



Peru, Issue of 1868-72

Handed in to the British post office at Arica, 7 October 1871, unpaid except for a Peruvian 1 dinero stamp. This was cancelled with the British barred numeral marking, "C36", for Arica. One dinero paid the Peruvian internal rate to the port of Callao, where the letter was placed aboard a steamer to Panama. Still in British hands, the letter crossed Panama and was sent by Royal Mail Steamer to England, and then on to London. At London, it was placed in a closed bag addressed to Genova, where the bag was opened and the mail processed. The Italian exchange clerk marked "180" at the upper left corner, meaning 1 Lire 80 was due Britain for sea transit, land transit across England and sea transit to Calais. Also, due to France was 30 centesimi for land transit across France, and 20 centesimi to Italy for internal postage, making a total amount due of 2 Lire 30 centesimi, the amount of the postage due stamps applied to the face of the cover.