

# HUNGARIAN POST OFFICES IN ROMANIA

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On 1 May 1867, Hungary received an independent postal authority status from Austria. Half of the 12 Austro-Hungarian Consular Post Offices on Romanian territory were placed under Hungarian authority: Bucarest, Fokschan, Galatz, Giurgevo, Ibraila and Plojesti. The six consular post offices used stamps in 'Soldi' denomination and operated until March 31, 1869, when they were closed permanently by the Romanian authorities.

The consular post offices were only allowed to do postal services to and from abroad. No new stamps were available at the beginning, so we saw the same provisional usage of Austrian stamps as in Hungary. When new stamps in 'Soldi' currency were ready in July 1867, they were distributed only to the six Hungarian post offices. All other Levant post offices remaining under Austrian authority continued to use the double headed Eagle issue for a while.

### PROVISIONAL USE OF AUSTRIAN STAMPS 1 MAY 1867 – 30 JUNE 1867



Montpellier, France

14 May 1867, Letter from Galatz franked double-headed eagle 10 soldi (4) carried by Danube Steam Navigation Company ship dispatched from Galatz via Vienna to Montpellier. "Galatz 14/5" marking in manuscript on vertical 10 soldi pair. Unique letter bearing this franking!

### FIRST USAGE OF HUNGARIAN STAMPS IN JULY 1867

Church in Galatz



4 July 1867: The earliest recorded cover franked with the new Austro-Hungarian Monarchy stamp issue, 1867 "Emporer Franz-Joseph" 10 soldi from Galatz to Constantinopel.



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## POSTMARKS OF THE SIX CONSULAR POST OFFICES

### BUCAREST



1 October 1868, double rate cover franked 10 soldi (2) and 15 soldi (4) from Bucarest to Paris, hence forwarded to London and franked with France Napoleon 40 centimes stamps for the onward journey. The only recorded forwarded letter from a Hungarian consular post office in Romania to Great Britain.

9 September 1868, the only known newspaper from any of the six Hungarian consular post offices franked with 2 soldi (2) from Bucarest to Prague.

National Theatre in Fokschan

### GALATZ

Galatz



### FOKSCHAN



10 March 1868, the unique recorded letter from Fokschan via Jassy and Vienna to Paris!

27 March 1869 (four days before the closing date of the post office), 2 soldi (5) used on letter from Galatz to Vienna. The only recorded letter bearing this franking.





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### GIURGEVO



3 October 1868, letter franked with 5 soldi and 10 soldi from Giurgevo franked to the Greek border to Athens. Large Hermes Head 20 lepta for the Inland postage paid by the addressee on delivery. The only recorded letter with this combination franking.

### IBRAILA



Ibraila



14 July 1868, the only known printed matter from Ibraila franked with a 2 x 2 soldi franking.

### PLOJESTIE



Plojestie



29 March 1869, Plojestie c.d.s. in red tying 5 soldi red and 15 soldi brown on letter to Cento, province of Ferrara. One of just three recorded letters bearing the Plojestie datestamp in RED!



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