

Stamp of the Month

Prussian Closed Mail

Chemnitz, Germany to Boston



Cover from R Hosel & Co, Chemnitz, Germany carrying invoice (enclosed) to FM Holmes & Co, Boston. Sent stampless by *Prussian Closed Mail* in July 1864. Originating 'Chemnitz 64 11-VII' dble circle pmk at far right; 'Aachen 5Cts 12/7' indicates 5 cents will be due for stampless mail; Boston pmk is Inman Packet destination city (also letter destination), with additional 30 cents postage due.

When traveling via Prussian Closed Mail, whether East to West or West to East, it was *most common* for letters to be stampless such as this one.