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AT 10:30 A.M. (LOTS 4001-4090) AND 1:30 P.M. (LOTS 4091-4284)



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taxes). The buyer waives the right to dispute all credit card charges. Third-party payments will not be accepted. The payment must come from an account in the name of the buyer.

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Grades, Abbreviations and Values Used in Descriptions

Grades and Centering

Our descriptions contain detailed information and observations about each item's condition. We have also assigned grades to stamps and covers, which reflect our subjective assessment. For stamps, the margin width, centering and gum are described and graded according to generally accepted standards (an approximate correlation to numeric grades is provided at right). Although we believe our grades are accurate, they are not always exactly aligned with third-party grading terms or standards for all issues. **A lot may not be returned because a certification service grades a stamp lower than the grade stated in the description. Information from the P.S.E. Stamp Market Quarterly and P.S.E. Population ReportSM is the most current available, but lots may not be returned due to errors or changes in statistics or data.**

Extremely Fine Gem (90-100): The term "Gem" describes condition that is the finest possible for the issue. This term is equivalent to "Superb" used by grading services.







Extremely Fine (80-90): Exceptionally large/wide margins or near perfect centering.

Very Fine (70-85): Normal-size margins for the issue and well-centered with the design a bit closer to one side. "Very Fine and choice" applies to stamps that have desirable traits such as rich color, sharp impression, freshness or clarity of cancel.

Fine (60-70): Smaller than usual margins or noticeably off center. Pre-1890 issues may have the design touched in places.

Very Good (below 60): Attractive appearance, but margins or perforations cut into the design.

Guide to Gum Condition

Gum Categories:	MINT N.H.	ORIGINAL GUM (O.G.)				NO GUM
						
	Mint Never Hinged <i>Free from any disturbance</i>	Lightly Hinged <i>Faint impression of a removed hinge over a small area</i>	Hinge Mark or Remnant <i>Prominent hinged spot with part or all of the hinge remaining</i>	Part o.g. <i>Approximately half or more of the gum intact</i>	Small part o.g. <i>Approximately less than half of the gum intact</i>	No gum <i>Only if issued with gum</i>
Catalogue Symbol:	★★	★	★	★	★	(★)
PRE-1890 ISSUES	<i>Pre-1890 stamps in these categories trade at a premium over Scott value</i>			Scott Value for "O.G."		Scott "No Gum" Values thru No. 218
1890-1935 ISSUES	Scott "Never Hinged" Values for Nos. 219-771	Scott Value for "O.G." (Actual value will be affected by the degree of hinging)		Disturbed Original Gum: Gum showing noticeable effects of humidity, climate or hinging over more than half of the gum. The significance of gum disturbance in valuing a stamp in any of the Original Gum categories depends on the degree of disturbance, the rarity and normal gum condition of the issue and other variables affecting quality. For example, stamps issued in tropical climates are expected to have some gum disturbance due to humidity, and such condition is not considered a negative factor in pricing.		
1935 TO DATE	Scott Value for "Unused"					

Covers

Minor nicks, short edge tears, flap tears and slight reduction at one side are normal conditions for 19th century envelopes. Folded letters should be expected to have at least one file fold. Light cleaning of covers and small mends along the edges are accepted forms of conservation. Unusual covers may have a common stamp with a slight crease or tiny tear. **These flaws exist in virtually all 19th century covers and are not always described. They are not grounds for return.**

Catalogue Values and Estimates

Unless otherwise noted, the currently available *Scott Catalogue* (SCV) and *Stamp Market Quarterly* (SMQ) values are quoted in dollars (\$). Other catalogues are often used for foreign countries or specialized areas and are referred to by their common name: *Stanley Gibbons* (SG), *Dietz*, *American Air Mail Catalogue* (AAMC), *Michel*, *Zumstein*, *Facit*, etc. Estimates are indicated with an "E. \$" and reflect our conservative valuation in dollars. Reserves will never exceed the low end of the estimate range; they will often exceed Scott Catalogue value for stamps in Extremely Fine condition.

Because of certain pricing inconsistencies in the *Scott Catalogue*—for example, blocks that have no gum, the absence of premiums for Mint N.H. items, etc.—we cannot guarantee the accuracy of values quoted for multiples, specialized items and collection lots. We generally try to be conservative, but buyers may not return a lot because of a discrepancy in catalogue value due to Scott pricing inconsistencies.

Symbols and Abbreviations (see chart above for gum symbols)

☒ Block	E Essay	No. Scott Number	P Proof
☒ Cover	EDU Earliest Document Use	no. number [e.g. plate]	S Specimen

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INTRODUCTION

HONG KONG'S GEOGRAPHIC POSITION AT THE SOUTHERN PART OF CHINA MADE THE island and peninsula a vital part of the British Empire's burgeoning colonial interests in Asia. Unlike most other colonial possessions, Hong Kong played a critical role in the opium trade. Great Britain's desire to resolve the growing China trade imbalance—strong European demand for Chinese luxury goods (silk, tea, and porcelain) greatly outpaced Chinese demand for Western goods—led the British to streamline the availability of opium with production in Bengal (India) and distribution in China.

Opium was not new to China, having been introduced hundreds of years earlier, but the British production and trade created a major addiction epidemic. This resulted in the Qing Dynasty taking action by banning the opium trade. Tensions and hostilities between the two sides ultimately led to the First Opium War of 1839 to 1842. The war ended in Great Britain's favor with the signing of the Treaty of Nanking in August 1842 and ratification in June 1843.

The barren island of what was to become Hong Kong was settled by the British in 1841. They chose this location, rather than establishing settlements near Shanghai, to protect their colonial property and residents against future conflicts and hostilities. Two key articles in the 1842 Treaty of Nanking were the cession of Hong Kong to Great Britain as a colony and the right to five Treaty Ports—Shanghai, Canton, Ningpo, Foochow and Amoy—that would be open to settlement and trade. Further treaties in the coming years, including the Treaty of the Bogue, added provisions such as extraterritorial rights to the British and subsequent allowances to the United States and France.

Hostilities erupted in the 1850s, leading to the Second Opium War from 1856 to 1860. Again, Chinese defeat resulted in compulsion to sign three treaties with Great Britain, France and Russia at the Convention of Peking in October 1860. Additional stipulations were made, such as the cession of Kowloon and foreign rights to other Treaty Ports throughout China.

During this tumultuous period and the opening of China's Treaty Ports, mail communications were greatly influenced by foreign trade and missionary work. The mail service to, from and within China and Hong Kong was expanded, and the stamps and covers are the artifacts of this period of profound change.

As mail volume increased, various agencies and postal facilities grew under the direct control of Hong Kong. Some of these facilities were located in consulates, while others were established as official post offices. Some mail was handled by packet agencies that arranged for transportation of mail to and from Hong Kong. The different and evolving roles played by these postal entities in the Treaty Ports explains the wide range of cancellations and datestamps found on covers. Hong Kong postage stamps were supplied to the Treaty Ports to facilitate prepayment, and they can be found on covers originating at the various Treaty Port offices. Some have cancellations and markings specifically created for each office. Others were sent to Hong Kong and postmarked there.

The Magnolia collection is an in-depth postal history study of Hong Kong and the Treaty Ports. Items were carefully acquired over the course of many years, both publicly and privately. Many well-known rarities will be found in this sale, and the opportunity to acquire key pieces will not be lost on specialists. For those who might wish to expand their collecting interests, this sale is a special event.

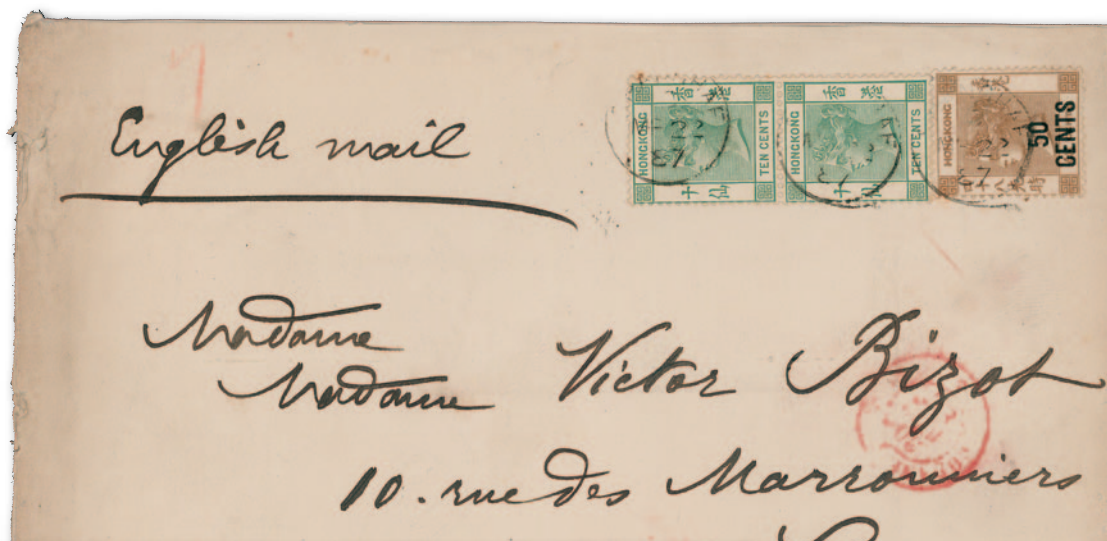
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HONG KONG (ARRANGED CHRONOLOGICALLY)



- 4001 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1863-65, 2c Brown, 30c Orange Vermilion (8, 19a; SG 8, 15a).** Each tied by clear strikes of **circle of diamonds** cancel (similar to Proud K8) with red **“Penang Paid AU 5 78”** circular datestamp (Proud PD6) on cover **to Paris, France**, red French entry (Sep. 5) transit and Paris (Sep. 5) arrival date-stamps, cover with file fold and some toned spots (mostly on back), stamps affected by some peripheral toning caused by excessive use of adhesive, still Fine and exceptional use of Hong Kong stamps with Penang cancellations, cover presumably mailed onboard paquebot from Hong Kong and cancelled at next port of call in transit E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4002 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1882-1902, 5c Ultramarine (40; SG 35).** Vertical pair and single, tied by light strikes of barred **“B62”** cancel and **“Hong Kong JU 3? 82”** circular datestamp on blue **“United States Consulate at”** imprint cover with manuscript **“Hong-Kong”** written **to U.S. Consulate in Shanghai**, top stamp of pair folded over side of cover, Very Fine, a scarce intra-China U.S. consulate cover E. \$300-400
- 4003 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1882, 10c Lilac (42; SG 36).** Three singles with security perfin, cancelled or tied by faint barred **“B62”** cancels (one with manuscript strokes) with **“Hong Kong FE 20 83”** circular datestamp on **registered** cover **to Magdeburg, Germany**, red **“VIA BRINDISI”** directive handstamp, clearly struck **red “R” handstamp**, Magdeburg (Mar. 27) arrival backstamp, cover with minor edgewear, Very Fine, the **“R”** handstamp in red is particularly rare and we doubt more than a handful exist—Webb notes he was only aware of one example dated 1880 (p. 133) E. \$400-500
- 4004 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1885, 20c on 30c Vermilion (51; SG 40).** Used with **1863-65, 8c Orange Buff, 12c Light Blue (13, 15; SG 11, 12)** and **1882, 10c Green (43; SG 37)**, cancelled or tied by barred **“B62”** cancels, **“Hong Kong MY 15 86”** circular datestamp with additional strike at center of **registered** cover **to New York N.Y.**, sender’s directive **“via San Francisco”**, **“R”** in circle handstamp, **“E. H. D’Aquino, Hong Kong”** red label on back, violet San Francisco (Jun. 9) transit and New York (Jun. 16) arrival backstamps, cover with some edgewear and light soiling, Very Fine, a rare four-color franking, ex Rowell .. E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4005 ☒ **Hong Kong—Shanghai, 1871, 30c Violet (LSH20; SG Z780).** Tied by excellent strike of **“Shanghae MR 11 87”** circular datestamp on cover **to Lyon, France**, manuscript **“Saigon”** written at top, Hong Kong (Mar. 19) and red French paquebot (Mar. 22) transit and Lyon (Apr. 22) arrival datestamps, cover with slight edgewear, Very Fine and attractive 30c single franking E. \$400-500

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4006 ☒ **Hong Kong—Shanghai, 1885, 50c on 48c Brown (LSH54; SG Z804).** Used with 1882, 10c Green (LSH45; SG Z800), vertical pair, all tied by light but legible “Shanghae MR 22 87” circular datestamps on large cover to **Lyon, France**, sender’s directive “English mail”, Hong Kong (Mar. 28) and red French entry transit and Lyon arrival datestamps, cover with some edgewear, particularly due to rough opening at left

VERY FINE. THE EARLIER OF TWO RECORDED EXAMPLES OF THE 50-CENTS ON 48-CENTS SURCHARGE ON COVER FROM SHANGHAI. A RARE FRANKING.

We are aware of only one other cover with the 50c on 48c surcharge used from Shanghai, dated August 13, 1887..... E. \$2,000-3,000

4007 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1885, 50c on 48c Brown (53; SG 41).** Cancelled by barred “B62” cancel with “Hong Kong OC 29 88” circular datestamp on cover to **Frohsdorf, Austria**, Brindisi (Nov. 26) and Bologna transit and Frohsdorf arrival backstamps, cover with some light wrinkling

VERY FINE. ONE OF ONLY SEVEN COVERS RECORDED WITH THE 50-CENTS ON 48-CENTS BROWN SURCHARGE.

With 2012 B.P.A. certificate..... E. \$1,500-2,000



- 4008 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1885, 20c on 30c Vermilion (51; SG 40).** Horizontal pair, used with 1882, 10c Green (43; SG 37a), two singles, all tied by barred “B62” cancels with “Hong Kong JA 8 90” circular datestamp on large printed cover to **Kiel, Germany**, blue “Wieler & Co, Hong Kong” oval company handstamp which also ties one 10c, Kiel (Feb. 8) arrival backstamp, cover with some faults including edgewear, some repaired tears on back and missing small piece of backflap, Fine and rare use, one of the 10c paid the Late Fee, Gurevitch records only ten covers though a few more likely exist..... E. \$400-500
- 4009 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1885, 20c on 30c Vermilion (51; SG 40).** Used with 1882, 10c Green (43; SG 37a), two singles, each with “A K & Co.” (Arnhold Karberg & Co.) security perfin, all cancelled or tied by barred “B62” cancels with “Hong Kong NO 20 90” circular datestamp on large registered cover to Manchester, England, “R” in circle handstamp which also ties one 10c, London (Dec. 20) transit and Manchester (Dec. 21) arrival datestamps, stamps with slight soiling, otherwise Fine and rare use, one of the 10c paid the Late Fee, Gurevitch records only ten covers though a few more likely exist..... E. \$300-400
- 4010 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1891, 7c on 10c Green (64; SG 43).** Horizontal strip of three, tied by smudgy strikes of barred “B62” cancel with “Hong Kong FE 14 91” circular datestamp on cover to **Portland, Oregon**, San Francisco (Mar. 11) transit backstamp, cover reduced at right, edgewear at bottom, horizontal file fold which affects stamps, otherwise Fine, a scarce triple-rate proper use of this surcharge stamp during the short-lived three-month 7c U.P.U. rate, ex Seybold and Goldsmith..... E. \$300-400
- 4011 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1891, 7c on 10c Green (64; SG 43).** Tied by lightly struck barred “B62” cancel with “Hong Kong FE 15 91” circular datestamp on cover to **Colombo, Ceylon**, Singapore (Feb. 20) transit and Colombo (Feb. 26) arrival backstamps, Very Fine, a scarce proper use of this surcharge stamp during the short-lived three-month 7c U.P.U. rate, ex Goldsmith..... E. \$300-400



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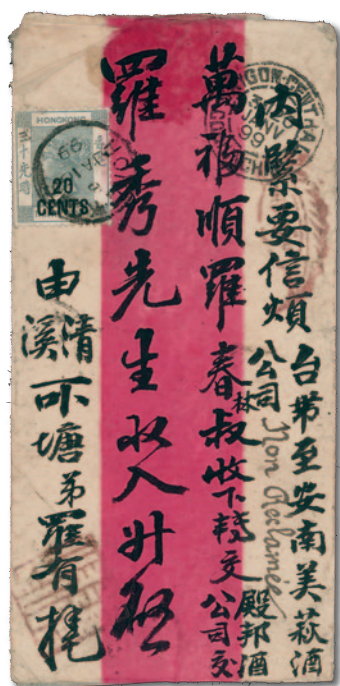
- 4012 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1891, 14c on 30c Violet (65; SG 44).** Used with 1863, 4c Slate, 1882-91, 2c Rose Lake and 10c Violet on Red (10, 36, 44; SG 9, 32, 38), each with “H&S BC” perfin (Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation), tied by barred “B62” cancels with partially struck “Hong Kong MY 20 91” circular datestamp **registered** cover to Fallsington, Pennsylvania, sender’s directive “Pr American Mail, S.S. Gaelic”, “R” in circle handstamp, red San Francisco (Jun. 23) transit backstamp, Very Fine and rare stamp on cover, especially in a four-color franking, Gurevitch records only 20 covers with the 14c on 30c surcharged stamp, also a particularly late use of the 4c Slate value E. \$750-1,000
- 4013 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1891, 14c on 30c Violet (65; SG 44).** Used with 1863, 4c Slate and 1882, 2c Rose Lake (10, 36; SG 9, 32), 4c with wing margin at left, each with “H&S BC” perfin (Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation), tied by barred “B62” cancels with “Hong Kong JU 7 92” circular datestamp on “Joint Telegraph Companies” imprint **registered** cover to Budapest, Hungary, “R” in circle handstamp, transit and Budapest (Jul. 13) arrival datestamps, cover with some overall wear, otherwise Very Fine and rare stamp on cover, Gurevitch records only 20 covers, particularly scarce destination and late use of the 4c Slate value, with 2016 B.P.A. certificate E. \$750-1,000
- 4014 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1891, 14c on 30c Violet (65; SG 44).** With “H&S BC” perfin (Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation), tied by barred “B62” cancel with “Hong Kong JU 7 92” circular datestamp on “Joint Telegraph Companies” imprint **registered** cover to Hull, England, “R” in circle handstamp, red London (Jul. 13) transit and Hull (Jul. 14) arrival datestamps, cover with edgewear, file folds, and minor soiling, otherwise Fine and rare stamp on cover, Gurevitch records only 20 covers, the 14c paid the 7c rate to England and 7c registry fee E. \$500-750
- 4015 ☒ **Hong Kong—Shanghai, 1891, 20c on 30c Green (LSH61; SG Z808).** Used with 1891, 10c Violet on Red (LSH46; SG Z801), tied by “Shanghae JA 31 96” circular datestamps on registered cover to St. Petersburg, Russia, sender’s directive “Via Suez”, “R” in circle handstamp, Hong Kong (Feb. 4) and French Ligne N (Feb. 5) transit and blue St. Petersburg arrival datestamps, Very Fine and scarce use to an unusual destination E. \$400-500



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- 4016 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1898, 10c on 30c Gray Green, Large Chinese Character and Without Chinese Surcharge (69a, 69b; SG 54, 55c).** Top example without Chinese surcharge, bottom with large Chinese surcharge, both with interpanneau gutter selvage at left, tied by faint “Hong Kong MY 24 98” circular datestamps with additional strike at top center of **registered** cover to **Foochow**, “R” in circle handstamp, Foochow arrival backstamp, cover with repaired corner at bottom right and overall toning, otherwise Fine, Gurevitch records only five covers of either stamp on cover—this is the only one with both varieties—illustrated in Gurevitch (Vol. 1, p. 257), the off-cover value alone for both stamps is \$3,300 (£2,300), which should be multiplied for use on cover..... E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4017 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1891, 10c Violet on Red (44; SG 38).** Tied by “Hong Kong JY 13 98” circular datestamp on cover to **Suisun, California**, manuscript “*P. Davisson, U.S.S. Manila, Manila, P.I.*” and violet “**U.S. Consulate Hong Kong**” oval handstamp, Suisun City (Aug. 14) arrival backstamp, cover barely reduced at left and minor staining (almost entirely on back), Very Fine and fascinating use during the Spanish-American War prior to the establishment of the post office in Manila, for a period of two or three months Navy ships would send mail to Hong Kong for onwards delivery, only a dozen or so covers are thought to exist E. \$500-750
- 4018 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1891, 20c on 30c Yellow Green (61; SG 48).** Tied by “Hong Kong JA 16 99” circular datestamp on native red band cover to **Annam, Cochinchina**, Saigon (Jan. 20) and Myth (Jan. 2?) transit datestamps, red manuscript “*Advertised 11/3/99*” and violet “**ADVERTISED**” straightline handstamp, eventually returned with “Non-reclame” and “**RETOUR/A L'ENVOYEUR**” two-line handstamps, faint Hong Kong arrival backstamp and partial **Hong Kong Officially Sealed** stamp placed over side (other half removed from opening), cover with some flaws due to fragile paper used and backflap detached, Fine and well-traveled cover, scarce with the official seal used..... E. \$750-1,000



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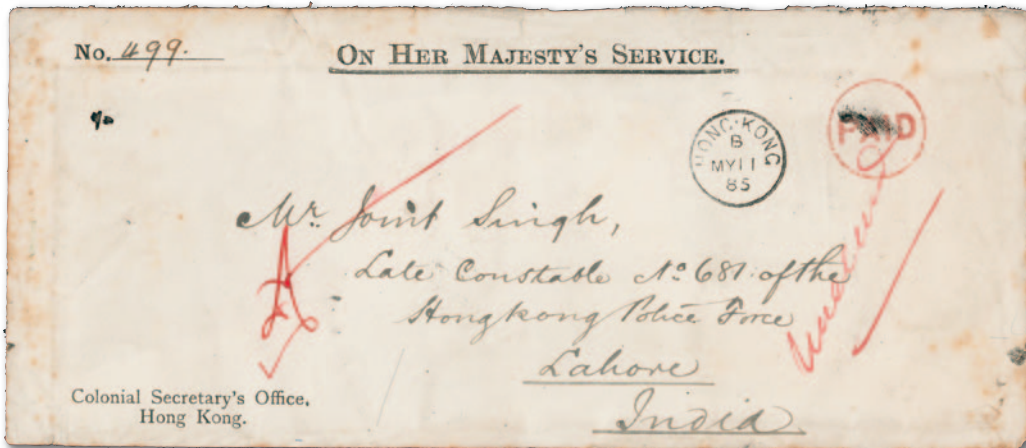
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- 4019 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1891, 20c on 30c Yellow Green (61; SG 48).** Tied by “Customs Kowloon MAY 20 1899” double-circle datestamp on cover to **Shanghai**, blue manuscript “Late fee paid”, two French Ligne N (May 20) with one also tying stamp and French Shanghai (May 23) transit and Shanghai Local Post (May 23) arrival datestamps, Very Fine, an interesting and rare cover, particularly with the late fee paid by stamp, likely the only example of a French paquebot late fee from Hong Kong..... E. \$750-1,000
- 4020 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1900, 2c Green (37; SG 56).** Tied by “Hong Kong MY 10 01” circular datestamp on cover to **St. Servan, France**, cover originating in Tientsin with **China, 1900, 2c Scarlet (112)** tied by Tientsin May 3 bilingual circular datestamp, Shanghai (May 10) transit and St. Servan (Jun. 15) arrival backstamps, blue manuscript “10 cts” and “T” handstamp, postage due paid with **France, 1893, 10c Brown, Postage Due (J30; Yvert TT29)**, tied by indistinct datestamp, Very Fine, an interesting and rare triple-country combination cover E. \$500-750
- 4021 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1904, 20c Orange Brown & Black (97; SG 83).** Vertical pair, tied by light strike of “Registered G.P.O. MR 9 04” double-circle datestamp on large **registered** censored cover to **Nagasaki, Japan**, insured with manuscript “Letter containing valuables/50-fifty-Dollars”, sent via German S.M.S. Hertha with violet handstamp at top left, violet registry handstamp also ties pair and label at top left, with “Officially Sealed, Department of Communications of Japan” labels partially affixed over top stamp of pair and over left side, tied by censor handstamps, cover with file fold and slightly reduced at right, still Fine, an exceptionally rare use of Japanese civilian censorship during the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-05, with only a handful recorded and the only cover originating from Hong Kong..... E. \$750-1,000
- 4022 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1904, 10c Ultramarine & Lilac on Blue (94; SG 81).** Tied by Victoria, Hong Kong 1905 double-circle datestamp on cover to **Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**, printed “Par Djibouti (Cote Francaise des Somalis)” directive, bluish “Barretto & Co., Hong Kong” company garter handstamp on back, Aden (Dec. 5) and Djibouti (Dec. 10) transit backstamps, used with **Ethiopia, 1905, ½g Red, Double Overprint, Postage Due (J23, J23 var)**, vertical se-tenant pair, top stamp showing **unlisted Double Overprint**, tied by blue Harare Dec. 18 double-circle datestamp with additional strike beside, Very Fine and fascinating use, appealing to both Hong Kong and Ethiopia specialists E. \$500-750
- 4023 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1912, 2c Deep Green (110; SG 101).** Tied by “Hong Kong, Sai Ying Pun 30 NOV 18” circular datestamp with additional strike on back of cover to **Noisy-le-Sec, France**, manuscript “Printed Matter”, minor ink mark at top left, top flap missing, Very Fine and rare cancel, Pearson rarity “RR” indicating ten or less covers known E. \$300-400

HONG KONG INSTRUCTIONAL MARKINGS AND OFFICIAL MAIL



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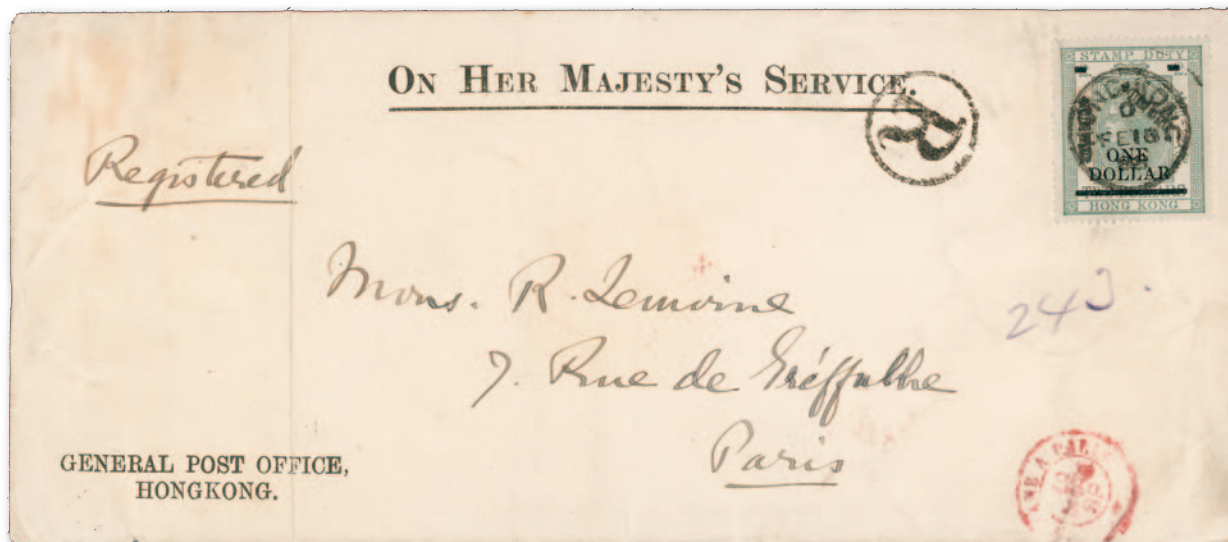
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- 4024 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1885 Red “PAID” in Circle Handstamp (Proud PD23).** Bold and clear strike (with extraneous black ink smudge) with “Hong Kong MY 11 85” circular datestamp on legal-size “Colonial Secretary’s Office, Hong Kong” and “On Her Majesty’s Service” imprint cover to Hong Kong Police Force in **Lahore, India**, red manuscript “Unclaimed”, Calcutta (Jun. 1) and Lahore (Jun. 4) transit and Lahore (Jun. 25) and Bombay (Aug. 1) return transit backstamps, cover with edgewear and stray toned spots, still Fine, an exceptionally rare marking of which only seven covers are recorded, three of which are official use, mentioned in Proud (p. 293) as having been used in Macao after Hong Kong, this marking is thought to have been applied on “official mail, circulars...etc. for addresses in Hong Kong, or the treaty ports, but not Macao, in batches of not less than ten of uniform size and weight, these could be sent to the Post Office unstamped...” (Proud, p. 401)..... E. \$750-1,000
- 4025 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1894 Framed “Paquebot” Handstamp (Proud SL3).** Bold strike on U.S. 5c Columbian Exposition entire cancelled by “Hong Kong AP 30 94” circular datestamp with additional strike beside, addressed to **Sumatra, Netherlands Indies**, sender’s directive “pr S.S. City of Lydner via Singapore”, transit and Palembang (May 11) arrival backstamps, Very Fine, this is the earliest recorded strike of this first “Paquebot” marking, making it the earliest Hong Kong paquebot marking E. \$400-500
- 4026 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1894 Framed “Paquebot” Handstamp (Proud SL3).** Bold strike on U.S. 5c Grant entire with “Cutting Packing Company” corner card and uprated with **U.S. 1890 5c Chocolate (223)**, straight edge at left, cancelled and tied by “Hong Kong JU 1 94” circular datestamp, addressed to **Padang, Netherlands Indies**, faint “OCEANIC” handstamp at bottom left, transit and Padang (Jun. 21) arrival backstamps, cover missing top flap, otherwise Very Fine, this is one of the earliest strikes of the first Hong Kong “Paquebot” marking recorded, especially desirable as it is unquestionably a commercial use..... E. \$300-400



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4027 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1891, \$5.00 on \$10.00 Violet on Red, Postal Fiscal (60; SG F9).** Cancelled by “Hong Kong DE 24 95” circular datestamp with additional strike beside on linen-lined **registered and return receipt cover to Singapore**, “R” in circle and “AR” in octagon (Proud AR2) handstamps, framed “Non Reclame/Not called for” handstamp on back, Singapore (Dec. 30) arrival backstamp, cover with few file folds and reduced at left, a rare use of the \$5.00 on \$10.00 Postal Fiscal on a registered return receipt cover to Singapore, Gurevitch only records sixteen covers E. \$1,000-1,500



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4028 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1897, \$1.00 on \$2.00 Gray Green, Perf 14, Postal Fiscal (68; SG F11).** Well-centered, cancelled by “Hong Kong FE 18 98” circular datestamp on **registered legal-size “General Post Office, Hong Kong”** and “On Her Majesty’s Service” imprint cover to **Paris, France**, “R” in circle handstamp, red French entry (Mar. 19) transit and Paris (Mar. 20) arrival datestamps, cover with file folds, still Very Fine and rare use of this \$1.00 surcharged postal fiscal stamp on cover, only ten covers recorded by Gurevitch, six of which are philatelic in nature, ex Dyer E. \$1,000-1,500



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- 4029 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1891, 50c on 48c Lilac (62; SG 49).** Tied by "Hong Kong FE 22 98" circular datestamp on blue printed **registered and return receipt** cover to **Hannover, Germany**, violet "Per FRENCH PACKET" directive handstamp, violet "REGISTERED" handstamp (privately applied) and violet company handstamp (name excised), "R" in circle and "AR" in octagon (Proud AR2) handstamps, Hannover arrival backstamp, Very Fine, this is the first "AR" handstamp used in Hong Kong, the example offered here as the earliest recorded example recorded by Proud E. \$400-500
- 4030 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1918 Framed "RECEIVED DAMAGED AT HONG KONG" Handstamp (Webb Ty. DD; Proud I93).** Bold and complete strike applied on arrival of 1918 picture postcard of St. Chamas, addressed to the **French Mission of Asian Labor in Shanghai, China**, faint 1918 St. Chamas despatch datestamp, manuscript "FM" (Franchise Militaire) and "Ouvert Par l'Autorite Militaire" censor handstamp, Shanghai (Apr. 30) arrival backstamp, cover with creasing particularly at corners (presumably the reason for the handstamp), Fine, this is believed to be the earliest recorded strike of this handstamp, the first of its kind in Hong Kong, Proud previously had an earliest date of Jan. 29, 1922 (the example here predates that by nearly four years)—of interesting note, the addressee was part of the Chinese Labor Corps, a "force" of workers recruited by the British and French governments to perform support work and labor in Europe during WWI E. \$400-500
- 4031 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1918 "Official Paid Hong Kong" Circular Datestamp (Webb Ty. C).** Well-struck in red and dated Apr. 9, 1918 on bluish "On Active Service" cover to **Fort William, Isle of Man**, sender's directive "Via America", properly countersigned with superior's handstamp, faint trace of toning along edge, Very Fine strike of this scarce marking, Pearson rarity "R" indicating 25 or less covers known E. \$300-400

FRENCH AND GERMAN MAIL CANCELLATIONS



4032

- 4032 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1882, 10c Lilac (42; SG 36).** Two singles, tied by blue “Poss An. Paq. Fr. N. No. 1, 19 Dec. 82” circular datestamps (Webb Ty. Class Bii) with additional strike at center on cover to **Stuttgart, Germany**, sender’s directive, red “Hesse & Co. Hong Kong” oval dated company handstamp, light arrival backstamp, cover with vertical file fold, Very Fine and exceptionally rare, unrecorded by Webb or Pearson in blue, this also predates the “No. 1” datestamp listed in Webb (Oct. 1885) E. \$1,000-1,500



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- 4033 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1882, 10c Green (43; SG 37a).** Two singles with “H&S BC” (Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation) security perfin, tied by “Ligne N Paq. Fr. No. 1, 17 Avril 89” circular datestamps (Webb Ty. Class Ci) with additional strike at top center on cover to **Rome, Italy**, Brindisi (May 16) transit and Rome (May 16) arrival backstamps, cover with slight toning and rough edge at top, Fine and rare French paquebot datestamp tying the Hong Kong stamp, likely posted onboard with the second 10c stamp paying the late fee E. \$400-500



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- 4034 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1891, 20c on 30c Yellow Green (61; SG 48).** Used with **1900, 10c Ultramarine (45; SG 59)**, each with violet “Melchers & Co., Hong Kong” security handstamp, both tied by “**Deutsche Seepost, Ost-Asiatische Hauptlinie 10/6 02**” circular datestamps (Webb Ty. A) on cover **to Beverstedt, Germany**, sender’s directive “*pr German mailship ? for Europe*”, Beverstedt arrival backstamp, cover with mild soiling at left affecting right perfs of 20c, still Very Fine, a rare German mail boat cancel from Hong Kong, Pearson rarity “RR” indicating ten or less covers known, particularly scarce with the 20c surcharged stamp..... E. \$1,000-1,500



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- 4035 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1900, 10c Ultramarine (45; SG 59).** Two singles, each with violet “Melchers & Co., Hong Kong” security handstamp, both tied by “**Deutsche Seepost, Ost-Asiatische Linie 6/8 02**” circular datestamps (Webb Ty. B) on cover **to Bremen, Germany**, forwarded to Braunlage, Bremen transit and Braunlage (Aug. 9) arrival backstamps, Very Fine, a rare German mail boat cancel from Hong Kong, Pearson rarity “R” indicating 25 or less covers known..... E. \$500-750

“62B” CANCELLATION



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Hong Kong, 1882, 2c Rose Lake (36; SG 36). Block of six, horizontal pair, and seven singles (fifteen total) on front and back, cancelled or tied by **eight** strikes of barred “62B” cancels with “Hong Kong AU 24 82” circular datestamp on blue registered cover to Colchester, England, violet “Per French Packet” directive handstamp, red manuscript “For Stamps See Back”, “Siemssen & Co.” double-circle company datestamps on back, **red “R” in circle** handstamp, red London transit and Colchester (Oct. 2) arrival datestamps, blue manuscript “84” rate marking, cover with minor edgewear

VERY FINE. A SPECTACULAR USE OF FIFTEEN 2-CENTS ROSE LAKE STAMPS ON A REGISTERED COVER WITH THE RARE BARRED “62B” CANCEL—THE REGISTERED HANDSTAMP IN RED IS PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY. ONE OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING “62B” COVERS IN EXISTENCE.

Gurevitch estimates about 50 barred “62B” covers exist. The “R” handstamp is particularly rare and we doubt more than a handful exist. Webb noted he was only aware of one example, dated 1880 (p. 133).

Ex Ishikawa and Christensen. Illustrated in Webb *Hong Kong & Treaty Ports of China & Japan* (Plate 13). E. \$4,000-5,000

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- 4037 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1882, 2c Rose Lake (36; SG 32).** Tied by barred “62B” cancel on folded letter **addressed locally**, stamp cancelled by “Meyer & Co.” security handstamp, Fine, Gurevitch estimates about 50 barred “62B” covers exist, the 2c rate applied to mail between Hong Kong, Canton and Macao, and also to local mail—the absence of a date or origin marking suggests this is a local use (if so, it is the only one recorded) E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4038 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1882, 10c Deep Blue Green (43a; SG 37).** Tied by well-struck barred “62B” cancel with “Hong Kong FE 21 84” circular datestamp on cover to **Acushnet, Massachusetts**, sender’s directive “*p City of Rio de Janeiro*”, red San Francisco (Mar. 24) and New Bedford (Mar. 31) transit backstamps, cover with some peripheral toning, otherwise Fine and scarce, Gurevitch estimates about 50 barred “62B” covers exist E. \$500-750
- 4039 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1882, 2c Rose Lake (36; SG 32).** Tied by barred “62B” cancel on folded printed “Circularaire de A.R. Marty” circular to **Nagasaki, Japan**, clearly struck “A.R. Marty Hong Kong, 25 MARCH 84” double-oval company datestamp, circular with minor overall toning and slight splits along folds, stamp with minor pinhole at bottom, rare use of “62B” cancel on a printed circular to Japan—reported to be the only “62B” printed matter cover—Gurevitch estimates about 50 barred “62B” covers exist..... E. \$1,000-1,500



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- 4040 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1882, 10c Blue Green (43a; SG 37).** Three singles, tied by three strikes of barred “62B” cancel with “Hong Kong MY 6 84” circular datestamp on **registered** cover to **Woolwich, Maine**, sender’s directive “Pr. Stmr Rio de Janeiro”, “R” in circle handstamp, violet San Francisco Registered (Jun. 4) transit backstamp, cover with some edgewear and minor soiling, Very Fine, Gurevitch estimates about 50 barred “62B” covers exist, especially rare as a double-rate registered usage, illustrated in Proud *The Postal History of Hong Kong* (after p. 288)..... E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4041 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1882, 10c Green (43; SG 37a).** Tied by light strike of barred “62B” cancel with “Hong Kong JY 3 84” circular datestamp on cover to **Cape Town, Cape Colony**, sender’s directive “Via England”, blue “Forwarded by Wieler & Co., Hong Kong” oval handstamp (unlisted in Rowe), Port Elizabeth (Oct. 6) transit and Cape Town (Oct. 8) arrival backstamps, Very Fine and interesting destination use for a barred “62B” cover, the only example we are aware of to Africa, Gurevitch estimates about 50 barred “62B” covers exist..... E. \$400-500
- 4042 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1882, 10c Green (43; SG 37a).** Tied by barred “62B” cancel with “Hong Kong MR 3 85” circular datestamp on cover to **Yezd, Persia (Iran)**, sender’s directive “Per Bokhara via Bombay”, “H.A. Asger & H. Esmail, Hong Kong” bilingual company handstamp, Bombay (Mar. 20) and Abbasee (Apr. 1) transit backstamps, small piece of cover missing at bottom left, Very Fine and exceptional destination use for a barred “62B” cover, Gurevitch estimates about 50 barred “62B” covers exist..... E. \$500-750



- 4043 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1882, 10c Deep Blue Green (43a; SG 37).** Tied by incredibly well-struck barred “62B” cancel with “Hong Kong AU 6 85” circular datestamp on cover to Congleton, England, faint trace of transit or arrival backstamp, few filing pinholes at top, Very Fine, an exceptionally clear strike of the “62B” cancel, Gurevitch estimates about 50 barred “62B” covers exist, ex Richard C.K. Chan and “Mosaic” E. \$750-1,000
- 4044 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1885, 20c on 30c Vermilion (51; SG 40).** Used with 1882, 10c Green (43; SG 37a), both cancelled by legible barred “62B” cancel with “Hong Kong AU 13 85” circular datestamp (date enhanced, presumably contemporaneously) on **registered** cover to **Leipzig, Germany**, “R” in circle handstamp, transit backstamps, Very Fine, Gurevitch estimates about 50 barred “62B” covers exist, particularly rare as a registered use E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4045 ☒ **Hong Kong, 1882, 5c Ultramarine (40; SG 35).** Tied by barred “62B” cancel and “Hong Kong SP 23 87” circular datestamp on native cover to **Nagasaki, Japan**, Japanese transit and Nagasaki (Sept. 28) arrival backstamps, Very Fine, Gurevitch estimates about 50 barred “62B” covers exist..... E. \$500-750

TREATY PORTS—AMOY



- 4046 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1855, “FORWARDED BY F.D. SYME & Co. AMOY”.** Bold strike of framed handstamp with scalloped corners on orange cover **addressed locally**, manuscript docketing noting May 4, 1855 receipt, Very Fine and scarce forwarding mark (Rowe rarity 4) E. \$300-400
- 4047 **China, Treaty Ports—Amoy, 1862 Official Notice from American Consulate.** Exceptionally bold strike of red “United States Consulate Amoy” handstamp seal on **official notice** written in Chinese to the Collector of the Port announcing the arrival of an American vessel, Very Fine and rare official document from the U.S. Consulate in Amoy E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4048 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1862, 2c Pale Brown, 12c Blue (1, 3; SG 1, 3).** 2c two singles, tied by barred “B62” cancels on cover **to Hong Kong**, sender’s directive “Per Str. Teeloong”, “Hong Kong AP 26 63” despatch and arrival backstamps, accompanied by **original enclosure** written in Gujarati dated **in Amoy Apr. 24, 1863**, letter referencing the rates of cloth including cotton and silk, cover with barest trace of toning at bottom and tear to backflap, Very Fine, rare use of Hong Kong First Issue from Amoy, it is worth noting that no Amoy despatch datestamp was used and this was cancelled on arrival in Hong Kong—the vast majority of covers from Amoy are addressed abroad with surprisingly few sent to Hong Kong..... E. \$1,000-1,500



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- 4049 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1863-65, 2c Brown, 12c Light Blue, 30c Vermilion (8, 15, 19; SG 8, 12, 15).** 2c horizontal pair, tied by barred “B62” cancels and red “Amoy Paid AU 27 65” circular datestamps on cover to New York N.Y., Culbertson correspondence, sender’s directive “Via Southampton”, Hong Kong and London (Oct. 20) transit and New York arrival datestamps, red “PAID” and “5/CENTS” credit handstamps, red manuscript “1/9½” rate marking

VERY FINE. A REMARKABLE THREE-COLOR FRANKING FROM AMOY TO NEW YORK WITH THE RED AMOY PAID DATESTAMP. LESS THAN 20 COVERS ARE RECORDED.

Between 1867-76, mail from Amoy was brought to Hong Kong for canceling and sorting for onwards transmission to final destination. Stamps were cancelled “B62” during this period before notice was given that mail had to be cancelled at origin. The “A1” and “D27” cancels were issued for this purpose. The red Amoy Paid datestamp is very rare used on stamped covers. Pearson records only sixteen covers during the adhesive period.

With 1997 Holcombe certificate. E. \$3,000-4,000

- 4050 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1863-66, 4c Slate, 18c Lilac, 24c Green (10, 17-18; SG 9, 13, 14).** Tied or cancelled by bold barred “B62” cancels and red “Amoy Paid OC 26 65” circular datestamps on cover to New York N.Y., Culbertson correspondence, sender’s directive “Via Southampton”, Hong Kong (Oct. 28) and London (Dec. 22) transit datestamps, red “PAID” and “5/CENTS” credit handstamps, red manuscript “1/9½” rate marking, barest trace of soiling

VERY FINE. A RARE AND DESIRABLE THREE-COLOR FRANKING FROM AMOY TO NEW YORK WITH THE RED AMOY PAID DATESTAMP. LESS THAN 20 COVERS ARE RECORDED.

Between 1867-76, mail from Amoy was brought to Hong Kong for canceling and sorting for onwards transmission to final destination. Stamps were cancelled “B62” during this period before notice was given that mail had to be cancelled at origin. The “A1” and “D27” cancels were issued for this purpose. The red Amoy Paid datestamp is very rare used on stamped covers. Pearson records only sixteen covers during the adhesive period.

Signed Holcombe. E. \$2,000-3,000



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- 4051 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1865, 24c Green (LAM18; SG Z14).** Wing margin at left, tied by light strike of barred “B24” cancel on 1866 cover to **Hamburg, Germany**, sender’s directive “*via Trieste*”, red embossed “Pasedag & Co., Amoy” on backflap including Amoy origin, red “Forwarded by Wm Pustau & Co., Hong Kong” handstamp (Rowe rarity 3), Hong Kong (Jan. 13) and Trieste (Feb. 20) transit and Hamburg (Feb. 26) arrival datestamps, numerous rate markings including red manuscript which also ties stamp, cover and stamp with slight trace of soiling, still Very Fine and early stamped cover from Amoy, believed to be the earliest stamped cover from Amoy to Germany, ex Richard C.K. Chan..... E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4052 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1863, 6c Lilac, 48c Rose Carmine (12, 21; SG 10, 17).** Just tied by two strikes of barred “B62” cancels on 1867 folded letter to **New York N.Y.**, sender’s directive “*via Marseilles*”, “Amoy JU 26 67” despatch datestamp on back, red “Forwarded by Tait & Co. Amoy” oval handstamp (unrecorded by Rowe) on back, Hong Kong (Jun. 28) and London (Aug. 13) transit and New York (Aug. 24) arrival datestamps, red “21/CENTS” credit handstamp and manuscript rate marking, Very Fine, between 1867-76, mail from Amoy was brought to Hong Kong for canceling and sorting for onwards transmission to final destination, ex Rowell..... E. \$500-750
- 4053 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1865-66, 8c Orange Buff, 18c Lilac (13, 17; SG 11, 13).** 8c horizontal pair, cancelled by barred “B62” cancels on 1871 cover to **Brooklyn N.Y.**, Culbertson correspondence, sender’s directive “*Via Brindisi*”, blue “Amoy JU 19 71” despatch datestamp (Webb Ty. Dii) on back, Hong Kong (Jun. 22), London and New York transit (the latter two tying stamps) and Brooklyn (Aug. 19) arrival datestamps, red “2/CENTS” credit handstamp and red manuscript “1/4” rate markings, cover with some edgewear and light soiling around edges, Fine and scarce use of the Amoy datestamp in blue, mail from Amoy was brought to Hong Kong for canceling which explains the use of the “B62” cancel..... E. \$1,000-1,500



- 4054 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1865, 8c Orange Buff (13; SG 11).** Tied by barred "B62" cancel on 1873 folded cover to Hong Kong, sender's directive at top, **blue** "Amoy FE 11 73" despatch datestamp on back, Hong Kong (Feb. 13) arrival backstamp, top flap with insignificant tear, Very Fine and scarce use of the Amoy datestamp in blue, between 1867-76, mail from Amoy was brought to Hong Kong for canceling which explains the use of the "B62" cancel... E. \$300-400
- 4055 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1865-66, 8c Orange Buff, 18c Lilac (13; SG 11).** Tied by faint strike of barred "B62" cancel on 1874 cover to **Brooklyn N.Y.**, forwarded to Palenville, N.Y. with **United States, 1873, 3c Green (158)**, tied by negative "B" in circle cancel and Brooklyn Station B Jun. 24 circular datestamp, sender's directive "*Pacific Mail*", **blue** "Amoy MY 5 74" despatch datestamp (Webb Ty. Dii) on back, red Hong Kong Paid All (May 7) and red San Francisco (Jun. 16) transit datestamps, cover with some overall soiling and trace of toned perfs around 3c stamp, otherwise Fine and scarce use of the Amoy datestamp in blue, mail from Amoy was brought to Hong Kong for canceling which explains the use of the "B62" cancel, especially desirable with forwarding using the U.S. 3c Banknote..... E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4056 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1865, 8c Orange Buff (13; SG 11).** Wing margin at left, tied by barred "B62" cancel on 1874 cover to **Sag Harbor N.Y.**, sender's directive "*Via Hong Kong & San Francisco, Per Great Republic*", **blue** "Amoy JY 30 74" despatch datestamp on back, red Hong Kong Paid All (Aug. 2) and red San Francisco (Sept. 5) transit datestamps, the latter also tying stamp, accompanied by original enclosure datelined "*U.S.S. Yantic at anchor, off Amoy China, August 1st, 1874*" and written by soldier onboard, cover with some soiling and slightly rough opening at bottom, otherwise Fine and interesting use E. \$500-750



- 4057 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1865, 8c Orange Buff (13; SG 11).** Tied by barred “B62” cancel on cover to New York, sender’s directive “Via San Francisco”, “Amoy OC 24 74” with straight “AMOY” (Webb Ty. E, Proud D3) despatch datestamp on back, red Hong Kong Paid All (Oct. 28) and red San Francisco (Dec. 1) transit datestamps, accompanied by original enclosure dated “Hospital October 24, 1874” and written by a soldier, cover with slight soiling, Very Fine, there are two key aspects of importance to this cover, the 8c treaty rate for the Pacific route is quite scarce from treaty ports in which no additional charge was levied from Amoy, the earliest use of the straight “AMOY” cancel is recorded in Webb as Aug. 2, 1876 and Proud as May 31, 1876 and is only thought to have been used with the “A1” cancel, although Webb notes “one would have expected the 1866 one (the cancel) to have been the one that had the word ‘AMOY’ in straight across it, like the first circular daters of Canton, Ningpo, and Swatow...”, implying that some believe this cancel was already at the post office but not used E. \$500-750
- 4058 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1863-65, 2c Brown, 6c Lilac, 8c Orange Buff, 24c Green (8, 12-13, 18; SG 8, 10-11, 14).** 8c wing margin at right, cancelled by faint barred “B62” cancels on cover to Funchal, Madeira, sender’s directive “per French Mail”, bluish “Amoy FE 15 75” despatch datestamp on back, Hong Kong (Feb. 17) and red London (Apr. 2) transit backstamps, red manuscript “1/7” rate marking also just ties 6c, cover with mild vertical file fold thru 2c and missing part of backflap, Very Fine and impressive four-color franking from Amoy to Madeira E. \$750-1,000
- 4059 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1865, 8c Orange Buff (LAM13; SG Z11).** Tied by bold strike of barred “A1” cancel on 1876 folded letter to Singapore, sender’s directive “Per P&O Str.”, “Amoy AP 17 76” despatch datestamp on back, blue “H.A. Petersen & Co. Amoy” company handstamp, Hong Kong (Apr. 19) transit and red Singapore Paid arrival backstamp, Very Fine, scarce use of 8c with “A1” cancel from Amoy to Singapore, Pearson records only 34 covers or fronts with the “A1” cancel of Amoy, very few are known used within Asia..... E. \$1,000-1,500



- 4060 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1866, 18c Lilac (LAM17; SG Z13).** Tied by well-struck barred “A1” cancel on 1876 cover to **Berlin, Germany**, sender’s directive “*via Brindisi*”, “Amoy SP 27 76” despatch datestamp on back, Hong Kong (Sep. 29) and French paquebot (Sep. 30) transit datestamps, cover opened for display and with minor edgewear, stamp with pre-use fault at top left and couple toned perf tips, Very Fine, a rare 18c usage from Amoy, Pearson records only 34 covers or fronts with the Amoy “A1” cancel—the use of the 18c value is exceptionally rare with few covers known from Amoy—ex Beckeman E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4061 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1863, 4c Slate (LAM10; SG Z9).** Horizontal pair, tied by heavy and slightly oily strikes of barred “D27” oval cancel on cover to **Brooklyn N.Y.**, sender’s directive “*Via San Francisco*”, “Amoy DE 28 76” despatch datestamp on back, Hong Kong Paid All (Dec. 31) and red San Francisco (Jan. 31, 1877) transit and Brooklyn (Feb. 7) arrival datestamps, cover with couple minute toned spots, Very Fine, rare use of “D27” on cover to the U.S. with the 4c Slate—the counts for the “D27” cancel on covers (or cards) vary among sources: 17 (Webb), 29 (Pearson), and 35 (Proud), ex Dyer and Sussex (“Opening of China”)..... E. \$750-1,000
- 4062 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1863, 12c Deep Blue (LAM15b; SG Z12b).** Deep rich color, tied by clear strike of barred “D27” oval cancel with “Amoy DE 9 78” circular datestamp on cover to **Brooklyn N.Y.**, sender’s directive “*French Mail*”, Hong Kong (Dec. 12) and red San Francisco (Jan. 30, 1879) transit and Brooklyn (Feb. 6) arrival backstamps, cover with minor edge tears at top, still Very Fine, the counts for the “D27” cancel on covers (or cards) vary among sources: 17 (Webb), 29 (Pearson), and 35 (Proud), ex Sussex (“Opening of China”)..... E. \$1,000-1,500

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- 4063 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1863, 4c Slate, 12c Light Blue (LAM10, LAM15; SG Z9, Z12).** Tied by two strikes of barred “D27” oval cancel with “Amoy JA 11 79” circular datestamp (date inserted by hand) on cover to Uxbridge, England, sender’s directive “By First Mail”, Hong Kong (Jan. 14) transit and Uxbridge (Feb. 22) arrival backstamps, cover roughly opened at top with sealed tear and part of backflap missing, 12c with slight perf flaws due to placement on cover, Fine, the counts for the “D27” cancel on covers (or cards) vary among sources: 17 (Webb), 29 (Pearson), and 35 (Proud), ex Dyer..... E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4064 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1863, 12c Light Blue (LAM15; SG Z12).** Horizontal pair and single, tied by four strikes of barred “D27” oval cancel with “Amoy MR 21 79” circular datestamp on blue cover to Cincinnati, Ohio, sender’s directive “via England”, New York (Jun. 7) transit and Cincinnati (Jun. 8) arrival datestamps, cover slightly reduced at left, Very Fine, the counts for the “D27” cancel on covers (or cards) vary among sources: 17 (Webb), 29 (Pearson), and 35 (Proud), sold subject to expert certification E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4065 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1879, 3c on 16c Yellow (LAM35; SG ZP106).** Affixed to white card with red printing, tied by superb strike of barred “D27” cancel and “Amoy MR 21 79” circular datestamp, addressed to U.S. Consulate in London, England, Hong Kong transit and faint London arrival datestamps, message on back indicating this was sent from the U.S. consulate in Hong Kong, Very Fine, rare U.P.U. card with 3c on 16c surcharge used from Amoy, sold subject to expert certification E. \$1,000-1,500



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- 4066 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1879, 3c on 16c Yellow, Short “T” in “CENTS” (LAM35; SG ZP106).** Affixed to yellow card with black printing, tied by bold strike of barred “A1” cancel with “Amoy JU 21 79” circular datestamp, addressed to **Hamburg, Germany**, Hong Kong (Jun. 24) and French Ligne N (Jun. 24) transit and Hamburg (Aug. 1) arrival datestamps, some mounting remnants on back, Very Fine, rare U.P.U. card with 3c on 16c surcharge used from Amoy, especially with the Short “T” variety, ex Dyer and Sussex (“Opening of China”)..... E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4067 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1879, 3c on 16c Yellow (LAM35; SG ZP106).** Affixed to white card with red printing, tied by barred “A1” cancel and “Amoy JY 17 79” circular datestamp, addressed to **Hamburg, Germany**, Hong Kong and French Ligne N transit and Hamburg (Aug. 29) arrival datestamps, some minor facial scrapes on back from prior mounting, otherwise Very Fine, rare U.P.U. card with 3c on 16c surcharge used from Amoy..... E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4068 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1879, 3c on 16c Yellow (LAM35; SG ZP106).** Affixed to white card with red printing, tied by clear strike of barred “A1” cancel and “Amoy SP 25 79” circular datestamp, addressed to **Hamburg, Germany**, Hong Kong (Sep. 27) and red French entry (Sep. 30) transit and Hamburg arrival datestamps, Very Fine, rare U.P.U. card with 3c on 16c surcharge used from Amoy..... E. \$1,000-1,500



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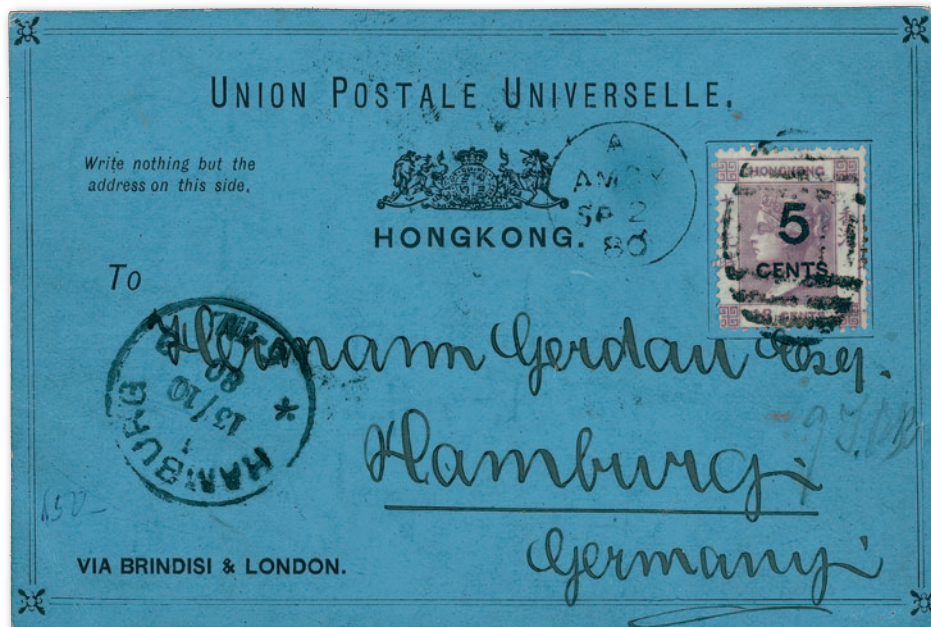
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- 4069 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1879, 3c on 16c Yellow (LAM35; SG ZP106).** Affixed to white card with red printing, tied by clear strike of barred “D27” cancel and “Amoy NO 5 79” circular datestamp, addressed to **Stettin, Germany**, Hong Kong (Nov. 7) transit datestamp, card with minor staple hole at top and light edgewear, Very Fine, rare U.P.U. card with 3c on 16c surcharge used from Amoy with “D27” cancel, ex Rowell..... E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4070 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1879, 5c on 18c Lilac (LAM36; SG ZP107).** Affixed to white card with blue printing, rough perfs at bottom, tied by legible barred “A1” cancel with “Amoy NO 19 79” circular datestamp, addressed to **London, England**, Hong Kong (Nov. 21) transit and partial London arrival backstamps, card with minor edgewear, Very Fine, rare U.P.U. card with 5c on 18c surcharge used from Amoy, ex Dyer..... E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4071 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1879, 5c on 18c Lilac (LAM36; SG ZP107).** Affixed to white card with blue printing, tied by light strike of barred “A1” cancel and “Amoy AP 12 80” circular datestamp, addressed to **Hamburg, Germany**, company handstamp and bottom left and red Chinese chop handstamps, Hong Kong and Naples transit and Hamburg arrival datestamps, Very Fine, rare U.P.U. card with 5c on 18c surcharge used from Amoy E. \$1,000-1,500



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4072 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1879, 5c on 18c Lilac (LAM31; SG Z24).** Tied by clear strike of barred “A1” cancel with “Amoy JY 17 80” circular datestamp on native cover to **Hong Kong with red “CUSTOMS Amoy Jul. 17 80”** double-circle datestamp indicating Chinese postage was paid for local delivery to British Post office in Amoy, Hong Kong (Jul. 21) arrival backstamp, cover with edgewear, missing top left corner and some damage due to insect holes, Fine, rare use of 5c on 18c surcharge from Amoy, the “A1” cancel is also quite rare (only 34 covers or fronts recorded by Pearson), illustrated in Scamp *Far East Mail Ship Itineraries* (p. 385), ex Major Hopkins, Pearson and Ishikawa E. \$1,000-1,500



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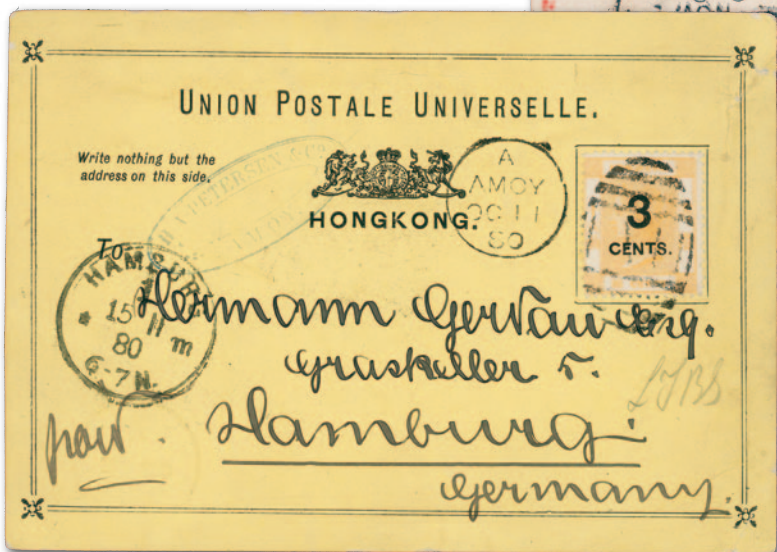
4073 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1879, 5c on 18c Lilac (LAM36; SG ZP107).** Affixed to blue card with black printing, tied by barred “A1” cancel with “Amoy SP 2 80” circular datestamp, addressed to **Hamburg, Germany, Hong Kong** (Sep. 4) transit and Hamburg (Oct. 13) arrival date-stamps, card with minor edgewear and just slightly reduced, Very Fine, rare blue U.P.U. card with 5c on 18c surcharge used from Amoy E. \$1,000-1,500



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- 4074 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1879, 3c on 16c Yellow (LAM35; SG ZP106).** Affixed to yellow card with black printing, tied by clearly struck barred “A1” cancel with “Amoy SP 15 80” circular datestamp, addressed to **Hamburg, Germany**, Hong Kong (Sept. 17) transit and Hamburg (Oct. 28) arrival datestamps, couple corner creases at bottom, Very Fine, rare U.P.U. card with 3c on 16c surcharge used from Amoy, ex Rowell E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4075 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1879, 3c on 16c Yellow (LAM35; SG ZP106).** Straight edge at right, affixed to white card with red printing, tied by clear strike of barred “D27” cancel and “Amoy OC ? 80” circular datestamp, addressed to **Munich, Germany**, Hong Kong (Oct. 9) transit and Munich (Nov. 14) arrival datestamps, Very Fine, rare U.P.U. card with 3c on 16c surcharge used from Amoy, signed Dr. Knopke..... E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4076 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1879, 3c on 16c Yellow, Short “T” in “CENTS” (LAM35; SG ZP106).** Affixed to yellow card with black printing, tied by clear strike of barred “A1” cancel with “Amoy OC 11 80” circular datestamp, addressed to **Hamburg, Germany**, Hong Kong (Oct. 12) transit and Hamburg (Nov. 15) arrival datestamps, card with minor bends at right, Very Fine, rare U.P.U. card with 3c on 16c surcharge used from Amoy, especially rare with Short “T” variety E. \$1,000-1,500



- 4077 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1863-65, 2c Brown, 6c Lilac (LAM8, LAM12; SG Z8, Z10).** Each tied by clear and bold strike of barred “A1” with “Amoy DE 8 (80)” circular datestamp on cover with printed address to **Paris, France**, changed to Shanghai with red manuscript, Shanghai Customs arrival backstamp, Very Fine, scarce use of “A1” cancel of Amoy—Pearson records only 34 covers or fronts of the barred “A1” cancel—particularly scarce used within Asia, *sold subject to expert certification* E. \$750-1,000
- 4078 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1880, 5c on 8c Orange (LAM31; SG Z23).** Horizontal pair, cancelled by well-struck barred “A1” cancel with “Amoy DE 22 80” circular datestamp on cover to **Boston, Massachusetts**, sender’s directive “Via San Francisco”, Hong Kong (Dec. 24) and red San Francisco (Jan. 23, 1881) transit backstamps, cover with some slight soiling and opening tear at left, Fine, rare use of 5c on 8c surcharge with Amoy “A1” cancel on a cover to the U.S.—Pearson records only 34 covers or fronts with the “A1” cancel..... E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4079 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1880, 2c Dull Rose (LAM9; SG Z28).** Tied by bold strike of barred “A1” cancel of Amoy on ca. 1880s folded “Native Staff” registry list to **Hong Kong**, partial Hong Kong arrival backstamp, Very Fine, an exceptionally rare internal use from Amoy to Hong Kong, *sold subject to expert certification* E. \$500-750

“D27” cover from Amoy with a spectacular double-rate Hong Kong franking



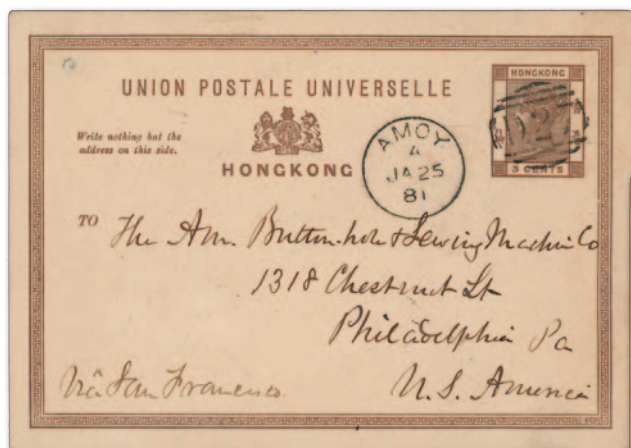
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4080 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1865, 2c Brown, 8c Orange Buff (LAM8, LAM13; SG Z8, Z11).** 2c horizontal pair, 8c vertical pair, all tied by four bold strikes of barred “D27” oval cancel and “Amoy JA 13 81” circular datestamp on cover to **Grafton, Australia**, sender’s directive “*via Torres Straits*”, Hong Kong (Jan. 19, 1881) and Sydney (Feb. 19) transit and Grafton (Feb. 21) arrival backstamps, red manuscript “2” noting double U.P.U. rate, cover with trivial edgewear

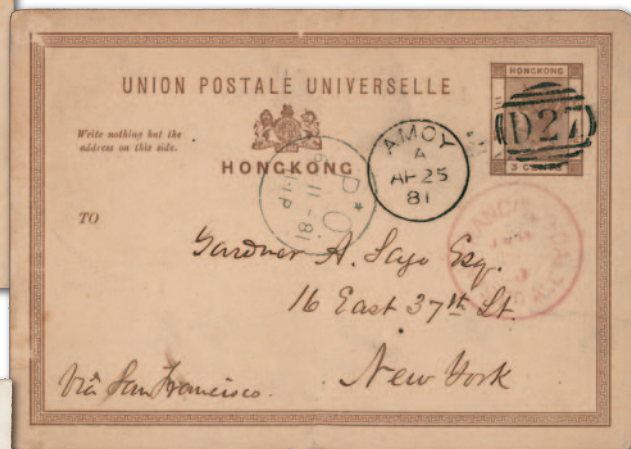
VERY FINE. A SPECTACULAR DOUBLE-RATE COVER WITH THE RARE “D27” BARRED CANCEL OF AMOY TO AN UNUSUAL DESTINATION. ONE OF THE MOST EYE-APPEALING AND DESIRABLE “D27” COVERS RECORDED.

By 1876, the postmaster in Hong Kong provided instructions requiring that all outbound mail was to be cancelled at origin. Therefore, the cancelling devices of “A1” and “D27” were provided. According to Proud, “A1” is assumed to have been used in Ku Lang Seu, where the British consulate and packet agencies were located. “D27” was a second post office set up on the mainland where trading establishments were situated.

Counts of “D27” covers (or cards) vary among sources: 17 (Webb), 29 (Pearson), and 35 (Proud). This cover is one of the outstanding examples, with clearly struck “D27” cancels and a very unusual Australian destination..... E. \$7,500-10,000



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- 4081 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1881 3c U.P.U. Postal Card.** With “D27” oval cancel and “Amoy JA 25 81” circular datestamp, addressed to **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**, sender’s directive “Via San Francisco”, Hong Kong (Jan. 26) transit backstamp, card with some mounting remnant on back and unobtrusive hole punch at top left, Very Fine, with photocopy of 1981 R.P.S. certificate..... E. \$750-1,000
- 4082 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1881 3c U.P.U. Postal Card.** With excellent strike of barred “D27” oval cancel and “Amoy AP 25 81” circular datestamp, addressed to **New York N.Y.**, sender’s directive “Via San Francisco”, red San Francisco transit datestamp, card with minor surface scuffs mostly on periphery, Very Fine, rare “D27” cancel on a U.P.U. card E. \$750-1,000
- 4083 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1880, 10c Violet (LAM14; SG Z30).** Tied by “A1” barred cancel with “Amoy JU 18 81” circular datestamp on folded letter to Ware, England, “CUSTOMS AMOY JUN. 18 81” double-circle datestamp on back indicating Chinese postage was paid for local delivery to British Post office in Amoy, Hong Kong (Jun. 22) transit and Ware (Aug. 3) arrival backstamps, Very Fine, rare use of “A1” cancel and “Customs Amoy” datestamp, according to Pearson, only 34 covers or fronts are recorded with the “A1” cancel—far fewer also have the Chinese “Customs Amoy” marking E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4084 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1882, 5c Ultramarine, Watermark Inverted (LAM41 var; SG Z34 var).** Horizontal pair, tied by light strikes of barred “D27” oval cancels with “Amoy OC 2 82” circular datestamp on cover to **Troy N.Y.**, sender’s directive “Via San Francisco”, faint Hong Kong and New York (Nov. 9) transit and Troy (Nov. 10) arrival backstamps, accompanied by original enclosure, cover with slight soiling and left stamp in pair with pulled corner perf and some gum residue at top, Fine, rare “D27” cover to the United States..... E. \$1,000-1,500

One of two recorded registered “D27” covers from Amoy—
also a rare Treaty Port cover to Nova Scotia



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4085 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1882, 10c Lilac (LAM43; SG Z35).** Two singles, one with pulled corner perf, tied by excellent strikes of barred “D27” oval cancel with “Amoy NO 10 82” circular datestamp on **registered** cover to **Halifax, Nova Scotia**, sender’s directive “*Via San Francisco*”, red “R” in circle handstamp, Hong Kong, violet San Francisco (Dec. 18), and St. John (Dec. 28) transit and Halifax (Dec. 29) arrival backstamps, various manuscript transit markings

VERY FINE. AN IMPRESSIVE USE OF THE BARRED “D27” OVAL CANCEL OF AMOY ON A REGISTERED COVER TO CANADA. ONE OF ONLY TWO REGISTERED “D27” COVERS RECORDED—ESPECIALLY DESIRABLE TO THIS DESTINATION.

By 1876, the postmaster in Hong Kong provided instructions requiring that all outbound mail was to be cancelled at origin. Therefore, the cancelling devices of “A1” and “D27” were provided. According to Proud, “A1” is assumed to have been used in Ku Lang Seu, where the British consulate and packet agencies were located. “D27” was a second post office set up on the mainland where trading establishments were situated.

The count of “D27” covers (or cards) varies by source: 17 (Webb), 29 (Pearson) and 35 (Proud). This registered cover to a British Maritime Province is extraordinary.

Ex Lt. Col. Bishop, Rose-Hutchinson, “Antonia”, “Consular”, Parker, Beckeman and Christensen. E. \$5,000-7,500



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- 4086 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1891, 14c on 30c Violet, Small “t” in “cents” (LAM58 var; SG Z43 var).** Used with 1884, 2c Carmine (LAM37a; SG Z32), horizontal strip of three, all tied by “Amoy MR 5 92” circular datestamps on **registered** cover to **Bethlehem, Pennsylvania**, “R” in circle handstamp and registry markings, Hong Kong (Mar. 8) and violet San Francisco (Apr. 2) transit datestamps, the former which also ties strip to cover, Very Fine, an exceptionally rare use of this variety on cover (Scott 65b), Scott assigns a value of \$5,500 for examples on cover from Hong Kong but does not price it used in Amoy, which is considerably rarer .. E. \$1,000-1,500



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- 4087 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1891, 14c on 30c Violet, Small “t” in “cents” (LAM58 var; SG Z43 var).** Used with 1863, 4c Deep Slate (LAM10; SG Z9 var), three singles, all cancelled by “Amoy FE 23 93” circular datestamps on **registered** cover to **Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada**, “R” in circle handstamp and registry markings, Hong Kong (Feb. 25), violet San Francisco (Mar. 23), and St. John (Mar. 30) transit and Halifax (Mar. 31) arrival backstamps, cover with soiling and some toned spots which affect perf tips of stamps, otherwise Fine and exceptionally rare use of this variety on cover (Scott 65b), Scott assigns a value of \$5,500 for examples on cover from Hong Kong but does not price it used in Amoy, which is considerably rarer, with 2011 B.P.A. certificate (not noting variety)..... E. \$1,000-1,500



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- 4088 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1891, 10c Violet on Red (44; SG 38).** Tied by “Hong Kong SP 1 94” circular datestamp with additional strike on cover to **Kiel, Germany**, cover originating in **Amoy** with “**Customs Amoy AUG 31 94**” double-circle datestamp on back, Kiel (Oct. 7) arrival backstamp, cover with minor edgewear, Very Fine and scarce letter out of the Amoy Customs office E. \$500-750
- 4089 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1891, 10c Violet on Red (44; SG 38).** Horizontal pair with vertical interpanneau gutter selvage and single, cancelled by “Amoy NO 1 94” circular datestamps on blue “**United States Consulate at**” corner imprint cover with manuscript “*Amoy, China*” added, addressed to **Bristol, Tennessee**, indecipherable backstamp, cover with slightly rough opening at right and minor edgewear, otherwise Very Fine, an exceptionally rare use of the 10c pair with interpanneau gutter selvage, also this is a very late use of the straight “**AMOY**” cancel which Proud records used until Nov. 30, 1894, with 2000 A.P.S. certificate..... E. \$750-1,000
- 4090 ☒ **Hong Kong—Amoy, 1904, 4c Violet on Red (LAM79; SG Z72).** Horizontal pair and three singles, all cancelled or tied by “Amoy JA 8 (07)” circular datestamps on **registered** cover to **Toledo, Ohio**, bold and mostly complete strike of “**H.B.M. Post Office Amoy, R**” double-circle handstamp (Webb Riii, Proud R4) and various registry markings, Hong Kong (Jan. 10) and violet San Francisco (Feb. 10) transit and magenta Toledo (Feb. 16) arrival backstamps, one 4c single with perf flaws due to placement on cover, still Very Fine and exceptionally rare registry marking from Amoy, only four strikes recorded according to Pearson E. \$750-1,000



END OF MORNING SESSION

AFTERNOON SESSION (LOTS 4091-4284)
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024, AT 1:30 P.M.

TREATY PORTS (CONTINUED)

CANTON

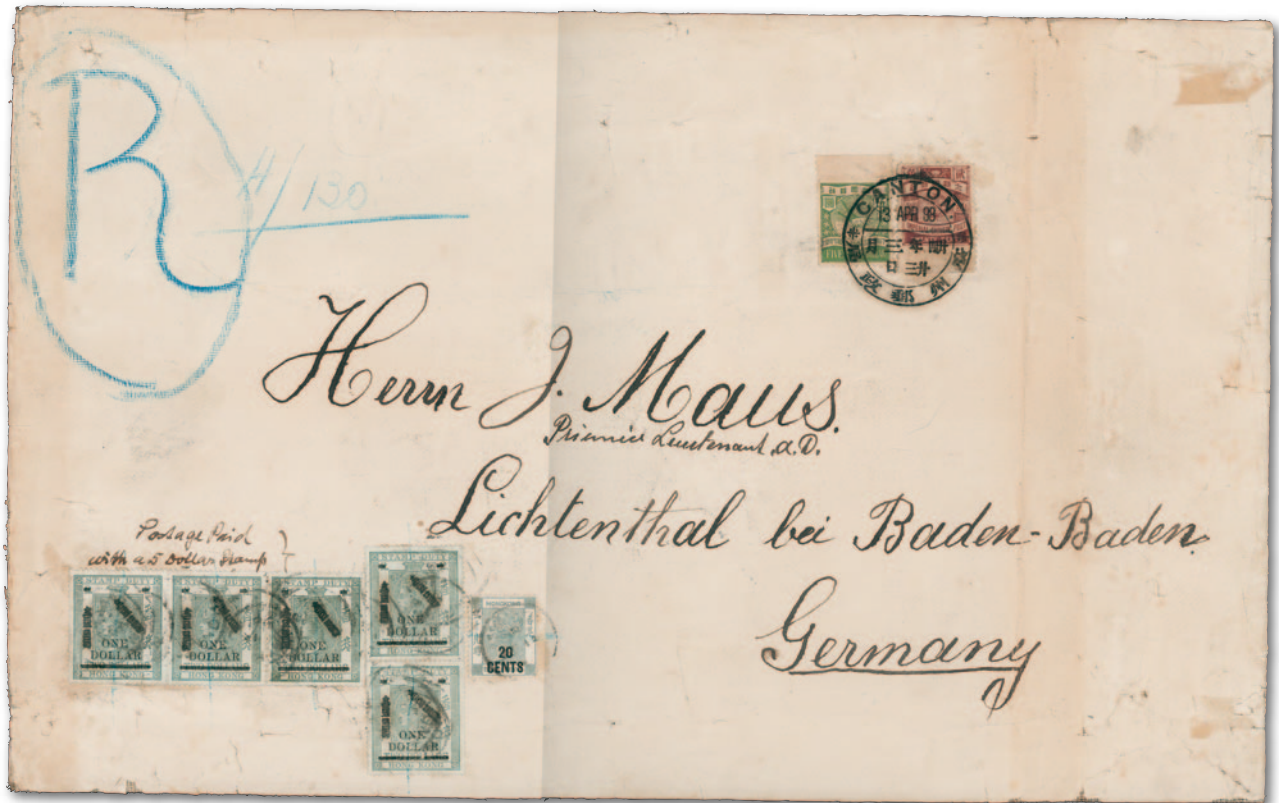


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- 4091 ☒ **Hong Kong—Canton, 1882, 2c Rose Lake (36; SG 32).** Cancelled by barred “B62” cancel and “Hong Kong NO 9 88” circular datestamp on mourning cover to individual onboard the “*Yangtse*” in Hong Kong, cover originating in Canton with “**Customs Canton NOV 8 88**” double-circle datestamp on back, cover with minor edgewear, otherwise Very Fine and scarce letter from the Canton Customs office..... E. \$500-750
- 4092 ☒ **Hong Kong—Canton, 1882, 5c Ultramarine (40; SG 35).** Tied by barred “B62” cancel with “Hong Kong DE 6 88” circular datestamp on native red band cover with printed address to “Commissioner of Customs” in Swatow, cover originating in Canton with “**Customs Canton DEC 5 88**” double-circle datestamp, faint Swatow arrival datestamp also ties stamp, Very Fine and scarce letter from the Canton Customs office..... E. \$500-750
- 4093 ☒ **Hong Kong—Canton, 1882, 10c Green (43; SG 37a).** Tied by barred “B62” cancel with “Hong Kong OC 22 89” circular datestamp on cover to Colchester, England, sender’s directive “*Per S.S. Peshawm*”, cover originating in Canton with “**Customs Canton OCT 21 89**” double-circle datestamp, Colchester (Nov. 26) arrival backstamp, Very Fine and scarce letter from the Canton Customs office E. \$500-750



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4094 ☒ **Hong Kong—Canton, 1897, \$1.00 on \$2.00 Gray Green (68; SG F11).** Horizontal strip of three and vertical pair, used with 1891, 20c on 30c Yellow Green (61; SG 48), all cancelled or tied by light strikes of Hong Kong circular datestamp on large 1898 linen-lined **registered cover to Lichtenthal, Germany, Maus correspondence, originating in Canton with China, 1897, 20c Maroon and \$5.00 Yellow Green & Pink (92, 97), 20c with selvage at bottom, \$5.00 with selvage at top, tied by exceptional strike of "Canton 13 APR 98" large dollar chop datestamp, blue manuscript "R" in circle and blue lines which also tie stamps, Baden (May 15) transit and Lichtenthal (May 15) arrival backstamps, cover with understandable creases due to large size and edgewear, some of which affect the stamps causing small faults**

FINE. A REMARKABLE USE OF FIVE EXAMPLES OF THE HONG KONG ONE-DOLLAR ON 2-DOLLAR POSTAL FISCAL STAMPS ON A REGISTERED COVER FROM CANTON. ESPECIALLY RARE WITH THE CHINA 1897 5-DOLLAR I.C.P. ISSUE.

Julius Maus was an early stamp dealer based in Lichtenthal, Germany. His correspondence from the turn of the century has produced some notable postal history artifacts and, in particular, amazing registered uses..... E. \$2,000-3,000

TREATY PORTS—CHEFOO



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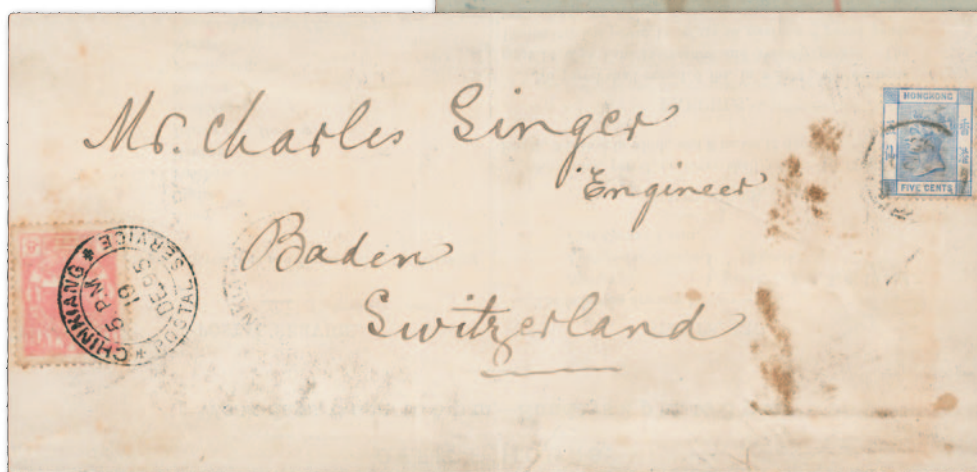
- 4095 ☒ **Hong Kong—Chefoo, 1880 3c Brown Postal Card.** Cancelled by barred “B62” and with “Hong Kong JY 17 80” circular datestamp, addressed to London, England, message side datelined “*Chefoo 6th July 1880*”, card with some minor toned spots and mount remnants on back, still Fine and exceptionally rare, this is the earliest known postal card from Chefoo.... E. \$500-750
- 4096 ☒ **Hong Kong—Chefoo, 1880 Soldier’s Concessionary Rate Cover to Scotland.** Endorsed “*From Pte G McLachlan, Royal Marine, H.M.S. “Albatross”, Chefoo, China*”, with “Hong Kong NO 8 80” despatch datestamp, addressed to New Galloway, Scotland, with **Great Britain, 1864, 1p Rose Red (33; SG 44)**, horizontal pair, Plate 209, lettered O-B to O-C, tied by barred “28” cancel, properly countersigned by commanding officer, faint New Galloway (Dec. 14) arrival back-stamp, cover with faint soiling, Very Fine..... E. \$400-500
- 4097 ☒ **Hong Kong—Shanghai/Chefoo, 1891, 20c on 30c Yellow Green (LSH61; SG Z808).** Two singles (faded color, right stamp with facial scrape), tied by “Shanghae SP 8 94” circular date-stamps on cover to **Buokow, Germany**, cover originating in Chefoo with **Chefoo, 1893, 2c Ultramarine (3)**, tied by “Local Post Chefoo 5 SEP 94” double-circle datestamp, red Chefoo Local Post (Sept. 6) and blue Shanghai Local Post transit and Buokow (Oct. 12) arrival back-stamps, cover with small tear at bottom left and toned spots, the latter which also affect the periphery of stamps, Fine and scarce combination cover E. \$400-500



4098



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- 4098 ☒ **China, Treaty Ports—Chefoo, 1895 ½c Green Postal Card.** Card uncanceled but used with **Hong Kong, 1882, 2c Rose Lake (36; SG 32)**, tied by “Hong Kong FE 5 95” circular datestamp, addressed to Datchet, England, “T” in circle and “1d F.B.” handstamps, blue manuscript rate marking, message side datelined “Jan. 31st 1894, H.M.S. Centurion—Yung Ching Bay, N. China” (date mistakenly written “1894” instead of “1895”), **fascinating contents** with first hand account of the Battle of Wei Hai Wei stating “The Japs have just landed 25,000 troops & guns etc. here to attack Wei Hai”, London transit datestamp, card with minor edgewear, otherwise Fine and great firsthand account from the First Sino-Japanese War, ex Wei-liang Chow .. E. \$750-1,000
- 4099 ☒ **Great Britain, Offices in China—Chefoo, 1917, 2c Deep Green, 12c Violet on Yellow (2, 7; SG 2, 7).** 12c horizontal pair, tied by “Chefoo British P.O. 1 SP 19” double-circle datestamps (Webb Ty. A, Proud D1) on **registered** “The International Trading Co., Broadway, Chefoo, N. China” imprint cover to **Vesteras, Sweden**, forwarded to Stockholm, well-struck framed “R, Chefoo B.P.O. No.” handstamp (Webb p. 266, Proud R2) with manuscript “287” added, Shanghai (Sept. 8) and London (Oct. 26) transit and Vesteras (Oct. 31) arrival backstamps, cover with edgewear and rough opening at top, still Fine, while Webb notes only one strike of this registered handstamp from Chefoo, there are several others known but still a very rare handstamp, particularly so with the “China” overprinted issue..... E. \$300-400

TREATY PORTS—CHINKIANG

- 4100 ☒ **China, Treaty Ports—Chinkiang, 1895, ½c Rose Red (8).** Tied by “Chinkiang Postal Service, 5 PM, 19 DE 95” double-circle datestamp with additional strike on back of printed “Chinkiang Local Post Office” circular to **Baden, Switzerland**, used with **Hong Kong, 1882, 5c Ultramarine (LSH42; SG Z798)**, tied by indistinct Shanghai circular datestamp, blue Shanghai Local Post transit and Baden (Jan. 24, 1896) arrival backstamp, cover with file folds and toned spots, the latter which also affect stamps, still Fine and rare Chinkiang combination cover, particularly rare as printed matter E. \$750-1,000

TREATY PORTS—FOOCHOW



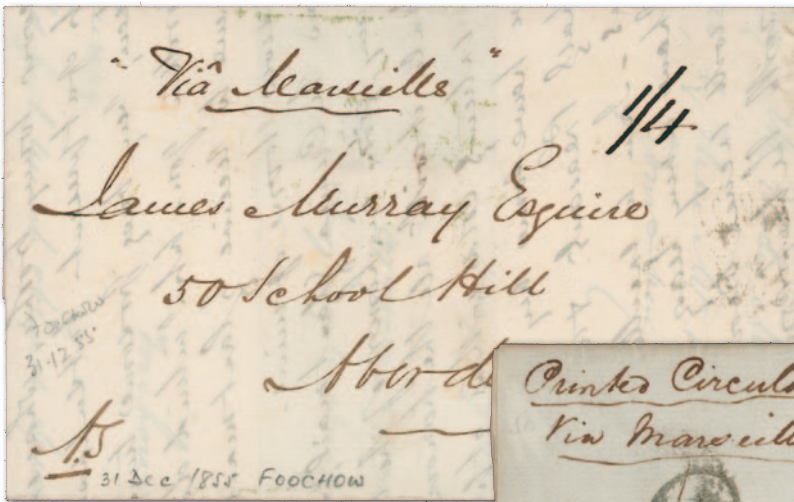
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- 4101 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1855 Cover from Foochow to Channel Islands.** Stampless cover with “Hong Kong 12 DE 1855” despatch datestamp on back addressed to **Guernsey, Channel Islands**, forwarded to St. Malo, France and again to Diman, Markham correspondence, sender’s directive “Via Southampton”, clear strike of “FIRST-POSTAGE/NOT-PAID” applied in London, numerous transit and arrival markings including London (Feb. 20 and Feb. 23), Guernsey (Feb. 21), Paris (Feb. 24), and St. Malo (Feb. 25 and Mar. 9), variously rated with both manuscript and handstamp markings, accompanied by **original enclosure datelined “British Consulate, Foochow 7th Dec. 1855”**, exceptional contents relating to the “carelessness” of mail handling and his return where they encountered pirates

VERY FINE. AN IMMENSELY IMPORTANT COVER AND ENCLOSURE ORIGINATING FROM THE BRITISH CONSULATE IN FOOCHOW. BELIEVED TO BE THE SECOND EARLIEST RECORDED COVER FROM FOOCHOW.

According to Webb, this is the second earliest cover recorded from Foochow. The earliest is a missionary cover from Oct. 1848. Neither have postmarks from Foochow as they were not implemented until 1866. The accompanying enclosure highlights the perils faced by early residents in the various Treaty Ports. The letter from John Markham reports he has just arrived from Shanghai and Ningpo. He then explains he travelled on the H.M.S. *Bittern* and had a “very severe encounter with 25 piratical junks, all of which we destroyed but with the loss of one officer and two men killed and 15 men wounded...”. He goes on to mention “I captured 1 chief myself and although the fellow knew he would lose his head, he had the impudence of asking me for a cheroot. I gave him one & he then addressed me in broken English: ‘I know you makee cut my head, not got long time to live. More better you give my 2 or 3 piece Cheroot, my likey smoke before my die.’ He showed the utmost indifference up to the last moment...”

Illustrated and discussed in “The John Markham Correspondence”, *Hong Kong Study Circle* (No. 288, p. 3-4)..... E. \$2,000-3,000



4102



4103



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- 4102 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1855 Cover from Foochow to Scotland.** Folded letter datelined “*Foochow 31st Dec. 1855*” and addressed to Aberdeen, Scotland, sender’s directive “*Via Marseilles*”, “*Hong Kong 14 JA 1856*” despatch datestamp on back, red London (Mar. 3) transit and green Aberdeen (Mar. 4) arrival backstamps, the latter affected by opening, manuscript “*1/4*” rate marking, postal markings slightly affected by sealing adhesive, Very Fine, this is believed to be the third earliest letter recorded from Foochow, just several weeks after the Markham correspondence cover (lot 4101), postal markings were not supplied to Foochow until years later in 1866 E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4103 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1856 Augustine Heard & Co. Printed Circular and Wrapper.** Wrapper addressed to **New York N.Y.**, sender’s directive “*Printed Circular via Marseilles*”, with original printed circular contents (affixed) from Augustine Heard & Co. datelined “*Foochow, 25th June, 1856*”, with manuscript “*6*” rate, “*3*” and “*8*” (cents) handstamps, Very Fine and exceptionally early printed matter mail from Foochow, quite possibly one of the earliest, understandably so as according to Webb, less than 60 resident foreigners (not all British) were based in Foochow around this time, it is theorized that this was sent via Manila before being sent to Hong Kong, also thought to be the only example with the U.S. “*8*” handstamp on mail from China..... E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4104 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1858 Cover from Foochow to England.** Blue cover with despatch docketing on back “*Foochow Fou, Nov. 7th 1858*” and addressed to Surrey, England, sender’s directive “*Via Marseilles*”, presumably carried privately to London, red “*MORE-TO-PAY*” and red cross handstamp, the latter ties a Great Britain 6p which is also tied by barred “*51*” cancel, London Dec. 29 despatch datestamp on back, blue Guildford (Dec. 29) arrival backstamp, manuscript “*3*” rate marking, stamp with trimmed perfs at right and cover with some creasing, otherwise Fine and very early cover originating in Foochow before the arrival of postal markings in 1866..... E. \$500-750

A superb strike of the “FOO CHOW FOO, CHINA” bilingual negative seal marking—
one of the rarest and most outstanding artifacts of Treaty Port postal history



4105

4105 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1862 “FOO CHOW FOO, CHINA” Bilingual Negative Seal.** Exceptional strike in red on 1862 bluish cover with “Per Overland via Marseilles” imprint to Glasgow, Scotland, rhombus framed “POST/PAID” and framed “PAID” handstamps, the former attributed to Foochow and the latter to Hong Kong, Hong Kong (Aug. 6) transit and Glasgow (Sept. 28) arrival backstamps, red manuscript “1/6” rate marking

EXTREMELY FINE. A SUPERB STRIKE OF THE “FOO CHOW FOO, CHINA” BILINGUAL NEGATIVE SEAL HANDSTAMP ON COVER TO GLASGOW. THIS IS THE FINEST OF THE THREE RECORDED STRIKES ON COVER. ONE OF THE ICONIC ITEMS OF CHINA TREATY PORTS POSTAL HISTORY.

There are only five recorded examples of this distinctive Foochow seal. Only three are on complete covers; the other two are a front and small piece, both to New York. This is unquestionably the finest of the five strikes. It is also the only recorded strike of the framed rhombus “POST/PAID” marking. Proud opined that this is “possibly a private mark,” but we respectfully disagree—the ink is a precise match for the Foochow seal.

Ex Sir Percival David, Dr. Riddell, Ishikawa, D’Almada and Beckeman. E. \$15,000-20,000

4106



4107

4106 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1863, 6c Lilac, 48c Rose Carmine (12, 21; SG 10, 17).** Each tied by clearly struck barred “B62” cancels on 1867 bluish folded cover to **New Bedford, Massachusetts**, sender’s directive “*via Marseilles*”, “Foochowfoo AU 20 67” despatch datestamp on back, Hong Kong (Aug. 25), London (Oct. 14), and New York (Oct. 29) transit and New Bedford (Oct. 30) arrival datestamps, red “21/CENTS” credit handstamp, cover slightly refolded at sides, Very Fine, from 1865-1873 and before the use of the barred “F1” cancel, mail originating in Foochow was brought to Hong Kong for cancelling (barred “B62”), Pearson rarity “R” indicating 25 or less covers known E. \$1,000-1,500

4107 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1863, 4c Slate (10; SG 9).** Horizontal pair with wing margin at right, tied by barred “B62” cancel on orange cover to **Belleville, Ohio**, sender’s directive “*via San Francisco*”, “Foochowfoo DE 5 68” despatch datestamp on back, well-struck “**China and Japan Steam Service**” oval handstamp, red Hong Kong Paid All (Dec. 9) and red San Francisco (Jan. 21, 1869) transit datestamps, red manuscript “4” rate marking, cover with edgewear and tears, stamps with faults mainly in the wing margin at right where close to the edge

FINE. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE USE OF THE “CHINA AND JAPAN STEAM SERVICE” OVAL CANCEL ON A COVER ORIGINATING IN FOOCHOW. ONLY THREE COVERS WITH THIS MARKING ARE RECORDED FROM ANY TREATY PORT—THIS THE ONLY ONE FROM FOOCHOW.

From 1865-1873 and before the use of the barred “F1” cancel, mail originating in Foochow was brought to Hong Kong for cancelling (barred “B62”). Pearson assigns a “R” rarity rating, indicating 25 or less known. This was carried on the P.M.S.S. *Japan*, departing Hong Kong Dec. 16, 1868, with Yokohama Dec. 29 transit, and arriving in San Francisco on Jan. 20, 1869. The “China and Japan Steam Service” marking was applied to mail received at San Francisco from Pacific Mail Steamship Company contract steamships. Only three covers from the Treaty Ports are recorded with this marking. This is the only one from Foochow; the others originate from Amoy and Swatow..... E. \$2,000-3,000



4108

- 4108 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1863-65, 2c Brown, 30c Vermilion (8, 19; SG 8, 15).** Two singles of each, one 30c with wing margin at left, tied or cancelled by barred “B62” cancels on 1869 cover to London, England, sender’s directive “Via Marseilles”, “Foochowfoo MY 21 69” despatch datestamp on back, Hong Kong (May 26) transit and London (Jul. 10) arrival date-stamps, red manuscript “2/8” rate marking, cover with mended tear to top flap and 30c stamps oxidized, otherwise Fine, from 1865-1873 and before the use of the barred “F1” cancel, mail originating in Foochow was brought to Hong Kong for cancelling (barred “B62”), Pearson rarity “R” indicating 25 or less covers known E. \$500-750



4109

- 4109 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1865, 8c Orange Buff (13; SG 11).** Tied by well-struck barred “B62” cancel on 1874 cover to Hong Kong, sender’s directive “p. S.S. Kwang Tung”, blue “Foochowfoo MY 3 74” despatch datestamp on back, Hong Kong (May 7) arrival backstamp, cover with minor edge toning, Fine and very early use to Hong Kong (Gurevitch records only one earlier stamped cover), any use from Foochow to Hong Kong is notable as most mail was addressed overseas, it is interesting that the stamp was cancelled in Hong Kong despite the “F1” coming into use in 1873, Pearson rarity “R” for “B62” covers from Foochow, indicating 25 or less known E. \$400-500



4110

4110 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1865, 24c Deep Green (18a; SG 14b).** Horizontal strip of three with interpanneau gutter between first and second stamp, tied by barred “B62” cancels on 1874 cover to **Melbourne, Australia**, Nicholson correspondence, sender’s directive “Via Galle”, blue “Foochowfoo MY 9 74” despatch datestamp on back, Hong Kong (May 15) transit and Melbourne (Jun. 27) arrival backstamps, cover with minor edgewear and light vertical bend affecting right stamp
 VERY FINE. A SPECTACULAR USE OF AN INTERPANNEAU GUTTER STRIP OF THE 24-CENTS DEEP GREEN FROM FOOCHOW TO AUSTRALIA. VERY FEW HONG KONG GUTTER STRIPS ON COVER ARE THOUGHT TO EXIST.

From 1865-1873 and before the use of the barred “F1” cancel, mail originating in Foochow was brought to Hong Kong for cancelling (barred “B62”). Pearson assigns an “R” rarity rating, indicating 25 or less covers known. The use of an interpanneau strip, particularly from a treaty port such as Foochow, is remarkable. Panes were almost always split before being sent to post offices.

With 1993 Holcombe certificate..... E. \$2,000-3,000



4111

4111 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1865-71, 2c Brown, 30c Violet (LFO2, LFO14; SG Z313, Z321).** Each tied by blue barred “F1” cancel on 1874 mourning cover to **Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, Canada**, blue “Foochowfoo JU 17 74” despatch datestamp on back, Hong Kong and Halifax (Aug. 23) transit and faint arrival backstamps, cover with slight soiling and minor edgewear, Fine and scarce, only around 30 covers are thought to exist with the barred “F1” cancel—split equally between black and blue strikes—the destination of Nova Scotia is quite uncommon..... E. \$1,000-1,500

The only recorded example of the Foochow registry datestamp in blue—
an important and attractive Treaty Port cover



4112

- 4112 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1865-71, 8c Orange Buff, 30c Violet (13, 20; SG 11, 16).** 30c with wing margin at left, cancelled or tied by light strikes of barred “B62” cancel on 1874 **registered** cover to London, England, manuscript “*On Her Majesty’s Service*” along top, **blue** “Foochowfoo JY 6 74” despatch datestamp on back, bold and clear **blue** “**Registered Foochow JY 6 74**” oval datestamp, two additional red oval registry datestamps from Hong Kong (Jul. 11) and London (Aug. 22), Hong Kong (Jul. 11) transit and London (Aug. 22) arrival backstamps, cover with edgewear and light even toning

VERY FINE STRIKE OF THE FOOCHOW REGISTRY HANDSTAMP ON COVER—THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE. AN IMPORTANT EXHIBITION LEVEL ITEM AND KEY POSTAL HISTORY ARTIFACT FOR A MAJOR TREATY PORTS COLLECTION.

Apart from its rarity as a Foochow registry marking, it is also the only recorded registry handstamp in *blue* from *any* treaty port. Presumably the same ink pad was used to apply the despatch datestamp on back and the registry datestamp on front. This cover was “rediscovered” shortly before its appearance on the market in a Spink 2008 auction. It had apparently been kept in an old-time dealer’s collection as an “interesting Hong Kong cover.”

With 2008 B.P.A. certificate. E. \$7,500-10,000



4113

- 4113 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1865, 24c Deep Green (18a; SG 14b).** Horizontal pair with wing margin at right, single with wing margin at right, tied by barred “B62” cancels on 1874 cover to **Melbourne, Australia**, Nicholson correspondence, sender’s directive “Via Galle”, docketing (and correspondence) indicating **Foochow origin**, clearly struck “TOO LATE” handstamp (Proud I7), Hong Kong (Oct. 4) transit and Melbourne (Nov. 16) arrival backstamps, red manuscript “1/-” rate marking

VERY FINE. AN IMPORTANT FOOCHOW TREATY PORT “TOO LATE” USE. GUREVITCH RECORDS ONLY SIX “TOO LATE” USES FROM HONG KONG (NOT INCLUDING THE COVER OFFERED HERE), WITH THIS AS THE ONLY KNOWN ON-BOARD LATE FEE PAID BY STAMPS.

It is interesting to note that since this was late for the P&O packet from Hong Kong, it was carried by the *Amazone*, a French packet which arrived in Melbourne on Nov. 15, 1874. From 1865-1873 and before the use of the barred “F1” cancel, mail originating in Foochow was brought to Hong Kong for cancelling (barred “B62”)...... E. \$2,000-3,000



4114

- 4114 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1865, 24c Deep Green (18a; SG 14b).** Horizontal pair, tied by barred “B62” cancels on 1874 bluish cover to **Melbourne, Australia**, Nicholson correspondence, sender’s directive “via Galle”, **blue** “Foochowfoo OC 31 74” despatch datestamp on back, Hong Kong (Nov. 4) transit and Melbourne (Dec. 12) arrival backstamps, red manuscript “2/” rate marking, slight edgewear at top due to opening, Very Fine, from 1865-1873 and before the use of the barred “F1” cancel, mail originating in Foochow was brought to Hong Kong for cancelling (barred “B62”), Pearson rarity “R” indicating 25 or less covers known, signed Holcombe..... E. \$500-750



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- 4115 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1871, 30c Violet (LFO14; SG Z320).** Tied by **blue barred “F1”** cancel on 1876 cover to Bedford, England, sender’s directive “*via Marseilles*”, faint **blue** “Foochowfoo AP 29 76” despatch datestamp on back, Hong Kong (May 3) transit and Bedford (Jun. 19) arrival backstamps, cover with edgewear and part of top flap missing, Fine and scarce, about 30 covers are thought to exist with the barred “F1” cancel—split equally between black and blue strikes..... E. \$500-750

- 4116 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1865, 24c Green (LFO12; SG Z319).** Tied by **blue barred “F1”** cancel on 1876 folded letter to **Melbourne, Australia**, Nicholson correspondence, sender’s directive “*via Galle*”, **blue** “Foochowfoo MY 9 76” despatch datestamp on back, Hong Kong (May 13) transit and Melbourne (Jun. 24) arrival backstamps, top flap with sealed tear affecting despatch and transit datestamps, Very Fine, rare “F1” cover to Australia, about 30 covers are thought to exist with the barred “F1” cancel—split equally between black and blue strikes, ex D’Almada..... E. \$1,000-1,500

- 4117 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1876, 28c on 30c Violet (LFO21; SG Z326).** Tied by **blue barred “F1”** cancel on 1877 cover to London, England, sender’s directive “*By French Mail*”, **blue** “Foochowfoo MR 17 77” despatch datestamp on back, Hong Kong (Mar. 21) transit and London (Apr. 27) arrival datestamps, cover mild horizontal file fold and couple mounting stains on back, Very Fine and scarce, particularly with the surcharged issues, about 30 covers are thought to exist with the barred “F1” cancel—split equally between black and blue strikes..... E. \$750-1,000



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- 4118 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1865, 24c Green (LFO12; SG Z319).** Tied by blue barred “F1” cancel with blue “Foochowfoo OC 23 77” circular datestamp on cover to **Melbourne, Australia**, Nicholson correspondence, sender’s directive “*per str. Normandy*”, Hong Kong (Oct. 26) transit and Melbourne (Nov. 22) arrival backstamps, cover with small toned spot at bottom right and single toned perf tip, otherwise Very Fine and scarce, about 30 covers are thought to exist with the barred “F1” cancel—split equally between black and blue strikes..... E. \$500-750
- 4119 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1865-71, 2c Brown, 30c Violet (LFO2, LFO14; SG Z313, Z321).** Each tied by boldly struck blue barred “F1” cancel on 1878 cover to **Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada**, blue “Foochowfoo AP 4 78” despatch datestamp on back, Hong Kong (Apr. 11) transit and Halifax (Jun. 18) arrival backstamps, cover with minor soiling and slightly rough opening at left, Very Fine and scarce, about 30 covers are thought to exist with the barred “F1” cancel—split equally between black and blue strikes—the destination of Nova Scotia is quite uncommon..... E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4120 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1865, 2c Brown (LFO2; SG Z313).** Clear strike of barred “F1” cancel tying the stamp on both 1878 printed matter wrapper and enclosure to **Melbourne, Australia**, Nicholson correspondence, printed “Per Mail Steamer” directive, enclosure a complete copy of the “Foochow Weekly Market Report” dated Nov. 29, 1878 relating heavily to tea exports, Very Fine, an extremely rare Foochow “F1” printed matter wrapper to Australia, about 30 covers are thought to exist with the barred “F1” cancel—split equally between black and blue strikes—ex Richard C.K. Chan..... E. \$1,000-1,500



- 4121 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1879, 3c on 16c Yellow (LFO27; SG ZP413).** Affixed upside down on white card with blue printing, tied by bold strike of barred “F1” cancel with “Foochowfoo AP 7 79” circular datestamp, addressed to **Hamburg, Germany**, sender’s directive “*via First Mail*”, partial Hong Kong transit and Hamburg arrival datestamps, card with some mounting remnants on back, Very Fine, a rare U.P.U. card with 3c on 16c surcharge used from Foochow E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4122 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1879, 3c on 16c Yellow, Short “T” in “CENTS” (35Af; SG P1).** Affixed to yellow card with black printing, tied by light strike of barred “B62” cancel with “Hong Kong MY 10 79” circular datestamp, addressed to Wallingford, England, address side datelined “*Foochow 5th May 1879*”, London (Jun. 8) transit datestamp also ties stamp, card with some edgewear and some mounting remnants on back, Very Fine, a rare U.P.U. card with 3c on 16c surcharge used from Foochow—especially rare with the Short “T” variety—this is postmarked during the time period of the “F1” cancel, we theorize it was given directly to the ship captain as the message indicates very little time to write in order to make the mail E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4123 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1880, 10c on 24c Green (LFO26; SG Z332).** Tied by exceptionally bold strike of barred “F1” cancel on 1880 blue cover to **Hamburg, Germany**, sender’s directive “*via Marseille*”, “Foochowfoo JA 14 80” despatch datestamp on back, Hong Kong (Jan. 20) transit and Hamburg arrival datestamps, Very Fine and scarce, particularly with the surcharged issue, *sold subject to expert certification* E. \$500-750

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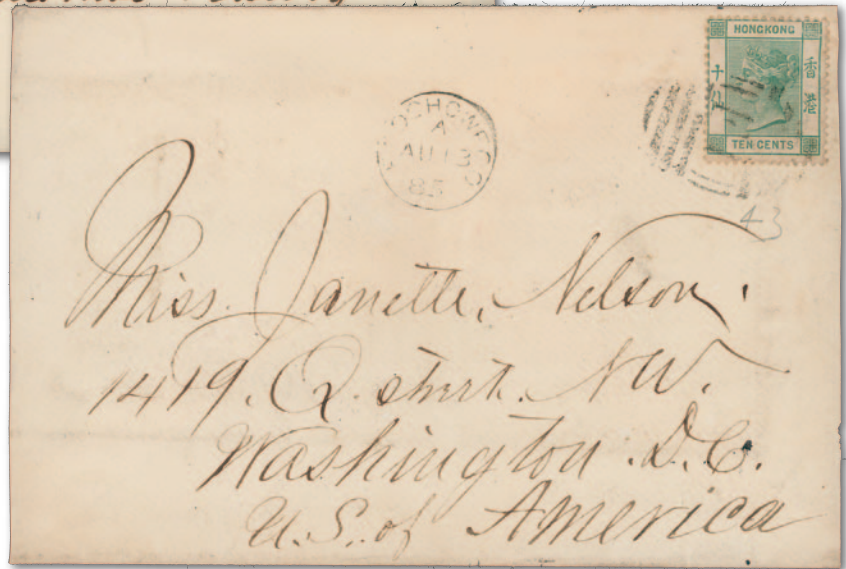
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- 4124 **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1879, 10c on 12c Pale Blue (LFO24; SG Z330).** Block of four, tied by bold strikes of barred “F1” cancel with “Foochowfoo MR 1 80” circular datestamp on large cover to **Wurtemberg, Germany**, forwarded to Hamburg, Hong Kong (Mar. 4) transit and Hamburg (Apr. 23) arrival backstamps, cover heavily toned with edgewear and vertical file fold, stamps toned with facial scrape at bottom left and corner crease at top right, otherwise Fine, rare multiple used from Foochow E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4125 **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1880, 3c Brown U.P.U. Postal Card.** Cancelled by bold strike of barred “F1” cancel with “Foochowfoo MY 13 80” circular datestamp, addressed to **Waltham, Massachusetts**, sender’s directive “via San Francisco”, Hong Kong (May 19) and red San Francisco (Jun. 22) transit backstamps, Very Fine, unusual and rare postal card use E. \$500-750
- 4126 **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1881 “ONE CENT” Surcharge on 4c Dark Green U.P.U. Postal Card.** Cancelled by bold strike of barred “F1” cancel with “Foochowfoo MR 17 81” circular datestamp, addressed to **Hong Kong**, printed “via Brindisi & London” directive crossed out, Hong Kong (Mar. 22) arrival backstamp, Very Fine, a rare use to Hong Kong as the vast majority of known covers are addressed to other destinations..... E. \$500-750

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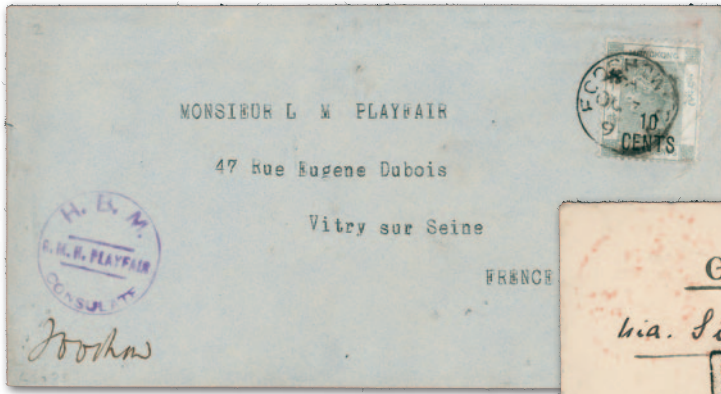


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- 4127 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1879, 3c on 16c Yellow (LFO27; SG ZP413).** Affixed to white card with red printing, tied by clear strike of barred “F1” cancel with “Foochowfoo AP 7 81” circular datestamp, addressed to **Cologne, Germany**, Hong Kong (Apr. 13) transit datestamps, Very Fine, a rare U.P.U. card with 3c on 16c surcharge used from Foochow, ex Yates and Riddell..... E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4128 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1882, 10c Green (LFO35; SG Z341).** Faint strike of barred “F1” cancel with “Foochowfoo DE 10 84” circular datestamp on cover to Tiverton, England, Hong Kong (Dec. 15) transit and Tiverton arrival backstamps, cover with slight repair to back panel, edgewear and minor vertical file folds, Very Fine and scarce, ex Rowell, with 2003 R.P.S. certificate E. \$500-750
- 4129 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1882, 10c Green (LFO35; SG Z341).** Faint strike of barred “F1” cancel with “Foochowfoo AU 13 85” circular datestamp on cover to **Washington D.C.**, Hong Kong (Aug. 17) and red San Francisco (Sep. 15) transit and Washington (Sep. 21) arrival backstamps, cover with slight overall soiling, otherwise Fine and scarce, possibly the latest use of the “F1” cancel—Proud notes Dec. 20, 1884 as the last recorded date E. \$500-750



- 4130 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1882-91, 2c Rose Lake, 10c Violet on Red (36, 44; SG 32, 38).** 2c horizontal pair, all tied by barred “B62” cancels and “Hong Kong FE 13 93” circular datestamp on cover to King’s Lynn, England, cover originating in Foochow with red “Customs Foochow FEB 9 93” double-circle datestamp, King’s Lynn (Mar. 20) arrival backstamp, cover with toned spots, otherwise Fine and scarce letter from the Foochow Customs office E. \$750-1,000
- 4131 ☒ **China, Treaty Ports—Foochow, 1895, 1c Green (2).** Used with **Hong Kong, 1891, 10c Violet on Red (LFO36; SG Z342)**, both tied by “Postal Service Foochow, China JA 7 96” circular datestamps on printed cover to Lawrence, Massachusetts, Hong Kong (Jan. 11) which also ties 10c, blue Shanghai Local Post, Shanghai I.J.P.O. (Jan. 12), and San Francisco (Feb. 7) transit and Lawrence (Feb. 12) arrival datestamps, Very Fine and scarce combination cover E. \$750-1,000
- 4132 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1882, 5c Ultramarine (LFO32; SG Z339).** Two singles, tied by “Foochow SE 25 97” circular datestamp on cover to Montreal, Canada, violet “via Hong Kong per Can. Pac. Mail” handstamp directive, clearly struck “TOO-LATE” handstamp (Proud 16) applied in transit, Hong Kong (Sep. 30) and San Francisco transit and Montreal (Nov. 4) arrival backstamps, cover with some edgewear including small tear at top which just affects left stamp, opened for display, Very Fine and rare, only six Hong Kong “Too Late” covers are recorded by Gurevitch (which does not include the example offered here), with 2004 R.P.S. certificate E. \$1,000-1,500



4133



4135



4134



4136EX

- 4133 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1898, 10c on 30c Gray Green (LFO49; SG Z354).** Tied by “Foochowfoo OC 7 99” circular datestamp on cover to Vitry sur Seine, France, violet “H.B.M. Consulate, B.M.H. Playfair” handstamp with manuscript “Foochow” below, Hong Kong (Oct. 10) transit and faint arrival backstamps, cover with slight wrinkling which just affects stamp, Very Fine, one of only four 1898 Surcharged issue covers recorded from Foochow, ex Stubens E. \$400-500
- 4134 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1907 “FOOCHOW B.P.O.” Datestamp (Webb Ty. G; Proud D8).** Bold strike dated Mar. 16, 1907 and applied on arrival, picture postcard of Snowdon, North Wales, originating in England with Great Britain 1p King Edward VII tied by Brockley Feb. 8, 1907 double-circle datestamp, addressed to Foochow but then forwarded, “Singapore to Hong Kong” (Mar. 2) and Chinese transit markings, Very Fine, Webb notes “no history of this stamp or reason for its employment is known, and it seems to have had a short life”, Pearson only provides a dash likely indicating he did not have any additional knowledge of this cancel E. \$400-500
- 4135 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1904, 2c Deep Green, 4c Carmine (LFO64, LFO66; SG Z391-Z392).** 4c vertical pair and single, all cancelled by “Foochow OC 23 12” circular datestamp on registered “On His Majesty’s Service” imprint (crossed out) cover to London, England, sender’s directive “via Siberia”, clearly struck “R FOOCHOW B.P.O. NO.” handstamp (Webb Ty. L, Proud R4) with manuscript “10”, transit and London (Nov. 12) arrival backstamps, Very Fine and scarce registry marking, Pearson rarity “100” indicating less than 50 examples recorded E. \$500-750
- 4136 ☒ **Hong Kong—Foochow, 1889-1897 Group of Wrappers from Foochow.** Four printed wrappers, each with Hong Kong 2c, including “Fairhurst & Co.’s Foochow Tea Report” to Hannover, Germany with original enclosure, “Foochow Market Report” to Bremen, Germany, “Galton & Co.’s Tea Letter” to Halifax, Nova Scotia with original enclosure, and “The Foochow Daily Echo” to Blere, France, few small flaws but mostly Very Fine, a scarce assemblage(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. \$750-1,000

TREATY PORTS—HANKOW



4137

- 4137 ✉ **Hong Kong—Hankow (Shanghai), 1863-65, 2c Brown, 6c Lilac (LSH8, LSH12; SG Z772, Z774).** Tied by **blue barred "S1"** cancel on blue 1874 folded cover to **Hong Kong**, sender's directive "*per China*", **blue** "Shanghae OC 6 74" despatch datestamp on back, internal docketing giving origin as "*Hankow 28 September*", Hong Kong (Oct. 11) arrival backstamp, internally strengthened horizontal file fold, Very Fine, rare use of 2c and 6c on cover from Hankow—between the opening of the Hankow post office in 1872 and delivery of the barred "D29" cancel in 1876, covers were sent uncanceled by steamer down to Shanghai—the appearance of the barred "62B" cancel on covers in 1875 and 1876 give credence to the theory it was used in Hankow prior to the arrival of the "D29" cancellation device E. \$1,000-1,500

One of three recorded covers with the “62B” cancel and Hankow datestamp



4138

4138 ☒ **Hong Kong—Hankow, 1871, 30c Violet (20; SG 16).** Horizontal pair, cancelled by excellent strike of **blue barred “62B”** cancel with **blue “Hankow DE 11 75”** circular datestamp on legal-size cover to London, England, sender’s directive “*via Brindisi or Marseilles*”, Hong Kong (Dec. 20) transit and red London (Jan. 31, 1876) arrival datestamps, cover with couple vertical file folds, minor bends which barely affect stamps, and sealed edge tears at top

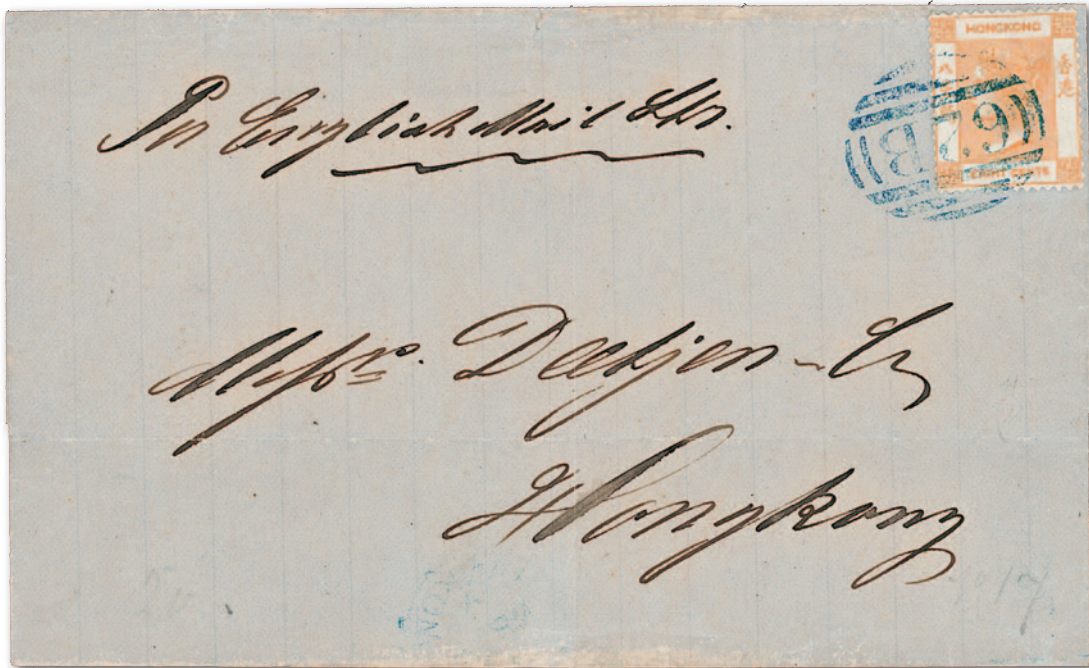
VERY FINE STRIKE OF THE BLUE BARRED “62B” CANCEL USED FROM HANKOW ON COVER TO LONDON. AN IMPORTANT HONG KONG TREATY PORT RARITY WITH ONLY THREE COVERS RECORDED.

The British consulate opened in Hankow in March 1861, but was without a post office. It was not until 1872 that Hankow opened its first post office. Prior to this, mail was sent down by steamer to Shanghai, a process occasionally used even after implementation of their own postal markings. We are aware of three covers with the barred “62B” cancel and the Hankow circular datestamp, two of which are featured in the Magnolia collection:

- 1) Hong Kong, 1865, 24c Green on cover to St. George’s Esplanade, Guernsey. Hankow Aug. 3, 1875 despatch datestamp
- 2) Hong Kong, 1871, 30c Violet horizontal pair on legal-size cover to London, England. Hankow Dec. 11, 1875 despatch datestamp, ex Parker and Beckeman, **the cover offered here**
- 3) Hong Kong, 1865, 8c Orange Buff on folded cover to Hong Kong. Hankow Mar. 18, 1876 despatch backstamp, ex Fortune Wang, **see lot 4139**

Ex Parker and Beckeman. Signed Samuel Ray..... E. \$5,000-7,500

The finest of three recorded covers with the “62B” cancel and Hankow datestamp



4139

4139 ☒ **Hong Kong—Hankow, 1865, 8c Orange Buff (13; SG 11).** Bright color, tied by impressively well-struck **blue barred “62B”** cancel on 1876 folded cover **to Hong Kong**, sender’s directive “*Per English Mail Str.*”, **blue** “Hankow MR 18 76” despatch datestamp on back, Hong Kong (Mar. 28) arrival backstamp, cover with some minor edgewear

EXTREMELY FINE. A TREMENDOUS HONG KONG TREATY PORT RARITY—ONE OF ONLY THREE COVERS FROM HANKOW WITH THE “62B” CANCEL, WHICH WAS USED PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE BARRED “D27” CANCEL. ONE OF THE MOST ICONIC ITEMS FROM THE MAGNOLIA COLLECTION AND PIVOTAL ITEM FOR ANY AWARD-WINNING EXHIBIT.

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- 3) Hong Kong, 1865, 8c Orange Buff on folded cover to Hong Kong. Hankow Mar. 18, 1876 despatch backstamp, ex Fortune Wang, **the cover offered here**

Ex Fortune Wang..... E. \$7,500-10,000



4140

- 4140 ☒ **Hong Kong—Hankow, 1863, 12c Light Blue (LHA9; SG Z431).** Tied by blue barred “D29” cancel with blue “Hankow OC 20 77” circular datestamp on cover to Templemore, Ireland, additionally tied by boldly struck barred “S1” cancel in transit, Shanghai (Oct. 23) and Hong Kong (Oct. 29) transit and Templemore (Dec. 7) arrival backstamps, cover with overall toning which also affects stamp

THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED STRIKE OF THE BARRED “D29” CANCEL IN BLUE ON COVER, MAKING IT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEMS OF HANKOW POSTAL HISTORY.

While off-cover examples are recorded, both Webb and Pearson do not record any complete covers with the barred “D29” cancel in blue. Pearson records only eight covers and four post-cards with the barred “D29” cancel of Hankow in black.

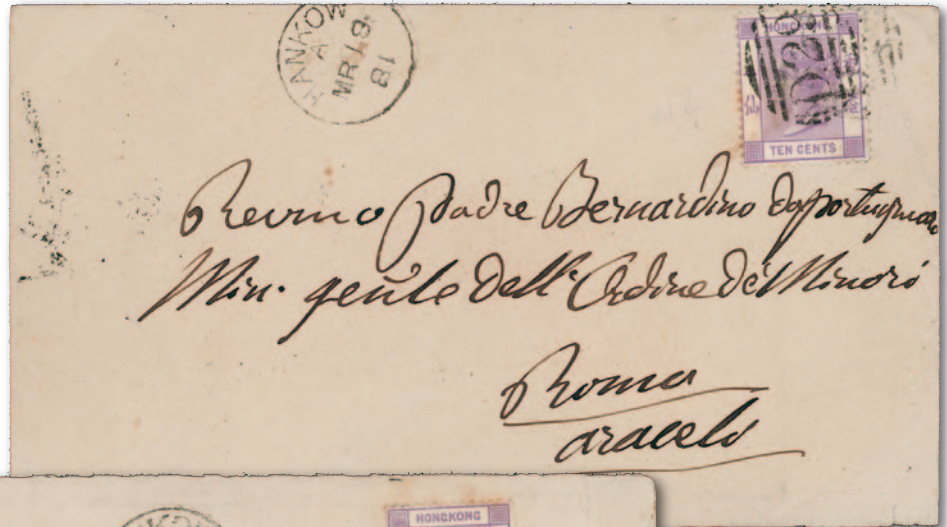
2007 R.P.S. certificate no longer accompanies..... E. \$2,000-3,000



4141

- 4141 ☒ **Hong Kong—Hankow, 1863, 6c Lilac (LHA6; SG Z429).** Tied by barred “D29” cancel with “Hankow OC 19 78” circular datestamp on orange cover to Munich, Germany, additionally tied by partial barred “S1” cancel in transit, Shanghai (Oct. 23), Hong Kong (Oct. 28), and Naples (Dec. 4) transit and Munich (Dec. 6) arrival backstamps, cover with some edgewear and wrinkling, one stamp removed (presumably fell off in transit), otherwise Fine, despite the missing stamp, this is an important Hankow rarity as it is the earliest recorded barred “D29” cover, Pearson records only eight covers and four postcards with the barred “D29” cancel of Hankow in black, ex Richard C.K. Chan..... E. \$500-750

4142



4143

- 4142 ☒ **Hong Kong—Hankow, 1880, 10c Violet (LHA8; SG Z449).** Tied by barred “D29” cancel and a further lighter strike just overlapping with “Hankow MR 18 81” circular datestamp on cover **to Rome, Italy**, Shanghai (Mar. 21), Hong Kong (Mar. 25), and Naples (Apr. 28) transit and Rome (Apr. 29) arrival backstamps

VERY FINE. ONE OF ONLY THREE OR FOUR COVERS CANCELLED SOLELY BY THE BLACK BARRED “D29” CANCEL OF HANKOW. JUST TWELVE COVERS ARE RECORDED WITH THIS CANCEL.

Pearson records only eight covers and four postcards with the barred “D29” cancel of Hankow in black. This includes those overstruck with the barred “S1” cancel of Shanghai. We are aware of two other covers in black with the solely struck barred “D29” cancel (Aug. 16, 1881, ex Burghard and Beckeman, see lot 4143, and Dec. 29, 1883, ex Richard C.K. Chan). E. \$2,000-3,000

- 4143 ☒ **Hong Kong—Hankow, 1880, 10c Violet (LHA8; SG Z449).** Tied by barred “D29” cancel with “Hankow AU 16 81” circular datestamp on cover **to Limoges, France**, Shanghai (Aug. 19), Hong Kong (Aug. 23), red French paquebot (Aug. 25), and red French entry (Sep. 29) transit and Limoges (Sep. 29) arrival datestamps, cover with slight wrinkling along right side and minor wear to corners

VERY FINE. ONLY TWELVE COVERS ARE RECORDED WITH THE BARRED “D29” COVER FROM HANKOW—OF THOSE, ONLY THREE OR FOUR ARE CANCELLED SOLELY WITH THE “D29” CANCEL. AN IMPORTANT HANKOW POSTAL HISTORY RARITY.

Pearson records only eight covers and four postcards with the barred “D29” cancel of Hankow in black. This includes those overstruck with the barred “S1” cancel of Shanghai. We are only aware of two other covers in black with only the barred “D29” cancel (Mar. 18, 1881, see lot 4142, and Dec. 29, 1883, ex Richard C.K. Chan).

Ex Dyer, Burghard, Sussex (“Opening of China”) and Beckeman. E. \$2,000-3,000



4144

- 4144 ☒ **China, Treaty Ports—Ichang, 1894, 2ca Violet (3).** With selvage at top, cancelled by violet “Ichang Post Office” double-circle cancel with additional strike on back of 1895 cover to Catherham Valley, England, used with **Hong Kong—Hankow, 1882, 5c Ultramarine (LHA30; SG Z453)**, vertical pair, tied by “Hankow AP 8 95” circular datestamps, Shanghai (Apr. 12) and Hong Kong (Apr. 16) transit and Catherham Valley (May 19) arrival backstamps, cover with minor corner bend affecting top 5c stamp

VERY FINE. A RARE COMBINATION COVER ORIGINATING IN ICHANG WITH THE 2-CANDARINS VIOLET PAYING INTERNAL POSTAGE BEFORE ENTERING BRITISH MAILES IN HANKOW.

Few combination covers are recorded—especially rare sent through the Hankow post office rather than Shanghai.

With 1976 B.P.A. certificate..... E. \$3,000-4,000



4145

- 4145 ☒ **Hong Kong—Hankow, 1898, 10c on 30c Gray Green (LHA49; SG Z468).** Two horizontal pairs, all tied by “Hankow MY 13 98” circular datestamps on **registered** cover to **Sydney, Australia**, “R” in circle handstamp (Webb Ty. R1, Proud R2), Shanghai (May 16) and Hong Kong (May 20) transit and Sydney (Jun. 13) arrival backstamps, cover with some flaws including edgewear and few small pieces missing at top from rough opening, slightly reduced at right, otherwise Fine, this is thought to be the only known cover from Hankow with the 1898 surcharged issue, ex Burghard..... E. \$750-1,000

TREATY PORTS—KIUNG CHOW (HOIHOW)



4146

4146 ✉ **Hong Kong—Kiung Chow (Hoihow), 1865-71, 2c Brown, 30c Violet (LKC1, LKC11; SG Z540, Z548).** Tied by clearly struck “Kiung Chow” oval datestamp with “Registered” removed (Webb Cii, Proud D2) and manuscript “7th Oct. 85” date added on blue legal-size cover to London, England, London arrival backstamp, cover refolded at left for display purposes, also with some faults predominately along right edge and missing part of top flap, small insect hole just below stamps which affect “N” of cancel, stamps with some soiling

FINE. AN EXCEPTIONAL USE OF THE KIUNG CHOW OVAL DATESTAMP WITH THE “REGISTERED” REMOVED. VERY FEW OUTGOING COVERS ARE THOUGHT TO EXIST. ONE OF THE RAREST OF ALL TREATY PORT MARKINGS.

According to official records, on June 9, 1876, three postal markings were sent from London for use in Kiung Chow: a) barred “D28” cancel, b) “Kiung-Chow” circular datestamp, and c) “Registered Kiung-Chow” oval datestamp. No covers with any of these markings are recorded. Off-cover examples of the “D28” and circular datestamp are recorded on Hong Kong stamps—these are scarce to very rare, and they prove the markings were used. There are no G.P.O. records of the next Hoihow circular datestamp (Webb Ty. D), but the earliest date of use is in 1885.

After the “D28” device was withdrawn from use, the oval registered mail datestamp was modified by removing the word “Registered,” which left a blank area at top. Richard C. K. Chan owned two postal cards—an outbound 1c Hong Kong UPU card dated September 22, 1884, which was included in the Cavendish sale of Chan’s collection (Mar. 6, 2003), and the inbound U.S. postal card in the Magnolia collection (Sale 1261, lot 678). We were unaware of the cover offered here when we sold the inbound U.S. postal card. E. \$2,000-3,000



- 4147 ☒ **Hong Kong—Hoihow, 1882, 5c Ultramarine (LKC26; SG Z566).** Tied by “Hoihow SP 21 93” circular datestamp (Webb Ty. D, Proud D4) on cover to **Tokyo, Japan**, Hong Kong (Sept. 23) and Yokohama transit and arrival datestamps, red manuscript check mark also ties stamp, cover with top flap missing, Very Fine, Pearson rarity “RR” indicating ten or less known E. \$500-750
- 4148 ☒ **Hong Kong—Hoihow, 1891, 10c Violet on Red (LKC30; SG Z569).** Tied by “Hoihow NO 21 93” circular datestamp (Webb Ty. D, Proud D4) on cover to **Tarjan, Hungary**, Hong Kong (Nov. 24) and Ligne N (Nov. 29) transit and faint arrival datestamps, cover just barely reduced at left and with slight toned bands, Very Fine, Pearson rarity “RR” indicating ten or less known..... E. \$400-500
- 4149 ☒ **Hong Kong—Hoihow, 1882, 5c Ultramarine (LKC26; SG Z566).** Horizontal pair, tied by “Hoihow NO 30 98” circular datestamps (Webb Ty. E, Proud D5) with additional strike on cover to **Wisner, Nebraska**, Hong Kong and San Francisco (Jan. 3, 1899) transit and Wisner arrival backstamps, “American Presbyterian Mission, Hainan” oval handstamp, cover with slightly rough opening at top, Very Fine, Pearson rarity “RR” indicating 10 or less known E. \$400-500



4150

- 4150 ☒ **Hong Kong—Hoihow, 1882, 5c Ultramarine (LKC26; SG Z566).** Vertical pair, tied by two bold strikes of “Hoihow NO 26 00” circular datestamps (Webb Ty. G) on cover to **Orange N.J.**, Hong Kong (Nov. 28) and New York (Jan. 6, 1901) transit and Orange (Jan. 6) arrival backstamps, cover roughly opened at top, Very Fine, Pearson rarity “RR” indicating 10 or less known..... E. \$400-500



4151

- 4151 ☒ **Hong Kong—Hoihow, 1912, 4c Carmine (LKC76; SG Z627).** Tied by “Hoihow OC 16 15” circular datestamp on **registered** military cover to **soldier in the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force**, which was based in **Egypt** at this time, sender’s directive “Via Suez Canal”, bold strike of “R HOIHOW B.P.O. NO” registry handstamp (Proud R4) with manuscript “203”, second stamp (presumably a 10c) missing which fell off during transit, manuscript “Please Forward” which anticipated the lengthy journey this cover made to different battlegrounds and hospitals in search for the addressee, who was evidently wounded, with three or four different manuscript markings of different hospitals visited including “Dardanelles” before ultimately finding him with “All Saints Camp, Malta 2-1-16” on back, Hong Kong (Oct. 18), Alexandria (Nov. 13), and other Base Army Office transit backstamps, cover understandably with flaws and edgewear, Fine and interesting WWI cover, the Hoihow registry marking is exceptionally rare with only a handful of examples thought to exist, ex Richard C.K. Chan..... E. \$400-500

TREATY PORTS—NINGPO



4152

4153

- 4152 ☒ **Hong Kong—Ningpo, 1865, 8c Orange Buff, 24c Green (LNG6, LNG11; SG Z656, Z659).** 8c with wing margin trimmed at left, each tied by light strikes of blue barred “N1” cancel on 1870 blue cover to Greenwich, England, sender’s directive “Via Marseilles”, blue “Ningpo AU 24 70” despatch datestamp on back, Hong Kong (Aug. 30) and London (Oct. 19) transit backstamps, cover with slight edgewear

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE EARLIEST USE OF THE BARRED “N1” CANCEL OF NINGPO—ONLY FIFTEEN COVERS ARE RECORDED, WITH JUST SEVEN STRUCK IN BLUE. AN IMPORTANT TREATY PORT RARITY.

Pearson records just fifteen barred “N1” cancels from Ningpo. Seven covers are known in blue. Five covers and three postcards are known in black. Mail from Ningpo is also known with the barred “S1” of Shanghai overstruck. Mail from Ningpo was sent on the first available steamer, either to Shanghai where it was transferred to Hong Kong, or directly to Hong Kong. Of interesting note, this cover was sent via Marseilles on the last sailing before the Brindisi route was used due to the Franco-Prussian War.

Ex Ishikawa, Richard C.K. Chan and “Mosaic”. E. \$2,000-3,000

- 4153 ☒ **Hong Kong—Ningpo, 1863, 12c Light Blue (LNG8; SG Z657).** Horizontal pair, tied by clearly struck barred “N1” cancels with “Ningpo NO 7 73” circular datestamp on blue cover to Harrow on the Hill, England, sender’s directive “Via Southampton”, Hong Kong (Nov. 13) transit and Harrow (Dec. 30) arrival backstamps, cover with few small flaws such as edgewear and minor tears, file folds, missing piece of bottom flap

FINE AND RARE. ONLY EIGHT COVERS WITH THE BARRED “N1” CANCEL IN BLACK ARE RECORDED.

Pearson records just fifteen barred “N1” cancels from Ningpo. Seven covers are known in blue. Five covers and three postcards are known in black. Mail from Ningpo is also known with the barred “S1” of Shanghai overstruck. E. \$2,000-3,000



- 4154 ☒ **Hong Kong—Ningpo, 1865, 2c Brown, 8c Orange Buff (LNG2, LNG6; SG Z653, Z656).** 2c horizontal pair, cancelled or tied by light strikes of **barred “N1”** cancel with “Ningpo JY ? 78” circular datestamp on mourning cover to Wellington, England, sender’s directive “*Per French Mail*”, stamps additionally tied by **barred “S1”** cancels in transit, Shanghai (Jul. 27) and Hong Kong transit and Wellington (Sep. 9) arrival backstamps, cover with some edgewear and missing small piece of backflap
- VERY FINE. A RARE MOURNING COVER ORIGINATING IN NINGPO WITH THE BARRED “N1” CANCEL AND OVERSTRUCK “S1” IN TRANSIT AT SHANGHAI. ONLY EIGHT COVERS WITH THE BARRED “N1” CANCEL IN BLACK ARE RECORDED.
- Pearson records just fifteen barred “N1” cancels from Ningpo. Seven covers are known in blue. Five covers and three postcards are known in black. Mail from Ningpo is also known with the barred “S1” of Shanghai overstruck, as in this case. Mail from Ningpo was sent on the first available steamer, either to Shanghai where it was transferred to Hong Kong, or directly to Hong Kong.
- With 1998 B.P.A. certificate..... E. \$2,000-3,000
- 4155 ☒ **Hong Kong—Ningpo, 1879, 5c on 18c Lilac (LNG23; SG Z669).** Two singles, cancelled by clear strike of **barred “N1”** cancel with “Ningpo JA 26 81” circular datestamp on yellow cover to Manchester, England, sender’s directive “*Per French Packet*”, Shanghai (Jan. 27) and Hong Kong (Jan. 31) transit and Manchester (Mar. 7) arrival backstamps, cover slightly reduced at left and long horizontal tear thru datestamp, minor edgewear
- FINE. A VERY RARE USE OF THE 1879 SURCHARGE ISSUE WITH THE BARRED “N1” CANCEL OF NINGPO ON COVER. ONLY EIGHT COVERS STRUCK IN BLACK ARE RECORDED.
- Pearson records just fifteen barred “N1” cancels from Ningpo. Seven covers are known in blue. Five covers and three postcards are known in black. Mail from Ningpo is also known with the barred “S1” of Shanghai overstruck. Mail from Ningpo was sent on the first available steamer, either to Shanghai where it was transferred to Hong Kong, or directly to Hong Kong.
- Ex Burghard, Ishikawa, D’Almada and Beckeman..... E. \$2,000-3,000



4156

4156 ☒ **Hong Kong—Ningpo, 1882, 10c Green (LNG33; SG Z681).** Tied by “Ningpo FE 27 90” circular datestamp (Webb Ty. B, Proud D1) with additional strike at bottom left on cover **to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**, Shanghai (Feb. 28) and Hong Kong (Mar. 3) transit and Philadelphia (Apr. 14) arrival backstamps, cover with slight soiling, Very Fine and scarce use of this cancel on cover used after the withdrawal of the “N1” cancel, ex Rowell.. E. \$400-500



4157

4157 ☒ **Hong Kong—Ningpo, 1882, 2c Rose Lake, 5c Ultramarine (LNG27, LNG31; SG Z677, Z679).** Tied by two strikes of “Ningpo MY 28 91” circular datestamps (Webb Ty. B, Proud D1) with additional strike at bottom left on underpaid cover **to Coblenz, Germany**, sender’s directive “per Mail Packet”, clearly struck “**T** in circle handstamp (Webb unlisted, Proud UP2), Shanghai (May 29) and Hong Kong (Jun. 2) transit and Coblenz arrival backstamps, blue manuscript due rate markings, 5c with slight soiling, Very Fine and scarce use of this cancel on cover used after the withdrawal of the “N1” cancel, only a few examples of the “T” handstamp are thought to exist from Ningpo (one example recorded by Proud)..... E. \$500-750

German stamps used in Ningpo and cancelled by the rare Ningpo rhomboid of dots



4158

4158 ☒ **Germany, Used in Ningpo/Shanghai, 1889, 10pf Carmine (48; Michel V47d).** Two singles, improperly cancelled by **rhomboid of dots** and tied by “Ningpo MY 2 95” circular datestamps with additional strike at top center of cover **to Broich, Germany**, additionally tied by German “Shanghai 3/5 95” circular datestamp with additional strike at top center, red manuscript “*frei, versehentlich in Ningpo gestempelt*” (translating to “free, accidentally stamped in Ningpo”) with further “*frei*” at bottom left, Mullheim (Jun. 10) transit backstamp, cover with some edgewear which just affects stamps due to placement on cover

VERY FINE. A SPECTACULAR AND FASCINATING EXAMPLE OF GERMAN STAMPS USED IN NINGPO AND CANCELLED BY THE VERY RARE RHOMBOID OF DOTS CANCEL. ONLY TWO SUCH GERMAN FRANKINGS ARE KNOWN—FEWER THAN FIVE COVERS WITH THE NINGPO DOTS CANCELS ARE THOUGHT TO EXIST.

We are aware of one other part cover (see lot 4159), which has a similar franking, addressed to a different individual in Germany but cancelled on the same day. We theorize this was mistakenly placed in the mails at Ningpo rather than being carried privately to Shanghai for despatch directly from the German post office. The post office in Ningpo either made a very special concession and accepted the mail or it was a complete oversight by a careless postal employee. Regardless, the use of the rhomboid of dots cancel is very rare. Pearson assigns a rarity rating of “RRR” indicating less than five covers are known. This is the earliest date recorded by Webb. E. \$3,000-4,000



- 4159 **Germany, Used in Ningpo/Shanghai, 1889, 10pf Carmine (48; Michel V47d).** Improperly tied by rhomboid of dots and “Ningpo MY 2 95” circular datestamp on wrapper front only to **Hamburg, Germany**, additionally tied by German “Shanghai 3/5 95” circular datestamp with additional strike at top center, red manuscript “*frei, versehentlich in Ningpo gestempelt*” (translating to “free, accidentally stamped in Ningpo”), Very Fine, an interesting use of the German stamp in Ningpo, we are aware of only one other example (see lot 4158), we theorize this was mistakenly placed in the mails at Ningpo rather than being carried privately to Shanghai for despatch directly from the German post office, the post office in Ningpo either made a very special concession and accepted the mail or it was a complete oversight by a careless postal employee, Pearson assigns the rhomboid of dots cancel a rarity rating of “RRR” indicating less than five covers are known, this is the earliest date recorded by Webb, with 1979 R.P.S. certificate E. \$750-1,000
- 4160 ☒ **Hong Kong—Ningpo, 1882, 5c Ultramarine (LNG31; SG Z679).** Horizontal pair, tied by slightly oily strikes of “Ningpo JY 9 96” circular datestamps (Webb Ty. B, Proud D1) with additional strike at top center on cover to Tunbridge Wells, England, forwarded to St. Leonards on Sea, manuscript “*Not known at 27 Marina*” notation also ties stamps, Shanghai (Jul. 10) and Tunbridge Wells (Aug. 19) transit (the latter ties pair) and St. Leonards on Sea (Aug. 19) arrival datestamps, minor cover tear at top, Very Fine and scarce use of this cancel on cover used after the withdrawal of the “N1” cancel, ex Richard C.K. Chan and “Mosaic” E. \$500-750
- 4161 ☒ **Hong Kong—Ningpo, 1898, 10c on Gray Green (LNG45; SG Z693).** Tied by “Ningpo OC 22 98” circular datestamp (Webb Ty. B, Proud D1) with additional strike beside on cover to **Vitry sur Seine, France**, violet “G.M.H. Playfair,/H.B.M. Consulate,/Ningpo” three-line handstamp, partial Shanghai and Hong Kong (Oct. 27) transit and faint arrival backstamps, Very Fine and scarce use of this cancel, particularly with the 1898 surcharged issue, of which only three examples on cover are recorded, ex Parker..... E. \$400-500

TREATY PORTS—SWATOW



4163

4164

- 4162 ☒ **Hong Kong—Swatow, 1864 Stampless Cover from Swatow.** Clearly struck red “Forwarded by Dircks & Co., Swatau” oval handstamp (Rowe unlisted) on back, entering mails with blue “Hong Kong FE 28 64” circular despatch datestamp on back, addressed to **Hamburg, Germany**, red framed “VIA TRIESTE” directive handstamp, red framed “PAID” handstamp (applied in Hong Kong), Hamburg (Apr. 14) arrival backstamp, various manuscript markings, cover with slight damage to top flap and sealed tear at left, Fine, this rare cover is believed to be the earliest from Swatow sent by the British Consular Post (and entering the mails at Hong Kong)..... E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4163 ☒ **Hong Kong—Swatow, 1865, 8c Orange Buff (13; SG 11).** Horizontal pair, cancelled by barred “B62” cancels on 1869 cover to **Bristol N.H.**, sender’s directive “By Pacific Mail”, “Swatow JY 15 69” despatch datestamp (Webb Ty. B, Proud D2) on back, red Hong Kong Paid All (Jul. 16) and red San Francisco (Aug. 19) transit datestamps, red manuscript “8” rate marking, right stamp with fault at bottom right, otherwise Very Fine, rare use of the “B62” cancel of Hong Kong in transit on a cover from Swatow to the U.S., predates the widespread use of the “S2” cancel, Pearson rarity “RRR” indicating less than five known..... E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4164 ☒ **Hong Kong—Swatow, 1865, 8c Orange Buff (13; SG 11).** Tied by barred “B62” cancel on blue 1874 cover to **St. Albans, Vermont**, blue “Swatow JY 21 74” despatch datestamp (Webb Ty. B, Proud D2) on back, red Hong Kong Paid All (Jul. 22) and red San Francisco (Aug. 25) transit datestamps, cover opened for display, with edgewear and some tape sealing a few edge tears, Fine and rare use of the “B62” cancel of Hong Kong in transit on a cover from Swatow to the U.S., predates the widespread use of the “S2” cancel, Pearson rarity “RRR” indicating less than five covers known E. \$400-500



4165

4166

4165 ☒ **Hong Kong—Swatow, 1865, 8c Orange Buff (LSW7; SG Z889).** Wing margin at left, tied by exceptionally well-struck **blue barred “S2”** cancel on 1876 cover **to Mifflin, Pennsylvania**, sender’s directive “*pr S.S. Colorado*”, partial blue Swatow despatch datestamp (Webb Ty. B, Proud D2) on back, red Hong Kong Paid All (Apr. 1? 76) and red San Francisco transit date-stamps, cover with light wrinkling and slight overall soiling

VERY FINE. A SUPERB STRIKE OF THE “S2” CANCEL OF SWATOW IN BLUE—ONE OF FINEST OF ONLY SIX BLUE “S2” COVERS RECORDED. THIS IS THOUGHT TO BE THE EARLIEST STRIKE OF THE “S2” CANCEL IN EITHER BLACK OR BLUE.

Pearson records a total of 30 “S2” covers in this type—six in blue and 24 in black. There is another slightly different “S2” type (Webb Ty. Aii, Proud K1), which is known only in black with only two covers recorded. Unfortunately, the Swatow despatch datestamp on this cover is too faint to read the year date. The Hong Kong transit marking has a clearly struck second number “6” for the year date. The “Paid All” cancel came into use for the Hong Kong-U.S. postal treaty of 1868 and remained in use until 1877 (per Proud). Therefore, this confirms the 1876 use, making it the earliest use of the “S2” cancel on cover. According to Webb, it is thought that this postal device was supplied to Hong Kong around the end of 1866 and would have been used “on loose letters received at the ports.” E. \$2,000-3,000

4166 ☒ **Hong Kong—Swatow, 1863, 4c Slate (LSW4; SG Z887).** Tied by **barred “S2”** cancel with “Swatow AP 3 78” circular datestamp (Webb Ty. B, Proud D2) on blue cover **to the U.S. Consulate in Hankow**, Hong Kong (Apr. 4) and Shanghai (Apr. 10) transit backstamps, cover with some edgewear and staining at top left, Very Fine, reported to be the earliest of the 24 covers with the “S2” cancel in black (predates the earliest recorded in Webb, Aug. 9, 1878), Pearson records a total of 30 “S2” covers in this type—six in blue and 24 in black—and there is another slightly different “S2” type (Webb Ty. Aii, Proud K1), of which only two covers are recorded—signed Holcombe E. \$1,500-2,000



4167

- 4167 ☒ **Hong Kong—Swatow, 1863, 12c Light Blue (LSW9; SG Z890).** Wing margin at left, tied by barred “S2” cancel with “Swatow SP 26 78” circular datestamp (Webb Ty. B, Proud D2) on cover to **Stratham, New Hampshire**, Wingate correspondence, sender’s directive “Via San Francisco”, Hong Kong (Sep. 28) and red San Francisco (Oct. 31) transit datestamps, Very Fine, an attractive “S2” cover, Pearson records a total of 30 “S2” covers in this type—six in blue and 24 in black—and there is another slightly different “S2” type (Webb Ty. Aii, Proud K1), of which only two covers are recorded—ex Dyer and Sussex (“Opening of China”)..... E. \$1,000-1,500



4168

- 4168 ☒ **Hong Kong—Swatow, 1863-65, 4c Slate, 8c Orange Buff (LSW4, LSW7; SG Z887, Z889).** Tied by bold strike of barred “S2” cancel with “Swatow JY 21 79” circular datestamp (Webb Ty. B, Proud D2) on cover to Rugby, England, sender’s directive “By first mail”, Hong Kong (Jul. 22) and “**Hong Kong Too Late, JY 22 79**” (Webb Ty. BB, Proud I9) transit and Rugby arrival backstamps
 VERY FINE AND RARE TWO-COLOR FRANKING WITH THE BARRED “S2” CANCEL OF SWATOW. DESIRABLE WITH AN EARLY USE OF THE HONG KONG “TOO LATE” DATESTAMP.
 Pearson records a total of 30 “S2” covers in this type—six in blue and 24 in black—and there is another slightly different “S2” type (Webb Ty. Aii, Proud K1), of which only two covers are recorded. The Hong Kong “Too Late” cancel is quite scarce and rated “100” by Pearson (less than 50 recorded). This is used during the first year listed by Proud.
 Ex Dr. Towers..... E. \$2,000-3,000



4169

- 4169 ☒ **Hong Kong—Swatow, 1863, 4c Slate (LSW4; SG Z887).** Wing margin at right, tied by bold blue barred “S2” cancel on 1879 printed stationery wrapper with original contents to **Hamburg, Germany**, printed “Via Brindisi” directive, faint Hamburg arrival backstamp, small portion of wrapper missing at back

VERY FINE. AN EXCEPTIONAL STRIKE OF THE “S2” CANCEL OF SWATOW IN BLUE. ONLY SIX COVERS WITH THIS CANCEL IN BLUE ARE RECORDED—LIKELY THE ONLY PRINTED MATTER USAGE.

Pearson records a total of 30 “S2” covers in this type—six in blue and 24 in black—and there is another slightly different “S2” type (Webb Ty. Aii, Proud K1), of which only two covers are recorded. E. \$2,000-3,000



4170

- 4170 ☒ **Hong Kong—Swatow, 1863, 12c Light Blue (LSW9; SG Z890).** Tied by bold and complete strike of barred “S2” cancel with “Swatow JA 26 80” circular datestamp (Webb Ty. B, Proud D2) on cover to Rugby, England, sender’s directive “By English Mail”, Hong Kong transit and Rugby (Mar. 4) arrival backstamps, stamp with slightly bent perfs from placement on cover, Very Fine, Pearson records a total of 30 “S2” covers in this type—six in blue and 24 in black—and there is another slightly different “S2” type (Webb Ty. Aii, Proud K1), of which only two covers are recorded—ex Dr. Towers. E. \$1,500-2,000



4171

- 4171 ☒ **Hong Kong—Swatow, 1879, 5c on 18c Lilac (LSW23; SG Z902).** Tied by barred “S2” cancel with “Swatow AU 26 80” circular datestamp (Webb Ty. B, Proud D2) on cover to **Hong Kong**, sender’s directive “Pr S.S. Namoo”, Hong Kong (Aug. 27) arrival backstamp

VERY FINE. AN INCREDIBLY RARE USE OF THE 5-CENTS ON 18-CENTS SURCHARGE ISSUE IN SWATOW WITH THE BARRED “S2” CANCEL.

Pearson records a total of 30 “S2” covers in this type—six in blue and 24 in black—and there is another slightly different “S2” type (Webb Ty. Aii, Proud K1), of which only two covers are recorded.

Ex Rose-Hutchinson, Major Hopkins and Ishikawa. Illustrated in Webb *Hong Kong & Treaty Ports of China & Japan* (Plate 74). E. \$2,000-3,000



4172

- 4172 ☒ **Hong Kong—Swatow, 1880 “ONE CENT” on 4c Slate Postal Card.** Cancelled by barred “S2” cancel with “Swatow NO 28 80” circular datestamp (Webb Ty. B, Proud D2), addressed to Hong Kong, printed “Via Brindisi & London” directive crossed out, Hong Kong (Nov. 29) arrival datestamp, message side with some prior mounting remnants, reported to be the earliest recorded use of the “One Cent” surcharged postal card—Pearson records a total of 30 “S2” covers in this type—six in blue and 24 in black—and there is another slightly different “S2” type (Webb Ty. Aii, Proud K1), of which only two covers are recorded—this is the only postal card in that group E. \$1,000-1,500



- 4173 ☒ **Hong Kong—Swatow, 1880, 10c Violet (LSW8; SG Z908).** Tied by **barred “S2”** cancel with “Swatow SP 26 81” circular datestamp (Webb Ty. B, Proud D2) on cover **to Rochester N.Y.**, sender’s directive “Via San Francisco”, Hong Kong (Sept. 27) and red San Francisco (Oct. 28) transit and Rochester (Nov. 3) arrival backstamps, accompanied by original enclosure from a missionary serving in Swatow, Very Fine, Pearson records a total of 30 “S2” covers in this type—six in blue and 24 in black—and there is another slightly different “S2” type (Webb Ty. Aii, Proud K1), of which only two covers are recorded E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4174 ☒ **Hong Kong—Swatow, 1882, 5c Ultramarine (LSW32; SG Z912).** Tied by faint but clear strike of **barred “S2”** cancel with “Swatow JA 27 83” circular datestamp (Webb Ty. B, Proud D2) on cover **to the U.S. Consul in Foochow**, Wingate correspondence, Foochowfoo (Feb. 1) arrival backstamp, Fine, Pearson records a total of 30 “S2” covers in this type—six in blue and 24 in black—and there is another slightly different “S2” type (Webb Ty. Aii, Proud K1), of which only two covers are recorded E. \$750-1,000
- 4175 ☒ **Hong Kong—Swatow, 1882, 10c Lilac (LSW34; SG Z913).** Tied by faint but legible strike of **barred “S2”** cancel with “Swatow DE 1 83” circular datestamp (Webb Ty. C, Proud D2) on cover **to Cleveland O.**, sender’s directive “Via San Francisco”, Hong Kong (Dec. 3) and red San Francisco (Jan. 2, 1884) transit and partial Cleveland arrival backstamps, cover missing top flap, edge tear at top and some slight toning which just affects the stamp, Fine, Pearson records a total of 30 “S2” covers in this type—six in blue and 24 in black—and there is another slightly different “S2” type (Webb Ty. Aii, Proud K1), of which only two covers are recorded—it is thought that the Webb Ty. C (Proud D2) datestamp with the curved “Swatow” was sent to the main post office branch in Swatow and the original datestamp with the straight “Swatow” was sent to the newly established post office in Swatow on the other side of the Han River..... E. \$750-1,000



4177

4176

- 4176 ☒ **Hong Kong—Swatow, 1882, 5c Ultramarine (LSW32; SG Z912).** Tied by faint but clear strike of **barred “S2”** cancel, **second type (Webb Ty. Aii)** with “Swatow DE 20 84” circular datestamp (Webb Ty. C, Proud D2) on cover to the U.S. Consul in Foochow, Wingate correspondence, Foochowfoo (Dec. 23) arrival backstamp

VERY FINE. ONLY TWO EXAMPLES OF THIS “S2” SECOND TYPE ON COVER ARE RECORDED.

This second type of “S2” (Webb Aii) is very similar to the original cancel, but differs slightly in font size—it is about 1mm taller and slightly narrower in width. Pearson records only two covers with the second type “S2”. It is thought that the Webb Ty. C (Proud D2) datestamp with the curved “Swatow” was sent to the main post office branch in Swatow and the original datestamp with the straight “Swatow” was sent to the newly established post office in Swatow on the other side of the Han River.

Ex “Antonia”. E. \$2,000-3,000

- 4177 ☒ **Hong Kong—Swatow, 1882, 10c Green (LSW35; SG Z914).** Tied by two strikes of **barred “S2”** cancel, **second type (Webb Ty. Aii)** with “Swatow AP 11 85” circular datestamp (Webb Ty. C, Proud D2) on legal-size cover to Hong Kong, Hong Kong (Apr. 14) arrival backstamp, cover with couple file folds and stray toned spots

VERY FINE. ONE OF ONLY TWO EXAMPLES OF THIS “S2” SECOND TYPE ON COVER RECORDED.

This second type of “S2” (Webb Aii) is very similar to the original cancel, but differs slightly in font size—it is about 1mm taller and slightly narrower in width. Pearson records only two covers with the second type “S2”. It is thought that the Webb Ty. C (Proud D2) datestamp with the curved “Swatow” was sent to the main post office branch in Swatow and the original datestamp with the straight “Swatow” was sent to the newly established post office in Swatow on the other side of the Han River.

Ex Burghard. With 2004 R.P.S. certificate. E. \$2,000-3,000



4178

- 4178 ☒ **Hong Kong—Swatow, 1882, 5c Ultramarine, 10c Green (LSW32, LSW35; SG Z912, Z914).** 10c vertical pair and single, all tied by exceptionally bold strikes of barred “S2” cancels with “Swatow AU 13 85” circular datestamp (Webb Ty. C, Proud D2) on **registered** legal-size “On Her Majesty’s Service” imprint cover to Hong Kong, “R” in circle handstamp (Webb unlisted, Proud R3), cover with few file folds and 10c single with pulled corner perf

VERY FINE. ONE OF THE FINEST STRIKES OF THE 24 RECORDED “S2” COVERS IN BLACK. THIS IS ALSO BELIEVED TO BE THE ONLY KNOWN REGISTERED USE WITH THE “S2” CANCEL AND THE EARLIEST STRIKE OF THIS CANCEL. IT IS THE LATEST RECORDED DATE OF THE CURVED “SWATOW” DATESTAMP.

Pearson records a total of 30 “S2” covers in this type—six in blue and 24 in black—and there is another slightly different “S2” type (Webb Ty. Aii, Proud K1), of which only two covers are recorded. It is thought that the Webb Ty. C (Proud D2) datestamp with the curved “Swatow” was sent to the main post office branch in Swatow and the original datestamp with the straight “Swatow” was sent to the newly established post office in Swatow on the other side of the Han river.

Ex Riddell and D’Almada. E. \$2,000-3,000



4179



4180

- 4179 ☒ **Hong Kong—Swatow, 1882, 10c Green (LSW35; SG Z914).** Tied by “Swatow JU 18 88” circular datestamp (Webb Ty. B, Proud D2) on cover to **Cassel, Germany, Hong Kong** (Jun. 19) transit and Cassel (Jul. 28) arrival backstamps, cover with minor toned spots which just affect stamp, otherwise Very Fine, a rare and late use of this straight “Swatow” cancel after the withdrawal of the “S2” cancel, Pearson rarity “RR” indicating ten or less covers known E. \$300-400

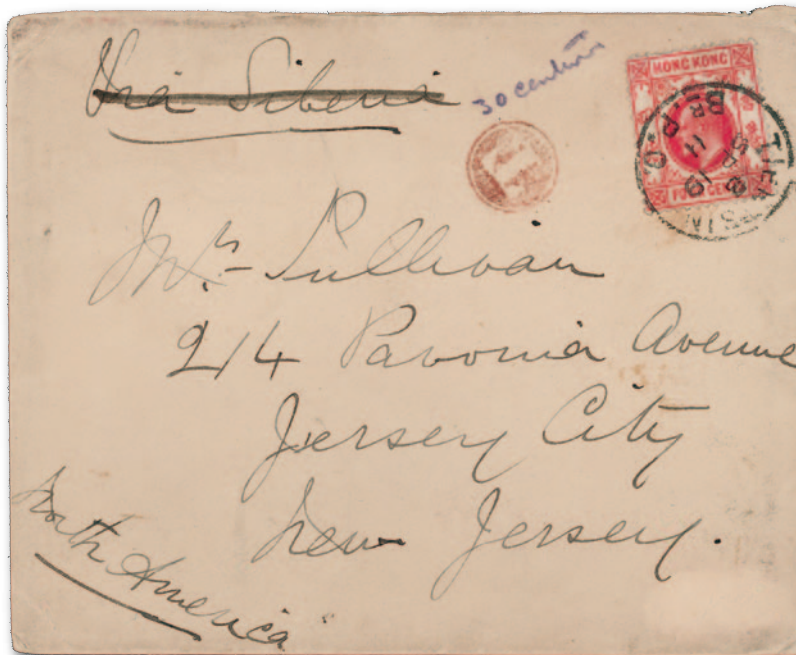
- 4180 ☒ **Hong Kong—Swatow, 1898, 10c on 30c Gray Green (LSW52; SG Z927).** Tied by light strike of “Swatow AP 5 99” circular datestamp (Webb Ty. E, Proud D5) on bluish cover with printed address to **Vitry sur Seine, France**, violet “H.B.M. Consulate B.M.H. Playfair” handstamp with manuscript “Swatow” below, Hong Kong (Apr. 6) and Ligne N (Apr. 8) transit and Vitry sur Seine (May 6) arrival backstamps, cover with minor edge tears at top, Very Fine, a particularly scarce use of the 10c surcharge on cover from Swatow, unlikely more than a few exist E. \$300-400

TREATY PORTS—TIENTSIN



4181 front and back

- 4181 ✉ **Hong Kong—Tientsin, 1882, 10c Green (43; SG 37a).** Cancelled by barred “B62” cancel with “Hong Kong JY 21 84” circular datestamp on cover to Peking, cover originating **in Tientsin** with “**Customs Tientsin JUL 31 84**” double-circle datestamp, “PAKHOI” handstamp on back (which was added later), Very Fine and scarce letter out of the Tientsin Customs office, ex Sir Percival David, with 2004 R.P.S. certificate..... E. \$500-750



4182

- 4182 ✉ **Hong Kong—Tientsin, 1904, 4c Carmine (LST10; SG Z1017).** Tied by “Tientsin Br. P.O. SP 19 11” circular datestamp (Webb Ty. B, Proud D6) on underpaid cover **to Jersey City N.J.**, sender’s directive “*Via Siberia*” crossed out, well-struck **red negative “T” handstamp** (Webb unlisted, Proud UP2) and manuscript “30 centimes”, Shanghai (Sep. 25) transit backstamp, Very Fine and scarce marking E. \$200-300

TREATY PORTS—WEI HAI WEI

1898 ISSUE—STAMPS OFF COVER



- 4183 ★ **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 2c Black on Red (1).** Without gum as issued, huge to large margins, partial G. L. Fergusson signature on back, couple natural paper translucencies, Extremely Fine, ex Fortune Wang, Scott \$600 E. \$200-300
- 4184 ★ **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 2c Black on Red (1).** Without gum as issued, partial Fergusson signature inverted on back, large to ample margins, faint horizontal crease, Very Fine appearance, Scott \$600 E. \$200-300
- 4185 ★ **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 2c Black on Red (1).** Without gum as issued, Fergusson signature on back, large to ample margins just touching “C&Co WHW” handstamp at sides, slight trace of paper discoloration, otherwise Fine, Scott \$600 E. \$200-300
- 4186 ★ **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 2c Black on Red (1).** Vertical pair, without gum as issued, mostly large margins to just touching outer frame of “C&Co WHW” chop at top right, top stamp with “L.F.” initials only, bottom stamp with partial G. L. Fergusson signature, Very Fine and rare, thought to be the only example with Fergusson initials only, Scott \$1,200 as two normal singles E. \$750-1,000
- 4187 ★ **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 2c Black on Red (1).** Horizontal pair, without gum as issued, mostly large margins, vertical paper join at right, complete “G. L. Fergusson” signature, Very Fine, Scott \$1,200 as two singles E. \$400-500
- 4188 ★ **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 2c Black on Red (1).** Horizontal pair, without gum as issued, large to ample margins, mostly complete “G. L. Fergusson” signature on back, couple natural paper translucencies, Very Fine, ex Fortune Wang, Scott \$1,200 as singles E. \$400-500
- 4189 ★ **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 2c Black on Red (1).** Horizontal strip of three, without gum as issued, complete “G. L. Fergusson” signature inverted on back, large to ample margins, few faint natural paper translucencies, Very Fine, a scarce and handsome strip, Scott \$1,800 as singles E. \$500-750



4190

4190 ★田 **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 2c Black on Red (1).** Block of four, Positions 27-28/41-42, without gum as issued, vertical paper join thru right pair, mostly large margins to just touching outer frame of "C&Co WHW" chop at bottom left, complete "G. L. Fergusson" inverted on back of each pair, bold color, Very Fine, a rare and desirable multiple, ex Sir Percival David (as part of a complete sheet) and Frederick and Tomiko Bartlett, Scott \$2,400 as singles..... E. \$1,000-1,500

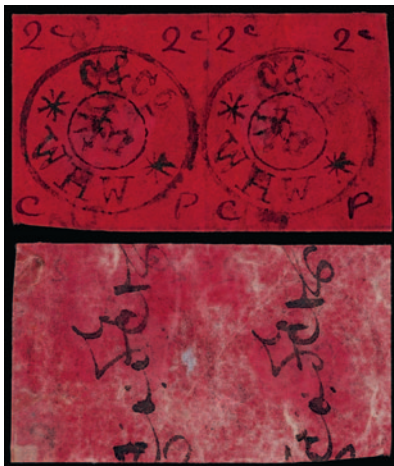
4191 ★田 **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 2c Black on Red (1).** Block of eight, without gum as issued, three sides with large margins, right side roughly separated and touching design at bottom right, partial G. L. Fergusson on back of each pair, strong color, top right vertical pair with slight paper discoloration, small pinhole on position 5 and slight paper wrinkling

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. A RARE AND DESIRABLE UNUSED MULTIPLE OF THE 1898 2-CENTS BLACK ON RED FIRST ISSUE.

Ex Frederick and Tomiko Bartlett. Scott \$4,800 as singles. E. \$2,000-3,000



4191



4192 front and back

4192 ★ **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 2c Black on Red, Vertical G. L. Fergusson Signature (1a).** Horizontal pair, without gum as issued, huge to large margins, partial vertical G. L. Fergusson signature on back of each stamp, vertical crease between stamps, couple natural paper translucencies, Very Fine and scarce variety, ex Fortune Wang, Scott \$2,400 as singles..... E. \$500-750

4193 ★ **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 2c Black on Red, Handstamp Doubled, Both Inverted (1d var).** Without gum as issued, large margins to just touching outer line of company handstamp, second strike of partial handstamp, partial G. L. Fergusson signature on back, paper with trace of discoloration, otherwise Fine, thought to be the only example of this error with handstamp doubled and both inverted, ex Fortune Wang..... E. \$400-500



4193

The reconstructed strip of five of the 1898 5c proof with single company handstamp—
an important and well-known item in China Treaty Ports philately



4194

4194 P **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 5c Black on Red, Proof with Single Company Handstamp (2P).** Two horizontal pairs and a single reunited to form the original strip of five, without gum as issued, mostly large margins with slightly rough edge at top, single strikes of the “C&Co WHW” company handstamps, **without** “G. L. Fergusson” signature on back, and “5c” in each corner, fresh color, right stamp of right pair with trivial vertical crease

VERY FINE. AN EXCEPTIONAL OFFERING OF THE RECONSTRUCTED STRIP OF FIVE OF THE 1898 5-CENTS PROOF WITH THE SINGLE IMPRESSION OF THE COMPANY HANDSTAMP AND WITHOUT FERGUSSON SIGNATURE ON BACK—REUNITED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MANY DECADES SINCE ITS DISCOVERY IN THE M. C. CHOW COLLECTION. ONE OF THE KEY RARITIES OF WEI HAI WEI.

The existence of these proofs is noted in Goldsmith & Goodwyn *The Crown Colony of Wei Hai Wei* (p. 11), where the right pair is illustrated. These proofs differ significantly from the issued stamps in several ways: 1) only a single strike of “C&Co WHW” company handstamp, 2) without “G.L. Fergusson” signature on back, 3) there is a “5c” value noted in each corner, and 4) these are done on surface-colored paper (the issued stamps were on red paper). Only one strip of five has surfaced, which was part of the M. C. Chow collection. It was subsequently divided into two pairs and a single, presumably by Lyons F. Livingston. These four units (two pairs and single) are offered in this lot.

Original strip ex M. C. Chow. Left pair from the 2019 Spink auction (Sale 19034, lot 2243). Center single ex Dougan and Fortune Wang. Right pair ex Dougan, Goodwyn and Eide. Each signed Livingston..... E. \$20,000-30,000



4195



4196



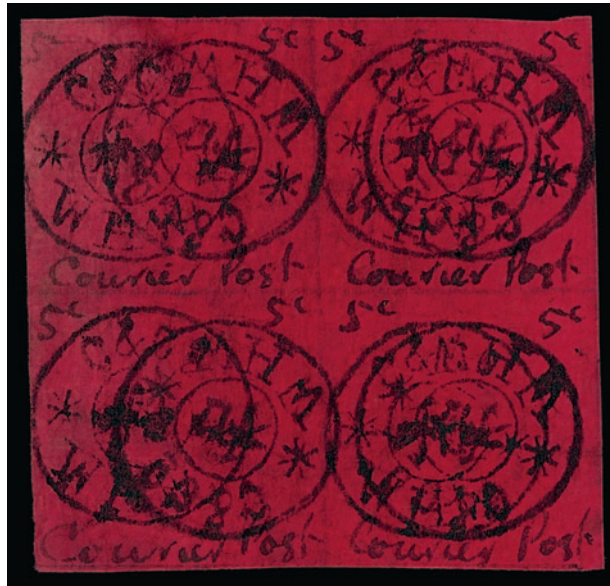
4197

- 4195 ★ **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 5c Black on Red (2).** Full margins all around, without gum as issued, partial G. L. Fergusson signature on back, Very Fine, Scott \$2,500..... E. \$500-750
- 4196 ★ **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 5c Black on Red (2).** Large to full margins, without gum as issued, partial G. L. Fergusson signature on back, Very Fine, Scott \$2,500..... E. \$500-750
- 4197 ★ **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 5c Black on Red (2).** Horizontal pair with sheet margin at left, other sides large to ample, sheet margin additionally with paper join, without gum as issued, complete "G. L. Fergusson" signature on back, left stamp with mild vertical crease, still Very Fine and handsome pair, ex Federick and Tomiko Bartlett, Scott \$5,000 as singles..... E. \$1,000-1,500



4198

- 4198 ★ **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 5c Black on Red (2).** Horizontal strip of three, without gum as issued, full margins on each side, complete "G. L. Fergusson" signature on back, mild horizontal crease along top of strip
 VERY FINE APPEARANCE. A RARE UNUSED STRIP OF THE 1898 5-CENTS FIRST ISSUE OF WEI HAI WEI.
 Scott \$7,500 as singles. E. \$1,500-2,000



4199

- 4199 ★田 **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 5c Black on Red (2).** Block of four, without gum as issued, full to ample margins, complete “G. L. Fergusson” signatures on back, two minor horizontal creases between top and bottom pairs, one which just affects bottom stamps

VERY FINE AND RARE UNUSED BLOCK OF FOUR OF THE 1898 5-CENTS FIRST ISSUE OF WEI HAI WEI.

Scott \$10,000 as singles..... E. \$3,000-4,000



4200

- 4200 ★田 **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 5c Black on Red (2).** Horizontal block of eight (4x2), without gum as issued, large to ample margins, complete and partial “G. L. Fergusson” signatures on back, few very light paper wrinkles endemic to this paper and previously folded horizontally between stamps

VERY FINE. A SPECTACULAR SHOWPIECE UNUSED BLOCK OF THE 1898 5-CENTS FIRST WEI HAI WEI ISSUE. ONE OF THE LARGEST RECORDED MULTIPLES.

Ex Frederick and Tomiko Bartlett. Scott \$20,000 as singles. E. \$5,000-7,500



4201

4201 ★ **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 5c Black on Red, Vertical G. L. Fergusson Signature (2a).** Large sheet margin at top, without gum as issued, other margins large, partial **vertical** G. L. Fergusson signature on back, horizontal paperfold at bottom, Extremely Fine, a scarce variety, ex Fortune Wang, Scott \$2,100 which we feel could be in error as it is priced lower than the base listing (horizontal signature), the vertical signatures are rarer than their horizontal counterparts E. \$500-750

4202 ★ **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 5c Black on Red, Vertical G. L. Fergusson Signature (2a).** Large to ample margins, without gum as issued, partial **vertical** G. L. Fergusson signature on back, Very Fine and scarce variety, Scott \$2,100 which we feel could be in error as it is priced lower than the base listing (horizontal signature), the vertical signatures are rarer than their horizontal counterparts E. \$500-750



4202



4203

WEI HAI WEI 1899 ISSUE

4203 田 **Wei Hai Wei, 1899, 5c Pale Green (4).** Vertical block of six with full selvage at left and on first stamp at top, each cancelled by clear "C&Co WHW" company handstamp but retaining full original gum, few trimmed perfs at top right, still Very Fine and scarce, thought to be the largest cancelled multiple of this value, ex Goodwyn, Eide and Fortune Wang, Scott \$1,950 as singles E. \$400-500

WEI HAI WEI 1898 ISSUE ON COVER

An outstanding triple mixed-franking cover—Wei Hai Wei Courier Post stamp used with Chinese Imperial Post and Hong Kong issues



4204

4204 ☒ **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 2c Black on Red (1)**. Large to ample margins, slightly overlapped with **China, 1898, 2c Scarlet, 4c Orange Brown (100-101)**, 2c horizontal strip of three, all tied by strikes of Chefoo Dec. 16, 1898 large dollar chop datestamps on cover to London, England, sender's directive "By Courier Post", sent via British Mail with **Hong Kong, 1891, 10c Violet on Red (LSH46; SG Z801)**, tied by "Shanghae DE 19 98" circular datestamp, Shanghai large dollar chop (Dec. 18) transit and London (Jan. 23) arrival datestamps, left 2c in strip with blunted perfs at top from placement on cover

VERY FINE. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE AND ATTRACTIVE TRIPLE POSTAL SYSTEM COVER FROM WEI HAI WEI, SENT TO SHANGHAI BY THE CHINESE POSTAL SYSTEM AND THEN BY THE BRITISH POST OFFICE IN SHANGHAI TO ENGLAND.

The Wei Hai Wei 2c paid the courier rate to Chefoo, the China 10c paid domestic postage to Shanghai, and the Hong Kong 10c paid the U.P.U. rate to England.

Unlisted in the Goldsmith & Goodwyn census. E. \$5,000-7,500



4205



4206

4205 ☒ **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 2c Black on Red (1).** Large margins, uncancelled, used with **China, 1898, 2c Scarlet (100)**, horizontal pair, tied by Chefoo Dec. 16, 1898 large dollar chop datestamp on cover to “John S. Lambert Esq., Fleet Surgeon R.N., H.M.S. Narcissus, Hong Kong”, Hong Kong (Dec. 21) arrival backstamp, top flap with sealed tears, 2c stamp with slight color-run “tying” it to cover
 VERY FINE. A RARE AND EARLY USE OF THE 1898 2-CENT FIRST ISSUE ON A CHINA COMBINATION COVER TO A SURGEON ON THE H.M.S. NARCISSUS WHILE IN HONG KONG.
 Goldsmith & Goodwyn census no. 1. Ex Frederick and Tomiko Bartlett. E. \$2,000-3,000

4206 ☒ **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 2c Black on Red (1).** Large to full margins, used with **China, 1898, 5c Salmon (102)**, horizontal pair with small piece of selvage at bottom, all tied by two strikes of Chefoo Dec. 16, 1898 large dollar chop datestamp on cover to London, England, sender’s directive “By Courier Post”, sent via British Mail with **Hong Kong, 1891, 10c Violet on Red (LSH46; SG Z801)**, tied by “Shanghae DE 19 98” circular datestamp, Shanghai large dollar chop (Dec. 18) transit and London (Jan. 23) arrival backstamps, cover with light wrinkling
 VERY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL AND RARE TRIPLE POSTAL SYSTEM COMBINATION COVER ORIGINATING IN WEI HAI WEI, SENT BY COURIER TO CHEFOO AND ONWARDS VIA SHANGHAI TO ENGLAND.
 The Wei Hai Wei 2c paid the courier rate to Chefoo, the China 10c paid domestic postage to Shanghai, and the Hong Kong 10c paid the U.P.U. rate to England. The cover offered here is written in the hand of Captain W. A. Harrison. Many of the known Wei Hai Wei first issue covers were sent by him.
 Goldsmith & Goodwyn census no. 4..... E. \$4,000-5,000



4207

4207 ☒ **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 2c Black on Red (1).** Large to ample margins, touching “C&Co WHW” company handstamp, affixed to back, used with **China, 1898, 2c Scarlet (100)**, vertical strip of four and single, all tied by strikes of Chefoo Dec. 16, 1898 large dollar chop datestamps on cover to Chatham, England, forwarded to Walmer, sent via British Mail with **Hong Kong, 1891, 10c Violet on Red (LSH46; SG Z801)**, tied by “Shanghae DE 19 98” circular datestamp, Shanghai large dollar chop (Dec. 18) transit and Chatham (Jan. 23) arrival datestamps, cover with some edgewear and opened for display

VERY FINE. A REMARKABLE COVER CARRIED BY THREE DIFFERENT POSTAL SYSTEMS—ORIGINATING IN WEI HAI WEI, BY COURIER TO CHEFOO, AND VIA BRITISH POST OFFICE IN SHANGHAI.

The Wei Hai Wei 2c paid the courier rate to Chefoo, the China 10c paid domestic postage to Shanghai, and the Hong Kong 10c paid the U.P.U. rate to England.

Goldsmith & Goodwyn census no. 5. Ex Hurt and Ishikawa. E. \$3,000-4,000

An extremely rare and attractive Wei Hai Wei Courier Post mixed-franking cover with a Japanese stamp paying postage in the Imperial Japanese Post Office system



4208

4208 ☒ **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 2c Black on Red (1)**. Ample margins, used with **China, 1898, 2c Scarlet (100)**, vertical strip of five, all tied by strikes of Chefoo Dec. 26, 1898 large dollar chop date-stamps on cover to **New York N.Y.**, sent via **Japanese** mails with **Japan, 1882, 10s Brown Orange (79)**, tied by “Shanghai I.J.P.O. 6 Jan. 99” circular datestamp, Shanghai large dollar chop (Jan. 2) and faint Yokohama transit and New York (Feb. 8) arrival datestamps, most of top flap missing and cover with slight soiling

VERY FINE. AN EXCEPTIONAL COVER CARRIED BY THREE POSTAL SYSTEMS—FROM WEI HAI WEI TO SHANGHAI AND VIA THE JAPANESE POST TO THE UNITED STATES. THE USAGE THROUGH THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE POST OFFICE TO THE UNITED STATES IS PARTICULARLY NOTABLE.

The Wei Hai Wei 2c paid the courier rate to Chefoo, the China 10c paid domestic postage to Shanghai, and the Japan 10s paid the U.P.U. rate to New York. The vast majority of Wei Hai Wei courier stamped covers addressed to Great Britain. This cover to the United States, sent via the Imperial Japanese Post Office, is exceptional.

Unlisted in the Goldsmith & Goodwyn census. Signed Holcombe..... E. \$5,000-7,500



4209



4210

4209 ☒ **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 2c Black on Red (1).** Large to ample margins, tied by manuscript “X” on incoming cover to Wei Hai Wei, originating in England with **Great Britain ½p and 1½p horizontal strip of three**, tied by Chelsea Nov. 25, 1898 double-circle datestamps, “Singapore to Hong Kong” (Dec. 19) transit backstamp, cover with slight soiling, part of address panel cut out and part of backflap missing, still a Fine and scarce incoming cover using the Wei Hai Wei courier stamp, incoming covers are far scarcer than outgoing, unlisted in the Goldsmith & Goodwyn census, with 2000 R.P.S. certificate E. \$1,000-1,500

4210 ☒ **Wei Hai Wei, 1898, 5c Black on Red (2).** Large margins to clear, used with **China, 1898, 1c Ocher (99)**, tied by Chefoo Jan. ?, 1899 large dollar chop datestamp on cover to “*Jas Silverthorne*” in Chefoo, sender’s directive “*per Courier*”, cover missing top flap

VERY FINE. A SURPRISINGLY RARE USE OF THE WEI HAI WEI 1898 5-CENTS FIRST ISSUE ON COVER TO CHEFOO IN COMBINATION WITH THE CHINA ONE-CENT CHINESE IMPERIAL POST ISSUE.

With the exception of obviously philatelic covers, the 5c Wei Hai Wei on cover is very rare on cover. It is unclear why this cover has the 5c, because similar covers from this correspondence have the 2c applied. The 5c was intended for larger parcels. Perhaps this value was applied in error. According to the research done by Interasia (Eide collection, 2014), Jas. Silverthorne was the only listed employee of the L. H. Smith & Co. in *The Chronicle and Directory for China, Japan, Corea* in 1898-99.

Goldsmith & Goodwyn census no. 15..... E. \$2,000-3,000

WEI HAI WEI 1899 ISSUE ON COVER



4211

4211 ☒ **Wei Hai Wei, 1899, 2c Red (3).** Cancelled by “C&Co WHW” company handstamp on cover addressed to “Private C. G. Lewis, R.M.I. Island Guard” in Wei Hai Wei, **forwarded to British Legation in Peking**, originating in **Great Britain with 1881, 1p Lilac (89; SG 172)**, tied by Plymouth Dec. 8, 1898 circular datestamp and “620” duplex cancel, “Singapore to Hong Kong” (Jan. 15), Chefoo large dollar chop, and blue Tientsin (Feb. 21) transit and Peking arrival date-stamps, cover opened for display, few toned spots, light soiling, and opening reinforcements

VERY FINE. A REMARKABLE SOLDIER’S CONCESSIONARY RATE COVER FROM ENGLAND TO WEI HAI WEI WITH THE 2-CENTS COURIER STAMP, THEN FORWARDED BY THE IMPERIAL CHINESE POST TO THE BRITISH LEGATION IN PEKING. ONE OF ONLY TWO INCOMING SOLDIER’S CONCESSIONARY RATE COVERS WITH THE WEI HAI WEI COURIER STAMP.

A fascinating combination use. The Great Britain 1p paid the soldier’s concessionary rate to Chefoo while the 2c paid the courier fee to Wei Hai Wei.

Goldsmith & Goodwyn census “H”. Ex “Ming”, Beckeman and Eide. E. \$3,000-4,000

An extraordinary cover from India at the British soldier's concessionary rate with the Courier Post stamp paying postage for delivery from Chefoo to Wei Hai Wei



4212

4212 ☒ **Wei Hai Wei, 1899, 2c Red (3).** With piece of additional stamp at right, cancelled by “C&Co WHW” company handstamp on soldier’s cover addressed to “*W. Congdon, Stoker No. 4 Mess, H.M.S. Handy, Torpedo Boat Destroyer, Wie Hei Wei, China*”, **originating in India with 1882, 1a Maroon (38; SG 89)**, tied by “Landikot 7 DE 98” circular datestamp, manuscript “*No. 4471 Pte. A. W. Smith “G” Comps, 1st Hampshire Regt. Khyber Pass, Landi Kott, India*” soldier endorsement and properly countersigned by commanding officer, Hong Kong (Jan. 7, 1899) and Chefoo large dollar chop (Jan. 15) transit backstamps, cover with some edgewear and minute edge tears

VERY FINE AND SPECTACULAR SOLDIER’S CONCESSIONARY RATE COVER FROM A SOLDIER IN THE KHYBER PASS IN INDIA TO ANOTHER SOLDIER ABOARD THE H.M.S. *HANDY* IN WEI HAI WEI—THE 2-CENTS SECOND ISSUE COURIER STAMP WAS AFFIXED TO PAY FOR DELIVERY FROM CHEFOO. ONE OF THE MOST FASCINATING INCOMING WEI HAI WEI COVERS RECORDED—ONLY TWO CONCESSIONARY RATE COVERS KNOWN AND ONLY ONE ORIGINATED IN INDIA.

The India 1a paid the soldier’s concessionary rate to Chefoo while the 2c paid the courier fee to Wei Hai Wei. This cover likely originated from a soldier who took part in the Mohmand campaign of 1897-98. This campaign is known to have had Winston Churchill join the expedition as a second lieutenant and war correspondent. It was a punitive campaign against the Mohmand, a Pashtun tribe in the North West Frontier Province, an area the British considered to be part of British India.

Unlisted in the Goldsmith & Goodwyn census. With 1986 Holcombe certificate.....
 E. \$4,000-5,000

4213



4214



4213 **Wei Hai Wei, 1899, 2c Red (3).** Tied by "C&Co WHW" company handstamp on cover front only to W. K. Barnes in Wei Hai Wei, **originating in Hong Kong with 1882, 2c Rose Pink (36a; SG 32a)**, vertical pair, tied by manuscript pen stroke and Hong Kong Jan. 7, 1899 circular datestamps, front with couple file folds not affecting stamps and light contemporaneous heart design, Wei Hai Wei 2c with couple minor pulled perfs, Fine, the earliest recorded incoming cover or front using the Wei Hai Wei second issue, the stamps were released on Jan. 15 and it is believed this is a first day of use, Goldsmith & Goodwyn census "B" and illustrated on p. 12 of their handbook E. \$1,000-1,500

4214 ✉ **Wei Hai Wei, 1899, 2c Red (3).** Tied by "C&Co WHW" company handstamp on cover to a reverend onboard the H.M.S. *Barfleur* in Wei Hai Wei, **originating in Hong Kong with 1882, 5c Ultramarine (40; SG 35)**, horizontal pair, tied by Hong Kong Jan. 14, 1899 circular datestamp, Shanghai (Jan. 18) and Chefoo large dollar chop transit backstamps, cover with minor soiling and toned spots just affecting outer perfs of stamps (not noted on accompanying certificate)

VERY FINE. A RARE INCOMING COMBINATION COVER FROM HONG KONG USING THE WEI HAI WEI 2-CENTS SECOND ISSUE COURIER STAMP.

Unlisted in Goldsmith & Goodwyn census. With 2004 B.P.A. certificate..... E. \$2,000-3,000



- 4215 ☒ **Wei Hai Wei, 1899, 5c Olive Green (4)**. Uncancelled, used with **China, 1898, 2c Scarlet (100)**, slightly overlapping 2c stamp, tied by Chefoo Feb. 23, 1899 large dollar chop datestamp on cover to "Surgeon L. F. Hall, H.M.S. Barfleur, Wei-Hai-Wei", Very Fine, unlisted in the Goldsmith & Goodwyn census E. \$300-400
- 4216 ☒ **Wei Hai Wei, 1899, 2c Red (3)**. Uncancelled, used with **China, 1898, 2c Scarlet (100)**, selvaige at right overlapping 2c stamp, tied by Chefoo Feb. 23, 1899 large dollar chop datestamp on cover to "Surgeon L. F. Hall, H.M.S. Barfleur, Wei-Hai-Wei", Very Fine, unlisted in the Goldsmith & Goodwyn census..... E. \$300-400
- 4217 ☒ **Wei Hai Wei, 1899, 2c Red (3)**. Uncancelled, used with **China, 1898, 2c Scarlet (100)**, slightly overlapping 2c stamp, tied by Chefoo Feb. 23, 1899 large dollar chop datestamp on cover to "Dr. Hall R.N., H.M.S. Barfleur, Wei-Hai-Wei", Very Fine, unlisted in the Goldsmith & Goodwyn census..... E. \$300-400

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4218 ☒ **Wei Hai Wei, 1899, 5c Olive Green (4).** Cancelled by “C&Co WHW” company handstamp on cover addressed to Captain R. P. Lee of the Royal Engineers in Wei Hai Wei, **originating in Great Britain with 1887, 2½p Jubilee (114; SG 201)**, tied by Southampton Jan. 1, 1899 circular datestamp and “723” duplex cancel, “Singapore to Hong Kong” (Feb. 12) and Chefoo large dollar chop (Feb. 25) transit backstamps, Great Britain 2½p with minor flaws, cover with edgewear and horizontal file folds which just crosses 5c at top
 FINE. A VERY RARE COMBINATION USE OF THE WEI HAI WEI 1899 5-CENT ON AN INCOMING COVER FROM GREAT BRITAIN.
 Goldsmith & Goodwyn census “L”. Ex Burghard. With 1987 Holcombe certificate.
 E. \$2,000-3,000

4219 ☒ **Wei Hai Wei, 1899, 2c Red (3).** Cancelled by “C&Co WHW” company handstamp and used with **China, 1898, 5c Salmon (102)**, horizontal pair, tied by Chefoo Mar. 14 large dollar chop datestamp, addressed to **Lyon, France**, sent via British mails with **Hong Kong, 1891, 10c Violet on Red (LSH46; SG Z801)**, tied by “Shanghae MR 18 99” circular datestamp, Shanghai large dollar chop (Mar. 18), Hong Kong (Mar. 24), and French Ligne N (Mar. 25) transit and Lyon (Apr. 21) arrival datestamps, cover with edge wear and missing corner at top left, China 5c with minor perf flaws due to placement on cover
 VERY FINE. AN IMPRESSIVE TRIPLE POSTAL SYSTEM COVER FROM WEI HAI WEI TO FRANCE VIA THE BRITISH POST OFFICE IN SHANGHAI.
 The Wei Hai Wei 2c paid the courier rate to Chefoo, the China 10c paid domestic postage to Shanghai, and the Hong Kong 10c paid the U.P.U. rate to France.
 Unlisted in Goldsmith & Goodwyn. E. \$2,000-3,000



4220

4220 ✉ **Wei Hai Wei, 1899, 5c Olive Green (4).** Tied by Chefoo Mar. 17, 1899 large dollar chop datestamp with additional strike on back, used with **China, 1898, 2c Scarlet (100)**, tied by “Imperial Post Office Wei Hai Wei” bilingual negative handstamp on cover addressed to Shanghai, Shanghai Local Post (Mar. 20) arrival backstamp, cover with some light soiling, slightly rough edges, and vertical file fold, Very Fine, a late usage, briefly mentioned in Goldsmith & Goodwyn (p. 20)—with the closure of the Wei Hai Wei courier service on Mar. 15, the use of the courier stamp was likely unnecessary, especially as 5c would have overpaid the courier fee..... E. \$1,000-1,500



4221

4221 **Wei Hai Wei, 1899, 5c Olive Green (4).** Tied by light strike of Chefoo Mar. 17, 1899 large dollar chop datestamp, used with **China, 1898, 2c Scarlet (100)**, tied by “Imperial Post Office Wei Hai Wei” bilingual negative handstamp on cover front only, addressed to Shanghai, “T” handstamp, blue manuscript “2” crossed out and red “4 Cents” applied, cover front with slight soiling and small piece missing at top, Fine, briefly mentioned in Goldsmith & Goodwyn (p. 20), with the closure of the Wei Hai Wei courier service on Mar. 15, the use of the courier stamp was likely unnecessary, especially as 5c would have presumably overpaid the courier fee..... E. \$400-500

WEI HAI WEI—BRITISH PERIOD

A superb strike of the rare Liu Kun Tau Telegraphs handstamp on an incoming cover mailed during the British Leasehold period



4222

4222 ☒ **Great Britain—Wei Hai Wei, 1898 Incoming British Leasehold Cover.** Great Britain 2½p Jubilee (114; SG 201), tied by “Armagh JU 15 98” double-circle datestamp on cover to “The Commanding Officer, Wei-hai-Wei, China”, sender’s directive “Via French Packet”, exceptional strike of red “Liukuntau TELEGRAPHS” bilingual handstamp, Hong Kong (Jul. 17) and blue Chefoo large dollar chop (Jul. 23) transit backstamps, manuscript “Recd 29/7/98” receipt docketing, cover opened for display, with minor soiling and some edgewear

EXTREMELY FINE. A SUPERB STRIKE OF THE EXTREMELY RARE LIU KUN TAU TELEGRAPHS HANDSTAMP. THIS IS REPORTED TO BE THE ONLY EXAMPLE OF THIS MARKING ON AN INCOMING COVER DURING THE BRITISH LEASEHOLD PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE WEI HAI WEI COURIER POST. ARGUABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT POSTAL HISTORY ARTIFACT FROM WEI HAI WEI.

British forces, under the direction of Sir E. H. Seymour, immediately occupied Wei Hai Wei after the withdrawal of Japanese troops on May 23, 1898. This cover was presumably addressed to Seymour. It was not until December 1898 that the Wei Hai Wei courier service began. This is the only incoming cover recorded during this interim period. Mail was presumably sent to the nearest Imperial Post Office by passing naval ships and steamers. It is unsure whether the Liu Kun Tau office handled mail at this time or if this cover was an exception.

Ex Laurie Franks, Goodwyn and Eide. E. \$15,000-20,000



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- 4223 ☒ **Great Britain—Wei Hai Wei, 1899 1p Red Postal Card.** Cancelled by “Paddington MR 9 99” double-circle datestamp, addressed to Captain William Wingate, 14th Lancers at the British Legation in **Newchwang, China**, forwarded to Wei Hai Wei, British Shanghai (Apr. 15), **blue** Tientsin large dollar chop, Newchwang large dollar chop (Apr. 25), and Chefoo large dollar chop (May 6) transit and Wei Hai Wei (Jun. 10) arrival datestamps, Very Fine and well-traveled postal card with three Chinese large dollar chops cancels in transit..... E. \$300-400
- 4224 ☒ **Hong Kong—Wei Hai Wei, 1896, 4c Slate (LWH5; SG Z1041).** Tied by faint but clear strike of “**Liu Kung Tau Post Office, 13 DEC 1899**” double-oval datestamp (Webb Ty. A, Proud D1) on cover to Chester, England, “T” in circle handstamp and “3D/F B” due handstamp, Hong Kong (Dec. 21) transit also ties stamp and Chester (Jan. 21) arrival datestamps, cover missing most of top flap, Very Fine and rare, Webb recorded only four examples of this datestamp and with Pearson rarity “R” indicating less than 25 known (the true number likely somewhere between)..... E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4225 ☒ **Hong Kong—Wei Hai Wei, 1896, 4c Slate (LWH5; SG Z1041).** Tied by bold strike of “**Liu Kung Tau Post Office, 15 MAR 1900**” double-oval datestamp (Webb Ty. A, Proud D1) on uprated I.C.P. 1c postal card, **sent around the world**, first addressed to New York with U.S. 2c tied by May 10 circular datestamp and duplex cancel, then to England with Great Britain 1p tied by Parkstone Apr. 29 and “H74” duplex cancel, and returned to Major James Starr in Wei Hai Wei, other transit datestamps, card with overall toning, Fine, an unusual round-the-world card, Webb recorded only four examples of this datestamp and with Pearson rarity “R” indicating less than 25 covers known (the true number is likely somewhere between), ex Pearson and Richard C.K. Chan..... E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4226 ☒ **Hong Kong—Wei Hai Wei, 1896, 4c Slate (LWH5; SG Z1041).** Tied by exceptionally well-struck “**Liu Kung Tau Post Office, 15 MAR 1900**” double-oval datestamp (Webb Ty. A, Proud D1) on uprated I.C.P. 1c postal card, **sent around the world**, first addressed to New York with U.S. 2c tied by May 2 circular datestamp and duplex cancel, then to England with Great Britain 1p tied by Parkstone May 11 and “H74” duplex cancel, and returned to Major James Starr in Wei Hai Wei with a **second strike** of “**Liu Kung Tau Post Office, 14 JUN 1900**” double-oval datestamp on back, other transit datestamps, card with overall toning, Fine, a rare and unusual round-the-world card, Webb recorded only four examples of this datestamp and with Pearson rarity “R” indicating less than 25 covers known (the true number is likely somewhere between), ex Pearson and Richard C.K. Chan, illustrated in Webb *Hong Kong & Treaty Ports of China & Japan* (Plate 78)..... E. \$1,000-1,500



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4229 front and back



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- 4227 ☒ **Hong Kong—Wei Hai Wei, 1896, 4c Slate (LWH5; SG Z1041).** Tied by bold and mostly complete “**Liu Kung Tau Post Office, 13 SEP 1900**” double-oval datestamp (Webb Ty. A, Proud D1) on German picture postcard showing bridge in Wei Hai Wei, addressed to **Austrian Empire (modern-day Poland)**, Hong Kong (Sept. 22) transit and smudged arrival datestamps, Very Fine and rare, Webb recorded only four examples of this datestamp and with Pearson rarity “R” indicating less than 25 covers known (the true number is likely somewhere between),..... E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4228 ☒ **Hong Kong—Wei Hai Wei, 1900 “Liu Kung Tau Post Office” Double-Oval Datestamp (Webb Ty. A, Proud D1).** Clear strike dated Sept. 18, 1900 on **Great Britain 1p** postal card with “Newmarket AP 10 00” circular datestamp, addressed to **Auckland, New Zealand**, sender’s directive “Via San Francisco”, red manuscript “If not called for in 7 days, redirected to Wei Hai Wei, British China”, clear strike of “F.P.O. No. 9, 18 SE 00” Boxer Rebellion circular datestamp which was not allocated to a specific location (presumed to be Wei Hai Wei at this time), violet “Undelivered for reason of...” boxed handstamp and blue manuscript “Not Claimed”, Auckland (May 22) and Hong Kong (Jul. 18, Sep. 5, and Sep. 29) transit and Newmarket (Nov. 12) returned arrival backstamps, card with few flaws mostly around periphery and creased corners, this remarkable postal card traveled seven months around the globe in search of the addressee—Webb recorded only four examples of this datestamp and with Pearson rarity “R” indicating less than 25 covers known (the true number is likely somewhere between) E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4229 ☒ **Hong Kong—Wei Hai Wei, 1901 “Liu Kung Tau Post Office” Double-Oval Datestamp (Webb Ty. A, Proud D1).** Clear strike with light date portion dated March 1901 on cover with **Great Britain 2½p Jubilee** tied by Belfast Nov. 12, 1900 double-circle datestamp, addressed to individual onboard a ship in **Taku Bay, China**, forwarded several times, numerous datestamps including London, Tientsin, Hong Kong and various Base Office and F.P.O. (No. 4 and 11), cover understandably with slight overall soiling and wear, Fine, Webb recorded only four examples of this datestamp and with Pearson rarity “R” indicating less than 25 covers known (the true number is likely somewhere between), ex Major Pratt E. \$750-1,000
- 4230 ☒ **India—Wei Hai Wei, 1901, ½a Green Entire, “C.E.F.” Overprint.** Cancelled by “**F.P.O. 17, 22 MA 01**” double-circle datestamp and addressed to Liu Kung Tau, well-struck Wei Hai Wei Mar. 24 bilingual double-circle despatch datestamp on back, Very Fine, the only recorded cover with the F.P.O. 17 cancel used from Wei Hai Wei, illustrated in Goldsmith & Goodwyn (p. 29)..... E. \$750-1,000



4231

- 4231 ☐ **Hong Kong—Wei Hai Wei, 1891, 10c Violet on Red (LWH9; SG Z1043).** Irregular block of 29, tied by ten bold strikes of “Liu Kung Tau Post Office, 13 AUG 1901” double-oval datestamp (Webb Ty. A, Proud D1) on large piece, some creasing along top and especially at top right

VERY FINE AND REMARKABLE SHOWPIECE. WITHOUT QUESTION, THE LARGEST RECORDED BLOCK WITH THE RARE LIU KUNG TAU OVAL DATESTAMP—RANKING AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT WEI HAI WEI ITEMS IN EXISTENCE.

Ex Douglass, Richard C.K. Chan and Christensen. Illustrated in Webb *Hong Kong & Treaty Ports of China & Japan* (Plate 78). E. \$3,000-4,000



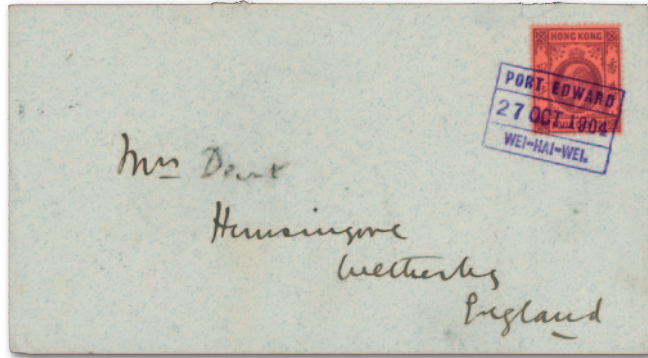
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- 4232 ☒ **India—Wei Hai Wei, 1901, 1/2a Brown Postal Card, “C.E.F.” Overprint.** Uprated with **India, 1900, 3p Carmine Rose, 1/2a Dark Green, “C.E.F.” Overprint (M1-M2; SG C1-C2)**, originating in Wei Hai Wei with Oct. 13, 1901 bilingual double-circle datestamp, 3p uncanceled, 1/2a tied by Chefoo Oct. 14 circular datestamp, addressed to Hereford, England, Shanghai (Oct. 21) transit and Hereford (Nov. 23) arrival datestamps, cover with slight soiling and vertical file fold, otherwise Fine and scarce, sent after the closure of F.P.O. 17 (Matao Field Hospital) when a small number of C.E.F. individuals remained, also accompanied by singles of 4a, 8a, 12a, and 1r “C.E.F.” overprints with Wei Hai Wei datestamps, card is ex Padget, Wong and Goodwyn.....(Photo Ex) E. \$750-1,000

- 4233 ☒ **Hong Kong—Wei Hai Wei, 1903, 2c Gray Green (LPE4; SG Z1112).** Horizontal pair, cancelled by bold and complete strike of violet framed “Port Edward/24 JUL 1904/Wei-Hai-Wei” datestamp on cover to **Pietermaritzburg, Natal**, Shanghai (Aug. 1) transit and Pietermaritzburg (Sep. 19) arrival backstamps, Very Fine, a choice strike of this scarce cancel to an exceptional destination E. \$300-400



4234



4236EX

- 4234 ☒ **Hong Kong—Wei Hai Wei, 1903, 4c Violet on Red (LPE5; SG Z1113).** Tied by exceptional strike of violet framed “Port Edward/27 OCT 1904/Wei-Hai-Wei” datestamp on cover to Wetherby, England, “1st Chinese Regiment” and fort imprint on top flap, Shanghai (Oct. 31) transit and Wetherby (Dec. 4) arrival backstamps, Extremely Fine, one of the finest strikes of this scarce datestamp we have encountered E. \$300-400
- 4235 ☒ **Hong Kong—Wei Hai Wei, Framed Violet “Port Edward/(Date)/Wei-Hai-Wei” Datestamp.** Four postcards from 1904-05, three outgoing to England, two with Hong Kong King 4c Edward VII stamps, one with two horizontal pairs of Hong Kong 1c King Edward VII stamps, last example on an incoming Japanese postal card, Fine-Very Fine strikes, a scarce group(Website PDF) E. \$750-1,000
- 4236 ☒ **China—Wei Hai Wei, 1904-08 Chinese Expeditionary Force Covers to Stewart Lockhart.** Two incoming covers to Stewart Lockhart at the Government House in Wei Hai Wei, both from Peking Legation, first with India 1a King Edward VII On H.M.S. tied by 1904 F.P.O. No. 1 datestamp, signed “E. Satow”, Liu Kung Tau and Base Office B datestamps, second with two India ½a King Edward VII On H.M.S. stamp tied by 1908 F.P.O. 1 datestamp, Base Office B datestamp, first with minor edgewear, Very Fine, the Indian Official stamps are rare on cover, ex Goodwyn(Photo Ex) E. \$400-500



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- 4237 ☒ **Hong Kong—Wei Hai Wei, 1904, 2c Gray Green, 4c Violet on Red (LPE15, LPE17; SG Z1126, Z1127).** 4c three singles, all cancelled or just tied by violet framed “Port Edward/16 APR 1906/Wei-Hai-Wei” datestamp on legal-size blue “On His Majesty’s Service” imprint registered cover to London, England, violet “Officers’ Mess, 1st Chinese Regiment” handstamp and violet framed “R” handstamp (Goldsmith & Goodwyn No. R1) with manuscript “129” added, Shanghai (Apr. 18) transit and London (May 22) arrival datestamps, cover with slightly rough opening and vertical file fold, Very Fine, scarce use of the Port Edward draped datestamp and an exceedingly rare Port Edward registered marking, Goldsmith & Goodwyn record only two examples of the registry handstamp (Sep. 30, 1904 to Mar. 26, 1906), this could be the latest known use of this handstamp E. \$1,000-1,500



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- 4238 ☒ **China—Wei Hai Wei, 1906 “H.M. Victualling Depot, Wei-Hai-Wei” Datestamp.** Bold blue double-oval datestamp with manuscript “2” added to “AUG 1906” datestamp on back of picture postcard of “wheelbarrow”, addressed to London, England, Hong Kong 4c King Edward VII tied by “Liu Kung Tau AU 3 06” circular datestamp, Shanghai (Aug. 6) transit and London (Sep. 10) arrival datestamps, card with small sealed edge tear, Very Fine and rare, ex Goodwyn..... E. \$400-500
- 4239 ☒ **Great Britain—Wei Hai Wei, 1906 “Naval Store Office, H.M. Naval Depot, Wei-Hai-Wei” Datestamp.** Two bold blue oval datestamps with “13 OCT 1906” date on real photo postcard of Brownstone house, addressed to Liu Kung Tau, China, card originating in England with King Edward VII 1p tied by Hartlepool Sep. 6, 1906 datestamp, “Singapore to Hong Kong” Code B marine sorter (Sep. 29) transit and Liu Kung Tau (Oct. 13) arrival datestamps, Very Fine and rare, ex Goodwyn..... E. \$400-500
- 4240 ☒ **Hong Kong—Wei Hai Wei, 1912, 4c Carmine (111; SG 102).** Two singles, tied by “Liu Kung Tau AU 24 15” circular datestamps on **uprated Hong Kong 10c registered letter entire** to London, England, sender’s directive “Via Siberia”, framed “Liu Kung Tau B.P.O., R” handstamp, London (Sep. 16) arrival datestamp, cover with some minor soiling and faint toned spots, still Very Fine and scarce E. \$400-500



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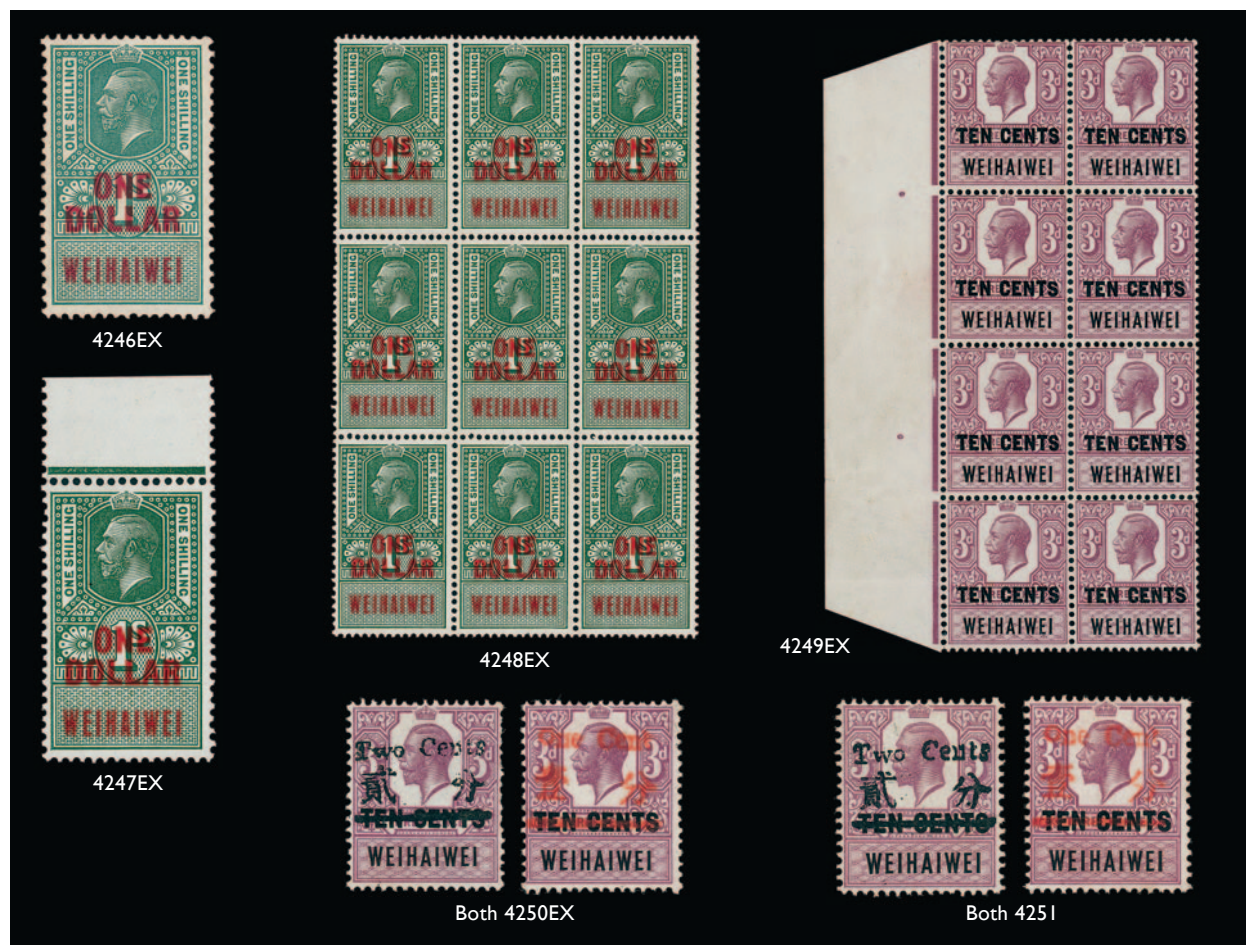
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- 4241 ☒ **Great Britain, Offices in China, Postal History from Wei Hai Wei.** Eight covers from 1917-29, five of which are Hong Kong with “China” overprint registered letter entires, most using the 4c value, includes destinations such as England, Denmark, Switzerland, United States, and within China, one with sender’s directive of “*via Siberia*”, six are registered, few flaws but much is Fine-Very Fine (Website PDF) E. \$1,000-1,500
- 4242 ☒ **Great Britain, Offices in China—Wei Hai Wei, 1917, 4c Scarlet (3; SG 3).** Tied by faint but legible strike of “Wei-Hai-Wei, Port Edward JU 1? 21” circular datestamp on cover to Shanghai, well-struck framed “B.P.O. to C.P.O. Shanghai 16 Jun 21” arrival backstamp, cover opened for display, Very Fine, a scarce Shanghai marking, particularly on an incoming cover from Wei Hai Wei.. E. \$300-400
- 4243 ☒ **Great Britain, Offices in China—Wei Hai Wei, 1922, \$1.00 Ultramarine & Violet on Blue (26; SG 27).** Tied by “Wei-Hai-Wei, Port Edward” (date unclear) circular datestamp on 1925 registered cover to Shanghai, mostly clear strike of “Port Edward, R No.” oval handstamp, Shanghai (Aug. 27) arrival backstamp, cover with some slight soiling and slightly rough opening at bottom, still Fine, a scarce use of this value and rare use of this registry marking E. \$400-500
- 4244 ☒ **Great Britain, Offices in China—Wei Hai Wei, 1922, 2c Green, 6c Orange (18, 20; SG 19, 21).** 6c two singles, tied by “Wei-Hai-Wei, Port Edward JU 16 26” circular datestamps on registered cover to London, England, sender’s directive “*Via Siberia*”, framed “Port Edward, R No.” handstamp, red London (Jul. 5) arrival backstamp, cover with slight soiling and slightly rough opening at top, otherwise Fine and scarce routing E. \$400-500
- 4245 ☒ **Great Britain, Offices in China—Wei Hai Wei, 1922, 25c Red Violet & Dull Violet (24; SG 25).** Horizontal pair, tied by “Wei-Hai-Wei, Port Edward JU 27 30” circular datestamp on uprated Hong Kong 10c “China” registered letter entire to Wuchang, faint but clear strike of framed “Port Edward, R No.” handstamp, Wuchang arrival backstamp, cover with some edgewear, otherwise Fine and scarce, a late use as the Wei Hai Wei offices closed on Sep. 30, 1930, the 25c is also a scarcer value to find on cover..... E. \$400-500

WEI HAI WEI REVENUE STAMPS



- 4246 ★ Wei Hai Wei, 1921, 1c on 1p to \$1.00 on 1sh, Revenue Surcharges (Barefoot 1-5). Set of five values, original gum, lightly hinged or h.r., 1c with selvage at bottom, 50c and \$1.00 with trace of toned spots, still Very Fine, ex Goldsmith(Photo Ex) E. \$400-500
- 4247 ★ Wei Hai Wei, 1921, 1c on 1p to \$1.00 on 1sh, Revenue Surcharges (Barefoot 1-5). Set of five values, 1p and \$1.00 Mint N.H., 1p with few natural gum bubbles, 3p original gum, h.r., 2c and 50c unused (no gum), Very Fine.....(Photo Ex) E. \$400-500
- 4248 ★★田 Wei Hai Wei, 1921, 1c on 1p to \$1.00 on 1sh, Revenue Surcharges (Barefoot 1-5). Set of five values in Mint N.H. blocks of nine, 1c, 2c, and 50c with selvage on one side, 10c bottom right corner selvage, 50c with barest trace of gum toning, few trivial perf splits
 VERY FINE. A RARE MINT NEVER-HINGED SET OF BLOCKS OF THE 1921 WEI HAI WEI REVENUE SURCHARGES.
 Interestingly, Wei Hai Wei is the only British crown colony to have issued stamps for revenue purposes *without* having stamps for postal service. This was not for lack of trying—a request for Hong Kong stamps to be overprinted “Wei Hai Wei” was not accepted in 1926.....(Photo Ex) E. \$2,000-3,000
- 4249 ★★田 Wei Hai Wei, 1921, 1c on 1p to 10c on 3p, Revenue Surcharges (Barefoot 1-3). Mint N.H. blocks, 1c a bottom right corner selvage block of twelve, 2c a bottom left corner selvage block of 30, and 10c vertical block of eight with selvage at left, bold colors, 2p one stamp with adhesion on gum, 10c bottom pair with horizontal crease, Very Fine and rare multiples, ex Goldsmith
(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. \$500-750
- 4250 ★ Wei Hai Wei, (ca.) 1926, 1c on 10c on 3p and 2c on 10c on 3p, Revenue Surcharges (Barefoot 6-7). Original gum, h.r., also with additional pair of 1c, disturbed original gum, faint trace of toning on gum as usual, Very Fine and rare, ex Goldsmith(Photo Ex) E. \$500-750
- 4251 ★ Wei Hai Wei, (ca.) 1926, 1c on 10c on 3p and 2c on 10c on 3p, Revenue Surcharges (Barefoot 6-7). Original gum, h.r., fresh colors, faint trace of toning on gum as usual, Very Fine and quite rare.....
 E. \$500-750

WEI HAI WEI—HONG KONG AND CHINA COMBINATION COVERS



4252

- 4252 ☒ **Hong Kong—Wei Hai Wei/Shanghai, 1882, 2c Rose Lake (LSH38; SG Z795a).** Vertical pair and three singles (one with pre-use damage), tied by “Shanghai MY 2 99” circular datestamps and framed “I.P.O.” tie-prints on blue “On Her Majesty’s Service” imprint cover **to Bombay, India**, cover **originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1898, 10c Dark Blue Green (103)**, tied by “Wei Hai Wei APR 27, 1899” bilingual oval datestamp, Chefoo large dollar chop, Hong Kong (May 5), Shanghai, and Tuticorin (May 18) transit and Fort Bombay (May 21) arrival datestamps, Very Fine E. \$500-750



4253

- 4253 **Hong Kong—Wei Hai Wei/Shanghai, 1882-91, 5c Ultramarine, 10c Violet on Red (LSH42, LSH46; SG Z798, Z801).** Horizontal pairs of each, all tied by “Shanghai AP 14 99” circular datestamps and **two different framed “I.P.O.”** tie-prints (one from Chefoo and other from Shanghai) on **registered** cover front only to sergeant in the Grenadier Guards in London, England, cover **originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1898, 20c Claret (104)**, tied by “Wei Hai Wei APR 27. 99” bilingual circular datestamp, unframed “R” and framed “R” handstamps from Chinese and British post offices, red London arrival datestamp, Very Fine, one of only two recorded items with two different framed “I.P.O.” tie-prints applied in transit in two different Chinese cities—the 5c pair was originally affixed in Chefoo with the first “I.P.O.” tie-print but was underpaid, upon arrival in Shanghai, a further 20c was affixed and a second “I.P.O.” tie-print was applied—ex Goodwyn. E. \$1,000-1,500



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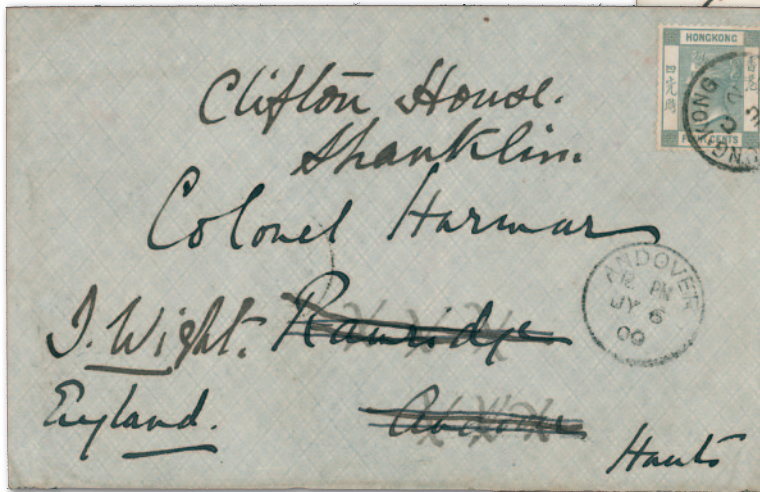
- 4254 ☒ **Hong Kong—Wei Hai Wei, 1891, 10c Violet on Red (44; SG 38).** Tied by “Hong Kong JU 9 99” circular datestamp and framed “I.P.O.” tie-print on cover to Guernsey, Channel Islands, cover **originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1898, 10c Dark Blue Green (103)**, tied by “Wei Hai Wei MAY 30 1899” bilingual oval datestamp, Chefoo (Jun. 1) transit and Guernsey (Jul. 11) arrival backstamps, cover with file fold and rough opening at top, Very Fine E. \$300-400
- 4255 ☒ **Hong Kong—Wei Hai Wei, 1882, 2c Rose Lake (36; SG 32).** Two singles, tied solely by framed “I.P.O.” tie-prints on **uprated China 1c postal card** to Coburg, Germany, card **originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1898, 1c Ocher and 2c Scarlet (99-100)**, tied by “Wei Hai Wei JUL 19, 1899” bilingual oval datestamp, Chefoo (Jul. 20) transit and Coburg (Aug. 3) arrival datestamps, cover with overall toning and one 2c with pre-use flaw at bottom, otherwise Fine, an interesting use without any British post office markings, presumably overlooked in Hong Kong (if sent through Shanghai, there would have been a Chinese post office datestamp)..... E. \$400-500
- 4256 ☒ **Hong Kong—Wei Hai Wei/Shanghai, 1891, 10c Violet on Red (LSH46; SG Z801).** Horizontal pair, tied by “Shanghae AU 7 99” circular datestamp and framed “I.P.O.” tie-print on **registered cover to Berlin, Germany, originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1898, 10c Dark Blue Green (103)**, horizontal pair on back, tied by “Wei Hai Wei JUL 31, 1899” bilingual oval datestamp (wax seal applied over stamps further “tying” them), unframed “R” and “R” in circle handstamps for the Imperial Chinese and British post offices, Chefoo (Aug. 1), Chinese Shanghai (Aug. 5), and Hong Kong (Aug. 11) transit and Berlin (Sep. 11) arrival datestamps, barely reduced at left, Very Fine and rare registered combination use..... E. \$750-1,000



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4259 front and back

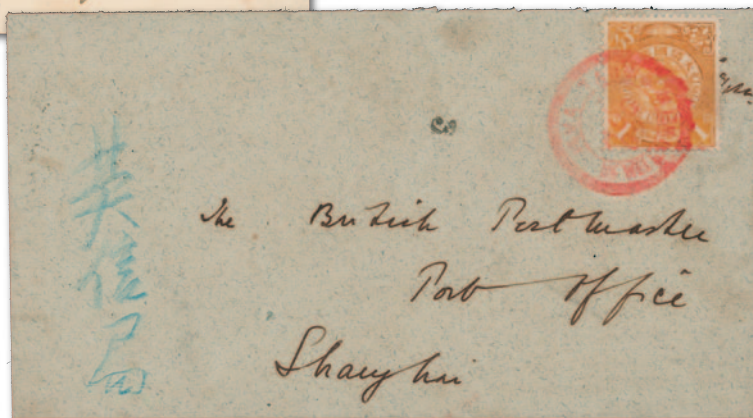
- 4257 ☒ **Hong Kong—Wei Hai Wei, 1891, 10c Violet on Red (44; SG 38).** Tied by “Hong Kong JA 5 00” circular datestamps and framed “I.P.O.” tie-print on “1st Chinese Regiment” imprint (top flap) cover to Wetterby, England, cover **originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1898, 10c Dark Blue Green (103)**, tied by “Wei Hai Wei DEC 2?, 1899” bilingual oval datestamp, Chefoo (Dec. 26) transit and Wetterby (Feb. 4) arrival datestamps, cover with couple minor file folds, slightly rough edge at top, and missing piece of top flap, otherwise Very Fine E. \$400-500
- 4258 ☒ **Hong Kong—Wei Hai Wei, 1882, 5c Ultramarine (40; SG 35).** Vertical pair, tied by “Hong Kong FE 22 00” circular datestamps and framed “I.P.O.” tie-prints on cover to Andover, England, cover **originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1898, 10c Dark Blue Green (103)**, tied by “Wei Hai Wei FEB 14, 1900” bilingual oval datestamp, Chefoo (Feb. 15) transit and Andover (Mar. 26) arrival datestamps, Very Fine E. \$400-500
- 4259 ☒ **Hong Kong—Wei Hai Wei, 1896, 4c Slate (38; SG 34).** Tied by “Hong Kong JU 2 00” circular datestamp on cover to Andover, England, forwarded to Isle of Wight, cover **originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1900, 10c Green (116)** on back, tied by “Wei Hai Wei MAY 25 1900” bilingual oval datestamp, Chefoo (May 26) and Andover (Jul. 6) transit datestamps, Very Fine, ex Goodwyn E. \$500-750



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- 4260 ☒ **Hong Kong—Shanghai/Wei Hai Wei, 1891, 10c Violet on Red (LSH46; SG Z801).** Tied by “Shanghai MR 5 01” circular datestamp on cover to **Tyrol, Austria**, cover **originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1900, 10c Green (116)**, tied by “Wei Hai Wei FEB 26 01” bilingual circular datestamp, Shanghai (Mar. 4) and French Ligne N transit, the latter ties the Hong Kong 10c to cover and arrival datestamps, Very Fine, scarce with the Ligne N cancel tying the Hong Kong stamp E. \$400-500
- 4261 ☒ **Hong Kong—Wei Hai Wei/Shanghai, 1900, 2c Green (LSH39; SG Z814).** Horizontal pair, tied by “Shanghai MY ? 01” circular datestamp on picture postcard of railway station in Wei Hai Wei, addressed to **Vienna, Austria**, cover **originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1900, 1c Ocher, 2c Scarlet (111-112)**, 1c two singles, tied by “Wei Hai Wei APR 2?, 01” bilingual circular datestamp, faint transit and Vienna (Jun. 10) arrival datestamps, Very Fine.. E. \$400-500
- 4262 ☒ **China—Wei Hai Wei, 1900, 1c Ocher (111).** Tied by red “Ma Tau, Wei Hai Wei 1 AUG 02” bilingual double-circle datestamp (Goldsmith & Goodwyn Ty. 9) on “1st Chinese Regiment” imprint (top flap) cover to Shanghai, bold strike of Shanghai Local Post (Aug. 13) arrival backstamp, Very Fine and choice, one of the finest strikes of this rare cancel in red which is only recorded between Jul. 1902 and Mar. 1903 E. \$300-400

WEI HAI WEI—JAPAN AND CHINA COMBINATION COVERS



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- 4263 ☒ **Japan, Offices in China—Shanghai/Wei Hai Wei, 1900, 1s Light Red Brown, 2s Light Green (3, 6).** Tied by two strikes of "Shanghai I.J.P.O. 15 SEP 00" circular datestamps on **uprated China 1s postal card** to Tokyo, Japan, card **originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1900, 1c Ocher, 2c Scarlet (111-112)**, tied by "Wei Hai Wei SEP 6 90" bilingual circular datestamp (year slug in error, should read "00"), Shanghai (Sep. 12) transit and arrival datestamps, cover with some edgewear, still Very Fine and scarce combination use E. \$1,000-1,500



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- 4264 ☒ **Japan, Offices in China—Shanghai/Wei Hai Wei, 1888, 10s Brown Orange (79).** Tied by two strikes of "Shanghai I.J.P.O. 26 SEP (99)" circular datestamps and **framed "I.P.O."** tie-print on "1st Chinese Regiment" imprint (top flap) cover **to Fort Wayne Ind.**, sender's directive "*Per SS Empress of Japan, via Shanghai*", cover **originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1898, 10c Dark Blue Green (103)**, tied by "Wei Hai Wei SEP 22, 1899" bilingual oval datestamp, Shanghai (Sept. 24), Yokohama (Oct. 12), and San Francisco (Oct. 21) transit and Fort Wayne (Oct. 25) arrival backstamps, Very Fine, rare China and Japan combination franking from Wei Hai Wei to the U.S. via the Imperial Japanese Post Office—especially rare with the "I.P.O." handstamp tying the Japanese stamp E. \$1,000-1,500

WEI HAI WEI—FRANCE AND CHINA COMBINATION COVERS



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- 4265 ☒ **France, Offices in China—Shanghai/Wei Hai Wei, 1894, 10c Black on Lavender, 50c Carmine on Rose, Ty. II (3a, 9b; Yvert 5, 12).** 10c with interpanneau gutter selvage at right, 50c block of four, tied by “Shang-Hai, Chine 16 Jul 00” double-circle datestamps on large **registered and return receipt** repurposed official cover to London, England, **originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1900, 30c Dull Red, 50c Yellow Green (118-119)**, tied by “Wei Hai Wei JUL 8 90” bilingual circular datestamp, unframed “R” and framed “R” handstamps of Chinese and British post offices, the former tying the 30c stamp, also framed “AR” handstamp, sender’s notation “H.M.S. Terrible, China Station” at bottom left, Shanghai (Jul. 16) transit and London (Aug. 20) arrival datestamps, cover variously wrinkled affecting stamps, 10c with pulled corner, still Fine and exceptional use, believed to be the only recorded French and Chinese combination cover from Wei Hai Wei with the return receipt handstamp..... E. \$500-750
- 4266 ☒ **France, Offices in China—Shanghai/Wei Hai Wei, 1894, 25c Black on Rose, 50c Carmine on Rose, Ty. II (6, 9b; Yvert 8, 12).** Tied by “Shang-Hai, Chine 30 Jul 00” double-circle datestamps with additional strike at right on **registered** cover to Warmbrunn, Germany, **originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1900, 30c Dull Red (118)**, tied by “Wei Hai Wei JUL 20 00” bilingual double-circle datestamp, unframed “R” and framed “R” handstamps of Chinese and French post offices, Shanghai (Jul. 2?) transit and Warmbrunn (Sept. 3) arrival backstamps, cover barely reduced at right, Very Fine..... E. \$500-750
- 4267 ☒ **France, Offices in China—Shanghai/Wei Hai Wei, 1894, 50c Carmine on Rose, Ty. II (9b; Yvert 12).** Tied by “Shang-Hai, Chine 31 Oct 00” double-circle datestamps with additional strike at bottom right on **registered** cover to military individual in South Africa, forwarded to Mafeking, Klerksdorfs, and ending with “Gen. Babington” forces, **originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1900, 1c Ocher, 2c Scarlet, 4c Orange Brown, 5c Salmon, 10c Dark Blue Green, 20c Claret (99-104), 2c** affixed under 50c, all but 4c and 5c tied by “Wei Hai Wei OCT 26 90” bilingual double-circle datestamps (year slug “90” in error for “00”), unframed “R” and framed “R” handstamps of Chinese and French post offices, the former tying the 4c and 5c stamps, Shanghai (Oct. 29), French Ligne N, Aden (Nov. 27), Durban (Jan. 5, 1901), and Mafeking (Jan. 16) transit backstamps, cover with minor edgewear, Very Fine and exceptional use sent during both the Boxer Rebellion in China and the Second Boer War in South Africa, the recipient most certainly a participant in the latter E. \$1,000-1,500

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- 4268 ☒ **France, Offices in China—Shanghai/Wei Hai Wei, 1894, 25c Black on Rose (6; Yvert 8).** Tied by “Shang-Hai, Chine 31 OCT 00” double-circle datestamp with additional strike beside on cover to Andover, England, **originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1898, 1c Ocher, 4c Orange Brown, 5c Salmon (99, 101-102),** tied by “Wei Hai Wei OCT 26 90” bilingual double-circle datestamps, Shanghai (Oct. 29) transit and Andover (Dec. 5) arrival backstamps, Very Fine and attractive combination cover, ex Goodwyn E. \$500-750
- 4269 ☒ **France, Offices in China—Shanghai/Wei Hai Wei, 1894, 10c Black on Lavender, Ty. I (3; Yvert 4).** Tied by “Shang-Hai, Chine 12 Jan 01” double-circle datestamp with additional strike a center of Austrian postal card with **hand-drawn and colored** design of a ship in harbor on back, addressed to **Graz, Austria, originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1900, ½c Brown, 1c Ocher, 2c Scarlet (110-112),** ½c two singles, tied by “Wei Hai Wei DEC 31 90” bilingual double-circle datestamp, Shanghai (Jan. 9) transit and Graz arrival datestamps, Very Fine and interesting use, the Austrian card had no postal validity and must have been brought by traveler to China..... E. \$400-500
- 4270 ☒ **France, Offices in China—Shanghai/Wei Hai Wei, 1894, 25c Black on Rose (6; Yvert 8).** With interpanneau gutter selvage at right, tied by “Shang-Hai, Chine 10 Juil 01” double-circle datestamps on military-addressed cover to **Quetta, India, originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1900, 1c Ocher (111),** block of six and two horizontal pairs, tied by multiple strikes of **Wei Hai Wei tombstone cancels** (Goldsmith & Goodwyn Ty. 2), Chefoo (Jul. 4), Colombo (Jul. 27), and Bombay (Jul. 31) transit datestamps, cover opened for display and barely reduced at bottom, front and back with sealed tears (the front affects the Colombo marking), Fine and exceptional combination cover, the use of the Wei Hai Wei tombstone cancel on foreign mails is remarkable as this was thought to be for internal mail only, Goldsmith & Goodwyn only record one cover (dated Feb. 1901), we doubt many (if any) others outside these two exist E. \$1,000-1,500



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- 4271 ☒ **France, Offices in China—Shanghai/Wei Hai Wei, 1900, 5c Yellow Green, Ty. I (2; Yvert 2).** Horizontal pair, tied by “Shang-Hai, Chine 2 Aout 01” double-circle datestamp with additional strike beside on picture postcard of a Chinese play, addressed to Vienna, Austria, originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1900, 4c Orange Brown (113), with interpanneau gutter selvage at left, tied by faint Wei Hai Wei double-circle bilingual datestamp, Shanghai transit and Vienna (Sept. 10) arrival datestamps, the latter also tying the 5c pair, 4c with trivial peripheral perf toning, Very Fine E. \$300-400
- 4272 ☒ **France, Offices in China—Chefoo/Wei Hai Wei, 1903, 10c Rose Red (35; Yvert 24).** Tied by violet Chefoo Oct. 31, 1803 double-circle datestamp on picture postcard of the German consulate in Shanghai, addressed to London, England, originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1900, 4c Orange Brown (113), tied by violet “Liu Kung Tao 27 OCT 03” bilingual double-circle datestamp (Goldsmith & Goodwyn Ty. 8), Chefoo (Oct. 30) transit datestamp, 10c with minor toned mark, Very Fine, the Wei Hai Wei marking is quite scarce and is only known used between Jul. 1902 and Mar. 1904, ex Goodwyn E. \$400-500
- 4273 ☒ **France, Offices in China—Chefoo/Wei Hai Wei, 1903, 10c Rose Red (35; Yvert 24).** Tied by violet Chefoo Oct. 31, 1803 double-circle datestamp on picture postcard of the German consulate in Shanghai, addressed to London, England, originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1900, 4c Orange Brown (113), tied by violet “Liu Kung Tao 27 OCT 03” bilingual double-circle datestamp (Goldsmith & Goodwyn Ty. 8), Chefoo (Oct. 30) transit datestamp, 10c with minor toned perfs, Very Fine, the Wei Hai Wei marking is quite scarce and is only known used between Jul. 1902 and Mar. 1904..... E. \$400-500

WEI HAI WEI—RUSSIA AND CHINA COMBINATION COVERS



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- 4274 ☒ **Russia, Offices in China—Chefoo/Wei Hai Wei, 1899, 10k Dark Blue (6).** Tied by Chefoo 1902 double-circle datestamp with additional strike beside on “H.M.S. Amphitrite” imprint (topflap) cover to Cornwall, England, sender’s directive “Via Chefoo, Port Arthur & Moscow”, cover **originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1900, 1c Ocher (111)**, block of six (pre-use splitting), cancelled by lightly struck “Liu Kung Tao, Wei Hai Wei” bilingual double-circle datestamp (Goldsmith & Goodwyn Ty. 8), Chefoo (Dec. 9) transit datestamp, Very Fine and scarce early use, this Liu Kung Tao datestamp is only known used between Jul. 1902 and Mar. 1904 and is uncommon in red, signed Holcombe E. \$750-1,000
- 4275 ☒ **Russia, Offices in China—Chefoo/Wei Hai Wei, 1899, 10k Dark Blue (6).** Horizontal pair, tied by Chefoo Mar. 3, 1903 double-circle datestamp with additional strike at bottom left on large cover to Birkenhead, England, sender’s directive “Via Port Arthur & St. Petersburg”, cover **originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1900, 1/2c Brown (110)**, block of six (pre-use splitting), cancelled by lightly struck “Liu Kung Tao, Wei Hai Wei” bilingual double-circle datestamp (Goldsmith & Goodwyn Ty. 8), Chefoo transit and Birkenhead (Mar. 27) arrival datestamps, cover with file folds which just affect Chinese stamps, missing top flap, and some minor soiling, Fine and impressive use, this Liu Kung Tao datestamp is only known used between Jul. 1902 and Mar. 1904 E. \$500-750
- 4276 ☒ **Russia, Offices in China—Chefoo/Wei Hai Wei, 1899, 1k Orange, 3k Carmine (1, 3).** Tied by Chefoo Apr. 28, 1903 double-circle datestamp on **China 1c Red postal card** to Parkstone, England, sender’s directive “Via Chefoo, Port Arthur & Moscow”, cover **originating in Wei Hai Wei** with well-struck “Port Edward, Wei Hai Wei 24 APR 03” bilingual double-circle datestamp (Goldsmith & Goodwyn Ty. 10), faint Chefoo transit and Parkstone (May 19) arrival datestamps, card with overall toning and slight edgewear, otherwise Fine and rare use, this Port Edward datestamp is only known used between Apr. 1903 and Jul. 1904, this is one of the earliest strikes known E. \$500-750



- 4277 ☒ **Russia, Offices in China—Chefoo/Wei Hai Wei, 1899, 3k Carmine, 7k Dark Blue (3, 5).** Vertical pairs of each, tied by Chefoo Jun. 5, 1903 double-circle datestamp with additional strike at left on cover to Birkenhead, England, sender's directive "Via Chefoo, Port Arthur & St. Petersburg", cover **originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1900, 1c Ocher (111)**, vertical pair, tied by lightly struck violet "Liu Kung Tao, Wei Hai Wei" bilingual double-circle datestamp (Goldsmith & Goodwyn Ty. 8), Chefoo transit and Birkenhead (Jun. 27) arrival datestamps, cover with horizontal file folds and minor edgewear and tears, Fine, this Liu Kung Tao datestamp is only known used between Jul. 1902 and Mar. 1904..... E. \$300-400
- 4278 ☒ **Russia, Offices in China—Chefoo/Wei Hai Wei, 1899, 1k Orange, 2k Yellow Green, 7k Dark Blue (1-2, 5).** Tied by Chefoo Jun. 22, 1903 double-circle datestamps with additional strike at bottom right on "H.M.S. Argonaut" imprint (topflap) cover to London, England, sender's directive "Via Chefoo, Port Arthur & Moscow", cover **originating in Wei Hai Wei with blue "Liu Kung Tao, Wei Hai Wei 20 JUN 03"** bilingual double-circle datestamp (Goldsmith & Goodwyn Ty. 8) on back, Chefoo (Jun. 22) transit backstamp, Very Fine and scarce, the Chinese postage was paid in cash and this Liu Kung Tao datestamp is only known used between Jul. 1902 and Mar. 1904 E. \$500-750
- 4279 ☒ **Russia, Offices in China—Chefoo/Wei Hai Wei, 1899, 10k Dark Blue (6).** Tied by Chefoo Aug. 12, 1903 double-circle datestamp with additional strike at bottom left on "H.M.S. Talbot" imprint (topflap) cover to Sevenoaks, England, sender's directive "Via Port Arthur & Moscow", cover **originating in Wei Hai Wei with violet "Liu Kung Tao, Wei Hai Wei 10 AUG 03"** bilingual double-circle datestamp (Goldsmith & Goodwyn Ty. 8) on back, Sevenoaks (Sep. 4) arrival backstamp, cover with sealed tears at top just affecting postmark, otherwise Very Fine, the Chinese postage was paid in cash and this Liu Kung Tao datestamp is only known used between Jul. 1902 and Mar. 1904..... E. \$300-400
- 4280 ☒ **Russia, Offices in China—Chefoo/Wei Hai Wei, 1899, 3k Carmine, 7k Dark Blue (3, 5).** Tied by Chefoo Sept. 14, 1903 double-circle datestamps with additional strike at center on cover to Dover, England, sender's directive "Via Port Arthur & Moscow", cover **originating in Wei Hai Wei with China, 1900, 1c Ocher (111)**, tied by faint but clear strike of "Port Edward, Wei Hai Wei 12 SEP 03" bilingual double-circle datestamp (Goldsmith & Goodwyn Ty. 10) on back, Moscow transit and Dover (Oct. 7) arrival backstamps, cover opened for display with trace of bottom reduced, also some toned spots, Fine and scarce, this Port Edward datestamp is only known used between Apr. 1903 and Jan. 7, 1904 E. \$400-500

TREATY PORTS—WUHU



4281

- 4281 ☒ **Wuhu, 1894, 1c Brown, First Printing, Perf 11¼ (3).** Tied by blue “Wuhu Local Post 18 DEC 94” circular datestamp on “U.S.S. Concord” top flap imprint cover to **Syracuse N.Y.**, used with **Hong Kong, 1882, 5c Ultramarine (LSH42; SG Z798)**, horizontal pair, tied by two strikes of “Shanghae DE 20 94” circular datestamps, Yokohama (Dec. 29) and San Francisco transit and Syracuse (Jan. 18, 1895) arrival datestamps, Very Fine, a very rare Wuhu and Hong Kong combination franking used from Shanghai E. \$1,000-1,500



4282

- 4282 ☒ **Wuhu, 1894, 1c Grayish Brown, 5c Red Orange, Second Printing, Perf 11 (13, 15).** Tied by well-struck blue “Wuhu Local Post 8 FEB 95” circular datestamp with additional strike on back of **registered** cover to Ipswich, England, used with **Hong Kong, 1891, 10c Violet on Red (LSH46; SG Z801)**, two singles, tied by “Shanghae FE 8 95” circular datestamp, blue “Registered No.” straightline handstamp and manuscript “129” added and “R” in circle handstamp, Hong Kong (Feb. 12) and red London transit and Ipswich (Mar. 18) arrival datestamps, few minor toned perfs on Wuhu stamps

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