



Tuscany, Issue of 1853

Posted at Firenze (Florence) on 13 December 1856, and addressed to Philadelphia, Pa. The letter was mailed after the departure of the mail and marked "Dopo la Partenza", to explain any lateness. Prepaid 28 Tuscan crazie, and exchanged with France at Pont de Beauvoisin on 20 December. There it was placed in a closed bag addressed to Liverpool. At Liverpool, the cover was placed aboard the Cunard steamer *Persia*, for its journey to New York. Through the Franco-Tuscan Postal Convention of 15 March 1851, postage had been paid all the way to the U.S frontier. Only 5 cents had to be charged as postage due upon arrival at New York. The recipient paid this when he received his letter in Philadelphia.