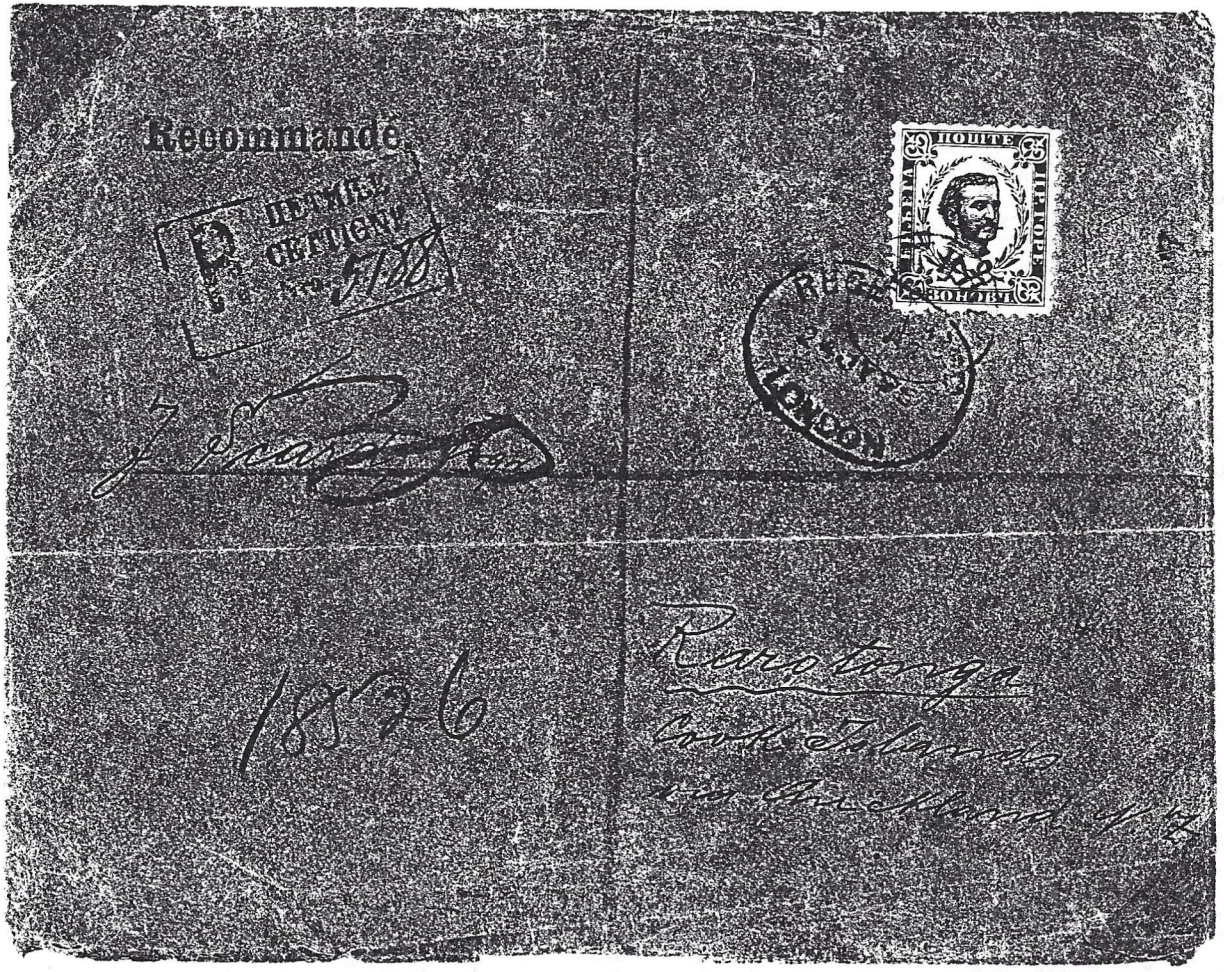


FIRST DEFINITIVES OF PRINCE NICHOLAS
Additional Denominations Issued in 1894

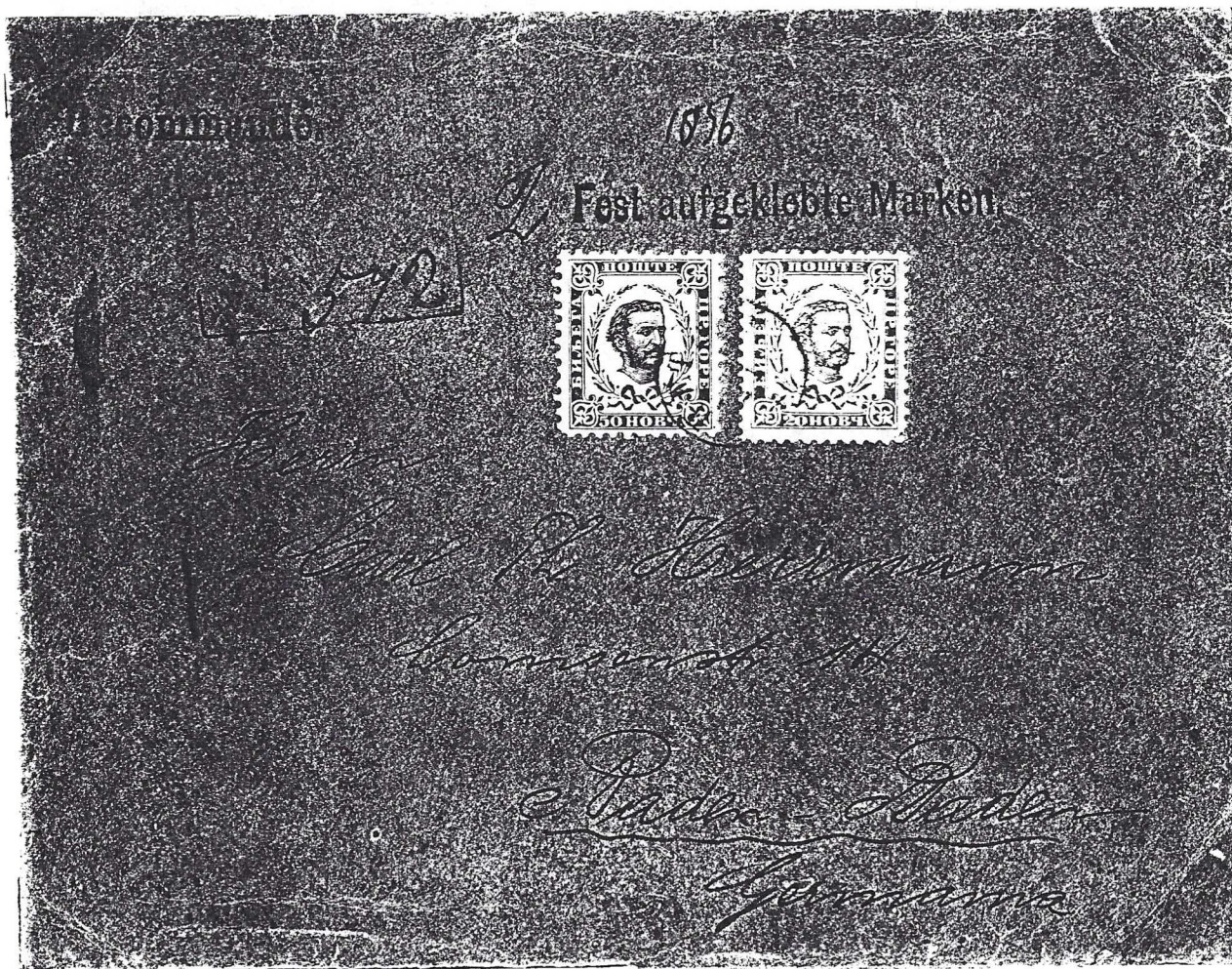
Cetinje
July 1895



Example of the first 30 novcica stamp on a registered cover to Rarotonga in the Cook Islands! There are transit markings of London on 24 July 1895 and, on the reverse, of Auckland, New Zealand on 9 September 1895. An extraordinary destination for a Montenegrin cover.

FIRST DEFINITIVES OF PRINCE NICHOLAS
Additional Denominations Issued in 1894

Cetinje
January 1895





An example of the new 50 novcica stamp, with added 20 novcica, on (an overweight) registered cover to Germany. Backstamped for arrival at Baden-Baden on 20 January 1895.

FIRST DEFINITIVES OF PRINCE NICHOLAS
Additional Denominations Issued in 1894

Cetinje
17 October 1896

Herrn
Kapitän
Ferdinand Lidarier
1315
Inhalt:
Wendh:



Cattaro

The high values issued by Montenegro as a part of the 1894 regular postage series were stamps of 1 and 2 fiorins. Copies of these stamps used on covers are very elusive and almost always philatelically inspired. The example above shows a 1 fiorin value used on a 5 novcica stationery envelope registered to Cattaro (Kotor).

FIRST DEFINITIVES OF PRINCE NICHOLAS
Additional Denominations Issued in 1894

Cetinje
20 March 1896



Herrn Richard v. Reckenschupf
VII. 12 Bregganz Nr. 20

Wien



The highest face value stamp of the 1894 regular postage series was a 2 fiorin denomination. The quantity printed is unrecorded but likely small. The Fleck handbook states that these stamps were seldom used and that copies are extremely scarce on cover. Shown here is a 2 fiorin value used on an (overfranked) registered cover to Vienna.

FIRST DEFINITIVES OF PRINCE NICHOLAS
Letter Cards of 1894

Cetinje
22 January 1895
25 December 1900

Rieka
January 1899

To fill out the line of postal stationery, letter cards were issued in several denominations. Those prepared for use to foreign destinations had an added "Carte-lettre" in French as a third line in the inscription. These were printed on light blue and gray-white card stock.

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Carte-lettre.



Monsieur Charles Paquet Seine
10 Rue des Ecoles - St-Maur des Fossés

France - Seine



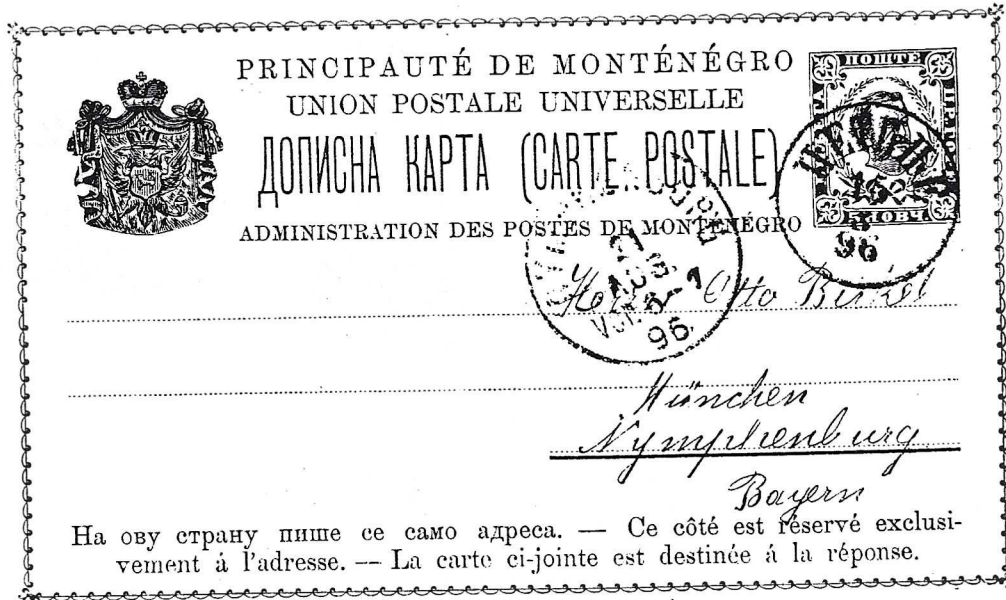
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Note that the 7 novcica letter card sent to France was uprated by a 3 novcica adhesive as it was not entitled to be sent at the Austro-Hungarian concession rate. It was backstamped for receipt at Paris on 9 January 1899.

FIRST DEFINITIVES OF PRINCE NICHOLAS
Postal Cards of 1894

Cetinje
15 August 1896

In the following year, the final set of postcards in the first Prince Nicholas design was issued. The printing was similar, although not identical, to that on the 1893 cards, but salmon-colored card stock was used.



Double card with attached reply was backstamped on arrival in Nymphenburg on 21 August 1896.

FIRST POSTAGE DUES
Issued in 1894

Cetinje
12 September 1895



Although not directly related to the Nicholas definitives, the first postage due set of eight denominations appeared in November 1894. The Fleck handbook notes that these stamps on cover are much scarcer than those of the regular issue and that most used copies available on the philatelic market are cancelled to order. This cover has the 20 and 50 novcica values on vastly underpaid cover from Germany to Turkey and forwarded to Cetinje.

FIRST DEFINITIVES OF PRINCE NICHOLAS
Return Receipt Stamp of 1895

Vir-Pazar
30 July 189_

Related to, but in a different design from, the first Prince Nicholas set was a special 10 novcica stamp inscribed "A.R." used to pay the return receipt fee on registered mail for which this service was desired.



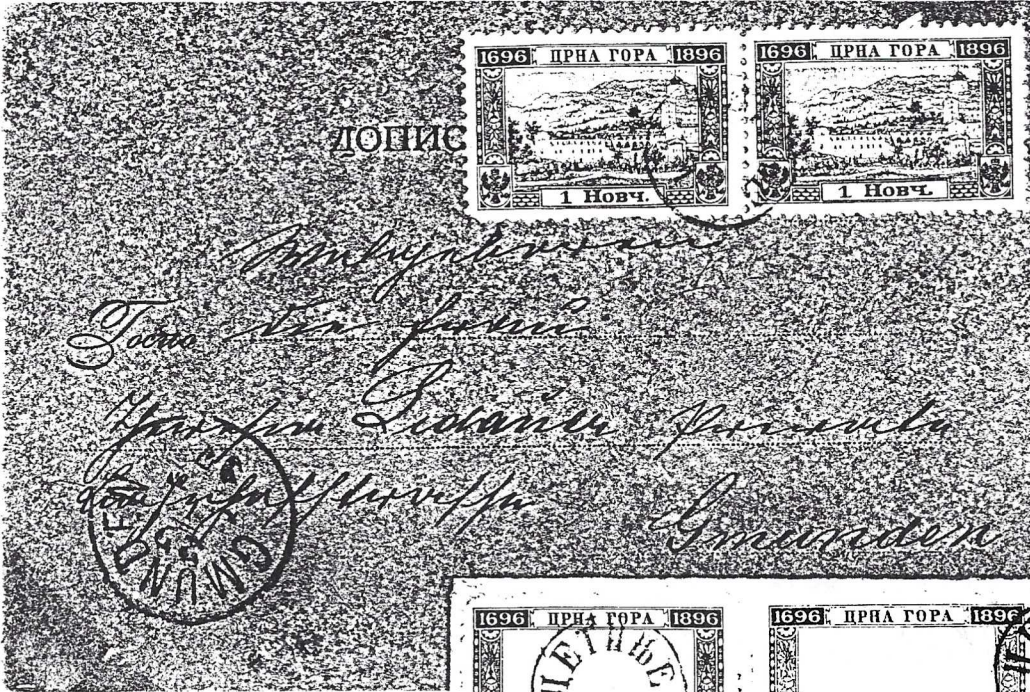
This cover front franked with the first A.R. stamp and a 20 novcica definitive was sent to the Russian Consulate in Beirut (then a major port in the Syrian Province of the Ottoman Empire and now the capital of Lebanon).

BICENTENNIAL OF PETROVIC DYNASTY

On 1 September 1896, a set of 12 values, including all of the denominations in the current definitive series, was issued to commemorate the bicentennial of the Petrovic dynasty. The stamps depict the Monastery of Cetinje, which is the mausoleum for the bodies of the members of the ruling family.

Issue of 1896

Cetinje
25 January 1897
6 February 1897



These stamps are quite scarce used on cover. Above examples show a pair of the 1 novcica value used on a postcard to Austria and the 2 and 3 novcica values (plus a 25 nov.) on a registered cover to Italy (backstamped for receipt in Rome on 12 February 1897).

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Vertical strip of three of the 5 novica value paying the concession rate on a registered letter to Cattaro (Kotor). Covers showing the use of the Bicentennial stamps from post offices other than Cetinje are very scarce. This example is backstamped for receipt on 8 February 1897.

BICENTENNIAL OF PETROVIC DYNASTY
Issue of 1896

Podgorica
9 February 1897
9 March 1897



Jovan R. K. Jungmann

Juro. Fuchs im R. K. Infanter. Regiment N. 92

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Castelnuevo



Jovan



Jovan Lidauer
J. R. K. Infanter. Regiment Ober Cominich



in Riva
Sirol - Tirol

Examples of the 15 and 20 novcica values used on registered covers to Castelnuevo in Dalmatia and Riva in the South Tirol. Backstamped for receipt three and five days, respectively, after mailing.

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BICENTENNIAL OF PETROVIC DYNASTY
Issue of 1896

Cetinje
27 October 1896



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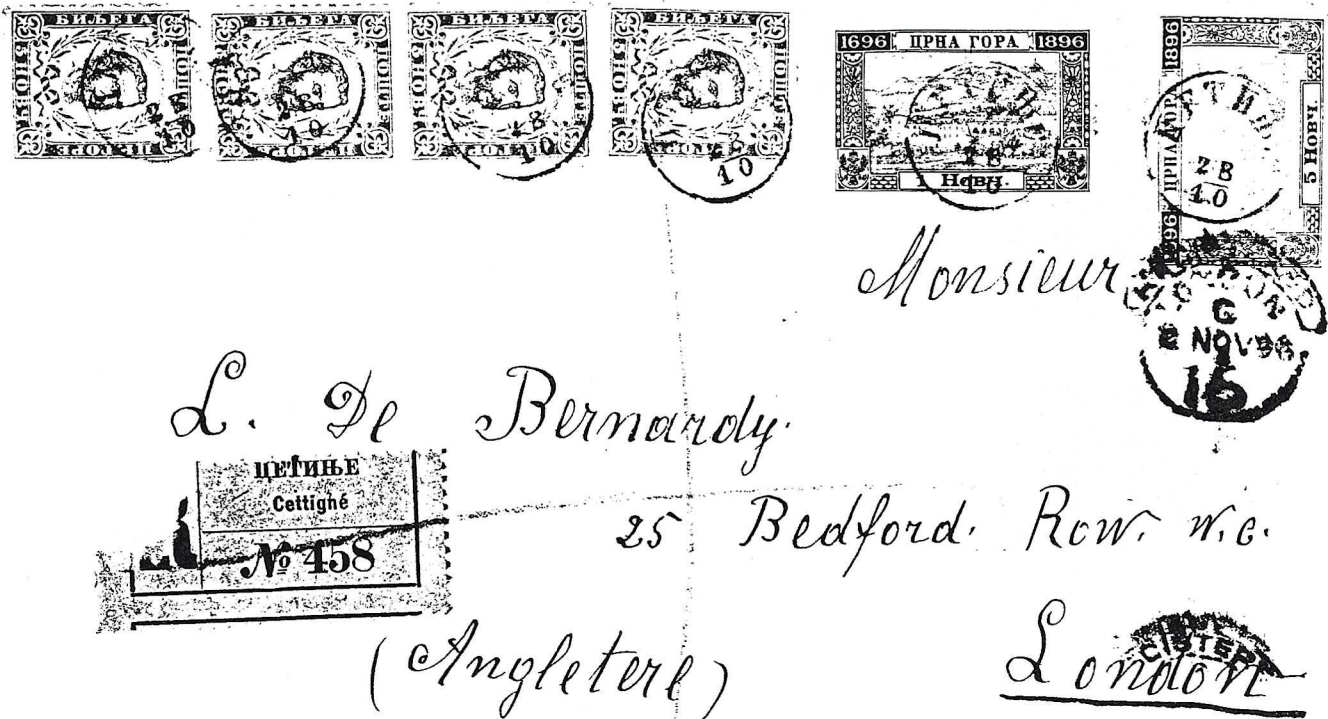
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High values of the Petrovic commemorative series are rarely seen on cover and even then always philatelically inspired. Above cover to Vienna is heavily overfranked with the three top values -- 50 novcica, 1 florin and 2 florin -- along with a 15 novcica stamp. Backstamped for receipt on 8 November 1896.

BICENTENNIAL OF PETROVIC DYNASTY
Issue of 1896

Cetinje
28 October 1896



Mixed franking of the Bicentennials with definitives is seldom seen. Cover shown has 1 and 5n commemorative values on the obverse plus 2 and 3n on the reverse, in addition to a pair and two singles of the 5n second printing Prince Nicholas stamps. This overpaid by 1n the double-weight registered letter postal charge to London, where a receiving mark was applied on 2 November.

BICENTENNIAL OF PETROVIC DYNASTY
Issue of 1896

Podgorica
10 February 1897

Cetinje
10 February 1897

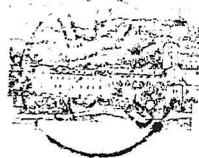


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Signor Paolo Culentic
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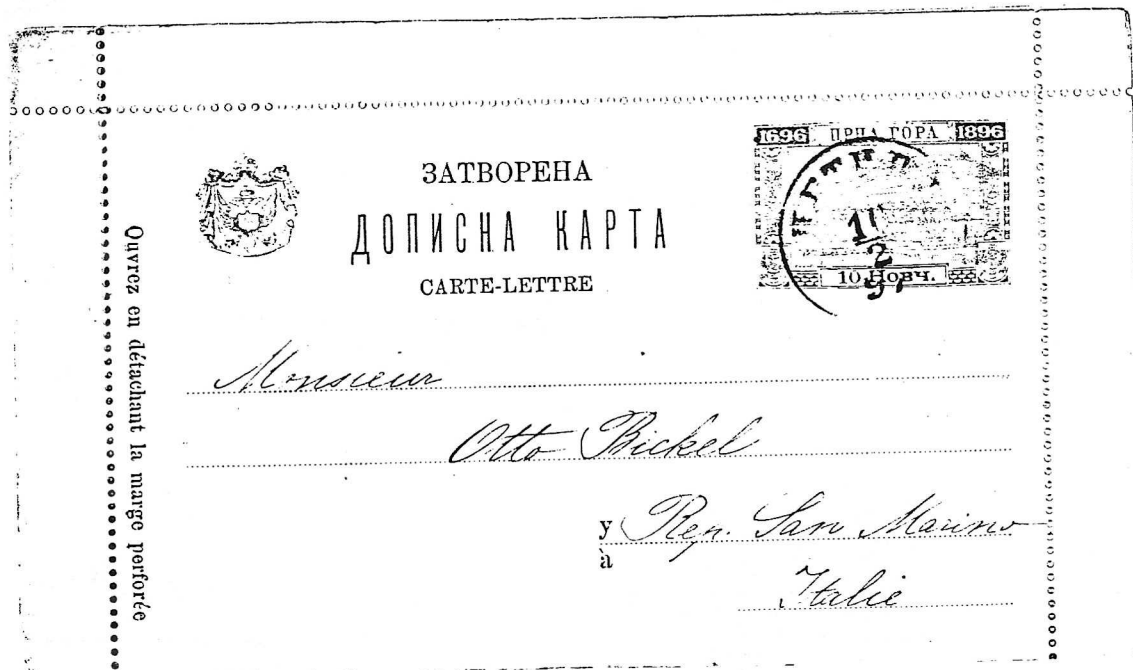
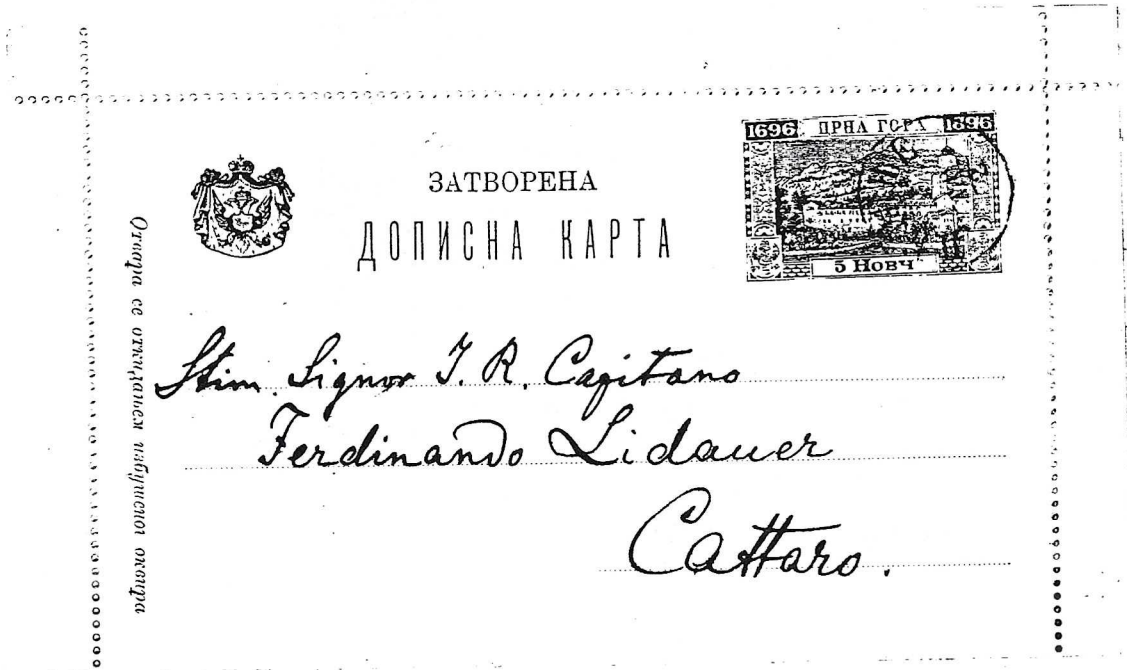
Josef Vitba
Truppen-Spital

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Lattaro
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Examples of 5 and 10 novcica values used to pay the registration fees on postal stationery envelopes imprinted with a similar "Monastery" design.



In addition to the imprinted envelopes shown previously, other postal stationery was printed in the "Monastery" design. Letter cards were prepared in 5 and 10 novacic denominations for domestic and international use.