

INTRODUCTION

I translated sections of “MICHEL DEUTCHLAND – SPEZIAL 1996”. I am not a German speaker and attempted to show the authors meaning. Any mistakes and errors are mine. Rather than reproduce long charts in the text, I note the page number and provide a description. All such references are to Michel 1996. Below is the introduction to the German State of Bergedorf :

STAMPS OF FOREIGN POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS

Sales of stamps from Denmark and Schleswig-Holstein in the Bergedorf post office allowed postal traffic with these countries, in 1866 the Lauenburg kingdom was added with Prussian stamps. The 1861 Bergedorf cancels on Hamburg stamps were mostly on letters from Hamburg. After 1861 the Hamburg stamps were officially sold at the Bergedorf counter. The stamps of the North German Postal District (nr 1,3,4,5 and also 6) were available for 1 ½ months with the Bergedorf Halbrund cancel. All of these cancellations are rare and such (covers) command a 300 %

increase. (Page 64 includes a list of the foreign stamps used in Bergedorf).

Germany Bergedorf

Government: City and district under the protection of the free cities of Hamburg and Lübeck.

Area: 40 square miles

Population: 11,000 c.1880

Standard Coin: 1 Mark = 12 Groschen
= 16 Schillings
= 28¢ US

Philatelic history:

Nov. 1, 1861: First stamps issued.

Aug. 8, 1867: Hamburg purchased Bergedorf from Lübeck and Hamburg stamps in use.



Michel 1

½ Schillinge

Original

No dot in N of EIN



Michel 2

1 Schillinge

Original

No line to the right of tower.



Michel 3

1 ½ Schillinge

Original

“SCHILLING” and not
“SCHILLINGE”.



Michel 4

3 Schillinge

Left – Original – Eagle head is shaded.

Right – Reprint – Eagle head is not shaded.



Michel 5

Left – Original – No line to the right of VIER.

Right – Reprint – Diagonal line to the right of VIER.