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**Some Hints of Milanese History
from the XIV to the XIX Century**

THE POST IN MILAN 1849-1859

**Catalogue of Cancellations and Postmarks
in Milan Post Office**

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Description and cataloguing of the Lombardy Venetia postmarks in the Post Office of Milan, from which all correspondence transited, in the period from the introduction of postage stamps to the liberation of 1859. A great variety of uses, shapes, colours, a continuous experimentation of new technologies for the production of handstamps, inks, stamps, papers.

For each handstamp, the characteristics of the impression (size and type of characters); any changes made over time and, when significant for classification, the evolution of the impression in the period of use with different degrees of wearing; the intended use specifying if and when the handstamp was used; the total period of use and the period observed for each intended use; the degree of rarity for each type of use (stamp or cancellation). Maximum space for "typological" cancellations and postmarks, i.e. those regularly used for a certain period of time or even occasionally in very specific situations. Only a nod is given for the errors in the dates (missing, inverted, etc.) Exhaustive and complete the classification of squared and small circle stamps based on different types in perfect chronological sequence.

Some sections complete the catalogue: examples of the various cases of error in the date composition, registered letters, more details.

Thanks also to the cooperation of enthusiasts and scholars of the most diverse disciplines, the work presents, in addition, Milan postal history from its origins to the end of Austrian domination, the postal reform, postal rates and services, the first and second issue postage stamps, insights, a historical overview.

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Line cancellations on three lines (Roman capitals and small circle)

Roman capitals on two lines

Squared with year

Dumb cancellations

C4 - 4 circles with hours

C1 - 1 circle simple

CO - 1 circle with decoration

CO59 - 1 circle with decoration and year

Occasional nominal postmarks and cancellations

Handwritten marks

Accessory postmarks

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