

RATE INCREASE : BRITISH STEAMER

It is generally considered that the rate from France to America via Britain was increased from 70c to 1f 20c from September 1871, along with internal French rates, as a fiscal measure to raise additional funds as a consequence of the cost of the Franco-Prussian War. However the increase was effective from July 1871. The apportionment to Britain and US remained unchanged from the pre-July 1871 rate - 2c for sea postage and 2c for inland postage, respectively, in accordance with the US-British postal convention of 1869.



1874 Paris to New Orleans via London & New York, 8 May, prepaid with 1f 20c adhesives, cancelled with star.

"FOULD & Cie / PARIS" firm's cachet on rear.

Transit "LONDON / PAID" cancellation.

Accountancy mark "2 / CENTS" indicating 2c British credit to US for inland post.

No charge on delivery.

FCPS auction 30/1/2021

LOT 554

Reserve GBP55