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## STAMPS FOR THESSALY.

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The Turkish Government, wishing to establish a control of the postal revenues in the districts occupied by its armies in Thessaly, has just prepared a special series of stamps, which will be issued immediately and will be employed exclusively by the post offices in Thessaly.

The stamps are of a new type, eight-cornered in shape. Above is the inscription (in Turkish): Ottoman Empire Postage; in the centre is a view of the bridge at Larissa (Greece); below is the inscription (also in Turkish): Special for Thessaly, part of the conquered country.

Besides the originality of design of these stamps, they will have an historical value which will be readily understood, and will be much sought after, as the issue will be a limited one. Moreover, to guard against speculation, the post offices in Thessaly will not deliver the stamps to the public but will affix the stamps to the letters themselves.

Having been successful in obtaining a certain number of sets of these stamps before their despatch to Thessaly, we will sell them (while our stock holds out) to regular customers of ours *and to all readers of the Messenger* at **40 cents per set**, which is just about face value.

The set is composed of 5 stamps: 10, 20 paras, 1, 2, 5 piastres, with a total face value of P. OR 8.75. which represents about 2 FRANCS in foreign money. Only 2 per cent. has been added to defray cost of return postage, registration, insurance, etc.

*1 piastre or 40 paras = 23 centimes = 19 pfennigs.*

We can only promise to fill the orders which are first received, for as soon as our present stock, which is not large, is exhausted, we cannot furnish these stamps on the above terms.

Remittances of money, post office orders, cheques, etc., should be addressed under registered cover to :

**J. Tchakidji & Co.,**

5 ZINDJIRLI HAN, CONSTANTINOPLE.

REFERENCES: All the principal stamp merchants in the world.