

Collection on Cover

The First Issues Dr. Géza Homonnay of the World



SALE 1313 • MARCH 5, 2024



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Sale 1313—Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Morning Session at 10:30 a.m. (lots 3001-3149)

Great Britain and British Commonwealth (lots 3001-3106) Worldwide–Afghanistan thru Denmark (lots 3107-3149)

Afternoon Session at 1:30 p.m. (lots 3150-3408)

Worldwide-Egypt thru Yugoslavia and Balances (lots 3150-3408)

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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 Report^{5M} 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 Free from any disturbance	Lightly Hinged Faint impression of a removed hinge over a small area	Hinge Mark or Remnant Prominent hinged spot with part or all of the hinge remaining	Part o.g. Approximately half or more of the gum intact	Small part o.g. Approximately less than half of the gum intact	No gum Only if issued with gum	
Catalogue Symbol:	**	*	*	*	*	(★)	
PRE-1890 ISSUES	Pre-1890 stamps in these categories trade at a premium over Scott value			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			
1935 TO DATE	Scott Value for "Unused"			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.			

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)

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



First Issues of the World on Cover

THE DR. GÉZA HOMONNAY COLLECTION IS THE PHILATELIC VERSION, AND ultimately the solution, to my Friday night dinner selection with my family. It's a gourmet version of a buffet—one that appeals to everyone's interest (and for me, avoids total meltdowns and hunger strikes). No one area or country is over-represented. Instead, the items were selected tastefully with the focus on eye appeal, rarity and overall condition. Dr. Homonnay patiently acquired items, often from renowned collections that came up for auction over the course of many years. All of this coalesced into the collection presented in this sale catalogue.

The epitome of "classic" in philately is inarguably the first issues of the world. When you think of worldwide classics, you think Great Britain Penny Black, Brazil Bull's Eyes, the Lady McLeod and Zurich Cantonals, to name a few. All of these wonderful classic first issues are featured in Dr. Homonnay's collection.

Immediately after perusing Dr. Homonnay's inventory, I jumped at the opportunity to personally handle this collection for the Siegel firm. This collection represents the complete package for a young professional philatelist such as myself.

It required *acquisition*—ensuring that it was safely transported from Budapest, Hungary. This is where, for the first time in years, it snowed in Budapest, which fortunately did not hinder travel—perhaps the snow was a good omen for the sale's success.

Dr. Homonnay walked me through his collection and enthusiastically showed me his other magnificent holdings. We enjoyed a splendid meal at a well-known establishment, which allowed me to get to know the collector behind the collection.

The *describing* process took time to organize and research the items. This collection was "fun" to describe. The covers conveyed little snippets of fascinating information from numerous areas. Never overwhelming in one area, the collection has balance and broad appeal. From Great Britain to Timor, Dr. Hamonnay's covers originate from all parts of the globe, spanning nearly 100 years (yes, as late as the 1937 issue of Aden).

Once the descriptions were written, the *catalogue presentation* took shape with careful thought as to highlighting the key items of the collection. The *sale marketing* was challenging, due to the wide appeal of the material—how do we reach the collector looking for the Transcaucasian Federated Republics cover? And, finally, the *actual sale* of the collection, which we hope all of our clients will see as an exciting opportunity to bid on rare covers, either in person, by phone or by using our BidBaller platform.

We appreciate Dr. Homonnay's trust in our firm and we are proud to handle his wonderful First Issues of the World on Cover collection. He is a renowned exhibitor who has won several Large Gold medals for his Hungarian exhibits. He is president of the Hungarian Academy of Philately. In addition to his philatelic achievements, he is a successful businessman, tennis and bridge player.

—ANDREW TITLEY

MORNING SESSION (LOTS 3001-3149) TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024, AT 10:30 A.M.

THE GÉZA HOMONNAY COLLECTION FIRST ISSUES OF THE WORLD ON COVER

GREAT BRITAIN AND BRITISH COMMONWEALTH



3001

3001 Great Britain, 1840, 1p Intense Black (1a; SG 1; SG Specialised AS24). Horizontal strip of four, plate 5, lettered E-B to E-E, large margins to clear including traces of three adjoining stamps at top, bold color and sharp impression, tied and cancelled by four red Maltese Cross cancels on folded letter datelined Edinburgh Nov. 26, 1840, addressed to Musselburgh, Nov. 28 despatch backstamp

VERY FINE. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE STRIP OF FOUR OF THE 1840 PENNY BLACK USED ON COVER.

Signed Fiecchi. With 2015 R.P.S. certificate..... E. \$4,000-5,000





3003

3003

Great Britain, 1840, 2p Deep Blue (2b; SG 4). Horizontal pair, plate 1, lettered E-I to E-J, large margins to just clear at bottom left, tied and cancelled by two bold strikes of black Maltese Cross cancels on 1841 folded letter to Leven, well-struck framed "Forfar AP 24 1841" despatch datestamp on back, Very Fine............................... E. \$750-1,000

ADEN-ANTIGUA



3004



3005

3004 ⋈ Aden, 1937, ½a-10r Dhow (1-12; SG 1-12). Complete set of twelve values, each tied by "Aden 1 Apr 37" first day of issue circular datestamp on large cover to Ipswich, England, Very Fine first day cover of this popular issue, Scott \$593 (SG £850) simply as used stamps....

 $3005 \bowtie$

Aitutaki, 1903-11, 1p Rose, 2½p Deep Blue, Perf 14 (2, 9; SG 2-3). Three singles of each, used with 3p Yellow Brown and 1sh Scarlet, Perf 11 (4, 6; SG 5, 7), two singles of each, all tied by "Aitutaki NZ AU 19 11" double-circle datestamps on registered printed cover to Bremen, Germany, registry label with violet "Aitutaki NZ" handstamp, Auckland (Sep. 22) transit and Bremen (Nov. 4) arrival backstamps, cover with trace of bends at right affecting 1sh and 2½p stamps, still Very Fine E. \$300-400

..... E. \$200-300

 $3006 \bowtie$

Antigua, 1867, 1p Vermilion, Rough Perf 14-16 (3; SG 7). Horizontal strip of five, cancelled by four strikes of clearly struck "A02" barred oval cancels and "Antigua JY 11 71" circular datestamp which ties strip on back of blue cover to Wilmot, Nova Scotia, forwarded to Aylesford, sender's directive "Per Mail Steamer - via Halifax", Wilmot arrival which also ties strip, large "7" rate handstamp crossed out and red manuscript "4" added, small piece of backflap missing, Very Fine, an attractive use to an unusual destination, from our Sale 621 (July 1983)....... E. \$750-1,000

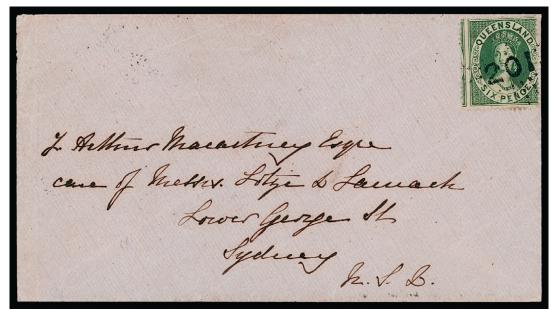


3006

AUSTRALIAN STATES



- 3007 ⋈ New South Wales, 1850, 1p Reddish Rose (1; SG 3). Plate 1, large to full margins, fresh color, tied by fancy barred oval cancels on 1850 locally addressed cover, Sydney Dec. 21 despatch datestamp on back, neatly struck fancy "2 O'CLOCK" handstamp, Very Fine and scarce example of the 1p local rate on cover............................... E. \$750-1,000
- 3008 ⋈ New South Wales, 1850, 2p Ultramarine (6d; SG 29). Plate III, large balanced margins, tied by barred oval cancel (with slight manuscript added at left) on petite 1851 cover to Jarvisfield, Picton, Sydney Jan. 10 despatch datestamp on back, Jan. 11 arrival backstamp, Very Fine, with 1993 B.P.A. certificate...... E. \$200-300



3010

Queensland, 1860, 6p Deep Green (6E; SG 9). Cancelled by "201" dotted rays cancel on 1861 cover to Sydney, Macartney correspondence, Rockhampton Dec. 26 despatch datestamp on back, Sydney (Jan. 7) arrival backstamp, Fine, the 6p paid the inter-colonial rate up to a half-ounce...... E. \$300-400



3011



 $3012 \bowtie$ Tasmania, 1853, 4p Orange (2; SG 8). Plate I, cut square, huge to large margins including sheet margin at right, tied by "26" barred cancel of Evandale on petite cover to Deloraine, Westward, without despatch datestamp, faint Launceston Nov. 15 backstamp, manuscript "Missent Nov. 6/53" at left, stamp with trace of soiling, cover with some edgewear and missing small piece of backflap

> VERY FINE AND EXCEPTIONALLY EARLY USE OF THE 4-PENCE FIRST ISSUE OF TASMANIA — LIKELY SENT ON THE FIRST OR SECOND DAY OF ISSUE.

> The Tasmania 4p was officially issued on Nov. 1, 1853. Unfortunately, the postmaster in Evandale (to which the "26" was allocated) did not apply a despatch datestamp. Given the fact that this cover was "missent" and dated Nov. 6, it was probably sent on Nov. 1 or 2, the first or second day of use. Very few true first day covers are recorded. Accompanied by neatly written page highlighting evidence of this early use. E. \$1,500-2,000



3013

3013 ⋈ Tasmania, 1854, 4p Dull Orange (2a; SG 11). Plate II, cut square, large margins to just touching outer frameline at left, tied by "68" barred oval cancel with large red "General Post Office, Hobart Town, 16 OC 1855" circular datestamp on folded letter to Syndey, sender's directive "via Launceston", Ship Letter Sydney (Oct. 25) arrival backstamp, Very Fine E. \$750-1,000



3014 ⋈ Tasmania, 1854, 4p Orange (2a; SG 10). Plate II, cut to shape, large to ample margins on each side, tied by "64" barred oval cancel and large red "General Post Office, Hobart Town, ? 1854" circular datestamp on folded cover to London, England, sender's directive "Via Melbourne", London (Dec. 5) arrival backstamp, Very Fine, signed Pfenninger.... E. \$200-300



3015

3015

■ Victoria, 1850, 2p Brown Lilac (6; SG 6). Large to ample margins including sheet margin at top, cancelled by blue Butterfly cancel on local 1850 folded cover to the Superintendent of Port Phillips in Melbourne, Melbourne Feb. 25 despatch datestamp on back, stamp with slightly irregular cut in top margin, Very Fine, signed Forster E. \$300-400

A BEAUTIFUL WESTERN AUSTRALIA SWAN ISSUE FRANKING ON AN 1855 COVER FROM PERTH TO MELBOURNE



3016

3016

Western Australia, 1854, 1p Black, 4p Blue (1, 3; SG 1, 3). 1p horizontal pair, full to ample margins except just touched at right on single and pair, cancelled or tied by barred oval cancels with framed "Perth 16 JU 16, 1855" datestamp on cover to Melbourne, red "Ship Letter G.P.O. Victoria Free AU 4 1856" rimless circular datestamp on back, cover with trace of soiling, small piece of back flap missing and small tear between stamps at top of little concern

VERY FINE. A RARE AND ATTRACTIVE USE OF THE ONE-PENNY AND 4-PENCE SWAN IMPERFORATE FIRST ISSUES ON COVER.

Signed A. Diena. With 2015 R.P.S. certificate. E. \$3,000-4,000



- Barbados, 1855, (4p) Brown Red (4; SG 5). Three large margins, just touching at top right, used with 1855, (1p) Blue (6; SG 10), large to ample margins, each tied by "1" barred oval cancel on 1859 folded cover to Philadelphia Pa., "Barbados OC 12 1859" despatch datestamp on back, sender's directive "p Mail via Havana", sender's company handstamp on back, St. Thomas (Oct. 15) transit backstamp, "Steampship 10" in circle handstamp and red manuscript "4" rate marking, Very Fine and scarce use of the 4p first issue, ex Gibson E. \$1,000-1,500



- British East Africa, 1890, 4a on 5p Lilac & Blue (3; SG 3). Horizontal pair, each cancelled or tied by "Mombasa MR 15 95" circular datestamps on registered cover to Whitfield, King & Co. in Ipswich, England, violet framed "Registered" handstamp and blue manuscript "142" in crayon, London (Apr. 4) transit and Ipswich (Apr. 5) arrival datestamps, cover with vertical file fold clear of stamps, Very Fine and quite scarce, SG from £4,000 E. \$750-1,000
- Brunei, 1895, 1c, 3c, 5c, 8c, 10c Star & Local Scene (A2, A4-A7; SG 2, 4-7). Tied by "Brunei 22 Jul 1895" circular datestamps on orange registered cover to London, England, Pead correspondence, used with Labuan, 18c Olive Brown & Black (56; SG 71), tied by Labuan Jul. 25 circular datestamp, "R" in oval and curved "Registered No." handstamps, London (Aug. 26) arrival backstamp, Very Fine................................... E. \$300-400

CANADIAN PROVINCES



3024

British Columbia & Vancouver Island, 1860, 2½p Dull Rose, Perf 14 (2; SG 3). Wing margin and selvage at left, tied by well-struck blue "Dietz & Nelson's B.C. & V. Express" double-circle handstamp with matching blue "Paid" in oval handstamp on orange cover to Victoria EXTREMELY FINE. A HANDSOME AND RARE USE OF THE 2½-PENCE ROSE PERF 14 ON COVER WITH THE DIETZ & NELSON EXPRESS COMPANY HANDSTAMP.

Ex Gross. With 1980 P.F. certificate. E. \$2,000-3,000



3026 3025

New Brunswick, 1851, 3p Red (1; SG 1). Huge to large margins, fresh color, tied by crisp strike of barred "9" oval cancel on 1856 cover to Saint John, Grand Falls Jul. 26 despatch datestamp on back, Woodstock (Jul. 27) transit and Saint John (Jul. 28) arrival backstamps, cover with minor edgewear, Extremely Fine, a particularly choice cover, especially rare from Grand Falls as Unitrade does not record this strike in their rarity factor on the Pence issues, Scott \$900, Unitrade C\$800...... E. \$400-500

3026 ⋈ New Brunswick, 1851, 6p Olive Yellow (2; SG 4). Large to ample margins on each side, tied by mute barred oval cancel on 1852 cover to New York, blue Chatham Jul. 5 despatch backstamp, red "PAID 10 CENTS" handstamp, Frederickton (Jul. 6) and St. John (Jul. 7) transit backstamps, cover with some minor wrinkling, still Very Fine, Scott \$1,800, Unitrade C\$2,000 E. \$750-1,000



Newfoundland, 1857, 1p Brown Violet (1; SG 1). Three large to ample margins, touching at left, cancelled by well-struck black quartered cork cancel with red "St. Johns Newfoundland Paid JY 25, 1865" rimless circular datestamp on blue folded letter to Christmas Island (Nova Scotia), North Sydney (Jul. 27) and Sydney (Jul. 28) transit backstamps, cover with minor splitting and few toned spots which just barely affect margin of stamp, otherwise Fine, the Newfoundland 1p first issue is very scarce as a single franking paying the circular rate, with 2004 Greene Foundation certificate, Scott \$5,750, Unitrade C\$7,500 E. \$1,000-1,500



3028



- 3030

 Cape of Good Hope, 1858, 6p Pale Lilac (5; SG 7). Large to ample margins on each side, tied by triangular grid cancel on 1858 folded cover (missing inner panel) to London, England, Graaf Reenett despatch datestamp on back, sender's directive "per mail Steamer via Cape Town", Cape Town (Oct. 18) transit and London (Dec. 8) arrival datestamps, Very Fine and scarce use of this value on cover................................... E. \$1,000-1,500
- 3031 ⊠ Cayman Islands, 1900, ½p Pale Green, 1p Carmine Rose (1-2; SG 1-2). Each tied by "Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands MR 27 01" double-circle datestamp on preprinted Otto Bickel cover to Berlin, Germany, couple file folds well-clear of stamps, Very Fine...... E. \$300-400

CEYLON



3032

3032 ⋈ **1857, 1p Blue on Blued Paper (1; SG 2b).** Ample margins to just clear, tied by barred oval cancel folded letter datelined "*Kandy 27 Jany 1859*", addressed to Colombo, indistinct despatch datestamp on back, red Colombo (Jan. 28) arrival datestamp, Very Fine and quite scarce as a single franking, with 2008 Behr certificate, Scott \$2,100 E. \$400-500



3033



3034 ⋈ 1857, 1p Blue, 1sh Violet (3a, 11; SG 2a, 10). Two singles of each, mostly ample margins to just touching in places, cancelled by three manuscript pen strokes on blue folded cover with Singapore Oct. 13, 1857 origin docketing, addressed to Hamburg, Germany, sender's directive "p Str Korna via Trieste or Marseilles", manuscript "Forwarded by H. Sonnen Ralb, Galle 23rd October 1857" endorsement on top flap, Hamburg (Nov. 29) arrival backstamp, manuscript red "2/2", blue "8½", and framed "6¼" handstamp, strong horizontal file fold not affecting stamps

> VERY FINE USE OF THE 1857 ONE-PENNY AND ONE-SHILLING ON COVER TO GERMANY. THIS IS THOUGHT TO BE THE EARLIEST RECORDED USE OF THE ONE-SHILLING ON COVER.

> Ex Hackmey..... E. \$5,000-7,500



3035

1857, 2p Deep Green, 5p Orange Brown (4, 6; SG 3, 5). Two singles of 2p, mostly ample $3035 \bowtie$ margins to just touching in couple places, cancelled by barred cancels, left 2p just tied, on 1859 folded letter to Aberdeen, Scotland, "Matelle Post Paid" with manuscript "5, 1859, 10" (May 10, 1859) date added despatch on back, sender's directive "By Marseilles Paid", London (Jun. 9) transit and Aberdeen (Jun. 10) arrival datestamps, left 2p with mild vertical file fold

> VERY FINE. A RARE USE OF THE 1857 2-PENCE AND 5-PENCE STAMPS ON COVER FROM MATELLE TO SCOTLAND.

> Ex Serendib and Hackmey. With 2002 R.P.S. certificate. E. \$3,000-4,000



3036 ⋈ 1859, 9p Lilac Brown (9; SG 8). Ample even margins on each side, fresh color, tied by barred oval cancel and "Nuwera-elyia Paid MY 30 64" circular datestamp on mourning cover to Gironde, France, sender's directive "Via Marseilles", red "PD" handstamp, red French entry and transit datestamps, cover with some edgewear and minute tears, just barely reduced at right VERY FINE. A RARE AND LATE SOLO-FRANKING USE OF THE 1859 9-PENCE ON MOURNING COVER TO FRANCE.

Ex Gibson. Signed J-F Brun. Scott \$11,500...... E. \$3,000-4,000



3037

1857, 10p Vermilion (10; SG 9). Three ample to full margins, deep rich shade, just touching at top, tied by barred oval cancel on part 1864 cover (missing bottom and one side panel) to London, England, light strike of Kandy despatch datestamp on back, sender's directive "Via Marseilles", London (Feb. 26) arrival datestamp, Very Fine, ex Agabeg and Hackmey....... E. \$1,000-1,500



3038

3038 © Cook Islands, 1892, 1p-10p Seven Stars (1-4; SG 1-4). Each cancelled or tied by "Rarotonga 12 FE 94" circular datestamps with additional strike at bottom center on registered cover to Paris, France, "R" in oval handstamp, Auckland (Feb. 20) and London (Mar. 28) transit and Paris (Mar. 29) arrival datestamps, Very Fine, ex Toaspern...... E. \$300-400





3041

3041 ☑ Cyprus, 1880, ½p Claret (3; SG 3). Plate 14, lettered J-B, tied bold strike of "942" barred cancel with "Larnaca Cyprus JU 22 80" circular datestamp on cover to Lyon, France, "Modane a Paris 2 Juil 80" entry and light Paris arrival datestamps, cover with minor edgewear, Very Fine, ex "Aphrodite" E. \$400-500



3042

3042 ⋈ Falkland Islands, 1878, 1sh Bister Brown (4; SG 4). Used with 1891-94 ½p, 1p, 2½p, 4p, and 6p, tied by "Falkland Islands JU 25 1895" double-circle datestamps on registered cover to London, England, violet "Registered" straightline and crowned "Registered" handstamps, London (Aug. 30) arrival datestamps, Very Fine and attractive six-color registered use........

E. \$400-500

AN EXTRAORDINARY COVER FRONT BEARING BOTH THE 1871 ONE-SHILLING "FIJI TIMES" EXPRESS STAMP AND UNITED STATES BANK NOTE ISSUE



3043

Fiji, 1871, 1sh Black on Pink Laid Batonne Paper (10; SG 9). Gilles Paper Ty. 2, Position 12, complete roulettes at top and bottom, manuscript "#" cancel, used with United States, 1870, 10c Brown (150), straight edge at right, tied by quartered cork cancel with "San Francisco Cal. Oct 6" (1871) circular datestamp on cover front only to C. W. Lomber, care of U.S. Appraisers Office, San Francisco, "San Francisco Steamship Oct. 6" datestamp, front with some minor edge tears, 1sh with trace of toned spots and adhesion in right margin, slight vertical crease, 10c with slight fault to right margin from placement on front

FINE AND IMPORTANT POSTAL HISTORY ARTIFACT OF FIJI AND THE UNITED STATES. THIS IS ONE OF ONLY FIVE COVERS AND TWO FRONTS ACCEPTED AS SHOWING GENUINE USE OF THE FIJI TIMES EXPRESS ISSUE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED COMBINATION COVER WITH UNITED STATES STAMPS.

This cover is believed to have originated in Levuka, where the manuscript "X" cancels were applied. According to Colin Tabeart, this was carried on the last voyage of the *Wonga Wonga*, departing Sydney Sep. 1, 1871, Fiji Sep. 11, Honolulu Sep. 25, and arriving San Francisco Oct. 6, 1871.

A census of Fiji Times Express covers by Dr. Geoff Kellow was published in *The Australian Philatelist* (March 1988) and incorporated into *Fiji Times Express Stamps* by David E. Gillis (pp. 102-108). Kellow's original list of nine items included six covers, two fronts and one large piece, but two of these must be excluded. The piece—addressed to Auckland with a New Zealand 1p Chalon Head—was destroyed in the 1983 bush fire that consumed John Gartner's home in Australia (he and his wife survived by wading in the swimming pool). The earliest cover—addressed to Mrs. John R. Dods and datestamped at Sydney Dec. 10, 1870—received negative opinions from The Royal Philatelic Society London and British Philatelic Association, although some specialists still argue it is a genuine use of the 3p Fiji Times Express stamp.

Removing those two items from the Kellow census, there remain five covers and two fronts with Fiji Times Express stamps. Two covers and one front have First Setting/Printing stamps on quadrille paper. Three covers and one front have Second Setting stamps on batonne paper (of either Gillis type).

The two First Setting/Printing covers have similar 3p/6p frankings (SG 2, 3) with a 6p New South Wales stamp and were datestamped in Sydney on the same day, December 31, 1870. The third item is a front addressed to the United States with 3p/6p franking (SG 2, 3) and a New Zealand 6p Chalon Head stamp.

The three covers and one front with Second Setting stamps on batonne paper are: 1) 1sh (SG 9) with New South Wales 2p to Miss Dods, Victoria, Sydney Mar. 29, 1871 datestamp; 2) 1sh (SG 9) to John Noulan, West Maitland, NSW, with Sydney Ship Letter Jul. 17, 1871 backstamp, "6" pence due marking; 3) 6p pair (SG 8) with New South Wales 6p to Miss Dods, Victoria, Sydney Oct. 19, 1871 datestamp; and 4) **the front offered here,** addressed to San Francisco with the 1sh (SG 9) and U.S. 10c Brown (Scott 150), San Francisco Oct. 6 (1871) datestamps (one with "Steamship" for blanket steamship rate).

Ex Seybold, Lagerloef, Purves, Robertson, and Mayer. 1987 R.P.S. certificate no longer accompanies. E. \$7,500-10,000



- 3044 ⊠ Gibraltar, 1886, ½p Green, 1p Rose, 2p Violet Brown, 4p Orange Brown (1-3, 5; SG 1-3, 5). ½p horizontal pair, all tied by "Registered Gibraltar, 20 MR 87" oval datestamps with additional strike at bottom on registered 2p entire Detmold, Germany, Algeciras (Mar. 21) and San Fernando (Mar. 22) transit and Detmold (Mar. 26) arrival backstamps, faint file fold affecting 2p, still Very Fine and rare four-color franking...... E. \$1,000-1,500 Gibraltar, 1886, ½p Green, 2p Violet Brown (1, 3; SG 1,3). Tied by "Gibraltar DE 3 86" circular datestamp and "A26" barred oval duplex cancel with additional strike below on cover to Windsor, England, Windsor (Dec. 9) arrival backstamp, Very Fine....... E. \$500-750
- 3046
 Gibraltar, 1886, 1p Rose, 6p Violet (2, 6; SG 2, 6). Tied by "A26" barred oval cancels with "Registered Gibraltar 21 JA 86" oval datestamp on cover to Paris, France, framed "R Espagne" handstamp, San Fernando (Jan. 23) and Madrid (Jan. 24) transit and light Paris arrival datestamps, Very Fine and scarce first issue cover E. \$500-750



3047 ⋈ Gibraltar, 1886, 1sh Bister Brown (7; SG 7). Tied by "A26" barred cancel and "Registered, Gibraltar South District, MY 28 86" oval datestamp on blue cloth-lined legal-size cover to London, England, London (Jun. 2) arrival datestamps, cover with some edgewear and minor vertical file fold not affecting stamp

VERY FINE. AN EXCEPTIONAL USE OF THE 1886 ONE-SHILLING FIRST ISSUE ON REGISTERED COVER TO ENGLAND. WE DOUBT MANY SINGLE FRANKING COVERS STILL EXIST.

Ex Duveen. E. \$2,000-3,000

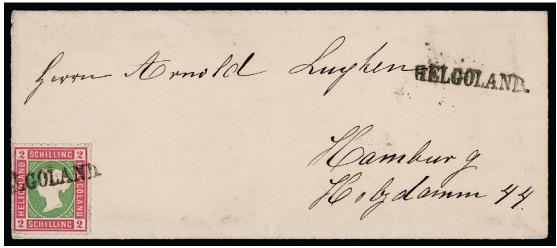


3048



3049 Meligoland, 1867-68, 2sch Rose & Pale Green (3; SG 3; Michel 3). Horizontal pair, cancelled by clearly struck "Geestemunde Zollverein 16.8.69" boxed datestamp with additional strike at top right on cover to Berlin, Germany, clear strike of "Aus Helgoland" two-line in half-circle handstamp, Berlin (Aug. 17) arrival backstamp

VERY FINE. A GEM USED PAIR OF THE 2-SCHILLINGS FIRST ISSUE ON COVER TO GERMANY.



3050

3050 ⋈ Heligoland, 1867-68, 2sch Rose & Pale Green (3; SG 3; Michel 3). Well-centered, tied by "(HE)LGOLAND" straightline handstamp with additional strike at right on 1871 cover to Hamburg, Germany, Hamburg (Sep. 15) arrival backstamps, Very Fine and choice, a scarce first issue cover, particularly in this condition, with 1978 Lemberger certificate.. E. \$500-750





Hong Kong, 1863, 6c Lilac, 48c Rose Carmine (12, 21; SG 10, 17). Tied by two bold strikes of "B62" barred oval cancels on 1866 cover to Plymouth Notch Vt., Hong Kong May 29 despatch datestamp on back, sender's directive "via Marseilles", manuscript "From U.S. Steamer Wachusett" indicating U.S. ship origin and with "Forwarded by Thos Hunt & Co. Hong Kong" oval handstamp on back, London (Jul. 16) and New York American Packet transit datestamps, red "21 Cents" handstamp and manuscript rate markings, cover barely reduced at left, Very Fine, the U.S.S. Wachusett saw action during the U.S. Civil War and sailed to the Far East in Mar. 1865 in an attempt to track down the C.S.S. Shenandoah, after the war her focus changed to tracking down outlaws and piracy, shortly after this cover was sent in August 1865, her Commander Robert Townsend died by heatstroke on the Yangtze River, she remained in Chinese waters until 1867................................. E. \$1,000-1,500



- 3053 ⋈ India, 1854, 4a Red & Blue, 2nd Printing, Head Die II, Frame Die I (6D; SG 19). Two singles, cut to shape, ample to tight margins on each side, tied by diamond of dots cancels on blue 1855 folded letter to Nantes, France, indistinct red Calcutta despatch datestamp on back, sender's directive "Via Suez and Marseille", red framed "INDIA PAID" handstamp, red French entry (Jan. 16), Paris (Jan. 16), and Paris a Nantes (Jan. 16) transit and Nantes (Jan. 17) arrival datestamps, "20" decimes due handstamp, Very Fine E. \$750-1,000
- 3055 Mindia, Feudatory States, Jammu & Kashmir, 1866, ½a Gray Black (1; SG 1). Cut square, touching at places, tied by red Srinagar red seal cancel with manuscript "21st August 1866" despatch date added on reverse of native cover, Very Fine, a scarce first issue cover of Jammu & Kashmir, with 2010 I.S.E.S. certificate............................... E. \$400-500



India, Feudatory States, Jind, 1874, ½a Blue on Thin White Wove Paper (1; SG J1). Large to full margins all around, tied by native "heart" cancel and cancelled by manuscript notation on 1875 India ½a Blue stationery entire, stamp and indicia additionally tied by "1" barred circle cancel, addressed to Bombay, Bombay (May 20) arrival backstamp, cover with slightly rough opening at left and small corner crease at bottom right just affecting Jind stamp, minor central stain spot, still Fine and scarce combination cover, SG notes "stamps of Jind are very rare used on cover", so much so they do not offer any multiplier for covers E. \$300-400

3057 ⋈ India, Feudatory States, Wadhwan, 1892, ½p Black on Thick Toned Paper, Perf 12 (3; SG 5). Horizontal pair, each stamp tied by violet native circular datestamp on 1893 detached (front and back panel) cover to the Bishop of Bombay, addressed locally, large violet Wadwhan Oct. 24 despatch datestamp on back, cover front and back panels with edge wear and some toned spots, otherwise Fine, any cover from Wadhwan is very scarce, so much so that SG applies a from 30x multiplier, with 2010 I.S.E.S. certificate....... E. \$400-500



3058





3060

3060 ☑ Ireland, 1922, 5sh Carmine Rose, Short Third Line Overprint (13 var; SG 19 var; Hibernian T13a). Used with 1922, 10p Light Blue (8; SG 9), two singles, each tied by "Morehampton Road, Dublin 17 JU 22" circular datestamps on registered cover to Bournemouth, England, blue "Registered" straightline handstamp and registry label (both affected by tape removal), Very Fine and scarce use of the 5sh, especially with the variety, on an overfranked cover......

E. \$400-500



- Jamaica, 1860, 1p Blue, Diagonal Bisect (1a; SG 1d). Top right diagonal half, tied across the cut by "A52" barred oval handstamp on large part of folded cover to Spanish Town, Mandeville May 8, 1866 despatch backstamp, manuscript "O.H.M.S." at top, Spanish Town (May 9) arrival datestamp, light vertical file fold well clear of bisect and some splitting along fold, Very Fine, with 1956 P.F. certificate, Scott \$650, SG £650...... E. \$200-300
- 8062

 Kuwait, 1923, 2a Violet, Inverted Overprint (4 var; SG 4 var). Used with 4a Olive Green (8; SG 8), both tied by "Kuwait 11 Aug 26" bilingual double-circle datestamp on registered cover to Bombay, India, overprinted registry label at bottom, Bombay (Aug. 31) arrival backstamp, cover with insignificant file fold at left, Very Fine, only a small handful of covers are known, these inverted overprints and their use on cover is noted in Donaldson (p. 109-111)

 E. \$500-750
- 3063 ⋈ Kuwait, 1923, 1r Green & Red Brown (12; SG 12). Tied by "Kuwait 26 Oct 26" bilingual double-circle datestamp on registered cover to Middletown O., overprinted registry label, New York (Nov. 29) transit and Middletown (Nov. 30) arrival backstamps, Very Fine, scarce and attractive, ex Kiddle...... E. \$300-400



3064

Leeward Islands, 1890, 5sh Green & Ultramarine (8; SG 8). Tied by "Antigua FE 6 95" circular datestamp with additional strike beside on registered cover to Bournemouth, England, "R" in oval handstamp, Bath (Feb. 21) transit and Bournemouth arrival backstamps, Very Fine and scarce use of the 5sh high value on cover, SG from £3,250 E. \$750-1,000



3065

3065 ⋈ Mafia Island, 1915, 1a Carmine Rose (N81; SG M35). Tied by violet "Mafia 6 JY 16" circular datestamp on cover to Audit Office in Zanzibar, "Zanzibar Government" embossed on top flap, Zanzibar (Jul. 7) arrival backstamp, small staple rust spot at top center of cover

VERY FINE AND RARE USE OF THE ONE-ANNA CARMINE ROSE WITH "G.R. POST MAFIA" HAND-STAMP ON COVER TO ZANZIBAR.

Any Mafia Island stamp used on cover is surprisingly rare, so much so that SG does not provide a value multiplier...... E. \$1,500-2,000



3066

Maldive Islands, 1906, 2c-25c Overprints (1-6; SG 1-6). Complete set of six values, all tied by four strikes of "Maldive Islands 6.1.06" double-circle datestamps with additional strike below correctly dated 1907 on printed cover to Colombo, Colombo (Jan. 24) arrival backstamp, couple file folds not affecting stamps and small piece of backflap missing, still Very Fine first issue set on cover, interesting as it was originally cancelled by 1906 datestamps in error......

E. \$500-750

3067

Montserrat, 1876, 1p Red, Vertical Half Used as ½p (1a; SG 1a). Right vertical half, tied across the cut by clear "A08" barred oval cancel with "Montserrat Paid JU 14 83" circular datestamp on cover to Dominica, manuscript "Book Post" at top left, Dominica (Jun. 17) arrival datestamp, cover with vertical file fold of no consequence, Very Fine and choice bisect cover, with 2013 Brandon certificate, Scott \$1,650, SG £1,400 E. \$500-750



3068





3070

3070 ⋈ Nevis, 1876, 4p Orange (15; SG 18). Tied by "A12" barred oval with "Nevis SP 25 80" circular datestamp on cover to Leamington, England, sender's directive "P Steamer Sept. 24th 1880", Birmingham (Oct. 13) transit and Leamington (Oct. 14) arrival backstamps, cover with some toned spots and minor edgewear, otherwise Very Fine....... E. \$300-400



3071 Both

3071 ⋈ New Britain, 1914, 1p on 5pf Green, 2p on 10pf Carmine (2-3; SG 2-3). Two covers, each tied by "Rabaul New Britain Jan 4, 1915" oval datestamp on covers addressed locally, 1p with "Rabaul Garrison - On Active Service" on top left, 2p cover with backflap missing, Very Fine pair, 2p signed Bothe BPP and with 1975 G.P.S. certificate E. \$400-500



3072





3074

3074 ⋈ New Zealand, 1857-61, 1p Orange, 2p Pale Blue, 6p Pale Brown (7, 8e, 9h; SG 8, 9, 14). Singles of each value, mostly large to full margins, close at left side of 2p, each cancelled or tied by "1" barred oval cancel on small 1861 cover to Wiltshire, England, clearly struck "Auckland New Zealand, 4 MR 4 1861" despatch datestamp on back, sender's directive "via Marseille", Salisbury (May 13) transit backstamp, 1p with trace of oxidizing and 2p with trivial gum soak at top right corner

VERY FINE. AN ESPECIALLY RARE AND DESIRABLE THREE-COLOR NEW ZEALAND CHALON HEAD FRANKING ON COVER TO ENGLAND.

Ex Gross. With 1994 B.P.A. certificate. E. \$4,000-5,000



- New Zealand, 1901, 1p Carmine (99; SG 277). Tied by Lyttelton Apr. 1, 1904 boxed circular datestamp, used with 1908, 1p "King Edward VII Land" (121A; Antarctic Expeditions SG A1) and 1911, 1p "Victoria Lane" (131D; Antarctic Expeditions SG A3), two examples of the latter, tied by "Brit. Antarctic Expd" Mar. 4, 1909, Feb. 9, 1911, and Jan. 21, 1912 circular datestamps on picture postcard showing officers and crew of the "Morning", addressed to J. J. Kinsey in Christchurch, numbered "11" at top left, Very Fine and interesting Antarctic card, ex Wharton, with 1956 Stanley Gibbons letter confirming genuineness....... E. \$400-500
- Niue, 1902, 1p Carmine, Greenish Violet Ink (1 var; SG 1 Footnote). Tied by "Niue New Zealand 9 Apr 1902" double-circle datestamp on printed cover to Wellington, New Zealand, forwarded to Ashburton, Auckland (May 1) and Wellington machine (May 3) transit datestamps, the latter also tying stamp, Ashburton (May 5) arrival backstamp, only thirteen No. 1 covers are recorded, unknown are how many with this rare overprint color which only occurred on the first vertical row and part of the second row of the first sheet overprinted, SG only prices this variety unused at £1,500 (vs. £350 for normal), this particular cover carried on the second outgoing mail from Niue............................... E. \$1,000-1,500



- North Borneo, 1886, 3c on 4 Rose, 5c on 8c Green (15, 17; SG 18-19). Used with 1886, 2c Brown (10; SG 10), horizontal pair, each tied by barred oval cancels with red "Sandakan 7 OC 1887" circular datestamp on cover to London, England, Parker correspondence, red Tottenham (Nov. 14) backstamp (probably a favor or manufactured marking—see Holcombe opinion), Very Fine and rare on cover, presumably these stamps were cancelled on cover by favor as it is was Holcombe's opinion the backstamp was likely manufactured for these covers and not genuinely sent through the mails, with 1995 Holcombe opinion E. \$400-500
- 3079 ⋈ Northern Nigeria, 1900, 1p Lilac & Rose (2; SG 2). Tied by bold strike of "Lokoja Post Office 11 May 1900" double-oval datestamp on Great Britain 1p entire addressed to London, England, Forcados River (May 24) transit and Paddington (Jun. 22) arrival backstamps, Very Fine and scarce use of this Lokoja datestamp, also a particularly early use of the Northern Nigeria 1p as stocks only arrived in Apr. 1900............................... E. \$750-1,000



- 3081 ⋈ Palestine, 1918, 5m on 1p Gray Blue (3a; SG 2; Bale 2). Tied by A.P.O. SZ44 Mar. 1, 1918 (Jerusalem) circular datestamp on picture postcard of a shepherd and his sheep, addressed to Cairo, Egypt, red "Passed by Censor No. 3346" triangular handstamp, couple insignificant hinge marks on photo side, Very Fine, signed Sorani...... E. \$400-500



Penrhyn Island, 1902, 1p Carmine, No Period After "Island" (6a; SG 10a). Horizontal pair, right stamp the variety, used with 2½p Blue (8; SG 1), all tied by Rarotonga 1908 double-circle datestamps on printed "On Public Service Only" registered cover to Papeete, Tahiti, registry label with violet "Rarotonga" handstamp, 1p with tear at top affecting both stamps and ½p with small surface scrape, otherwise Fine and very rare variety on cover

E. \$500-750



3085



3086

St. Helena, 1856, 6p Blue (1; SG 1). Full to ample margins, just barely touching at bottom left, tied by red cork cancel with "St. Helena SP 4 1856" oval on printed "On Her Majesty's Service." cover to Carlow, Ireland, Carlow (Oct. 17) arrival backstamp, red manuscript "3" rate marking, cover with some edgewear and small piece missing at top right

VERY FINE AND IMPORTANT ST. HELENA 1856 6-PENCE FIRST ISSUE COVER. ABOUT FIFTEEN COVERS ARE RECORDED. THIS IS JUST ONE OF THREE USED PRIOR TO THE INTRODUCTION OF THE OTHER VALUES IN 1863.

Ex John Ayre and Heijtz. Illustrated in Edward Hibbert's Saint Helena: Postal History and Stamps (p. 29). With 1956 B.P.A. certificate. E. \$3,000-4,000



3087

3087 St. Vincent, 1861, 1p Rose (1; SG 1). Horizontal pair, used with 1862, 6p Dark Green (3; SG 4), cancelled by "A10" barred oval cancels with red "Saint Vincent AP 8 64" circular datestamp on blue folded cover to Paris, France, Polignac correspondence, red "PD" oval handstamp, London (Apr. 27) transit also ties stamps, Calais (Apr. 28) entry and Paris (Apr. 28) arrival datestamps, red manuscript "7" rate marking

VERY FINE. A RARE AND HANDSOME USE OF A PAIR OF THE 1861 ONE-PENNY ROSE FIRST ISSUE AND 1862 6-PENCE DARK GREEN ON COVER.

1869 3-CENTS BROWN AND YELLOW FIRST ISSUE

THE ONLY RECORDED COVER BEARING THE FIRST STAMP OF SARAWAK



3088

3088

Sarawak, 1869, 3c Brown on Yellow (1; SG 1). Used with 1871, 3c Brown on Yellow (2; SG 2) and 1875, 8c Blue on Blue (6; SG 6), top stamps tied by framed "Sarawak Post Office, Registered Letter, Dated 4 Aug 89" three-line datestamp and bottom stamp tied by "Sarawak 4 Aug 89" circular datestamp on printed address registered cover to Munich, Germany, Singapore (Aug. 6) transit and German entry (Sep. 3) backstamps, cover with insignificant facial scrape at bottom center

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED COVER WITH THE 1869 3-CENTS BROWN ON YELLOW FIRST ISSUE STAMP. AN ENORMOUS SARAWAK RARITY AND KEY ITEM TO ANY AWARD-WINNING EXHIBIT.

Despite Sarawak not joining the UPU until 1897, this cover was evidently accepted as fully prepaid and not taxed postage due. Despite the rather late use, nearly twenty years after issuance, this still remains the only cover recorded.

Ex Symes and "Miri". Scott notes "Only one authenticated cover is recorded with No. 1".
E. \$15,000-20,000



- 3089 Seychelles, 1890-93, 2c Green & Rose, 3c Dark Violet & Orange (1, 3; SG 9, 22). Two singles of 2c, horizontal strip of six and two singles of 3c, all tied by multiple strikes of "Seychelles 12 JA 95" circular datestamps on registered cover to Ulm, Germany, German registry label on back, French ship (Jan. 17) entry and German T.P.O. (Jan. 31) transit and Ulm (Feb. 1) arrival datestamps, Very Fine and attractive use E. \$300-400
- Solomon Islands, 1907, ½p to 1sh Large War Canoes (1-7; SG 1-7). Complete set of seven values, ½p and 1p affixed on back, the former with selvage at bottom, each tied by "Tulagi, British Solomon Ids, 1 JY 1907" circular datestamps on registered cover to Koetzschenbroda, Germany, used with New South Wales 2½p and 3p, slightly overlapping Solomon 5p, tied by "R" in oval handstamps and Syndey Jul. 16 circular datestamp cancelling Solomon 2½p, "Registered" straightline handstamp, Koetzschenbroda (Aug. 19) arrival backstamp, Very Fine, a cover with great eye appeal, Solomon Islands stamps were not valid for postage to Germany requiring reposting in New South Wales......................... E. \$500-750



Somaliland Protectorate, 1903, ½a Light Green (1; SG 1). Block of eight and four singles, all tied by multiple strikes of "Berbera SE 5 03" circular datestamps on registered cover to Bombay, India, framed "R Berbera" and violet "Registered" straightline handstamps, Bombay (Sept. 16) arrival backstamp, Very Fine and attractive use E. \$200-300



3093

3093 ⋈ Straits Settlements, 1867, 8c on 2a Yellow (6; SG 6). Horizontal pair, tied by two strikes of "Singapore OC 8 68" circular datestamp and "D14" barred cancel duplex on folded letter to Calcutta, India, sender's directive "Per Str. Busheer", blue Steamer Letter Calcutta (Oct. 25) arrival backstamp, horizontal file fold not affecting stamps and cover with some ink erosion affecting address panel, otherwise Very Fine and scarce use of this 8c first issue on cover......

E. \$1,000-1,500



3094 ⋈ Straits Settlements, 1867, 4c Rose, 32c Pale Red (11, 17; SG 12, 18). Two singles of each, one 4c and one 32c with wing margin at left, all tied by both "D14" barred cancels and blue company datestamps on blue Jun. 1870 cover to Philadelphia Pa., sender's directive "via Marseilles", London (Jul. 9) transit datestamp, manuscript "1/5" rate marking, cover with couple minor file folds not affecting stamps, right 32c with trivial trace of corner crease, still Very Fine, very scarce destination, with 2004 P.F. certificate...... E. \$500-750

3095 ⋈ Straits Settlements, 1867, 24c Green (15; SG 16). Tied by "Singapore AP 26 71" circular datestamp and barred numeral duplex cancel on cover to Calcutta, India, forwarded to Simla, with India, 1865, 1a Brown (22; SG 59), tied by blue Calcutta May 12, 1871 double-circle datestamp and "1" barred duplex cancel which also ties 24c stamp, both additionally tied by framed "Stamped" handstamp, "Redirected" in oval handstamp, red Calcutta Steamer Letter (May 9), Berhampore (May 13), and Simlah (May 17) transit and arrival backstamps, manuscript rate markings, Very Fine and interesting forwarded use E. \$300-400

3096 ⋈



Sudan, 1897, 5m Carmine Rose (4; SG 5). Tied by indistinct traveling post office datestamp, additional strikes below, with manuscript (Arabic) Khandaq Jun. 5, 1897 origin on cover to Alexandria, Halfa transit and Alexandria (Jun. 13) arrival backstamps, cover with two minor toned spots, Very Fine, a rare Sudan first issue cover used at the only T.P.O. in Sudan at this time (which ran between Kerma and Halfa), ex Smith E. \$300-400





3098

3098

Sudan, 1897, 1p Ultramarine (5, 8; SG 6). Horizontal pair, tied by "Wadi Halfa 9 NO 97" bilingual double-circle datestamp on registered cover to Metz, France, Egypt registry handstamp, Cairo (Nov. 16) and Paris (Nov. 24) transit and Metz (Nov. 25) arrival backstamps, Fine and scarce commercial use on cover E. \$200-300



Swaziland, 1889, 2p Olive Bister, Perf 12½, "Swazielan" Overprint (3d; SG 5b). Two singles, both the scarce variety missing the "d" in overprint, each tied by "Bremersdorp Swaziel 16 Dec 93" squared datestamp on folded wrapper to Assen, Netherlands, Assen (Jan. 14, 1894) arrival backstamp

VERY FINE. A RARE USE OF TWO EXAMPLES OF THE 2-PENCE FIRST ISSUE WITH THE "SWAZIELAN" OVERPRINT ERROR ON COMMERCIALLY USED WRAPPER TO THE NETHERLANDS.

This is likely a unique use of this scarce error on wrapper, especially to a scarce destination such as the Netherlands. First issue Swaziland stamps on cover are very scarce, so much so that SG provides a "from x 40" multiplier. The basic used stamp catalogues \$475 (SG £500) each. E. \$1,500-2,000





3100

Togo (British), 1914, 40pf Lake & Black (41; SG H7). Well-centered, tied by "Lome, Togogebiet 22/6 14" circular datestamp, with month slug inverted (should read "9" for September), on cover with "Governor Gold Coast" seal on backflap and addressed locally, fresh and Very Fine, an enigmatic cover—the Sep. 22 date puts this in the period from Sep. 17 to 24 when the Post Office in Lome was closed—which has a few explanations: a) it was backdated; b) the Post Office provides limited service to privileged individuals; or c) the "22" was also a datestamp error, with 1994 B.P.A. certificate E. \$750-1,000

3101 ☑ Transvaal, 1875, 1sh Yellow Green, Imperforate, Half Used as 6p (46a; SG 71a). Bottom right diagonal half, two large margins, tied across the cut by "16" in target cancel with "Marabas Stad Z.A.R. Zuid Afrika 11 MA 76" circular datestamp on cover to Zoutpansberg, stamp with slight soiling and some toned spots in margin, otherwise Fine and rare bisect use, with 1998 P.S.F.A. certificate, Scott \$2,200, SG £2,250................................ E. \$750-1,000

TRINIDAD 1847 (5-CENTS) BLUE "LADY MCLEOD"

A RARE AND EXCEPTIONALLY FINE COVER BEARING ONE OF THE MOST ICONIC OF ALL CLASSIC STAMPS



3102

3102 Trinidad, 1847, (5c) Blue, Lady McLeod (SG 1). Three large to ample margins, just touching at left, exceptionally fresh color and sharp impression, cancelled by manuscript "X" on folded letter datelined "San Fernando, 28th August 1847", addressed to Port of Spain, Taylor Graham & Angus correspondence, cover with minor splitting along internal folds and horizontal file fold well-clear of stamp, some toning and slight erosion in cover along file fold

VERY FINE EXAMPLE OF THE 1847 LADY MCLEOD STAMP ON COVER. ONE OF THE MOST ICONIC AND FAMOUS STAMPS OF THE ENTIRE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH—THE EARLIEST STAMP USED IN ANY BRITISH COLONY. LESS THAN 40 CONFIRMED COVERS ARE RECORDED WITH THIS RANKING AS ONE OF THE FINEST COVERS KNOWN.

This private-issue stamp appeared six months before the "Post Office" Mauritius and is the earliest stamp used in any British Colony. The stamp was issued in April 1847 to prepay the private conveyance of mails on the *Lady Mcleod* between Port of Spain and San Fernando. Details regarding the printing of this stamp have never been found, but it has been surmised that they were likely printed at the offices of the local newspaper, as were several other early British Colonial stamps and the Hawaiian Missionaries. The full story of this stamp is told on pp. 196-199 of *Stamps of Fame* by L. N. & M. Williams.

The Peter Ford census records 39 covers or pieces plus an additional six which have been noted in early sales, but without photographic confirmation (some of these could be in the census). Of those, one is a large piece (Tapling Collection) and at least two stamps did not originate on their covers. At least two covers are held in institutional collections (the Royal Philatelic Collection and the Smithsonian National Postal Museum). Others have not surfaced in many decades and have not been examined or analyzed; therefore, the actual number of surviving covers could be lower than 39.

Regarding condition and use, most examples are not tied to the cover and have manuscript cancels similar to the example offered here. The vast majority of covers have varying degrees of faults in the stamps and/or covers. This includes some where the stamp was defaced to prevent reuse. With all factors considered, the cover offered here ranks among the finest examples known, particularly since the stamp itself is fresh and free of the normal condition problems.

Ford census no. C16 (which can be found on the British West Indies Study Circle website). Ex Dingwall (H. R. Harmer London, Oct. 24-Nov. 1, 1927, lot 327), Burrus (Robson Lowe, Mar. 10-11, 1964, lot 543), Turner (H. R. Harmer London, Mar. 11-13, lot 1128), Melat (David Feldman, Nov. 19-23, 1985 and May 30, 1986 and Cherrystone Sep. 7, 2005), and Zatulove (Harmers London, Nov. 11, 2008, lot 44). Signed Holcome, Raybaudi and Colla. With 1981 Holcombe and 1986 Colla certificates...... E. \$7,500-10,000





3105

Zanzibar, 1895-96, ½a-5r Surcharges (3/17; SG 3/21). Complete set less the 3a Orange and 1r Gray, all tied by multiple strikes of "Zanzibar 11 SE 96" double-circle datestamp on cover addressed locally, arrival backstamp of the same day, 1½a and 8a small tear and 3r with pulled perfs at bottom, otherwise Very Fine............................... E. \$200-300



3106 ⋈ Zululand, 1888, ½p Vermilion, 1p Violet (1-2; SG 1-2). Two singles of 1p, used with 1894 1p Lilac & Rose, 2½p Lilac & Blue (16-17; SG 21-22), each tied by "Eshowe Zululand SP 15 97" double-circle datestamp on registered cover to Leipzig, Germany, "R" in oval handstamp, Durban (Sept. 16) and London (Oct. 10) transit and Leipzig (Oct. 11) arrival datestamps, Very Fine...... E. \$300-400

WORLDWIDE FIRST ISSUES



3107

3107 ⋈ Afghanistan, 1871, 1sa Black (3). Two cut-round examples, margins to touching, each with customary "bite" cancellation on back of lengthy 1872 bilingual addressed native cover, used with **India**, 1865, ½a Blue (20; SG 54), tied by very faint 1872 octagon datestamp with additional red cancel that also ties one Afghanistan stamp, Fine and rare E. \$500-750



3108 ⋈ Albania, 1913, 1gr Black (23; Michel 20). Tied by violet "Peqin, Shqipenie 24-9-1913" double-circle datestamp on cover to Dukes, Elbasan (Sep. 24) transit and Dukes (Sep. 25) arrival datestamps, stamp with pre-use vertical crease, Very Fine and scarce cover, with 1995 Holcombe opin-

ion..... E. \$750-1,000



- 3109

 Argentina, 1858, 10c Green (2). Mostly large margins, barely touching at left, tied by fancy "Salta Franca" cancel on blue 1859 folded letter to Rosario, minor staining to inner panel, still Very Fine and scarce single use, Scott \$700...... E. \$300-400
- Argentina, 1858, 10c Green, Diagonal Half Used as 5c (2f). Top left diagonal half, two sides large to ample margins, tied across the cut by "Concordia" with fleurons in oval cancel on ca. 1858 folded cover to Uruguay, sender's directive "p Salto", "Franca" in circle handstamp (affected by slight paper thinning), name of addressee crossed out, Very Fine and handsome use of this bisect paying the single internal rate which extended to include Montevideo on Feb. 25, 1858, signed Pfenninger, with 1963 Mohrmann and 2006 Sismondo certificiates, Scott \$1,000...... E. \$300-400





3112

3112

Argentina, Corrientes, 1856, 1r Black on Blue (1). Large bottom left corner sheet margin, cancelled and tied by two manuscript pen strokes on folded letter datelined Sept. 12, 1860, addressed locally, Very Fine E. \$200-300



- Austria, 1850, 9kr Blue, Ty. II (5; Michel 5). Horizontal strip of six, tied by six strikes of "Wien 17/2" circular datestamps on large folded cover to Temesvar, Pest (Feb. 18) transit backstamp, cover with few file folds, particularly strong at bottom but also light vertical fold thru fourth stamp in strip, front panel with couple minor holes, still Very Fine and impressive use of the 9kr strip on cover, signed Sismondo............................... E. \$1,000-1,500



- Austria, Offices in Crete, 1903-04, 1fr on 1k to 4fr on 4k Surcharges (5-7; Michel 5-7). Used with 1903, 5c on 5h Blue Green (1; Michel 1), tied by Constantinople Jul. 19, 1907 double-circle datestamps on registered cover to Basel, Switzerland, forwarded to Reichenberg, Germany, Constantinople registry label, Basel (Jul. 22) and Reichenberg arrival backstamps, cover with some edgewear and opening tear at top right, still Very Fine and scarce high values on cover, the 4fr is particularly rare, with 1991 Puschmann certificate..... E. \$500-750
- 3116 Austria, Offices in Turkish Empire, 1867, 2sld Orange, 5sld Red, 15sld Brown (1, 3, 5; Michel 1, 3, 5). 2sld horizontal pair, all cancelled by Constantinople Sept. 28 double-circle datestamps on 1872 blue folded cover to Genoa, Italy, "PD" handstamp, Brindisi (Oct. 8) transit and Genoa (Oct. 3) arrival backstamps, Very Fine and attractive three-color franking

 E. \$500-750
- 3117 ⋈ Austria, Offices in Turkish Empire, 1867, 3sld Green, 25sld Violet (2, 6; Michel 2, 6). Cancelled by "Constantinople 18/12" double-circle datestamp on 1869 blue folded cover to Genoa, Italy, sender's directive "Via Brindisi", red "PD" handstamp, Brindisi transit and Genoa (Dec. 24) arrival backstamps, Very Fine, the 25sld is particularly scarce on cover... E. \$400-500



- 3119

 Austria, Danube Steam Navigation Company, 1867, 10kr Lilac (1; Michel 2). Tied by "Baziasch 27/5" circular datestamp on 1868 blue folded letter datelined in Pozarevatz, addressed to Vienna, Vienna (May 28) arrival backstamp, manuscript blue "10" and red "10" rate markings, stamp scissor separated at left and tear at right, cover with some edgewear and minor splitting along internal folds, otherwise Fine, a scarce use from Serbia, with 2003 B.P.B. certificate E. \$200-300



3120



3121

3121

Austria, Danube Steam Navigation Company, 1867, 10kr Green, Ty. I (2; Michel 3I). Tied by blue "Agentie Giurgevo Saldirt 6 Sep" oval datestamp on blue 1868 folded letter datelined in Giurgevo, addressed to Galatz, blue Galatz (Sept. 6) arrival backstamp, stamp with trace of a couple toned spots on perfs, still Very Fine, signed Ferchenbauer...... E. \$200-300



3122

3122 ⊠ **Belgian Congo, 1886, 5c Green (1; COB 1).** Tied by "Matadi 13 Febr 1893" circular datestamp on **uprated 10c Black postal card,** addressed to Brussels, Belgium, Brussels (Mar. 25) arrival datestamp, Very Fine E. \$300-400



3123EX



3124



3125

Bolivia, 1867, 10c Dark Brown (4). Position 1, mostly large margins, just touching at top 3125 ⋈ right, tied by "Correo de La Paz RB 22 Febre 68" double-circle datestamp on blue folded letter to Cochabamba

> VERY FINE AND RARE SINGLE-USE OF THE 1867 10-CENTAVOS DARK BROWN FIRST ISSUE ON COVER. LESS THAN TEN SINGLE FRANKING COVERS ARE RECORDED.

> The 10c value is recorded on covers from two locations, Corocoro and La Paz. Ex Patino. Scott \$10,000...... E. \$3,000-4,000



3126

3126 ⋈ Bosnia & Herzegovina, 1879, 2n Yellow, 3n Green (4-5; Michel 2I, 3I). Horizontal strips of three of each value, all tied by "K.K. Milit. Post XXXII, Serajevo 25/4 87" circular datestamps on registered cover to Wiborg, Finland, "R Nr" handstamp with manuscript "187" added, Very Fine, a scarce first issue use E. \$750-1,000

BRAZIL 1843 60-REIS "BULL'S EYE" ISSUE USED ON COVER DATED RIO DE JANEIRO AUGUST 11, 1843

THE EARLIEST RECORDED USE OF THE BULL'S EYE STAMP ON COVER

A SPECTACULAR EXHIBITION ITEM AND A WORLD-CLASS RARITY



3127

Brazil, 1843, 60r Black, Early Impression (2). Large margins with complete framelines all around including sheet margin at bottom, tied by "Correio Geralda Corte" double-circle datestamp (date slug illegible) on folded letter **datelined** "Rio de Janeiro 11 de Agosto de 1843", addressed to Sao Joao do Principe, cover with barest trace of soiling

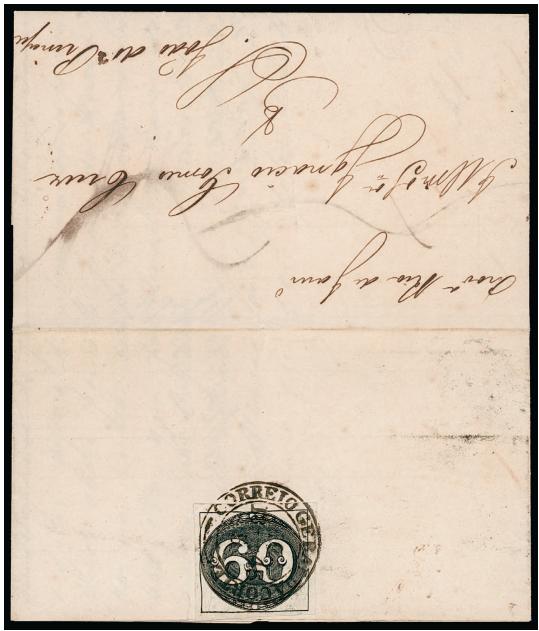
EXTREMELY FINE USE OF THE 1843 60-REIS BULL'S EYE. THIS IS THE EARLIEST RECORDED USE OF THE BULL'S EYE ON COVER, MAKING IT THE EARLIEST POSTAGE STAMP ISSUED FOR FEDERAL INTERCITY POSTAGE IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. ONE OF THE TOP PHILATELIC ITEMS OF BRAZIL AND AN IMPORTANT "FIRST ISSUES OF THE WORLD" COVER.

The Bull's Eye stamps of Brazil comprise three values—30r, 60r, and 90r—issued on August 1, 1843. They were only available in Rio de Janeiro at this date. Stamps were distributed to other towns and provinces one month later in September 1843. Some of the smaller towns and provinces did not receive stamps until as late as 1844. The cover offered here is the earliest recorded use of any value Bull's Eye stamp on cover.

The first postage stamp in the world was the Penny Black issued by Great Britain on May 6, 1840, followed by the Two-Pence Blue. The world's next postage stamps are the 4-rappen and 6-rappen stamps issued by the Canton of Zurich in Switzerland on February 1, 1842. Around the same time, Greig's City Despatch Post in New York City issued a 3c stamp (Scott 40L1), the first stamp used in the Western Hemisphere. On August 15, 1842, the City Despatch Post was acquired by the government and transformed from a private local post into a government carrier service for mail delivery to and from the New York City post office and within city limits. Greig's privately issued stamps were accepted by the carrier department and new "United States City Despatch Post" government stamps were issued on August 15, 1842 (Scott 6LB3), but these were never intended to pay federal intercity postage rates (although some were used for that purpose). Therefore, the Brazil Bull's Eye stamps are the first issued in the Western Hemisphere to pay regular federal postage rates.

Illustrated in Juchert's Bull's Eyes on Covers (p. 97-98, fig. 43). Ex Ferreira and Santos....... E. \$15,000-20,000

1843 60-REIS EARLY IMPRESSION ON COVER



3128

3128 ⋈ Brazil, 1843, 60r Black, Early Impression (2). Large margins with complete framelines all around, intense shade and strong impression, tied by "Correio Geralda Corte 10/5 1845" double-circle datestamp on back of partially printed folded letter to Sao Joao do Principe, minor cover fold which just creases top left margin of stamp in margin only

> VERY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL AND RARE EXAMPLE OF THE 60-REIS EARLY IMPRESSION ON COVER FROM RIO DE JANEIRO.

> Illustrated in Juchert's Bull's Eyes on Covers (p. 113, fig. 61)..... E. \$4,000-5,000

1843 60-REIS TIED BY PRE-STAMP STRAIGHTLINE MARKING



3129

3129 ⋈ Brazil, 1843, 60r Black, Intermediate Impression (2a). Large margins with complete framelines all around, strong color, tied by "S. Joao. Del Rei" straightline handstamp on folded letter datelined Jan. 20, 1844, addressed to Rio de Janeiro, cover with some splitting along internal folds and minor soiling

> VERY FINE AND RARE EXAMPLE OF THE 60-REIS INTERMEDIATE IMPRESSION BULLS EYE ISSUE ON COVER CANCELLED BY A PRE-ADHESIVE PERIOD STRAIGHTLINE TOWN MARKING ON THE ADDRESS PANEL OF THE COVER.

> The Bull's Eye stamps were often affixed to the backs of covers. Examples tied on the face of the cover are much more desirable and scarce.

> Illustrated in Juchert's Bull's Eyes on Covers (p. 252, fig. 191). Ex Ferreira and Santos. Signed A. Diena...... E. \$4,000-5,000



- Bulgaria, 1879, 25c Black & Violet (3; Michel 3). Excellent centering, bold colors, tied by blue Svishtov Apr. 1880 circular datestamp with additional strike at bottom center on folded letter to Budapest, Hungary, blue origin cachet handstamp, Bucharest (Apr. 25) and other transit and Budapest arrival (affected by opening) backstamps, Very Fine, a scarce single franking of this first issue, signed Forster....................... E. \$400-500

- 3133

 China, 1883, 5c Yellow, Rough Perf 12½ (9; Chan 12). Vibrant color, well-centered, tied by superb strike of Sunchow post office tombstone cancel on 1900 cover to Wuchow, Wuchow (Jul. 25) bilingual arrival backstamp, Very Fine, these were prepared as philatelic souvenirs when the rate was no longer in candarins, five such covers are listed in Whang, ex Canman ...

 E. \$500-750

FORMOSA 1895 BLACK FLAG REPUBLIC ISSUE

AN EXTRAORDINARY COVER BEARING A COMPLETE SET OF THREE



3134

3134 ⋈ Taiwan, Formosa, 1895, 30c-100c Black Flag Republic Issue (Chan F38-F40). Die I, huge to large margins, each affixed with native brown gum as usual, tied by violet "Taiwan Republic, Taiwan Sep 5 1895" double-circle datestamps on cover to Amoy, Amoy Local Post Office (Sep. 7) arrival datestamp

> VERY FINE. A RARE USE OF THE COMPLETE 1895 FIRST ISSUE OF THE SHORT-LIVED TAIWAN REPUBLIC ON COVER TO AMOY.

> The Republic of Taiwan was a short-lived republic, lasting only 151 days. It was formed between the time of formal cessation of the island by the Qing Dynasty of China to the Empire of Japan (Treaty of Shimonoseki) and when the island was overtaken by Japanese troops. The capital was established as Tainan on May 23, 1895, and officially ended when the Japanese arrived on Oct. 21. The Republic was formed in opposition to the treaty to establish Taiwan as free and independent. The name "Black Flag" republic owes its origin to the Grand General of the Army, Liu Yongfu, a national hero and retired Black Flag Army commander known for his victories against the French in northern Vietnam.

> Ex Woo Lo-Yuan. Illustrated in Prize Selections from the Ropex Taipei '81 (p. 220). E. \$5,000-7,500





3136

3136
 China, Treaty Ports—Chefoo, 1893, 1c Red (2; Chan LC2). Tied by "Local Post, Chefoo 19 May 95" double-circle datestamp with additional strike on back of cover to Decatur, Georgia, United States, entering German mails with Germany, 1889, 20pf Ultramarine (49; Michel 48), tied by "Shanghai 21/5 95" circular datestamp, Shanghai Local Post, Kobe (May 27), Yokohama (May 28), and San Francisco (Jun. 12) transit and Decatur (Jun. 18) arrival datestamps

VERY FINE. A SPECTACULAR CHEFOO LOCAL POST STAMP USED ON 1895 COVER TO SHANGHAI BEFORE TRANSFERRING TO GERMAN POST OFFICE FOR FINAL DELIVERY TO THE UNITED STATES VIA JAPAN.

A rare combination cover. E. \$2,000-3,000



3137 ⊠ China, Treaty Ports—Chinkiang, 1894, 1c Blue (2; Chan LCH2). Tied by "Chinkiang Postal Service" double-circle cancel on 1894 red band cover to Shanghai, Chinkiang Aug. 12 despatch datestamp on back, Shanghai Local Post (Aug. 13) arrival backstamp, Very Fine E. \$300-400

3137



3138





3139 Both

3140 ☑ China, Treaty Ports—Wuhu, 1896, 40c Carmine (54; Chan LW54). Tied by "Wuhu, China 11 Jun 96" circular datestamp with additional strike at bottom on red band cover to Shanghai, Shanghai (Jun. 13) arrival backstamp, cover with some minor staining mostly on back, still Fine and scarce use E. \$300-400



3140

COLOMBIA 1859 10-CENTAVOS FIRST ISSUE HORIZONTAL PAIR USED ON COVER

THE LARGEST RECORDED FIRST ISSUE MULTIPLE ON COVER

ONE OF THE KEY RARITIES OF COLOMBIA



3141

Solombia, 1859, 10c Orange Yellow (4 var). Horizontal pair, Stone B, positions 8-9, right stamp with small plate flaw in "0" of right "10", mostly large margins, ample at right, cancelled by "Santamarta Franca" oval cancel with additional strike at right on folded letter datelined "Lima 10 Sete 1859", addressed to Bogota, manuscript "Paid" crossed out and "Franca" written instead, privately carried to Santa Marta

VERY FINE PAIR OF THE 1859 10-CENTAVOS FIRST ISSUE ON COVER WRITTEN DURING THE FIRST MONTH OF ISSUE. THIS IS THE LARGEST RECORDED FIRST ISSUE MULTIPLE ON COVER. A REMARKABLE COLOMBIA POSTAL HISTORY ARTIFACT.

The 20c paid the single letter rate for a distance between 450 and 1,350 km. Of all the Colombia first issue covers recorded, a pair is the largest multiple recorded. Only two examples are known, each with a pair of the 10c used from Santa Marta. The other cover is addressed to Medellin (ex Neuberger and Hubbard).

Ex "Santa Maria". With 2009 Colomphil certificate...... E. \$7,500-10,000



3142 © Colombia, 1859, 20c Blue (6). Stone A, three large margins, barely in at right, cancelled by bold blue "0" numeral handstamp (tied by impression thru paper) on blue folded cover to Honda, "Santamarta Mayo 26 de 1860" despatch docketing, small gum soak in top left margin of stamp

VERY FINE. A CHOICE AND RARE EXAMPLE OF THE 20-CENTAVOS 1859 FIRST ISSUE USED ON COVER.

The 20c rate pays the double letter rate for a distance between 150 and 450km. Ex "Islander". With 2015 R.P.S. certificate....... E. \$2,000-3,000



3143



- 3144 ⊠ Cuba, Used in Puerto Rico, 1855, ½p Blue Green (1; Edifil 1). Large margins to in at bottom left, tied by oval cross cancel with large blue fancy "Guayama, Puerto Rico Dic. 26 1855" circular datestamp on folded cover to Nantes, France, sender's directive at top, red framed "Colonies Art-18" handstamp, San Juan (British) Dec. 29 and Calais (Jan. 17, 1856) transit and Nantes (Jan. 18) arrival datestamps, "15" decimes due handstamp, cover with some wrinkling and minor ink erosion to address, still Very Fine and rare E. \$1,000-1,500
- Czechoslovakia, Legion Post—Siberia, 1920, 50k Yellow Green, Perf 11½ (2a). Straight edge at left and bottom, tied by large red and violet "Polni Posta, Poste Militaire" cancels on large 1920 registered cover from Vladisvostok to Prague, cover redirected, Prague registry label, numerous endorsements including Feldpost, censor labels at right, Prague (Oct. 15) arrival backstamp, cover with some edge wear and file folds including one thru stamp, still Fine and exceptionally rare use of this stamp on cover.............................. E. \$750-1,000
- Danish West Indies, 1866, 3c Rose (2; Facit 2). Full to ample margins, touching at top, tied by clearly struck target cancel and "St. Thomas 13/3 1868" circular datestamp on blue folded cover to St. Croix, sender's directive "pr Petrel", cover with horizontal file fold away from stamp and insect holes, otherwise Fine and scarce on cover, with 1999 Nielsen certificate, Scott \$3,000, Facit SK 35,000 E. \$300-400



3147 ⋈ Danish West Indies, HAPAG, 1875, 10c Black on Yellow and Greenish Blue. Tied by light strike of blue "Sievers & Tippenhauer/Cape Haytien" double-oval handstamp on blue folded letter datelined "Cap Hatien 12 Avril 1876" to St. Thomas, sender's directive "Pr Lotharingia", "St. Thomas 16/4, 1876" arrival backstamp, expertly reinforced along light vertical file fold well away from stamp

VERY FINE. A VERY RARE USE OF THE 1875 10-CENTS HAMBURG AMERICAN PACKET COMPANY PRIVATE POSTAGE STAMP ON COVER TO ST. THOMAS.



Denmark, 1852, 2rs Blue, Thiele Printing (1; Facit 1IIv4). Plate II, pos. 98, showing large retouch, large balanced margins, tied by "1" target cancel and "F:P: 20.6.54" oval datestamp on front only of printed market report, back flaps professionally added to resemble full cover, Very Fine, less than five examples are thought to exist with the large retouch on the Thiele printing, signed Lamy and Miro, with 2007 Moller certificate....... E. \$500-750

3149 ☑ Denmark, 1854, 4rs Dark Chestnut Brown (2 var; Facit 2III IIB; AFA 1 IIIe). Two singles, large to ample margins, tied by two strikes of "52" target cancel with "Prestue 11/10 1854" circular datestamp on folded cover to Lindersvold, Very Fine, a scarce shade to find on cover, with 1976 Nielsen certificate...... E. \$300-400

END OF MORNING SESSION

AFTERNOON SESSION (LOTS 3150-3408) TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024, AT 1:30 P.M.

WORLDWIDE (CONTINUED)

EGYPT 1866 2-PIASTERS BISECT ON COVER FROM ALEXANDRIA



3150

3150 ⊠ Egypt, 1866, 2pi Yellow, Bisected (4d; SG 5d; Nile Post D5cc). Bottom left diagonal bisect, tied over the cut by "Poste Vice-Reali Egiziane Alessandria 23 Lug 67" circular datestamp with additional strike at left on cover to Constantinople, Turkey, Constantinople (Jul. 28) arrival backstamp, cover missing piece of backflap, minor edgewear, and trivial toned spots

FINE. A RARE USE OF THE 2-PIASTERS BISECT ON COVER TO CONSTANTINOPLE, USED FOR ONLY A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. LESS THAN HALF A DOZEN ARE THOUGHT TO EXIST FROM ALEXANDRIA.

While nearing the end of validity of the 1866 Issue, 1 piaster stamps were in critically short supply. Permission was granted for 2 piasters to be bisected in Cairo from July 20-31 and Alexandria from July 16-31.

Ex Antonini and "Nile" Collection. Signed E. Diena and Sorani. Scott \$3,000. SG £3,250......
E. \$1,500-2,000



Begypt, 1866, 1pi Rose Lilac (7). Tied by blue "Poste Vice-Reali Egiziane Cairo 25 Dec 66" circular datestamp with additional strike beside on blue folded cover to Livorno, Italy, sender's directive "Per Vapore Postale Francese via Messina", used with Italy, 1863, 60c Lilac (32; Sassone T21), tied by "234" dotted square cancel with "Alessandria D'Egitto Poste Italiane 26 Dic 66" circular datestamp, framed "Piroscapi Postali Italiani" handstamp, Brindisi (Dec. 30) and Florence (Dec. 31) transit and Livorno (Jan. 1) arrival datestamps, Egypt 1pi with slight perf staining from excessive gum

VERY FINE. A RARE COVER FROM CAIRO TO ITALY WITH THE EGYPT ONE-PIASTRE USED IN COMBINATION WITH ITALIAN POSTAGE POSTMARKED AT THE ITALIAN POST OFFICE IN ALEXANDRIA.

Ex "Nile" Collection. Signed Holcombe. E. \$1,500-2,000



3152



3153 ⋈

Ethiopia, 1895, 4g Green, 2g Red, 1g Blue, 2g Dark Brown (1-4). Two examples of 1/4g, all tied by Ankober Dec. 24, 1897 double-circle datestamps with additional strike at center left on registered cover to Lannion, France, used with Somali Coast, 1894, 5c Blue Green & Red and 30c Gray Brown & Rose (9, 14; Yvert 9, 13), four examples of 5c on back, mostly large margins, just clear in a couple places, all cancelled or tied by blue fancy "Djibouti Postes 4 Mai 98" date-stamps, blue framed "R" handstamp, Lannion (May 16) arrival backstamp, cover opened for display, Very Fine, a rare combination cover, as Ethiopia was not part of the U.P.U., foreign mail went via Somali Coast for onwards transmission, with 2011 Behr certificate

..... E. \$750-1,000

3153



3154

FINLAND 1858 5-KOPEKS LARGE PEARLS FIRST ISSUE' A LOVELY HORIZONTAL PAIR USED ON COVER



3155

Finland, 1858, 5k Blue, Large Pearls in Post Horns (3; Facit 1llb). Horizontal pair, three huge to large margins, just barely touching top of oval at top, each stamp neatly cancelled by manuscript "X" and tied by perfect strike of "Helsingfors 3 11 1858" circular datestamp on blue folded cover to Abo, framed "ANK" receiving handstamp

VERY FINE AND CHOICE PAIR OF THE 1858 5-KOPECKS LARGE PEARLS ON COVER. HORIZONTAL PAIRS ARE VERY RARE PAYING THIS RATE—ESPECIALLY SO IN THIS CHOICE CONDITION. AN IMPRESSIVE SCANDINAVIAN POSTAL HISTORY ARTIFACT.

Ex Nygren and Gross. With 1996 B.P.A. certificate. Facit SK 175,000...... E. \$7,500-10,000

FRANCE





3159

1849, 1fr Vermilion on Yellowish (8; Yvert 7). Large to ample margins on each side, rich color in the rare Vermilion shade, tied by diamond grid cancel with "Marseilles 3 Oct 49" double-circle datestamp on blue folded cover to Lyon, blue company cachet handstamp, Lyon (Oct. 4) arrival backstamp

VERY FINE AND RARE SINGLE-FRANKING USE OF THE DESIRABLE 1849 ONE-FRANC VERMILION ON COVER.

Only 250,000 of the 1fr Vermilion were printed, all between December 30, 1848, and January 7, 1849. The stamps were recalled in December 1849 and more than 100,000 were destroyed at that time. The 1fr stamp was intended for triple internal postage as shown on the cover offered here.



3160

1849, 1fr Dark Carmine on Yellowish Paper (9c; Yvert 6). Horizontal strip of three, mostly large to ample margins, just touching outer frameline at bottom, tied by three strikes of diamond grid cancel and red "Paris 1 Nov 49" double-circle datestamp on cover to New York, sender's directive "pr Steamer via Liverpool", red framed "PD" handstamp, London transit also ties strip, well-struck "5" in circle due handstamp, accompanied by original enclosure, right stamp with minute corner crease and missing top flap, still Very Fine and scarce strip on cover, this was franked for the double 50c inland postage plus 10c sea postage............... E. \$750-1,000

FRENCH AREA AND OFFICES ABROAD



- 3161 Examples France, German Occupation, 1916, 15c on 15pf to 1fr on 80pf Surcharges (N19-N24; Michel 5-10). 15c with sheet selvage at right, all tied by double-circle datestamps on 1917 registered cover to Annaberg, Germany, "Vireux-Molhain (Frankreich)" overprint on registry label, Annaberg (Aug. 3) arrival backstamp, Very Fine, the 75c and 1fr are particularly scarce on cover, Scott \$600 for each of the two high values on cover....... E. \$300-400
- France, Offices in Turkey—Port Lagos, 1893, 4pi on 1fr Bronze Green on Straw (6; Yvert 6).

 Tied by violet "Port Lagos, Turquie 20 Avril 95" double-circle datestamps with additional strike beside on cover to Schonenwerd, Switzerland, Salonica (Apr. 21) transit and Schonenwerd (Apr. 24) arrival backstamps, Very Fine and quite scarce, Scott \$2,300............

 E. \$400-500



3164

France, Offices in Turkey—Vathy, 1894-1900, 5c to 20pi on 5fr Surcharges (2-9; Yvert 2, 4, 6-11). Complete first issue set of eight values with the exception of the earlier 5c issue, tied by "Vathy, Samos 30-7 08" circular datestamps with additional strike at top right on preprinted registered cover to Paris, France, forwarded to Prodic, framed "R" handstamp, Smyrne and Paris (Aug. 6) transit and Pordic arrival backstamps, Very Fine and quite scarce, the 20pi on 5fr value alone has an "on cover" price of \$1,100 in Scott................... E. \$400-500



3165

FRENCH COLONIES



Andorra (French), 1931, ½c-20fr Overprints (1-22, P1; Yvert 1-23). Complete first issue set including the Newspaper issue on eight covers, 5fr, 10fr, and 20fr as single franking covers, all attractively tied by "Andorra, Andorre 11-9 31" circular datestamps and addressed to Toulon or Lyon, France, seven on "Hotel Oros" corner card covers, the other on "Hotel Bonell-Ostet" corner card cover, seven are registered with appropriate registry label, all but the lowest value cover with transit and/or arrival backstamps

VERY FINE. A REMARKABLE SET OF THE 1931 FRENCH ANDORRA FIRST ISSUE SET ON EIGHT COVERS—INCLUDING THE RARE HIGH VALUES AS SINGLE FRANKINGS.



- Anjouan, 1892, 20c Red on Green, 25c Black on Rose (9-10; Yvert 7-8). Each tied by bluish "Anjouan, Col Franc 24 Mai 06" octagonal datestamps with additional strike at top right on large registered judicial cover with printed "Comores" and Anjouan national emblem, addressed to Paris, France, two blue framed "R" handstamps, Paris (Jun. 15) arrival backstamp, two large red wax seals on front and back, cover with some edge tears including large tear at left affecting registry handstamp, still Very Fine and attractive....... E. \$400-500
- Benin, 1892, 1c on 5c to 75c on 15c Surcharges (16-19; Yvert 14-17). Singles of each including the rare 75c on 15c Blue with Black Overprint, used with 1892, 4c, 10, and 25c values (3, 5, 8; Yvert 3, 5, 8), all tied by "Cotonou, Benin 21 Fevr 95" double-circle datestamps on registered cover to Marseilles, red framed "R" handstamp, red French ship (Feb. 24) transit and Marseilles (Mar. 19) arrival datestamps, cover with vertical file fold not affecting stamps, Very Fine and quite rare, the No. 19 (Yvert 17) with only 100 surcharged, the catalogue value of used stamps alone is \$4,035 (€6,040), with 1990 Sorani certificate....... E. \$1,000-1,500



- 3169 ☑ Cochin China, 1886, 5c on 25c Yellow on Straw (1; Yvert 1). With sheet selvage at left, tied by crisp strike of "Cochinchine Saigon 16 Mai 86" double-circle datestamp with additional strike at top center on cover to St. Andre de Valorgne, France, Very Fine and scarce stamp on cover, with 2011 Scheller certificate, Scott \$2,000 E. \$400-500
- Diego Suarez, 1890, 15c on 20c Red on Green (4; Yvert 4). With sheet selvage at right, just tied by "Corr. D. Armees, Diego Suarez 05 Fevr 90" octagonal datestamp with additional strike at center on cover to Puiseaux, France, neat manuscript "Corps d'occupation Madagascar" along top, "Corr. Des Armees LV No. 2, 5 Febr 90" and Puiseaux (Mar. 3) arrival datestamps, cover with couple minor edge tears, Very Fine, signed Calves, with 2010 Scheller certificate...
 \$300-400
- French Congo, 1891-92, 10c on 25c Black on Rose, Inverted Surcharge (8a; Yvert 5c). Vertical pair, used with 1891, 5c on 1c Black on Lilac Blue and 5c on 25c Black on Rose (2, 5; Yvert 1, 4), 5c on 1c vertical strip of three, 5c on 25c vertical pair and single, each stamp tied by "Libreville, Congo Francais 6 Mai 92" double-circle datestamp on registered cover addressed locally, framed "R" handstamp, Very Fine and scarce use on cover, particularly with the 10c inverted surcharge, Scott provides a \$1,500 catalogue value for a cover (not taking into account a pair and other values)................................. E. \$500-750





3173



Amazonia, 1899, 10c Brownish Red, 50c Orange Red. Both tied by light strikes of red "Amazonie Firminie" circular datestamp on cover front only to Paris, France, used with French Guiana, 1892, 15c Blue (39; Yvert 35), tied by "Cayenne Guyane 28 Fevr. 01" double-circle datestamp with additional strike at top, French entry (Mar. 14) datestamp, front with some edgewear, tears, and small piece missing at top right, 10c with ink mark in top margin and 50c with faults including large tear at left, still Fine, an exceptionally rare cover front with only four or five covers or fronts recorded, these stamps were created by the Carsavene Railway Company and were intended to pay the carriage fee for mail from Firminie to Para, mail was supposed to have Brazilian stamps for onwards transmission but those to France went via Cayenne, debate ensues whether these should be considered cinderellas or postage stamps as it is uncertain if they were recognized by the Brazilian post office ... E. \$750-1,000



3175

French Guinea, 1892, 2c Brown on Buff, 4c Claret on Lavender (2-3; Yvert 2-3). Two singles of 2c, all tied by "Benty, Rivieres du Sud 16 Dec 13" double-circle datestamp with additional strike at left on small cover to Bordeaux, Bordeaux (Jan. 11, 1914) arrival backstamp, Very Fine and scarce, with 2008 Behr certificate E. \$300-400



- French Colonies—Used in India, 1865, 80c Carmine Rose on Pinkish (6; Yvert 6).

 Horizontal pair, large to ample margins, tied by dotted diamond cancels with lightly struck Pondicherry Jan. 31, 1869 double-circle datestamp on folded cover to Bordeaux, France, blue "Via Suez et Marseille" directive handstamp, red framed "PD" and blue company cachet handstamp, red French entry (Feb. 26) and Bordeaux (Feb. 27) arrival datestamps, cover with couple file folds not affecting pair, Very Fine................................ E. \$300-400
- 3177 ⋈ French India, 1892, 1c Black on Lilac Blue, 2c Brown on Buff (1-2; Yvert 1-2). 1c horizontal pair, 2c horizontal strip of four, tied by three strikes of "Inde Mahe 10 Aout 94" double-circle datestamps on cover to Chalon sur Saone, France, Saone et Loire (Aug. 27) arrival backstamp, Very Fine and scarce use from Mahe.................................. E. \$300-400



- 3181
- 3179
 French India, 1892, 15c Blue on Quadrille Paper, 20c Red on Green (7, 9; Yvert 6-7). 15c horizontal pair, tied by framed dotted "INDE" cancel with "Inde Karikal 16 Mai 94" double-circle datestamp on registered cover to Paris, France, framed "R" handstamp, red "Modane a Paris" (Jun. 3) transit and Paris (Jun. 4) arrival datestamps, couple minute toned spots just affecting peripheral perfs of stamps at top, Very Fine E. \$300-400



French Colonies—Used in Guadeloupe, 1859-62, 1c Olive Green on Pale Blue, 10c Bister on Yellowish (1, 3; Yvert 1, 3). 1c vertical pair, large balanced margins, 10c large margins to touching, tied by dotted diamond cancels and "Guadeloupe, Pointe-a-Pitre 10 Nov 65" double-circle datestamp on folded printed bulletin to Bordeaux, France, sender's directive "Voie d'angleterre", red framed "PD" handstamp, red "Colonies Fra. V. Ang. 30 Nov 65" paquebot cancel, Very Fine, signed Jamet E. \$300-400



3183

French Colonies—Used in Guadeloupe, 1859-62, 5c Yellow Green on Greenish, 40c Orange on Yellowish (2, 5; Yvert 2, 5). 5c two vertical and one horizontal pairs, margins ranging from large to just touching in several places, 40c horizontal strip of three, ample margins to just touching, all tied by dotted diamond cancels and "Guadeloupe, Pointe-a-Pitre 24 Juin 65" double-circle datestamp on cover to Paris, France, sender's directive "Voie Francaise", red framed "PD" and blue company cachet handstamp, red French ship (Jul. 11) transit and arrival datestamp, Very Fine and handsome use, signed Jamet, ex Grabowski E. \$500-750





- French Colonies—Used in Guadeloupe, 1865, 80c Carmine Rose on Pinkish (6; Yvert 6). Large margins all around including portion of adjoining stamp at bottom, bold color, tied by dotted diamond cancel and lightly struck "Paq. Ang. Pointe-a-Pitre Guade 25 Dec 70" double-circle datestamp on folded letter to Bordeaux, France, sender's directive "Steamer Anglais", red framed "PD" and blue company cachet handstamps, French ship (Jan. 15) transit and Bordeaux (Jan. 23) arrival datestamps, Very Fine, a delightful cover, especially as there was no 80c rate during the pre-U.P.U. period when the Eagle issue was in use, this cover paid the 70c British packet rate which was overpaid by 10c, ex Grabowski E. \$300-400
- Guadeloupe, 1884, 25c on 35c Black on Orange (2; Yvert 2). Top right corner sheet margin horizontal pair, other sides large, tied by two strikes of "Guadeloupe, Basse Terre 11 Juil 84" double-circle datestamp with additional strike at bottom left on registered cover to Heidelberg, Germany, framed "R" handstamp, Calais a Paris (Jul. 28) and Paris a Avricourt (Jul. 28) transit and Heidelberg (Aug. 29) arrival datestamps, Very Fine, signed Calves.......



- Martinique, 1886, 5c on 20c Red on Yellow Green (1; Yvert 1). Ten examples consisting of two horizontal strips of three and two horizontal pairs, all tied by "Fort de France, Martinique 23 Juil 86" double-circle datestamps with additional strike at top left on registered cover to Nice, France, red framed "R" handstamp, French paquebot (Jul. 26) transit and Nice (Aug. 11) arrival datestamps, cover with some soiling and vertical file fold between stamps, Fine and scarce franking, stamps catalogue \$550 (€800) just as used stamps alone...... E. \$300-400
- 3191

 Martinique, 1887-88, 15c on 20c Red on Yellow Green (4, 7-8; Yvert 2, 5-6). Three examples with different overprint types, used with French Colonies, 1881, 1c Black on Lilac Black (46; Yvert 46), horizontal strip of three and pair, all tied by "Fort de France, Martinique 29 Sept 87" double-circle datestamp with additional strike at center right on registered cover to Paris, France, red framed "R" handstamp, red Paris arrival datestamp, Very Fine...... E. \$300-400
- French Colonies—Used in New Caledonia, 1859-65, 10c Bister on Yellowish, 20c Blue on Bluish, 40c Orange on Yellowish (3-5; Yvert 3-5). Mostly large margins to just touching on one side of 20c and 40c, tied by dotted diamond cancels and "Nouvelle Caledonie, Noumea 2 Sept 68" double-circle datestamp on cover to Dordagney, France, framed "PD" handstamp, red French entry (Oct. 30) and arrival datestamps, Very Fine and scarce three-color Eagle issue franking, ex Mayer, signed Calves................................... E. \$500-750



- 3193 ⋈ New Caledonia, 1881, 25c on 35c Deep Violet on Yellow (4; Yvert 4). Large balanced margins, tied by "Nlle Caledonie, Noumea 20 Janv 82" double-circle datestamp with additional strike at center of petite cover addressed locally, cover with some toned spots and minute edge tear at top, still Very Fine, Scott \$925....... E. \$200-300
- Obock, 1892, 25c Black on Rose, 1fr Bronze Green on Straw (17, 20; Yvert 17, 20). 1fr horizontal pair and single, all tied by "Obock, Colonie-Francse 10 Nov 92" double-circle datestamp with additional strike at top left on registered cover to Drome, France, red framed "R" handstamp, "La Reunion a Marseille" (Nov. 10) transit and Drome (Nov. 20) arrival backstamps, right 1fr with slight corner crease, still Very Fine, the 1fr is a particularly challenging value to find on cover, it is listed but unpriced in Scott........................ E. \$750-1,000
- 3195 ⋈ Obock, 1892, 75c Carmine on Rose (19; Yvert 19). Well-centered, tied by "Obock, Colonie-Francse 29 Nov 92" double-circle datestamp with additional strike beside on registered cover to Paris, France, red framed "R" handstamp, Toulon sur Mer (Dec. 13) transit and Paris (Dec. 14 and 15) arrival datestamps, Very Fine, scarce on cover, listed but unpriced in Scott

 E. \$300-400

REUNION 1852 15-CENTIMES FIRST ISSUE

ONE OF ONLY FIVE SINGLE-FRANKING COVERS KNOWN BEARING THIS CLASSIC RARITY



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■ Reunion, 1852, 15c Black on Blue (1; Yvert 1). Tight margins, mostly touching outer frameline, uncancelled with "St. Denis, Ile de la Reunion 21 Juil" double-circle datestamp on petite 1853 cover to Nimes, France, red "Colonies Fra. Nantes 28 Nov 53" and "Ligne de Nantes 28 Nov 53" transit and Nimes (Dec. 1) arrival datestamps, manuscript "2" decimes due marking, cover with couple vertical file folds not affecting stamp

VERY FINE AND EXCEPTIONAL SHOWPIECE OF THE 1852 15-CENTIMES FIRST ISSUE OF REUNION ON COVER. ONLY 27 COVERS ARE RECORDED WITH THE FIRST TWO STAMPS OF REUNION—JUST FIVE 15-CENTIMES COVERS ARE KNOWN. A HIGHLIGHT OF THE HOMONNAY COLLECTION AND ONE OF THE MOST RECOGNIZABLE CLASSIC RARITIES OF THE WORLD.

In 1852 Reunion was supplied with their first adhesive stamps. They were General French Colonies issues that were given to all the Colonies of France. However, there were no 15c or 30c stamps to pay the 30c and 45c rates. Because new stamps would take a long time to reach Reunion, it was decided to print stamps locally from typeset forms. The same phenomenon occurred on other islands throughout the world, such as Hawaii, Mauritius and Fiji, where local printers produced the country's first stamps, using more primitive methods than other stamp-producing countries. The typeset stamps of Reunion were printed on very thin pelure paper that often had irregularities such as wood pulp inclusions and pinholes. These stamps proved to be unpopular with the local population, primarily due to the fact that they were issued without gum. A small number were used and the remainders were eventually destroyed.

To date, only 27 covers are recorded. This includes five 15c covers, sixteen 30c covers, and six 15c and 30c combination covers. Of the five 15c covers, three are addressed to France, one to Mauritius, and one locally on Reunion Island.



- Rouad, 1916, 5c to 1pi on 25c Overprints (1-3; Yvert 1a-3a). Horizontal pairs of each value, 5c millesimes "4" gutter pair, overprints reading top to bottom, tied by "Ile Rouad, Postes Francaises 3-3 16" circular datestamps on cover to Port Said, Port Said (Mar. 6) arrival backstamp, cover with vertical file fold not affecting pairs, Very Fine, while Scott does not differentiate the overprint reading up or down, Yvert gives a premium to those reading top to bottom, catalogued simply as used, Scott \$1,650, Yvert €3,000...... E. \$500-750
- 3199 St. Pierre & Miquelon, 1885, 10c on 40c Vermilion on Straw and 15c on 40c Vermilion on Straw (2-3; Yvert 6-7). Two similarly franked 1885 registered covers to Bordeaux, France, both covers with pair of each value, one with margins touching the 10c only, other with the 15c pair touching on one side, otherwise large to ample margins, all tied by red St. Pierre double-circle datestamps, red framed "R" handstamps, Calais transit and Bordeaux arrival datestamps, both with cover edge faults, Fine and scarce pair(Photo Ex) E. \$500-750



- French Colonies—Used in Senegal, 1859, 10c Bister on Yellowish (3; Yvert 3). Horizontal pair, large margins to clear, tied by blue dotted "GOR" cancel with blue and black Goree Mar. 3, 1865 circular datestamps on cover to Volonne, France, sender's directive "voie Francaise", red framed "PD" handstamp, Paris transit and Volonne arrival backstamps, accompanied by original enclosure, Very Fine, Goree is a small island off the coast of Dakar and interestingly is one of the first locations in Africa where Europeans first settled E. \$400-500
- Senegal, 1887, 15c on 20c Red on Green (22, 28-29; Yvert 5, 5B, 5E). Ty. O, U, and V (Yvert Ty. I, III, and VI), used with French Colonies, 1881, 5c Green on Greenish (49; Yvert 49), all tied by "Dakar, Senegal 14 Avril 87" double-circle datestamps with additional strike at bottom right on registered cover to Munich, Germany, red framed "R" and violet "Recommande" handstamps, blue French ship (Apr. 21) and Paris (Apr. 30) transit and Munich (May 1) arrival backstamps, cover with couple minor edge tears, otherwise Very Fine and scarce use, signed Calves, with 2010 Scheller certificate....... E. \$400-500
- Somali Coast, 1894, 5c-5fr Overprints (1-5; Yvert 1-5). Two examples of 5c (one with corner torn), each cancelled or tied by fancy "Djibouti Postes 3 Juil 94" datestamps with additional strike at center right on registered cover to Landeshut, Silesia, red framed "R" handstamp, Obock (Jul. 12) and Marseilles a Lyon (Jul. 23) transit and Landeshut (Jul. 25) arrival backstamps, Very Fine, despite this philatelic use, these stamps are scarce used at the time of issue, catalogue value simply as used stamps, Scott \$2,465, Yvert €3,590, only the first three stamps are catalogued on cover in Scott (each individually above \$1,000)....... E. \$750-1,000



3203
Tahiti, 1884, 10c on 20c Red on Yellow Green (3; Yvert 5). Fresh color, tied by "Oceanie, Moorea 10 Aout 84" double-circle datestamp with additional strike beside on France and Colonies printed formula postal card, addressed to Papeete, card with manuscript revaluing of card from 20c to 10c

VERY FINE. AN INCREDIBLY RARE USE OF THE 1884 10-CENTIMES SURCHARGE ON AN INTERISLAND USED FRENCH FORMULA POSTAL CARD.

Signed Bernichon. Scott \$3,750. E. \$1,500-2,000



3204

GERMAN STATES



3205

3205 ⋈ **Bavaria, 1849, 1kr Black (1; Michel 1Ia).** Plate 1, three large margins including frameline at right and bottom, left side clear, tied by "Miltenberg 26/1" semi-circle datestamp **on wrapper** to Aschau

VERY FINE AND CHOICE. A BEAUTIFUL AND RARE EXAMPLE OF THE BAVARIA 1849 ONE-KREUZER USED ON WRAPPER.

Bavaria was the first German state to issue postage stamps. The 1kr was used primarily for local mail and also for use on printed matter such as the example offered here.

With 1973 Deutsches Institute certificate. Scott \$7,250 as printed matter. Michel €7,000 as cover. E. \$2,000-3,000



- 3207 3206
- Bavaria, 1849, 3kr Blue (2; Michel 2Ia). Plate 1, large balanced margins including portions of dividing lines on three sides, tied by perfectly struck "216" cogwheel cancel and "Munchberg 26/9" semi-circle datestamp on 1850 folded cover to Plauen (Saxony), stamp with minute separating cut at bottom left, Extremely Fine, Plate 1 covers addressed outside of Bavaria are quite scarce, with 1999 Brettl certificate................................. E. \$200-300





3209

3209 Bergedorf, 1861-67, 1½s Black on Yellow (3; Michel 3). Large to full margins for this tightly spaced stamp, tied by barred cancel and "Bergedorf 3/12" rimless circular datestamp on ca. 1860s cover to Luneburg, Wiegels correspondence, blue Hamburg (Dec. 3) transit and blue Luneburg (Dec. 3) arrival backstamps

VERY FINE SINGLE-FRANKING USE OF THE $1\frac{1}{2}$ -SCHILLING BLACK ON YELLOW FIRST ISSUE ON COVER. ESPECIALLY RARE IN THIS CHOICE CONDITION.

Ex Dr. Werner Erlangen and P. Brodtbeck. Signed Thier and Grobe. With 1952 Mohrmann and 2007 Mozek certificates. Michel €6,500. E. \$3,000-4,000



3210 ⋈ Brunswick, 1852, 3sgr Vermilion (3; Michel 3). Large balanced margins, tied by blue "Braunschweig 7/7" double-circle datestamp with additional strike at right on 1855 bluish folded cover to Mainz, Frankfurt (Jul. 8) transit backstamp, blue manuscript "1" rate marking, Very Fine, signed Grobe, Scott \$900, Michel €1,200...... E. \$300-400



3211

3211 ⋈ Hamburg, 1859, 1s Brown (2; Michel 2). Mostly large margins to ample at top, tied by barred cancel with "F.P. 12/10" tombstone datestamp on locally addressed cover, Very Fine, Scott \$900, Michel € 1,100..... E. \$300-400



- 3212 ⋈ Hamburg, 1859, 2s Red (3; Michel 3). Huge balanced margins, rich color, tied by blue wavylines cancel and "Ritzebuttel 6/2 62" circular datestamp on cover to Hamburg, lightly struck arrival backstamp, cover with insignificant vertical file folds not affecting stamp, Extremely Fine, a choice cover, particularly rare with the wavy-lines cancel tying the stamp on cover,
- 3213 ⋈ Hamburg, 1859, 2s Red (3; Michel 3). Huge margins on each side including dividing line at right, pre-cancelled by blue wavy-lines cancel and "Ritzebuttel 25/1 64" circular datestamp on blue folded cover to Hamburg, blue company cachet handstamp, Extremely Fine, signed Kohler, with 2000 Lange certificate E. \$500-750
- $3214 \bowtie$ Hamburg, 1859, 3s Blue (4; Michel 4). Large margins on each side, bold color, tied by barred cancel with fancy fleuron "Hamburg 21 Feb 1860" two-line datestamp on folded letter to Bremen, blue company cachet handstamp, boxed Bremen (Feb. 22) arrival backstamp, some splitting along internal folds and missing part of inner panel, still Very Fine use, signed Lohden BPP, Michel € 1,400..... E. \$400-500

HAMBURG 1859 9-SCHILLINGS YELLOW

AN IMPRESSIVE AND RARE USE OF THIS FIRST ISSUE ON COVER



3215

3215 ⋈ Hamburg, 1859, 9s Yellow (7; Michel 7). Two singles, mostly huge to large margins, clear at left side of right stamp, tied by barred cancels with red "Hamburg Paid Mai 14 1860" circular datestamp on blue folded cover to New York, sender's directive "p Saxonia", blue company cachet handstamp, red "Paid N. York Hamb. Pkt. May ?" circular datestamp and red "10" rate handstamp, right stamp with minute scissor cut in bottom margin only (not touching design), cover with some splitting along folds which have been sensibly reinforced

VERY FINE. A REMARKABLE AND RARE USE OF TWO 1859 9-SCHILLINGS FIRST ISSUE STAMPS ON COVER TO NEW YORK. AN IMPRESSIVE AND IMPORTANT EARLY HAMBURG COVER.

Ex Seybold and Stroher. Signed Kohler, Buhler, and Engel. With 1992 Jakubek certificate. Michel €23,000...... E. \$7,500-10,000



- 3216

 Lubeck, 1859, 2s Brown (3; Michel 3). Full to clear margins, strong color, tied by two blue manuscript strokes and "Luebeck 31/7" double-circle datestamp on 1860 blue folded letter to Hamburg, arrival backstamp (Aug. 1), Very Fine, signed Richter, with 2007 Brettl certificate, Scott \$800, Michel €1,000...... E. \$200-300
- 3217 ⊠ **Lubeck, 1859, 2½s Rose (4; Michel 4).** Full even margins all around, tied by barred cancel with "Luebeck 31/10" double-circle datestamp on 1862 bluish folded cover to Schwerin, lightly struck arrival backstamp, few vertical file folds not affecting stamp, Very Fine, a particularly scarce example on cover, signed Thier and Lange, with 1977 Engel certificate, Scott \$2,000, Michel €2,800...... E. \$750-1,000
- 3218

 Lubeck, 1859, 4s Green (5; Michel 5a). Mostly large to full margins, just touching at top right, tied by three blue manuscript strokes and "Luebeck Bahnhof 14/8" double-circle datestamp on greenish ca. 1860s folded letter to Glogau, Berlin (Aug. 14) transit and arrival backstamps, Fine and scarce, Scott \$1,400, Michel €1,800...... E. \$300-400



- 3219
 Mecklenburg Schwerin, 1856, 5s Blue (3; Michel 3). Large to ample margins all around, tied by "(R)OSTOCK" straightline cancel with additional strike at right on blue 1862 folded cover to Tolz, Rostock May 12 despatch datestamp on back, Berlin (May 12) transit datestamp, cover with strong vertical file fold not affecting stamp or markings, Very Fine, Scott \$1,000, Michel €1,300 E. \$400-500
- 3220 ⋈ Prussia, 1850, 2sg Black on Blue (4; Michel 3). Large margins to clear, used with 1857, 1sg Rose (6; Michel 6), mostly large margins to touching at right, each tied by bold strikes of "1147" target cancels on 1sg Rose entire addressed to Breslau, framed "Pless 9 11" despatch datestamp, Breslau (Nov. 10) arrival backstamp, cover with some light soiling, still Very Fine and scarce mixed-issue use, with 2001 Ferchenbauer certificate................. E. \$300-400



3222 Saxony, 1850, 3pf Brick Red (1; Michel 1a). Plate 4, mostly large margins to clear at top right, tied by "Leipzig 27 Feb 51" double-circle datestamp on large part of printed folded notice ("ohne Schleife"), printed matter with some file folds not affecting stamp

VERY FINE. A CHOICE AND FRESH EXAMPLE OF THE 1850 3-PFENNIGS ISSUE OF SAXONY ON LARGE PART OF PRINTED MATTER. A CLASSIC POSTAL HISTORY RARITY OF THE GERMAN STATES.

Signed Drahn and Proschold. With 2006 Rismondo certificate...... E. \$5,000-7,500



3223

3223 ⋈ Denmark—Used in Schleswig Holstein, 1851, 4rs Brown (1; Michel 1). Large to full margins, tied by barred circular cancel and "Bahnhof Kiel 10/9" double-circle datestamp on 1853 folded letter to Heiligenhafen, Very Fine and scarce use E. \$1,000-1,500

SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN 1850 2-SCHILLINGS ROSE AND PINK AN EXTREMELY RARE FIRST ISSUE STAMP USED ON COVER



3224

Schleswig-Holstein, 1850, 2s Rose & Pink (2; Michel 2a). Four ample margins, wonderfully rich color, tied by bold strike of "3" barred cancel and "P.A. Altona 6/11 51" double-circle 3224 ⋈ datestamp on folded letter to Rendsburg, front panel with small holes repaired for aesthetic reasons—of little consequence and not affecting stamp or markings

> VERY FINE. A PARTICULARLY HANDSOME AND DESIRABLE USE OF THE 1850 2-SCHILLINGS FIRST ISSUE ON COVER. AN IMPORTANT GERMAN STATES POSTAL HISTORY ARTIFACT.

> Ex Gibson and "Schwan". Signed Decker and Friedl. With 1998 Jakubek certificate. Scott \$20,000. Michel €25,000. E. \$10,000-15,000



- Northern District, Thurn & Taxis, 1854, 4sgr Black on Red Brown (1; Michel 1). Full to ample margins, tied by "29" target cancel on ca. 1850s 1sgr Red entire with "Hanau 10 10" circular datestamp, addressed to Fulda, Fulda (Oct. 11) arrival backstamp, Very Fine, the first issue of Thurn & Taxis are quite rare used on uprated entires, signed Sem BPP... E. \$400-500



- 3228

 Wurttemberg, 1851, 1kr Black on Buff (1; Michel 1a). Three singles, each with mostly large to ample margins, tied by three strikes of "Unterturkh 18/3" semi-circle datestamps with additional strike at top left on blue 1856 folded letter datelined in Hedelfingen, addressed to Reutlingen, Very Fine and choice, an interesting use as the writer must have dropped this letter off for posting at the Unterturkheim railway station, with 1988 Thoma certificate

 E. \$500-750
- 3230 ⋈ Wurttemberg, 1851-52, 6kr Black on Yellow Green, 18kr Black on Dull Violet (4, 6; Michel 3y, 5). 6kr Michel Ty. III, 18kr Michel Ty. I, each with mostly large margins, 18kr clear at top right, tied by "Stuttgart 14 Mar 1855" double-circle datestamps with additional strike at top left on cover to London, England, sender's directive "via Ostende", red "P" in circle handstamp, Frankfurt (Mar. 14) transit and London (Mar. 17) arrival datestamps, manuscript rate markings, one which additionally ties 6kr, cover with some minor edgewear, Very Fine, the 6kr on the scarcer thin tissue paper, signed Drahn, with 1983 Thoma certificate....... E. \$750-1,000





franco Egypten.

- 3231 ⋈ North German Confederation, 1868, ½gr Orange, 1gr Rose (3-4; Michel 3-4). Horizontal pair and single of 1gr, all tied by "Dusseldorf 23 2 69" double-circle datestamp with additional strike at bottom right on petite fancy-bordered cover to Paris, France, red "PD" handstamp, blue French entry (Feb. 24) datestamp, Very Fine and scarce use, with 1989 Spalink certificate E. \$300-400
- $3232 \bowtie$ North German Confederation, 1868, 1gr Rose, 2gr Ultramarine, 5kr Bister (4-6; Michel 4-6). Tied by three clear strikes of "Leipzig 7 Apr 69" double-circle datestamp on cover to Calcutta, India, sender's directive "via Triest & Bombay", blue company cachet handstamp, Triest transit and Calcutta (May 5) arrival backstamps, blue "India Postage" octagon handstamp on back with manuscript "2as" added, with original enclosure, cover with some edgewear which affects top perfs of stamps due to placement on cover, still Fine, a scarce and attractive three-color franking to India E. \$300-400
- $3233 \bowtie$ North German Confederation, 1868, 3kr Rose, 7kr Ultramarine (9-10; Michel 9-10). Each tied by "Frankfurt AM 19/5" circular datestamp with additional strike at center on 1869 cover to Alexandria, Egypt, sender's directive "via Triest", Triest (May 22) transit backstamp, Very Fine and scarce destination, signed Kruschel E. \$200-300



North German Confederation, 1870, ¼gr Black on Buff, Official (O1; Michel D1). Block of four, tied by four strikes of "Calbe AS 10/6 70" double-circle datestamp with additional strike at bottom right on folded cover to Magdeburg, Magdeburg (Jun. 10) arrival backstamp, cover with vertical file folds at far left, Very Fine and scarce block on cover, Michel lists a block on four on cover but it is unpriced.

E. \$300-400

3235
☐ Germany, 1872 Five-Color Small and Large Shield Franking to London. Eleven stamps, including Small Shield ¼g (pair and single), ⅙g (2), 1g, and 2g, Large Shield ⅙g (2), ⅙g, and 1g, all tied by "Aachen 27/10" double-circle datestamps on 1872 1g Red entire cover to London, England, red "PD" handstamp, red London Paid (Oct. 28) arrival datestamp, cover with edgewear which just affects perfs of ⅙g at bottom left, otherwise Fine and scarce five-color Small and Large Shield first issue franking E. \$500-750

3236 Germany, 1872, 3kr Rose, 18kr Bister (9, 11; Michel 9, 11). Each tied by "Freiburg in Baden 11/11 72" circular datestamp with additional strike at top right on partly printed cover to Bethenbrum, forwarded to Heiligenberg, two framed "Auslagen" handstamps, Heiligenberg (Nov. 15) arrival backstamp, Very Fine............................... E. \$400-500

GERMAN AREAS AND COLONIES



3237

3237

Caroline Islands, 1899, 5pf-50pf Overprint, 48 Degree (2a-6a; Michel 2I-6I). Used with 1900, 3pf Dark Brown, 56 Degree (1; Michel 1II), each tied by "Ponape, Karolinen 20/2 00" circular datestamps on registered cover to Oldenburg, Germany, Ponape registry label, Oldenburg (Apr. 22) arrival backstamp, Very Fine and scarce group of stamps on cover, with 2007 Jaschke-Lantelme certificate, catalogued simply as used stamps, Scott \$4,725, Michel €6,270...... E. \$1,000-1,500



3238





3240



3241

Mariana Islands, 1899, 3pf-50pf Overprints, 48 Degree (11a-16a; Michel 1I-6I). Complete set of six values, used with Germany 10pf and Philippines 2c, all tied by "Saipan, Marianen 1/4 00" circular datestamps on uprated registered Germany 10pf Red postal card, addressed to Alzey, Germany, Saipan registry label (pre-use tear), Alzey (Jul. 12) arrival datestamp

VERY FINE. A RARE COMPLETE SET OF THE 1899 OVERPRINTS AT 48 DEGREES ON REGISTERED POSTAL CARD TO GERMANY.

Signed Lange and Bothe BPP. Catalogued simply as singles. Scott \$8,310. Michel \in 11,080. ... E. \$1,500-2,000





3244



3245 Schleswig, 1920, 2½pf-10m Officials (O1-O14; Michel D1-D14). Complete set of fourteen values, including 40pf with "V" variety (Michel D9II), all tied by "Flensburg 10.2.20" double-circle datestamps on "Commission Internationale Slesvig" imprint cover addressed locally, addressed to one of the commissioners with his endorsement on back in Danish

VERY FINE. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE COMPLETE SET OF THE 1920 OFFICIAL OVERPRINTS ON COVER—PARTICULARLY SO WITH THE DANISH COMMISSIONER NOTE ON BACK.

Used examples on cover are quite scarce, and especially so for the Mark values. Scott notes catalogue values ranging from \$500-\$1,100 (Michel \in 320- \in 1,300) for each value on cover and do not list either the 5m or 10m values. Catalogued simply as used stamps. Scott \$2,818. Michel \in 3,415. E. \$1,500-2,000



- Greece, 1861, 51 Yellow Green on Greenish, Paris Printing (3). Large to ample margins, used with 1862, 101, 201, and 401, Athens Printing (12-14), mostly large to ample margins, just barely touching 401 at top, all tied by Calamata Dec. 24, 1863 (Julian calendar) double-circle datestamps upon arrival as postage dues on blue folded letter originating in Trieste, with Triest Dec. 26 (Gregorian calendar) despatch datestamp, Athens (Dec. 19, Julian calendar) transit backstamp, manuscript rate notation, Very Fine and attractive four-color franking used as postage dues on incoming cover from Triest, with 1991 Holcombe certificate



3249 Greece, 1861, 40l Violet on Blue, Paris Printing (5). Large to ample margins, used with 1862, 10l Orange on Greenish, Athens Printing (12), mostly large margins to clear at top, both tied by dotted diamond cancels with Patras Jun. 12, 1862 double-circle datestamp on folded letter to Taganrog, blue company cachet handstamp, arrival backstamp, Very Fine, signed Buhler...... E. \$400-500





3251 front and back

3251 ⋈ Greenland, 1905-12, 1ö Olive Green, 5ö Brown, 10ö Blue, Perf 12¼ (Q1a-Q4a; Facit P1-P3). Three examples of 1ö (two affixed to back of cover), 5ö with straight edge at bottom, all tied by multiple strikes of crowned "Styrelsen af Kolonierne i Gronland" handstamps on parcel cover to Jacobshavn

VERY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL AND VERY RARE COMPLETE SET OF THE GREENLAND 1905-12 PARCEL POST "BEAR" STAMPS WITH PERF 12% ON PARCEL COVER.

With 1988 Nielsen certificate...... E. \$2,000-3,000



3252

3252

Greenland, 1912, 5ö Brown, Perf 12¼ (Q3a; Facit P2). Two examples, second printing, Positions 10 and 11, one with straight edge at left and other at right, tied by violet crowned "Styrelsen af Kolonierne i Gronland" oval handstamps on parcel card for a package sent from Copenhagen to Egedesminde, card with small repaired hole at far top left, Very Fine and scarce use on card, with undated Moller certificate E. \$500-750



3253 ⋈ Guatemala, 1871, 20c Rose (4). Tied by faint Guatemala circular datestamp with red "Correos de Guatemala Paquettes 24 Jun. 74" circular datestamp on buff cover to Gand, Belgium, bold framed "UNPAID" handstamp, Panama (Jul. 28) and London transit and Gand (Aug. 28) arrival datestamps, manuscript rate markings, stamp and cover soiled, cover with edgewear and minor repairs including piece added at top right

FINE. A RARE USE OF THE 1871 20-CENTAVOS FIRST ISSUE ON COVER SENT THRU THE BRITISH MAILS TO BELGIUM. LESS THAN A DOZEN COVERS ARE RECORDED.

While six 20c covers are recorded by Goodman, there are a few known outside this census such as the cover offered here. Signed Calves...... E. \$2,000-3,000



3254





Hungary, 1871-72, 25kr Lilac, Engraved (12; Michel 13). Used with 1874-76, 10k Blue, Perf 13 (16; Michel 18A), tied by Budapest double-circle datestamp on ca. 1870s printed "Glatz, Holzwarth & Schubert" registered cover front only to Vienna, Austria, front with some folds not affecting stamps, otherwise Fine and scarce use of the 25kr high value...... E. \$400-500



3259

ICELAND 1874 4-SKILLINGS DARK CARMINE FIRST ISSUE

ONLY TWO OF THE FOURTEEN RECORDED FIRST ISSUE SKILLING COVERS IN PRIVATE HANDS ARE SINGLE FRANKINGS



3260

3260 Example Iceland, 1873, 4sk Dark Carmine (2; Facit 2). Deep rich color, tied by mostly complete strike of "Reykjavik 24 3" circular datestamp with additional strike at top center on 1874 cover to Hvitanes, Isafjordur, Isafjordur (Apr. 12) arrival backstamp, stamp with one pulled perf at right mentioned for strict accuracy and cover with minor edgewear

VERY FINE EXAMPLE OF THE 1873 4-SKILLINGS FIRST ISSUE ON SINGLE-FRANKING COVER. AN IMPORTANT ICELANDIC POSTAL HISTORY RARITY. ONLY TWO OF THE FOURTEEN RECORDED FIRST ISSUE SKILLING COVERS (ALL DENOMINATIONS) ARE SINGLE FRANKINGS.

Any first issue cover of Iceland is a major rarity and exhibition item. Only 66 Skilling covers are recorded with 52 of those institutionalized in museums. This leaves a mere fourteen covers available to collectors. Of those, there is only one other 4k single franking recorded.

Ex Crafoord, Swanson, and Schnell. With 1985 Beskow certificate...... E. \$15,000-20,000

ITALIAN STATES

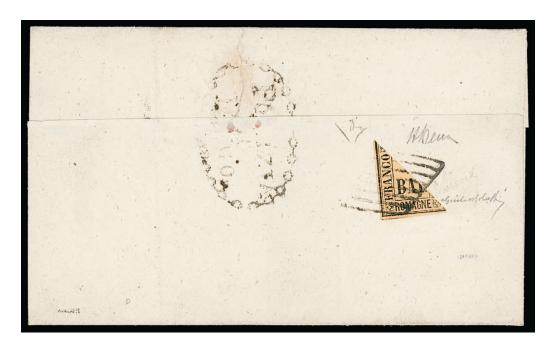


- 3263 ⋈ Modena, 1852-57, 10c Black on Rose, 15c Black on Yellow (2-3; Sassone 2a, 3). 15c horizontal pair, each stamp with large to ample margins, tied by barred cancels and "Carrara 11 Feb" double-circle datestamp on 1855 folded cover to Rome, red Rome (Feb. 14) arrival backstamp, Very Fine, with 2008 Avi certificate................................ E. \$500-750





- 3265 ⋈ Romagna, 1859, 1b Black on Drab (2; Sassone 2). Large to ample margins, tied by barred diamond cancel on back of petite 1859 folded cover to Bagnacavallo, Ferrara Oct. 6 despatch datestamp, manuscript "1" rate marking, Very Fine, signed E. Diena, with 1996 Raybaudi certificate, Scott \$900, Sassone €1,875...... E. \$200-300
- 3266 ⋈ Romagna, 1859, 2b Black on Buff (3; Sassone 3). Large to clear margins including portion of adjoining stamp at bottom, tied by barred grid cancel with "Ferrara 29 Dic 59" double-circle datestamp on small folded letter to Bologna, Bologna (Dec. 30) arrival backstamp, Very Fine, signed A. Diena, with 2006 Sismondo certificate, Scott \$1,050, Sassone €2,250... E. \$300-400



3267 ⋈ Romagna, 1859, 2b Black on Buff, Half Used as 1b (3a; Sassone 3 var). Bottom left diagonal half, two full margins, tied across the cut by barred diamond on back of 1859 folded cover to Conselice, Lugo Nov. 8 despatch datestamp on front, fancy framed "Polizia di Lugo" oval handstamps, cover with reinforced edge tear and slightly refolded for aesthetic purposes

VERY FINE AND RARE DIAGONAL BISECT OF THE 1859 2-BAJOCCHI ON COVER FROM LUGO TO CONSELICE.



3268

3268 ⋈ Romagna, 1859, 4b Black on Fawn (5; Sassone 5). Mostly large margins to clear at bottom right, tied by barred diamond cancel and lightly struck Ferrara Sept. 27 double-circle date-stamp on folded letter to Venice, Venice (Sept. 28) arrival backstamp, Very Fine, particularly rare first month use paying the single sheet letter rate to adjoining districts—this rate was only available until Oct. 1859....... E. \$750-1,000



8269 ■ Roman States, 1864, ½b Black on Grayish Violet (11; Sassone 1A). Two horizontal pairs, each with large to clear margins, tied by three strikes of "Toscanella" double-circle origin town cancels with additional strike at right on 1864 folded letter to Visso, transit and Visso (Mar. 26) arrival backstamps, "2" rate handstamp, Very Fine, signed A. Diena and Raybaudi, with 1990 E. Diena and 2005 Bottacchi certificates.................. E. \$500-750



3270

Roman States, 1852, 1b Black on Gray Green (2; Sassone 2). Vertical block of six (2x3), large balanced margins including complete framelines on each side, top block of four and bottom pair separated by interpanneau gutter, creased thru gutter as usual, cancelled and tied by barred diamond cancels on back of 1856 folded letter to Faenza, blue "Russi" town origin straightline handstamp, Faenza (Dec. 30) arrival datestamps on front and back, manuscript "6" rate marking, cover with some minor edgewear

VERY FINE AND IMPRESSIVE BLOCK OF SIX OF THE 1852 ONE-BAJOCCHI FIRST ISSUE WITH THE INTERPANNEAU GUTTER USED ON COVER.

With 1983 E. Diena certificate. E. \$3,000-4,000



3271



3272

3272 ⋈ Roman States, 1852, 3b Black on Brown, Two-Thirds Used as 2b (4f; Sassone 4 var). Top two-thirds cut horizontally, other sides full, tied by "9 GENNAIO" straightline datestamp on back of ca. 1850s large part of folded wrapper (missing piece of bottom of front panel), "TOLENTINO" straightline town despatch handstamp, stamp addi-

VERY FINE EXAMPLE OF 1852 3-BAJOC-CHI FIRST ISSUE CUT TWO-THIRDS TO PAY THE 2-BAJOCCHI PRINTED MATTER RATE. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE PIECE OF POSTAL HISTORY.

tionally cancelled by manuscript stroke

With 1996 E. Diena and 2011 Colla certificates. Scott \$10,500. Sassone €32,000. E. \$2,000-3,000





3274

3274 ⋈ Roman States, 1852, 50b Dull Blue (10; Sassone 10). Large margins to just barely touching at left, used with 7b Black on Blue (8; Sassone 8), horizontal pair, huge to ample margins including portions of adjoining stamps at bottom, all tied by diamond grid cancels on 1858 folded letter to Cleveland, Ohio, framed "P.P." handstamp, French transit and red "New York Paid 30 Dec. 28" 30c credit datestamp

FINE USE OF THE 1852 50-BAJOCCHI FIRST ISSUE HIGH VALUE ON COVER TO THE UNITED STATES—A SCARCE DESTINATION.



3275

3275 Sardinia, 1851, 5c Gray Black, 40c Rose (1, 3; Sassone 1, 3). 5c two singles, each stamp with large margins to just touching in places, tied by boxed diamond cancels on blue 1853 cover to Seine-et-Oise, France, red "P.D." handstamp, Aix Les Bains (Jul. 10) and other transit datestamps, one of which ties the 40c, cover with some edgewear, one 5c with trace of toned spots at top

FINE. A RARE COMBINATION OF THE 5-CENTESIMI AND 40-CENTESIMI FIRST ISSUE STAMPS ON COVER TO FRANCE.

Signed A. Diena. With 1988 Raybaudi certificate. Sassone €64,000. E. \$1,500-2,000



- 3276 ⊠ **Sardinia, 1851, 20c Blue (2; Sassone 2).** Ample margins to clear at top right, tied by diamond square cancel with "Demonte 13 Set 53" double-circle datestamp on folded letter to Cuneo, arrival backstamp (Sep. 15), Very Fine, Sassone €1,800....... E. \$300-400
- 3277

 Sardinia, 1855-63, 10c Dark Green (10; Sassone 13E). Horizontal strip of five, large margins to just barely touching at top and right, tied by four strikes of "Altamura 2 Gen 1865 circular datestamp on folded letter to Naples, fancy red Naples (Jan. 5) arrival backstamp, manuscript "1" rate marking, Fine, a particularly rare strip on cover, Sassone €11,250 E. \$500-750





3279



- 3282 ☑ Two Sicilies—Naples, 1858, ½g Brownish Pink (1 var; Sassone 1b). Horizontal pair, Plate 1, large to full margins, cancelled by framed "Annullato" handstamp on 1858 folded cover addressed locally, Dec. 31 arrival datestamp on back, Very Fine and scarce use of the ½g pair on cover, with 2007 Raybaudi certificate, Scott \$2,000, Sassone €3,600 E. \$300-400





3285

3285 ☑ Two Sicilies—Sicily, 1859, 1g Grayish Olive Green, 5g Carmine Pink, 10g Dark Blue (12a, 14a, 16; Sassone 4, 9, 12). 1g Plate 2, Pos. 19, 5g Plate 1, Pos. 86, 10g Pos. 35, mostly large margins to just barely touching on 1g and 10g, tied by three bold strikes of horseshoe cancels and "Vallelunga" in oval origin town handstamp on 1860 registered folded cover to Palermo, "Assicurata" in oval handstamp, Palermo (Feb. 6) arrival datestamp also ties 1g

VERY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL THREE-COLOR SICILY FIRST ISSUE FRANKING ON REGISTERED COVER TO PALERMO.



- 3286

 Italy, Offices Abroad, 1874, 2c Orange Brown, "Estero" Overprint (2; Sassone 2). Tied by barred oval cancel and "Tunisi, Poste Italiane 31 Dic 79" double-circle datestamp on petite unsealed cover to Genoa, Italy, transit backstamp, Very Fine and scarce single franking, Sassone € 3,750 E. \$500-750



3289

Italy, Offices in China—Peking, 1917-18, 20c Brown Orange, 25c Blue (16-17; Sassone 12-13). Tied by "Poste Italiane, Pechino-Cina 19.10.18" double-circle datestamp with additional strike at bottom left on registered and censored cover to Genga, Italy, forwarded to Rome, "Pechino-Cina" overprinted registry label, few censor handstamps including one cancelling stamps and censor tape at left, Bologna (Dec. 13) transit backstamp, Very Fine and scarce on cover, particularly the 20c value which is listed but unpriced on cover in Scott and Sassone...

E. \$750-1,000



3290 Italy, Offices in China—Peking, 1917-18, 20c Brown Orange (16; Sassone 12). Tied by well-struck "R.R. Poste Italiane, Pechino-Cina 1.6.18" double-circle datestamp on censored cover to Rome, Italy, Royal Navy cachet on back, two censored handstamps and censor tape at left, cover slightly reduced at top, Very Fine, a particularly challenging value to find on cover, so much so that both Scott and Sassone list but do not price E. \$750-1,000

JAPAN 1871 100-MON AND 200-MON DRAGON ISSUE A BEAUTIFUL COMBINATION FRANKING ON A NATIVE COVER



3291

3291

Japan, 1871, 100m Blue, 200m Vermilion (2-3). 100m Plate 1, Pos. 5, 200m Plate 1, Pos. 24, each with large to full margins on each side, tied by oval framed "Kumamoto Kensa" cancel on back of 1872 native cover to Kagoshima, red framed Kumamoto Apr. 22 despatch datestamp, cover with few insect holes and mild vertical file fold well-clear of stamps

VERY FINE AND RARE USE OF THE 1871 100-MON AND 200-MON FIRST ISSUES ON A DOMESTIC COVER.

This cover correctly pays the 300m rate for a distance between 50-100ri (approx. 196-393km). Ex Mertens. With 2003 Eichhorn certificate. E. \$5,000-7,500



- 3292

 Karelia, 1922, 5p-10m Bear (1-12). Complete to the 10m value, mixed perfs including 11¼ and 11¾, all tied by "Uhtua 3-11-1922" double-circle datestamps on cover to Lappeenranta, cover with file fold not affecting stamps, minor edgewear, and missing backflap, otherwise Fine

 E. \$300-400
- 3294 Example Latvia, German Occupation, 1919, 15pf Dark Violet (1N3; Michel 3Bb). Tied by German Feldpost Jan. 8, 1919 double-circle datestamp on "Josef Pokorny" paper factory corner card cover to Weida, "Der Deutsche Gesandte b.d. Lettisch u.b.d. estinisch Regierung" handstamp, cover with horizontal file fold of no concern, Very Fine, a scarce commercial use.. E. \$400-500
- 3295 Elithuania, 1918, 15sk Black, First Vilnius Printing (2; Michel 2). Horizontal pair with imperforate sheet margin at bottom, faintly tied by indistinct violet straightline cancel on cover to Mariampol, left stamp with minute surface scrape at top, otherwise Very Fine..... E. \$400-500



- 3297 Elithuania, South Lithuania—Grodno District, 1919, 50sk on 25k Green & Gray Violet (L5; Michel 6A). Tied by violet circular handstamp on 1919 first day of issue cover addressed locally with violet "Deutsche Feldpost 3007" handstamp, Feldpost 3007 (Mar. 4) arrival backstamp, Very Fine and scarce, signed Mikulski and Holcombe....... E. \$300-400
- 3299 \times Luxembourg, 1853, 1sg Light Brownish Red (2; Michel 2e). Horizontal strip of three, large balanced margins on each side, tied by barred cancels and "Luxembourg 8 Aout 56" double-circle datestamp on cover to Silesia, framed "PD" handstamp, Trier (Aug. 9) and "Ausg" (Aug. 12) transit backstamps, cover with small piece of back panel missing, Very Fine, a choice strip used on cover, with 2003 Goebel certificate................................... E. \$500-750

1894 NORWEGIAN MISSIONARY ISSUE

ONLY TEN COVERS RECORDED WITH THIS MOST UNUSUAL STAMP— THE ONLY EXAMPLE WITH THE STAMP TIED BY A DATESTAMP CANCEL



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Madagascar, Norwegian Missionary, 1894, 5v Black on White, Third Printing (Yvert NV1). Large balanced margins including sheet margin at bottom, tied by violet "Fihasinana 6 November 1896" circular datestamp with additional strike beside on cover to Antananarivo, cover with few faults including piece missing at top right, edge tears, missing backflap, and some toned spots which affect periphery of stamp

FINE. AN EXCEPTIONAL USE OF THE NORWEGIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY STAMP ON COVER. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE TIED BY A DATESTAMP AND ONE OF LESS THAN TEN COVERS RECORDED.

The Norwegian Missionary Society (det Norske Misjonsselskap), founded in 1842, first sent missionaries to South Africa. With success found in Zulu country, their mission spread to Madagascar with missionaries arriving sometime in 1866. Madagascar, under the rule of King Radama II, had only recently reopened to Westerners in the early 1860s with his accession to the throne. This was after the tumultuous rule of his mother, Queen Ranavalona, who expelled all Westerners, eventually leading to massacres of mainly Christians who remained. By the 1890s, the Norwegian mission had sixteen stations across the island. The stamps were created as a means to indicate postage paid on mail and parcels sent between stations. They kept the cost of postage to a minimum—significantly cheaper than what was offered by the French or British.

These stamps were produced in three separate printings. A pane of twelve was printed using letterpress. The most distinctive difference was the paper used. The first printing was cream colored (wider spaced), the second on buff paper, and the third on white paper. All were printed at the Norwegian printing house in Antananarivo.

According to Luc Monteret's informative presentation (located on the France & Colonies website), less than ten covers are recorded. Most covers have flaws to some degree—mostly cover flaws and toning on stamps due to climatic conditions and/or local adhesive used. This is the only cover tied by a datestamp—all other examples are cancelled by manuscript (most are not tied)

From the 2010 David Feldman auction (May 2010, lot 40232)..... E. \$4,000-5,000



3301

Mariana Islands, 1899, 2c Dark Blue Green, 8c Gray Brown (1, 5; Edifil 1, 5). Tied by brownish "Gobierno P.M., Yslas Marianas" crowned oval cancel on 1899 cover to Manila, Philippines, "Mil. Sta. No. 1 Manila Phil Isl'ds Dec 11 99" arrival backstamp, cover barely reduced at right

VERY FINE. A RARE USE OF THE 2-CENTAVOS AND 8-CENTAVOS FIRST ISSUES ON COVER FROM THE MARIANA ISLANDS.

Genuinely used covers with the Mariana Islands 1899 issue are very rare. This is partially due to the fact that there was only one mailing for which these stamps were eligible. All covers must bear the Manila Military Station No. 1 backstamp. The *Uranus* called at the Marianas on Oct. 1, 1899, which also carried the news that the island was sold to Germany for £1 million on Feb. 12 of that year. Therefore, further mailings were made under German Dominion out of the post office in Saipan.

Ex Mayer. Signed Bloch. With 1978 P.F. certificate..... E. \$1,500-2,000

3302 ⋈ Mariana Islands, 1899, 15c Dull Olive Green (6; Edifil 6). Tied by brownish "Gobierno P.M., Yslas Marianas" crowned oval cancel on 1899 cover to Manila, Philippines, "Mil. Sta. No. 1 Manila Phil Isl'ds Dec 11 99" arrival backstamp, cover with horizontal file fold of little concern and slightly reduced at left

VERY FINE AND EXCEPTIONALLY RARE USE OF THE 1899 15-CENTAVOS HIGH VALUE FIRST ISSUE ON COVER.

Genuinely used covers with the Mariana Islands 1899 issue are very rare. This is partially due to the fact that there was only one mailing for which these stamps were eligible. All covers must bear the Manila Military Station No. 1 backstamp. The *Uranus* called at the Marianas on Oct. 1, 1899 which also carried the news that the island was sold to Germany for £1 million on Feb. 12 of that year. Therefore, further mailings were made under German Dominion out of the post office in Saipan.

With 1986 Graus certificate. Scott \$5,000..... E. \$1,500-2,000



margins to touching, tied by red ornate "Franco en Cosala" cancels on blue 1857 folded cover to Mazatlan, Very Fine and scarce..... E. \$300-400 $3304 \bowtie$ Mexico, 1856, 4r Red, Quarter Used as 1r (4b). Bottom right quarter, portion of "Zacatecas" district overprint, tied by framed Fresnillo Nov. 7 datestamp on blue 1858 folded cover to Zacatecas, Very Fine, with 1997 MEPSI certificate, Scott \$700...... E. \$300-400 $3305 \boxtimes$ Mexico, 8r Red Lilac, Quarter Used as 2r (5d). Top right quarter, tied by "Franco San Luis Potosi, Junio 1 1858" double-circle datestamp on folded cover to Mexico City, Very Fine, with Mexico, Guadalajara, 1867, 2r Black on Rose, Serrated Perf (19A). Tied by circular town 3306 ⋈ cancel on blue folded letter datelined Zapatlan Dec. 15, 1867, addressed locally, Very Fine

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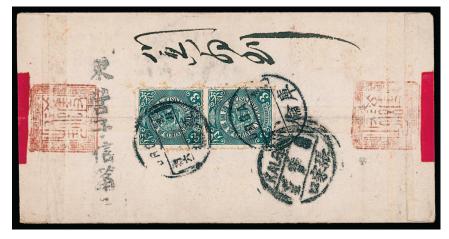
and scarce E. \$300-400





3307 front and back





3309

- 3307 Monaco, 1885, 1c Olive Green, 2c Dull Lilac, 5c Blue, 10c Brown on Straw (1-4; Yvert 1-4). 1c horizontal strip of five, 2c horizontal strip of three and pair, 5c two singles, 1c and 2c on back of cover, all tied by "Monte-Carlo, Pte de Monaco 14 Juin 87" double-circle date-stamps on registered 15c Rose entire to Gibraltar, red framed "R" handstamp, Gibraltar (Jun. 20) arrival datestamp, Very Fine and scarce five-color franking............. E. \$400-500

MONGOLIA

3309

China Used in Mongolia, 1910, 3c Slate Green (125). Vertical pair, tied by Urga Sept. 26, 1912 bilingual circular datestamp on back of Chinese red band cover to Kalgan, additional Urga despatch datestamp on front, Chinese handstamp (translated reading "Tung ying tzu Letter Box 2") which was located a few kilometers east of Urga, Kalgan (Oct. 5) arrival datestamp also ties pair, Very Fine, signed Dr. Orth BPP E. \$400-500







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МОНГОЛЬСКИЙ ТОРГОВО-ПРОМЫШЛЕННЫЙ-БАНК

Улан-Батор Хото (Монголия).

Государственного

3312

1924, 10c Multicolored on Gray Blue (4). Two singles, used with 1926, 5c Plum, Without Overprint (18 var), all tied by Altan Bulak Aug. 1, 1926 boxed datestamp on back of Chinese red band cover to Peking, additional despatch datestamp on front, Manchouli (Aug. 12) transit and Peking (Sep. 15) arrival datestamps, Very Fine, unoverprinted revenue stamps were typically used from Altan Bulak, Very Fine................................ E. \$750-1,000

3314

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Montenegro, 1874, 5n Red, 25n Brown Violet, Second Printing (10, 14; Michel 3II, 7II). Cancelled by well-struck by blue Bar Feb. 8 circular datestamp on registered cover to Brunn, Austria, blue "Registered" straightline also ties 5n, transit and Brunn (Feb. 16) arrival backstamps, cover with vertical file fold clear of stamps and small piece missing at left, still Very Fine, a scarce use of the 25n high value on cover, signed Oliva...... E. \$500-750



- Montenegro, 1874, 7n Lilac, Second Printing (11a; Michel 4II). Tied by Cetinje 1894 circular datestamp on 7n Lilac registered entire to Pangani, German East Africa, sender's directive "via Suez Aden Tanga", registry handstamp, Alexandria (Jan. 26), Suez (Jan. 30), Marseille a la Reunion (Feb. 16), and Zanzibar (Mar. 5) transit and Pangani (Mar. 9) arrival backstamps, cover with vertical file fold not affecting stamps and minor stain at right, otherwise Fine, an unusual destination................................ E. \$300-400



- Netherlands, 1852, 5c Blue, 15c Orange (1, 3; NVPH 1, 3). 15c horizontal strip of five, 5c full to clear margins, 15c strip mostly large to ample margins, into design at left, all tied by four well-struck framed "Franco" handstamps and red "Rotterdam 19/5 62" circular datestamp on blue folded letter to Belfast, Ireland, red London Paid transit and Belfast (May 22) arrival datestamps, cover with vertical file fold which crosses fourth stamp in strip, otherwise Very Fine and scarce use of the 15c strip on a double-rate cover E. \$750-1,000
- Netherlands, 1852, 5c Blue, 15c Orange (1, 3; NVPH 1, 3). 15c horizontal strip of five, 5c tight to touching margins, 15c mostly large margins to just touching outer frameline at right, tied by multiple strikes of framed "Franco" handstamps and red "Harlingen 29/5 1861" circular datestamp on folded cover to Fredrikstad, Norway, Hamburg (Jun. 1) transit and Fredrikstad (Jun. 1) arrival backstamps, Very Fine and scarce use of the 15c strip on cover ... E. \$750-1,000
- 3320 ⋈ Netherlands, 1852, 5c Blue (1; NVPH 1). Horizontal pair, large balanced margins, beautiful shade, tied by two strikes of framed "Franco" handstamp and red "Gravenhage 13/1 65" circular datestamp on cover to Wierden, Wierden (Jan. 13) arrival backstamp, cover with minute reinforced tear at top left not affecting stamps, Very Fine and choice..... E. \$200-300



- Netherlands, 1852, 10c Carmine, 15c Orange (2-3; NVPH 2, 3). 10c horizontal pair, large to ample margins, 15c two horizontal pairs, mostly large margins to clear, tied by multiple framed "Franco" handstamps and red "Rotterdam 5/1 1863" circular datestamp on blue folded letter to Belfast, Ireland, red London Paid (Jan. 7) transit and Belfast (Jan. 8) arrival datestamps, mild vertical file fold affecting right stamp of middle pair, slight reinforcement along folds, Very Fine, with 2006 Sottoriva certificate E. \$400-500
- 3323 ⋈ Netherlands Antilles, 1873, 25c Brown Orange (5; NVPH 7). Tied by dotted "201" cancel and "Riedel Bornhorst y Ca, Maracaibo, Dic 15 79" company double-circle datestamp on blue folded letter to Malaga, Spain, sender's directive "by Royal Mail", Curacao (Dec. 21) and London (Jan. 28, 1880) transit datestamps, "Curacao Over Southampton" three-line handstamp, Very Fine, a scarce use on cover................................ E. \$400-500

A SPECTACULAR MIXED-FRANKING COVER BEARING NICARAGUA AND GREAT BRITAIN STAMPS



3325

Nicaragua, 1869, 5c Black (5). Used with 1879, 25c Green, Rouletted 8½ (12), tied by framed "3/G" cancel on 1882 cover to Paris, France, entering British mails with Great Britain, 1880, 1½p Red Brown and 1881, 1sh Salmon, plate 13, lettered N-L (80, 87; SG 163, 167), tied by "Grey-Town JA 16 82" circular datestamps, London (Feb. 13) transit and Paris (Feb. 13) arrival backstamps, cover with minor wrinkling and horizontal file fold not affecting stamps, small piece of backflap missing

VERY FINE AND SPECTACULAR COMBINATION USE OF NICARAGUAN AND GREAT BRITAIN STAMPS ON COVER TO FRANCE. AN IMPORTANT CENTRAL AMERICAN POSTAL HISTORY ARTIFACT. ONLY A HANDFUL OF SIMILARLY FRANKED COVERS ARE KNOWN.

As Nicaragua did not enter the UPU until May 1, 1882, the Nicaraguan postage paid was only valid for use domestically or with countries with which it had a postal agreement. Therefore, this cover was sent fully paid thru the British post office in Grey Town. This cover makes a perfect companion to the following lot—a partially prepaid cover to England.

Ex Risvold. E. \$7,500-10,000



3326

3326 ⋈ Nicaragua, 1869, 5c Black (5). Used with 1879, 25c Green, Rouletted 8½ (12), tied or cancelled black cork cancels on 1882 cover to London, England, entering British mails with light Panama Jan. 5 circular datestamp, London (Jan. 28) arrival, "1s/-" in circle due handstamp

VERY FINE. A VERY RARE USE OF THE 1869 5-CENTAVOS AND 1879 25-CENTAVOS ON COVER TO ENGLAND.

As Nicarauga did not enter the UPU until 1882, this letter was marked unpaid from Panama to England upon arrival in London. This cover makes a perfect companion to the preceding lot—a fully prepaid cover to France. With 1987 Holcombe certificate...... E. \$2,000-3,000





3329 ⋈ Paraguay, 1870, 1r Rose (1). Large margins to barely touching at bottom right, tied by well-struck "Ascunsion 21 Abr. 73" double-circle datestamp on folded cover to Buenos Aires, Argentina, Apr. 26 arrival docketing

VERY FINE AND SCARCE PARAGUAY ONE-REAL FIRST ISSUE ON COVER.

Signed Calves. With 1998 R.P.S. certificate..... E. \$1,500-2,000



3330

Poland, 1860, 10k Blue & Rose (1; Michel 1). Excellent centering, showing interesting plate variety with "10" in top frame damaged (occurs on the first vertical row of sheets), tied by "1" target cancel and red Warsaw Apr. 27 circular datestamp on 1864 folded cover to St. Petersburg, blue company cachet handstamp, some internal splitting and small pieces of side flap missing, Very Fine and scarce, with 1999 Mikulski certificate, Scott \$1,000.. E. \$500-750





3332

PORTUGAL 1853 100-REIS FIRST ISSUE

ONE OF THE FEW COVERS KNOWN WITH THIS HIGH DENOMINATION



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Portugal, 1853, 100r Lilac (4; Michel 4). Large to full margins on each side, used with 1855, 25r Blue (6; Michel 6), horizontal pair, mostly ample to clear margins except just touching in two places, tied by three strikes of "52" barred circular cancels with greenish blue "Porto Registada 30-8 55" double-circle datestamp on registered folded letter from Oporto to Lisbon, clear strike of framed "1 Lisboa 9" (Sep. 1) arrival datestamp, two disinfection slits, cover with minor splitting along internal folds and small edge tear at top

VERY FINE. AN EXCEPTIONAL USE OF THE 1853 100-REIS LILAC FIRST ISSUE ON INTERNAL REGISTERED COVER FROM OPORTO TO LISBON. A MAJOR POSTAL HISTORY RARITY OF PORTUGAL—VERY FEW COVERS ARE RECORDED.

As noted on the cover in manuscript, the 100r paid the registry fee and the 50r paid the double internal rate for a letter weighing up to % ounce. With 2002 Nucleo Filatelico and 2007 da Mota certificates. E. \$15,000-20,000

PORTUGUESE COLONIES



Angola, 1870, 100r Pale Lilac, Perf 13½ (7c). Tied by "Correio de Loanda 14/5 1885" double-circle datestamp on cover to West Woodstock, Connecticut, Lisbon, New York (Jun. 27), and Putnam (Jun. 28) transit backstamps, cover with light soiling

VERY FINE. A RARE USE OF THE $1870\ 100$ -REIS PALE LILAC ON COVER TO THE UNITED STATES.

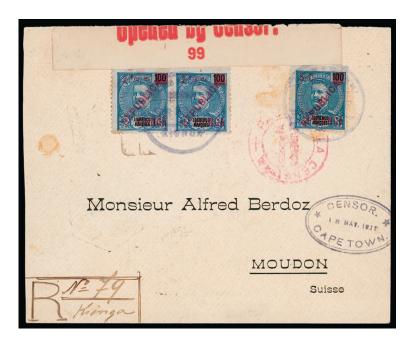




3336 © Cape Verde, 1881, 50r Blue (14). With interesting plate flaw below the "C" in "Correio" showing a blank spot, tied by "Correio de S. Vincente, Cabo Verde 2 Nov 86" double-oval datestamp on cover to Turin, Italy, sender's directive "via Lisboa per vapore S. Thome", Lisbon (Nov. 11) transit and Turin arrival backstamps

VERY FINE. A SCARCE USE OF THE 1881 50-REIS BLUE ON COVER TO ITALY—A SCARCE DESTINATION.

Signed Sorani. E. \$1,500-2,000



3337

8337 ⊠ Kionga, 1916, 2½c on 100r Blue on Blue, 5c on 100r Blue on Blue (3-4). 2½c horizontal pair, used with Mozambique, 1916, 1c Gray Green, War Tax (MR1) on back, all tied by blurry Kionga circular datestamp on registered and censored 1917 printed cover to Moudon, Switzerland, manuscript registry at bottom left, censor tape along top just over the top perfs of stamps, violet Lourenco Marques and Cape Town censor markings, the former also ties the 5c on cover, Lourenco Marques (May 11) registry transit and Moudon (Jul. 5) arrival backstamps

VERY FINE AND EXCEPTIONAL USE OF THE 2-1/2-CENTAVOS AND 5-CENTAVOS ON A CENSORED REGISTERED COVER TO SWITZERLAND. LESS THAN A DOZEN COVERS ARE RECORDED.



3339

Madeira, 1868, 20r Bister (2). Large balanced margins, used with 1868, 120r Blue (14), each cancelled by "51" barred cancel and "Funchal 20/12 1869" double-circle datestamp on cover to Frankfurt, Germany, red framed "P.D." handstamp also ties 20r, Lisbon (Dec. 27) transit and Frankfurt (Dec. 29) arrival backstamps, Very Fine and scarce...... E. \$750-1,000



3340

Madeira, 1868, 50r Green (3). Large balanced margins, tied by barred numeral cancel with "Funchal 19/10 1870" double-circle datestamp on blue folded letter to Porto, Portugal, Lisbon (Oct. 23) transit and Porto (Oct. 24) arrival backstamps

VERY FINE. A CHOICE EXAMPLE OF THE 1868 50-REIS FIRST ISSUE USED ON SINGLE-FRANKING COVER TO PORTUGAL.

The imperforate first issue of Madeira is very rare used on cover. E. \$1,500-2,000



3341

■ Madeira, 1868, 80r Orange (4). Large balanced margins, vibrant color, tied by barred numeral cancel and "Funchal 10/4 1869" double-circle datestamp on blue folded cover to Eure-et-Loir, France, red framed "P.D." handstamp, Lisbon (Apr. 23) transit and blue French entry datestamp, cover with some splitting along folds and edgewear



3342

Madeira, 1868, 100r Lilac (5). Large margins on each side, used with 1868, 120r Blue (14) by "51" barred cancel and "Funchal 7/8 1869" double-circle datestamp blue on folded letter to Port Medway, Nova Scotia, sender's directive "per mail via England", red London Paid (Aug. 19) transit, U.S. "2 cents" handstamp and Halifax backstamp, 120r with minor toning around perfs, Fine, 220r paid the rate via England to North America, a rare first issue cover to a most unusual destination, with 2010 B.P.B. certificate........................ E. \$500-750





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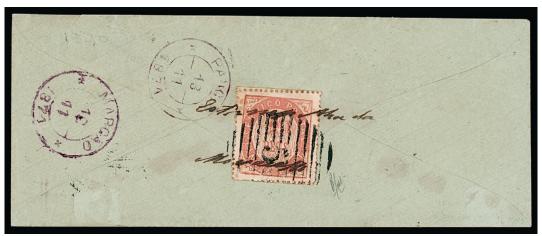
■ Portuguese Guinea, 1885, 25r Violet (14). Horizontal pair, tied by "Estacao Postal de Cacheo 10 Jan 89" double-circle datestamps on back of cover to Lisbon, partial transit datestamp, cover with small flap tear on back

VERY FINE AND RARE USE OF A PAIR OF THE 1885 25-REIS VIOLET PAIR ON COVER TO PORTUGAL.

Early Portuguese Guinea covers are seldom encountered...... E. \$1,500-2,000



Portuguese India, 1871, 10r Black on Thick Soft Wove Paper (5A). Horizontal pair, right stamp with slightly dry print, used with India, ½a Blue (20; SG 54), all tied by Bombay Dec. 15, 1871 circular datestamp and barred "SW/2" duplex handstamp on native cover to Goa, South East Railway (Dec. 15), Poona (Dec. 15), red Sawantwaree (Dec. 17), violet Margao (Dec. 18), and violet Pangim (Dec. 18) transit datestamps, cover missing small piece of front panel, Very Fine and rare combination cover E. \$1,000-1,500



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3347 St. Thomas & Prince Islands, 1875, 100r Gray Lilac (7). Tied by framed handstamp on 1877 cover to Lisbon, Portugal, complete strike of "Provincias Ultramarinas 29 9 77" oval despatch datestamp on back, cover with couple insignificant toned spots and minor vertical creases at left, neither affecting stamp

VERY FINE EXAMPLE OF THE $1875\ 100$ -REIS GRAY LILAC FIRST ISSUE ON COVER. QUITE POSSIBLY THE ONLY EXAMPLE KNOWN ON COVER.

The catalogue values for mint and used single stamps from this small Portuguese colony do not have relevance to the extreme rarity of uses on cover. St. Thomas & Prince Islands was a small Portuguese colony off the western coast of modern-day Gabon. Any covers with first issue stamps from the smaller Portuguese colonies are rare, especially those with higher denominations such as the cover offered here. E. \$4,000-5,000



3348 front and back

3348 Tete, 1913, 15c on 24a Bister, Macao Stamp Overprinted (8). Horizontal pair and two singles on front and back, used with Lourenco Marques, 1920, 4c on 2½c Violet (159) and Mozambique, 1920, 6c on 5c Red (229), all tied by "Correios e Telegraficos, Ankuaze 27.10.21" hexagon datestamp on registered cover to Meiringen, Switzerland, Meiringen (Dec. 12) arrival backstamp, cover with minor edgewear

VERY FINE. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE REGISTERED COVER USED FROM TETE AND AN ATTRACTIVE COMBINATION WITH LOURENCO MARQUES AND MOZAMBIQUE STAMPS.

Few commercial covers from this short-lived Portuguese colony exist before the stamps were replaced with those of Mozambique...... E. \$1,500-2,000



3349 ⋈ Timor, 1885, 80r Slate, Perf 12½ (7a). Tied by "Correio de Timor, Dilly" crowned handstamp with manuscript "1/12 86" date added to the additional strike at top center on cover to Lisbon, Portugal, Lisbon (Jan. 26, 1887) arrival backstamp

VERY FINE EXAMPLE OF THE 1885 80-REIS SLATE ON SINGLE-FRANKING COVER TO PORTUGAL. ONE OF THE RAREST EARLY PORTUGUESE COLONIES STAMPS ON COVER.

Signed Pfenninger..... E. \$5,000-7,500



3350

Puerto Rico, 1873, 25c Gray (1; Edifil 1). Tied by oval cross cancel with "MANATI" straightline town origin handstamp on folded letter datelined Apr. 7, 1875, addressed to San Juan, indistinct cancel on back, cover with mild vertical file fold of no consequence, Very Fine, a surprisingly scarce use, especially so with the pre-philatelic "Manati" town handstamp E. \$1,000-1,500



3351

3351 ⊠ Russia, 1857, 10k Brown & Blue (1; Michel 1). Large balanced margins, bold colors, tied by framed Kherson Jul. 4, 1858 datestamp on blue folded cover to Odessa, framed Odessa arrival datestamp (Jul. 6)

VERY FINE. A HANDSOME AND ATTRACTIVE USE OF THE 1857 10-KOPECKS FIRST ISSUE USED FROM MODERN-DAY UKRAINE.

Covers bearing the first issue of Russia are especially rare and desirable when cancelled by a town handstamp without a pen cancellation. Only two covers originating in Kherson are recorded in Craveri's Census of the 1857 10-Kopeck Imperforate Stamp of Russia. This is the only example with this cancel; the other listed is cancelled upon arrival.

Ex Baughman, Liphschutz, and Bianchi...... E. \$1,500-2,000



3352



Russia, Zemstvo Post—Novouzensk, 1896 Cover to Pargolowo. 3k Dark Blue on Pink, well-centered, fresh colors, tied by manuscript "X" on Imperial 7k Blue entire, Rownoe Jul. 30, 1896 cancelling indicia with additional strike at center, addressed to Miss Helene Adolphi in Pargolowo (near St. Petersburg), various transit and arrival backstamps, cover with some toned spots (mostly on back) but not affecting Zemstvo stamp

VERY FINE. A RARE COMBINATION COVER WITH THE NOVOUZENSK 3-KOPECKS ZEMSTVO STAMP. ONLY ABOUT TEN COVERS ARE RECORDED.

With 2014 Dr. Greis certificate. E. \$1,500-2,000



- Russia, Zemstvo Post—Urzhum, 1892, 2k Dark Blue to Revel. Well-centered, tied by Zemstvo despatch datestamp on back of cover to Revel, used with Russia 7k tied by Dec. 1892 circular datestamp, Revel (Dec. 28) arrival datestamp, cover with faults including file folds and missing pieces but not affecting stamps, Fine and quite rare....... E. \$300-400
- Russia, Zemstvo Post—Ustsysolsk, 1880 Imperial Post Office Notice. 3k Black on Red, bottom left sheet margin, other sides large to just touching at top, cancelled by manuscript marks on Jul. 31, 1880 post office notice, addressed to Kerchemskoe, red wax seal and negative intaglio handstamp on back, couple small pinholes, still Very Fine and rare.. E. \$300-400



- Russia, Yakutsk Local, 1920 Official Money Order. Russia 2k, 10k on 7k, and 15k (2), each with "pyb" handstamp in violet or black, tied by Yakutsk May 1920 double-circle datestamps on money order document, additional cancels dated May 29, Jun. 17, Jun. 18, and Jun. 23, card variously creased and just affecting 2k stamp, few small pinholes at left, otherwise Fine and scarce...... E. \$500-750

RUSSIAN OFFICES ABROAD

Russia, Offices in China, 1899, 1k Orange (1). Used with U.S. 8c and China ½c, tied by "K.D. Feldpost Exped des Ostasiatischen Expeditionscorps 12/2" circular datestamp on 1900 picture post card of Shanghai public gardens, addressed to Bromberg, Germany, Bromberg (Jan. 30, 1901) arrival datestamp, Very Fine E. \$300-400



- Russia, Offices in China, 1899, 10k Dark Blue (6). Tied by Chefoo May 14, 1903 double-circle datestamp with additional strike at bottom left on cover to London, England, sender's directive "via Chefoo, Port Arthur and Moscow", cover originating in Wei Hai Wei and used with China, 1900, 1c Ocher (111), tied by Wei Hai Wei May 12 circular datestamp on back, Chefoo (May 14) transit and London (Jun. 8) arrival datestamps, cover with couple file folds not affecting stamps and opened for display, Very Fine and interesting use....... E. \$300-400
- 3362 ⋈ Russia, Offices in China, 1904, 14k Blue & Rose (14). Tied by Beijing Jun. 21, 1906 circular datestamp with additional strike at left on registered cover to Russia, Beijing registry label, Jul. 24 arrival backstamp, cover with vertical file fold of little concern, Very Fine E. \$300-400



- 3364 ⋈ Salvador, 1867, 2r Green (3). Tied by fancy circular grid cancel and "San Salvador, Salvador 21 Octobre 1869" double-circle datestamp on folded letter to New York, sender's directive "Via Panama", "N.Y. Steamship 10 Nov. 24" integral 10c due datestamp, cover with some minor internal splitting, Very Fine, the first issue of Salvador is very scarce on cover despite the low off-cover used catalogue prices, with 2008 Scheller certificate.................. E. \$1,000-1,500
- 3365 ⋈ Salvador, 1874, 2r Green, "Contra Sello" Overprint (7). Cancelled by oval handstamp on folded letter datelined Suchitoto Dec. 16, 1875, addressed to New York, Lanman & Kemp correspondence, sender's directive "Via Panama", blue "Correos del Salvador Paquettes Dic 22, 1875" transit and "New York Due 10 Cts Jan. 12" datstamp also ties stamp, cover with light file fold thru stamp, otherwise Very Fine, scarce origin from this small mountain town..... E. \$400-500
- 3366

 San Marino, 1877, 10c Ultramarine, 40c Violet (7, 17; Sassone 3, 7). Tied by two strikes of "Republica di S Marino 27 Nov 1892" circular datestamps on registered wrapper to Baden, Germany, green "Stampe (Drucksache)" and "Raccomandato" handstamps with further framed "Raccomandato" handstamp below, transit and arrival backstamp, Very Fine and scarce use on wrapper, particularly the 40c value...... E. \$300-400



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3369 front and back

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 San Marino, 1892, 5c on 10c to 10c on 20c Sucharges (25-28; Sassone 8-11). Used with 1890-92, 5c Olive Green, 5c Orange, 10c Blue (4-5, 7a; Sassone 2, 3A, 13), all tied by Republica di S Marino 26 Set 1892" circular datestamps on registered cover to Pforzheim, Germany, framed "Raccomandato" handstamp, transit and Pforzheim (Sep. 27) arrival backstamps, cover with minor edgewear, Very Fine, a scarce series of stamps on cover, the 10c Blue is particularly rare and catalogues \$3,100 in Scott on cover.................. E. \$500-750
- 3368 Serbia, Austrian Occupation, 1916, 1h-10k Overprints (1N22-1N42; Michel 1-21). Complete set of 21 values on three sequentially numbered registered covers, each with Krusevac Apr. 12, 1916 double-circle datestamp on cover addressed locally, all with "K.u.K. Feldpostamt 511, 19.IV.16" arrival backstamps, Very Fine, catalogued simply as used stamps, Scott \$604, Michel €750..................................(Photo Ex) E. \$200-300
- 3369
 South Russia, 1918-20, 1r on 3k Carmine, 50k on 2k Gray Green (23-24, 36). 1r with Scott Ty. f (3) and Ty. g (5), 50k (4), used with Russia 2k (strip of three), 5k, and 10k on 7k (strip of four and single), all tied on front and back by Anapa May 7, 1920 circular datestamps on registered cover to Novorossiysk, cover with some tape on back affecting one stamp, still Very Fine and interesting use...... E. \$300-400
- 3370

 Spain, 1850, 12c Lilac (2; Edifil 2). Large even margins, lovely rich color, tied by spider cancel and red "Madrid 1 Oct 1850" double-circle datestamp which also ties stamp on folded cover to Trujillo, arrival backstamp (Oct. 12), cover with some edgewear and missing right side flap, Very Fine, with 1983 Comex certificate...... E. \$500-750



3371

Sweden, 1855, 4s Blue, 8s Reddish Orange (2, 4; Facit 2a, 4a). 8s horizontal pair, tied by bold strikes of "Stockholm 19/2 1856" circular datestamps with additional strike at right on folded letter to Uleaborg, Finland, sender's directive "via Haparanda", stamps with couple slightly short perfs mentioned for strict accuracy

VERY FINE. A SURPRISINGLY RARE TWO-COLOR FRANKING OF THE 4-SKILLINGS AND 8-SKILLINGS MAKING UP THE 20-SKILLINGS RATE TO FINLAND.

Ex "Kristall". With 2001 Obermuller-Wilen certificate. E. \$3,000-4,000



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Sweden, 1855-56, 4s Blue, 6s Gray Brown (2a, 3c; Facit 2h1, 3d). Each tied by clear "Stockholm 31/3 1857" circular datestamps with additional strike at left on folded letter to Christinestad, Finland, sender's directive "via Grisslehamn Franco Gransen", framed "Franco Gransen" handstamp, cover with some toning along the peripheral of perfs

VERY FINE AND RARE USE OF THE 1855-56 4-SKILLINGS AND 6-SKILLINGS FIRST ISSUE ON COVER TO THE BORDER AND SENT TO FINLAND.

The 6s value is particularly challenging to acquire on cover where Scott has an "on cover" value of \$11,000. With 2004 Obermuller-Wilen certificate...... E. \$2,000-3,000



3373

Sweden, 1857, 8s Yellow Orange (4e; Facit 4f). Bright color, tied by "Stockholm 20/3 1857" circular datestamp with two additional strikes at top corners on folded cover to Upsala, fresh and Very Fine cover, the 8s correctly pays the double rate, ex "Kristall", with 1994 Obermuller-Wilen certificate, Scott \$1,350 E. \$400-500

3374

Sweden, 1858, (1sk) Black, City Postage (LX1; Facit 6A). Well-centered, strong impression, tied by bursting star cancel on 1859 folded cover addressed locally, "Lokal Bref" Sept. 26 despatch datestamps on back, Very Fine, Scott \$600, Facit SK 5,000 E. \$200-300



3375

3375 ⋈ Switzerland, Zurich, 1843, 6r Black, Vertical Red Lines (1L2; Zumstein 2S). Large to ample margins showing framelines on three sides, tied by rosette cancel and "Winterthur 31/10" double-circle datestamp on 1844 folded letter to Embrach

VERY FINE. A RARE AND CHOICE SINGLE-FRANKING COVER WITH THE $1843\ 6$ -RAPPEN WITH RED VERTICAL LINES.

Signed A. Diena. With 2008 Scheller certificate. Scott \$4,750. Zumstein SF 5,000...... E. \$1,500-2,000



 $3376 \bowtie$

Syria—Arab Kingdom, 1919-20, 20p Ultramarine (28). Used with Palestine 2m Green and 3m Brown tied by Damascus Dec. 9 double-circle datestamp on 20pa Red entire with Five-Point star, "Attalla & Joukhadar" corner card, addressed to Beirut, Beirut (Dec. 12) arrival backstamp, Very Fine, ex "Pearls of Arabia", with 2009 du Vachat certificate E. \$300-400

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3377 Mailand, 1883, 1sa Ocher (5a). Tied by crisp strike of "Bangkok P PAID 11 12 85" circular datestamp on cover to Kiel, Germany, Singapore (Dec. 20) transit and Kiel (Jan. 15, 1886) arrival backstamps, stamp with trace of corner crease due to placement on cover

VERY FINE. A RARE USE OF THE 1883 ONE-SALUNG OCHER FIRST ISSUE ON COVER TO GERMANY. FEW COVERS ARE RECORDED.

First issue covers from Thailand are seldom encountered. This is the first example on cover we have offered in our auctions in over 30 years. E. \$4,000-5,000



Tibet, 1912, %t-1t First Issue (1-5). Complete set with exception of 1s Sage Green (which was issued in 1950), each value with large to ample margins, %t with the rare "POTSAGE" error (4a), each tied by violet "Gyantse P.O." cancel on registered 1913 cover to Singapore, India 1a and 2a Edward VII used for onwards ferriage and tied by "Gyantsye-Tibet, Siliguri Base 7 AU 13" circular datestamps, registry label with "Gyantse-Tibet" handstamp, Singapore (Aug. 26) arrival backstamp, Very Fine and quite scarce despite the obvious philatelic nature, especially so with the rare %t error, with 2004 Franke certificate E. \$400-500

Tibet, 1912, %t Green, %t Blue, %t Violet (1-3). Three covers, each with block of four of respective value, %t bottom right sheet margin corner block, %t with sheet margin at right, each cancelled by blue Lhasa circular cancels and addressed to Gyantse, all with Gyantse arrival backstamps, Very Fine, each with 2004 Franke certificates.....(Photo Ex) E. \$300-400

3380

Tibet, 1920, %t Green, Shiny Enamel Paint (1a). Tied by Phari circular cancel in transit on incoming printing cover to Pharijong, originating in India with 1a George V tied by Calcutta Jan. 24, 1929 double-circle datestamp, Pharijong arrival backstamp, Very Fine and interesting use of the ⅓t for domestic use on a cover originating in India, with 2007 Flack certificate......

E. \$300-400

3381 ⋈



Transcaucasian Federated Republics, 1923, 1r Pale Brown, Brown & Red Orange, Imperforate (8; Michel 7). Horizontal strip of three and single, tied by Eleveno Aug. 7, 1923 doublecircle datestamps on back of cover registered Reutlingen, Germany, additional despatch datestamp on front, "R" in circle handstamp, Reutlingen (Aug. 20) arrival datestamp, cover with some minor edgewear, still Very Fine and scarce, with 2008 B.P.B. befund certifi-

cate. E. \$500-750

UNITED STATES





3383

1847, 5c Red Brown (1). Large to ample margins, deep shade and intermediate impression, tied by red grid cancel with matching "New York Jun. 7" circular datestamp on 1848 folded letter to Baltimore Md., Very Fine, signed van Dieten...... E. \$300-400

3384 Max 1847, 10c Black (2). Large to full margins, crisp impression, tied by blue "10" in oval cancel and matching "Baltimore Md. Apr. 12" circular datestamp on 1848 folded letter to Athens Tenn., sender's directive "via Charleston S.C.", Extremely Fine, Scott \$1,200...... E. \$500-750



3385 ⋈ 1919, 24c-60c Offices in China (K11-K14). Each tied by "U.S. Postal Agency, Shanghai, China, R.D." oval handstamp on registered covers to Ohio, July to November 1922 uses, Chicago and receiving backstamps, three are from the Strasser correspondence and 24c addressed to Toledo Stamp Co. (minor cover scuffing on this one), Very Fine and attractive group of single frankings, ex Diamond(Photo Ex) E. \$500-750





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1842, U.S. City Despatch Post, New York N.Y., 3c Black on Green Glazed (6LB5d). Position 6R, large to huge margins, distinctive shade, cancelled by red "U.S." in frame, which ties by impression thru paper, matching "U.S. City Despatch Post Apr. 12, 1 O'Clock" Type I double-line circular datestamp on 1843 folded letter to local street address, light vertical file folds do not affect stamp, Very Fine, ex Caspary, with 2004 P.F. certificate...... E. \$400-500



- 3390 ⊠ Confederate States, 1861, 5c Green, Stone 1 (1). Position 3, large to huge margins, lovely color, tied by "Holly Springs Miss. Mar. 23" circular datestamp on buff cover to Col. Duncan at Jackson, Miss., Extremely Fine, ex Knapp, with 1987 P.F. certificate E. \$200-300
- 3392
 Guam, 1899, 1c Deep Green, 2c Red, 5c Blue (1, 2, 5). Tied by blue "San Luis D'Apra, Guam, Mar 8-1900" two-line datestamp on cover to Altoona Pa., Manila Mil. Sta. No. 1 (Mar. 22) transit and Altoona (May 1) arrival backstamps, Very Fine and colorful use.. E. \$200-300



3393
Uruguay, 1856, 60c Deep Blue (1a). Position 1, intensely rich shade and strong impression, sheet margin at top, other sides full to touching at left, tied by manuscript "X" cancel on folded letter datelined "Montevideo 6th May 1857", addressed to Perdido, carried by stagecoach route via Santa Lucia and San Jose to Rosario

VERY FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY TIED EXAMPLE OF THE SIX COVERS RECORDED WITH THE 60-CENTAVOS "DILIGENCIA" ISSUE IN THE DISTINCTIVE DEEP BLUE SHADE.

Our census of Scott 1 covers, available at https://siegelauctions.com/census/uruguay/scott/1, contains 37 covers comprising all No. 1's regardless of shade. We record six examples of the Deep Blue shade. This is the only recorded cover in this shade tied on cover. Out of the 37 No. 1 covers, we only record eight covers tied by manuscript cancels.



- 3395 ⋈ Venezuela, 1859, 2r Red, Fine Impression, Half Used as 1r (3b). Bottom right diagonal bisect, two sides full to ample, tied across the cut by "O" cancel on folded cover to Maracaibo, Nov. 1864 despatch docketing, Very Fine and scarce, particularly on the Fine Impression 1r, signed Alcuri, with 1984 Club Filatelico de Caracas certificate, Scott \$1,250 E. \$400-500



- Venezuela, Port of Carupano, 1903, 50c Blue on Rose (10). Large balanced margins, tied by large manuscript "X" with matching "4.3.03" (Mar. 4, 1903) despatch date on "A. Lucca, Hijos & Ca., Carupano" corner card cover to Bordeaux, France, violet "CHERUSKIA" straightline handstamp indicating it was carried aboard this HAPAG ship, Le Havre (Mar. 30) entry and Bordeaux (Apr. 1) arrival datestamps, cover with vertical file fold just affecting far left margin of stamp, minor edgewear and slightly rough opening at top, still Very Fine, less than a dozen covers with this issue are recorded, with this as the only recorded postal use of this stamp, many of the other covers have serious faults, ex Von Lind........................ E. \$1,000-1,500
- 3397

 Western Ukraine, 1918, 5sot on 15h Dull Red (5; Michel 1). Used with Austria, 1916, 5h, 10h, and 15h Rose Red and 1917, 15h on 36h Violet, Postage Dues (J49-J51, J61), all tied by Kolomea Mar. 12, 1919 double-circle datestamps on blue registered cover to Chodorow, registry label, violet censor handstamp also ties both 15h stamps, Very Fine and scarce.......

 E. \$500-750

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3399 ⋈ British Commonwealth Impressive Postal History Balance. Over 90 first issue covers covering the expansive range of the British Commonwealth, includes British America with St. Luicia, Turks Islands, and Canada and couple provinces, British Africa with Nigeria, Togo, and the Rhodesias, British Asia with Burma, India including a few states, British Middle East with Iraq, Bahrain, Palestine, Transjordan, and Kuwait, Australia and Oceania including states and areas such as Aitutaki, Cook Islands, Nauru, Niue, and Samoa, British Europe with Ireland, Great Britain Offices Abroad with China, Morocco, and Turkish Empire, plus much more, condition can be slightly mixed for scarcer items but much is Fine-Very Fine, a lot worthy of close inspection as we notice numerous Europe and Colonies Postal History Collection Balance. Over 120 covers, an impressive range of 3400 ⋈ first issues from numerous countries, their corresponding colonies abroad, and occupied territories, we notice covers from Austria including used abroad, Czechoslovakia plus local overprints, many Eastern European countries, Denmark, Greece and areas, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Netherlands, Portugal plus Angra, Funchal, and Ponta Delgado, Russia, Offices Abroad, and various areas including a couple Zemstovs, Spain including colonies, Switzerland, Vatican, and much more, condition well-above the norm with most covers selected individually from retail stocks or auctions, mostly Fine-Very Fine, we encourage close inspection as we notice numerous covers in the \$100-\$500 range France & French Colonies Postal History Balance. 43 first issue covers, predominately Colonies-3401 ⋈ related with only two France proper covers, strong in French Africa and French Asia, includes French Colonies Eagle issues used in Reunion and Martinique, couple French Offices in China and China combination covers, numerous Sage issues, few philatelically inspired covers but vast majority are commercially used, few covers in mixed condition but certainly well-above average and bought individually at retail or auctions, mostly Fine-Very Fine.........(Website PDF) E. \$2,000-3,000 Italian Area, Offices, & Colonies Postal History Balance. 45 covers, nice selection of philatelically 3402 ⋈ inspired set covers and commercial uses, numerous uses of the various Offices Abroad including various the Aegean Islands, few Italian Occupation of Austria (Trieste), Veglia set on cover, and Colonies predominately located in Africa, the value simply as used stamps alone would prove substantial, most purchased individually at retail or through auctions, mostly Fine-Very Fine..... (Website PDF) E. \$2,000-3,000 3403 ⋈ German States Postal History Balance. 36 covers, nice assortment of first issues from various states, also includes Alsace & Lorraine (5), with many single franking uses, most selected for their large margins, nice cancels, and/or their overall appearance, as such nearly all covers were bought individually at retail or thru auction, few accompanied by Befunds from notable authorities, couple other signed, mostly Very Fine, a lot worthy of close review(Website PDF) E. \$2,000-3,000 $3404 \bowtie$ Germany, Area, Offices, & Colonies Postal History Balance. 56 covers, includes a few German Shield issues, some German occupied areas and covers from areas such as Allenstein, Danzig, Marienwerder, Memel, Saar, Schleswig, and others, Offices such as China, Morocco, and the Turkish Empire, plus numerous colonies including Cameroun, Caroline Islands, German East Africa, German New Guinea, German S.W. 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