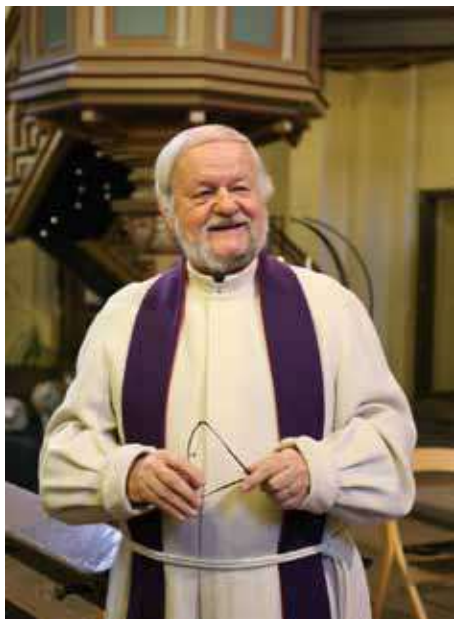
Ethiopia

The Dr. Juha Kauppinen International Large Gold Medal Collection

Trade caravane in the desert

The Dr. Juha Kauppinen International Large Gold collection of Ethiopian Postal History



Dr. Juha Kauppinen

In 1975, Dr. Juha Kauppinen (1944-2020) started to collect Ethiopia. Since then he has built one of the most important collections of Ethiopian Postal History ever assembled. The collection commences with rare early mail from this closed country from the 1840's carried by merchant caravans and ends in 1936 when the Italian Military occupation closed the Ethiopian Posts. During this time period Ethiopia was the only independent African state not controlled by a European power.

Granted by Emperor Menelik II to a Swiss Citizen, Alfred Ilg, the first Ethiopian posts started as a private enterprise on 29 January 1895. Until 1908, prior to UPU entry, Ethiopian stamps were not accepted for international use and mail required additional stamps, primarily from the Somali Coast, for onward transmission. Alfred Ilg's private concession was expropriated by Menelik in 1906 and was closed in February 1908 and the French re-organized a state owned Ethiopian post and joined the UPU on November 1, 1908.

Dr. Juha Kauppinen has made an extensive contribution to Ethiopian philately. As a long time member of the Ethiopian Philatelic Society, later being one of the directors of the E.P.S., he published numerous articles in the Society's 'Menelik's' Journal. These highly regarded articles dealt mainly with personal research and 'new finds' which added to Luciano Maria and Ulf Lindahl's database of all known items of the pre-UPU years. Having lived and worked as a Missionary for many years in Ethiopia, Dr. Juha Kauppinen had a detailed knowledge of Ethiopian culture. He was also able to read and write the Amharic language.

The collection was first shown internationally in Malaga, Spain in 2006, followed by EFIRO 2008 in Bucharest, Rome 2009, Lisbon 2010, London 2010 and Bangkok 2013. In Rome the collection won Gold for the first time, followed by an international FIP Gold Medal in Lisbon. Once the collections of Roberto Sciaky (2006) and Nahum Kaplan (Corinphila, 2011), had been sold, Dr. Juha Kauppinen was able to acquire several key items. At the FINLANDIA 2017 International Stamp exhibition in Tampere, the Dr. Juha Kauppinen collection was awarded a Large Gold Medal. Since then his collection has remained the only International Large Gold Medal awarded exhibit of Ethiopian philately.

Emperor Menelik II

Alfred Ilg

Foreign Post Offices in Ethiopia prior to 1895

French priest Justin de Jacobis

598

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
598	1843 (April): Entire letter in French from Adwa, 'Abyssinie', in the Tigray to Lyon, France carried by merchant caravan via Kassala and thence via the Nile to Alexandria where put into the French Post Office with "Alexandrie / (Egypte)" cds (Aug 17) in black. Struck with framed "Paquebots / De La / Mediterranée" in red. Disinfected in Malta with circular "Purifiée au Lazaret / Malte" cachet in black and slitted, Marseille cds of transit (Aug 31) and Lyon arrival cds (Sept 2) where charged '24' décimes due in manuscript. An astonishingly early entire, the third earliest we have recorded, the letter being written by the French priest Justin de Jacobis, who had arrived in Adwa in October 1839. Extremely rare and fine. Cert. J-F. Brun (2016). *Note: The French Treaty of Friendship with the King of the Showa, Sahle Selassie (1813-1847) was signed in 1843.* *Provenance: Collection Roberto Sciaky, Harmers, London, 25 July 2006, lot 1.*		✉	**2'000**	*(€ 1'800)*

Antoine d'Abbadie ovserving latitude in Ethiopia

599

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
599	1847 (Dec 1): Entire letter in English from Dabaraq (Dabarag) to Paris, France carried by merchant caravan via Kassala and thence via the Nile to Alexandrie where put into the French Post Office with "Alexandrie / Egypte" cds (May 20) in black and Paris arrival cds (May 31) where charged '20' décimes due in manuscript. An astonishingly early entire, one of the earliest we have recorded, the letter being written by the Irish born explorer and geologist (among other things - see content) Anthony (Antoine) Thomson d'Abbadie (1810-1897), who had arrived with his brother in Ethiopia in 1837, leaving in 1848, having travelled all over Abyssinia as far South as the Kingdom of Kaffa. Extremely rare and fine. Cert. J-F. Brun (2016). *Note: The readable letter begins "Your letter dated February 18, 1845 is the latest which I have received from you. The French Agent at Massawa named Degoutin took both letters and money and took very good care not to inform me of their arrival...". The letter goes on to mention 'Briggs & Co.' (Forwarding Agents in Cairo) and "this distracted country is so full of thieves, rebels, robbers and petty armies... getting on the road is very dangerous" and mentions his two slaves in attendance. The letter is extraordinary and amazingly revealing about the customs of the local people concerning marriage (including to their own daughters).* *Provenance: Collection Roberto Sciaky, Harmers, London, 25 July 2006, lot 2.*		✉ **2'000**	*(€ 1'800)*

600

601

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
600	**Egyptian Post Office** 1876: Cover from Ahmed Bey with manuscript *"Communication from Governor of Massowah, March 2, 1876"* in English, with Turko-Arabic script below addressing the letter (unfortunately without contents) to the Military Officer of the Massawa District, Massawah Governate. Another example from this correspondence is included with the lot, for which my thanks go to Mahmoud Ramadan FRPSL.		✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*
601	**Egyptian Post Office** 1874/75: 5 pa. brown, perf. 12½, eight examples including two vertical tête-bêche pairs and a horizontal pair, all cancelled by "POSTE KHEDEVIE EGIZIANE / MASSAWA" datestamps (Feb 10, 1878) in black. Trivial imperfections but an extremely scarce and fine multiple. Signed Todd AIEP. *Provenance: Collection Colonel J.R. Danson, RL, London, April 1977, lot 516; Collection Nachum Kaplan, Corinphila sale 169, Sept 2011, lot 727.*	35+ 35a	△	**500**	*(€ 450)*

602

Charles 'Chinese' Gordon

602	1880: Cover bearing Egypt 1879 1 pi. rose tied to cover to Massawa by "Suez / Depart" cds (Oct 1) in black with information strike at right, the reverse with flap missing but near complete strike of Egyptian P.O. "MASSAWAH" cds (Oct 18) in black. The cover contains a signed letter from Charles 'Chinese' Gordon, written in French from Bombay to Hibil Sciavi in Massawa stating *"J'ai eté invité à Pekin"* and stating his address would be care of the Governor of Hong Kong and giving his compliments to Achille Raffray, the French Vice Consul in Massawa. Somewhat tired but rare. Cert. J-F. Brun (2016).	47	✉	**350**	*(€ 315)*

Hormuzd Rassam

Austen Henry Layard

603

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
603	1864: Cover from Massawah to London franked by India 1856/64 1 a. brown, four examples, 2 a. yellow and cut round 8 p. purple, all tied in transit by Aden "124" numeral obliterators in black with framed "INDIA PAID" in red at left. The adhesives with small imperfections and the 8 p. removed from original position (over *'No. 33'*) and replaced. The cover with manuscript at lower left from *"H. Rassam, Massawah, 4/10/64"*, and reverse with manuscript of Forwarding Agent *"Received on the 9 Nov / 64 at 7 am per 'Dalhousie' Eduguee Manachi"* with "ADEN" cds in black (Nov 10) and London arrival (Nov 26) in red. Further docketing *"Answered by F.O. (Foreign Office), Febry 16th, 1865"*. Only two 'Layard' correspondence covers have been recorded (the other ex Reverend Payne collection). An extremely rare and important cover. Cert. RPSL (2016). *Note: The writer, Hormuzd Rassam (1826-1910) at the age of 20 in 1846, Rassam was hired by the British archaeologist Austen Henry Layard (the above letter is addressed to Mrs Henry Layard) as a pay master at Nimrud, an Assyrian excavation site. Layard, who was in Mosul on his first expedition (1845–47), was impressed by the hard-working Rassam and took him under his wing; they would remain friends for life. Layard provided an opportunity for Rassam to travel to England and study at Magdalen College, Oxford. Layard left archeology to begin a political career. Rassam continued field work (1852–54) at Nimrud and Nineveh, where he made a number of important discoveries. These included the clay tablets that would later be deciphered by George Smith as the Epic of Gilgamesh, the world's oldest written narrative poem. With the help of Layard, he began a new career in government with a posting to the British Consulate in Aden, quickly rising to the post of First Political Resident and facilitating a number of agreements between the British and formerly hostile local community leaders. In 1866, an international crisis arose in Ethiopia when British missionaries were taken hostage by Emperor Tewodros II, Rassam would probably have prevented the entire Abyssinian campaign if not hindered in negotations with the Emperor Tewodoros by Charles Tilstone Beke.* *Provenance: Collection 'Menelik', Harmers, Lugano, 8 Dec 1989, lot 601* *Collection Roberto Sciaky, Harmers, London, 25 July 2006, lot 3.*	(AZ2+ AZ3+ AZ4) ✉	**2'500**	*(€ 2'250)*

604

605

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
604	1885: Cover from London to Massawa, franked by Great Britain 1870 1 d. lilac pair and 1883 ½ d. slate-blue, the former unusually tied by London duplexes (May 8) in black and the latter by London squared circle datestamps in black, addressed to an Italian member *'Battaglione de la Spedizione'* (Battalion of the Expedition) in Massawa. Reverse with Suez cds, "SOUAKIN" cds in black (May 18) and "MASSAWAH" arrival cds of the Egyptian Post Office. Flap torn and sealed with tape but a scarce and appealing cover mailed towards the close of the Nile Expedition / Suakin Campaign. *Note: The Egyptian Post Office in Massawa closed in November 1885.*	172+ 187	✉	**350**	*(€ 315)*

Abyssinian Field Forces

605	1868: Cover from Napier's Force to the Commander of the Royal Artillery in Bangalore, Elliot correspondence, endorsed *'via Bombay'*, franked by India 1866 4 a. green, Die I (Gi 69), tied by "FF" obliterator in black and manuscript *"29/3"*, paying the Officer's rate. Reverse with oily strike of circular "FIELD FORCE POST OFFICE / ABYSSINIA" datestamp in red (April 5), Bombay transit (April 21) and Bangalore arrival cds (April 26). Some moth faults at base of mourning envelope but scarce.	AZ6	✉	**500**	*(€ 450)*

606

Emperor Tweadoros II's suicide

606	1868: Mourning envelope from Capt. Elliot at Magdala to Bangalore, India endorsed *'via Bombay'* franked by India 1866 4 a. green, Die I (Gi 69), tied by "FF" obliterator (Field Force) in black. Reverse with fair strike of "FIELD FORCE POST OFFICE / ABYSSINIA" datestamp in red (April), Bombay transit and fine Bangalore arrival cds (May 13) in red. Pencil notation at left of date and place of sending. A fine and extremely rare cover. Signed Friedl. *Note: The cover was sent on the day after Emperor Tewodoros II committed suicide at the Battle of Magdala (with a gun gifted to him by Queen Victoria), the Ethiopian Army surrendered and General Napier's task was fulfilled.*	AZ6	✉	**3'000**	*(€ 2'700)*

607

Robert Napier, 1. Baron Napier of Magdala

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
607	1868: Cover from Napier's Force near Senafe to Cardiff franked by India 1865 8 p. purple, 2 a.orange and 1866/67 6 a. 8 p. slate, faults, each cancelled by "F.F." obliterators (Field Force) endorsed *'via Marseilles'* with unframed "INDIA PAID" in red at left. Reverse with overinked oily strike of circular "FIELD FORCE POST OFFICE / ABYSSINIA" datestamp in red and Cardiff arrival cds (April 20) in black. Manuscript notation at left *"Abyssinia 1868, Camp Sooroo 25 March"*. Small part of envelope missing at top and sensibly filled, a magnificent and wonderful franking in the foremost quality for mail from this Campaign. Cert. RPSL (2016). *Note: The certificate states that a stamp has been removed - however this is most unlikely as the franking of 6 annas 8 pies pays the full Officer's rate via Marseille. Also, if there was a 'missing' stamp, then why is there no trace of manuscript 'Stamped' always found on Lady Tyler covers? For further examples of Lady Tyler covers prepaid at 6 a. 8 p. from this Campaign, see the 'Pedrazzo' collection, Corinphila sale 145, April 2006, lots 1855 and 1857 and Sciaky collection, July 2006, lot 8.*	AZ2+ AZ4+ AZ6	✉	**3'500**	*(€ 3'150)*

608

Troops and encampment of the Abyssinian Expedition

608 1868: Cover from Napier's Force to Southampton franked by India 1865 2 a.orange and 1866/67 6 a. 8 p. slate, faults, each cancelled by "F.F." obliterators (Field Force) endorsed *'via Marseilles'*. Reverse with good strike of circular "FIELD FORCE POST OFFICE / ABYSSINIA" datestamp in black (April 26?) somewhat over-struck by Southampton arrival cds (May 18). Despite the imperfection to one adhesive, an extremely rare cover carried at the Civilian rate. Cert. RPSL (2016).
Provenance: Collection Reverend Eric Payne, Harmers, London, 20 Dec 1995, lot 7. AZ4+ AZ7 ✉ **1'000** *(€ 900)*

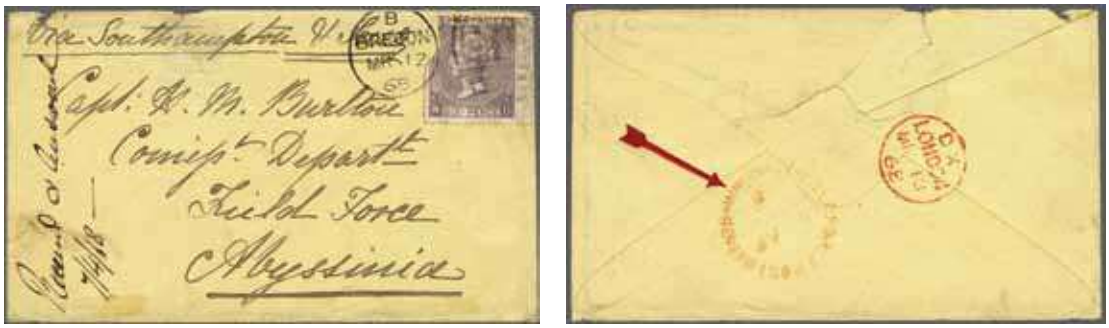
609

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
609	1867: Large part cover bearing Great Britain 1864/79 1 d. red pl. 92 tied by London duplex of despatch (Oct 7) and sent originally to Chatham (Oct 7), Sheerness (Oct 7 and 9), addressed to *"HMS Star, China or elsewhere"*. Reverse with fine "HONG KONG" cds in black (Dec 15) and manuscript *"Not China"* on obverse, thence back via Bombay with circular "Steamer Bearing 3 annas" presumably applied there, and circular "FIELD FORCE POST OFFICE / ABYSSINIA" datestamp in black (Jan 31, 1868) on obverse with manuscript '5' (pence) deleted as not an Officer's letter but addressed to a sailor - top with readable strike of "RANK / NOT STATED" in black at upper left corner (possibly applied in Chatham?) and manuscript *'Unclaimed'*. Despite being in two halves and piece missing, a remarkable item of Postal History. *Note: This describer would be pleased to hear of other covers marked "RANK / NOT STATED", as this is the first time I have encountered an example.*	43	✉	**350**	*(€ 315)*

610

Field Marshal Frederick Sleigh Roberts

610	1867: Cover from Weymouth to Major F.S. Roberts VC., with the Abyssinian Field Force, to be forwarded from Suez, endorsed 'via Southampton' and franked by Great Britain 1864/79 1 d. red pl. 91 (2) and 1865/68 4 d. vermilion pl. 9 tied by "Weymouth / 873" duplexes (Dec 20) in black. Reverse with London transit cds (Dec 20) in blue and very fine strike of circular "FIELD FORCE POST OFFICE / ABYSSINIA" datestamp in red (Jan 17, 1868) with over-inked "F.F." obliterator adjacent. Some minor soiling but very rare. *Note: The letter is addressed to 'Bobs', Field Marshal Frederick Sleigh Roberts, 1st Earl Roberts, VC, (1832 – 1910), a British General who became one of the most successful British military commanders of his time. Born in India to an Anglo-Irish family, Roberts joined the East India Company Army and served as a young officer in the Indian Rebellion during which he won a Victoria Cross for gallantry. He was then transferred to the British Army and fought in the Expedition to Abyssinia and the Second Anglo-Afghan War, in which his exploits earned him widespread fame. Roberts would go on to serve as the Commander-in-Chief, India before leading British Forces to success in the Second Boer War. He also became the last Commander-in-Chief of the Forces before the post was abolished in 1904.*	43+ 95	✉	**750**	*(€ 675)*



611

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
611	1868: Cover from Brecon to Capt. Burlton, Commisary Dept. with the Abyssinian Field Force endorsed *'via Southampton & Suez'*, franked by 1865/ 68 6 d. lilac pl. 6, defective, tied by "Brecon / 116" duplex in black (March 12). Reverse with London transit cds (March 13) and fine strike of circular "FIELD FORCE POST OFFICE / ABYSSINIA" datestamp in red (April 5). Captain Burlton was in command of the Udul Wells Depot, a staging post 40 miles from Zula on the way to Senafe. Slight opening tear but extremely scarce and not unattractive.	97	✉	**500**	*(€ 450)*

612

612	1867: Incoming envelope addressed to Capt. Elliot, Madras Sappers & Miners, Field Force, Abyssinia endorsed *'via Bombay'* franked by India 1866 4 a. green, Die I, tied by "Bangalore / 10" duplex (Dec 8) in black. Reverse with Bombay transit (Dec 30), ribboned "TOO LATE" and superb strike of circular "FIELD FORCE POST OFFICE / ABYSSINIA" datestamp in red (Jan 14, 1868). A fine and extremely rare cover.	69	✉	**1'500**	*(€ 1'350)*

613

613	1868: Incoming envelope addressed to Capt. Elliot, Madras Sappers & Miners, Field Force, Abyssinia endorsed *'via Bombay'* franked by India 1866 4 a. green, Die I, tied by "Bangalore / 10" duplex (Jan 1) in black. Reverse with Bombay transit (Jan 6) and ribboned "Too Late" on obverse, partial strike of circular "FIELD FORCE POST OFFICE / ABYSSINIA" datestamp in red, and forwarded in manuscript to (the Pass of) *"Koomay loo"*. Part flap missing and one or two closed envelope tears but rare.	69	✉	**750**	*(€ 675)*

614

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
614	1868: Incoming envelope addressed to Capt. Elliot, Madras Sappers & Miners, Field Force, Abyssinia endorsed *'via Bombay'* franked by India 1866 4 a. green, Die I, tied by "Bangalore / 10" duplex (March 16) in black. Reverse with Bombay transit (March 21) and ribboned "Too Late", oily complete strike of circular "FIELD FORCE POST OFFICE / ABYSSINIA" datestamp in red (April 8), and forwarded in manuscript to *"Antalo"*, some 20 miles South of Mekelle in the Tigray. The adhesive with fault at top right of envelope but rare.	69	✉	**1'000**	*(€ 900)*

615

615	1867: Incoming envelope addressed to Capt. Elliot, Madras Sappers & Miners, Field Force, Abyssinia endorsed *'via Bombay'* franked by India 1866 4 a. green, Die I, tied by "Bangalore / 10" duplex (May 1) in black. Reverse with Bombay transit (May 9), ribboned "TOO LATE" and fine strike of circular "FIELD FORCE POST OFFICE / ABYSSINIA" datestamp in black (May 18, 1868). The cover with opening tears and closed tears at edges but rare.	69	✉	**750**	*(€ 675)*

616

616	1868: OHMS envelope from the Commander-in-Chief's office in London to Major General E.L. Russell, Commanding at Aden, struck with oval framed "S. F. Forster / Horse Guards" cachet in black and 'London / Paid' cds in red (Aug). Reverse with Royal embossed seal in red and "Aden / Steamer Point" datestamp struck in red (Sept 4). The cover with full original contents: *"I am desired by Lieut. General Lord Napier of Magdala to transmit to you the vote of thanks of Parliament to the Forces, Naval and Military, comprising the Abyssinian Expedition in which you are specially named...."*. Rare and most unusual.		✉	**350**	*(€ 315)*

ex 617

618

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
617	**Italian Post Offices** 1886: Cover bearing Italy 1879 20 c. orange used to Firenze, tied by good strike of "3840" numeral obliterator with "ASSAB" datestamp at base (April 25). Reverse with Brindisi and Firenze (May 8) datestamps. The envelope with vertical file fold and wrinkles but rare; also a small piece of cover with 20 c. orange tied by "ASSAB" cds (Aug 16, 1889).	39	✉△	**200**	*(€ 180)*
618	**Italian Post Offices** 1886: Cover bearing Italy 1879 40 c. violet used to Firenze, tied by bold strike of "3862" numeral obliterator with "MASSAUA / (MAR ROSSO)" datestamp at right (June 25) with registration label at top. Reverse with Brindisi and Firenze (July 10) datestamps. The envelope with spotting but a fine strike of the elusive numeral. A fine and scarce usage.	42	✉	**220**	*(€ 200)*

619

620

619	**Italian Post Offices** 1888: Cover bearing Italy 1879 20 c. orange used to Messina, tied by bold strike of "3862" numeral obliterator with "MASSAUA / (MAR ROSSO)" datestamp at right (Oct 19). Reverse with Brindisi and Messina (Nov 7) datestamps. The envelope with some spotting but a fine strike of the elusive numeral.	39	✉	**150**	*(€ 135)*
620	**Italian Post Offices** 1889: 50 c. brown Parcel Card, an intact used example to Cremona cancelled by "MASSAUA / (MAR ROSSO)" datestamp at left (Sept 5) with perforated "Pacchi postali / 384 / Massaua (Mar Rosso)" label below. Receivers slip still attached at left. A few small stains but a rare usage from Massaua.		✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*

Private Ethiopian Posts in 1895-1907

621

Alfred Ilg

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
621	1903 (Jan): Malekt surcharge in black on ½ g. salmon in a horizontal pair, used on cover addressed to Alfred Ilg in Addis Abeba, the pair neatly tied by two strikes of bilingual "Harar" cds's (June 13) in blue. Scarce issue on letter and very fine. *Note: Alfred Ilg (1854-1916) was a Swiss engineer who arrived in Ethiopia in 1879. He learnt Amharic and became a confidante of Menelik II. He first suggested the establishment of the Postal system to Menelik II, became the equivalent of Postmaster General and took a major role in the creation of telephone and railway lines in Ethiopia.*	2/IV	✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*

622

622	1894: 2 g. deep brown, a used example on 1899 cover to Basel, Switzerland tied by bilingual "ENTOTTO" datestamp in black (Oct 25, 1899), scarce "HARAR / POSTES FRANÇAISES" cds (Nov 5) to Djibouti with reverse showing bilingual "HARAR" transit (Nov 2) in blue and franked by Somali Coast 1894 5 c. red-orange & green and two 10 c. green & brown-lilac (Ceres 9+10) tied by Djibouti cds's (Nov 13). Obverse with "La Reunion a Marseille / L.V. No.2" French Paquebot datestamp in black (Nov 13). A charming and scarce cover.	4	✉	**300**	*(€ 270)*

623

624

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
623	1906 (Jan 1): 20 c. in rose on 1 g. blue surcharged Minilik in violet, used on 1906 cover to Berlin tied by "Addis Abeba" cds in black (July 18) in combination with 1902 Somali Coast 25 c. blue and deep blue (Ceres 45) tied by Djibouti cds in black (July 31) with bilingual "Harar" transit cds in blue at left (July 29). Arrival on reverse of an unusual cover.	20/I	✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*
624	1903: Malekt overprint in black on 1 g. blue postal stationery card (H&G 6d), used to Switzerland cancelled by Addis Abeba cds (Nov 29, 1904) in black; up-rated with 1903 Somali Coast 10 c. black & carmine (Ceres 57) tied by Djibouti cds in b lue (Dec 8). Liestal arrival cds at right (Dec 23) in black. Tiny nick at left of card but an attractive and scarce usage.		✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*

625

626

625	1903: Malekt overprint in black on ¼ g. green postal stationery card (H&G 4d), used to Berlin as formula card (written by J-A. Michel) cancelled at "Harar" in blue-green (May 22, 1903) and sent registered with 1902 Somali Coast 5 c. pale green & green and 10 c. orange & carmine (Ceres 40+41) and Obock 1894 20 c. orange & violet imperf. (Ceres 53) all tied by Djibouti datestamps (May 26) in blue - correct rate 10 c. card + 25 c. registration - with Berlin arrival on reverse (June 13). Choice and attractive usage,		✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*
626	1903 (Jan 1): Malekt overprinted 2 g. brown, a used example on 1904 cover to Switzerland tied by "Addis Abeba" cds (April 6) in black, in combination with 1902 Somali Coast 25 c. blue and deep blue (Ceres 45) tied by Djibouti cds in blue (April 18) with bilingual "Harar" transit cds in blue alongside. File fold away from the adhesives but a scarce correctly rated cover.	5/IV	✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*

627

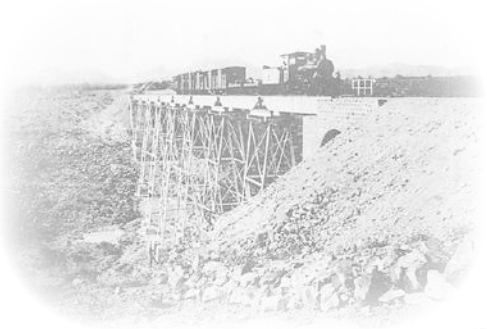
628

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
627	1906 (Jan 1): 10 c. in violet on ½ g, salmon, a single example on 1906 cover tied by bilingual "Harar" cds (May 13, 1906) in blue, used in combination with 1902 Somali Coast 15 c. blue and yellow-brown and 1903 10 c. black & carmine (Ceres 42+57) tied by Djibouti datestamps in black. Octagonal French paquebot "La Reunion a Marseille / LV No.4" in black (May 15). Budapest rrival on reverse. File fold away from the adhesives, a very scarce destination for Ethiopian mail of this period. Cert. J-F. Brun (2017).	19/I	✉	**220**	*(€ 200)*
628	1907 (July 1): Dagmawi '*¼*' g. in violet on ¼ g. green, a used example on 1907 postcard (of Ethiopian stamps embossed in colour) to Gablonz cancelled by bilingual "Harar" cds in blue (Dec 10) in combination with Somali Coast 1902 5 c. black & green vertical pair (Ceres 56) tied by "Dirre-Daoua / Abyssinie" cds (Dec 11) in black and tied by Suez cds of transit. Delightful and scarce.	25	✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*

629

630

629	1894: 1 g. blue, a used example on 1908 cover to Harar tied by bilingual "Adis Abeba" cds in green (July 24) with information strike alongside. Reverse with "Harrar / Postes" cds in blue (Aug 2). File fold away from adhesive, but an interesting late usage of this adhesive, the private Ethiopian Postal service went bankrupt in late 1907. The French Posts experts were called in to reorganise the Postal system and Ethiopia gained UPU membership (Nov 1, 1908).	3	✉	**175**	*(€ 160)*
630	1903 (Jan 1): Malekt 1 g. blue used on postcard (Viaduc de Holl-Holl) tied by "Adis Abeba" cds in black (June 16) in combination with 1902 Somali Coast 10 c. black & carmine tied by Djibouti cds (June 30) in blue. "Harar" transit at right in blue. A fine card. *Note: By this date mail was carried by train on the Dire Doaua to Djibouti Railway.*	3/IV	✉	**150**	*(€ 135)*



Pont du Hol-Holl

ex 631

633

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
631	1894: Obock imperforate 15 c. blue & red used on 1901 postcard (#4) "Pont du Holl-Holl (Chemin de Fer de Djibouti-Harar) tied by Djibouti cds in blue (Aug 7). At this date mail was transported by train only from Holl-Holl Viaduct to Djibouti, together with a 1904 postcard written from Dire-Daoua franked by 1902 Somali Coast 10 c. black & carmine (Ceres 57) tied by Djibouti cds (Dec 12) in blue to Pistoia, Italy written and signed by one of the Bartolossi Brothers, the engineers involved in the Railway's construction.		✉	**140**	*(€ 125)*

632

632	1907: Memorial Medal struck by Menelik II to honour the Railway Engineers and workers for the Djibouti to Dire Daoua Railway Line, with portrait of the Emperor on obverse and reverse with Railway Locomotive and amharic inscription "Memorial of the Railway, 1895" (Ethiopian equivalent to 1902). The capital Addis Abeba was not joined to the line until 1922. Unusual.		(*)	**100**	*(€ 90)*
633	1894: ½ g. salmon, two examples used with 1 g. blue on cover to Thurgau, Switzerland tied by fine bilingual "ENTOTTO" cds's in black (Nov 14). Reverse with Ethiopia bilingual "Harar" transit (Nov 21) in blue, obverse with "Harar / Postes Françaises" transit in black (Nov 25) and franked on reverse with 1894 Somali Coast 25 c. rose & blue imperforate cancelled in Djibouti. Bischhofszell arrival (Dec 16). Creased and cover with imperfections but rare. Cert. J-F. Brun (2017).	2+ 3	✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*

634

635

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
634	1905 (Jan 1): 10 c. on ½ g. salmon, a horizontal pair used on 1905 cover to Djibouti tied by bilingual "Adis Abeba" cds (Oct 24) in black in combination with Somali Coast 1902 15 c. blue & yellow-brown and 1903 10 c. black & carmine (Ceres 42+57) tied by Djibouti datestamp in black. Bilingual "Harar" transit (Nov 5) in blue alongside. Two paper-clip impressions at top but scarce. Cert. J-F. Brun (2017).	9	✉	**100**	*(€ 90)*
635	1896: 1 g. blue postal stationery card (H&G 3) used to Djibouti Post Office cancelled by fine strike of bilingual "HARAR" datestamp (April 20, 1897) in black. Reverse with message requesting the Post Office to stop re-sending the writer's mail and 'Djibouti / Postes' arrival cds (April 24) in blue.		✉	**100**	*(€ 90)*

Private Ethiopian Posts in 1895-1907 - Start of French Services

636

637

636	1896/1903: Official printed document with Royal Arms of Emperor Menelik II at top, with a listing in Amharic of all communications between Queen Victoria and the Emperor, together with correspondence with other Officials in Government between February 1896 and October 1903. The records were kept in the Ethiopian Office of 'Agreement Control' and are believed unique in private hands. Sold together with a postcard to Italy pre-cancelled at Harar bearing '05' on ¼ g. green with an illustration of the Emperor.		✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*
637	1894: ¼ g. green, ½ g. salmon, 1 g. blue, 2 g. deep brown and 8 g. lilac, used on 1895 cover from the Second Sending, addressed to Djibouti, all tied by Amharic "HARAR" datestamp with six strikes in black (Amharic Yekatit 6th, 1887). Struck on arrival with "Djibouti / Postes" datestamp (Feb 15) in blue and extremely rare "PROTECTORAT FRANÇAIS / CÔTE DES SOMALIS / POSTE EXPRESS" in blue. File fold between the adhesives and small nick in envelope at right but an attractive and extremely rare cover. Cert. APS (2010).	1/5	✉	**500**	*(€ 450)*

638

639

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
638	1895 (Jan 29 = Amharic date Tir 21st, 1887): Registered cover from the First Sending, franked by 1894 ¼ g. green, two examples, ½ g. salmon, 1 g. blue and 2 g. deep brown, all tied by Amharic "HARAR" datestamp with six strikes in black. Reverse with circular wax seal of Leon Chefneux in red alongside 1894 Somali Coast 75 c. orange & violet-brown (Ceres 16) cancelled by "Djibouti / Postes" datestamp (Feb 7) in blue. Octagonal French Paquebot "La Reunion a Marseille / L.V. No. 4" datestamp (Feb 10) and both Obock cds and Paris cds on reverse (Feb 21). The cover sensibly opened for Exhibit display, despite the addressee's name (Chefneux) being erased, a major rarity of Ethiopian philately - *just three covers (one is a front) have survived from the first franked mail from Ethiopia* - all were sent by Leon Chefneux to philatelists to announce the issue. Cert. J-F. Brun (2010). *Note: The letters travelled by camel caravan to Djibouti and from there to Obock as Djibouti as yet had no harbour.*	1+ 2+ 3+ 4	✉	**750**	*(€ 675)*
639	1894: 1 g. blue, a single example used on 1895 cover to Paris tied by Amharic "HARAR" datestamp in black (Dec 26 / Tahsas 18th, 1888), with information strike on reverse, in combination with Somali Coast 1894 50 c. rose & blue (Ceres 15) tied by "Djibouti / Postes" datestamp Jan 1, 1896) in blue. French octagonal Paquebot "La Reunion a Marseille / L.V. No.2" in black alongside (Jan 9). Addressee's name deleted but an early and scarce cover. *Provenance: Collection 'Waizero', Felzmann, 9 March 2017, lot 4023.*	3	✉	**350**	*(€ 315)*

640

Alfred Ilg

640	1896: 1 g. blue postal stationery card (H&G 3), prepaying inland rate on Sept 24, 1896 cancelled by light strike of all amharic "ENTOTTO" in black; sent registered to Zurich, Switzerland with Somali Coast 1894 10 c. green & brown and 25 c. blue & rose imperforate (Ceres 10+12) cancelled by "Djibouti / Postes" datestamps in blue (Oct 10) applied for onward transmission (10 c. postage + 25 c. registration). Octagonal Paquebot datestamp "La Reunion a Marseille / L.V. No.2" in black (Oct 18) and Zurich arrival (Oct 30). *The earliest recorded usage of the postal stationery card.* The card is written by Alfred Ilg who helped Leon Chefneux establish the Concessionary Post Offices in Addis Abeba, Harar and Entotto, it is the sole recorded usage with an Entotto amharic datestamp and the only known usage in 1896. Cert. J-F. Brun (2017). *Provenance: Collection Nachum Kaplan, Corinphila sale 169, Sept 2011, lot 753.*		✉	**750**	*(€ 675)*

641

642

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
641	1894: 1 g. blue, a used example tied by bilingual "HARAR" datestamp in black (April 4) with information strike alongside, sent registered to Winterthur, Switzerland by Alfred Ilg, with Somali Coast 1894 10 c. green & brown-lilac and (on reverse) 75 c. orange & violet-brown for onward transmission (Ceres 10+16) cancelled by 'Djibouti / Postes' datestamp (April 7) in blue withj framed 'R' at left. 'La Reunion a Marseille / L.V. No. 2' Paquebot in black below (April 12). Lyon Gare transit and Winterthur arrival (April 24) on reverse. File punch-hole at left does not detract from an attractive cover. Cert. J-F Brun (2017).	3	✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*
642	1896: 1 g. blue postal stationery card (H&G 3) used to Charenton, France cancelled by bilingual "HARAR" datestamps in black (April 1, 1897) with Somali Coast 1894 25 c. blue & rose (Ceres 12) at right cancelled by Djibouti datestamp in blue and by circular "LIGNE N / PAQ. FR. No. 3" datestamp (April 5) in black. Reverse with Charenton Le Pont arrival cds (April 16). A fine and scarce usage. Cert. J-F Brun (2017).		✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*

643

644

643	1896: 1 g. blue postal stationery card (H&G 3) sent registered to Kreuzlingen, Switzerland, written by Alfred Ilg, cancelled by bilingual "ENTOTTO" datestamp (Sept 14, 1897) with "HARAR" transit below (Sept 25) in black; in combination with Somali Coast 1894 10 c. green & brown and 25 c. blue & rose (Ceres 10+12) tied by 'Djibouti / Postes' datestamp (Oct 8) in blue. French Paquebot 'La Reunion a Marseille' (Oct 13) in black and arrival all on obverse. Slight bends but an attractive card.		✉	**220**	*(€ 200)*
644	1894: ¼ g. green and 2 g. deep brown, used examples on 1897 cover to Lyon, France the former tied by bilingual "ENTOTTO" cds (June 14) in black and the latter in manuscript, with Somali Coast 1894 5 c. red-orange & green (2) and 15 c. green & violet cancelled by Djibouti datestamps (July 14) in blue. "La Reunion a Marseille" Paquebot datestamp in black at base and Lyon (July 26) arrival on reverse. Tropicalised but scarce. Cert. J-F Brun (2016).	1+ 4	✉	**120**	*(€ 110)*

645

646

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
645	1894: 2 g. deep brown, a used example on 1897 cover to Lecco, Italy tied by bilingual "HARAR" datestamp in black (July 21) with information strike adjacent, to Djibouti with Somali Coast 1894 25 c. blue & rose (Ceres 12) cancelled by Djibouti datestamp in blue (July 25). Circular 'LIGNE N / PAQ. FR. No. 8' Paquebot datestamp (July 26) in black at right. A fresh and fine cover.	4	✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*
646	1894: 1 g. blue in a horizontal pair, used on 1897 cover to Paris (addressed to the Societé des Chemins de Fer Ethiopiens), tied by bilingual "HARAR" datestamp in black (Aug 19) with information strike alongside, Somali Coast 1894 25 c. blue & rose (Ceres 12) cancelled by "Djibouti / Postes" datestamp at right (Aug 23) in blue. Reverse with 'Ligne N / Paq. Fr. No. 4' Paquebot datestamp and arrival cds. File fold away from adhesives, a fine and scarce usage. Cert. J-F. Brun (2017). *Collection 'Menelik', Harmers, Lugano, 8 Dec 1989, lot 629.*	3	✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*

647

648

The Post Office in Addis Abeba

647	1894: 1 gr. blue, a horizontal pair used on 1897 cover to Paris tied by bilingual "HARAR" cds (Sept 13) in black, in combination with 1894 Somali Coast 25 c. blue & rose imperforate tied by "Djibouti / Postes" datestamp in blue (Sept 18) and by octagonal "Ligne N / Paq. Fr, No. 5" datestamp in black (Sept 20). Paris arrivals (Sept 30) on reverse, the envelope opened for display and with edge wear and corner faults at base, scarce nevertheless.	3	✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*
648	1898: Cover from Harar to Interlaken, Switzerland with bilingual "HARAR" datestamp in black (Dec 24), without Ethiopian adhesive (and rare thus), franked by Somali Coast 1894 10 c. green & lilac-brown and 15 c. green & violet (Ceres 10+11) tied by Djibouti cds's in blue (Dec 28) and by octagonal French Paquebot "LIGNE N / PAQ. FR. No. 4" datestamp in black (Jan 4, 1899). Interlaken arrival on reverse (Jan 16). By the hand-writing, sent by Henry Muhle on his way to become the Postmaster of Addis Abeba. A very scarce usage. *Provenance: Collection 'Waizero', Felzmann, 9 March 2017, lot 4028.*		✉	**350**	*(€ 315)*

Alfred Ilg

649

650

651

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
649	1896: 1 g. blue postal stationery card (H&G 3) sent to Zurich, Switzerland, written by Alfred Ilg, cancelled by bilingual "ENTOTTO" datestamp (Aug 12, 1899) with "HARAR" transit below (Aug 22) in black; in combination with Somali Coast 1894 10 c. green & brown (Ceres 10) tied by 'Djibouti' cds's in blue. Zurich arrival also on obverse (Sept 19). A fine card from the First Courrier Mail after internal rates had been fully established. Cert. J-F. Brun (2017). *Note: Thhe Private Ethiopian Posts opened their own Post Offices in Addis Abeba (Entotto) in May and in Harar in Ausust 1899. They also arranged a weekly Courrier system between the two towns beginning on August 12 (as in the card above), the Courriers did the journey both ways once a week, all outgoing mail was transferred to the French P.O. in Harar who began toi use the "Harar / Postes Françaises" datestamp in this year.*	✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*
650	1896: 1 g. blue postal stationery card (H&G 3) to Zurich, Switzerland, written by Alfred Ilg, cancelled by bilingual "ENTOTTO" datestamp (Aug 25, 1899) with "HARAR" transit below (Sept 3) in blue; in combination with Somali Coast 1894 10 c. green & brown (Ceres 10) tied by 'Djibouti' cds in blue and octagonal 'La Reunion a Marseille / L.V. No. 3' Paquebot alongside (Sept 13). Flaach arrival also on obverse. A fine card from the Third Courrier Mail after internal rates had been fully established.	✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*
651	1896: 1 g. blue postal stationery card (H&G 3) used to St. Gallen, Switzerland with Somali Coast 1894 10 c. green & brown-lilac (Ceres10) cancelled by two strikes of bilingual "ENTOTTO" datestamp in black (Sept 24, 1899), thence via Djibouti with blue cds and St. Gallen arrival (Nov 14). Reverse with bold strike of bilingual "Harar" transit cds (Oct 5) in blue. The card is written by Alfred Ilg. A fresh and fine usage. Cert. Ceremuga (2003).	✉	**300**	*(€ 270)*

652

653

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
652	1894: 2 g. deep brown, a used example on 1899 cover to Basel, Switzerland tied by bilingual "ENTOTTO" datestamp in blue (March 11), reverse with bilingual "HARAR" transit (March 30) in blue and scarce "HARAR / POSTES FRANÇAISES" cds (March 21) in black, to Djibouti with Somali Coast 1894 25 c. blue & rose (Ceres 12) cancelled by Djibouti cds in blue (March 29). Circular 'Ligne N' Paquebot datestamp at right. Closed opening tear at top but scarce. Cert. J-F. Brun (2017).	4	✉	**175**	*(€ 160)*
653	1894: 1 g. blue, two used examples (one on reverse), each tied to 1899 cover to Alexandria, Egypt by bilingual "ENTOTTO" datestamps in black (Oct 25) with information strike alongside; bilingual "HARAR" cds in blue on reverse (Nov 2) and "HARAR / POSTES FRANÇAISES" cds (Nov 5) in black. Somali Coast 1894 10 c. green & brown and 15 c. green & violet (Ceres 10+11) tied by Djibouti cds's (Nov 11) in blue. Octagonal 'La Reunion a Marseille / L.V. No. 2' Paquebot alongside (Nov 13). Small faults and aging but scarce. Cert. J-F. Brun (2017).	3	✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*

Street scene in Djibouti

654

655

654	1902: Malekt in bluish-violet on 1 g. blue postal stationery card (H&G 6c), a used example cancelled by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamps in black (June 17, 1904) and mailed to Lyndhurst, England in combination with Somali Coast 1903 10 c. black & carmine tied by Djibouti cds (July 12) in blue. "Lyndhurst / 487" duplex of arrival on obverse (July 28) and forwarded to Beckenham. Mail to Great Britain from Ethiopia at this date is very scarce.		✉	**300**	*(€ 270)*
655	1894: 1 g. blue used on reverse of cover to Awara Melka, tied by bilingual "HARAR" datesamp in blue (May 29, 1906), cover originally mailed from Djibouti with 1902 25 c. pale blue & blue tied by Djibouti cds (May 25) in black. File fold crosses the Ethiopia 1 g. but an unusual in-coming combination usage to a most unusual destination. Cert. J-F. Brun (2016).	3	✉	**220**	*(€ 200)*

Private Ethiopian Posts in 1895-1907 - Postal Routes & Postmarks

656

657

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
656	1903: Malekt in black 1 gr. blue postal stationery card (H&G 6d) used to Berlin cancelled by bilingual "Adis Abeba" cds (March 26, 1904) in black, in combination with Somali Coast 1902 10 c. red-orange & carmine (Ceres 41) tied by Djibouti cds (April 12) in blue. Berlin arrivals (April 27) in black at left. An attractive card.		✉	**175**	*(€ 160)*
657	1896: 1 g. blue postal stationery card (H&G 3) to Alstetten, Switzerland cancelled by bilingual "ENTOTTO" datestamp in black (Nov 24); bilingual "HARAR" cds in blue on reverse (Dec 2) and faint "HARAR / POSTES FRANÇAISES" cds (Dec 9) in black. Somali Coast 1894 10 c. green & brown (Ceres 10) cancelled by Djibouti cds (Dec 11). Altstetten arrival (Dec 27) at right.Two small stains and corner crease but nonetheless attractive.		✉	**175**	*(€ 160)*

658

659

658	1901 (July 1): 1 gr. blue with "Ethiopie" violet overprint, used on 1902 internal cover to Harar tied by "ADIS ABEBA" cds in black (Jan 7) with information strike alongside. Bilingual "Harar" arrival (Jan 17) at left in blue. Cover fault at base but a very rare internal usage of n elusive issue. Signed Holcombe. Cert. RPSL (2016).	3/I	✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*
659	1896: 1 g. blue postal stationery card (H&G 3) to the Weisser Wind, Zurich, Switzerland, cancelled by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamp in black (April 7), a late usage of the card but legal tender still, with bilingual "HARAR" transit in blue (April 17) and Somali Coast 1903 black & carmine (Ceres 56) cancelled at Djibouti in blue (April 18). Zurich arrival (April 29) also on obverse. Sent by Alfred Ilg, spike hole and aging but scarce.		✉	**140**	*(€ 125)*

660

661

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
660	1903: Malekt in black on ¼ gr. green postal stationery card (H&G 4d) used to Austria, sent by J. Michel, cancelled by bilingual "HARAR" cds (May 22, 1903) in blue, in combination with off centre Somali Coast 1902 10 c. red-orange & carmine (Ceres 41) tied by Djibouti cds (May 26) in blue. Spital arrival (June 12) in black at left. An attractive and scarce card.		✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*
661	1903: Bosta in violet on 1 gr. blue postal stationery card (H&G 6b), slight corner bend, used to Interlaken, Switzerland cancelled by bilingual "ADDIS ABEBA" cds (April 16, 1902) in black, with bilingual "HARAR" transit in blue (April 27) and "HARAR / POSTES FRANÇAISES" cds in black, in combination with Somali Coast 1894 10 c. green & lilac-brown (Ceres 10) with Djibouti cds (May 2) in blue. Interlaken arrival (May 15) on an attractive card, written by Henry Muhle, the Addis Abeba Postmaster. *Provenance: Collection Reverend Eric Payne, Harmers, London, 20 Dec 1995, lot 38.*		✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*

662

663

662	1905: Postcard mailed from Harar to Baden near Vienna, with "HARAR / POSTES FRANÇAISES" despatch cds in black, in combination with Somali Coast 1902 10 c. black & carmine (Ceres 41) tied by Djibouti cds in black (July 29). Baden arrival alongside (Aug 12). Corner bend but unusual without an Ethiopian franking.		✉	**100**	*(€ 90)*
663	1903: Malekt in violet on 1894 ½ g, salmon, a used example on 1903 cover to Geneva (at J. Michel's illegal reduced rate of ½ g. instead of 1 g.) tied by bilingual "HARAR" daatestamp in blue (Oct 13) with information strike alongside. Somali Coast 5 c. pale green & green and 20 c. green & violet-brown (Ceres 40+43) tied by Djibouti cds with octagonal 'La Reunion a Marseille / L.V. No. 5' Paquebot datestamp at left (Oct 15). File fold away from adhesives	2/IV	✉	**400**	*(€ 360)*

664

665

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
664	1903: Malekt in black on 1 gr. blue postal stationery card (H&G 6d), used to Dirre Daoua cancelled by bilingual "HARAR" in blue (July 12, 1904). Corner bend and slight aging but a rare internal usage. Cert. J-F. Brun (2010).		✉	**140**	*(€ 125)*
665	1905 (Jan 1): '05' in blue on ¼ g. green, a used example on 1905 postcard to Vienna, tied by bilingual "HARAR" cds in black (Feb 8), in combination with Somali Coast 10 c. orange-red & carmine tied by Djibouti cds (Feb 11) in blue. A scarce usage of the numeral overprint on correctly rated card.	8	✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*

666

667

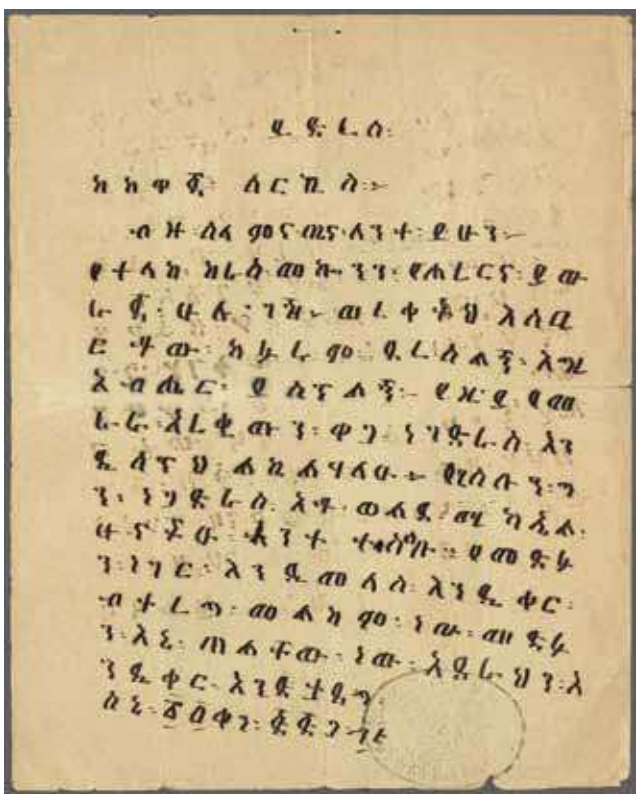
Mines D'Or Wallaga

666	1905 (Jan 1): '20' in violet on 1 g. blue, a used example on 1905 cover to a member of the Austro-Hungarian Mission in Djibouti tied by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" cds in black with information strike alongside (Nov 22). Opening tear at lower right but a scarce stamp on an internal letter.	10	✉	**100**	*(€ 90)*
667	1903 (Jan 1): Malekt 1 gr. blue (2) and single 2 gr. brown used on 1904 double rate cover from "Mines D'Or du Wallaga", the adhesives tied by "ADIS ABEBA" datestamps (May 7) in black, in combination with Somali Coast 1902 5 c. pale green & green (2), 15 c. blue & yellow-brown and 25 c. pale blue & blue (Ceres 40+42+44) tied by Djibouti datestamp in blue (May 21). Reverse with uncancelled British Somaliland ½ a. green and 1 a. carmine. Carried by private courrier from Wollega to Addis Abeba, Some imperfections but a scarce cover. Cert. J-F. Brun (2009). *Provenance: Collection Roberto Sciaky, Harmers, London, 25 July 2006, lot 66.*	3/IV+ 4/IV	✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*

668

670

Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
668	1896: ½ g. salmon postal stationery card (H&G 2), a used example written from Zwai (Suai-See on card) on Nov 24, 1900 to Germany cancelled by bilingual "ENTOTTO" datestamp in blue (Nov 29), without Somali Coast adhesive as none available on despatch and struck with "T" mark and Djibouti cds (Jan 4, 1901) in blue. Nieder-Ingelheim arrival cds at left (Jan 14) where no apparent charge raised. Some spotting but a scarce and most attractive usage. Cert. J-F. Brun (2017). ✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*



669

Ras Makonnen

669	**Courrier Post** 1898-1906c. (June 14): Letter in Amharic delivered by hand from Djigdjiga to Harar (the sole method possible if not on the Addis-Harar-Djibouti route), sent by Ras Makonnen the father of Haile Selassie to Sarkis Terzian, an Armenian trader and gun merchant. Ras Makonnen is stating his willingness to buy and requesting strong alcohol in the letter. The letter, with no year mentioned can only be dated through the history of Ras Makonnen and Sarkis, with Makonnen cachet at base in black. ✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*
670	1896: 1 g. blue postal stationery card (H&G 3), used on from Kulubi (North West of Harar) to St. Peterburg, Russia; with Somali Coast 1894 10 c. green & violet-brown, tocuhed at left (Ceres 10) tied by 'Djibouti / Postes' datestamp (July 12, 1907). Octagonal French Paquebot 'La Reunion a Marseille' (July 14) in black and Odessa transit and arrival in black. A most unusual emanation and destination at this date. ✉	**150**	*(€ 135)*

671

672

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
671	1902: Bosta in violet on 1 g. blue postal stationery card (H&G 6b), a used example to St. Peterburg, Russia cancelled by bilingual "HARAR" in blue (Feb 27), in combination with Obock 1892 25 black & rose (Ceres 39) and Somali Coast 1902 10 c. orange-red & carmine (Ceres 41) tied by Djibouti cds's in blue (March 5) with two Russian transits and St. Petersburg arrival cds (March 5 julian) in violet. Slightly dusty but a scarce and attractive card.	✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*
672	1899: Cover endorsed *"Mission de Russie en Abyssinie, Adis-Abeba"* at base, sent registered to St. Petersburg, Russia and franked by Obock 1892 75 c. violet on orange-yellow (Ceres 43) paying registered double rate tied by Djibouti cds in blue, octagonal French Paquebot 'La Reunion a Marseille / L.V. No. 2' at right (Jan 3, 1900) in black and scarce straight line "OBESSARENKO" cyrillic handstamp in violet of disinfection applied on entry. Reverse with Russian transits and arrival (Jan 8, 1900 julian) in violet. Weak edges to envelope but a scarce usage. Cert. J-F. Brun (2016).	✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*

673

Locals in Harar

673	1896: ½ g. salmon postal stationery card (H&G 2) used to Berlin cancelled by bilingual "HARAR" datestamp in blue (April 24, 1900), in combination with India ½ a. green (on reverse) and pair of 1 a. plum tied by "B" in bars obliterator and by 'Aden' transit cds (May 6). "ZAILA / SOMALI COAST" cds at right (April 28) in black. Small scrape on card at top right but a superb and rare combination usage. Cert. APS (2010).	✉	**750**	*(€ 675)*

674

Street scene in Addis Abeba

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
674	1902: Malekt in bluish-violet on 1 g. blue postal stationery card (H&G 6c), a used example written at Addis-Abeba to Berlin (Nov 19, 1904), in combination with British Somaliland 1903 1 a. carmine (Gi 2) tied by "B" in bars obliterator with "ZAILA / SOMALI COAST" cds below (Dec 5) in black. 'Berbera' transit cds (Dec 8) and 'Aden' transit cds (Dec 10) with Berlin arrival (Dec 24) all on the obverse of a very fine and extremely rare card.	✉	**1'250**	*(€ 1'125)*

675

Oscar Neumann
German Orinthologist

675 1896: 1 g. blue postal stationery card (H&G 3) written by the explorer Oscar Neumann on July 5, 1900 from "Sheikh Husska Arussi (Galla Land)" to Berlin with bilingual "HARAR" datestamp in blue (July 14), the card would have been carried by courrier to Harar; franked by India ½ a. green and two 1 a. plum all tied by "B" in bars obliterators with "ZAILA / SOMALI COAST" cds below (July 21) in black. 'Aden' transit cds (Nov 29) and Berlin arrival all on obverse. The Indian stamps applied close to the edge of card and some perfs. clipped but a rare and most attractive usage.
Note: Oscar Neumann was born to a wealthy Jewish family (1867-1946), he travelled to German East Africa across Tanganyika, Uganda and Kenya in 1892 and collected for the Berlin Museum publishing descriptions. In 1899 he accompanied Baron Carlo von Erlanger through and southern Ethiopia, collecting birds that went to Lord Walter Rothschild's bird collection in Tring. In 1941, with the help of his friend Julius Riemer he fled Germany, travelling from Berlin via Cuba to Chicago, where he worked the final years of his life as a curator in the Field Museum of Natural History. ✉ **750** *(€ 675)*

676

Map of Oscar Neumann's travels in Ethiopia

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
676	1896: ½ g. salmon postal stationery card (H&G 2) written by the explorer Oscar Neumann on April 24, 1900 from Harar to Berlin with bilingual "HARAR" datestamp in blue (April 16) and presumably pre-cancelled, franked by India ½ a. green and two 1 a. plum folded over edge of card at base and intact on reverse, all tied by "B" in bars obliterators with "ZAILA / SOMALI COAST" cds at right (April 28) in black. 'Aden' transit cds (May 6) and Berlin arrival all on obverse. A rare and most attractive usage.		✉	**600**	*(€ 540)*

677

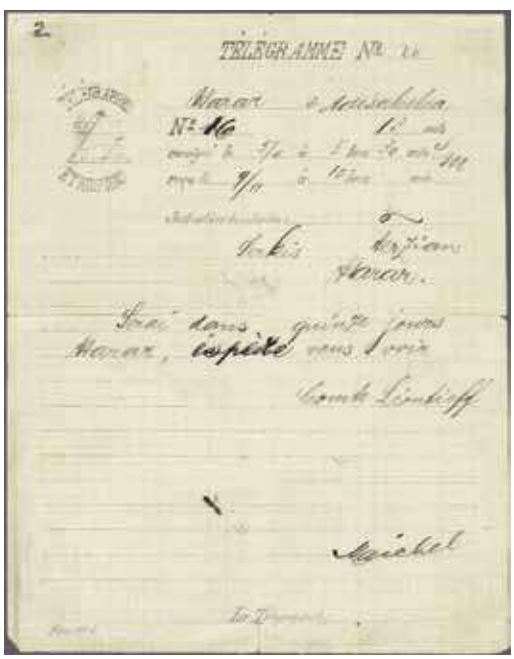
678

677	**Italian Post Offices in Eritrea (The Italian Route)** 1893: 'Colonia Eritrea' 20 c. orange, a horizontal used pair on 1893 cover to Göteborg, Sweden from the Oromo Mission in Harar under Dr. Nils-Olof Hylander (the addressee was his fiancé) dated in manuscript on reverse (May 29), thence by Diplomatic Bag to Massawa; the adhesives tied by "MASSAUA / (MAR ROSSO)" squared circle (June 2) in black. Reverse with Göteborg arrival (June 21). Scarce destination from a small archive of approximately ten cover.	5	✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*
678	**Italian Post Offices in Eritrea (The Italian Route)** 1893: 'Colonia Eritrea' 40 c. brown used on 1893 cover from Harar to cover to Göteborg, Sweden from the Oromo Mission in Harar under Dr. Nils-Olof Hylander (the addressee was his fiancé), tied by "ASMARA / ERITREA" datestamp (Sept 11) in black with information strike alongside.	7	✉	**175**	*(€ 160)*

679

680

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
679	**Italian Post Offices in Eritrea (The Italian Route)** 1898: Eritrea 10 c. dull red postal stationery card (H&G 10), written from Salamona (Feb 2) cancelled by "MASSAUA / (ERITREA)" cds's (Feb 6) and mailed to Berlin (Feb 23). Vertical crease and soiled but written by the German explorer and naturalist G. Schirader. *Provenance: Collection Roberto Sciaky, Harmers, London, 25 July 2006, lot 38.*		✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*
680	**Italian Post Offices in Eritrea (The Italian Route)** 1908: Eritrea 5 c. green pair, 15 c. on 20 c. brown orange (3) used on registered cover to Piacenza, addressed to Lodovico Marazzani Visconti Terzi (politician 1856-1916); tied by ADI CAIE / ERITREA datestamp (July 7) in black. Reverse with Asmara transit cds (July 10) and arrival. Faults but scarce, the sender Marazzini was known to be the commercial Agent in Dessie Wollo, Ethiopia. Signed Sorani.	21+ 30	✉	**120**	*(€ 110)*



681

Panorama of Harar

682

681	1903/04c.: Printed Telegram form with "Télégraphes / Ethiopiens" and Lion at left, being a 13 word transmission from Addis Abeba (Nov 5) to Harar taking four days to transmit. Sent from the Russian Count Léontieff, an advisor to Menelik II, to Sarkis Terzian a trader and gunsmith asking for an appointment in Harar when he would reach the town in a fortnight. The telegram received and forwarded (probably by telephone, although the lines were frequently down) by Postmaster J. Michel of Harar, which helps aid the date of the Telegram. Rare and most unusual.		✉	**300**	*(€ 270)*
682	1905 (Jan 24): '5 c/m' in violet on ½ g. salmon, two biscted examples used on 1905 internal postcard to Addis Abeba tied by bilingual "HARAR" datestamp in blue (Dec 24) with information strike below. Card (view of Harar) with crease but a scarce usage. *Provenance: Collection Ulf Lindahl, DF, Geneva, Sept 2013, lot 72214.*	16	✉	**150**	*(€ 135)*

Private Ethiopian Posts in 1895-1907 - Need of French Franking

683

684

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
683	1903 (Jan 1): Malekt 1 g. blue, a vertical pair, used on 1903 cover to Grosseto, Italy tied by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" cds (Oct 28) with information strike alongside, reverse with bilingual "HARAR" transit cds in blue (Nov 8); in combination with Obock 1894 15 c. blue & rose (Ceres 52) and Somali Coast 1902 10 c. red-orange & carmine (Ceres 41) tied by Djibouti cds's in blue (Nov 10). Octagonal French Paquebot 'La Reunion a Marseille / L.V. No. 2' in black alongside (Nov 14). Monterotondo arrival on reverse. A fine 'three country' usage. *Provenance: Collection Roberto Sciaky, Harmers, London, 25 July 2006, lot 62.*	3/IV	✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*
684	1901: 'Ethiopie' in violet on 1 g. blue postal stationery card (H&G 6), used to Lausanne, Switzerland (written and signed by J. Michel, who applied the overprint again under his signature on reverse) cancelled by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" cds in black (Dec 25). Somali Coast 1894 10 c. green & lilac-brown (Ceres 10), two diagoanlly bisected halves, cancelled by Djibouti cds's (Jan 15, 1901) in blue with Lausanne arrivals (Feb 2). Some wrinkles but a scarce, correctly rated and attractive usage.		✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*

685

686

685	1902: Malekt in black on 1 g. blue postal stationery card (H&G 6d), a used example cancelled by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamps in black (Feb 20, 1905) and mailed to Potsdam, Germany; with weak "Harar" transit in blue (March 7). Somali Coast 1903 1 c. black & brown-lilac (2) and two 4 c. black & pale carmine (Ceres 53+55) cancelled at Djibouti (March 10) in blue. Potsdam arrival at right (March 25). An attractive and unusual combination.		✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*
686	1902 (May): Cover mailed from Harar to Lyon, France with "HARAR / POSTES FRANÇAISES" cds in black of despatch, thence to Djibouti where ffranked on reverse by Obock 1894 40 c. bright yellow & blue-green, sheet marginal but with crease,(Ceres 14) tied by Djibouti cds in blue. Octagonal 'LIGNE N / PAQ. FR. No. 6" on obverse (May 23) in black. An unusual usage.		✉	**120**	*(€ 110)*

687

688

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
687	1903: Malekt in black on ¼ g. green postal stationery card (H&G 4d), a used example sent registered to Basel, Switzerland (written by Harar Postmaster J. Michel) cancelled by bilingual "HARAR" datestamp in blue (Aug 30, 1903); in combination with Somali Coast 1902 10 c. red-orange & carmine (Ceres 41) and Obock 1894 25 c. black & blue (Ceres 54) tied by Djibouti cds's (Sept 1) in black. Basel arrival also on obverse (Sept 14). An unusual 'three country' usage.		✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*
688	1902 (April 1): Bosta in violet on 2 g. deep brown, a used example on 1902 cover to Paris tied by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamps in black (April 26), with "HARAR" transit in blue on reverse (May 7), in combination with Obock 1894 15 c. blue & rose (Ceres 52) tied by Djibouti cds (May 12) and by octagonal 'La Reunion a Marseille' Paquebot datestamp (May 14) in black. Closed tears at edges, somewhat trimmed but attractive. Cert. J-F. Brun (2009).	4/III	✉	**175**	*(€ 160)*

689

690

689	1902 (April 1): Bosta in violet on 2 g. deep brown, a used example on 1902 cover to the Governor of Martinique in Paris tied by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamps in black (Oct 27), with "HARAR" transit in blue on reverse (Nov 6), in combination with Obock 1892 15 c. (Ceres 37) tied by Djibouti cds in black. Readdressed on arrival in Paris (Nov 29) to Fort de France, Martinique. A fine and unusual cover to an extraordinary destination. Cert. J-F. Brun (2016). *Provenance: Collection Roberto Sciaky, Harmers, London, 25 July 2006, lot 31.*	4/III	✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*
690	1905: '05' in blue on ¼ g. green, used on postcard to Djibouti with 1903 Somali Coast 10 c. black & carmine (Ceres 57) tied by bilingual "Harar" datestamp (Oct 4) in blue. Reverse with Djibouti cds (Oct 6) in black.	8	✉	**120**	*(€ 110)*

691

692

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
691	1906 (July 1): '20' c. in purple on 1 g. blue and '40' c. in purple on 2 g. deep brown, used examples on 1907 triple rate cover to Berlin, tied by poor "ADIS ABEBA" cds (Jan 23) in black with information strike at right. 1906 French Levant 25 c. blue and Merson 50 c. brown & lavender (Ceres 24+25) tied by dotted "Dirre Daoua / Abyssinie" datestamps (Feb 3) in transit. Berlin arrival on reverse (Feb 16) and German Reseal labels (3) at base. Imperfections but a scarce and most unusual combination of issues: less than five covers are recorded with the Levant 50 c. Merson. Cert. J-F. Brun (2010).	21/II+ 22/II	✉	**400**	*(€ 360)*
692	1906 (July 1): '05' c. in purple on ¼ g, green, two examples used on real photo postcard (hunters with antelope) to Germany tied by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamps in black (Jan 30, 1907), in combination with French Levant Blanc 5 c. blue-green pair (Ceres 13), tied by dotted "Dirre Daoua / Abyssinie" datestamp (Feb 10). Two German arrivals alongside (Feb 28). A scarce combination and card.	18/II	✉	**300**	*(€ 270)*

693

694

693	1906 (July 1): '20' c. in purple on 1 g. blue used on 1907 cover to Germany, slightly trimmed at left, tied by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamp in black (Feb 6), in combination with French P.O. in Port Said 25 c. blue (Ceres 28) tied by dotted "Dirre Daoua / Abyssinie" datestamp (Feb 17). Reverse with Djibouti transit cds and arrival cds. Envelope faults but an extremely rare combination usage - the earliest recorded. Cert. J-F. Brun (2016).	20/II	✉	**350**	*(€ 315)*
694	1907: Large part cover from Dire Daoua to Dresden, franked by French Levant Blanc 5 c. blue-green (Ceres 13) and vertical pair of French Port Said 10 c. deep rose (Ceres 25) tied by dotted "Dirre Daoua / Abyssinie" datestamps (March 24). Cover truncated at top and edge faults but reverse with Djibouti cds on reverse (March 25) and Dresden arrival (April 6) in black. A very rare combination.		✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*

695

696

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
695	1907: Cover from Dire Daoua sent registered to Porrentruy, Switzerland endorsed '*via Aden & Brindisi*', franked by French P.O. in Port Said 25 c. blue in a vertical pair (Ceres 28) tied by dotted "Dirre Daoua / Abyssinie" datestamp (Oct 6). Handstruck 'R' at left and reverse with Porrentruy arrival cds (Oct 19). Rare. Cert. J-F. Brun (2016).		✉	**350**	*(€ 315)*
696	1905 (Jan 1): '05' in blue on ¼ g. green and '10' in violet on ½ g. salmon, each in two diagonal bisects, in opposing halves and colourfully applied on 1905 registered cover to L'Estrange Ewen in London, tied by "ADIS ABEBA" datestamps in black (April 14), in combination with Somali Coast 1903 10 c. black & carmine, 15 c. black & yellow-brown and 25 c. black & blue (Ceres 57+58+60) all tied by Djibouti cds's (May 1) in blue. Reverse with London arrivals (May 15) and sender's cachet of A. Savouré, the Emperor Menelik's Arms dealer. The envelope with closed edge tears but a remarkable cover. *Provenance: Collection Reverend Eric Payne, Harmers, London, 20 Dec 1995, lot 55.*	8+ 9	✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*

697

698

697	1905 (Jan 1): '10' in violet on ½ g. salmon used on 1906 cover to Djibouti, tied by bilingual "HARAR" datestamp in blue (Oct 5), in combination with Somali Coast 1903 25 c. black & blue tied by Djibouti cds in black. An unusual local usage.	9	✉	**120**	*(€ 110)*
698	1906: 'Postes & Télégraphes Ethiopiens' printed envelope sent registered from Harar (initially a Value Declared Letter for 50 francs, but this service not introuduced until late in 1907 and deleted at top, although correctly rated for same), franked by French Levant 10 c. rose and 25 c. blue (Ceres 14+24) tied by "HARAR / POSTES FRANÇAISES" datestamps in blue (Dec 30) with framed 'R' alongside. 'La Reunion a Marseille' Paquebot datestamp (Jan 4, 1907) in black and Paris arrival on reverse, with Somali Coast 1 c. used as seal at top of envelope, a scarce cover. Cert. J-F. Brun (2009).		✉	**175**	*(€ 160)*

ex 699

700

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
699	1906: Registered cover from Harar to France, with "HARAR / POSTES FRANÇAISES" despatch datestamp in blue, with Obock 1894 50 c. red & blue (Ceres 57) with framed 'R' alongside cancelled in Djibouti (Jan 26) in black. Octagonal 'LIGNE N / PAQ. FR. No. 8' datestamp at top (Jan 27) and reverse with Mirebel / Jura arrival (Feb 6), a fine cover; together with cover from same correspondence franked by Somali Coast 25 c. black & blue and mailed (1905) in similar fashion.		✉	**120**	*(€ 110)*
700	1905 (Jan 1): '10' in violet on ½ g. salmon on cover to Beirut, Syria tied by bilingual "HARAR" datestamp (Oct 21) in blue, in combination with Somali Coast 1903 25 c. black & blue (Ceres 60) tied by Djibouti cds (Oct 24) in black. Octagonal 'La Reunion a Marseille / L.U. No. 3' in black (Nov 3) also on obverse. Reverse with French P.O. in Port Said cds and Beyrouth arrival (Nov 10). Cover with thin spot but a rare combination. Cert. APS (2002).	9	✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*

701

702

701	1906 (July 1): Large Minilik '40' on 2 g. deep brown used on 1907 double rate cover to Manchester, tied by "ADIS ABEBA" datestamp (April 26) in black. Cover flap torn on opening but reverse bears 1906 French Levant Merson 50 c. brown & grey (Ceres 25), tied by dotted "DIRRE DAOUA / ABYSSINIE" datestamp (May 5) to Manchester (May 18). Faults with part of flap missing but very rare - just 5 covers are recorded bearing the Levant 50 c. value. Cert. J-F. Brun (2010). *Note: For a similar example at triple rate see the Payne collection (lot 77) or Sciaky collection (lot 98).*		✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*
702	1905: Cover from Awara Melka to Caen, France, with return address and handstamp "PLANTATION / D'AOUARA MELKA" (an Austro-Swiss fruit concern), carried via Harar and mailed in Djibouti with Somali Coast 1902 5 c. pale green & green and 1903 black & carmine (Ceres 40+57) tied by Djibouti datestamps (Dec 12, 1905) in black. Octagonal 'La Reunion a Marseille' datestamp in black (Dec 14) and reverse with Caen cds. Scarce and most unusual. Cert. J-F. Brun (2016).		✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*

Private Ethiopian Posts in 1895-1907 - Need of Ethiopian Overprints

703

704

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
703	1894: The full set of seven values to 16 g. black, used on registered cover to Arthur Maury in Paris, all tied by bilingual "HARAR" datestamps (Nov 27) in brown; "Djibouti / Postes" datestamp in blue (Dec 28) and framed 'R', with 'La Reunion a Marseille / L.U. No. 2' Paquebot adjacent. Djibouti stamp missing on reverse. These covers were prepared for Maury for the 1896 Paris Exhibition.	1/7	✉	**100**	*(€ 90)*
704	1901: 'Ethiopie' in violet on 1 g. blue postal stationery card (H&G 6) used to Basel, Switzerland cancelled by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamp in black (Dec 11), with bilingual "HARAR" datestamp of transit in blue (Dec 20) at right, in combination with Somali Coast 1894 10 c. green & lilac-brown (Ceres 19) cancelled on arrival in Basel (Jan 21, 1902). Corner fault to the card (written by J.A. Michel), but a rare genuine in-period usage of same.		✉	**100**	*(€ 90)*

705

706

705	1901 (July 1): 'Ethiopie' in violet on 1 g. blue in a horizontal pair, used on 1901 cover to Zurich, Switzerland cancelled by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamp in black (Nov 11), with bilingual "HARAR" datestamp of transit in blue (Nov 21) at left; in combination with Somali Coast 1894 10 c. green & lilac-brown, 15 c. green & violet and 50 c. rose & blue (Ceres 10+11+15) tied by Djibouti datestamps (Nov 29) to reverse in blue. Zurich arrival above (Dec 16). Slight trim to reverse of envelope but most attractive. Cert. J-F. Brun (2016).	3/I	✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*
706	1901 (Oct 15): 'Ethiopie' in blue on ½ g. salmon used on postcard to Paris tied by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamp in blue (May 5, 1908), in combination with Somali Coast 1903 10 c. black & carmine similarly tied at Addis Abeba alongside in blue. Fine real photo card of Mother, children and herd of cows in sepia. Scarce - during the re-organisation of the Private Posts, these contentious stamps were re-issued. Cert. J-F. Brun (2016).	2/II	✉	**150**	*(€ 135)*

707

708

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
707	1902 (April 1): Bosta in violet on 1 g. blue, a single example on registered cover to the 'Circus Schumann' in Colmar and readdressed to Prague, tied by bilingual "HARAR" datestamp (April 6) in blue, transferred with "HARAR / NPOSTES FRANÇAISES" cds in black, reverse with Obock 1894 15 c. blue & rose (2) and 20 c. orange & brown-violet (Ceres 52+53) tied in Djibouti (April 12) in blue. Kolmar cds (April 27) and Prag arrival cds of the following day adjacent. Edge wear to envelope and faults but a scarce destination and the earliest recorded use of the 'Bosta' issue. Cert. J-F. Brun (2016). *Provenance: Collection Roberto Sciaky, Harmers, London, 25 July 2006, lot 57.*	3/III	✉	**300**	*(€ 270)*
708	1902: Bosta overprint in blackish-blue on 1 g. blue postal stationery card (H&G 6a), written by H. Muhle to F. Michel in Berne, Switzerland cancelled by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" cds in black (Nov 27) with "HARAR" transit datestamp (Dec 8, 1902) in blue. Somali Coast 1902 5 c. pale green & green pair (Ceres 40) below tied by Djibouti cds (Dec 15). 'La Reunion a Marseille / LV No. 2' Paquebot in black (Dec 15) and Bern arrival (Dec 28) all on obverse. A most attractive and scarce usage.		✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*

709

710

709	1902: Bosta overprint in black on 1 g. blue postal stationery card (H&G 6d), used to France cancelled by faint "Adis Abeba" cds (June 17, 1904) in black, in combination with Somali Coast 1903 10 c. black & carmine tied by Djibouti cds in blue (July 12). Enghien Les Bains arrival cds (July 27). A scarce card - message states *"Expedition in a hopeless muddle, unable to proceed beyond place reached (Addis) and consequently returning soon, probably in bits..".*		✉	**150**	*(€ 135)*
710	1903 (Jan 1): Malekt optd. in black on ¼ g. green (4) and ½ g. salmon (2) used on registered 1903 cover to Whitfield King in Ipswich, all tied by bilngual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamps in black (May 11). Franked on obverse and reverse with Somali Coast 1902 5 c. pale green & green (3), 1894 orange-brown & green (5) and Obock 1894 5 c. green & brown (2) all cancelled by Djibouti cds's in blue (June 3). Octagonal 'Ligne N' Paquebot and Ipswich arrival (June 17). A most attractive correctly rated 'three country' franking.	1/IV+ 2/IV	✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*

711

712

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
711	1903 (Jan 1): Malekt optd. in black ½ g. salmon (surcharge variety with two dots at beginning of overprint) used on Dec 23 1905 postcard from Awara Melka to Graz, Austria, tied by bilingual "HARAR" datestamp in blue (Dec 31), in combination with Somali Coast 1902 15 c. blue & yellow-brown (Ceres 42) tied by Djibouti cds (Jan 2, 1906) in black. A fine usage with card of 'Djibouti, Indigenous Village'. Cert. J-F. Brun (2016).	2/IV	✉	**140**	*(€ 125)*
712	1905 (Jan 1): '05' in blue on ¼ g. green tied to 1905 postcard (Ostriches) to Fiume by bilingual "HARAR" datestamp in black (Feb 16), in combination with Somali Coast 1902 10 c. orange-red & carmine (Ceres 41) tied by Djibouti cds (Feb 17) in blue. Scarce issue on card or cover.	8	✉	**120**	*(€ 110)*

713

714

713	1905: '10' in violet on 1 g. blue postal stationery card (H&G 7c) used with 1903 malekt ½ g. salmon to Berne, Switzerland tied by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamps in black (May 24), "HARAR" transit in black (June 1); in combination with Somali Coast 1903 10 c. black & carmine (Ceres 57) tied by Djibouti cds in blue (June 5), Bern arrival cds, all on obverse. A rare card in used condition and very fine.		✉	**175**	*(€ 160)*
714	1905: '20' in violet on 1 g. blue postal stationery card (H&G 7d) used to Bonn, tied by weak bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamp in black (March 15), "HARAR" transit in blue (March 26) on reverse; in combination with Somali Coast 1903 15 c. black & yellow-brown (Ceres 58) tied by Djibouti cds in blue (March 28), French Paquebot 'La Reunion a Marseille' in black and Bonn arrival cds, all on obverse. A rare card in used condition and very fine.		✉	**175**	*(€ 160)*

715

716

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
715	1905 (Jan 24): Diagonally bisected '5 c/m' in violet on ½ g. salmon used on 1905 postcard to Berne, Switzerland tied by bilingual "HARAR" datestamp in black (March 9), in combination with Somali Coast 1902 10 c. orange-red & carmine (Ceres 41) tied by Djibouti cds (March 10) in blue, Aden cds and Bern arrival (March 24) all on obverse of a fine card written by J.A. Michel. Rare. Cert. J-F-. Brun (2017).	16	✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*
716	1905 (Jan 24): '05' on Bosta ¼ g. green and diagonally bisected '5 c/m' in violet on ½ g. salmon used on 1905 cover to Dire-Daoua, each tied by bilingual "HARAR" datestamps (Dec 13) in blue. No arrival on reverse as the Dire-Daoua Post Office had yet to open. Roughly opened at left but a rare usage of these two provisionals. Cert. APS (2010).	8/III+ 16	✉	**220**	*(€ 200)*

717

718

717	1905: '5 c/m' in violet on 1 g. blue postal stationery card (H&G 7c) , sent registered from Addis Abeba with pair of 1905 '20' on 1 g. blue pair to Vienna, in combïnation with Somali Coast 1903 10 c. black & carmine and 25 c. black & blue (Ceres 57+60) tied by Djibouti cds's (March 30) in blue. Framed 'R' and Vienna arrival (April 14) all on obverse of a fine and very scarce card.	10	✉	**175**	*(€ 160)*
718	1905: Postage Due 'T' (Type II) in violet on ½ g. salmon horizontal pair tied to reverse of underpaid 1905 in-coming cover to Addis Abeba from Jerusalem by "HARAR" datestamp (Sept 5) in greenish blue; Turkey 20 pa. carmine pair above tied by bilingual JERUSALEM cds with Port Said, Suez, Aden and Djibouti transits alongside. Envelope with imperfections but an exceptionally rare usage of the Postage Dues (only recorded used in Harar) with less than 10 covers bearing this issue known. Signed Holcombe. Cert. J-F. Brun (2016). *Note: Illustrated in the Sciaky handbook on page 90.* *Provenance: Collection Roberto Sciaky, Harmers, London, 25 July 2006, lot 77* *Collection Ulf Lindahl, DF, Geneva, Sept 2013, lot 72110.*	P2	✉	**750**	*(€ 675)*

719

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
719	1906 (April 28): Postage Due 'Taxe à Percevoir' 1 g. blue, tied to reverse of underpaid cover from Bavaria to Harar, readdressed to Addis Abeba by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamp (March 4. 1906) in black - paying the rate for the readdressing and Ethiopia was yet to join the UPU. Correctly rated on despatch with Bavaria 10 pfg. carmine in a vertical pair (Jan 29), with 'Suez / Ambulant' transit cds (Feb 12) and Djibouti cds alongside. An extremely rare Postage Due on letter and most unusual. Cert. J-F. Brun (2010).	P10	✉	**750**	*(€ 675)*

720

721

720	1906 (Jan 1): Small Minelik in violet on '10' on ½ g. salmon used on 1906 postcard to Antioch, Syria tied to viewside by bilingual "HARAR" datestamp in blue (May 26), in combination with Somali Coast 1903 10 c. black & carmine (Ceres 57) tied by Djibouti cds (May 29) in black. Reverse with "Alexandrette" Austrian Post Office arrival datestamp (June 19). A rare stamp on card or letter to an unusual destination. Cert. J-F. Brun (2017).	19/I	✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*
721	1906 (Jan 1): Small Minelik in violet on 05' on ¼ g. green (2, on reverse), Small Minelik '20' on 1 g. blue, 1903 Malekt in black on 1 gr. blue (2) all used on 1906 registered cover to Porrentruy, Switzerland tied by bilingual "ADIA ABEBA" datestamps in black (June 6), in combination with Somali Coast 1902 75 c. orange & brown-lilac (Ceres 49) tied by Djibouti cds (June 19) in black. Reverse with Porrentruy arrival (June 30). The envelope with slight trim at top but rare and most attractive.	18/I+ 20/I+ 3/IV	✉	**300**	*(€ 270)*

722

723

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
722	1906 (July 1): Large Minilik in violet on '10' on ½ g. salmon, a defective example used on 1906 postcard to Elberfeld, Germany tied by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamp in black (Dec 26), in combination with French Levant 10 c. rose (Ceres 14) tied by "DIRRE DAOUA / ABYSSINIE" cds (Jan 2, 1907) in black (date slug error). A rare combination and the fault not too glaring. Cert. J-F. Brun (2010).	19/II	✉	**120**	*(€ 110)*
723	1906 (July 1): Large Minilik in red-violet on '10' on ½ g. salmon, four examples used on 1906 cover to Grandson, Switzerland all tied by bilingual "HARAR" datestamps in blue (Dec 16); in combination with 1903 Somali Coast 5 c. black & green (3) and 10 c. black & carmine (3) tied by dotted ""DIRRE DAOUA / ABYSSINIE" cds's in black (Dec 16). Reverse with Grandson arrival (Jan 7, 1907). A fine and rare cover.	19/II	✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*

724

725

724	1907 (July 1): Dagmawi '*¼*' in violet on ¼ g. green, a vertical pair used on 1907 postcard (Place Menelik) to Belgium, tied by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamps (Nov 10) in deep blue; in combination with Somali Coast 1903 5 c. black & green (2) tied by Djibouti cds in black (Dec 2) with Brussels arrival alongside (Dec 16). A scarce issue on cover or card. Signed Holcombe.	25	✉	**175**	*(€ 160)*
725	1907 (July 1) Dagmawi '*1*' in violet on 1 g. blue, a used example on 1907 cover to Germany tied by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamps (Aug 19) in black; reverse with rare usage of Port Said 25 c, blue, tied by dotted ""DIRRE DAOUA / ABYSSINIE" cds in black (Aug 28) with Djibouti transit alongside. Some wrinkles but a fine and rare cover.	27	✉	**300**	*(€ 270)*

726

Emperor's Palace in Addis Ababa

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
726	1908: Scroll 1 pi. on ½ g. salmon and July 1906 40 c. in violet on 2 g. deep brown, corner fault, used on registered 1908 cover to Paris with Somali Coast 1903 10 c. black & carmine and 1902 25 c. pale blue & blue all tied by "ADDIS-ABABA / POSTES" datestamps (Aug 28) in blue. Paris arrival cds (Sept 26) on reverse. The envelope with wear and edge faults but a rare usage of the Scroll issue on letter. Cert. P. Holcombe (1997).	32/I+ 21/II	✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*

Private Ethiopian Posts in 1895-1907 - Ethiopian Postal Rates

French steamer "Sydney"

727

727	1897 (June 24): Cover to Constantinople franked on reverse with 1894 2 g. deep brown tied by "HARAR" datestamp in black, repeated strike on obverse; franked on front with Somali Coast 1894 25 c. blue & rose cancelled by "Djibouti / Postes" datestamps in blue (June 27) and by French Paquebot "Ligne N / Paq. Fr. No. 10" (June 28) and carried up the Red Sea by the Steamer *"Sydney"*. Port Said transit (July 3), Alexandria transit (July 8) and German P.O. in Constantinople arrival cds (July 13) on reverse. Cover originally opened for display and trimmed at back. Rare. Signed G. Bolaffi (1953), A. Bolaffi and A. Diena; cert. A. Diena (1968). *Provenance: Collection Nachum Kaplan, Corinphila sale 169, Sept 2011, lot 755.*	4	✉	**300**	*(€ 270)*

728

729

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
728	1896: ½ g. salmon postal stationery card (H&G 2), used to Italy cancelled by bold bilingual "HARAR" datestamps in black (May 6, 1897), in combination with Somali Coast 1894 25 c. blue & rose (Ceres 12) cancedlled "Djibouti / Postes" in blue (May 10). Treviso arrival (May 24) also on obverse of an attractive card. Cert. J-F. Brun (2017).		✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*
729	1903 (Jan 1): Malekt 2 g. deep brown used on 1903 cover to Grosseto, Italy tied by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamps in black (April 15); in combination with Somali Coast 1894 10 c. green & lilac-brown and 15 c. blue & rose tied by Djibouti cds's (May 2). Reverse with "HARAR" transit in blue (April 28) and arrival cds. Some aging but scarce.	4/IV	✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*

730

731

730	1903: Malekt in black on 1 g. blue postal stationery card (H&G 6d), used to Berlin cancelled by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamps in black (March 26), in combination with Somali Coast 1902 5 c. pale green & green (Ceres 40) tied by Djibouti cds's (April 12). Berlin arrival (April 27) also on obverse of a scarce card used, very fine.		✉	**150**	*(€ 135)*
731	1905 (Jan 1): '05' in violet on ¼ g. green,a single example mailed underpaid by Postmaster J.A. Michel in Harar (cachet at right), to the Palace at Monaco tied by bilingual "HARAR" datestamp in blue (Dec 24, 1905), in combination with Somali Coast 1903 25 c. black & blue (Ceres 60) tied by Djibouti cds (Dec 26). Reverse with Monaco arrival datestamps (Jan 7, 1906). File fold but believed to be the earliest and only letter to Monaco recorded in the classic period of 1894-1910. Cert. APS (2010).	8	✉	**140**	*(€ 125)*

732

733

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
732	1905 (Jan 1): '40' in blue on 2 g. deep brown, a single example used on 1905 double weight cover to Rostock, Germany tied by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" cds in black (March 19) with bilingual "HARAR" transit below (April 6) in blue. Somali Coast 1903 50 c. black & green tied by Djibouti cds in blue with faint 'La Reunion a Marseille' at left. Rostock arrival on reverse. Overall soiling and opening fault at left but a scarce stamp on correctly rate cover. Cert. APS (2010).	11	✉	**120**	*(€ 110)*
733	1906 (Jan 1): Small Minilik '05' on ¼ g. green pair, '10' on ½ g. salmon (2) and single '20' on 1 gr. blue, all used on 1906 registered cover to Hamburg tied by bilingual "HARAR" datestamps in blue (Feb 18), with Somali Coast 1903 50 c. black & green (Ceres 62) tied by Djibouti cds (Feb 20). Reverse with framed 'Recommandé / HARAR (Ethiopie)' registration cachet in violet and Hamburg arrival cds (March 3). Philatelic but scarce.	18/I+ 19/I+ 20/I	✉	**175**	*(€ 160)*

734

734	1905 (Jan 1): '05' on ¼ g. green, '10' on ½ g. salmon, '20' on 1 g. blue and '40' in blue on 2 g. deep brown, on double weight registered cover to USA, all tied by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamps in black (Sept 17) with "HARAR" cds of transit in blue (Oct 1). Somali Coast 1903 15 c. black & yellow-brown, 20 c. black & violet and 40 c. black & orange (Ceres 58+59+61) all tied by Djibouti cds`s (Oct 3). Boston arrival on reverse (Oct 24). Curiously, mail to the USA in the period 1896-1905 is surprisingly uncommon.	8/11	✉	**150**	*(€ 135)*

735

736

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
735	1906 (Jan 1): Small Minilik '20' on 1 g. blue and '80' on 4 g. lilac-brown used on triple rate registered 1906 cover to Berne, Switzerland tied by "HARAR" datestamps in blue (March 18) with two strikes of the (J.AS. Michel) registration cachet in violet; in combination with Somali Coast 1894 40 c. blue & yellow, 1902 5 c. pale green & green, 10 c. red-orange & carmine and 1903 4 c. black & carmine in a strip of five, 25 c. black & blue (Ceres 14+40+41+55+60) tied by Djibouti cds's in black (March 20). Bern arrival on reverse (March 30). A fine and most attractive cover. *Collection 'Menelik', Harmers, Lugano, 8 Dec 1989, lot 655.*	20/I+ 22/I	✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*
736	1905 (Jan 1): '20' on 1 g. blue, a single example used on 1906 cover from Harar to Awara Melka Plantation, tied by bilingual "HARAR" datestamp (Jan 1) in blue with information strike at right. File folds well away from the adhesive, a rare internal usage. Cert. J-F. Brun (2016).	10	✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*

737

738

737	1906 (July 1): Large Minelik '10' on ½ g. salmon, three pairs used as seals on reverse of 1907 triple rate envelope from A. Savouré (blue cachet on obverse) to the French Post Office in Dirre-Daoua, all tied by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamps (Jan 17) in black. Stained from attempts to gum the flap but a scarce issue on letter. Cert. J-F. Brun (2016).	19/II	✉	**175**	*(€ 160)*
738	1905 (Jan 1): '10' on ½ g. salmon, a single example used on 1905 cover to P.A. Szantó of the Austro-Hungarian Expedition, cancelled by bilingual "HARAR" datestamps in blue (Oct 17), with Somali Coast 1903 25 c. black & blue (Ceres 60) alongside cancelled on arrival in Djibouti (Oct 22) in black. *Provenance: Collection Roberto Sciaky, Harmers, London, 25 July 2006, lot 82.*	9	✉	**150**	*(€ 135)*

739

740

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
739	1905: Great Britain 1 d. red stationery envelope up-rated for UPU rate to Addis Abeba with 1902 perfinned 1½ d. deep lilac & green tied by London machine cancellation (April 28). Cover struck on reverse with "Aden" transit cds (May 7) and Djibouti cds in blue (May 16). The envelope was then charged (not taxed) for internal transmission with April 1905 Postage Due "T" (Type II) in violet on 1894 1 g. blue tied by bilingual "HARAR" datestamp (May 16). Some edge wear to envelope but a rarity of Ethiopian philately. Cert. RPSL (2016). *Note: Contrary to Michel's listing, this issue has been recorded used from April 28th 1905. The stamps were only used in Harar.* *The RPSL state the Postage Due is 'a philatelic contrivance'. If this is so, who paid for the transmission from Djibouti, Somali Coast to Addis Abeba, Ethiopia given that Ethiopia had yet to join the UPU?* *Provenance: Collection Nachum Kaplan, Corinphila sale 169, Sept 2011, lot 770*	P3	✉	**750**	*(€ 675)*
740	1906 (April 28): Postage Due 'Taxe à Percevoir' 1 g. blue tied by "ADIS ABEBA" datestamp (May 1) in black to incoming 1907 postcard mailed from Oran, Algeria franked by Sower 10 c. rose (April 6) on viewside. A very scarce stamp used on card or letter. Cert. J-F. Brun (2016).	P10	✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*

741

742

741	1906 (April 28): Postage Due 'Taxe à Percevoir' 1 g. blue, tied to 1906 incoming cover to Awara Melka Plantation by "Harar" datestamps in blue, stained, paying the internal charge on letter from Grandson, Switzerland bearing Standing Helvetia 25 c. blue (Aug 18). Reverse with Marseille and Djibouti transit cds (Sept 4). File fold away from the adhesives but a very scarce usage of the Postage Due on an unusual cover.	P10	✉	**300**	*(€ 270)*
742	1900: Austria 5 kr. rose on buff postal stationery card mailed to Gondar, Abyssinia, with extraordinary range of cancellations prior to the card's eventual return with 'Suez / Ambulant' cds (April 11), bilingual "HARAR" in blue (April 26, May 3 and Sept 30), "ENTOTTO" in blue (May 11 and Sept 24), Djibouti (Oct 9), octagonal 'Ligne N' Paquebot datestamp (Oct 15). Rare and unusual and an extraordinary destination for Austrian Mail of this period. Cert. J-F. Brun (2016).		✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*

Reorganisation of Posts and UPU in 1907-08

743

View of Dirre-Daoua

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
743	1907 (Nov 15): Registered cover to Djibouti franked by French Levant Blanc 1 c. grey (2), 2 c. claret and Port Said 5 c. green with Merson 1 fr. rose & yellow-green, all tied by dotted "DIRRE-DAOUA / ABYSSINIE" datestamps (Nov 15) in black, with Djibouti cds on reverse (Nov 18). Philatelic but the 1 fr. Port Said is a rarity on letter from Dirre-Daoua and during the interegnum period just seven covers are reported from Dire Daoua. *Note: For a similar cover see collection Reverend Eric Payne, Harmers, London, 20 Dec 1995, lot 83.* *Provenance: Collection Ulf Lindahl, DF, Geneva, Sept 2013, lot 72122.*	✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*

744

744 **French Legation at Addis Abeba** 1907: Registered cover from Addis Abeba to Zurich franked at the French Legation by Somali Coast 1903 75 c. black & bistre (Ceres 63) paying the registered double rate, tied by large circular "LEGATION DE FRANCE / RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE / ADDIS-ABBEBA" handstamp with framed 'R' adjacent in black. Reverse with unclear French Paquebot and Zurich arrival (Jan 7, 1908). Envelope with two file holes and closed corner tear at right, of no great significance as this is the sole registered usage from the Legation, with only three covers (all used in November and December 1907 after the bankruptcy of the Ethiopian Posts) in total recorded. Unique. Cert. J-F. Brun (2016).
Provenance: Collection Roberto Sciaky, Harmers, London, 25 July 2006, lot 104. ✉ **1'200** *(€ 1'080)*

745

The French Legation in Addis Abeba

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
745	**French Legation at Addis / Harar** 1908 (Jan 5): Registered cover at triple rate to Graz, Austria franked by Somali Coast 1902 25 c. pale blue & blue, four examples (Ceres 44) tied with two bold strikes of the "Harar Maltese Cross" handstamp with framed 'R' at left in black. Reverse with return addresss of the French Consulate in Addis Abeba, manuscript date of sending, Dijon cds (Feb 1) and Graz arrival cds (Feb 3). A few small imperfections to envelope but a famous and rare cover - the sole recorded usage of this cancel on a registered cover. Unique. Cert. J-F. Brun (2016). *Provenance: Collection Roberto Sciaky, Harmers, London, 25 July 2006, lot 106.*	✉	**1'000**	*(€ 900)*

746

747

746	1894: ½ g. salmon, a vertical used on 1908 cover to France in combination with Somali Coast 1903 10 c. black & carmine (Ceres 57) tied by "HARRAR / POSTES" datestamps in blue (July 11), with information strike alongside. Djibouti transit and arrival on reverse. A very scarce usage of the first issue during the re-organisation of the Posts period prior to joining the UPU later in the year. Cert. J-F. Brun (2017).	2	✉ **250**	*(€ 225)*
747	1901 (Oct 15): 'Ethiopie' on ¼ g. green and 1905 '05' in purple on ¼ g. green used on postcard (real photo of school or mission) to France with Somali Coast 1903 10 c. black & carmine (Ceres 57) all tied by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamps in blue-green (May 22). Voiron arrival at left (June 14). Superb and scarce.	1/II+ 8	✉ **200**	*(€ 180)*

748

749

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
748	1906 (July 1): Large Minelik '10' on ½ g. salmon, single example used on 1908 postcard to France with Somali Coast 1903 10 c. black & carmine (Ceres 57) all tied by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamps in blue-green (May 22). Superb and scarce. *Note: Illustrated in the Sciaky handbook on page 106.*	19/II	✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*
749	1908: 'Chemin de Fer Abyssinie / Mission Ozil' envelope to Djibouti franked by Somali Coast 1903 5 c. black & green in a vertical pair (Ceres 56) tied by dotted "DIRRE DAOUA / ABYSSINIE" datestamp (April 15) with information strike alongside. Djibouti arrival cds on reverse (April 16). Cover tears and inclusion at base but a scarce usage.		✉	**150**	*(€ 135)*

750

751

750	1908: Registered cover to Paris franked by Somali Coast 1903 50 c. black & green, sheet marginal (Ceres 62) tied by dotted "DIRRE DAOUA / ABYSSINIE" datestamp (June 7) with information strike alongside. Paris arrival cds on reverse (August 20). Superb and very scarce. Cert. J-F. Brun (2016).		✉	**220**	*(€ 200)*
751	1894: First Issue ¼ g. green (2), ½ g. salmon, 1 g. blue and 2 g. deep brown used on 1908 registered cover to Amsterdam, in combination with Somali Coast 1903 75 c. black & bistre (Ceres 63), all tied by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamps in blue (July 16) with unframed 'R' at left. Amsterdam arrival on obverse (Aug 2) and readdressed to Arnhem. A scarce late usage during re-organisation period to an unusual destination. Cert. J-F. Brun (2017).	1/4	✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*

752

754

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
752	1894: First Issue ¼ g. green (2), used on 1908 postcard to Burgos, Spain with Somali Coast 1903 10 c. black & carmine (Ceres 57) all tied by "HARRAR / POSTES" datestamps (Aug 22) in blue with information strike at left. Slight stain at base but a scarce usage and destination.	1	✉	**150**	*(€ 135)*

753

Ménelik II
Emperor of Ethiopia

753	1908: Cover sent registered to *"Sa Majesté Ménélik II, Empereur & Roi des Rois d'Ethiopie"*, franked by 1894 ¼ g. green and 1 g. blue, 1903 Malekt ½ g. salmon, 1907 ¼ in violet on ¼ g. green, 1908 Scroll 1 pi. on ½ g. salmon, all tied by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamps (Oct 5) in black with 'R' above. Opening tears at top and back flap missing but a remarkable cover. Cert. J-F. Brun (2016).	1+ 3+ 2/IV+ 25+ 32/I	✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*
754	1906 (July 1): Large Minilik '20' on 1 g. blue, a used example on 1908 cover to France in combination with Somali Coast 1903 10 c. black & carmine (Ceres 57) all tied by "ADDIS-ABABA / POSTES" cds in blue (June 25) with information strike at left alongside. Octagonal "YOKOHAMA A MARSEILLE / L.N. No. 1" Paquebot below (July 12). Reverse with Djibouti cds and Carignan arrival (July 26). Small envelope imperfections but scarce. Cert. J-F. Brun (2009).	20/II	✉	**140**	*(€ 125)*
755	**1 November 1908: Entry into UPU** 1908 (Nov 1): ½ piastre on ½ g. salmon, used on viewside of 1908 postcard to Firenze, Italy tied by "HARRAR / POSTES" datestamp in blue (Dec 12) with information strike above. Reverse with octagonal 'La Reunion a Marseille / L.V. No.1' in black (Dec 15). An early post-UPU usage. *Provenance: Collection Roberto Sciaky, Harmers, 25 July 2006, lot 125.* (Photo = www)	34	✉	**100**	*(€ 90)*

756

757

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
756	1908 (Nov 1): ¼ pi. on ¼ g. green horizontal pair, ½ pi. on ½ g. salmon, 1 pi. on 1 g. blue and 2 pi. on 2 g. brown all used on 1909 registered cover to France, correctly franked at 4 pi. rate (postage 2 pi. + registration 2 pi.), tied by "Addis Ababa" datestamps (Jan 7) in blue. Reverse with large black and red wafer seal of the 'Telegraphes Ethiopiens' and Lyon arrival cds (Jan 29).	33/36	✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*
757	1908 (Nov 1): 1 pi. on 1 g. blue and 4 pi. on 4 g. lilac-brown used on 1911 registered cover to Zurich tied by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamp in black (Feb 6) with information strike and 'R' alongside. Zurich arrival on reverse (March 3).	35+ 37	✉	**100**	*(€ 90)*

758

ex 759

758	1909: 4 g. green & rose, a used example on registered cover to Panama Canal Zone, tied by "ADDIS-ABABA / POSTES" in black (Feb 11), thence via New York (March 11) with fine strikes of scarce "PEDRO MIGUEL C.Z. / REGISTERED" arrivals in blue (March 20 and 21) and readdressed to Culebra. A rare destination.	44	✉	**80**	*(€ 70)*
759	**1 November 1908: Entry into UPU** 1907 (July 1): Dagmawi '*¼*' in violet on ¼ g. green, a used example on postcard of Market at Adda, mailed from Harar by the P.O. Official Sourin to France, tied by "HARRAR / POSTES" datestamp (July 7) in blue; together with 1911 faulty cover to Cairo with 1907 4 pi. on 4 g. lilac-rose pair and 1909 4 g. rose & green sent registered from "ADIA ABEBA" (April 5). Pre UPU issues being used up are relatively scarce. *Provenance: The postcard ex collection Reverend Eric Payne, Harmers, London, 20 Dec 1995, lot 76.*	25+ 37+ 44	✉	**120**	*(€ 110)*

760

View of Addis Ababa

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
760	1908: Multi-franked registered cover to Zurich, three weeks before joining UPU, bearing Ethiopia 1905 '20' in red-violet on 1 g. blue, 1907 '2' in violet on 2 g. deep brown, scarce 'Taxe à Percevoir' Postage Due 1 g. blue, used with Somali Coast 1903 1 c., 4 c., 10 c. and 20 c.; Obock 1894 15 c. blue & rose and Port Said 25 c. blue all canceleled by bilingual "ADIS ABEBA" datestamps (Oct 9). A few imperfections but a scarce usage sent whilst they still could! with J.A. Michel cachet on reverse. Cert. APS (2002). *Provenance: Collection Ulf Lindahl, DF, Geneva, Sept 2013, lot 72126.*	10+ 28+ P10	✉	**400**	*(€ 360)*

761

762

761	1908: Scroll 1 piastre on ½ g. salmon, a used example on locally mailed 1908 cover mailed addressed to J.A. Michel tied by "ADIS ABEBA" datestamp in black (Oct 23). A scarce stamp on letter.	32/I	✉	**100**	*(€ 90)*
762	**1 November 1908: Entry into UPU** 1908: Printed cover from J. Guillet, 'Direction des Postes et Télégraphes Ethiopiens' at Harar, mailed to France bearing 1 Nov 1908 '2 Piastre' on 2 g. deep brown tied by "HARRAR / POSTES" datestamp in blue (Nov 7) with information strike below. Djibouti cds of transit (Nov 10) and Lille arrival on reverse. File fold away from adhesive, a remarkable early usage of the stamp in first week of issue. Cert. J-F-. Brun (2016).	36	✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*
763	1908: Covers (2), one with single 1894 ½ g. salmon tied by bilingual "HARAR" cds (April 2) in blue, addressed tro Paul Szantó of the Austro-Hungarian Expedition locally and re-addressed to Addis Abeba; the second 1908 cover with marginal pair of 1894 ½ g. salmon tied by dotted "DIRRE-DAOUA / ABYSSINIE" datesatamp and by "HARRAR / POSTES" arrival in blue (cert. J-F. Brun 2017). Faults to each but a scarce pairing. *(Photo = www)*	2	✉	**150**	*(€ 135)*

Ethiopia - Later Issues on covers

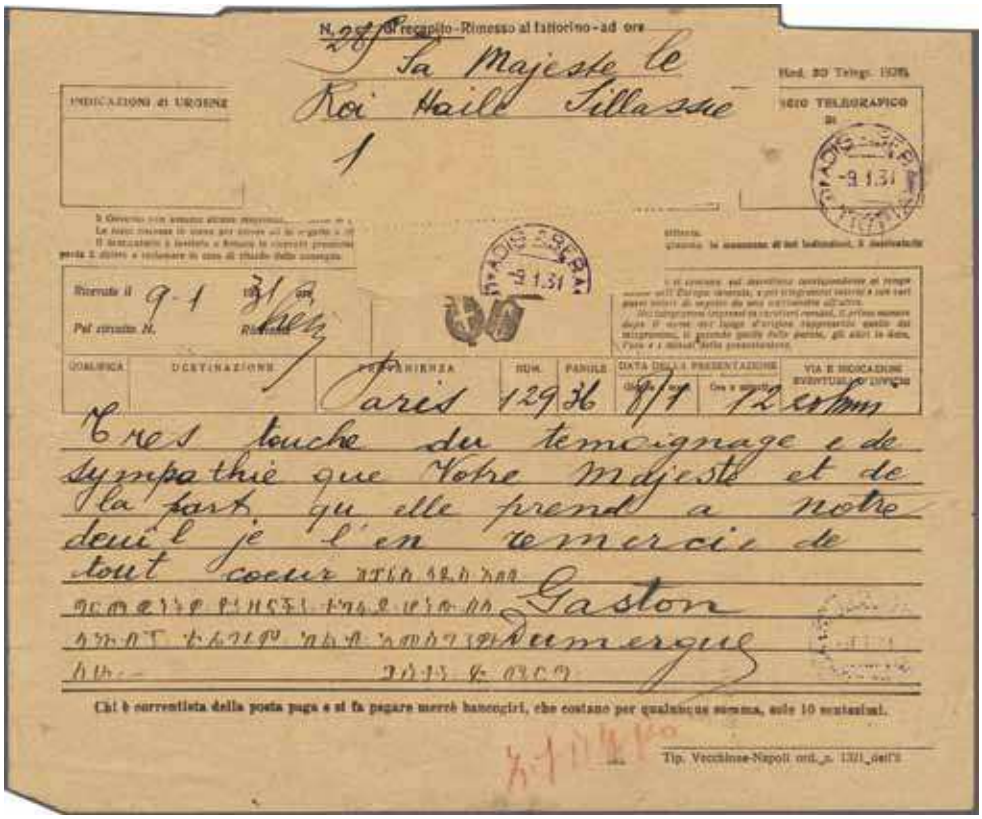
		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
764	1909 (March 27): ½ g. rose-carmine, a single example used on "Avis de Réception" printed form, neatly tied by bilingual "HARRAR" datestamp in black (May 20) with arrival below of bilingual "DIRÉ-DAOUA" cds in black (May 22). File fold away from adhesive, fresh and very fine; together with a 1919 registered / AR multi-franked cover (to the Turkish Consul) with 'AR' hand-written; and a believed unique 1911 Parcel receipt "Colis Postal Récépissé" for 190 parcels sent in 1911 cancelled bilingual "HARAR" cds in blue and a 1911 registration receipt cancelled bilingual "HARRAR" cds in blue (Jan 6). A scarce group. *(Photo = www)*	41	✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*
765	**Telegraphs** 1910 & 1919: "Télégrahes Ethiopiens" Telegram form preinted on blue used for Telegram sent from Harar to Dire-Daoua strcuk with bilingual "HARAR" datestamp in blue (Dec 7); and 1919 unusual hand-written example with notation reply paid struck with bilingual "HARAR" datestamp in deep blue (Nov 20), together with a hand carried 1925 letter written in Amharic within Addis Abeba with superb violet cachet "Regie Co-Intrsse Des Tabacs De L'Emp. Ethiopien" in violet. *(Photo = www)*		✉	**150**	*(€ 135)*

766

766	1911 (Oct 1): Dire-Daoua Provisionals, the set of seven values complete, used on philatelic cover to Harar cancelled by "DIRE-DAOUA / POSTES" datestamps in blue (2 Oct) on second day of issue. Reverse with "HARRAR / POSTES" arrival cds (Oct 3) in black. A scarce set in genuine condition Mi = € 800.	A46/G46	✉	**250**	*(€ 225)*

767

767	1930: Coronation of Haile Selassie 2 m. black & blue (Hayle), used on postcard from Addis Abeba, showing the procession of ther Coronation to London, the card with a full account of the ceremony in English *"Here is a picture of part of the crowd which awaited the King & Queen procession from the Church of St. George on Coronation Day Nov 2...On Nov 1st I was one of the guests at a garden party held in honour of the Duke of Gloucester's visit here. The Earl of Airlie accompanied him...We interior Sudan Missionaries just now have numbered twenty so you can picture how the two homes have been crowded....."*. Most unusual and interesting card.	135/I	✉	**80**	*(€ 70)*



768

French President Gaston Doumergue

Haile Selassie Emperor of Ethiopia

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
768	1931: Telegram from the French President, Gaston Doumergue (1863-1937) to the Emperor Haile Selassie, bilingually inscribed from Paris sent on January 8 and arriving in Addis Abeba with Italian "ADIS ABEBA" datestamps of receipt (Jan 9) in violet, thanmking the Emperor for his good wishes. Rare.	✉	**120**	*(€ 110)*
769	**Ethiopia - Italian War** 1935/36: Ethiopia Censored Mail with handstamped "Empire D'Ethiopie Censure Militaire" Reseals with Dec 1935 cover freom Addis Abeba to Djibouti with pink Reseal tape and Censor #10 cachet, rare 1936 cover to Australia, Jan 1936 cover with pink label used to Djibouti, 1936 cover at 4 g. rate to Berlin with white Reseal, covers to USA and Sweden (ex Swedish Red Cross) with Censor #1 and #2, registered 1936 covers to Zurich and Czechoslavakia with Censor #3, cover to Berlin with Censor #5, 1936 cover to Germany with Censor #7 etc., and registered Ethiopian Red Cross cover front to Geneva and reverse of cover onlx showing "British Ambulanced Service in Ethiopia cachet (17 items). *(Photo = ☐ www)*	✉	**200**	*(€ 180)*

Ethiopia - Lots and Collections

770	1886/1929: The collection on leaves (60 items) with Italian P.O. covers (2) each with Italy 20 c. orange, 1896 Loan agreement form with cachet of Dejazmah Beontif well struck in violet (rare), 1901 ½ g. stationery card used from Djibouti with Obock franking, 1902 1 gr. pair on combination cover to Mrs. Ilg in Zurich (cert.), 1902 combination franking with Obock, 1904 registered postcard with nine Somali Coast adhesives ex Djibouti, 1905 postcard with '5 c/m' in ½ g., 1905 quadruple weight registered combination cover to Austria (cert.). Condition varies but some fascinating early items noted, eight certificates. *(Photo = ☐ www)*	✉	**2'000**	*(€ 1'800)*
771	1908/36: Postal History collection with 1908 postcard bearing ½ pi. on ½ g. from Harar cancxelled in blue, 1917 registered cover freom Dire-Daoua to Port Said, 1918 registered cover addressed to Haile Selassie in Amharic from Harrar, 1919 reg'd cover to Port Said with 'Addis Abeba / Arada' datestamp, 1925 hand-carried cover (to show honour to the recipient) from Djibouti to Dire-Daoua, 1927 Telegram receipt, 1928 registered cover from Aouache, 1930c. cover from Danguela to Addis (Church Mail), 1931 registered cover from Goré to USA at 7 g. rate, 1932 cover to Debre-Marcos, 1932 Complete Newspaper and wrapper addressed to Haile Selassie, 1932 cover from Venezuela to Welamo, 1936 cover mailed ten day before Italian occupation of Dessie etc. (30 items).	✉	**300**	*(€ 270)*

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
772	1909/1936: Destination Covers/cards (40). The collection on leaves with a superb array of usages, both surface and air and registered noted, with covers to Aden, Argentina, Austria, Belgian Congo, Brazil, 1921 registered cover to Hankow, China; registered postcard to Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Eritrea, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, GB, Greece, India, 1929 cover to Iraq, 1928 card to Japan, 1909 cover to Kenya with 'Juja / EAP' arrival, 1913 cover to Beirut, Lebanon, Libya, Mexico, Peru, Portugal, 1912 covere to Caracal, Romania; Sudan (2, one cancelled by retta on arrival), 1913 earliest recorded cover to Bangkok, Thailand; USA, 1935 cover to Yugoslavia etc. Generally fine, a difficult group to assemble.		✉	500	(€ 450)
773	1913/36c. Postal History Collection on leaves with covers/cards (40), with Printed Matter rates with 1923 reg'd cover to Nice (to J.A. Michel) franked at 12 times rate from Station Bicket, 1929/39 usages at ½ g. to Finland and France, registered usages with 1917 registered postacrd to Paris and 2½ g. rate, 1917 internal reg'd cover at triple rate, 1925 reg'd cover to Austria with Egyptian 'Found Open and Officially Resealed' label, 1926 cover to USA with 'Addis Abeba / Arada' cancel, returned to sender, 1927 reg'd postcard to Berlin, rare 1930 franked pink 'AR' form, 1934 cover to Guatemala, 1936 postcard at 7 g. rate to France. Generally fine, an interesting lot.		✉	250	(€ 225)
774	**Registration** 1919/34: The collection (16 items) with 1919 yellow Addis Abeba label on locally addressed cover in Amharic, 1923 Diré-Daoua pink label with manuscript 'AR' on cover to Paris with 'AR' handstamp above (earliest?) and similar usage on 1934 cover used in Addis Abeba, 1926 and 1930 registered pink labels from Addis Abeba (different types), 1927 cover to USA at 6 g. rate with rare AOUACHE pink label, 1930 Baggage tag used from Dire-Daoua, 1931 'Valeur Declarée' pink label on triple weight cover to Austria, 1932 rare "DJIDJIGA" label on cover to Addis and redirected, 1934 early Meter mark 10 c. cover to Berlin with blank pink label from Addis Abeba, 1934 cover with Harrar pink label addressed to the Emperor, Dire-Daoua pink label on multi-franked cover to France etc.		✉	250	(€ 225)
775	**Rural Postal Services** 1927/36: The collection on leaves covers (23, one front) with 1934 cover registered from ASEBE TEFERI to Paris and an incoming cover to the same town (cert.), 1932 cover registered from DERROU to Switzerland (cert.), 1935 cover from Lalibela cancelled at DESSIE, 1932 cover at 3 g. rate tied by "DJIMMAH" cds, 1936 cover with "GUINNER" arrival cds on obverse, 1927 registered cover from "IRNA" to USA (cert.), 1929 cover from LAMBUDA (Hossana), 1928 and 1933 covers from LEKAMPTE, 1933 cover to Leopoldville with 4 g. cancelled at MARAKO, 1934 cover with Amharic "SIDAMO" in violet (cert.), 1931 cover at 3 g. rate with rare negative "WELAMO" carved handstamp in violet (cert.), 1932 cover with framed WELAMO handstamp in black (cert.), WELAMO manuscript usage on cover (cert.), 1936 cover at 4 g. rate with WELAMO datestamp in black and two rare covers from Gore franked by Sudan adhesives and registered in GAMBELA, addressed to Paris and Larnaca. A rare group.		✉	350	(€ 315)
776→	**Airmail** 1929/33: Small group of covers (11) with 1929 First Flight Addis - Djibouti (Dec 26) superbly franked and cancelled, and a further cover from this flight to Paris; April 1930 Incoming First Flight covers from April Djibouti to Addis, and Oct 1930 from Djibouti - Addis with violet Coronation cachet, 1931 Addfis - Dire Daoua - Djibouti (2), 1932 First Flight Addis - Djigjiga, 1932 First Flight Addis - Debra Marcos, 1932 First Flight Dessie - Addis, April 1933 Flight Addis - Djibouti and onwards to Ceylon and 1933 rare Margaret Fusbahn Flight cover from Addis - Khartoum (unlisted in Müller) flown on Feb 14 and mailed to Germany.		✉	200	(€ 180)

Ethiopia - Various Consignors

777	1943 (Nov 3): Restoration of the Obelisk / 13th Anniversary of Coronation of Haile Selassie, the surcharged set of five values in unused blocks of twenty (5 x 4, the 5 c. in block of 18 and pair), all marginal, fresh and fine unmounted og. Rare Mi 207/211 = € 10'000 / Gi = £ 10'000. *(Photo = 🗐 www)*	207-211	**	1'000	(€ 900)
778→	1947 (May 23): Roosevelt & Haile Selassie issue, the set of five values, all in complete sheets of twelve, fresh and fine appearance, typically browned unmounted og. Scarce and attractive Mi = € 1'200. *(Photo = 🗐 205)*		⊞**	120	(€ 110)
779	1950: Indonesia definitives in the new currency ovpt. "RIS", the complete set of 23 values in unmounted og. condition. Mi = € 900 / Gi = £ 1'050. *(Photo = 🗐 www)*	579-601	**	150	(€ 135)