

## POLAND JUDICIAL MAIL

This exhibit shows specific postal rates for Judicial Mail in the South Poland provinces of Lvov, Krakow, Stanislovov and Tarnov which were under Austrian Control until November 1919. It covers the period from the introduction of the new currency on May 1, 1924 to May 31, 1933 when new postal rates for Judicial Mail were introduced for the whole of Poland.

There were separate rates for mail within the same jurisdiction and between jurisdictions - these differed from the ordinary letter rates

Section	Rate Period	Same Jurisdiction	Between Jurisdictions	Letter Rate
One	1 May 1924 - 1 September 1926	10 gr	15 gr	15 gr
Two	1 September 1926 - 31 May 1933	25 gr	30 gr	20 gr then 25gr

Judicial mail was sent from the Court, either ordinary or registered, without charge and often with a hand stamp marking "Addressee to Pay Postage." The addressee was required to acknowledge the receipt of the Court document by readdressing it to the Court and paying the return postage. Postage Due stamps were used and were sold either by the postman or at the post office and frequently cancelled in blue or red pencil before receiving the Post Office date-stamp. Postage Dues, in the new currency, were issued from May 1, 1924. The existing stock of postage dues, with values in Polish Marks, were used until stocks were exhausted at 100,000Mk = 1gr.



Local Tarnov 4 IV 24 Court mail with red hand struck marking indicating addressee is to pay return postage and 110,000Mk [overfranked by 10,000Mk] for same jurisdiction

Reference: Polskie Taryfy Pocztove 1918-1939. Table 19.2 P 193

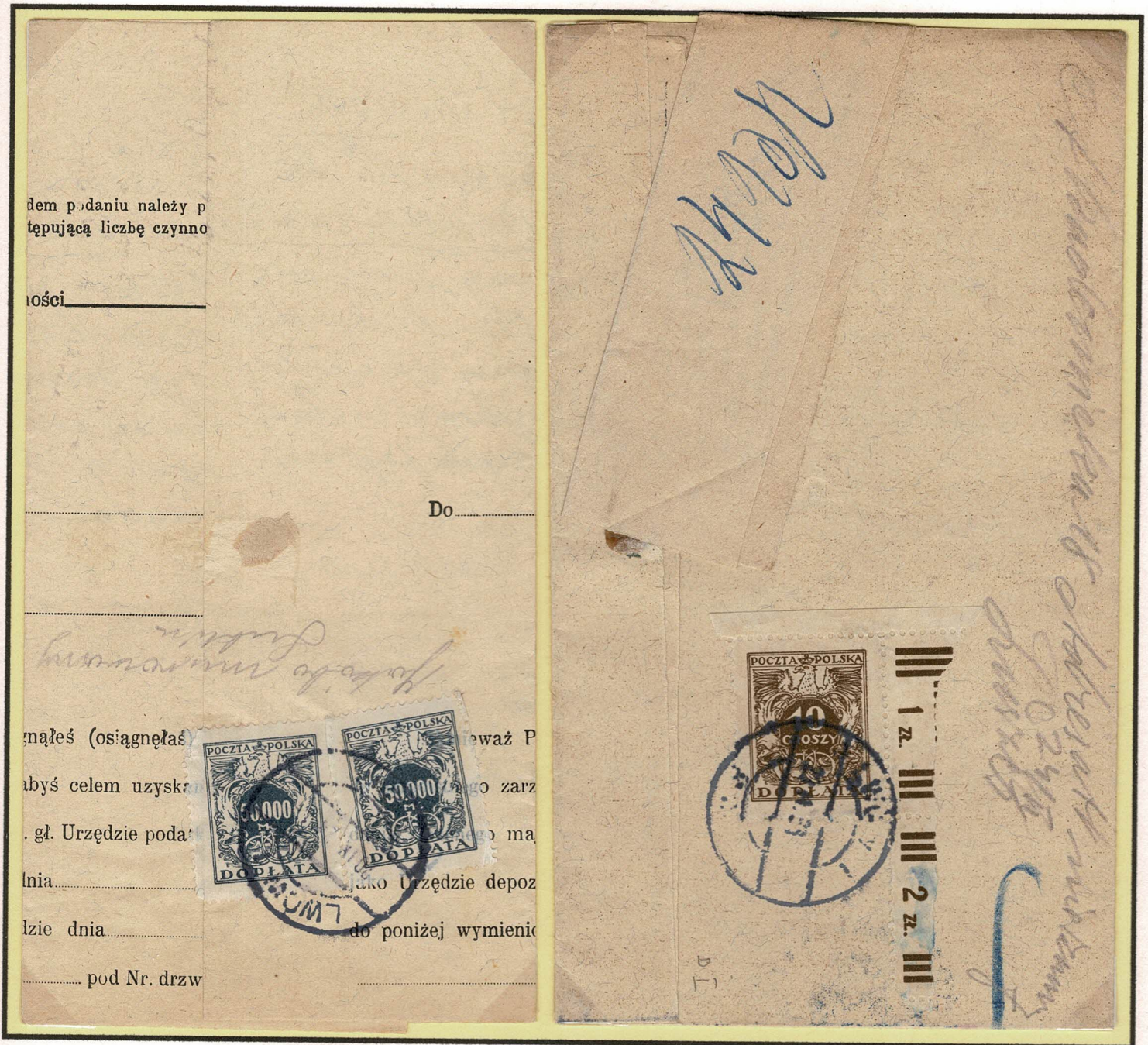
Between Currencies

Between Jurisdictions 200,000 Mk = 20gr

Registered "9721" Tarnov 29 IV 24 and addressed to Lvov with 2-line red hand-struck marking indicating that the addressee is to pay the postage. A 200,000Mk postage due stamp applied, cancelled in red pencil then with Lvov 30 IV 24. Last day of old currency and last day of rate period 16/4/24 - 30/4/24 - between jurisdiction 200,000Mk. Further cancelled Lvov 15 V 24, redirected to Tarnov, received 15 V 24.



It is probable that the postage due was applied on receipt at the Lvov Post Office when the registered letter was received cancelled in pen then with the datestamp 30 IV 24. A notice would have been sent to the addressee to collect the registered letter from the post office. The Lvov datestamp of 15 V 24 would be the date the postage due was collected in new currency 200,000 = 20gr and the letter sent back to the Tarnov Court.



Lvov 17 IX 1924 locally addressed Court mail

Postage paid 50,000Mk x 2 = 100,000Mk = 10gr

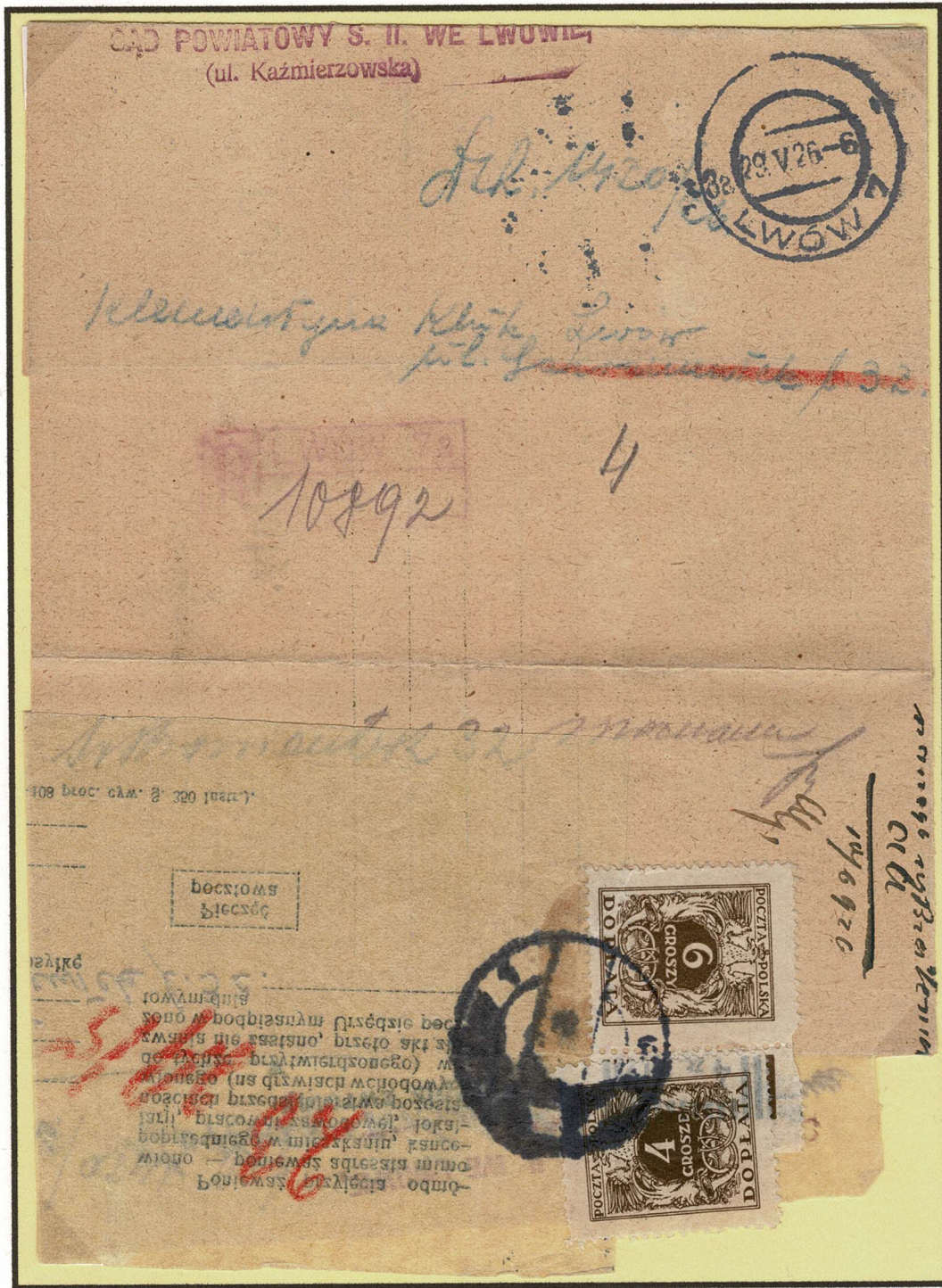
Cancelled Lvov-1 20 IX 24

Lvov 25 11 1926 locally addressed Court mail

Postage paid 10gr [RU marginal copy P.11]

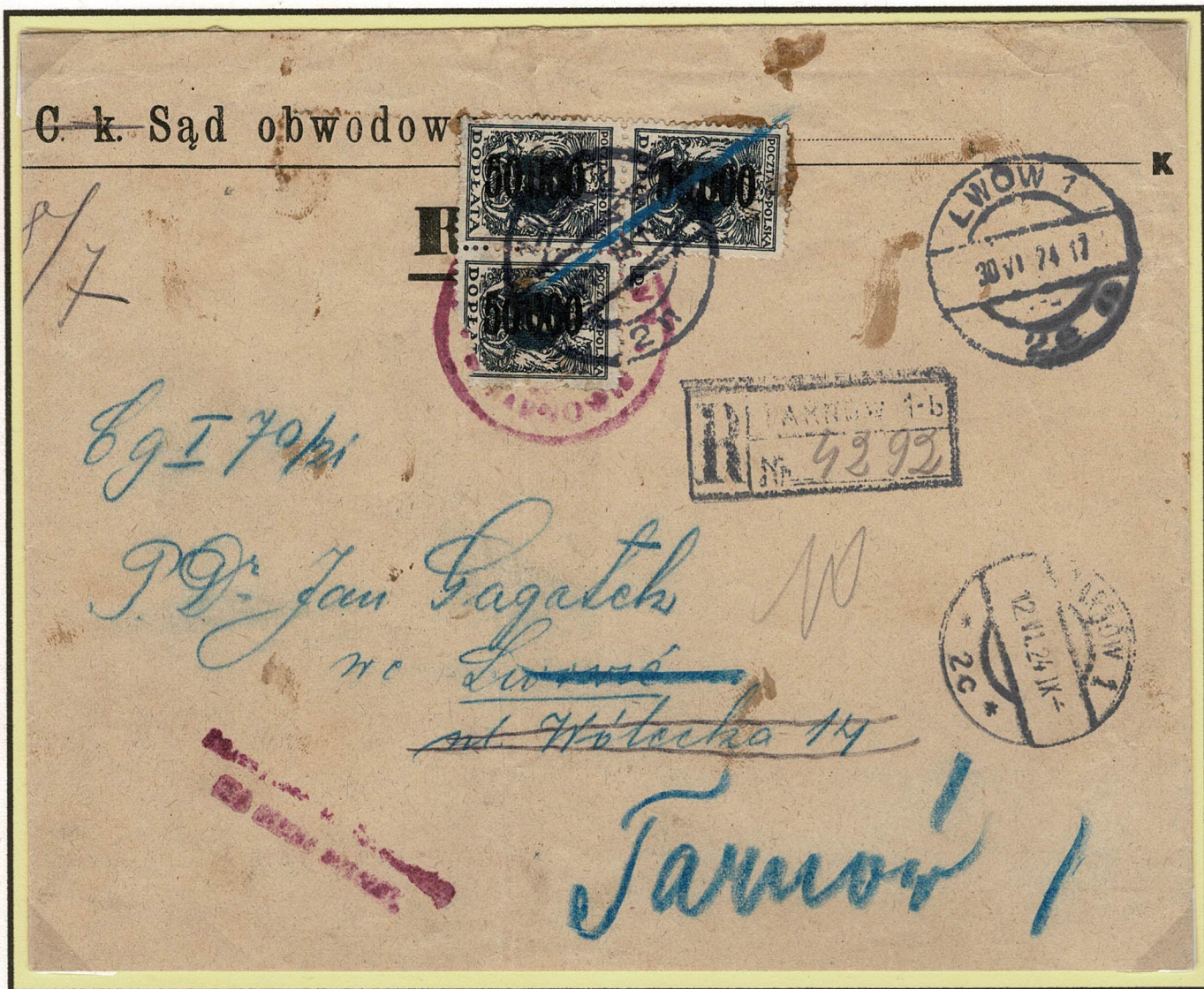
Cancelled Lvov-1 27.II.26

Much of the Judicial or Court mail was sent using old documents as outer letter-sheet, wrapper or envelope enclosing the material relevant to the Court and the addressee. The returning of the outer letter-sheet with a signed receipt was standard practice confirming the receipt of the Court material.



Lvov local area Court mail; Registered Lvov-7 29 V 26 [ex-Austrian datestamp] without hand stamp. Return postage 4gr [p10x10.5] + 6gr [p10.5 marginal copy] = 10gr cancelled Lvov-1

This letter-sheet is made from an undated and unused **Direct Debit [Form 10]**. The addressee retained the contents but a **receipt is attached with a signature confirming receipt** of the relevant Court communication. This has the return postage attached and is cancelled as required by a postal stamp. A judicial "**Advice of Receipt**" system.



Inter-Jurisdiction Court Mail: Tarnov - Lvov - Tarnov

Tarnov-1 Registration "4293" Tarnov-1 12 VI 24

2-line red hand stamp indicating that the return postage is to be paid by the addressee.

Postage Due stamps 3 x 50,000Mk overprint on 2Mk [November 1923] = 150,000Mk = 15gr

Cancelled with blue pencil and further cancelled Lvov-1 30 VI 24

Document readdressed to Tarnov in same blue pencil - done by postman

Received Tarnov-1 1 VII 24



**Tarnov - Krakow - Tarnov**

Registered Tarnov-1, **red hand stamp** indicating addressee to pay postage. Tarnov-1 19.1.25  
 3 x 20,000mk on 20Mk [November 1923] + 3 x 30,000Mk [March 1923] = 150,000Mk = 15gr  
 Cancelled with both **red and blue pencil** then **Krakow 20.2.25.**  
 Redirected to Tarnov received **Tarnov-1 27.2.25**



**Krakow - Okregowy - Krakow**

Registered Krakow, no hand stamp. **Krakow 4 IV 25.** 15 x 10,000Mk [both papers] = 150,000Mk = 15gr. Received  
 at **Okregowy 4 IV 1925** - stamps cancelled **6 IV 25.** Readdressed to Krakow, received **11 IV 25.**



Registered Tarnov 17.III.25 - 2 red hand stamps. 2 x 10,000Mk + 30,000Mk [5gr] + 10gr [p11.75x11.5] = 15gr, cancelled in red pencil and with Sedziszov 18.III.25, redirected to Tarnov 19.III.25.



Registered Tarnov 17.III.25 - 2 red hand stamps. 3 x 10,000Mk [3gr] + 3 x 4gr [p11] 5] = 15gr, cancelled with Sedziszov 31.III.25, redirected to Tarnov 7.IV.25



**Lvov - Zamarstynov - Lvov**

Court receipt sent ordinary mail from Lvov-7 12 IV 26 [date stamp converted from Austrian] to Zamarstynov with 15gr [P 11.75 x 11.5] pen-cancelled by postman and cancelled Zamarstynov 13 IV 26, then readdressed to Lvov.

No hand stamp marking

**Krakow - Mielec - Krakow**

Ordinary mail Krakow-1 7 IV 25 with 5 x 30,000Mk [issued March 1924] = 15gr cancelled Mielec 8 IV 25

No hand stamps, no pencil cancellation







Ordinary Court mail  
Stanislawov 1 XII 26.  
25gr [P13] to pay  
return postage to Court  
cancelled Stanislawov  
2 XII 26  
[Datestamp converted  
from Austrian.]

p. Leopold Kolpender  
Ant. Gurel  
ul. Sapiezynska 3



Registered Court mail  
from Lvov-7 4 IX 26  
[Austrian conversion]

**Black hand stamp**  
indicating postage to be  
paid by addressee.

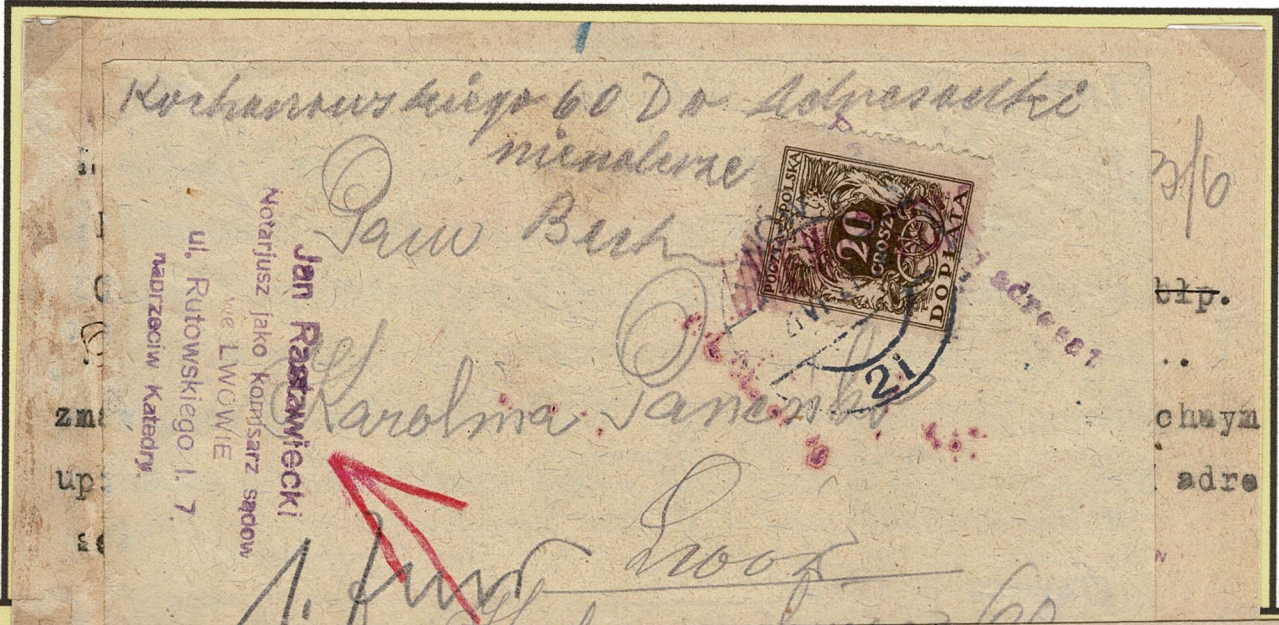
**25gr** [marginal p11.5x12]  
cancelled Lvov-7 6 IX 26  
[Polish datestamp]

Readdressed to Court.

In the Rate Period September 1, 1926 to December 1, 1927, the letter rate was 20gr while the special judicial rate was 25gr. A few Court letters in this period are known franked 20gr instead of 25gr - either the addressee or the postman was aware of this and selected the cheaper option for the return postage.

1. Lvov local district with purple hand stamp for postage by addressee - 20gr [p10.5] with red "PAID" hand stamp and Lvov 21 VI 27 and redirected with red arrow to officer of Lvov Court.
2. Lvov local Court letter Lvov-3 30 VI 27 with 20gr [p11] cancelled Lvov-1 30 VI 27

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In the rate period December 1, 1927 to May 31, 1933, the letter rate and the Local Judicial rate were 25gr



### Jaroslavl Local Judicial Document

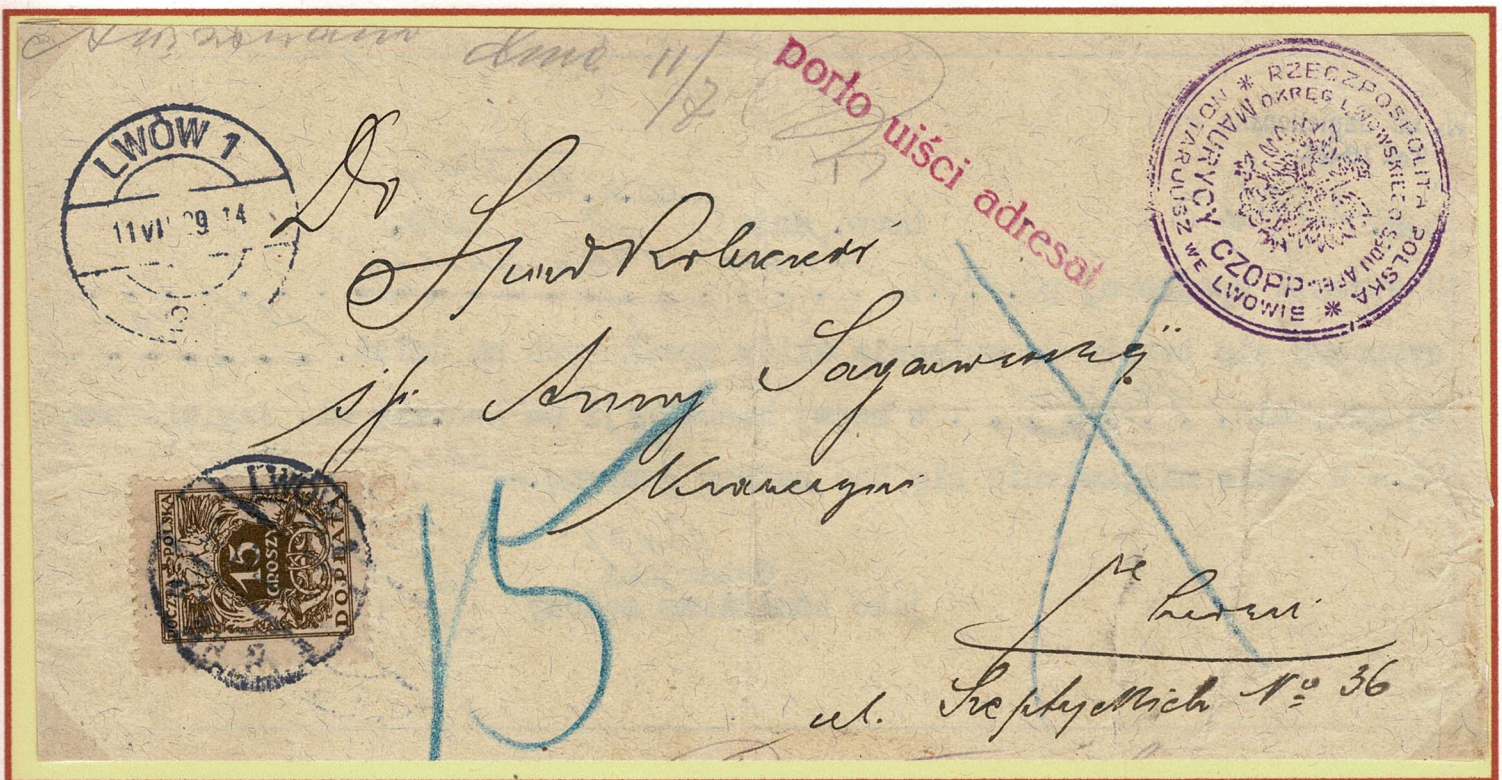
Ordinary mail with purple hand stamp - **Postage Paid Addressee**, with the return postage paid by low value Postage Dues  $5 \times 1gr + 10 \times 2gr = 25gr$  - all cancelled in blue pencil and with Jaroslavl 30 11 28. Use of low value postage dues on Court mail is considered **unusual**.

The majority of judicial mail from the Southern Poland Provinces are franked in accordance with the published rates for Judicial mail. A few in the rate period 1/9/26-1/12/27 are known at the reduced letter rate.

Shown here are two items of Judicial mail - both with postage due manuscript notations for which no published explanation is known for the postage assessed.

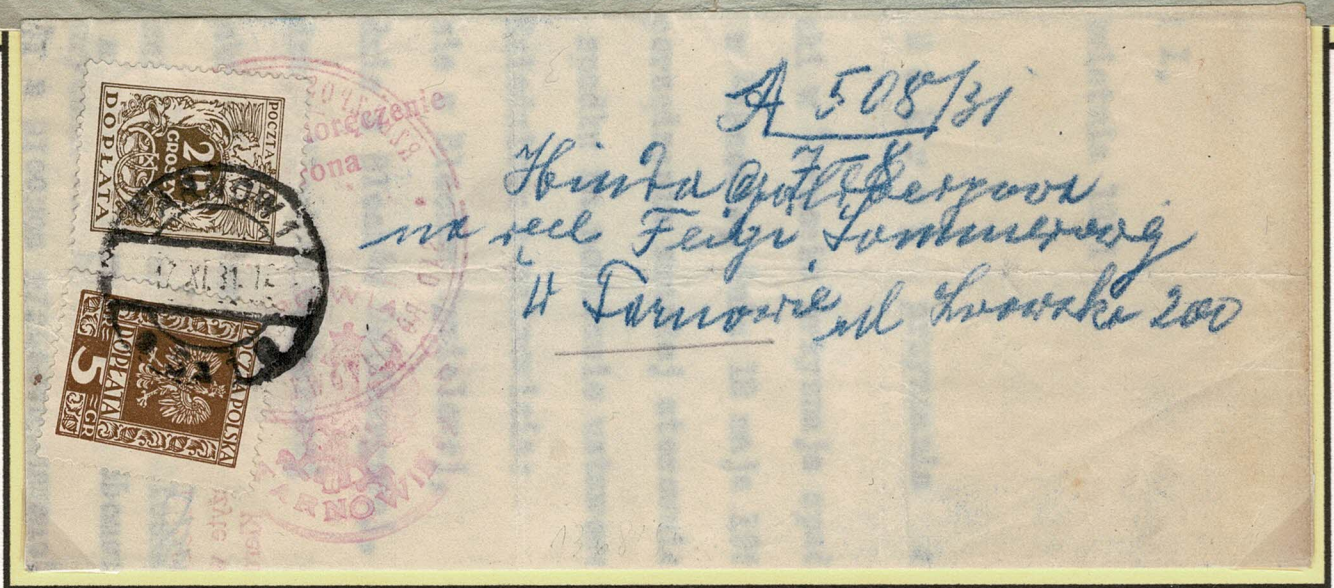


Lwow local judicial mail with 1-line purple hand stamp "Addressee pays postage" assessed "10" in red pencil. 10gr postage due, cancelled in blue pencil and red "PAID" marking and Lwow-1 4 VII 27. Rate Period 1/9/26-1/12/27. Private & Official Letter 20gr, Judicial Local Letter 25gr.



Lwow-1 11 VII 29 local judicial mail with 1-line red hand stamp "Recipient will pay postage" assessed "15" in blue pencil. 15gr postage due cancelled Lwow-1 14 VII 29. Rate period 1/4/29-15/10/31. Private, Official and Judicial local letter all 25gr.

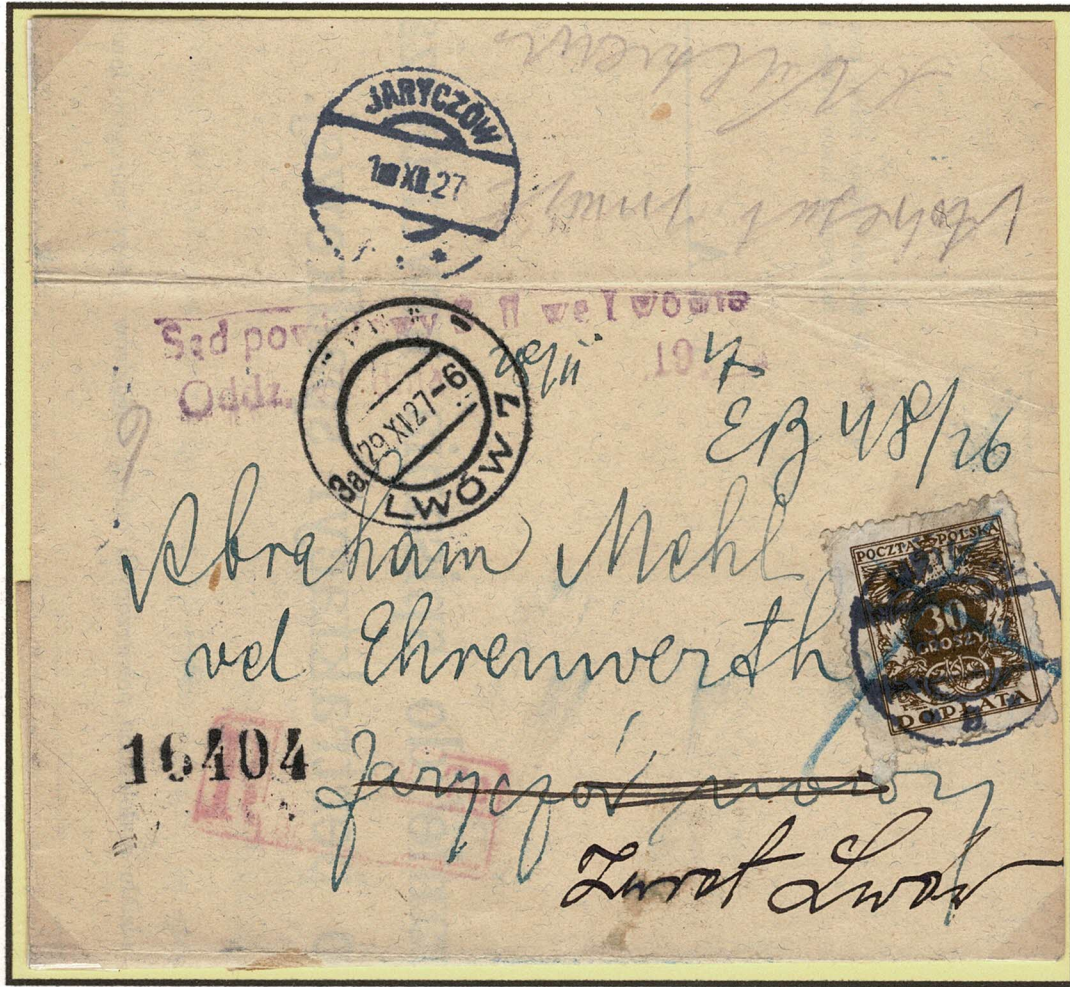
Registered Lvov-7 22 IX 30 with 2-line black hand stamp, 25gr [p10x10.5] cancelled Lvov-15 23 IX 30 redirected.



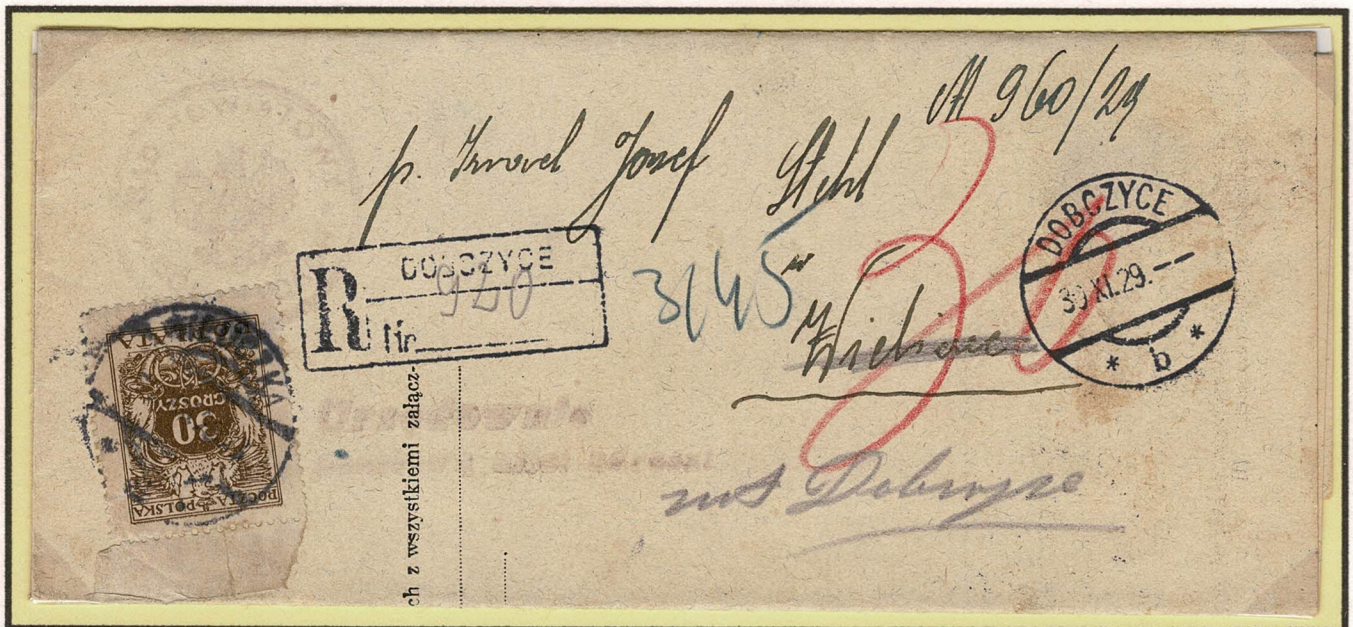
**Tarnov Local Judicial Document**

Ordinary mail with the return postage paid with Postage Dues 20gr [white paper 4/1930] + 5gr [1930] = 25gr cancelled Tarnov 17 XI 31.

Document dated Tarnov Court 13/11/31 has 50gr Revenue stamp with Tarnov Court cancelled 18th



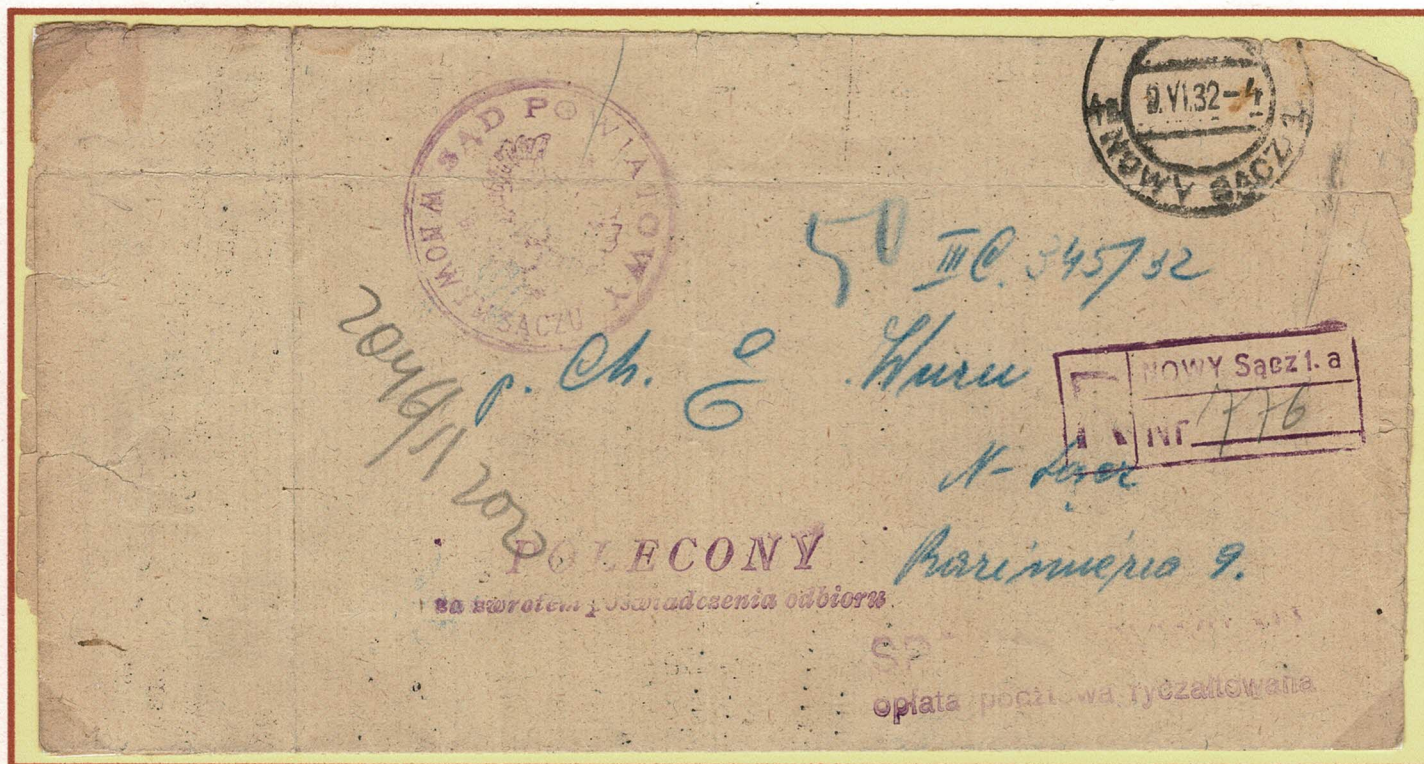
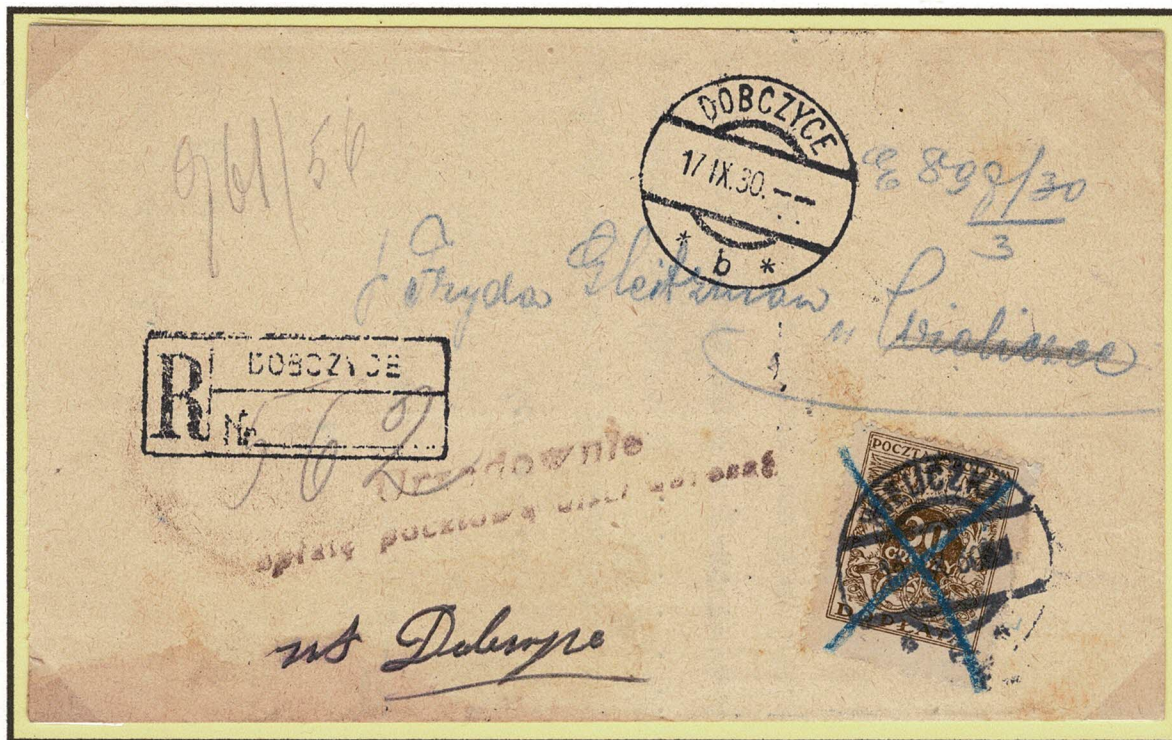
Registered Lvov-7 29 XI 27 with return postage 30gr [p10 white paper] cancelled blue pencil and Jaryczov 1 XII 27 and redirected to Lvov Court



Registered Dobczyce 30 XI 29 with 2-line purple hand stamp for postage paid by addressee. Return postage by 30gr [p11.5] cancelled Wieliczka 4 XII 29 and redirected



Registered Dobczyce 17 IX 30 with purple hand stamp and return postage 30gr cancelled blue pencil and Weliczka 19 IX 30 and redirected to Dobczyce.



Registered Court Document from Nowy Sącz with Austrian style datestamp 9 VI 32. Has 2-line purple marking translated as **Case Office Flat Rate Postage**. Note that the R-label and 2-line Registration marking are in the same ink - an indication that all were applied at the Post Office on despatch.

This type of marking is found from very few Post Offices in Southern Poland. It has been suggested, without evidence, that it represents a Local arrangement between the Court and Post Office for locally addressed Judicial Mail.