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Handed to the mail clerk on board the French steamship *Carmel*, while at Marseille, 28 November 1857. The *Carmel* normally sailed between Marseille and Constantinople, touching at Piraeus and the Dardanelle's. On this voyage she arrived at Constantinople on 7 December 1857. The single letter rate was 50 centimes. The "anchor" obliteration was only applied on board ship for the period 11 July 1857 - April 1858.