British Stamp Perforation

The Ray Simpson Collection

Somerset House

The Forerunners

Imperforate Stamps

6501

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6501	1840/1854, Selection of imperforate line engraved unused stamps, comprising an 1840, 1 d. black, plate 5, lettered PE, 1840 1 d. blue, Plate 1, lettered KH, three 1 d. red, die I, alphabet I, with four margins, 1841, 2 d. blue, plate 3, and an 1854 1 d. red, perf 16, die I, alphabet II, nicely centered with most part original gum, slightly mixed, noted the 1 d. black with horizontal gum crease (signed "A.D."; Alberto Diena), 2 d. has had small part of base added and regummed, impressive looking lot, very scarce selection, significant catalogue. *Provenance: (for the 1840, 2 d. blue) Robson Lowe, 11 October 1977.*	5, 8, 17	*/(*)	**800**	*(€ 840)*

Harold W. Fisher

6502

6502	1844, 1 d. red, plate 52, lettered OC-OI / PC-PI, block of fourteen, unused, original gum, just cut into PE at base otherwise margins all round, very fresh colour, scarce multiple illustrating the irregular gaps between stamps, the margin between PC-PD especially narrow, heavy vertical crease through OF-OG / PF-PG causing small tear at base, a vertical crease through OI / PI, horizontal crease through top half of lower row, some thinning in places and a small tear between PF-PG, however a scarce and impressive block. *Provenance: Harold W. Fisher, Phillips 22-23 September 1983, lot 191 (as a part of a larger block which was split between 1983 and 1987).*	8	⊞*	**500**	*(€ 525)*

Pre-sale Partial and Improvised Separation

6503

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6503	1840, 1 d. black, plate 7, lettered LA-LD, used strip of four, margins all round, fresh vibrant shade, fine red Maltese Cross cancellations, illustrating pre-sale partial separation between each stamp; a practice which was not widespread and is more commonally found on single stamps, scarce on multiples; vertical crease through LC, otherwise fine. *Provenance: Robson Lowe, 28 March 1956, lot 109* *Robson Lowe 6 May 1964, lot 573 (in 1956 and 1964 not described as "pre-sale" separation).*	1	**300**	*(€ 315)*

6504

6504	1840, 1 d. black, plate 6, letters JD-JE, horizontal pair, four margins all round, large in places, deep shade, used on cover, from London to St. Helier (Jersey), dated 3 Aug 1840, tied by red Maltese Cross, showing partial separation between stamps; which would have been undertaken at the Post Office in advance of sale using a razor or open blade; horizontal filing crease well clear of stamps, a fine and attractive example of pre-sale partial separation, scarce double rate, an important early piece.	1	✉	**400**	*(€ 420)*

6505

6507

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6505	1840, 2 d. blue, plate 1, lettered AD-AE, horizontal pair, used on cover, from Manchester to Edinburgh, dated 1 Feb 1841, cut into along base and small part of right side, showing an unusual partial separation between stamps, the top and bottom intact, illustrating the use of a blade or razor prior to sale, cover reduced with a vertical filing crease centrally not affecting adhesives, some soiling, however a scarce early example, especially being 1840 2 d. blue issue.	5	✉	**300**	*(€ 315)*

6506

ex 6508

6506	1849, 1 d. red plate 98, lettered KE-KG, unused strip of three, good to large margins all round, with part JF-JG above, original gum, fresh colour, showing pre-sale partial separation with scissor cuts vertically from base between stamps, KG has a vertical crease, otherwise attractive and fine, scarce multiple example of this practice, especially in unused condition and upon an Archer plate. *Provenance: Bill Barrell List 108.*	8	*	**300**	*(€ 315)*
6507	1840, 1 d. black, plate 5, lettered IB, used on cover, from Newcastle-on-Tyne to Truro, Cornwall, tied by red Maltese Cross, dated 29 Dec 1840, margins all round which illustrate improvised separation of stamps by tearing againts a straight edge, very clean uncreased cover, attractive example.	8	✉	**200**	*(€ 210)*
6508	1852, Seven 1 d. reds used on a Registered cover, made up of a strip of four, a horizontal pair and a single, tied by Scottish numeral "56" of Braemar, sent to Bannockburn, Scotland, 1 .d rate plus 6 d. registration fee, irregular margins indicative of an improvised separation horizontally between L and M rows; presumably affected by tearing against an individuals thumbnail; horizontal filing crease well clear of stamps, an interesting and scarce early registered cover. Also single 1d. plate 149, ML, with margins all round illustrating what appears to be a private pin perforation with additional horizontal line of pin perforation above letter squares and ONE PENNY, sold 'as is'.	8	✉	**150**	*(€ 160)*

Private Roulettes

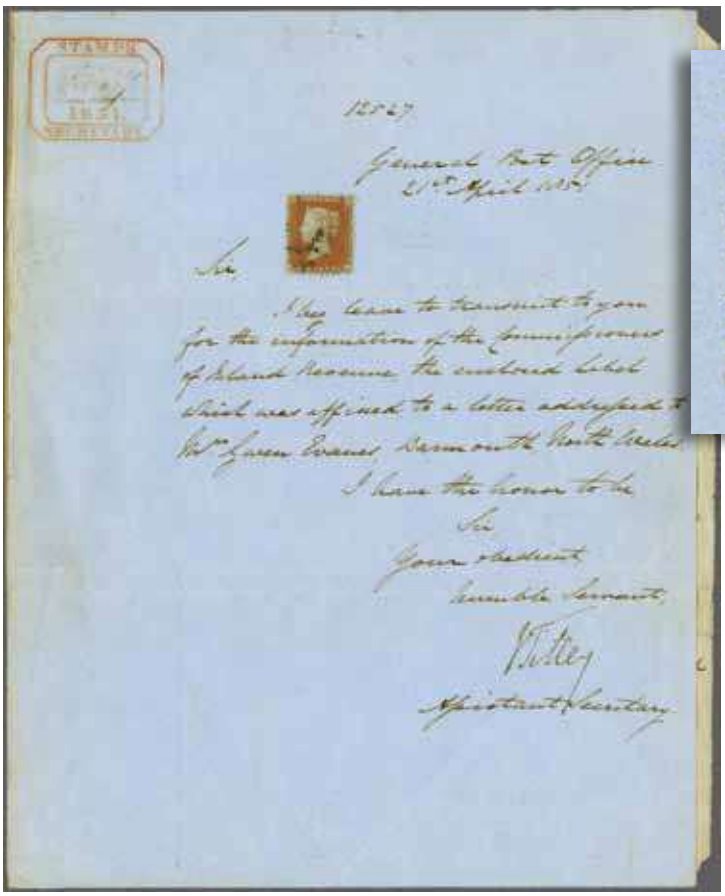
6509

6510

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6509	1851, 1 d. red, plate 116, lettered AL, Private Roulette, approx. gauge 8, used on cover, tied by "172" Irish numeral of Derry, Ireland sent to London, cover has faint vertical filing crease to left side not affecting stamp, very scarce Irish use, which is uncommon. Cert. RPSL (2007). *Provenance: Stanley Gibbons, 8-9 March 1973, lot 221.*	8	✉	**150**	*(€ 160)*
6510	1853, 1 d. red, plate 168, letttered FG-FH, Private Rouletted horizontal pair, approx. gauge 9.5, used on cover, London to Deal, dated 27 July 1853, two vertical filing creases one through FG and horizontal filing fold well away from adhesives, some soiling and stained, two more covers from the same correspondence to "Benjamin Hulke, Deal" are recorded in the Karl Louis Card Index bearing 1d. red pairs with this private roulette, one plate 163 lettered FA-FB used 30 July 1853 (three days after this cover) and the other EJ-EK used 22 July 1853 (five days prior to this cover), Cert. RPSL (1944). *Remarks: Exhibited "Centenary of Stamps" Exhibition 1940.* *Reference: "Stamp Perforation: The Somerset House Years 1848 to 1880", by R. Simpson & P. Sargent, page 9 and Plate 1.* *Provenance: Robson Lowe 17-18 November 1938, lot 492* *Robson Lowe 4-5 Oct. 1944 (incl. Gwatkin collection) lot 820* *Betram McGowan, Robson Lowe 15 March 1950* *Robson Lowe 8-9 July 1975, lot 311.*	8	✉	**300**	*(€ 315)*

6511

6511	1847, Embossed, 1 s. green, three singles, used on large fragment, from Liverpool to New Orleans, showing variety "Private Roulette" unofficial perforations; much the same as the famous "776 TAUNTON" correspondence of embossed stamps pin perforated/private routlettde; tied by the "466" Liverpool numeral and the "PAID/SHIP" and USA packet arrival in red, the right stamp shows part private roulette at top, the centre stamp to left and the left at top west side, adhesives cut into in places although big stamps, front is stained, however a spectacular item.	55	△	**300**	*(€ 315)*



Arthur Hind

ex 6512

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6512	1851, 1 d. red, plate 115, lettered CB, line perforation 14, of unknown origin, fixed to a General Post Office letter, numbered "12527", dated 21 April 1851, with framed handstamp "STAMPS/1851/SECRETARY" in red, sent to Thomas Keogh, Secretary to the Board of Inland Revenue, Somerset House; *"Sir, I beg leave to transmit to you, for the information of the commission of Inland Revenue, the enclosed label which was affixed to a letter addressed to Mrs Gwen Evans, Barmouth, North Wales. I have the honor to be, sir, Your obedient, humble servant, J. Tilley, Assistant Secretary";* on reverse a reply which reads; "*Request Mr Tiley to state if it be known who the writer of the letter is, and whether or not there was any other label stamp affixed to it, and if not whether the letter actually passed through the Post Office under the label in question which has been obliterated. 26 April 1851. The Board observe that this stamp has had applied to it the puncturing process similar to that which Mr Archer's invention is intended to effect and it is therefore desirable to trace this matter as far as possible."* Intialled, presumably prepared by Ormond Hill, as there is also a roughly scripted version of this reply on a further page attached to the letter with the initials "OH" at the conclusion. The existence of this unofficial perforated stamp would no doubt have had significant implications for the ongoing financial negotiations the Inland Revenue were having, at the time, with Henry Archer for his machine and patent. An important document demonstrating Official knowledge of privately perforated adhesives. Cert. BPA (2001). *Remark: Willcocks noted:"van Colle & (R.M.) Phillips fought for this, van Colle won at GBP 550, which must have been before 1964".* *Reference: "Stamp Perforation: The Somerset House Years 1848 to 1880", by R. Simpson & P. Sargent, illustrated on page 11 and Plate 1.* *Provenance: Arthur Hind Collection* *R.M. Willcocks Collection.*		✉	**1'500**	*(€ 1'575)*
6513	1841/1848, a study of improvised, pre-sale and private roulette separation of line engraved imperf. stamps on cover, comprises six album pages, with eight covers and one piece, noted an 1848 cover with 1 d. red showing partial private roulette gauge 6, an 1846 1 d. red with pin perforation at base, several examples of blades or razor pre-cuts, including a vertical pair on cover illustrating the uncommon practice, additionally a single 1 d. black, four margins, with rouletted perfs. believed to be non-contemporary, mixed condition, some better, a fascinating and scarce selection. *(Photo = www)*	8	✉△	**150**	*(€ 160)*

1852–1854, Treasury Roulettes

6514

6515

J. B. Seymour

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6514	1852, 1 d. red, plate 156, lettered GJ, Treasury Roulette, used, bottom margin cut straight, with the customary four wave vertical and three horizontally, attributed to the serpertine roulette revolving cutter, thin to reverse, fine and scarce example. Cert. RPSL (1992). SG B2aa. = £5'000. *Reference: Illustrated in "Stamp Perforation: The Somerset House Years 1848 to 1880", by R. Simpson & P. Sargent, page 9.*	8, Spec. B2aa		**500**	*(€ 525)*
6515	1853, 1 d. red plate 161, lettered FJ/FK, Treasury Roulette, partially severed horizontal pair, used on small piece, tied by London Inland "15", exhibiting the classical patter of the serpentine roulette with four waves vertically and three horizontally, top margin cut straight, certificate mentions "creased and defective", otherwise fine, very scarce with only six multiples recorded. Cert. RPSL (1980). SG B2aa = £14'400 as two singles, Gi B2a = £15'000 a single on a full cover. *Provenance: J.B.Seymour Collection, Robson Lowe, 7 November 1951, lot 522* *Harmers London, 5/6 November 1997, lot 1090.*	8	△	**1'500**	*(€ 1'575)*

6516

Burlington Gardens in London

6516	1852, 1 d. red plate 152, lettered OE, Treasury Roulette, used on cover front, tied by black London District "74", sent locally, manuscript note on reverse states 'February 1854', stamp exhibits the less common pattern of three vertical and two horizontal waves, which is found in approx. 10-11% of genuine serpentine rouletted stamps, slight toning and soiling to cover, otherwise very fine and attractive example. Cert. BPA(1990). SG B2a = £15'000 a single on a full cover. *Reference: "Stamp Perforation: The Somerset House Years 1848 to 1880", by R. Simpson & P. Sargent, illustrated on plate 1.* *Provenance: Christies, 12 December 1989, lot 458, (mentions Signed by W. Houtzamer)* *Phillips, 20 April 2000, lot 311* *M. Sayeed Collection, Spink May 2002, lot 2438.*	8 Spec. B2a	(✉)	**1'800**	*(€ 1'890)*

View of St. James Street in London

6517

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6517	1853, 1 d. orange-brown, plate 165, lettered RD, Treasury Roulette, used on cover, London to Exeter, tied by London Inland "12", one of four known covers from the Fortescue/Porters correspondence, dated 7 Jan 1854, with "TOO LATE G.P.O." in black alongside, the reverse has a "St. JAMES' St" blue office mark; where a number of the known genuine Treasury Roulette covers originate from, or from an adjacent district; also Exeter arrival in red to back, envelope has opening tear top centrally, otherwise fine and attractive example. Cert. RPSL (2002) and BPA (2002). Gi B2(3)a = £15'000. *Reference: "The Postage Stamps of Great Britain, Part II" by Dr W.R.D. Wiggins (1962), illustrated on photo Plate 1.* *Provenance: Christies, Manson & Woods Auction, May 1943, lot 255* *Bertram McGowan, Robson Lowe 15 March 1950, lot 250* *Timothy Burgess collection (2003).*	12, Spec B2(3)a	✉ **3'000**	*(€ 3'150)*

1847, Henry Archer Rouletting Machine

ex 6518

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6518	1848, 1 d. red, plate 70, lettered SK, Henry Archer Roulette Trail, approx. gauge 11.5 to all sides, fault to top, unused, no gum, very fresh and fine printing, comes matched with a used example from the same plate/position. Cert. BPA (1992). SG16a = £15'000. *Reference: "Stamp Perforation: The Somerset House Years 1848 to 1880", by R. Simpson & P. Sargent, illustrated on Plate 1.* *Provenance: Harmer, 21 December 1959, lot 186* *Harmer, Grosvenor, 26 May 2011, lot 3799.*	16a	(*)	**800**	*(€ 840)*

6519

Colonel Bates

6520

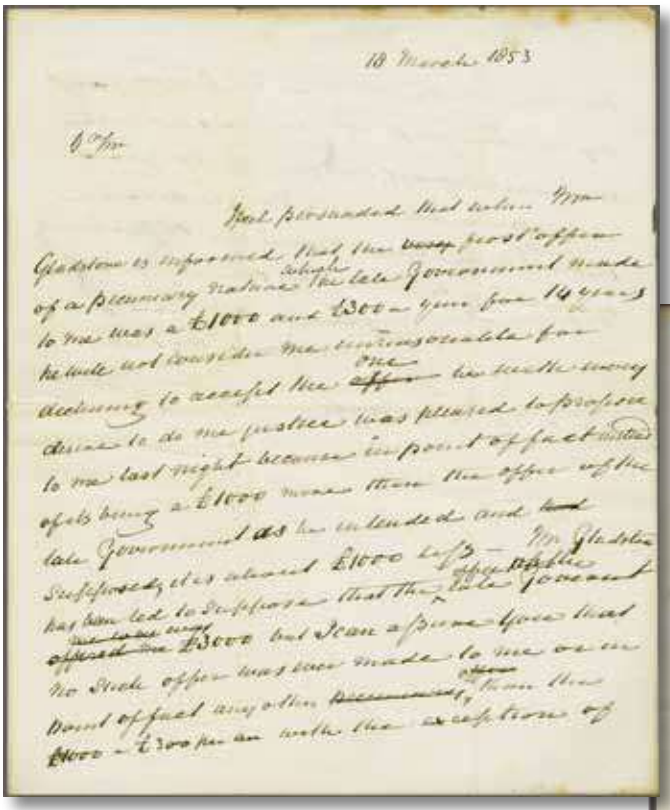
6519	1848, 1 d. red, plate 71, lettered PK, Henry Archer Roulette Trail, approx. gauge 12 to all sides, unused, with large part of original gum, very fresh and attractive, comes matched with a used example from the same plate and position. Cert. RPSL (1979). SG16b = £15'000. *Provenance: Colonel Bates Collection, Harmer, 3-5 December 1934, lot 655* *Harmer, 18-20 July 1938, lot 439* *Dendy Marshall Collection, Robson Lowe, 19-20 December 1945, lot 416* *Spink, London, 28 February 2011, lot 689.*	16b	*	**2'500**	*(€ 2'625)*
6520	1848, 1 d. red, plate 70, lettered PK, Henry Archer Roulette Trail, approx. gauge 11.5 to three sides, the P row being top of the trial part sheet from plate 70 (PA-TL) and thus cut straight, unused, no gum, very fresh and fine, comes matched with a used example from the same plate and position. Cert. RPSL (1948). Gi SG16b = £15'000. *Remark: The formerly adjoining pair PJ-PK in the H.P.Manus collection (sold by Plumridges 27 Oct. 1932, lot 13) and the adjoining single PL (ex. Maurice Burrus collection, Robson Lowe, 30 Oct. 1964, lot 149), clearly demonstrate that all stamps from the 'P' row were cut by scissors and represented the upper row of the block rouletted given to Rowland Hill.* *Reference: "Stamp Perforation: The Somerset House Years 1848 to 1880", by R. Simpson & P. Sargent, Plate 1.* *Provenance: Colonel Bates Collection, Harmer, 3-5 December 1934, lot 654* *Harmer, 18-20 July 1938, lot 468* *Morten Bond Collection, Harmer, 11-12 March 1946, lot 466.*	16b	(*)	**2'500**	*(€ 2'625)*

6521

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6521	1848, 1 d. red, plate 70, lettered RA-SA, vertical pair, Henry Archer Roulette Trail, approx. gauge 11.5 to three sides, the left margin without roulette as can be seen on all outer specimens from that multiple, the plate 70 trial sheet being cut from PA-TL, unused, with large part of original gum, both have a tear in right side and RA a pin hole from being attached to an official document, some tone spots, otherwise fresh and attractive, formerly adjoining a block of six RB-SD which resides in the Royal Collection, rare multiple. Cert. BPA (1989). SG16b = £30'000 as two singles. *Reference: Henry Archer's Rouletting Machines, by Ray Simpson, FRPSL, The GB Journal, Volume 58, Number 6, November/December 2020.* *Provenance: Robson Lowe, 21 June 1950, lot 242* *Harmer, 16 December 1997, lot 858* *Timothy Burgess Collection (2003).*	16b	* **4'000**	*(€ 4'200)*

1848–1853, Henry Archer Perforating Machine

George Frederick Muntz (1794-1857)



18 March 1853

Dear Sir

I feel persuaded that when Mr Gladstone is informed that the first offer of a pecuniary nature which the late Government made to me was £1000 and £300 a year for 14 years he will not consider me unreasonable for declining to accept the one he with every desire to do me justice was pleased to propose because in point of fact instead of its being £1000 more than the offer of the late Government as he intended and supposed, it is £1000 less - Mr Gladstone has been led to suppose that the offer of the late Government was £3000 but I can assure you that no such offer was ever made to me or in point of fact any other offers than the £1000 - £300 per an with the exception of the one made to me in December last by the Marquis of Chandos - I have therefore to request that you be so good as to explain all this to Mr Gladstone the first time you have an opportunity of speaking to him on the subject

Faithfully yours
Henry Archer

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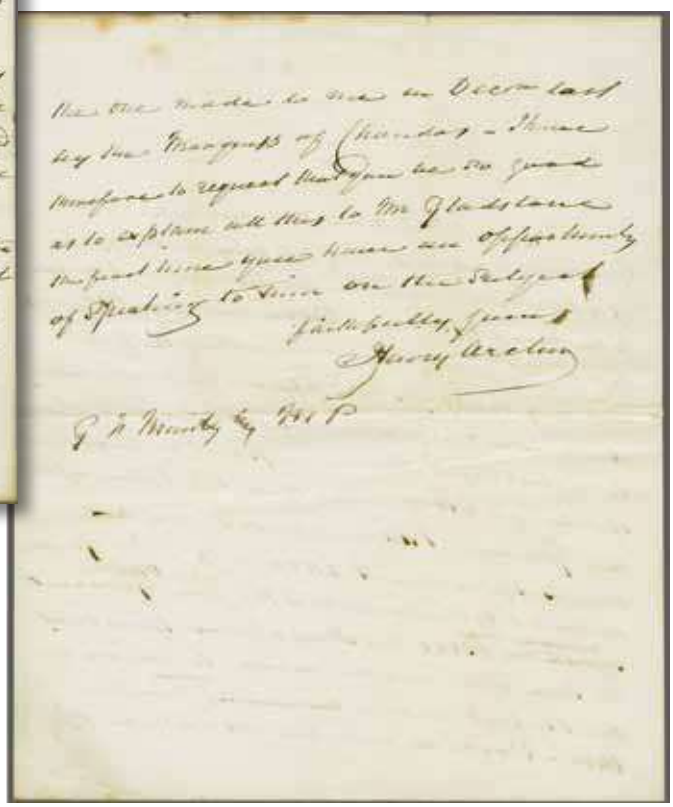

Gibbons

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6522	1853, Original Henry Archer signed document, dated 18 March 1853, regarding the Treasury Payment for his machine and invention, addressed to George F. Muntz MP for Birmingham, who had chaired the House of Commons Select Committee, the draft letter outlines Archer's disappointment with the offer received. A unique and historically important document. *Transcript:* *"I feel persuaded that when Mr Gladstone is informed that the first offer of a pecuniary nature which the late Government made to me was £1000 and £300 a year for 14 years he will not consider me unreasonable for declining to accept the one he with every desire to do me justice was pleased to propose because in point of fact instead of its being £1000 more than the offer of the late Government as he intended and supposed, it is £1000 less - Mr Gladstone has been led to suppose that the offer of the late Government was £3000 but I can assure you that no such offer was ever made to me or in point of fact any other offers than the £1000 - £300 per annum with the exception of the one made to me in december last by the Marquis of Chandos - I have therefore to request that you be so good as to explain all this to Mr Gladstone the first time you have an opportunity of speaking with him on the subject.* *Faithfully yours* *Henry Archer"*	**1'500**	*(€ 1'575)*

THE EXTRAORDINARY CHARM OF PHILATELY

The Invention of Stamp Perforation

Karl Louis
Taunusstein, Germania

Fig.1 House of Commons, London, approx. 1841.
Antiqua Print Gallery / Alamy Stock Photo

Imperforate postage stamps, as officially issued in Britain from 6 May 1840, were typically scissor-cut from the sheet at the point of sale - estimated to take 15 minutes for a complete sheet of 240 labels.

Some Post Offices partially separated strips in advance of sale, using various cutting instruments, such as a razor, other open blades or rotary knives.

If scissors or knives were not at hand, improvised separation was implemented, such as tearing along a straight edge, or tearing against a person's thumbnail. This was obviously not ideal and would in many cases produce irregular and haphazard results, notwithstanding the time implications. Another objection to the system of separation by the use of knives, rotary knives or razors was that books, desks and tables were usually used by the Post Office clerks as a base for cutting the stamps, which led to the injury of the article whereon the cutting process was effected.

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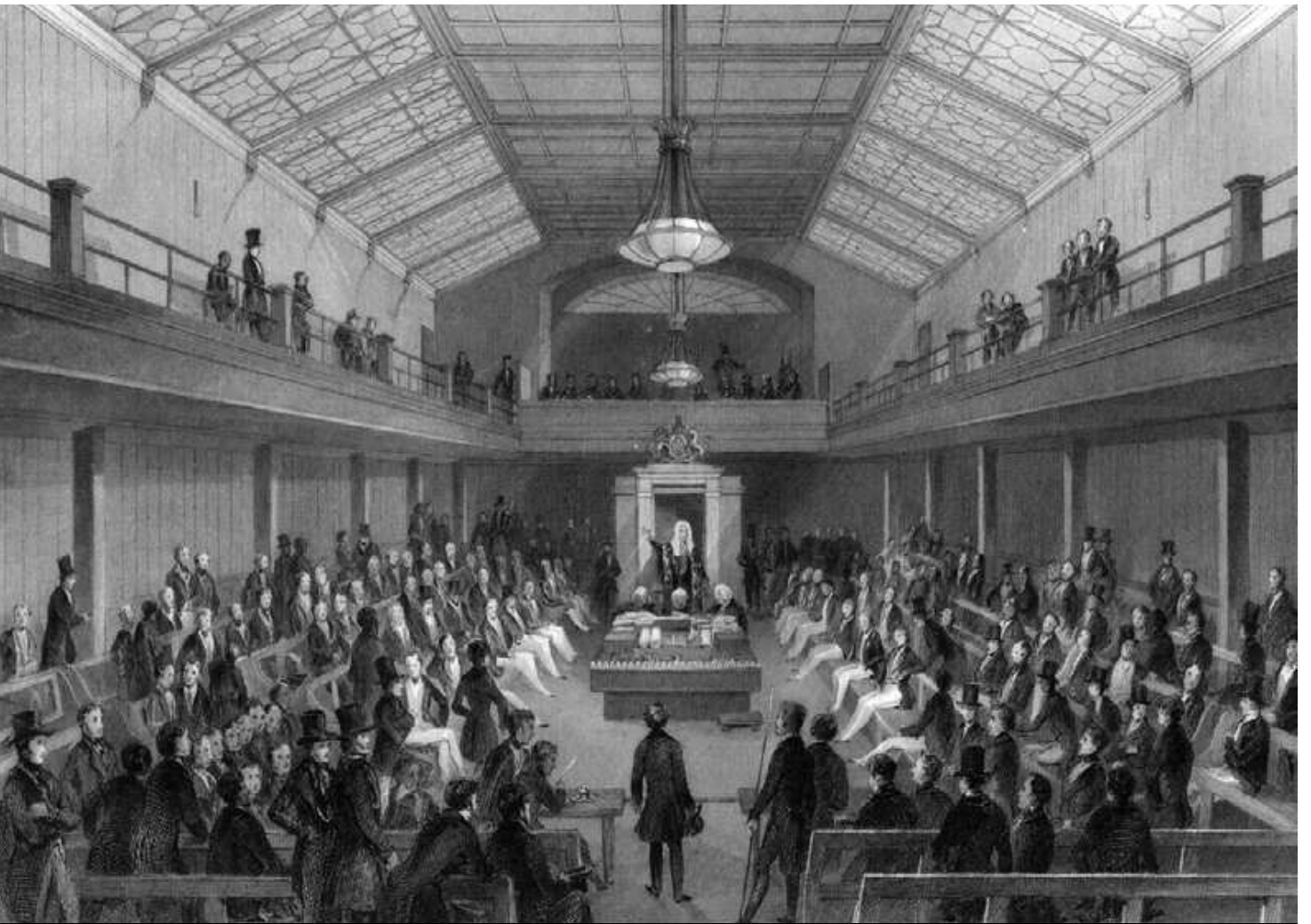

The vision

The first person who had the vision of a method to easily separate stamps from a sheet without tools like knives, razors or scissors was the Irish inventor Henry Archer. Archer's first invention was a rouletting machine stitching small cuts into the paper between the stamps to facilitate separation simply by hand. He demonstrated first trials to Post Office officials in October 1847.

But the table on which the sheets were laid to be rouletted suffered excessive wear. Similar problems arose with a second machine and Archer decided to abandon this approach of rouletting. Henry Archer's final idea was a 'Perforation Machine' punching little holes in the margins between the stamps. The machine was constructed with a gauge comb consisting of 16 perforation pins punching 16 holes in a horizontal line of two centimetres.

After some early trials on plain paper, Archer requested entire sheets of 240 from the Post Office to demonstrate his invention on the original postage stamps in public use. The first Archer-perforated stamps are reported to have been used between January and August 1850 in London. An experimental 'country' distribution to Post Offices in Devon commenced in October 1850.

These first experiments turned out to be successful and the Post Office started to negotiate with Henry Archer for the purchase of his patented invention of a 'perforation machine'. Since the final decision of the purchase of the perforation machine patent had to be approved by Parliament, it was decided to start the distribution and sale of the newly perforated stamps at the post office counter of the House of Commons.

Archer's intention was to convince the Members of Parliament about the benefit of his invention and to vote for the acquisition of his patent!

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PERFORATED POSTAGE LABEL STAMPS.

ADVANTAGES OF THE INVENTION.

(From the Times, 20th October, 1847.)

Amongst other public and private reasons operating against the great utility and general use of the postage label system, one objection is, that the labels having to be separated either by cutting or tearing, great trouble and loss of time is thereby occasioned to those whose business entails upon them an extensive correspondence, as also to the postmasters of the principal receiving-houses, particularly during the last hour for posting letters intended to be dispatched by the evening mail, and during periods when an additional stamp is required to be placed on them, inasmuch as the postmaster, on disposing of a shilling's worth of stamps, for instance, is frequently called upon by the purchaser to dissever them singly, for the purpose of attaching them to letters intended to be posted at his office; or if too late there, at the General Post Office, or one of the principal branches, as extra stamped letters; and thus, at the period of the day when the press of official business demands the postmasters' exclusive attention, they are (to their great inconvenience and annoyance), importuned by persons requiring stamps to be dissevered; and it happens, not unfrequently, that the hour for closing the letter-box arrives before the public can be served.

These disadvantages are enhanced by the facts, that both care and time are required to fold one of the present sheets into a portable form; and that before one quarter of the sheet is folded, the crease, instead of following the direction of the guide lines, is found to have advanced considerably beyond them, whereby the folding, instead of facilitating the dissevering operation, increases the difficulty. These creases and the curls which are produced on the stamps by keeping them in a loose or rolled state, contribute materially to prevent there adherence to the letters; by tearing also the stamps from each other, the gum is removed from the edges, where its presence is most necessary to secure their perfect adherence; and it is probable that most of the numerous stamps which are found daily loose in the post-bags, fall of from the letters, in consequence of this objectionable mode of detaching the stamps.

Another objection to the present system is, that books, desks and tables are usually used by clerks as a base for cutting the stamps, to the injury of the article whereon the cutting process is effected. It appears also, by Returns made to Parliament, that nearly one-half of the letters which pass through the Post-offices of the United Kingdom, instead of being paid by the labels affixed thereon, are pre-paid in money by the writers, whereby very considerable additional trouble and loss of time is entailed on the servants and other persons connected with the Post-office, and great additional expense is also incurred throughout the establishment, and it being supposed that the cause of the public prefering to pre-pay in money rather than by label, to be attributable chiefly to the inconvenience pointed out; the Patentee—with a view of providing a remedy for such, and other similar objections—invented a Machine for perforating sheets of postage label stamps, whereby, one or more stamps may be instantly detached without the use of knife or scissars, while the sheets, or any portions of a sheet may be readily folded up, so as to render them peculiarly convenient for the pocket and use, and at the same time preserve the labels in a flat position, as best suited to ensure their instant and permanent adherence to the letters. It is also deserving of notice that as such method of perforating the sheets necessarily produces scolloped or indented edges upon the stamps, they are rendered less liable to be removed by friction or otherwise after they have been attached to the letters.

☞ Perforated labels may now be had at the House of Commons.

John Nichols, Printer, 8 and 9, Chandos Street, Strand, corner of Charing Cross Hospital.

Fig. 2: Printed pamphlet.

Fig.3: The cover front addressed to Mary Grattan and franked with a perforated Archer one penny.[i]

This experimental distribution of Archer's trial perforated stamps was realised during the 1851 Parliamentary Session. Upon distribution at the House of Commons Post Office counter, a printed information pamphlet was distributed to the Members of Parliament which was reprinting from an article that appeared in The Times newspaper on 20th October 1847 (**Fig. 2**) .

It was headed "PERFORATED POSTAGE LABEL STAMPS - ADVANTAGES OF THE INVENTION"; the article referred to the apparent problems of separating stamps from the Post Office sheets and explained the advantages of the newly perforated stamps:

"....the patentee invented a Machine for perforating sheets of postage labels stamps, whereby, one or more stamps may be instantly detached without the use of knife or scissors, while the sheets, or any portion of a sheet may be readily folded up, so as to render them peculiarly convenient for the pocket.....".

The bottom line reads: *"Perforated labels may now be had at the House of Commons".*

Henry Grattan junior, Member of Parliament for Meath, Ireland, was so impressed by the invention of the perforated postage stamp that he sent the pamphlet as a letter franked with an Archer perforated stamp he purchased at the House of Commons on 22 March 1851 to his wife Mary Grattan at 84 Stephens Inn, Dublin, Ireland (**Fig. 3**) and (**i**).

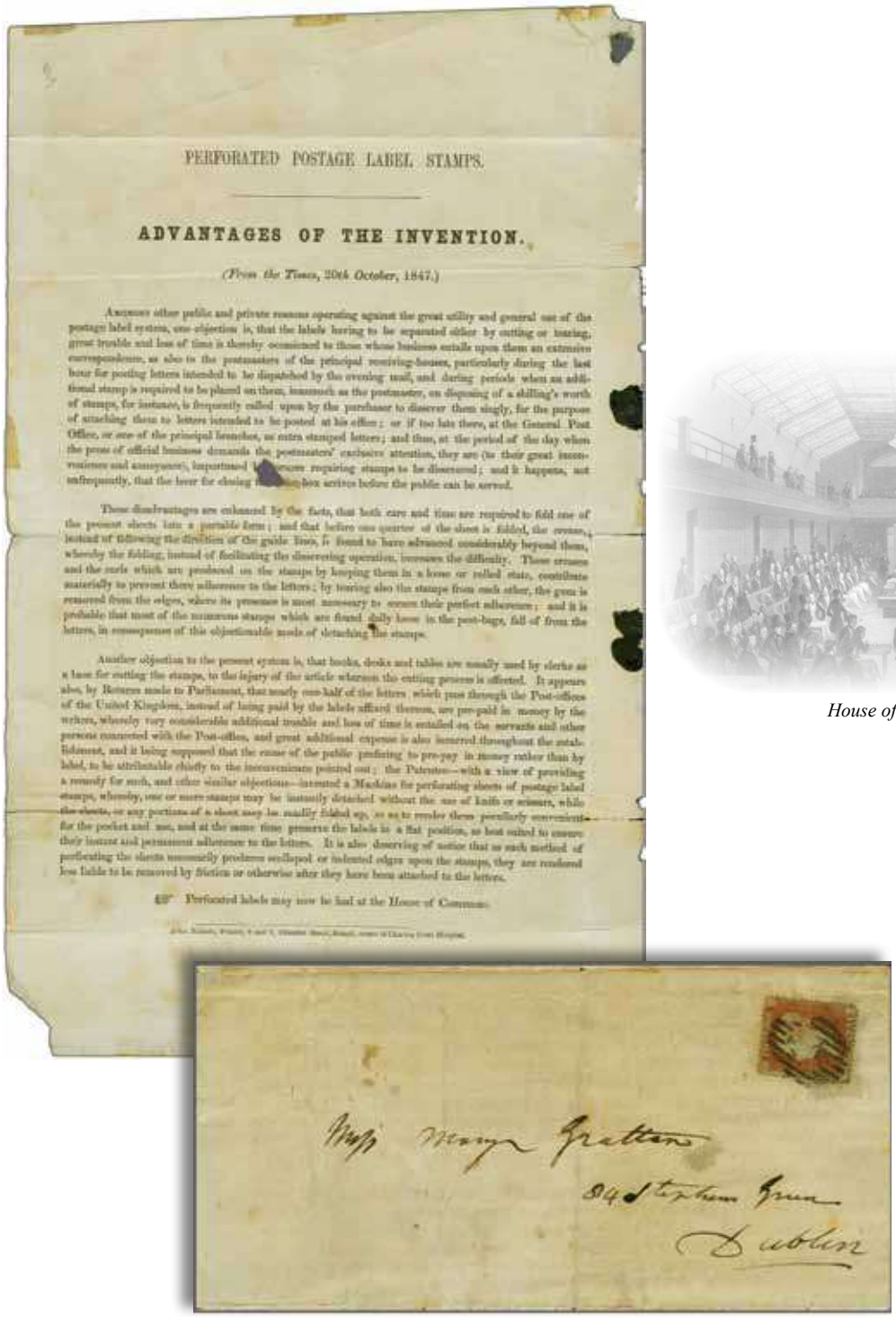
Later that year, the stamp distributor of the House of Commons stated:

"....they (the perforated stamps) were very highly approved by the Members; the sale (of stamps) was very considerably increased thereby., and a very general desire prevailed to possess the perforated labels both within and without the House...."

On 21st May 1852 a specially appointed "Select Committee" under the Chairmanship of Geroge Frederick Muntz, Member of Parliament, recommended that *"the machine constructed by Mr. Archer, and his rights as patentee, should be purchased for the use of the public."*

Finally, Henry Archer agreed to sell his patent for the Perforation machine to the Post Office for £4,000.00 in June 1853.

(i) *This letter mail will be offered at the upcoming Winter Sale at Corinphila Auktionen AG (24 November – 3 December 2023).*



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(*From the Times, 20th October, 1847.*)

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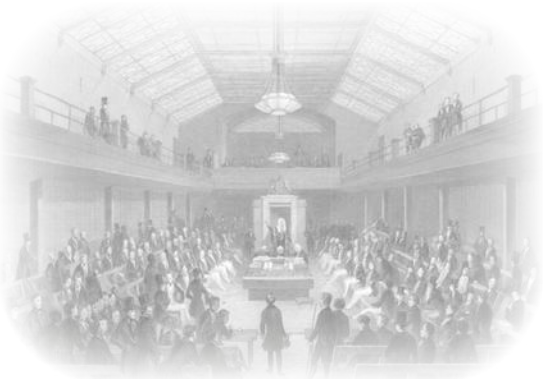
These disadvantages are enhanced by the facts, that both care and time are required to fold one of the present sheets into a portable form; and that before one quarter of the sheet is folded, the creases, instead of following the direction of the guide lines, is found to have advanced considerably beyond them, whereby the folding, instead of facilitating the discovering operation, increases the difficulty. These creases and the curls which are produced on the stamps by keeping them in a loose or rolled state, contribute materially to prevent their adherence to the letters; by tearing also the stamps from each other, the gum is removed from the edges, where its presence is most necessary to secure their perfect adherence; and it is probable that most of the numerous stamps which are found daily loose in the post-bags, fall of from the letters, in consequence of this objectionable mode of detaching the stamps.

Another objection to the present system is, that books, desks and tables are usually used by clerks as a base for cutting the stamps, to the injury of the article whereon the cutting process is effected. It appears also, by Returns made to Parliament, that nearly one-half of the letters which pass through the Post-offices of the United Kingdom, instead of being paid by the labels affixed thereon, are pre-paid in money by the writers, whereby very considerable additional trouble and loss of time is entailed on the servants and other persons connected with the Post-office, and great additional expense is also incurred throughout the establishment, and it being supposed that the cause of the public preferring to pre-pay in money rather than by label, to be attributable chiefly to the inconveniences pointed out; the Patentee—with a view of providing a remedy for such, and other similar objections—invented a Machine for perforating sheets of postage label stamps, whereby, one or more stamps may be instantly detached without the use of knife or scissors, while the sheets, or any portions of a sheet may be readily folded up, so as to render them peculiarly convenient for the pocket and use, and at the same time preserve the labels in a flat position, so best suited to ensure their instant and permanent adherence to the letters. It is also deserving of notice that as each method of perforating the sheets necessarily produces scolloped or indented edges upon the stamps, they are rendered less liable to be removed by friction or otherwise after they have been attached to the letters.

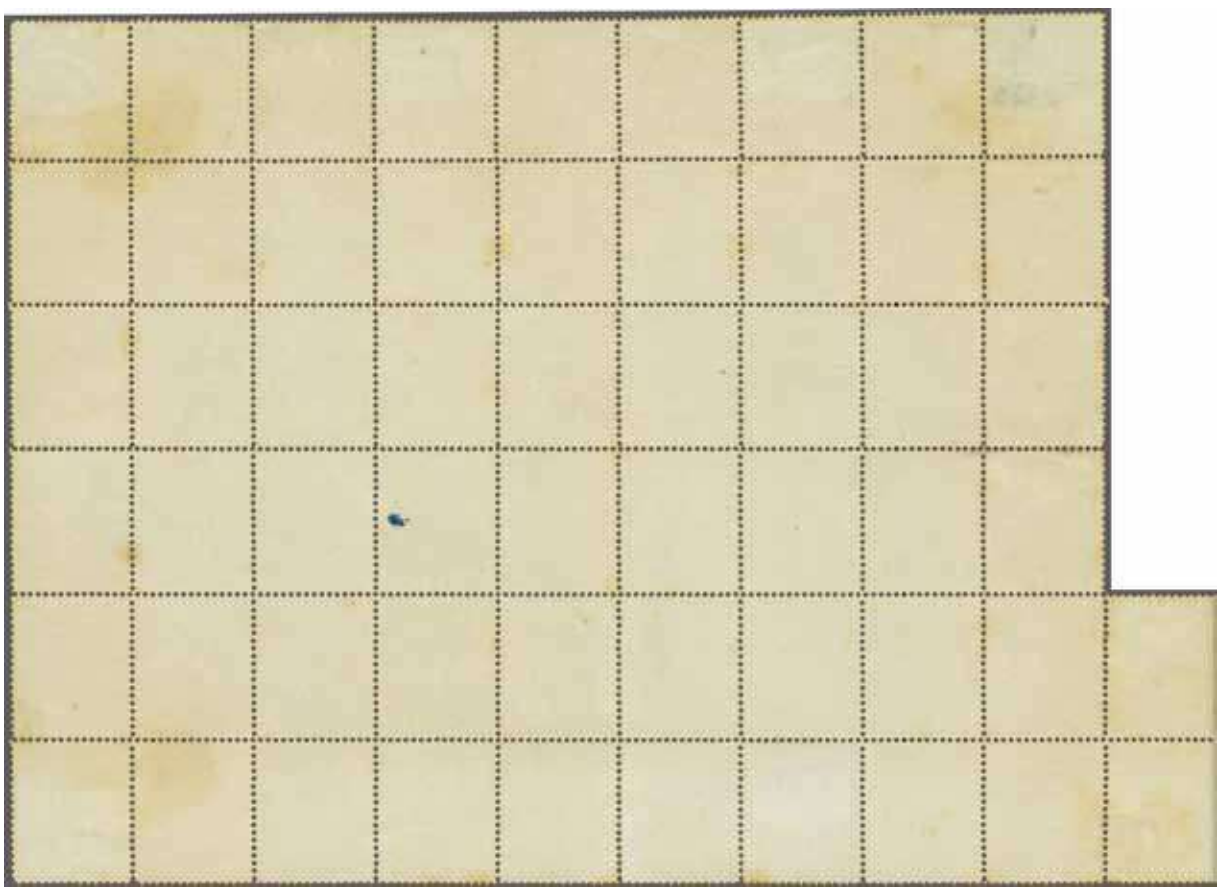
☞ Perforated labels may now be had at the House of Commons.



House of Commons

6523

	Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6523 1851, "PERFORATED POSTAGE LABEL STAMPS" Archer Pamphlet, announcing the availability of the stamps at the House of Commons during the 1851 Parliamentary Session, extolling the advantages of the invention with "*Perforated labels may now be had at the House of Commons.*"; this particular pamphlet was sent as a letter, franked with an Archer 16 plate 94, purchased at the House of Commons by Henry Grattan, MP for Meath, sent from London to Dublin, dated 23 March 1851, some tears, creasing and imperfections as might be expected, although a very important piece and rare. Cert. BPA (1996). *Reference: "Distribution and Usage of Archer-Perforated Stamps - Updated" by R.C. Simpson, GB Journal, Volume 60, Number 1, January/February 2022, illustrated on page 5.*	16b ✉	**1'500**	*(€ 1'575)*



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		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6524	1848, Henry Archer Perforation Machine, Plain Paper Trial, comb perforation 16, block of fifty four, nine by six, believed to be Columns D to L, which if correct gives part margin lower right of two being cut to side; there are only five examples recorded, of which two examples are held in private hands; a block of twenty four and this example, both which derive from the same side of the original Wilkinson punch set as the example in the Royal Collection, there being a supporting letter from Sir John Marriott, Keeper of the Royal Collection -1969 to 1995, verifying its association to the example in the Royal Collection, this example, apart from the complete sheet in the German Postal Museum Archive, is the largest remaining example from the early trials of Archer's machine, it coming from the opposite side of the comb used for the sheet in Bonn, some stains, slight tone marks, with small blue ink mark, otherwise fine. An important piece. Cert. D. B. Escott (2014). *Provenance: Stanley Gibbons, 8-9 March 1973, lot 214* *Tes Collection, Christies, 5 October 1995, lot 588* *Christies 18 June 1996, lot 172.*	⊞(*)	**500**	*(€ 525)*

Ulick de Burgh,
1st Marquess of Clanricarde
Postmaster General at the time of Archer's invention

6525

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6525	1850, 1 d red, plate 91, lettered LG, Archer Perf 16, used, the only recorded Archer perforation from this plate known, clipped perfs. upper right, although extremely rare and important, a unique stamp, unpriced currently, comes matched with a good used imperf from the same plate and position.	16b		**5'000**	*(€ 5'250)*

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6526	1850, 1 d. red, plate 92, lettered HC, die I, alphabet I, wmk. small crown, Archer Perforation 16, unused, with original gum, vibrant colour, strong impression, excellent perfs. which were perforated with the Williamson Comb I, hinge remains to back, very rare plate in unused condition. Cert. RPSL (2023). Plate SG unpriced in this condition = £3'000 for standard plate, this plate being almost three times rarer. *Provenance: Silkin Collection, Harmers, London, 14-16 June 1971, lot 112.*	16b	*	**1'500**	*(€ 1'575)*
6527	1850, 1 d red, plate 92, lettered II, Archer Perf 16, used, London Inland cancel, matched with four margin imperf. from the same plate and position, good example from this scarcer Archer plate. Cert. RPSL (2009). SG16b = £1'400.	16b		**300**	*(€ 315)*

Inveraray Castle

Francis Elizabeth Anne Waldegrave

6528

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6528	1850, 1 d. red, plate 93, lettered CL, Archer Perf. 16, used on cover, from Flurrybridge, Ireland to Inveraray, Scotland, addressed to "Francis Countess of Waldegrave, Inveraray Castle", dated 10 September 1853, prior to the official use, the Archer perforations consistent with Wilkinson Punch Set, Side 2; which matches the Archer Perforating Machine Plain Paper Trial sheet held in the Royal Collection, as well as the block of fifty four offered in this sale; part of backflap missing, however a fine and scarce use; one of seven recorded Archers on cover from Ireland. SG16b = £2'700+. *Remark: Francis Elizabeth Anne Waldergrave (1821 to 1879), was a noted society heiress and the daughter of the the English tenor opera singer John Braham (1774 to 1856), who became one of Europes leading opera stars and is also remembered for writing "The Death of Nelson".* Inveraray *Castle, which is set close to the shores of Loch Fyne, was the setting for the 2012 Christmas episode of "Downton Abbey", being the fictional "Duneagle Castle". Inveraray Castle is also one of the earliest examples of Gothic Revival architecture.* *Provenance: Stanley Gibbons, 10 November 1978, lot 269.*	16b ✉	**400**	*(€ 420)*

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		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6529	1850, 1 d. red, plate 93, lettered JL, Archer Perf. 16, used on cover, from London to Holywell, dated 11 April 1851, early use, arrival to front dated 12 April 1851, well centered, good perfs which are from Hill/Addenbrooke Punch Set, smaller diameter pins, pre-fix crease to stamp does not detract from its fine appearance. Cert. RPSL (1979). SG16b = £2'200.	16b	✉	**300**	*(€ 315)*
6530	1850, 1 d. red, plate 93, lettered LL, Archer Perf. 16, used on cover, from London to Blackburn, dated 10 October 1850, earliest recorded usage from the Devon distribution outside the county, tied by London Inland "2", a very fine, well centered example, with strong colour, arrival to reverse dated 11 October 1850, light horizontal filing crease well clear of adhesive, clean cover, a rare and important usage. SG16b = £2'200 although much scarcer than this suggests. *Reference: "Distribution and Usage of Archer Perforated Stamps", by R.C. Simpson, GB Journal, Volume 47, Number 1, 2009.* *Provenance: Bonhams, London, 14 February 2002, lot 1475.*	16b	✉	**400**	*(€ 420)*

View of Aberdeen

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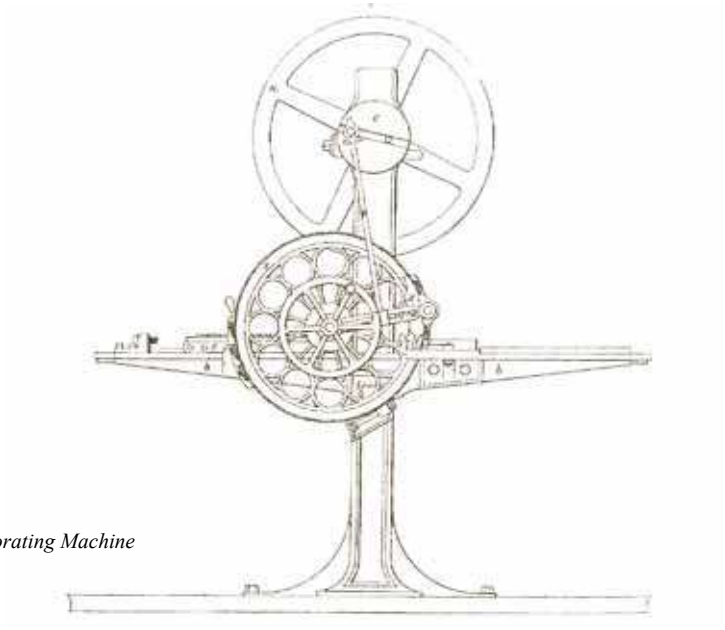
6531	1850, 1 d. red, plate 93, lettered LD-MD, vertical pair, Archer Perf. 16, used on cover, from Aberdeen, Scotland, to Banff, dated 9 November 1853, before the official use, arrival to reverse 10 November 1853, the Archer perforations matching the Wilkinson Punch Set, Side 2, small tear lower right of envelope, very scarce multiple and one of less than twenty recorded Archer covers originating from Scotland. Cert. RPSL (1983). SG16b = £6'400 two singles on cover. *Reference: "Distribution and Usage of Archer-Perforated Stamps - Updated" by R.C. Simpson, GB Journal, Volume 60, Number 1, January/February 2022.* *Provenance: de Phillp Collection, Robson Lowe, 4 November 1959, lot 148* *Grosvenor, 26 May 2004, lot 2310.*	16b	✉	**500**	*(€ 525)*



Archer's Perforating Machine

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Earl of Crawford

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6532	1850, 1 d. red, plate 96, lettered JC-KD, Archer Perf. 16, unused block of four, nicely positioned, with small part original gum, extremely fresh colour, vibrant printing, excellent perforations all round which match those from the Hill/Addenbrooke Punch Set; distinct from the Wilkinson set as they are more precisely aligned; superb appearance and rare block. Cert. BPA (1996). SG16b = £15'000. *Reference: "The Postage Stamps of Great Britain Part Two" by Dr. W.R.D. Wiggins, illustrated on Plate 3.* *Provenance: Earl of Crawford (1912) - originally incorporated in a part sheet.*	16b	⊞*	**2'000**	*(€ 2'100)*
6533	1850, 1 d. red, plate 96, lettered NA-OC, Archer Perf. 16, unused block of six, strong colour, crisp bright printing, part original gum, perf. seprartion in places reinforced by four black hinge strips and one mount, OC has small paper flaw and ink spot, however very attractive, eye catching multiple, an important and rare block from the Hill/Addenbrooke Punch Set in the third state of use. Cert. BPA (1954). SG16b = £21'000 as a block of four and two singles. *Reference: "Stamp Perforation: The Somerset House Years 1848 to 1880", by R. Simpson & P. Sargent, illustrated on Plate 1.* *Provenance: Earl of Crawford (1912) incorporated into a part sheet, Robson Lowe, 28 September 1939, lot 106* *P.C. Litchfield Collection, Robson Lowe, 19 April 1950, lot 290* *John Leask Collection, Robson Lowe, 14 April 1954, lot 325* *Fisher Collection, Phillips, 23 March 1983, lot 288* *Christies, 3 June 1994, lot 3226* *David Feldman, 14-20 February 1999, lot 31181.*	16b	⊞(*)	**3'000**	*(€ 3'150)*

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		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6534	1850, 1 d red, plate 96, lettered OA, Archer Perf 16, used on cover, from Ashburton to Exeter, dated 27 December 1850, tied by superb "29" Ashburton numeral in blue, dispatch and arrival to reverse in blue also dated the same day, horizontal filing crease lower half not affecting stamp, slight soiling and tone spots to perfs. which do not detract from the eye appeal, very attractive and scarce experimental Devon distribution; only 28% of recorded Archers, used in the three discrete tranches, originate from the distribution in Devon. SG16b = £2'200 although much scarcer than value suggests. *Reference: "Distribution and Usage of Archer-Perforated Stamps", by R.C. Simpson, GB Journal, Volume 47, Number 1, 2009; "Distribution and Usage of Archer-Perforatioed Stamps - Updated, By R. Simpson, The GB Journal, Volume 60, No. 1, January/February 2022, illustrated page 4.* *Provenance: Phillips 17 June 1999, lot 275.*	16b	✉	**500**	*(€ 525)*
6535	1850, 1 d. red, plate 96, lettered QL and RG, Archer Perf. 16, two singles used on two mourning covers, showing severe perforation misplacement, cut from the same sheet with scissors, sent from Ifracombe to Ewell, dated 11th and 25th February 1851 respectively, tied by English numeral cancels in black, QL additionally tied by blue Epsom towndated 12 February, stamps show identical misplacement, despite the apparent faults, very scarce examples; according to the Karl Louis Card Index and the Ray Simpson research, these are the only surviving examples of severe perforation misplacement recorded, as such important line engraved rarities.	16b	✉	**400**	*(€ 420)*

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6536	1850, 1 d. red, plate 97, lettered AJ, Archer Perf. 16, used on cover, from Ireland to London, dated 3 April 1854, tied by an indistinct Irish diamond numeral, with dispatch and arrival dated 4 April 1854 on reverse, slight soiling, a fine and scarce example, there being only a handful of covers sent from Ireland with Archer Trial perforations. Cert. BPA (1967). SG CE2 = £1'500+.	16b	✉	**300**	*(€ 315)*
6537	1850, 1 d. red, plate 97, lettered QE, Archer Perf. 16, used on cover, tied by London Inland cancel sent to Usk, dated 17 March 1854, the Archer perforations on this example being distinctive and exhibiting the pattern known to derive from the Wilkinson Punch Set, Side 1; which is consistent with the Archer Perforating Machine Plain Paper Trial sheet held in the German Postal Museum Archive; cover has a horizontal filing crease not affecting stamp, which is a fine and attractive example with clear profile. SG16b = £2'100.	16b	✉	**250**	*(€ 265)*

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		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6538	1850, 1 d. Red, plate 98, lettered FJ, Archer Perf. 16, used on cover, from Newmarket to London, dated 30 September 1851, tied by the Newmarket numeral cancel in black, a provincial usage from the House of Commons distribution, stained and some discolouration, otherwise fine, rare cover, with between 50 to 60 covers attributed to the 1851 distribution of which only 25% are known used in the provinces, these were doubtless carried there by Members of Parliament. SG = £2'200+. *Reference: "Distribution and Usage of Archer-Perforated Stamps" by R.C. Simpson, GB Journal, Volume 60, Number 1, 2022.*	16b	✉	**500**	*(€ 525)*
6539	1850, 1 d. Red, plate 98, lettered PL, Archer Perf. 16, used on cover, from London to Aberystwyth, dated 6 April 1854, tied by fine London Inland "7", arrival to reverse dated 7 April 1854, very fine example from the third issue of 1853-1854, the General Distribution, light filing crease well clear of adhesive, scarce and fine example of a London usage. Cert. RPSL (1994). SG16b = £1'500.	16b	✉	**250**	*(€ 265)*

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6540	1850, 1 d. Red, plate 98, lettered SA, Archer Perf. 16, used on cover, from Hawarden (Wales) to Brighton, dated 25 December 1852, tied by the "182" Hawarden numeral, Hawarden and Chester transit dated Christmas day and Brighton arrival 27 December 1852 on reverse, very fine example, very minor soiling, extremely rare, only recorded Christmas Day usage of an Archer, one of only four covers used in Wales and one of eight recorded examples used in 1852. Accompanied by a matched plate 98 imperf lettered SA. Remark: Archers used in 1852 are believed to derive from the 1851 House of Commons distribution, this cover establishes the link, because it is in the writing hand of William E. Gladstone whose diary entry for Christmas Day 1852 specifically records that he wrote to E. Coleridge from his Hawarden Castle home. The four examples of Archers used in Wales, all from different locations, are not believed to have been issued at Welsh post offices. *References: "The Gladstone Diaries", Volume IV, 1848-1854; "Distribution and Usage of Archer-Perforated Stamps - Updated" by R.C. Simpson, GB Journal, Volume 60, Number 1, January/February 2022, illustrated on page 11.* *Provenance: Lady Mairi Bury Collection, Sothebys, 24-26 November 2010, lot 1029.*	16b	✉	**800**	*(€ 840)*
6541	1850, 1 d. red, plate 99, lettered CC, DA-DC, Archer Perf. 16, single and strip of three, used on cover, from London to Wellington, dated 9 March 1854, tied by London Inland "16", DA is damaged across base and other imperfections evident, the covers has a heavy horizontal filing crease and is soiled and stained, however a scarce example from the General Distribution of 1853-1854; which represents 50% of the total issued during the three discrete trails, of which some 60% of these stamps went to London offices, additionally franked with four Archers including a strip of three; one of eight such covers recorded with four or more Archers, an important and rare example. SG = £6'000+ four singles on cover.	16b	✉	**800**	*(€ 840)*

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		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6542	1850, 1 d. red, plate 100, lettered PA-PB, Archer Perf 16, horizontal pair, used on large fragment, sent from London to Sheffield, dated 13 June 1850, believed to be genuine, although not possible to certify that the adhesives belong to the piece, this use being over three months prior to the Devon distribution of Archers in October 1850. SG16b = £4'400 two singles on cover prior to February 1854. *Reference: "Distribution and Usage of Archer-Perforated Stamps", by R.C. Simpson, GB Journal, Volume 47, Number 1, 2009.*	16b	△	**300**	*(€ 315)*
6543	1850, 1 d. red, plate 100, lettered BA, Archer Perf. 16, used on cover, London to Eton, dated 4 December 1851, tied by London Inland "4", fine perfs. all round, an attractive small envelope in fine condition with very minor imperfections, an exceptional use and rare; only 17% of Archer trials, used in the three discrete experiments between 1851-1853, are recorded from the 1851 House of Commons distribution, an attractive and scarce example. Cert. RPSL (1994). SG = £2'200+.	16b	✉	**500**	*(€ 525)*

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6544	1850, 1 d. red, plate 100, lettered PB, Archer Perf. 16, used on printed wrapper, from Sheffield to London, dated 17 February 1854, tied by indistinct black numeral, arrival to reverse dated 18 Feb 1854, stamp has trimmed perfs. along base, minor soiling, a fine early date example from the General Distribution of 1853-1854 used provincially, very scarce; around 40% of the Archers issued from this distribution went to provincial offices, the rest to London. Cert. RPSL (2008). SG16b = £1'500. *Reference: "Distribution and Usage of Archer-Perforated Stamps" by R.C. Simpson, GB Journal, Volume 60, Number 1, 2022.*	16b	✉	**200**	*(€ 210)*
6545	1850, 1 d. red, plate 100, lettered RJ, Archer Perf. 16, used on a House of Commons envelope, London to Nottingham, dated 7 May 1851, tied by London Inland, signed by J.P. Plumptre, MP for Kent (East), the backflap with embossed House of Commons crest, in extraordinarily fine condition, an exceptional use and rare; just 17% of Archer trials, used in the three discrete experiments between 1851-1853, are recorded from the 1851 Parliamentary Session, scarce so fine, a beautiful and important item. Accompanied by a four margin imperf. from the same plate/position. Cert. BPA (1998). *Reference: "Distribution and Usage of Archer-Perforated Stamps" by R.C. Simpson, GB Journal, Volume 60, Number 1, 2022.*	16b	✉	**500**	*(€ 525)*

6546

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6546	1849, 1 d. red, plate 101, lettered AF, Imprimatur, fresh deep shade, vibrant colour, four even margins all round, with part of top marginal with inscription, showing part of the Type 1 top pin mark which were incorporated in the context of the Archer machine trials, ungummed paper, horizontal crease through top margin as is usual, as well as a small rub in top margin, a horizontal paper wrinkle centrally not running entirely across and of a more natural origin, very attractive and the last of the Archer Trial plates to be used. SG Spec. BS31 = £900.	8	(*)	**200**	*(€ 210)*

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6547	1850, 1 d. red, plate 101, lettered OK, Archer Perf. 16, used on cover, from Kirby Lonsdale to Lancaster, dated 11 July 1854, tied by indistinct black numeral, arrival to reverse dated 11 July 1854, a fine example of provincial use from the General Distribution of 1853-1854, very scarce, as around 40% of the Archers issued went to provincial offices, the rest to London offices. SG16b = £1'900. *Reference: "Distribution and Usage of Archer-Perforated Stamps" by R.C. Simpson, GB Journal, Volume 60, Number 1, 2022.*	16b	✉	**250**	*(€ 265)*
6548	1850, 1 d. red, plate 101, lettered SC, used on cover, from Falmouth to London, dated 20 September 1850, 19 days prior to the recorded start of the Devon issue, tied by "290" Falmouth numeral, arrival on reverse 21 September 1850, soiled and slight stain, otherwise fine and attractive, a rare unofficial Archer Trial usage, very few covers known prior to the October 1850 distribution in Devon. SG16b = £2'500+. *Reference: Illustrated in "Distribution and Usage of Archer-Perforated Stamps" by R.C. Simpson, GB Journal, Volume 60, Number 1, 2022, page 7.*	16b	✉	**400**	*(€ 420)*

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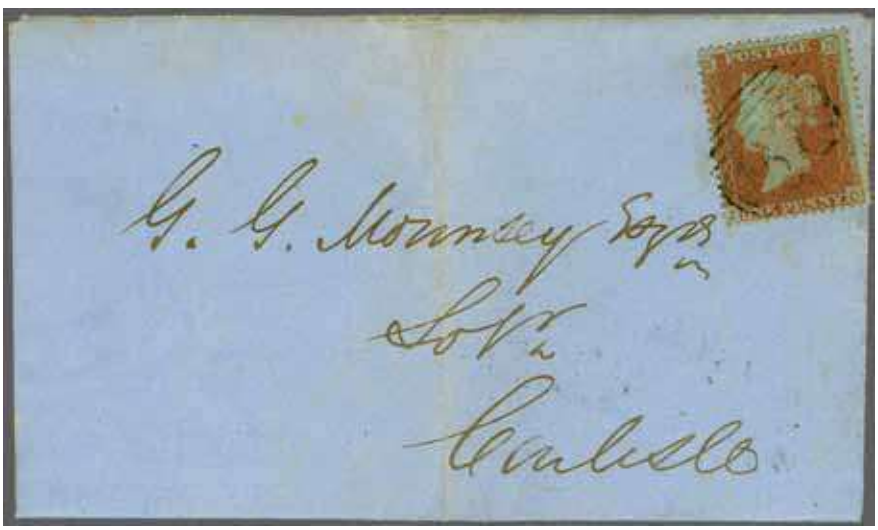
6549	1850, 1 d. red, plate 101, Archer Perf. 16, used on cover, from London sent locally, dated 30 December 1854, tied by a London Inland cancel in black, positioned low, good perfs, a good example of a cover used at the end of the Archer period, one of the last recorded usages, the plate 101 being the last of the plates used for this issue, a scarce multiple. SG19b = £3'800 as two singles on cover.	16b	✉	**300**	*(€ 315)*

View of Wigton



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		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6550	1851, 1 d. red, plate 107, lettered JC, Archer Perf. 16, used on cover, from Wigton to Carlisle, dated 12 June 1854, tied by "879" English numeral, an extremely rare example; according to the Karl Louis card index there are only two covers known and just six examples recorded from this plate; vertical filing crease not affecting stamp, comes matched with an imperf from the same plate and position, a great rarity and an important use, unpriced on cover in latest SG Specialised Volume I. Cert. RPSL (1945 and 2006). *Reference: "The Post-Trial Archer Plates", by R.C. Simpson, GB Journal, Volume 45, number 6, 2007.*	16b	✉	**4'000**	*(€ 4'200)*

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6551	1851, 1 d. red, plate 108, lettered EC, Archer Perf. 16, used, cancelled by the Wigton "879" English numeral, an extremely rare example; according to explanations given in the Mike Williams collection there are only six recorded examples known from this plate; comes with an imperf. horizontal pair, lettered EC-ED, from the same plate, a superb line engraved rarity of significant importance. Cert. RPSL (2006). SG16b = £5'500. *Reference: "The Post-Trial Archer Plates", by R.C. Simpson, GB Journal, Volume 45, number 6, 2007.*	16b		**1'500**	*(€ 1'575)*

Rosel Bay and Harbour of Jersey

6552

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6552	1850, 1 d. red, plate 108, lettered TK, Archer Perf. 16, used on cover, from Jersey, Channel Islands, to London, dated 27 July 1855, tied by Jersey "409" numeral in black, arrival on reverse dated 28 July 1855, backflap missing and envelope damaged across the top and parts of sides, soiled, stamp with good perfs. although the odd dulled at base, couple of toned perfs at top, however a very rare late usage from the Channel Islands, this plate is unpriced on cover, a significant line engraved rarity, almost certainly unique. Cert. BPA (2012). SG16b = £5'500 as a single off cover.	16b	✉	**1'000**	*(€ 1'050)*

6553

6553	1851, 1 d. red, plate 116, lettered GC, Archer Perf. 16, used, well centered, fresh colour, extremely rare example; according to Bill Barrell's list 132 there are only six known examples from this plate (incl. a pair), corner crease and small thin, otherwise fine, comes matched with an imperf. from the same plate and position, a line engraved great rarity of the upmost importance. Cert. RPSL (2007). SG16b = £8'000. *Reference: "The Post-Trial Archer Plates", by R.C. Simpson, GB Journal, Volume 45, number 6, 2007.*	16b		**1'200**	*(€ 1'260)*

Henry Archer Mixed Frankings

The Houses of Parliament in Westminster Palace

ex 6554

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6554	1851, 1 d. red, plate 101, lettered OC, Archer Perf. 16, used on cover in combination with 1 d. red, imperf, plate 115, lettered JL, four good margins all round, dated 14 July 1851, sent from the House of Commons, with Library seal on reverse, tied by London district "53", slight soiling, otherwise very fine example; one of only eight known mixed-frankings of Archers used in combination with imperf. stamp; an important rarity and attractive usage. Accompanied by a matched imperf. from the same Archer plate/position. *Reference: "Mixed-franking Covers", by R.C. Simpson & K.A. Louis, MJ Publications, 2020, page 62 and 72.* *Provenance: Spink, London, 7 December 2007, lot 1364* *Argyll Etkin, London, 6 March 2015, lot 26.*	8 and 16b	✉ **1'200**	*(€ 1'260)*

A view of London

6555

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6555	1850, 1 d. red, plate 100, lettered JA, Archer Perf. 16, used on 1 d. pink postal stationery envelope, from London to St Albans, dated 1 March 1854, tied by London Inland "11", good perfs and well centered, arrival to reverse dated 2 March 1854, minor soiling, some wrinkling and imperfections to envelope, however a rare combination, one of four examples of an Archer and 1 d. pink mixed-franking, an important and visually appealing example. Cert. RPSL (1986). SG16b = £1'500+ as a single Archer on cover, combination unpriced. *Reference: "Mixed-franking Covers" by R.C. Simpson & K.A. Louis, MJ Publications, 2020, pages 62 and 72.* *Provenance: H.& B. Philatelists, September 1997.*	16b	✉	**1'000**	*(€ 1'050)*

Henry Archer, Studies & Selections

6556	1850, selection of six used Archer Perforation Trial stamps, comprising three which illustrate perforation machine problems, such as off-centre, broken perforation pin - which comes with a RPL certificate - a long stamp which is caused by perf. comb adjustment, and three other examples, one which is matched with an imperf. of the same lettering, a mixed lot, very presentable and scarce assembly. *(Photo = www)*	16b		**300**	*(€ 315)*
6557	1850, Archer Perforation Trial study of the plates, set out on two album pages, comprising eight used Archer perf. 16 matched with imperf. from same plate/position, includes plates; 93, 94, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100 and 101, there is also a plate 95 genuine plate but with faked perforations, a mixed lot although several fine, scarce assembly, tricky to match with B2 equivilents. SG16b = £4'875 used singles excluding B2 matched singles. *(Photo = www)*	16b		**500**	*(€ 525)*

1850/52, Prince Consort Essay

Prince Albert

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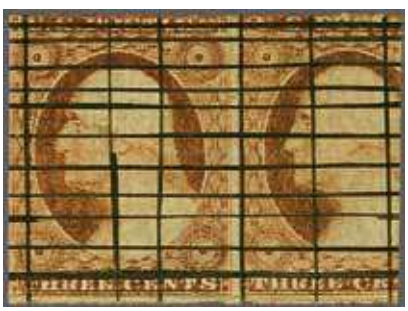
		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6558	1850, Prince Consort Essay, 1 d. red-brown, lettered FJ, imperforate, fresh colour, vivid printing, from plate position 'A', good to large margins all round, surface printed on white wove paper, no gum, very small and minor disturbance to reverse, attractive, very fine example of this scarce essay prepared for Henry Archer in conncetion with his offer to produce perforated surface printed postage stamps on more favourable terms than the exisiting contract with Perkins, Bacon. DP71(2) = £3'000. *Provenance: Courtenay Collection, Grosvenor, London, 26 June 2008, lot 55.*	DP71(2)	(*)	**500**	*(€ 525)*
6559	1850, Prince Consort Essay, 1 d. red-brown, lettered FJ, Archer Perf. 16, from plate position 'C', aligned to the right, part original gum, toned and soiled, thin top right corner, rounded corner at top, although maintains a regal air, a very rare essay in perforated form; there are only five known examples in red-brown which are perforated, two are offered in this sale. DP71(3)a = £25'000. *Provenance: Spink, London, 7 December 2007, lot 1163.*	DP71(3)a	*	**2'500**	*(€ 2'625)*
6560	1850, Prince Consort Essay, 1 d. red-brown, lettered FJ, Archer Perf. 16, deep colour, vibrant printing, from plate position 'J', aligned to the right, without gum, toned, small corner crease and tiny tear, blunt lower right corner, although still very attractive, very rare essay, perforated upon the Archer machines to enable him to demonstrate his offer to produce perforate surface printed postage stamps on more favourable terms than the exisiting contract; there are only five known examples in red-brown which are perforated gauge 16, two are offered in this sale. DP71(3)a = £25'000. *Provenance: Grosvenor, London, 30-31 October 2013, lot 244.*	DP71(3)a	*	**3'000**	*(€ 3'150)*

1855, The Bemrose Machine – (Derby)

Henry H. Bemrose

William Bemrose



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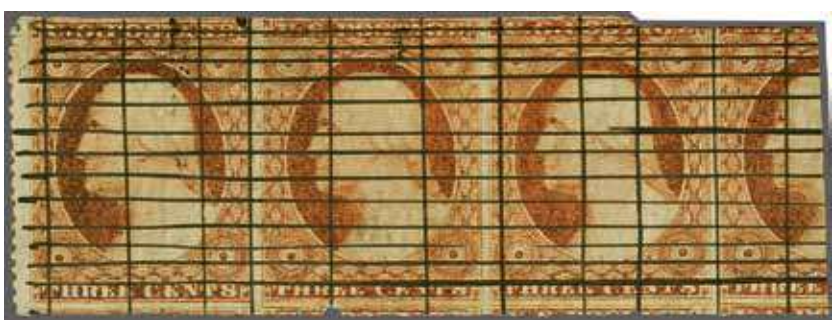
		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6561	1851, 3 c. orange-red, plate 2L, positions 43R2L, variety "Experimental Roulettes horizontally", most part original gum, cancelled by intersecting ruled lines defacing cancel, an important example from the Toppan Carpenter & Co. Bemrose Machine 1855 experiments, rare, very few survivors. *Reference: The 3c stamp of the United States 1851-1857 issue, revised, by Carroll Chase (1942), described by Dr. Chase on page 174-175.* *Provenance: W. Hulme II Collection, Siegel NY sale 964, 2 Dec. 2008, lot 215 .*	11A var	*	**1'500**	*(€ 1'575)*



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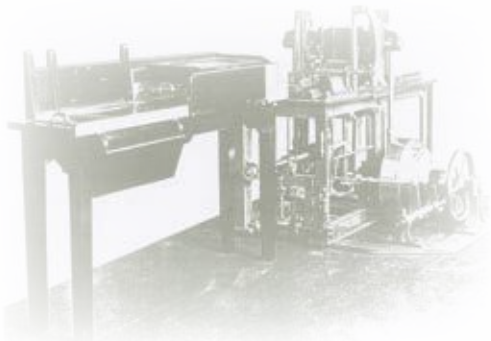
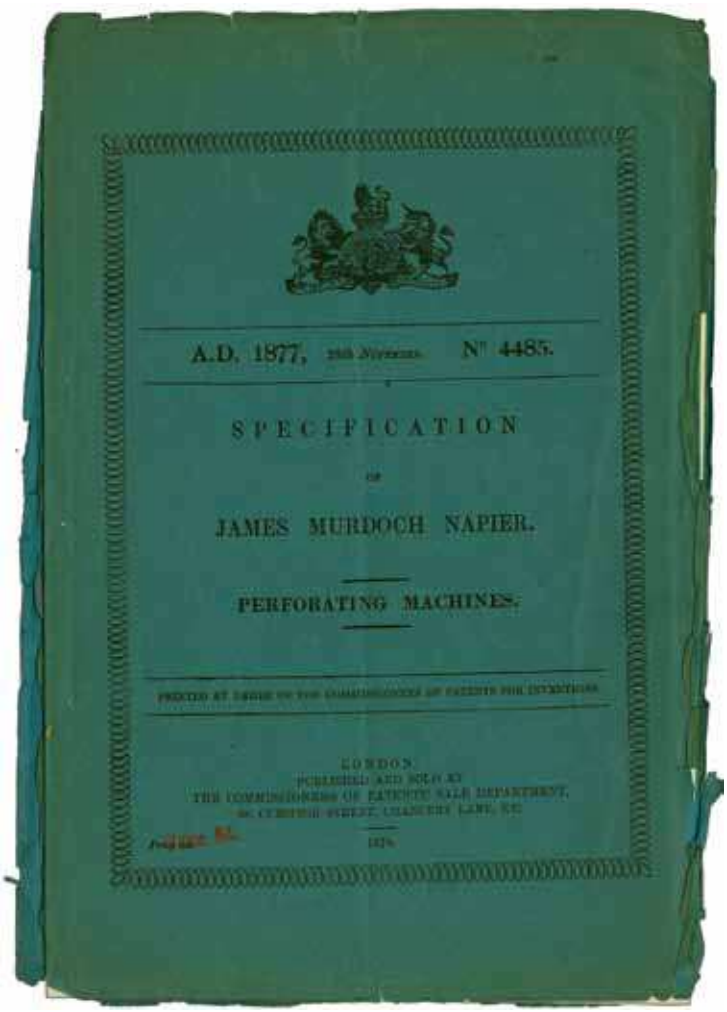
6562	1851, 3 c. orange-red, plate 2L, positions 21-24R2L, horizontal strip of three, variety "Experimental Roulettes horizontally and experimental Perforation 15.5 vertically at left", most part original gum, cancelled by intersecting ruled lines defacing cancel, an important example from the Toppan Carpenter & Co. Bemrose Machine 1855 experiments, certificate mentions a corner crease bottom left, a superb exhibition piece, extremely rare, only nine multiples of this experiemental Bemrose roulette are in private hands, this being the largest surviving strip. Cert. Philatelic Foundation (1981). *Reference: The 3c stamp of the United States 1851-1857 issue, revised, by Carroll Chase (1942), described by Dr. Chase on page 174-175.* *Provenance: W. Hulme II Collection, Siegel NY sale 964, 2 Dec. 2008, lot 219.*	11A var	*	**4'000**	*(€ 4'200)*

1853/54, Napier Machine, First Officially Perforated Postage Stamps



Napier stamp perforating machine with feed table



A.D. 1877, 26th November. Nº 4485.

SPECIFICATION

OF

JAMES MURDOCH NAPIER.

PERFORATING MACHINES.

PRINTED AT LEDGE ON THE COMMISSIONERS OF PATENTS FOR INVENTIONS

LONDON:
PUBLISHED AND SOLD AT
THE COMMISSIONERS OF PATENTS' SALE DEPARTMENT,
66, CHANCERY STREET, CHANCERY LANE, W.C.

1878.

6563

James Murdoch Napier

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6563	1877, Specification of James Murdoch Napier Perforation Machines, printed pamphlet/ booklet, by order of the Commission of Patents for Inventions, No. 4485, priced 8d, contains the original specification on four pages and technical drawings printed upon a double page, additionally included is the 1883 Specification of James Charles Stuart Wallace for Affixing Postage Stamps and Labels, printed over five pages and an additional double page technical drawing of his machine, both are fragile and have some damage, aging, tears and loss to covers, as might be expected, however remarkable items of great historical importance.		**300**	*(€ 315)*

Napier's Works, York Road in Lambeth

6564

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6564	1854, 1 d. red, plate 167, lettered GG-HH, perf 16, block of four, unused, no gum, perforated using the Napier machine, positioned to the right, good perfs. just one pulled, worn plate, additionally 1854 1 d. red, plate 181, lettered RG-SI, block of six, unused, with gum, also perforated on the Napier machine, positioned low to the left, good perfs. just the odd short, is toned in places, however a scarce due. SG C1 = £5'750+ as two blocks of four and two singles.	17	⊞(*)	**500**	*(€ 525)*

ex 6565 ex 6566 ex 6567

6565	1854, 1 d. red, plate 170, lettered NE-NF, perf. 16, die I, alphabet II, wmk. small crown, used, horizontal pair, nicely centered, good perforations, London Inland cancel, rare plate, exceedingly uncommon as a multiple, additionally comes with an imperf. lettered NF from the same plate. Cert. Karl Louis (2023). SG C1 = £3'000 as two singles.	17		**500**	*(€ 525)*
6566	1852, 1 d. red, plate 176, lettered GE, die I, alphabet II, imperf. four good to large margins, fine used example of this very scarce plate in this issue, comes with a perforated example from the same plate/position. Cert. RPSL (1993). SG8 Spec. B2 = £2'500.	8		**500**	*(€ 525)*
6567	1852, 1 d. red, plate 177, lettered QH, die I, alphabet II, small crown wmk., imperf. four close to large margins, fine used example of this the scarcest of the Alphabet II imperf plates. Accompanied by a used example of the perforated issue for the same plate/position. Cert. RPSL (2002). SG8 Spec. B2 = £2'750. *Reference: "Stamp Perforation: The Somerset House Years 1848 to 1880", by R. Simpson & P. Sargent, Plate 2.*	8		**500**	*(€ 525)*
6568	1852/1854, a study on two album pages of the first official 1 d. red perforated 16, presented by plate with matched imperforate stamps from the same plate/position, comprises 28 examples in total, including plates; 155, 157, 162 to 167, 169, 171 to 174, noted a plate 165, perf. 16, lettered II, mixed condition, although many fine, a valuable selection. *(Photo = ⧉ --)*	16b		**200**	*(€ 210)*

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		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6569	1854, 1 d. red, plate 176, lettered EB, die I, alphabet II, perf. 16, used on First Day Cover, from London to Ballyjamesduff (Ireland), dated 24 February 1854, on reverse an indistinct London mark with crown at foot denotes mid-day duty, arrival Dublin dated 25 February 1854 (Code C), mark confirms received on day following postage (specified in Post Office Notice), two small creases to stamp, envelope slightly soiled although remarkably fresh, faint filing crease left side, very rare, one of three covers recorded on 24 February 1854 - *two of which are in this sale* -, with only six examples used in February 1854. cert. BPA (2011). *Reference: "Notes on the Stamps of Great Britain", F. Philbrick, The Philatelic Record, Volume XVI, 1894, page 220.*	17	✉	**500**	*(€ 525)*
6570	1854, 1 d. red, plate 171, die I, alphabet II, perf. 16, used on First Day Cover, in combination with two 1 s. green embossed, cut to shape, from London to New York, dated 24 February 1854, tied by London Inland "29", 2 s. double weight rate with the 1 d. red paying a Late Fee, sent via Liverpool, with "PAID" mark and an inspector mark both in red, Liverpool reciever dated 25 February 1854, also to front an arrival USA "10/Cents" due mark, 1 d. cut into along base and clipped perfs top of right side, heavy crease vertically through 1 d., soiled, however extremely rare, the first recorded use of a perforated stamp on a foreign destination cover and one of three covers recorded used on 24 February 1854. *Reference: "Notes on the Stamps of Great Britain", F. Philbrick, The Philatelic Record, Volume XVI, 1894, page 220.*	17, 55	✉	**750**	*(€ 790)*

6571

6571	1848, Embossed, 10 d. brown, cut to shape, used on cover in combination with 1854, 1 d. red, perf.16, from Brighton to Montreux, dated 5 April 1854, tied by "132" numeral, with "P.D." oval crossed out, "INSUFFICIENTLY/STAMPED" mark in red, a "130" manuscript and Calais transit alongside, arrival to reverse dated 9 April 1854, toned in places, soiled, although scarce use of the newly issued perf. 16 on an overseas mail and combined with an embossed; according to Ray Simpson the third overseas usage recorded of the officially perforated penny red.	17, 57	✉	**150**	*(€ 160)*
6572	1854, Selection of covers franked with the first official perforated stamps, comprising eight 1 d. red perf. 16 examples sent between February and March 1854, all within the first month of issue, noted two used in the first week, also two covers franked with two 2 d. blue perf. 16, sent 6th May and 22 May 1854 respectively, the former a horizontal pair sent from Dublin to Lurgan which is reportedly the earliest recorded Irish use, the latter franked with two singles, sent from Selby to Beverley, additionally there is an SG8 plate 175 used single matched with a perf. 16 used on cover from the same plate and position, condition is mixed, although a very scarce assembly there being very few examples recorded used during this first month of issue. *(Photo = 🗐 www)*	17, 19	✉	**300**	*(€ 315)*

ex 6573

6574

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6573	1854, Two registered covers franked with embossed 6 d. lilac, used in combination with two 2 d. blue plate 4, perf. 16, sent from London to Macclesfield, 10d rate, 6d for registration and up to 2oz 4d postage, both embossed cut into, heavy filing creases through stamps and soiled, however scarce franking, a useful duo.	14, 59	✉	**200**	*(€ 210)*
6574	1854, 2 d. blue plate 4, lettered HG, perf. 16, used on cover in combination with 6 d. lilac embossed, from Liverpool to Macclesfield, dated 29 April 1854, earliest recorded provincial usage, tied by "466" numeral in black, the 6d remarkably wide margins on three side and close to touching top, which is very uncommon on this issue, arival on reverse 1 May 1854, a fine cover, only two Liverpool usages of the 2d recorded in April, scarce example.	19, 59	✉	**300**	*(€ 315)*

6575

6576

6575	1854, 2 d. blue, plate 4, lettered KI-KL, perf. 16, strip of four, used on cover, from London to Amsterdam, dated 22 May 1854, tied by London Inland cancel in black, sent via Belgium, faint indistinguishable arrival on reverse, horizontal filing crease clear of stamps, scarce early use of the newly issued 2 d. blue perf. 16, only three covers recorded to overseas used in May 1854, uncommon franking.	19	✉	**150**	*(€ 160)*
6576	1854, 2 d. blue, plate 4, lettered SK, perf. 16, used on cover in combination with 6 d. lilac embossed, from Manchester to Dresden, dated 22 June 1854, tied by Manchester duplex, with "P" oval and German Franco arrival in red alongside, on reverse an Oxford datstamp 22 June and arrival 26 June, 6d cut into at base and touching top, clear to sides, envelope slightly soiled and reverse toned, scarce early us of 2d on overseas mail, only nine recorded between March/June 1854 and six during June.	19, 59	✉	**300**	*(€ 315)*
6577	1841/1855, Album page study on the 2 d. blue, plate 4 issues, comprising a fine used matched trio of imperf., perf. 16 and perf. 14, all lettered TL, also a four margin fine used block of four 2 d. blue, plate 4, lettered QC-RD, matched with a block of four perf. 16 from the same plate and lettering, a fine and rare group, additionally comes with an 1854 registered cover franked with a strip of three 2 d. blues from the same plate, used in combination with a 1 d. red perf. 16, has faults but an impressive usage, a scarce and difficult to assemble selection. SG = £3'055+ for the stamps off cover. *(Photo = www)*	14, 19, 23	✉⊞	**500**	*(€ 525)*

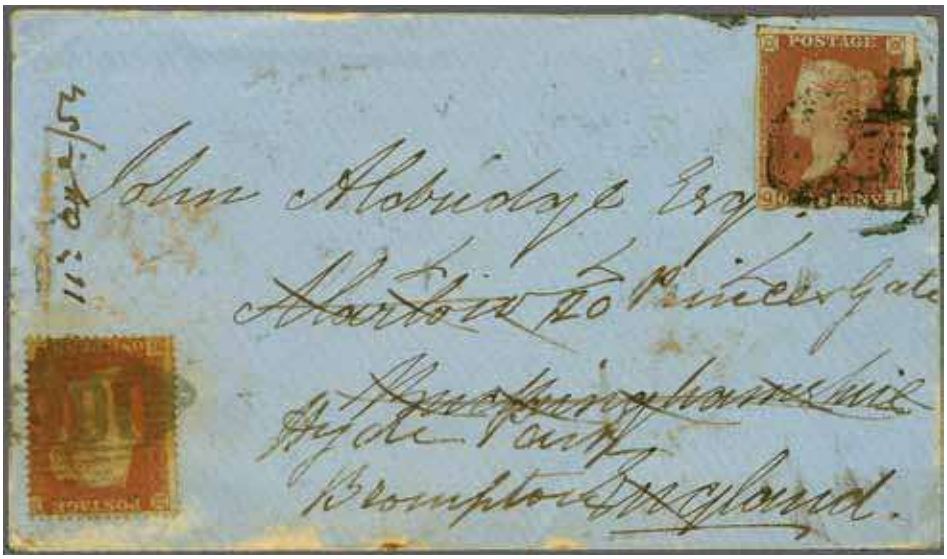
Imperforate & Perforate Mixed Frankings

6578

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6578	1852, 1 d red, plate 142, lettered JK, die I, alphabet II, imperf., used on cover with 1854 1 d red, perf. 16, die I, alphabet II, sent from England to Aberdeen, redirected to Fyvie, dated 27 July 1854, the imperf. paying the standard 1 d. rate and the perf. the redirection, a scarce combined franking, less than 30 examples recorded. *Reference: "Mixed-Franking Covers", by R.C. Simpson & K. Louis, MJ Publications, 2020, page 73.*	8, 17 ✉	**250**	*(€ 265)*

6579

6579	1853, 1 d. red, plate 164, lettered RK, die I, alphabet II, imperf., used on cover in combination with 1854 1 d. red plate 175, lettered GI, die I, alphabet II, perf 16, from Windsor to Drem (Scotland), dated 12 June 1854, tied by "890" numeral, arrival on reverse dated 13 June 1854, stain and slight soiling, however a very fine combination cover example, scarce, fewer than 30 recorded. Cert. BPA (2007). *Reference: "Mixed-Franking Covers", by R.C. Simpson & K. Louis, MJ Publications, 2020, illustrated page 64, recorded page 73.* *Provenance: Harmers, 27 March 1996, lot 691* Harmers, 10 March 1998, lot 89 *Courtenay Collection, Grosvenor, 26 June 2008, lot 290.*	8, 17 ✉	**300**	*(€ 315)*



6580

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6580	1854, 1 d. red, plate 176, lettered QI, imperforate, die I, alphabet II, four margins, irregular at base, used on cover in combination with 1 d. red, perforation 16, die I, alphabet II, tied by Dublin "186" Irish diamond, stamp affixed contrary to regulation lower left and placed upside down (probably as a mark of disrespect), sent from Dublin to Marlow, dated 11 April 1854, redirected to Brompton, the 1 d. imperf. paying the redirection fee, apparent staining, however extremely rare combination item, as well as plate 176 imperf. being a rare plate used on cover, important usage. *Reference: "Mixed-franking Covers", by R.C. Simpson & K.A. Louis, MJ Publications, 2020, recorded on page 73.* *Provenance: Bill Barrell list, September 2006; Grosvenor, 8 April 2010, lot 524.*	8, 17	✉ **800**	*(€ 840)*

6581

6581	1853, 1 d red, plate 169, lettered BE-BF, die I, alphabet II, imperf. pair, used in combination on cover with 1854 1 d red, plate 167, lettered JD and JE, perf 16, die I, alphabet II, paying up to 2 ounces, from London sent locally, dated 4 April 1854, the earliest recorded combination usage of a 4d rate, BE cut into side and both have creases, cover has heavy vertical crease with tears top and bottom, soiled, very rare example, less than 30 perf/imperf red combination examples recorded. *Reference: "Mixed-Franking Covers", by R.C. Simpson & K. Louis, MJ Publications, 2020, page 73.*	8, 17	✉ **400**	*(€ 420)*

6582

View of Göttingen

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6582	1841, 2 d. blue plate 4, lettered QH-QK, strip of four, imperf., four margins, used on cover in combination with 1854, 1 d. red, plate 164, lettered EH, perf. 16., from Cheam to Göttingen (Kingdom of Hannover), dated 5 May 1854, tied by London Inland "13", with perf. additionally tied by German Franco entry mark in red dated 6 May 1854, oval "P." alongside, with arrival on reverse in blue dated 7 May, there is also an undated Cheam (South London) circular in blue, envelope was originally folded through bottom half of the strip of four and has been opened up for display, there is a horizontal crease through the 1 d., very scarce 8d rate plus 1d Late Fee mixed-franking cover. *Reference: "Mixed-Franking Covers", by R.C. Simpson & K. Louis, MJ Publications, 2020, illustrated page 69 and recorded page 76.*	14, 17	✉	**500**	*(€ 525)*

6583

6583	1841, 2 d. blue, plate 4, lettered JH, imperf., four margins, used on cover, in combination with 2 d. blue, plate 4, lettered HB, perf 16, from Carlise to Glasgow, dated 22 August 1854, arrival on reverse same day, vertical filing crease centrally not affecting stamps, soiled and stained, however an extremely rare combination 4 d. rate cover, 2 d. blue imperf./perf. combined are very uncommon, just seven examples receorded. *Reference: "Mixed-Franking Covers", by R.C. Simpson & K. Louis, MJ Publications, 2020, illustrated page 70 and recorded page 77.* *Provenance: Christies Auction, 12. December 1989, lot 323*	14, 19	✉	**750**	*(€ 790)*

6584

The Grand Pagoda of Rangoon

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6584	1841, 2 d. blue, plate 4, lettered LL, imperf., three margins, used on cover in combination with 1854 1 d. red, plate 167, lettered OE, perf 16 and embossed 1847, 1 s. green, vertical pair, sent from Stalybridge to Rangoon (Burma), dated 23 March 1854, tied by "502" English numeral, endorsed 'via Marseille', a 2 s. 3d rate, arrival datestamp to reverse dated (?) May 1854, with transit in Calcutta which looks to be 16 May, horizontal filing crease clear of stamps, toned wrapper, the embossed are close to touching and one has a tear into left side, very scarce, the earliest recorded with such a combination, one of only ten covers with imperf./perf. stamps, attractive tri-colour mixed-franking to an unusual destination. *Reference: "Mixed-Franking Covers", by R.C. Simpson & K. Louis, MJ Publications, 2020, illustrated page 69 and recorded page 76.*	14, 17, 55	✉	**800**	*(€ 840)*

View of Bombay

6585

6585	1841, 2 d. blue, plate 4, lettered JH, imperf., four margins, used on cover in combination with, 1857, 1 d. red, perf 14 and 1856, 6 d. lilac, plate 1, sent from London to Bombay (India), dated 3 April 1860, tied by London "80" duplex cancel, sent via Marseille, arrival datestamp to reverse dated 26 April, stained and toned around edges, a rare tri-colour mixed-franking, one of three covers from the original find about 25 years ago with this specific combination, all dated 1860 from the same sender. *Reference: "Mixed-Franking Covers", by R.C. Simpson & K. Louis, MJ Publications, 2020, illustrated page 70 and recorded page 78.*	14, 40, 70	✉	**1'500**	*(€ 1'575)*

Lady Mairi Bury

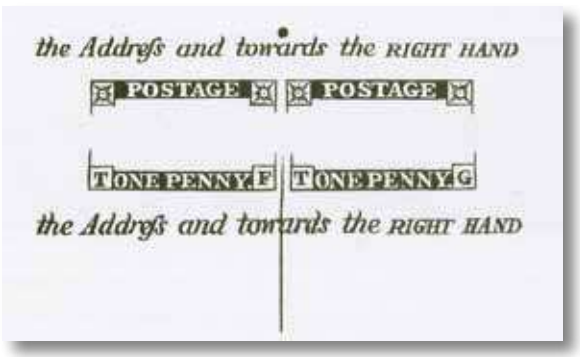
John O. Griffiths

6586

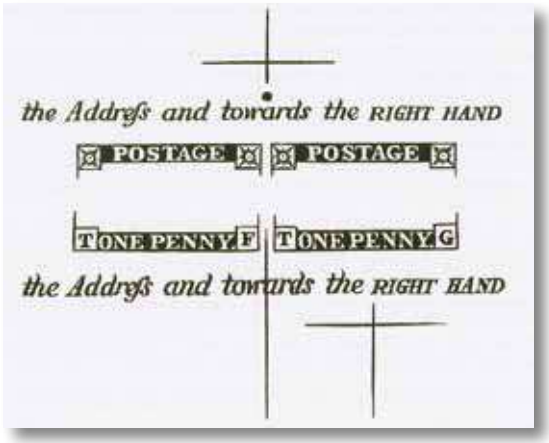
		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6586	1852, 1 d. red, plate 132, lettered OA, die I, alphabet II, imperf., used on Registered cover, combined with 1858 2 d. blue, plate 8, vertical strip of three, lettered DK-FK, perf. 14, large crown, sent from Falmouth to St. Columb (Cornwall), dated 7 January 1860, tied by "290" duplex, to reverse Bodmin transit dated same day and arrival 8 January 1860, the strip of three paying the registration fee on a 1 d. rate, penny red has three margins with irregular right side, ironed out horizontal filing crease which runs through 2 d. EK, otherwise fine; the unique recorded mixed-franking of the 1858, 'plate number' issue 2 d. perf. with the imperf. 1841, 1 d.; an important mixed-franking cover of the line engraved issues. *Reference: "Mixed-Franking Covers", by R.C. Simpson & K. Louis, MJ Publications, 2020, illustrated page 66 and recorded page 74.* *Provenance: John O. Griffiths collection, Christies 27 June 1985, lot 4349* *Graut collection, Spink 25 September 2003, lot 2145* *Lady Mairi Bury Collection, Sothebys, 24 November 2010, lot 1127.*	8, 45 ✉	**1'000**	*(€ 1'050)*

Technical Issues

Pin Marks



Drawing showing type 1 (1849) pin marks



Drawing showing type 3 (January 1854) pin marks

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Harold W. Fisher

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6587	1852, 1 d. red, plate 150, lettered AF, Imprimatur, die I alphabet II, vivid shade, strong colour, four margins all round, with part of top marginal with inscription, showing part of the Type 1 top pin mark incorporated in the context of the Archer machine trials, ungummed paper, horizontal crease through top margin as is the norm, superb ivory head to reverse, rub/disturbance in margin above, otherwise very fine, attractive, has Roschild owners mark to back. SG Spec. B2 = £900. *Reference: "Stamp Perforation: The Somerset House Years 1848 to 1880", by R. Simpson & P. Sargent, illustrated on Plate 4.*	8	(*)	**200**	*(€ 210)*
6588	1854, 1 d. red, plate 178, lettered AF and AG re-united, Imprimaturs, die I alphabet II, four margins all round, with part of top marginal with inscription, presented together to illustrate the Type 2 top pin marks incorporated in the context of the Napier perforation machines, ungummed paper, horizontal crease through top margins as is case normally, ivory heads to reverse, rub/disturbance in AF top margin as well as a small thin to reverse, otherwise very fine, attractive duo. SG Spec. C1 = £1'700 as two singles. *Reference: "Stamp Perforation: The Somerset House Years 1848 to 1880", by R. Simpson & P. Sargent, page 138 & Plate 4.* *Provenance (for AG only): Robson Lowe, 27 April 1949, ex lot 75* *Harold W. Fisher collection, Phillips, 22-23 September 1983, lot 298* *Beresford Collection, Sotheby's, 24 November 1987, lot 251.*	17	(*)	**400**	*(€ 420)*
6589	1854, 1 d. red, plate 185, lettered AF, Imprimatur, die I, alphabet II, four margins all round, with part of top marginal with inscription, also the Type 2 top pin mark incorporated in the context of the Napier perforation machines, ungummed paper, horizontal crease through top margins as is usual, superb ivory heads to reverse, fine and attractive. SG Spec. C1 = £850. *Reference: "Stamp Perforation: The Somerset House Years 1848 to 1880", by R. Simpson & P. Sargent, page 138.* *Provenance: Harold W. Fisher, Phillips 22-23 September 1983, lot 305 .*	17	(*)	**200**	*(€ 210)*

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		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6590	1854, 1 d. red-brown, plate 192, lettered AF, Imprimatur, margins all round, top marginal showing inscription and Type 2 pin marks, no gum as issued, top margin folded horizontally as is the norm, ink mark on reverse slightly showing through, still very attractive. SG Spec. C1 = £850. *Provenance: The Board of Inland Collection, Robson Lowe, 17 December 1975, lot 1382.*	17	(*)	**150**	*(€ 160)*
6591	1854, 1 d. red-brown, plate 201, lettered AF, Imprimatur, margins all round, top marginal showing inscription and Type 3 pin marks correctly engraved, small crown wmk., no gum as issued, top margin folded horizontally as is the norm, very attractive. SG Spec. C1 = £850. *Reference: "Stamp Perforation: The Somerset House Years 1848 to 1880", by R. Simpson & P. Sargent, illustrated on page 141 & plate 4.* *Provenance: The Board of Inland Revenue Collection, Robson Lowe, 17 December 1975, lot 1391.*	17	(*)	**150**	*(€ 160)*
6592	1854, 1 d. red-brown, plate 204, lettered AF, Imprimatur, top marginal with part inscription, four margins, showing Type 3 pin marks, one of seven plates originally engraved with this type, no gum as issued, top margin folded horizontally, some marks also, although very fine appearance. GG Spec. C1 = £850.	17	(*)	**150**	*(€ 160)*

ex 6593

6593	1849, 1 d. red, plate 88, lettered AF-BG, top marginal block of four, unused, with original gum, four close to very large margins, without pin marks between AF-AG, thus printed before 25 November 1849; this being the first plate to which pin marks were added after printing began, this example is a key piece, because the plate 88 specimen now in the German Postal Museum in Bonn, was sent to the Prussian Government in January 1850 and clearly display the added pin marks; vertical crease down left side of AF-BF and diagonal crease through AG-BG, however an important item and rare; additionally comes on a page with a used top marginal block of four from plate 89, used, not quite four margins and a plate 56 bottom marginal strip of three, both examples which also do not have pin marks, scarce group.	8	⊞*	**300**	*(€ 315)*

General Post Office in London

ex 6594

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6594	1851, 1 d. red, plate 121, lettered TA-TJ, die I, alphabet I, imperf., unused, bottom corner marginal strip of ten, with part inscription and full selvedge, margins all round, original gum, showing the complete Type 1 bottom pin mark between TF-TG, slightly soiled and toned, vertical creases, which do not detract from this spectacular piece, extremely rare marginal. Accompanied by two imperf. 1 d. red singles from plate 96, lettered TF and TG, showing part of the pin mark between, used and both cancelled by a blue "29" of Ashburton. *Provenance: (for the unused strip): Robson Lowe, 28 September 1939, lot 102* *McIntire* Collection, *Robson Lowe, 29 March 1956, lot 294.* *Harmer London, 29-30 April,1957, lot 36.*	8, Spec. BS32	*	**800**	*(€ 840)*

6595

6595	1854, 1 d. red, plate 185, lettered TE-TF, die I, alphabet II, small crown wmk., perf. 16, unused, no gum, bottom marginal pair, with part of inscription below and full selvedge, very fresh, bright colour, showing the Type 2 vertical pin mark at extreme right edge of TF into margin, also has part of the bottom marginal of TD, stain in margin under TE-TF, otherwise very fine and attractive. Comes with part top marginal of plate 189 with inscription and showing complete Type 2 pin mark and the rarely seen holes/depressions caused by the pressure of the tympan. SG C1 = £750+ as two singles.	17	(*)	**200**	*(€ 210)*

Queen Victoria

6596

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6596	1854, 1 d. red, plate 192, lettered AF-CJ, perf. 16, die I, alphabet II, small crown wmk., unused top marginal block of fifteen, original gum, fresh printing, strong colour, nicely centered, with inscription above and showing the Type 2 pin marks adapted to Type 3, also position AI is a reentry, has ben folded along three of the perf. columns and AJ has clipped perfs. top right side, which does not detract from this show piece, very rare in this condition. SG17 Spec.C1 = £7'625++ as two blocks of four and seven singles. *Provenance: Phillips auction, 4-5 September 1986, lot 515* *Howard O. Fraser Collection (2001).*	17	⊞**	**1'500**	*(€ 1'575)*

6597

6598

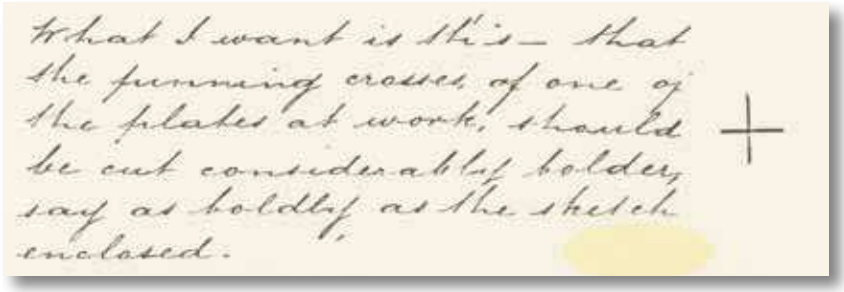
		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6597	1854, 1 d. red-brown, plate 204, lettered AF-BG, perf. 16, die I, alphabet II, small crown wmk., unused, top marginal block of four, with part inscription and showing Type 3 pin marks, one of seven plates originally engraved with this type, original gum, perf. separation in places has been reinforced by hinges, some tone marks top, small diagonal crease in marginal, just the odd perf. pulled, very appealing and rare, especially with selvedge, a scarce plate, standard "used" C1 catalogues at £30, this plate at £225, standard mint block of four catalogues at £2'500, making this a rare and valuable piece. SG Spec. C1 = £2'500 standard plate, plate 204 is approx. x8 more scarce. *Remark: The block of four AF/BG originally adjoined the famous "Seymour" corner plate number block AH/BL (1951).* *Provenance: Pat Lyon Collection, illustrated and discussed in The GB Journal May/ June 1997, page 39.*	17	⊞*	**800**	*(€ 840)*
6598	1855, 1 d. red, plate 2, lettered SG-TG, die II, alphabet II, large crown wmk., unused, bottom marginal vertical pair, fresh colour, neatly centered, good perfs., showing the pin marks with a crudley corrected error, no gum, faint diagonal crease through TG, scarce example, attractive pair. SG Spec. C6(1) = £950 as two singles. *Remark: The pair SG-TG originally adjoined the bottom marginal blocks SH/TI and SJ/TH which made a larger block with QH/RK, all of which are in the Mike Williams collection.* *Reference: "Stamp Perforation: The Somerset House Years 1848 to 1880", by R. Simpson & P. Sargent, illustrated on page 142 and plate 4.*	C6(1)	(*)	**200**	*(€ 210)*

6599

6599	1855, 2 d. blue, plate 4, lettered TG (late printing from the repaired state of the plate), die I, alphabet I, small crown wmk., perf. 14, bottom marginal, 'SPECIMEN', strong colour, small part original gum, showing the Type 2 pin mark adapted to Type 3, fresh stamp, minor soiling in margin, attractive and scarce example. SG23 Spec. F2s = £1'700. *Remarks: The neighbouring stamp lettered TH is in the N.P.M. London, Philips Collection. All 1855, 2d. plate 4, perf. 14, overprinted SPECIMEN originate from a lower half sheet KA/TL of which first multiples surfaced on the philatelic market already on a Ventom, Bull & Cooper auction in April 1889 ! The upper half of the sheet, AA-JL, is in the Philips collection, N.P.M. London, vol. XLV, page 65a.*	23		**300**	*(€ 315)*

1875, Experimental Pinning Cross

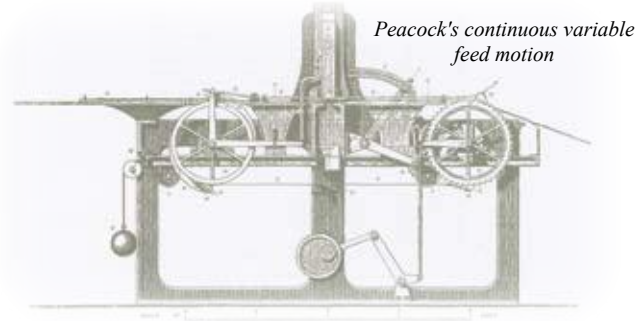
Ormond Hill



What I want is this – that the pinning crosses of one of the plates at work, should be cut considerably bolder, say as boldly as the sketch enclosed.

6600

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6600	1873, 1 d. red, plate 172, lettered AC-CI, top marginal unused block of twenty one, original gum, full selvedge, top showing the prominent "experimental pinning cross" above and between AF-AG, which was ordered by Ormond Hill, the perforated top margin is typical of the continuous feed systsems used in the Victorian era, the additional line of horizontal perforations indicates sheet adjustment to ensure accurate placement of the first strike, some toning/spots, creases and folds apparent, separation of perfs. in places, fault to CE, however an important piece; plate 172 was the only plate displaying this variant pinning mark, the two examples offered in this sale are the only recorded of the Ormond Hill experiment, apart from a few single stamps. *Note: In 1874-1875 an experimental feed apparatus promising major productivity gains was developmed by Thomas Peacock, Superintendant of the Perforating Room, in response Ormond Hill instructed Perkins, Bacon in February 1875 to make the pinning cross more prominent on an existing plate (see extract). Plate 172 displays this cross.* *Provenance: Harmer, London, 29-30 April 1957, lot 65.*	43	⊞*	**500**	*(€ 525)*



Peacock's continuous variable feed motion

6601

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6601	1873, 1 d. red, plate 172, lettered AA-EH, top marginal unused block of forty, original gum, top showing the "experimental pinning cross" above and between AF-AG, which was ordered by Ormond Hill, the imperforate top margin indicates that continuous feed apparatus was not engaged until the sheet was properly positioned under the punches, the odd perf. separation reinforced by hinges, gum wrinkles, very minor folds down perf. columns, a stunning piece which illustrates the experimental 'Variable Continuous Feed Apparatus', and together with the other block from this plate, offered separately in this sale, is the only known large blocks showing this experiemental cross. *Note: In 1874-1875 an experimental feed apparatus promising major productivity gains was developmed by Thomas Peacock, Superintendant of the Perforating Room, in response Ormond Hill instructed Perkins, Bacon in February 1875 to make the pinning cross more prominent on an existing plate (see extract). Plate 172 displays this cross.* *Provenance: (as far as one can say): Harmer, London, 14/15 February 1938, lot 131 as a block of 60, AA/EL, of which later the block of 20 AI/EL has been separated.*	43 ⊞*	**500**	*(€ 525)*

1857, Provisional Perforation 16

J. B. Seymour

6602

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6602	1857, Provisional use of perf. 16 gauge, 1 d. rose-red, plate 37, lettered EA-FB, die II, alphabet III, large crown wmk. type I, mint block of four, original gum, fresh vibrant colour, nicely centered, perfs. generally very fine, slightly dulled at base of FA, very rare example, only six mint blocks of four are recorded; this previously being part of a block of twelve. Cert. RPSL (2015). SG C11 = £14'000 for a standard C11 plate unused block of four; plate 37 being rated at 50% scarcer/more valuable. *Provenance: J. B. Seymour Collection, Robson Lowe, 29 October 1952, lot 262 (block of 12)* *Robson Lowe, 12 January 1955, lot 377* *Robson Lowe, 28 September 1969, lot 306.*	36	⊞**	**2'500**	*(€ 2'625)*

6603

6604

6603	1857, Provisional use of perf 16 gauge, 1 d. rose-red, three singles and one pair, used on a Registered cover with 1855 2 d. blue, plate 5, perf 16, trimmed part of base, from Liverpool to Manchester, dated 19 February 1858, tied by the "466" Liverpool Spoon duplex, with scarce Registered with Crown in red, arrival to reverse dated 20 February 1858, horizontal filing crease centrally clear of stamps, soiled, very scarce example, according to R. C. Simpson one of two examples of this stamp combination.	36	✉	**200**	*(€ 210)*
6604	1857, Provisional use of perf 16 gauge, 1 d. rose-red, plate 43, three singles, used on cover in combination with 1856 6 d. lilac, plate 1, from Exeter to Bombay, dated 16 May 1858, tied by "285" duplex, the reverse with an undated Whitestone circular in blue, as well as host of transit marks, arrival dated 10 July 1858, there is also a wafer yellow seal "*He that hath an ear to hear let him hear*", the 6 d. is trimmed right side, a scarce cover, fewer than five examples with a comparable franking, multiple C11 issues on cover are scarce.	36, 68	✉	**150**	*(€ 160)*

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6605	1857, Provisional use of perf 16 gauge, 1 d. rose-red, study mounted and written-up on an album page, including a scarce used block of four from plate 27 tied to small piece, additionally twenty used examples from all C11 plates, including the valuable plates 38, 45, 49, all fine no faults, 58 which has one short perf., these four accompanied by Mike Williams certificates confirming the plating and condition (2019), condition in the main is fine for this scarce group, difficult to assemble. SG C11 = £4'505+. *Provenance: Robson Lowe, 17 November 1981, lot 278 (plate 27 block of four* *Bill Barrell, List 147, ref: 63711 (plate 27 block of four).* *(Photo = www)*	36		**500**	*(€ 525)*
6606	1857/1858, Provisional Use of Gauge 16 Punch Sets, a study set-out on eleven album pages, compirsing thirteen covers and eight used stamps, predominately 1 d. reds, although three examples with 2 d. blues, two in combination with 1 d. red, noted a pair 1 d. reds used in combination with 6 d. lilac on 1858 cover from North Shields to Prussia, one of four recorded, also a strip of three 2 d. blues used on 1858 cover from Bristol to Christchurch, New Zealand and two examples of a 2 d. blue, plate 6, perf. 16, used in combination with 1 d. red, perf 16, one with a BPA certificate, mixed condition, very scarce assembly. *(Photo = www)*	36, 36a,	✉	**500**	*(€ 525)*

Perforation Gauges 16 & 14 Mixed Frankings

6608

ex 6607

6607	1855, 1 d. red, plate 11, lettered TF, perf. 14, used in combination on redirected cover with 1 d. red, plate 4, lettered EL, perf. 16, sent from Halstead to Southampton redirected to London, dated 24 September 1855, is stained and soiled, with part of back missing, however a rare combination from Die II perf. 14 and perf 16., being the only example of this combination recorded, additionally comes with two 1855 covers franked with Die I perf 14. and perf. 16 1 d. reds in combination, used during the perforation gauge transitional period. *Reference: "Mixed-franking Covers", by R.C. Simpson & K.A. Louis, MJ Publications, 2020, illustrated page 82 and recorded on page 98. Classified "Gold Standard"; "Combination Covers", R. Simpson, The GB Journal. Volume 46, No. 6, November/December 2008 and Volume 47, No. 2, March/April 2009.*	26 and C6	✉	**300**	*(€ 315)*
6608	1854, 1 d. red, plate R3, die I, alphabet II, Perf. 16, vertical strip of four and vertical pair, used on Registered cover in combination with 1855 1 d. red, die II, Perf. 14, from Enstone to Guernsey, dated 19 June 1855, tied by "273" English numeral, the six perf. 16 paying the registration fee, the perf. 14 the 1d postage rate; combinations of perforation gauge 16 and 14 during the transitional period from January 1855 to August 1855 are scarce, this registered cover is the only example recorded in the Mixed-Franking Covers book of this type. *Reference: "Mixed-franking Covers", by R.C. Simpson & K.A. Louis, MJ Publications, 2020, illustrated page 83 and recorded on page 99. Classified as a "Gold Standard" cover.*	17, 24	✉	**400**	*(€ 420)*

6609

6610

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6609	1854, 2 d. blue, plate 4, lettered LC, perf. 16, used on cover in combination with 1855, 1 d. red, plate R4, lettered KH, perf. 14, from London to Hull, dated 24 February 1855, arrival on reverse 25th, soiled, however a scarce cover, there being eighteen mixed franking covers recorded featuring 2 d. perf 16 and 1 d. perf. 14, fourteen which originate from the Crimea War mail, only three internal mail covers are recorded. *Reference: "Mixed-franking Covers", by R.C. Simpson & K.A. Louis, MJ Publications, 2020, illustrated on page 84, recorded page 100.*	17, 19	✉	**200**	*(€ 210)*
6610	1854, 1 d. red, lettered ED, perf. 16, used on cover in combination with 1855 4 d. carmine, perf 14, two singles, from London to Bremen, dated 25 August 1855, tied by London Inland cancel in black and "P." oval in red, light filing crease lower part not affecting stamps, the 4d on right has rubs on surface from a paperclip, very rare mixed-franking cover with 1854 perf. 16 red and surface printed 4d stamps of this issue, which were very short lived; according to the Simpson/Louis book this is the only recorded example. *Reference: "Mixed-franking Covers", by R.C. Simpson & K.A. Louis, MJ Publications, 2020, illustrated page 91 and recorded on page 102.*	17, 62	✉	**400**	*(€ 420)*

6611

6612

6611	1854, 2 d. blue, plate 4, lettered RC, perf 16, used on cover combined with 1855 2 d. blue plate 4, lettered GB, perf 14, from London to Paris, paying single rate postage, dated 24 July 1855, tied by London Inland "28" cancel in black, with "PD" oval in red and Calais transit dated 25 July 1855 alongside, arrival to back dated the same day, part of flap missing, otherwise a fine cover, a very rare mixed-franking cover used during the transitional period July/August 1855 to a foreign destination, probably unique. *Reference: "Mixed-franking Covers", by R.C. Simpson & K.A. Louis, MJ Publications, 2020, illustrated page 88 and recorded on page 102. Classified "Gold Standard".*	19, 23	✉	**300**	*(€ 315)*
6612	1857, 2 d. blue plate 6, perf 14, lettered TJ, used on cover combined with 1858 2 d. blue plate 6, perf 16, lettered CL, from Llanelli to St Brieuc (France), dated 18 January 1859, tied by indistinct numeral, arrival to reverse dated 21 January 1859, vertical and horizontal filing creases, slight soiling, extremely scarce combination, only recorded example of this mixed-franking to date, rated as "Gold Standard" in Mixed-Franking Covers book. SG = £750+ as singles on cover. *Reference: "Mixed-franking Covers", by R.C. Simpson & K.A. Louis, MJ Publications, 2020, illustrated page 97 and recorded on page 104.*	35, 36a	✉	**500**	*(€ 525)*

6613

6614

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6613	1854/1855, 2 d. blue, plate 4, lettered JG, perf 16, used on cover combined with 2 d. blue plate 4, lettered AG-BG, vertical pair, perf 14, from Dursley to Chester, dated 27 July 1855, tied by indistinct English numeral, arrival to reverse dated 28 July 1855, envelope is a linen-reinforced type which suggests there might have been coins enclosed accounting for the additinal weight, vertical filing crease running through lower part of AG, not really noticable, some soiling, a very rare mixed-franking cover used during the transitional period July/August 1855, of which there are curently only two recorded examples. Cert. BPA (2011). *Reference: "Mixed-franking Covers", by R.C. Simpson & K.A. Louis, MJ Publications, 2020, illustrated page 90 and recorded on page 102. Classified "Gold Standard".* *Provenance: Doron Azoure Collection (owner mark to reverse).*	19, 23	✉	**400**	*(€ 420)*
6614	1858, 2 d. blue, plate 6, lettered SL, perf. 16, worn state I, showing boardened lower left network, used on a Registered cover in combination with 1856, 6 d. lilac, plate 1, perf. 14, Wing margin, from Manchester to Dublin, Manchester Registered in red alongside dated 10 March 1858, 2 d. postage rate, 6d registration fee, Dublin registered arrival on reverse in red dated 11 March 1858, horizontal filing crease clear of stamps, scarce example, seven recorded examples of this franking. *Reference: "Mixed-franking Covers", by R.C. Simpson & K.A. Louis, MJ Publications, 2020, illustrated page 96 and recorded page 104.*	36a, 70	✉	**200**	*(€ 210)*
6615	1854, Group of six covers, all with mixed 1 d. red, perf 16 in combination with 2 d. blue, perf 16, comprising four examples sent to Crimea War/Black Sea Fleet; of which one, an 1854 envelope sent from Plymouth to British Army in Turkey, is from the original find of the "Captain Radcliffe Correspondence"; others include one cover to France and an attractive strip of three 2 d. blue used with a single 1 d. red sent from Edinburgh to Lancaster, very mixed, one cover has 2 d. blue missing, although attractive two-colour selection, scarce examples. *Provenance: The Captain Radcliffe Correspondence, Spink, 28-30 June 2014, lot 2596.* *(Photo = 🗐 www)*	17, 19	✉	**400**	*(€ 420)*
6616	1855, Transitional Period study set out on four album pages, comprising five covers, one piece and six used stamps, includes three mixed-franking perf. 14 and perf. 16 1 d. reds on cover, used during the transitional period January/August 1855, noted very attractive 1855 C3 plate 3, used in combination with C1*, an 1855 wrapper franked with a combination of C1 and C2 and Die I perf. 16 and Die II perf. 14 used on a printed Sun Life advertising sheet, also two covers franked with early use perf. 14 plates R1 and R4, the latter the earliest recorded date, additionally a page with six used 2 d. blues perf. 16 and 14, a scarce selection, neatly written-up. **Reference: "Mixed-franking Covers", by R.C. Simpson & K.A. Louis, MJ Publications, 2020, illustrated page 82 and recorded on page 98. Classified as a "Gold Standard" cover.* *(Photo = 🗐 www)*	17, 22, 24,	✉△	**500**	*(€ 525)*
6617	1854/1856, Group of four covers franked with 2 d. blue, plate 4, perf. 16, comprising three single frankings and one in combination with 6 d. lilac on a registered cover, this being the only recorded example of a perforation mixed-franking involving these stamps, also noted a second day of recorded use, dated 23 Febraury 1854, sent from Sheffield to Blackheath and another example used within the first month of issue, some faults and slightly mixed condition, although very scarce lot; there are only three covers recorded used in the first month of use. *(1857 2 d. blue in combination with 6 d. lilac): Reference: "Mixed-franking Covers", by R.C. Simpson & K.A. Louis, MJ Publications, 2020, illustrated page 93 and recorded on page 102.* *(Photo = 🗐 www)*	19	✉	**200**	*(€ 210)*

Studies of Perforation Varieties

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6618	1850, 1 d, red, plate 94, lettered MB, Archer Trail Perf. 16, good used example, well centered, dulled perfs lower left side, comes with a small selection of 1 d. reds, including a very fine four margin used 1848 imperforate 1 d. red, plate 82, pair, with a partial separation between, illustrating the pre-sale partial separation practice undertaken at the Post Office prior to the introduction of perforated stamps, also five stamps with various perf. varieties including a double perforation and two very dramatic misperforations, a mixed lot, although a fine small study. *(Photo = www)*	8, 16b, 17,		**150**	*(€ 160)*
6619	1854/1868, Collection of 1 d. red perforation varieties and misperforations, comprising an album with thirty eight pages, with many hundreds of stamps, mostly singles, although multiples and covers included, large selection of broken pin varieties, as well as double perforations, misaligned perforations, some very dramatic and visually appealing examples, especially the perf. 7 to left examples, much appears plated, condition variable, a fascinating study, scarce and valuable lot. *(Photo = www)*			**1'000**	*(€ 1'050)*
6620	1854/58, Six album pages, neatly written-up, dedicated to errors in the line engraved perforation process, comprises three covers, two unused 1 d. red blocks of six, one from plate 188, lettered FD-GF, twenty used stamps, mostly reds but several 2 d. blues, a strip of three and strip of six, study includes; plate layout, printing process, reperforation and rough/incomplete perforations, some dramatic misplacement of vertical and horizontal perforations, as well as noted ghost perforations and partial imperf. stamps, mixed condition, with fine examples, a scarce, high catalogue value, an excellent assembly. *Provenance: (Block of Six, Plate 188, FD-GF, was part of a block of twenty one)* *Griffiths Collection, Christies, 27 June 1985, lot 4308* *Habsburg, Feldman, 27 November 1989, lot 30364* *Phillips, 4 April 1996, lot 417.* *(Photo = www)*		✉△(*)	**1'000**	*(€ 1'050)*
6621	1864, Study on Perforation Machine development, neatly written-up on two album pages, comprising four 1 d. red items multiples, all unused and with marginal top or side, including one corner, plates include; 87, 162, 204 and 222, these also illustrate the marginal pin marks, a very eye catching selection, and mostly fine. *(Photo = www)*	43/44	⊞*	**150**	*(€ 160)*

1855, Surface Printed Issues: Sheet Layouts & Separations

Dr. Douglas Latto

ex 6622

6623

6622	1856, 6 d. lilac, plate 1, 'SPECIMEN', Type 4, printed on Azure paper, top corner marginal, variety "abnormal official perforation", showing Wing margin instead of a normal perforation close to the stamp design, the perforations extend right through the right side of sheet rather than the usual single extension hole, small corner crease in top margin and slight soiling, however a scarce example and most attractive. Comes with an 1862 4 d. vermilion, plate 3, SPECIMEN, also with abnormal official perforations, the Wing margin absent and perforated along design. SG70 Spec. J70t = £875+ for a standard perf. Azure Specimen. *Provenance: 'DERBY' collection, Christies 2 February 1995, lot 319.*	70a	*	**300**	*(€ 315)*
6623	1856, 6 d. lilac, plate 1, strip of four, position TI-TL, 'SPECIMEN', large part original gum, variety "abnormal official perforations", position TL appearing to be Imperforate, it is actually a trimmed wing margin stamp thus proving the abnormal perforation, note the small part of the plate number in the lower right corner of the Wing margin lower right, slight soiling, position TK has stain, a scarce and impressive strip. SG Spec. J70s = £2'400+ for four single Specimens. *Provenance: Dr. Douglas Latto Collection, Phillips October 1992, lot 29.*	68	*	**300**	*(€ 315)*

6624

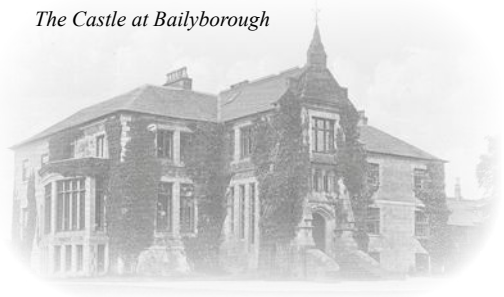
6625

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6624	1862, 4d pale red, plate 3, lettered CG, 'SPECIMEN', variety "abnormal official perforations", portion of wing margin still attached at left, mounted to a small piece with 1861, 3 d. rose, plate 2, state I, shaded spandrels, lettered HH, 'SPECIMEN' and 1862, 9 d. bistre, plate 2, lettered HH, 'SPECIMEN', both Wing margins, some soiling, dulled perfs. top of 4d and very lower tip of 9d clipped, very attractive and scarce trio. SG Spec. J52t, J25As and J92s = £1'925. *Provenance: Marcus Samuel Collection, Spink, 3 December 2003, lot 1097.*	80, 75, 86	△(*)	**500**	*(€ 525)*
6625	1867, 3 d. rose, plate 8, lettered QE-RH, wmk. spray, perf 14, used block of eight, from the middle pane showing Wing margin on both sides, cancelled with Irish numeral "174" of Dingle, fine and very scarce example illustrating the printing perforation lay-out and used in Ireland. The largest recorded used block from plate 8 in the Karl Louis Card Index. SG J33 = £850+ as two blocks of four.	102	⊞	**200**	*(€ 210)*

6626

6626	1867, 3 d. rose, plate 7, lettered EI-FJ, wmk. spray, perf. 14, used "Gutter block of four", confirming "two-pane" format of Post Office sheets, a spectacular exhibition item, being the only "Gutter" multiple of the 1855/80 Surface Printed issues recorded in the Karl Louis Card Index in used condition, an important piece.	102	⊞	**1'000**	*(€ 1'050)*
6627	1867, Selection of marginal with inscription 1 s. green, used stamps, comprising five examples from plate 6 and one example from plate 4, five with cds cancels, all showing various parts of the top or bottom margin, an attractive lot. *(Photo = 🗐 www)*	104, 106		**150**	*(€ 160)*

The Castle at Bailyborough



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		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6628	1872, 6 d. chestnut, plate 11, lettered FE, top marginal with price inscription, Wing margin, used cancelled by Bailyborough datestamp 24 September 1872, wonderful piece and scarce in this condition.	122		**150**	*(€ 160)*
6629	1873, 3 d. rose, plate 15, lettered OD, wmk. spray, perf 14, unused, wing margin, with most part original gum, bottom marginal with intact horizontal margin, inscription below "1 Shilling / per Row of 4. 10 Shillings / per Sheet of 40.", soiled and slight toning, minor creasing, scarce example. SG J39 = £425+ for mint single.	143	*	**200**	*(€ 210)*
6630	1874, 6 d. grey, plate 13, lettered EB, wmk. spray, perf 14, unused bottom marginal, with original gum, showing marginal inscription below with two panes; "6 Pence / per label. 2 Shillings / per Row of 4", with intact horizontal margin, filing crease through bottom margin, otherwise very fine and scarce example. SG J83 = £500+. *Provenance: Harmer, London, 21 February 2001, lot 674.*	145	*	**150**	*(€ 160)*
6631	1880, 4 d. grey-brown, plate 17, lettered RF, right side Wing margin, Large Garter wmk., used on cover, from Colchester to Rio De Janeiro, endorsed "Per Mail via Southampton", dated 8 November 1880, faint arrival on reverse 1 December 1880, some tone spots, tiny slit in side of Wing margin and backflap missing, however rare stamp on cover, SG cat. £1'600. Additionally, comes with a selection of other surface printed issues, including one cover, a front also franked with SG154, lettered KF, with portion of central gutter attached to right side; according to Ray Simpson this is the only recorded example; also a selection of eighteen other items of mixed to fine condition written-up on album pages. *(4 d. grey-brown, lettered RF, cover):* *Reference: Dr.John L. Hart Collection, illustrated in The GB Journal, May/June 1991.* *(Photo = 🗐 www)*	154	✉*	**300**	*(€ 315)*
6632	1876, Selection of used 8 d. orange Surface Printed stamps, all Wing margin, showing perforation varieties, comprising fourteen examples including two pairs, noted abnormal official perforation and guillotine-cut in gutter, mixed lot. *(Photo = 🗐 www)*	156		**200**	*(€ 210)*
6633	1876, Specialised study on the 8 d. orange, plate 1, focused upon the sheet layout and separation, written-up on three album pages, comprising four covers, three to India, one to Ceylon, three showing extreme imperforate Wing margin variety, complemented with eleven used singles, each illustrating variations of the perforation of the margins and gutter, some faults, in the main fine, a scarce and fascinating group. Gi = £6'250+. *(Photo = 🗐 www)*	156	✉	**750**	*(€ 790)*
6634	1880, Selection of four multple 1 d. venetian red pieces, all unused, comprising a quarter sheet of sixty, which includes the hoizontal gutter between the upper and lower panes, unmounted, an interpaneau block of four showing central horizontal gutter, a corner block of eighteen and a horizontal pair with gutter below, some creasing, folds and soiling, but in the main very fine, much unmounted, an impressive assemby. SG = £2268 as singles. *(Photo = 🗐 www)*	166	*/**	**250**	*(€ 265)*

Misplaced Perforations

ex 6635

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6635	1854/1868, Selection of line engraved used stamps with perforation varieties, comprising eleven 1 d. reds, two 2 d. blues, including double perfs. mis-feed, paper fold part perforation, mixed lot, however some very spectatcular examples, scarce assembly.		**200**	*(€ 210)*

The original strip of 6 visually re-joined

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6636	1865, 4 d. vermilion, plate 12, lettered AD, unused, top sheet margin, variety extremely "misplaced perforations", original gum, mounted in margin, fresh deep shade, slight kink lower right but does not detract, this type of mis-perforation is very rare on surface printed, especially in unused condition; according to the Karl Louis Card Index there are only six “mis-perforated” 4d. vermilion recorded, all from the upper left pane of plate 12. *Reference: "Pick of the Pack", The GB Journal September/October 2023.*	J59	*	**200**	*(€ 210)*
6637	1865, 4 d. vermilion, plate 12, lettered AB, unused, top sheet margin with current No."321", variety extremely "misplaced perforations", original gum, fresh vibrant shade, rare, this type of mis-perforation is more frequently seen on the 1d/2d line engraved issues, very rare on surface printed, especially in unused condition; according to the Karl Louis Card Index there are only six “mis-perforated” 4d. vermilion recorded; these come from the top row, lettered AA – AF, originating from the upper left pane of plate 12. *Reference: "Pick of the Pack", The GB Journal, September/October 2023* *Provenance: Dendy Marshall Collection (1945)* *Bailey Collection (1955)* *Dr Douglas Latto Collection (1992).*	94	**	**500**	*(€ 525)*
6638	1853/1867, Study of printing stamp sheet positioning, presented upon three album pages, comprising seventeen examples, includes marginal blocks, one a plate number, selection of line engraved and Surface Printed issues, illustrating the effects the position of the sheet has on the alignment of the stamps, varities such as short and long stamps and a very attractive page of penny plate reds showing variations of the margin from 20mm to 28mm, mixed although generally fine and several very fine, a fascinating and useful selection. *(Photo = www)*		⊞*/(*)	**150**	*(€ 160)*

Double Perforations

ex 6639

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6639	1864, 1 d. rose-red, plate 156, lettered AG-EL, unused block of thirty, original gum, reperforation variety, exhibiting doubling of perforations between row "C" and "D" and to sides of "D" row; the sheet being repositioned after the first four strikes of the punches, leaving row "A" to "D" normally perforated, however row "D" has then been reperforated below and to the right of the original line of perforations, some gum wrinkling but very fresh, good colour, a very attractive and visually appealing piece, scarce. Aditionally comes with a selection of seven 1870, 1/2 d. rose issues, including side marginal block of four, unused, original gum, showing variety imperforate one side, very attractive although perfs trimmed to one stamp, three other examples of imperf. side and mixed selection of other examples.	8	⊞*	**200**	*(€ 210)*
6640	1856/1880, Selection of Surface Printed used wing margin examples, comprising twenty four stamps, 3 d. to 1 s. values, with perforation varieties, including double perfs., Wing margin perforation varieties, mixed condition, although several fine, a fascinating and useful lot. *(Photo = www)*			**150**	*(€ 160)*
6641	1854/1872, Study of "Double Perforation" varieties on line engraved and Surface Printed stamps, presented upon two neatly written-up album pages, comprises eleven examples, including a spectacular large piece with a block of six 1854, 1 d. red, plate 172, showing double perforation which have partially disintegrated, with splitting of top row and intact lower row, also 2 d. blue vertical pair with double perforation between, several surface printed examples with a range of values 3 d. to 1 s., including an 1868 cover from London to New York, very scarce selection. *(Photo = www)*		✉△	**300**	*(€ 315)*

Partially Perforations

6642

A view of Birmingham

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6642	1854, 1 d. red, plate unknown, lettered AJ, die I, alphabet II, wmk. small crown, perf. 16, variety "Imperforate on three sides", cancelled by "75" Birmingham Spoon duplex in black, very large margins, perforations through the lettere squares, very attractive and scarce example. Cert. RPSL (2023). SG17 Spec. C1h = £6'500 for horizontal pair.	17h	**300**	*(€ 315)*

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6643	1854, 1 d red, plate 178, lettered JI-KJ, die I, alphabet II, small crown wmk.,perf. 16, block of four, showing dramatic variety "partial imperforate" between "J" and "K" rows and to the side of "KI" and between "KI-KJ", a unique block; a strip of three IF-IH from the same partially perforated sheet exists cancelled by the same Irish "115" of Castlederg (Ireland); this error was caused by the interuption of the perforation operation at the "J" row which restarted at the bottom of the "K" row, the remnant of "LI" indicates that before the perforation restarted the sheet was moved 1-2mm to the right; there is a diagonal tear through the lower part of KI and damage to side of KJ, the perfs are separated between JI-JK, these are all most likely attributed to the problems encountered with the perforation machine, a rare example, incredibly used in Ireland. *Provenance: The Chartwell Collection, Sir Cyril Humphrey Cripps, Spink, 29 June 2011, lot 1307.*	17	⊞	**1'500**	*(€ 1'575)*

6644

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6644	1854, 1 d. red, plate 164, lettered MA, die I, alphabet II, wmk. small crown, perf. 16, variety "Imperforate on three sides", used on large piece, dated 2 July 1854, tied by "497" Malvern English numeral in black, vertical filing creases one affecting right side of stamp, although not obvious, scarce example. Cert. RPSL (2023). SG Spec. C1h = £6'500 for horizontal pair.	17h	△	**500**	*(€ 525)*

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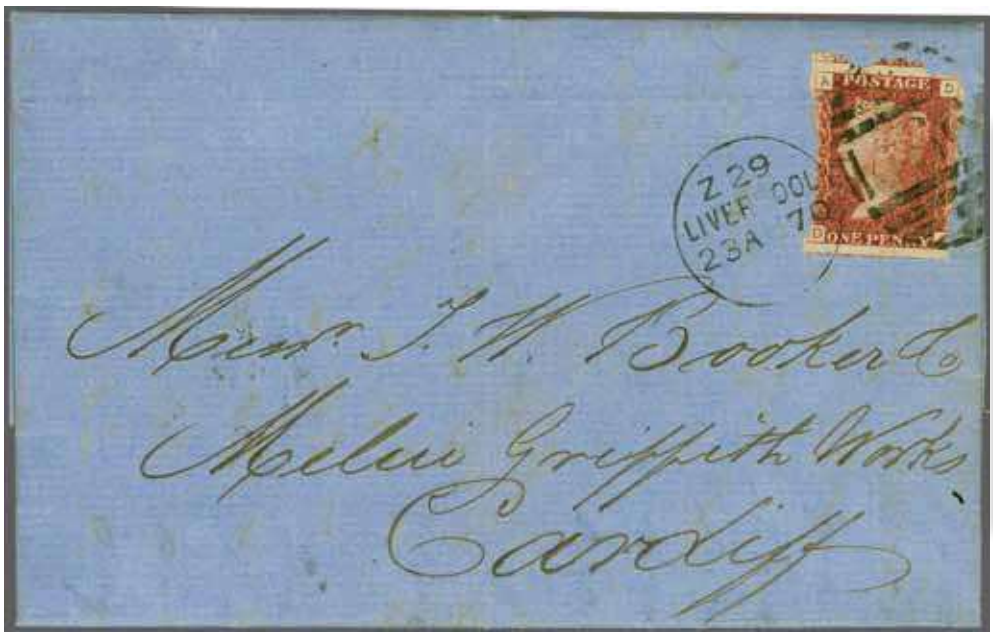
6645	1854, 2 d. blue, plate 4, lettered AD, die I, alphabet I, wmk. small crown, variety "Imperforate three sides", showing perforation 16 across base, used on cover, from London to Pershore, dated 8 January 1855, tied by London Inland cancel in black, to reverse the London dispatch and a fine strike of the Pershore towndated in brown, 9 January 1855, stamp is in "state II" repair of plate showing slight signs of renewed wear, large margins top and good almost all the way round, just close to touching top lefts side, a remarkably fresh stamp, unique on cover, some minor kinks and wrinkles to envelope, extremely rare; only this example and an off-cover pair recorded from the same "A row"; the error almost certainly confined to a single perforation batch; i.e. between 36 and 60 stamps affected; currently unpriced in SG although is listed as a variety on the SG19 perforated issue. Cert. RPSL (2023). Remark: The other recorded pair on piece, from the top row of the sheet, lettered AK-AL, sold at Stanley Gibbons, 9-10 November 1978, lot 271, realising £450. It also had an RPSL (1978) certificate which stated "partly imperforate owing to faulty perforating of the sheet." *Reference: Illustrated in "Stamp Perforation: The Somerset House Years 1848 to 1880", by R. Simpson & P. Sargent, photo plate 7.*	19b	✉	**1'000**	*(€ 1'050)*



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		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6646	1864, 1 d. rose-red, plate 130, lettered DA, variety Imperforate on three sides, used on cover, from Liverpool to Cardiff, dated 23 August 1870, tied by "466" duplex, significant portion of CA above, perforations at base, clearly stamp was torn from the sheet causing the irregular top and sides, very rare example. SG44 Spec. G1h = £3'200 as Imperforate stamp. *Provenance: H.& B. Philatelists (1997).*	44h	✉	**200**	*(€ 210)*

Missing Pins

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6647	1854, 1 d. red plate R1, lettered DA, used, with variety "Perf. 7" at left, cancelled by "635" English numeral of Reading, very fine nicely balanced example, visually spectacular, scarce variety and rare this attractive. SG Spec. C1m = £850.	17		**150**	*(€ 160)*
6648	1854, 1 d. red plate 194, lettered ML, used, exhibiting the variety "Perf. 7" at right, this variety only listed in SG on left, caused by an inverted sheet feed, also unusually this being through the "L" row, very rare inverted variety, recorded only upon plates 194 and 200, an important line engraved rarity. SG Spec. C1m = £850+ for variety on left, unlisted on right. *Reference: "Stamp Perforation: The Somerset House Years 1848 to 1880", by R. Simpson & P. Sargent, illustrated on page 233.*	17		**300**	*(€ 315)*

6649

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6649	1854, 1 d. red plate R1, lettered PA, variety "Perf. 7" at left, used on cover, from London to Ledbury, dispatched dated 12 January 1855, the earliest recorded use of stamp with this variety, vertical filing crease well clear of adhesive, slight toning, otherwise fine, a splendid and rare example. SG Spec. C1m = £850 for single stamp off cover. *Reference: "Stamp Perforation: The Somerset House Years 1848 to 1880", by R. Simpson & P. Sargent, illustrated on page 234.*	17	✉	**300**	*(€ 315)*

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6650	1854, 1 d. red plate R3, lettered EA, exhibiting the dramatic so called "Perf. 7" variety at left, used on cover, from London to Midhurst, dispatched dated 16 February 1855 and arrrival also to reverse dated the following day, slight aging, however a visually appealing fine and rare example on cover. SG Spec. C1m = £850 for single stamp off cover.	17	✉	**200**	*(€ 210)*
6651	1854, 1 d. red plate 197, lettered FA-FB, horizontal pair, FA with variety "Perf. 7" at left, used on cover, from London to Plymouth, 17 January 1855, which is an early use of stamp with this variety on cover, horizontal filing crease and soiling affecting FA, both with pre-fix tears, probably as a result of the separation process being hampered by the variety; only known to occur on plates 193-198, 200-2002 and R1-R6; a rare example on cover nicely illustrated with normal perf. adjoined. SG Spec. C1m = £850 for single stamp off cover.	17	✉	**300**	*(€ 315)*
6652	1854, Study of the variety "Perf. 7" at left, presented upon album pages, comprising nine single examples, one on peiece, from eight different plates, illustrating this visually prominent perforation variety and its nuances, noted one example from plate 196 where the six pins have failed to penetrate the left side leaving an indentation giving the appearance of an imperforate left side, an interesting assembly, scarce and mostly fine. SG Spec. C1m = £7'650+ for nine singles.. *(Photo = www)*	17		**800**	*(€ 840)*

6653

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6653	1857, 1 d. rose-red, plate 59, lettered AK-AL, used horizontal pair, variety missing perforation pin "L column", cancelled by the Irish "156" duplex of Dublin, nicely centered fine example, extremely rare, believed to be unique. SG Spec. C10o = £1250+. *Reference: Illustrated in colour within "Stamp Perforation: The Somerset House Years 1848 to 1880", by R. Simpson & P. Sargent, on plate 8.*	39		**200**	*(€ 210)*
6654	1854/1869, Selection of 2 d. blue used stamps all with perforation varieties, comprising over twenty examples, noted multiple broken perf. pins, misperfoation including on SG19, SG23, SG45 (plates 7, 8, and scarcer plate 12) and SG46, scarce lot as perforation varieties on 2 d. are not common, also comes with a 1849, 2 d. blue, plate 4, lettered TF-TG, pair, with four margins, a useful small accumulation. *(Photo = www)*	16b, 19, 23, 45 and 46	✉	**150**	*(€ 160)*
6655	1854/1858, Study of Broken Perforation Pins, set out on ten album pages, neatly written-up, predominately used singles, although six covers, several multiples, outlines the various varieties and their states, many visually spectacular items, noted 1 d. red plate 174 block of four showing variety no. 4 state 1, also a strip of three from plate 176 exhibiting variety no. 5, a registered 1854 cover with vertical strip of three plate 185, variety 5, used in combination with embossed 6 d. lilac, which the write-up states to be the earliest recorded date for the use of this variety, another registered cover franked with a combination of 2 d. blue, plate 4 strip of three, with 1 d. red showing variety no. 4 state 3, many other interesting and scarce items, additionally three examples of partially imperforate stamps on a separate page, condition mostly fine, some very fine, a valuable lot. *(Photo = www)*	17, 19, 24, 43, 40, 52, 45	✉⊞(*)	**1'000**	*(€ 1'050)*

Imperforate Errors

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6656	1857, 1 d. rose-red, plate 41, lettered ED, die II, alphabet III, large crown wmk., variety Imperforate, used on small piece, strong colour, vivid printing, three and a bit margins, tied by attractive "74" numeral of Birkenhead, comes with another Imperorate used single, plate 58, lettered FD, three margins, cut into base, cancelled by a London "77",. Both, the plate 41 and plate 58 imperforate varieties are the sole examples from these plates recorded in the Karl Louis Card Index. SG39 Spec. C10(1)k = £5'600 as two singles.	39		**500**	*(€ 525)*
6657	1857, 1 d. dull red, plate 48, lettered ED, die II, alphabet III, large crown wmk., unused, variety Imperforate, printed on toned paper, no gum, four good margins, slightly soiled, a scarce example from this transitional printing with only 15 imperforate examples from plate 48 recorded in the Karl Louis Card Index, all originating from the top seven A to G rows. Cert. RPSL (1995). SG38 C9(5)g = £5'500. *Remark: The adjoining imperf. single plate 48, EE, is in the Royal Collection.* *Provenance: Cavendish 18 July 1992, lot 358.*	38g	(*)	**600**	*(€ 630)*
6658	1857, 1 d. dull red, plate 48, lettered GK, die II, alphabet III, large crown wmk., unused, variety Imperforate, printed on toned paper, no gum, close to good margins all round, a scarce example from this transitional printing. SG38 Spec. C9(5)g = £5'500. *Remark: Only about 15 examples from this imperforate 1d. plate 48 variety recorded, all originating from the horizontal A- to G rows.*	38g	(*)	**500**	*(€ 525)*

A view of Stephenson Terrace in Preston

ex 6659

Dr. Douglas Latto

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6659	1864, 1 d. rose-red, plate 92, lettered AB, variety Imperforate, used on miniture envelope, from Preston sent locally, dated 25 November 1868, tied by duplex cancel in black, four margins, some soiling, comes matched with the Imprimatur from the same plate/position which has three margins, with top marginal with part inscription, folded top margin as is the norm and ink mark to reverse showing through, however very attractive and rare matched with an imperf. from the same plate used on cover. Cert. BPA (1961) for Imperf. and RPSL (1971) for Imp. SG44 Spec. G1h = £3'625 as Imperforate stamp and Imprimatur. *Reference: "Stamp Perforation: The Somerset House Years 1848 to 1880", by R. Simpson & P. Sargent, illustrated on Plate 7.* *Provenance: Robson Lowe, 27 September 1967, lot 1135* *Silkin Collection, Harmer, London, 14-16 June 1971, lot 162* *Dr Douglas Latto (1992).*	44h	✉	**500**	*(€ 525)*

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6660	1864, 1 d. red, plate 107, lettered SI, wmk. large crown type II, perf 14, unused, variety "Imperforate", good to large margins all round, slight surface rub and certificate states "regummed", otherwise a fine example, scarce. Cert. RPSL (2023). SG Spec. G1(1)h = £4'800.	43	(*)	**300**	*(€ 315)*

The imperforate "Cardiff Penny"

Baron de Worms

6661

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6661	1864, 1 d. rose-red, plate 116, lettered AE, unused, variety Imperforate "Cardiff Penny", original gum, left side marginal with full selvedge and part inscription, manuscript endorsement in margin "*Cardiff Jan. 1870*", showing portion of four adjoining stamps, torn irregularly, just cut into right side, otherwise good to very large margins all round, extremely fresh colour, a delightful and 'iconic' exhibition piece, very rare in mint condition. SG G1g = £7'500+. *Reference: "The Postage Stamps of Great Britain - Part Two" by W.R.D. Wiggins (1962); "Stamp Perforation: The Somerset House Years 1848 to 1880", by R. Simpson & P. Sargent, illustrated on Plate 7.* *Provenance: Baron de Worms Collection, Harmer, 9 May 1938, lot 66* *Dendy Marshall Collection, Robson Lowe, 19-20 December 1945, lot 452* *Smith Collection, Robson Lowe, 10 November 1948, lot 582* *Harmer, 29-30 April 1957, lot 66* *Gubbins Collection, Spink, 16 February 1998, lot 109.*	44g	*	**2'500**	*(€ 2'625)*

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6662	1864, 1 d. rose-red, plate 116, lettered AE-AF, unused pair, and the formerly adjoining single AD, forming a 're-joined' strip of three, variety Imperforate "Cardiff Penny", part original gum, margins nearly all round except for lower left of AD and top right of AF, slight oxidisation as is usual, does not detract, rare top row "strip" of three reunited, very few multiples survived. Cert. RPSL (1944 pair) (1984 single). SG G1g = £22'500+ as three singles. *Provenance (for the pair): Christies, Manson & Woods Auction, 17-18 May 1944, lot 442* *Spink, 24 April 2003, lot 701* *(for the single): Harmer London, 16-17 July 1936, lot 107* *Christies 10 July 1984, lot 2607.*	44g	*	**4'000**	*(€ 4'200)*
6663	1864, 1 d. rose-red, plate 116, lettered MH, used, variety Imperforate "Cardiff Penny", cut into small part of top right side otherwise margins all round, part of MI to right, cancel indistinct, probably Cardiff "162", a scarce and good used example of this rare variety. Cert. RPSL (1978). SG44 Spec. G1g = £4'000.	44g		**600**	*(€ 630)*

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		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6664	1870, 1/2 d. rose, plate 1, lettered SV, unused, variety Imperforate, most part of original gum, good margins all round, small thin to reverse, very attractive and scarce. Cert. RPSL (1980). SG48 G4h = £3'000. *Reference: "Stamp Perforation: The Somerset House Years 1848 to 1880", by R. Simpson & P. Sargent, illustrated on Plate 7.*	48	*	**300**	*(€ 315)*
6665	1863, 4 d. bright-red, plate 4, with hair lines, lettered FG, variety "Imperforate", margins all round, large to left, vivid shade, with gum, slight soiling, otherwise fine and scarce example, additionally come with a three margin example, cut into top, with large right margin, lettered EF, scarce duo. Cert. Brandon (2005). SG Spec. J53d = £7'400 two examples.	81	*	**500**	*(€ 525)*
6666	1864, 6 d. lilac, plate 4, lettered CA, with hair lines, variety "Imperforate", wmk. inverted, margins all round, side marginal, fresh colour, with gum, minor soiling in margin, very attractive and scarce example. SG Spec. J72f = £4'250. *Remark: All recorded 6d. plate 4, imperforate originate from three panes forming the A- to E- rows of the printing sheet.*	85	*	**400**	*(€ 420)*

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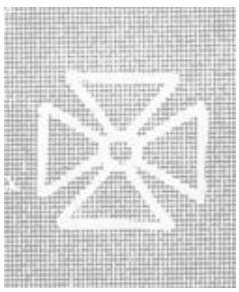
6667	1867, 2 s. pale blue, plate 1, lettered AA, unused, variety "Imperforate", four margins, with original gum, some soiling, very attractive and extremely rare, matched with Imprimatur from the second corrected registration sheet in a paler shade, margins all round with attractive wing margin left, slight soiling, a very rare due especially matched lettering. Cert. Brandon (2006 for J118d). SG J118d = £24'750 including imprimatur. *Remark: AA from the First registeration sheet is still incorporated in the Imprimature sheet. The adjoining lettering AB showing the imperforate variety was in the Dr.Douglas Latto collection.* *Reference: "Surface Printed Stamps 1855-1883" by Robert Galland and Karl Louis (2009), page 12.*	118 (d)	(*)	**4'000**	*(€ 4'200)*
6668	1880, 1 d. venetian red, lettered KE, wmk. crown, unused, no gum, variety "Imperforate", large to touching in south east corner which is damaged, toned, however a rare example. Cert. RPSL (2023). SG Spec. K3a = £ 5'000.	166	(*)	**200**	*(€ 210)*

New Formats: Fiscals, Telegraph & High Value Postage Stamps

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6669	1853/1883, Collection of Revenue and Fiscal stamps, set-out on twelve exhibition pages, comprising predominately unused examples, mainly singles, although noted bottom marginal block of four F1, block of four F2 and strip of four, a spectacular bottom marginal block of twenty five 1860 Custom stamps, with current number in margin, also examples from inland revenue, judicature fees, law courts, probate court, matrimonial and others, additionally there is a good selection of 1863 Cavendish or Negrohead tobacco labels and the 1882 mixture for coffee labels, condition generally fine with the odd fault, many very fine, an attractive assembly. *(Photo = www)*		⊞*/**	**200**	*(€ 210)*
6670	1860/1882, Embossed Inland Revenue stamps, a group of ten examples, good range of values, noted tête-bêche pair F29a, single F48, and F52 with date slug 78, 81 and 82, mixed condition, although some better, a valuable selection. SG = £5900. *(Photo = www)*	F29a, F29, F35, a.o.	*/(*)	**500**	*(€ 525)*
6671	1876/1877, Selection of five SPECIMEN Telegraph stamps, including £5. orange, Plate 1, 5 s. and 10 s. plate 1's, block of four side marginal 6 d. grey, plate 1 and 4 d sage-green, also comes with seven used Telegraph stamps, the odd fault, in the main fine, a scarce assortment. *(Photo = www)*		⊞*/(*)	**500**	*(€ 525)*



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6672	1878, 10 s. greenish grey, plate 1, lettered CI, "SPECIMEN" overprint, wmk. Maltese Cross, perf. 15.5 x 15, very fresh, fine to very fine, with most part original gum, scarce example. Cert. RPSL (1980). SG Spec. J124t = £4'200.	128s	*	**500**	*(€ 525)*
6673	1878, £1. brown-lilac, plate 1, lettered EI, "SPECIMEN" overprint, wmk. Maltese Cross, perf. 15.5 x 15, strong colour, fresh example, no gum, couple of short perfs otherwise fine to very fine, scarce example. SG Spec. J126t = £6'000.	129	(*)	**700**	*(€ 735)*

Overseas and other Stamp issues

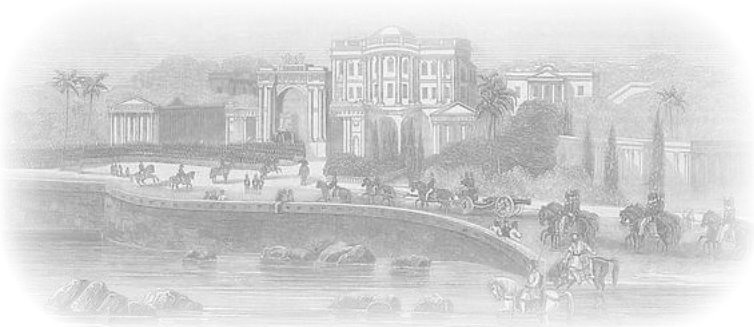
6674

6674	1875, Overprint 'POSTAGE / ONE SHILLING' on deep mauve, unused, original gum, perf. 14, wmk. large star, fresh colour, very attractive and fine. SG = £700.	13	*	**150**	*(€ 160)*

A view of St. George's Outer Harbour

ex 6675

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6675	1875, 1 d. green, perf. 14, wmk. large star, corner marginal irregular block of fourteen, unused, original gum, broken pin 7 variety down the right perforation column, vibrant shade, faint diagonal crease through stamp 8 and 11, minor soiling and crease in top corner margin with tear and some tone spots, otherwise very fine and appealing, comes on an album page with an unused bottom marginal block of six and a strip of four, also exhibiting the perf. variety, some imperfections but in the main a fine study. SG14 = £2040.	14	⊞*	**150**	*(€ 160)*



The British Residency in Hyderabad

ex 6676

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6676	1856/1864, 4 a, black and 1/2 a. blue block of eight, used on cover in combination with GB 1 d. rose-red, lettered EB, from Hydrabad to Edinburgh, on arrival redirected to Ottley, the India postage rate being 8 annas, tied by "96" numeral cancel in black, boxed "INDIA PAID" in red, with Hydrabad datestamp alongside 3 May 1860, the 1 d. rose-red paying the redirection fee, tied by "131" Edinburgh duplex dated 6 June 1860, Ottley arrival to reverse in blue 7 June 1860, cover has been opened out to display the block of eight 1/2 a. blue which are affixed to the back of envelope, soiling, some toning and apparent imprefections to edges and joins as would be expected with such a cover, however in remarkably good condition, an interesting example, rare usage and franking, additionally comes with an album page with an 1860 redirected India to Scotland cover franked again with a tri-colour combination of India/GB. *Provenance: Baron Jacob von Uexkull Collection, David Feldman, Zurich, 19 November 1997.*		✉ **400**	*(€ 420)*

6677

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6677	1856/1864, 8 a. carmine, on blue glazed paper, right side marginal, unused, variety imperforate, no gum, no wmk., part inscription and four good to large margins, diagonal crease, attractive stamp and rare. Cert. BPA (2006). SG36a = £9'500 for an imperf pair.	36a	(*)	**450**	*(€ 475)*

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6678	1856/1864, 1/2 a. blue, horizontal pair, unused, variety imperforate, no gum, no wmk., four close to good margins all round, horizontal crease, very attractive pair and scarce. SG37a = £950 for an imperf pair.	37a	(*)	**150**	*(€ 160)*
6679	1856/1864, 1/2 a. blue, horizontal pair, unused, variety imperforate, no gum, no wmk., four good to large margins all round, tiny thin spot to right stamp, very attractive pair and scarce. SG37a = £950 for an imperf pair.	37a	(*)	**200**	*(€ 210)*

6680

6680	1856/1864, 2 a. dull pink, left side marginal, unused, most part original gum, variety imperforate, no wmk., part inscription and four good to large margins, crease in lower margin, lovely stamp and rare. Cert. BPA (2006). SG41a = £8'000 for an imperf pair.	41a	*	**400**	*(€ 420)*

6681

6681	1856/1864, 2 a. yellow-green, unused, variety imperforate, no wmk., without gum, four good to large margins, stamp prepared for use but never officially issued, a rare stamp. Cert. BPA (2006). SG50a = £9'000 for an imperf pair.	50a	(*)	**500**	*(€ 525)*

6682

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6682	1868, 8 a. rose, die II, overprinted "Service", corner marginal block of fifty, one quarter of a sheet, unused, with original gum, eye catching piece, some creasing and soiling affecting mainly the margin and pen mark to one stamp, however in the main very fine and attractive. SGO30a = £680+ as unused singles.	O30a ⊞**	**150**	*(€ 160)*

ex 6683

James Murdoch Napier

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6683	1864, 1/2 d. bright orange, block of four, perf. 14, Somerset House, Napier Machine printing, unused, original gum, vertical gutter with central perforations, fresh colour, clean crisp example, very fine and scarce, comes with a block of twelve in the 1882 orange-yellow shade, slight gum toning, although impressive. SG5 = £3'600 four singles.	5	⊞**	**500**	*(€ 525)*

ex 6684

6684	1862/1865, New South Wales, 1 d. dull red, plate II, perf. 14, printed at Somerset House London, interpanneau block of eighteen, unused, original gum, fresh printing, beautiful colour, exhibiting the characteristic Somerset House Wing margin to right, with inscription "POSTAGE ONE PENNY" below and above top strip and bottom block, has been folded between these, gum rubbed in the left margin, otherwise very fine, a remarkable example, believed to be unqiue with the horizontal gutter intact, which should have been guillotined to separate the panes. Additionally come with two album pages, one with the 1 d. and 2 d. Specimen mounted on piece from 1866 De La Rue sample book and a page with other Australian States early stamps. SG187 = £4500++ as singles.	187	⊞**	**1'500**	*(€ 1'575)*

6685

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6685	1862/1865, New South Wales, 2 d. pale blue, perf. 14, printed at Somerset House London, bottom marginal block of four, unused, original gum, fresh colour, strong printing, good positioning, odd short perf., slight gum discolouration, a scarce block from the De La Rue printing in Great Britain. SG = £1000 as four singles.	188	⊞**	**300**	*(€ 315)*

6686

6686	1878, Orange Free State, 5 s. green, vertical irregular block of thrity five, with side marginals and Wing margin between left and right side blocks, apparent soiling in margin, some separation, in the main very fine, scarce multiple.	20	⊞*/**	**150**	*(€ 160)*

6687

6688

6689

6687	1861, 6 d. blue, horizontal pair, rough perforation 14-16, unused, original gum, bright vibrant colour, extremely fresh, scarce stamp, multiples are rare, most attractive example. SG2a = £850.	2a	*	**150**	*(€ 160)*
6688	1863, 4 d. carmine, imperforate, unused, good well balanced margins all round, vivid shade, scarce example, very fine. Cert. Philatelic Foundation (1991). SG5 = £500.	5	*	**150**	*(€ 160)*
6689	1873, 6 d. ultramarine, line perf. 12.5, unused, no gum, good positioning, strong colour, scarce, fine example. SG16a = £550.	16a	(*)	**150**	*(€ 160)*

6690

ex 6691

Sir Gawaine Baillie

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
6690	1868, 1 s. deep green, type b, line perf. 12.5, unused, original gum, nicely positioned, gorgeous shade, rare stamp, slight toning to top perfs, some gum wrinkles, fine example. SG18 = £750.	18	*	**150**	*(€ 160)*
6691	1868, 5 s. orange, type b, line perf. 12.5, unused, no gum, variety watermark reversed, very strong colour, fresh bright shade, good positioning, very fine example, ex. Sir Gawaine Baille Collection, comes with a selection of fifteen other 1856-1880 stamps, unused except for one, many very fine, a scarce group. SG = £3'160. *Provenance: (*SG20x) *Ex. Sir Gawaine Baillie Collection, 2005.*	20x	*/(*)	**400**	*(€ 420)*

6692

6693

6692	1876, 1 s. deep green, type c, line perf. 14 x 12.5, unused, no gum, lovely positioning, fresh colour, strong shade, good perfs., rare stamp, a very fine example. SG26 = £950.	26	(*)	**200**	*(€ 210)*
6693	1880, 6 d. milky blue, line perf. 14, unused, original gum, vivid shade, fresh printing, good perfs., scarce, fine example. SG29 = £550.	29	*	**150**	*(€ 160)*

Various Selections

6694	1859/1884, Assortment of British Commonwealth, Colonial and Foreign mint and used stamps, contained upon twelve exhibition pages, written up with a focus upon the De La Rue Somerset House printings, good range of Natal on three pages, others including British Clombia, Barbados, Grenada, Jamaica, Constantinople, and a selection of Italy, conditon is mainly fine with many very fine, a useful accumulation.		✉⊞*/(*)/**	**400**	*(€ 420)*
6695	1850/1882, Large accumulation of stamp spares, duplicates and study material, contained within a stockbook, many hundreds of examples, predominately GB Queen Victoria, much line engraved and Surface Printed, a selection of commonwealth, revenues, a significant array of perforation variety material including upon surface printed issues, noted 1 d. reds with Perf. 7 at left, misperforation varieties, broken perf pin material, a treasure trove of material built up over many years of collecting, additionally two album pages with tweleve UK Electric Telegraph Co. stamps, a superb lot.		✉△⊞*/(*)	**1'000**	*(€ 1'050)*
6696	1867/1884, Selection of nine Surface Printed used singles cancelled by cds, including attractive SG110, SG112, SG118, also SG178, SG180 and SG183 and others, high catalogue, additionally comes with a range of surface printed stamps, two covers, sixteen used stamps and an 1867 2 s. plate 2, overprinted SPECIMEN, a useful, valuable and interesting group, which also has a number of perforation varieties which are scarce on this issue.			**300**	*(€ 315)*

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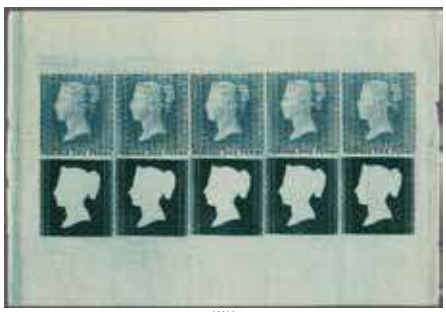
A young Queen Victoria



10016

Gibbons — Start price in CHF — Start price approx. €

10016 1840 (January), combination proof in dark blue on wove paper, showing five impressions of the fourth stage of the first (later rejected) die, together with five impressions of the first stage of the accepted die, showing the cleared space prior to the engraving of the Queen's head, from an experimental plate made for comparison of the two backgrounds, as well as for a trial spacing between impressions, the occasional small and trivial edge flaw at left and right sides, of no consequence to the impressions, a choice example of this exceptionally rare proof. Gi. DP11 = £150,000
Provenance: Ex. A. Phillips Collection, Stanley Gibbons auction, 17-19 February 1972, lot 495
Ex. The "Yorkshire" Collection. **60'000** *(€ 63'000)*

10074

Gibbons — Start price in CHF — Start price approx. €

10074 1d. black, plate 2, horizontal pair, lettered HC-HD, good to large margins all around, neatly-cancelled with two strikes of Maltese Cross in red, a fresh and fine used pair. Gi. AS14 = £1,250 **250** *(€ 265)*

10075

10075 1d. black, plate 2, horizontal strip of eight, lettered BE-BL, mostly clear to good margins all around, touching at lower right, creases, vertical on BF and BK and in the corners of BE and BL, yet a very rare strip of great appeal; the second largest used strip recorded in the Karl Louis Card Index. Cert. RPSL (2023). Gi. AS14 = £5,000+
Provenance: Collection Sugden, Harmers of London, 8-9 September, 1951, lot 83
Robson Lowe, 13 October, 1959, lot 332. AS14 ⊞ **1'000** *(€ 1'050)*

10076

10076 1d. black, plate 2, block of eight, lettered EE-FH, clear to large margins all around, multiple strikes of red Maltese Cross, EE-EF and EG-FG with crease, the former partially rebacked, EH with small tear at top, EE with stain at top, other small faults, nevertheless a rare multiple with great visual appeal. Cert RPSL (1984) and BPA (2001), Gi. AS14.
Provenance: Collection "Magnificent", Harmers of London, 24-5 April, 1950, lot 27
Collection H.O. Fraser, Spink London, 7 November 2001, lot 131 AS14 ⊞ **4'000** *(€ 4'200)*

1841, 1d. red, printed from "black plate 10"

10170

John O. Griffiths

Gibbons — Start price in CHF — Start price approx. €

10170 1d. red-brown, plate 10, lettered AB, large margins on three sides, close at right, unused, without gum, with distinctive Stage 3 of the "O" Flaw, a few small tone spots in margin, originally from the AA-AB pair ex-Griffiths. Gi. AS68 = £2,500.
Provenance: John O. Griffiths Collection, Christies, 27 June 1985, lot 4242. (*) **300** *(€ 315)*

10171

10171 1d. red-brown, plate 10, upper left corner marginal block of four, lettered AA-BB, showing plate "10" and inscription "PRICE 1d Per Label, 1/- Per Row...", good margins on other sides, unused, remarkably warm rich colour, an exceptional and rare block of tremendous beauty, and an important exhibition piece. Gi. AS68.
Provenance: E.H. Williams Collection, as part of the famous "Williams Sheet", Harmers, 3-4 February 1938, lot 802
Phillips, 4 February, 1982, lot 235
Phillips, 17 February, 1994, lot 322a. AS68 ⊞(*) **4'000** *(€ 4'200)*

1840, 2d. Blue, plate 1

In the printing room of Perkins Bacon & Co.

10192

Gibbons — Start price in CHF — Start price approx. €

10192 2d. deep full blue, plate 1, block of four, lettered BI-CJ, mostly close to good margins, shaved at left, full original gum, radiant colour, a few light creases not visible from the front, a tremendously rare and most attractive block. Cert BPA (1965, copy of certificate for block of six from which this originates), . Gi. DS1 = £175,000.
Reference: Article: "Pick of the Pack - 1840, Twopence Plate 1 Mint Blocks", by Karl Louis, Great Britain Philatelic Society, GB Journal, November 2023.
Provenance: Harmer, 26-27 April 1937, lot 161
Harmer, 14 November 1950, lot 376
Robson Lowe, 12 October 1965, lot 103
61. Corinphila auction, 11 March 1980, lot 1915
R.J. Cooley Collection, Shreves, 23 September 1995, lot 277
Dr. Pichai Buranasombati Collection, Shreves, 15 March 2001, lot 202
The Bill Gross Collection, 11 June 2007, lot 42. ⊞** **30'000** *(€ 31'500)*