

To Hongkong 1885

**Rates:** 12 chahi double rate**Routes:** Isfahan 24 Dec 1885 via Bouchir EPOs 12 Jan 1886, Bombay 22 Jan and Singapore 6 Feb 1886**Printed matter to Berlin. Northern route**

Wrapper bearing 2 chahi stamp. Weight not exceeding 14 miscals



From Teheran to Berlin via Tabriz (faint cancellation) and Julfa

About 1883/4 the postal authorities introduced passenger services between Teheran-Rescht

Ordinary postage stamps were used to confirm the ticket fee

	ان پست خانہ مالک محرف سید	
	حامد کریم	
	تحریک	
	مقصود	
۱۳۰۲	عدایست چای	
	کرایه	
۱۳۰۲	طابوین سید	
	بعد از وفود مقصد ذکر ضبط	

Ordinary postage stamps and a postal obliterator plus an official handstamp were used

This document which was issued in May 1885 (h 1302) clearly states the number of horses to be changed, the route, the owner's name and the amount paid. Fee 1 kran

The travel document was issued by the postal authorities, a sort of ticket. The owner had to return it at his destination
A very early example of a stage couch document of which six are recorded during the 19th century

The Enzeli – Baku exchange offices were established in 1886 as a result of the completion of the railway in 1883

Serving all parts of Persia except for Azarbadjan that continued using Julfa via Tabriz

March 1886. The earliest outgoing recorded via this route



Rates: Triple foreign rate 18 chahi. Registration fee: 12 chahi

Routes: Teheran 18 March 1886 sent via Enzeli EPO 25 March, by ship to Baku 17 March (Julian, backstamped) arriving Vienna 6 April 1886

Incoming mail from Riga, Latvia, in February 1886. The earliest recorded via this route



Rates: 3 kopek for cards to foreign destinations

Routes: Riga 28 February 1886, via Tiflitz 7 March and Baku 8 March (all three Julian). Transited Enzeli EPO on 25 March and arrived Teheran on 29 March

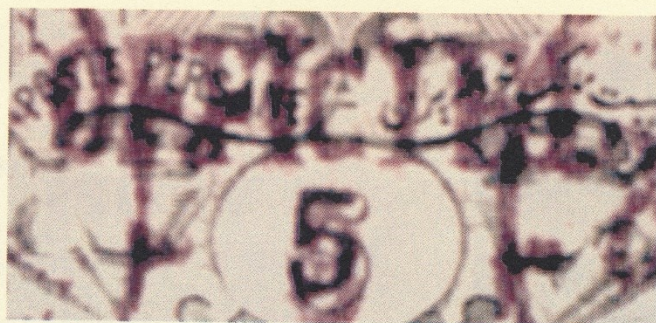
II. 1885-87

A philatelic rascal comes to town!

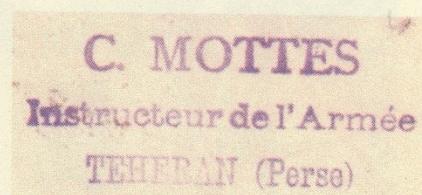
The printed 5 shine out instead of the "3" chahi surcharge

In 1879 an instructor, C Mottes, to the Persian army got employed. He was an ardent "philatelist" who got involved with some high shot at the postal administration. The result was that he could start marketing a great number of dubious overprints and surcharges to dealers in Europe. In the 1890s taken to court in Austria by F. F Schuller who had also lived many years in Persia. But Mottes managed to clear himself from the accusation.

Upated 12-ch postal stationery envelope sent to Italy in 1888



Enlarged surcharge. The printed "5" shines out against the surcharged "3" in Latin script



Mottes handstamp at the back

Rates: 6 chahi. Registration fee: 12 chahi.

Routes: Teheran 25 2 1888, Napoli 27 March and Palermo 28 March 1888 (back stamped)

Teheran - Recht

Combination of 1882 & 1885 issues



Rates: 13 Kran 15 chahi

Nichapour - Meched



Rates: 14 Kran

II.b 1885+

Route Teheran – Shiraz

The elusive 10 francs (1toman) of 1882 used on waybill. Three recorded on documents



Rates: Not known as a few stamps missing on the back

Routes: Teheran 23 May 1885 (H 1302) to Shiraz

Letter to Argentina about 1889



Rates: Triple rate 18 ch. Registration fee: 12 chahi

Routes: Sultanabad 17 August ?, via Teheran and Enzeli (voie de la Russie – Berlin). Front only



Rates: 6 chahi. **Registration fee:** 12 chahi
Routes: Tabriz 10 Sept 1889 to Geneva 27 Sep 1889
Notes: the 6-block of 2 chahi

To Hongkong redirected to Tientsin 1895



Rates: 24 chahi double. **Registration fee:** 12 chahi

Routes: Teheran 12 Oct 1895, Bushir Exchange POs 2 Nov to Bombay, by train to Tuticorin 15 Nov, by ship to Colombo, Ceylon same date. Mail handed over to the P&O steamer Rosetta departing 17 Nov (ship schedule), via Singapore 23d Nov, Hongkong 30 Nov. forwarded to Tientsin via Shanghai 1st Dec 1895

To Mogador, Moroccko in 1889. Endorsed via English mail from Tanger



Rates: 2 ½ ch

Routes: Teheran 29 July 1889, French octagonal maritime postmark related to Marseille 21 Aug 1889
Markings: No further eligible markings. Addressed to Mogadir



Rates: 6 chahi. **Registration fee:** 10 ch + 1 ch for the cost of using a red wax seal at back

Routes: Tabriz in April about 1887 to Paris (date not legible)

US Embassy letter to Alabama, USA 1888

Head of US Legation in Teheran plus US emblem in red wax at back

Legation of the United States.
Teheran, Persia.



For-

477 Mr 1323
Hon: Layford B. Clark.
C/o Messrs. Clark & Clark.
Attorneys at Law.
Mobile.
Alabama.
United States.
America.

Rates: Triple rate 18 chahi. **Registration fee:** 12 chahi

Routes: Teheran in 1888 to Alabama, USA, transiting New York 2-6/1888

Notes: The New York oval registration mark. In blue crayon also written there "477"

1888

***International Money Orders**

With France & Algeria

The upper part is an unused "International Money Order document". Used ones none is recorded

The Tabriz post office seal is the only recorded from Tabriz. Sent 24 March 1888 to Paris arriving 11 April

MINISTÈRE DES POSTES DE PERSE

Bureau d *وہزارت جلیله پست ایران* ۹۶۰

Timbre du Bureau expéditeur.

MANDAT D'ARTICLE D'ARGENT INTERNATIONAL Somme en chiffres.

Payable par le Bureau d *برائت پستی پیر الملک*

POSTES DE PERSE

Payez à la personne nommée dans ma lettre d'avis de ce jour n°

ou à son ordre, la somme de (**) _____

A Monsieur le Receveur des Postes le 1888

LE RECEVEUR,

ARTICLE D'ARGENT

1888

Timbre du Bureau payeur.

N. 21. MINISTÈRE DES POSTES DE PERSE

Timbre du Bureau expéditeur.

TABRIZ

AVIS DE L'ÉMISSION

D'UN

MANDAT D'ARTICLE D'ARGENT INTERNATIONAL

Pour le Receveur des Postes

du Bureau de *la place de Bourse St.*

Désigner ici le pays étranger auquel appartient le bureau.

France

Paris

F.S.P.



The seal of Tabriz post office

An agreement with France & Algeria was signed in 1886. Less than 10 Mandat d'Article d'Argent International" are recorded. Due to mismanagement the service was suspended in 1889

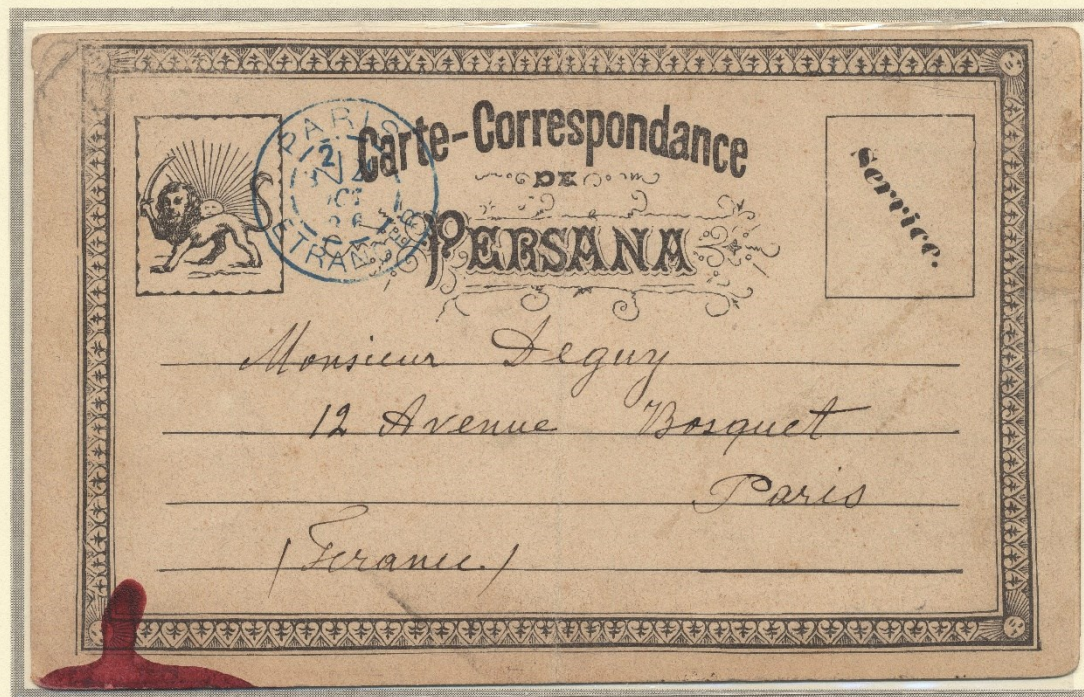
An internal postal money order service in cooperation with Agence Ziegler which had offices throughout Persia was established in 1877

Persia & France postal agreement for insured mail from 1886 may explain the envelope addressed to "Bureau de Poste a Paris". Thus free of charge



Routes: Teheran 18 February 1888, via Tabriz 28 Feb and Julfa to Paris ?? 1888 (faint mark reverse)

"Service" card, 1878 issue, to France 1886. The only service card recorded used to abroad
This type of cards were in use about this time but mainly for internal usage



Rates: Free of charge. Probably the receiver had an official connection with the Persian postal authorities

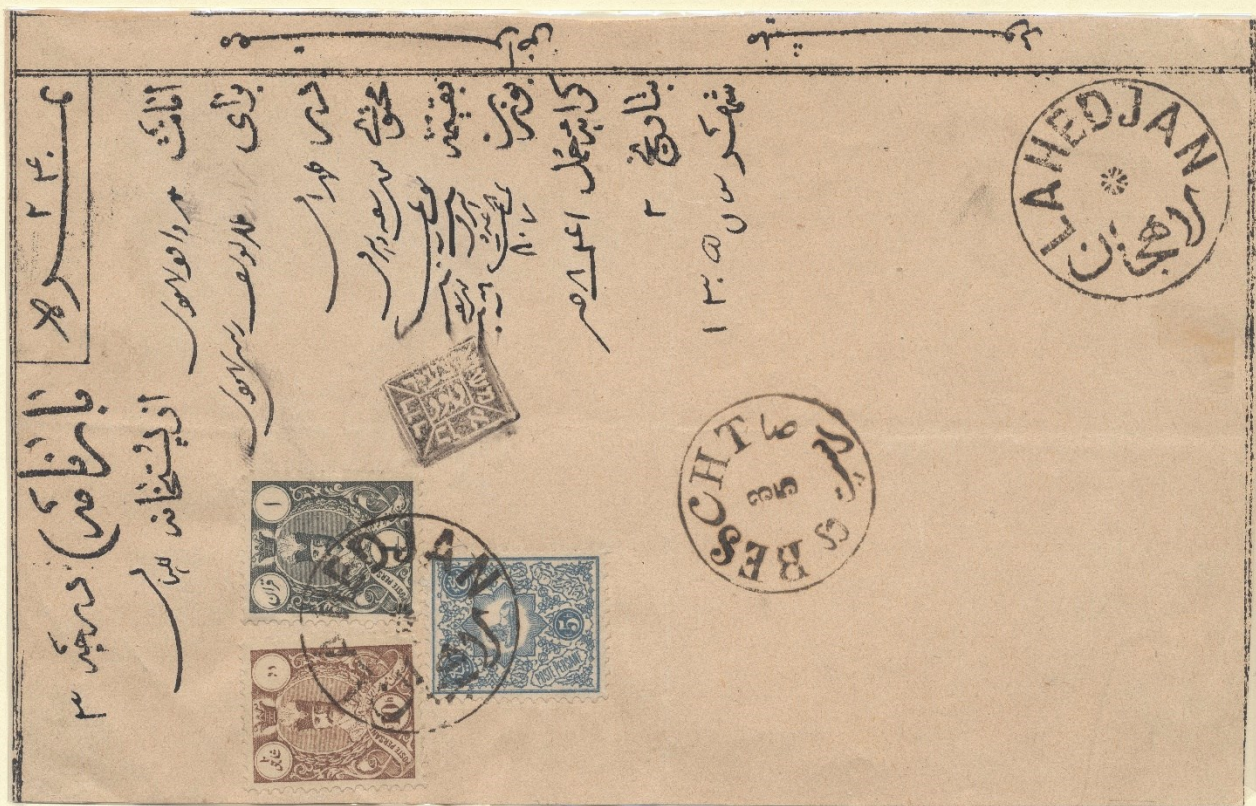
Routes: Tabriz as per m/s 12 October 1886 to Paris 20 October.

Route Gonabad - Meched - Teheran



From Gonabad H1307 (1890) via Meched 2 June to Teheran 8 June (date upside down)

Route Lahedjan - Recht



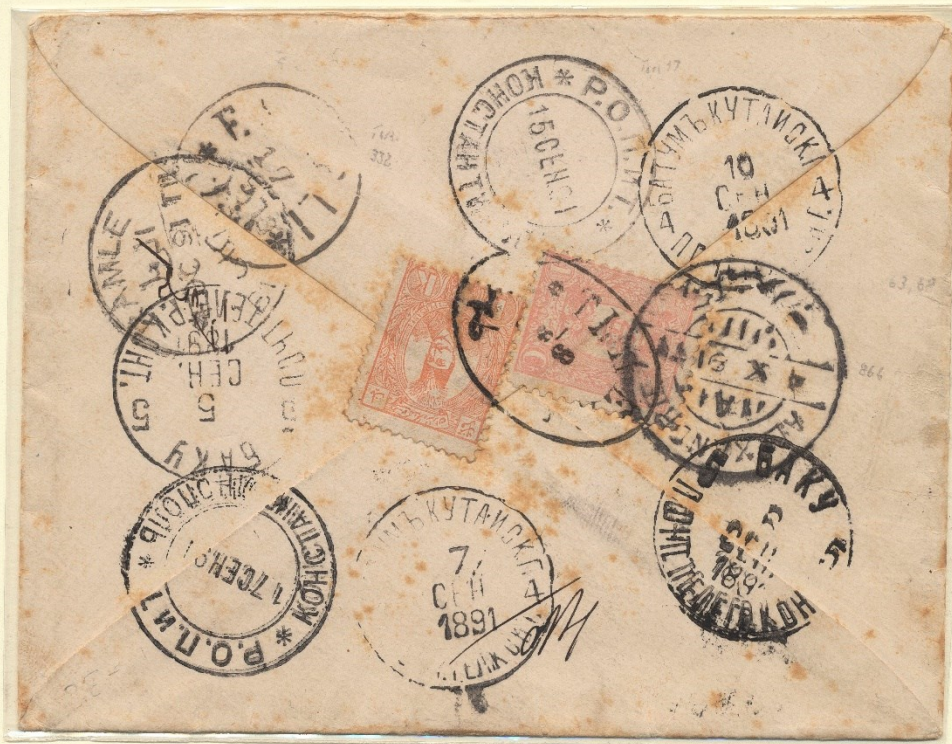
Waybill from Lahedjan sent about April 1888 (H 1305) to Recht arriving 3 May
Rate in total 25 chahi



Rates: 7 ch. Registration fee: 14 ch

Routes: Teheran via Baku to Berlin arriving 15 Oct 1890

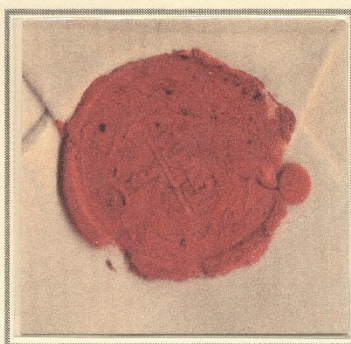
Registered letter to Egypt. The Russian route via ROPIT



Rates: 7 chahi. Registration fee 14 chahi

Routes: Teheran 8 Sep 91 via Enzeli 17 September, Baku 5 September 91 (Julian), Batum 10 September (Julian)
ROPIT Konstantinople arr. 15 Sep, dep. 17 Sep (both Julian), arriving Alexandria 4 X 91

3 kran 18 chahi . The highest recorded rate for any Persian cover, internal or to abroad till 1889



Rates: 3 Kran 18 chahi. Can only be stated in total as we don't know what the insurance fee was

Routes: Teheran 14 March 1887 to Paris in a special mailbag. No transit marks. Two faint circled Paris postmarks and a circled distribution mark "PARIS/ 11 april 1887/DISTRIBUTION" on reverse

Markings: The Teheran Post Office red circled wax seal, **R/TEHERAN/PERSE + script** in Persian used for special registration. Applied at back Post office seal cost 2 chahi. It is not known whether that fee was paid in addition or included

Two recorded only of this registration/insured mark

Special envelope used for insured mail. Fee for insurance only stated on the inter-postal document

Julfa Postal Exchange Office

Postage due. Incoming from Russia in 1888

As the address "**cherez julfa persiskii chaparu** = **via Julfa Persian town** was not clear the letter somehow ended up in Meched, Khorasan, north eastern Persia and charged 13 chahi to the receiver



Rates: 21 kopek in Russia. **Postage due:** 13 chahi

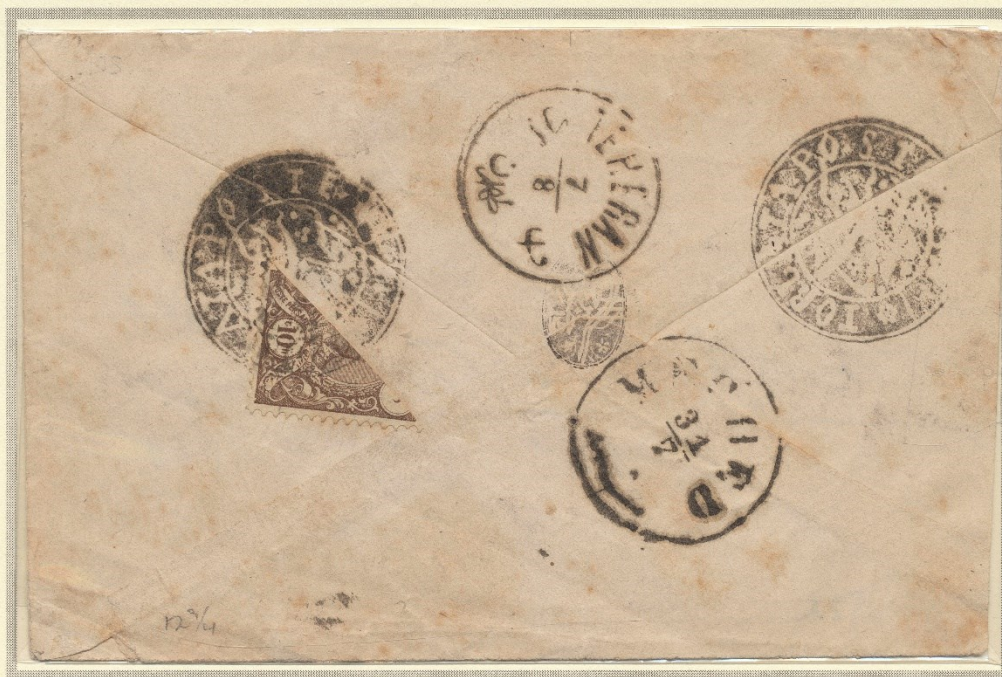
Routes: Jerevan, Armenia, 10 October 1888, via Julfa 12 October (both Julian)

The date of the Meched postmark is 31 X ?

II.b Late 1880s

Stamp shortage

Torbat in Khorasan province was out of 5-ch stamps. 10-ch stamps were cut. Four recorded



Rates: Single rate 5 chahi

Routes: Torbate 27 July 1886 (H 27 Shawal 1303 per m/s) via Meched 31 July to Teheran arriving 7 August

Markings: Negative mark of Torbate. (about 1884-87) Elusive

Red Teheran Postmaster cancellation. The only recorded departure usage Probably used by the Postmaster for very Special mail. Two recorded



Rates: German foreign rate 10 pf for reply-card used from Teheran

Routes: Teheran 6 January 1887 via Tifliz 19 February (Julian) to Frankfurt a Main

Markings: The only recorded usage as departure mark

II.b 1890-1

Rates

Letter to England. Added British one penny stamp for redirection



Rates: 7 chahi

Routes: Tabriz 27 01 1891 via Julfa to Luton, England. Redirected to Bognor arriving 14 Feb 1891. Back stamped

Registered letter to Prag 1889



Rates: 6 chahi. Registration fee: 12 chahi

Routes: Teheran via Baku to Prag 5 Dec 1889

Notes: The picture of 10 ch stamp heavily decentred

Non-postal marks used as postal cancel

"Legation de France en Perse". Three recorded



Rates: 2 ½ chahi being the post card rate to abroad

Routes: Teheran 1 July 1888 (as per m/s at back) to Cartagena in Spain via Madrid on 27 July 1888

Markings: "Legation de France en Perse". Three recorded of this usage as a departure cancellation

Notes: Mail to Spain during the 19th century very elusive. This is the earliest recorded

"The Central Bank of Persia". Two recorded



Rates: Single rate 7 chahi to abroad

Routes: Teheran, no date, to Baku via Recht then Enzeli - Baku exchange offices

Faint postmark stating 1891 at back

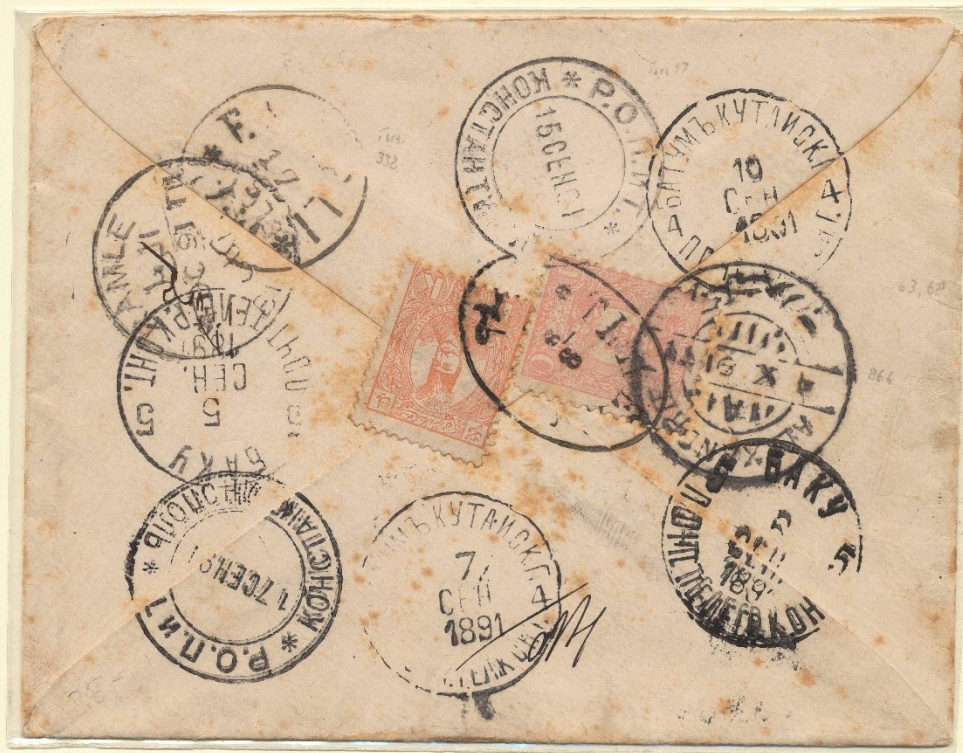
Markings: The Central Bank of Persia" used as departure cancellation. Two recorded. The oval faint Teheran faint postmark on the front shows that the postal authorities accepted the Central Bank's mark



Rates: 7 ch. Registration fee: 14 ch

Routes: Teheran via Baku to Berlin arriving 15 Oct 1890

Registered letter to Egypt. The Russian route via ROPIT



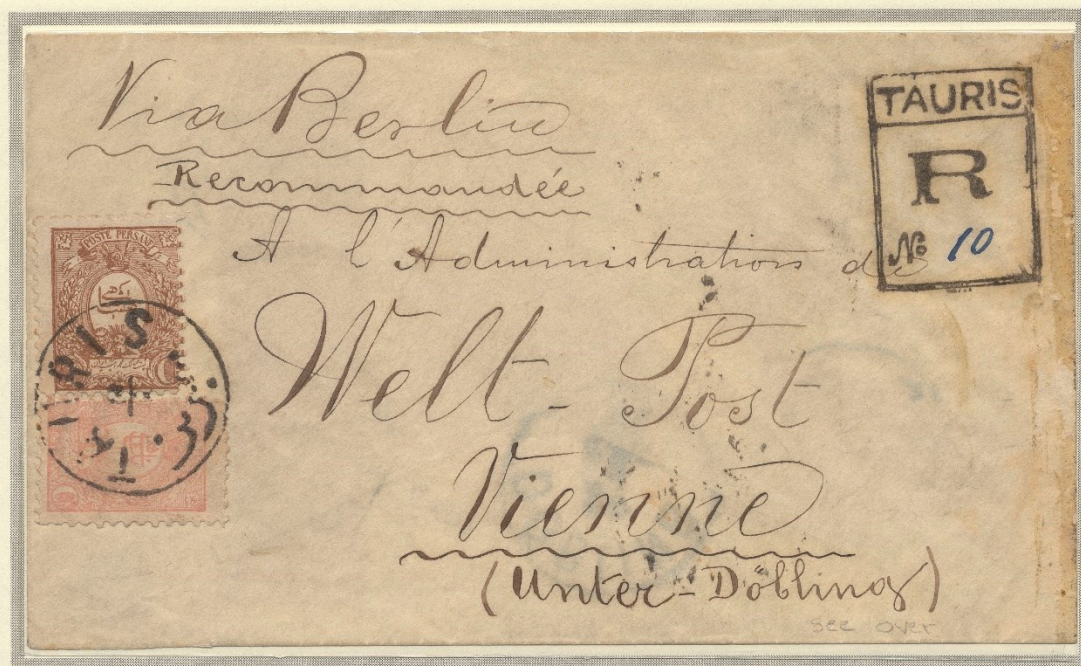
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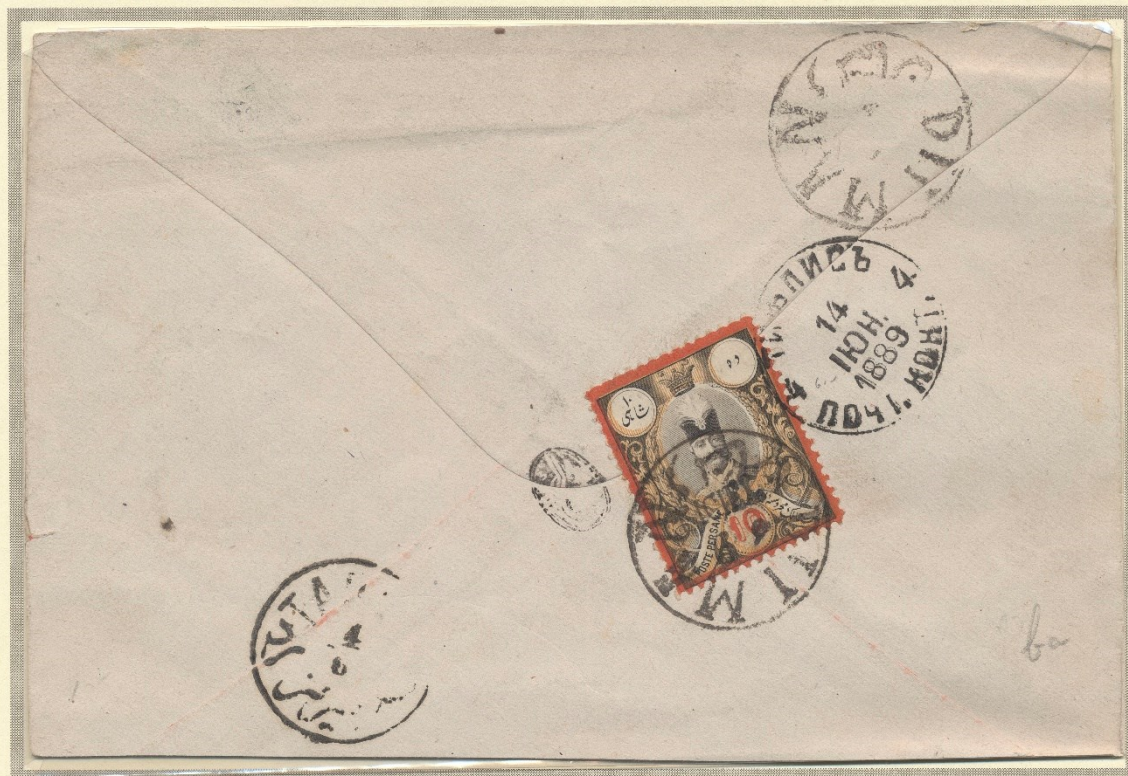
Boroujerd negative postmark

Internal

Two recorded. Ex. Oldfield

**Rates:** 20 chahi = 4 weight class. **Registration fee:****Routes:** Boroujerd via Meched 3 May to Teheran 11 May. Exact year not known**Notes:** Post offices at smaller places opened in the 1880s. Often they got a negative canceller only**Cover to Austria****Rates:** 7 chahi. **Registration fee:** 14 chahi**Routes:** Tabriz 3 January (year not clear) via Berlin as per m/s, to (Vienna) Döbling 20 February 9?**Markings:** The Tabriz registration mark elusive. Three recorded

Dilman – Julfa exchange offices – Tiflis



Rates: 6 chahi

Routes: Dilman in Azarbadjan (Persia) early June 1889, via Tabriz 4 June, to Tiflis, Russia
14 June 1889 (Julian)

Registered letter to USA

Urmia negative registration mark twice recorded only



Rates: Double rate 12 chahi. Registration fee: 12 chahi

Routes: Urmia in Azarbadjan (Persia) in July 1888 to New York 18 August 1888**Markings:** No further transit marks indicating that "closed bag" was used from Tabriz**Notes:** Dr Dadkhah's personal expertisation seal

*Due to shortages of certain values stock of 1882 recess issue was surcharged in 1888.



Rates: 3 Kran
10 chahis in-
cluding reg. fee

Routes:
Teheran
10 April 1890
to Haag
received
May 1890

2 kran of 1889
issue only
recorded on
three items

Letter to Austria 1888

Rates:
Tripple rate
18 ch to abroad
Registration
Fee: 12 ch

Routes:
Sultanabad
(date
illegible)
via Teheran
14/9 (1888)
to Vienna
arriving
9/10 1888

Rate 18 chahi
Reg fee 12 chahi



II.b 1886

New route to Europe via Caspian Sea

Enzeli and Baku opened Exchange Post Offices in March 1886

"OFFICIEL" hand-stamped issue
Most probably overprint for both accounting and rate purposes



Rates: 18 chahi triple rate.

Routes: Teheran December about 1886-88, probably via Baku to Berlin arriving 30 December ??

Notes: Mr B. Hybennet was a Swedish dentist who went to live for many year in Persia during the last quarter of the 19th century till about 1910 in Persia

Northern route via Enzeli - Baku



Rates: 6 ch. **Registration fee:** 12 chahi

Routes: Teheran 4 Nov 1886, via Enzeli 9 Nov and Baku Exchange POs to London arriving 22 Nov 1886

Markings: A red London registration mark on reverse

Mail via Julfa & Bushire EPOs
From The Holy Mecca Al-Muqarram via Julfa



Rates: 2 piastres. **Registration fee:** 1 piastre

Routes: Mecca July 1885 via Suez and Alexandria and Konstantinople 22 August 1885. Most probably via the port of Poti, Tiflis into Tabriz in Persia, then via Teheran 8 September 1885 to Isfahan

Markings: The Teheran cancel is elusive

Registered to Nossi Be off Madagascar via Bushire, Bombay and Sanzibar



Rates: Unclear as stamps missing

Routes: Kum March 1893 via Bushir EPO to Bombay and onto ship for Aden. Transferred there to a French ship taking mail for Sanzibar, Reunion and Madagascar

Markings: Had a "Sea Post Office "A"/15 April 1893 mark on the back and a French maritime octagonal mark "MARSEILLE A LA REUNION"

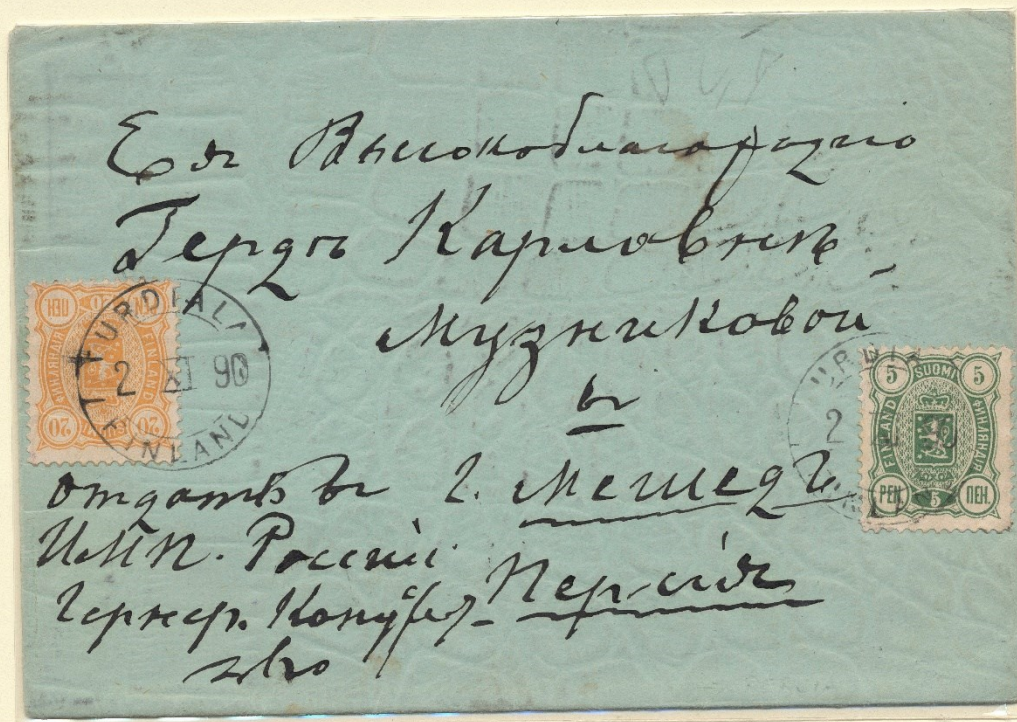
I.b as from 1878
Persian postal system
becomes international

Baku-Enzeli Postal Exchange Offices

Persia joins the
GPU (UPU) in
1877

Communication with Finland, a Grand Duchy under the Tsar

From Finland in 1890 via Tiflis, Baku-Enzeli, Teheran to Meched, north eastern Persia



Sent 2 XI 90 via St Petersburg 22 Okt 1890, Tiflis 28 Okt to Tehera 24 11, leaving 25 11 for Meched.
Rate 25 penni to abroad (1881 - 1891).

Registered letter to Finland in 1893



Sent 20 8 1893 from Teheran (blue oval postmark) via Tiflis 31 VIII 93, leaving Tiflis next day for Fredrikshamn
in Finland, arriving 20 IX 93. Foreign rate 7 chahi. Reg fee 14 chahi

II.c 1893

The extraordinary story of Baron de Reuter

Cover from the Persia Bank Mining Rights Corporation Ltd, P.B.M.R.C.Ltd set up by Baron de Reuter

Sent by the P.B.M.R.C.Ltd mining industry from a small place Rahrambad on 9 January 1893 as per m/s and by private arrangement to Rafsanjan from where the letter was forwarded via Teheran. A transiting mark applied. Arrived Linz in Austria in February 1893. "Via Russia" per m/s. **Rates:** 25 chahi. **Registration fee:** 14 chahi

A complete sell-out of a country!

One of the most extraordinary business concessions anywhere took place in Persia in July 1872. Baron Julius de Reuter went to Persia and got a mining concession.

And what a concession! It is recognised as probably the largest sell out of a country at any time in history.

The Mullahs and Russia complained and the concession was soon abolished.

The **rate 25 chahi** cannot

Be explained with known rate tables. It is quite possible that the cover contained commercial business documents which may have had special concessionary rates.

Rafsanjan native postmark elusive



Special 2-ch ship rate applied to mail to Basra if the ship was private

Combination of Persian mail and Indian AR-mark used in Persia. The only recorded combination



AR-fee 1 anna Increased to 2 annas 1903 as per UPU

From Schuster in Arabistan cancelled Persian Mobareke type in late December 1892 to Bussora (Basra) in Mesopotamia. Transited first via the Persian PO at Mohammerah (as per Mobareke canc. type), Then transferred to the Indian exchange office in Mohammerah that applied the AR-mark. Arriving mark of IPO Busrah 3 Jan 1893

Rates: 7ch+2ch
= 9 chahi

Normal rate was 7 chahi
The 2ch extra was probably charged for using the private ship mail service between Mohammerah and Basra
Reg fee 12ch
AR-fee 6ch

Reduced picture

Special Indian yellow control label

It reads: "Please return cover to Postman for transmission to Postmaster General, Bombay."

Rates:

7+2 ch =
9 chahi

Routes:

Shiraz
about
1892/3 to
Basrah via
Bushire
Persian
and
Indian
exchange
Offices

Notes:

In case of anomalies the regulations are that the cover be returned the GPO in Bombay



1-chahi of 1889 issue out of stock. Replaced by 2-chahi stamps cut half diagonally in 1891



Rate: 7 chahi
Registration
fee: 14 chahi

Routes:

From
Sultanabad
6 Sep 1891
via Teheran
(not clear)
and Tabriz
15 Sep 1891
(back
stamped)
to London
arriving
2 Dec 1891

1898

2 Kran of 1894 issue cut vertically

Achtian Native postmark. This type introduced in 1880s



Rates: 15 ch
3d weight
class

Registration
fee: 10 chahi

From
Achtian
24 March
1899
(H 12 Zihgadeh
1316)
to Teheran

II. Feb 1891 - Feb 1894

New external rate 7 chahi

Registered O.H.M.S. letter to Baghdad

Rates: 14 ch (double rate)

Reg fee: 14 ch + 1 ch for registration label

Routes: Kermanschah 10 Sep 1892
(19 Safar 1310) via
Kasr-e shirin Exchange PO
To Baghdad. No further
markings



II.b 1889

Blessed office of the Shah's camp. ORDOU postmarks

When the Shah travelled in his country an Ambulant post office accompanied

The first ORDOU ambulant post office. About 1889. Two recorded



Rates:

10 ch
double

Routes:

Teheran
15 April
(reversal).
to Ordou

Markings:

Type I
Ordou arrival mark
on front

1898

ORDOU, 2nd ambulant type. Outgoing. The only registered from any Ordou



Rates:

15 chahi
III^d weight
class

Reg fee:

10 chahi

Routes:

From the
Shah's
camp
about
1899
to Tabriz

Markings:

Type II
Very scarce

Registered letter to Rumania



From Tabriz in Jan 1894 to Bucarest arr 15 Feb. Double rate 14 ch. Reg fee 14 chahi

Double registered (AR) letter to Germany

From Sultanabad 4 Nov 1891 to Germany arriving 8 Jan 92. Rate 14 chahi. Registration fee 14 chahi. AR fee 7 chahi



Scarce combination of 1889 and 1892 issues

**Rates:** In total 1 kran 18 chahi chahi including insurance fee**Routes:** Sultanabad 25 January 1892 to Zurich 25 February**Markings:** The large oval registration mark was in use in Teheran about 1892-93

II.c 1893

Southern route. Scarce destinations

To China 1893/4



Rates: 3 ½ chahi. Registration fee: 14 chahi

Routes: Sultanabad 10 Dec 1893 as per m/s, via Bouchir Persian P O 2 January, via Bombay to Swatow, China 6 February 1894

Notes: Registration label cost 1 chahi in cash

1890

To Ceylon 1890



Rates: 12 chahi double. Registration fee 12 chahi to abroad

Routes: Teheran 5 April 1890 via Bouchir Persian P O 24 April, forwarded via Bombay (as per m/s), by train to Point Calimere on the eastern coast of India and there cancelled at its Exchange P O 13 May, then forwarded to Colombo. Ceylon, 18 May

Where Indian P Os existed along the Persian coast, Persian mail to abroad posted at such ports was not accepted
 Thus Indian postage due. As rate for cards was 1/4 anna the postage due was 1/2 anna. Scarce usage
 From Bushire sent to a ship calling Karrachi but forwarded to Aden as the ship had left. **TOO LATE** applied



Rates: 4 chahi

Routes: Bushire 4 May 95 to Karrachi 16 May forwarded to Aden via Sea Post Office (blurred) arriving Aden 24 May 95

Postage due, the Persian system. Rarely applied

To France. The rate was 7 chahi. The shade of the mistaken 5 chahi quite similar the 7ch
 The letter got a "T-mark" and in m/s "5 cents". The receiver was charged 10 ctms i e double as per UPU



Rates:
7 chahi

Routes:
Teheran
(illigable)
via Recht
(illigable)
Enzeli
18 Dec
(1890) and
Baku
7 December
1890
(Julian)

Below
80%
reduced
of the Baku
postmark
and the
adhesive

1-chahi wrapper used
registered 1892

1 & 2-chahi rates for informations & greetings

1 chahi only recorded on two envelopes

Of internal registered two recorded

The only wrapper cut-out recorded

Wrapper to Hungary

Registered internal printed matter. Two recorded



Rates: 4 chahi. Registration fee: 14 ch (up to 200 gr)
Routes: Teheran in October 1892. to Budapest 12 November 1892



Rates: 1 chahi. Registration fee 2 chahi

Routes: Teheran 7 Jan 1903 to Enzeli, at the Caspian Sea. The letter forwarded to Baku in Russia, arriving 31 12 1902 Julian) = 12 January 1903. No extra charge

Notes: The letter forwarded to abroad. As the registration valid on to Enzeli the reg mark number was crossed over at Enzeli post offi

1-chahi cut out of wrapper. Used on small opened-up envelope

1 chahi rate internal when

- not exceeding 1 mishqal = 4.62 grams

- the size should not exceed 3 x 5 inch



Routes: Teheran probably about 1888-92 to Tabriz
Faint arrival mark

Notes: The only wrapper cut-out recorded

Cover via London, New York, the Panama Canal to Valparaiso and returned the same route



Rates: 7+7ch = 14 chahi. Registration fee: 14 chahi

Going to Chile

dep Sultanabad 25 Feb 1894
via Teheran illegible
via Tabriz 25 March
via New York illegible date. Got registration label
to Valparaiso 2 May 1894

Returned to Persia

at Valparaiso 21 August 1894 w decedé label
via New York 21 & 24 February 1895
via London 5 March. Got red registration mark
via Tiflis 3 March 1895 (Julian)

The cover got a registration label in Persia no 205 in m/s

Upon return to Teheran it seems as the cover got both a Persian oval black "R" mark plus "REBUT". Both have same type of colour so it is presumed that these marks must have been put there upon the cover's return.

There are several numbers, printed and in m/s, which have not been possible to fully explain

Label sed by the Governor of Isfahan, Princee Zell-ol-Soltan
The **only recorded** royal mail proven genuine as it is cancelled



Rates: 7 chahi. Registration fee: 14 chahi

Routes: Isfahan ab 1892 to Bagdad

Waybill

The 2-kran stamp of 1891 issue only recorded on three items



Rates: Total of 10 kran 10 chahi

Routes: Qum 9 November 1894 (H Jumada-al-Ula) to Yezd

New external registration fee, 16 chahi. In use only two months. Only three recorded



Rates: Double 8+8ch =16 chahi. **Registration fee:** 16 chahi

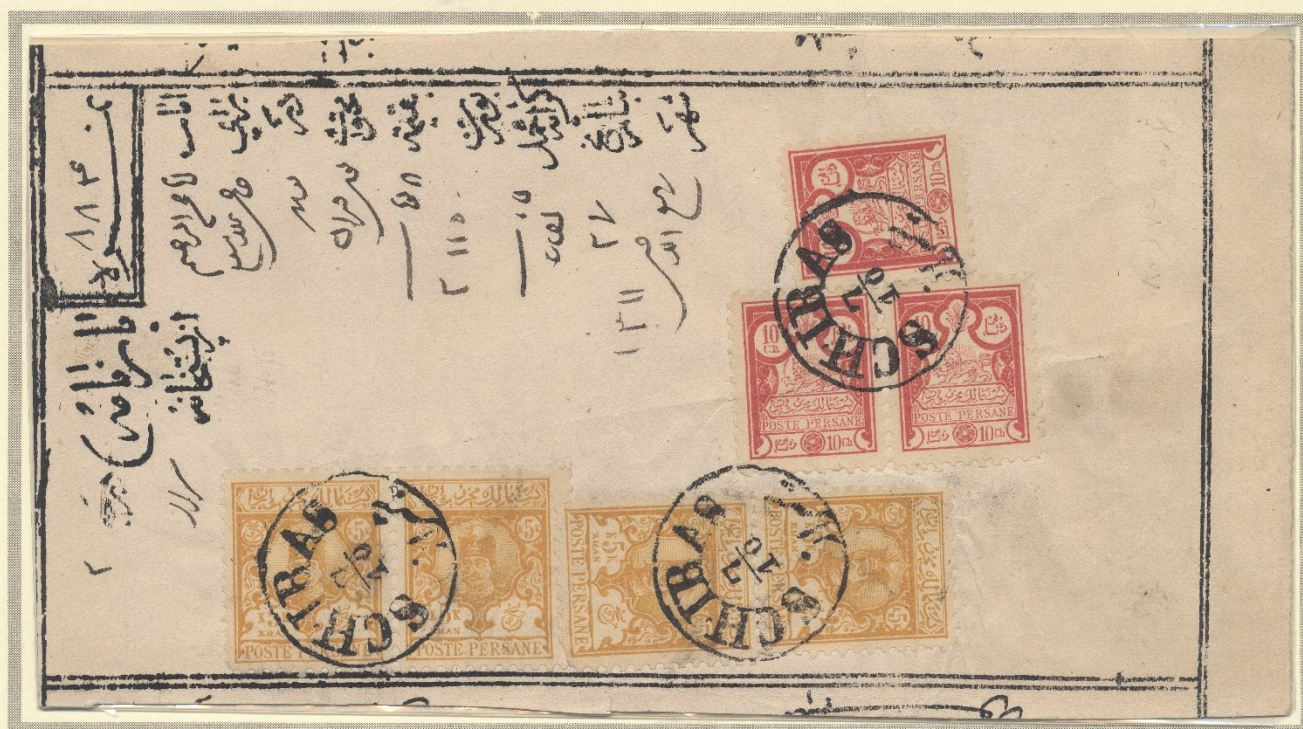
Routes: Teheran 8 May 1894, via Berlin as per m/s, to London 30 May. Redirected a couple of times

At one stage a "NOT CALLED FOR/62" stamp was applied

Markings: Blue oval Teheran cancel in use 1893/4. Elusive

Waybill

The 5 kran of 1891 issue only recorded on 4 items



Rates: 21 kran 10 chahi

Routes: Shiraz September 1893 (H Rabi'lawwal)

Wrapper from Tabriz to Egypt via Julfa E P O



Rates: 1 chahi for abroad. Very low rate. Probably used for religious documents

Routes: Teheran, about 1892/3, probably using the northern route to Tiflis. Then via Poti at the Black Sea to Konstantinople and Cairo

Registered letter to Guatemala 1894

The only recorded to Guatemala during Qajar time



Rates: 8 chahi, New rate (Feb – June 1894). **Registration fee:** 14 chahi

Routes: Tabriz 11 March 1894 via the northern route. Arrived Guatemala 23 April 1894

Markings: The arrival postmark on the back



Rates:

3 ½ ch

Routes:

Teheran

M/s 25 May

1892

sent to

Manila

Luxembourg 1893

6 ch cut-
out of
envelope

Rates:

3 ½ chahi

Reg. fee

13 chahi

Routes:

From

Teheran

sent to

Luxembourg

6 Jan

18934

Markings:

Registr. mark

about 1892/3

Elusive

Posted at Sea (Paquebot) for San Francisco 1892



Rates: 2 ½ ch

Routes:

Addressed to
arrived at
postmarked
San Francisco
Jan 14/92
redirected to
New York
arriving
Jan 20

II.c about 1892-94

Elusive registered mail

This p st card was in use for almost 14 years. Only two recorded internal and registered



Rates: 2 ch (1/2 ch overpaid). **Registration fee:** 15 ch of which 1 ch for reg label

Routes: Sultanabad about 1892-94 to Teheran

Foreign rate increased to 10 ch and to 16 ch for registration as from 1st July 1894

This letter is the **earliest recorded** with this rate, a rate that lasted only for a year

Registered letter to London



Rates: 10 chahi. **Registration fee:** 14 chahi

Routes: Teheran 5 July, to London 30 July 1894

Private marks across postage stamps for security

The Indo-European Telegraph Service. Only two recorded



From Chimran, suburb of Teheran, to England. About 1891

"PERCY DOUGLAS" handstamp

A private company handstamp used for security against theft. Few recordedp



Rates: 10 chahi. **Registration fee:** 10 chahi

Routes: Meched 26 January 1895 via Teheran (date not clear) to London 13 March

Notes: Flap missing

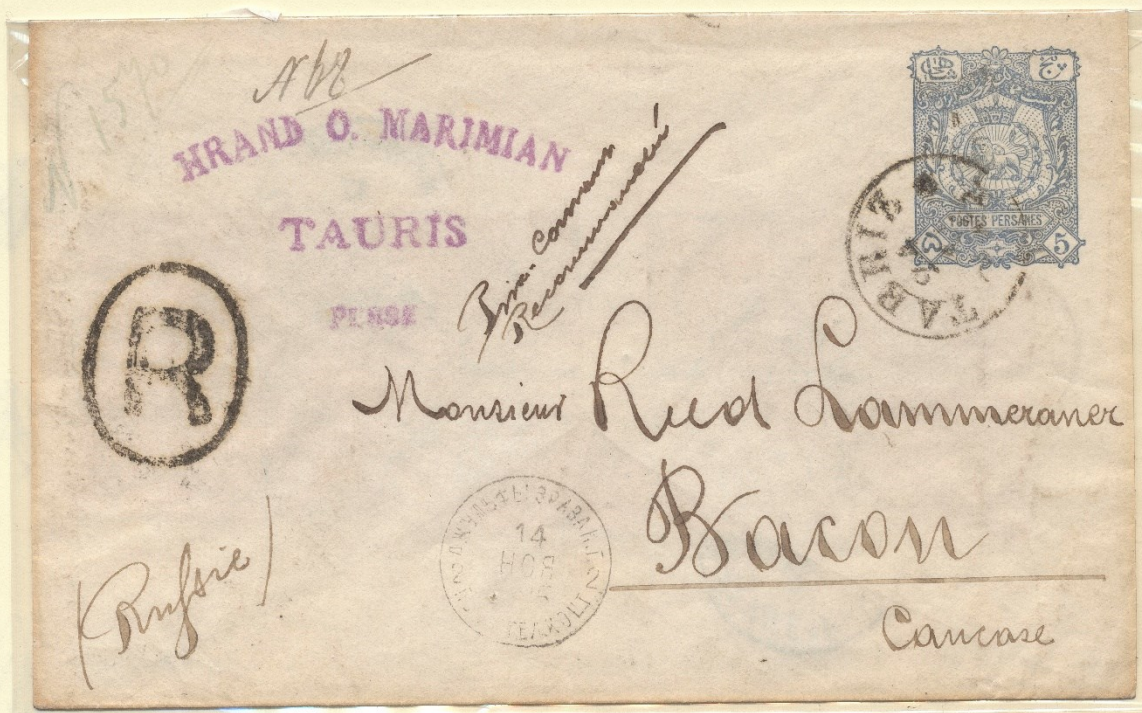
II.c 1894

Imprimés for abroad

Recognisable covers elusive

A confused area: includes printed matter, newspapers, samples, greeting cards, etc. Rates not known

Registered printed matter to Russia.



**Registered
two recorded**

Unsealed
5-chahi postal
stationery
envelope
sent regist-
ered from
Tabriz 24 Nov
1895 to
Baku
arriving 22
Nov 1895
(Julian, back-
stamped)

Printed matter
(price lists)

Rate 5 chahi
Registration
fee 10 chahi

2 chahi for imprimé to Germany



Very early
Usage. 1894

Unsealed
envelope
bearing
2 chahi
Sent from
Tabriz (dates
not visible)
to Germany
arriving
7 August
1894

The Lengeroud negative postmark used on waybill. Two recorded on document



Rates: 2 kran 15 chahi

Routes: Lengeroud in 1895 (H 1312) to Lahidjan 6 Feb as per reverse

Avis de reception. Insured

The 2 kran only recorded on three covers

**Rates:**
$$12+12 = 24\text{ch}$$

Registratio

12 chahi

**Avis de
Reception:**

 $12+6=18\text{ch}$

Routes:

Sultanabad

21 May

1898 as

per m/s

via

Teheran

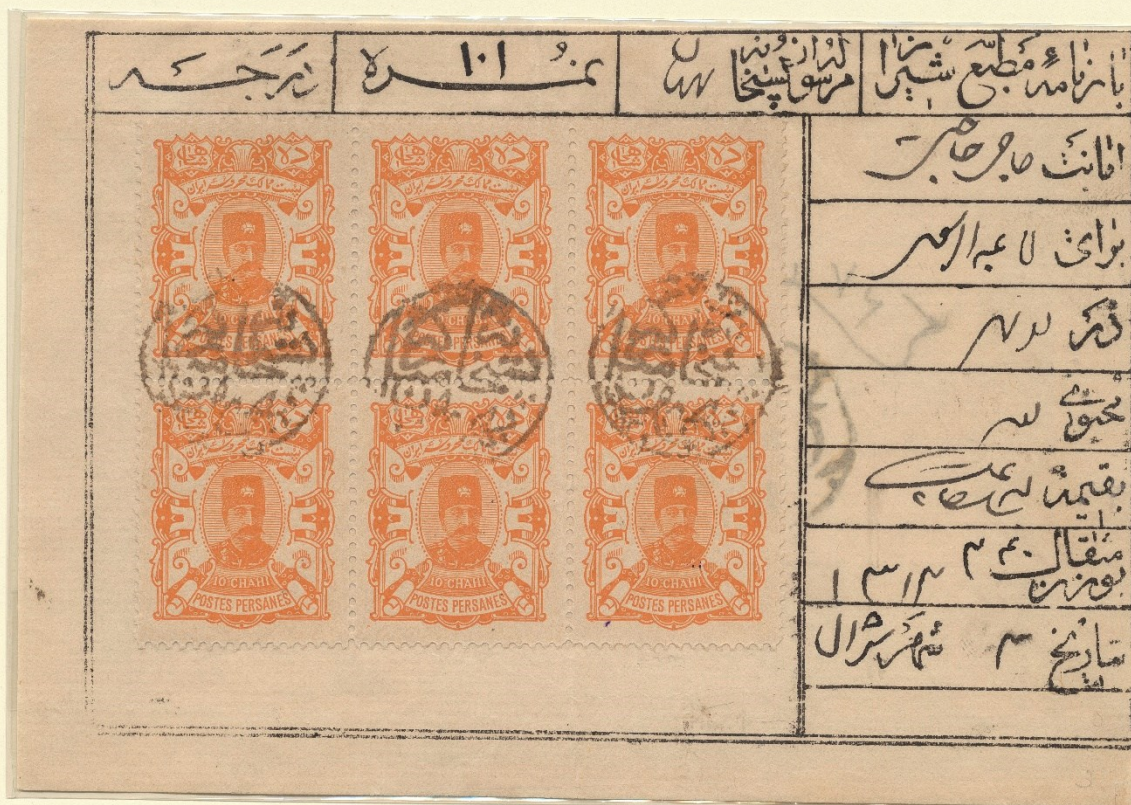
30 May

to Zurich,

no arrival

mark

Behbahan native or positive seal type. About 1895. Used on waybill



Rates: 3 Kran 10 ch (6-böck of 10ch + 10 ch at back) incl insurance

Routes: Behbahan 29 Jan 1895 (H 2 Shaban 1312) to Bouchir

Tadjriche negative seal typ

Rates: 1 Kran. IV weight class

Routes: Tadjriche - Schimran - Tabriz



Recht - Kerman



Rates: 8 Kran

Bidjar - Teheran
A six-block of the 5 kran



Rates: 31 Kran 10 ch

Suriname, Singapore & Zanzibar



Rates:

4 chahi
for ppc
(July 1894-
June 1895)

Routes:

Recht
22 May 1895
via
Enzeli
and Baku
to
Suriname
Arriving
27 June 1895



Rates:

5 chahi
for ppc
(July 1895-
1905)

Routes:

Djoulfa
(Isfahan)
3 March 97
via Bouchir
20 March
Transferred
to the
Indian system
Sent via
Bombay to
Singapore
Arriving
15 April 1897

Rates:

5 chahi

Routes:

Teheran
16 July 00
via Bouchir
2 august
Transferred
to the
Indian system
Sent via
Bombay and
Sea Post Office
18 aug 1900
via Aden
24 Aug 00
Transferred
to another
ship to
Zanzibar
5 Sept 00



II.c 1896

Poste locale Tabriz

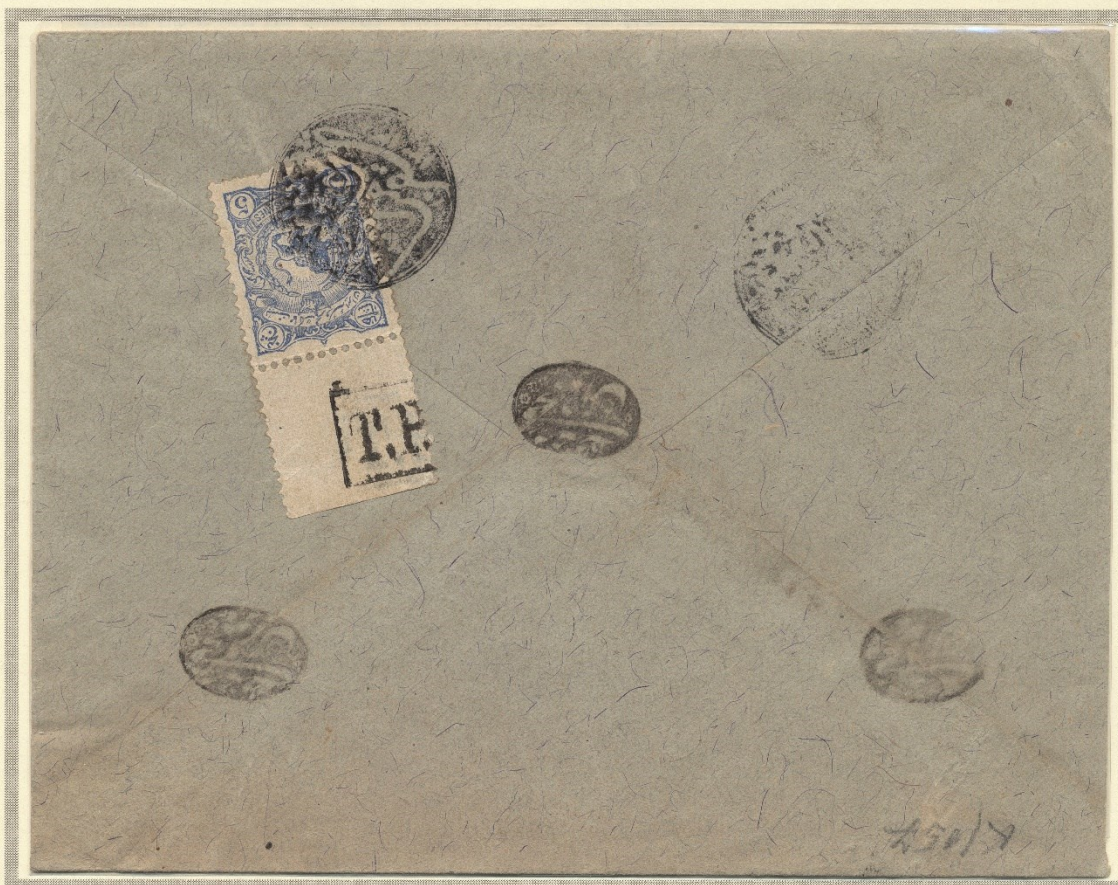
The purpose of the "Poste Locale Tabriz" label is not clearly documented. Six recorded



Rates: 5 ch inland rate + 1 ch for the label

Routes: Tabriz 25 November 1897 (H 29 Jamadi al-Sani) to Teheran

"T.P" = Tresoirie Postale. An internal control mark when counting stamp sheets



Rates: 5 chahi

Routes: Sakkez to Kurdistan in the late 19th century

Waybill Teheran - Recht

50 kran used on document

The only recorded



Poste Toko concession postmark given by the postal authorities to a Dutch trader & middleman

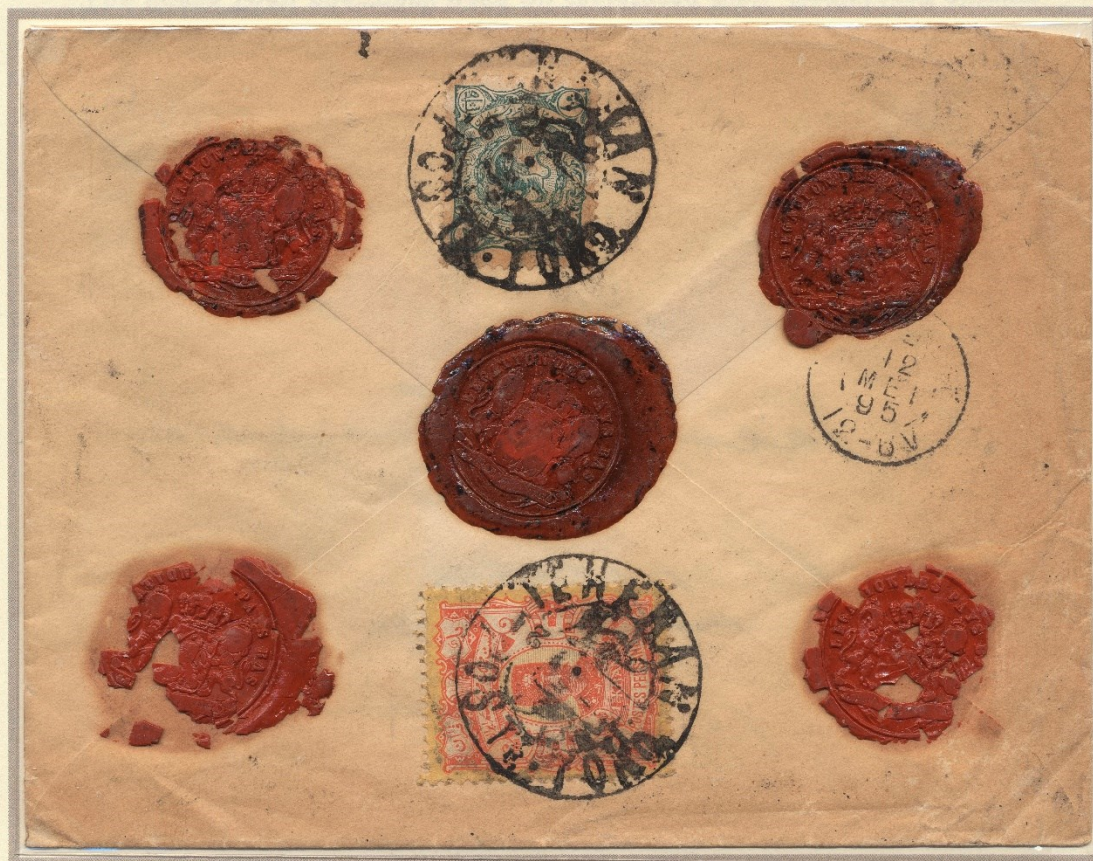


The only recorded non-postal stationery used by Poste Toko and one of the earliest recorded mail from Poste Toko

From Poste Toko (date rarely ledgable) to England arriving 15 May 1895

Single rate 10 chahi (July 1894-June 1895)
Registration fee 10 chahi (July 1894-June 1895)

The Poste Toko postmark used on registered mail. Registered elusive



8-chahi postal stationery envelope up-rated and sent registered from Poste Toko 21 4." to Amsterdam arriving 12 May 1895

Double rate 1 Kran
Registration fee 10 chahi

Red lack seal of The Legation of the Pays Bas

* From 1895 to early 1900s, a Dutch merchant in the Teheran Bazaar was for a time a liaison between the postal authorities and the Dutch printing house, Enschede & Zonen together with the Dutch Mission. He had the privilege and a concession from the postal authorities to use his own canceller. Restricted to his own mail only

1895

Poste ToKo & The Enschede & Son Printing House

Poste Toko concession postmark given by the postal authorities to a Dutch trader & middleman

Poste Toko's oval cachet "TEHERAN TOKO/TEHERAN" in violet. Rarely seen



Rates: 2ch

Routes: Local use within Teheran

Mail addressed to The Teheran Toko. Elusive usage



Rates: 5 chahi

Routes: Sultanabad to Teheran. Uncertain date but ought to be 1900/1901

Notes: As no year is mentioned in the postmarks

1895

Poste ToKo & The Enschede & Son Printing House

Poste Toko concession postmark given by the postal authorities to a Dutch trader & middleman
The **TEHERAN POSTE TOKO** postmark in blue



Rates: 5 chahi

Routes: Poste Toko in Teheran 28 11 95 via Russia to London arriving 24 Dec 1895

The **TEHERAN POSTE TOKO** postmark in violet. Elusive

Rarely is the POSTE TOKO cancel clear enough within its date field like here



Rates: 5 chahi

Routes: Poste Toko in Teheran endorsed 28 2 98 via Russia to Amsterdam

Notes: Damaged. A cut under the left upper stamp

Double external rate 24 chahi. Registration fee 12 chahi. (4ch on reversal)



From Sultanabad, via Teheran, to Zurich arriving 4 Jan 1997. The 16 ch stamp only recorded on four items

Rate 25 chahi, internal, The 5th weight class

From Teheran Maidan (date of postmark faint) to Kurdistan, no arrival marking



Exchange & Transit offices with Ottoman Empire

Kermanshah Exchange office with Ottoman Baghdad since 1890

Letter from
Kiazimiyé in
Mesopotamia
franked 1
piaster
to Isphahan
12 December
1910
and transited
through
Kermanschah
28 November,
Koum, arrivée
7 December
and depart
8 December
1910

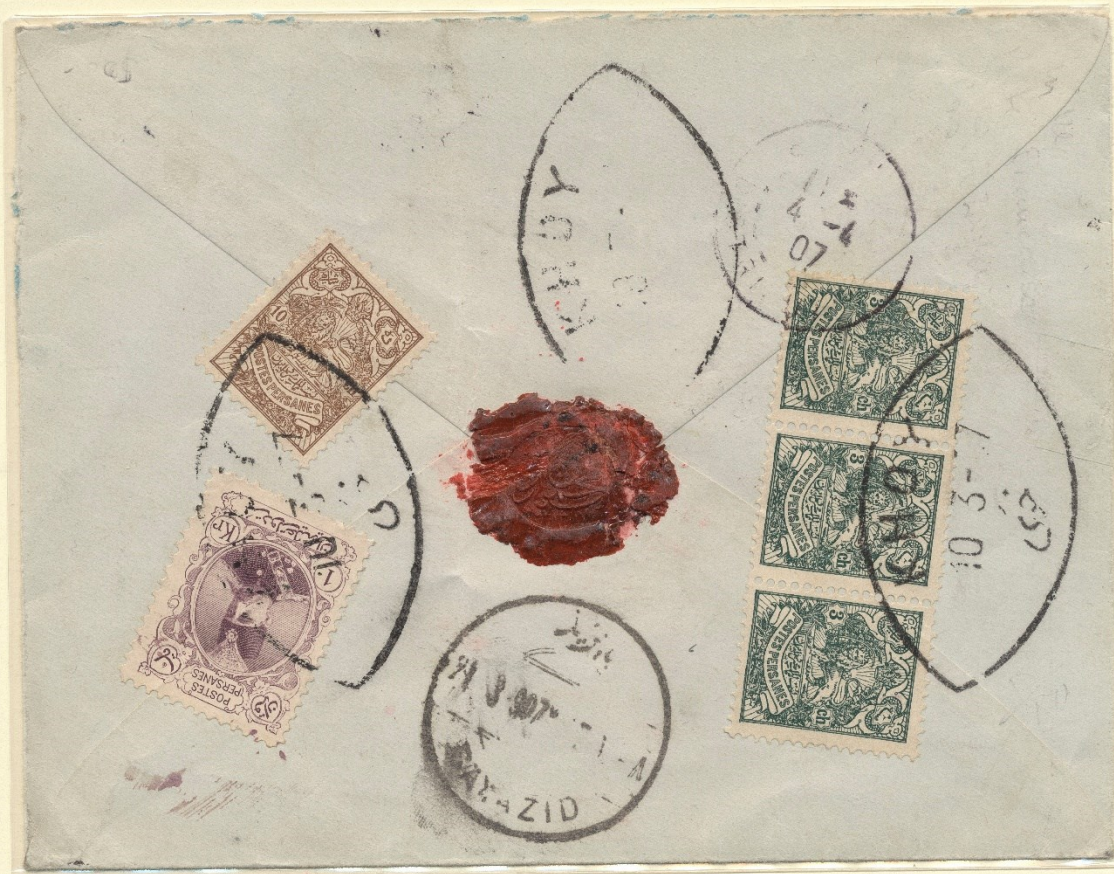


Bayazid Turkish transit office temporary replacing Julfa

During the 1907 constitutional crisis this little used transit post office in Turkey close to the Persian border for mail from north western part of Azarbadjan in Persia replaced the normal route via Julfa

Persian registration in m/s No 115. Turkish registration mark applied on front. Rare combination

Letter from
Khoy in
North
western
Persia
10 March 1907
to Paris via
Bayazid
Turkish
transit post-
mark and
Konstantinople
transit
1 April



Rate for newspaper according to weight and number



Rates: 2 chahi. A newspaper sent from Teheran about 1895 to Nain.

Waybill

From Tabriz in 1897 (H 1315) to Teheran



II. 1896

Julfa Postal Exchange Office

Registered single rate letter to Russia in 1896

Noted: Mail only to Moscow
Went via Julfa Exchange
POs instead of via
Enzeli-Baku



Rates: 12 ch. **Reg fee:** 12 ch
Routes: Teheran 24 1898 via Julfa
Russian EPO 14 IV 96 (Julian) to
Moscow 19 IV (Julian)



Seal of the American Legation in Teheran

German 10 pf reply-paid card returned registered from Persia. Unrecorded usage

Rates: 10 pf German rate. Registration fee: 12 chahi

Routes: Sultanabad 6 June 1896 as per m/s, via Teheran 13 June to Germany 13 July 1896

4-chahi Persian reply-paid card returned registered from Switzerland. Unrecorded usage

Rates: 4 chahi. Registration fee: 25 centimes in Switzerland

Routes: St:Gallen in Switzerland on 22 June 1895 via Julfa exchange office, Tabriz 8 July to Sultanabad