

An Interesting Photograph with a Postal History Link

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This 1888 albumen photograph shows a magnificent scene of Valletta's main street, *Strada Reale* (today known as Republic Street). Of particular interest to us is the Pillar Letter Box, prominently visible at the intersection with Victory Street in the lower right hand side of the photo. According to Post Office records quoted in Malta Study Circle paper 12, this particular box was the last of the six letter boxes servicing Valletta at the time to be emptied by post office staff on their collection round. It goes without saying that the reason for this is very obvious since the G.P.O. was located just a few meters away in *Strada Mercanti*!



Detail showing the pillar letter box