

CONFEDERATE RICHMOND -- THE WAR YEARS

This cover is both an adversity cover and a turned cover. It has been made from a Headquarters Camp of Instruction form. It travels to Richmond to a Colonel O. E. Edwards, and from there, it goes to a Rev. Scott at Anderson C. H. South Carolina.

Lithographed -- 5Cents - Blue

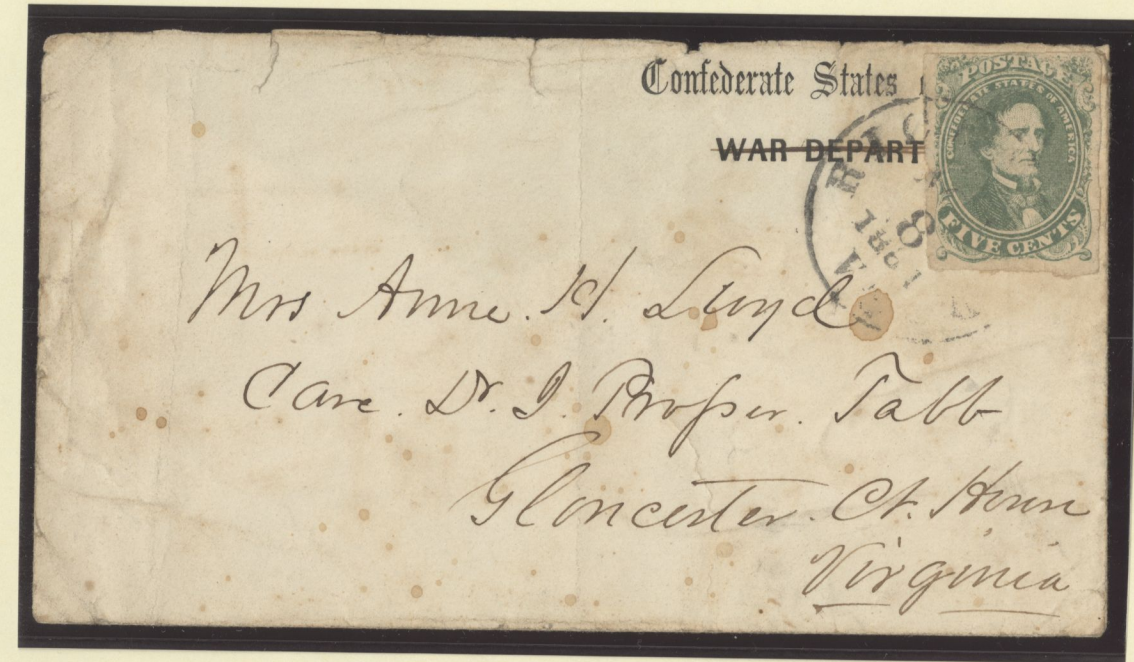
June 23, 1862

(Type 3b)

CSA 4



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This imprinted envelope has been used privately as the War Department has been marked out. As a result, postage is required.

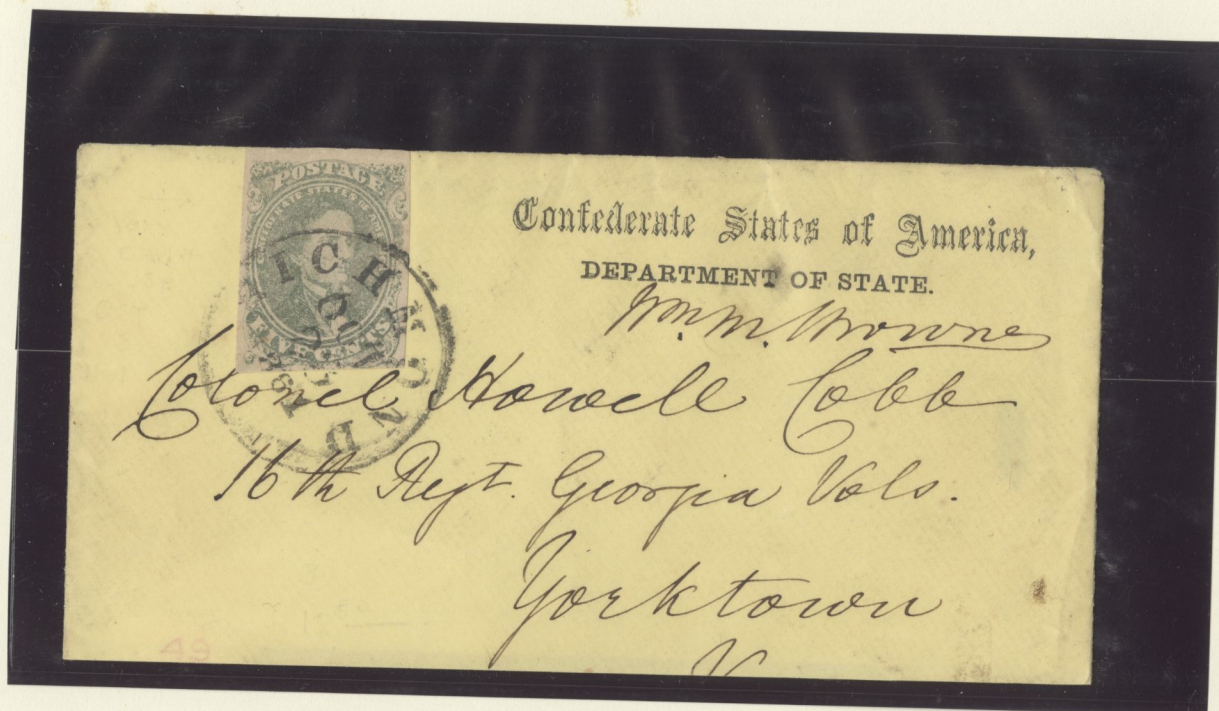
Lithographed - 5 Cents - Green

November 8, 1861

(Type 2b)

CSA1 (Stone 1)

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A Semi-Official cover to Colonel Howell Cobb, 16th Georgia Volunteers, has the signature of Wm M. Browne. Wm M. Browne was a prominent politician and a friend of Jefferson Davis. Early in the war he served as an ADC to President Davis as well as an Assistant Secretary of State in the State Department.

Semi-Official Envelope

Department of State - Type I

Lithographed - 5 Cent - Green

October 23, 1861

(Type 2a)

VA2176 -- CSA #1 Stone 1 (not plated) (4-Margin and showing a very dry printing) tied by the Richmond, Va CDS Powell Type 2c 23 OCT 1861, "Confederate States of America Department of State" Semi-Official Imprint at upper left. Signed underneath the imprint "Wm M. Browne" who was a prominent politician and friend of Jefferson Davis who early in the war was serving as an ADC to President Davis as well as an Assistant Secretary of State in the State Department. Addressed in the same hand as the signature to Colonel Howell Cobb, 16th Regt Georgia Vols, Yorktown, Va. Early wartime cover from the Cobb Correspondence while Howell Cobb was still Colonel of the 16th Ga Inf. Cover a bit reduced at the bottom just into the last line of the address with the bottom backflap missing. Still a very clean and attractive cover and unusual to see a signature endorsement on an imprinted cover that required postage.

-- \$500.00

CSA 1 (Stone 1)

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An official envelope has been used, privately, requiring the payment of postage. The Richmond CDS Type 6d was used only in April and May of 1863.

Typo graphed - Richmond Prints

April 8, 1863

(Type 6d)

CSA 7

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Wonder what information travels from the Treasury Department to a Mr. McCrady of Charleston, South Carolina.

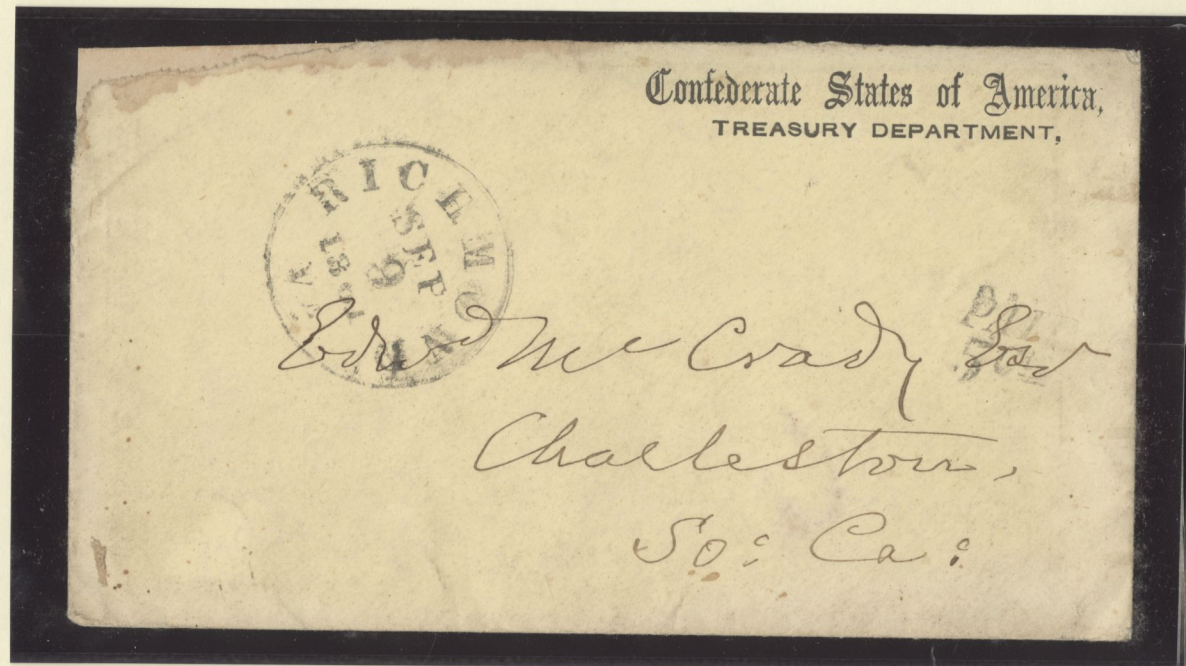
Although this semi-official cover may be on official business, but lacking the franking privilege, it must prepay the postage as indicated by the PAID 5 hand stamp.

Semi-Official Envelope - Type TD-O4 (IV)

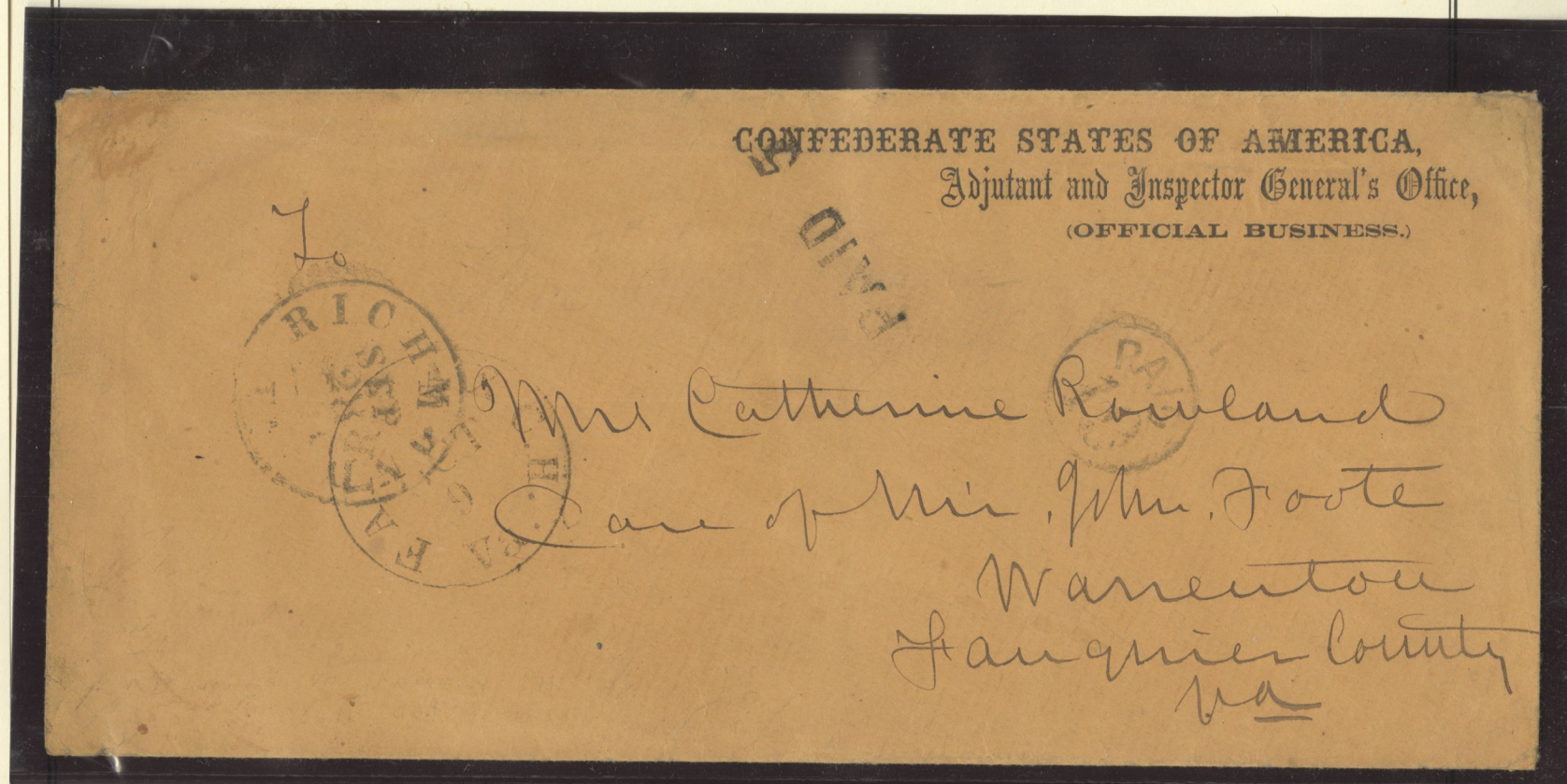
HSP - 5Cents - Type F (V)

September 9, 1861

(Type 2b)



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This cover is to travel to Warrington in Fauquier County, Virginia; but, instead, it is misdirected to Fairfax, Court House. On October the 9th, from Fairfax, C. H., it is forwarded to Warrington with additional postage paid.

On October the 9th, General Richard Heron Anderson's forces try to assault the Union batteries on Santa Rosa Island in Pensacola Bay, Florida. Unsuccessful, the Confederates withdraw.

Semi-Official Envelope

Fairfax C. H., Va.

Adjutant and Inspector General's Office--Type I

HSP--5 Cents--Type I

September 28, (1861); HSP-10Cents-Type VI

October 9, 1861

(Type 2b)

RICHMOND -- THE WAR YEARS



CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA
WAR DEPARTMENT,
NITRE AND MINING BUREAU
OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Messrs. Geo. H. Green & Co.
Brown Hill
Myrtle Co. S. C.

Ht Charleston, South Carolina, there is a spectacular battle between Southern gunboats and Northern blockaders. The Confederate vessels *Chicora* and *Palmetto State*, both ironclads, succeed in damaging the Federal *Mercedita* and *Keystone State* extensively. Despite this action, which does no damage to the Confederate ironclads, the harbor remains under the Federal blockade.

Semi-Official Envelope

Nitre and Mining Bureau -- Type 1a

Typographed -- Richmond Printing

January 31, 1863

(Type 4a)

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Confederate States of America,
SUBSISTENCE DEPARTMENT.

1863.

Envelopes

Col. W. M. Wadley
Supt. Transportation
Raleigh N.C.



CONFEDERATE RICHMOND – THE WAR YEARS

Here a cover travels to North Carolina from the Richmond's Office of the Commissioner of Taxes. The matter probably involves the collection of Confederate Taxes since the addressee wrote something about taxes paid in November. This cover would be a semi-official, one requiring postage payment. The CDS is a type 6i. The stamp, a type 11.

Engraved – 10cents – Type 11A&D

January 6th, (1864)

(Type 6i)

Office of the Commissioner of Taxes.



Alexander Mc Millan Esq

Collector C. S. Jones

Dundasville

No. Ca.

*John of
Nov 1863*



General Sheridan, still on his way, to Petersburg with his cavalry, engages Confederate forces at the South Anna bridge in Virginia. General Jacob Cox's forces reach Kinston, North Carolina, on his way to Goldsboro to join Sherman's army.

The business of the Confederate government continues as Grant exerts pressure at Petersburg. In 19 days Richmond will be evacuated. Within 26 days, Lee will surrender his army at Appomattox Court House.

Engraved -- Keatinge & Ball -- 10 Cents -- Type I

March 14, (1865)

(Type 5g)

11KB

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This cover was postmarked only 6 days before the breaking of Lee's lines on April 2nd at Petersburg. But the business of the Confederate government was still being transacted.

Engraved -- Keatinge & Ball -- 10 Cents -- Type II

(Semi-Official Cover)

March 27, (1865)

(Type 5g)

12KB

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Frederick Halpin engraved the type II, recess-plate printed stamp. There are numerous details of design differing the Halpin die from the Archer die, type I. The most obvious differences are the expanded or "filled in" background at the corner scrolls and the presence of a light, outer line framing the entire design.

Since the government office heading is in manuscript, this cover is not a true imprinted (semi-official) cover. The cover, nevertheless, was used to conduct government business.

Lee, dejected and in ill health, writes President Davis offering his resignation as commander of the Army of Northern Virginia. Davis refuses the request, writing, "our country could not bear to lose you."

Engraved - 10 Cents - Type II

August 8, 1863

(Type 5d)

12AD

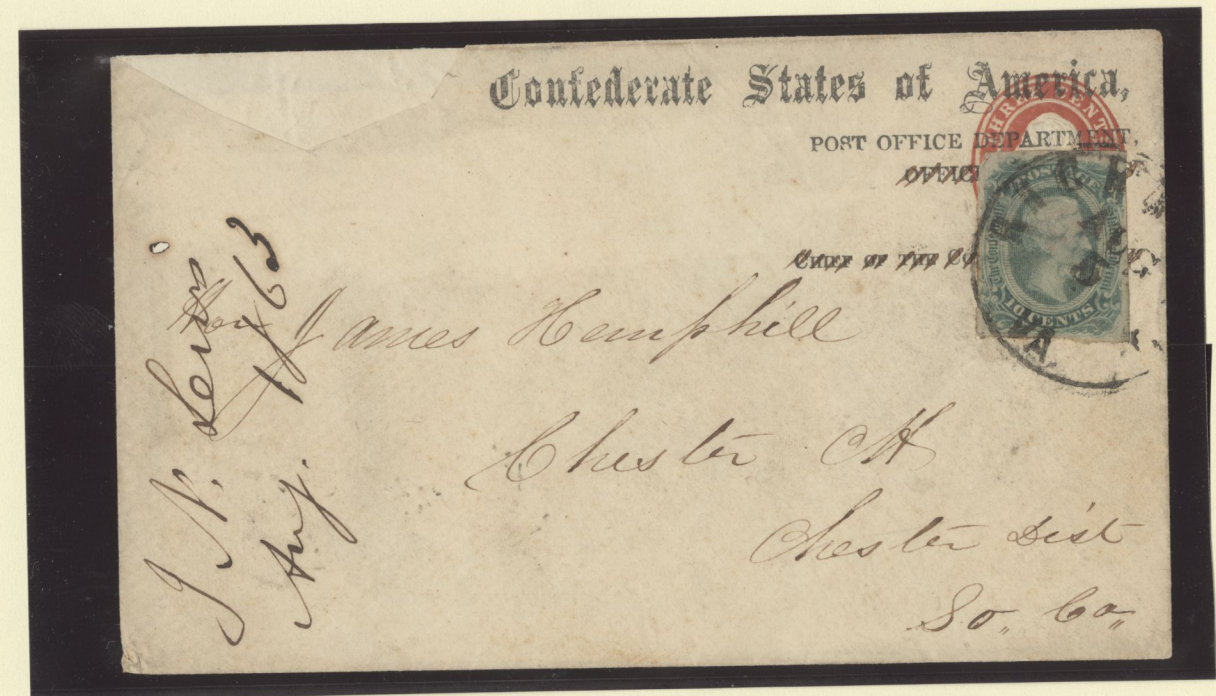
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This cover belongs to group of covers known as Semi-Official Imprints. These were different from the Official Imprint covers. Only about six departments of the Confederate Post Office were allowed to send mail postage-free. Other departments prepared their own covers; also individual states of the Confederacy prepared covers. These were considered Semi-Official and required the postage to be paid on them. If these covers were not on official business, the imprint of official business would be crossed out as on this cover.

Engraved - 10cents-A&D-type 1

August 5th, (1863)

(Type 7d)



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With the capture of Fort Pulaski at the Savannah River's mouth in early April, 1861, the effectiveness of Savannah as a blockade-running port was diminished. Later, Savannah was the objective of Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman's march to the sea and fell on December 21, 1864.

Engraved - 10 Cents - Type II

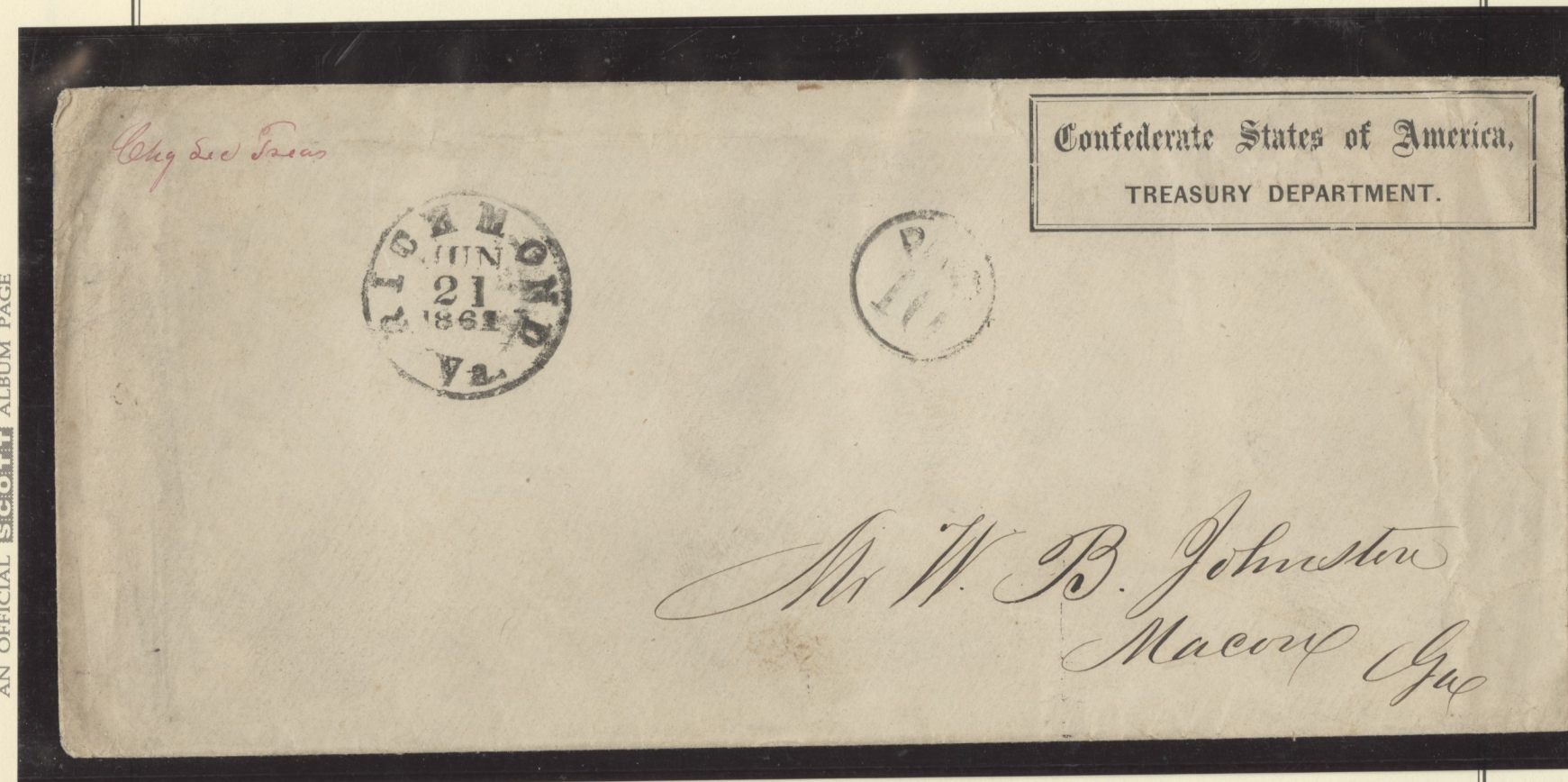
Imprinted (Semi-Official) Envelope - Engineer Bureau - Type I

August 11, 1863

(Type 5d)

12AD

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In its infancy, the business of the Confederate government has begun. The postage has been paid, but it has been billed to the Secretary of the Treasury's account.

HSP -- 10 Cents -- Type VI

Semi-Official Envelope

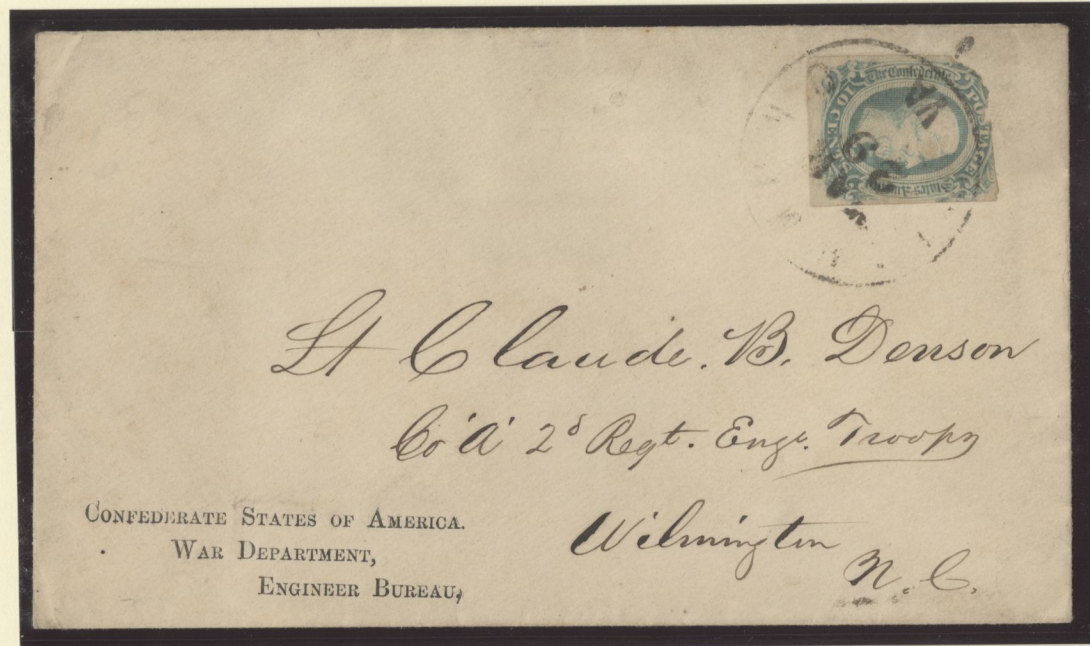
June 21, 1861

Treasury Department

(Type 1a)

(Type VI)

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Fort Fisher guards the entrance into Wilmington harbor. Wilmington is becoming the sole port of supplies for the Confederacy.

Having crossed the Pamunkey River. Grant and Meade's Army of the Potomac march southwest toward Richmond. Between them and the Confederate capital stretch Lee's lines.

Engraved - 10 Cents - Type II

May 29, (1864)

(Type 6i)

12AD

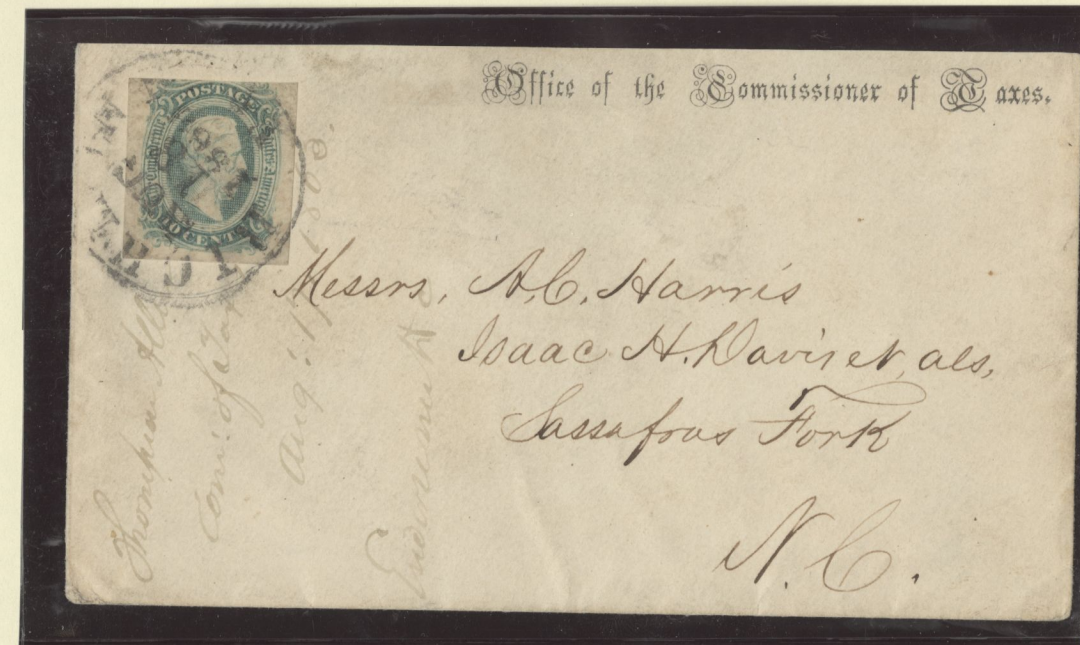
CONFEDERATE RICHMOND - THE WAR YEARS

The postal marking for Richmond normally appear in black ink. From May 14th through June 3rd, 1863, The type 5d, The Richmond CDS is found in blue ink. Probably, the Richmond Post Office just ran out of black ink, necessitating the use of the blue ink. Gen. Robert E. Lee. and President Jefferson Davis meet at Vicksburg, Mississippi, to discuss the war's situation

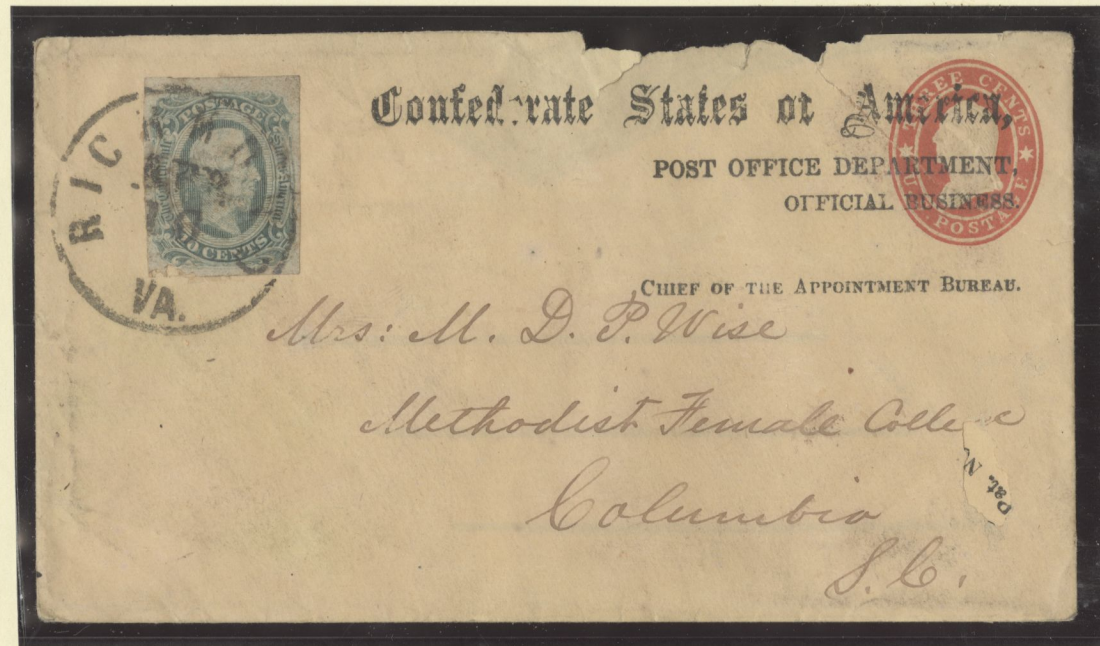
Engraved - 10Cents -Type I

May 30th, 1863

(Type 5b)



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This cover travels to a lady at the Methodist Female College in Columbia, S.C. (present day Columbia College). It is an example of an adversity cover as the sender has made use of an old star dye envelope.

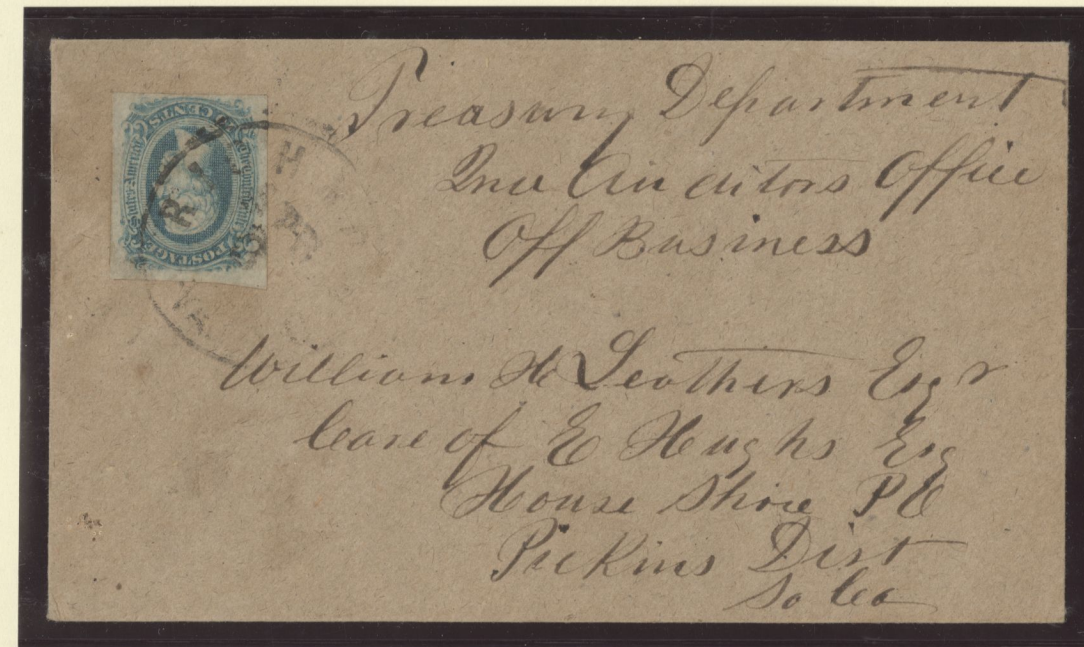
Engraved - 10 Cents - Type II

April 10, (1864)

(Type 6i)

CSA 12AD

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This semi-official cover illustrates the continuing shortage of paper in wartime Richmond. The Pickens District is in the northwestern portion of South Carolina. What "official business" could be directed to House Shore Post Office?

Engraved - 10 Cents - Type I

April 3, (1864)

(Type 6m)

Semi-Official Envelope

(2nd Auditor's Office)

11AD

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A semi-official cover differed from official mail. The semi-official governmental mail required the appropriate postage to be paid, while the official mail went free. The Richmond Type 5d CDS was used from August until December, 1863.

Semi-Official Envelope

Treasury Department, Second Auditor's Office

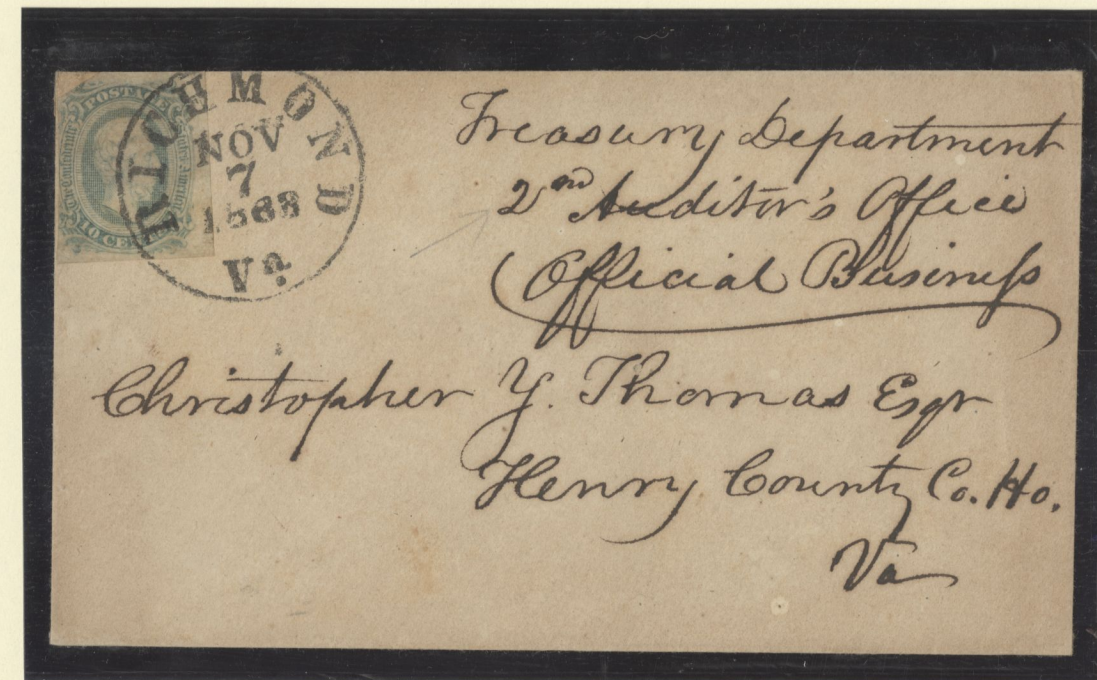
Engraved - 10 Cents - Type I

September 11, 1863

(Type 5d)

11AD

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In a maneuver against Lee's Confederate forces, Meade sends troops across the Rappahannock near Kelly's ford. The first Union attacks do not move the enemy, but at dusk an advance by two Union brigades, including one of the rare bayonet attacks of the war, succeed in overrunning the Confederate positions and taking a bridgehead. Two Confederate divisions lose 2023 in dead and captured, a figure which shocks the Southern Army. Lee withdraws to the Rapidan, and the contending armies have thus returned to the positions they held at the beginning of the Bristoe campaign. Neither side has gained from their operation.

Engraved - 10 Cents - Type I

November 7, 1863

(Type 5d)

11AD

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The Richmond, Type 6i postmark was used November, 1863 to April, 1864. The date on this cover is currently the Earliest Known Usage date of this postmark. The cover bears a semi-official imprint also. The back slanted *V* of *NOV* was used only during November, 1863.

Semi-Official Cover - (Other Treasury Offices)

Office of the Commissioner of Taxes - Type IV

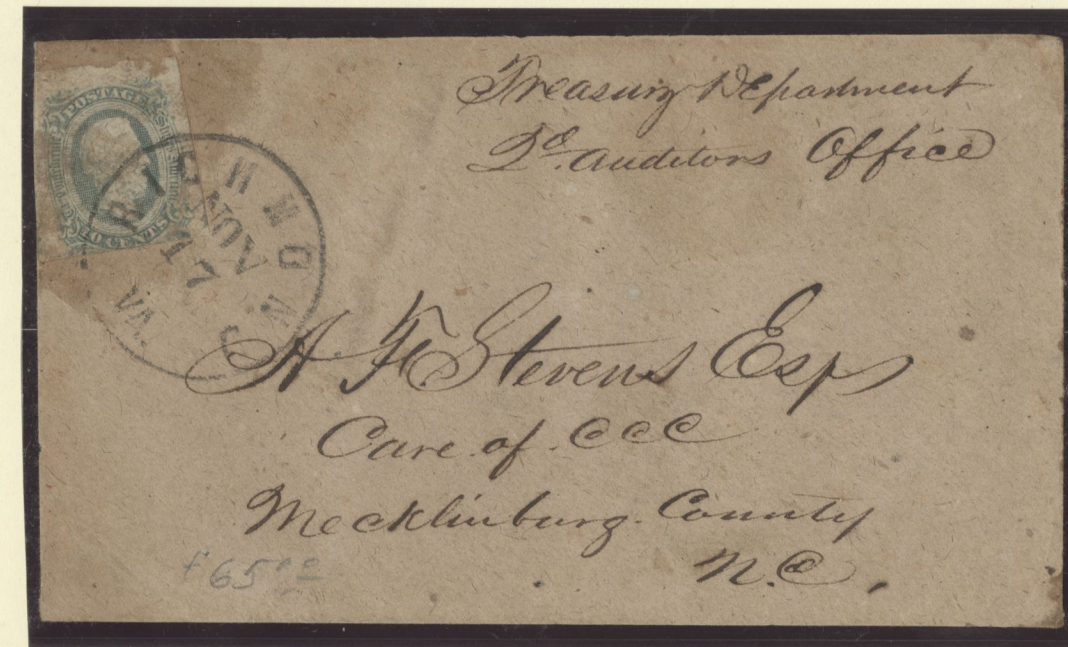
Engraved - 10 Cents - Type 1

November 13, (1863)

(Type 6i)

11AD

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A manuscript envelope from the Second Auditor's Office, Treasury Department, is sent postage paid by an engraved, type 1 postage stamp. The year date has been left out of the Type 6 Richmond, CDS, but the year is known to be 1863. The back slanted *V* of *NOV* was used only during November, 1863.

Engraved - 10 Cents - Type 1

November 17, (1863)

(Type 6i)

11AD

COLUMBIA DURING THE CIVIL WAR

THE HAND STAMPED PAIDS

This cover travels from the Conscript Department in Columbia to the enrolling officer in Greenville. Since the rates had risen on July 1st, 1862, to 10 cents for a single letter for any distance, this cover probably originated after 1862. Even thou it is marked Official Business, the Conscript Department is not part of the Post Office Department which requires it to pay the postage. The Key 58 may be an indication to charge the postage.

Columbia, South Carolina

Conscript Department - WD-CN-12

HSP - Paid 10 (cents) - Type M

July 23, (186_)

