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## STAMPS FOR THESSALY.

The Turkish Government, wishing to establish a control of the postal revenues in the districts occupied by its armies in Thessaly, prepared a special series of postage stamps, now obsolete, which have been employed exclusively by the post offices in Thessaly, during its occupation by the Turkish armies.

These stamps are of a new type, eight-cornered in shape. Above is the inscription (in Turkish): Ottoman Empire Postag.; 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." The complete series is composed of five (5) stamps: 10, 20 paras, 1, 2 and 5 piastres.

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, the number of sets being limited and their issue having been only provisional.

Last month we offered these stamps at 40 cents for the set; but, as Thessaly has been evacuated since early in June and as we have been overwhelmed with orders which have come in from all directions and which have greatly diminished our available stock, we cannot now furnish sets except at the following prices, POSTPAID:

payable by post office money order, cheque or bank notes at current rates of exchange. Unused stamps are accepted only at 10 per cent. discount from face value.

We frank our letters with stamps of the different foreign post offices in the Levant according to instructions received.

No order will be filled, however respectable the customer, if the cash does not accompany the order.

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\* REFERENCES: All the principal stamp merchants in the world. \*