

GERMAN STATES

Bavaria—1849 One Kreuzer—*contd.*

- (viii) There is a small white dot between the "I" and "N" of "EIN."
- (ix) There is a white crack usually joining the "UZE" of "KREUZER" and another one running from the right top of the last letter "R." In some of the pale prints in the multiple pieces these cracks have a tendency to disappear (Plate 41).
- (x) There are two minute flaws in the thick frame line below the letter "N" of "FRANCO."

CANCELLATIONS PLATES 42 & 43

Sperati reproduced many different, most of which are illustrated.

1. Cog wheel numerals: 18, 20, 23, 78 (two impressions), 145, 152, 175, 217 (two impressions), 226, 269, 279, 281, 313, 318, 336, 345, 363, 382, 563.
2. Semi-circular date stamps:
 - (a) "BAYREUTH X 10 12"
 - (b) "BAYRE(U)TH IX 6—10"
 - (c) "ERLANGEN 10 1"
 - (d) "ERLANGEN 20 12"
 - (e) "KAUFBEUERN 12—11"
 - (f) "MARKTSTEF 7—10"

- (g) "NOERDLINGEN X 17—9"
- (h) "OBERNZELL 1—12"
- (i) "PASSAU BAHN (H) 4 19 8"

3. Two-line date stamps:

- (a) "HOF. 20. APR. 1849"
- (b) "MUNCHEN 25 APR. 1850 IX"
- (c) "MUNCHEN 26 JUL. 1850 7"
- (d) "MUNCHEN 6 NOV. 1850 V"
- (e) "MUNCHEN 8 SEP. 1850 ()"
- (f) "MUNCHEN 3 DEC. 1853 V"
- (g) "NAUMBURG 23 JUNI."

4. Circular date stamp:

"PASSAU 20 — 8 2 F (Bah)nhof

5. Double circular date stamp:

- (a) "AUGSBURG 16 MA(I) 1850 3—4"
- (b) "AUGSBURG 11 JUN (1850) 9—10"
- (c) "NURNBURG 18 SEP 1853 7—8"
- (d) "REGENSBURG 8 FEB 1850 3—4"
- (e) "REGENSBURG 15 JAN 1850 6—7"
- (f) "REGENSBURG 9 MA(I) 1850 6—7"
- (g) "(L)ANDSHUT 21 (A)UG 1850 7—8"

It should be noted that some of these date stamps will be found "in transit" or "on arrival" on covers manufactured by Sperati.

BERGEDORF

1861 HALF SCHILLING

PLATE 45

Sperati is known to have made "die" proofs in colour, as well as unused reproductions. For **comparison** use the genuine $\frac{1}{2}$ sch. black on blue.

	GENUINE	SPERATI
PRINTING	<i>Lithography</i>	<i>Photo-lithography</i>
COLOUR DL	<i>Black</i>	<i>Black</i>
PAPER { DL	<i>Pale lilac</i>	<i>Lilac-grey</i>
{ MVL	<i>Pale lilac</i>	<i>Grey</i>
IMPRESSION	<i>Clear</i>	<i>Equally clear</i>

BASIC TESTS are of little use.

SPECIFIC TESTS

- (i) There is a minute black dot in the foot of the letter "B" of "BERGEDORF" (Plate 45).
- (ii) There are small spots of colour in the margin immediately above the letters "H" and "B" of "HALBER."

- (iii) There is a black spot to the right of the "2" in the top right fraction (Plate 45).
- (iv) There are spots in the outer frame line at right, level with the top "I" and below the letters "SC" of "SCHILLING."
- (v) There is a minute black dot to the right of the fraction bar in the bottom right corner.