to Paris

14 March 1889



TYPE SAGE

UNPAID MAIL.



7 September 1883

Unpaid letter from Paris, Maison Blanche to the Comte de Paris *en son hotel à Paris*
m/s *9e Ray* (Rayon)

Redirected **Au chateau, Eu / Seine Inferieure**

30c Chiffres tax cancelled at Paris and a second cancelled at Eu with their cds on 8.9

Postman's stamp.
Rayon 9
Postman no 6
Brigade no 4.



A begging letter to the Comte de Paris.

*Monseigneur et Mon Prince,
C'est une pauvre femme née dans le pays si fidèle à la famille dont vous etes actuellement le Chef. –
EN BRETAGNE – d'un age déjà avancé et veuve d'un militaire qui a été blessé en defendant l'ordre
public et votre august aieul à la revolution de Février qui, aujourd'hui dans le plus grand et pressant
besoin, se recommande très instamment à vos bontés, vous, Monseigneur qui est si favorablement
disposé à l'amélioration du sort des déshérités des biens de ce monde pour un soulagement.....*