Austria and Empire

Return receipt (RR) service in the Austrian Empire, to 1875

HIS exhibit covers all entities that were part of the Austrian Empire, or from 1867, part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Austrian AR service, known mostly as *Retour Recepisse* (no accents) (R R) began at least as early as 1779 [R]. It was used extensively throughout the Empire.

Comments, suggestions, corrections, criticisms are welcome and solicited (don't pull any punches, I have thick skin). I can be reached at rochelle2@sympatico.ca.

For international post-1875 Austrian AR material, see the mini-exhibit on Richard Frajola's site, https://www.rfrajola.com/dh2019/dh10.pdf.

Notation on covers was normally (gegen/erga) Retour Recepisse. Some RR forms in the early years were titled merely Recepisse or Rezepisse (receipt), but from the wording on them, it is clear that they were RR forms (the addressee is required to sign the form thereby acknowledging receipt), rather than simple registration receipts (which later were denoted Aufgabs-Recepisse).

Organization of the exhibit

- General information, including currency, weights, and rates, as well as descriptions of generic R R forms
- Return receipt forms. This is subdivided into those for registered letters, and those carried in the *Fahrpost*, each section arranged chronologically. The latter were parcels and letters of value (often containing cash). These range from 1819–1875, and are almost always domestic. International RR use in this period is rare, but there are a couple, to Sweden, and to some German states.
- Return receipt covers. Even domestically, these are not common, but there is further difficulty in identifying them. The ones shown here range from 1818–1875, with a few to foreign destinations, arranged chronologically.
- Mystery items. Some covers, clearly marked *Retour Recepisse*, cannot be dated (many handstamps in this period did not include the year); a would-be spectacular item, from the Austrian office in Constantinople, is mysterious for an additional reason. And there is a letter of value cover, for which I don't know the rates.
- R R or not?. These are covers to which I am uncertain that R R applied. They may be marked merely (erga) *Recepisse*, which is ambiguous, because it could refer merely to a request for a registration receipt for the sender (this is discussed in more detail). And in at least one case, I could not read the words preceding or following *Recepisse*.

Comments on the exhibit I am not satisfied with this exhibit. I don't have anything preceding 1817, nor do I have very many 1850s stamped RR forms. I have only a handful of non-domestic items. In addition, I am not really sure that most of what I have written is correct.

General information Most of the following is from [N].

- The expression t.t. (and variants), that is, k.k., is an abbreviation of kaiserlich und königlich (imperial and royal), and appears on practically all documents of the Austrian Empire. It is an easy way to distinguish official Austrian documents from those of other German-speaking entities.
- The expression *ex offo* (and variants) means *ex-officio*, and refers to mail sent from government offices, almost always with no postage required.
- Any of *frei, franco, porto* on a cover means that the postage has been fully prepaid by the sender; the first is explained by the fact that the letter was free for the addressee (sometimes even registered letters were not fully prepaid, in which case what was left was collected from the addressee).
- *Loth* is a unit of weight, equal to 1/30th of a Zollpfund (Pfund), which in turn weighed 500 grams; sometimes the Vienna Loth was used instead, but both are very close to one-half ounce.

- The Austrian *florin* (in Hungary, *forint*) was divided into 60 kreuzer; in 1858, the kreuzer was revalued so that one florin equalled 100 kr.
- A German mile (G-mile) was the equivalent to about 7.6 km (a very big mile; the current mile in the Us, and formerly in Canada and UK, is only 1.6 km). This is very close to, if not identical to, the Austrian post-mile (Meile).

Rates

From 1817–42, domestic letter rates were based on distance (measured in the number of relays) and weight (measured in Loth). They could be prepaid or partially prepaid, or even sent completely unpaid (for the sender to pay on receipt). The office of origin was supposed to write on reverse of the cover the charges that had been prepaid, and on the front, the remaining charges, for the addressee to pay.

In 1842, distance charges were eased on domestic mail; there were three classes, local (within the delivery radius of a post office), up to 10 German miles (76 km—these are big miles!), and more than 10 G-miles; in 1843, the 10 G-mile condition was replaced by 20. In 1848, rates for an interpolating distance of 10–20 G-miles were introduced, and in 1849, the 20 G-mile zone was extended to 30.

Registration was introduced in 1789, and in the stampless period was typically indicated by a red crayon grille, which resembles MM with cross-bars. Registered letters were charged an additional 2 kr if senders merely wanted a (printed) receipt (Aufgabs—Recepisse) from 1817; until 1826, they could prepare their own, thereby avoiding the charge. This charge was dropped in 1842. However, return receipts (to be signed by the recipient and returned to sender) are more complicated.

Use of stamps [M] When stamps were issued (1850), their use was compulsory on domestic letters, and a month later, on mail to countries of the German-Austrian postal union; this was gradually extended, until 1856, when their use was compulsory on all mail.

The registration fee had to be prepaid by stamps on all mail. Until December 1865, stamps paying the registration fee to a domestic destination were to be put on reverse of the cover. They can still be found on reverse well after this date.

For RR, on domestic mail, the fee had to be paid in stamps from the outset (at least according to [M]). There are plenty of RR forms from 1850–1870s with no stamps; presumably, these were all sent ex-officio (on government service). The RR fee was to be paid in stamps on the RR form (not the registered letter).

On foreign mail, the registration fee could be paid in cash until the period in which the rest of the postage had to be paid in stamps. From 1863, parcels were subject to a tax of 5 kr.

For the stampless period (pre-1850), rates were obtained from [N]; for the period after 1850, from [H]; R R fees were obtained from [R].

17 June 1817–31 July 1842

Domestic postage for letters in the period were determined by distance, in terms of the number of relay stations (given by r in the formula below), and weight, in terms of half-Loths (given by h), up to a maximum of 6:

$$\left\lceil \frac{r \wedge 19}{3} \right\rceil \cdot 2h$$
 kreuzer.

Recall that there were 60 kr to the florin at this time.

Registration (domestic) was 4 kr; a registration receipt from the post office cost an additional 2 kr.

This causes problems, as a marking such as *gegen Recepisse* on a registered cover may not mean Retour Recepisse (as would indicated by *gegen/erga Retour Recepisse* and variations), but could just be a request for a registration receipt, and cost an additional 2 kr.

RR Both domestic and foreign, 12 kr.

Prepayment in full or part was not required.

Procedures Rates were normally written in red crayon, until 1833. From then, main and branch post offices were *supposed to* use red ink for prepaid letters, and black for (completely?) collect. The office of origin was to indicate on the back of the cover the charges that had been paid, and on the front, the

charges to be paid by the addressee.

1 August 1842-28 February 1843

Three distance zones replaced the relay charges.

Local letters (that is, within the same delivery zone, or within a city) were charged a flat rate of 2 kr, up to three Loths.

Distance \leq 10 G-miles 6 kr for the first half-Loth, and additional 3 kr for each of the next two quarter-Loths, and then 6 kr for each subsequent half-Loth, to a maximum of 3 Loths total.

Distance > 10 G-miles 12 kr for the first half-Loth, 6 kr for each of the next two quarter-Loths, and 12 kr for each subsequent half-Loth.

Registration 6 kr, but now the registration receipt came for free (or in other words, the 2 kr receipt charge was folded into the former 4 kr fee).

RR \leq 10 G-miles 6 kr, otherwise 12 kr.

One might expect that *erga/gegen Recepisse* marked on a letter would now mean Retour Recepisse, but it seems more likely that this was just a leftover reflex from the previous era.

1 March 1843-31 May 1848

The distance zones were increased to more or less than 20 G-miles; the rates (including those of registration and RR) otherwise unchanged.

1 July 1848-31 March 1849

A new distance zone of up to 10 G-miles was introduced, at 3 kr for the first half-Loth, 5 kr for up to ³/₄ Loth, 6 kr up to one Loth, and 3 kr for each subsequent half-Loth. Registration remained 6 kr. RR became 3 kr if local; 6 if 20 G-miles or less; and otherwise 12 kr.

1 April 1849-31 May 1850

20 G-mile zones were replaced by 30 G-mile zones.

1 June 1850-31 October 1858

Stamps introduced. In 1858, the florin was revalued, so that one florin was made up of 100 kr, rather than the former 60.

Local 2 kr per Loth

≤ 10 G-miles 3 kr per Loth

10⁺–20 G-miles 6 kr per Loth

> 20 G-miles 9 kr per Loth

Registration 3 kr if local, 6 kr otherwise

RR6kr

1 November 1858–31 December 1865

Local 3 kr per Loth

≤ 10 G-miles 5 kr per Loth

10⁺–20 G-miles 10 kr per Loth

> 20 G-miles 15 kr per Loth

Registration 5 kr if local, 10 kr otherwise

RR 5 kr if local, otherwise 10 kr

1 January 1866–30 June 1873

Local 3 kr per Loth

Domestic 5 kr per Loth

Registration unchanged

On 1 January 1868, the RR fee changed from 10 kr to 5 kr for local letters (for non-local letters, the fee remained at 10 kr).

1 July 1873-31 December 1882

Local 3 kr per 15 grams

Domestic 5 kr per 15 grams
Registration and RR unchanged

Retour Recepisse forms

Austrian R R forms come in numerous sizes, papers, colours, and with or without stamps (both possible after stamps were issued). They are typically cut (or torn) from a larger sheet, which results in varying margins. There is often a frame. The text is usually in Fraktur (Retour Recepisse), but the version of Fraktur varies. Sometimes the head is given in roman.

The following is the typical wording of a return receipt for registered letters. Fraktur takes a little while to learn to read. But this is nothing compared to reading Kurrentschrift, the now-obsolete handwriting of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Retour-Recepisse

Dass ich das, bei dem k.k.

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am untengestzen Tage richtig erhalten habe, bezeuge ich mit meinter eigenhændigen Unterschrift.

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Unterschrift:

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Zur Nachricht

- 1) Die Recepissegebuhr ist vom Aufgeber entrichtet worden.
- 2) Der Empfænger ist gehalten, das Datum einzusetzten, und

die Namensfertigung beizusugen.

Dieses Recepisse wolle mit erstem Postsage an das obengænante Postamt der Aufgabe zuruckgesendet werden.

Some pairs of characters in the originals are ligated (e.g., \mathfrak{g} for $\mathfrak{t}\mathfrak{z}$, \mathfrak{d}) for \mathfrak{ch}), but it was too much bother to duplicate the typography. There are also long esses, eszetts, and various other things. Wording and placement varies from form to form. Early forms use the spelling *Rezepisse*, as c is not a full-fledged member of the alphabet in German (it normally only appears in ch or ck). Some non-registered mail (such as parcels or letters of value [it is preferable not to use the expression *money letters* for the latter, as this will cause confusion]) could also be sent with R R, but in the Fahrpost.

A rough translation follows.

Return-Receipt

I have received from the K.K. post office of [Office name], a [letter] dated [day] of the [month] [year], a registered letter from the following address: [address of sender]

I testify via my handwritten signature that I have received it today in good condition.

Signature:

Information

- 1) The return receipt fee has been paid by the sender.
- 2) The recipient is required to insert the date, and add the name.

This receipt is to be sent via the first post to the post office of origin.

For Fahrpost, which involves packages and letters of value (as opposed to Briefpost, which carried registered letters), the wording is somewhat different.

Retour-Recepisse

Dass ich die nachbenannte, bei dem k.k.

Postamt zu

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Unterschrift:

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Zur Nachricht

- 1) Die Recepissegebuhr ist vom Aufgeber entrichtet worden.
- 2) Der Empfænger ist gehalten, das Datum einzusetzten, und
- die Namensfertigung beizusugen.

Dieses Recepisse wolle mit erstem Postsage an das obengænante Postamt der Aufgabe zuruckgesendet werden.

Return-Receipt

I am the recipient of a parcel [. . .] from the K.K. post office of [Office name], mailed [day] of the [month] [year], from the following address: [address of sender]

insured for florins, kreuzer, weighing Zollpfunds, Loth; I testify via my handwritten signature that I have received it today in good condition.

Signature:

Information

- 1) The return receipt fee has been paid by the sender.
- 2) The recipient is required to insert the date, and add the name.

This receipt is to be sent via the first post to the post office of origin.

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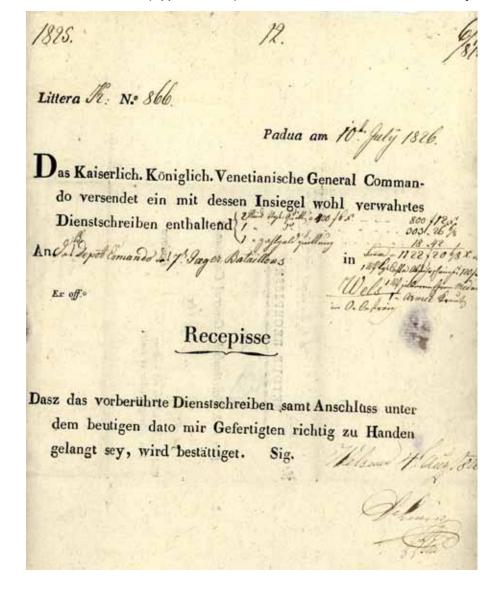
Early form, 1819. Properly signed. Retour in roman, but Fraktur $\mathfrak{Rezepisse}$, with z instead of c. This particular one refers to $\mathfrak{kaiserl}$. \mathfrak{konigl} . \mathfrak{bohm} (KK Bohemia). NB is an earlier indication of a registered letter. I cannot make out the address of origin.



From the main post office in Vienna, 1836. Properly signed. All in Fraktur. No Retour, but it is clearly signed for. Refers to a registered letter. Fancy frame.

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From Posoritz (now Posorice in the Czech Republic) to Hradisch (now in Czech Republic), 1836. Properly signed. All in Fraktur, with 3 in Recepisse. Not referring to a registered letter. Fancy frame.

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From the main post office in Vienna to Wilfersdorf, 1839. Properly signed. All in Fraktur. No Retour, but it is clearly signed for. Refers to a registered letter.



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From Budwitz (now Budejovice in the Czech Republic), 1841. Unusual spelling of Recepisse. Underneath is the Aufgabs-Recepisse (ordinary registration receipt). Bezahlt nichts appears lower left.

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From Nikolsburg, 7 October 1843. Properly signed. All in Fraktur. Refers to a registered letter. Briefpost at upper left.

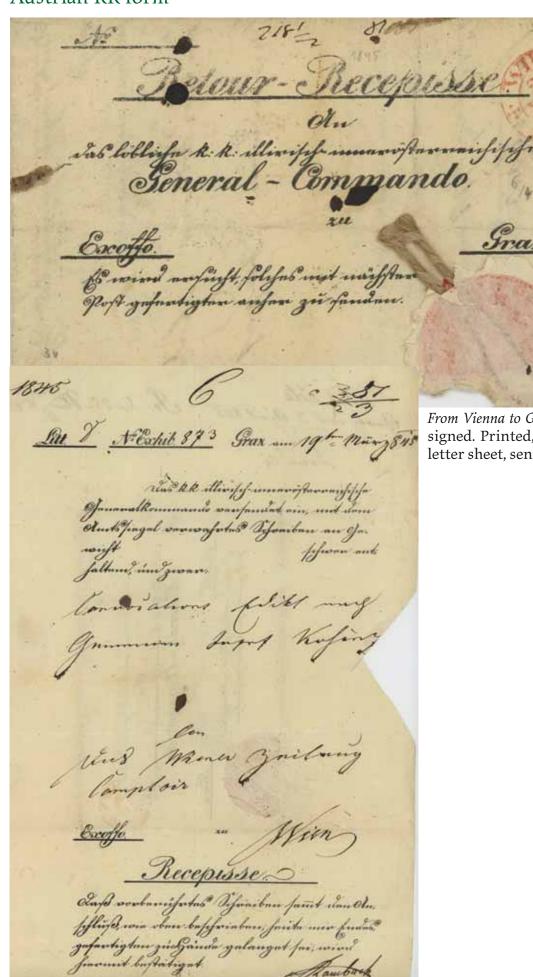
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Same date; both refer to number 35. The rates are itemized: 18 kr letter postage (probably one Loth, at a distance exceeding 10 G-miles), 6 kr registration, and 12 kr for return receipt service.

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From Prague (Bohemia), 1843. Properly signed. All in Fraktur. Refers to a registered letter.





From Vienna to Graz, ex-officio, 1845. Properly signed. Printed, mostly in Kurrentschrift. Folded letter sheet, sent to the General Command (?).

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From Purkersdorf to Vienna, 1845. Properly signed. Refers to a registered letter.

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From Hohenmauth, 1846. Properly signed.

Austrian RR forms, 1850-

Austria issued stamps in 1850, and from this date on, registration and R R fees were to be paid in stamps, and in the case of R R, on the form. Sometimes the stamp is on the front, sometimes on the back (as here). Until 1866, stamps paying the registration fee were to be placed on the reverse of the registered item, but there does not appear to have been a regulation governing the placement of stamps on R R forms.



From Cashau (now Kosice in Slovakia) to Sztropko (Stropkov in Slovakia), 1850. 6 kr R R fee paid by stamp.



From Konigsaal (Zbraslav, a district of Prague) to Prague, 1852 (one of the occurrences of the year date 184 has not been corrected). Payment of 6 kr R R fee by stamp. Despite appearances, the Prague datestamps on front and back are the same.

Austrian RR forms without stamps

There are a lot of RR forms in this period with no stamps, and no indication of payment (in fact, it is quite unusual to find an RR form with a stamp in the 1850s). This is probably because these were sent on government service (ex-officio).

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From Troppau (now Opava in the Czech Republic) to Teschen, 1852. Properly signed. Small size. Refers to a registered letter.

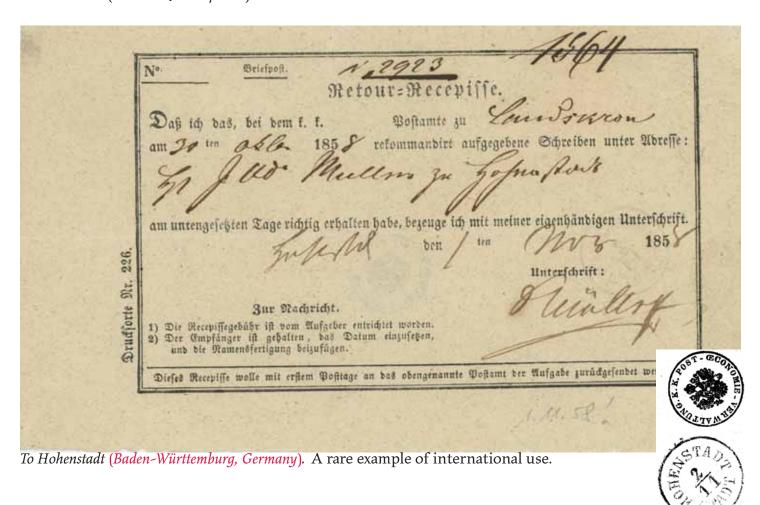


From ??, 1855. Not signed. Refers to a registered letter.

Both from Landskron (now in Czech Republic) in 1858, with print data Drucksorte Mr. 226.—almost identical, except the top one has a comma after the 6, rather than a period (frames are slightly different, too).



To Leitomischl (now in Czech Republic).



Seemingly identical RR forms for registered letters, from Leoben, 1858. Head in bold roman, rest Fraktur.

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To Voitsberg (Styria).

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From (Sankt) Roman (Upper Austria) to Munich, 1858. Properly signed. Printing note at left, Drucksorte Mr. 226.

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From ?? to Baja (Lower Austria), 1860 (printed 185). Roman head. Properly signed. Printing data Form Nr. 100 Jud.

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From Lomnitz (one of five possible Lomnice, now in the Czech Republic), 1861. A different style; and reformandirt in in bold.

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From Pressburg (Bratislava) to Érsejkúvár (Hungarian name for Nové Zámky, in Slovakia), 1861. Head in roman. Properly signed.

From about 1860 on, we see (some) larger forms.

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From Klosterneuburg	to Heiligenstadt, 1860. Properly signed.





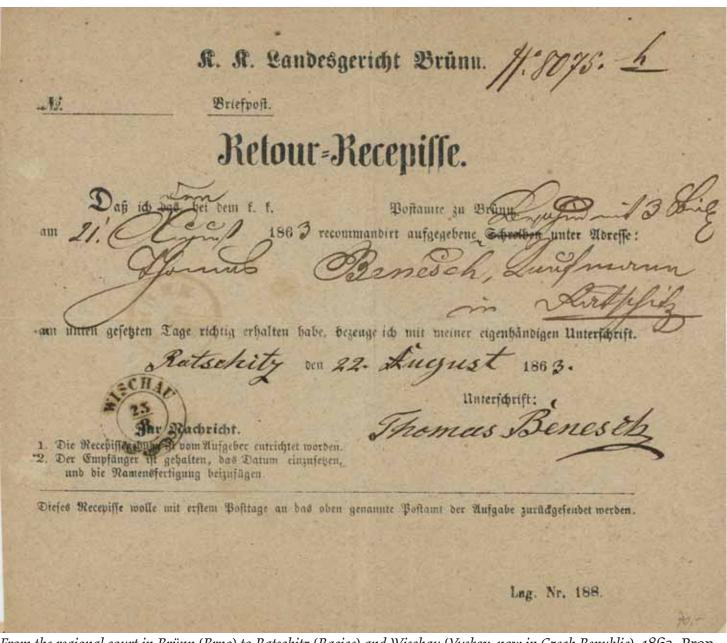
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From Vienna to Prague, 1863. With RR fee paid by 10 kr stamp (cancelled in both Vienna and Prague).

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Diefes Recepiffe wolle mit erftem Bofttage an bas obengenannte Boftamt ber Aufgabe	jurudgesendet werden.
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From the commercial court in Vienna to St Georgen (military office?), 1863. 10 kr stamp cancelled at both origin and destination of registered letter. Properly signed. The 15 kr fiscal pays the court filing fee.





From the regional court in Brünn (Brno) to Ratschitz (Racice) and Wischau (Vyskov, now in Czech Republic), 1863. Properly signed. Slightly different head. Print data **Lag. Nr. 188** (roman, not Fraktur).



To foreign destinations are extremely rare.

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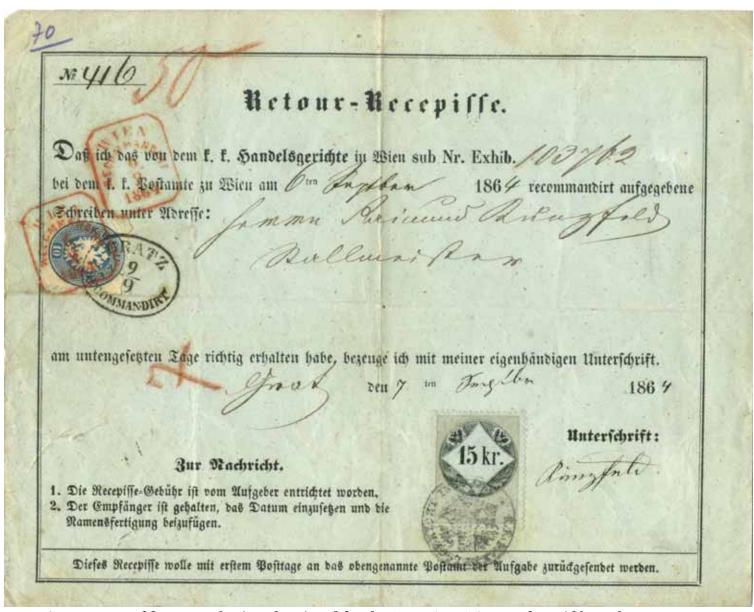
From Vienna to Offenburg (Baden-Württemberg, Germany), 1864. Properly signed. Printed for the Handelsgerichte (commercial court). RR fee paid by 10 kr stamp. With handstamp of sender.

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From Vienna (Wieden-in-Wien) to Trieste (now in Italy), 1864. Properly signed. Printed for the Handelsgerichte. RR fee paid by 10 kr stamp.

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From Vienna (Wieden-in-Wien) to Verona (now in Italy), 1864. Properly signed. Printed for the Handelsgerichte. RR fee paid by 10 kr stamp.



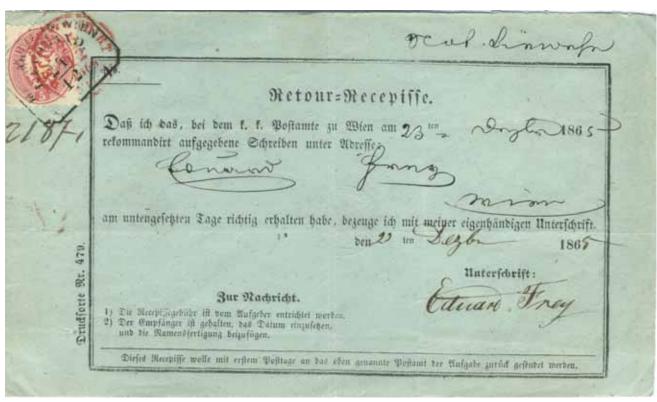
From Vienna to Graz, 1864. Properly signed. Printed for the Handelsgerichte. RR fee paid by 10 kr stamp. Court filing fee paid by 15 kr fiscal.

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From Troppau (now Opava in the Czech Re*public*) *to Würbenthal*, 1864. On reverse→

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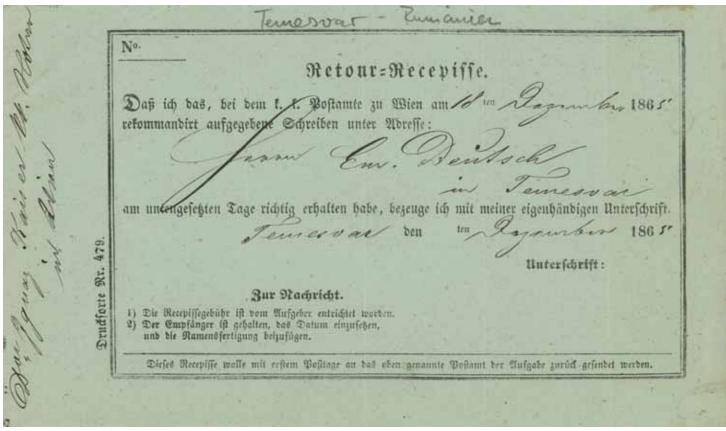
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From Vienna to ??, 1865. With RR fee paid by 5 kr stamp. Print data Drucksorte Mr. 479.

Austrian RR form to Temesvar

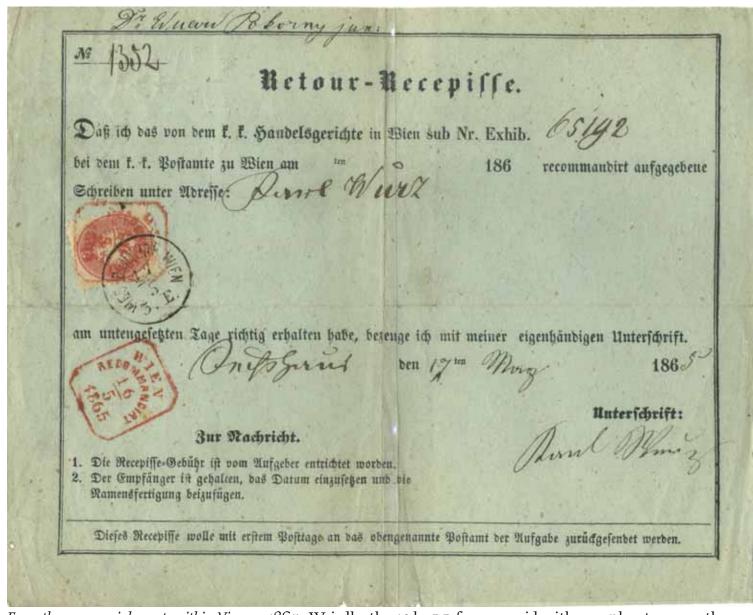
Unfortunately, this is not a foreign destination; Temesvar, unlike most of the rest of modern Romania, was part of the Austrian Empire in 1865.



From Vienna to Temesvar (now Timisoara), 1865. Not signed. Print data Drucksorte Mr. 479.



Both Vienna and Temesvar cancels (on reverse).



From the commercial court, within Vienna, 1865. Weirdly, the 10 kr R R fee was paid with one 5 kr stamp on the front and another one on the back.



Appear to be identical printings on different coloured paper.

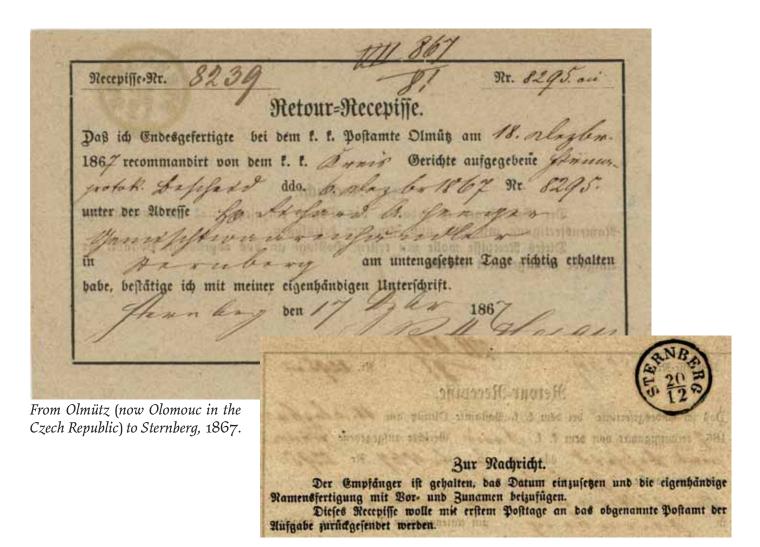


From Vienna, 1865.



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From ?? to Namest, 1867. Print data Lag. Nr 189 (535).





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From Olmütz (now Olomouc in the Czech Republic), 1867.

Bur Nachricht.

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Diefes Recepisse wolle mit erstem Posttage an bas obgenannte Postamt ber Aufgabe gurudgesendet werben.

Austrian RR form printed for use in Bohemia

Reverse in Czech

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From Skutsch to Zwittau, 1867. Print data Drucksorte Mr. 226.



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From Vienna to Pest, 1867. Sent as a folded letter sheet.	867 B 62
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From Vienna to Meidling, 1868. No frame.

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From Kuchl (Salzburg), 1868 (printed in the 1850s). 10 kr stamp pays RR fee.

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From ?? to Linz, 1869. Head in roman type. No frame. Print data Nr. 12. Druck der Haas'schen Erben in Stenr.

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Diefes Recepiffe wolle mit a	erstem Posttage an das obbenannte Postamt der Aufgabe

From the military-community-magistrates office in Pancsova (Панчево, now in Serbia) to Pressburg (now Bratislava in Slovakia), 1869. Head in roman type. No frame.

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Povratnica.	
Potvrdjujem vlastoručnim podpisom, da sam primio pod danom dolje stavljenim predato pod adresom Hankole kod kr. noštanskog ureda dne 29/9	luxh pismo Vinjak, Elok
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	Table br. 53.

From Vukovar (on the border with Hungary) to Budapest, 1870. Signed with a cross, and witnessed. The wording, in Croatian, after translation, is very similar to the German language version.

Austrian RR forms

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From Vienna to Wieden in Vienna, 1870. No frame. Print data Just. Bur. Form. Nr. 10. neue Auflage. (New printing.)



From Trovaiach (Styria), 1871 (printed 1860s). 10 kr RR fee paid by stamp. Print data Drucksorte Mr. 226.

Austrian RR form

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From Brüx (now Most in the Czech Republic) to Seestadt, 1870. Printed by multigraph.

From Wieden-in-Vienna, 1871 (printed 1860s). Unsigned.

Daß ich My bei dem t. t. Postamte in Wien am Ab un Oberel 186/ recommandirt von dem f. städt. deleg. Bezirksgerichte Wieden in Wien aufgegebene Reffly 1998/2 unter der Abresse: in Sindyrung am unten angesetzen Tage richtig erhalten habe, bestätige ich mit meiner eigenhändigen Unterschrift. ben ten 186 3ur Nachricht. Der Empfänger ist gebalten das Dalum einzusehen, und die eigenhändige Kamensferrigung mit Bor und Junamen beigussgen. Dieses Recepisse wolle mit eestem Postage un das abgenannte Postamt der Aus

Retour-Recepisse. Das ich bas von bem f. f. Militair . Communitats . Magiftrategerichte in Pancsova bei dem f. f Poftamte gu Pancsova am sub Nro. Exhib. recommandirt aufgegebene Schreiben unter Adreffe : am untengesetten Tage richtig erhalten hobe, bezeuge ich mit meiner eigenhandigen Unterschrift. Unterfdrift. Nachricht. Zur Der Empfänger ift gehalten, bas Datum einzufegen. und die Ramensfertigung beigufugen. Diefes Recepiffe wolle mit erftem Pofttage an das obbenannte Poftamt der Aufgabe gurudgefendet werben.

From the military-community-magistrates office in Pancsova to Hungary, 1870.



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Retour-Recepisse.
Das ich das von dem k. k. Militair · Communitats · Magistratsgerichte in Pancsova
bei dem k. f Postamte zu Panesova am 24. 18 7. recommandirt ausgegebene Schreiben unter Adresse: Stelle Georgen am untengesehten Erge richtig erhalten habe, bezeuge ich mit meiner eigenhändigen Unterschrift.
Michael gen The Lieur 18/1
Zur Nachricht.
Der Empfänger ist gehalten, das Datum einzusehen Asturier
Dieses Recepisse wolle mit erstem Posttage an das obbenannte Postant der Aufgabe zu- rückgesendet werden.

From the military-community-magistrates office in Pancsova to St Georgen, 1871.

Austrian RR forms

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s příjmením vlastnoručně napsati.	

Unilingual Czech, 1871.



From Maximilianstraße (Vienna) to Kudritz, 1873. Print data Drucksorte Mr. 226. 10 kr R R fee paid by stamp.

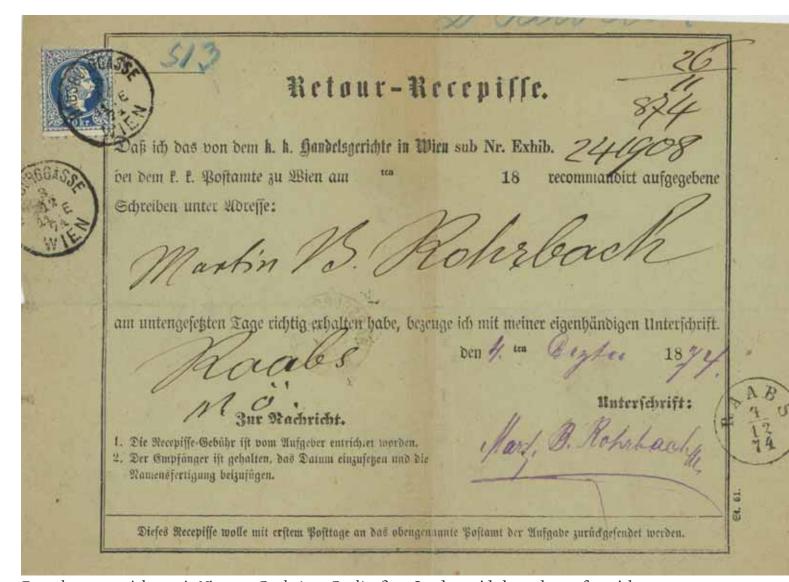
Austrian RR forms

Retour=Recepisse.
Daß ich bas, bei bem t. t. Bostamte zu m 4/kn 18 /3 refemmanhirt aufgegebene Schreiben unter ber Abreffe:
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Diefes Recepiffe wolle mit erftem Bofitage an bas obengenannte Boftamt ber Anfgabe jurudgefenbet werben.

From Znaim (now Znojmo in Czech Republic), 1873. Print data Drucksorte Mr. 226.

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From Troppau to Freudenthal, 1874. No frame.



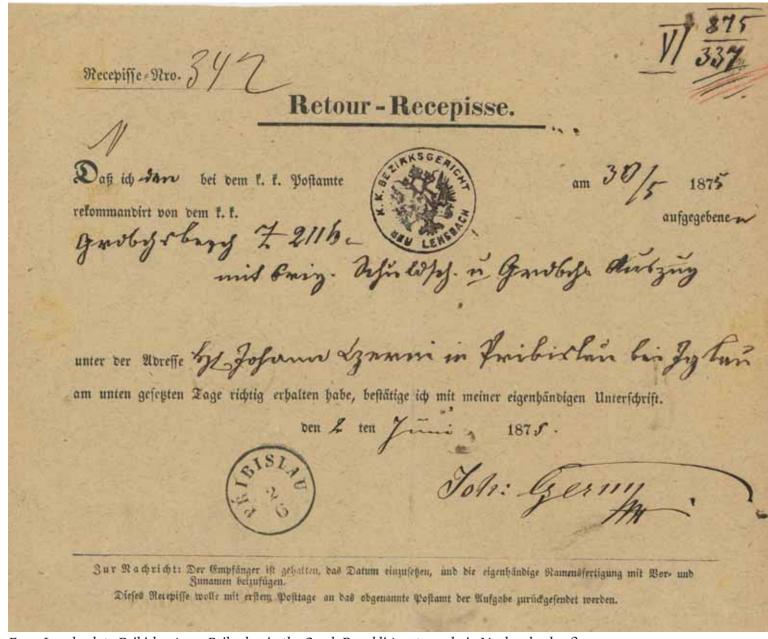
From the commercial court in Vienna to Raabs (now Raab), 1874. Sender paid the 10 kr R R fee with stamp.





From the commercial court in Vienna to Znaim (Moravia), 1875. Sender paid the 10 kr RR fee with stamp. 15 kr fiscal stamp on reverse (notarization?).



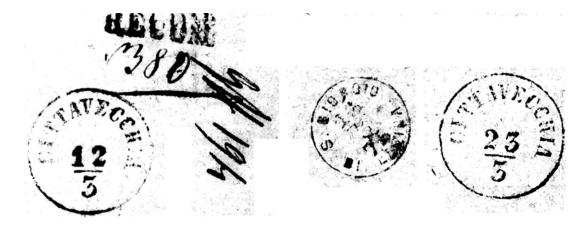


From Lengbach to Pribislau (now Pribyslav in the Czech Republic), returned via Neulengbach, 1875.



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8	l ricevente deve apporre la data in lettere e la propria sottoscrizione con Nome e Cognome, s' interessa per la restituzione della presente ricevuta al suindicato Ufficio postale di consecol prossimo ordinario.

From Cittavecchia (more likely in Rome, than what is now Stari Grad in Dalmatia, Croatia) to San Giorgio (of which there are dozens in Italy), 1875.



Fahrpost deals with packages, and letters of value (typically containing cash). RR is available for such, but registration is not.

Nro.	Retour-Recepisse. dd. 5. May 830.
Neustadt anhe	desgefertigter heut dato das, aus dem k. k. Postamte zu Wr. r gegen Recepisse gelangte und wohlversiegelt. Gymiam unter der Addresse lautend 2444 & S.N. in Lund
stable on sol	inen Händen erhalten habe, bestättige durch meine hierunten. gung. Sign.
wird	n dem Empfänger unterschriebene Recepisse ersucht, mit dem ersten Posttag an das k. k. at zu Wiener Neustadt retour zu senden.

From Wiener Neustadt, 1830. Properly signed. All in roman. A letter of value, perhaps 82 florins.

Nro. (96. Retour=Recevisse.)
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an Chan Angelika Vose in Sungarity Grantiff
aus Reasens heute durch das hiefige & Ober Postamt richtig empfangen habe.
Plugettend Alben 62 May 1832 Unterschrift. Joge Gige Julia Wie w
Das löbliche k. k. Postamt zu Anten wird ersucht, dieses Recepisse, gehörig untersertiget, mit der ersten Briespost recommandirt, und zwar unter der Abresse unterzeichneten Postamtes zurück zu senden. R. R. Abrus Vostamt.
Grünn (Bohemia; now Brno, Czech Republic) to Wischau, 1832. Properly signed. Fraktur. Refers to an amount of 600 florins, not a registered letter.
Tamos & Chechow

Austrian RR forms, Fahrpost

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From Sighartskirchen, 1835. Properly signed. Head in roman, rest in Fraktur. Fancy frame.

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To Fehring (handwritten, rather than printed), from a postal wagon, Sieghartskirchen, 1837. Properly signed. Fraktur, except for head. Referring to an amount of 16 florins, 15 kr. Fancy frame, with double-headed eagle.

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om Wieselburg to Graz, 1843. Refers to an amount of only 10 fl. Printed Fahrpost.	
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From Gänsendorf, 1845. Properly signed. All in Fraktur. Refers to an insured letter (101 florins, 12 kr). Fahrpost.

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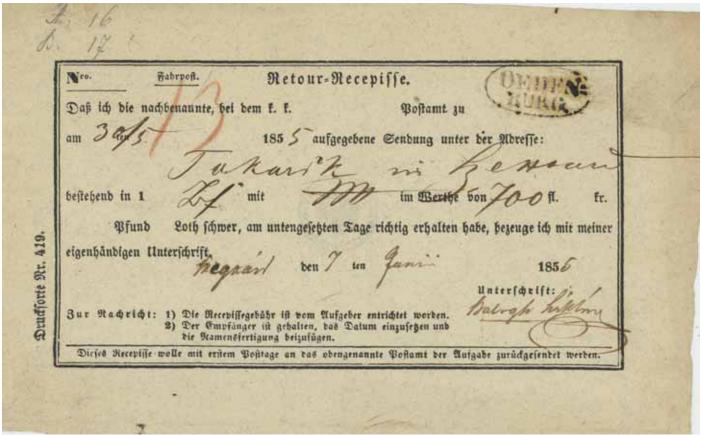
From Bodenstadt (now Postát in the Czech Republic), to Pilsen (now Plzen), 1844. Properly signed. Refers to an amount of 70 florins). Fahrpost.



From Namiest (now in the Czech Republic), 1852. Properly signed. Refers to an amount of 2000 florins. Fahrpost.



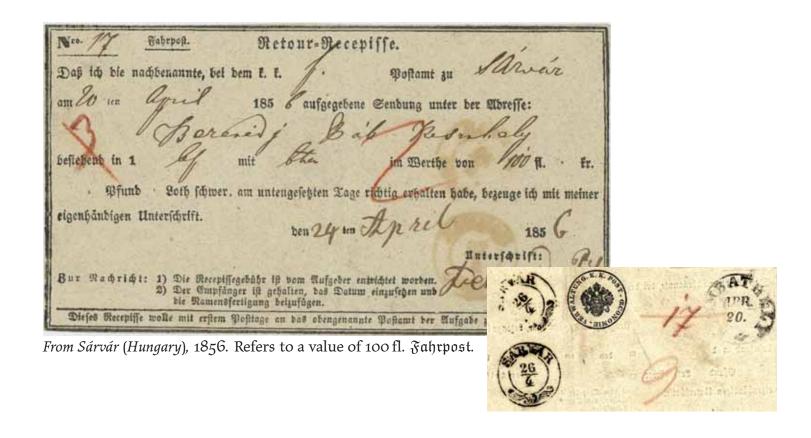
From Brünn (now Brno in the Czech Republic), 1852. Properly signed. Refers to an amount of 100 florins. Fahrpost.



From Ödenburg (now Sopron, then and now in Hungary), 1855. Properly signed. Refers to an amount of 700 florins. Fahrpost.

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From Tornallya (Hungary) to Rimaszombat, 1858. Properly signed. Refers to an amount of 374 (gold?) fl, 85 kr. Fahrpost. Printing note at left, Drucksorte Mr. 419.

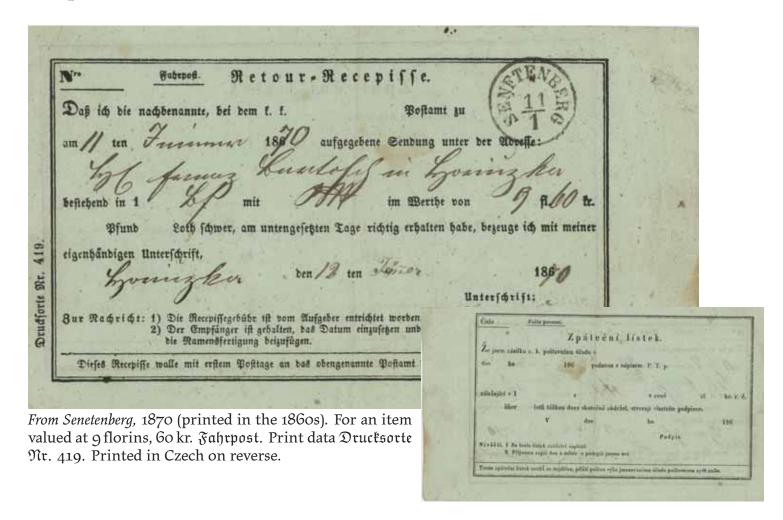




From Güssing, 1856. Refers to value of 8 fl, 22 kr. Fahrpost. Printing note at left, Drucksorte Mr. 419.



From Altenburg, 1861 (printed 185). For a letter valued at 63 florins. Properly signed. Fahrpost. Printing data Drucksorte Nr. 419.



The RR fee is *never* indicated on the cover.



From Neupacka (now Nová Paka in the Czech Republic) to Prague, 1818. Red crayon M with horizontal lines indicates registration (the mess at the upper right was done by the post office, the neat one on the left side may have been done by the sender. Erga ret. recep in the usual place (lower left).

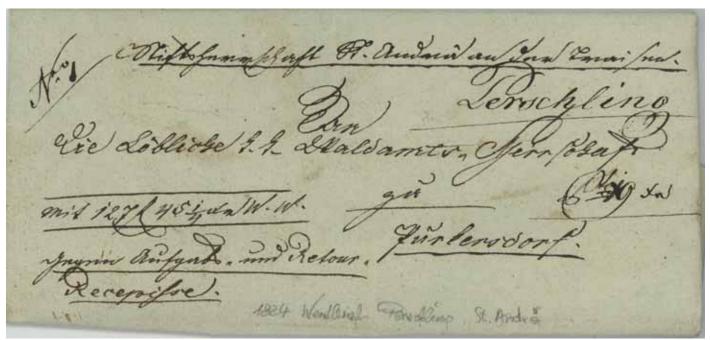
Rated on reverse in red $\frac{8}{4}$, meaning prepaid 8 kr for up to 6 relay stations and weight of one Loth, plus 4 kr registration. The 12 kr R R fee is not indicated front or back.





From Bielitz (Silesia; now Bielsko in Poland) to Niklsburg (or Nikolsburg, a Jewish centre of learning; now Mikulov in the Czech Republic), 1823. Ms Erga Retour Recepisse.

Rated on reverse in red $\frac{20}{4}$: prepaid 20 kr for up to 15 relay stations and weight of one Loth, plus 4 kr registration. I don't know what the crayon 2 on the front means.



To Purkersdorf, ex-officio, 1824. Ms gegen Aufgabs und Retour Recepisse (both a registration and a return receipt). Although not marked ex offo (ex officio), this was sent by a civil servant at no charge.



Rated on reverse in red 4, meaning the registration fee was prepaid, and 8 on front, indicating 8 kr collect (to be paid by the addressee); one half-Loth up to 12 relay stations. Ms (lower left) translates to registration fee paid (by sender), confirming the 8 on front represents the amount due.

CRUNAL



From Sternburg (Sternberk, now in Czech Republic) to Römerstadt (Rymarov, in the Czech Republic), 1826. Ms Retour Recepisse. At upper right, an abbreviation for ex offo (ex-officio). Crayon ER signifies Erga Recepisse, possibly (in this case) just a request for an ordinary registration receipt at an additional 2 kr.

Rated on front in red 4, indicating that although the domestic postage was free (there are no rate marks on the front), the 4 kr registration fee was payable by the addressee.

Tiny ruled **Sternberg** straightline canneel.



From Sternburg to Römerstadt, 1839. Ms *franco erga Retour Recepisse.* Crayon *ER* as above. Rated fully prepaid $\frac{2}{4}$, half-Loth up to three relay stations, and registration.



From illegible handstamp to Kloster Neuberg (now one word; Styria), 1830. Ms gegen Retour Recepisse. Rated on reverse in red $\frac{12}{4}$; one Loth for six relay stations, plus 4 kr for registration.



From Szathmar (now Satu Mare in Romania) to Unghvár (now Uzkhorod in Ukraine), 1839. Both places were then part of the Austrian Empire. Marked Franco-porto/Erga retour Recepisse, completely prepaid. No rate marks, so presumably ex-officio.

UNCHVAR

Retour Recepisse cover to Germany (Bavaria)

Even to Germany, RR covers to foreign destinations are are rare in this period.



From Vienna to Munich, 1839. Handstamped Franco (fully prepaid) and ms gegen retour rezepisse. Rated $\frac{14}{4}$, half-Loth, more than 18 relays to the border, and 4 kr registration; charged 9whatevers in Bavaria.

Tolna is a small town in Hungary. Same correspondence.



From Tolna to Vienna, 1841. Ms gegen Retour Recepisse.

Rate marks unreadable, since a portion of the cover was torn away on removing the seal.



Same correspondence, 1842.

Rated $\frac{12}{4}$ (on reverse—cover is folded out—hence prepaid), up to 18 relay stations, and 4 kr registration.



From Marienbad (now Mariánské Lázne, in the Czech Republic), 1841. Ms franco gegen Retour Rezepisse. Rated fully prepaid, seemingly 2 florins, which is enormous, and appears to be impossible.

In August 1842, the registration fee rose to 6 kr (but now included an Aufgabs-Recepisse), and letter rates were by distance (three zones). In February 1843, distance zones were increased.



From Senosetsch to Treviso (now in Italy), forwarded to Trieste, 1844. Ms Erga Retour-Recepisse.

Rated prepaid $\frac{6}{6}$, first zone (up to 20 G-miles), half-Loth, and 6 kr registration.

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From Ungarisch Brod (now Uherský Brod in the Czech Republic) to Austerlitz (now Slavkov u Brna in CR), 1849. Ms franco gegen aufg. Recepisse.

Rated prepaid $\frac{9}{6}$, first zone (distance under 20 G-miles) and two half-Loths, plus 6 kr registration.



Stamps were issued in 1850. Their use was compulsory for payment of domestic letter postage (to other countries, stamps were required from 1856), as well as all registration and R R fees. The last was to be paid on the form. Stamps paying the registration fee were to be applied to the reverse of the cover, until 1866.



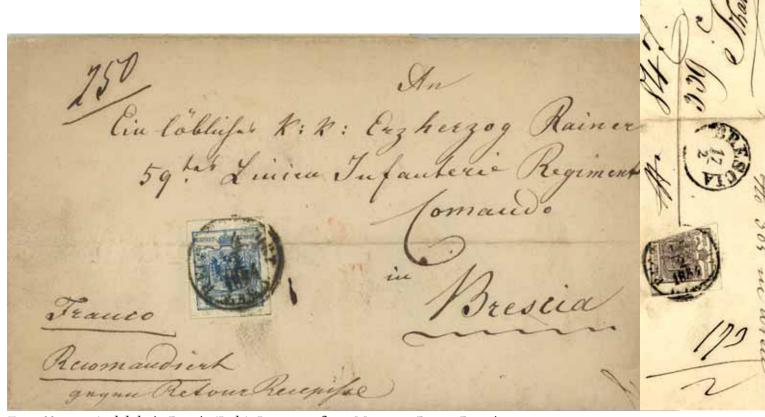
From Venice to Verona (both part of Lombardy-Venetia), 1851. Ms Consegna con ricevuta con ritorno.

Rated 30 cents on front (equivalent to 6 kr) one Loth, up to 20 G-miles), and 30 ct on reverse, paying the registration fee.



From Bougo (??) to Innsbruck, forwarded to Triest, 1852. Ms con ricevuta contro ricevuta.

Rated 6 kr on front (one Loth, up to 20 G-miles), and 3 kr on reverse, underpaying the registration fee??—may not belong.



From ?? to an Archduke in Brescia (Italy), January 1854. Ms gegen Retour Recepisse.

Rated 9 kr on the front (either three Loth, up to 10 G-miles, or single Loth more than 20 G-miles), and 6 kr on reverse, paying the registration fee.



From Karlstadt (Karlova in Croatia) to Presburg (Bratislava, in Slovakia), 1856. Ms gegen Retour Recepisse. Rated 9 kr on front (one Loth, more than 20 G-miles), and 6 kr on reverse, paying the registration fee.



From Vienna to Theinheim (Württemburg-Baden, German state), 1857. Ms Erga Retour Recepisse. Routing given by sender: Vienna, Leipzig, Ulm, and Ochenhausen. Also backstamped at Biberach.

Rated 9 kr on the front (to Germany, single weight), and 6 kr on reverse, paying the registration fee.



November 1858, rates changed: local rate, 3 kr per Loth; domestic up to 10 G-miles, 5 kr; up to 20 G-miles, 10 kr per Loth; exceeding 20 G-miles, 15 kr per Loth; registration and R R, each 5 kr if local, otherwise 10 kr.



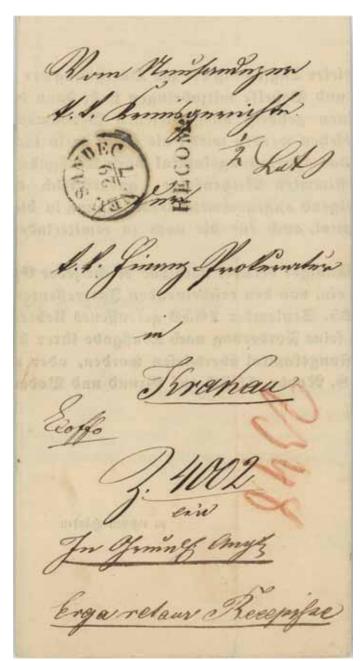


From Nagy-Karoly (Hungary) to Unghvar, 1859. Ms gegen Recepisse.

Rated 10 kr on front (one Loth, up to 20 G-miles), and 10 kr on reverse, paying the registration fee.



From Graz to ??, free (ex-officio), 1860. Ms Rekommendirt gegen Retour Recepisse and Ex offo (ex-officio; that is, sent on official business and thus free).



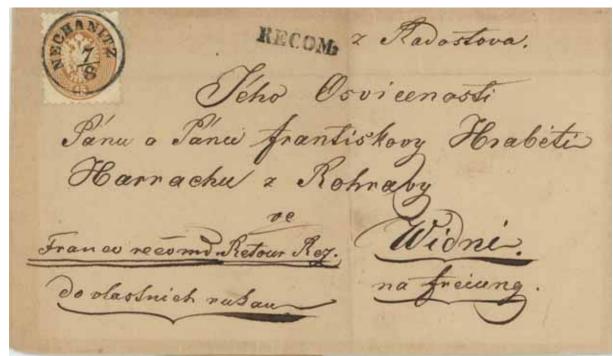


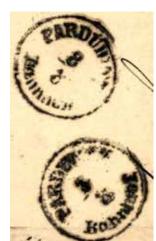
From Neu Sandec (now Novy Sacz, in Poland) to Krakau (Styria—not Kraków in Poland), free (ex-officio), 1860. Ms Erga retour Recepisse and Ex offo.





From Goeling to somewhere near Badstadt (neither of which I can find references for), 1863. Ms gegen Retour Rezepisse. Rated 5 kr on front (one Loth, up to 10 G-miles), and 10 kr on reverse, paying the registration fee.





From Nechanitz (Nechanice in the Czech Republic) to Widné (??), 1863. Ms Franco recomd Retour Rez. Pardubice postmarks on reverse.

Rated 15 kr on the front, but rated as above.

Retour Recepisse covers



From Vienna to Seravale (near Udine, Italy), 1865. Ms Retour Recepisse.

Rated 15 kr on front (one Loth, exceeding 20 G-miles), and 10 kr on reverse, paying the registration fee.



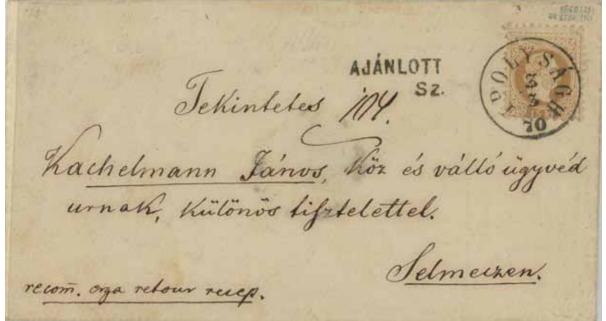
Retour Recepisse covers

January 1866, rates change: local rate, 3 kr per 15 g; domestic, 5 kr per 15 g; registration and R R, each 5 kr if local, otherwise 10 kr. From this time on, the registration fee could also be paid on the *front* of the cover.



From Bielitz (now Bielsko in Poland) to Vienna, 1867. Printed **Retour-Recepisse**.

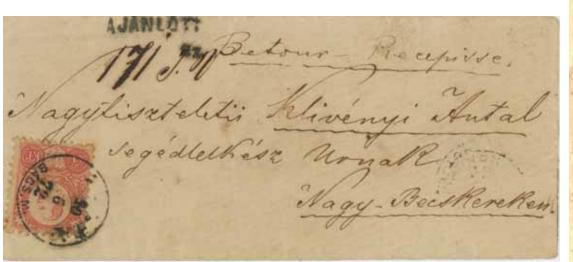
Rated 5 kr on front (single weight, domestic), and 10 kr on reverse, paying the registration fee.





From Ipolyságh (Hungary; now Sahy) to Selmeczbanya, 1870. Ms recom erga retour recep. Rated 15 kr on front (single rate domestic plus 10 kr registration) all on front.

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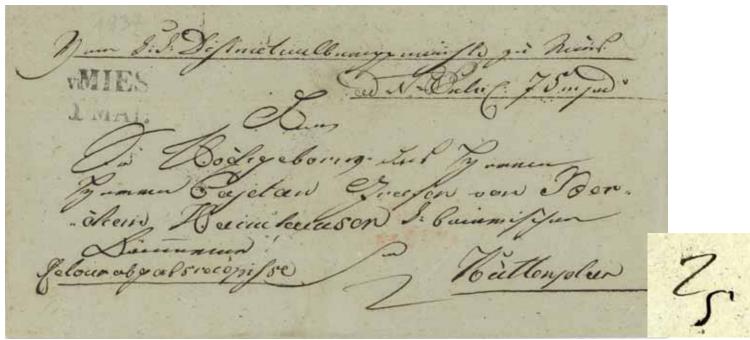




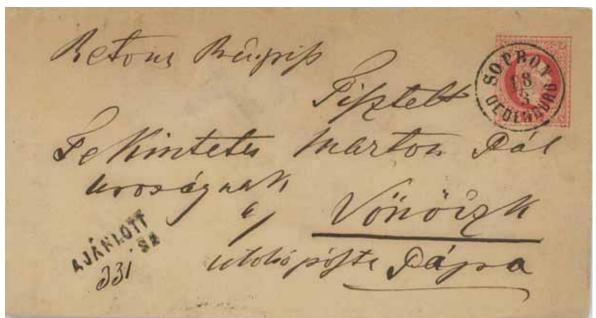
From somewhere in Hungary to Nagy-Becskereken, 1872. Ms Retour Recepisse. Szeged postmark on reverse. Rated 5 kr on the front (single domestic) and 10 kr on reverse.

Retour Recepisse covers: mystery items

Usually, I couldn't figure out the year, since much like those of the US, many Austrian datestamps did not include a space for the damn year.



From ?? to ?? (probably Hungary), WHAT YEAR?. Ms Retour afgabs recepisse. The apparent rate mark on reverse, 25 or 2/5, does not make any sense. What looks like 5 could possibly be 4, so the rate would be 2 kr (three or fewer relay stations) plus 4 kr registration fee; this would date it to 1817–1842.





From Sopron/Oedenburg (Hungary) to Pápa, 1867–75. Ms Retour Recepiss. Prepaid 5 kr on the front and 10 kr on reverse (registration). Stamps issued 1867.



From Vienna to Graz, forwarded to Hungary, 1866—. Unusually, ms Aufgab u retour recepisse notation is on reverse. Prior to 1866, the stamps paying the registration fee were to be put on the reverse (after that date, they could be on either side). Prepaid 15 kr (triple rate—three Loths or 45 g—domestic) and 10 kr registration.

Rufgal is retour recepisse

Mystery items: undated Retour Recepisse cover



From ?? to Bisztritz am Siebene (now in Czech Republic), 1863–65. Ms gegen Retour Recepiss. Prepaid 15 kr (likely single Loth, more than 20 G-miles, 1858–65) on the front and 10 kr on reverse (registration). Yellow-brown 15 kr stamp issued 1863.

Mystery item: undated Retour Recepisse covers

Austrian post office in Constantinople





From Austrian in Constantinople, to Naples, 1867 or later. Ms on reverse, Con ricepisso di ritorno. I haven't a clue what the rates are.

Franked on front with a 10 soldi stamp, printed (1867) for Austrian offices in Turkey; on reverse, the two 5 centisimi stamps might not belong. They are marked **P.D.** (equivalent to paid to destination). 10 soldi is equivalent to 10 kr.



Mystery item: Retour Recepisse cover for a letter of value These are difficult to find.



From Lossoncz (Hungary) to Budapest. Ms gegen Retour Recepisse. Contained coin, stamps (Briefm), and currency, totalling 43 forints (equivalent to florins) and 15 kr. The reference to Briefmarken suggests post-1850, but then why were stamps not used on the cover?

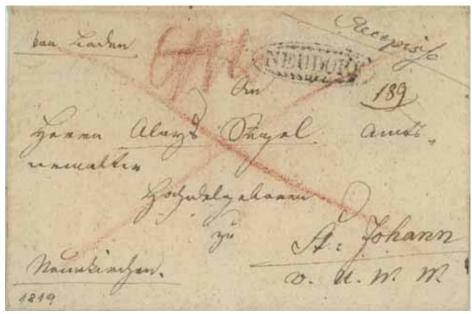
Difficult to figure out which if any of the markings are rate marks, but maybe the 4 on reverse?



Return receipt—or just receipt—covers?

In the period before 1843, senders of registered letters had to pay an additional 2 kr fee if they wanted a registration receipt (*Aufgabs-Recepisse*) as opposed to a return receipt (*Retour Recepisse*). Thus covers marked merely *Recepisse* (rather than *Retour Recepisse*, or equivalent) need not be R R covers, and there may be no other evidence one way or the other. It is not clear which of the meanings is signified by *ER* (*Erga Recepisse*). Curiously, the literature suggests that for *German states'* covers, an *ER* marking does signify return receipt (*Rückschein*, which is not seen on Austrian covers until much later).

Even after 1843, when a request for a registration receipt would be redundant, I simply do not know whether merely *Recepisse* signifies R R, or was just a reflex from an earlier period.



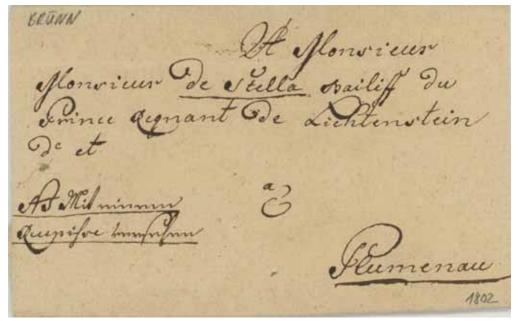


From Neudorf (unfortunately, a generic name) to St Johann (even more generic, but it could be what is now Svatý in the Czech Republic), 1819. Ms reads only Recepisse (upper right), so we can't be sure that this is simply a request for a registration receipt (which would have cost an additional 2 kr).

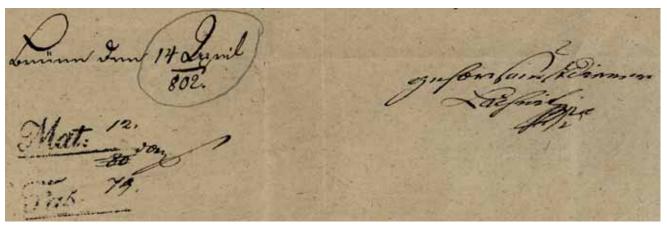
Rated on reverse in red $\frac{2}{4}$: prepaid 2 kr for one-half Loth up to 3 relay stations, plus 4 kr registration.



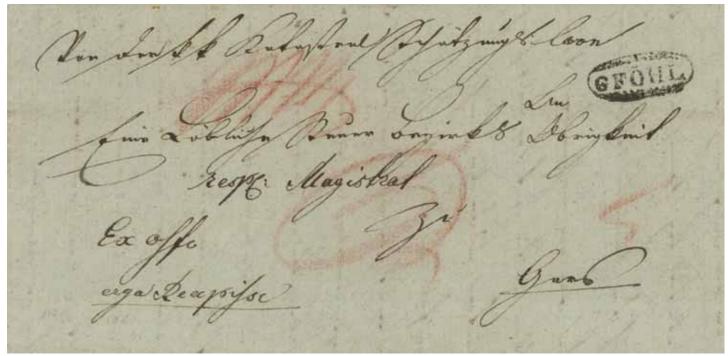
From Vinkovcze (the Hungarian name for what is now Vinkovci, in Croatia) to Vienna, 1820. Ambiguous Erga Recepisse. Rated on reverse in red $\frac{14}{4}$ $\frac{25}{1}$; the first is presumably half-Loth and more than 18 relay stations. I have no idea what the other rate mark refers to.



From Brünn (Brno in Czech Republic) to Plumenau (Plumlov), 1802. Ms only xx Mit xx Recepisse followed by anot her unreadable word. Plumenau (or Blumenau) is the site of a castle designed by Prince Eusabius of Lichtenstein, (1611–1684). The letter is addressed in French to the bailiff of the reigning prince of Lichtenstein.



The reverse is not helpful.



From Gföhl (Lower Austria) to ??, 1826. Ms only erga Recepisse. Marked Ex offo, and rate mark on front struck through.

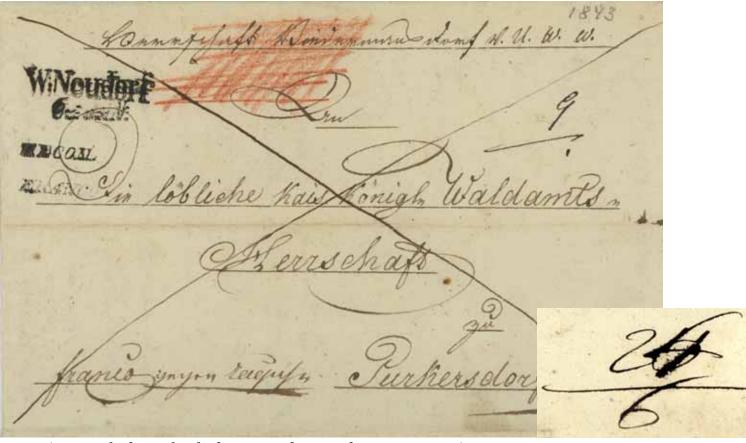


From Vienna to ??, 1839. Handstamped Franco (prepaid) and ms gegen und gegen Recepisse. Rated $\frac{24}{4}$, likely one loth, up to 18 relays, and 4 kr registration.



From Waidhofen an der Ybbs (Lower Austria) to ??, 1831. Ms illegible illegible recepisse.

Even though marked official, it was charged (to the recipient) $\frac{2}{4}$, indicating 2 kr for one-half Loth and three or fewer relays (the minimum possible), and 4 kr registration.

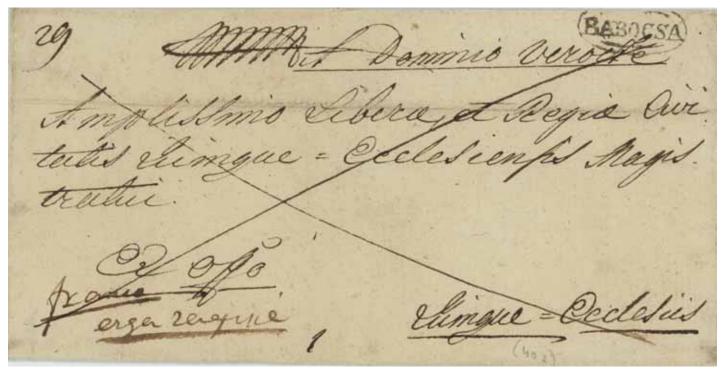


From Wiener Neudorf to Purkersdorf, January 1843. Ms franco gegen Recepisse. Rated $\frac{24}{6}$, likely more than 10 G-miles and three half-Loths, plus 6 kr registration.

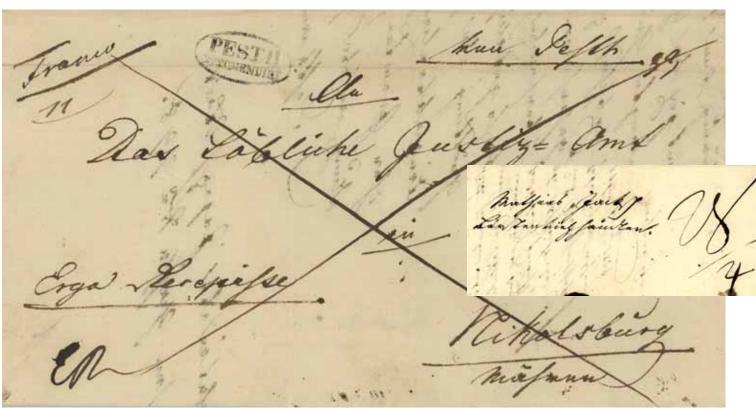


From Temesvar (now Timisoara in Romania) to Zagreb, pre-1842. Ms erga recepisse, so it need not be RR, although it could be. Pre-1850, and with rate marks only on the front, and in red. (If prepaid, rate marks should have been on reverse; if collect, they should be on the front, but in black.) An envelope, which is extremely unusual in this period. Docketting on reverse is 829, possibly for 1829.

The top rate mark may be 14 (kr); possibly greater than 18 relays at one-half Loth (despite being an envelope rather than a folded letter sheet). The bottom rate mark is 4, for registration, dating this prior to the rate change to 6 kr, but it is likely much earlier. All collect.



From Babócsa (Hungary) to ??, 1836. Ms only erga recepisse. Marked Ex offo, and franco (which seems redundant).



From Budapest to Nikolsburg, 1838. Ms Erga Recepisse and ER.

Marked *Franco*, which in this context means completely prepaid. Rated $\frac{28}{4}$; more than 18 relay stations, plus registration.



From Reichenberg (now Liberec in the Czech Republic) to Prague, 1841. Handstamped FRANCO and ms gegen Recepisse franco. Rated fully prepaid, $\frac{20}{4}$, possibly five half-Loths, up to 6 relay stations.

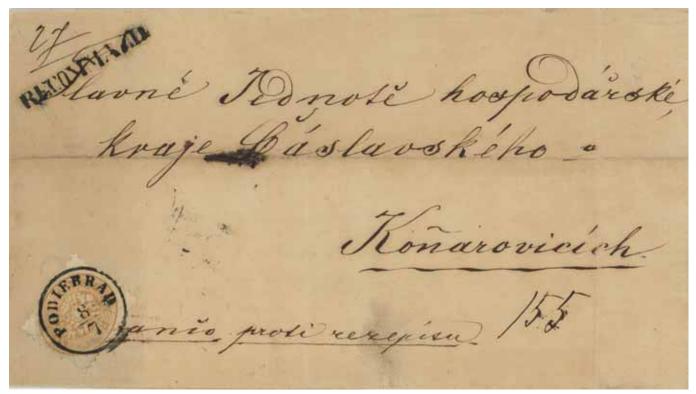
RR or not

From 1843, registration receipts were automatically prepared and given to the sender. So it is more likely that a mere *Recepisse* would mean R R; but how can we be sure?





From Zylau (Hungary) to Budapest, 1860–65. Ms Recepisse. Prepaid 15 kr on the front (likely greater than 20 G-miles, single Loth, in the period 1858–65) and 10 kr on reverse (registration). Stamps issued 1860.



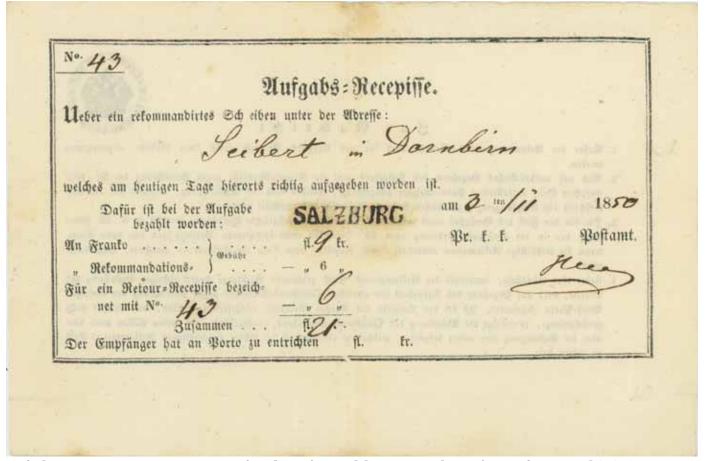
From Podiebrad (now Podiebrady in the Czech Republic) to Konarovicich (now Konárovice in CR), 1867. Ms proti Recepisse, which only means gegen Recepisse, so we cannot be sure it was sent with RR.

Rated 15 kr (5 kr domestic, one loth and 10 kr registration), all postage on front.

Definitely not RR



From Postelberg (Hungary) to Prague, 1850–58. Ms *gegen aufgabs recepisse, so* is not R R. Prepaid 3 kr on the front (less than 10 G-miles, single Loth, in the period 1850–58) and 6 kr on reverse (registration).



Aufgabs-Recepisse (registration receipt), for a letter from Salzburg to Dornbirn, 1850. Of course, this is just a registration receipt, not a return receipt. But the registered letter this refers to was sent with RR, as indicated by the ms 6 (kreuzer) fee.