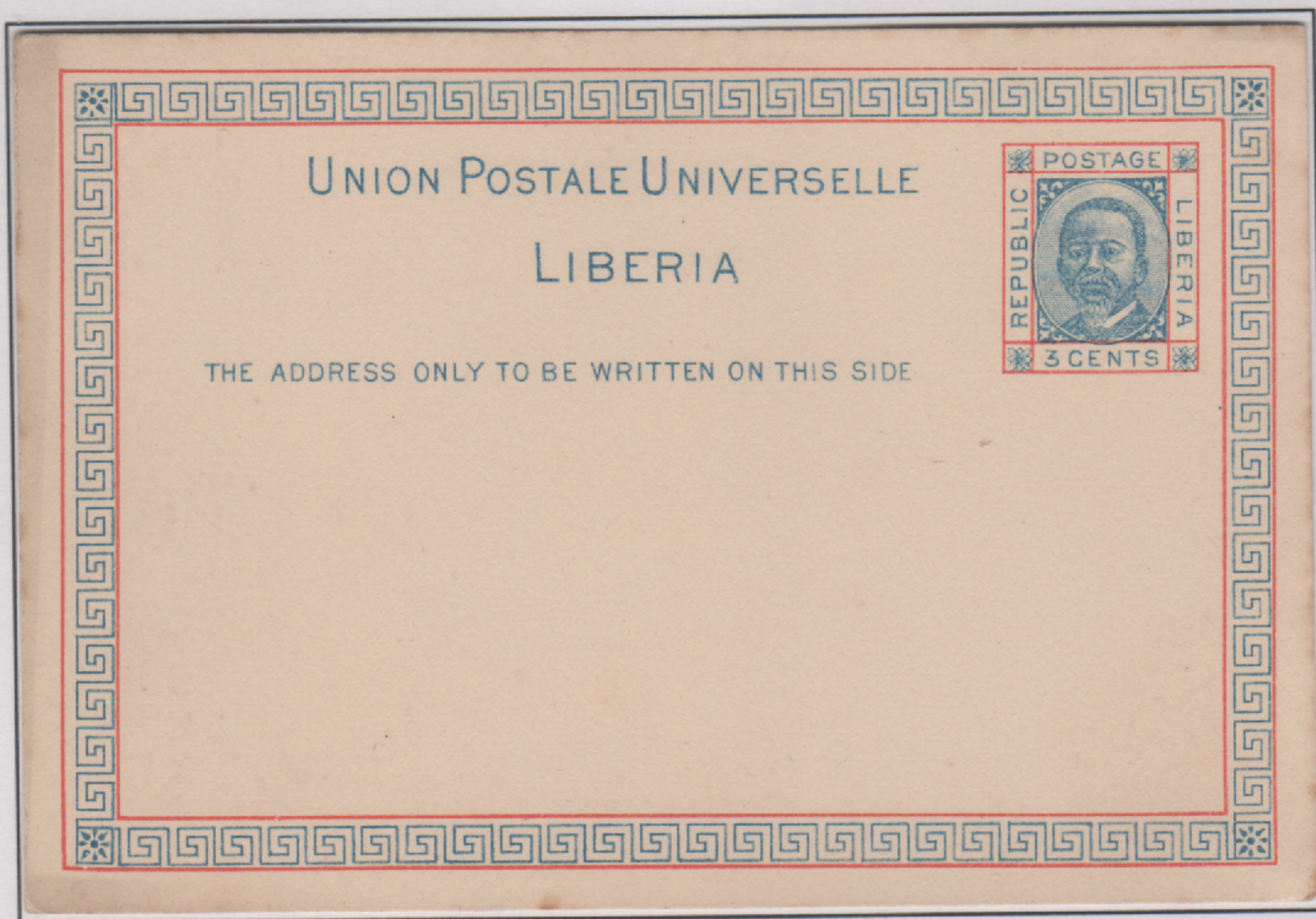


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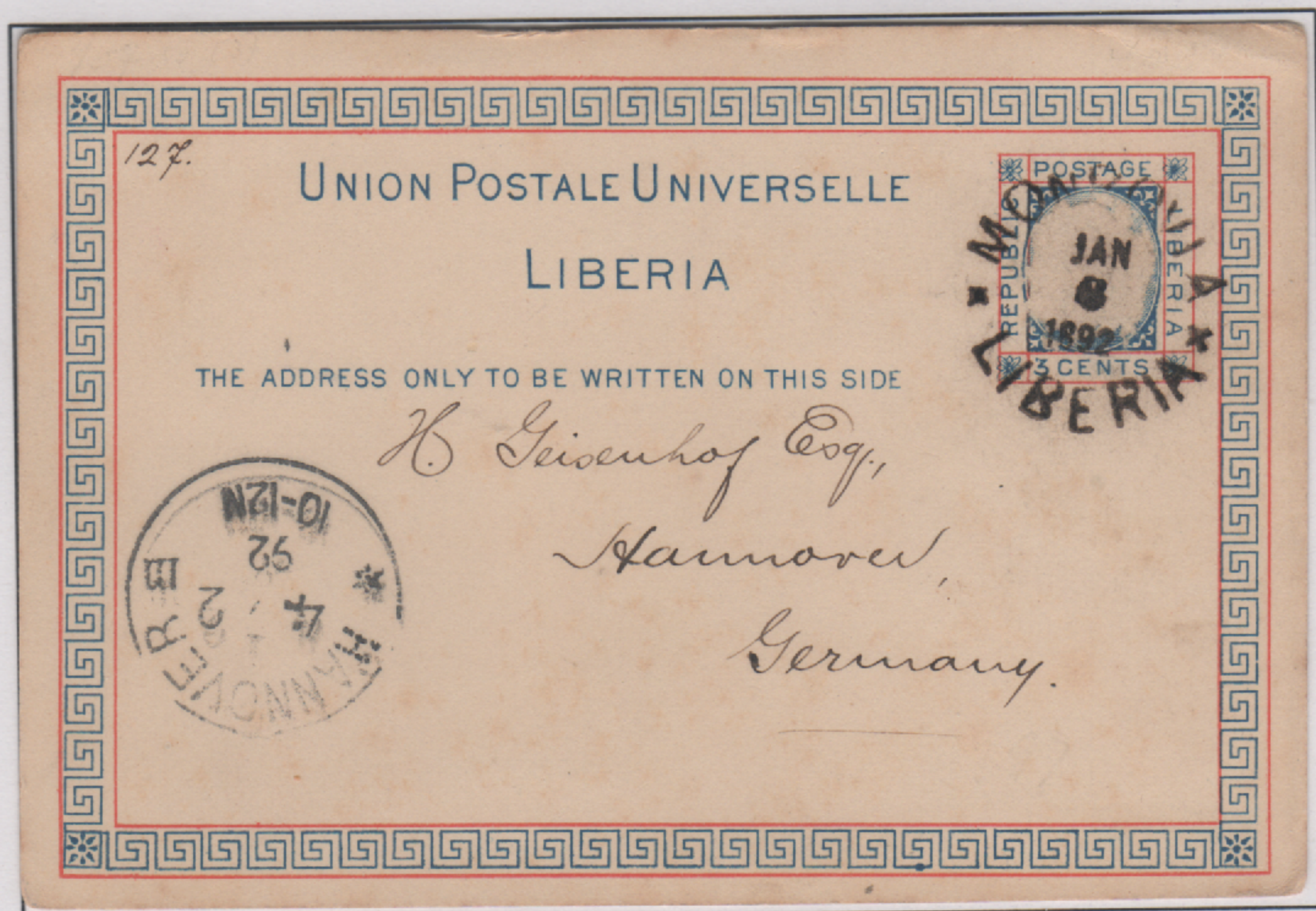
1891 POSTAL CARD picturing President Hilary Johnson



“When President Johnson absconded with the treasury in 1891, and stepped out of office, such high feeling was engendered that the Postmaster General ordered his portrait deleted.

As no machinery was available for this, it was done by hand-scraping.”

“Postmasters carefully placed cancellation directly over the stamp to show that this had been done before cards were admitted to the mail.”



*Sent from MONROVIA (the capital), Jan 8, 1892
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