

## Important Notice

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We, the undersigned Philatelists, feeling that a great injustice has been done to MR. GEORGES CARION, of San Francisco, by the large publicity given the false statements of the *Societe Francaise de Timbrologie*, first published in the *Revue Philatelique Francaise*, do now solemnly protest against and condemn the miserable action of the said Society, and request all honest philatelic papers to give the largest publicity to this protestation and reproduce the following sworn statements:—

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

I, George F. Conway, Registry Clerk, at the United States Post-office at San Francisco, California, being first duly sworn, depose and say, that the original letters of which photo-engravings are hereunto annexed, were opened before me, and that the six (6) unpaid letter stamps of French Colonies referred to, and which were pasted on the original letters, were duly surcharged diagonally in black "COCHINCHINE" when received at this Post-office in San Francisco, as aforesaid.

GEO. F. CONWAY

(P. O. Seal)

REGISTRY CLERK

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of July, A. D. 1897.

JOHN F. LYONS

(Notary Seal)

NOTARY PUBLIC

In and for the City and County of San Francisco,  
State of California.

Annexed are the photo-engravings of the letter of inquiry sent to two Postmasters in Cochin China and their answers in regard to the genuineness of the unpaid letter stamps of Cochin China.

After reading them no commentaries are needed as they explain all by themselves.

Below are the translations:

1st.—LETTER OF INQUIRY SENT TO THE POSTMASTERS.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24, 1896.

Mr. the Postmaster at Baclieu, Cochin China.

Mr. the Postmaster:—I have the honor to submit to you herewith different unpaid letter stamps about which a contention has been raised and I have recourse to your kindness to beg of you to let me know if these stamps have really been in use at your office as the cancellations seem to show it.

Please return me these stamps by registered letter in the enclosed stamped envelope.

Please accept Mr. the Postmaster with my anticipated thanks the assurance of my perfect consideration.

GEO. CARION.

2nd:—ANSWER FROM THE POSTMASTER AT BACLIEU, COCHIN CHINA.

The two unpaid letter stamps in the margin canceled at Baclieu (Cochin China) on the 12th of March 1894 are perfectly genuine in all respects.

BACLIEU, May 11, 1896

The Postmaster at Baclieu,  
J. MILLAVET.

N. B.—Under that letter is the photo-engraving showing the registered envelope in which it was sent.

3d.—ANSWER FROM THE POSTMASTER AT TAYNINH, COCHIN CHINA.

TAYNINH, May 28, 1896.

Sir:—In answer to your favor of March 24th I have the honor to let you know that the four unpaid letter stamps annexed are absolutely genuine and that they have yet legal circulation in Indo China. Receive, Sir, my eager salutations.

PRAMS.

N. B.—Under that letter is the photo-engraving showing the registered envelope in which it was sent.

Georges Carion:

Postage Stamp Expert  
of the old firm of Georges Carion & Emden.

Office 318 Kearny Street.  
Rooms 10 & 10 1/2

San Francisco.  
P.O. Box 2457.



24 Mars 1896

Monsieur le Receveur des Postes  
de Bac Lieu Cochinchine

Monsieur le Receveur

J'ai l'honneur de vous soumettre  
sous ce pli différents chiffres taxe  
au sujet de l'authenticité  
desquels une contestation  
s'est élevée et j'ai recouru à  
votre obligeance pour vous  
prier de bien vouloir me faire  
savoir si ces timbres ont  
réellement été usés à votre  
bureau ainsi que les cachets  
d'oblitération à date semblent  
le montrer

Veuillez bien me retourner  
ces timbres par lettre, sous  
mandat, enveloppe affranchie  
ci-jointe

Agrées Monsieur le Receveur  
avec mes remerciements  
anticipés l'assurance de  
ma parfaite considération

Geo. Carion

Les deux chasses Lamy  
ci-contre oblitérés à  
Baclieu (Cochinchine)  
le 12 Mars 1896  
sont parfaitement  
autheutiques en tous  
points



Le Receveur de Baclieu  
M. Mollaret



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GEORGES CARION, 

SAN FRANCISCO,

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P. O. BOX 2457.



Quatre chiffres



Monsieur

En réponse à votre  
honorée du 24 mars,  
j'ai l'honneur de vous  
faire connaître que les  
quatre chiffres vous  
ci-joints sont absolument  
authentiques & qu'ils  
ont encore actuellement  
cours légal en Indochine.  
Recevez Monsieur  
mes salutations  
empressées

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GEORGES CARION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

We, the undersigned, citizens and residents of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, being severally duly sworn, each for himself and not for the others, duly deposes and says: that he witnessed the public opening of a package, duly registered, sealed and certified to be addressed from SAIGON, COCHINCHINA, to Mr. GEORGES CARION of San Francisco, and that said package was found to contain a number of French Colonies- unpaid letter stamps, duly surcharged diagonally in black "COCHINCHINE" and cancelled with the post-marks used in that country, all of which is duly reported in the minutes of the 109th meeting of the Philatelic Society of San Francisco, and duly published in the official organ of said Society, to wit:—*the Philatelic Californian*, in its number of February, 1895, at page 63, column 1, which is as follows:

"Minutes of the 109th regular meeting, held on January 25th, 1895, with President Sylvester in the chair. Present, Bilay, Daiss, Northrup, Schiller, Purnell, Bienkowski, Brewer, Blackman, Mannel, Doscher, Hollis, *Makins Carion*, Zobel. As visitors, Messrs. *Koenig*, *Gesvret*, and *Weber* of the *American Philatelic Association*.

"One of the interesting features of the evening was the opening, by Mr. Carion, of a package received from his correspondent at Saigon, Cochinchina. This package was found to contain some used unpaid letter stamps, *surcharged diagonally in black* COCHINCHINE, similar to Nos. 35 to 44 in Scott's 55th. Catalogue. Mr. Carion then made a short address upon these stamps and *proved* that they were legitimately used.

"A vote of thanks was tendered for his interesting remarks.

(Signed) H. H. ZOBEL, Secretary."

FRANK KOENIG

A. H. WEBER

E. GESVRET

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of August 1897.

A. K. DAGGETT,

(Notary Seal)

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