the interpostals of egypt 1864-1892

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Note: We have seen examples of Types IIIb and IIIc in which traces of the Turkish inscriptions in the center still remain, due to incomplete erasure of stone before the "Direzione Generale" was inserted. There also are examples of Type IIIc, in which traces of the "Alessandria" are visible, likewise due to incomplete erasure.

TYPE IV, January, 1868



Inscribed POSTE VICE REALI EGIZI-ANE in white letters on a background of cross-hatching around the top arch; and town name in colored letters around bottom of the same arch-panel. The whole inclosed by a circular frame of thick, thin and thick lines and finally, around outside, a double-thick line measuring 39mm in diameter. The Arabic inscription, "Bustah Masrieh Mirieh," is arranged in three lines in the center in colored lettering on a background of fine vertical lines.

- 1. The letter, O, in POSTE, is rectangular.
- The letter, G, in EGIZIANE, is clear and distinct. Printed in black on tinted paper, except as mentioned.

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76b	n	on magenta	5.00
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104a	н	on	purple	7.50
105	Zagazig		yellow-green	3.00
106	Zefte		gray-green	3.00
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			THE WAR SHOW	

TYPE IVA, January, 1868

Similar to Type IV with the following differences:

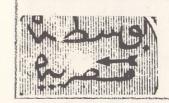
- 1. O in POSTE, is round.
- 2. G in EGIZIANE, is shaped more like a C.

Note: When the design for Type IV was originally made up, the artist inadvertently put a dot above the Arabic S of Masrieh (the second or middle line) in the center of the Interpostal. This dot changes the S to an Arabic D. Some supplies were printed before the error was discovered, for Interpostals for Alessandria, Benha, Benisueff, Desuk, Fascne, Magaga, Mahallet Roh, Medinetel-Fayum, Minia, Suakin and Uasta are known with the dot.

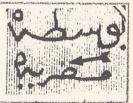


At first, this dot was simply removed, leaving a small white "hole" in the vertical lining above the loop of the S. Interpostals for the following towns are known with this "first retouch:" Abuhomus, Alessandria, Benha, Benisueff, Cairo, Damanhour, El Gisr, Fascne, Galiub, Scibin-el-Kom, Zagazig and Zefte.

The printing stone then was retouched so that this "hole" was slightly lined, but still shows evidence of erasure. Interpostals for the following towns are known with this "second retouch:"









This unique sheet, from collection of the late King Fouad I, is perhaps the rarest Interpostal item in existence. Printed in red and greenishiblue, on white paper.



TYPE IVc

Inscribed: *DIREZIONE GENERALE DELLE R-POSTE EGIZIANE* ALES-ANDRIA, in outer circle. In center is a stubby crescent and star in white against background of fine vertical lines. Above it is Arabic inscription: "General Directorate."

Below, also in Arabic: "Egypt/Official."

Alessandria		3.50
	greenish	10.00
11	gold on blue	10.00
"	gold on rose	10.00
	n	greenish gold on blue

TYPE V, January, 1871

Inscribed, POSTE KHEDEUIE EGIZI-ANE in colorless letters around the top arch of a circular panel against a background of fine cross-hatching. At bottom arch of same circular panel is the name of the town, in colored letters against a white background. In center, in colored Arabic letters against a background of fine vertical lines is Busta/Khedywiet/Masrieh. 39mm in diameter.

- 1. Letters of POSTE KHEDEUIE EGIZIANE are thin.
- Arabic inscription in center is heavy. Printed in black on colored paper, except as mentioned.



155	Alessandria	on lilac-rose	2.00
156	Birket-el-		
	Sab	on lavender	2.00
157	Costantino-		
	poli	red on white	2.00
157a	н	red on greenish	7.50
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