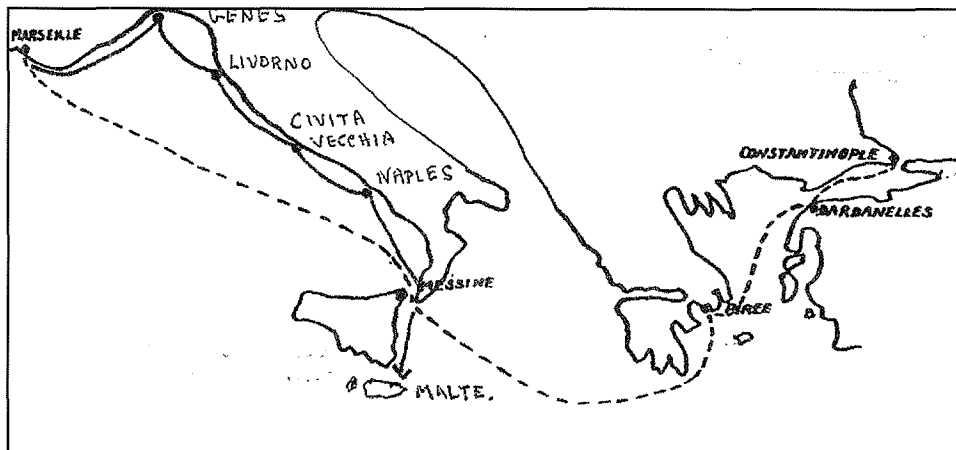


Messageries Imperiales Double Ship hand stamp

By Alfred Bonnici



Unrecorded Messageries Imperiales

| Depart | 1 st cachet (recto) | 2 nd Cachet (verso) | Transferred at | Destination |
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| Constantinople | Phase 16 June 58 | Pausilippe 23 June 58 | Messina | Malta 24 June 58 |
| Constantinople | Cydnus 1 June 59 | Vatican 7 June 59 | Messina | Malta 8 June 59 |
| Constantinople | Neva 29 August 60 | Quirinal 4 September 60 | Messina | Malta 5 September 60 |
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48 Cydnus

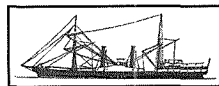
Sister of *Danube*. **B.** 1856. **T.** 1,196g.

1856 Aug 13: Launched

1861 Mar 21: Ran down the Prussian brig *Vierge Marie* in the Sea of Marmora

1863 Lengthened like her sister

1875 Broken up at La Ciotat



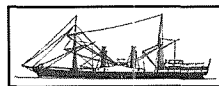
49 Phase

Sister of *Danube*. **B.** 1857 **T** 1,043g.

1857 Dec. 24: Launched

1858 At Bonifacio she was holed by a submerged rock. Refloated and towed into Madallena, Corsica, for repairs.

1879 Aug: Broken up at La Ciotat.



51 Quirinal

B 1857 Chantiers de la Méditerranée, La Seyne. **T** 787g, **D** 190.29/58 x 26.2/8.

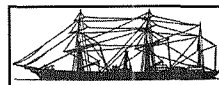
E Pad, 2 cyl, simple, 3,20 hp, 10 kts. By builder. **H** Iron. 1 dk + poop.

1857 Apr 26: Launched for the Mediterranean passenger services to Italy.

1859 Conveyed troops to Genoa for the Italian campaign.

1865 Evacuated the Royal Neapolitan troops from Naples when Garibaldi took the city.

1871 Broken up at La Ciotat.



52 Pausilippe

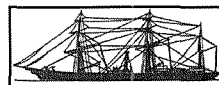
Sister of *Quirinal*. **B** La Ciotat. **T.** 689g. **D** 213.25/65 x 26.47/8.07.

E Pad. 2 cyl simple, osc, 370 hp. 10 kts. By builder. **H** Iron. 1 dk + poop.

1857 June 7: Launched. The smaller tonnage on greater dimensions is unexplained. Some service as her sister.

1859 Used on the Italian campaign.

1872 Broken up at la Ciotat.



58 Neva (I)

B 1858 La Ciotat **T** 1,085g, 617 net. **D** 256/78.02 x 32/9.75

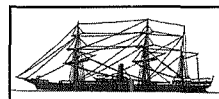
E Sgl 6 bladed scr, 2 cyl hori, 875 ihp, 10kts. By builder. **H** Iron. 2 dks.

1858 Oct 20: Launched. An improved *Danube* class with better passenger accommodation in a poop.

1862 Oct 19: Inaugurated the Marseilles-Alexandria-Suez-Hong Kong service. Her passengers crossed by land from Alexandria to Suez where *Imperatrice*, having gone out by the Cape, awaited them.

1872 Stationed at Batavia as a hotel ships for waiting passengers.

1875 Lost in the Rikou Strait near Batavia, Dutch East Indies.



40 Vatican

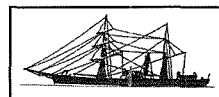
B 1854 L. Arman, Bordeaux **T** 466g. **D** 187/57 x 22.97/7.

E Pad, 2 cyl, 200 hp. By builder. **H** Iron. 2dks. Square stern. Square windows.

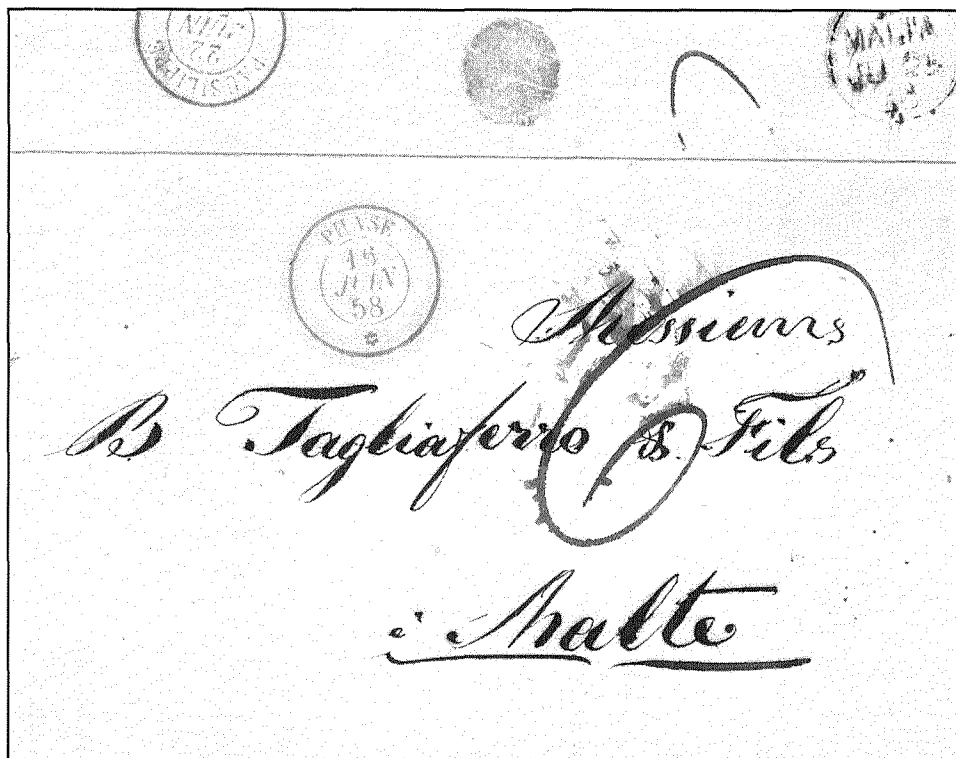
1854 Built for the service to Italy which still employed paddle steamers.

1859 Carried troops to Italy during the campaign against Austria.

1873 Broken up.



Reference: Duncan Hawes: Messageries Maritimes.



M.I. PHASE: -----

LIGNE DU LEVANT : Sixième variante.

1st, return Postal trip (16 June 1858)

Constantinople (16 June 1858) a Marseille – par MESSINE (23/6)

M.I. PAUSILIPPE: -----

LIGNE INDIRECT D'ITALIE: Troisième variante, 5th trip

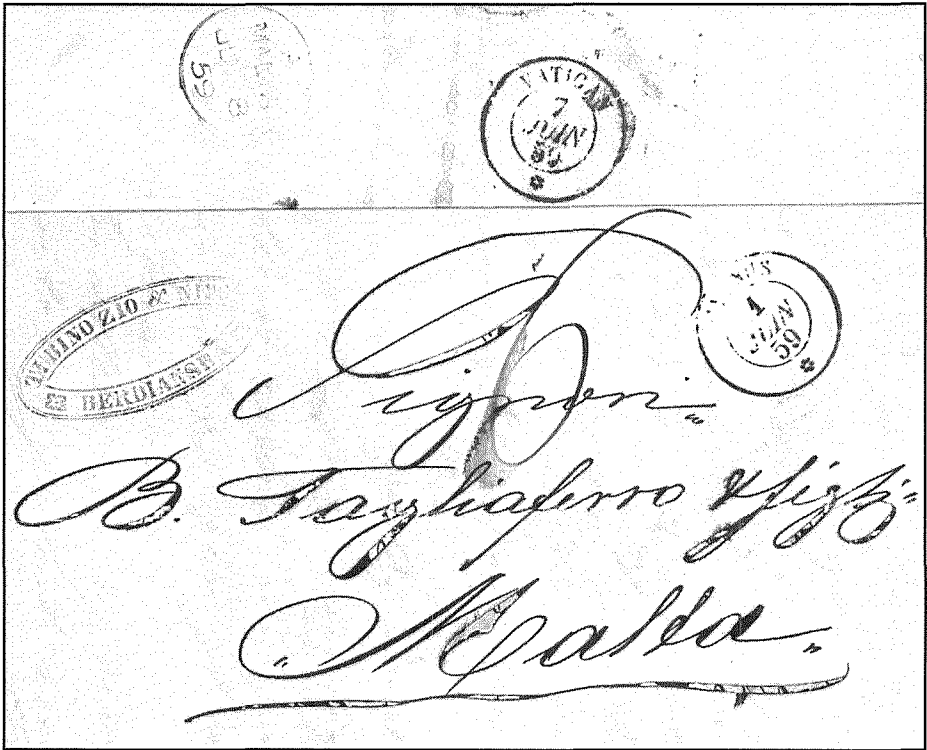
Marseille par Messine (22 June 1858) a MALTE (23 June 1858)

E.L. written on the **16 June 1858** in **Constantinople**.

M.I. PHASE 16 June 1858 (h/s), (r), to **Marseille** via **Messina** (22/6) (Salles p 174)

Messina **M.I. PAUSILIPPE (22 June 1858)** (h/s), (v), coming from **Marseille** down the **Italian coast**, (Salles p 206), arriving in **Malta** on the **23 June 58**, c.d.s (v).

Rated "6" pence (normal rate) *in manuscript*.



M.I. CYDNUS:

LIGNE DU LEVANT : Sixième variante, 3rd return trip in 1859
Constantinople (1 June 1859) a Marseille – par MESSINE

M.I. VATICAN:

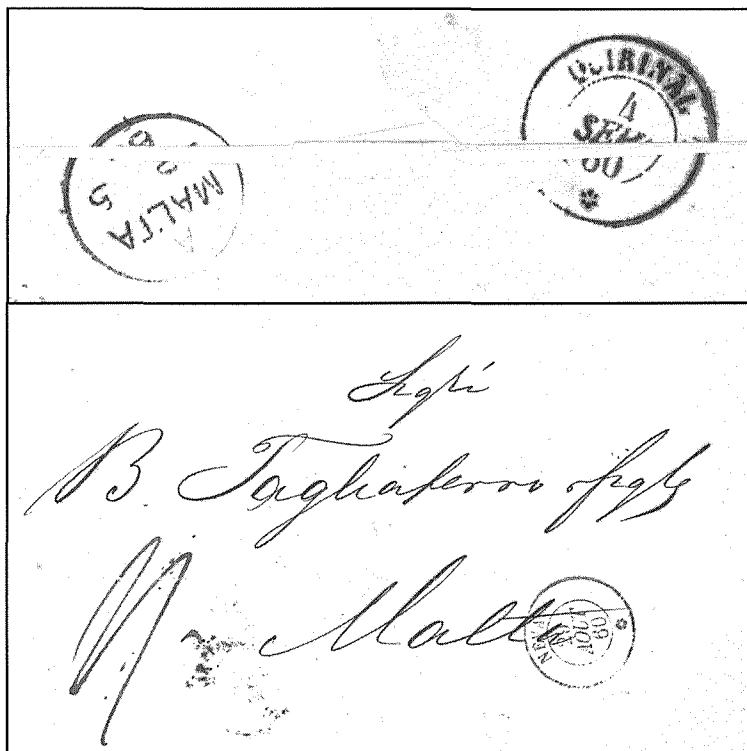
LIGNE INDIRECT D'ITALIE: Troisième variante, 5th return trip
Marseille par Messine (7 June 1859) a MALTE (8 June 1859)

E.L. written on (7), 19 May 1859 in Berdianska (Black sea), by Messrs Tubino & Nipote, (h.s), (r), to Messrs Tagliaferro in Malta, going first to Constantinople.

M.I. CYDNUS 1 June 1859, (h/s) (r), to Marseille via Messina, (7/6), (S. p 174).

M.I. VATICAN at Messina (7 June 1859) (h/s), (v), coming from Marseille down the Italian Coast, (S. p 207), arriving in Malta on the 8 June 1859, c.d.s. (v).

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M.I. NEVA:

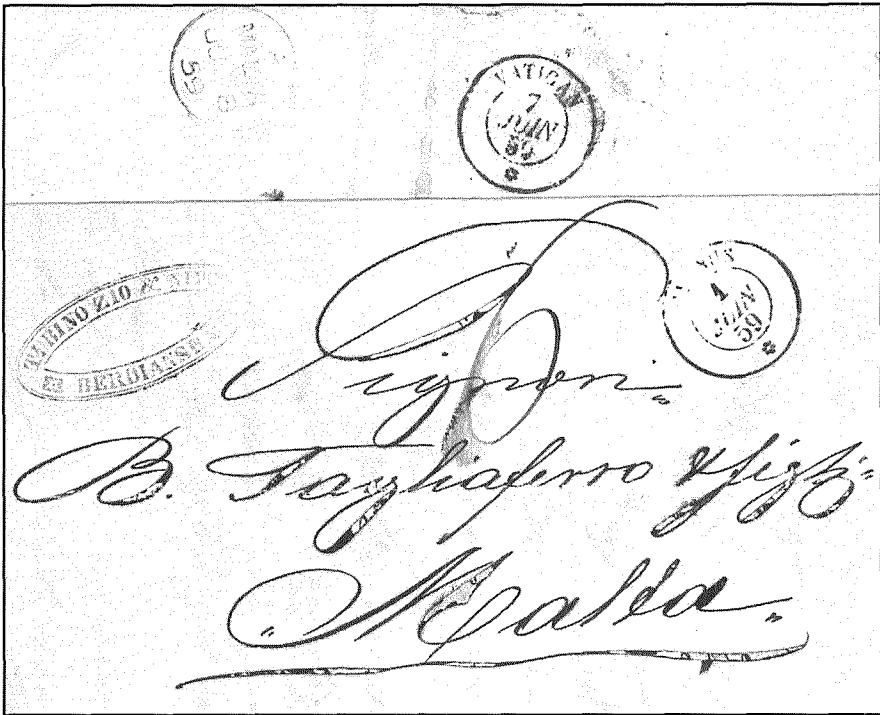
LIGNE DU LEVANT: Sixième variante, 7th return trip in 1860
Constantinople (29 August 1860) a Marseille – par MESSINE

M.I. QUIRINAL:

LIGNE INDIRECT D'ITALIE: Troisième variante, 8th trip
Marseille par Messine (4 Sept 1860) a Malte 5 September 1860

E.L. written on (12)/25 August 1860 in Odessa (Black sea) by Mr C Ephrussi to Messrs Tagliaferro in Malta, going first to Constantinople M.I. NEVA 29 August 1860 (h/s), (r) going to Marseille via Messina, 3 August 1860, (*Salles p 175*)

Messina M.I. QUIRINAL 4 August 1860, coming from Marseille down the Italian Coast, (h.s), (v), (*Salles p 207*), arriving in Malta on the 5 September 1860, c.d.s. (v) Rated "I/-", one schilling, (twice normal rate), *in manuscript*.



M.I. SIMOIS

LIGNE DU LEVANT: Septième variante, 3rd return trip in 1861
Constantinople (15 May 1861) a Marseille – par MESSINE

M.I.VATICAN

LIGNE INDIRECT D'ITALIE: Troisième variante, 3rd trip in 1861
Marseille par Messine (21 May 1861) a Malte (22 May 1861)

E.L written on 11 May 1861 in ODESSA, (Black sea) by Capt G Chiassaro of the Barque “*Due Cugini*” owned by Tagliaferro, to his employer Messrs Tagliaferro /Malta

Forwarding Agent “V. DE. CANDIA” in Constantinople, (*hand stamp*), (r)
Boarding the M.I. SIMOIS on the 15 May, h.s (r), coming from SYRIE (*Salles p 175*) going to Marseille via Messine (21 May 1861),

M.I.VATICAN at Messina (21/5), h.s (v), coming from Marseille down the Italian coast, (*Salles p 208*) arriving in Malta on the 22 May 1861, c.d.s. (v)
Rated “6” pence, (normal rate), *in manuscript*.