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The early issues of Romania, for the Principalities of Moldavia and Walachia, were very primitive, even more so than the recess-printed early issues of Mauritius. At first handstamped one by one from metal dies onto thin ordinary paper, they came into existence shortly after these parts of Romania shed the yoke of Ottoman rule. With foreign post offices handling the bulk of merchant correspondence destined abroad, these stamps were created for domestic use, and in any case could not, until treaties were arranged, prepay the postage to a town outside nascent Romania's then-changing borders.

Of the few dozen examples known of the entire 1858 First Issue, this collection showcases the finest available, many with sheet margins at one or more sides, as well as covers sporting a variety of cancels and usages. The Moldavia-Walachia issues of 1862 & 1865, both handstamped and press-printed, are replete with covers showing rare frankings, with beautiful mint and used multiples and with exquisite showpieces throughout destined for the finest collections.

The 1865-69 unified Principality imperforate issues showing Princes Alexandru Cuza and Carol (the future king and devoted philatelist) are well represented, with examples of the rare laid papers, large used multiples on and off cover, and several rarities of usage to foreign destinations.

We anticipate the scholarly catalogue we are preparing for this collection will become a collector's item in its own right, and augment the handbooks as a complete pictorial record of one of the greatest collections of early Romania ever formed.





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