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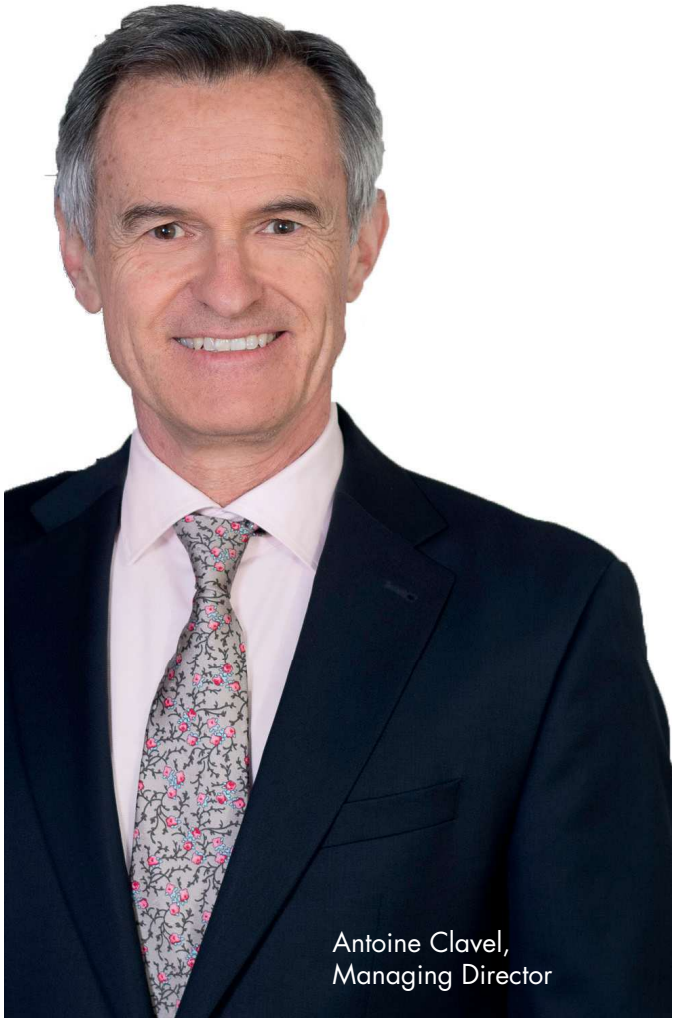
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From the early 1850's, the largest influence on the Australian Colonies was the discovery of gold. It completely transformed the social and economic fabric of the colonies, particularly Victoria. From 1852, there was a continuous flow of immigration ships to the colonies, and this is reflected by the new destinations of Australian Colonial mail in this collection. In 1850, the population of Australia was just on

"Quality remains, long after price has been forgotten"

To quote legendary Robson Lowe

400,000 people. By 1860, the population had swelled to over a million people, with over half of them living in Victoria, the centre of the gold rush. The rush was on, with many gold strikes attracting people from all over the world. Towns of over ten thousand miners would spring up in months, mine the alluvial gold, and then vanish into a ghost town only a couple of years later. Such was the impulse and vagary of the Australian gold rush.

Historically, most collections of stamps have included covers showing usages of the adhesives, but these only formed a subsection of a traditional stamp holding. Collections of postal history have been generally accumulated as a single colony and rarely as a consolidation of all six colonies like the Gary Diffen collection. Only two major collections have been formed in this manner, the most important being that formed by Trevor Davis, which won the Grand Prix at London in 2000. This collection has received multiple gold and large gold awards in major stamp exhibitions, the most recent at Essen last year. Notable postal history collections of New South Wales have been formed by Dale Forster and Ben Palmer, whilst Queensland has been well served by Norman Hobbs, Hugh Campbell and Bernie Manning. South Australia has featured holdings from Don Pearce, with Pat Grimwood-Taylor currently holding the mantle as the best postal history collection ever formed of this colony. Tasmania has had a number of highlights from many notable collectors including Lew Viney, Enrico Bombieri, David Cowen and David McNamee. Bill Purves and Rod Perry have been the dominant forces for Victoria, with Western Australia led by the small but important holding of Charles Taylor, and the extensive collection formed by Cecil Walkley. Provenance forms a key element of the Gary Diffen collection, with many items from the above sales, as well as major collections formed of each colony over the past one hundred years.



Robson Lowe [1905–1997]

The objective of this collection was to showcase the routes and rates from the Australian Colonies, focusing on unusual and important destinations. Modern day collectors are aware of the difficulty in finding covers addressed to rare, even unique destinations from Australia, where premiums are paid for examples which seem excessive when compared with envelopes addressed to the United Kingdom.

This collection of incoming and outgoing mail of the Australian Colonies from 1857 unusually has a worldwide scope. The covers are arranged by transportation route, conforming to Gary's award-winning exhibit. The progression of these routes demonstrates the evolution of mail transportation to and from Australia. A detailed cross reference for each country has been provided to aid collectors to narrow their search for specific destinations. In preparing this auction catalogue, we have provided additional information for each cover including the shipping data and rarity of the stamps, destination and the route. The sale of this collection provides the collector with an opportunity to become the new custodians of covers selected for destination, condition and rarity from the more modest budget to international rarities.

Each of these major categories represents the packet steam contracts available to the colonists for sending and receiving mail. Many of these contracts overlap, providing an interesting range of rates and passages.

Getting to know Gary during the preparations of this catalogue, he proved again his commitment to make this presentation exact:

1) the structure of the sale follows the treatment of Gary's collection;
2) each lot is presented with its comprehensive research following how it was made in Gary's treatment to his award winning exhibit;
3) extra efforts have been made to visualize its presentations.

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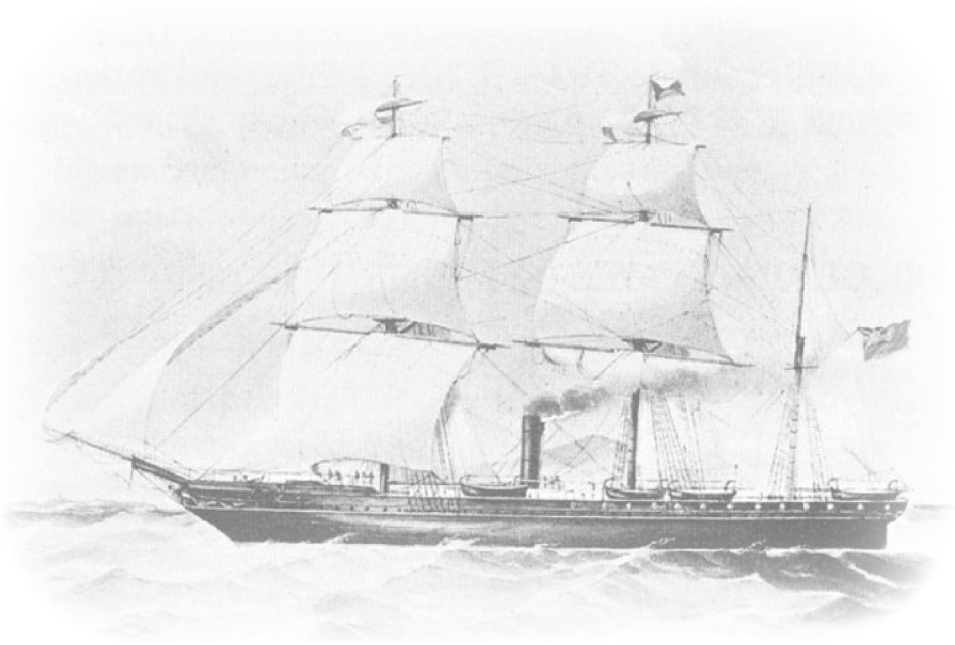
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Transportation of Australian Colonial Mail - The Return to Steam 1857 - 1900

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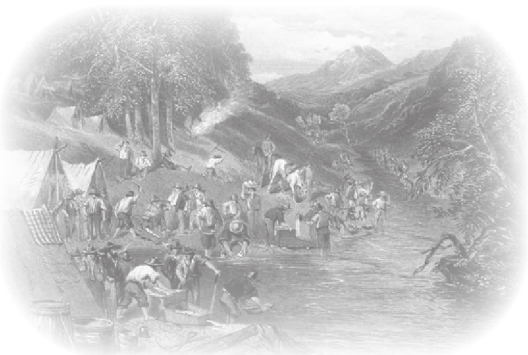
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Lot 3030 Yackandandah, Victoria to Begnasco, Switzerland



Miners pan for gold in Yackandandah

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Inwards mail to the Australian Colonies

About ten years ago when Gary was collecting the outwards mail of the Australian Colonies, occasionally an inwards cover would come along and get put side, purely because it was an attractive or scarce cover to Australia. After a few years there came a moment in time where he thought, maybe I could do something with this… No one has ever formed an exhibit collection of inwards mail to the Australian Colonies, however, this holding has come the closest to achieving that goal.

Many could be forgiven in thinking that the same amount of outwards mail would match the surviving quantities and destinations of inwards mail. It could not be further from the truth. Yes, the most common mail to and from the Australian Colonies is from Great Britain. The origins of the settlement of the continent lies with the close connections and ties to the United Kingdom. Yet there appears to be more outwards mail than inwards mail.

The earliest recorded inwards mail in private hands is dated 1813, yet the earliest outwards mail is in the 1790's. Speculation from current collectors regarding why it is harder to find inwards mail centres on the housing structures of the Australian Colonies. Up to 1880, most of the houses, factories and business warehouses were made of timber. These buildings were not designed to last like the more permanent brick structures where mail was sent to England and other countries. Many of the wooden buildings leaked and were demolished to make way for more permanent structures. Retaining a correspondence with loved ones from overseas or old commercial letters were considered not worth keeping. This is believed to be the major reason why inwards mail to Australia is much harder the find than outwards.

Over 80% of the inwards mail is addressed to Victoria or New South Wales, which was where the majority of the population of Australia resided. Mail to the other colonies is much rarer. For example, mail to/from the German States before unification in 1871 is a great rarity to Western Australia. It is much easier to find addressed to Victoria or New South Wales. Many collectors lump all the Australian Colonies together as "mail to Australia", which fails to recognise that politically, they were separate colonies, much like the German States before unification. Those with specialist knowledge will recognise that the smaller colonies represent the most difficult destinations with payment of a premium above the two most populous colonies of Victoria and New South Wales.Within this collection are some covers from famous correspondences to the colonies. One of the most

prolific is the Macartney correspondence of over three generations. This is represented from the pre-stamp era to the turn of the century. The Germain Nicholson merchants from Victoria produced arguably the widest range of mail from foreign counties into Australia, particularly covers from Hong Kong and China. Other, smaller correspondences are usually the only recorded examples into the colonies.Some covers from the most obscure destinations are the only examples recorded. As collectors, sometimes we have to reflect onthe social history of "who and why would anybody be writing from such an esoteric destination to Australia". There are many covers within this small holding that you could ask this question.



SS 'City of Washington'



Lot 3091 - Oxford, USA to Melbourne, Victoria

The structure of this collection follows the outwards mail of this catalogue to make it easier to follow for collectors and postal historians to focus on the items that will be of interest. There are a number of reasons to recommend this small but important holding to collectors. However, the most prominent is the scarcity, and more often, rarity of mail to the Australian Colonies.

With over 450 lots within this collection, there is something available for everyone. To provide the collector with a greater understanding of the development of mail to and from the Australian Colonies, Corinphila have provided a brief overview from the age of sail from the early 1800's up to the beginning of the Gary Diffen collection and the return to steamship transportation from 1857. The purpose of this overview is to illustrate how the time to transport mail to and from the Australian Colonies changed from eight months to under two months. For the benefit of clarity, the overview focuses on the outwards mail from the Australian Colonies, however, the same outline could be presented for inwards mail.

Historic overview of mail transportation from the Australian Colonies

The tyranny of distance from Australia to England was the backbone to develop a quicker and faster service to transport people, freight and mails since the first settlement at Sydney Cove in May 1788. The English Navy ruled the waves and there were infrequent ship sailings to the Australian Colonies. Those ships that anchored in Sydney Harbour carried the mails back to England. On many occasions, it was months and months before another ship arrived in harbour.

Gradually, as the colony of New South Wales grew and became more self sufficient, thoughts turned to the speed of communication and the carriage of the wool clip, the first major export from Australia. As the frequency and nautical progress of ship technology thrived, so too did the speed of sailing ship, clipper ship and steamship services to the Australian Colonies.

Sailing ships

Sailing ships from the First Fleet in 1788 took eight months via Cape Horn to reach Sydney. The return journey took a similar amount of time. So if you were a soldier tasked with looking after the convicts from the First Fleet, it would take a year and a half to receive a reply to a letter written in May 1788. This 18 month time period between New South Wales and the home country was considered normal in the 1790's. However, the evolution of sailing ship technology had stalled, with very little change until the 1840's.

This entire dated 1811 from Sydney, New South Wales *(for illustrative purposes only and not included in the auction sale)* had a journey of almost seven months, typical of the time taken to transport mail from New South Wales to England. Over the next fifty odd years, there were no appreciable improvements in sailing technology. The route to Australia via the Cape of Good Hope was quickly recommended to take advantage of the favourable winds of the "roaring forties" to quickly carry a ship from the southern tip of Africa below Tasmania to Sydney. The discovery of Bass Strait in 1804 cut 7-10 days off this journey. However, there were no significant inroads in the time taken to transport mail by sailing ship from Australia to England. By the mid 1830's, the journey still took on average six months or more from port to port.



By the early 1840's, the Australian colonists were looking for new routes to transport mail. The expansion of a regular steamship service from England to the Far East by the P&O Line provided a logical alternative to the slow sailing ship option, which was the only choice available to the colonists since 1788. Agitation and lobbying to secure a steamship service to the Australian Colonies gained momentum. The colonist's preferred choice was to use a branch line from the current P&O service via the Far East.

The P&O Line

In 1837, the Peninsular Steam Navigation Company, 'a thoroughly well-managed affair', first secured a Government contract for the regular carriage of mail between Falmouth and the Peninsular ports as far as Gibraltar. The company, established in 1835 by the London shipbroking partnership of Brodie McGhie Willcox (1786-1861) and Arthur Anderson (1792-1868) and the Dublin Ship owner, Captain Richard Bourne (1780-1851), had begun a regular steamer service for passengers and cargo between London, Spain and Portugal using the 206 ton paddle steamer "William Fawcett".

Mail contracts brought financial security and in 1840 the Peninsular Steam Navigation Company tendered and won a second contract for the mail service between the United Kingdom and Egypt. The new contract was awarded on the condition that within two years the company would establish a line of steamers capable of conveying the mails onwards with a regular service from Egypt to India. In the fledgling days of steam, such an undertaking required larger ships and the establishment of coaling stations, docks, storage, supply and repair facilities at strategic points along the route. Considerable capital investment was required and in order to raise the funds, the Company became a limited liability company, incorporated by Royal Charter on 31 December 1840 as The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company - P&O as it soon became known.

The Overland Route

In the early years, before the construction of a railway from Alexandria in Egypt to Suez, the transit across the isthmus was accomplished in a most primitive manner, along what was known as the 'Overland Route'. For the first part it was mostly a waterway, with goods, passengers and the mail being transported from Alexandria to the Nile by canal boat before continuing by river steamer to Cairo, and then disembarking once more for the land portion of the journey through the desert from Cairo to Suez, a distance of some 140 kilometres. It was a laborious exercise, every package being subjected to three separate transfers in passing from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean, and about 3,000 camels being called upon to transport the cargo of a single steamer along the route. P&O sought to improve the route with the introduction of a rail service between Cairo and Suez.

Eastwards expansion of the P&O service

The P&O inaugurated the Indian mail service in the autumn of 1842 with the P&O's purpose-built, 1,800 tons wooden paddle steamer "Hindostan". Additional mail contracts followed and by the end of 1844 the P&O was operating a regular mail service extending from England to Alexandria and from Suez to Ceylon, Madras and Calcutta. A further extension from Ceylon to Penang, Singapore and Hong Kong opened in 1845, and onwards to Shanghai in 1849. Steam communication with Australia was inaugurated in 1852 by means of an extension of the line from Singapore, and in 1854 the Bombay Mail service passed from the ailing hands of the East India Company into the much surer grip of the P&O. With this, the P&O Company had become the chief trustee of British steam shipping services to the east, providing the only regular and reliable mail, passenger and cargo service between Europe and Egypt, India, Ceylon, Malaya, China and the Australian Colonies.

Improvement of the Overland Route

In the mid-19th century the route was gradually improved by a rail service, but it was still only practicable and commercially viable for low volume, high value cargos subsidised by the mail service contracts. In the 1860s, the P&O received an annual Government subsidy of approximately £225,000 for running the eastern mails. The financial remuneration was relied upon by the P&O to service their steamer operations to the Far East and the Australian Colonies.

Early Australian colonial usage of the P&O service

The P&O mails extension to India in 1842 provided the first regular service option for each of the Australian colonies, but it was little used. However, the expansion of the mail service to the Far East via Singapore in 1845 was particularly attractive to the Western Australian colonists. With so few ships calling at Perth, mails could be delayed many months before leaving the colony. In a study of early colonial mail from Western Australia after 1845, over 40% of the covers recorded to England used the P&O service via Singapore. It was the first steam service available to Australia.

This entire via the Overland route from Perth, Western Australia in 1845 *(for illustrative purposes only and not included in the auction sale*) made mail transportation much quicker than the eastern colonies. It only took just over four months for this cover to reach Liverpool, an extraordinarily quick journey from the Australian Colonies at this time. It was proof that the Overland route using the P&O Line service was much quicker than the sailing ship option.



There was intermittent usage of the P&O Line service from the other colonies using sailing ships to India or Ceylon. The first packet mail contract from England to New South Wales was awarded to the Toulmin Brothers in 1843. An amendment to the contract with the British Admiralty provided five return voyages from Sydney to India or Ceylon in 1846 to take advantage of the P&O service via the overland route to England. However, the projected time savings via this route did not materialise and this route was discontinued after five sailings. It was still taking over five months for a letter from Sydney to London.

The termination of the Toulmin Brothers contact service to New South Wales in 1849 left the Australian colonists without a regular mail service. Settlers had to wait until a returning sailing ship had filled their cargo hold before ships would leave for the return trip back to England. Current newspapers provided projected departure times for vessels in harbour, but these were nearly always delayed, in some cases, for months afterwards.

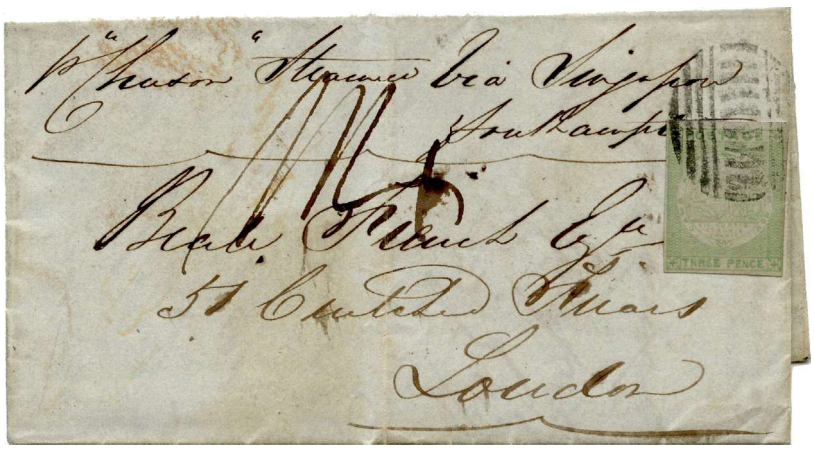
The Australian colonists agitated for a regular steamship service between England and Australia, however, the British Admiralty were unwilling to provide an expensive subsidy to the shipping lines. For the colonists, steamships would provide a much quicker service, even though the Toulmin Brothers contract initially disproved this theory. Developments in ship building in the mid 1840's for both sailing ships (with the introduction of the faster clipper ships) and the expansion of steamship technology fuelled the colonists aspirations for a regular steamship service. However, from the British Admiralty perspective, there was no pressing need to subsidise this service.

The discovery of gold in 1851 and its influence on the British Admiralty

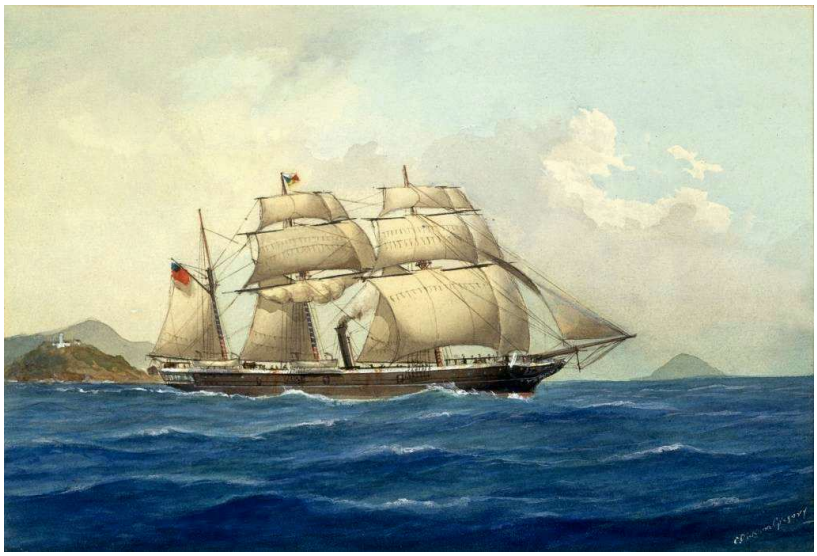
The discovery of gold at Ophir in New South Wales in early 1851, with further strikes recorded in Victoria, completely changed the British Admiralty's perspective of a regular steamship service to the Australian Colonies. What started as a trickle, quickly escalated to large quantities of the precious metal being extracted from numerous gold fields. Since all the gold was owned by the Crown, all of a sudden the British government had a huge problem on their hands. How to transport the gold back to England by a regular, reliable, and safe service.

The new steamship service to the Australian Colonies

When the British Admiralty finally awarded steamship mail contracts for the Australian Colonies, they hedged their bets by operating two entirely separate routes by two independent companies. The first was awarded to the P&O Line utilising their service to the Far East with branch steamers from Singapore, a steady service that had been operating for ten years. The second route, via the Cape of Good Hope, was awarded to the Australian Royal Mail Company, which failed very quickly, to be replaced by the General Screw Steamship Company. In addition, there were single voyage contracts awarded by the Postmaster General when individual shipping companies were unable to honour their contracts.



This entire from Sydney, News South Wales to England *(for illustrative purposes only and not included in the auction sale)* was on the first P&O Line voyage from the Australian Colonies, steaming out of the Sydney Heads on the 31st August 1852. It is endorsed at the top "p "Chusan" Steamer Via Singapore & Southampton" and is one of only about ten covers recorded from this voyage. Whilst it has a similar delivery time of just over four months to the 1845 Western Australian entire to Canada previously mentioned, it was considerably quicker than sailing ships from the eastern Australian Colonies of Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland which were still taking over five months.



The "Chusan 1852", a painting by Charles Dickson Gregory. Built in 1848, the "Chusan" was a barque-rigged steamer of 700 tons with a 80hp steam engine capable of a speed of 9knots, and with the aid of sails, 14 knots. It was the first steamship to provide a regular service to and from the Australian Colonies.

The 1852 P&O Line contract steam service confirmed the viability of the route and provided a dependable and reliable service for the two years prior to the Crimean War of 1853-56 where all steamers were requisitioned by the British Admiralty in support of the war. With the failures of the steamship companies via the Cape of Good Hope route, the overland service provided by the P&O Line proved to the colonists that this was the quickest option to send and receive mail.

The affects of the Crimea War 1853-56 on the Australian steamship mail contracts - the Clipper sailings

The requisition by the British Admiralty of steamships to convey troops and materials for the Crimean War from 1853 meant that the General Screw Steamship Company and the P&O Line were unable to fulfill their obligations providing a contract mail service to the Australian Colonies. Single voyage, and later longer term contracts were awarded to clipper ship lines.

Long distance sailing had dramatically improved from the mid-1840's. Lieutenant F.M. Maury's 1855 publication of his studies on wind patterns and currents at various times of the year coupled with clipper captains sailing further south than the advocated 38th parallel, vastly decreased the time taken to sail from England to Australia. The biggest influence was the construction of strongly built, heavily sparred ships of sleeker lines to operate this trade route. Clipper ships, initially built by American ship builders, most notably Donald McKay of Boston, revolutionised long distance sailing.

All of a sudden, it took just under three months to sail a clipper ship from Liverpool to Melbourne.

This fabulous "Ocean Penny Post" cover of the 9th October 1852 bearing Victorian Half Lengths *(for illustrative purposes only and not included in the auction sale)* was carried on the Black Ball Line clipper "Marco Polo" from Melbourne to England on a journey of only seventy nine days, proving that there was a quantitative leap in sailing technology which the Australian Colonists could rely on to deliver the mail. It provided a viable alternative to the steamship service.



The importance of the "Marco Polo's" first voyage to Australia cannot be overstated. At the time, she was the largest ship ever to travel to Australia, bringing over 900 immigrants to the Victorian gold rush. Under the command of the famous James "Bully" Forbes, the "Marco Polo" left Liverpool, England on the 4 July 1852 and arrived at Melbourne on the 18 September, a voyage of 68 days, a sailing record for the voyage.



On her return voyage to Liverpool on the 10 October 1852. The ship carried £100,000 in gold dust and a 340-ounce gold nugget that was a gift to Queen Victoria from the colonial government. After becoming the first ship to circumnavigate the globe in under six months, the "Marco Polo" carried a banner claiming "The Fastest Ship in the World" on her return to Liverpool. The speed of the Clipper ships became a viable alternative for mail transportation to and from the Colonies.

With the steamships requisitioned by the British Admiralty, due to the Crimean War 1854-1856, the clipper ship contracts provided an effective and reliable alternative to the P&O Line steamship service, spread over a number of clipper shipping lines based mostly out of Liverpool. The average clipper voyage to England was just over three months, compared to sailing ship voyages of four to five months only ten years prior. Finally, the Australian colonists were being provided with a fast and reliable mail service.

The end of the Crimean War in 1856 provided anticipation for the colonists for a return to a regular monthly steamship service. This was commenced in January 1857 with award of the contract to the European & Australian Royal Mail Company. It is this period from 1857 to 1900 that is the foundation of the Corinphila auction of the Gary Diffen collection. Each route is documented with an introduction whereby the collector can understand the "Need for Speed' (with apologies to Tom Cruise in "Top Gun") and the colonists search for new steamship routes for the transportation of mail to and from the Australian Colonies.

Inter-Colonial Mail

Historically, steamship transportation began in the early 1830's with boat builders on the Clarence River, 650kms north of Sydney, New South Wales. William Lowe and James Marshall laid the keel of the first Australian steamship "William the Fourth" in February 1831, with a steam engine imported from England. She plied her trade between Sydney and the northern New South Wales ports including the Moreton Bay District. Gradually, more steamships were built or had arrived in Australia for the trade along the eastern coast. With the expansion of the colonies, Port Philip District in 1835 and South Australia in 1836, access to trade became vital, especially with the opening of the port at Launceston in Van Diemen's Land. With the exception of Western Australia, suddenly it was commercially viable to operate small steamers between the colonies and carry the mails.

From the late 1840's, smaller class steamers of around 300 tons started to arrive in the Australian Colonies and plied their trade between the capital cities. In nearly all cases, they only steamed between two ports. For example, the "Wonga Wonga" sailed between Sydney and Melbourne carrying the mails for many years. The "Havilah" did the same between Adelaide and Melbourne. These steamers continued to run until the late 1880's and 1890's when the rail links between the cities of Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney were completed.



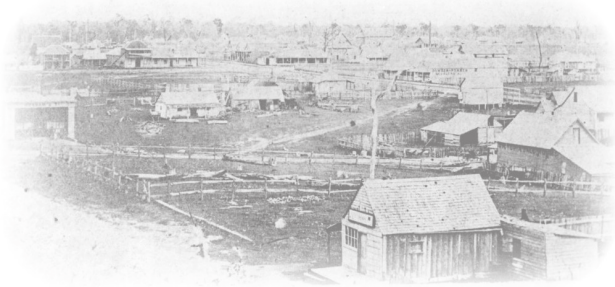
Collins Street in Melbourne



3001

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF
3001	1857 (March 24): Second sheet of entire letter from Adelaide, South Australia to Melbourne, Victoria bearing 1855 South Australia 6 d. deep blue, a fine used example with clear to large margins all round, tied by void obliterator with "PAID / ADELAIDE S.A." cds in red (March 24) adjacent, prepaying 6 d. for the ½ ounce intercolonial ship letter rate to Victoria. Reverse with oval "SHIP LETTER / FREE / GPO VICTORIA" applied in red on arrival (March 27). A fine and attractive usage. *Route - Hall & Gladstone: Departed Adelaide 24 March 1857 per "Burra Burra" to Melbourne, arriving 27 March 1857 (3 days).* *Note: This entire is written in German from one of the early settlers at Penola to the merchants Kaufmann, MacCallum & Co. at 122 Collins Street West, Melbourne who operated for a short time in the late 1850's.*	3	**200**

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3002	1857 (July 23): Cover from Penola, South Australia to Campbell Town, Tasmania, bearing South Australia bearing 1855 6 d. deep blue, touched to large margins and showing portion of adjoining stamp at base, indistinctly cancelled by numeral "60", prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce intercolonial ship letter to Tasmania. The cover with a Penola despatch datestamp (July 23) at the lower left, Adelaide transit datestamp of the 28 July unusually in green on the reverse and Ship Letter Inwards Free datestamp in red of Launceston at lower right. Minor flap tear on the reverse but a scarce imperforate ship letter from South Australia to Tasmania. *Route: Departed Penola 23 July 1857 overland to Adelaide (28 July) Hall & Gladestone: Departed Adelaide (1 Aug) per "Burra Burra" to Melbourne (3 Aug) Departed Melbourne (5 Aug) per "Queen" to Launceston (7 Aug); overland to Campbell Town (15 days).* *Note: This entire is addressed to the early Tasmania pastoralist John Leake (1780-1865) who retired to his country estate at Rosedale (as addressed on the cover) in 1856. Two of his sons had settled in South Australia, with this cover forming part of his correspondence. A detailed article of John Leake is enclosed with this lot.* *(Photo = 23)*	3	✉	**100**
3003	1858 (Sept 16): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Rockhampton, Moreton Bay District (Queensland) bearing 1857 Victoria Half Length 3 d. greenish-blue, two examples, one superb, the other somewhat touched, cancelled by barred numeral "1" obliterator of Melbourne, prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce inter-colonial ship letter rate to Queensland. Reverse with Melbourne cds (Sept 16), partial Sydney transit and Rockhampton cds (Oct 1) in black. Despite faults, a rare cover: the *sole Victorian Half-length cover recorded to the Moreton Bay District*. *Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Melbourne 18 Sept 1858 per "City of Sydney" to Sydney (20 Sept). Thence by private steamship: Departed Sydney (21 Sept) per "George" via Brisbane to Rockhampton, arriving 1 October 1858 (15 days).* *Note: This cover is from the famous Macartney correspondence, one of the great archives of Australian Colonial mail.* *(Photo = 23)*	29a	✉	**250**



View of Maryborough



3004

3004	1858 (Sept 4): Registered entire from Maryborough, Moreton Bay District (now Queensland) to Sydney, New South Wales bearing 1856 New South Wales Diadem 2 d. pale blue, a fine four margin example, used with 1856 Registered 6 d. vermilion and prussian blue, touched at top, cancelled by the rays "96" numeral of Maryborough and prepaying 2 d. for a **½** ounce inter-colonial ship letter to New South Wales plus 6 d. registration. Endorsed *"Per steamer "Waratah 1/9/58"* at top left and with fine despatch and arrival datestamps on the reverse. A very fine and most attractive cover. *Note: Inter-colonial mail from the Moreton Bay District is very scarce, with nearly all the covers recorded being addressed to New South Wales. Of the few Inter-colonial registered covers recorded, this cover is considered to be the finest.* *Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane 4 Sept 1858 per "Waratah" to Sydney, arriving 6 Sept 1858 (5 days).*	113+ 102	✉	**750**



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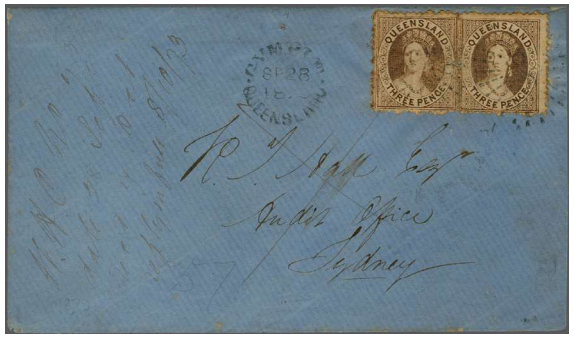
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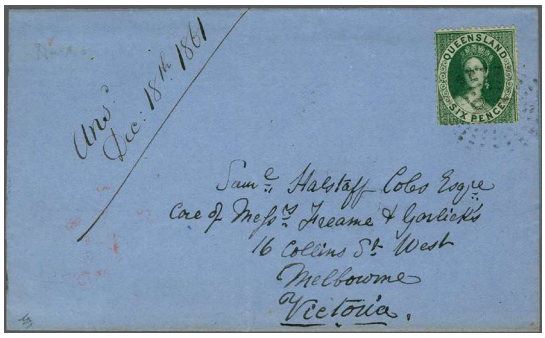
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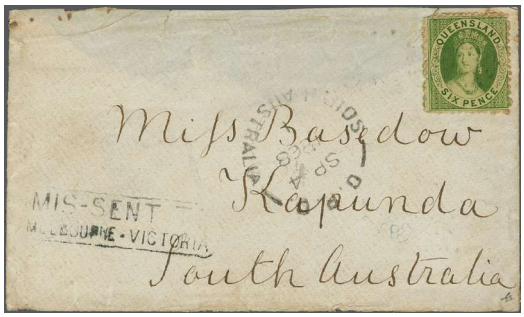
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3005

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3005 1858 (Dec 14): Cover from North Adelaide, South Australia to Albury, New South Wales via Melbourne (endorsed *"Post Office till called for"*) bearing 1857 South Australia 6 d. slate-blue, imperforate with four good to large margins and showing small portion of the sheet margin at left, lightly cancelled by barred diamond numeral "5" with North Adelaide despatch (Dec 11) and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce intercolonial ship letter to New South Wales. Melbourne "Ship Letter / Free / GPO Victoria" datestamp in red on the reverse (Dec 16). Insignificant flap tear on the reverse, otherwise a superb quality cover and very scarce usage of this stamp on letter.
Route - Non contract steamship: Departed Adelaide 14 Dec 1858 per "Viceroy" to Melbourne (16 Dec), overland to Albury, arriving 20 Dec 1858 (9 days).

10 ✉ **1'000**



3006

3006 1860 (Feb 3): Cover from Gladstone, Moreton Bay District (Queensland) to Sydney, New South Wales bearing 1856 New South Wales Diadem 1 d. orange-vermillion, an imperforate strip of six with close to good margins all round, just touched at lower right, boldly tied by rays "131" numeral of Gladstone and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce inter-colonial ship letter to New South Wales. Rare usage of New South Wales stamps in the Moreton Bay District and a cover of outstanding quality.
Route - Private sailing ship: Departed Gladstone 3 Feb 1860 to Brisbane. Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane per "Telegraph" (8 Feb) to Sydney, arriving 11 Feb 1860 (8 days). Note: Strips of six are the largest multiple of this stamp recorded on cover, two are recorded and this is by far the finest.

107 ✉ **1'500**



Sir William Denison (1804-1871)

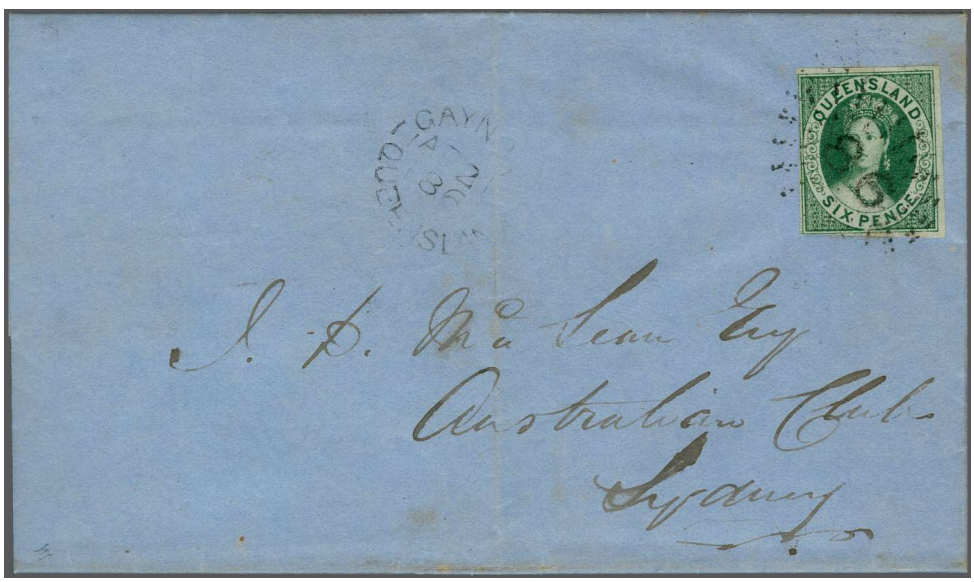


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Bishop Robert Wilson (1794-1866)

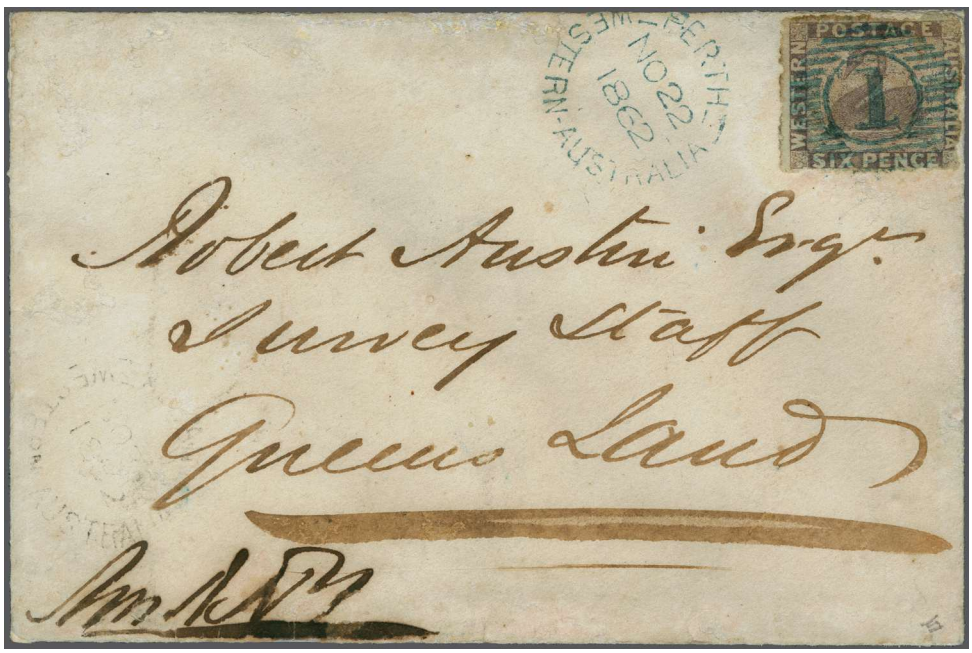
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3007	1860 (Dec 23): Mourning cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Hobart Town, Tasmania bearing 1859 New South Wales Diadem 6 d. fawn, a fine large margined horizontal pair lightly cancelled by "N.S.W." in ovals and further tied by the Hobart "Inwards Free" ship letter datestamp in red. The cover is prepaid 1 s. for a 1 ounce intercolonial ship letter to Tasmania and endorsed by the sender, Governor William Denison at lower left. An exceptional cover in the foremost quality. The 6 d. fawn, watermark "6" on cover is much rarer than the watermark "8". Cert. BPA (1994). *Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Sydney 25 Dec 1860 per "City of Sydney" to Melbourne. Private sailing ship: Departed Melbourne (31 Dec) per "North Star" to Hobart Town, arriving 3 Jan 1861 (11 days).* *Note: The envelope was written by Sir William Denison, Governor of New South Wales to Bishop Robert Willson at Hobart Town. They would have been close associates when Denison was Governor of Van Diemen's Land from 1847 to 1855. Willson was annointed as the first Bishop of Hobart Town in 1842.*	93	✉	**500**



3008

3008	1861 (April 21): Entire letter from Gayndah, Queensland to the Australian Club in Sydney bearing 1860 Queensland Chalon 6 d. green, a fine example with large margins to just touching outer frame, lightly cancelled by the rays "86" numeral of Gayndah and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce intercolonial ship letter to New South Wales. Despatch datestamp for Gayndah, transit of Maryborough and arrival of "Sydney / Ship Letter" on reverse. The cover with a minor vertical fold well away from the adhesive, a very fine and a highly attractive first issue cover. *Route: Departed Gayndah 21 April 1861 overland via Maryborough (23 April) to Brisbane. Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane (30 April) per "Yarra Yarra" to Sydney, arriving 2 May 1861 (7 days).* *Preovenance: Collection Nelson.*	3	✉	**1'500**

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3009	1861 (Dec 3): Cover from Ipswich, Queensland to Melbourne, Victoria bearing 1861 Queensland 6 d. green, clean-cut perf. 16, used example of rich colour lightly tied by "87" rays numeral obliterator in black and prepaying 6 d. for the ½ ounce inter-colonial ship letter rate to Victoria. Reverse with "IPSWICH / QUEENSLAND" cds (Dec 3) and BRISBANE cds (Dec 4) with MELBOURNE (Dec 17) arrival cds in red. Unrecorded in the Palmer Queensland census. Superb and most attractive: one of the finest 6 d. clean-cut perforation covers known. *Route: Departed Ipswich 3 Dec 1861 overland to Brisbane. Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane 5 Dec 1861 per "Yarra Yarra" via Sydney to Melbourne, arriving 17 Dec 1861 (14 days).* *(Photo = 23)*	9	✉	**500**



3010

3010	1862 (Dec 8): Government House crested envelope from Perth, Western Australia to Brisbane, Queensland bearing 1861 Western Australia 6 d. purple on blued paper, very rough perf. 14-16, cancelled by bold barred circle "1" of Perth in blue with fine despatch datestamp in blue (22 November) at left, prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce intercolonial ship letter to Queensland with Brisbane arrival on the reverse. The rough perf. issues of Western Australia are exceedingly rare on cover with less than 6 covers known bearing the 6 d. value. This is believed to be the earliest cover recorded from Western Australia to Queensland. *Route - P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound 8 Dec 1862 per "Bombay", to Sydney (15 Dec). Departed Sydney (18 Dec) per steamer "Urara", to Brisbane, arriving 23 Dec 1862 (31 days).*	45	✉	**2'500**
3011	1863 (March 4): Entire letter from Sydney, New South Wales to Adelaide, South Australia endorsed *"per Rangatira"* at left, bearing 1862 New South Wales 3 d. blue-green, perf. 13, a horizontal pair, tied by the Sydney/NSW duplex (March 4) in black, prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce inter-colonial ship letter rate to South Australia. "GPO Adelaide" arrival datestamp (March 12) at lower left. An unusual usage of the 3 d. Diadem on a very fine and attractive cover. *Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Sydney 4 March 1863 per "Rangatira" to Melbourne (7 March). Departed Melbourne (10 March) per "Coorong" to Adelaide, arriving 12 March 1863 (8 days).* *(Photo = 23)*	156	✉	**100**
3012	1864 (July 28): Cover from Launceston, Tasmania to Beechworth, Victoria bearing 1864 Tasmania Chalon 6 d. grey-violet, perf. 10, a used example prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce intercolonial ship letter to Victoria and cancelled on arrival by bold Melbourne "1" obliterator in black, indicating the cover was a "loose ship letter". Scarce and very fine. *Route - Launceston & Melbourne Steam Navigation Co: Departed Launceston 28 July 1864 per "Black Swan" to Melbourne (30 July); overland to Beechworth, arriving 9 Aug 1864.* *Note: The cover is addressed to William Hyndman, the owner of the Oriental Bank in Beechworth. Their principle banking activities were with the East and Mauritius. Beechworth was a large gold mining diggings with many indentured Chinese miners. The bank dissolved in 1884 and all creditors were paid out. Hyndman later became a Director of many famous Australian public companies including BHP (Broken Hill Proprietary), Colonial Mutual and Carlton & United Breweries.* *(Photo = 23)*	64	✉	**150**



3013

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3013 1864 (Dec 6): Cover endorsed *"OHMS"* at top, lower flap missing, mailed from Fremantle, Western Australia to Hobart Town, Tasmania bearing 1863 Western Australia 6 d. dull violet, Official with circular punch-hole, cancelled by barred circle "8" of Fremantle and by Fremantle cds (Nov 26) and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce inter-colonial ship letter to Tasmania. Some minor cover imperfections, but Official usages are rare, this being the third earliest recorded official puncture cover from Western Australia.
Route - P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound 6 Dec 1864 per "Bombay" to Melbourne (11 Dec). Private steamship: Departed Melbourne (12 Dec) per "Midas" to Launceston; overland to Hobart, arriving 13 Dec 1864 (17 days). 51a ✉ **1'000**

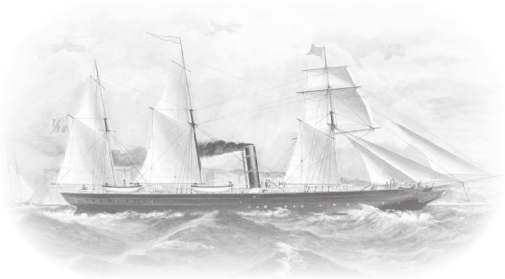


3014

3014 1865 (Nov 21): Registered cover from Dalby, Queensland to Sydney, New South Wales bearing 1860-61 Queensland Chalon 2 d. blue, rough perforation 14-16, a horizontal strip of three used with Registered 6 d. orange-yellow, cancelled by the rays "133" numeral of Dalby and prepaying 1 s. comprising 6 d. for a ½ ounce intercolonial ship letter to New South Wales and 6 d. registration. Despatch and arrival datestamp of "Ship Letter / Sydney" on reverse. Evidence of cleaning but a very attractive and rare registered cover.
Route: Departed Dalby 21 Nov 1865 overland to Brisbane (24 Nov). Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane (25 Nov) per "Telegraph" to Sydney, arriving 28 Nov 1865 (7 days). 15+ 20 ✉ **1'000**



3015



SS 'Wonga Wonga'

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3015	1866 (Aug 21): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Melbourne, Victoria bearing 1864 New South Wales Diadem 6 d. purple, a vertical strip of five, one with minor perf. fault at left, used with a single example cancelled by the Sydney duplex and prepaying 3 s. comprising 2 s. 6 d. for a 3 ounce intercolonial ship letter to Victoria plus 6 d. Late Fee. Some minor tone spots at top, otherwise a fine and extremely scarce high franking. *Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Sydney 21 Aug 1866 per "Wonga Wonga" to Melbourne, arriving 24 Aug 1866 (3 days).*	165	✉	**200**
3016	1867 (Aug 5): Cover to from Melbourne, Victoria to Sydney, New South Wales bearing 1867 Victoria 3 d. lilac and 6 d. blue tied by Melbourne duplex (Aug 5) in black, prepaying 3 d. for a ½ ounce inter-colonial ship letter plus 6 d. Late Fee. Reverse, top flap missing, with Sydney arrival cds (Aug 8) in black. Fine appearance and very rare with less than ten examples of the 3 d. lilac recorded on cover. *Route - Australian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Melbourne 5 Aug 1867 per "Wonga Wonga" to Sydney, arriving 8 Aug 1867 (3 days).* *Note: In "The Stamps of Victoria", Geoff Kellow RDP on page 159 states that the 1867 3 d. lilac, wmk V/Crown was printed on the 30th July 1867 and records the earliest date of use as the 28 August 1867. This cover, dated the 5 August, is earlier by 23 days.* *(Photo = 23)*	133+ 122	✉	**250**
3017	1868 (Aug 22): Cover from Maryborough, Queensland to Kapunda, South Australia bearing 1865 Queensland 6 d. yellow-green, perf. 13 used on 1868 tied light rays numeral in black, prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce inter-colonial ship letter rate to South Australia. The cover incorrectly sent to Melbourne, Victoria where scarce framed "MIS-SENT TO / MELBOURNE VICTORIA" handstamp applied in black and thence forwarded to South Australia. A rare handstamp, with less than ten examples recorded. Top flap partly missing on reverse, with Maryborough despatch cds (Aug 22), Melbourne cds in blue (Aug 31) and Kapunda arrival cds. The third earliest Chalon cover to South Australia recorded, illustrated on Page 127 in the Ben Palmer census. *Route - Private Steamship: Departed Brisbane 26 Aug 1868 per "Lady Young" to Sydney (28 Aug), Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Sydney (29 Aug) per "Wonga Wonga" to Melbourne (31 Aug). Departed Melbourne (1 Sept) per "Aldinga", arriving Adelaide 4 Sept 1868 (13 days).* *Provenance: Collections Beston, Freeman.* *(Photo = 23)*	47	✉	**150**
3018	1873 (Sept 28): Cover from Gympie, Queensland to Sydney, New South Wales bearing 1871 Queensland Chalon 3 d. brown, two examples cancelled by rays numeral "96" and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce intercolonial ship letter to New South Wales. Transit datestamps of Brisbane (30 Sept) and Sydney arrival of (3 Oct). A very unusual make-up of the 6 d. rate and scarce. *Route: Departed Gympie 28 Sept 1873 overland to Brisbane (30 Sept). Australian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane (1 Oct) per "City of Brisbane" to Sydney, arriving 3 Oct 1873 (5 days)* *(Photo = 23)*	67	✉	**100**
3019	1874 (July 4): Cover from Rockhampton, Queensland to Hobart Town, Tasmania bearing 1871 Queensland 3 d. brown, a single example cancelled by rays numeral "102" (Rated RR by Manning in "Queensland Numeral Cancels") with diamond framed Launceston Ship Letter datestamp (17 July) in red and Hobart arrival on reverse. Few wrinkles but an attractive cover. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Rockhampton 4 July 1874 per "Lord Ashley" to Brisbane. Australian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane 6 July per "City of Brisbane" to Sydney (8 July). Private steamship: Departed Sydney (13 July) per "Wentworth" to Melbourne (14 July); Tasmanian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Melbourne (16 July) per "Tamar" to Launceston (17 July); overland to Hobart, arriving 18 July 1874 (18 days).* *Note: The 3 d. inter-colonial ship letter rate was only available from 15 May 1871 to 1 Jan 1874. Ben Palmer in "The Pre UPU Mail of Queensland" only records eight covers, five to New South Wales and three to Tasmania.* *(Photo = 23)*	67	✉	**100**



SS 'Britannia'

3020

The Adelaide Express to Melbourne

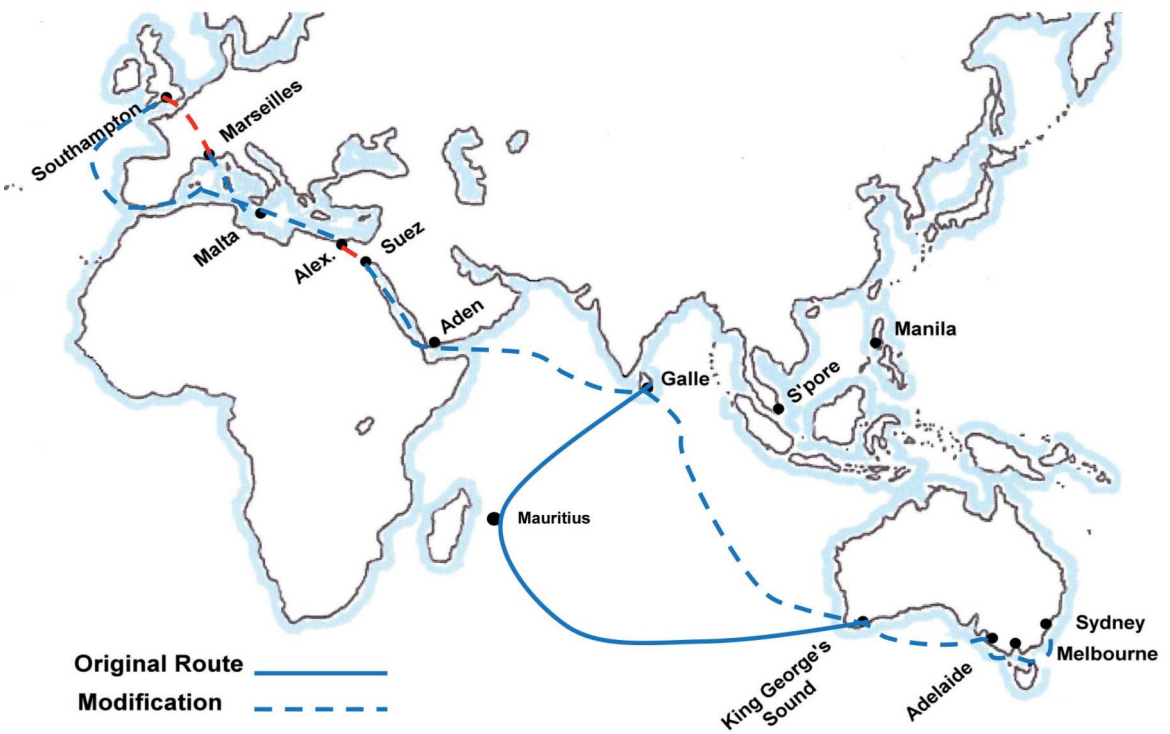
		Gibbons	Start price in CHF
3020	1889 (July 18): Registered cover from York, Western Australia to Melbourne, Victoria bearing 1888 Western Australia 1 d. carmine-pink, a block of six (3 x 2) used on reverse, boldly cancelled by the double circle "R" of York and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce intercolonial ship letter to Victoria. Obverse with "♛ / REGISTERED" handstamp in red and York cds (July 15). A charming and very scarce cover. *Route - P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound 18 July 1889 per "Britannia" to Adelaide (21 July); by rail to Melbourne, arriving 22 July 1889 (7 days).* *Note: The largest recorded multiple of this stamp on cover.* *Provenance: Collection Walkley.*	103 ✉⊞	**500**

Overland Via Southampton and Via Marseilles

The return to steamship mail contracts

After the Crimean War in 1856, the British Admiralty called for tenders and surprisingly awarded the new mail contract to the European & Australian Royal Mail Company (EARM Co.). This shipping line was formed specifically to win the Australian contract mail, with the route between Galle in Ceylon and Southampton a duplicate of the P&O service. They purchased new ships and had a couple on order with major shipping yards to perform the agreement. The EARM Co. were totally inexperienced with the problems and logistics of long distance steam travel. They did not own sufficient ships and had to charter ships from their competitors, who only offered their second-rate ships to fulfil the contract. Unsurprisingly, the company was plagued by inadequate maintenance facilities and too few ships, resulting in heavy contract penalties that were financially unsustainable. With the EARM Co. folding in 1857, the contract was taken over by The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, with a rise in subsidy and a reduction in penalties. When they too folded, the British Admiralty found themselves in a very difficult position.

An 1858 tender by the British Admiralty received no offers from any shipping lines given the strict penalty conditions. Negotiations were entered into with the P&O Line who were familiar with the service as they were had participated as one of the two shipping lines for the 1852 contract and already operated an outstanding service to the Far East. The Australian contract was an extension of their current service from Singapore or Galle, and was an easy fit for the P&O Line. A contract was agreed in 1859 providing a consistent monthly service for the Australian colonies from a shipping line that had successfully fulfilled their contract obligations. And thus began a constant and reliable mail service by the P&O Line from England to the Australian Colonies that lasted well into the next century.



This map shows the primary routes of the P&O Line overland mail contract from 1859. The original route was via Mauritius to Galle, however, the Mauritius stopover proved to be unviable, and it was modified in early 1860 to via Galle.

The Australian Colonies were offered two different services. The cheaper and slower service was overland to Alexandria and carried by steamer to the English port of Southampton. An alternative, slightly quicker and more expensive service was the "Marseilles" route, using steamships from Alexandria to Marseilles, and then via the railways to Calais and over the English Channel to London.

Overland via Southampton

Outgoing mail via Southampton



SS 'Oneida'



3021

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3021 1856 (Jan 23): Registered cover from Bombala, New South Wales to Wymondham, England bearing 1855 New South Wales Diadem 6 d. grey, margins close to huge, tied by "40" barred numeral obliterator of Bombala and also tied by "REGISTERED / BOMBALA" handstamp in black, prepaying the 6 d. Registration Fee only, whilst the ½ ounce ship letter rate remained unpaid. Handstruck *"d6"* applied in black to be paid by the recipient. A delightful cover in outstanding quality.
Note: From the 1 January 1857 postage had to be compulsorily prepaid and the sender of this letter on the 27 December 1856 took advantage of this position four days before enactment. Thus, the 6 d. adhesive prepaid the 6 d. registration fee, not the ship letter rate. With the letter arriving in England unpaid, the debit of 6 d. (d6) to the British Post Office was required to account for the shortfall.
Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Sydney 23 Jan 1857 per "Oneida" via Melbourne (15 Feb) and King Georges Sound (22 Feb). The ship broke down 400 miles west of Cape Leuwin, Western Australia and returned to King Georges Sound and was unable to continue. The Mails were transferred. Departed King Georges Sound (21 March) per "European" via Galle (4 April) to Suez; overland to Alexandria; "Etna" (25 April) via Malta (29 April) to Southampton (8 May); by rail via London to Wymondham, arriving 10 May 1857 (114 days).
Note: This was the first homeward voyage of the European and Australian Royal Mail Co. to England and was a complete financial disaster. The Company lost the entire subsidy for this voyage and did not have a ship available for the May mail from Australia. Incidents such as this plagued the Company throughout their contract, ending with insolvency in 1858.
Provenance: Collection 'Alvarado'.

94 ✉ **250**



View of Locarno



3022

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3022 1857 (Jan 23): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Locarno, Switzerland endorsed *"via London"* at top bearing 1854 New South Wales Diadem 1 s. rosy-vermillion, imperforate, large margins with scissor cut at base in lower margin well away from the design and 1856 Diadem 2 d. blue (2) with good to large margins, the second stamp just touched at base, cancelled by the Sydney bars obliterator in black and prepaying 1 s. 4 d. but underpaid 2 d. for a ½ oz ship letter of 1 s. 6 d. to Switzerland. Transit datestamps for London, Calais, Paris, Basel and Locarno. Very fine and attractive, being one of the most important imperforate covers from New South Wales during this period. Cert. Eichele (1998).
Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Sydney 23 Jan 1857 per "Oneida" via Melbourne (15 Feb) and King Georges Sound (22 Feb). The ship broke down 400 miles west of Cape Leuwin, Western Australia and returned to King Georges Sound 23.2 and was unable to continue. The Mails were transferred. Departed King Georges Sound (21 March) per "European" via Galle (4 April) to Suez; overland to Alexandria; "Etna" (25 April) via Malta (29 April) to Southampton (8 May); by rail to London; by steamer to Calais (May 9) by rail via Paris and Basel, arriving Locarno 13 May 1857 (117 days).
Note: The second earliest cover recorded from New South Wales to Switzerland.
Provenance: Collection Wyler, Palmer.

99+ 112 ✉ **2'000**



Overland Mail relay station in the Desert



3023

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3023 1857 (Jan 23): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Providence, Rhode Island, USA bearing 1854 New South Wales Diadem 1854 6 d. greenish-grey imperforate and 1 s. rosy vermilion (4 examples, one with pre-printing paper fold), all with margins in places to four margins all round, cancelled by Sydney barred obliterator and with transit datestamps on the front and reverse. *"18"* (cents) manuscript in red credit to England for transatlantic shipment via a British packet and *"2"* (cents) manuscript in red credit to the United States for internal delivery. The "20" (cents) handstamp in black represents the total of the two manuscript markings to be paid by the recipient. A couple of minor peripheral blemishes, otherwise fine and attractive and an early use to the USA. The third highest imperforate franking recorded from New South Wales.
Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Sydney 23 Jan 1857 per "Oneida" via Melbourne (15 Feb) and King Georges Sound (22 Feb). The ship broke down 400 miles west of Cape Leuwin, Western Australia and returned to King Georges Sound and was unable to continue. The Mails were transferred. Departed King Georges Sound (21 March) per "European" via Galle (4 April) to Suez; overland to Alexandria; "Etna" (25 April) via Malta (29 April) to Southampton (8 May), by rail via London to Liverpool. Cunard Line: Departed Liverpool 16.5 per "Arabia" to New York (29 May) and arriving in Providence 30 May 1857 (127 days).
Note: This was the first homeward voyage of the European and Australian Royal Mail Co. to England and was a complete financial disaster. The Company lost the entire subsidy for this voyage and did not have a ship available for the May mail from Australia. Incidents such as this plagued the Company throughout their contract, ending with insolvency in 1858.
Provenance: Collection Wiggins.

90+ 99 ✉ **750**



Johann Vincent Wentzel (1794-1857)



3024

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3024 1857 (April 16): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to City State of Hamburg bearing 1854 Victoria octagonal 1 s. blue imperforate, margins touched and Woodblock 2 s. dull bluish green strip of three with large margins all round, tied by barred numeral "1" obliterator in black. Prepaid 7 s. for the six times rate of 3 s. for a 3 ounce ship letter to Hamburg. Manuscript *"4/-"* debit to Hamburg from Great Britain (8 d. x 6) for forwarding, London transit (June 12) in red and Hamburg arrival (June 14). The second highest imperforate franking recorded from Victoria and illustrated in colour on Plate 6 in "The Pre-UPU Destination Mail of Victoria" by Palmer. The largest recorded multiple of the 2 s. Woodblock on cover and one of the great Victorian imperforate covers of the period.
Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 16 April 1857 per "Columbian" via Galle (9 May) to Suez (28 May); overland to Alexandria. Cunard Line: "Jura" (30 May) to Malta; "Cumbria" (3 June) to Southampton (11 June); by rail to London thence by steamer to Hamburg, arriving 14 June 1857 (64 days).
Note: This entire is addressed to the real estate firm of Johann Vincent Wentzel of Hamburg, founded in 1820 and still operating today.
Provenance: Collection Perry, Geitenbeek.

25+ 35 ✉ **2'500**



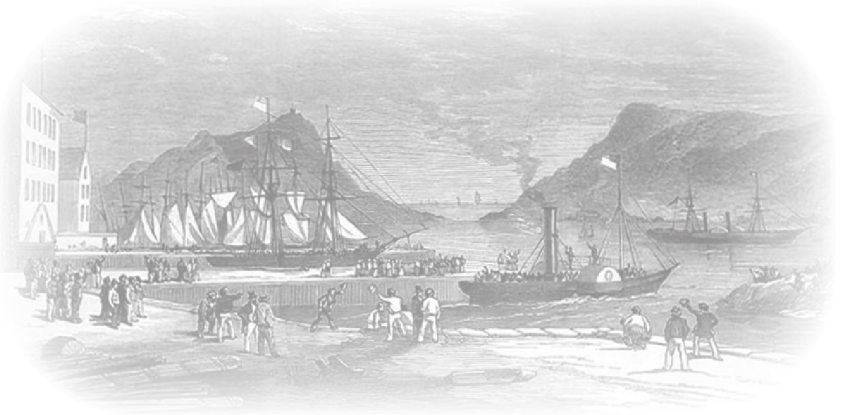
SS 'Simla'



3025

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3025 1857 (June 6): Entire from Perth, Western Australia to London, England endorsed *"Per Overland Mail via K(ing) G(eorges) Sound"*, bearing 1854 Western Australia 1854 1 d. black, imperforate horizontal pair with margins just touched to fine and 4 d. pale blue with close margins all round, cancelled by the void bars obliterator in black and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. Transit datestamps of Perth (May 12) and London arrival cds (Aug 3). Horizontal fold and small stain on the 4 d. otherwise a very fine and attractive first issue entire.
Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed King Georges Sound 6 June 1857 per "Simla" via Galle (23 June) to Suez (12 July); overland to Alexandria. Moss & Co. Line: "Scamander" (14 July) via Malta (19 July) to Southampton (2 Aug); by rail to London, arriving 3 Aug 1857 (58 days).
Note: This entire was written by Robert Hapgood, a prominent merchant who arrived in Perth on the "Egyptian" on the 28 December 1831. The cover is addressed to the Marine Brewery in Ratcliff, London, which was established in 1823 and sold ninety years later to the Cannon Brewery with twenty three ale houses. The contents refer to the supply of twenty hogheads (barrels) of brown stout. One other similar cover dated 1856, also from Perth, is recorded from this correspondence. 1+ 3 ✉ **2'500**



St. John's Harbour



3026

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3026 1854 (June 26): Registered cover from Maryborough, Queensland to St. Johns, New Brunswick bearing Victoria 1854 Octagonal 1 s. blue imperforate with three margins, with 1854 Woodblock 6 d. dull orange with three margins and 1854 Registered 1 s. rose-pink & blue tied by barred numeral "61" in black. Handstruck *"d6"* in black debit to GB for forwarding to New Brunswick and *"7½"* (cents) in manuscript in black for Transatlantic and internal postage to be paid upon receipt. Very fine and rare and one of the great imperforate registered covers from Victoria. The earliest recorded cover from Victoria to New Brunswick and illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Destination Mail of Victoria" by Ben Palmer on Colour Plate 2. Signed Herbert Bloch.
Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 26 June 1857 per "European" via Galle (23 July) to Suez (14 Aug); overland to Alexandria. P&O Line: "Ripon" (21 Aug) to Southampton (4 Sept); by rail via London to Liverpool. Allan Line: Departed Liverpool (9 Sept) per "Indian" to Quebec, Canada (19 Sept); by private ship to St. Johns, New Brunswick, arriving 23 Sept 1857 (107 days).
Note: Although prepaid via Marseilles, the cover should have been transferred to the "Vectis" which was transporting the mails via Marseilles. Instead, it was sent on the "Ripon" to Southampton.
Provenance: Collections Perry, Geitenbeek.

25+ 32a+ 34 ✉ **2'000**

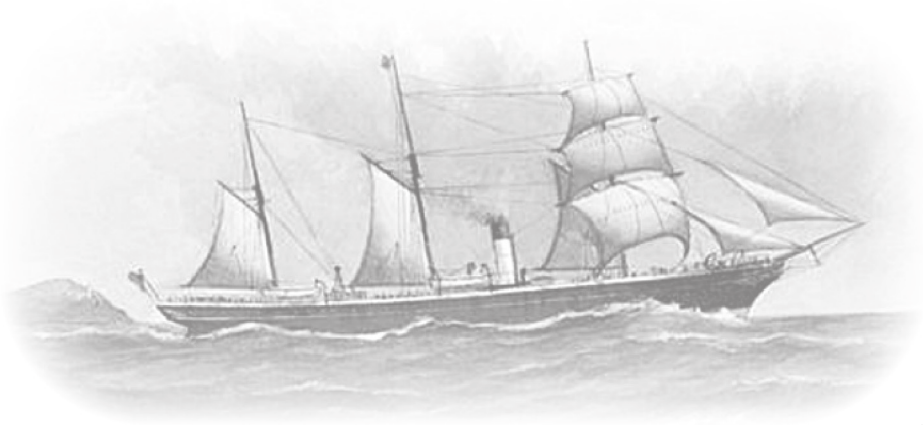


Judson Female Institute
in Marion, Alabama



3027

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3027	1857 (Sept 17): Cover from Kyneton, Victoria to Marion, Alabama, USA endorsed *"Post next opportunity"* bearing 1857 Victoria Half Length 3 d. greenish blue, imperforate strip of four (positions 14-15-16-17) with position 17 showing the retouch under 'C' of VICTORIA, margins generally fine and just into at top right, tied by barred numeral "54" obliterator in black. Prepayment of 1 s. and underpaid 2 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter rate of 1 s. 2 d. to the United States. Transit datestamps of London (Dec 7) and New York (Dec 21). A very fine and a rare usage to a Southern state. *Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 17 Sept 1857 per "Emeu" via Galle (9 Oct). The "Emeu" was grounded on the Guttal el Bunna reef off Saudi Arabia (22 Oct) and refloated, arriving at Suez (3 Nov); overland to Alexandria; P&O Line: "Ripon" (21 Nov) to Southampton (6 Dec); by rail via London to Liverpool. Collins Line: Departed Liverpool (9 Dec) per "Adriatic" to New York (21 Dec); overland to Marion (over 98 days).* *Provenance: Collection Pack, Purves.*	29a	✉	**2'000**
3028	1857 (Nov 10): Registered cover from Sydney to London bearing 1854 New South Wales Diadem 6 d. grey imperforate, large to touched margins, with 1856 Registration 6 d. salmon & indigo, tied by Sydney bars obliterator. Prepaid 1 s. with 6 d. for the a ½ ounce ship letter to England plus 6 d. for registration. Registered datestamp of Sydney (Nov 10) and London arrival of (Jan 13 1858). Handstruck *"d6"* handstamp in black for the internal registration fee to be paid upon receipt. *Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Sydney 11 Nov 1857 per "City of Sydney" via Galle (11 Dec) to Suez (27 Dec); overland to Alexandria. Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: "Teviot" (29 Dec) to Malta; "Vanguard" (3 Jan 1858) to Southampton (12 Jan); by rail to London (63 days).* *(Photo = 43)*	94+ 103	✉	**200**



SS 'City of Sydney'



3029

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF
3029	1857 (Nov 11): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Neustadt, Kingdom of Prussia bearing 1856 New South Wales Diadem 2 d. blue impeforate with margins all round, 1854 1 s. brownish-red, a three margin example and 1856 Registered 6 d. vermilion & prussian blue with good margins all round, tied by Sydney barred obliterator and prepaying 1 s. 8 d. comprising 1 s. 2 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the Kingdom of Prussia plus 6 d. for registration. Registered datestamps for London and "RECOMMANDIRT" handstamp in red for registered mail forwarded through the Aachen exchange office. Postal markings include *"8"* (pence) manuscript in red credit from Great Britain to the Kingdom of Prussia for forwarding and "9"(d) manuscript in black for the registration fee debit from the Kingdom of Prussia to Great Britain, converted to *"7"* (silbergroschen) manuscript in blue to be paid upon receipt. Very fine, one of the most important imperforate New South Wales registered covers. *Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Sydney 11 Nov 1857 per "City of Sydney" via Galle (11 Dec) to Suez (27 Dec); overland to Alexandria. Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: "Teviot" (29 Dec) to Malta; "Vanguard" (3 Jan 1858) to Southampton (12 Jan) by rail to London; by steamer to Ostende; by rail via Aachen (14 Jan) to Neustadt, arriving 15 Jan 1858 (65 days).* *Provenance: Collections Druce, Forster, 'Alvarado', Palmer.*		101+ 102+ 112 ✉	**2'000**



View of Bignasco



3030

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3030 1857 (Nov 16): Cover from Yackandandah, Victoria via Locarno, Switzerland to Bignasc bearing 1854 Victoria Woodblock 6 d. dull orange imperforate with four margins, Octagonal 1 s. blue and Registered 1 s. rose-pink & blue with good margins, all tied by barred numeral "114" in black, prepaying 2 s. 6 d. and underpaid 2 s. 4 d. for a ½ ounce registered ship letter to Switzerland. *"2/4"* manuscript in red credit to Great Britain for underpaid postage and registration for forwarding to destination. Multiple transit and registration markings on the front and reverse. Illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Destination Mail of Victoria" by Palmer on page 160. Very fine and one of the most attractive registered usages recorded from Victoria to Switzerland.
Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 16 Nov 1857 per "City of Sydney" via Galle (11 Dec) to Suez (27 Dec), overland to Alexandria. Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: "Teviot" (29 Dec) to Southampton (12 Jan 1858); by rail to London, by steamer to Calais; by rail via Basel (14 Jan) to Locarno arriving 18 Jan 1858 (97 days).
Note: All of the early registered covers from Victoria to Switzerland were addressed to a few families near Locarno. These were Swiss migrants arriving in Victoria from 1856 heading towards the goldfields of Sandhurst and Hepburn. Some travelled further afield to new gold strikes such as this cover from Yackandandah. With the discovery of gold in 1852, it became a gold mining centre known for it's alluvial mining deposits. The Post Office at Yackandandah opened on the 13 June 1856, the year before this cover was posted. These registered covers to Switzerland were discovered around 1925 and dispersed to the philatelic market in Paris. Many of the covers are in poor condition and most of the stamps are badly cut into. This collection contains the two finest covers from this important correspondence.
Provenance: Collections Burrus, Perry, Winchester.

32a+ 25+ 34 ✉ **2'000**



Bremen Harbour



3031

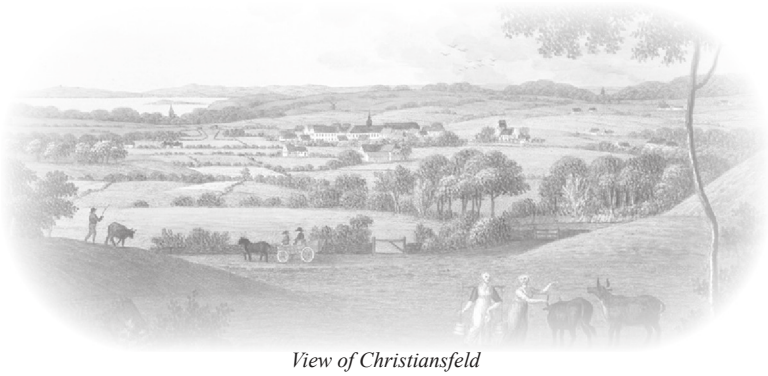
		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3031	1857 (Dec 11): Registered cover from Beechworth, Victoria to the City State of Bremen bearing Victoria Emblems 1 d. yellow-green imperforate, 1857 1 d. yellow-green rouletted, 1854 Octagonal 1 s. blue imperf. with margins in places and rouletted 1857 Registered 1 s. rose-pink & blue, Die II, all cancelled by the barred numeral "9" obliterator. The cover is prepaid 2 s. 2 d. comprising 1 s. 2 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the City State of Bremen plus 1 s. registration. Transit datestamps for Beechworth, Melbourne and London recording the journey. Handstruck *"d6"* in black for the registration fee scored through and *"18"* (silbergroschen) manuscript in red applied to be paid upon receipt. Illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Destination Mail of Victoria" by Palmer on page 98. Some minor peripheral blemishes, otherwise very fine and highly attractive. One of the most important registered covers from Victoria. Cert. RPSL (1962). *Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 11 Dec 1857 per "European" via Galle (9 Jan 1858) to Suez (24 Jan); overland to Alexandria. Royal Mail Steam Packet Co.: "Tamar" (26 Jan) via Malta (29 Jan) to Southampton (6 Feb); by rail to London, by steamer to the City State of Bremen.* *Note: This is the earliest cover recorded from Victoria to the City State of Bremen and shows the transition of postage stamp separation from imperforate issues to rouletted issues. The rouletted 1 d. at the lower right (Gibbons 46), is the sole example recorded on cover. Finally, the 1 s. Registered stamp is Die II and rouletted, exceptionally rare in it's own right, with only three rouletted examples known on cover.* *Provenance: Collection Baetgen, Perry, Geitenbeek.*		25+ 41+ 46+ 55	✉	**6'000**

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3032	1857 (Dec 11): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Nottingham, England endorsed *"Mail Ship Steamer"* at lower left, bearing 1854: New South Wales Diadem 6 d. grey perforate, two examples one with four margins, right hand stamp shaved at left, cancelled by the Sydney bars handstamps in black and prepaid 1 s., comprising 6 d. for ½ ounce ship letter to England and 6 d. Supplementary fee. Vertical file fold well away from the adhesives. *Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Sydney 11 Dec 1857 per "Wonga Wonga" to Melbourne. The European and Australian Mail Co.: Departed Melbourne (16 Dec) per "European" via Galle (9 Jan 1858) to Suez (24 Jan), overland to Alexandria. Royal Mail Steam Packet Co.: "Tamar" (26 Jan) to Malta (29 Jan) to Southampton (6 Feb); by rail to Nottingham (7 Feb 1858 (88 days).* *Note: The "European" left Sydney for Melbourne on 11 Dec 1857. Given the cover is cancelled on this day, it must have caught the supplementary mail on the "Wonga Wonga" to arrive in time for the Melbourne sailing of the "European" on 16 December. The Supplementary fee is similar to a late mail fee and the same amount was charged for both services.* *(Photo = 43)*	94	✉	**100**
3033	1858 (March 11): Cover from Brisbane, Moreton Bay District (Queensland) to Stourport, England bearing 1854 New South Wales Diadem 6 d. slate-green, imperforate with good to large margins all round, tied by rays numeral "95" handstamp in black and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. 'Brisbane / NSW', Sydney, London and Stourport datestamps on the reverse. A fine and attractive Moreton Bay usage. *Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co. Departed Brisbane 11 March 1858 per "Yarra Yarra" to Sydney (12 March). The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Sydney (12 March) per "Emeu" via Galle (8 April) to Suez (23 April); overland to Alexandria. P&O Line: "Benares" (27 April) to Southampton (11 May); by rail via London to Stourport, arriving 12 May 1858 (67 days).* *(Photo = 43)*	91	✉	**150**



3034

3034	1858 (March 27): Registered cover from Brisbane, Moreton Bay District (Queensland) to Newcastle, England bearing 1854 New South Wales Diadem 6 d. slate-green, imperforate with good to large margins all round, and Registration 6 d. vermilion & prussian blue with large margins and showing sheet margin at top, tied by rays mumeral "95" in black and prepaid 1 s. comprising 6 d. for the a ½ ounce ship letter to England plus 6 d. for registration. "REGISTERED / BRISBANE" handstamp in black at left and with *"d6"* handstamp in black for the registration fee to be paid upon receipt. A rare and attractive imperforate registered cover from the Moreton Bay District to a foreign destination and believed to be the finest imperforate New South Wales 6 d. registered stamp used on cover. *Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co. Departed Brisbane 27 March 1858 per "Yarra Yarra" to Sydney (29 March). The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Sydney (11 April) per "Victoria" via Galle (10 May) to Suez (6 June); overland to Alexandria. Cunard Line: "Cambria" (8 June) to Southampton (20 June); by rail via London to Newcastle, arriving 21.6.1858 (91 days).* *Note: In "The Pre-UPU Mail of Queensland", Ben Palmer records only five registered imperforate covers to foreign destinations, four to England and one to Canada. This is by far the finest and most attractive.*	91+ 102	✉	**2'000**



View of Christiansfeld



3035

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3035	1858 (June 16): Cover from Castlemaine, Victoria to Christiansfeld, Denmark bearing 1854 Victoria 6 d. dull orange imperforate and 1854 Octagonal 1 s. blue, both with good to shaved margins, tied by barred numeral "3" obliterator in black and prepaying 1 s. 6 d. and overpaid 1½ d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Denmark. Postal markings include *"10½"* (pence) manuscript in red credit from Great Britain to the Thurn & Taxis postal service and *"6½"* (silbergroschen) credit in red to the Thurn & Taxis office in Hamburg. Additionally, there is a "franco" handstamp in black with *"2"* (skilling) manuscript in red for internal delivery within Denmark to be paid by the recipient. Reverse with Castlemaine, Melbourne, London, and Hamburg datestamps. One of the earliest recorded covers from Victoria to Denmark. *Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 16 June 1858 per "Australasian" via Galle (11 July) to Suez (30 July); overland to Alexandria. Cunard Line: "Cambria" (1 Aug) to Southampton (14 Aug) by rail to London; by steamer to Hamburg (16 Aug); by rail to Christiansfeld, arriving 18 Aug 1858 (71 days).*	32a+ 25	✉	**1'000**
3036	1858 (July 11): Cover from Cowra, New South Wales to Ayr, Scotland bearing 1856 New South Wales Diadem 2 d. blue, an imperforate horizontal strip of three, four close to good margins all round, redirected on arrival to Stirling and tied by "12" rays numeral of Cowra (scarce - Freeman rated RR) and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. *"1"* (d) in manuscript for the redirection from Ayr to Stirling due upon receipt. Plentiful backstamps on an attractive cover. *Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Sydney 11 July 1858 per "Emeu" via Galle (7 Aug) to Suez (24 Aug); overland to Alexandria. Cunard Line: "Teviot" via Malta (30 Aug) to Southampton (9 Sept); by rail via London to Ayr and to Stirling, arriving 11 Sept 1858 (71 days).* *Provenance: Collection Davis.* *(Photo = 43)*	112	✉	**250**
3037	1858 (July 5): Entire letter from Sydney, New South Wales to Cognac, France, unpaid and carried as a Consignees Letter by a forwarding agent to London. Prepayment of 8 d. was made with Great Britain 1 d. red, perf. 14, eight examples, all cancelled by London numeral "19" for the double rate from Britain to France. A rare usage from the Australian Colonies with approximately half a dozen consignee's letters recorded from the Australian Colonies pre-paid in England to foreign destinations. *Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Sydney 11 July 1858 per "Emeu" via Galle (7 Aug) to Suez (24 Aug); overland to Alexandria. Cunard Line: "Teviot" via Malta (30 Aug) to Southampton (9 Sept); by rail to London, by steamer to Calais, rail to Paris (14 Sept) and Cognac, arriving 15 Sept 1858 (72 days.)* *(Photo = 43)*	(40)	✉	**200**



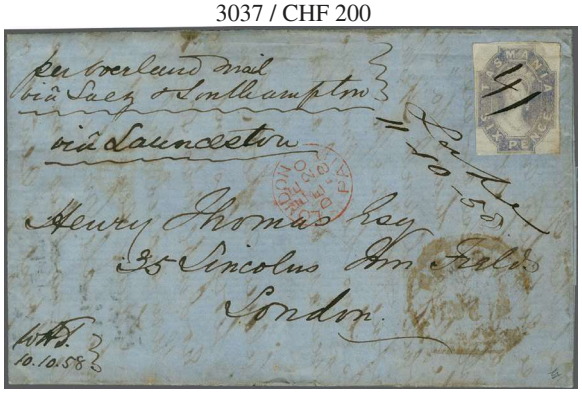
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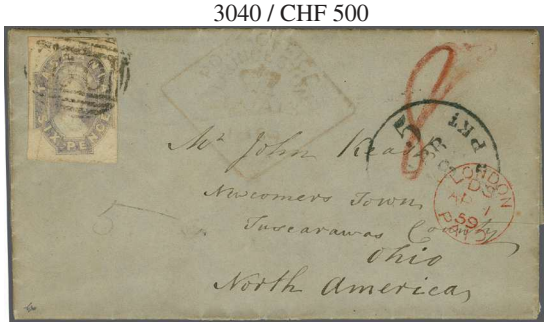
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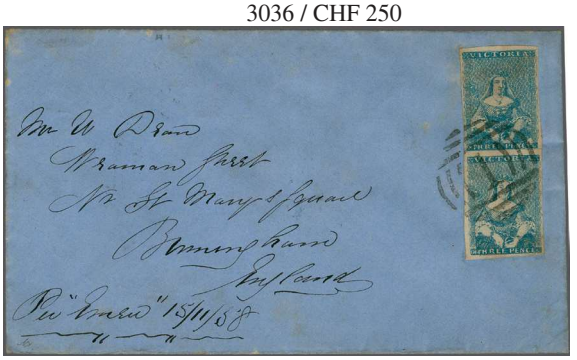
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SS 'Havilah'



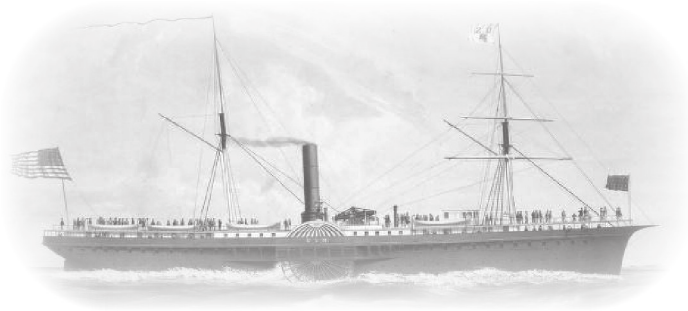
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Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3038 1858 (July 10): Cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Shrewsbury, England bearing 1858 South Australia 1 s. orange, imperforate with three ample margins and touched at right, neatly cancelled by the Adelaide datestamp in blue leaving the Queen's profile clear and prepaying 1 s. for a double rate 1 ounce ship letter to England. Some minor cover blemishes mostly confined to the reverse. A rarity on cover (there are four complete and two part covers recorded bearing the South Australian 1 s. imperforate issue). Many of the great South Australian collections including Napier, Frenkle, Beresford etc. did not posses an example on letter, the adhesive used just three weeks after the date of issue.
Route - McMeckan, Blackwood & Co: Departed Adelaide 10 July 1858 per "Havilah" to Melbourne. The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 11 July 1858 per "Emeu" via Galle (7 Aug) to Suez (24 Aug); overland to Alexandria. Cunard Line: "Teviot" via Malta (30 Aug) to Southampton (9 Sept); by rail via Shrewsbury, arriving in Wem on 11 Sept 1858 (72 days).
Note: Given the small size of this envelope, it was probably intended to be sent via Marseilles for as a ½ ounce ship letter. With no specific route endorsement, the letter was sent via Southampton. 12 ✉ **1'250**

Introduction of new Postal rates to the West Coast of the United States of America up to 1857.

Postal items addressed to the West coast of the United States were sent via the Pacific Ocean. After the conclusion of the Crimean War in 1856, England reviewed its trading and postal routes. In February 1857, a new rate to the West coast of the United States was introduced via England for New South Wales, Queensland, and Victoria. It was available at 1 s. 8½ d. via Southampton, necessarily overpaid to 1 s. 9 d. since there were no ½ d. stamps available. It was calculated by adding the 6 d. Empire rate to the 1 s. 2½ d. paid to destination rate from England to the West coast of the United States.



SS 'Sonora'



3039

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3039	1858 (Aug 16): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to San Francisco, USA bearing Victoria 1854 Half Length 3 d. greenish blue imperforate, Woodblock 6 d. dull orange and Octagonal 1 s. blue, all with margins in places, cancelled by barred numeral "1" obliterator of Melbourne. The cover is prepaid 1 s. 9 d. and overpaid ½ d. (see above) for a ½ ounce ship letter to the West coast of the United States via England. *"1/2½"* (sterling) manuscript in red credit to Great Britain for forwarding to the West coast of the United States and "PAID" handstamp in black applied at San Francisco to indicate the envelope was prepaid to destination. Illustrated in colour Plate 15 in "The Pre-UPU Mail of Victoria" by Ben Palmer. Only two covers are recorded from Victoria prepaying 1 s. 9 d. to the West coast; **this cover is the earliest and only example from the Australian Colonies forwarded south through Panama.** Fine and attractive cover being one of the most remarkable mail route covers from the Australian Colonies. Cert. RPSL (2008). *Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 16 Aug 1858 per "Columbian" via Galle (14 Sept) to Suez (3 Oct), P&O Line: "Cambria" (5 Oct) via Malta (9 Oct) to Southampton (18 Oct). Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: Departed Southampton (18 Oct) per "Parana" to St. Thomas (16 Nov). Departed St. Thomas (18 Nov) per "Dee" via Santa Martha (21 Nov) and Cartagena to Colon (23 Nov); overland to Panama. Pacific Steam Navigation Co: "Sonora" to San Francisco, arriving 15 December 1858 (121 days).* *Note: The introduction of the new 1/9 d. rate in February 1857 via England was expensive compared to the default transmission of mail to the West coast of the USA via the Pacific Ocean. Up to the beginning of 1859, the carriage of mail from the United Kingdom to San Francisco was transmitted via Panama. In early 1859, the route was reformed to an overland route by rail to St. Louis and Butterfield stagecoach to San Francisco. The other Victorian cover, and two covers from Queensland (Lot 3063) were carried by via this secondary route. Thus, the route South via Panama to the West coast of the USA was only availaable for less than two years before being discontinued.* *Provenance: Collections Col. Green, Perry, Palmer, Forster.*	29a+ 32a+ 25	✉	**3'000**

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3040 1858 (Oct 14): Entire from Lake River, Tasmania to London endorsed *"via Launceston"* and *"per Overland Mail via Suez & Southampton"* bearing 1858 Tasmania Chalon 6 d. dull lilac, imperforate with four margins, cancelled by manuscript *"41"* of Lake River (further endorsed and dated at the right) and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. Fine and rare, the finer of the two recorded covers with manuscript *"41"* cancellation of Lake River.
Route - Launceston & Melbourne Steam Navigation Co: Departed Launceston 14 Oct 1858 per "Black Swan" to Melbourne (15m Oct). The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 18 Oct 1858 per "Victoria" to Galle (13 Nov). The engine room of the "Victoria" flooded and the mail was transferred to P&O Line: "Oneida" (13 Nov) to Aden. The "Oneida" had engine room failure and the mail was again transferred; "Bengal" to Suez (5 Dec); overland to Alexandria, "Niagara" (7 Dec) to Southampton (18 Dec) by rail to London, arriving 20 Dec 1858 (70 days).
Note: This, and the cover in the following lot, highlight the problems which plagued the European and Australian Royal Mail Co. Whilst not a shipwreck cover, the incidents are nevertheless recorded in "Australian Wreck Mail" by Brian Peace on page 73.
The contents refer to a "fresh gold rush.....some distance north of Moreton Bay...At present accounts are conflicting, but one thing is certain - that the spot is fearfully hot, badly watered & worse supplied with the barest necessities. Hence, fever, ague & dysentery have shown themselves with intense violence".
Provenance: Collections Cress, McNamee. *(Photo = 43)* 40 ✉ **500**



3041

3041 1858 (Oct 18): Cover from Melton, Victoria to Nordhaufen, Kingdom of Hanover endorsed *"For Germania per Overland"* at top bearing 1854 Victoria 1854 Octagonal 1 s. blue, imperforate, margins touched and Emblems 4 d. pale dull rose, rouletted, lightly cancelled by barred numeral "189" obliterators and prepaying 1 s. 4 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the Kingdom of Hanover. *"8"* (pence) manuscript in black debit to Great Britain for forwarding to the Kingdom of Hanover. Transit datestamps recording the journey on the reverse, including a superb "ENGLAND PER AACHEN" datestamp in red on the front. Very fine and attractive. One of the earliest recorded covers from Victoria to the Kingdom of Hannover, and the finest known from the Australian Colonies.
Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 18 Oct 1858 per "Victoria" to Galle (13 Nov). The engine room of the "Victoria" flooded and the mail was transferred. P&O Line: "Oneida" (13 Nov) to Aden. The "Oneida" had engine room failure and the mail was again transferred; "Bengal" to Suez (5 Dec); overland to Alexandria, "Niagara" (7 Dec) to Southampton (18 Dec); by rail to London; by steamer to Ostende; by rail via Aachen (24 Dec) to Nordhaufen, arriving 27 December 1858 (71 days).
Provenance: Collections Purves, Perry, Kellow. 25+ 71 ✉ **1'000**

3042 1858 (Nov 15): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Birmingham, England endorsed *"per Emeu"* bearing Victoria 1854 Half Length 3 d. blue, imperforate, a vertical pair (positions 16/22) with good to large margins all round, tied by barred numeral "1" in black and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. A fine and attractive cover.
Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 16 Nov 1858 per "Emeu" via Galle (8 Dec) to Suez (21 Dec); overland to Alexandria. P&O Line: Departed Alexandria (26 Dec) per "Panther" to Malta (31 Dec); "Teviot" (1 Jan 1859) to Southampton (11 Jan); by rail via London to Birmingham, arriving 12 January 1859 (59 days). *(Photo = 43)* 24 ✉ **200**



3043

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3043	1858 (Nov 16): Cover from Pleasant Creek, Victoria to Graubrunden, Switzerland bearing 1854 Victoria Octagonal 1 s. blue, imperforate with three margins and 1854 Woodblock 2 s. dull bluish green pair imperforate with three large margins, touched at left and Emblems 4 d. pale dull rose rouletted (2), clearly cancelled by "152" barred numeral of Pleasant Creek. Prepaid 5 s. 8 d. comprising 4 s. 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter plus 1 s. registration to Switzerland. Amongst the many manuscript markings are *"4/2"* (sterling) manuscript in red credit to Great Britain for forwarding a registered letter to Switzerland and "*68"* (rappen) manuscript in red for internal postage for registered mail to be paid upon receipt. Multiple transit datestamps on the reverse record the journey. Very fine and highly attractive being one of the most extraordinary registered covers from Victoria to Switzerland. Cert. RPSV (2004). *Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 16 Nov 1858 per "Emeu" via Galle (8 Dec) to Suez (21 Dec); overland to Alexandria. P&O Line: Departed Alexandria (26 Dec) per "Panther" to Malta (31 Dec); "Teviot" (1 Jan 1859) to Southampton (11 Jan); by rail to London, by steamer to Calais (12 Jan); by rail to Zurich (14 Jan); overland via Chur to Graubrunden, arriving 15 Jan 1859 (82 days).* *Note: This cover was not present in many of the great collections of Victoria being off the market since it's discovery in the mid 1920's until auctioned by Corinphila in 1975.* *Provenance: Collections Geitenbeek, Winchester.*	25+ 35+ 71	✉	**2'500**
3044	1858 (Jan 13): Entire from Launceston, Tasmania to Newcomerstown, Ohio, USA bearing 1858 Tasmania Chalon 6 d. dull lilac, imperforate with large margins all round, cancelled by barred numeral "60" obliterator and prepaying 1 s. 2 d. comprising the 6 d. adhesive and manuscript *"8"* (pence) in red paid in cash for a ½ ounce ship letter to the United States. *"5"* (cents) manuscript in black at the left and New York handstamp in black for internal postage carried by a British Packet to be paid on receipt. A rare usage from Tasmania to the United States, with less than ten imperforate covers known to the USA. *Route - Launceston & Melbourne Steam Navigation Co: Departed Launceston 13 Jan 1859 per "Black Swan" to Melbourne (14 Jan). The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne (5 Feb) per "Oneida" via Galle (28 Feb) to Suez (15 March); overland to Alexandria. P&O Line: Departed Alexandria (17 March) via Malta (21 March) to Southampton (31 March) by rail via London to Liverpool. Cunard Line: Departed Liverpool (2 April) per "Europa" to New York (18 April); by rail to Newcomerstown, Ohio (over 95 days).* *Note: This was the final contract voyage of the European and Australian Royal Mail Company.* *A highly unusual prepayment of postage to a foreign destination. Red manuscripts always represent a credit or prepayment of postage, a remnant of the days of sail and the prepayment of postage before adhesive stamps. Very few examples are recorded in the carriage of mail by the steamers.* *(Photo = 43)*	40	✉	**500**



View of Bückeberg



3045

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3045	1859 (Jan 31): Cover from Sandhurst, Victoria to Bückeberg, Principality of Schaumburg-Lippe bearing 1854 Victoria Octagonal 1 s. blue, imperforate with good margins all round and 1859 Emblems 1 d. yellow-green, perf. 12 horizontal pair (used in the first month of issue) endorsed *"pr. Oneida, Overland Mail"*, clearly cancelled by "4" barred numeral obliterators. Prepaid 1 s. 2 d. for a ½ oz ship letter to the Principality of Schaumburg-Lippe (lower Saxony). Various transit datestamps recording the journey and small part of top flap missing, otherwise a very fine and attractive cover, one of the earliest covers to a rare destination. *Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 5 Feb1859 per "Oneida" via Galle (28 Feb) to Suez (15 March); overland to Alexandria. P&O Line: Departed Alexandria (17 March) via Malta (21 March) to Southampton (31 March); by rail to London and by steamer to Ostende; by rail via Aachen (2 April) to Bückeburg (over 63 days).*	25+ 76	✉	**1'000**
3046	1859 (Feb 5): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to the Duchy of Anhalt Köthen (Saxony) endorsed *"per Oneida"* bearing 1854 Victoria Octagonal 1 s. blue, imperforate with margins touched and 1858 Emblem 2 d. violet, rouletted, cancelled by barred numeral "1" obliterators and prepaying 1 s. 2 d. for a ½ oz ship letter to the Duchy of Anhault Köthen. Manuscript *"8"* (pence) deleted as fully paid to destination with "P" in red at right. Superb strike of the "AUS ENGLAND PER AACHEN FRANCO" datestamp in red. Some minor peripheral imperfections but a very rare destination. The sole cover recorded from the Australian Colonies to the Duchy of Anhalt Köthen. *Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 5 Feb 1859 per "Oneida" via Galle (28 Feb) to Suez (15 March); overland to Alexandria. P&O Line: Departed Alexandria (17 March) via Malta (21 March) to Southampton (31 March); by rail to London and by steamer to Ostende; by rail via Aachen (2 April) to Anhalt Köthen, arriving 8 April 1859 (63 days).* *(Photo = 43)*	25+ 70	✉	**750**



View of Bologna



3047

Gibbons — Start price in CHF

3047 1859 (April 14): Cover from Beechworth, Victoria to Bologna, Papal States bearing 1854 Victoria Octagonal 1 s. blue, imperforate with three margins, 1859 Emblems 1 d. yellow-green, perf. 12 and 4 d. dull rose, perf. 12 on good quality paper; tied by barred numeral "9" in black and prepaying 1 s. 5 d. for a ¼ ounce ship letter to the Papal States. *"11"* (pence) manuscript in red credit from Britain for forwarding to the Papal States and with despatch and transit datestamps on the reverse. Illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Mail from Victoria" by Ben Palmer on page 133. Some peripheral cover faults on reverse, otherwise a fine and an exceptionally rare cover - the earliest recorded stamped cover from Victoria to the Papal States.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 14 April 1859 per "Malta" via Port Louis (8 May) to Suez (27 May); overland to Alexandria; "Ceylon" (28 May) to Southampton (10 June) by rail to London, by steamer to Calais (11 June); by rail via Paris to Bologna, arriving 15 June 1859 (88 days).
Note: Stanley Gibbons catalogue record the date of issue of the 4 d. Emblem stamp on good quality wove paper (Gibbons 83) as the 17 May 1859. This cover is dated two months earlier, on the 19 March, being the earliest date so far recorded.
Provenance: Collection Perry, Kellow. 25+ 76+ 83 ✉ **1'500**

3048 1859 (May 19): Cover from Sandhurst, Victoria to Lüneburg, Kingdom of Saxony bearing 1859 Victoria Emblems 4 d. dull rose, two single examples and a horizontal pair, cancelled by barred numeral "4" and prepaid 1 s. 4 d. and overpaid 2 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the Kingdom of Saxony. *"8"* (pence) manuscript in red credit from Victoria to Great Britain for forwarding to the Kingdom of Saxony and the rare "3d" handstamp in red (Van der Linden fig. 3253) credit to Great Britain, only recorded on five covers from Victoria to continental Europe (noted in "The Pre-UPU Mail from Victoria" by Ben Palmer on page 10). Small cover flap fault, otherwise a fine and rare cover - the earliest recorded cover from an Australian Colony to the Kingdom of Saxony.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 19 May 1859 per "Columbian" via Port Louis (24 June) to Suez (20 July); overland to Alexandria; "Ripon" (22 July) via Malta (26 July) to Southampton (6 Aug); by rail to London, by steamer to Ostende; by rail via Aachen (7 Aug 1859) to Lüneburg (over 84 days).
Note: The rate to the Kingdom of Saxony via Marseilles was 1 s. 5 d. Since this cover was underpaid by 1 d., it was sent via the slower route via Southampton and therefore overpaid by 2 d.
(Photo = 43) 83 ✉ **500**



3049

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3049 1859 (July 14): Registered cover from Braidwood, New South Wales to Locarno, Switzerland bearing 1854 New South Wales Diadem 6 d. greyish-brown, imperforate; 1 s. pale red and Registered 6 d. vermillion and prussian blue (two examples), the first stamp with minor double impression, all with mixed margins and crossed by horizontal crease at top and all cancelled by rays numeral "36" obliterators. Prepaid 2 s. 6 d. comprising 1 s. 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Switzerland plus 1 s. registration. Black "REGISTERED / BRAIDWOOD" handstamp at left tying the 6d Diadem and London registered markings in red. Multiple transit datestamps on the reverse to record the journey to Switzerland. The cover refolded at top and other faults, but a major rarity with two imperforate New South Wales Registration stamps.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 14 July 1859 per "Northam" via Port Louis (7 Aug) to Suez (28 Aug); overland to Alexandria; "Ceylon" (5 Sept) via Malta (9 Sept) to Southampton (18 Sept); by rail to London, by steamer to Calais (19 Sept); by rail via Basel to Locarno, arriving 23 Sept 1859 (71 days).
Note: The 6 d. Registration stamp prepaid the registration fees within the Australian Colonies and to the United Kingdom. An additional 6 d. registration fee was required from England to foreign destinations, although this regulation was not strictly adhered to. Only five imperforate registered covers with two New South Wales registration stamps are recorded. All of them are faulty, one is a front, with two recorded from Braidwood to Switzerland, both from this correspondence. 96+ 100+ 102 ✉ **1'000**

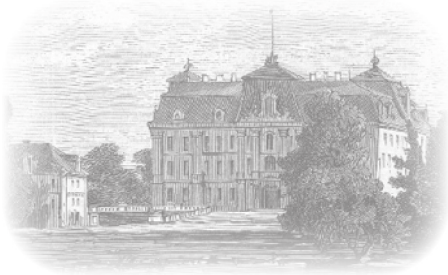


3050

3050 1859 (July 14): Second sheet of entire from Sydney, New South Wales to the City State of Hamburg endorsed *"per Northam"* bearing 1856 New South Wales Diadem 2 d. pale blue imperforate with three margins and touched at base and 1854 1 s. pale red, close to large margins, slight stain, neatly cancelled by Sydney duplex and prepaying 1 s. 2 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Hamburg. *"8"* (pence) manuscript in red credit from New South Wales to Great Britain for forwarding to Hamburg. Fine and rare - the earliest of the two recorded covers from New South Wales to the City State of Hamburg. Cert. RPSV (2024).
Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 14 July 1859 per "Northam" via Port Louis (7 Aug) to Suez (28 Aug); overland to Alexandria; "Ceylon" (5 Sept) via Malta (9 Sept) to Southampton (18 Sept); by rail to London, by steamer to Hamburg, arriving 21 Sept 1859 (69 days).
Note: The "Northam" ran aground on the Nautilus Reef near Jeddah in the Red Sea on the 20 August. All passengers and most of the mail were landed on an adjacent island. The ship got off the reef at 3:00am on the 25 August and proceeded to Suez. 113+ 100 ✉ **1'000**

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3051 1859 (Aug 19): Cover from Beechworth, Victoria to St. Johns, New Brunswick with Victoria 1858 6 d. bright blue, two examples and 1859 Emblems 1 d. dull green, perf. 12, two examples, one with small corner fault, indistinctly cancelled by barred numerals "9" and prepaying 1 s. 2 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to New Brunswick. Postal markings include *"8"* (pence) manuscript in red credit from Victoria to Great Britain for forwarding to New Brunswick scored through and re-rated *"3"* (d) manuscript in red credit from Great Britain to Canada for Transatlantic shipment by a Canadian packet and "1" (cent) handstamp in red credit to Canada for internal postage to New Brunswick. Some minor soiling on reverse, otherwise fine. One of the earliest covers recorded from Victoria to New Brunswick.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 19 Aug 1859 per "Salsette" via Port Louis (9 Sept) to Suez (25 Sept); overland to Alexandria; "Pera" (30 Sept) via Malta (3 Oct) to Southampton (14 Oct); by rail via London to Liverpool (15 Oct). Allan Line: Departed Liverpool (19 Oct) per "Nova Scotian" to Quebec (29 Oct); overland to Fredrickton, arriving 8 Nov 1859 (81 days). *(Photo = 55)* 73+ 84 ✉ **500**



Castle Pless



3052

3052 1859 (Oct 18): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Pless, Kingdom of Prussia bearing Victoria 1859 Half Length 3 d. blue and Octagonal 1 s. blue, each perf. 12, cancelled by barred numeral "1" in black with the 3 d. adhesive folded over the top of cover. Prepaid 1 s. 3 d. and overpaid 1 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the Kingdom of Prussia. *"8"* (pence) manuscript credit to GB and transit datestamps on obverse and reverse including fine "AUS ENGLAND PER AACHEN FRANCO" transit datestamp in red A fine and rare cover. The latest of the five Victorian Half Length covers recorded to the German States.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 18 Oct 1859 per "Emeu", via Port Louis (9 Nov) to Suez (28 Nov); overland to Alexandria; "Ripon" (30 Nov) via Malta (4 Dec) to Southampton (14 Dec); by rail to London, by steamer to Ostende; by rail via Aachen (15 Dec) to Pless, arriving 17 Dec 1859 (61 days). 78+ 81 ✉ **1'500**

3053 1860 (Jan 12): Cover from Hobart, Tasmania to London bearing 1858 Tasmania Chalon 6 d. dull lilac, imperforate pair with good to large margins all round, slight wrinkle at top right, clearly cancelled by barred numeral "62" obliterator and prepaid 1 s. for a double rate 1 ounce ship letter to England. Some minor ageing, but a scarce multiple on cover.
Route: Departed Hobart to 12 Jan 1860 overland to Launceston. Private steamship: Departed Launceston (14 Jan) per "Black Swan" to Melbourne. P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (18 Jan) per "Columbian", via Port Louis (6 Feb) to Suez (25 Feb); overland to Alexandria; "Pera" (27 Feb) to Southampton (11 March); by rail to London arriving 12 March 1860 (59 days).
Note: This was the penultimate voyage of the mail route via Port Louis, Mauritius and Suez to Southampton. From March 1860, the route was changed to via Galle in Ceylon.
Provenance: Collection Blake. *(Photo = 55)* 40 ✉ **250**



3054



Maurice Burrus

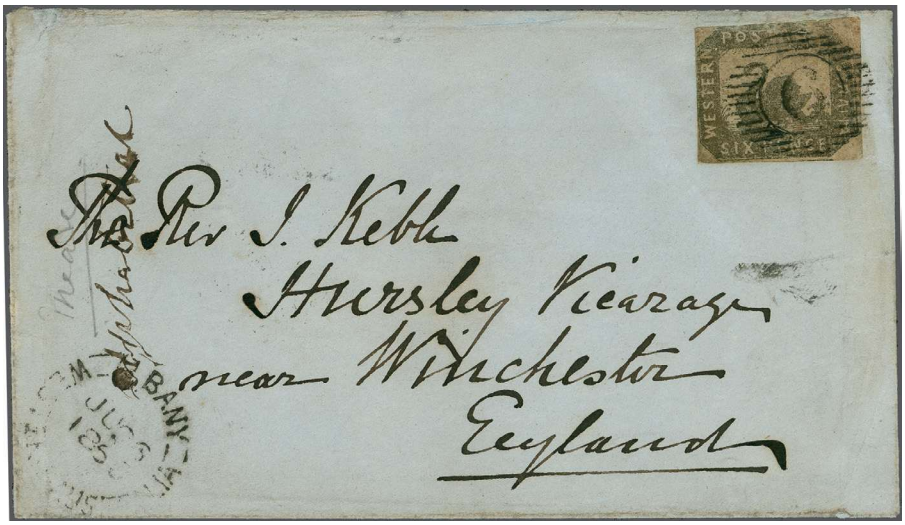


Lars T. Amundsen



Rodney A. Perry

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3054	1860 (June 14): Mourning cover from Moama, New South Wales to London endorsed *"Via Melbourne"*, bearing New South Wales 1859 Diadem 6 d. fawn "error: Watermark 8", a three margin example cancelled by indistinct barred numeral "137" of Moama and Victoria 1858 6 d. light blue, both cancelled and tied by the London arrival datestamp in red. A fine combination cover, prepaying the New South Wales 6 d. inland postage from Moama to Melbourne and Victorian 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. Most of the early "Riverina" covers are addressed to Miss Lewes, including this example. A very fine and early Riverina combination cover. *Note: Towns near the Murray River in south west New South Wales could route overseas mail via Melbourne, Victoria to catch an earlier ship than would have been possible had they been routed via Sydney. Such mail required prepayment from New South Wales for the inter-colonial postage to Melbourne and overseas postage from Victoria to destination.* *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 14 June 1860 per "Malta" via Galle (9 July) to Suez (27 July); overland to Alexandria; "Massilia" (28 July) via Malta (31 July) to Southampton (9 Aug); by rail to London arriving 10 August 1860 (57 days).* *Provenance: Collection Burrus, Amundsen, Perry.*	93a+ Vic 73a	✉	**1'000**

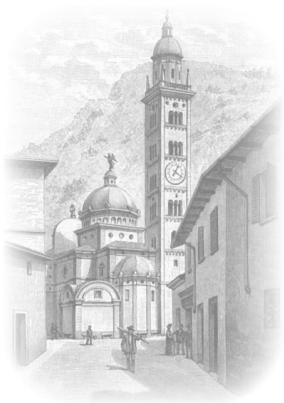


3055

3055	1860 (June 26): Cover from Albany, Western Australia to Winchester, England bearing 1857 Western Australia Hillman 6 d. grey-black, just touched to fine margins, tied by Albany numeral "6" handstamp in black and prepaying the ½ ounce ship letter to England. Fine Albany despatch datestamp (June 26) with superb Winchester arrival (Aug 10) on reverse. Scarce cover and one of the more attractive 6 d. Hillman covers. *Route - P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound 26 June 1860 per "Malta" via Galle (9 July) to Suez (27 July); overland to Alexandria; "Massilia" (28 July) via Malta (31 July) to Southampton (9 Aug) by rail to Winchester, arriving 10 August 1860 (45 days).*	19	✉	**1'000**



3056



View of Tirano

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3056 1860 (July 24): Registered cover from Sandhurst, Victoria to Tirano, Kingdom of Lombardy-Venetia bearing 1858 Victoria 6 d. blue in a vertical strip of three and 1859 Woodblock 2 s. dull bluish green cancelled by barred numeral "4" handstamps. Prepaid 3 s. 6 d. comprising 2 s. for a ½ oz. ship letter to Lombardy Venetia, 1 s. registration and 6 d. Late Fee. *"2/-"* manuscript in red credit from Great Britain for forwarding to destination and multiple registration handstamps in red for both Melbourne and London. Illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Mail from Victoria" by Ben Palmer on page 132. Some toning, mainly confined to reverse, otherwise a fine cover and a rarity from Victoria; this being the later of two covers from the Australian Colonies recorded to the Kingdom of Lombardy-Venetia. Cert. RPSL (2007).
Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 24 July 1860 per "Ottawa" via Galle (16 Aug) to Suez (4 Sept); overland to Alexandria; "Pera" (5 Sept) to Southampton (19 Sept) by rail to London, by steamer to Calais; by rail to Tirano, arriving 22 Sept 1860 (67 days).
Provenance: Collections Perry, Hackmey.

73+ 82 ✉ **2'000**



3057



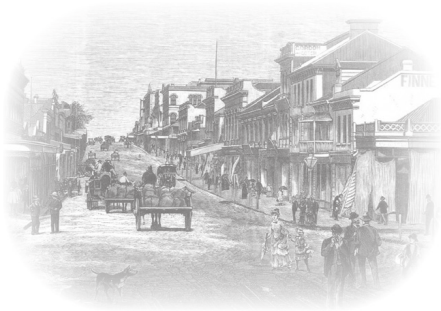
View of Wandsbeck

3057 1860 (Aug 22): Cover from Eden, New South Wales to Wandsbeck, Duchy of Schleswig-Holstein bearing 1860 New South Wales Diadem 2 d. prussian blue and 6 d. grey-brown, two examples, cancelled by rays numeral "94" handstamps and prepaying 1 s. 2 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the City State of Hamburg - unpaid to Schleswig-Holstein. *"8"* (pence) manuscript in black debit to Great Britain for forwarding to the City State of Hamburg and *"4"* (skillings) manuscript in red for internal postage to Wandsbeck to be paid upon receipt. The cover slightly shortened at base, but otherwise fine and very rare. Two covers recorded to the Duchy of Schleswig-Holstein in the classic period.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 22 Aug 1860 per "Salsette" to Galle (16 Sept); "Columbian" (19 Sept) to Suez (6 Oct); overland to Alexandria; "Ripon" (7 Oct) to Southampton (22 Oct); by rail to London, steamer to the Royal Danish Post in Hamburg (24 Oct), overland to Wandsbeck, arriving late October 1860 (65 days).
Note: Although this cover was handstamped "P" in red in London denoting it was paid to destination, the prepayment was only as far as the City State of Hamburg. The letter was transferred to the Royal Danish Post in Hamburg for transmission to Wandsbeck in the Duchy of Schleswig-Holstein, then part of the Kingdom of Denmark. The recipient had to pay the additional 4 skillings for local postage.
Provenance: Collections Molnar, Lorentzen, Palmer.

137+ 143 ✉ **1'000**



3058



A street in Brisbane

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3058	1860 (Sept 13): Cover from Brisbane, Moreton Bay District (Queensland) to London bearing New South Wales 1854 Diadem 6 d. greyish-brown imperforate, large margins all round, cancelled by the short-lived and scarce Brisbane duplex, prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. A fresh and very fine cover. *Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane 13 Sept 1860 per "Waratah" to Sydney. P&O Line: Departed Sydney (22 Sept) per "Jeddo" to Galle (14 Oct); "Colombo" (18 Oct) to Suez (2 Nov); overland to Alexandria; "Ceylon" (4 Nov) via Malta (7 Nov) to Southampton (17 Nov); by rail to London, arriving 19 Nov 1860 (67 days).* *Note: Queensland was proclaimed a separate colony on the 10 December 1859 when the scarce datestamp on this cover was introduced for a period of eleven months. The Colony continued to use New South Wales adhesives until 1 November 1860. This is the latest recorded cover from the Moreton Bay District before the introduction of the Queensland Chalon issue (see the Palmer census, page 161).* *Provenance: Collection Gordon Kaye.*	96	✉	**500**
3059	1862 (Feb 18): Registered cover from Ballarat, Victoria to Graubünden, Switzerland bearing 1861 Victoria Beaded Oval 6 d. black, 1859 Octagonal 1 s. blue and Woodblock 2 s. dull bluish green, cancelled by barred numeral "5" and prepaying 3 s. 6 d., comprising 2 s. 6 d. for a ¾ ounce ship letter to Switzerland plus 1 s. registration. Postal markings include "REGISTERED / BALLARAT" datestamp in red and *"2/-"* manuscript in red credit to Great Britain for forwarding of a registered letter to Switzerland. Additionally handstamped "CHARGE" unusually in black denoting registered mail and "APRES / LE / DEPART" handstamp in red representing too late for departure. One and a half flaps missing on reverse, but a scarce three colour registered cover. Illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Mail of Victoria" by Ben Palmer on page 169. Just four examples of the 'Too Late' handstamp recorded on mail from Victoria. *Route: Departed Ballarat 18 Feb 1862 overland to Melbourne. P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (24 Feb) per "Benares" to Galle (15 March); "Simla" (17 March) to Suez (31 March); overland to Alexandria; "Mooltan" (4 April) via Malta (7 April) to Southampton (17 April); by rail to London; by steamer to Calais, by rail via Paris (19 April) and Zurich to Graubrunden (61 days).* *Provenance: Collections Perry, Palmer, Winchester.* *(Photo = 55)*	94+ 81+ 82	✉	**500**
3060	1862 (April 11): Cover from Condamine, Queensland to London bearing 1861 Queensland Chalon 2 d. blue pair, clean-cut perf. 14, cancelled by rays numeral "151". Prepaid 6 d. with 4 d. in postage stamps and further 2 d. in cash for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. *"Paid"* manuscript in black at lower left confirms the 2 d. prepayment in cash to make up the 6 d. rate. Multiple datestamps on the reverse confirming the transportation. The top back flap is missing, otherwise a fine and rare franking. Erroneously listed as 'Stamp Missing' by Ben Palmer and a rare make-up of the 6 d. ship letter rate with a very scarce usage of this stamp on cover. *Route: Departed Condamine 11 April 1862 overland to Brisbane (18 April). Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane (19 April) per "Telegraph" to Sydney. P&O Line: Departed Sydney (22 April) per "Bombay" to Galle (16 May); "Simla" (18 May) to Suez (2 June); overland to Alexandria; "Pera" (4 June) to Southampton (15 June); by rail to London arriving 16 June 1862 (66 days).* *(Photo = 55)*	7	✉	**500**



3051 / CHF 500



3059 / CHF 500



3062 / CHF 500



3066 / CHF 250



3073 / CHF 250



3053 / CHF 250



3060 / CHF 500



3064 / CHF 250



3072 / CHF 300



3078 / CHF 500



SS 'Royal Shephard'



3061

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3061	1862 (April 27): Cover from Launceston, Tasmania to Bird's Run, Ohio, USA bearing Tasmania Chalon 1 d. pale red-brown, two examples and 1860 6 d. grey, margins touched to generally fine, cancelled by barred numeral "52" and prepaying 1 s. 2 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the United States. Launceston diamond despatch datestamp in red and transit 5 cents New York arrival for inland postage to be paid upon receipt. Some minor soiling, but a rare imperforate cover, being the only example recorded of the 1 s. 2 d. rate from Tasmania to the United States. *Route - Launceston & Melbourne Steam Navigation Co: Departed Launceston 27 April 1862 per "Royal Shepherd" to Melbourne (29 April) P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (26 May) per "Madras" to Galle (14 June); "Candia" (18 June) to Suez (5 July); overland to Alexandria; "Ceylon" (6 July) via Malta (10 July) to Southampton (18 July); by rail via London to Liverpool. Cunard Line: Departed Liverpool (19 July) per "Australasian" to New York (30 July); overland to Bird's Run, Ohio (over 67 days).* *Note: This cover was posted too late missing the April P&O Line sailing of the "Bombay" which departed on the 26 April. The letter was delayed in Melbourne until the May sailing of the "Madras".* *Provenance: Collection Sato, Forster.*	26+ 45	✉	**1'200**
3062	1862 (Nov 21): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Hagenburg, Kingdom of Hannover endorsed *"via England"*, bearing New South Wales 1862 2 d. blue and 1862 Diadem 1 s. rose-carmine, cancelled by a Sydney duplex and prepaying 1 s. 2 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the Kingdom of Hannover. *"8"* (pence) manuscript in red credit from Great Britain for forwarding to the Kingdom of Hannover. A very fine cover to a rare destination, just five covers recorded to Hannover in the classic period. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 22 Nov 1862 per "Madras" to Galle (15 Dec); "Candia" (18 Dec) to Suez; overland to Alexandria; "Delta" (4 Jan 1863), to Southampton (17 Jan) by rail to London, by steamer to Ostende; by rail via Aachen to Hagenburg, arriving 20 Jan 1863 (60 days).* *Provenance: Collection Davis, 'Alvarado', Palmer.* *(Photo = 55)*	189+ 168	✉	**500**

Introduction of new Postal rates to the West Coast of the United States of America up to 1857.

Postal items addressed to the West coast of the United States were sent via the Pacific Ocean. After the conclusion of the Crimean War in 1856, England reviewed its trading and postal routes. In February 1857, a new rate to the West coast of the United States was introduced via England for New South Wales, Queensland, and Victoria. It was available at 1 s. 8½ d. via Southampton, necessarily overpaid to 1 s. 9 d. since there were no ½ d. stamps available. It was calculated by adding the 6 d. Empire rate to the 1 s. 2½ d. paid to destination rate from England to the West coast of the United States.



Butterfield Overland Mail Coach



3063

Gibbons

Start price in CHF

3063 **Overland via Southampton** 1863 (June 1): Cover from Maryborough, Queensland to San Francisco, USA bearing Queensland 1863 Chalon 1 d. orange-vermillion, 2 d. blue and 6 d. yellow-green, single and pair, neatly cancelled by rays numeral "96" obliterator and prepaying 1 s. 9 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the West coast of the United States via England. *"1/1"* (sterling) manuscript in red credit to England for forwarding to the United States. This credit to England conforms to the 1863 rate reduction from 1/9 d. to 1/7 d. In July 1863, the United States transcontinental rate was reduced from 10 c. to 3 c., thus lowering via England rates to the West coast. This cover was in transit in Galle when the new rates were introduced. Very fine and rare, a highly important cover from the Australian Colonies to the United States. To date, only four covers have been recorded from Australia to the West coast of the United States via this route. Two from Victoria (Lot 3039) and two from Queensland, both from this correspondence.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 22 June 1863 per "Northam" to Galle (17 July); "Simla" (19 July) to Suez (6 Aug); overland to Alexandria; "Ripon" (7 Aug) via Malta (10 Aug) to Southampton (19 Aug); by rail via London 1to Liverpool. Inman Line: Departed Liverpool (20 Aug) per "City of London" to New York (31 Aug); by rail to St. Joseph, Missouri. Central Overland Co: Departed St. Joseph, Missouri to Salt Lake City, Nevada. Butterfield Co: Salt Lake City to Virginia City, Nevada. Pioneer Stage Co: Virginia City to Sacramento. River steamer to San Francisco, arriving 21 Sept 1863 (91 days).
Note: The introduction of the new 1/9d. rate in February 1857 via England was expensive compared to the default transmission of mail to the west coast of the United States of America via the Pacific Ocean. Up to the beginning of 1859, the "96" carriage of mail from the UK to San Francisco was transmitted via Panama. In early 1859, the route was reformed to an overland route using rail to St. Louis and by Butterfield stage coach to San Francisco. In 1861, due to the Civil War, the original route via the southern states was modified to the Central Overland Route, the carriage of this envelope from Queensland. For more information regarding the United States transportation of this cover, see "British Letter Mail to Overseas Destinations 1840 to UPU" by Jane & Michael Moubray, pages 359-360 of the second edition.
This cover was part of an original find in the late 1990's and described in detail in "Philately from Australia" in June 2003. Listed in Ben Palmer's census as the second earliest recorded cover from Queensland to the United States of America.
Provenenace: Collection Forster.

22+ 24+ 27 ✉ **3'000**

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3064 1863 (Aug 22): Cover from Bega, New South Wales to Haysville, Upper Canada bearing New South Wales 1863 2 d. pale blue and 1862 Diadem 6 d. reddish-purple pair, cancelled by rays numeral "160" of Bega and prepaying 1 s. 2 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Upper Canada. *"5"* (cents) handstamp and manuscript in red representing internal Canadian postage to be paid upon receipt. A very fine and attractive cover.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 22 Aug 1863 per "Madras" to Galle (18 Sept); "Candia" (19 Sept) to Suez (4 Oct); overland to Alexandria; "Poonah" (8 Oct) to Southampton (20 Oct); by rail via London to Liverpool. Allan Line: Departed Liverpool (22 Oct) per "Nova Scotian" to Quebec (9 Nov), by rail via Hamilton (10 Nov) and Drumbo to Haysville, arriving 11 Nov 1863 (81 days).
Provenance: Collection Palmer. *(Photo = 55)* 192+ 163 ✉ **250**



3065



Panning for Gold

3065 1863 (Oct 28): Cover from Mosquito Flat, Victoria to Flensburg, Denmark bearing Victoria Laureated 1863 4 d. deep rose (3) and 6 d. grey-black (5), clearly cancelled by the rare barred numeral "406" obliterators and prepaying 3 s. 6 d. for a triple rate, 1½ ounce ship letter to Denmark. "PD" handstamp in red to indicate the letter was paid to destination and *"4½"* (silbergroschen) manuscript in red credit to the Thurn & Taxis postal service in Hamburg for forwarding to Denmark. Multiple transit datestamps on the reverse and one of the scarcest middle period covers of Victoria.
Note: Barred Numeral "406" of Mosquito Flat is very rare and rated 'RRRR' in the "Barred Numerals of Victoria" by Freeman. It is illustrated in colour on Page 156 and on the dust jacket of the 1st edition of the book. Mosquito Flat was a tiny gold settlement, 170 kms. north west of Melbourne, near Maryborough. Nothing now remains of either the town or the gold diggings.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 28 Oct 1863 per "Bombay" to Galle (17 Nov); "Nemesis" (18 Nov) to Suez (3 Dec); overland to Alexandria; "Pera" (5 Dec) via Malta (8 Dec) to Southampton (18 Dec); by rail to London, by steamer to Hamburg; by rail to Flensburg, arriving 20 Dec 1863 (88 days).
Provenance: Collection de Righi,Perry, Freeman, 'Chartwell'. 110+ 107b ✉ **1'000**

3066 1864 (Oct 22): Cover from Newtown, New South Wales to Aberdeen, Scotland bearing 1863 New South Wales 2 d. pale blue, a horizontal pair lightly cancelled in black and prepaying the greatly reduced rate of just 4 d. by the long sea route. The embossed *"Via Southampton"* printed motif deleted and framed "TOO LATE" applied in black after the closure of the Southampton mails and the cover thus carried on the *"Maid of Judah"* clipper. "SHIP LETTER / LONDON" cds in red (Jan 30, 1865) on obverse and arrival on reverse. A rare cover - believed to be the sole example of the short-lived Rate Decrease.
Route: White Star Line: Departed Sydney 22 Oct 1864 per Clipper "Maid of Judah" to London (30 Jan 1865), by rail to Aberdeen, arriving 31 Jan 1865 (52 days).
Note: NSW Rate Decrease: With the Australian packet service running at a loss, the NSW Government increased the rates via Southampton to 1 s and via Marseilles to 1 s. 4 d. on 1 July 1864 to 14 Nov 1864 for a ½ ounce letter. As an incentive, the Government reduced rates for mail carried by the non-packet ship letters or 'long sea route' to just 4 d. for a ½ ounce letter. The higher rates applied for just four P&O sailings on 22nd of July, August, September and October 1864. This cover is believed to be the sole surviving example of a rate decrease 'long sea route' cover as the 'incentive' was abandoned in November 1864.
Provenance: Collection Druce, Forster. *(Photo = 55)* 192 ✉ **250**



3067

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3067 1864 (Oct 22): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Salder, Duchy of Brunswick bearing New South Wales 1863 2 d. pale blue, two horizontal pairs and 1862 Diadem 1 s. rose-carmine cancelled by Sydney duplex and prepaying 1 s. 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the Duchy of Brunswick. *"8"* (pence) manuscript in red credit from England for forwarding to the Duchy of Brunswick. "AUS ENGLAND PER AACHEN FRANCO" datestamp struck in blue. Two covers recorded from the Australian Colonies to the Duchy of Brunswick, a destination rarity for Australian Colonial mail.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 22 Oct 1864 per "Bombay" to Galle (15 Nov); "Simla" (17 Nov) to Suez; overland to Alexandria; "Delhi" (4 Dec) via Malta (7 Dec) to Southampton (21 Dec); by rail to London, by steamer to Ostend; by rail via Aachen (23 Dec) to Salder (over 71 days).
Provenance: Collection Druce, Forster.

168+ 192 ✉ **1'000**



3068

3068 1864 (Sept 26): Cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Green Bay, Wisconsin, USA bearing South Australia 1864 rouletted 2 d. bright vermillion, 6 d. greenish blue and 6 d. dull ultramarine (corner faults) cancelled by Adelaide datestamp and prepaying 1 s. 2 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the United States. Postal markings include *"8"* (pence) manuscript in red credit to the USA and re-rated to "16 CENTS" with handstamp in red for Transatlantic shipment via an American packet. "CHICAGO Am. PKT/ 5" denoting 5 cents inland postage to be paid by the recipient and further rerated with Depreciated Currency "11 / US NOTES" at Chicago if the addressee was paying in United States of America banknotes instead of coins. A fine and unique cover.
Note: During the American Civil War from 1861-1865, inflation caused banknote currency to rapidly devalue, and unpaid letters were being paid with these inflationary notes. In March 1863, the Postmaster General implemented a premium system if the recipients paid by banknotes instead of coins, leading to a period of what is called "fractional / depreciated currency". For almost two years, dual rating handstamps were applied until May 1865. Detailed notes on United States Depreciated Currency are included with this lot. The only Depreciated Currency cover recorded on mail from the Australian Colonies.
Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Adelaide 27 Sept 1864 per "Rangatira" to King George's Sound. P&O Line: Departed King George's Sound (3 Oct) per "Northam" to Galle (17 Oct); "Nubia" (24 Oct) to Suez; overland to Alexandria; "Baroda" (8 Nov) via Malta (11 Nov) to Southampton; by rail via London (21 Sept) to Liverpool. Allan Line: Departed Liverpool (25 Nov) per "St. David" to Portland (20 Dec); by rail from Portland via Chicago (24 Dec) to Wisconsin (over 91 days).
Provenance: Collection Karlen.

26+ 29+ 30 ✉ **1'000**



View of Aalen



3069

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3069 1866 (March 2): Registered cover from Banana, Queensland to Aalen, Kingdom of Wurtemberg bearing 1861 Queensland Chalon registered 6 d. orange-yellow, a used example with two further stamps missing at left, clearly cancelled by rays numeral "24" obliterator in black. Multiple postal markings including *"1/-"* and *"1/3"* manuscript in red representing the prepayment of postage and registration. "Recomandirt" boxed handstamp in red for registered mail processed through the Aachen exchange office and *"26"* (kroner) credit to Württemberg for forwarding a registered letter. Numerous transit datestamps on the front and reverse. Despite the missing stamps, a very attractive and well documented cover in Queensland philatelic literature. Illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Mail from Queensland" by Ben Palmer on page 143 and on page 73 in "Queensland Postal History" by Campbell. Just five pre-UPU covers are recorded from Queensland to the Kingdom of Württemberg.
Route: Departed Banana 2 March 1866 overland to Brisbane (9 March). Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane per "City of Brisbane" (9 March) to Sydney. P&O Line: Departed Sydney (24 March) per "Geelong" to Galle (16 April); "Simla" (18 April) to Suez (3 May); overland to Alexandria; "Tanjore" (5 May) to Southampton (19 May); by rail to London, by steamer to Ostend; by rail via Aachen (24 May) to Aalen, arriving 27 May 1867 (65 days).
Note: From 1860 to 1866 the registration fee for mail to the United Kingdom was 6 d. From December 1866 the normal charge for registered letters to foreign destinations was double the usual postage rate plus the inland registration fee. Hence the 1 s. 3 d. registration charge to the Kingdom of Württemberg.
Provenance: Collection Campbell, 'Chartwell'

20 ✉ **1'000**



View of Toronto



3070

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3070 1866 (April 27): Cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Toronto, Colony of Canada bearing 1864 South Australia rouletted 6 d. dull ultramarine, three examples, cancelled by the Adelaide datestamp and prepaying 1 s. 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the Colony of Canada. *"2"* (cents) manuscript in red representing the internal postage from Quebec to Toronto to be paid upon receipt. Some toning confined to the reverse, but a highly attractive and rare cover, one of the earliest covers recorded from South Australia to the Colony of Canada.
Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Adelaide 27 April 1866 per "Balclutha" to King Georges Sound. P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound (3 May) per "Madras" to Galle (18 May); "Simla" (18 May) to Suez (31 May); overland to Alexandria; "Nyanza" (3 June) to Southampton (16 June); by rail via London to Liverpool. Allan Line: Departed Liverpool (21 June) per "Damascus" to Quebec (7 July); by rail to Toronto (71 days).
Note: The contents relate to malachite mining near Adelaide. 30 ✉ **2'000**



View of Frankenberg



3071

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3071	1866 (May 14): Cover from Warwick, Queensland to Frankenberg, Grand Duchy of Hesse bearing 1862 Queensland Chalon 6 d. yellow-green, two examples, cancelled by rays numeral "81" and prepaying 1 s. and over-paying 1 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter of 11 d. to the Grand Duchy of Hesse. *"5"* (pence) manuscript in red credit from Queensland to Great Britain for transit to Hesse and *"4/3"* (silbergroschen) manuscript in blue with the 4 sgr. representing the 5 d. credit of which 3 sgr. was allocated to the Prussian Post and 1 sgr. for Belgian transit. Numerous transit datestamps on the reverse and fine "AUS ENGLAND PER AACHEN FRANCO" datestamp in blue. Superb and highly attractive, an important destination cover from Queensland. Illustrated by Ben Palmer in "The Pre-UPU Mail from Queensland" on page 142. The only cover recorded from Queensland to the Grand Duchy of Hesse. *Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane 14 May 1866 per "City of Brisbane" to Sydney. P&O Line: Departed Sydney (24 May) per "Bombay" to Galle (17 June); "Golconda" (19 June) to Suez (6 July); overland to Alexandria; "China" (8 July) to Southampton (19 July); by rail to London; by steamer to Ostende; by rail via Aachen to Frankenberg, arriving 24 July 1866 (76 days).*	27	✉	**2'000**
3072	1866 (June 12): Cover from Nanango, Queensland to London endorsed *"via Southampton"*, bearing Queensland 1866 Chalon 2 d. blue, a single, pair and irregular strip of three, somewhat indistinctly tied by rays numeral "108" of Nanango and prepaying 1 s. for a double rate 1 ounce ship letter to England. A fine cover and an unusual make-up of the 1 shilling rate. *Route: Departed Nanango 12 June 1866 overland to Brisbane. Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane (19 June) per "City of Brisbane" to Sydney. P&O Line: Departed Sydney (24 June) per "Ellora" to Galle (21 July); "Mongolia" (21 July) to Suez (9 Aug); overland to Alexandria; "Nyanza" (11 Aug) to Southampton, by rail to London, arriving 25 August 1866 (74 days).* *(Photo = 55)*	52	✉	**300**
3073	1867 (March 28): Cover from Ballarat, Victoria to Clearmount, Ohio, USA bearing 1867 Victoria Laureate 2 d. grey and 1865 1 s. blue on blued paper cancelled by the Ballarat duplex and prepaying 1 s. 2 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the United States. *"8"* (pence) manuscript in red credit from Victoria to England for forwarding to the USA and "16 cents" handstamp in red credit to the United States for Transatlantic shipment via an American Packet. Transit "5 / N.YORK Am. PKT" datestamp denoting 5 cents due for internal postage. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 28 March 1867 per "Geelong" to Galle (16 April); "Simla" 18 April to Suez (3 May); overland to Alexandria; "Tanjore" (5 May) to Southampton (19 May); by rail via London to Liverpool. Inman Line: Departed Liverpool (22 May) per "City of London" to New York 1 June 1867; by rail to Clearmount (over 65 days).* *(Photo = 55)*	127+ 113	✉	**250**



View of King George Sound



3074

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3074	1867 (Aug 3): Cover from Albany, Western Australia to Edinburgh, Scotland bearing 1860 West Australia 2 d. pale orange imperforate, a three margin example slightly oxidised at base, 1864 2 d. yellow and 6 d. violet, perf. 12½ and cancelled by numeral "6" obliterator of Albany. Prepaid 10 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Scotland via Marseilles and with preprinted ribbon at upper left which is unusual from Western Australia. Although this envelope was correctly pre-paid via Marseilles, it was inexplicably transported via Southampton, (the mails via Marseilles arrived in London on 10 September). Vertical crease at left away from the adhesives, otherwise generally fine. A rare and important three colour imperf./perforated mixed issue franking with just four Western Australia covers recorded thus. *Route - P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound 3 August 1867 per "Avoca" to Galle (17 Aug); "Nubia" to Suez (2 Sept); overland to Alexandria; "Tanjore" (4 Sept) via Malta (7 Sept) to Southampton (17 Sept); by rail via London to Edinburgh, arriving 20 Sept 1867 (51 days).*	24+ 55+ 57	✉	**4'000**
3075	1867 (Sept 28): Cover from Sandhurst, Victoria to Neurode, Kingdom of Prussia (now in Poland) bearing 1865 Victoria Laureate 1 s. blue on blue paper, cancelled by the Sandhurst duplex, prepaying 1 s. and overpaying 1 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter of 11 d. to the Kingdom of Prussia. Multiple transit datestamps on the reverse. *"5"* (pence) manuscript in black debit by the British Post for transit to the Kingdom of Prussia. Small part of backflap missing, otherwise fine and very scarce with just 20 pre-UPU covers recorded to Prussia. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 28 Sept 1867 per "Geelong" to Galle (22 Oct); "Bengal" to Suez (6 Nov); overland to Alexandria; "Ripon" (8 Nov) to Southampton (22 Nov); by rail to London; by steamer to Ostende; by rail via Aachen (24 Nov) to Neurode, arriving 27 Nov 1867 (60 days).* *Provenance: Collection Davis, Linfield.*	*(Photo = 69)*	113 ✉	**250**



View of Rio Bueno



3076

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3076	1868 (June 22): Cover from Gawler, South Australia to Rio Beuno, Jamaica bearing South Australia 1864 rouletted 6 d. dull ultramarine, two pairs, cancelled by the scarce barred circle "4" numeral and prepaying 2 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Jamaica. *"11"* (pence) manuscript in red credit to England for forwarding to Jamaica and "1d" handstamp in red (ties the left hand stamp) credit to Jamaica for internal postage to Rio Bueno. Despatch datestamp from Gawler 22 June 1868, Adelaide of the same date, London cds in red (tying the right hand pair), Kingston, Jamaica (Sept 5), and arrival at Rio Beuno 7 September. Small part of the back flap missing on reverse, otherwise very fine. One of the most outstanding destination covers of the Australian Colonies being the sole cover recorded from South Australia to Jamaica and the earliest from the Australian Colonies. *Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Adelaide 22 June 1868 per "Rangatira" to King Georges Sound. P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound (30 June) per "Geelong" to Galle (14 July); "Surat" to Suez (1 Aug); overland to Alexandria; "Poonah" (2 Aug) via Malta (5 Aug) to Southampton 14.8; by rail via London back to Southampton. Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: Departed Southampton 1(17 Aug) per "Seine" via St. Thomas (2 Sept) to Kingston (5 Sept); overland to Rio Bueno, arriving 7 Sept 1868 (77 days).*	30	✉	**5'000**



View of Bremen



3077

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3077	1868 (9 Dec): Cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Bremen, North German Confederation bearing 1868 South Australia 1 d. pale bright green and 10 d. on 9 d. yellow cancelled by the GPO Adelaide datestamp prepaying 11 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the North German Confederation. *"5"* (pence) manuscript in red credit to England for forwarding to Bremen. Transit datestamps on the front and reverse including a very fine "AUS ENGLAND PER AACHEN FRANCO" datestamp in blue on obverse. Exceptional and a great destination rarity from the Australian Colonies. Just three covers from South Australia recorded at the 11 d. rate and the sole cover recorded from South Australia to the North German Confederation. *Route - Australian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Adelaide 9 Dec 1868 per "Rangatira" to King Georges Sound. P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound (15 Dec) per "Geelong" to Galle (27 Dec); "Surat" (30 Dec) to Suez (14 Jan 1869); overland to Alexandria; "Nyanza" (16 Jan) to Southampton (29 Jan); by rail via Aachen to Bremen, arriving 31 Jan 1869 (52 days).* *Provenance: Collection Wise, Forster, Pearce.*	62+ 78	✉	**5'000**
3078	1869 (March 2): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Wotton-Under-Edge, England bearing 1867 Victoria Laureate 3 d. lilac and 6 d. blue cancelled by the Melbourne duplex and prepaying 9 d. and overpaying 3 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. Very fine and a rare usage of the 3 d. lilac on cover with possibly only six examples known on cover. *Note: The prepayment for a ½ oz. ship letter to England via the quicker Marseilles route was 10 d. This envelope was short paid by 1 d., and since it was not endorsed for a specific route, the cover was placed in the slower Southampton mails.* *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 2 March 1869 per "Geelong" to Galle (21 March); "Surat" (25 March) to Suez (9 April); overland to Alexandria; "Bangalore" (11 April) to Southampton (23 April); by rail to Wotton Under Edge, arriving 23.4.1869 (52 days).* *(Photo = 55)*	133+ 136a	✉	**500**



A street in Charlestown



3079

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3079	1870 (Sept 8): Cover from Hunters Hill, New South Wales to Nevis, British West Indies bearing 1862 New South Wales Diadem 1 s. carmine, 1865 1 d. brick red and 1867 4 d. red-brown each clearly cancelled by the rays numeral "221" of Hunters Hill and prepaying 1 s. 5 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Nevis. *"11"* (pence) manuscript credit to the British Post Office for transit to Nevis and "1d" handstamp in red credit from Great Britain to Nevis representing the internal postage for delivery. Sealed tear at lower right and minor imperfections, nevertheless one of the great destinations of the Australian Colonies and the only recorded cover to Nevis. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 8 Sept 1870 per "Avoca" to Galle (2 Oct); "Candia" (4 Oct) to Suez (20 Oct); overland to Alexandria; "Massilia" (23 Oct) to Southampton (5 Nov); by rail via London back to Southampton. Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: Departed Southampton (17 Nov) per "Seine" to St. Thomas (7 Dec); thence by steamer to Nevis (over 92 days).* *Note: Illustrated in "Maritime Connections to and from New South Wales" by Paul Wijnants on page 87.* *Provenance: Collection Druce, Forster, 'Alvarado', Palmer.*	169+ 200+ 203	✉	**3'000**
3080	1870 (Nov 26): Cover from Hobart, Tasmania to Fall River, Mass., USA bearing 1870 Tasmania Sideface 2 d. yellow-green and Chalon 6 d. reddish-mauve cancelled by the Hobart duplex and prepaying 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the United States. *"2"* (cents) manuscript in red and "2 cents" handstamp in red credit from England to the United States for internal delivery. A very early use of the 2 d. adhesive during the first month of issue. Fine and a very scarce mixed issue franking. *Route: Departed Hobart 26 Nov 1870 overland to Launceston. Tasmanian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Launceston (29 Nov) per "Derwent" to Melbourne. P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (6 Dec) per "Avoca" to Galle (25 Dec); "Candia" (28 Dec) to Suez (11 Jan 1871); overland to Alexandria; "Nyanza" (15 Jan) to Southampton (Jan 29); by rail via London to Liverpool. Cunard Line: Departed Liverpool (31 Jan) per "Calabria" to Boston (13 Feb); overland to Fall River (over 79 days).* *Note: Although this cover was endorsed "Via San Francisco", it was posted too late for this service which departed Sydney on the 25 November. It was diverted to the P&O Line service in Melbourne via Southampton.* *(Photo = 69)*	129+ 76	✉	**250**



3081



SS 'Black Swan'

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3081	1871 (Jan 24): Tiny registered cover from Bowen, Queensland to London bearing 1867 Queensland Chalon 1 s. grey horizontal pair and Registered 6 d. orange-yellow with pre-printing vertical paper fold, cancelled by an indistinct rays numeral "63", and registered 6 d. adhesive cancelled by manuscript *"111"* representing the Bowen registration number and prepaying 2 s. 6 d. comprising 2 s. for a quadruple ship letter plus 6 d. for registration. "REGISTERED / BOWEN" handstamp in red at lower left and two strikes of the London registered datestamp in red, one ties the 1 s. pair. A filing crease at the centre does not affect the adhesives. A highly attractive and a well documented registered cover. *Route - Australian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Bowen 24 Jan 1871 per "Black Swan" to Brisbane (27 Jan). Private steamship: Departed Brisbane (30 Jan) per "Lady Young" to Sydney. P&O Line: Departed Sydney (25 Feb 1871) per "Avoca" to Galle (19 March); "Australia" (23 March) to Suez (7 April); overland to Alexandria; "Ceylon" (9 April) via Malta (12 April) to Southampton (21 April); by rail to London (87 days).* *Note: The prepayment of this cover does not correspond to any of the weight steps for mail to England. The rate per ½ ounce via Southampton was 6 d., however, given the size of the envelope, it would appear that it would not have weighed as much as 2 ounces without a weighty enclosure. The rate via Marseilles was 10 d., and even at a double weight of 1 ounce would make this letter overpaid by 4 d. Since there was no late fee of 6 d., and no endorsement for the preferred route, this highly paid registered envelope was sent by the slowest route via Southampton.* *Illustrated in "Queensland Postal Rates and Charges 1832-1913" by Campbell on page 33 and listed in Palmer census on page 200.* *Provenance: Collection Campbell, Manning.*	36+ 49	✉	**1'000**
3082	1871 (Jan 31): Cover from Daylesford, Victoria to Locarno, Switzerland bearing 1870 Victoria Laureate 1 d. pale green, a single with corner perf. fault and horizontal pair with 6 d. blue cancelled by barred numeral "173", prepaid 9 d. and underpaid 9 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter of 1 s. 6 d. to Switzerland. "PD" applied in London representing paid to destination. *"3"* (pence) manuscript in red credit to England comprising 1 d. for transit postage and 2 d. to Switzerland for internal postage with *"20"* (rappen) manuscript in red for internal postage due within Switzerland. An unusual cover. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 31 Jan 1871 per "Rangoon" to Galle (19 Feb); "Deccan" (22 Feb) to Suez (9 March); overland to Alexandria; "Nyanza" (12 Match) to Southampton (24 March); by rail to London; by steamship to Calais; by rail to Locarno, arriving 28 March 1871 (57 days).* *Note: It is unusual that this cover was not taxed as underpaid on despatch by the Victorian postal official. The recipient was lucky since the postal rate from Victoria to Switzerland was decreased to 9 d. via Southampton in March 1871 whilst this envelope was in transit, thus it was not taxed on arrival at London.* *(Photo = 69)*	131d+ 136a	✉	**250**
3083	1872 (Sept 18): Cover from Perth, Western Australia to Tetsworth, England bearing 1865 Western Australia 6 d. violet, a vertical pair in a vibrant shade, neatly cancelled by circular barred numeral "1", prepaying 1 s. for a double rate 1 ounce ship letter to England. Very fine with very few pairs of this stamp recorded on cover. *Route - P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound 18 Sept 1872 per "Tanjore" to Galle (2 Oct); "Ellora" (4 Oct) to Suez (19 Oct); overland to Alexandria; "Massilia" (22 Oct) to Southampton (4 Nov); by rail to Tetsworth, arriving 5 Nov 1872 (53 days).* *(Photo = 69)*	57	✉	**500**



3084

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3084	1872 (Nov 5): Mourning cover from Sydney, New South Wales to St. Johns, Antigua endorsed *"via Southampton per RMS Baroda"* bearing 1871 New South Wales 2 d. prussian blue, 1872 Diadem 3 d. yellow-green and 1862 1 s. crimson-lake and cancelled by the Sydney duplex and prepaying 1 s. 9 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Antigua. *"11"* (pence) manuscript in red credit to Great Britain for forwarding to Antigua and handstruck "1d" in red credit from Great Britain to Antigua for local postage. A very fine and attractive three colour franking from this small correspondence. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 5 Nov 1872 per "Baroda" to Galle (28 Nov); "Deccan" (1 Dec) to Suez (15 Dec); overland to Alexandria; "Malta" (16 Dec) to Southampton (31 Dec); by rail via London back to Southampton. The Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: Departed Southampton (2 Jan 1873) per "Elbe" to St. Thomas (19 Jan); by steamer to Antigua, arriving 21 Jan 1873 (79 days).* *Provenance: Collection White, Davis, 'Alvarado'.*	209+ 157a+ 170	✉	**1'000**
3085	1873 (Oct 3): Cover from Brisbane, Queensland to St. Catherines, Canada bearing 1868 Queensland Chalon 2 d. pale blue and 6 d. yellow-green, cancelled by "QL" in rays and prepaying 8 d. and underpaid 3 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter of 11 d. to Canada. *"2"* (pence) manuscript in red credit to from England to Canada for internal postage. Repaired cover tears at top, but a rare destination from Queensland with just eight Chalon covers recorded from Queensland to Canada. This cover is illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Mail of Queensland" by Ben Palmer on page 130. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Brisbane 3 Oct 1873 per "Lady Young" to Sydney; P&O Line: Departed Sydney (7 Oct) per "China" to Galle (31 Oct); "Hindostan" (1 Nov) via Suez (15 Nov) to Alexandria; "Cathay" (17 Nov) to Southampton (30 Nov); by rail via London to Liverpool. Allan Line: Departed Liverpool (4 Dec) to Quebec (14 Dec); by steamship to St. Catharines, arriving 17 Dec 1873 (76 days).* (Photo = 🗐 69)	86+ 91	✉	**500**
3086	1877 (Oct 8): OHMS stampless cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Berlin, Germany with the Victorian Frank Stamp for the Chief Secretary in crimson representing internal prepayment. Underpaid 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Germany. *"2"* (pence) manuscript in red credit for forwarding from England to Germany. *Note: Free government franking privileges were only available for mail within the Australian colonies. Mail to foreign destinations was meant to be prepaid at the current postal rates. This underpayment was not identified by the Victorian, British or German postal administrations.* *This cover is addressed in the hand of Sir Ferdinand von Mueller, the Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens in Melbourne who wrote prolifically world-wide to obtain plant specimens for the gardens. He was celebrated in 1948 by an Australian postage stamp recognising his contribution to Australian botany.* *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 8 Oct 1877 per "Golconda" to Galle (30 Oct); "Khiva" (1 Nov) via the Suez Canal (14 Nov), Alexandria (16 Nov) and Malta (23 Nov) to Southampton (3 Dec); by rail to London; by steamer to Calais; by rail to Berlin, arriving 6 Dec 1874 (59 days).* (Photo = 🗐 69)		✉	**100**
3087	1874 (Dec 3): Cover from Wyndham, Victoria to Oldenburg, Germany bearing 1873 Victoria Laureate 3 d. bright orange, three examples, cancelled by barred numeral "166" and prepaying 9 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Germany. *"2"* (pence) manuscript in red credit from Great Britain for forwarding to Germany. Transit datestamps on the reverse including a very fine strike of the scarce oval "UP / TRAVELLING / POST OFFICE / M.G.1." A fine and very attractive cover. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 3 Dec 1874 per "Nubia" to Galle (24 Dec); "Peshawar" (25 Dec) via the Suez Canal (9 Jan 1875), Alexandria (10 Jan) and Malta (15 Jan) to Southampton (26 Jan); by rail to London; by steamer to Ostend; by rail to Oldenburg, arriving 28 Jan 1875 (57 days).* (Photo = 🗐 69)	134c	✉	**150**



3075 / CHF 250



3082 / CHF 250



3085 / CHF 500



3087 / CHF 150



3093 / CHF 500



3080 / CHF 250



3083 / CHF 500



3086 / CHF 100



3090 / CHF 100



3094 / CHF 800



SS 'Nubia'



3088

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3088	1875 (March 4): Cover from Albany, Western Australia to Belchertown, Mass., USA bearing 1865 Western Australia 2 d. yellow, 4 d. carmine (two examples) and 6 d. lilac tied by numeral "6" obliterators and prepaying 1 s. 4 d. comprising 10 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the United States plus 6 d. Late Fee. *"4"* (cents) manuscript in red and "4 cents" handstamp in red credit from the USA to Great Britain for forwarding. Small cover repair at lower left, but a rare three colour franking. One of the scarcest mid-period covers from Western Australia and the earliest recorded Late Fee cover. *Route - P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound 4 March 1875 per "Nubia" to Galle (18 March); "Cathay" (20 March) via the Suez Canal (3 April), Alexandria and Malta (9 April) to Southampton (18 April); by rail via London to Liverpool. Cunard Line: Departed Liverpool (20 April) per "Batavia" to New York (2 May 1875); by rail to Massachusetts (over 59 days).* *Provenance: Collection 'Austin' (Du Pont).*	55+ 56+ 59	✉	**3'500**



The Diamond Fields in Kimberley



3089

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3089	1875 (Oct 7): Cover from Ballarat, Victoria to the *"Kimberley Diamond Fields"*, Griqualand West bearing 1874 Victoria Laureate 6 d. dull blue, cancelled by the Ballarat duplex prepaying 1 s. 6 d. and overpaid 7 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Griqualand West. Transit datestamps for Melbourne, London and Cape Town with Kimberley arrival. One of the most remarkable destinations from the pre UPU mail of the Australian Colonies. Unique. *Note: The rate via Brindisi was 1 s. 8 d. and it is assumed that this cover was prepaid for this route by the sender. Since it was underpaid by 2 d., the cover was sent via the cheaper Southampton route. Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 7 Oct 1875 per "Nubia" via Adelaide (9 Oct) and King Georges Sound (16 Oct) to Galle (31 Oct); "Australia" via the Suez Canal (13 Nov), Alexandria and Malta (19 Nov) to Southampton (29 Nov); by rail via London back to Southampton. Union Steamship Line: Departed Southampton (6 Dec) per "Africa" to Cape Town (1 Jan 1876); overland to Kimberly, arriving 7 Jan 1876 (116 days).* *Note: In 1869 diamonds were discovered near Kimberly in the Northern Cape province and in 1873 it was proclaimed the British colony of Griqualand West. In 1880 it was annexed by the Cape Colony. At the date of this cover, the only stamps issued by the colony were Cape of Good Hope adhesives surcharged in manuscript at Kimberley.*	136e	✉	**1'000**
3090	1877 (Sept 4): Cover from Richmond, Victoria to Cambridge, New Brunswick, Canada bearing 1877 Victoria Laureate 8 d. lilac brown on pink cancelled a Richmond duplex and prepaying 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Canada. Fine handstruck "1½" (pence) GB credit marking in red, a most attractive cover. Illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Mail of Victoria" by Ben Palmer on page 55. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 4 Sept 1877 per "Tanjore" to Galle (22 Sept); "Pershawar" (25 Sept) via the Suez Canal, Alexandria (15 Oct) and Malta to Southampton (27 Oct); by rail to London; by steamer to Halifax, arriving 18 Nov 1877 (75 days).* *Provenance: Collection Davis.* *(Photo = 69)*	152	✉	**100**

Incoming mail via Southampton

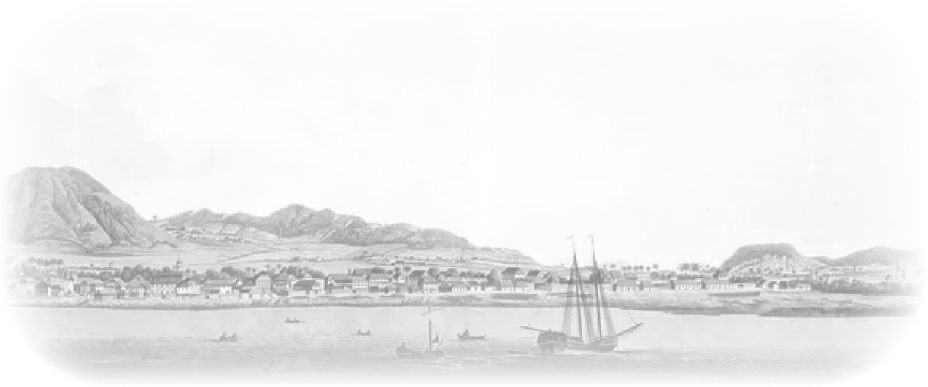


SS 'City of Washington'



3091

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF
3091	1857 (July 20): Cover from Oxford, USA to Melbourne, Victoria, redirected to the Mount Korong Diggings bearing 1851 USA 1 c. blue, Type II, four close to large margins with 12 c. black, horizontal strip of three with just touched to good margins all round, the 1 cent value tied by the Oxford despatch datestamp. The cover is endorsed *"By British Packet via England"* and prepaid 37 cents for a non-applicable rate and credited *"12"* cents in red ink at right. The British mail packet rate was 33 cents, and despite the directive at the top, the cover was carried on the Inman Line with the American Packet datestamp in red on the reverse. Superb quality and one of the great imperforate covers to the Australian Colonies. Cert. Philatelic Foundation (2019). *Route: Departed Oxford 20 July 1857 by rail to New York. Inman Line: Departed New York (23 July) per "City of Washington" to Liverpool (5 Aug); by rail via London (6 Aug) to Southampton. The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Southampton (12 Aug) per "Etna" via Malta (22 Aug) to Alexandria (25 Aug); overland to Suez; "European" 27.8 via Galle 12.9 to Melbourne 13.10; redirected to Mount Korong 18 Oct 1857 (90 days).* *Note: The addressee James W. Messler was a successful gold buyer in partnership with Joshua Grey. A contemporary account of his activities reads:* *"During the time I was partners with Messler and some years after he left, I usually bought from 100 to 150 ounces of gold per week. The gold bought at Wedderburn (14 kms from Mount Korong whence the cover was redirected) had to be taken either to Sandhurst Maryborough or Ballarat for sale. The profit on the gold was from 2 s. to 3 s. per ounce but the risk to life and property was very great and I have very little doubt but I would have been nobbled and in all probability killed had it not been generally known that I always went armed and that I was not likely to part with life or treasure without a struggle."* *There are around ten imperforate covers recorded with the 1851-56 United States imperforate issue to the Australian Colonies with this being by far the finest. Three are franked at the 37 cents rate.* *Provenance: Collection Michaels, Haas, Grunin, Ishikawa, Hackmey, Gross, Eubanks.*	Scott 7+ 17	✉	**6'000**



View of Basseterre



3092

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF
3092	1858 (Sept 13): Cover, with contents, from Basseterre, St. Christopher to Morpeth, New South Wales, redirected to Newcastle and Ipswich, Moreton Bay District (Queensland) bearing 1855 Great Britain 1 d. red-brown, perf. 14, 1855-57 4 d. rose and 6 d. lilac, with each boldly cancelled by the "A12" obliterator of Basseterre in black. The cover is prepaid 11 d. and underpaid 1 d. for a for a ½ ounce ship letter of 1 s. to New South Wales. Manuscript *'2"* (d) in black for the redirection to Ipswich, Moreton Bay District. On the reverse are transit datestamps for St. Kitts, London, Sydney, Newcastle and Ipswich. Docketed on the reverse as arriving by the *"European"*. Very fine and an outstanding rarity of Great Britain adhesives used abroad. Cert. BPA (1970). *Route - Private sailing ship: Departed Basseterre 13 Sept 1858 to Porto Rico. Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: Departed Porto Rico (14 Sept) per "Solent" to St. Thomas (15 Sept); "Magdalena" (15 Sept) to Southampton (2 Oct); by rail via London back to Southampton. The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Southampton (12 Oct) per "Teviot" via Malta (23 Oct) to Alexandria 26.10; overland to Suez; "European" (29 Oct) via Galle (17 Nov) and Melbourne (11 Dec) to Sydney, overland to Morpeth (16 Dec), redirected via Newcastle (17 Dec) and Sydney (18 Dec) to Ipswich, arriving 27 Dec 1858 (110 days).* *Note: The only cover recorded to or from Saint Christopher to the Australian Colonies and considered by Dr. Geoff Kellow RDP as one of the Top 10 inwards covers to the Australian Colonies.* *Provenance: Collection Glassco Bollen.*	Z1+ Z3+ Z4	✉	**8'000**

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3093	1857 (22 Dec): Cover from Jamaica to Buninyong, Victoria with indistinct datestamp on reverse and "JAMAICA / PAID" datestamp (Dec 30) at the top left and endorsed *"Paid 10d"* at top with the value scored through and re-rated with manuscript *"1/-"* in dull red representing prepayment for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. On the reverse are transit datestamps for London, Melbourne, and the gold diggings at Buninyong. Fine and a great rarity to the Australian Colonies. The earliest cover recorded from Jamaica to Victoria. *Route - Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: Departed Kingston 11 Jan 1859 per "Derwent" to St. Thomas (15 Jan); "Atrato" (17 Jan) to Southampton (18 Feb); by rail via London (21 Jan) to Southampton. The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Southampton (12 Feb) per "Teviot" via Malta (23 Feb) to Alexandria (26 Feb); overland to Suez; "Columbian" (27 Feb) via Galle (23 March) and King Georges Sound (17 April) to Melbourne (25 April), overland to Buninyong, arriving 29 April 1859 (120 days).* *(Photo = 69)*		✉	**500**
3094	1860 (Nov 29): Cover from Malta to Sydney, New South Wales bearing 1857 Great Britain 4 d. rose tied by "A25" duplex and prepaying 4 d. and underpaid 2 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter of 6 d. to New South Wales. With the steamer arriving in Melbourne, the cover was attempted to be delivered to William Street, but returned to the G.P.O. where the rare "MISSENT TO / MELBOURNE" handstamp in red was applied. Forwarded on to Sydney a week later with datestamps on the reverse. Fine and rare, being the earlier of the two recorded covers from the British Post Office in Malta to the Australian Colonies. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Malta 29 Nov 1860 to Alexandria (3 Dec); overland to Suez; "Nemesis" (6 Dec) to Galle (23 Dec); "Benares" (23 Dec) via King Georges Sound (7 Jan 1861) to Melbourne (12 Jan). Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Melbourne (19 Jan) per "City of Sydney", arriving 21 Jan 1861 (70 days).* *Note: The Australasian Steam Navigation Co's "City of Sydney" ran aground and was later wrecked at Cape Green on the 18 Nov 1862 on a voyage from Melbourne to Sydney. All passengers and crew were saved.* *Provenance: Collection Purves.* *(Photo = 69)*	Z47	✉	**800**



3095

3095	1861 (Sept 16) : Cover from Copenhagen, Denmark to Ballarat, Victoria with Copenhagen datestamp at the left and rated manuscript *"51/9"* (60 skillings) at left in black comprising 51 Danish skillings (representing "12" silbergroschen in red) and 9 skilling for the forwarding fee from Denmark to Hamburg. *"10"* (pence) manuscript in red at right credit to Great Britain for the single letter rate from Denmark to England. On the reverse are transit datestamps for Hamburg, Melbourne and arrival at the Ballarat gold diggings. A fine and rare cover. *Route: Departed Copenhagen 16 Sept 1861 by rail to Hamburg (17 Sept); by steamer to London (19 Sept). P&O Line: Departed Southampton (20 Sept) per "Indus" via Malta (1 Oct) to Alexandria (5 Oct); overland to Suez; "Bengal" (9 Oct) to Galle (24 Oct); "Salsette" (24 Oct) via King Georges Sound (9 Nov) to Melbourne (17 Nov); by rail to Ballarat, arriving 18 Nov 1861 (63 days).* *Note: The addressee was Baron Oscar Wedel-Jarsberg (1822-1909) who emigrated to Victoria in the late 1850's and worked many of the gold diggings at Ballarat, Maldon and Heathcote. He was a member of the Norwegian nobility and his brother was the Commodore of the Norwegian Navy whilst another was the Norwegian Ambassador to Spain. The earliest cover recorded from Denmark to the Australian Colonies.*		✉	**750**

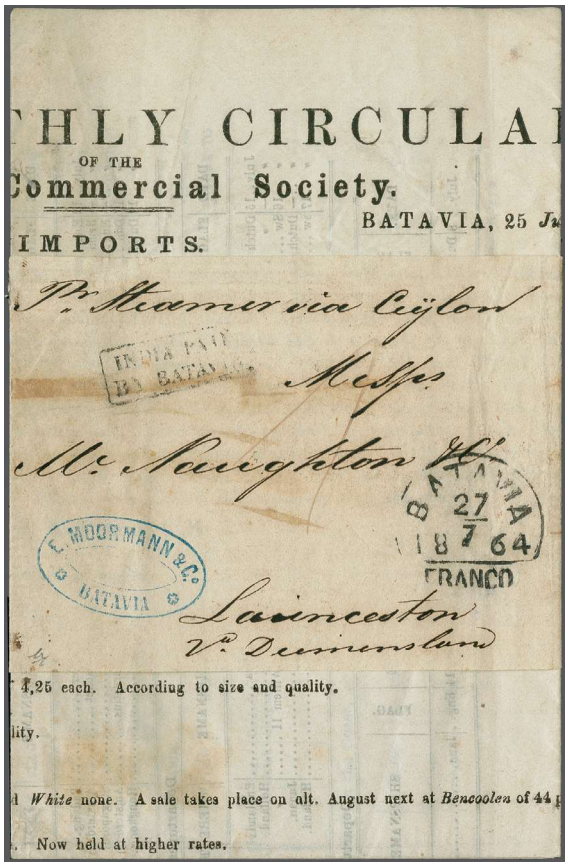


View of the Port of Spain



3096

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3096	1862 (June 24): Cover from Trinidad to Melbourne, Victoria bearing 1860 Trinidad Britannia (1 d.) rose, 4 d. brownish-lilac and 6 d. yellow-green, all rough perf. 14-16, with "♛ / PAID AT TRINIDAD" at left in red with the adhesives cancelled by an indistinct barred obliterator and prepaying 11 d. comprising 1 d. for Trinidad internal delivery and 4 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England and 6 d. to Victoria. Some repairs to the cover flap, otherwise very fine and extremely rare. *Route - Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: Departed Trinidad 24 June 1862 per "Wye" to Barbados; "Conway" (26 June) to St Thomas (28 June); "Seine" (30 June) to Southampton (14 July); by rail to London and returned to Southampton. P&O Line: Departed Southampton (20 July) per "Ripon" via Malta (29 July) to Alexandria (2 Aug); overland to Suez; "Bengal" (4 Aug) to Galle (17 Aug); "Bombay (18 Aug) via King Georges Sound (2 Sept) to Melbourne, arriving 8 Sept 1862 (77 days).* *Note: Believed to be the earliest three colour franking from Trinidad and the later of the two covers recorded from Trinidad to the Australian Colonies. Both covers are from this correspondence.*	53+ 54+ 56	✉	**2'500**
3097	1864 (July 18): Cover from Rushville, USA to Kangaroo Flat, Victoria bearing 1861 USA 2 c. Blackjack, 10 c. green pair, small perf. faults at base and 24 c. brown-lilac each cancelled by circular grid handstamps and prepaying 46 cents for a ½ ounce ship letter via Marseilles to Victoria. Manuscript *"24"* (cents) credit to England for forwarding. Some minor cover repairs on the flap on reverse, otherwise a scarce and attractive franking. *Route - Departed Rushville, Indiana 18 July 864 overland and by rail to Quebec. Allan Line: Departed Quebec, Canada (23 July) to Liverpool (2 Aug); by rail via London (3 Aug) to Southampton. P&O Line: Departed Southampton (20 Aug) per "Delta" via Malta (29 Aug) to Alexandria (2 Sept); overland to Suez; "Bengal" (4 Sept) to Galle (19 Sept); "Madras" via King Georges Sound (7 Oct) to Melbourne (13 Oct), by rail to Bendigo, arriving 15 Oct 1864 (89 days).* (Photo = 83)	Scott 73+ 68+ 70a	✉	**750**



3098



View of the Government House on Prince Edward Island



3099

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3098	1864 (July 27): Prices Current List - "Semi Monthly Circular of the Batavia Commercial Society" from Batavia, Dutch East Indies to Launceston, Tasmania, a complete circular with unopened wrapper still attached and with oval forwarders handstamp in blue for "E. MOORMANN & Co" and scarce framed "INDIA PAID / BY BATAVIA' handstamp in black with transit datestamp for Singapore in red on the reverse. A great rarity of Dutch East Indies postal history and a rare survivor completely intact and prepaid at the printed matter rate. The only example recorded by the vendor. *Route - Private sailing ship: Departed Batavia 27 July 1864 to Singapore. P&O Line: Departed Singapore (6 Aug) per "Carnatic" via Penang (8 Aug) to Galle (15 Aug); "Bombay" (20 Aug) via King Georges Sound (3 Sept) to Melbourne (8 Sept). Launceston Steam Navigation Co: Departed Melbourne (14 Sept) per "Black Swan" to Launceston, arriving 15 Sept 1864 (89 days).* *Note: Believed to be the earliest cover recorded from the Dutch East Indies to the Australian Colonies.*		✉	**1'500**
3099	1864 (Nov 7): Cover from Prince Edward Island to Bendigo, Victoria bearing 1863 Prince Edward Island 6 d. yellow- green and 9 d. lilac, three examples, one with fault and piece of stamp replaced at base, each cancelled by barred numeral "13" and prepaying 2 s. 9 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. Manuscript *"1/8"* (sterling) in red credit to Great Britain for forwarding to Victoria. On delivery (Feb 12) to Bendigo (Sandhurst), the addressee was unable to be found and struck with "UNKNOWN BY / LETTER CARRIER" handstamp in black together with the oval "UNCLAIMED" in blue. It stayed at the Bendigo Post Office until the Sept 2, when it appears that the letter was delivered. Some minor soiling, however, very rare. Cert. Vincent Graves Greene (2010). *Route - Private steamship: Departed Prince Edward Island 7 Nov 1864 by private steamship to Quebec. Inman Line: Departed Quebec (11 Nov) per "Damascus" to Liverpool (21 Nov); by rail via to Southampton. P&O Line: Departed Southampton (20 Dec) per "Ceylon" via Malta (29 Dec) to Alexandria 2 Jan 1865; overland to Suez; "Nemesis" (5 Jan) to Galle (21 Jan); "Northam" (22 Jan) via King Georges Sound (5 Feb) to Melbourne (11 Feb), by rail to Bendigo, arriving 12 Feb 1865 (97 days).* *Note: The only cover recorded from Prince Edward Island to the Australian Colonies. By way of comparison, there is only one cover recorded from the Australian Colonies (Victoria) to Prince Edward Island (Lot 3156).*	17+ 19	✉	**1'250**



3100

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3100 1867 (July 27): Registered cover from St. Petersburg, Russia to Melbourne, Victoria prepaid 38 kopeks: 30 kopeks for a ½ ounce ship letter plus 8 kopeks registration to Victoria. Multiple postal markings include *"30/8"* (kopeks) manuscript in red representing the prepayment and *"8"* (pence) manuscript in red credit from Prussia to England for onwards transmission to Victoria. "AUS RUSSLAND / FRANCO - TOUT" handstamp in black representing the rail carriage from Russia through France and "Recomandirt" registered handstamp in red applied at the Eydtkuhnen exchange office. "PRUSSIA / ♛ / REGISTERED" handstamp in red applied in London and "P.D." handstamp in red representing paid to destination. Some minor cover reinforcement internally, otherwise very fine and an extraordinary origin for a registered cover to the Australian Colonies. Believed to be the earliest cover recorded from Russia to the Australian Colonies.
Route - Departed St. Petersburg 27 July 1867 by rail via Eydtkuhnen, Konnigsberg and Aachen to London (14 Aug); by rail to Southampton. P&O Line: Departed Southampton (20 Aug) per "Ceylon" via Malta (29 Aug) to Alexandria (2 Sept); overland to Suez; "Surat" (5 Sept) grounding on a reef in the Red Sea. Mails transferred to "Nubia" (11 Sept) to Galle (24 Sept); "Bombay" (24 Sept) via King Georges Sound (8 Oct) to Melbourne, arriving 14 Oct 1867 (77 days).
Note: Although postage stamps had been introduced in Russia in 1858, the Russian postal regulations stipulated that: "Postage stamps are only intended for ordinary letters, the postage rate for sending money, registered correspondence and letters destined for abroad to be paid in cash". ✉ **1'500**



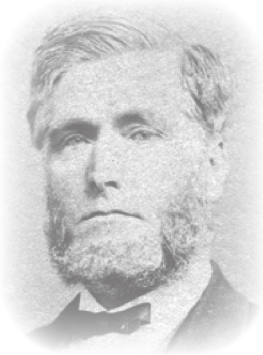
3101

3101 1867 (July 26): Cover from Berlin, Kingdom of Prussia to Woodside, South Australia bearing 1861 Prussia 3 pfg. violet and 3 sgr. bistre in a horizontal strip of three, cancelled by the Berlin datestamp in bright blue and prepaying "9¼" (silbergroschen) for a ½ ounce ship letter to South Australia. *"9¼"* manuscript in red representing the prepayment and *"8"* (pence) manuscript in red credit to England comprising the 2 d. inland plus 6 d. ship letter to South Australia. Some minor cover restoration, otherwise a very fine and attractive franking.
Route - Departed Berlin, Kingdom of Prussia 26 July 1867 by rail via Ostende and London (29 July) to Southampton. P&O Line: Departed Southampton (20 Aug) per "Ceylon" via Malta (29 Aug) to Alexandria (2 Sept); overland to Suez; "Surat" (5 Sept) grounded on a reef and the mails transferred to "Nubia" (11 Sept) to Galle (24 Sept); "Bombay" to King Georges Sound (8 Oct). Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed King Georges Sound (8 Oct) per "Rangitira" to Adelaide, arriving 15 Oct 1867 (81 days).
Note: This incident involving the P&O steamer "Surat" is recorded in "Australasian Wreck Mail" by Brian Peace on page 136. ✉ **1'200**



3102

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3102	1867 (Nov 26): Cover from Berlin, Kingdom of Prussia to Woodside, South Australia bearing 1861 Prussia 6 pfg. orange and 3 sgr. bistre block of six cancelled by Berlin datestamps in bright blue and prepaying 18½ (silbergroschen) for a 1 ounce ship letter to South Australia. *"1/4"* (sterling) manuscript in red credit to England comprising 4 d. inland plus 1 s. ship letter to South Australia. Some minor cover restoration, otherwise a very fine and highly attractive double rate cover. *Route - Departed Berlin, Prussia 26 Nov 1867 by rail via Ostende and London (29 Nov) to Southampton. P&O Line: Departed Southampton (20 Dec) per "Ripon" via Malta (30 Dec) to Alexandria 4 Jan 1867; overland to Suez; "Candia" (6 Jan) to Galle (21 Jan); "Geelong" (21 Jan) to King Georges Sound (6 Feb). Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed King Georges Sound (7 Feb) per "Rangitira" to Adelaide, arriving 11 Feb 1868 (77 days).*		✉⊞	**1'500**
3103	1868 (Nov 5): Cover from Gibraltar to Melbourne, Victoria bearing Great Britain 1858 2 d. blue, plate 9 and 1865 4 d. vermillion, plate 10 cancelled by "A26" obliterator of Gibraltar and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. Very fine and a rare destination. The only recorded cover from the British Post Office in Gibraltar to the Australian Colonies. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Gibraltar 5 Nov 1868 per "Ceylon" via Malta (9 Nov) to Alexandria (12 Nov); overland to Suez; "Simla" (15 Nov) to Galle (29 Nov); "Bombay" (1 Dec) via King Georges Sound (16 Dec) to Melbourne, arriving 22 Dec 1868 (49 days).* *Note: This cover is addressed to Hussey Burgh Macartney, the Reverend Dean of Melbourne, with this cover emanating from the famous Macartney family correspondence, a prolific inwards correspondence over three generations to the Australian Colonies, principally Melbourne.* *Provenance: Collection Osborn.* *(Photo = 83)*	Z22+ Z37	✉	**400**
3104	1869 (April 23): Cover from Panama to Melbourne, Victoria bearing Great Britain 1864 1 d. red, 1865 4 d. vermillion pl. 11 and 1 s. green pl. 4 cancelled by "C35" obliterator of the British P.O. in Panama, with despatch cds (April 22) at left and prepaying 1 s. 5 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. Endorsed *"To be called for"* at top and the 1 d. adhesive tied by a London transit (May 14) in red. Despite cover imperfections, a very rare franking. *Route - Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: Departed Colon 23 April 1869 per "Seine" via Jamaica (26 April), Jacmel (27 April) and St. Thomas (29 April) to Plymouth (13 May); by rail via London (14 May) to Southampton. P&O Line: Departed Southampton 15.5 per "Pera" via Malta 24.5 to Alexandria (28 May); overland to Suez; "Deccan" (30 May) to Galle (13 June); "Geelong" (16 June) via King Georges Sound (1 July) to Melbourne, arriving 6 July 1869 (75 days).* *Note: Three covers are recorded from Panama to the Australian Colonies with this being the only cover recorded via the Southampton route. Two others are recorded, both mailed direct from Panama to Australia via the 1866-67 contract.* *(Photo = 83)*	Z72+ Z85+ Z103	✉	**600**



Germain Nicholson (1814-1888)



3105

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF
3105	1869 (Aug 30): Entire from Smyrna, Austrian Post Offices in Levant to Melbourne, Victoria bearing 1867 5 s. rose-red, 15 s. yellow-brown in a vertical pair (Mi 3+5b) cancelled by the Smyrna datestamp (Aug 29) and prepaying 35 soldi for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. Endorsed *"Via Alexandria"* at top left and with Alexandria and Melbourne datestamps on the reverse. Very fine and a rare destination. Cert. Sorani (1995). *Route - Adriatic & Oriental Line: Departed Smyrna by steamer 30 Aug 1869 to Alexandria (6 Sept). P&O Line: Departed Alexandria (7 Sept); overland to Suez; "Surat" (19 Sept) to Galle (4 Oct); "Avoca" (5 Oct) via King Georges Sound (20 Oct) to Melbourne, arriving 26 Oct 1869 (58 days).* *Note: This cover is addressed to the famous Melbourne merchants of Germain Nicholson. The contents relate to the trade of figs, sultanas, raisins and opium.* *The earliest of the two recorded covers from the Austrian Post Offices in the Levant to the Australian Colonies. Illustrated in "Die Osterreichische Post in der Levant" by Werner Schindler on page 481.*	✉	**3'000**



View of Christiana Harbour



3106

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3106 1870 (Nov 14): Cover from Christiania, Norway to Ballarat, Victoria, redirected to Godfrey's Creek bearing 1867 Norway 3 sk. violet and 24 sk. bistre-brown (Mi. 13+10) cancelled by Christiana datestamps (Nov 10) and prepaying 27 skilling for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria with weiterfranco *"Wfr. 8"* in crayon on obverse. Reverse with Flensburg transit datestamp and arrivals of Melbourne and Ballarat. On arrival at Ballarat, the addressee Oscar Wedel was unable to be located and there is a manuscript endorsement on the reverse *"Gone away"* and the "Not known by / Letter Carrier" handstamp in black applied on obverse. The cover was subsequently redirected to the gold diggings at Godfrey's Creek (Feb 13).
Route - By Steamship: Departed Oslo 14 Nov 1870 to Flensburg (18 Nov); by rail via London to Southampton. P&O Line: Departed Southampton (26 Nov) per "Poona" via Malta (5 Dec) to Alexandria (9 Dec); overland to Suez; "Mongolia" (12 Dec) to Galle (28 Dec); "Avoca" (29 Dec) via King Georges Sound 12 Jan 1871 to Melbourne (18 Jan); by rail via Ballarat (18 Jan) and Melbourne (11 Feb) to Godfrey's, arriving 13 Feb 1871 (95 days).
Note: Only three skilling covers are recorded from Norway to the Australian Colonies, this being the second earliest and the only example with this issue. Two covers are recorded from this recently discovered correspondence.

✉ **2'500**



HMS 'Basilisk', anchored in Threshold Bay, New Guinea



3107

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3107 1871 (March 10): Cover from Chapelton, Jamaica to Sydney, New South Wales bearing 1860 1 s. dull brown, wmk. pineapple, 1870 2 d. rose, wmk. CC and 3 d. green cancelled "A33" obliterator with Kingston datestamp (March 9) on the reverse, prepaying 1 s. 5 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to New South Wales. Some peripheral cover soiling, and missing top flap on reverse, nevertheless fine and very rare.
Route - Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: Departed Kingston 10 March 1871 per "Seine" via Jacmel (13 March) and St. Thomas (15 March) to Plymouth (2 April); by rail via London (3 April) to Southampton. P&O Line: Departed Southampton (15 April) per "Candia" via Malta (25 April) to Alexandria (28 April); overland to Suez; "Hindostan" (1 May) to Galle (14 May); "Rangoon" (16 May) via King Georges Sound (31 May) and Melbourne (6 June) to Sydney, arriving 8 June 1871 (91 days).
Note: The cover is addressed to "H.M. Ship Basilisk", a British warship in the Australia Squadron. It undertook survey operations around Eastern New Guinea, under the command of Captain John Moresby, the founder of Port Moresby, the capital of Papua.
The only cover recorded bearing a Jamaica first issue adhesive used to the Australian Colonies. 6b+ 9+ 10 ✉ **1'500**



View of Giessen



3108

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3108	1871 (Dec 17): Cover front from Giessen, North German Confederation to Melbourne, Victoria bearing 1869 North German Confederation 1 kr. green (two examples), 3 kr. rose (2) and 18 kr. bistre (Mi 19+21+23) each neatly cancelled by Giessen despatch cds (Dec 17) and prepaying 26 kreuzer for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. Endorsed *"Via Belgien and Southampton"* at top left and with manuscript *"2l"* in red representing the weight of the envelope and manuscript *"5"* (pence) in red credit to England for forwarding to Victoria. Highly attractive and a rare usage of the 18 kr. adhesive on cover. Cert. Friedrich Spalink (1987). *Route: Departed Giessen 17 Dec 1871 by rail via London (19 Dec) to Southampton. P&O Line: Departed Southampton (23 Dec) per "Simla" via Malta 2 Jan 1872 to Alexandria (5 Jan); overland to Suez; "Dehli" (8 Jan) to Galle (24 Jan); "Baroda" (24 Jan) via King Georges Sound (8 Feb) to Melbourne, arriving 15 Feb 1872 (60 days).*		(✉)	**4'000**
3109	1872 (Aug 29): Large part newspaper front of "The Christian World" mailed from London to Melbourne, Victoria and endorsed *"Two Papers Only"*, bearing 1864 Great Britain 1 d. red pair, cancelled by a circular barred grid obliterator and prepaying 2 d. for a newspaper to Victoria. The survival rate of newspapers mailed to the Australian Colonies is very small. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Southampton 29 Aug 1872 per "Hindostan" via Malta (7 Sept) to Alexandria (11 Sept); overland to Suez; "Dehli" (13 Sept) to Galle (27 Sept); "Baroda" (28 Sept) via King Georges Sound (12 Oct) to Melbourne, arriving 18 Oct 1872 (77 days).* *(Photo = 83)*	44	(✉)	**100**
3110	1883 (May): Argentina 6 c. postal card used from Buenos Aires to Charters Towers, Queensland cancelled by a framed Buenos Aires datestamp (May 31) and prepaying 6 c. for a postcard to Queensland. The transportation of the postal card was interrupted in London (July 1) where the "POSTCARDS TO THIS ADDRESS / CANNOT BE FORWARDED" handstamp in red was applied and the card returned to Argentina. *Route - Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: Departed Colon 7 June 1883 per "Nile" via Jamaica (9 June), Jacmel (12 June) and St. Thomas (14 June) to Plymouth (28 June); by rail to Southampton (1 July) and returned to Buenos Aires, arriving 1 Aug 1883 (62 days).* *Note: The reason for the refusal to forward this postal card from England to Queensland is difficult to determine. This card has imprinted at top "Universal Postal Universal" for when Argentina joined the UPU in 1878. The card was only available for delivery to UPU members and since The Australian Colonies only joined the UPU in 1891, the postal card was thus refused transmission in England and returned to Argentina.* *(Photo = 83)*		✉	**100**



3097 / CHF 750



3103 / CHF 400



3104 / CHF 600



3110 / CHF 100



3109 / CHF 100



3112 / CHF 250



3115 / CHF 500

Overland via Marseilles

Outgoing mail via Marseilles



SS 'City of Hobart'

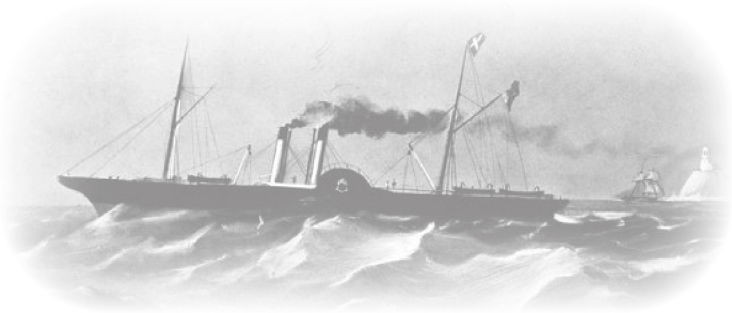


3111

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF
3111	1857 (Feb 11): Entire from Hobart, Tasmania to Paris, France endorsed *"Simla, Overland Mail via Marseilles"* bearing 1856 Tasmania Chalon 2 d. green and 4 d. blue, the 2 d. with large margins and the 4 d. just touched at left; lightly cancelled and prepaying 6 d. and underpaid 7 d. (though not taxed) for a ¼ ounce ship letter of 1 s. 1 d. to France. Marseille transit datestamp in red ties both stamps with "10" (dècimes) handstamp in black for internal postage to be paid upon receipt. The earliest of the four imperforate Tasmanian covers recorded to France. Very rare and one of the finest Chalon covers of the period to an exceptional destination. Cert. BPA (2021). *Route - Tasmanian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Hobart 11 Feb 1857 per "City of Hobart" to Melbourne (13 Feb), European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 15 Feb 1857 per "Simla" via Galle (10 March) to Suez (26 March); overland to Alexandria. Cunard Line: "Jura" (28 March) to Malta; "Cambria" (31 March) to Marseilles; by rail from Marseilles to Paris, arriving 5 April 1857 (48 days).* *Provenance: Collection J. Blanc.*	16+ 18 ✉	**4'000**

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3112 1857 (Feb 15): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Paris, France endorsed *"per Simla via Marseilles"*, bearing 1854 Victoria Woodblock 6 d. dull orange, two examples, with four good to large margins, cancelled by barred numeral "1" of Melbourne, prepaying 1 s. and underpaid 1 d. (although not taxed) for a ¼ ounce ship letter of 1 s. 1 d. to France. Multiple transit datestamps on obverse and reverse. "5" (dècimes) handstamp in black for French internal postage to be paid upon receipt. A fine and attractive cover. Signed Calves.
Route - European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 15 Feb 1857 per "Simla" via Galle (10 March) to Suez (26 March); overland to Alexandria. Cunard Line: "Jura" (28 March) to Malta; "Cambria" (31 March) to Marseilles; by rail from Marseilles to Paris, arriving 5 April 1857 (48 days).
Provenance: Collection Lamy, Dubus. *(Photo = 83)* 32a ✉ **250**



SS 'Cambria'



3113

3113 1857 (May 30): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to New York, USA endorsed *"per 'Simla' via Marseilles"*, bearing Victoria 1854 Woodblock 6 d. dull orange, 1854 Octagonal 1 s. blue and 1854 Woodblock 2 s. dull bluish green, the adhesives all with good to large margins all round but 6 d. just touched at lower right and cancelled by barred numeral "1" of Melbourne. Pre-paid 3 s. 6 d. and overpaid 2 d. for a 1 ounce double rate ship letter to the United States. Manuscript *"1/4"* in red credit from Victoria to England for forwarding to the United States and *"32"* (cents) manuscript in red credit from England to the United States for Transatlantic shipment via an American packet. Unusually, the circular "10" (cents) handstamp applied at New York is cancelling the 2 s. value, contrary to postal regulations. There is a small cover thin at left, otherwise superb, a very rare and attractive three colour franking.
Route - European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 30 May 1857 per "Simla" via Galle (23 June) to Suez (12 July); overland to Alexandria. Moss & Co. Line: "Scamander" (14 July) to Malta (19 July) Cunard Line: "Cambria" (21 July) to Marseilles; by rail from Marseilles via London (27 July) to Liverpool. Inman Line: Departed Liverpool (29 July) per "City of Baltimore" to New York, arriving 10 August 1857 (72 days).
Provenance: Gibson. 32a+ 25+ 35 ✉ **1'500**



Maurice Burrus



J.R.W. Purves



Rodney A. Perry



3114

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3114	1857 (June 19): Entire from Melbourne, Victoria to Gothenburg, Sweden bearing 1854 Victoria Woodblock 6 d. dull orange, single and horizontal pair, each with good to large margins and 1857 Emblem 2 d. pale lilac, touched at left, cancelled by barred numeral "1" of Melbourne, prepaying 1 s. 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Sweden. Manuscript *"32"* (skilling) at left and italic *"36s Bco"* handstamp in black for ship letter inwards fees to be paid by the recipient. Some minor blemishes and pressed filing crease, however very rare, being the third earliest cover recorded from Victoria to Sweden. Illustrated in colour in "The Pre-UPU Destination Mail of Victoria" by Ben Palmer on Colour Plate 12. *Route - European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 19 June 1857 per "European" via Galle (23 July) to Suez (14 Aug); overland to Alexandria. P&O Line: "Vectis" (21 Aug) via Malta (24 Aug) to Marseilles; by steamer via Hamburg (30 Aug) 1857 to Gothenburg (over 67 days).* *Provenance: Collection Burrus, Purves, Perry.*	32a+ 45	✉	**2'000**
3115	1857 (July 18): Entire endorsed *"Per Steamer Columbian - Via Marseilles"* from Sydney, New South Wales to Isère, France bearing 1854 New South Wales Diadem 6 d. greyish-brown, almost four margins, cancelled by the Sydney bars obliterator and prepaying 6 d. and underpaid 7 d. (but not taxed) for a ¼ ounce ship letter of 1 s. 1 d. to France. Arrival datestamp of Isère (Sept 19) on the reverse and charged *"10"* (dècimes) manuscript in black for French internal postage to be paid upon receipt. A fine entire. *Route - European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Sydney 18 July 1857 per "Columbian" via Galle (17 Aug) to Suez (7 Sept); overland to Alexandria. P&O Line: "Valetta" (12 Sept) via Malta (15 Sept) to Marseilles; by rail from Marseilles, arriving Isere 19 Sept 1857 (63 days).* *Provenance: Collection Davis, Forster.* *(Photo = 83)*	96	✉	**500**
3116	1857 (Sept 11): Entire from Sydney, New South Wales to Cockermouth, England bearng New South Wales Diadem 6 d. greyish-brown, two examples, imperforate, left stamp with full margins, right stamp with lower left corner shaved, cancelled by the scarce "N.S.W." rhomboid of dots and prepaying 1 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England with London / Paid cds in red at left. Neat and attractive. *Route - European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Sydney 11 Sept 1857 per "Emeu" via Galle (9 Oct). The "Emeu" was grounded on the Guttal el Bunna reef in the Red Sea 120 miles from Jeddah (22 Oct) and refloated, arriving at Suez (3 Nov); overland to Alexandria. P&O Line: "Vectis" (21 Nov) via Malta (24 Nov) to Marseilles (27 Nov); by rail from Marseilles to London (29 Nov) and by rail to Cockermouth, arriving 30 Nov 1857 (81 days).* *Note: This maritime incident is recorded in "Australasian Wreck Mail" by Peace on pages 67-72.* *(Photo = 87)*	96	✉	**150**



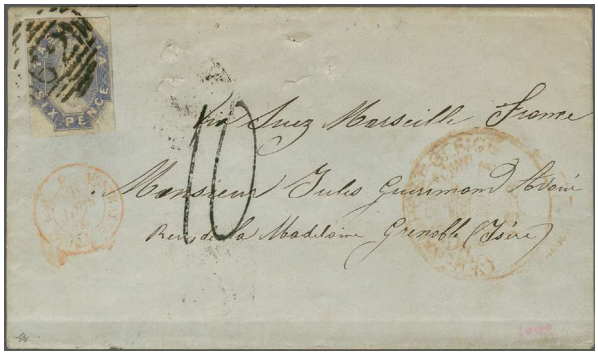
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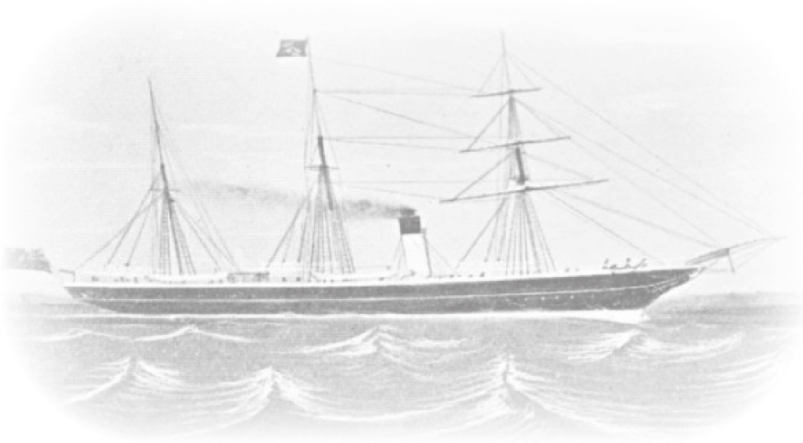


Brunsbüttel Harbour



3117

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3117	1857 (Oct 16): Cover from Cathcart, Victoria to Brunsbüttel, Duchy of Schleswig-Holstein bearing 1854 Victoria Octagonal 1 s. blue, imperforate, margins touched all round, 1857 Emblem 1 d. yellow-green with four margins and 4 d. dull rose, four large margins, neatly cancelled by barred numeral "93" and prepaying 1 s. 5 d. and underpaid 5½ d. for a ½ ounce ship letter of 1 s. 10½ d. to the Duchy of Schleswig-Holstein. Postal markings include *"15"* (skilling) red manuscript credit to the Royal Danish PO in Hamburg scored through and rerated; *"11¼"* (silbergroschen) in red on the reverse, equivalent to 15 shillings and *"52"* (skilling) manuscript in red, including forwarding by Hamburg and internal postage to Brunsbüttel to be paid by the recipient. Multiple transit datestamps on the reverse confirm the journey. A destination rarity from the Australian Colonies in very fine condition. One of the earliest recorded covers from Victoria to the Duchy of Schleswig-Holstein. *Route - European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 16 Oct 1857 per "Simla" via Galle (6 Nov) to Suez (20 Nov); overland to Alexandria. Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: "Tamar" (27 Nov) to Malta; "Vanguard" (30 Nov) to Marseilles; by rail from Marseilles (3 Dec) via Lyon, Paris and Hamburg to Brunsbüttel, arriving 7 Dec 1857 (60 days).*	25+ 41+ 44	✉	**4'000**



SS 'City of Sydney'



3118

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3118 1857 (Oct 13): Entire from Sydney, New South Wales to Genova, Kingdom of Sardinia endorsed *"per Simla via Marseille"* bearing 1854 New South Wales Diadem 1 s. brownish-red, imperforate pair with four good to large margins, cancelled by Sydney bars obliterator and prepaid 2 s. comprising 1 s. 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the Kingdom of Sardinia plus 6 d. Supplementary fee transportation to Melbourne. *"20"* (dècimes) manuscript in black debit to France for forwarding to Sardinia and with clear transit datestamps on the reverse. Very fine and a very scarce usage of this 1 s. shade on cover and an important imperforate destination from the Australian Colonies with just four covers recorded from New South Wales to the Kingdom of Sardinia. Signed E. Asinelli.
Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Sydney 13 Oct 1857 per "City of Sydney" to Melbourne. European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne (16 Oct) per "Simla" via Galle (6 Nov) to Suez (20 Nov); overland to Alexandria. Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: "Tamar" (27 Nov) to Malta (30 Nov); "Vanguard" to Marseilles (3 Dec) ; by rail from Marseilles via Paris to Genoa, arriving 5 Dec 1857 (59 days).
Note: During the period 1856-1870, a Supplementary Mail was generally arranged to catch the mail steamer service to Melbourne. This was advertised for a period of one to three days following the departure of the main steamer from Sydney to Melbourne. Mail was accepted upon a Late Fee of 6 d. in addition to the postage. This additional charge was advertised as a Supplementary Fee. 101 ✉ **1'500**



3119

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3119 1857 (Dec 16): Internally illustrated lettersheet depicting the goldfields at Castlemaine, used from Melbourne, Victoria to the City State of Hamburg bearing 1854 Victoria Octagonal 1 s. blue imperforate, 1854 Woodblock 2 s. dull greenish blue and 1857 Emblem 4 d. dull rose, each with margins in places, cancelled by barred numeral "1" of Melbourne and prepaying 3 s. 4 d. for a double rate 1 ounce ship letter to Hamburg. *"50"* (schillings) manuscript in red for forwarding to be paid upon receipt. Transit datestamps on obverse and reverse record the journey with a very fine strike of the Hamburg arrival datestamp (Feb 4). An important historical lettersheet in very fine condition.
Route - European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 16 Dec 1857 per "European" via Galle (9 Jan 1858) to Suez (24 Jan); overland to Alexandria. Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: "Tamar" (26 Jan) to Malta (29 Jan); "Vanguard" to Marseilles (1 Feb); by rail from Marseilles via Paris to Hamburg, arriving 4 Feb 1857 (49 days).
Note: Unrecorded in "Pre-UPU Mail of Victoria" by Ben Palmer and one of the earliest covers recorded to the City State of Hamburg known.
Note: This illustrated lettersheet depicts the newly discovered gold mining town of Castlemaine. Gold was discovered at Mount Alexander, near Castlemaine in July 1851 and by the end of the year, there were 25,000 people at the diggings. The lettersheet was illustrated by Nicholas Chevalier, with his monogram at the lower left and published by A. T. Hodgson of Castlemaine. It is interesting to note that besides a depiction of the new gold town, in the foreground are two Chinese miners, one of the earliest images of Chinese miners recorded in the Australian Colonies. Chevalier was one of the most prominent colonial artists, emigrating to Victoria in 1854. For the next 15 years he painted throughout Victoria, before returning to London in 1869. Based in London, he was a continual exhibitor at the Academy until his death in 1902. This lettersheet is very rare, being the only recorded example - it is not present in the State Library of Victoria and is the only example known in this dual sheet format.

25+ 35+ 44 ✉ **2'500**

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3120 1858 (March 6): Entire from Melbourne, Victoria to Bar-le-Duc, France endorsed *"per Emeu"* bearing 1854 Victoria Octagonal 1 s. blue, imperforate with four margins, 1854 Woodblock 6 d. orange-yellow, four margins and 1857 Emblem 2 d. pale lilac, touched at right, indistinctly cancelled by barred oval "1" and prepaying 1 s. 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to France. *"4"* (pence) credit in error by Great Britain to France for forwarding a ¼ ounce ship letter. A very scarce rate from Victoria to France and very fine. Cert: RPSV (2015).
Route - European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne per "Emeu" 17 March 1858 via Galle (8 April) to Suez (23 April); overland to Alexandria. P&O Line: "Valetta" (26 April) via Malta (30 April) to Marseilles; by rail from Marseilles (2 May) to London thence by steamer to Calais; by rail via Paris and Strasbourg (5 May) to Bar-le-Duc, arriving 6 May 1858 (61 days).
Note: The forwarding fee to France should have been 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter not 4 d. for a ¼ ounce letter. Although addressed via Marseilles to France, this envelope was delivered to London on 4 May and redirected back to France. The Southampton mails arrived on the 11 May, confirming this cover was indeed sent via Marseilles.
Provenance: Collection Purves, Perry, Geitenbeek. *(Photo = 87)* 25+ 32b+ 45 ✉ **500**



View of Gotheborg



3121

3121 1858 (July 16): Entire from Melbourne, Victoria to Gotheborg, Sweden bearing 1854 Victoria Woodblock 6 d. dull orange with four margins, cancelled by barred numeral "1" of Melbourne and prepaying 6 d. and underpaid 1 s. 2 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter of 1 s. 8 d. to Sweden. Struck with "DETAINED FOR "1/2" POSTAGE" handstamp in black representing the underpayment and *"1Rdr.24sB*co" in black for the postage to be paid by the recipient. The part pre-payment of 6 d. was not accepted by the Swedish postal authorities and the entire was taxed as completely unpaid. Transit datestamps of Melbourne, 'Australie V. Suez', Paris, Hamburg and Gothenburg. A remarkable taxed cover from the Australian Colonies, unrecorded by Ben Palmer, being the fourth earliest cover from Victoria to Sweden. It is believed that there are just three examples recorded of this Swedish tax handstamp. Fine and very rare.
Route - European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne per "Emeu" 16 July 1858 via Galle (7 Aug) to Suez; overland to Alexandria. P&O Line: "Teviot" (26 Aug) to Malta (30 Aug) Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: Wye" (30 Aug) to Marseilles (2 Sept); by rail via Paris to Hamburg (5 Sept); by steamer to Gothenburg (9 Sept); overland to Stahla, arriving 11 Sept 1858 (160 days).
Note: This cover was detained at the Melbourne G.P.O. from the 4 April until the addressee had prepaid the additional 1 s. 2 d. (in manuscript within the 'Detained' handstamp). However, the additional amount should have been 1 s. 8 d. for a total of 2 s. 2 d. via Marseilles. The additional 1 s. 2 d. only prepaid the letter via Southampton. 32a ✉ **1'000**

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3122	1858 (April 11): Entire from Sydney, New South Wales to Genova, Kingdom of Sardinia endorsed *"per 'Victoria' via Marseilles"* bearing 1854 New South Wales Diadem 6 d. grey, imperforate with four large margins and 1 s. brownish-red, good margins, small nick at top left, cancelled by the Sydney bars obliterator and prepaying 1 s. 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Sardinia. *"20"* (dècimes) manuscript in black debit to France for forwarding to Sardinia with clear transit datestamps on the reverse. A very fine cover and a rare destination from the Australian Colonies. Four classic period covers recorded from New South Wales to the Kingdom of Sardinia. *Route - European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Sydney 11 April 1858 per "Victoria" via Galle (1 May) to Suez; overland to Alexandria. P&O Line: "Cambria" (8 June) to Malta (11 June) Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: "Wye" (11 June) to Marseilles; by rail from Marseilles (14 June) via Paris to Genova, arriving 17 June 1858 (70 days).*	94+ 101	✉	**1'500**



3123

3123	1858 (May 11): Entire from Sydney, New South Wales to Bordeaux, France bearing 1854 New South Wales Diadem 1 s. brownish-red, imperforate with four huge margins and 1856 2 d. blue, imperforate, four close to large margins, clearly cancelled by the Sydney bars obliterator, prepaying 1 s. 2 d. for a ¼ ounce ship letter to France. Endorsed *"per European via Marseilles"* at top and "10" (dècimes) handstamp in black for French internal postage to be paid by the recipient. Multiple datestamps on the reverse and small part of back flap missing. Fine and attractive, with New South Wales imperforate covers to France being, somewhat surprisingly, rare. Signed Calves. *Route - European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Sydney 11 May 1858 per "European" via Galle (9 June) to Suez (30 June); overland to Alexandria. P&O Line: "Treviot" (2 July) to Malta. Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: "Wye" (6 July) to Marseilles; by rail from Marseilles (9 July) via Paris to Bordeaux, arriving 18 July 1858 (67 days).* *(Photo = 92)*	101+ 112	✉	**750**
3124	1858 (July 16): Cover from Launceston, Tasmania to Grenoble, France bearing 1858 Tasmania Chalon 6 d. dull lilac, imperforate with four margins, clearly cancelled by barred numeral "62", prepaid 6 d. and underpaid 7 d. (and not taxed) for a ¼ ounce ship letter of 1 s. 1 d. to France. "10" (dècimes) handstamp in black for French internal postage to be paid by the recipient and multiple French transit datestamps on the reverse. Some minor cover pinholes otherwise a fine and rare cover. The second earliest stamped cover from Tasmania to France recorded. *Route - European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 16 July 1858 per "Emeu" via Galle (7 Aug) to Suez (24 Aug); overland to Alexandria P&O Line: "Treviot" (26 Aug) to Malta (30 Aug); "Wye" to Marseilles (2 Sept); by rail via Paris to Grenoble, arriving 4 Sept 1858 (59 days).* *(Photo = 87)*	40	✉	**750**
3125	1858 (Oct 11): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to London bearing 1854 New South Wales 6 d. greyish-brown, imperforate, 1856 Diadem 1 d. orange-vermillion and 2 d. blue, all with good to touched margins, cancelled by the "N.S.W." oval handstamp and prepaying 9 d. for a ¼ ounce ship letter to England. Neat and attractive, a rare three colour combination franking with just three imperforate covers recorded making up this 9 d. rate. *Route: European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Sydney 11 Oct 1858 per "Victoria" to Galle (8 Nov); "Victoria's" engine-room flooded and the mail was transferred to: P&O Line: "Oneida" (13 Nov) to Aden; "Oneida" suffered engine failure and the mail transferred to: "Bengal" to Suez (5 Dec); overland to Alexandria; "Niagara" (7 Dec) to Malta. Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: "Wye" to Marseilles (13 Dec); by rail to London arriving 15 Dec 1858 (65 days).* *Note: There were twenty-one incidents with the steamer "Victoria" affecting the transportation and delivery of the mail, which is covered in more detail in "Australasian Wreck Mail" by Brian Peace on page 73.* *(Photo = 87)*	96+ 107+ 112	✉	**300**



View of Adelaide



3126

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3126 1858 (Oct 11): Entire from Adelaide, South Australia to Le Havre, France endorsed *"per Victoria"*, bearing 1855 South Australia 6 d. deep blue, imperforate in a rich shade, three good margins just touched at base at lower left, lightly cancelled in black and prepaid 6 d. and underpaid 7 d. for a ¼ ounce ship letter of 1 s. 1 d. to France. "10" (dècimes) handstamp in black for internal postage to be paid upon receipt. Multiple French transit datestamps on the reverse, filing creases away from the adhesive, otherwise fine and very attractive. A rare destination for South Australia, with just two imperforate covers recorded to France.
Route: - McMeckan, Blackwood & Co: Departed Adelaide 12 Oct 1858 per "Havilah" to Melbourne. European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne (18 Oct) per "Victoria" to Galle (8 Nov); "Victoria's" engine room flooded and mail transferred to: P&O Line: "Oneida" (13 Nov) to Aden; "Oneida" engine failure and mail transferred to: "Bengal" to Suez (5 Dec); overland to Alexandria; "Niagara" (7 Dec) to Malta. Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: "Wye" to Marseilles (13 Dec); by rail from Marseilles via Paris (14 Dec) to Le Havre, arriving 15 December 1858 (65 days).
Note: There were twenty-one incidents with the steamer "Victoria" affecting the transportation and delivery of this sailing, which is covered in more detail in "Australasian Wreck Mail" by Brian Peace on page 73.
Provenance: Collection Ward. 3 ✉ **1'500**



View of Bordeaux



3127

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF
3127	1858 (Dec 18): Entire from Melbourne, Victoria to Bordeaux, France endorsed *"per Columbian Str, via Marseilles"* at upper left bearing 1857 Victoria Half Length 3 d. greenish blue, two imperforate examples, each with four close to good margins, clearly cancelled by barred numeral "1" in black and prepaying 6 d. and underpaid 7 d. (and not taxed) for a ¼ ounce ship letter of 1 s. 1 d. to France. Unusual "CURCIER & ADET / MELBOURNE" commission agents oval handstamp in blue on obverse. "5" (dècimes) handstamp in black ties the stamp at left for French internal postage to be paid by the recipient. Multiple transit datestamps on the reverse including a scarce "SHIP LETTER / MELBOURNE" datestamp in red. Pressed filing crease away from the adhesives, otherwise a fabulous cover in spectacular quality. Cover number 59 in the Palmer census: Victorian Half-length covers to France are rarities with just six recorded. *Route - European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 18 Dec 1858 per "Emeu" via Galle (8 Jan 1859) to Suez (23 Jan); overland to Alexandria; Cunard Line: "Thames" (27 Jan) to Malta (31 Jan). Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: "Wye" to Marseille (3 Feb); by rail to Bordeaux, arriving 4 Feb 1859 (48 days).*	29a	✉	**2'000**



3128

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3128	1859 (March 17): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Bützow, Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin bearing 1858 Victoria 6 d. bright blue, cancelled by barred numeral "1" in black, prepaying 6 d. and underpaid 11 d. for a ¼ ounce ship letter of 1 s. 5 d. to Mecklenburg-Schwerin. *"17"* (silbergroschen) manuscript in blue scored through and converted to *"27¼"* (schillings) manuscript in blue for forwarding from England to be paid by the recipient. "F. 37" Franco-Prussian Convention handstamp in black (Van der Linden fig. 1172) applied in error and re-rated "F. 39" Franco-Prussian Convention handstamp (Van der Linden fig. 1174) in black. Missing side flaps, but a highly attractive and colourful cover. Rare, there are five covers and a front recorded in the Ben Palmer census to the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, this being number 3. The only cover recorded with the "F. 37" Convention handstamp and the only cover from the Australian Colonies with two Franco-Prussian Convention handstamps. Cert. RPSL (2003). *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 17 March 1859 per "Emeu" to Port Louis (13 April). The Emeu broke her shaft on route and the mails transferred, "Granada" (14 April) to Aden (27 April); "Bengal" (27 April) to Suez (4 May); overland to Alexandria. "Ellora" (7 May) via Malta (10 May) to Marseilles (13 May); by rail via Paris and Aachen (16 May) to Bützow (over 60 days).* *Provenance: Collection Davis, Hackmey.*		73	✉	**1'250**
3129	1859 (May 19): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Salem, USA endorsed *"per Columbian via Marseilles"* bearing 1859 Victoria Octagonal 1 s. blue and Emblems 4 d. dull rose (two examples), cancelled by barred numeral "1" obliterator and prepaying 1 s. 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the United States. *"8"* (pence) manuscript in red credit from Victoria to England for forwarding to the United States and *"16"* (cents) manuscript in red credit from England to the United States for the Transatlantic shipment by American packet. "5 / N. YORK Am. PKT" datestamp in black for 5 cents US internal postage to be paid by the recipient. Fine and scarce, the earliest recorded usage of this printing of the 4 d. Emblems on cover. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 19 May 1859 per "Columbian" via Port Louis (24 June) to Suez (20 July); overland to Alexandria; "Panther" (22 July) to Marseilles; by rail from Marseilles (29 July) to London (1 Aug). Vanderbilt European Line: Departed Southampton (3 Aug) per "Vanderbilt" to New York (14 Aug 1859); by rail via Boston to Salem (over 90 days).* *Note: Australian colonial covers carried by the Vanderbilt Line are extremely scarce.* *The two 4 d. adhesives (Gibbons 83) are used on the First Day of Issue as stated by the SG catalogue.* *(Photo = 87)*		81+ 83	✉	**500**
3130	1859 (July 18): Entire letter from Melbourne, Victoria to London endorsed *"Via Marseilles"* bearing 1858 Victoria Emblem 2 d. violet, 1858 6 d. bright blue, 1859 Emblem 1 d. yellow-green, small indentation at left and 1859 octagonal 1 s. blue, all cancelled by the numeral "1" obliterator and prepaying 1 s. 9 d. for a ¾ ounce ship letter to England. Very fine, a rare four colour franking of fine appearance with very few ¾ ounce ship letters known. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 18 July 1859 per "Northam", via Port Louis (7 Aug) to Suez (28 Aug); overland to Alexandria; "Panther" (5 Sept) via Malta (8 Sept) to Marseilles (12 Sept); by rail to London arriving 14 Sept 1859 (58 days).* *(Photo = 87)*		70+ 73+ 76+ 81	✉	**750**



3131

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3131 1859 (July 29): Cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Renfrew, Scotland endorsed *"Per Northam Via Marseilles"* at upper left, bearing 1859 South Australia rouletted 1 s. orange, lightly cancelled by the Adelaide circular bars obliterator at top and leaving the profile clear, prepaying 1 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. Just six covers recorded with the 1 s. orange first roulette. A cover of outstanding quality and the finest example of this stamp recorded on cover.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Adelaide 20 July 1859 per "Northam", via Port Louis (7 Aug) to Suez (28 Aug); overland to Alexandria; "Panther" (5 Feb) via Malta (8 Sept) to Marseilles (12 Sept); by rail via London to Renfrew arriving 15 Sept 1859 (57 days).
Provenance: Collection Gibson, Blake, 'Chartwell'.

18 ✉ **1'000**



3132

3132 1859 (Aug 15): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Offenbach, Grand Duchy of Hesse endorsed *"Via Overland and Southampton for Frankfurt a/m in Germany"*, bearing 1854 New South Wales Diadem 6 d. olive-grey, four close to large margins, just touched at top right, lightly cancelled by the Sydney duplex and prepaying 6 d. and underpaid 11 d. for a ¼ ounce ship letter of 1 s. 5 d. to the Grand Duchy of Hesse. Despite endorsement, the cover was placed in the Marseilles mails for quicker delivery. "A.U.UEB FRANKREICH" in black (not listed by Van Der Linden) applied by the Thurn & Taxis Post in Frankfurt for transit through France. *"16"* manuscript in blue scored through and re-rated *"25"* (kreuzer) credit to France plus an additional *"9"* (kreuzer) for internal German delivery totalling 34 kreuzer. *"34"* (kreuzer) manuscript in blue plus an additional "1" (kreuzer) for local delivery to be paid by the recipient. Multiple transit datestamps on the reverse, a small part of the lower backflap missing, otherwise very fine. Illustrated in "Maritime Connections to and from New South Wales" by Paul Wijnants on page 83. Highly colourful and a destination rarity from the Australian Colonies, being the only recorded cover from New South Wales to the Grand Duchy of Hesse.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 15 Aug 1859 per "Salsette" via Port Louis (9 Sept) to Suez; overland to Alexandria; "Panther" (30 Sept) via Malta (3 Oct) to Marseilles (6 Oct); by rail from Marseilles via Paris and Frankfurt to Offenbach, arriving 8 Oct 1859 (55 days).
Note: The postal system of Hesse was privately operated by the Prussian post.
Provenance: Collection Palmer.

95 ✉ **1'500**

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3133	1859 (Oct 14): Second sheet of entire letter from Sydney, New South Wales to Leamington, England endorsed *"via Marseilles"* at upper left, bearing 1854 New South Wales 1 s. pale red, margins close to large, neatly cancelled by Sydney duplex and prepaying 1 s. for a 1 ounce ship letter to England. Very fine and attractive. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney per "Emeu" 14 Oct 1859 via Port Louis (9 Nov) to Suez (28 Nov); overland to Alexandria; "Valetta" (30 Nov) via Malta (3 Dec) to Marseilles; by rail from Marseilles (6 Dec) via London to Leamington, arriving 8 Dec 1859 (55 days).* (Photo = 87)	100	✉	**200**
3134	1860 (Feb 18): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Bückeberg, Principality of Schaumburg-Lippe endorsed *"pr. Travelling Post Office via Marseilles"* bearing 1858 Victoria 6 d. bright blue, a single example, two small spots at top and cancelled by barred numeral "1" in black and prepaying 6 d. and underpaid 11 d. for a ¼ ounce ship letter of 1 s. 5 d. to the Principality of Schaumberg-Lippe (Lower Saxony). *"11¼"* (silbergroschen) manuscript in blue recognising the under payment and the internal postage to be paid by the recipient. A fine and scarce cover to an unusual destination. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne per "Salsette" 18 Feb 1860 via Port Louis (9 March) to Suez (25 March); overland to Alexandria; "Panther" (28 March) to Marseilles; by rail from Marseilles (3 April) via Paris to Bückeburg, arriving 6 April 1860 (72 days).* *Notes: This was the last voyage of the mail route via Port Louis, Mauritius. From late March 1860, the route was changed to via Galle, Ceylon. The postal system of the Principality of Schaumburg-Lippe was privately operated by the Thurn & Taxis Post.* (Photo = 101)	73	✉	**500**



3135

3135	1860 (March 20): Entire letter from Adelaide, South Australia to Whitehaven, England endorsed *"per Northam Via Marseilles"* at upper left, bearing 1859 South Australia rouletted 1 d. yellow-green, 2 d. red and 1860 6 d. violet blue, cancelled by the circular bars postmark of Adelaide and prepaying 9 d. for a ¼ ounce ship letter to England. A very fine and rare cover bearing both the first and second roulette issues. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Adelaide 20 March 1860 per "Northam" via Galle (7 April) to Suez (23 April); overland to Alexandria; "Vectis" (27 April) via Malta (30 April) to Marseilles; by rail from Marseilles (3 May) to London, arriving 5 May 1860 (46 days).* *Note: This cover shows the transition between the First and Second roulette issues of South Australia. The 1 d. and 2 d. values are from the First issue, whilst the 6 d. value is from the Second issue. This entire, dated the 17.3.1860, is earliest example of the Second Roulette issue recorded and pre-dates the Stanley Gibbons listing by two days.*	13+ 15+ 28	✉	**1'000**



3136

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3136 1860 (April 22): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Nordenhamm, Grand Duchy of Oldenburg endorsed *"per Emeu in closed mail to France"*, bearing 1860 New South Wales Diadem 6 d. grey-brown, perf. 12, pair, neatly cancelled by Sydney duplex and prepaying 1 s. and underpaid 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter of 1 s. 8 d. to the Grand Duchy of Oldenburg. "F. 59" Franco-German Convention handstamp (Van der Linden fig. 1199) in black (tying the lower stamp) and *"17"* (silbergroschen) manuscript in blue to be paid on receipt. Fine and rare: the only recorded cover from the Australian Colonies to the Grand Duchy of Oldenburg and the only recorded example of the "F.59" Convention handstamp on mail from New South Wales.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney per "Emeu" 22 April 1860 via Galle (17 May) to Suez (2 June); overland to Alexandria; "Panther" (4 June) to Marseilles; by rail from Marseilles (10 June) via Paris and Aachen to Oldenburg, arriving 12 June 1860 (49 days).
Note: Illustrated in "Maritime Connections to and from New South Wales" by Paul Wijnants on page 76.
Provenance: Collection 'Alvarado', Palmer.
143 ✉ **1'000**



3137

3137 1860 (Sept 12): Cover front and part back from Guildford, Western Australia to London bearing 1854 Western Australia 1 d. black, a single and pair, four margins but pair with fault at upper left and 1857 Hillman 6 d. grey-black, three margins and small stain, indistinctly cancelled by the Guildford barred circle obliterator and prepaying 9 d. for a ¼ ounce ship letter to England. Vertical file fold crosses the left-hand 1 d. and the stamps possibly excised and replaced. Guildford despatch datestamp at the lower left and London arrival in red on the reverse. Despite the faults, this franking is a rarity from Western Australia. Three imperforate covers are recorded from Western Australia prepaying the 9 d. rate via Marseilles to England. Two, including this, are fronts with just one full cover known.
Route - P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound 2 Sept 1860 per "Salsette" to Galle (16 Sept) "Columbian" (19 Sept) to Suez (6 Oct); overland to Alexandria; "Vectis" (7 Oct) via Malta (11 Oct) to Marseilles; by rail from Marseilles (14 Oct) to London, arriving 16 Oct 1860 (44 days).
Provenance: Collection Walkley.
1+ 19 (✉) **1'500**

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3138 1860 (Aug 26): Cover from Prahran, Victoria to London endorsed *"Via Marseilles"* bearing 1858 Victoria Emblem 2 d. violet, 1858 6 d. bright blue and 1860 Emblem 1 d. pale yellowish-green, indistinctly cancelled by the Prahran barred numeral obliterator and prepaying 9 d. for a ¼ ounce ship letter to England. Reverse with embossed advertising cameo for "S. RUDDUCK / MANCHESTER & WHALEBONE WAREHOUSE' in bright red. A fine cover and an unusual make-up for the 9 d. rate.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 26 Aug 1860 per "Salsette" to Galle (16 Sept); "Columbian" (Sept 19) to Suez (6 Oct); overland to Alexandria; "Vectis" (7 Oct) via Malta (11 Oct) to Marseilles; by rail from Marseilles (14 Oct) to London, arriving 16 Oct 1860 (52 days). *(Photo = 101)* 70+ 73+ 98 ✉ **200**



3139

3139 1861 (Feb 14): Cover from Ipswich, Queensland to Ilminster, England endorsed *"Via Marseilles"* at top, bearing 1860 Queensland Chalon 6 d. green, imperforate, two single examples with four close to good margins, the stamps unobtrusively excised and replaced, cancelled by rays numeral "87" in black and prepaying 1 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. Transit datestamps on obverse and reverse on a neat and very attractive cover. Illustrated on Page 161 in "The Pre-UPU Mail of Queensland" by Ben Palmer. Multiples of imperforate Queenlsnad Chalon are very rare on cover.
Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane 14 Feb 1861 per "Telegraph" to Sydney. P&O Line: Departed Sydney (20 Feb) per "Salsette" to Galle (16 March); "Colombo" (19 March) to Suez (3 April); overland to Alexandria; "Vectis" (5 April) to Marseilles; by rail from Marseilles via London to Ilminster, arriving 13 April 1860 (61 days).
Provenance: Collection Beston, Manning. 3 ✉ **2'000**

3140 1861 (Feb 24): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Birmingham, England bearing 1858 Victoria Emblem 2 d. dull violet, 1859 Octagonal 1 s. blue, small fault at top, 1861 Beaded Oval 3 d. pale blue and 4 d. rose-pink with each cancelled by barred numeral "1" of Melbourne and prepaying 1 s. 9 d. for a ¾ ounce ship letter to England. One side flap missing but an attractive and very scarce four colour mixed issue franking displaying three different issues.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 24 Feb 1861 per "Salsette" via Galle (16 March); "Colombo" (19 March) to Suez (3 April); overland to Alexandria; "Vectis" (5 April) to Marseilles; by rail from Marseilles via London to Birmingham, arriving 13 April 1860 (61 days). 70a+ 81+
Provenance: Collection Butler. *(Photo = 101)* 90+ 92 ✉ **500**

3141 1861 (March 26): Cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Servon, France bearing 1860 South Australia 6 d. violet-blue cancelled by the "PAID" Adelaide datestamp in blue, prepaid 6 d. and underpaid 7 d. for a ¼ ounce ship letter of 1 s. 1 d. to France. "5" (dècimes) handstamp in black for the French internal postage to be paid upon receipt. "CURCIER, HAWKE & Co. / ADELAIDE" merchants handstamp in blue at left and with multiple French transit datestamps on the reverse. Very scarce - the earliest stamped cover from South Australia to France via Marseilles - an early usage and very fine.
Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Adelaide 26 March 1861 per "Balclutha' for King Georges Sound. P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound (31 March) per "Jeddo" to Galle (13 April); "Nemeses" (20 April) to Suez (4 May); overland to Alexandria; "Valetta" (5 May) to Marseilles (11 May); by rail from Marseilles via Paris to Servon, arriving 13 May 1861 (49 days).
(Photo = 101) 28 ✉ **400**



Paddle Steamer 'Valetta'



3142

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3142	1861 (Sept 22): Cover from Hobart, Tasmania to Birmingham, England endorsed *"Via Marseilles"*, bearing 1863 Tasmania Chalon 1 d. brick-red, 2 d. slate-green and 1860 6 d. grey, imperforate, margins generally fine, cancelled by the Hobart bars obliterator and prepaying 9 d. for a ¼ ounce ship letter to England. Hobart despatch datestamp in red. Top flap missing otherwise a rare and attractive three colour franking. Five imperforate three colour frankings are recorded for the 9 d. ship letter rate via Marseilles. *Route - Launceston Steam Navigation Co: Departed Launceston 22 Sept 1861 per "Black Swan' to Melbourne (24 Sept). P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (25 Sept) per "Salsette" to Galle (20 Oct); "Candia" to Suez (4 Nov); overland to Alexandria; "Valetta" (6 Nov) to Marseilles (12 Nov); by rail from Marseilles via London to Birmingham, arriving 16 Nov 1861 (56 days).*	27+ 34+ 45	✉	**1'250**
3143	1862 (March 26): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Birmingham, England endorsed *"Via Marseilles"* at upper left, bearing 1859 Victoria Octagonal 1 s. blue, 1861 Beaded Oval 3 d. pale blue and 6 d. black, cancelled by the Melbourne duplex and prepaying 1 s. 9 d. for a ¾ ounce ship letter to England. A fine three colour franking. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne per "Northam" 26 March 1862 to Galle (14 April); "Bengal (18 April) to Suez (3 May); overland to Alexandria; "Vectis" (5 May) to Marseilles; by rail from Marseilles (11 May) via London to Birmingham, arriving 13 May 1862 (48 days).* *Provenance: Collection Purves, Perry, Kellow.* *(Photo = 101)*	81+ 90+ 94	✉	**300**
3144	1862 (Sept 26): Registered cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Glasgow, Scotland endorsed *"Via Marseilles"* bearing 1859 Victoria Octagonal 1 s. blue, two examples and 1861 Beaded Oval 3 d. pale blue and 6 d. black, cancelled by barred numeral "1" obliterator and prepaying 2 s. 9 d. comprising 1 s. 9 d. for a ¾ oz ship letter to Scotland plus 1 s. for Registration. Weak "REGISTERED / MELBOURNE" datestamp in red at the lower right. Torn flap and slight ageing, otherwise a very scarce registered franking. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne per "Northam" 26 Sept 1862 to Galle (17 Oct), "Bengal" (18 Oct) from Galle to Suez (3 Nov); overland to Alexandria; "Vectis" via Malta (9 Nov) to Marseilles (12 Nov); by rail from Marseilles via London to Glasgow, arriving 14 Nov 1862 (50 days).* *Provenance: Collection Moreton, Winchester.* *(Photo = 101)*	81+ 90+ 94	✉	**200**
3145	1862 (21 October): Cover from Sandhurst, Victoria to Melton Mowbray, England with very fine framed **"Saved from the wreck of / the Colombo"** handstamp in black on the reverse. The stamps lost due to the sinking of this P&O Line steamer, as are nearly all covers from this Wreck. Minor tears at top but in fine condition compared to many other examples. *Note: The P&O steamship "Colombo" was wrecked during a rainstorm on Minicoy Island, Laccadives at 4am. on the 19 November 1862. Most of the mail was recovered over a period of three months with the last delivered by February 1863. This incident is covered in extensive detail in "Australasian Wreck Mail" by Brian Peace at Pages 85-133; though this envelope is not included within the Victoria census of 22 covers on Page 93. See also "A History of Wreck Covers" by A.E. Hopkins, pages 17-19.* *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 26 Oct 1862 per "Bombay" to Galle (15 Nov), "Colombo" (17 Nov) from Galle and wrecked on Minicoy Island (19 Nov); "Candia" (18 Dec) from Galle to Suez (2 Jan 1863); overland to Alexandria; "Valetta" to Marseilles (19.Jan), by rail from Marseilles via London (22 Jan) to Melton Mowbray, arriving 22 Jan 1863 (93 days).* *(Photo = 101)*		✉	**300**



3134 / CHF 500



3138 / CHF 200



3140 / CHF 500



3141 / CHF 400



3143 / CHF 300



3144 / CHF 200



3145 / CHF 300



3148 / CHF 750



Paddle Steamer 'Vectis'



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Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3146 1862 (Dec 2): Cover from Gladstone, Queensland to London endorsed *"via Marseilles"* bearing 1861 Queensland Chalon 6 d. deep green, rough perf.14-16, a strip of three lightly cancelled and prepaying 1 s. 6 d. and underpaid 3 d. for a ¾ ounce ship letter of 1 s. 9 d. to England. The largest multiple recorded of the Queensland 6 d. Chalon rough perforated 14-16 known on cover. Outstanding quality for this period and a very rare cover.
Route - Queensland Steam Navigation Co: Departed Gladstone 2 Dec 1862 per "Clarence" to Brisbane. Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane (6 Dec) per "Telegraph" to Sydney. P&O Line: Departed Sydney (22 Dec) per "Northam" to Galle (15 Jan 1863); "Bengal" (18 Jan) to Suez (1 Feb); overland to Alexandria; "Vectis" (4 Feb) via Malta (7 Feb) to Marseilles (10 Feb), by rail from Marseilles to London, arriving 12 Feb 1863 (72 days).
Note: In "The Pre-UPU Mail of Queensland", Ben Palmer's census records only one cover correctly prepaid 1 s. 9 d. for a ¾ oz ship letter to England (see the following lot). There is another dated 14 February 1862 also prepaid 1 s. 6 d. as a comparison to this cover. These three covers are the only examples recorded of this ¾ ounce ship letter rate which was only available for eighteen months until 1 August 1863.
Provenance: Collection Manning.

17 ✉ **1'500**



3147

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3147	1862 (Feb 18): Cover from Brisbane, Queensland to Glasgow, Scotland endorsed *"via Marseilles"*, bearing 1860-61 Queensland Chalon 3 d. brown, 6 d. deep green and 6 d. yellow-green (two examples), rough perf. 14-16, lightly cancelled and prepaying 1 s. 9 d. for a ¾ ounce ship letter to Scotland. Fine and rare - a most attractive three colour franking. *Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane 18 Feb 1863 per "Telegraph" to Sydney (20 Feb) P&O Line: Departed Sydney (21 Feb) per "Madras" to Galle (15 March); "Simla" (18 March) to Suez (1 April); overland to Alexandria; "Vectis" (4 April) via Malta (7 April) to Marseilles (10 April); by rail via London to Glasgow arriving 13 April 1863 (55 days).* *Note: The 9 d. rate via Marseilles for a ¾ ounce ship letter was only available for a year from 1 Aug 1862 to 1 Aug 1863 whereupon the ½ ounce ship letter rate to England was standardised to 10 d. This cover is the only recorded example of a correctly prepaid ¾ ounce ship letter from Queensland via Marseilles during this period. Illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Mail of Queensland" on page 167 and in "Queensland Postal Rates and Charges 1832-1913" on page 25.* *Provenance: Collection Campbell.*	16+ 17+ 18	✉	**1'500**
3148	1863 (Nov 26): Cover from Meadows, South Australia to Belbroughton, England bearing 1860 South Australia rouletted 1 d. bright yellow-green, 2 d. pale vermillion and 6 d. violet-blue each cancelled by the barred diamond "99" of Meadows (rated RR in "The Handheld Postmarks of South Australia"), prepaying 9 d. and underpaid 1 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter of 10 d. to England. "DEFICIENT POSTAGE "1" / FINE "6" handstamp in black (just ties the 6 d. adhesive) applied at Adelaide. *"7"* (pence) manuscript in black representing the deficient postage to be paid by the recipient (the rate for a ½ ounce ship letter to England increased from 9 d. to 10 d. on the 14 July 1863). Very fine and a rare three colour franking. *Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Adelaide 26 Nov 1863 per "Rangatira" to King Georges Sound. P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound (2 Dec) per "Madras" to Galle (16 Dec); "Candia" (17 Dec) to Suez (30 Dec); overland to Alexandria; French Steamship: "Moeris" (1 Jan 1864) via Malta (7 Jan) to Marseilles; by rail from Marseilles via London to Belbroughton, arriving 10 Jan 1864 (48 days).* *Note: The datestamps on the reverse of this cover indicate that it was carried by the quicker French steam service via Marseilles. The P&O service mail arrived in London later on the 13 Jan 1863.* *(Photo = 101)*	19+ 25+ 28	✉	**750**
3149	1863 (Dec 23): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to London endorsed *"via Marseilles, the Supplementary Mail via Melbourne"* at upper left, bearing 1863 New South Wales 2 d. pale blue and 1862 Diadem 6 d. reddish-purple, four examples, one with perf. faults, cancelled by the Sydney duplex. Prepaid 2 s. 2 d. comprising 1 s. 8 d. for a 1 ounce ship letter to England plus 6 d. Supplementary Fee levied after the closure of the mails. Side flaps missing but generally fine, a very scarce supplementary fee cover during the perforated Diadem series. *Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Supplementary mail departed Sydney 23 Dec 1863 per "Wonga Wonga" to Melbourne. P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (26 Dec) per "Northam" to Galle (15 Jan 1864); "Carnatic" (18 Jan) to Suez (1 Feb); overland to Alexandria; "Massilia" (4 Feb) to Marseilles (10 Feb); by rail from Marseilles to London arriving 12 Feb 1864 (51 days).* *Note: During the period 1856-1870, a Supplementary Mail was generally arranged to catch the mail steamer service to Melbourne. This was advertised for a period of one to three days following the departure of the main steamer to Melbourne. Mail was accepted upon a Late Fee of 6 d. in addition to the postage. This additional charge was advertised as a Supplementary Fee. Just seven examples recorded of the supplementary mail fee via Marseilles between 1863-70.* *Provenance: Collection Hutson, Palmer.* *(Photo = 105)*	192+ 163	✉	**300**

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3150	1864 (Oct 22): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to London bearing 1862 New South Wales Diadem 6 d. reddish-purple and two 8 d. yellow-orange (scarce on letter), cancelled by the Sydney duplex and prepaying 1 s. 10 d. comprising 1 s. 4 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England plus 6 d. Late Fee levied after the closure of the mails. A very fine and rare franking. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 22 Oct 1864 per "Bombay" to Galle (15 Nov); "Simla" (17 Nov) to Suez (3 Dec); overland to Alexandria; "Euxine" (5 Dec) via Malta (8 Dec) to Marseilles; by rail from Marseilles to London, arriving 13 Dec 1864 (52 days).* *Note: New South Wales temporarily increased the rates via Marseilles from the 1 July 1864 to the 14 November 1864 becoming 1 s. 4 d for a ½ ounce ship letter via Marseilles. After this date, the old rate of 10 d. was again resumed. Letters would have been charged at the higher rates for only four P&O sailings from Sydney from the July to October monthly voyages. During the four month period of the temporary rate increase, mail sent via Southampton during this time was readily available. Thus mail sent via Marseilles during this period is rare, with only a few examples recorded.* *Provenance: Collection Davis, Forster, Palmer.* *(Photo = 105)*	163+ 167b	✉	**500**
3151	1864 (Oct 22): Cover from Hunters Hill, New South Wales to Locarno, Switzerland bearing 1862 New South Wales Diadem 6 d. reddish-purple, perf. 13, small tear at top, cancelled by rays numeral "221" of Hunters Hill (rated RRR in "The Numeral Cancellations of New South Wales" by Freeman), prepaying 6 d. and underpaid 1 s. 4 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter of 1 s. 10 d. to Switzerland. *"90"* (rappen) manuscript in red for internal postage to be paid by the recipient. Unusually, mail from New South Wales to Switzerland is very scarce, with the Swiss immigrants following the Victorian gold rushes and not venturing north over the border. A small portion of the backflap is missing and minor soiling confined to reverse, otherwise fine and a very scarce destination for New South Wales. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 22 Oct 1864 per "Bombay" to Galle (15 Nov); "Simla" (17 Nov) to Suez (3 Dec); overland to Alexandria; "Euxine" (5 Dec) via Malta (8 Dec) to Marseilles; by rail from Marseilles (11 Dec) to Locarno, arriving 16 Dec 1864 (55 days).* *Note: The temporary rates increase appears to have only applied to mail to Great Britain. This envelope was addressed to Switzerland, and routed via Marseilles which avoided the British mail system and the potential postage due. However, it was still grossly underpaid, and not identified by the postal officials of either New South Wales or Switzerland.* *Provenance: Collection Davis, 'Alvarado'.* *(Photo = 105)*	163	✉	**300**



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3152	1865 (April 19): Cover from Brisbane, Queensland to London endorsed *"via Marseilles"* bearing 1863 Queensland Chalon 1 d. orange-vermillion, 3 d. brown and 1 s. grey, each lightly cancelled by the rays "QL" of Brisbane and prepaying 1 s. 4 d. comprising 10 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England plus 6 d. Late Fee levied after the closure of the mails. Unlisted in the Palmer census. A rare three colour franking, being the only recorded cover with this combination of values. Outstanding quality and a showpiece. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Brisbane 19 April 1865 per "Collaroy" to Sydney. P&O Line: Departed Sydney (22 April) per "Bombay" to Galle (7 June); "Candia" (8 June) to Suez (26 July); overland to Alexandria; "Delta" (27 June) via Malta (1 July) to Marseilles (4 July); by rail to London, arriving 5 July 1865 (77 days).*	22+ 25+ 29	✉	**1'500**



3149 / CHF 300



3151 / CHF 300



3157 / CHF 500



3159 / CHF 100



3162 / CHF 100



3150 / CHF 500



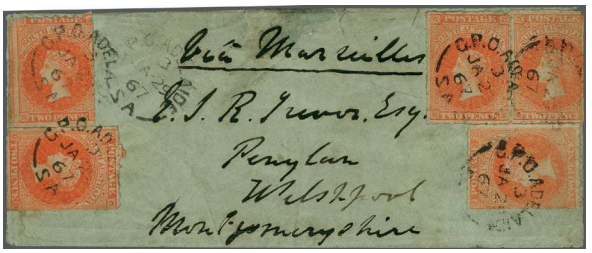
3156 / CHF 600



3153 / CHF 250



3161 / CHF 250



3163 / CHF 250

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3153 1865 (June 26): Cover from Dunolly, Victoria to Onderdendam, near Groningen, Netherlands bearing 1865 Victoria Laureate 1 s. blue on blue paper, creased and perf. faults from folding over edge of cover, indistinctly cancelled by the Dunolly barred numeral and prepaying 1 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England, with the cover unpaid to the Netherlands. Some minor soiling mainly confined to the reverse, otherwise a very scarce destination, with six of the nine earlier covers from Victoria to the Netherlands being stampless.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 26 June 1865 per "Northam" to Galle (19 June); "Nemesis" (19 June) to Suez (6 July); overland to Alexandria; "Massilia" (7 Aug) via Malta (11 Aug) to Marseilles; by rail from Marseilles (13 Aug) to On Der Den Dum, arriving 17 Aug 1865 (57 days).
Note: Victorian rate tables could not prepay mail to the Netherlands until April 1866. Further forwarding charges were payable by the recipient on delivery. For this envelope, no further charges appear to have been raised.
Provenance: Collection Perry. *(Photo = 105)* 113 ✉ **250**

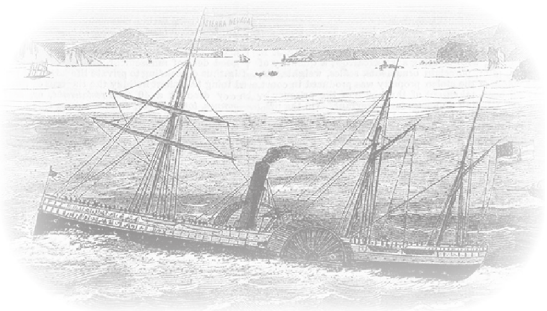


3154



Ratzeburg Cathedral

3154 1865 (July 28): Cover from Hochkirch, Victoria to Ratzeburg, Duchy of Schleswig-Holstein endorsed *"via Southampton"*, bearing 1864 Victoria Laureate 1 d. pale green, 2 d. violet and 4 d. deep rose in a horizontal pair all superbly cancelled by barred numeral "461" of Hochkirch with datestamp alongside. Prepaid 11 d. and underpaid 3 d. for a ¼ ounce ship letter of 1 s. 2 d. to Schleswig Holstein. "INSUFFICIENTLY/PAID" handstamp in red and "GB / 1f 62½c" handstamp in red both applied at Melbourne in transit. "F. 39" Franco-German Convention handstamp (Van der Linden fig. 1174) in black (just four usages of this handstamp known on mail from Victoria) and *"18½"* (skillings) manuscript in red credit to France for transit via Marseille. A very colourful cover in superb condition.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 28 July 1865 per "Salsette" to Galle (19 Aug); "Bengal" (19 Aug) to Suez (5 Sept); overland to Alexandria; "Syria" (7 Sept) via Malta (10 Sept) to Marseilles (14 Sept); by rail via Danish Post Office in Hamburg (16 Sept) to Ratzeburg, arriving 17 Sept 1865 (51 days).
Note: Although endorsed via Southampton, this envelope was placed on the quicker route via Marseilles.
This cover was sent during a very turbulent period for the Duchy of Schleswig-Holstein, a territory governed by the Kingdom of Denmark at this time. With the German speaking southern Schleswig rebelling and wanting to become part of the North German Confederation, Denmark was forced to go to war with Prussia in 1848, winning the war but still unable to integrate the territory within the Kingdom of Denmark. In 1864 (the year before this cover was mailed) Denmark tried again to formally integrate the territory, and so the Second Schleswig War was fought, this time both Prussia and Austria defeated the Danes at the Battle of Dybbol. The two powers shared the territory between them. The Austrians administered the territory whilst the Prussians governed Schleswig. War broke out between them in 1866, just after the arrival of this cover, with Prussia emerging victorious. They annexed Schleswig-Holstein in 1867. 108+ 109+ 110 ✉ **750**



Paddle Steamer 'Sierra Nevada' approaches the Golden Gate in San Francisco



3155

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3155 1865 (May 26): Mourning cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Victoria, Vancouver Island, bearing 1865 Victoria Laureate 1 s. blue on blued paper cancelled by the Melbourne duplex and prepaying 1 s. and underpaid 5 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Vancouver Island. *"11"* (pence) manuscript in black debit to Great Britain for forwarding to Vancouver Island. The adhesive with fault at top where folded over the envelope. One of the great mail route covers of the Australian Colonies with a detailed explanation below. The earliest recorded cover from Victoria to Vancouver Island with only a couple of covers recorded from all the Australian Colonies carried via the Central Overland Route.
Introduction of new postal routes to the west coast of the United States of America and Canada Up to 1857, postal items addressed to the west coast of the United States were sent via the Pacific Ocean. After the conclusion of the Crimean War in 1856, England was reviewing it's trading and postal routes. In February 1857, a new rate was introduced by England combined with a new route to the west coast of the United States for New South Wales, Queensland, and Victoria. The introduction of the new 1 s. 9 d. rate in February 1857 via England was expensive compared to the default transmission of mail to the west coast of the United States via the Pacific Ocean. Up to the beginning of 1859, the carriage of mail from the United Kingdom to San Francisco was carried via Panama. Although nearly all mail recorded from the Australian Colonies was still sent via the Pacific Ocean, only a couple of covers are recorded via England transversing the new western United States route. In March 1859, a new contract was established to carry the mail by rail from New York, via Chicago to St. Joseph, Missouri, and then by stage coach using three contractors to Sacramento, and finally by river steamer to San Francisco. This became known as the Central Overland Route, the journey of this cover from Victoria to Vancouver Island.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 26 May 1865 per "Madras" to Galle (16 June); "Mooltan" (19 June) to Suez (6 July); overland to Alexandria; "Poonah" (8 July) via Malta (11 July) to Marseilles (15 July); by rail via London to Liverpool. Inman Line: Departed Liverpool (19 July) per "City of New York" to New York (31 July); by rail to St. Joseph. By Stage Coach - The Central Overland Co: Departed St. Joseph, Missouri to Salt Lake City. The Butterfield Company: Departed Salt Lake City to Virginia City, Nevada. Pioneer Stage Company: Departed Virginia City, Nevada to Sacramento, California. Private River Steamer Service: Departed Sacramento to San Francisco. Private steamship: Departed San Francisco (28 Aug) per "Sierra Nevada" via Portland to Victoria, arriving 16 Sept 1865 (114 days).
Provenance: Collection Kramer.

113 ✉ **500**

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3156	1865 (July 28): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Belfast, Prince Edward Island bearing 1863 Victoria Adapted Design 6 d. grey-black, a strip of three, cancelled by the Melbourne duplex and prepaying 1 s. 6 d. comprising 1 s. 3 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Prince Edward Island plus 3 d. Late Fee after the closure of the mails. *"5"* (pence) manuscript in red credit from Great Britain to Canada for Transatlantic postage by a Canadian packet and *"1"* (penny) manuscript in red for inland postage to be paid by the recipient. Very fine Prince Edward Island arrival datestamp (27 Sept) on the reverse. Extremely rare destination from the Australian Colonies. The only recorded cover from Victoria to Prince Edward Island and illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Destination Mail of Victoria" by Ben Palmer on colour plate 2. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 28 July 1865 per "Salsette" to Galle (19 Aug); "Bengal" to Suez; overland to Alexandria; "Syria" (7 Sept) via Malta (10 Sept) to Marseilles (14 Sept); by rail from Marseilles to London. Allan Line: Departed London (15 Sept) per "Moravian" to Quebec City; by private steamship to Prince Edward Island, arriving 27 Sept 1865 (60 days).* *Provenance: Collection Palmer.* *(Photo = 105)*	107b	✉	**600**
3157	1865 (Sept 22): Registered cover from Nerrigundah, New South Wales to Yarmouth, England bearing 1864 New South Wales 2 d. cobalt blue (2), 1864 Diadem 6 d. purple and 1863 Registered 6 d. rose-red and indigo, each cancelled by rays numeral "338" of Nerrigundah (a very rare cancel rated RRRRR by Freeman in "The Numeral Cancels of New South Wales"), prepaying 1 s. 4 d. comprising 10 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England plus 6 d. Registration. One or two reinforced cover tears, but a very rare cover. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 22 Sept 1865 per "Northam" to Galle (17 Oct); "Delhi" (18 Oct) to Suez (1 Nov); overland to Alexandria; "Syria" (3 Nov) via Malta (6 Nov) to Marseilles (9 Nov), by rail from Marseilles via London to Yarmouth, arriving 11 Nov 1865 (50 days).* *(Photo = 105)*	193+ 165+ 126	✉	**500**



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3158	1866 (Feb 24): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Shurley Village, USA bearing 1865 10 d. grey-black, two examples cancelled by Melbourne duplex, prepaying 1 s. 8 d. and overpaid 2 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter of 1 s. 6 d. to the United States. *"8"* (pence) manuscript in red credit to the United States for carriage by an American packet and "16 cents" in red credit to the United States for Transatlantic shipment by an American packet. "BOSTON AM / PKT 5" (cents) handstamp in black for internal United States postage to be paid by the recipient. Cover number 203 in the Palmer census. Sealed cover tear at the lower right and on reverse, otherwise fine and rare. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 24 Feb 1866 per "Bombay" via King Georges Sound (1 March) to Galle (14 March); "Nemesis" (18 March) to Suez (1 April); overland to Alexandria; "Nyanza" (4 April) via Malta (7 April) to Marseilles (10 April); by rail via London (13 April) to Liverpool. American Packet: Departed Liverpool (14 April) to Boston (26 April); overland to Shirley Village, arriving 28 April 1866 (63 days).* *Note: In "The Stamps of Victoria" by Geoff Kellow he states, on page 175: "Covers are also of considerable rarity, with less than ten recorded". Of these, only three bear two examples of this scarce stamp on cover.* *Provenance: Levy, Perry, Linfield, 'Chartwell'.*	119a	✉	**800**
3159	1866 (April 8): Cover from Rockhampton, Queensland to London, England endorsed *"via Marseilles"* at upper left, bearing 1863 Queensland Chalon 6 d. apple-green horizontal pair, lightly cancelled by the rays numeral "201" in black, prepaying 1 s. and overpaid 2 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter of 10 d. to England. Multiple well struck transit datestamps on the reverse of an attractive cover. *Route - Australian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Rockhampton 8 April 1866 per "Leichardt" to Brisbane; "Florence Irving" (20 April) to Sydney. P&O Line: Departed Sydney per "Madras" (22 April) to Galle (18 May); "Simla" (18 Oct) to Suez (31 May); overland to Alexandria; "China" (3 June) via Malta (6 June) to Marseilles (9 June); by rail from Marseilles to London, arriving 11 June 1866 (66 days).* *(Photo = 105)*	26	✉	**100**



General Post Office in Adelaide



3160

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3160	1866 (Aug 29): Registered cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Shropshire, England endorsed *"via Marseilles"* at upper left bearing 1864 South Australia 1 d. pale sage green, fault at base, 9 d. grey-lilac and 1 s. chestnut in a horizontal strip of three, cancelled by the G.P.O. Adelaide datestamp and prepaying 3 s. 10 d. comprising 3 s. 4 d. for a quadruple rate 2 ounce ship letter to England plus 6 d. Registration, with "REGISTERED" handstamp in black. Some cover faults consistent with a cover of this size including a closed tear and slight staining on the strip at top, but extremely rare. The highest franking recorded for a rouletted cover from South Australia. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Adelaide 29 Aug 1866 per "Alexandra" to King Georges Sound. P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound (4 Sept) per "Bombay" to Galle (18 Sept); "Bengal" (18 Sept) to Suez (4 Oct); overland to Alexandria; "Delta" (6 Oct) via Malta (9 Oct) to Marseilles (12 Oct); by rail via London to Shrewsbury, arriving 14 Oct 1866 (46 days).*	22+ 34+ 41	✉	**1'000**
3161	1866 (Sept 28): Cover from Richmond, Victoria to Cambridge, New Brunswick endorsed *"via Marseilles By Travelling Post"* at upper left bearing 1866 Victoria Laureate 1 d. deep yellow-green, 2 d. dull violet and 1 s. blue on blue paper with each stamp cancelled by barred numeral "71". Prepaid 1 s. 3 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to New Brunswick. *"5"* (cents) manuscript in red for internal delivery to be paid by the recipient. Illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Mails of Victoria" by Ben Palmer on page 48. A couple of minor cover blemishes but a colourful franking to a scarce destination. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 28 Sept 1866 per "Ellora" via King Georges Sound (4 Oct) to Galle (19 Oct); "Simla" (19 Oct) to Suez (2 Nov); overland to Alexandria; "China" (4 Nov) via Malta (7 Nov) to Marseilles (9 Nov); by rail via London to Liverpool. Allan Line: Departed Liverpool (16 Nov) to Portland (27 Nov); by steamer to St. John (7 Dec); overland via Gagetown to Cambridge, arriving 8 Dec 1866 (72 days).* *Provenance: Collection Purves, Perry, Davis.* *(Photo = 105)*	120b+ 109ac+ 113a	✉	**250**
3162	1866 (25 Dec): Consignee cover from Hobart, Tasmania to Wellington, England and carried privately to London with Great Britain 1864 1 d. lake red, pl. 86 (Gibbons 44), cancelled by a London duplex prepaying 1 d. for an inland letter to Wellington. The cover contains the original letter which is headed *"Hobart, Tasmania"*. Fine, and a very scarce consignees letter in this period from the Australian Colonies. *Route - Tasmanian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Launceston 26 Dec 1866 per "Derwent" to Melbourne. P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (28 Dec) per "Geelong" to Galle (17 Jan 1867); "Candia" (18 Jan) to Suez (31 Jan); overland to Alexandria; "Pera" (3 Feb) via Malta (6 Feb) to Marseilles (9 Feb); by rail from Marseilles via London to Wellington, arriving 13 Feb 1866 (50 days).* *(Photo = 105)*		✉	**100**

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3163	1867 (Jan 29): Cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Welshpool, Wales endorsed *"via Marseilles"* at top, bearing 1864 South Australia 2 d. bright vermillion, three single examples and a pair, right stamp partly folded over the edge, cancelled by the G.P.O. Adelaide datestamp and prepaying 10 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. Welshpool arrival cds on the reverse. A couple of sealed tears at top, otherwise fine, and a rare make-up for the 10 d. ship letter rate. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Adelaide 29 Jan 1867 per "Eliza Corry" to King Georges Sound. P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound (3 Feb) per "Avoca" to Galle (17 Feb); "Nubia" (18 Feb) to Suez (4 March); overland to Alexandria; "Delta" (7 March) via Malta (10 March) to Marseilles (13 March); by rail from Marseilles via London to Welshpool arriving 15 March 1867 (45 days).* (Photo = 🗐 105)	26	✉	**250**
3164	1867 (April 28): Cover from Hepburn, Victoria to Locarno, Switzerland bearing 1865 Victoria Laureate 8 d. orange and 1 s. blue on blue paper, cancelled by barred numeral "25", prepaying 1 s. 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Switzerland. Transit and arrival datestamps on obverse and reverse. Back flap missing and a small stain but with fine oval "Maggia" handstamp on reverse, a very fine and rare usage of the 8 d. value on cover - Geoff Kellow RDP in "The Stamps of Victoria" on page 172 states *"Covers are of considerable rarity with only about six recorded…".* *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 28 April 1867 per "Avoca" to Galle (19 May); "Surat" (19 June) to Suez (5 June); overland to Alexandria; "Syria" (7 June) via Malta (10 June) to Marseilles (13 June); by rail from Marseilles to Locarno, arriving 16 June 1867 (52 days).* *Provenance: Collection Purves, 'Chartwell'.* (Photo = 🗐 111)	112+ 113	✉	**750**
3165	1867 (July 3): Entire from Adelaide, South Australia to Renfrew, Scotland bearing 1866 South Australia 10 d. on 9 d. orange-red, neatly cancelled by Adelaide datestamp prepaying 10 d. for a ½ oz ship letter to Scotland. Superb quality for this scarce franking. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Adelaide 3 July 1867 per "Emily Smith" to King Georges Sound. P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound (6 July) per "Geelong" to Galle (19 July); "Candia" (19 July) to Suez (4 Aug); overland to Alexandria; "Pera" (5 Aug) via Malta (9 Aug) to Marseilles (11 Aug); by rail from Marseilles via London to Renfrew arriving 15 Aug 1867 (47 days).* (Photo = 🗐 111)	35	✉	**250**



3166



SS 'Ceylon'

3166	1867 (Dec 26): Combination cover from Albury, New South Wales to the Isle of Wight, England bearing 1863 New South Wales 1863 2 d. pale blue pair, 1864 Diadem 6 d. purple and Victoria 1867 Laureate 2 d. slate-grey, two examples and 1866 6 d. blue, with each cancelled and tied by rays numeral "50" of Albury prepaying the 1 s. 6 d. rate and overpaid 4 d., comprising 6 d. for an inter-colonial letter plus 10 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. Fine, and a rare Riverina cover showing four different stamp issues. *Note: The writer appears to have prepaid the 10 d. ship letter rate via Marseille with both the New South Wales and Victorian adhesives to make sure the envelope was placed in the mails for the quicker service. Just three "Riverina" combination covers are recorded with four colour frankings.* *Route: Overland from Albury 26 Dec 1867 to Melbourne (28 Dec). P&O Line: Departed Melbourne per "Geelong" (28 Dec) to Galle (18 Jan 1868); "Nubia" (18 Jan) to Suez (31 Jan); overland to Alexandria; "Ceylon" (4 Feb) via Malta (7 Feb) to Marseilles (10 Feb); by rail from Marseilles via London (12 Feb); by steamship from Southampton to Cowes, Isle of Wight, arriving 12 Feb 1868 (48 days).*	192+ 165+ Vic 132+ 122	✉	**800**



3164 / CHF 750



3165 / CHF 250



3167 / CHF 300



3168 / CHF 400



ex 3175 / CHF 150



3170 / CHF 100



3171 / CHF 400



3180 / CHF 200



3181 / CHF 400



ex 3182 / CHF 100

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3167	1868 (Feb 1): Cover from Launceston, Tasmania to London endorsed *"via Marseilles"* bearing 1857 Tasmania Chalon 4 d. pale blue, two examples and 1858 1 s. vermillion, all three margins, cancelled by barred numeral "52" and prepaying 1 s. 8 d. for a double rate 1 ounce ship letter to England with a fine Launceston despatch datestamp in red on obverse. Some minor flap tears on the reverse, but a scarce late usage of the Chalon 4 d. and 1 s. imperforates, some four years after the perforated Chalons had been issued. *Route - Tasmanian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Launceston 1 Feb 1868 per "Tasmania" to Melbourne. P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (5 Feb) per "Avoca" to Galle (24 Feb); "Mongolia" (27 Feb) to Suez (13 March); overland to Alexandria; "Nyanza" (15 March) to Marseilles (21 March); by rail from Marseilles to London, arriving 23 March 1868 (51 days).* *(Photo = 111)*	36+ 41	✉	**300**
3168	1868 (Nov 9): Cover from Taradale, Victoria to London bearing 1868 Victoria Laureate 2 d. dull mauve and 1865 8 d. orange cancelled by barred numeral "109" and prepaying 10 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. A very scarce franking and usage of the 8 d. value - Geoff Kellow RDP in "The Stamps of Victoria" on page 172 states *"Covers are of considerable rarity with only about six recorded…".* *Route: Overland from Taradale 9 Nov 1868 to Melbourne (10 Nov). P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (10 Nov) per "Bombay" to Galle (29 Nov); "Mooltan" (1 Dec) to Suez (17 Dec); overland to Alexandria; "Massilia" (19 Dec) to Marseilles (26 Dec); by rail to London, arriving 28 Dec 1868 (49 days).* *(Photo = 111)*	132c+ 112	✉	**400**



3169

3169	1869 (Aug 4): Cover from Gladstone, Queensland to Leeds, England bearing 1868 Queensland Chalon 1 d. orange-vermillion (2), 2 d. pale blue and 6 d. yellow-green, with each cancelled by rays numeral "131" and prepaying 10 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England with transit datestamps on the reverse. Very fine and rare, the only example of this make-up rate of the 10 d. recorded in "The Pre-UPU Mail of Queensland" census by Ben Palmer. *Route - Australian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Gladstone 4 Aug 1869 per "Leichardt" to Brisbane (6 Aug). Australian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane (9 Aug) per "Florence Irving" to Sydney. P&O Line: Departed Sydney (19 Aug) per "Geelong" to Galle (5 Sept); "Mooltan" (6 Sept) to Suez (23 Sept); overland to Alexandria; "Poonah" (25 Sept) to Marseilles; by rail from Marseilles via London to Leeds, arriving 8 Oct 1869 (65 days).* *Provenance: Collection Manning.*	83+ 86+ 91	✉	**750**
3170	1886 (March 19): Cover from Townsville, Queensland to Paris, France bearing 1882 Queensland Sideface 2 d. blue, strip of five, cancelled by barred numeral "59", prepaying 10 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to France. Superb French Paquebot "POSS. AN / PAQ. FR. T No. 1" datestamp of departure on obverse and multiple transit datestamps on the reverse. Fine and scarce cover. *Route - Australian Steam Ship Co: Departed Townsville 19 March 1886 per "Alexandra" to Brisbane (21 March); "Egmont" to Sydney; by rail to Melbourne (16 May). Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes: Departed Melbourne (27 March) per "Yarra" via Adelaide (29 March) and Suez Canal (28 April) to Marseilles (1 May); by rail to Paris, arriving 2 May 1886 (48 days).* *Note: In "The Pre-UPU Mail of Queensland", Palmer records only five examples of this French packet datestamp, two to France, both from this correspondence.* *Provenance: Collection Rigo de Righi, Hobbs, Beston.* *(Photo = 111)*	168	✉	**100**

Incoming mail

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3171 1857 (Aug 12):: Entire letter from the City State of Hamburg to Geelong, Victoria with Hamburg despatch datestamp and manuscript *"20 l"* (loth) manuscript in red representing the prepayment and "P.D." handstamp in black. Transit datestamps for Paris and Marseilles with "SHIP LETTER / FREE / GEELONG VICTORIA" arrival in red on the reverse. Very fine and rare. One of the earliest recorded covers from the City State of Hamburg to Victoria.
Route - Departed City State of Hamburg 12 Sept 1857 by rail via Paris (14 Sept) to Marseilles (15 Sept). P&O Line: Departed Marseilles (19 Sept) per "Vanguard" via Malta (21 Sept) to Alexandria (25 Sept); overland to Suez. The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Suez (27 Sept) per "Columbian" via and King Georges Sound (7 Nov) to Melbourne (13 Nov); by steamer to Geelong, arriving 14 Nov 1857 (63 days). (Photo = 111) ✉ **400**



View of the Port of France in New Caledonia



3172

3172 1858 (June 26): Cover from Lorient, France addressed to Captain de Cintre, Commander of the "Thisbe", "Station de la Nle. Caledonie", New Caledonia, bearing 1853 France 40 c. orange, pair with close to wide margins all round, cancelled by petit chiffres "1761", endorsed *"Via Panama"* at lower right but scored through and replaced by *"Voie de Suez"* manuscript for the letter to be redirected to the Marseilles route. Underpaid with manuscript in red *"Affranchisement insuffisant"* (Insufficient Postage) with transit datestamps on the reverse for Paris, Marseilles and Sydney. Very fine and a rare cover using the Australian postal service for forwarding to New Caledonia.
Route - Departed Lorient 26 June 1858 by rail via Paris (26 June), Nantes (27 June) to Marseilles (29 June). The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Marseilles (16 July) per "Wye" to Malta (21 July); "Cambria" (21 July) to Alexandra (25 July); overland to Suez. Departed Suez (2 Aug) per "Australasian" to Galle (18 Aug). The "Australasian" broke down in Galle and was unable to continue. Departed Galle (12 Sept) per "Emeu" via Melbourne (9 Oct) to Sydney (13 Oct). Departed Sydney (3 Nov) per "Gratia" to New Caledonia (over 109 days).
Note: The "Australasian" broke down near Galle and was unable to complete the journey to the Colonies. The mails had to wait another month for the arrival of the "Emeu" to deliver the mails. The earliest recorded stamped cover to New Caledonia.
Provenance: Collection Eastgate. ✉ **1'000**



Maurice Charles O'Connell



Eliza Emeline Le Geyt O'Connell



3173

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF
3173	1859 (Feb 22): Cover from Nizza Maritima, Kingdom of Sardinia to Gladstone, Moreton Bay District (Queensland) bearing Sardinia 1855 40 c. vermilion pair, good margins all round except close at lower right (Sassone 16ab) cancelled by the Nizza Mara datestamp (Feb 22), prepaying 80 centesimi for a ½ ounce ship letter to the Moreton Bay District. Endorsed *"Australie via Marseilles"* at upper left and "P.P." handstamp in red representing postage paid. Manuscript *"4"* (pence) in black for redirecting from Sydney to the Moreton Bay District. Transit datestamps on the reverse for Genoa, Malta, Maryborough and Gladstone. Very fine, and one of the great inwards origin/destination covers to the Australian Colonies. *Route - Departed Nizza Mara 22 Feb 1859 overland to Genoa (23 Feb); by steamer to Malta (2 March). The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Malta (3 March) per "Panther" to Alexandra (7 March); overland to Suez. Departed Suez (16 March) per "Oneida" via Galle (7 April) and Melbourne (30 April) to Sydney (4 May). Private steam ship: Departed Sydney (10 May) per "Sea Gull" to Brisbane; overland via Maryborough (15 May) to Gladstone, arriving 4 June 1859 (102 days).* *Note: The cover is addressed to the wife of Sir Maurice O'Connell who was the Government Resident from 1854 to 1859 at Port Curtis. In 1860, when Queensland was declared a separate colony, he was appointed as a Member of the Legislative Council and was President until 1879.* *The finest and earliest of the two covers recorded from the Kingdom of Sardinia to the Moreton Bay District.*	✉	**5'000**



View of Bridgetown



3174

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3174	1859 (Jan 13): Cover from Barbados to Williamstown, Victoria bearing Barbados 1858 Britannia 6 d. deep rose-red, imperforate, two examples, one of which does not belong, cancelled by "1" obliterator, prepaying 1 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. Despatch datestamp for Barbados and transit datestamps for London, Melbourne and a very fine arrival at Williamstown. The contents refer to the receipt of letters from the addressee (no pre-UPU covers are recorded from the Australian Colonies to Barbados) and commercial trade. Very fine and a rarity to the Australian Colonies. *Route - Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: Departed Barbados 13 Jan 1859 per "Derwent" to St. Thomas (17 Jan); "Parana" (19 Jan) to Southampton (17 Feb); by rail via London to Marseilles (19 Feb). P&O Line: Departed Marseilles (20 Jan) per "Vectis" via Malta (23 Feb) to Alexandria (26 Feb); overland to Suez; "Benares" (28 Feb) via Galle (17 March) and King Georges Sound 5.4 to Melbourne 13.4, overland to Williamstown, arriving 14 April 1859 (92 days).* *Note: The only cover recorded from Barbados to the Australian Colonies.* *Provenance: Collection Jaffe, Heijtz.*	11a	✉	**1'500**
3175	1860 (May 18): Entire from London, England to Guildford, Western Australia (from the Barker correspondence) bearing 1856 Great Britain 1 s. pale green boldly cancelled London "18" numeral, prepaying 1 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Western Australia; and an 1861 cover from Closter to Brisbane, Queensland with GB 1 d. rose-red, single and pair and 1857 6 d. deep lilac, trimmed perfs. at left, cancelled by the Closter duplex and prepaying 9 d for a 1⁄4 ounce ship letter to Queensland. Each cover endorsed *"via Marseilles"* and both covers fine and both addressed to scarcer Colonies for mail from Great Britain (2 covers). *1. Route - Departed London 18 May 1860 by rail to Marseilles. P&O Line: Departed Marseilles (20 May) per "Valetta" via Malta (22 May) to Alexandria (26 May); overland to Suez; "Salsette" (27 May) via Galle (10 June) to King Georges Sound (29 June); overland to Guildford (over 42 days).* *2. Route - Departed London, England 26 Oct 1861 by rail to Marseilles (28 Oct). P&O Line: Departed Marseilles (28 Oct) per "Valetta" via Malta (31 Oct) to Alexandria (4 Nov), overland to Suez; "Candia" (6 Nov) to Galle (22 Nov); "Northam" (22 Nov) via King Georges Sound (8 Dec) and Melbourne (14 Dec) to Sydney (17 Dec). Australasian Steam Navigation Company: Departed Sydney (19 Dec) to Brisbane, arriving 21 Dec 1861 (57 days).* (Photo = 111)	73+ 42+ 69	✉	**150**



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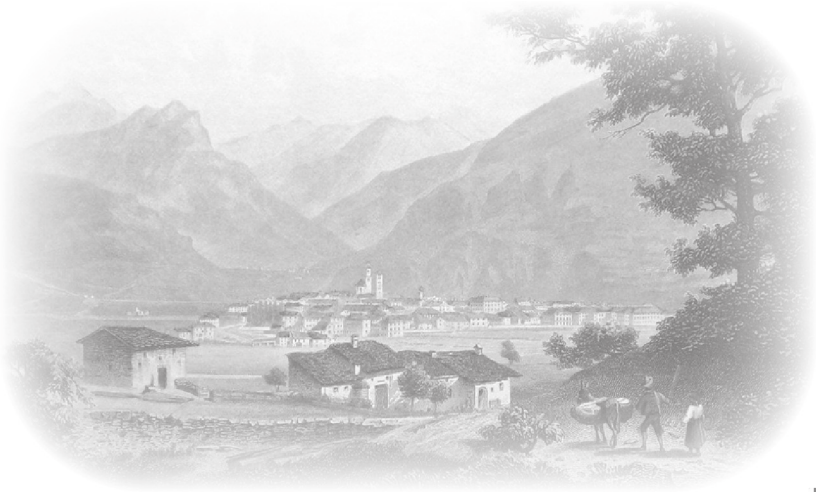
Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3176 1861 (Dec 21): Cover from Thizy, France to Sydney, New South Wales bearing 1853 France 20 c. blue block of four, margins close to large all round and prepaying 80 centimes for a ½ ounce ship letter to New South Wales. Endorsed *"per Suez"* at lower right and with a superb "Thizy" despatch datestamp. Transit datestamps on the reverse for Lyon, Marseilles and arrival at Sydney. Very fine condition and a rare imperforate block on cover to Australia. Signed Goebel. Cert. Eichele (1999).
Route: Departed Thizy 21 Dec 1861 by rail to Marseilles (22n Dec). P&O Line: Departed Marseilles (28 Dec) per "Massilia" via Malta (30 Dec) to Alexandria (3 Jan 1862); overland to Suez; "Simla" (9 Jan) to Galle (24 Jan); "Bombay" (25 Jan) via Mauritius (18 Feb), King Georges Sound (15 March) and Melbourne to Sydney, arriving 25 March 1862 (94 days).
Note: This voyage was the slowest ever P&O mail to Australia. About 4 days were lost in the Alexandria - Suez mail transfer. The "Bombay" broke her shaft on February 2 after leaving Galle, sailing to Mauritius for repairs (18-24 Feb), before sailing on to the Australian ports.
Provenance: Collection Purves. ✉⊞ **1'000**



3177

3177 1862 (April 1): Cover from Rome to Sydney, New South Wales bearing 1852 Papal States 6 baj. black on green and 50 baj. blue, both with generally good margins to barely touched, tied by the barred grid obliterator, prepaying 56 baj. for a ½ ounce ship letter to New South Wales. Endorsed *"via London"* (but not sent via that route) and with two different "P.P." handstamps. Transit datestamps for Marseilles and arrival at Sydney. Very fine and rare, being one of the most attractive covers from this small correspondence.
Route - By steamship: Departed Rome 1 April 1862 to Marseilles (4 April). P&O Line: Departed Marseilles (28 April) per "Vectis" via Malta (30 April) to Alexandria (4 May); overland to Suez; "Bengal" (5 May) to Galle (21 May); "Bombay" (22 May) via King Georges Sound (5 June) and Melbourne (10 June) to Sydney, arriving 13 June 1862 (74 days).
Note: Although endorsed to be sent via London, as are most examples from this correspondence, the steamship leaving from Rome to Marseilles to catch the P&O steamer was regarded as the quickest route. This cover is addressed to John Polding, the first Catholic Archbishop in Australia. This correspondence was only recently discovered in 2000, where all fifteen examples of the 50 baj. on cover to the Australian Colonies derive from. ✉ **2'000**



View of Poschiavo



3178

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF
3178	1862 (June 2): Entire from Poschiavo, Switzerland to Melbourne, Victoria bearing 1858 Switzerland 15 rp. carmine-red, touched top and right and 40 rp. olive-green in a horizontal pair, touched at right, cancelled by Poschiavo datestamp, prepaying 95 rappen for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. Handstamped "P.P' at Chur and "P.D." in France in black, with seven datestamps recording the journey with the arrival of Melbourne in red. Very fine and a rare destination. The Schafer handbook on Page 435 rates 11 pts. out of 13 as the rarity rating for mail to the Australian Colonies: this cover being one of the finest known. Certificate Hermann (2014). *Route: Departed Poschiavo 2 June 1862 overland to Samadan 2.6. By rail via Chur 3.6, Zurich (4 June) and St. Louis (5 June) to Marseilles (6 June). P&O Line: Departed Marseilles (28 June) per "Valetta" via Malta (30 June) to Alexandria (4 July); overland to Suez; "Nemesis" (5 July) to Galle (20 July); "Northam" (23 July) via King Georges Sound (8 Aug) to Melbourne, arriving 13 Aug 1862 (72 days).* *Note: One of the earliest recorded covers from Switzerland to the Australian Colonies.* *Provenance: Collection Luder.*		✉ **6'000**



View of Rome



3179

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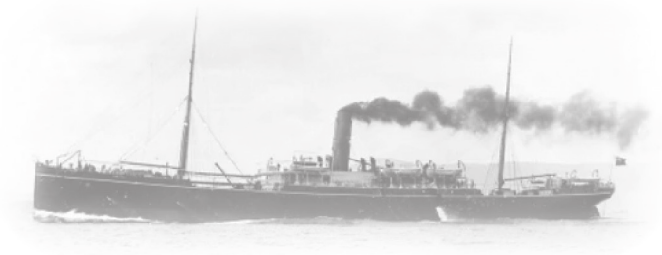
3179 1864 (Aug 20): Cover from Rome to Echuca, Victoria bearing 1852 Papal States 2 baj. black on green pair with large margins all round and 8 baj. black in a strip of three, margins good to touched, cancelled by the diamond grid obliterator, prepaying 28 baj. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. Handstamped "P.P." and "P.D." in black and with transit datestamp of Marseilles in red and arrival of Echuca on the reverse. Very fine and attractive.
Route - Departed Rome, Papal States 20 Aug 1864 by steamer to Marseilles (24 Aug). P&O Line: Departed Marseilles (28 Aug) per "Syria" via Malta (30 Aug) to Alexandria (3 Sept); overland to Suez; "Bengal" (4 Sept) to Galle (19 Sept); "Madras" (19 Sept) via King Georges Sound (7 Oct) to Melbourne (13 Oct); by rail to Echuca, arriving 14 Oct 1861 (55 days).
Note: The rate of 28 bajocchi was introduced for each 7½ grams on the 1 Jan 1858, but only to the port of destination. However, this option was not available to covers originating in the Papal States to the Australian Colonies until 1 Sept 1866. In contrast, this letter demonstrates the possibility to pay the postage not only to the sea port, but also to an inland address. The sequential use of the "P.P." and "P.D." handstamps reflects the uncertainty of the postal clerks in Rome with regard to this fact.
Whilst most of the Papal States covers to the Australian Colonies are from the Polding correspondence to New South Wales, covers to the other colonies are very rare. Only three covers are recorded to Victoria. This lot includes a review of the addressee Dr. Charles Strutt who was the Police Magistrate at Echuca in 1864. ✉ **2'000**

3180 1864 (Nov 26): Entire from Paris, France to Hunter's Hill, New South Wales endorsed *"Via Suez"* at upper left bearing 1863 France Napoleon 10 c. bistre, 20 c. blue and 40 c. orange, each cancelled by lozenge of dots and prepaying 70 centimes for a ½ ounce ship letter to New South Wales. Framed "PD" in red. Superb datestamps including despatch of Paris, and on the reverse Marseilles, Sydney and Hunter's Hill arrival. A very fine and attractive three colour franking.
Route - Departed Paris, France 26 Nov 1864 by rail to Marseilles (27 Nov). P&O Line: Departed Marseilles (28 Nov) per "Euxine" via Malta (30 Nov) to Alexandria (4 Dec); overland to Suez; "Golconda" (6 Dec) to Galle (25 Dec); "Madras" (26.12) via King Georges Sound (11 Jan 1865) and Melbourne (18 Jan) to Sydney (20 Jan); overland to Hunters Hill, arriving 21 Jan 1865 (57 days). *(Photo = 🗐 111)* ✉ **200**

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3181 1865 (20 July): Entire from Cologne, Kingdom of Prussia to Launceston, Tasmania with manuscript *"18"* (silbergroschen) in red representing the prepayment for a ½ ounce ship letter to Tasmania. Endorsed *"Via France"* at top left and with "P.P." handstamp in black and "P.D." handstamp in red. Despatch of Cologne and transit datestamps through Prussia and Marseilles with Launceston ship letter arrival in red on reverse. A very fine and rare cover.
Route - Departed Cologne, Kingdom of Prussia 20 July 1865 by rail via Erquelines (21 July) to Marseilles (22 July). P&O Line: Departed Marseilles (28 July) per "Ripon" via Malta (31 July) to Alexandria (4 Aug); overland to Suez; "Nemesis" (10 Aug) to Galle (24 Aug); "Madras" (25 Aug) via King Georges Sound (12 Sept) to Melbourne (19 Sept). Launceston and Melbourne Steam Navigation Co: Departed Melbourne (19 Sept) per "City of Launceston" to Launceston, arriving 20 Sep 1861 (62 days).
Note: Whilst most of the covers from the German States are addressed to New South Wales, South Australia or Victoria, covers to the other Australian Colonies are very rare, particularly this example to Tasmania, the sole recorded example.
Provenance: Collection Groom. ✉ **400**

3182 1868-70: Three covers from England to New South Wales, all from the Darley correspondence and all at the 10 d. rate via Marseilles, including an 1870 cover with 1 d. reds (ten examples), 4 d. and 6 d. on 1868 cover from Dublin and an 1869 cover with a four colour franking. Condition fair to generally fine (3). *(Photo = 111)* ✉ **100**



SS 'Sumatra'



3183

3183 1872 (Feb 21): Entire from Chalon Sur Saone, France to Launceston, Tasmania bearing 1862 France 5 c. green on greenish in a horizontal strip of four and 1870 Ceres 40 c. orange horizontal pair (Yvert 38) all tied by gros chiffres "842" cancel of Chalon Sur Saone and prepaying 1 franc for a ½ ounce ship letter to Tasmania. "P.D." handstamp in red and transit datestamps for Dijon, Lyon, Marseilles and arrival of Launceston in red on the reverse. Vertical filing folds cross the first and final stamp in the 5 cent multiple, otherwise a fine and rare usage.
Route - Departed Chalon Sur Saone 21 Feb 1872 by rail via Dijon (22 Feb) and Lyon (22 Feb) to Marseilles (23 Feb); by French packet to Alexandra; overland to Suez. P&O Line: Departed Suez (29 March) per "Sumatra" to Galle (13 April); "Baroda" (13 April) via King Georges Sound (28 April) to Melbourne (5 May). Tasmanian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Melbourne (5 May) per "Derwent" to Launceston, arriving 6 May 1872 (74 days).
Note: Whilst most of the covers from France are addressed to New South Wales and Victoria, covers to the other Australian Colonies are very rare, particularly Tasmania. ✉ **400**

Overland via Brindisi

Mail sent via Brindisi before the official opening of the route in January 1870

The opportunity of sending Australian Colonial mail outside the government contract mailing routes did not happen all that frequently. The mail to Italy from the late 1860's appears to have been different. The official postal route was via Marseilles, however, this journey was in the opposite direction to Italy. The opening in 1848 of the route via Trieste was very rarely used by the Australian Colonies due to the expense.

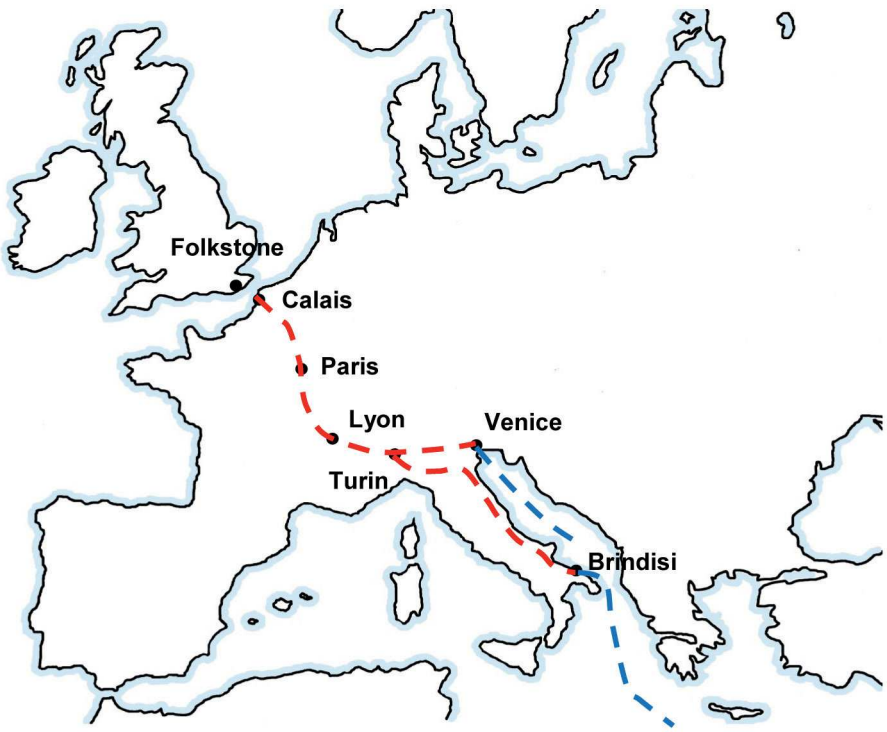
Letters to Italy could only be prepaid 1/- for a ½oz ship letter to Alexandria, with further forwarding charges to be paid by the recipient, or by the long route via Marseilles. Clearly, these options did not accelerate the speed of delivery to Italy.

About half a dozen covers from Victoria and New South Wales have been recorded from 1868 as being endorsed "Via Brindisi". Although this route did not officially open until January 1870, it is clear from the datestamps on the reverse that these covers were routed from Alexandria and shipped on the Adriatic & Oriental Line to the port of Brindisi. This new route must have been communicated to the Australian Colonies from around 1867, but nothing is recorded in the colonial archives.

Introduction of the new rail route via Brindisi - January 1870

The completion of the Mont Cenis Pass in 1869, a rail connection over the Alps between Saint-Michel-de-Maurienne in south west France and Susa, Piedmont in north west Italy paved the way for a new continental rail route that would carry the mails from Brindisi to England. The Italian port of Brindisi was 370 miles closer to Alexandria than Marseilles, and in the mid-19th century, the easiest means of expediting the mails was the use of rail.

The first official mails from the Australian Colonies to use the new contract route via Brindisi was in January 1870. It was not a popular route, since it cost an additional 3d for a ½oz ship letter with only a marginal saving of a day compared to the passage via Marseilles. However, the passage via Marseilles was abruptly ended in October 1870 due to the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian War. The French rail route was directly under control of the Prussian forces. Thus, all the mails carried via Marseilles were diverted to the Brindisi route. Italian packet ships were replaced on the Alexandria-Brindisi route by the P&O Line in late 1870, resulting in a reduction in the Australian colonial rate from 1/1d to 9d.



This map shows the diversion of the mails from Alexandria to the Brindisi route. The red lines show the rail route taken including the stopover cities along the journey. Occasionally, the mails were despatched to Venice.

Outgoing mail via Brindisi

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3184 1868 (June 18): Cover from Goulburn, New South Wales to Naples, Kingdom of Italy bearing 1864 New South Wales 6 d. purple, three examples and 1865 2 d. pale blue, each cancelled by rays numeral "35" of Goulburn and despatch datestamp alongside. Prepaid 1 s. 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Italy via Marseilles. Pre-paid to Alexandria (with British PO cds 2 August in black) and treated as unpaid to Italy via Brindisi. *"20"* (decimi) manuscript in black representing the postal charges from Egypt to Italy to be paid by the recipient. One or two sealed tears at top, otherwise a rare routing for mail from the Australian Colonies. The only recorded cover from New South Wales to Italy via Brindisi before the opening of the official route in 1870.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 18 June 1868 per "Geelong" to Galle (14 July); "Surat" (14 July) to Suez (1 Aug); overland to Alexandria. Adriatic & Oriental Line: "Brindisi" (2 Aug) to Brindisi (5 Aug); by rail from Brindisi to Naples, arriving 7 Aug 1868 (52 days).
Note: The envelope is prepaid 1 s. 8 d. for the ½ ounce ship letter rate to Italy via Marseilles. Although endorsed "Via Brindisi" at the upper left, this was not an official route available from the Australian Colonies, and therefore could not be pre-paid to destination.
Provenance: Collection Palmer.
(Photo = 129) 165+ 202 ✉ **400**

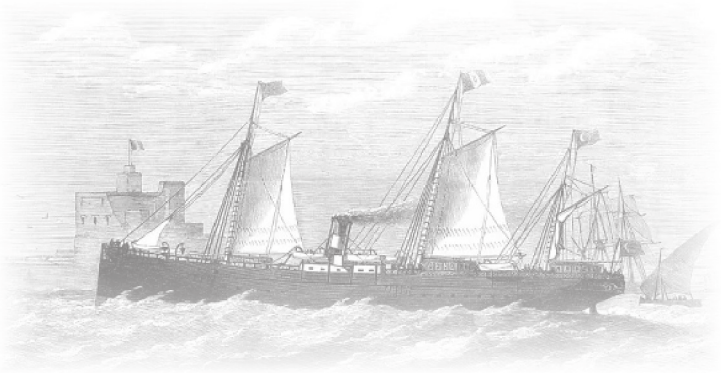


3185

3185 1869 (Sept 12): Advertising cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Genova, Kingdom of Italy, bearing Victoria Laureate 2 d. silver-grey, 4 d. rose-pink and 6 d. blue, cancelled by the Melbourne duplex prepaying 1 s. and underpaid 1 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter of 1 s. 1 d. to Italy via Marseilles. Pre-paid to Alexandria and treated as unpaid to Italy. *"40"* (decimi) manuscript in black representing postage from Alexandria to Italy to be paid upon receipt. An exceptional three colour franking with full violet advertising on the reverse for "J. & A. Campi, Looking Glasses". A delightful cover.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 12 Sept 1869 per "Avoca" to Galle (2 Oct); "Simla" (5 Oct) to Suez; overland to Alexandria. Adriatic & Oriental Line: "Cairo" (23 Oct) to Brindisi; by rail from Brindisi (26 Oct) to Genoa, arriving 28 Oct 1869 (46 days).
Note: Prior to January 1870, mail to Italy via Brindisi could only be prepaid to Alexandria with further charges to collect upon delivery, which is reflected by the prepayment on this cover. The cover was therefore treated as unpaid from Alexandria to Italy. One of the outstanding advertising covers of Victoria. Three examples are recorded, all from this correspondence.
Provenance: Collection Perry.
132i+ 135c+ 136a ✉ **750**

3186 1870 (Feb 26): Cover from Cowra, New South Wales to Liverpool, England endorsed *"via Brindisi"*, bearing 1864 New South Wales 1 d. brick-red, 2 d. cobalt blue and 1864 Diadem 6 d. purple, cancelled by an indistinct rays numeral "12" of Cowra and prepaying 11 d. and underpaid 2 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England via Brindisi. Framed "INSUFFICIENTLY / STAMPED" handstamp in black applied at Sydney recognising the underpayment. Vertical file fold just touches 2 d. adhesive and a couple of insignificant tone spots in the lower right corner of the envelope. Rare, being the only recorded cover from the Australian Colonies with a deficient postage handstamp for the short-lived Brindisi route in 1870.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 26 Feb 1870 per "Avoca" to Galle (20 March); "Simla" (23 March) to Suez (7 April); overland to Alexandria. Adriatic & Oriental Line: "Brindisi" (10 April) to Brindisi (13 April); by rail from Brindisi via London (16 April) to Liverpool, arriving 18 April 1870 (55 days).
(Photo = 129) 198+ 193+ 165 ✉ **500**

With the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian War the "Via Marseilles" mail route was forced to close and the more expensive "Via Brindisi" route was utilised. The following 10 lots display the only instance where all the examples of “INSUFFICIENTLY PAID / FOR BRINDISI ROUTE / DEFICIENT POSTAGE / 3” framed handstamps applied at the Foreign Office in London, for each the of the Colonies (except Western Australia which has yet to be recorded), plus their sub types, to have ever appeared in one auction. It is the most extensive assembly of these scarce handstamps used on Australian Colonial mail to ever come to auction.



SS 'Cairo'



3187

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3187	1870 (Sept 9): Cover from Buckland, Tasmania to Watford, England endorsed *"via Marseilles"*, bearing 1868-79 Tasmania Chalon 4 d. blue and 6 d. slate-violet, cancelled by barred numeral “73” of Buckland, with town manuscript at left *"Buckland 5.9.70"*. Prepaid 10 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter via Marseilles and underpaid 3 d. for the redirected 1 s. 1 d. rate via Brindisi. Framed “INSUFFICIENTLY PAID / FOR BRINDISI ROUTE / DEFICIENT POSTAGE / 3” handstamp in black applied in London. Some flap faults on the reverse but rare and most attractive. The finest of the three covers recorded from Tasmania with this handstamp. *Route - Tasmanian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Launceston 9 Sept 1870 per “Tamar” to Melbourne (10 Sept) P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 11 Sept 1870 per “Avoca” to Galle (2 Oct); “Candia” (4 Oct) to Suez (20 Oct); overland to Alexandria. Adriatic & Oriental Line: “Cairo” (23 Oct) to Brindisi; by rail from Brindisi (26 Oct) to London 31 Oct 1870 (55 days).*	73+ 75	✉	**4'000**



3188

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3188 1870 (Sept 11): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to London endorsed *"p. "Avoca" via Marseille"*, bearing 1869 Victoria 10 d. blackish brown on pink paper tied by the Melbourne duplex and prepaying 10 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter via Marseilles and underpaid 3 d. for the redirected 1 s. 1 d. rate via Brindisi. Superb strike of the framed "INSUFFICIENTLY PAID / FOR BRINDISI ROUTE / DEFICIENT POSTAGE / 3" handstamp in black applied in London. Delightful quality and one of the finest examples from the ten or so covers from Victoria with this handstamp.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 11 Sept 1870 per "Avoca" to Galle (2 Oct); "Candia" (4 Oct) to Suez (20 Oct); overland to Alexandria. Adriatic & Oriental Line: "Cairo" (23 Oct) to Brindisi; by rail from Brindisi (26 Oct) to London 31 Oct 1870 (51 days).
Provenance: Collection Ashby.

123b ✉ **1'000**



3189

3189 1870 (Sept 11): Cover form Melbourne, Victoria to London endorsed *"via Marseilles"*, bearing 1869 Victoria Laureate 10 d. blackish brown on pink in a block of four, straight edge at top, cancelled by the Melbourne duplex prepaying 3 s. 4 d. quadruple rate for a 2 ounce ship letter via Marseilles and underpaid 1 s. for the redirected 4 s. 4 d. rate via Brindisi. Excellent strike of the "INSUFFICIENTLY PAID / FOR BRINDISI ROUTE /DEFICIENT POSTAGE" blank handstamp in black applied in London. *"1/-"* manuscript in black representing the deficient postage via Brindisi. Some minor closed cover tears but of great rarity. Four covers recorded from the Australian Colonies with the blank Deficient Postage handstamp, one is from New South Wales and the other three emanate from Victoria.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 11 Sept 1870 per "Avoca" to Galle (2 Oct); "Candia" (4 Oct) to Suez (20 Oct); overland to Alexandria. Adriatic & Oriental Line: "Cairo" (23 Oct) to Brindisi; by rail from Brindisi (26 Oct) to London 31 Oct 1870 (51 days).

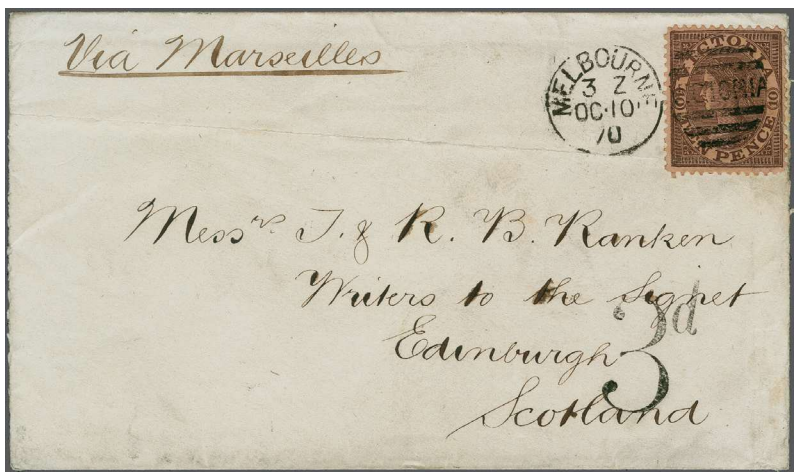
123b ✉⊞ **1'500**



3190

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3190 1870 (Sept 3): Cover from Castlemaine, Victoria to Northampton, England bearing 1868 Victoria Laureate 1 s. indigo blue on blue paper, cancelled by the Castlemaine duplex and prepaying 1 s. and underpaid 1 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter via Brindisi. Unusually the route is not endorsed on this cover with a very fine strike of the "INSUFFICIENTLY PAID / FOR BRINDISI ROUTE / DEFICIENT POSTAGE / d3" handstamp in black applied at London, with the "d3" scored through and replaced by *"1"* (penny) manuscript in black representing the underpayment to be paid by the recipient. Fine, with a partial offset impression of the Deficient Postage handstamp on the reverse. A rarity, being the only example recorded from the Australian Colonies with the "d3" scored through and additional postage marked up in manuscript and another amount applied.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 11 Sept 1870 per "Avoca" to Galle (2 Oct); "Candia" (4 Oct) to Suez (20 Oct); overland to Alexandria. Adriatic & Oriental Line: "Cairo" (23 Oct) to Brindisi; by rail from Brindisi (26 Oct) to London 31 Oct 1870 (51 days). 113c ✉ **1'000**



3191

3191 1870 (Oct 11): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Edinburgh, Scotland endorsed *"Via Marseilles"* bearing 1869 Victoria Laureate 10 d. blackish brown on pink, cancelled by Melbourne duplex and prepaying 10 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter via Marseilles and underpaid 3 d. for the redirected 1 s. 1 d. rate via Brindisi. Struck with very fine "3d" handstamp in black applied in London for the deficiency to be paid by the recipient. Horizontal fold just crosses the adhesive at base, otherwise fine and extremely rare.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 11 Oct 1870 per "Geelong" to Galle (31 Oct); "Mooltan" (3 Nov) to Suez (17 Nov); overland to Alexandria. Adriatic & Oriental Line: "Tomasco" (20 Nov) to Brindisi; by rail from Brindisi (23 Nov) via London (26 Nov) to Edinburgh, arriving 27 Oct 1870 (46 days).
Note: All covers recorded from the Australian Colonies endorsed for the Marseilles route and carried by the supplementary route via Brindisi during the Franco Prussian War received the large boxed "Insufficiently Paid" handstamp except two: this cover from Victoria with the 3d handstamp, and another from New South Wales, both carried on the same voyage. The only recorded cover from Victoria with the "3d" handstamp used for deficiency via Brindisi.
Provenance: Collection Moreton. 123b ✉ **1'500**



3192

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3192 1870 (Oct 21): Cover from Ipswich, Queensland to Ilminster, England endorsed *"via Marseilles"* bearing 1868 Queensland Chalon 2 d. pale blue horizontal pair and 6 d. yellow-green, cancelled by the rays numeral "87" of Ipswich and prepaying 10 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter via Marseilles and underpaid 3 d. for the redirected 1 s. 1 d. rate via Brindisi. Very fine "INSUFFICIENTLY PAID / FOR BRINDISI ROUTE / DEFICIENT POSTAGE / d3" handstamp in black applied at London. Slight bend at right otherwise in superb condition and a delightful and rare cover. The finest of the three covers recorded from Queensland with this Deficient Postage handstamp and illustrated on Page 198 in "The Pre-UPU Mail of Queensland".
Route - Private steamship: Departed Brisbane 21 Oct 1870 per "James Paterson" to Sydney. P&O Line: Departed Sydney (5 Nov) per "Malta" to Galle (28 Nov); "Delhi" (30 Nov) to Suez (15 Dec); overland to Alexandria. Adriatic & Oriental Line: "Brindisi" (17 Dec) to Brindisi; by rail from Brindisi (21 Dec) to London, arriving 26 Dec 1870 (68 days).
Provenance: Collection Griffiths.
86+ 91 ✉ **2'500**



3193

3193 1870 (Nov 5): Cover endorsed "Law Papers Only" from Sydney, New South Wales to Walton-on-Thames, England, bearing New South Wales Diadem 6 d. violet cancelled by the Sydney duplex and prepaying 6 d. for double the 3 d. Printed Matter rate to London via Marseilles and underpaid 1 d. for the redirected 7 d. rate via Brindisi. Struck with the extremely rare "INSUFFICIENTLY PAID / FOR BRINDISI ROUTE / DEFICIENT POSTAGE / 1d." handstamp in black applied in London and *"2"* (pence) manuscript in blue representing the amended deficiency of 2 d. for a double rate item. Illustrated in "The Postal History of New South Wales 1788-1901" on page 273. Sealed cover tear at left but the sole example of this handstamp recorded and believed unique.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 5 Nov 1870 per "Malta" to Galle (28 Nov); "Delhi" (30 Nov) to Suez (15 Dec); overland to Alexandria. Adriatic & Oriental Line: "Brindisi" (17 Dec) to Brindisi; by rail to London, arriving 26 Dec 1870 (52 days).
Provenance: Collection Molnar, Scott Archer, 'Alvarado'.
166 ✉ **2'000**

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3194 1870 (Nov 5): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to London bearing 1867 New South Wales 10 d. lilac, cancelled by the Sydney duplex, prepaying 10 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter via Marseilles and underpaid 3 d. for the redirected 1 s. 1 d. rate via Brindisi. Unusually the route is not endorsed, struck with superb impression of the "INSUFFICIENTLY PAID / FOR BRINDISI ROUTE / DEFICIENT POSTAGE / d3" handstamp in black applied in London. Upper flap missing on reverse, otherwise very fine. Just nine covers are recorded from New South Wales with this Deficient Postage handstamp.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 5 Nov 1870 per "Malta" to Galle (28 Nov); "Delhi" (30 Nov) to Suez (15 Dec); overland to Alexandria. Adriatic & Oriental Line: "Brindisi" (17 Dec) to Brindisi; by rail from Brindisi (21 Dec) arriving London 26 Dec 1870 (52 days). (Photo = 129) 205 ✉ **500**



Town and Port of Brindisi

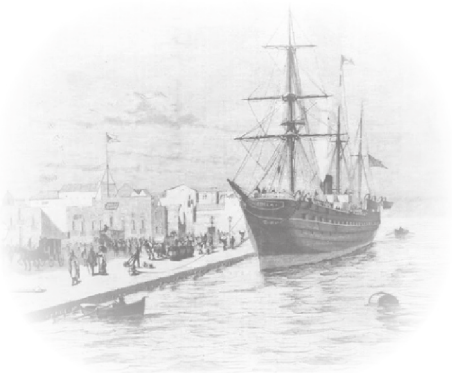


3195

3195 1870 (Nov 9): Cover with imprinted "Via Marseilles" in blue, mailed from Adelaide, South Australia to London bearing South Australia 1870 10 d. on 9 d. yellow, tied by G.P.O. Adelaide datestamp prepaying 10 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter via Marseilles and underpaid 3 d. for the redirected 1 s.1 d. rate via Brindisi. A very fine strike of the "INSUFFICIENTLY PAID / FOR BRINDISI ROUTE / DEFICIENT POSTAGE / d3" handstamp in black applied in London. Superb condition and rare. Four covers recorded from South Australia with this Deficient Postage handstamp.
Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Adelaide 9 Nov 1870 per "City of Adelaide" to King George's Sound. P&O Line: Departed King George's Sound (14 Nov) per "Malta" to Galle (28 Nov); "Delhi" (30 Nov) to Suez (15 Dec); overland to Alexandria. Adriatic & Oriental Line: "Brindisi" (17 Dec) to Brindisi; by rail from Brindisi (21 Dec) to London, arriving 26 Dec 1870 (47 days). 107 ✉ **2'000**



3196



View of the Port of Brindisi

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3196	1870 (Nov 5): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to London endorsed *"per Malta via Marseilles"* bearing 1863 New South Wales 2 d. cobalt-blue, Diadem 6 d. violet and 1 s. crimson-lake, cancelled by Sydney duplex prepaying 1 s. 8 d. for a double rate 1 ounce ship letter via Marseilles and underpaid 6 d. for the redirected 2 s. 2 d. rate via Brindisi. Fine strike of the "INSUFFICIENTLY PAID / FOR BRINDISI ROUTE / DEFICIENT POSTAGE / d3" handstamp in black applied in London. Cover slightly fore-shortened at left and minor stain spots, otherwise fine and most attractive. *Note: Given this envelope was a double rate letter, the fine should have been 6 d., not 3 d. Therefore, the deficient postage 'blank' handstamp should have been applied to this cover. Nine covers recorded from New South Wales with this Deficient Postage handstamp, this being the sole example of a double rate cover.* *Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 5 Nov 1870 per "Malta" to Galle; "Delhi" (30 Nov) to Suez (15 Dec); overland to Alexandria. Adriatic & Oriental Line: "Brindisi" (17 Dec) to Brindisi (21 Dec) ; by rail from Brindisi arriving London 26 Dec 1870 (52 days).* *Provenance: Collection Druce, Forster, Davis, 'Alvarado'.*	193+ 166+ 170	✉	**1'500**
3197	1870 (Dec 6): Cover from Geelong, Victoria to London endorsed *"via Brindisi"* bearing 1870 Victoria 1 d. dull green, corner fault and 1868 1 s. indigo blue on blue paper, cancelled by the Geelong duplex and prepaying 1 s. 1 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter via Brindisi. Some cover imperfections, but a rare franking. It is estimated that less than a dozen examples of this rate via Brindisi from Victoria are recorded, nearly all of them with faults. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 6 Dec 1870 per "Avoca" via King Georges Sound (12 Dec) to Galle (25 Dec); "Candia" (28 Dec) to Suez (11 Jan 1871); overland to Alexandria; "Delta" (14 Jan) to Brindisi (18 Jan); by rail from Brindisi to London, arriving 23 Jan 1871 (49 days).* *Note: This was the last sailing for the 1 s. 1 d. rate via Brindisi. From the 24 February 1871, the rate via Brindisi was reduced to 9 d.* *Provenance: Collection Moreton, Linfield.* *(Photo = 129)*	131c	✉	**250**
3198	1871 (July 17): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Colintraive, Scotland bearing 1871 Victoria Laureate 9 d. on 10 d. purple brown on pink, two horizontal pairs, cancelled by Melbourne duplex and prepaying 3 s. quadruple rate for a 2 ounce ship letter via Brindisi. Some minor sealed cover tears, otherwise fine, and believed to be the largest recorded use of this stamp on cover. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 17 July 1871 per "Rangoon" to Galle (6 Aug); "China" (9 Aug) to Suez (26 Aug); overland to Alexandria; "Massilia" (27 Aug) to Brindisi (30 Aug); by rail from Brindisi via London (3 Sept) to Colintraive, arriving 4 Sept 1871 (50 days).* *(Photo = 129)*	171	✉	**250**
3199	1871 (Nov 7): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Antwerp, Belgium beareing 1871 Victoria Laureate 1 d. grass-green, two single examples, 1870 2 d. dull lilac mauve in a horizontal pair, 1869 3 d. yellow-orange with small fault at top and 1868 6 d. blue, cancelled by the Melbourne duplex and prepaying 1 s. 3 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the Kingdom of Belgium. Light "P.D." handstamp in red at right applied in Melbourne, reverse with Anvers arrival cds. Top flap missing but a rare four colour franking to a most unusual destination for the Australian Colonies - the second earliest cover recorded from Victoria to Belgium, with only six covers recorded by Palmer in "The Pre-UPU Mail of Victoria", excluding this example. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 7 Nov 1871 per "Nubia" to Galle (26 Nov); "Australia" (2 Dec) to Suez (15 Dec); overland to Alexandria; "Pera" (17 Dec) to Brindisi (20 Dec); by rail from Brindisi to Antwerp, arriving 21 Dec 1871 (50 days).* *(Photo = 129)*	131e+ 169a+ 134+ 136a	✉	**400**



3200



Post Office in Toowoomba

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3200	1871 (Nov 29): Cover from Toowoomba, Queensland to Dublin, Ireland endorsed *"via Marseilles"* bearing 1868 Queensland Chalon 1 d. orange-vermillion, 3 d. brown and 1869 6 d. yellow-green, tied by rays numeral "214" of Toowoomba and prepaying 10 d. and overpaid 1 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter of 9 d. to Ireland. "H&K PACT" transit datestamp (19 January 1872) on the reverse. Sealed cover tear on the front, otherwise very fine and a rare make-up rate using this combination of values. *Route - Australian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane 29 Nov 1871 per "Queensland" to Sydney. P&O Line: Departed Sydney (2 Dec) per "Geelong" to Galle (24 Dec); "Khedive" (27 Dec) to Suez (11 Jan 1872); overland to Alexandria; "Ceylon" (13 Jan) to Brindisi (16 Jan); by rail from Brindisi via London (19 Jan) to Dublin, arriving 20 Jan 1872 (52 days).* *Note: The route via Marseilles was discontinued in December 1870 with the rate for a ½ ounce ship letter reduced from 10 d. to 9 d. for the new via Brindisi route on the 16 December 1870. The writer of this letter was presumably unaware of the rate reduction.* *Provenance: Collection Stevenson.*	83+ 67+ 91	✉	**1'500**
3201	1872 (March 26): OHMS printed matter front from Sydney, New South Wales to Gibraltar, redirected to Madrid, Spain, bearing 1860-72 New South Wales Diadem 6 d. violet, cancelled by the Sydney duplex and prepaying 6 d. for the printed matter rate to Spain. "4R" (reales) handstamp in red, probably applied at Cadiz for the internal postage to be paid by the recipient. A couple of creases away from the adhesive, but a great rarity from the Australian Colonies. The only stamped cover recorded from the Australian Colonies to Spain. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 26 March 1872 per "Nubia" to Galle (16 April); "Khedive" (21 April) to Suez (5 May); overland to Alexandria; "Ceylon" (7 May) via Malta (10 May) to Gibraltar (14 May); by steamer to Cadiz; overland to Madrid (over 52 days).* *Provenance: Collection Luis Alemany Indarte.* *(Photo = 🗐 129)*	166	(✉)	**500**
3202	1872 (March 25): Cover from Brisbane, Queensland to Zurich, Switzerland bearing 1869 Queensland Chalon 6 d. yellow-green, a single example and a horizontal pair, cancelled by the "QL" rays obliterator, prepaying 1 s. 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Switzerland. "P.D." handstamp in red, applied on despatch (unusual from Queensland) and multiple transit datestamps on reverse. Edge wear to the cover at left, otherwise very fine. Chalon covers to Switzerland are very scarce - Ben Palmer in "The Pre-UPU Mail of Switzerland" records 16 covers - strangely none of these covers mailed between 1873 and 1883. *Route - Australian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane 25 March 1872 per "Lord Ashley" to Sydney. P&O Line: Departed Sydney (26 March) per "Nubia" to Galle (16 April); "Khedive" (21 April) to Suez (5 May); overland to Alexandria; "Mooltan" (6 May) to Brindisi (9 May); by rail from Brindisi to Zurich, arriving 11 May 1872 (50 days).* *(Photo = 🗐 129)*	91	✉	**1'000**
3203	1873 (July 16): Cover from Walkerville, South Australia to Paris, France bearing 1869 South Australia 6 d. prussian blue, a vertical pair, indistinctly cancelled by the Walkerville diamond numeral with despatch datestamp at right, prepaying 1 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to France. *"2"* (pence) manuscript in red credit from Great Britain to France for forwarding and "PD" applied in London representing paid to destination. Some flap tears on the reverse, but a colourful and unusual destination for South Australian mail. *Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Adelaide 16 July 1873 per "Rangatira" to King Georges Sound. P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound (23 July) per "China" to Galle (6 Aug); "Pekin" (7 Aug) via Suez Canal (23 Aug) to Alexandria (26 Aug); "Malta" to Brindisi (29 Aug); by rail to London (1 Sept); by steamer to Calais; by rail to Paris, arriving 2 Sept 1873. (47 days).* *(Photo = 🗐 129)*	73	✉	**200**



3184 / CHF 400



3186 / CHF 500



3194 / CHF 500



3199 / CHF 400



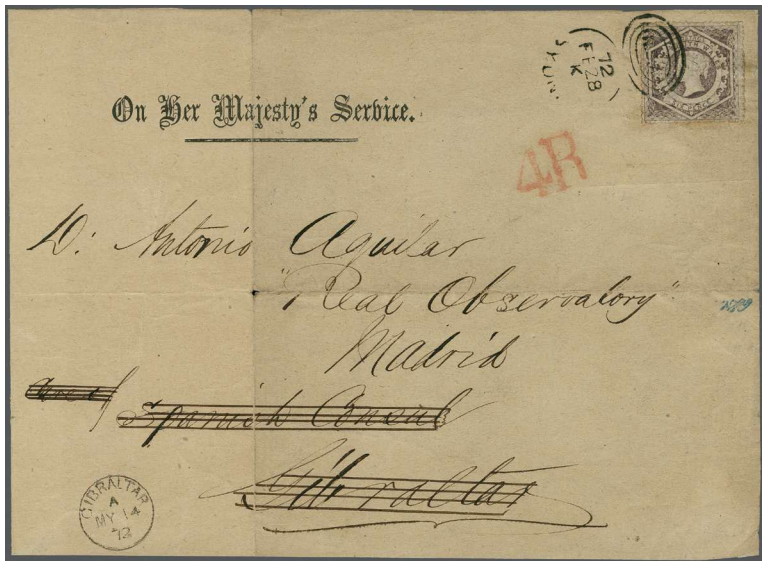
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3198 / CHF 250



3202 / CHF 750



3201 / CHF 500



3203 / CHF 200

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3204	1873 (Sept 26): Cover from Rockhampton, Queensland to London endorsed *"via Brindisi"*, bearing 1868 Queenland Chalon 1 d. orange-vermillion, 2 d. pale blue and 1869 6 d. yellow-green, cancelled by the rays numeral "102" of Rockhampton and prepaying 9 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. Very fine, a neat and most attractive franking. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Rockhampton 26 Sept 1873 per "Blackbird" to Brisbane. Australian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane (4 Oct) per "Lady Young" to Sydney. P&O Line: Departed Sydney (7 Oct) per "China" to Galle (31 Oct); "Hindostan" (1 Nov) via Suez Canal (15 Nov) to Alexandria; "Malta" (17 Nov) to Brindisi; by rail from Brindisi (21 Nov), to London, arriving 23 Nov 1873 (70 days).* *Provenance: Collection Davis, Stevenson.* *(Photo = 131)*	83+ 86+ 91	✉	**400**
3205	1874 (Jan 31): Mourning cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Bath, England bearing 1872 South Australia 3 d. on 4 d. deep ultramarine and 6 d. prussian blue, cancelled by the G.P.O. Adelaide datestamp and prepaying 9 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. A fine and attractive cover and a scarce usage of the 3 d. on 4 d. adhesive. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Adelaide 31 Jan 1874 per "Pera" to Galle (19 Feb); "Cathay" (21 Feb) via Suez Canal (6 March) to Alexandria; "Sumatra" (9 March) to Brindisi ; by rail from Brindisi (12 March) via London (15 March) to Bath, arriving 16 March 1874 (44 days).* *(Photo = 131)*	68+ 73	✉	**250**
3206	1874 (March 26): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope bearing 1871 Victoria Laureate 4 d. rose horizontal pair and 1873 1 s. indigo blue on blue paper cancelled by the Melbourne duplex and prepaying 1 s. 4 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the Cape of Good Hope. *"11"* (pence) manuscript in red credit to Great Britain for forwarding by British packet and "1d" handstamp in red for internal delivery to be paid upon receipt. Unusually, all transit datestamps are on the obverse of a very fine and highly attractive cover, with only four covers recorded during the 1870's to the Cape of Good Hope. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 26 March 1874 per "Nubia" to Galle (15 April); "Khedive" (17 April) via Suez Canal to Alexandria (5 May); "Ceylon" (5 May) to Brindisi (8 May); by rail from Brindisi via London (11 May) to Southampton. Castle Line: Departed Southampton by steamer to Cape Town, arriving 12 June 1874 (80 days).* *(Photo = 131)*	135d+ 124b	✉	**400**
3207	1875 (April 28): Cover from Fremantle, Western Australia to Loughborough, England, endorsed *"via Brindisi"*, bearing 1871 Western Australia 3 d. pale brown and 1872 6 d. lilac, redirected to London and cancelled by barred "8" obliterators with despatch datestamp below. Prepaid 9 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England with transit datestamps on the reverse. An unusual cover with a rare mixed issue franking of Perkins Bacon and De La Rue issues. *Route - P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound 28 April 1875 per "China" to Galle (11 May); "Khedive" (12 May) via Suez Canal (27 May) to Alexandria (31 May); "Sumatra" to Brindisi; by rail from Brindisi (2 June) to London, arriving 7 June 1875 (48 days).* *Provenance: Collection Austin (Du Pont), Taylor, Walkley.* *(Photo = 131)*	63+ 59	✉	**500**
3208	1875 (Aug 10): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Paris, France bearing 1872 Victoria Laureate 1 d. green, 1873 9 d. pale brown on pink paper and 1 s. pale blue on blue paper cancelled by the Melbourne duplex and prepaying 1 s. 8 d. for a double 1 ounce ship letter to France. "P.D." handstamp in red applied at Melbourne indicating the cover was paid to destination. A very fine and attractive franking. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 10 Aug 1875 per "Pera" to Galle (1 Sept); "Cathay" via Suez Canal (17 Sept) to Alexandria; "Baroda" (19 Sept) to Brindisi; by rail from Brindisi (23 Sept) via Modane (24 Sept), to Paris, arriving 25 Sept 1875 (46 days).* *Provenance: Collection Perry, Palmer.* *(Photo = 131)*	131g+ 147+ 172	✉	**250**
3209	1875 (Sept 7): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Amsterdam, Netherlands endorsed *"via Brindisi"*, bearing 1873 Victoria Laureate 3 d. bright orange 1872 6 d. dull blue, three examples but one with rounded corner, cancelled by the Melbourne duplex and prepaying 1 s. 9 d. comprising 1 s. 3 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the Netherlands plus 6 d. Late Fee levied after the closure of the mails. "P.D." handstamp in red applied at Melbourne indicating the cover was paid to destination. Attractive and a scarce destination from Victoria. Illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Mail of Victoria" by Ben Palmer on page 144. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 7 Sept 1875 per "Golconda" to Galle (28 Sept); "Surat" (30 Sept) via Suez Canal (16 Oct) to Alexandria; "Baroda" (18 Oct) to Brindisi (21 Oct); by rail from Brindisi to Amsterdam, arriving24 Oct 1875 (45 days).* *Provenance: Collection Purves, Linfield, Palmer.* *(Photo = 131)*	134c+ 145c	✉	**300**



3204 / CHF 400



3205 / CHF 250



3206 / CHF 400



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3218 / CHF 150

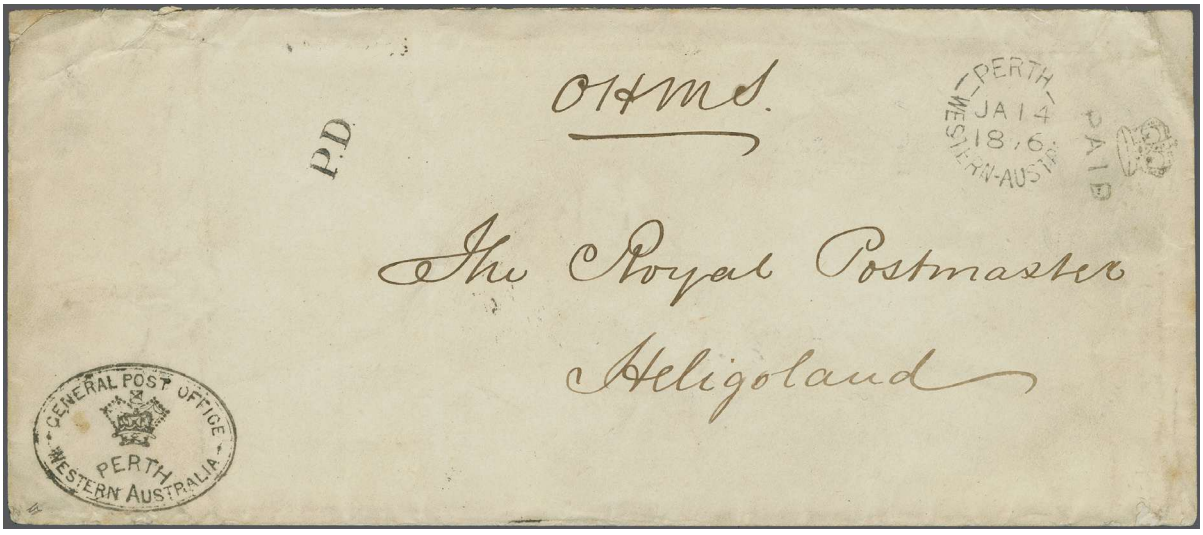


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Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3210 1875 (Nov 7): Cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Bordeaux, France endorsed *"Overland Brindisi"*, bearing 1870 South Australia 2 d. orange-red in a vertical pair, 1869 6 d. prussian blue, showing minor "double impression" and 1 s. chestnut, with each neatly cancelled by the G.P.O. Adelaide datestamp and prepaying 1 s. 10 d. for a double rate 1 ounce ship letter to France. Handstruck "15" (dècimes) in black to be paid upon receipt. A scarce three colour franking of superb quality, and the finest cover from South Australia to France during this period.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Adelaide 7 Nov 1875 per "Pera" to Galle (27 Nov); "Poonah" (27 Nov) via Suez Canal (9 Dec) to Alexandria; "Boroda" (12 Dec) to Brindisi (15 Dec); by rail via Paris (18 Dec) to Bordeaux, arriving 19 Dec 1875 (43 days).
Provenance: Collection Groom, Blanc.

160+ 73+ 81 ✉ **1'000**



3211

3211 1876 (14 January): 'OHMS' endorsed cover from Perth, Western Australia to Heligoland with "♛ / PAID" in black indicating official pre-payment and "P.D." in black (rare from Western Australia) representing paid to destination. At the lower left is a superb strike of the "GENERAL POST OFFICE / ♛ / PERTH / WESTERN AUSTRALIA" handstamp in black and three Swiss "Ambulant" transit datestamps (March 12) in black (presumably mis-directed). Corner imperfection to envelope but generally very fine and one of the most remarkable destination covers of the Australian Colonies, especially from the more remote colony of Western Australia. *The only recorded cover from the Australian Colonies to Heligoland.*
Route - P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound 2 Feb 1876 per "Mongolia" to Galle (15 Feb); "Bokhara" (18 Feb) via Suez Canal (3 March) to Alexandria; "Pera" (6 March) to Brindisi (9 March); by rail from Brindisi via Switzerland (12 March) to Heligoland (over 57 days).

✉ **1'000**



3212



Harbour of St. John's

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF

3212 1876 (March 19): Mourning cover from Sydney, New South Wales to St. Johns, Antigua endorsed *"via Melbourne, Galle & Brindisi"* bearing 1867 New South Wales 4 d. red-brown, two examples, and 1862 Diadem 1 s. carmine, cancelled by a Sydney duplex and prepaying 1 s. 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Antigua. *"11"* (pence) manuscript in red credit to Great Britain for forwarding to Antigua and *"1d"* in red credit from Great Britain to Antigua for local postage delivery. A couple of minor blemishes to the envelope, otherwise a fine and attractive cover to a scarce destination.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 19 March 1876 per "Avoca" to Melbourne; "Sumatra" (23 March) to Galle (12 April); "Mirzapore" (13 April) via Suez Canal (28 April) to Alexandria (1 May); "Pera" (30 April) to Brindisi (3 May); by rail from Brindisi via London (5 May) to Southampton. Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: Departed Southampton (17 May) per "Tasmanian" via Barbuda (30 May) to Antigua, arriving 1 June 1873 (75 days).
Provenance: Collection Forster, 'Alvarado'.

203+ 169 ✉ **750**



3213

3213 1877 (May 15): Cover from Eaglehawk, Victoria to Scotsburn Pictou, Nova Scotia bearing 1877 Victoria Laureate 8 d. lilac brown on pink cancelled by barred numeral "97" of Eaglehawk, with despatch datestamp alongside and prepaying 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Nova Scotia. Manuscript *"2"* (pence) scored through and re-rated *"4"* (pence) in red for internal postage to be paid by the recipient. Fault to adhesive due to placement but a rare destination.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 15 May 1877 per "Tanjore" to Galle (6 June); "Bokhara" (7 June) via Suez Canal (24 June), Alexandria (26 June); Malta (30 June) to Southampton (9 July); by rail via London (10 July) to Liverpool. Inman Line: Departed Liverpool to Halifax, arriving 21 July 1877 (67 days).

137 ✉ **200**

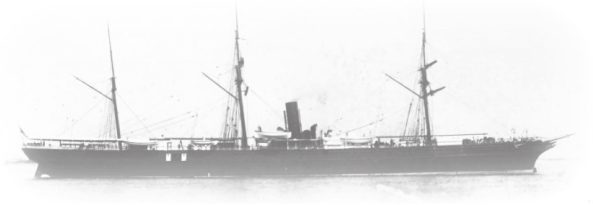
		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3214	1877 (Oct 30): Mourning cover from Hobart, Tasmania to Birmingham, England bearing 1872 Tasmania 2 d. deep green horizontal pair and Chalon 6d dull lilac horizontal pair, with each pair clearly cancelled by the Hobart duplex and prepaying 1 s. 4 d. for a double rate 1 ounce ship letter to England. A neat and attractive double rate cover using both Perkins Bacon and De La Rue issues. *Route - Huddart, Parker & Co: Departed Launceston 30 Oct 1877 per "Coogee" to Melbourne. P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (1 Nov) per "Assam" to Galle (21 Nov); "Poonah" (23 Nov) via Suez Canal (6 Dec) to Alexandria; "Deccan" (10 Dec) to Brindisi (13 Dec); by rail from Brindisi via London (15 Dec) to Bridgenorth, arriving 17 Dec 1877 (55 days).* *(Photo = 131)*	145+ 135	✉	**150**
3215	1877 (Dec 6): OHMS printed envelope with an imprint for the Government Botanist, Melbourne at lower left, used from Perth, Western Australia to Hamburg, Germany bearing Western Australia 1876 2 d. chrome yellow and 1872 6 d. lilac, each clearly cancelled by the rare 9 Barred Circle "2" of Perth (just five covers known with this marking), prepaying 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Germany. Transit and arrival datestamp of Hamburg on the reverse. A rare destination for Western Australia and one of the earliest recorded covers to Germany. This cover is addressed in the hand of Sir Ferdinand von Mueller, the Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens at Melbourne who was a prolific writer to the scientific community around the world. *Route - Contract steamship - P&O Line: Departed Albany 6 Dec 1877 per "Tanjore" to Galle (18 Dec); "Pekin" (21 Dec) via Suez Canal (1 Jan 1878) to Alexandria; "Pera" (6 Jan) to Brindisi; by rail from Brindisi (9 Jan) to Hamburg, arriving 12 Jan 1878 (46 days).* *(Photo = 131)*	71+ 59	✉	**750**



3216

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3216	1878 (July 6): Cover from Meranburn, New South Wales to Aalesund, Norway bearing 1871 New South Wales 2 d. prussian blue and 1876 2 d. pale blue in a horizontal pair, faults but showing double perfs. variety at base and at right, indistinctly cancelled by the rays numeral "729" of Meranburn, prepaid 6 d. and underpaid 3 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Norway. Multiple transit datestamps on the reverse and with Aalesund arrival on obverse. Lower flap missing on the reverse and the cover with minor imperfections but an enormously scarce destination with Norway being by far the rarest destination of the Nordic countries, this cover being one of the earliest covers recorded from the Australian Colonies to Norway. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 6 July 1878 per "Avoca" to Melbourne; "Assam" (9 July) to Galle (28 July); "Tehran" (31 July) via Suez Canal (17 Aug) to Alexandria; "Pera" (20 Aug) to Brindisi; by rail from Brindisi (24 Aug) to London (27 Aug); by steamer via Oslo to Aalesund, arriving 11 Sept 1878 (67 days).* *Note: A full transcript of the letter is included with this lot. Meranburn is a small farming community about 50km. west of Orange. The writer, Ole Svendsen, has bought a small farm but has not heard from his family in Norway for two years. He writes: "I have had some bad luck since I got here, losing one of my best horses. In the last 3 years we had no rain and until now we had some but so little that nothing grows and half of the stock is dead since no water was available to drink. There is winter here at the moment. We have Christmas in the middle of summer and it is so hot that we hardly get out of the house."*	209+ 210	✉	**500**

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3217	1878 (Aug 3): Cover from Hobart, Tasmania to London endorsed *"via Brindisi"*, bearing Tasmania 4 d. ochre, a corner marginal horizontal pair showing part Plate Number "3" above the first stamp, cancelled by the Hobart duplex and prepaying 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. Fine, and an extremely unusual usage showing the plate number used on cover. *Route - Tasmanian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Launceston 3 Aug 1878 per "Derwent" to Melbourne. P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (6 Aug) per "Tanjore" to Galle (28 Aug); "Surat" (28 Aug) via Suez Canal (12 Sept) to Alexandria (13 Sept); "Pera" (14 Sept) to Brindisi (17 Sept); by rail from Brindisi to London, arriving 19 Sept 1878 (47 days).* *(Photo = 131)*	147a	✉	**200**
3218	1879 (13 January): OHMS cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Lisbon, Portugal with Victorian Frank Stamp for the Chief Secretary representing prepayment of *"2"* (pence) manuscript in red crayon for the printed matter rate to Portugal. Typical slight edge wear but scarce, being the only recorded cover from Victoria to Portugal recorded after the mid 1850's and rare usage at the printed matter rate. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 24 Jan 1879 per "Tanjore" to Galle (12 Feb); "Deccan" (14 Feb) via Suez Canal (27 Feb) to Alexandria; "Ceylon" (2 March) to Brindisi (5 March); by rail from Brindisi to London (7 March); by steamship to Lisbon; overland to Torres Novas.* *(Photo = 131)*		✉	**150**



SS 'Garonne'



3219

3219	1879 (March 16): Cover from Wilcannia, South Australia to Wotton under Edge, England endorsed *"via Brindisi"* bearing 1876 New South Wales 2 d. pale blue cancelled by the rays "140" numeral of Wentworth and South Australia 8 d. on 9 d. brown-orange, cancelled by barred diamond "21" of Grand Junction Railway, prepaying 10 d. comprising 2 d. inland and 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. Transit datestamps confirming the prepayment of NSW and South Australian stamps with Wentworth (16 March) Railway South Australia (18 March). Small nick at top of envelope but a fine and rare New South Wales / South Australia 'Riverina' combination cover with the original letter enclosed. *Route: Departed Wentworth 16 March 1879 via Murray River to Morgan; by rail to Adelaide (19 March). Orient Line: Departed Adelaide (21 March) per "Garonne" via Suez Canal (20 April) to Alexandria (21 April); "Ceylon" (28 April) to Brindisi (1 May); by rail from Brindisi via London to Wotton-under Edge, arriving 5 May 1879 (50 days).* *Note: On the 29 March 1867, the PMG of South Australia requested the PMG of NSW to: "...inform the Postmaster at Wentworth that it is necessary that all correspondence posted at his office, for despatch via Adelaide, for places outside the Colony, should be fully prepaid by South Australian stamps." The South Australian stamps were cancelled on the TPO carrying the mail from Morgan, South Australia to Adelaide.* *Illustrated in "The Postal History of New South Wales 1788 - 1901" by White on page 162 who records two covers with New South Wales / South Australia combination frankings, whilst five are now recorded in total.* *Provenance: Collection Rigo de Righi, Molnar.*	219 & 118	✉	**1'000**



Guelph Railway Station



3220

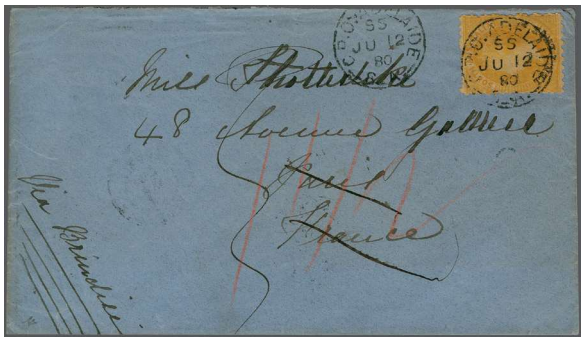
Gibbons

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3220 1880 (April 9): Cover from Narranderra, New South Wales to Jamaica, redirected to Guelph, Canada bearing 1878 New South Wales 1 d. salmon, 2 d. prussian blue and 6 d. bright mauve cancelled by the rare rays numeral "242" of Narranderra (rated RRRR in "The Numeral Cancellations of New South Wales") prepaying 9 d. and underpaid 2 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter of 11 d. to Jamaica. Redirected to Canada with 1872 4 d. brown-orange (Gibbons 11) cancelled by "A34" obliterator of Claremont, which also cancels the 6 d. New South Wales adhesive. The reverse with multiple datestamps (eleven) to confirm it's extraordinary journey. Included with the cover is the original letter describing the desolation of the writer's land holding: *"Wilcannia is our post town, we are about 175 miles from it..."*. A unique combination franking cover from the Australian Colonies. Just two pre-UPU covers are recorded from New South Wales to Jamaica.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 9 April 1880 per "Siam" to Galle; "Australia" (3 May) via Suez Canal (17 May) to Alexandria; "Ceylon" (20 May) to Brindisi; by rail from Brindisi (23 May) via Modane (24 May), to London (26 May). Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: By steamship to Kingston (19 June); overland to Claremont (21 June); by steamship from Kingston (22 June) to New York (30 June); by rail to Guelph, arriving 2 July 1880 (84 days). 208+ 209+ 216 ✉ **1'000**

3221 1880 (June 13): Cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Paris, France endorsed *"via Brindisi"*, redirected to Baden, Switzerland bearing 1870 South Australia 10 d. on 9 d. yellow cancelled by G.P.O. Adelaide datestamp and prepaying 10 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to France. *"1½"* manuscript in red credit to Great Britain for forwarding to France. Multiple transit datestamps on the reverse including the arrival at Baden (26 July). Very fine, a very rare destination, with just four covers recorded from South Australia to Switzerland.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Adelaide 13 June 1880 per "Tanjore" to Galle; "Peshawar" (30 June) via Suez Canal (14 July) to Alexandria; "Ceylon" (18 July) to Brindisi (21 July); by rail from Brindisi to London (24 July); by steamer to Calais; by rail to Paris (25 July); redirected to Baden, Switzerland, arriving 26 July 1880 (44 days). *(Photo = 137)* 107 ✉ **500**

3222 1880 (Sept 17): Cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Bologna, Italy bearing 1879 South Australia 1 d. deep green and 1878 6 d. prussian blue, cancelled by G.P.O. Adelaide datestamp and prepaying 7 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Italy. Imprint at the top left for *"Henry Ketten"* promoting his musical tour. Multiple datestamps on the reverse, including Bologna arrival (26 Oct). Opening tear at top and slight age spot but scarce, one of the earliest covers recorded from South Australia to Italy.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Adelaide 17 Sept 1880 per "Bangalore" to Galle; "Khiva" (5 Oct) via Suez Canal (18 Oct) to Alexandria; "Ceylon" (22 Oct) to Brindisi (25 Oct); by rail from Brindisi to Bologna, arriving 26 Oct 1880 (39 days).
Note: A musical child prodigy, Henry Ketten was born in Hungary in 1848 and was admitted to the Paris Conservatoire at the age of seven and a half. As a pianist, he travelled widely around Europe, playing for royalty before a tour of the United States in 1879. He toured Australia the following year, probably the best pianist to tour the Colonies up to that date. He became sick whilst touring Russia and returned to Paris where he died at the age of 35. *(Photo = 137)* 167b+ 117 ✉ **250**



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3222 / CHF 250



3223 / CHF 500



3225 / CHF 250



3227 / CHF 250



3228 / CHF 500



3229 / CHF 250



3230 / CHF 300

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3223	1881 (Nov 2): Registered cover from Talbot, Victoria to Hannover, Germany bearing Victoria 1877 Bell 1 d. green, 1880 2 d. sepia, 1879 Laureate 8 d. red-brown on pink paper and 1876 Bell 1 s. indigo-blue on blue paper cancelled by barred numeral "244" of Talbot, with the despatch datestamp at left;. Prepaid 1 s. 11 d. comprising 1 s. 5 d. for a double rate 1 ounce ship letter to Germany plus 6 d. registration. "REGISTERED" handstamp in black and a German Registration label applied for rail transport to Hannover. A fine four colour franking and an important registered cover from Victoria. *Route - Orient Line: Departed Melbourne 2 Nov 1881 per "Chimborazo" via Suez Canal to Alexandria (6 Dec). P&O Line: "Assam" (6 Dec) to Brindisi (9 Dec); by rail from Brindisi (10 Dec) via Frankfurt (12 Dec) to Hannover, arriving 14 Dec 1881 (45 days).* *Note: The registration fee of 6 d. via Brindisi was only available from 1876-82. This, and a cover to Italy, are the only recorded examples of 6 d. registration usage via Brindisi.* *Provenance: Collection Perry, Winchester.* *(Photo = 137)*	182a+ 202+ 193+ 180	✉	**500**



Looking aft along the deck of 'Mongolia'



3224

3224	1882 (Jan 11): Registered cover from Boyadine, Western Australia to Berlin, Germany bearing 1877 Western Australia 6 d. lilac horizontal pair, with the pair lightly cancelled by the rare 12 Barred Circle Numeral "12" of Boyadine in black and despatch datestamp at the left, prepaying 1 s. comprising 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Germany plus 4 d. for registration. German Registration label for rail transport to Berlin. Pairs of the Western Australian Perkins Bacon issue are rare on cover, this being the earlier of only two registered covers recorded from Western Australia to Germany. Rare and attractive. *Route - P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound 11 Jan 1882 per "Carthage" to Galle (23 Jan); "Ancona" (23 Jan) via Aden (31 Jan) and Suez Canal (6 Feb) to Alexandria; "Mongolia" (7 Feb) to Brindisi (10 Feb); by rail to Berlin, arriving 13 Feb 1882 (*59 days). *Note: The 12 Barred Circle number "12" of Boyadine is a great rarity, this being only the second cover recorded from this Post Office.*	75	✉	**1'500**
3225	1882 (Nov 21): Cover from Deloraine, Tasmania to Weinfelden, Switzerland endorsed *"via Brindisi"*, bearing 1878 Tasmania 1 d. rose-carmine, 2 d. pale green and 1879 Chalon 6 d. dull reddish-lilac, some toned perfs., cancelled by barred numeral "25" of Deloraine and prepaying 9 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Switzerland. Four transit datestamps on the reverse of a scarce mixed issue franking, one of the earliest covers recorded from Tasmania to Switzerland. *Route - Tasmanian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Launceston 21 Nov 1882 per "Mangana" to Melbourne. P&O Line: Melbourne (23 Nov) per "Peshawar" to Colombo (11 Dec); "Australia" (13 Dec) via Suez Canal (25 Dec) to Alexandria; "Mongolia" (27 Dec) to Brindisi (30 Dec); by rail from Brindisi to Weinfelden, arriving 11 Jan 1883 (52 days).* *(Photo = 137)*	156a+ 157+ 139	✉	**250**



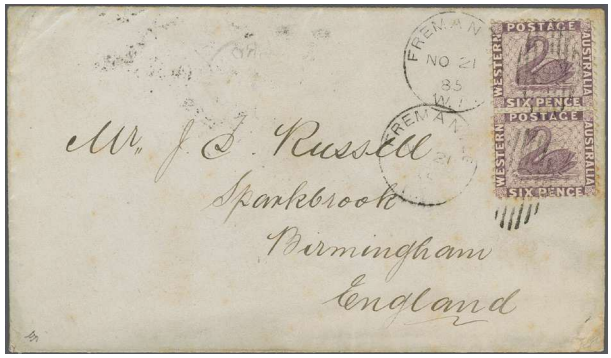
Cholera outbreak in Egypt



3226

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3226	1883 (Aug 7): Cover from Albany, Western Australia to Naples, Italy endorsed *"per Pekin"* , bearing 1882 Western Australia 1 d. yellow-ochre and 6 d. reddish-lilac, cancelled by barred circle "6" of Albany, with despatch datestamp at base, prepaying 7 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Italy. Due to the cholera outbreak in Egypt, three disinfectant slits were applied to the cover in Venice, one crossing the 1 d. value. Part back flap missing but the second earliest cover recorded from Western Australia to Italy and a rarity from Western Australia being the sole disinfected cover recorded. Certificate: RPSV (2011). *Route - P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound 7 Aug 1883 per "Pekin" to Colombo (19 Aug); "Kaiser-I-H" (19 Aug) via Suez Canal (2 Sept) to Alexandria; "Venitia" (7 Sept) to Venice (9 Sept); by rail from Venice to Naples, arriving 10 Sept 1883 (34 days).* *Provenance: Collection Walkley.*	76+ 79	✉	**1'250**
3227	1884 (April 19): Registered cover from the Italian Consulate in Melbourne, Victoria to Rome, Italy endorsed *"Per Sorata"* bearing Victoria 1883 Bell 2 d. chocolate, Laureate 6 d. indigo-blue and Bell 1 s. bright blue on blue paper horizontal pair, cancelled by the "REGISTERED / MELBOURNE' datestamp and prepaying 2 s. 8 d. comprising 2 s. 4 d. for a quadruple rate for a 2 ounce ship letter to Italy plus 4 d. registration. On the reverse is an ornate handstamp for the Italian consulate with datestamps for Brindisi (24 May) and Rome arrival. One or two tone spots and small cover tear at base, otherwise a fine and rare high value franking. *Route - Orient Line: Departed Melbourne 19 April 1884 per "Sorata" via Adelaide (21 April) and Suez Canal (19 May) to Alexandria. P&O Line: Departed Alexandra (21 May) per "Tanjore" to Brindisi (24 May); by rail to Rome, arriving 25 May1884 (52 days).* *Provenance: Collection Linfield.* *(Photo = 137)*	210a+ 214a+ 180d	✉	**250**
3228	1884 (Nov 6): Registered 4 d. postal stationery envelope from Melbourne, Victoria to Hannover, Germany up-rated with 1883 Victoria bantam ½ d. rosine, Bell 1 d. yellow-green and Stamp Duty 2 s. blue on greenish paper, cancelled by oval "REGISTERED / MELBOURNE" datestamp and prepaying 2 s. 5½ d. comprising 2 s. 1½ d. for a triple rate 1½ ounce ship letter to Germany plus 4 d. registration. Fine, and a very rare use of the Stamp Duty 2 s. value on cover - one of just two known examples of the 2 s. Stamp Duty recorded on cover. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 6 Nov 1884 per "Parramatta" to Colombo (25 Nov); "Chusan" (25 Nov) via Aden (8 Dec) and Suez Canal to Alexandria (10 Dec); "Mongolia" (11 Dec) to Brindisi (14 Dec); by rail from Brindisi via Bologna (15 Dec) to Hannover, arriving 18 Dec 1884 (43 days).* *Provenance: Collection Perry, Winchester.* *(Photo = 137)*	207+ 208+ 225a	✉	**500**

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3229	1885 (Jan 20): Cover from Bega, New South Wales to Bergan, Norway bearing 1884 New South Wales 1 d. scarlet and 1882 4 d. red-brown horizontal pair cancelled by Bega datestamp and prepaying 9 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Norway. Cover a little foreshortened at right and flap restored but a rare franking to Norway with just five covers recorded to this destination. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Bega 20 Jan 1885 per steamship to Melbourne. P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (29 Jan) per "Ballaarat" to Colombo (16 Feb); "Brindisi" (17 Feb) via Aden (24 Feb) and Suez Canal (1 March) to Alexandria; "Mongolia" (4 March) to Brindisi (7 March); by rail from Brindisi to Christiana, arriving 13 March 1885 (53 days).* *Provenance: Collection Davis.* *(Photo = 137)*	223f+ 229	✉	**250**
3230	1885 (March 20): Registered 4 d. postal stationery envelope from Melbourne, Victoria to Salzburg, Austria up-rated with 1883 Victoria bantam ½ d. rosine and 1885 Naish 8 d. rose on pink paper cancelled by the oval "REGISTERED" handstamp and prepaying 1 s. ½ d. comprising 8½ d. for ½ ounce ship letter to Austria plus 4 d. registration. A rare usage of this 4 d. Registration envelope and illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Mail of Victoria" on page 37. *Route - Orient Line: Departed Melbourne 20 March 1885 per "Chimborazo" via Adelaide (23 March) and Suez Canal (19 April) to Alexandria. P&O Line: Departed Alexandria (23 April) to Brindisi (26 April); by rail from Brindisi via Bologna (27 April) to Salzburg, arriving 27 April 1885 (38 days).* *Provenance: Collection Purves, Winchester.* *(Photo = 137)*	207+ 293	✉	**300**
3231	1885 (Nov 25): Cover (with Masonic emblem on reverse) used from Fremantle, Western Australia to Sparkbrook, England bearing 1883 Western Australia 6 d. lilac in a vertical pair cancelled by the Fremantle duplex and prepaying 1 s. for a double rate 1 ounce ship letter to England. Pairs of Perkins Bacon issues are rare on cover. *Route - P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound 25 Nov 1885 per "Ballaarat" to Colombo (7 Dec); "Surat" (7 Dec) via Aden (15 Dec) and Suez Canal (20 Dec) to Alexandria; "Lombardy" (23 Dec) to Brindisi (26 Dec); by rail from Brindisi via London to Sparkbrook, arriving 29 Dec 1885 (38 days).* *(Photo = 141)*	80	✉	**300**
3232	1886 (Feb 11): Registered 1886 cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Hannover, Germany bearing 1885 Victoria Naish 1 d. yellowish-green, 4 d. Magenta with corner fault, 1 s. deep dull blue on lemon paper and 4 d. rose-red overprinted "STAMP / DUTY" in blue; all cancelled by the Melbourne "1" obliterator with "REGISTERED / MELBOURNE" datestamp below, prepaying 1 s. 9 d. comprising 1 s. 5 d. for a double rate 1 ounce ship letter to Germany plus 4 d. registration. Fine, and a unique usage of the 4 d. Stamp Duty value on cover. *Route: P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 11 Feb 1886 per "Tasmania" to Colombo (2 March); "Rohilla" (2 March) via Aden (9 March) and Suez Canal (15 March) to Alexandria; "Lombardy" (17 March) to Brindisi (21 March); by rail from Brindisi to Hannover, arriving 23 March 1886 (41 days).* *Provenance: Collection Purves, Perry, Linfield, Winchester.* *(Photo = 141)*	297+ 300+ 294+ 309	✉	**750**
3233	1886 (March 20): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Genova, Italy bearing 1885 Victoria Naish 1 d. yellowish-green, two examples and a single 6 d. chalky blue, rounded corner perf., cancelled by the Melbourne duplex and prepaying 7 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Italy. "T" diamond in black representing additional taxation, "10" (decimi) manuscript in black representing the deficiency and franked with 1870 Italy 1 lira Postage Due to collect. Flap tear on the reverse otherwise fine, and a scarce usage of Italian postage dues on Victorian mail. As the cover was overpaid there is no logical reason for the taxation unless possibly as a Poste Restante collection fee. *Route: P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 20 March 1885 per "Bengal" to Colombo (28 March); "Ballaarat" (30 March) via Aden (6 April) and Suez Canal (11 April) to Alexandria; "Lombardy" (14 April) to Brindisi (17 April); by rail from Brindisi to Genoa, arriving 18 April 1886 (39 days).* *(Photo = 141)*	297+ 301a	✉	**250**
3234	1886 (Sept 14): Cover from Brisbane, Queensland to Tacoma, Washington Territory (admitted to the Union in 1889), USA bearing Queensland 1882 2 d. blue, four single examples overlapping a horizontal strip of four, cancelled by the Brisbane duplex and prepaying 1 s. 4 d. for a double rate 1 ounce ship letter to the United States. *"4"* (cents) manuscript in red for the United States inland postage to be paid upon receipt. A few cover faults and wrinkles at edges, but an unusual destination. Illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Mail of Queensland" by Ben Palmer on page 283. *Route - Queensland Steamship Co: Departed Brisbane 14 Sept 1886 per "Birksgate" via Sydney to Melbourne. P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (21 Sept) per "Thames" to Colombo (10 Oct); "Nepaul" (10 Oct) via Aden (18 Oct) and Suez Canal (24 Oct) to Alexandria; "Nizam" (26 Oct) to Brindisi (29 Oct); by rail from Brindisi via London (1 Nov) to Liverpool; by steamer to New York (12 Nov); by rail from New York via Chicago to Tacoma, arriving 19 Nov 1886 (66 days).* *Note: This long route took over two months to deliver. If the cover was sent via the San Francisco route, the journey could have been completed in half the time.* *(Photo = 141)*	168	✉	**200**



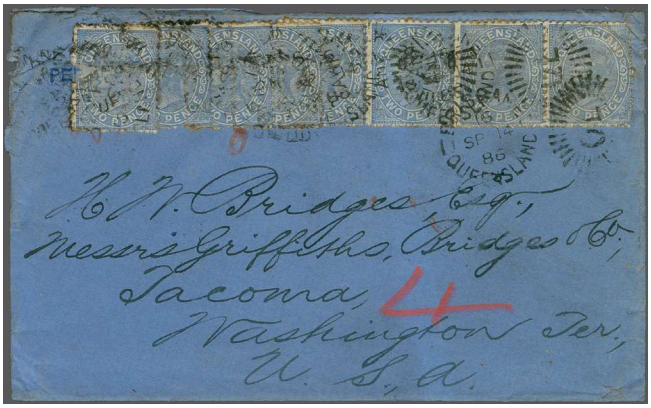
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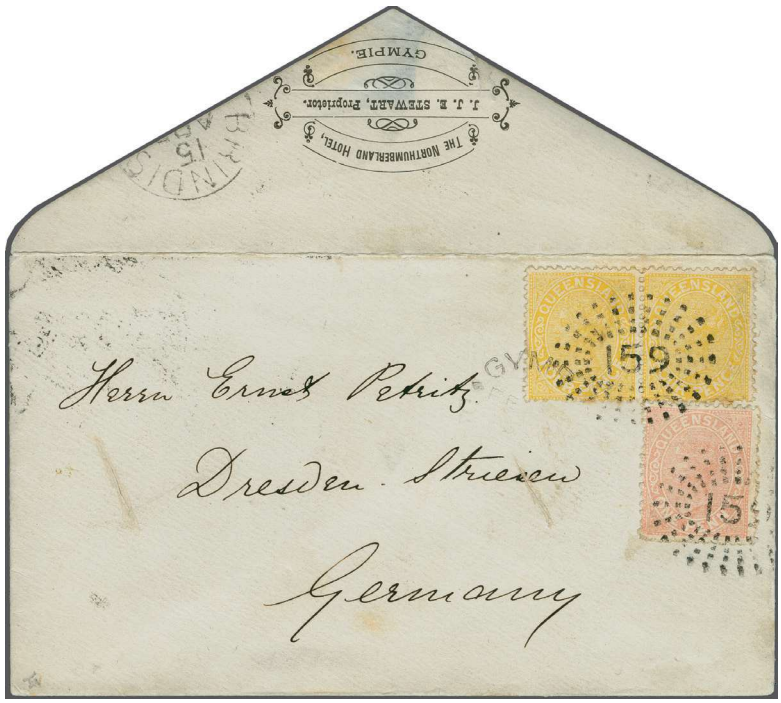
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3235	1887 (March 2): Cover (with advertisement for the "Northumberland Hotel, Gympie" on the reverse) from Gympie, Queensland to Dresden, Germany bearing Queensland 1882 1 d. pale vermillion and 4 d. pale yellow horizontal pair, cancelled by the rays numeral "159", prepaying 9 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Germany. The envelope with two disinfection slits, almost certainly applied at Alexandria due to a Cholera outbreak. Very fine and rare: just three disinfected covers recorded from Queensland and illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Mail of Queensland" on page 147 and in "Queensland Postal History" by Campbell on page 289. *Route: Departed Gympie overland to Brisbane 2 March 1887. Queensland Steamship Co: Departed Brisbane (4 March) per "Warrego" via Sydney to Melbourne. P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (10 March) per "Carthage" to Colombo (28 March); "Chusan" (29 March) via Aden (5 April) and Suez Canal (10 April) to Alexandria; "Gwalior" (12 April) to Brindisi (14 April); by rail from Brindisi to Germany.* *Provenance: Collection Fair, Campbell, Davis.*	166+ 169	✉	**400**
3236	1887 (April 2): Cover from Hobart, Tasmania to San Remo, Italy redirected to Germany on arrival, bearing 1878 Tasmania 2 d. pale green, a horizontal strip of three with one stamp removed by the Italian postal officials to make room for the address details for the redirection of the envelope, prepaid 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Italy. The cover with multiple redirections with over 14 transit datestamps on the reverse, including a fine boxed "GRAND HOTEL / PALLANZA" in blue on obverse. Remarkable condition for such a well travelled cover; just six covers recorded from Tasmania to the Kingdom of Italy. *Route - Tasmanian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Launceston 2 April 1887 per "Moreton" to Melbourne. P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (7 April) per "Valetta" to Colombo (24 April); "Pekin" (26 April) via Aden (3 May) and Suez Canal (8 May) to Alexandria; "Gwalior" (11 May) to Brindisi (13 May); by rail from Brindisi to San Remo; redirected by rail via seven Italian cities to Frankfurt, arriving 20 May 1887. (50 days - a detailed list of the transit datestamps on the reverse accompany this lot).* *(Photo = 141)*	157	✉	**250**
3237	1887 (May 21): Registered 4 d. postal stationery envelope mailed from Launceston, Tasmania to Colesberg, Cape of Good Hope redirected on arrival to Burgersdorp, bearing 1878 Tasmania 1 d. rose-carmine and 2 d. pale green single and two vertical pairs, cancelled by Launceston duplex and prepaying 1 s. 3 d. comprising 11 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the Cape of Good Hope plus 4 d. registration. "REGISTERED" handstamp in black at left and with multiple transit datestamps on the reverse. The only pre-UPU cover recorded from Tasmania to the Cape of Good Hope. *Route - Tasmanian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Launceston 21 May 1887 per S.S. "Moreton" to Melbourne. Orient Line: Departed Melbourne (28 May) per "Lusitania" via Suez Canal (26 June) to Alexandria; "Assam" (28 June) to Brindisi; by rail from Brindisi (1 July) to London (3 July). Castle Line: Departed London (6 July) per "Hawarden Castle" to Cape Town (28 July) to Colesberg 2 Aug 1887 and redirected to Bergersdorp (over 74 days).* *Provenance: Collection McNamee.* *(Photo = 141)*	156+ 157	✉	**250**

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3238 1887 (May 31): Registered 4 d. postal stationery envelope from Sydney, New South Wales to Tangier, Morocco bearing New South Wales 1882 6 d. lilac and 1 s. black, cancelled by Sydney bars postmark and prepaying 1 s. 10 d. comprising 1 s. for a double rate 1 ounce ship letter to Morocco plus 4 d. Registraion plus 6 d. Late Fee after the closure of the mails. Endorsed *"Via Brindisi"* at top left and with registration datestamps on obverse for Sydney, Gibraltar and Tangier. Very fine, and a rare destination from the Australian Colonies. The finest of the four covers recorded from the Australian Colonies to Morocco, all are from this correspondence, with the others being badly toned.
Route : Departed Sydney 31 May 1887 by rail to Melbourne. P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (1 June) per "Clyde" to Galle (17 June); "Nepaul" (18 June) via Aden (27 June) and the Suez Canal to Alexandria; "Gwalior" (5 July) via Brindisi to London; by steamer via Gibraltar (15 July) to Tangier, arriving 15 July 1887 (46 days). *(Photo = 141)* 234+ 237 ✉ **300**

3239 1887 (July 2): Registered 4 d. postal stationery envelope from Launceston, Tasmania to Bucharest, Kingdom of Romania up-rated with 1878 Tasmania 1 d. rose-carmine and 2 d. pale green, two horizontal pairs, cancelled by Launceston duplex and prepaying 1 s. 1 d. comprising 9 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Romania plus 4 d. registration. "REGISTERED" handstamp in black at left and with multiple transit datestamps on the reverse. Fine, the sole recorded cover from the Australian Colonies to the Kingdom of Romania.
Route - Tasmanian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Launceston 2 July 1887 per "Moreton" to Melbourne. Orient Line: Departed Melbourne (9 July) per "Iberia" via Suez Canal (6 Aug) to Alexandria; "Mongolia" (8 Aug) to Brindisi (11 Aug); by rail from Brindisi to Bucharest, arriving 15 (Aug) 1887 (45 days).
Provenance: Collection Blake, McNamee. *(Photo = 141)* 156+ 157 ✉ **300**

3240 1887 (Aug 11): Cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Ontario, Canada bearing 1877 South Australia 6 d. bright ultramarine, a single example cancelled by THE Adelaide duplex and prepaying 6 d. and underpaying 2 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter of 8 d. to Canada. "T" applied at Adelaide recognising the underpayment and with *"6d"* in manuscript scored through and *"25c"* (cents) manuscript in black marked for the deficient postage to be paid by the recipient. Fine, a scarce taxed cover from South Australia.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Adelaide 11 Aug 1887 per "Massilia" to Colombo (27 Aug), "Mirzapore" (27 Aug) via Aden (4 Sept) and Suez Canal (9 Sept) to Alexandria; "Tanjore" (13 Sept) to Brindisi (16 Sept); by rail from Brindisi via London (19 Sept) to Liverpool; by steamer to Quebec City; by rail to Bowmanville, Ontario, arriving 3 Oct 1887 (55 days). *(Photo = 145)* 141 ✉ **200**



3241



SS 'Gwailor'

3241 1887 (Aug 30): Cover from Albany, Western Australia to Schenefeld, Germany bearing Western Australia 1882 1 d. yellow-ochre, 2 d. chrome-yellow and 6 d. lilac, cancelled by the Albany duplex with "KGS" in bars (for King Georges Sound) and prepaying 9 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Germany. Eight 9 d. rate covers recorded from Western Australia via Brindisi. Very fine and a rare three colour Perkins Bacon franking.
Route - P&O Line: Departed King George Sound 30 Aug 1887 per "Valetta" to Colombo (10 Sept), "Sutlej" (10 Sept) via Aden (18 Sept) and Suez Canal (23 Sept) to Alexandria; "Gwalior" (26 Sept) to Brindisi (29 Sept); by rail from Brindisi to Blankenese, arriving 2 Oct 1887 (36 days).
Provenance: Collection Walkley. 76+ 77+ 80 ✉ **750**

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3242	1887 (Sept 17): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Zwickau, Germany, redirected on arrival to Leipzig, bearing 1882 New South Wales 6 d. lilac, a single example cancelled by the Sydney duplex prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Germany. *Route - Norddeutscher Lloyd Line: Departed Sydney 17 Sept 1887 per "Nurnberg" to Suez Canal (19 Oct) to Port Said; "Stettin" (21 Oct) to Genoa; by rail via Brindisi to Zwickau (27 Oct), redirected to Leipzig, arriving 28 Oct 1887 (42 days).* *Note: Scarce usage of the Norddeutscher Lloyd Line to transport mail from the Australian Colonies. The mail contract was only introduced in 1886.* *(Photo = 145)*	234	✉	**100**
3243	1889 (June 10): Cover from Brisbane, Queensland to Eslof, Sweden bearing 1882 Queensland 1 s. pale mauve, a single example cancelled by the Brisbane duplex and prepaying 1 s. for a double rate 1 ounce ship letter to Sweden. Central file fold away from adhesive otherwise fine and scarce. Six pre-UPU covers are recorded from Queensland to Sweden. *Route: Departed Brisbane 10 June 1889 by rail via Sydney and Melbourne to Adelaide. P&O Line: Departed Adelaide (17 June) per "Massilia" via King Georges Sound (21 June) and Aden (9 July) to Brindisi (18 July); by rail from Brindisi to Eslof (over 38 days).* *(Photo = 145)*	174	✉	**200**
3244	1890 (April 12): Cover from Brisbane, Queensland to Gustavin Abo, Finland bearing 1882 Queensland 6 d. green, a single example cancelled by the Brisbane "QL" duplex and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Finland. Multiple transit datestamps on the reverse confirming the journey. Very fine and rare. The only recorded cover from Queensland to Finland and illustrated in "the Pre-UPU Mail of Queensland" by Ben Palmer on page 136. *Route: Departed Brisbane 12 April 1890 by rail via Sydney and Melbourne to Adelaide. P&O Line: Departed Adelaide (23 April) per "Britannia" via Aden (14 May) and Suez Canal to Brindisi (22 May); by rail from Brindisi via St. Petersburg (25 May) and Helsinki (26 May) to Kivimaa (28 May); overland to Gustavin Abo, arriving 28 May 1889 (46 days).* *(Photo = 145)*	170	✉	**150**
3245	1890 (May 30): Cover from Rockhampton, Queensland to Berlin bearing 1882 Queensland 1 d. deep vermillion-red, 2 d. blue and 6 d. green cancelled by the Rockhampton datestamp and prepaying 9 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Germany. Small tear at top right but a fine and attractive three colour franking and an unusual routing. *Route - Australian United Steam Navigation Co: Departed Rockhampton 30 May1890 per "Eurimbla" to Brisbane (31 May). Departed Brisbane (3 June) per "Birksgate" via Sydney to Melbourne (6 June). P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (7 June) per "Valetta" via Adelaide (11 June), King Georges Sound (15 June) and Aden (5 July) to Brindisi (14 July); by rail from Brindisi to Berlin, arriving 17 July 1890 (48 days).* *(Photo = 145)*	167+ 168+ 170	✉	**100**

Incoming mail via Brindisi

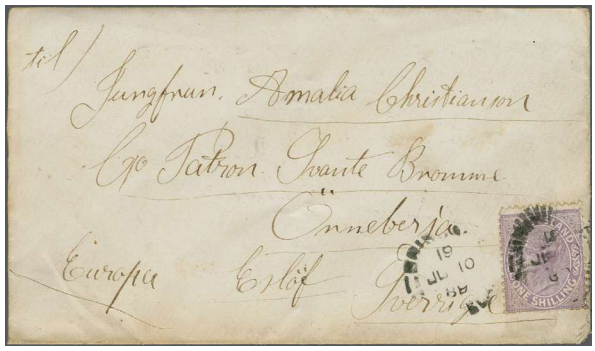


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3246	1870 (Dec 2): Cover from London to Newcastle, New South Wales bearing 1870 Great Britain bantam ½ d. rose pl. 6, two examples used with 1 s. green pl. 4 cancelled by the London duplex and prepaying 1 s. 1 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to New South Wales via Brindisi. Very fine and a scarce cover from the short lived rate via Brindisi to the Australian Colonies, this being the second transportation of mail via the Brindisi route. *Route: Departed London, England 2 Dec 1870 by rail to Brindisi. P&O Line: Departed Brindisi (6 Dec) per "Tomaso" to Alexandria (9 Dec); overland to Suez; "Mongolia" (12 Dec) to Galle (28 Dec); "Avoca" (29 Dec) via King Georges Sound 12 Jan 1871 and Melbourne (18 Jan) to Sydney (21 Jan); by rail to Newcastle, arriving 22 Jan 1871 (51 days).* *Note: The 1 s. 1 d. rate to the Australian Colonies was only available for 15 months from October 1869. By way of comparison, only about fifteen covers are recorded from the Australian Colonies to England for this route and rate.*	48+ 101	✉	**200**



3240 / CHF 200



3243 / CHF 200



3245 / CHF 100



3255 / CHF 250



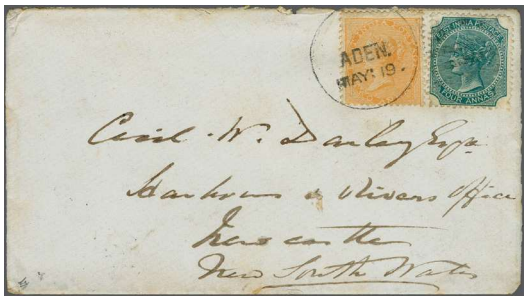
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3244 / CHF 150



3249 / CHF 100



3254 / CHF 150



3256 / CHF 300



3247



Beach view in Ostende

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF

3247 1872 (May 13): Cover from Ostende, Belgium to Adelaide, South Australia endorsed *"Via Brindisi"* bearing 1869 Belgium Leopold 20 c. blue and two examples of 40 c. rose (Mi 28+31) with one 40 c. with corner perf. fault, cancelled by "283" dotted numeral and prepaying 1 franc for a ½ ounce ship letter to South Australia. Framed "P.D." in black with "Italie / Amb. Est 3" datestamp on the reverse. Fine and rare, being one of the earliest covers recorded from Belgium to the Australian Colonies.
Route: Departed Ostende 13 May 1872 by rail to Brindisi (6 Sept). P&O Line: Departed Brindisi (17 May) per "Nyanza" to Alexandria (23 May); by rail to Suez; "Peshawur" (24 May) to Galle (6 June); "Bangalore" (9 June) via King Georges Sound (23 June) to Adelaide, arriving 28 June 1872 (46 days).
Note: Believed to be the sole cover recorded from Belgium to South Australia. ✉ **800**



3248

3248 1874 (Aug 7): Registered cover from London to Melbourne, Victoria bearing Great Britain 4 d. vermillion, 1867 2 s. dull blue and 1873 3 d. rose, with each cancelled by "R" obliterator and prepaying 2 s. 7 d. comprising 2 s. 3 d. for a 1½ ounce ship letter to Victoria plus 4 d. registration. Endorsed *"Via Brindisi"* at upper left and with manuscript *"Registered"* in black and London registered datestamp in red. A colourful and scarce mixed issue franking.
Route: Departed London, England 7 Aug 1874 by rail to Brindisi (9 Aug). P&O Line: Departed Brindisi (10 Aug) per "Simla" to Alexandria (12 Aug); overland to Suez; "Geelong" (13 Aug) to Galle (28 Aug); "Golconda" (29 Aug) via King Georges Sound (14 Sept) and Adelaide (19 Sept) to Melbourne, arriving 21 Sept 1874 (45 days).
Note: This cover is recorded as Cover No. 6 on Page 171 in "Great Britain: Mixed-franking covers illustrating postage stamp development". It is the only cover recorded at this rate in the census. 94+ 118+ 143 ✉ **500**

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3249 1874 (Sept 4): Mourning cover from Bray, Ireland to Newcastle, New South Wales bearing 1864 Great Britain 1 d. red, pl. 147, 1873 3 d. rose, pl. 14 and 6 d. grey pl. 13, with each cancelled by the "72" duplex of Bray and prepaying 10 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to New South Wales. Endorsed *"Via Brindisi and Melbourne"* at upper left and with Sydney and Newcastle arrival datestamps on the reverse. Fine, a scarce mixed issue franking.
Route: Departed Dublin by steam packet to Liverpool; by rail via London 4 Sept 1874 to Brindisi (6 Sept). P&O Line: Departed Brindisi (7 Sept) per "Bangalore" (9 Aug) to Alexandria (10 Sept); by rail to Suez; "Khiva" (11 Sept) to Galle (25 Sept); "Pera" via King Georges Sound (8 Oct) and Adelaide (12 Oct) to Melbourne (15 Oct); "Ellora" (15 Oct) to Sydney (19 Oct); by rail to Newcastle, arriving 19 Oct 1874 (46 days).
Note: This cover is not recorded "Great Britain: Mixed-franking covers illustrating postage stamp development". Only one other cover with this combination of stamps is recorded in the census at Page 168. *(Photo = 145)* 44+ 144+ 147 ✉ **100**



View of Cairo



3250

3250 1874 (Nov 5): Cover from Cairo, Egypt to Melbourne, Victoria bearing 1872 Egypt 10 pa. mauve, 1 pi. red and 2 pi. yellow, each cancelled by the Cairo datestamps (Nov 2) and prepaying 3 pi. 10 pa. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. Bold circular 'P.D." handstamp in black and with Suez British PO transit and Melbourne arrival datestamps. Cover faults, including a closed tear, however, an extremely rare destination for mail from from Egypt. Signed Todd AIEP.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Alexandria 5 Nov 1874 per "Peshawur" via Suez (6 Nov) to Galle (20 Nov); "Ceylon" (21 Nov) via King Georges Sound (5 Dec) and Adelaide (11 Dec) to Melbourne, arriving 12 Dec 1874 (41 days).
Note: The earliest recorded cover from Egypt to the Australian Colonies franked with Egyptian postage stamps. 29+ 31+ 32 ✉ **1'200**



View of Valparaiso



3251

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF
3251	1875: Registered mourning envelope from Valparaiso, Chile to Sydney, New South Wales bearing 1865 Great Britain 4 d. vermillion, pl. 14; 1867 2 s. dull blue and 1873 3 d. rose, pl. 12, two examples, (Gibbons Z63+Z64+Z86) all cancelled by the "C30" duplex of Valparaiso and prepaid 2 s. 10 d. comprising 2 s. 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter plus 4 d. registration to New South Wales. The cover is endorsed at upper left *"Via San Francisco"*, but scored through and replaced by *"Brindisi"*. Two strikes of the Valparaiso "REGISTERED" handstamp in black with the London registered datestamp on obverse (July 17) and Sydney arrival on the reverse. One of the 3 d. stamps was originally applied around the edge of the envelope, otherwise very fine. A delightful and extremely rare usage. Cert. BPA (1975). *Route - Pacific Steam Navigation Co: Departed Valparaiso by steamer to Panama. Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: Departed Colon (19 June) per "Shannon" via Jamaica (25 June), Port au Prince (27 June), St. Thomas (29 June), "Martinique" (30 June) and Barbados (1 July) to Plymouth, arriving (16 July); by rail to London. P&O Line: Departed London 6 Aug 1875 by rail to Brindisi; "Baroda" (9 Aug) to Alexandria (12 Aug); "Bokhara" (13 Aug) via Suez Canal to Galle; "Nubia" (28 Aug) via King Georges Sound (11 Sept) and Adelaide (16 Sept) to Melbourne (18 Sept); "Ellora" (18 Sept) to Sydney, arriving 21 Sept 1875 (111 days).* *Note: The arrival datestamp on the reverse of the 11 September 1875 is incorrect, it should read 21 September. This cover is recorded as Cover No. 7 on Page 171 in "Great Britain: Mixed-franking covers illustrating postage stamp development". It is the only cover recorded at this rate in the census.* *The sole British Post Offices Abroad cover recorded from Chile to the Australian Colonies.* *Provenance: Collection McGowan, Glassco.*	94+ 118+ 143	✉	**3'000**



3252



Jeisk Harbour

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3252 1875 (April 1): Cover from Jeisk, Russia to Adelaide, South Australia bearing 1866 Russia 1 k. black & yellow, 5 k. black & lilac and 20 k. orange & blue, horizontally laid paper, perf. 14½, cancelled by two line "Jeisk" datestamps in black, prepaying 26 kopeks for a ½ ounce ship letter to South Australia. On the reverse are Russian TPO, Venice and Brindisi cds's, with a faint Adelaide arrival datestamp on obverse. Some minor cover imperfections but an extremely rare destination for Russian classic period mail and one of the earliest covers to this destination recorded. Certs. Vaccari (2019) and RPSL (2021).
Route: Departed Russia 1 April 1875 by rail via Venice (16 April) to Brindisi (17 April). P&O Line: Departed Brindisi (19 April) per "Sumatra" to Alexandria (22 April); "Mongolia" (22 April) via Suez Canal to Galle (7 May); "Nubia" (8 May) via King Georges Sound (22 May) to Adelaide, arriving 27 May 1875 (57 days).
Note: This cover is addressed to Frederick Wigg whose family founded the Adelaide bookshop of E.S. Wigg & Son. They were the largest booksellers in South Australia, expanding their business to the other colonies with the company still operating today. 18+ 20+ 34 ✉ **800**



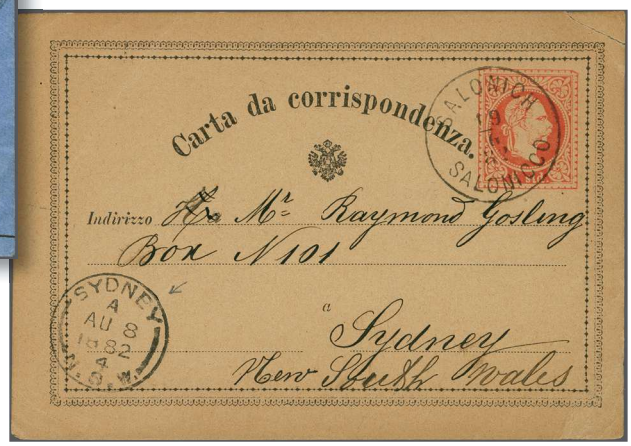
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3253 1876 (April 29): Cover from Christiana, Norway to Gobur, Victoria bearing Norway Posthorn 3 sk. rose and 7 sk. deep brown in a horizontal pair, one damaged at base (Michel 18+21) cancelled by the Christiana datestamp (April 29) and prepaying 17 skilling for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. Transit datestamps on the reverse for Melbourne and arrival of Gobur. Only three 'Skilling' covers are recorded from Norway to the Australian Colonies, this being the latest and the only example bearing the Posthorn issue.
Route: Departed Christiana 29 April 1876 by rail to Brindisi. P&O Line: Departed Brindisi (15 May) per "Pera" to Alexandria (18 May); "Hydaspes" (19 May) via Suez Canal to Galle (2 June); "China" (3 June) via King Georges Sound (17 June) and Adelaide (22 June) to Melbourne (24 June); by rail and overland to Gobur, arriving 27 June 1876 (60 days). ✉ **1'000**

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3254	1876 (May 23): Cover from Aden to Newcastle, New South Wales bearing 1865 India 2 a. yellow and 1866 4 a. green cancelled by Aden duplex and prepaying 6 annas for a ½ ounce ship letter to New South Wales. A neat and attractive cover from the Darley correspondence. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Aden 23 May 1876 per "Hydaspes" to Galle (2 June); "China" (3 June) via King Georges Sound (17 June); Adelaide (22 June) to Melbourne (24 June); "Avoca" to Sydney (28 June); by rail to Newcastle arriving 29 June 1876 (41 days).* *Note: One of the earliest covers recorded from Aden to the Australian Colonies.* *(Photo = 145)*	61+ 69	✉	**150**
3255	1877 (Aug 30): Cover from Antwerp, Belgium to Brisbane, Queensland endorsed *"Via Brindisi"*, bearing 1869/75 Leopold 25 c. olive-yellow and 50 c. grey (Michel 29+32) cancelled by indistinct datestamps, prepaying 75 centimes for a ½ ounce ship letter to Queensland with transit datestamps on reverse. The rear flap missing and some other small cover blemishes, however, a rare destination from Belgium. The only cover recorded from Belgium to Queensland. *Route: Departed Antwerp 30 Aug 1877 by rail to Brindisi (7 Sept). P&O Line: Departed Brindisi (1 Oct) per "Ceylon" to Alexandria (4 Oct); overland to Suez; "Poonah" (5 Oct) to Galle (19 Oct); "Tanjore" (19 Oct) via King Georges Sound (5 Nov) and Adelaide (9 Nov) to Melbourne (11 Oct); "Avoca" (12 Nov) to Sydney (15 Nov). Australian Steamship Co: Departed Sydney (16 Nov) per "Balclutha" to Brisbane, arriving 18 Nov 1877 (80 days).* *(Photo = 145)*		✉	**250**
3256	1877 (Nov 20): Cover from Meran, Austria-Hungary to Bairnsdale, Victoria endorsed *"via Brindisi"* bearing 1867/74 Austria 10 kr. deep blue, single and a vertical pair (Michel 38) tied by the "Meran" desptach datestamps and prepaying 30 kreuzer for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. Multiple transit datestamps on the reverse including Bologna, Brindisi, Melbourne and Bairnsdale arrival cds. Small cover tear at top, otherwise a fine and attractive cover. Mail from Austria to the Australian Colonies is surprisingly scarce. *Route: Departed Merano, Austria-Hungary 20 Nov 1877 by rail via Bologna (20 Nov) to Brindisi (21 Nov). P&O Line: Departed Brindisi (26 Nov) per "China" to Alexandria (29 Nov); overland to Suez; "Hindostan" (30 Nov) to Galle (14 Dec); "Assam" (15 Dec) via King Georges Sound (28 Dec) and Adelaide (1 Jan 1878) to Melbourne (4 Jan); by rail to Bairnsdale, arriving 6 Jan 1878 (47 days).* *Note: The addressee, Alfred William Howitt arrived in Melbourne in 1852. He became an experienced bushman and lead two parties in search of the famous Burke & Will Expedition, finding John King, the only survivor, living amongst the aborigines. He also explored northern Gippsland and made gold discoveries along the Dargo and Crooked Rivers. In 1863, he was appointed Warden of the Omeo Goldfields.* *(Photo = 145)*		✉	**300**
3257	1877 (2 December): Stampless cover from Zara, Austria Hungary to Melbourne, Victoria with "10" (kreuzer) handstamp in black below "ZARA" despatch cds and underpaid for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. On arrival in Melbourne, the underpayment was detected and handstamped with the very scarce "1/1 TO PAY" tax handstamp. On the reverse are multiple transit datestamps for Trieste, Bologna, Brindisi and arrival at Melbourne. Despite the cover soiling, the origin of Zara in modern day Croatia is a great rarity to Australia. *Route: Departed Zara, Austria-Hungary 17.1877 by rail via Trieste (8 Dec) to Brindisi (10 Dec). P&O Line: Departed Brindisi (24 Dec) per "Peru" to Alexandria (27 Dec); overland to Suez. Departed Suez (28 Dec) per "Khedive" to Galle 11 Jan 1878; "Tanjore" (12 Jan) via King Georges Sound (27 Jan) and Adelaide (31 Jan) to Melbourne, arriving 2 Feb 1878 (57 days).* *Note: Zara is located in south-west Croatia and is the former capital of Dalmatia. The only cover recorded from modern day Croatia to the Australian Colonies.* *(Photo = 153)*		✉	**300**



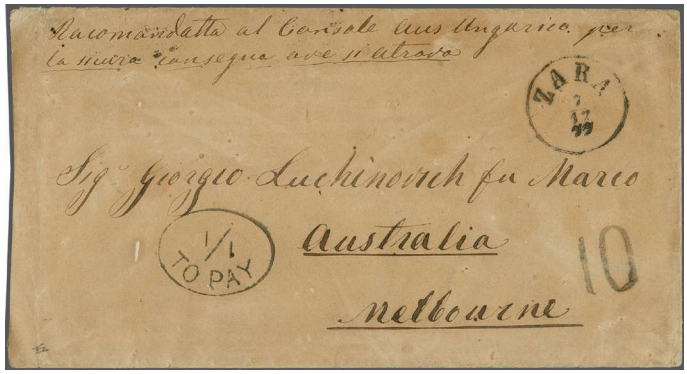
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		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3258	1880: Cover most probably from Berbera, British Somaliland to Adelaide, South Australia bearing 1873 India ½ a. blue in a horizontal pair, 1 a. brown and 1866 4 a. green all cancelled by the horizontal barred "B" obliterators in black and prepaying 6 annas for a ½ ounce ship letter to South Australia. No confirming despatch datestamps, the reverse with Aden cds (April 21) and Sea Post Office F cds. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Aden 21 April 1880 per "Bokhara" to Galle (30 April); "Tanjore" (30 April) via King Georges Sound (12 May) to Adelaide, arriving 16 May 1880 (41 days).* *Note: In all probability, this cover originated in East Africa since it has a Sea Post Office F circular datestamp of 15 April 1880 on the reverse, dated six days prior to transit through Aden - the outbound P&O Line steamer "Venetia" was at Suez on the 16th. The cover was postmarked with the eight bar "B" at Aden in transit on the 21 April. A great rarity to the Australian Colonies.*	76+ 58+ 69	✉	**500**
3259	1880 (July 14): Cover from Chur, Switzerland to Adelaide, South Australia bearing 1867 Switzerland 25 c. light green and 50 c. pale purple (Mi 32+35) cancelled by the Chur datestamp and prepaying 75 cents for a ½ ounce ship letter to South Australia, endorsed *"Via Brindisi"* with transit datestamps for "Natante-Colico Como", railway Modane-Bologna TPO and Brindisi cds on the reverse, with the arrival of Adelaide on the obverse. A neat and charming cover, with South Australia being a rare destination for covers from Switzerland. *Route: Departed Chur 14 July 1880 by rail to Brindisi (15 July). P&O Line: Departed Brindisi (19 July) per "Pera" to Alexandria (22 July); overland to Suez. Departed Suez (23 July) per "Mongolia" to Galle (4 Aug); "Bangalore" (5 Aug) via King Georges Sound (18 Aug) to Adelaide, arriving 22 Aug 1880 (57 days).*		✉	**800**
3260	1882 (May 18): Cover, fore-shortened at base, mailed from Berlin, Germany to Woodside, South Australia bearing 1875 Germany 50 pf. slate-green, two single examples and two pairs, cancelled by Berlin datestamps and prepaying 300 pf. for a 3 ounce ship letter to South Australia. Transit datestamp of Brindisi on the reverse and arrival of Adelaide on obverse. A rare high franking cover utilising six examples of the high value of the issue. This lot is also accompanied by an earlier 4 October 1880 cover to the same addressee, franked with 1875 10 pf. and 50 pf. (2 covers). *Route - Departed Berlin 18 May 1882 by rail to Brindisi. P&O Line: Departed Brindisi (22 May) per "Mongolia" to Alexandria (25 May); "Lombardy" via the Suez Canal; Suez (26 May) and Aden (30 May) to Galle (8 June); "Sutlej" (8 June) via King Georges Sound (20 June) to Adelaide, arriving 24 June 1882 (37 days).* (Photo = 153)		✉	**250**
3261	1882 (19 June): Austria-Hungary 5 soldi postal stationery card, repaired upper right corner, used from Salonica, Austrian Levant P.O. to Sydney, New South Wales, cancelled by Salonica datestamp and prepaying 5 soldi for a postal card to New South Wales with Sydney arrival at left. *Route - Adriatic & Oriental Line: Departed Salonica by steamer 20 June 1882 to Alexandria; overland to Suez; P&O Line: "Australia" (7 July) via Aden (12 July) to Colombo (19 July); "Rome" (19 July) via King Georges Sound (31 July) and Adelaide (4 Aug) to Melbourne (6 Aug); by rail to Sydney, arriving 8 Aug 1882 (50 days).* *Illustrated in "Die Osterreichische Post in der Levant" at Page 481. The later of just two recorded usages from the Austrian Post Offices in the Levant to the Australian Colonies.*		✉	**600**

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3262	1884 (Jan 25): Cover from London to Aden, redirected via Penang to Brisbane, Queensland bearing Great Britain 1881 5 d. indigo, cancelled by the London duplex prepaying 5 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Aden. At Brisbane the manuscript *"Refused by Gibbs, Bright & Co"* was applied at left with the framed "NOT CALLED FOR" handstamp in black and typically faint "ADVERTISED / AND / UNCLAIMED" handstamp in red applied. Reverse with the Brisbane Dead Letter Office datestamp in red (26 May). A very fine and rare franking from Aden to the Australian Colonies, particularly so for Queensland. *Route - P&O Line: Departed London 25 Jan 1884 per "Cathay" via Alexandria and Suez Canal to Suez (4 Feb); "Siam" (4 Feb) to Aden (9 Feb). Departed Aden (21 Feb) per "Bokhara" to Colombo (29 Feb); "Thames'(1 March) to Penang (6 March); "Kashbar" (9 March) to Colombo (14 March); "Valetta" (14 March) via King Georges Sound (26 March) and Adelaide (29 March) to Melbourne (31 March); by rail to Sydney; by steamer to Brisbane, arriving 8 April 1884 (73 days).* *Note: Gibbs Bright & Co. were the famous shipping line who owned the S.S. "Great Britain" and the ill-fated "Royal Charter". They established Australian offices during the gold rush of the early 1850's, becoming the largest trading company in the Southern hemisphere.* *(Photo = 153)*	169	✉	**200**
3263	1884 (May 22): Cover from Alexandria, Egypt to Sydney, New South Wales bearing 1881 Egypt 10 pa. bluish grey, two examples and 1879 1 pi. rose, damaged on opening and 2 pi. orange, all cancelled by "Alexandrie / Station" datestamps and prepaying 3 pi. 20 pa. for a ½ ounce ship letter to New South Wales with Sydney arrival on reverse. A fine and attractive three colour franking to a rare destination from Egypt. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Alexandria 22 May 1884 per "Deacon" via Aden (27 May) to Colombo (4 June); "Assam" (4 June) via King Georges Sound (16 June) and Adelaide (20 June) to Melbourne (22 June); by rail to Sydney, arriving 26 June 1884 (43 days).* *Note: Whilst 1884 may appear to be a late cover from Egypt to Australia, this cover is still one of the earlier covers recorded to the Colonies, and believed to be the third earliest. By way of comparison, only one pre-UPU cover is recorded from Australia to Egypt.* *(Photo = 153)*	51+ 47+ 48	✉	**250**
3264	1884 (May 29): Mourning cover from Menaggio, Italy to Sydney, New South Wales bearing Italy 1879 25 c. blue, a single example and strip of three (one with corner fault) used on the reverse and cancelled by barred numeral "3156" obliterator, prepaying 1 lira for a ½ ounce ship letter to New South Wales. Obverse with very fine "Hotel Menaggio" datestamp in purple and transit datestamps for "Natante-Colico Como", Brindisi and Sydney arrival on the reverse. A fine and attractive franking from the Darley correspondence. *Route: Departed Menaggio, Italy 29 May 1884 by rail to Brindisi (31 May). P&O Line: Departed Brindisi (2 June) per "Surat" to Alexandria (5 June); "Bokhara" (6 June) via Aden (10 June) to Colombo (18 June); "Sutlej" (18 June) via King Georges Sound (30 June) and Adelaide (4 July) to Melbourne (6 July); by rail to Sydney, arriving 8 July 1884 (40 days).* *(Photo = 153)*		✉	**150**
3265	1884 (June 13): Cover from Dieppe, France to Sydney, New South Wales endorsed *"Via Brindisi"* at upper left, bearing 1876 France Type Sage 5 c. green on greenish, 15 c. blue (2) and 25 c. yellow, all cancelled by multiple Dieppe datestamps and prepaying 60 c. for a ½ ounce ship letter to New South Wales. Paris and Sydney datestamps on the reverse. A small cover tone spot at top and one 15 c. just over edge of envelope, otherwise a fine and scarce cover. *Route: Departed Dieppe, France 13 June 1884 by rail via Paris (19 June) to Brindisi. P&O Line: Departed Brindisi by steamship to Alexandria; by rail to Suez. Orient Line: Departed Suez (27 June) per "Chimborazo" via Adelaide (24 July) and Melbourne (27 July) to Sydney, arriving 29 July 1884 (46 days).* *(Photo = 153)*		✉	**150**
3266	1884 (Oct 15): Mourning cover from Meran, Austria-Hungary to Sale, Victoria bearing 1883 10 kr. blue & black, three examples (Mi. 47) cancelled by Merano datestamp and prepaying 30 kr. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. Multiple transit datestamps on the reverse including Brindisi, Melbourne and Sale arrival. Small cover tears on the flap and the reverse repaired, otherwise a fine and attractive cover. *Route: Departed Merano, Austria-Hungary 15 Oct 1884 by rail via Bologna (20 Oct) to Brindisi (20 Oct). P&O Line: Departed Brindisi (20 Oct) per "Lombardy" to Alexandria (23 Oct); overland to Suez; "Kaiser-I-H" (24 Oct) via Galle (29 Oct) to Colombo (29 Oct); "Ganges" (6 Nov) via King Georges Sound (17 Nov) and Adelaide (21 Nov) to Melbourne (23 Nov); by rail to Sale, arriving 24 Nov 1884 (40 days).* *(Photo = 153)*		✉	**150**



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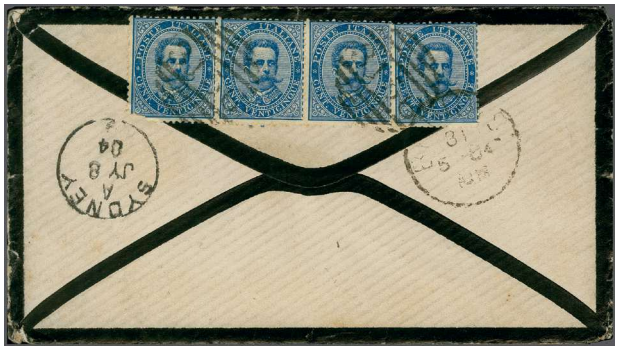
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3266 / CHF 150



Australian infantry marching into camp at Souakim



3267 Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3267 1885 (April 20): Great Britain 1 d. postal stationery envelope used from Suakim, Sudan to Guildford, New South Wales cancelled by the British Army Post Office in Egypt datestamp and prepaying 1 d. for the Soldier's concessionary rate to New South Wales. The envelope is endorsed at the top by Corporal George Watt (Enlistment No: 110) of "A" Company of the New South Wales contingent and countersigned at base approving the concessionary rate by Lieutenant Colonel A. Paul. On the reverse are arrival datestamps for Sydney and Guildford. Fine condition and a very rare Sudan Campaign cover to Australia.
Route: Departed Suakim, Sudan by steamer to Alexandria 20 April 1885; by rail to Suez; Orient Line: Departed Suez (1 May) per "Austral" via Adelaide (24 May) to Sydney, arriving 27 May 1885 (40 days).
Note: The New South Wales Infantry Contingent of 750 men arrived at the port of Suakim, Sudan on the 27 March 1885. They were only involved with brief skirmishes and left Sudan on the 17 May when the campaign ended. Nine covers from the New South Wales Infantry Contingent in Sudan are recorded. ✉ **2'000**

3268 1887 (May 1): Illustrated advertising cover for the Zurich Telephon-Gesellschaft company used from Zurich to Lilydale, Victoria bearing Switzerland 25 c. green cancelled by the Zurich cds and prepaying 25 c. and underpaid 50 c. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. Manuscript *"50"* in blue and large "T" handstamp in black recognising the underpayment, and on arrival the scarce "1/1 TO PAY" handstamp in black. On the reverse are Brindisi, Melbourne and Lilydale arrival datestamps. Small opening fault at top left, otherwise an attractive underpaid cover.
Route: Departed Zurich, Switzerland April 1887 by rail to Brindisi (1 May). P&O Line: Departed Brindisi (2 May) per "Gwalior" to Alexandria (5 May); by rail to Suez. Departed Suez (6 May) per "Kaiser-I-Hind" via Colombo (18 May), King Georges Sound (30 May) to Adelaide (2 June); by rail to Melbourne (7 June); overland to Lilydale, arriving 7 June 1887 (over 38 days).
Provenance: Collection Freeman, Fletcher. *(Photo = 155)* ✉ **250**



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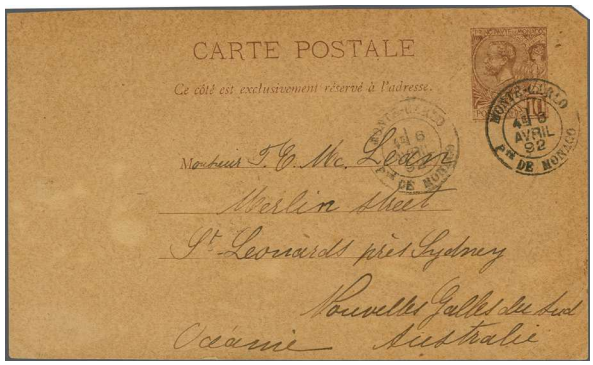
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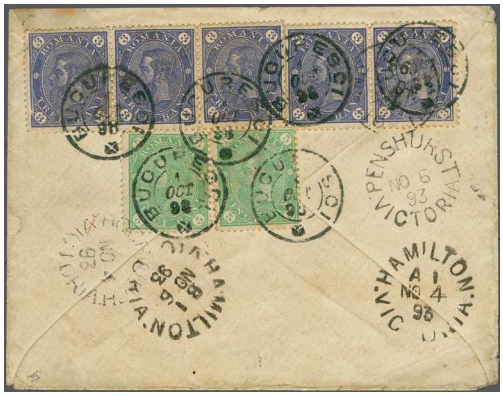
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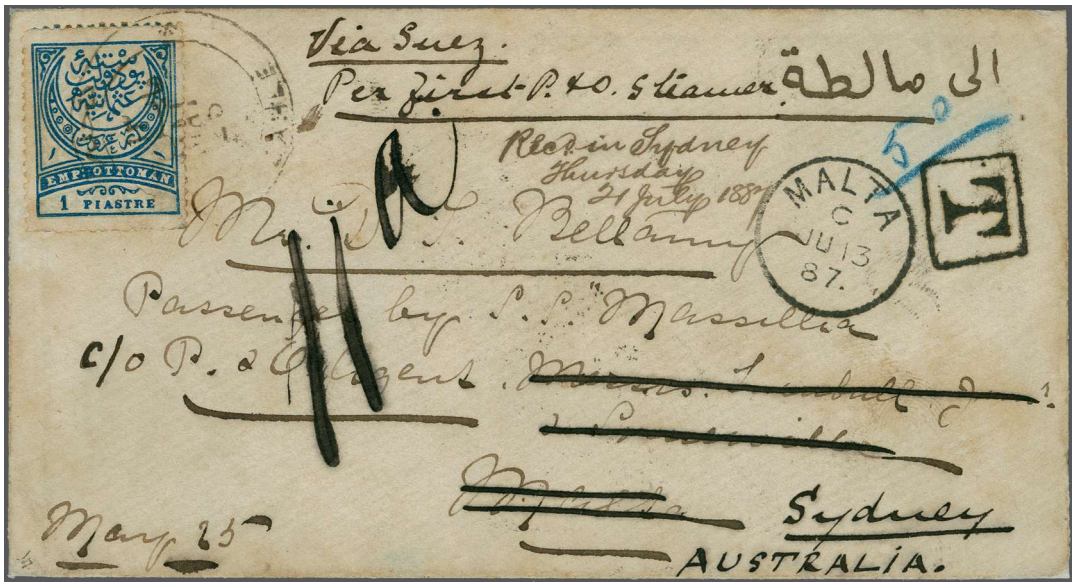
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SS 'Massilia'



3269

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF
3269	1887 (May 25): Cover from Zahle, Ottoman P.O. in Lebanon to Malta, redirected to Sydney, New South Wales bearing Turkey 1884 1 pi. blue (Mi. 47) cancelled by a light "Zahle" datestamp (Coles & Walker fig. 206) and prepaying 1 piastre for a ½ ounce ship letter to Malta. The cover is addressed to a Mr. Bellamy, a passenger on the S.S. *"Massillia"*, c/o P&O at Malta. The *"Massilia"* had already left Malta where the boxed "T" handstamp was applied and endorsed *"Via Suez per first P&O steamer"* at top for the redirection to Sydney, where the manuscript *"11d"* in black applied. Multiple transit datestamps on the reverse. Rare usage from Zahle in Eastern Lebanon and one of the rarest origin/destination covers to the Australian Colonies. *Route: Departed Lebanon 25 May 1887 via Syracuse, Italy (5 June) to Malta (13 June); by steamer to Alexandria. P&O Line: Departed Alexandria (17 June) per "Ganges" via Suez Canal and Aden (21 June) to Colombo (28 June); "Massillia" (28 June) via King Georges Sound (11 July) to Adelaide (13 July); by rail via Melbourne (19 July) to Sydney, arriving 21 July 1887 (57 days).* *Note: The only Pre-UPU cover recorded from the Turkish Post Offices in Lebanon to the Australian Colonies.* *Provenance: Collection Hornung.*	✉	**1'500**
3270	1888 (Jan 18): Bavaria 10 pf. deep rose postal stationery envelope used with 50 pf. deep brown (Mi. 52) from Regensburg, Bavaria to Launceston, Tasmania cancelled by a superb Regensburg datestamp and prepaying 60 pf. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Tasmania with Launceston arrival on reverse. Small cover tear at right, otherwise very fine and attractive. Tasmania is a very scarce destination for mail other than Great Britain. Cert. Dr. J. Helbig (2001). *Route: Departed Regensburg 18 Jan 1888 by rail to Brindisi. P&O Line: Departed Brindisi (23 Jan) per "Gwalior" to Alexandria (26 Jan); "Nepaul" (27 Jan) via Suez Canal and Aden (1 Feb) to Colombo (9 Feb); "Chusan" (9 Feb) via King Georges Sound (21 Feb) to Adelaide (25 Feb); by rail to Melbourne; by steamer to Launceston, arriving 28 Feb 1888 (41 days).* (Photo = 155)	✉	**200**



3271

Gibbons

Start price in CHF

3271 1891 (July 2): Iran 12 ch. postal stationery envelope sent registered from Kum, Persia to Adelaide, South Australia with 1889 Iran 2 ch. pale blue, three examples, used on reverse all cancelled by Kum datestamp and prepaying 18 chahis comprising 12 chahis for a ½ ounce ship letter to South Australia plus 6 chahis registration. On reverse, the cover is endorsed *".... Persian Road / Comp. a Sultanabad / Perse"*, a remote settlement near the eastern border, over 700 kms. from where the cover was postmarked at Kum, 150 kms. south of Tehran. Obverse with Persian registration label and transit datestamp of "BOUSHIR", 850 kms. south near the head of the Persian Gulf, with a final arrival datestamp for Adelaide. One of the most extraordinary origin/destination covers of the Australian Colonies, especially from such a remote town. By comparison, there are no pre-UPU covers recorded from Australia to Persia.
Route: Departed Sultanabad overland via Kum 2 July 1891 to Boushir; by steamer to Aden. P&O Line: Departed Aden (11 Aug) per "Massilia" via King Georges Sound (31 Aug) to Adelaide, arriving 3 Sept 1891 (63 days).

✉ **1'000**

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3272	1892 (April 8): Monaco 10 c. postal stationery card, small piece of corner missing at top right, used from Monte Carlo, Monaco to Sydney, New South Wales and cancelled by a very fine Monte-Carlo datestamp, prepaying 10 centimes for a postal card to New South Wales with Sydney arrival on the reverse. Rare, being the only cover recorded by the vendor from Monaco to the Australian Colonies before Federation. *Route: Departed Monte Carlo 8 April 1892 by steamer to Alexandria. P&O Line: Departed Alexandria (15 April) via the Suez Canal, Aden (19 April) to Adelaide (11 May); by rail to Sydney, arriving 13 May 1892 (35 days).* *(Photo = 155)*		✉	**100**
3273	1893: Montenegro 3 nkr. yellow-green (Mi. 2/IV) used on 3 nkr. postal stationery card from Cetinje to Adelaide, South Australia uprated cancelled by a light Cetinje datestamp and prepaying 6 novcic for a postal card to South Australia. Rare, being the only card or cover recorded by the vendor from Montengro to the Australian Colonies before Federation. *Note: The postal card is addressed to John Darling & Co, the famous wheat and flour merchants, who were for many years, the largest wheat merchants in Australia.* *(Photo = 155)*		✉	**100**
3274	1893 Sept 18): Registered cover from Bucharest, Romania to Hochkirch, Victoria bearing 1891 Romania 25 bani ultramarine, a used horizontal pair and single example (Mi. 88) cancelled by two bold Bucharest datestamps and prepaying 75 bani comprising 50 bani for a 1 ounce ship letter plus 25 bani registration to Victoria. "RECOMANDANT" handstamp in black indicating the envelope was registered, with transit datestamps on obverse and reverse. The cover with minor imperfections, otherwise a rare origin for mail to Australia. *Route: Departed Bucharest 18 Sept 1893 by rail via Zabern (20 Sept) to Brindisi. P&O Line: Departed Brindisi (25 Sept) per "Massilia" via Port Said, Suez Canal, Aden (2 Oct) to Adelaide (25 Oct); by rail via Melbourne (26 Oct) to Hamilton (27 Oct); overland to Hochkirch (27 Oct); redirected to Penshurst, arriving 29 Oct 1893 (41 days).* *Note: The earlier of two covers recorded from the Kingdom of Romania to the Australian Colonies.* *(Photo = 155)*		✉	**100**
3275	1893 (Oct 1): Cover from Bucharest, Romania to Hochkirch, Victoria and redirected to Penshurst, bearing 1891 Romania 3 bani violet pair and a strip of three and 5 b. emerald (2) used on cancelled by Bucharest datestamps and prepaying 25 bani for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. Multiple transit datestamps on the front and reverse and the cover with minor blemishes. A rare origin for mail to Australia. *Route: Departed Bucharest 1 Oct 1893 by rail to Brindisi. P&O Line: Departed Brindisi (9 Oct) per "Australia" via Port Said, Suez Canal, Aden (16 Oct) to Adelaide (2 Nov); by rail via Melbourne (3 Nov) to Hamilton (4 Nov); overland to Hochkirch (4 Nov); redirected to Penshurst, arriving 6 Nov 1893 (36 days).* *Note: The later of two covers recorded from the Kingdom of Romania to the Australian Colonies, both from this correspondence.* *(Photo = 155)*		✉	**100**
3276	1893 (Oct): Cover from Gibraltar to Queanbeyan, New South Wales bearing 1889 Gibraltar 25 c. ultramarine, a horizontal pair cancelled on arrival at Melbourne with the "1" obliterator, prepaying 50 centimos for a ½ ounce ship letter to New South Wales. The stamps were uncancelled during transit to Melbourne where the scarce "LOOSE / SHIP LETTER" handstamp in black was applied, with Queanbeyan arrival datestamp on the reverse. Aside from a couple of covers from the early 1860's, Gibraltar is a rare origin for mail to the Australian Colonies. *Route: Departed Gibraltar c21 Oct 1893 to Alexandria. P&O Line: Departed Alexandria (26 Oct) per "Oceana" via the Suez Canal, Aden (30 Oct) and King Georges Sound (15 Nov) to Adelaide, by rail via Melbourne (20 Nov) to Queanbeyan, arriving 22 Nov 1893 (34 days).* *Provenance: Collection Forster.* *(Photo = 155)*	26	✉	**200**
3277	1896 (7 January): 1 piastre postal stationery letter card from Beirut, Turkish Post Offices in Lebanon to Melbourne, Victoria cancelled by a light Beirut datestamp and prepaying 1 piastre for a letter card to Victoria. Five transit datestamps on the reverse and remarkably retaining the outer borders. Rare, being only the second recorded cover from the Turkish Post Offices in Lebanon to the Australian Colonies before Federation in 1900. *Route: Departed Lebanon 7 Jan 1896 by steamer to Alexandria. P&O Line: Departed Alexandria (10 Jan) per "Ballaarat" via Suez Canal (11 Jan), Aden (21 Jan), Colombo (28 Jan) to Adelaide (12 Feb); by rail via Melbourne 13.2 to Richmond, arriving 13 Feb 1896 (37 days).* *(Photo = 155)*		✉	**100**

Incoming mail via Brindisi

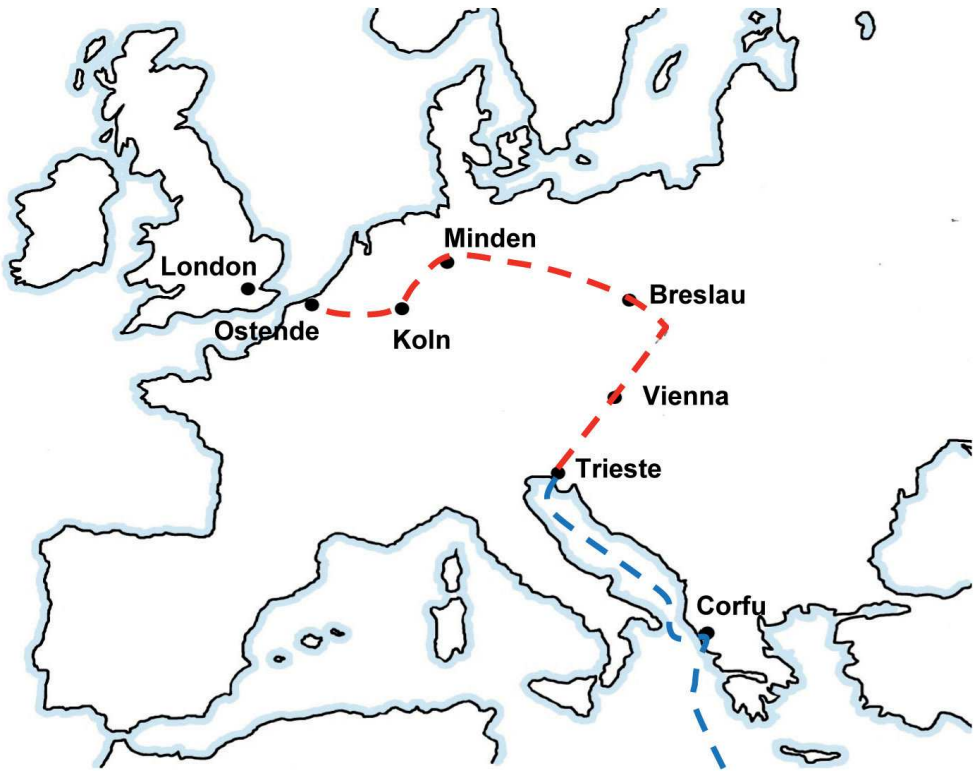
3278	1897-1900: Group of covers from some very scarce origins including Guatemala, Austria, Cayman Islands, Antigua, Germany, Belgium and Transvaal Republic to various colonies including Western Australia. A scarce group (7 covers). *(Photo = www)*		✉	**100**

Overland via Suez Canal and Trieste

Introduction of the rail route via Trieste

In 1848 the Austrian Lloyd Line commenced a direct monthly service from Alexandria to Trieste, then twice monthly from 1851. The British postal agency delivered closed bags of Australian mail to the Austrian Lloyd post office, where they were sent by the Prussian closed mail to the exchange office in Aachen, then to Ostende for conveyance to London. British compensation to Belgium and Prussia for unpaid letters was on a bulk weight basis under the terms of the 1852 U.K.-Prussian Convention.

The overland route via Trieste was rarely used from the Australian Colonies. Covers before 1860 are exceptionally rare. It gained further patronage during the 1870's as an option for mail addressed to northern Italy, Austria-Hungary, Germany, and occasionally Denmark, however, covers via this route are still scarce. The reason it was little used was that it did not provide a quicker service, nor did it provide any financial incentive for the colonists to change compared to the routes via Marseilles and later, Brindisi.

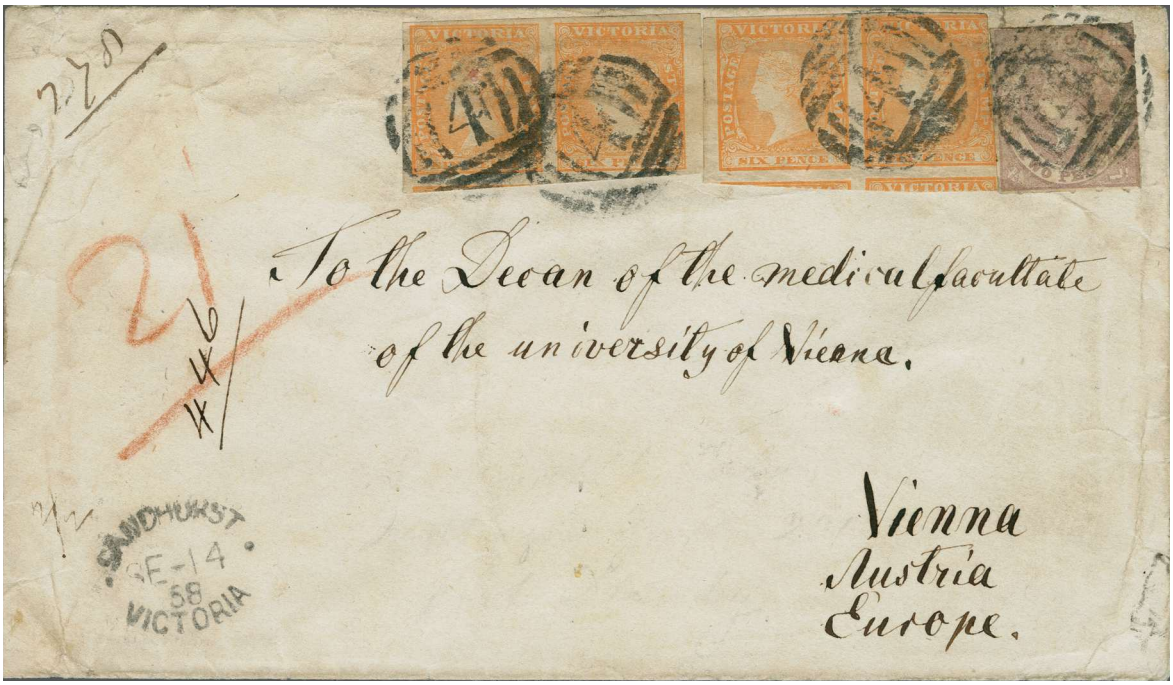


This map shows the rail connections and the principle stopovers for the Trieste route. With it's principal route through Germany, it is surprising that there are not as many covers recorded via Trieste to Germany.

Outgoing mail via Trieste



View of Vienna



3279

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF
3279	1858 (Sept 17): Registered cover from Sandhurst, Victoria to Vienna, Austria bearing 1854 Victoria Woodblock 6 d. dull orange, two horizontal pairs, one with large margins on three sides and potions of adjoining stamps at base, the other with good margins all round, used with 1858 Emblem 2 d. brown-lilac, rouletted, cancelled by barred numeral "4" and prepaying 2 s. 2 d. comprising 1 s. 2 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Austria plus 1 s. for registration. Very fine appearance and a rare destination from the Australian Colonies. The earliest recorded cover from Victoria to the Kingdom of Austria and believed to be the second earliest cover recorded from the Australian Colonies Via Trieste. Illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Destination Mail of Victoria" on page 35. Cert. RPSL (2006). *Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 17 Sept 1858 per "European" via King Georges Sound (24 Sept) and Galle (10 Oct) to Suez (27 Oct); overland to Alexandria (28 Oct). Austrian Lloyd Line: By steamer to Trieste (8 Nov); by rail to Vienna, arriving 10 Nov 1858 (57 days).* *Provenance: Collection Perry, Hackmey.*	32a+ 69	✉	**2'500**

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3280	1872 (Aug 11): Cover from Berrima, New South Wales to a Miss Fanny Albert, care of Prince Mustapha Fayzl Pasha, Constantinople, Turkey, redirected to London, bearing 1871 New South Wales 2 d. prussian blue, single example, two horizontal pairs and a horizontal strip of three, all cancelled by the rays numeral "32" of Berrima and prepaying 1 s. 4 d. and underpaid 2 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter of 1 s. 6 d. to Turkey. *"6"* (pence) manuscript in black for the redirection to England to be paid upon receipt. Top and part of right flap missing on reverse, but showing Alexandria British P.O. cds in black and part Constantinople arrival cds in red. A rare destination from the Australian Colonies. One of the earliest recorded covers from New South Wales to Turkey and most attractive. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 11 Aug 1872 per "Baroda" to Galle (3 Sept); "Peshawur" (5 Sept) to Suez (21 Sept) ; overland to Alexandria (18 Nov) Austrian Lloyd Line: By steamer to Trieste; by rail from Trieste to Constantinople; redirected to London, England.* *Note: Illustrated in "Maritime Connections to and from New South Wales" by Paul Wijnants on page 83.* *Provenance: Collection Palmer.* *(Photo = 163)*	209	✉	**300**
3281	1872 (Oct 8): Cover front from Berrima, New South Wales to Miss Fanny Albert, care of Prince Mustapha Fayzl Pasha, Constantinople, Turkey, redirected to Madras, India bearing 1871 New South Wales 2 d. prussian blue, six single examples and a horizontal pair cancelled by the Rays Numeral "32" of Berrima and prepaying 1 s. 4 d. and underpaid 2 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter of 1 s. 6 d. to Turkey. *"20"* (annas) manuscript in black for the redirection to India to be paid upon receipt. A rare destination from the Australian Colonies and one of the earliest recorded covers from New South Wales to Turkey. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 8 Oct 1872 per "Bangalore" to Galle (2 Nov); "Delhi" (3 Nov) to Suez (17 Nov); overland to Alexandria (18 Nov) Austrian Lloyd Line: By steamer to Trieste; by rail from Trieste to Constantinople; redirected via Alexandria (Dec 4) to Madras, India.* *(Photo = 163)*	209	(✉)	**200**



3282



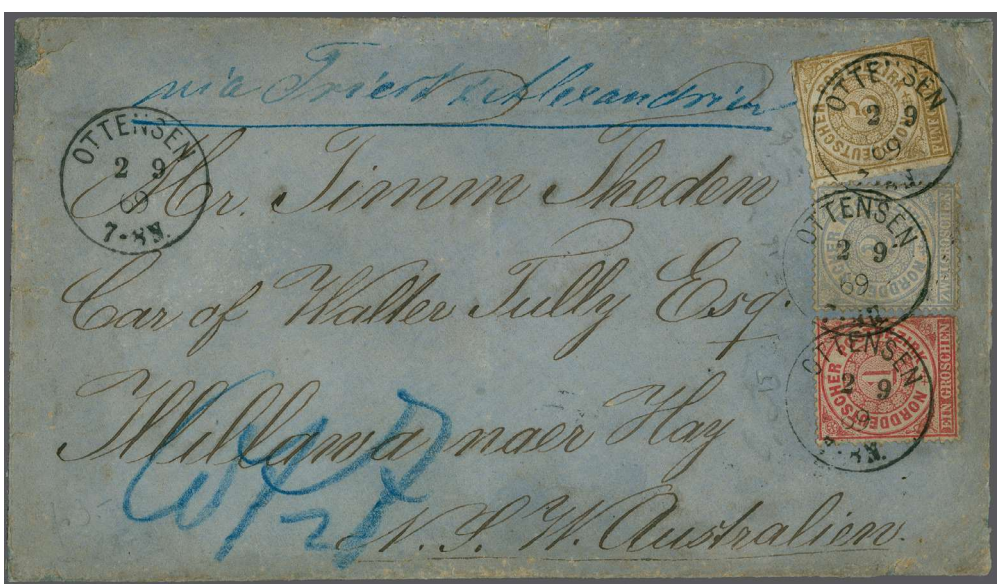
SS 'Behar'

3282	1872 (Dec 6): Cover from Cockatoo, Victoria to Lillerod, Denmark bearing 1870 2 d. dull lilac-mauve, single and horizontal pair and Laureate 6 d. prussian blue, neatly cancelled by barred numeral "575" of Cockatoo with despatch datestamp at top, prepaying 1 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Denmark. *"6"* (d) manuscript in red credit from Victoria to Austria for transmission from Alexandria to Trieste and *"2"* (silbergroschen) manuscript in blue representing the rail postage via Trieste to Denmark, scored through and rerated *"17"* (skillings) for the forwarding fees to be paid upon receipt. Framed "Utilstraekkeng / Frankkeret" (Insufficiently Franked) handstamp in black applied at Copenhagen. A scarce destination from a small gold mining town. Most attractive and scarce. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 6 Dec 1872 per "Behar" to Galle (26 Dec); "Cathay" (27 Dec) to Suez (9 Jan 1873); overland to Alexandria. Austrian Lloyd Line: By steamer to Trieste; by rail from Trieste via Copenhagen to Lillerod (over 49 days).* *Note: Given there are no transit datestamps on this cover, it is possible that it was sent via Brindisi, which would mean that the cover is only prepaid 1 s. and underpaid 9 d. for a 1 s. 9 d. ½ ounce ship letter to Denmark. This would account for the Danish tax markings.* *Barred numeral "575" is a rare numeral postmark from Cockatoo, a small gold mining town in Victoria and rated 'RRR'. The town no longer exists, with just two covers recorded, both from this correspondence. Illustrated in "The Barred Numeral Cancellations of Victoria" by Hugh Freeman on page 191.* *Provenance: Collection Freeman.*	170+ 136c	✉	**500**

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3283	1873 (May 23): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Goldberg, Germany endorsed *"Via Trieste"* at top left, bearing 1872 Victoria Laureate 6 d. prussian blue and 1873 9 d. pale brown on pink paper, cancelled by the Melbourne duplex and prepaying 1 s. 3 d. and overpaid 3 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter of 1 s. to Germany. *"6"* (pence) manuscript in red credit from Victoria to Austria for transmission from Alexandria to Trieste and *"2"* (silbergroschen) manuscript in blue representing the rail postage to Germany. Some wrinkles and tone spots, but a very scarce routing for a cover addressed to Germany. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 23 May 1873 per "Baroda" to Galle (12 June); "Ellora" (13 June) to Suez (1 July); overland to Alexandria. Austrian Lloyd Line: By steamer to Trieste; by rail from Trieste to Golderberg, arriving 10 July 1873 (49 days).* *Note: The prepayment to Germany via Brindisi was 1 s. 3 d., and it appears that this prepayment was applied instead of the cheaper option of 1 s. for the Trieste route.* (Photo = 163)	136c+ 172	✉	**100**

Incoming mail via Trieste

3284	1864 (Nov 8): Stampless cover from Stolberg, Kingdom of Prussia to Melbourne, Victoria with framed despatch datestamp (Nov 8), prepaying 16½ kr. in red with the sender returning the following day where the despatch datestamp (Nov 9) was applied and adding 13½ kr. in blue and prepaying a total of 30 kr. to Alexandria. On the reverse is *"52"* manuscript in blue representing the outstanding amount from Alexandria to Victoria, however, it appears that the underpayment was not recognised by the Victorian postal officials. Very fine and scarce. *Route: Departed Stolberg, Kingdom of Prussia 9 Nov 1864 by rail to Trieste. Austrian Lloyd Line: By steamer to Alexandria (17 Nov); overland to Suez. P&O Line: Departed Suez (6 Dec) per "Golconda" to Galle (25 Dec); "Madras" (26 Dec) via King Georges Sound (11 Jan 1865) to Melbourne, arriving 18 Jan 1865 (71 days).* (Photo = 163)		✉	**200**



3285

3285	1869 (Sept 2): Cover from Ottensen, North German Confederation to Hay, New South Wales bearing 1868 North German Confederation 5 gr. bistre, rouletted and 1869 perf. 1 gr. rose and 2 gr. ultramarine each cancelled by Ottensen datestamp and prepaying 8 groschen for a ½ ounce ship letter to New South Wales. Endorsed *"Via Trieste & Alexandria"* in blue at top. The cover with some peripheral faults and small repair at top left, otherwise a very scarce franking to the Australian Colonies. *Route: Departed Ottensen 2 Sept 1869 by rail to Trieste (6 Sept). Austrian Lloyd Line: By steamer to Alexandria; overland to Suez. P&O Line: Departed Suez (19 Sept) per "Surat" to Galle (4 Oct); "Avoca" (5 Oct) via King Georges Sound (20 Oct) and Melbourne (26 Oct) to Sydney (28 Oct); overland to Hay, arriving 2 Nov 1869 (61 days).*		✉	**1'500**



3280 / CHF 300



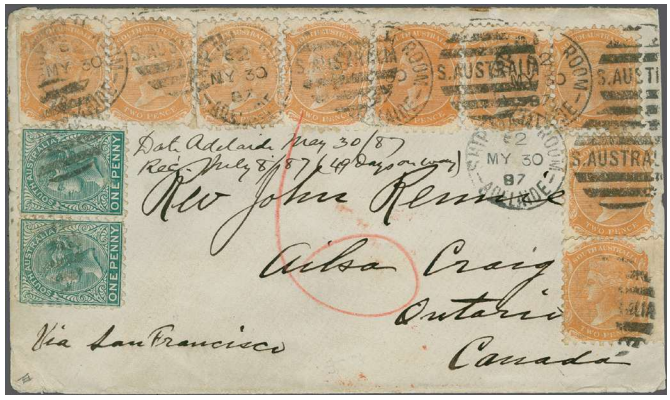
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3290 / CHF 250



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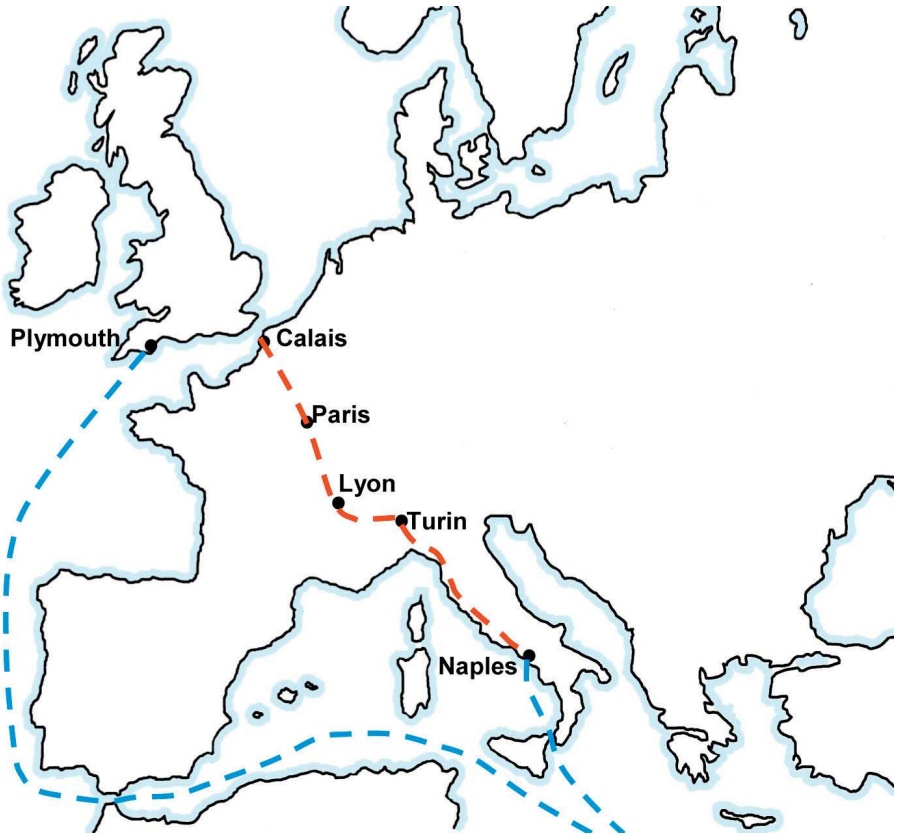


3288 / CHF 100

Overland via Suez Canal and Naples

The P&O Line had a virtual monopoly on mails to Europe until the introduction of the Orient Line. It's origins lie in the Pacific Steam Navigation Co., who had laid up a number of ships since 1874, a consequence of over ambitious expansion. Messrs Anderson, Anderson & Co., who already ran a line of sailing ships to Australia chartered four of these vessels to establish the Orient Line in 1877 and quickly became the biggest competitor to the P&O Line for this service.

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The route operated by the Orient Line was via the Suez Canal and Naples with rail to Calais. The rail link from Naples had been operating since 1844 and it provided a viable and regular monthly service to the Australian Colonies. A cheaper option, that was rarely used, was a slower steamship service from Alexandria to Plymouth.

Outgoing mail via Naples

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3286	1882 (March 3): Cover from Brisbane, Queensland to Glasgow, Scotland endorsed *"Per Orient Line, Via Naples"* bearing 1876 Queensland Chalon 3 d. brown and 1879 Sideface 6 d. yellow-green, cancelled by Brisbane duplex and prepaying 9 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Scotland. Small closed cover tear at top and on flap not detracting from the fine appearance of a scarce mixed issue franking. *Route - Australasian Steamship Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane 3 March 1882 per "Katoomba" to Sydney. Orient Line: Departed Sydney 7 March 1882 per "Potosi" via Suez Canal to Alexandria. P&O Line: Unknown steamer to Naples (14 April); by rail from Naples via London to Glasgow, arriving 19 April 1882 (47 days).* *(Photo = 163)*	101+ 143	✉	**250**
3287	1884 (Aug 21): Cover from Enfield, New South Wales to Zittau, Germany bearing 1884 New South Wales 1 d. scarlet and 2 d. prussian blue in a horizontal strip of four, indistinctly called by the rays numeral of Enfield, prepaying 9 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Germany. The cover and the first two 2 d. stamps are crossed by two disinfection slits applied due to an outbreak of plague at Naples. This delay explains the five day journey from Naples to Germany, a distance that normally took only two days. Two covers recorded from New South Wales with disinfection slits. *Route - Orient Line: Departed Sydney 21 Aug 1884 per "Chimborazo" via Suez Canal and Alexandria to Naples (30 Sept); by rail from Naples to Zittau, arriving 4 Oct 1884 (44 days).* *(Photo = 163)*	223f+ 225g	✉	**200**
3288	1886 (March 18): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Allinge, Denmark endorsed *"via Italy"* at top, bearing 1886 New South Wales 3 d. yellow-green and 6 d. mauve cancelled by the Sydney duplex and prepaying 9 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Denmark. Clear arrival datestamp of Allinge (April 27) on reverse. Some minor ageing but a scarce rate to Denmark with just two covers recorded showng the 9 d. rate from New South Wales to Denmark. *Route: Orient Line: Departed Sydney 18 March 1886 per "Austral" via Suez Canal (15 April) to Alexandria. P&O Line: Unknown steamer to Naples (20 April); by rail from Naples to Allinge, arriving 27 April 1886 (40 days).* *Provenance: Collection Bell, Palmer.* *(Photo = 163)*	226+ 235da	✉	**100**
3289	1886 (April 29): Registered 4 d. postal stationery envelope used from Launceston, Tasmania to Boaz Island, Bermuda bearing Tasmania Postal Fiscal 6 d. mauve, cancelled by the Launceston duplex and prepaid 10 d. comprising 6 d. and underpaid 3 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter of 9 d. to Bermuda plus 4 d. registration. "REGISTERED" handstamp in black, transit datestamp of London in red and arrival of Hamilton (26 June). A couple of minor blemishes but a rare destination. The second earliest cover recorded from Tasmania to Bermuda. *Route - Tasmanian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Launceston 29 April 1886 per "Flinders" to Melbourne. Orient Line: Departed Melbourne per "Iberia" (1 May) via Suez Canal (29 May) to Alexandria. P&O Line: Unknown steamer to Naples (3 June); by rail from Naples to London (5 June). Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: By steamer to Bermuda, arriving 26 June1886 (60 days).* *(Photo = 167)*	F28	✉	**200**
3290	1887 (May 30): Cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Ontario, Canada endorsed *"via San Francisco"*, up-rated with 1876 South Australia 1 d. blue-green in a horizontal pair and 2 d. orange-red (eleven examples with two singles on the reverse) cancelled by the Ship Mail Room duplex of Adelaide and prepaying 2 s. for a double rate 1 ounce ship letter to Canada. Despite endorsement, placed in the mails via Naples. A fine and colourful cover. *Route: Orient Line: Departed Adelaide 30 May 1887 per "Lusitania" via Suez Canal (26 June) to Alexandria. P&O Line: Departed Alexandria (1 July) per "Assam" to Naples; by rail via London (4 July) to Liverpool; by steamer to Ontario, arriving 8 July 1887 (49 days).* *Note: Although the endorsed route via San Francisco was quicker, South Australia did not participate with this contract. The route via Naples was the default route for mail to Canada from South Australia.* *Provenance: Collection Pearce.* *(Photo = 163)*	167	✉	**250**
3291	1887 (Nov 28): Cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Palermo, Italy bearing 1876 South Australia 1 d. blue-green and 6 d. pale blue cancelled by the Ship Mail Room duplex of Adelaide and prepaying 7 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Italy. Fine and a suprisingly scarce rate from South Australia to Italy. *Route - Orient Line: Departed Adelaide 28 Nov 1887 per "Iberia" via Suez Canal (23 Dec) to Naples (29 Dec); by rail to Palermo, arriving 30 Dec 1887 (32 days).* *(Photo = 167)*	167+ 185	✉	**100**
3292	1888 (Nov 21): Cover from Hobart, Tasmania to Sweden bearing 1880 Tasmania Postal Fiscal 3 d. chestnut and 6 d. mauve cancelled by the Hobart duplex and prepaying 9 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Sweden. Some minor sealed tears, mostly on reverse. A rare destination from Tasmania with just four covers recorded. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Launceston 21 Nov 1888 per S.S. "Flinders" to Melbourne. Orient Line: Departed Melbourne per "Iberia" (23 Nov) via Suez Canal to Naples; by rail from Naples (27 Dec) to Sweden.* *(Photo = 167)*	F27+ F28	✉	**150**
3293	1889 (March 18): Cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Prague, Hungary bearing 1876 South Australia 1 d. blue-green horizontal pair, 2 d. orange-red and 3 d. sage-green horizontal pair, cancelled by the REGISTERED / ADELAIDE datestamp and prepaying 10 d. comprising 7 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the Kingdom of Austria plus 3 d. registration. Transit and arrival datestamps on the reverse. Fine, and a scarce destination from South Australia. *Route - Orient Line: Departed Adelaide 18 March 1889 per "Austral" (23 March) via Suez Canal to Naples (18 April); by rail to Prague, arriving 20 April 1889 (33 days).* *(Photo = 167)*	167+ 168+ 183	✉	**100**

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3294	1889 (Aug 10): Victoria 3 d. red on green postal stationery card from Tyers, Victoria to Warsaw, Poland cancelled by the Tyers datestamp and prepaying 3 d. and underpaid 5½ d. for a 8½ d. ½ ounce ship letter to Poland. This postcard was printed for prepayment to Great Britain via Italy. Since the postcard was addressed to Poland, it was liable for prepayment of the ½ oz. ship letter rate of 8½ d. This was not recognised by the postal authorities and the card remained untaxed. Only two covers recorded from Victoria to Poland. *Route - Orient Line: Departed Melbourne 10 Aug 1889 per "Garonnea" via Albany (23 Aug), Aden (10 Sept) and Suez Canal to Naples (20 Sept); by rail from Naples to London (30 Sept); by steamship to Ostend; by rail to Warsaw, arriving 12 Sept 1889j (64 days).* *(Photo = 167)*		✉	**100**
3295	1890 (Oct 21): Cover from Hobart, Tasmania to Baltiysk, Russia bearing 1880 Tasmania Postal Fiscal 6 d. mauve, cancelled by the Hobart duplex and prepaying 6 d. and underpaid 3 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Russia. Multiple transit datestamps on the reverse, and a very rare destination from Tasmania. *Route - Orient Line: Departed Melbourne 21 Oct 1890 per "Oroya" via Adelaide (22 Oct), Albany (26. Oct) to Naples (21 Nov); by rail and steamer to Baltiysk Port, arriving 14 Dec 1890 (63 days).* *(Photo = 167)*	F28	✉	**100**
3296	1891 (6 February): 1 d. red postal stationery envelope with 1891 2½ on 9 d. pale blue pair used from Hobart, Tasmania to Esch sue Alzette, Luxembourg cancelled by the Hobart duplex and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ oz ship letter to Luxembourg with arrival datestamp on the reverse. Back flap missing but a rarity, the only cover recorded from the Australian Colonies to the Kingdom of Luxembourg. *Route - Huddart, Parker & Co: Departed Launceston 7 Feb 1891 per "Coogee" to Melbourne. Orient Line: Departed Melbourne (9 Feb) per "Lusitania" via Suez Canal to Naples (14 March); by rail to Bettembourg, arriving 16 March 1891 (36 days).* *(Photo = 167)*	168	✉	**200**



3297



View of Chicago

3297	1891 (March 9): Cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Chicago, USA bearing 1887 South Australia 6 d. pale blue, single example cancelled by Adelaide duplex and prepaying 6 d. and underpaid 1 s. for a 2 ounce ship letter to USA. "T" handstamp in black applied in London indicating the letter was overweight and "COLLECT / 50 CENTS" handstamp in black for the deficient postage to be paid on arrival. US Postage Due 10 c. lake (5) applied (one creased over the top of the cover) affixed to confirm the 50 cents postage due was collected from the addressee. Some cover faults, but one of the highest United States postage due covers recorded from the Australian Colonies. *Route - The Orient Line: Departed Adelaide 9 March 1891 per "Orizaba" via Suez Canal to Plymouth (15 April); by rail via London (20 April) to Liverpool; by steamer to New York; by rail to Chicago, arriving 11 May 1891.*	185	✉	**300**
3298	1891 (June 29): Registered cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Larnaca, Cyprus bearing 1891 New South Wales 3 d. green and 1889 8 d. lilac-rose, cancelled by barred numeral "1134" of The Exchange with despatch datestamp at left, prepaying 11 d. comprising 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Cyprus plus 3 d. Registration. Believed to be the only cover recorded from the Australian Colonies to Cyprus. *Route - Orient Line: Departed Sydney 29 June 1891 per "Orroya" via Suez Canal to Alexandria (28 July); by steamer to Larnaca, arriving 3 Aug 1891 (35 days).* *Note: Instead of being bagged to Naples, this envelope was forwarded for a more direct journey via Alexandria to Cyprus.* *Provenance: Collection Rigo de Righi.* *(Photo = 167)*	269+ 257	✉	**100**



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3295 / CHF 100



3292 / CHF 150



3291 / CHF 100



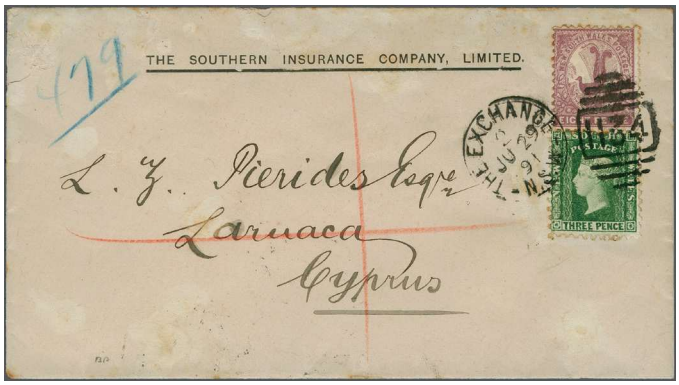
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Incoming mail via Naples



View of Buenos Aires



3299

Gibbons — Start price in CHF

3299 1888 (September 28): 12 c. postal stationery envelope from Buenos Aires, Argentina to Melbourne, Victoria, indistinctly cancelled by Buenos Aires despatch datestamp and underpaid for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. Endorsed *"Via Brindisi"* with "T" handstamp in black. Carried by French packet to Marseilles and by rail via Paris to Naples. On arrival in Melbourne a "MORE TO PAY" handstamp in black was applied with 7 d. to pay for the recipient. A rare and colourful cover, thus far the only cover recorded from Argentina to the Australian Colonies.
Route - French steamer: Departed Buenos Aires, Argentina 28 Sept 1888 to Calais. By rail via Marseille (20 Oct) to Naples. Orient Line: Departed Naples (22 Oct) per "Cuzco" via Suez Canal and Albany (19 Nov) to Adelaide (23 Nov); by rail to Melbourne (23 Nov) and St Kilda, arriving 24 Nov 1888 (over 63 days).

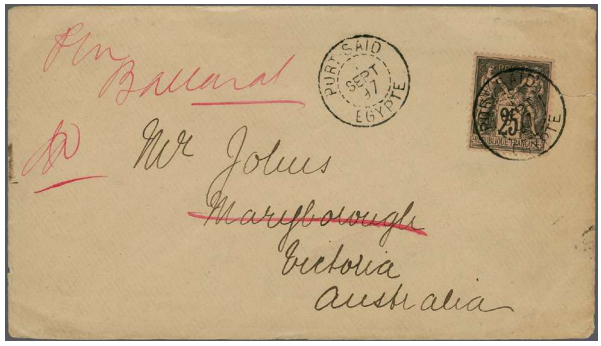
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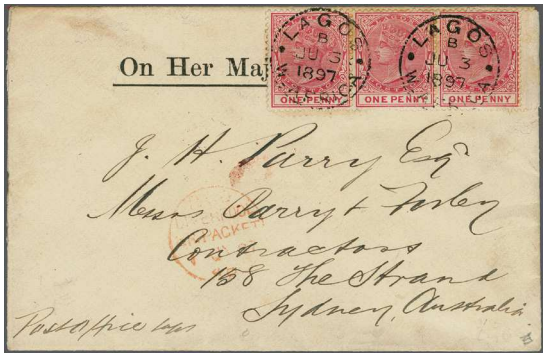
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3301 / CHF 150



3304 / CHF 100



3303 / CHF 100



3305 / CHF 200



3308 / CHF 200



3302 / CHF 250

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3300	1883: Russia 2 k. deep green 2 k. yellow-green and 3 k. carmine all used on 7 kop. postal stationery envelope sent registered from Vologda, Russia to Perth, Western Australia all clearly cancelled by the Vologda cds's and prepaying the single rate of 7 kop. and registration of 7 kopeks. Manuscript *"Registered"* with a circular handstamp in black and multiple transit datestamps on the reverse. Fine, an unusual origin / destination cover to Western Australia in the pre-UPU period. *Route: Departed Vologda 9 Nov 1888 by rail to Moscow (1 Nov); overland and by rail via Bologna (26 Nov) to Naples. Orient Line: Departed Naples (3 Dec) per "Oroya" to Albany (30 Dec); by rail to Perth, arriving 31 Dec 1888 (52 days).* *(Photo = 169)*		✉	**100**
3301	1890 (Aug 14): Cover from Tatsi, Bolivia to Melbourne, Victoria bearing 1887 Bolivia 5 c. blue, rouletted, two examples indistinctly cancelled with rose sender's handstamp of Tatsi. Carried by the French packet and by rail via Paris to Naples and with multiple transit datestamps on the reverse. On arrival in Melbourne, the cover was locally redirected. Minor cover blemishes, but a rare origin to Australia. Believed to be the only cover recorded from Bolivia to the Australian Colonies. *Route: Departed Tatsi 14 Aug 1890 overland via Jujuy (19 Aug) to Buenos Aires. French steamer "Nerthe", departed Buenos Aires (23 Aug) to Bordeaux (15 Sept). By rail via Paris (16 Sept) and Modane (18 Sept) to Naples. Orient Line: Departed Naples (22 Sept) per "Orient" via Suez Canal, Albany (18 Oct) and Adelaide (22 Oct) to Melbourne, arriving 23 Oct 1890 (70 days).* *(Photo = 169)*		✉	**150**
3302	1894 (July 6): Registered cover from St. Helena to Sydney, New South Wales bearing 1887 St. Helena 2½ d. on 6 d. grey, a strip of six cancelled by the St. Helena datestamp and prepaying 1 s. 3 d. comprising 1 s. for a 1 ounce ship letter plus 3 d. registration. Registered handstamps for St. Helena in red and London in black on obverse and three strikes of oval "POST OFFICE / ♛ / St. Helena" handstamp in purple on reverse. Despite some flap repairs on the reverse, a very fine and rare cover, with just a few covers recorded from St. Helena to the Australian Colonies. *Route: Departed St. Helena 6 July 1894 by steamer to London (2 Aug); by rail to Naples. Orient Line: Departed Naples (6 Aug) per "Orotava" via Suez Canal, Albany (31 Aug) to Adelaide (4 Sept); by rail via Melbourne to Sydney, arriving 6 Sept 1894 (62 days).* *(Photo = 169)*	44	✉	**250**
3303	1897 (June 3): OHMS cover from Lagos to Sydney, New South Wales bearing Lagos 1884 1 d. rose-carmine, a used horizontal strip of three neatly cancelled by Lagos datestamp and prepaying 3 d. and overpaying ½ d. for a 2½ d. ship letter to New South Wales. Very fine and attractive. The only cover recorded from Lagos to the Australian Colonies. *Route: Departed Lagos 3 June 1897 by steamer to Liverpool (1 July); by rail via London to Naples. Orient Line: Departed Naples (5 July) per "Oratava" via Suez Canal, Albany (30 July) to Adelaide (2 Aug); by rail via Melbourne to Sydney, arriving 5 Aug 1897 (63 days).* *(Photo = 169)*	22	✉	**100**
3304	1897 (Sept 3): Cover from Port Said, French Post Offices in Egypt to Maryborough, Victoria bearing 1879 France Type Sage 25 c. black on rose cancelled by Port Said datestamp and prepaying 25 c. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria and with multiple transit datestamps on the reverse. Small closed cover tear at right, a fine and charming cover. The only cover recorded from the French Post Offices in Egypt to the Australian Colonies. *Route - Orient Line: Departed Port Said 3 Sept 1897 per "Cuzco" via Suez Canal, Albany (25 Sept) to Adelaide (29 Sept); by rail via Melbourne (30 Sept) to Maryborough, arriving 30 Sept 1897 (63 days).* *(Photo = 169)*		✉	**100**
3305	1898 (Sept 16): Registered cover from Constantinople, British Post Offices in Turkey to Adelaide, South Australia bearing 1887/90 British Levant 40 pa. on 2½ d. and 80 pa. on 5 d. cancelled by "British Post Office / Constantinople" datestamp and prepaying 120 paras (3 piastres) for double rate of 80 pa. and 40 pa. registration for a ship letter to South Australia. The cover is addressed in both Turkish Arabic and French to the Lord Mayor of Adelaide. Flap tear on reverse on opening, otherwise fine and rare. The only cover recorded from the British Post Offices in Turkey to the Australian Colonies. *Route: Departed Constantinople 16 Sept 1898 by steamer to Alexandria (24 Sept). Orient Line: Departed Alexandria per "Ormuz" via Suez Canal (25 Sept) and Albany (20 Oct) to Adelaide, arriving 24 Oct 1898 (38 days).* *(Photo = 169)*	4+ 5	✉	**200**
3306	1896-1900: Group of covers including some very scarce origins with 1896 Postal Card from Columbia (the only example thus far recorded), Finland, Gibraltar, Canary Islands (with fault, but one of just two recorded) Belgium and Sweden, all addressed to the Australian Colonies. A very scarce and highly appealing group (6 covers). *(Photo = www)*		✉	**100**

Overland via Torres Strait

The Experimental Service 1866

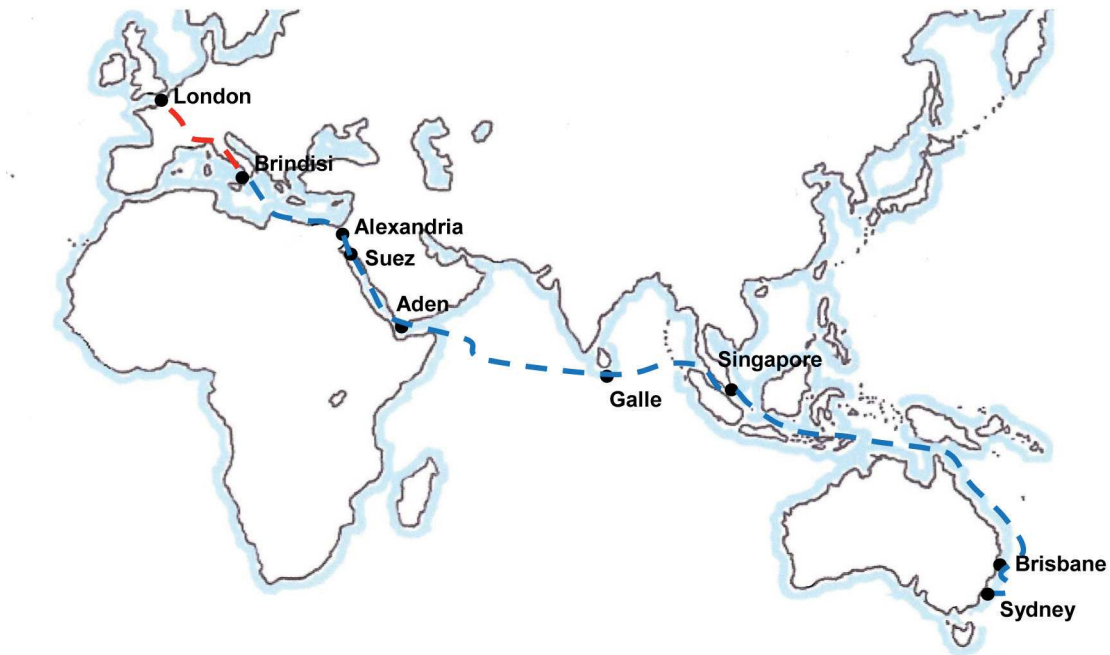
From the very start, the Queensland colonists were consistently overlooked for the contract mails. Steamships called either at Sydney in New South Wales, or more commonly at Melbourne in Victoria. For the people of Queensland, they relied on regular sailings of the Australasian Steam Navigation Co. Line between Brisbane and Sydney to transport mail via the P&O Line.

They had always advocated for a service via The Torres Strait, stopping at the major ports up the Queensland coast to Batavia or Singapore. In 1866, an experimental service via the Torres Strait was contracted by the Queensland Government to Batavia. During the five voyages, stops were made at a number of Queensland ports along the route to collect the mail. From Batavia,the Nederlandsch-Indische Stoomvaat Maatschappij Line was contracted to take the mails to Singapore, to catch the P&O Line service overland via Marseilles. The experimental service was discontinued due to the great cost to the Queensland Treasury. Covers recorded on the experimental voyages are exceptionally rare.

The Eastern & Australian Mail Steamship Company 1874

However, the benefits of the speed of delivery and calling on the major northern ports still made the route attractive to the Queensland Government. In 1873, the British Government informed the Colonies that they would pay for all mails to Galle,San Francisco or Singapore. The Queensland Government decided to contract the Eastern & Australian Steamship Company for a monthly service via the Torres Strait to Singapore, using the P&O Line for onwards transmission to England. New South Wales and to a much lesser extent, Victoria used this route, subsidising the costs for Queensland. By the mid 1870's, mail from Queensland to England via the Torres Strait was taking just on two months.

In 1881, the contract for the Eastern & Australian Mail Steamship Co. lapsed, and it was then awarded to the British India Steam Navigation Company. This route provided a constant monthly service for Queensland mail which lasted well into the next century.



This map shows the 1874 route via Torres Strait. The benefits of feeding in to the P&O Line service from Singapore are obvious since the ships did not need to sail via the southern colonies.

Outgoing mail via Torres Straight



SS 'Ellora'



3307

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3307	1866 (March 3): Cover from Warwick, Queensland to Glasgow, Scotland endorsed *"via Torres Straits and Batavia"* bearing 1862 Queensland Chalon 2 d. pale blue, rough perf. 13, a horizontal strip of three, cancelled by rays numeral "81", prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. Some minor soiling, but a great rarity by this route. *Route: Departed Warwick 3 March 1866 overland to Brisbane. Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane (15 March) per "Yarra Yarra" (17 March) to Sydney. P&O Line: Departed Sydney (22 March) per "Ellora" to Galle (16 April); "Bengal" (18 April) to Suez (3 May); overland to Alexandria; "Ripon" (5 May) via Malta (8 May) to Southampton (18 May); by rail via London to Glasgow, arriving 19 May 1866 (77 days).* *Note: Originally, the Queensland Government contract steamship "Souchays" was advertised to sail on the 6 March 1866 via the Torres Strait, however, it was delayed for some time. The mails must have been offloaded to catch the P&O Line "Ellora" in mid March. The "Souchays" did not eventually sail via the Torres Strait and Batavia until the 7 April 1866.*	23	✉	**750**
3308	1866 (31 July): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Worksop, England endorsed *"Per S.S. Hero Via / Torres Straits Batavia and Marseilles"* bearing 1862 New South Wales Diadem 8 d. yellow-orange, cancelled by the Sydney duplex and prepaying 10 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England (the 2 d. adhesive does not belong). The only recorded cover from New South Wales for the experimental voyages via the Torres Strait, with just one other cover from Queensland known from this voyage. *Route: Departed Sydney 31 July 1866 per "Yarra Yarra" to Brisbane. Queensland Government Contract Steamship: Departed Brisbane (20 Aug) per S.S. "Hero" to Batavia (8 Sept). Nederlandsch-Indische Stoomvaart Maatschappij Line: Departed Batavia (15 Sept) to Singapore (19 Sept). P&O Line: Departed Singapore (20 Sept) per "Behar" to Galle (30 Sept); "Mongolia" (3 Oct) via Aden (13 Oct) to Suez (20 Oct); overland to Alexandria; "Tanjore"* *(22 Oct) via Malta (25 Oct) to Marseilles (28 Oct); by rail via London to Worksop, arriving 30 Oct 1866 (91 days).* *Note: This cover was written by Midshipman Cecil Foljambe (later First Earl of Liverpool) from H.M.S. "Curacao", the flagship of the Australia Station from 1863-66, to his mother Viscountess Milton.* *(Photo = 169)*	167b	✉	**200**
3309	1874 (March 1): Cover from Brisbane, Queensland to Whitby, England endorsed *"Via Torres Straits"*, bearing 1871 Queensland Chalon 3 d. brown and 1869 6 d. yellow-green, slightly off edge of envelope, cancelled by the rays "Q.L." obliterator of Brisbane and prepaying 9 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England via Brindisi. This cover was sent on the third contract voyage by the Governor of Queensland George Phipps, Marquis of Normandy, to his sister at Whitby. Flap faults, but scarce. *Route - Eastern & Australian Mail Steamship Co: Departed Brisbane per "Tom Morton" 1 March 1874 to Singapore. P&O Line: Departed Singapore (26 March) per "Mooltan" to Galle (3 April); "Pershawur" (3 April) via Suez Canal to Alexandria; "Sumatra" to Brindisi (23 April); by rail via London (26 April) to Whitby, arriving 27 April 1874 (58 days).* *(Photo = 175)*	67+ 91	✉	**150**

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3310 1875 (March 12): Registered cover from Gympie, Queensland to London bearing Queensland Chalon 2 d. blue, perf. 12, two examples with 1869 6 d. yellow-green, indistinctly cancelled by the rays numeral "96" of Gympie and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England via Southampton plus 4 d. registration. Endorsed *"via Melbourne & Brindisi (deleted) and Galle"* but placed in the Torres Strait mails. "REGISTERED / GYMPIE" handstamp in red (only four covers recorded thus) to indicate the registration fee had been paid. Illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Mail of Queensland" on page 219.
Route - Private steamship: Departed Gympie 12 March 1875 to Brisbane. Eastern & Australian Mail Steamship Co: Departed Brisbane per "Normanby" (31 March) to Singapore (19 April). P&O Line: Departed Singapore (22 April) per "Pera" to Galle (1 May); "Pershawur" (2 May) via Suez Canal (16 May) to Southampton (30 May); by rail to London, arriving 31 May 1875 (80 days).
Note: The Broad Star watermark perforated 12 issues from February 1874 are very rare on cover, with probably only a two or three covers recorded. The "Crown/Q" watermark issues perforated 12 were not issued until 1876.
Provenance: Collection Griffiths. *(Photo = 175)* 75+ 91 ✉ **250**



Panorama of Genoa



3311

3311 1875 (July 17): Cover from Somerset, Queensland to Genova, Italy bearing 1875 Queensland Chalon 3 d. brown, a single example and a horizontal pair, cancelled by the rays numeral "51" of Somerset (Post Office closed in 1877) prepaying 9 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Italy. "PD" handstamp in black applied at Brisbane indicating the envelope was paid to destination, one of only seven examples recorded on mail from Queensland. Some flap tears at base on the reverse, otherwise very fine and a very rare destination from Queensland: the finest of the three Chalon covers recorded from Queensland to Italy. Signed Asinelli.
Route - The Eastern & Australian Mail Steamship Co: Departed Brisbane 17 July 1875 per "Normanby" to Singapore (4 Aug); P&O Line: "Gwalior" (8 Aug) via Suez Canal (5 Sept) to Southampton (22 Sept); by rail to London; by steamer to Calais; by rail to Genoa, Italy. 88 ✉ **1'250**



3312

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3312 1875 (Oct 14): Cover from Rockhampton, Queensland to Lyon, France bearing Queensland 1875 Chalon 4 d. yellow, 6 d. yellow-green and 1 s. purple cancelled by the barred numeral "201" of Rockhampton, prepaying 1 s. 10 d. for a 1 ounce ship letter to France. "PD" handstamp in red applied at Brisbane indicating the envelope was paid to destination, one of only seven examples recorded on mail from Queensland. Back flap missing and top left corner of envelope repaired, but a rare and most attractive three colour franking.
Route - Eastern & Australian Mail Steamship Co: Departed Rockhampton 14 Oct 1875 per "Bowen" to Singapore (29 Oct). P&O Line: Departed Singapore (4. Nov) per "Geelong" to Galle (11 Nov); "Nizam" (12 Nov) via Suez Canal to Alexandria (28 Nov); "Hindostan" (29 Nov) to Brindisi (2 Dec); by rail from Brindisi to Lyon, arriving 4 Dec 1875 (54 days).
Provenance: Collection Hobbs, Campbell, Davis, Manning.
89+ 91+ 109 ✉ **1'000**



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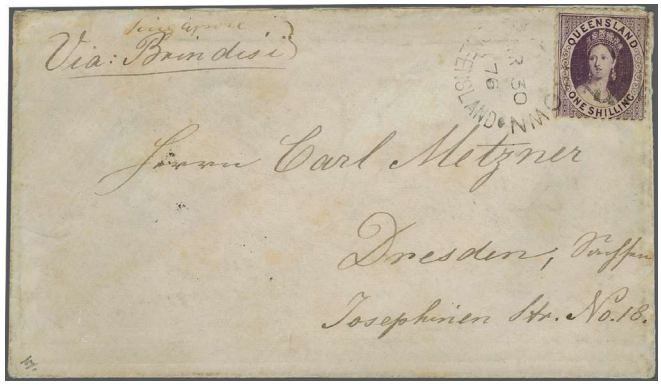
3313 1875 (Nov 26): Registered cover from Toowoomba, Queensland to Stapelnburg, Germany bearing 1876 Queensland Chalon 4 d. yellow and 1 s. mauve, cancelled by the rays numeral "214" of Toowoomba and prepaying 1 s. 4 d. comprising 1 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Germany plus 4 d. registration. "REGISTERED / TOOWOOMBA" handstamp in black and a railway registration label applied by the German postal officials. A colourful and rare registered cover to Germany.
Route: Overland from Toowoomba 26 Nov 1875 to Brisbane. Eastern & Australian Mail Steamship Co: Departed Brisbane (8 Dec) per "Brisbane". The "Brisbane" ran aground on the Angelica Reef in the Flores Sea with passengers and mail landed at Sourabaya. After refloating, passengers and mail departed Sourabaya (11 Jan 1876) to Singapore (16 Jan). Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes: Departed Singapore (20 Jan) per "Meikong" via Suez Canal to Marseilles; by rail via London (17 Feb) to Prussia (over 83 days).
Note: This is an unusual shipwreck cover from Queensland, mentioned on page 148 in "Australasian Wreck Mail" by Brian Peace who does not record a cover from this incident. The second earliest cover recorded from Queensland to Germany after unification.
102+ 93 ✉ **1'500**



3309 / CHF 150



3310 / CHF 250



3314 / CHF 400



3315 / CHF 400



3317 / CHF 500



3318 / CHF 400



3321 / CHF 100



3323 / CHF 120

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3314	1876 (March 30): Cover from Cooktown, Queensland to Dresden, Germany endorsed *"Via Singapore, Brindisi"* at top left, bearing 1876 Queensland Chalon 1 s. mauve, a single example cancelled by the Cooktown datestamp and prepaying 1 s. and overpaying 2 d. for a ½ oz ship letter of 10 d. to Germany. A very fine cover and a scarce single franking. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Cooktown 30 March 1876 to Rockhampton. Eastern & Australian Mail Steamship Co: Departed Rockhampton (3 April) per "Singapore" to Singapore (16 April). P&O Line: Departed Singapore (20 April) per "Geelong" to Galle (28 April); "Cathay" (29 April) via Suez Canal (12 May) to Alexandria (14 May); "Baroda" (15 May) to Brindisi (19 May); by rail from Brindisi to Dresden, arriving 22 May 1876 (53 days).* (Photo = 175)	108	✉	**400**
3315	1876 (June 16): Cover from Pimpama, Queensland to Bautzen, Germany endorsed *"Overland Mail"* bearing 1876 Queensland Chalon 2 d. pale blue and 6 d. yellow-green, cancelled by the rays numeral "113" of Pimpana (datestamp at the left and rated 'RRR' in "Queensland Numeral Cancellations" by Manning), prepaying 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Germany with red manuscript "2" pfennig due for local delivery. Cover slightly foreshortened at left, otherwise a scarce franking to Germany. *Route: Departed Pimpama 16 June 1876 overland to Brisbane. Eastern & Australian Mail Steamship Co: Departed Brisbane (18 June) per "Singapore" to Singapore (5 July). P&O Line: Departed Singapore (9 July) per "Thibet" via Galle (17 July) and Suez Canal (5 Aug) to Southampton (21 Aug); by rail via London to Bautzen, arriving 23 Aug 1876.* (Photo = 175)	98+ 91	✉	**400**



General Post Office in Brisbane



3316

3316	1877 (Oct 11): Cover from Brisbane, Queensland to Birmingham, England bearing 1876 Queensland Chalon 2 d. bright blue, a horizontal strip of three indistinctly cancelled and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. Originally written and posted on the 25 September and endorsed *"Via Melbourne & Galle"* for the P&O Line, it was too late to catch the steamers to Sydney and Melbourne in time for the P&O *"Tanjore"* to depart. Instead, it was posted via the contracted Torres Strait route. "TOO LATE" handstamp in black applied at Brisbane to represent the change of routes. Palmer records eighteen examples of the "TOO LATE" handstamp on Queensland Mail up to 1891, with this being one of the earlier examples. The handstamp on this cover is illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Mail of Queensland"on Page 10. A very fine and unusual cover. *Route - The Eastern & Australian Mail Steamship Co: Departed Brisbane 11 Oct 1877 per "Bowen" to Singapore (29 Oct); P&O Line: Departed Singapore (2 Nov) per "Geelong" to Galle (9 Nov); "Kashgar" (10 Nov) via Suez Canal to Southampton (13 Dec); by rail to Birmingham, arriving 14 Dec 1877 (82 days).*	99	✉	**500**

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3317 1878 (July 17): Cover from Townsville, Queensland to the British Museum in London endorsed *"Via Brindissi"* (sic), bearing 1876 Queensland Chalon 4 d. yellow in a horizontal pair, cancelled by the barred numeral "59" of Townsville, with departure datestamp at the left (17 July), prepaying 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. The cover is addressed to T.N. Nicholls, the Principal Librarian at the British Museum. Some minor cover faults being slightly foreshortened at both sides. Very rare, usage with few covers recorded bearing pairs of the 4d value.
Route - The Eastern & Australian Mail Steamship Co: Departed Townsville 15 Aug 1878 per "Somerset" to Singapore (29 Aug) P&O Line: Departed Singapore (31 Aug) per "Pekin" via Galle (8 Sept) and Suez Canal (26 Sept) to Alexandria; "Ceylon" (29 Sept) to Brindisi (2 Oct); by rail from Brindisi to London, arriving 5 Oct 1878 (80 days).
Note: This envelope missed the sailing of the "Normanby" on the 18 July from Townsville by a day and had to wait until the following month's sailing.
Provenance: Collection 'Chartwell'. *(Photo = 175)* 102 ✉ **500**

3318 1878 (Oct 10): Cover from Millungera, Queensland to Gateshead, England endorsed *"via Brindisi"*, bearing 1876 Queensland Chalon 1 d. deep orange-vermillion (2) and 3 d. brown in a horizontal pair, clearly cancelled by the barred numeral "273" of Millungera (rated 'RRRR' by Manning in "Queensland Numeral Cancellations"), with superb departure datestamp at left, and prepaying 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. Small part of backflap missing, otherwise very fine. Illustrated in "Queensland Postal History" by Campbell on page 142. A rare make-up for the 8 d. rate and most attractive.
Route - The Eastern & Australian Mail Steamship Co: Departed Brisbane 10 Oct 1878 per "Normanby" to Singapore (29 Oct) P&O Line: Departed Singapore (31 Oct) per "Venetia" to Galle (8 Nov); "Thibet" (8 Nov) via Suez Canal (21 Nov) to Alexandria; "Ceylon" (23 Nov) to Brindisi; by rail from Brindisi 26 (Nov) via London to Gateshead, arriving 29 Nov 1878 (50 days).
Provenance: Collection Campbell, 'Chartwell'. *(Photo = 175)* 94+ 101 ✉ **400**



Rue de la Chapelle in Paris



3319

3319 1879 (March 31): Cover from Rockhampton, Queensland to Paris, France bearing 1876 Queensland Chalon 1 d. deep orange-vermillion and 6 d. apple-green in a horizontal pair, indistinctly cancelled and prepaying 11 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to France. Illustrated in "Queensland Postal History" by Hugh Campbell on page 289 and in "Queensland Postal Rates and Charges, 1832-1913" on page 43. Edge wear at base of envelope otherwise very fine, being one of three examples of this make-up rate to France.
Route - The Eastern & Australian Mail Steamship Co: Departed Rockhampton 31 March 1879 per "Normanby" to Singapore. P&O Line: Departed Singapore (19 April) per "Thibet" to Galle; "Hydaspes" (26 April) via Suez Canal to Alexandria; "Pera" (11 May) to Brindisi (15 May); by rail from Brindisi to Paris, arriving 17 May 1879 (50 days).
Provenance: Collection Campbell. 94+ 107 ✉ **750**



SS 'Kashgar'



3320

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3320	1879 (Nov 15): Cover from Rockhampton, Queensland to Hadsund, Denmark bearing 1876 Queensland Chalon 6 d. apple-green and 1 s. purple, somewhat indistinctly cancelled and prepaying 1 s. 6 d. for a 1 ounce ship letter to Denmark. Fine Rockhampton despatch cds and transit datestamps on the reverse. The cover slightly foreshortened and weakened at left, the finer of the two Queensland Chalon covers recorded addressed to Denmark. Rare. *Route - The Eastern & Australian Mail Steamship Co: Departed Rockhampton 15 Nov 1879 per "Kashgar" via Singapore to Galle (5 Dec) P&O Line: Departed Galle (6 Dec) per "Nepaul" via Suez Canal to Alexandria (21 Dec); "Pera" to Brindisi (24 Dec); by rail from Brindisi to Hadsund, arriving 2 Feb 1880 (79 days).*	107+ 109	✉	**1'000**
3321	1883 (March 29): Cover from Rockhampton, Queensland to Fribourg, Switzerland bearing 1882 Queensland Sideface 6 d. green, a horizontal pair indistinctly cancelled prepaying 1 s. and overpaying 3 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter of 9 d. to Switzerland, endorsed in manuscript at upper left. Small part of rear flap missing, otherwise fine and very scarce. Illustrated "The Pre-UPU Mail of Queensland" on page 276. *Route - British India Steam Navigation Co: Departed Rockhampton 29 March 1883 per "Chyebassa" via Batavia (14 April) to Aden (2 May). P&O Line: "Cathay" (3 May) via Suez Canal (8 May) to Alexandria; "Bokhara" (8 May) to Brindisi (11 May); by rail from Brindisi to Fribourg, arriving 11 May 1883 (39 days).* *(Photo = 175)*	170	✉	**100**



View of Mariager



3322

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3322	1883 (June 25): Cover from Charters Towers, Queensland to Mariager, Denmark bearing 1882 Queensland Sideface 1 d. pale vermillion-red, 2 d. blue and 6 d. green cancelled by the rays numeral "165" of Charters Towers and prepaying 9 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Denmark. "PD" handstamp in black representing the cover was paid to destination. Due to an outbreak of cholera in Egypt in July 1883, the cover had three disinfection slits applied in Alexandria. Very fine and rare, an important disinfected cover. *Route - The Eastern & Australian Mail Steamship Co: Departed Townsville 25 June 1883 per "Quetta" via Batavia (9 July) to Aden (25 July). P&O Line: Departed Aden (30 July) per "Nizam" (21 July) via Suez Canal (3 Aug) to Alexandria; "Mongolia" (7 Aug) to Venice (11 Aug); by rail from Venice to Mariager (over 44 days).* *Note: The outbreak of cholera in Egypt in July 1883 closed the mails via Brindisi. A new route via Venice was proposed, and the mails to Europe were diverted through there until early December. Disinfection of the mail was performed at Alexandria. However, letters addressed to England and France avoided the disinfection process. The only disinfected cover recorded from Queensland processed at Venice due to the third cholera pandemic in Egypt in 1883 and one of the earliest covers recorded from Queensland to Denmark. Illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Mail of Queensland" on page 135 and illustrated in "Queensland Postal History" by Campbell on page 287; also illustrated in "Queensland Postal Rates and Charges, 1832-1913" on page 41.* *Provenance: Collection Campbell, Manning.*	166+ 168+ 170	✉	**600**
3323	1886 (Jan 2): Cover from Clare, Queensland to Floriana, Malta bearing 1882 Queensland Sideface 2 d. blue, a horizontal strip of three, slighly faulty at left, indistinctly cancelled and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Malta, with arrival datestamp on the reverse. Some peripheral toning, but very scarce. The second earliest of only four covers recorded from Queensland to Malta, all from this correspondence. *Route - British India Steam Navigation Co: Departed Townsville 2 Jan 1886 per "Roma" via Batavia (16 Jan) to Aden (2 Feb). P&O Line: "Mirzapore" (4 Feb) via Suez Canal (8 Feb) to Alexandria; steam packet to Malta, arriving 14 Feb 1886 (53 days).* *Provenance: Collection Beston.* *(Photo = 175)*	168	✉	**120**

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3324	1887 (May 17): Cover from Brisbane, Queensland addressed to Mr. Christiarro, on board *"S.S. Jumna"* from Calcutta, care of Agents in Aden bearing 1882 Queensland Sideface 2 d. blue, single example and a horizontal pair cancelled by the Brisbane duplex and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Aden, with arrival datestamp on the reverse. Small part of backflap missing, otherwise fine and rare: the only cover recorded from Queensland to Aden. *Route - British India Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane 17 May 1887 per "Dorunda" via Batavia (4 Juane) to Aden, arriving 19 June 1887 (41 days).* *(Photo = 183)*	168	✉	**250**
3325	1890 (23 May): Victoria 3 d. red on green postal stationery card from Melbourne to Manila, Philippines cancelled by the Melbourne duplex and prepaying 3 d. and underpaying 3 d. for a ½ oz ship letter of 6 d. to the Philippines. The via *"Italy"* scored through and the card endorsed *"Via Torres Strait"* at base. Singapore transit datestamp on the reverse. Fine and a very scarce routing with mail from Victoria via the Torres Strait route being rare. *Route: Departed Melbourne 23 May 1890 by rail via Sydney to Brisbane. British India Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane (14 June) per "Barcoo" to Singapore (8 July). P&O Line: Departed Singapore (14 July) per "Pekin" to Hong Kong (20 July); by steamer to Manila.* *Note: This postcard was printed for prepayment to Great Britain via Italy. Since the postcard was addressed to the Philippines, it was sent via the Torres Strait route, thereby being liable for prepayment of the ½ ounce ship letter rate of 6 d. This was not recognised by the postal authorities and not taxed.* *(Photo = 183)*		✉	**150**
3326	1890 (21 March): Queensland 1 d. red on buff postal stationery card used from Toowoomba, Queensland to Brisbane, redirected to Colombo, Ceylon and cancelled by the rays numeral "214" of Toowoomba; prepaying 1 d. for a postal card to Brisbane and unpaid 6 d. for the redirected ½ ounce ship letter of 6 d. to Ceylon, with *"6"* (pence) manuscript in black to be paid upon receipt. "COLOMBO / PAID" datestamp on obverse. A rare destination for mail from Queensland with just two covers recorded from Queensland to Ceylon. *Route - British India Steam Navigation Company: Departed Brisbane 22 March 1890 per "Barcoo" to Batavia (11 April); by steamer to Colombo, arriving 14 April 1890 (24 days).* *(Photo = 183)*		✉	**200**
3327	1891: Queensland 2 d. blue on buff postal stationery card, handstamped with framed "From the Sacred Heart Mission, Thursday Island" on reverse, used to St. Charles, near Philippeville, Algeria and cancelled by the Thursday Island datestamp prepaying 2 d. and underpaying 4 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Algeria. Usage of the 2 d. stationery card could only be prepaid to England. Multiple transit datestamps on obverse including London, Calais rail via Paris, overland via Constantine to St. Charles. Very colourful and a rarity. The only Pre-UPU cover recorded from the Australian Colonies to Algeria. *Route - British India Steam Navigation Company: Departed Thursday Island 4 Jan 1891 per "Taroba" to Aden (26 Jan); "Britannia" (29 Jan) to Brindisi (6 Feb); by rail to London (9 Feb), by steamer to Calais (9 Feb); by rail via Paris to Marseilles; by steamer to Algiers; overland via Bone / Constantine (13 Feb) to St. Charles, arriving 15 Feb 1891 (42 days).* *(Photo = 183)*		✉	**250**

Via the Indian Ocean and Galle

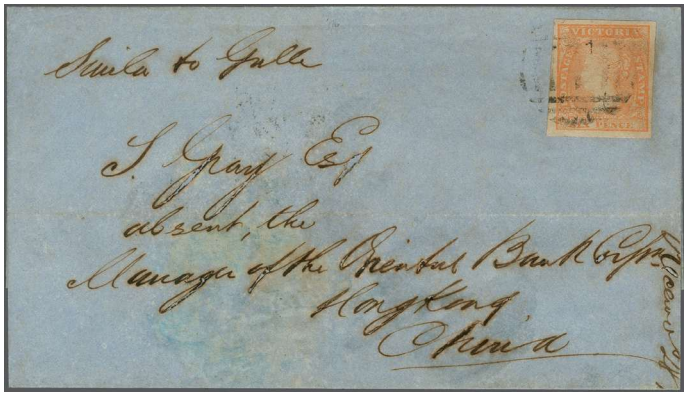
Via the Indian Ocean and other routes on the service

With the return of the Australian steam mail contracts and the P&O service to the Far East, more examples of merchant mail are seen especially from Victoria and New South Wales. Prior to 1857, very little mail is recorded from the Australian Colonies to Asia, with the exception of India.

The port of Galle was used as the distribution point east to Singapore and Hong Kong. Conversely, the western journey was used for mail to Aden, who forwarded letters through the P&O feeder service to Cape of Good Hope and Mauritius. In addition, the P&O Line had a smaller feeder service in to Bombay and Calcutta.



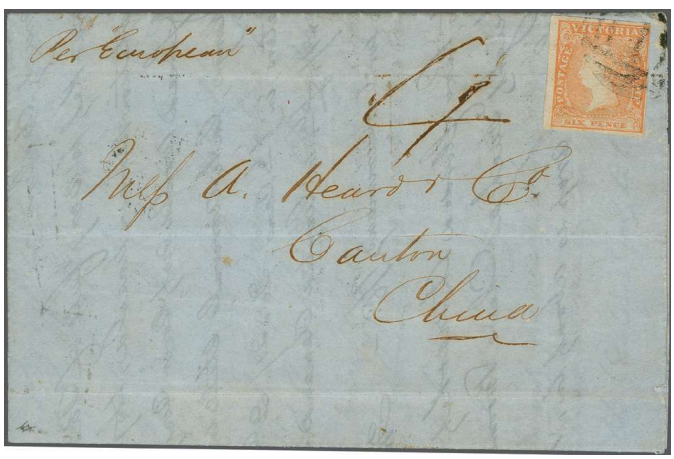
Outgoing mail via Galle



3328

Gibbons | Start price in CHF

3328 1857 (Feb 15): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Hong Kong (China) endorsed *"Simla to Galle"* bearing 1854 Victoria Woodblock 6 d. dull orange, large margins all round, neatly cancelled by the barred numeral "1" obliterator prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Hong Kong. Despatch and arrival datestamps on the reverse. Some minor soiling, otherwise very fine and rare. The earliest recorded cover from Victoria to Hong Kong.
Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 15 Feb 1857 per "Simla" to Galle (10 March). P&O Line: "Madras" via Penang (18 March) and Singapore (20 March) to Hong Kong, arriving 28 March 1857 (42 days).
Provenance: Collection Lewin.
32a ✉ **1'000**

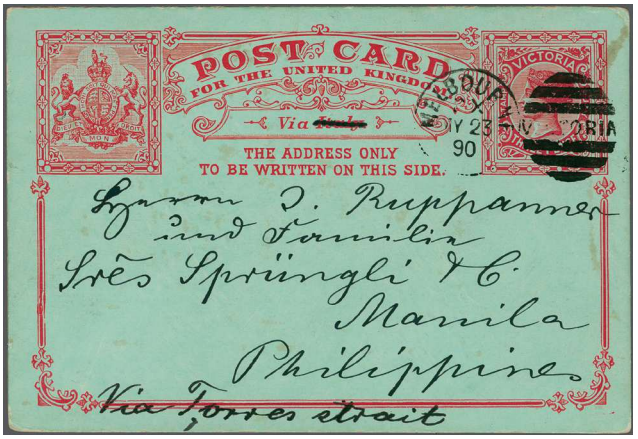


3329

3329 1857 (March 15): Entire letter from Melbourne, Victoria to Canton, China endorsed *"Per European"* bearing 1854 Victoria Woodblock 6 d. dull orange, four close to large margins, crossed by light file fold, tied by barred numeral "1" obliterator and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to China. Melbourne and transit datestamp of Hong Kong on the reverse. Unpaid from Hong Kong to Canton (mail from the Australian Colonies could only be prepaid to Hong Kong. Letters to China attracted additional shipping fees) with *"4"* (cents) manuscript in black for forwarding to Canton to be paid on receipt. Rare, very fine and attractive. One of the earliest covers recorded from Victoria to China.
Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 15 March 1857 per "European" to Galle (4 April). P&O Line: "Pekin" (12 April) via Penang (18 April) and Singapore (20 April) to Hong Kong (29 April 1857; thence by private ship to Canton (over 46 days).
Note: There are no Victorian Half Length covers recorded to China. The earliest available imperforate covers are from the Woodblocks issues. This entire was addressed to the famous American merchant Augustine Heard & Co. and the contents provide a great insight into the trading conditions in Melbourne with the influx of miners to the Victorian gold fields: "Since our last respects of Jan 26, we have had to report a continue stagnation in business, with very little prospect of reaction. Imports of most every description have been daily adding to our heavy stocks, and looking into the future, we cannot with any confidence predicts an improved state of trade for some time to come..."
Provenance: Collection Kirk, Geitenbeek.
32a ✉ **1'500**



3324 / CHF 250



3325 / CHF 150



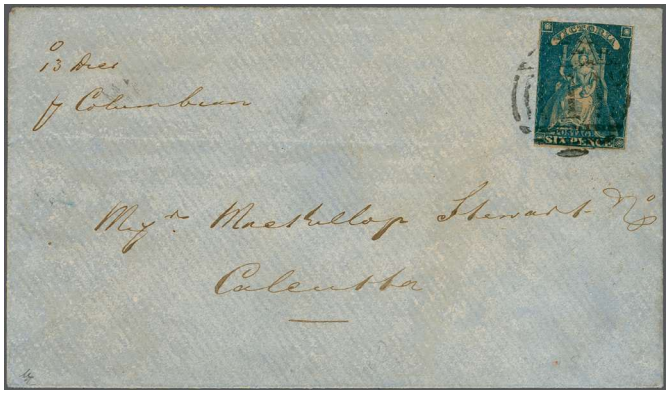
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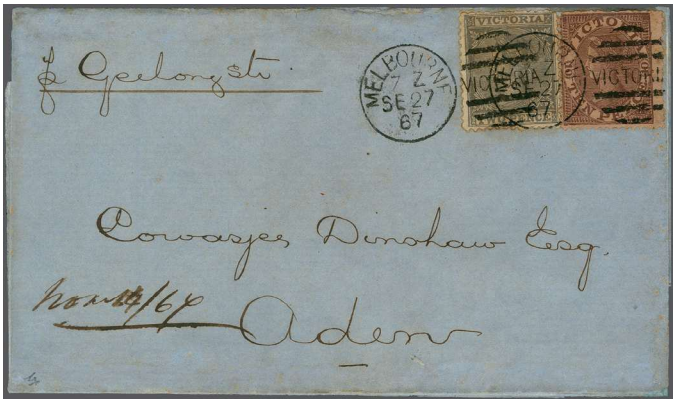
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3333 / CHF 250



3336 / CHF 500



3339 / CHF 500

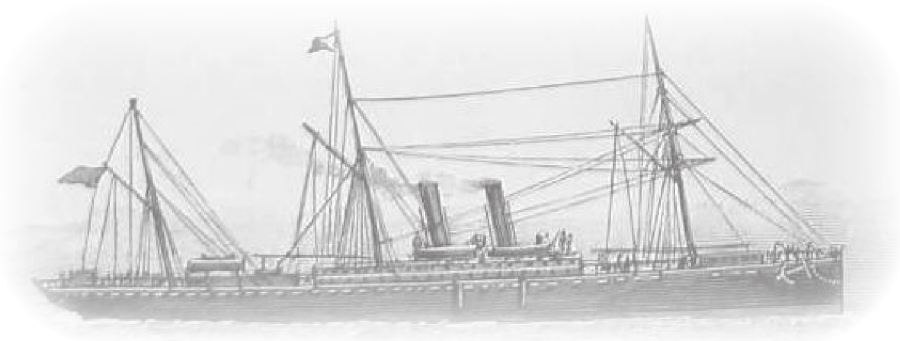


Residence of Augustine Heard & Co. in Hong Kong



3330

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3330	1857 (July 18): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Canton, China endorsed *"Columbian"* (EARM Co.), bearing 1854 New South Wales Diadem 6 d. grey, good to large margins all round, cancelled by the Sydney bars obliterator and prepaid 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Hong Kong. Unpaid from Hong Kong to Canton, and unusually with no inwards ship letter fee to Canton (and thus carried by hand). Mail from the Australian Colonies could only be prepaid to Hong Kong, with letters to China attracting additional shipping fees. Fine despatch and transit datestamp for Hong Kong. Very fine. The second earliest cover recorded from New South Wales to Canton. Signed A. Diena. *Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Sydney 18 July 1857 per "Columbian" to Galle (17 Aug). P&O Line: "Norna" (23 Aug) via Penang (28 Aug) and Singapore (31 Aug) to Hong Kong, arriving 7 Sept 1857; by private ship to Canton (over 52 days).* *Provenance: Collection Forster, Davis, 'Alvarado.'*		94 ✉	**1'000**
3331	1857 (Sept 11): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Manila, Philippines endorsed *"Steam Ship Emeu"* bearing 1854 New South Wales Diadem 6 d. grey, four close to large margins neatly cancelled by the Sydney bars postmark, prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the Philippines. Handstruck "1" (reales) due handstamp in black for internal delivery within the Philippines to be paid by the recipient. Pressed horizontal crease, otherwise very fine and attractive. Rare. *Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Sydney 11 Sept 1857 per "Emeu" to Galle (9 Oct). P&O Line: "Ganges" (9 Oct) via Penang (15 Oct) to Singapore (17 Oct); "Rajah" (24 Oct) via Labuan to Manila, arriving 14 Nov 1857 (65 days).* *Provenance: Collection Druce, Forster, 'Alvarado'.* *(Photo = 183)*		94 ✉	**500**



SS 'Ganges'



3332

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3332	1858 (June 11): Entire letter from Sydney, New South Wales to Shanghai, China bearing 1854 New South Wales Diadem 6 d. grey, close to large margins all round, tied by the Sydney ovals handstamp, prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Hong Kong. Unpaid from Hong Kong to Shanghai, and unusually with no inwards ship letter fee to Canton. Mail from the Australian Colonies could only be prepaid to Hong Kong, with letters to China attracting additional shipping fees. Endorsed for the EARM Co. steamship *"Australasian"* at upper left and with fine despatch cds (June 11) and transit datestamp for Hong Kong in black. A rare and attractive entire - the second earliest known to Shanghai. *Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Sydney 11 June 1858 per "Australasian" to Galle (11 July). P&O Line: "Ganges" (22 July) via Penang (27 July) and Singapore (30 July) to Hong Kong, arriving 6 Aug 1858; by private ship to Shanghai (over 56 days).* *Note: This is another entire addressed to the American merchant Augustine Heard at Canton. The contents relate the trading conditions stating "There has been a slight advance in our market for Eastern Produce, and Ceylon Tea has been bought up by speculators..."* *Provenance: Collection Forster.*	94	✉	**1'500**
3333	1858 (Dec 18): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Calcutta, India endorsed *"pr. Columbian"* bearing 1858 Victoria 6 d. light blue, rouletted but trimmed all round, neatly cancelled by barred numeral "1" of Melbourne, prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to India. Calcutta arrival in red (Jan 30) on reverse. One of the earliest stamped covers recorded from Victoria to India. *Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne 18 Dec 1858 per "Columbian" to Galle (8 Jan 1859). P&O Line: "Candia" (12 Jan) to Calcutta, arriving 30 Jan 1859 (43 days).* *(Photo = 183)*	73a	✉	**250**



View of Calcutta from the Esplanade



3334

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF
3334	1862 (Jan 25): Cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Calcutta, India endorsed *"per Northam"* at upper left, bearing 1860 South Australia 9 d. grey-lilac and 1 s. yellow, neatly cancelled by G.P.O. Adelaide datestamps and prepaying 1 s. 9 d. for a ¾ ounce ship letter to India. Fine Calcutta arrival datestamp in red (March 1) on the reverse. A very rare and attractive cover. *Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Adelaide 25 Jan 1862 per "Wonga Wonga" to KingGeorges Sound. P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound (2 Feb) per "Northam" to (15 Feb); by steamer to Calcutta, arriving 1 March 1862 (43 days).* *Note: Only six examples of the 1 s. yellow are recorded on cover, with this being the second earliest cover recorded from South Australia to India. It is widely acknowledged that this is the finest and most important cover from the Australian Colonies to India.* *Note: There were no published rates from the Australian Colonies to India until 1865. The 1 s. 9 d. represented the rate to England for a ¾ ounce ship letter to England and it is thought that this prepayment would cover the voyage to India.* *Provenance: Collection Griffiths.*	34+ 38 ✉	**6'000**



3335

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3335	1863 (Oct 24): Cover from Brighton, Tasmania to Secundrabad, India bearing 1860 Tasmania Chalon 2 d. slate-green, a four margined example overlapping 4 d. pale blue, touched but with large margin at base, clearly cancelled by barred numeral "10" of Brighton and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to India. Multiple transit datestamps on the reverse, including a framed "2aD" handstamp in black, representing 2 annas inland postage to be paid by the recipient. Scarce and attractive cover addressed to Captain Goldie of the 17th Lancers, who served in Tasmania before being redeployed to India. *Route - Launceston and Melbourne Steam Navigation Co: Departed Launceston 24 Oct 1863 per "City of Launceston" to Melbourne. P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (26 Dec) per "Northam" to Galle; "Candia" (21 Jan 1864) to Calcutta (2 Feb); overland to Secundrabad, arriving 12 Feb 1864 (112 days).* *Provenance: Collection Cressy.*	34+ 36	✉	**500**
3336	1864 (July 6): Cover from Gladstone, Queensland to Reid Brown of the 25th Regiment of the Madras Native Infantry, Mercara, Madras, India bearing 1862 Queensland Chalon 6 d. yellow-green, a horizontal pair cancelled by rays numeral "131" of Gladstone and prepaying 1 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to India. Multiple transit datestamps on the reverse, including the arrival at Mercara. A couple of minor cover blemishes, otherwise very fine and rare - the earliest Queensland Chalon cover recorded to India. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Gladstone 6 July 1864 to Brisbane. Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane (13 July) per "Telegraph" to Sydney. P&O Line: Departed Sydney (22 July) per "Bombay" to Galle (17 Aug); by private ship to Madras (22 Aug); by rail to Bangalore (23 Aug); overland to Mercara, arriving 25 Aug 1864 (50 days).* *(Photo = 183)*	27	✉	**500**



3337

3337	1864 (April 24): Cover from Hobart, Tasmania to Kandy, Ceylon endorsed *"Per R.M.S. Bombay"* at upper left, bearing Tasmania 1860 Chalon 6 d. grey-violet, close to good margins all round, cancelled by the Hobart bars postmark and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Ceylon. Fine Hobart despatch datestamp in red at left. Transit datestamp of "Galle / Unpaid" on the reverse and manuscript *"1d."* for internal delivery to be paid upon receipt. Very fine and a destination rarity from Tasmania, being one of just two recorded imperforate covers from Tasmania to Ceylon. *Route - Launceston & Melbourne Steamship Company: Departed Launceston 24 April 1864 to Melbourne (25 April). P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (26 April) per "Bombay" to Galle (15 May), overland to Kandy (over 19 days).*	46	✉	**1'500**



17th Lancers in India



3338

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3338 1864 (Nov 23): Registered cover from Launceston, Tasmania to Secundrabad, India, redirected to Sholupore bearing 1863 Tasmania Chalon 6 d. grey-lilac, three large margins and just shaved at top and 1 s. vermillion, three margins and touched at right, cancelled by barred numeral "52", prepaying 1 s. 6 d. comprising 1 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter plus 6 d. for registration. Endorsed *"Via Bombay"* and with "REGISTERED" handstamp in black. Launceston diamond despatch datestamp in red on obverse and Secundrabad arrival on the reverse. Top flap missing and some minor cover imperfections (as have all the covers from this correspondence), otherwise fine and most attractive. A great rarity, and the most important imperforate registered cover from Tasmania to India.
Route - Launceston and Melbourne Steam Navigation Co: Departed Launceston 23 Nov 1864 per "Black Swan" to Melbourne. P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (26 Nov) per "Madras" to Galle (16 Dec); by steamer to Bombay (21 Dec); overland to Secundrabad 24 Dec 1864; redirected to Sholupore (over 31days).
Provenance: Collection Shepard, Tinsley.

46+ 41 ✉ **1'500**



3340 / CHF 250



3341 / CHF 300



3342 / CHF 250



3343 / CHF 300



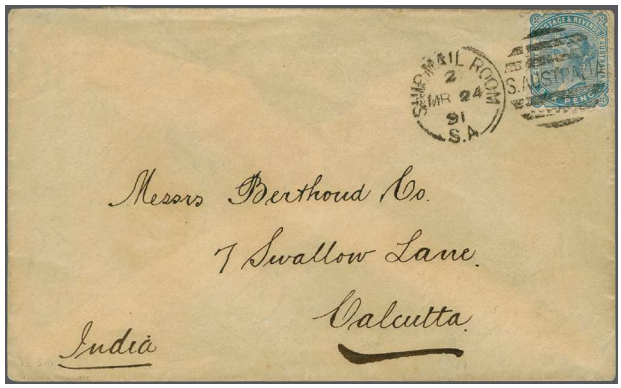
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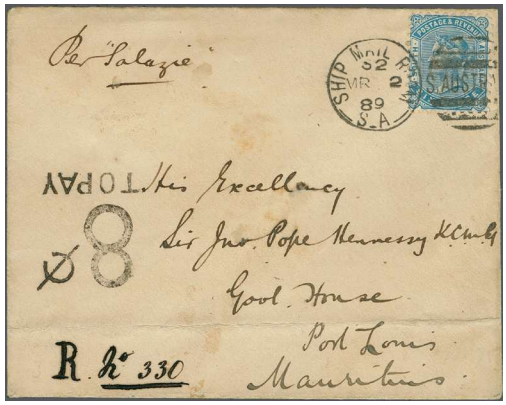
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3348 / CHF 100



3352 / CHF 200

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3339	1867 (Sept 28): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Aden endorsed *"per Geelong str."* bearing 1867 Victoria Laureate 2 d. slate-grey and 10 d. dull purple on pink, cancelled by Melbourne duplex and prepaying 1 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Aden with "Aden Str. Point" arrival (Oct 31) on the reverse. Scarce and very fine, the finest cover recorded from Victoria to Aden and the second earliest recorded cover from Victoria to Aden. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 28 Sept 1867 per "Geelong" to Galle (22 Oct); "Bengal" to Aden, arriving 31 Oct 1867 (33 days).* *Provenance: Collection Groom.* *(Photo = 183)*	132+ 123	✉	**500**
3340	1870 (March 24): Cover from Geelong, Victoria to Rangoon, Burma endorsed *"Per R.M.S. "Geelong"* at upper left, bearing 1868 Victoria Laureate 1 s. indigo-blue on blue paper, cancelled by barred numeral "2" and prepaying 1 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Burma. Calcutta transit in red on the reverse. The envelope with cover repairs at the top and part flap missing, but very rare - the earliest of just two covers recorded from the Australian Colonies to Burma. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 24 March 1870 per "Geelong" to Galle (15 May). British India Steam Navigation Co: By steamer via Calcutta 24 May 1870 to Rangoon (over 31 days).* *Provenance: Collection Linfield.* *(Photo = 189)*	113b	✉	**250**
3341	1870 (June 2): Cover from Launceston, Tasmania to Bombay, India bearing 1865 Tasmania Chalon 1 s. vermillion, perf. 12, clearly cancelled by barred numeral "52" and prepaying 1 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to India. Despatch diamond datestamp of Launceston in red on the front and arrival datestamp of Bombay on the reverse, also in red. Very fine, and a rare single usage of the 1 s. value. *Route - Tasmanian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Launceston 2 June 1870 per "Tamar" to Melbourne. P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (19 June) per "Malta" to King Georges Sound; "Avoca" (30 June) to Galle (14 July); by steamer to Bombay, arriving 21 July 1870 (51 days).* *(Photo = 189)*	77	✉	**300**
3342	1870 (Nov 24): Cover from Maryborough, Queensland to Hurdah Station, India bearing 1869 Queensland Chalon 6 d. yellow-green, two examples, cancelled by the rays numeral "96" of Maryborough and prepaying 1 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to India. One stamp applied off the edge of the cover but with multiple transit datestamps on the reverse, including two T.P.O.'s and with Hurdah arrival in red on the obverse. Illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Mail of Queensland" by Ben Palmer on page 265. A couple of minor cover blemishes otherwise a scarce usage. *Route - Australian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Maryborough 24 Nov 1870 per "Queensland" to Brisbane (25 Nov); "Florence" (30 Nov) to Sydney. P&O Line: Departed Sydney (3 Dec) per "Avoca" to Galle (25 Dec); by steamer to Calcutta 5 Jan 1871; overland to Hurdah, arriving 7 Jan 1871 (44 days).* *Note: During this period, most mail to India is addressed to British military officers who had previously served in the Australian Colonies. This cover is unusually addressed to a guard on the Great India Peninsula Railway.* *(Photo = 189)*	91	✉	**250**
3343	1874 (Feb 23): Cover from Newcastle, New South Wales to Hong Kong bearing 1871 New South Wales 1 d. dull red and 1862 Diadem 1 s. crimson-lake, cancelled by the rays numeral "55" of Newcastle and prepaying 1 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Hong Kong plus 1 d. surcharge for mail via Galle. Fine despatch and arrival datestamp on the reverse including Hong Kong (April 10) arrival. Some peripheral imperfections but mail from the Australian Colonies to Hong Kong and China after 1860 is very rare. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 23 Feb 1874 per "Ellora" to Melbourne; "Bangalore" (26 Feb) to Galle (19 March) "China" (29 March) via Penang /4 April) and Singapore (6 April) to Hong Kong, arriving 10 April 1874 (52 days).* *Note: In 1873, the P&O Line concluded a new contract with the Victorian Government, with the service terminating at Melbourne. New South Wales, who did not join the Victorian contract, had to provide transport for the mails from Sydney to Melbourne and imposed a 1 d. per item surcharge from 10 Feb 1874 until it was removed on 27 May 1875. This is only recorded example of the Galle surcharge on mail from New South Wales to Hong Kong.* *Illustrated in "Maritime Connections to and from New South Wales" by Paul Wijnants on page 55.* *Provenance: Collection Douglas, Davis, 'Alvarado', Palmer.* *(Photo = 189)*	207+ 170	✉	**300**
3344	1874 (Dec 31): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Moradabad, North West Province, India bearing 1873 Victoria Laureate 1 s. pale dull blue on blued paper, cancelled by Melbourne duplex and prepaying 1 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to India. Multiple transit datestamps on the reverse including Moradabad arrival. A fine cover. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 31 Dec 1874 per "Ceylon" to Galle (22 Jan 1875); by steamer to Bombay (26 Jan); by rail via Allahabad (28 Jan) to Moradabad, arriving 30 Jan 1875 (31 days).* *(Photo = 189)*	124a	✉	**200**



A street in Delhi



3345

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3345	1876 (Dec 7): Cover from York, Western Australia to Delhi, India bearing 1875 Western Australia 6 d. mauve, a vertical pair cancelled by barred circle "16" of York and prepaying 1 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to India. Transit datestamps for Bombay and Delhi. Some minor flap tears on reverse, otherwise very fine. Pairs of Perkins Bacon issues on cover are very rare. An extraordinary destination from Western Australia - the earliest cover with adhesives recorded from Western Australia to India. *Route - P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound 7 Dec 1876 per "Tanjore" to Galle (20 Dec); by private ship via Bombay (26 Dec) to Delhi, arriving 29 Dec 1876 (37 days).* *Provenance: Collection Walkley.*	60	✉	**1'000**
3346	1876 (Nov 26): Cover from St. Leonards, New South Wales to Galle, Ceylon and redirected back to Sydney bearing 1872 New South Wales 6 d. bright mauve cancelled by the rays numeral "186" of St. Leonards and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Ceylon. "GALLE / UNPAID" datestamp in black representing the non payment for the redirection of the letter to Sydney and triangular "T" tax handstamp in black for the outstanding tax to be paid upon receipt. Some minor soiling otherwise fine and scarce. One of the earliest of just five covers recorded from New South Wales to Ceylon. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Sydney 26 Nov 1876 per "Avoca" to Melbourne; "Tanjore" (30 Nov) to Galle 18 Dec 1876 (22 days). Redirected from Galle (4 Aug), departing (23 Aug) per "Siam" to Melbourne (12 Sept); "Avoca" (13 Sept) to Sydney, arriving 15 Sept 1877 (292 days).* *Provenance: Collection Palmer.* *(Photo = 189)*	216	✉	**100**
3347	1878 (Oct 28): Cover from Don, Tasmania to Bombay, India endorsed *"Per Bombay Mail"* bearing 1871 Tasmania Chalon 6 d. dull lilac, two examples, cancelled by barred numeral "26" of Don and prepaying 1 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to India. Despatch datestamp of Don on obverse and arrival datestamp of Bombay on the reverse. Scarce and attractive cover. *Route: Overland from Don 28 Oct 1878 to Launceston. Private steamship: Departed Launceston (29 Oct) per "Derwent" to Melbourne. P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (1 Nov) per "Tanjore" to Galle (21 Nov); by steamer to Bombay, arriving 26 Nov 1878 (29 days).* *(Photo = 189)*	135	✉	**200**
3348	1891 (March 25): Cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Calcutta, India bearing 1883 South Australia 6 d. pale blue, a single example cancelled by the Adelaide Ship Mail Room datestamp and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to India. Very fine and a scarce destination from South Australia. *Route - Orient Line: Departed Adelaide 25 March 1891 to Galle; by steamer via Tutcorin (9 April) to Calcutta, arriving 14 April 1891 (21 days).* *(Photo = 189)*	185	✉	**100**

Via the Indian Ocean and Mauritius

Outgoing mail via Indian Ocean



Panorama of St. Denis



3349

Gibbons — Start price in CHF

3349 1857 (Oct 11): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to St. Denis, Réunion endorsed *"Per Simla, Via Ceylon & Mauritius"* at upper left, bearing 1854 New South Wales Diadem 6 d. greyish-brown, three large margins and just shaved at base, cancelled by the Sydney bars obliterator, prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Reunion. Transit datestamp for Mauritius (Dec 1) and framed "M&I" handstamp in black applied at Port Louis for mail to Reunion with arrival cds (Dec 14). Some minor peripheral cover blemishes, otherwise fine and very rare. Four imperforate covers recorded from New South Wales to Réunion.
Route - The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Sydney 11 Oct 1857 per "Simla" via Galle (9 Oct) to Aden (14 Nov). P&O Line: By steamer to Port Louis (1 Dec); by private ship to Réunion, arriving 14 Dec 1857 (65 days).
Provenance: Collection Palmer.

96 ✉ **750**



3350

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3350	1859 (June 18): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to St. Denis, Réunion endorsed *"Per "Benares", via Maurice"* at upper left bearing 1858 Victoria 6 d. bright blue, rouletted, cancelled by the barred numeral "1" obliterator; prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Réunion. Reverse with faint framed "M&I" and Mauritius transit cds. The cover with faults, including part of the address excised, but very rare. The earliest cover recorded from Victoria to Reunion. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 18 June 1859 per "Benares" to Port Louis, Mauritius, arriving 8 July 1859; by private ship to Réunion (21 days).* *Provenance: Collection Purves.*	73	✉	**500**
3351	1860 (May 7): Entire letter from Melbourne, Victoria to Port Louis, Mauritius and carried as a consignee's letter to Mauritius. Endorsed *"per Lawrence"* at upper left and struck with very fine "Late Received" handstamp in black applied at Port Louis for incoming consignee letters. Reverse with very fine "G.P.O. Mauritius" arrival datestamp. Typically brittle as usual with this correspondence otherwise fine and scarce. *Route - Private sailing ship: Departed Melbourne 8 May 1860 per "Lawrence" to Port Louis, arriving 29 June 1860.* *(Photo = 195)*		✉	**150**
3352	1889 (March 2): Registered cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Port Louis, Mauritius bearing South Australia 6 d. pale blue, a single example cancelled by the Adelaide Ship Mail Room datestamp and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Mauritius. Endorsed *"Per Salazie"* at upper left and *"R. No. 330"* at base and struck "8c / TO PAY" handstamp in black for the unpaid registration fee. Fine and a scarce destination from South Australia. Five stamped covers recorded from South Australia to Mauritius. *Route - Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes: Departed Adelaide 2 March 1889 per "Salazie" to Port Louis, arriving 23 March 1889 (21 days).* *Note: The cover is addressed to the Governor of Mauritius, His Excellency Sir John Pope Hennessy KCMG.* *(Photo = 189)*	185	✉	**200**
3353	1886 (March 19): Cover from Mackay, Queensland to Port Louis, Mauritius bearing 1882 Queensland Sideface 2 d. blue, single and vertical pair indistinctly cancelled and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Mauritius. Endorsed *"Per Messageries Maritimes via Melbourne"* at upper left and with circular "LIGNE T / PAQ. FR. No.3" French Paquebot datestamp (22 May) in red. Only five mailboat datestamps are recorded from Queensland, of which two of the covers are addressed to Mauritius. Some soiling at left, otherwise fine and very scarce. *Route - Australian Steam Ship Co: Departed Townsville 19 March 1886 per "Alexandra" to Brisbane (21 March); "Egmont" to Sydney; by rail to Melbourne. Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes: Departed Melbourne (27 March) per "Yarra" via Adelaide (29 March) and Suez Canal (28 April) to Marseilles (1 May); by rail to Paris, arriving 2 May 1886 (48 days).* *Note: The earliest cover recorded from Queensland to Mauritius and illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Mail of Queensland" by Ben Palmer on Page 269.* *Provenance: Rigo de Righi, Hobbs, Beston, Manning.* *(Photo = 195)*	168	✉	**200**

Incoming mail via Indian Ocean

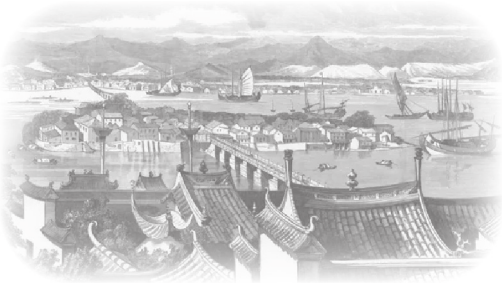
Gibbons — Start price in CHF

3354 1857 (Sept 19): Entire from Port Louis, Mauritius to Launceston, Tasmania carried privately as a consignees letter and endorsed *"per Canero"* and, at lower left *"favour by Capt. Walters"*. On arrival at Hobart, superb framed "Ship Letter Inwards Free" handstamp was applied twice on the front, with a similar diamond datestamp (Oct 31) for delivery at Launceston on the reverse. No charges raised as the consignees letter meant that goods were being shipped by the writer. Very fine and a scarce entire from Mauritius to Tasmania.
Route - Private sailing ship: Departed Port Louis 19 Sept 1857 per "Cantero" to Hobart (321 Oct); overland to Launceston, arriving 31 Oct 1857 (59 days).
Note: The commercial contents of the letter relate to the trade of sugar from Mauritius to Tasmania with an offer of half the consignee's cargo. Sugar was the primary trade between Mauritius and the Australian Colonies until the expansion of the sugar cane plantations in Queensland. *(Photo = 195)* ✉ **200**

3355 1858 (1 January): Entire from Port Louis, Mauritius to Melbourne, Victoria carried privately as a consignees letter with a fine strike "♛ / MAURITIUS / G.P.O." datestamp in black (Jan 1) and a light inwards Ship Letter datestamp for Melbourne in red on the reverse. No charges raised as the consignees letter meant that goods were being shipped by the writer. Very fine, and one of the earliest covers from Mauritius to Victoria recorded.
Route - Private sailing ship: Departed Port Louis 1 Jan 1858 per "Pel" to Melbourne, arriving 1 March 1858 (59 days). *(Photo = 195)* ✉ **150**



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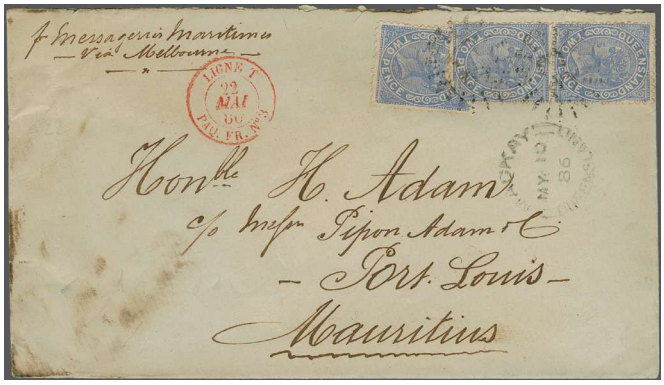
View of Foochow

3356 1858 (April 27): Entire from Foochow, China to Launceston, Tasmania with manuscript *"4"* (cents) prepaid in red for forwarding from Foochow to Hong Kong with "♛ / PAID AT HONG KONG" crowned circle handstamp in red and datestamp on the reverse in black. Ship letter datestamps on the reverse in red for Melbourne and Launceston. The contents relate to the trading of tea to Tasmania. A fine and rare cover.
Route - Private steamship: Departed Foochow 27 April 1858 to Hong Kong. P&O Line: Departed Hong Kong (23 May) per "Singapore" via Singapore (31 May) and Penang (3 June) to Galle (12 June). The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Galle (28 June) per "Victoria" to Melbourne (2 Aug). Private steamship: Departed (3 Aug) per "Royal Shepherd" to Launceston, arriving 5 Aug 1858 (100 days).
Note: One of the earliest recorded covers from Foochow and the earliest recorded cover from China to Tasmania. ✉ **500**

3357 1855: India 4 a. black; used on 1858 covers (2) from India to New South Wales, both with framed "INDIA PAID" handstamp in red and prepaying 4 a. for a ½ ounce ship letter to New South Wales. Some minor cover blemishes to both, otherwise fine and scarce usages to New South Wales.
(Photo = 195) 35 ✉ **100**



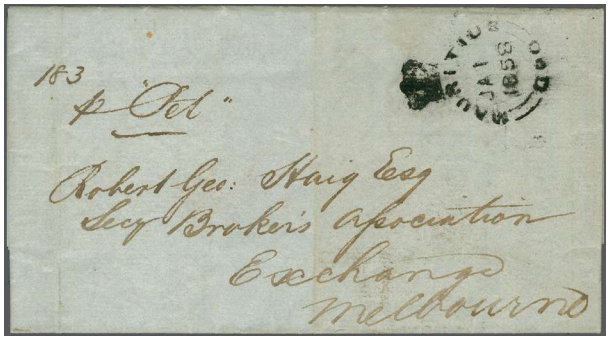
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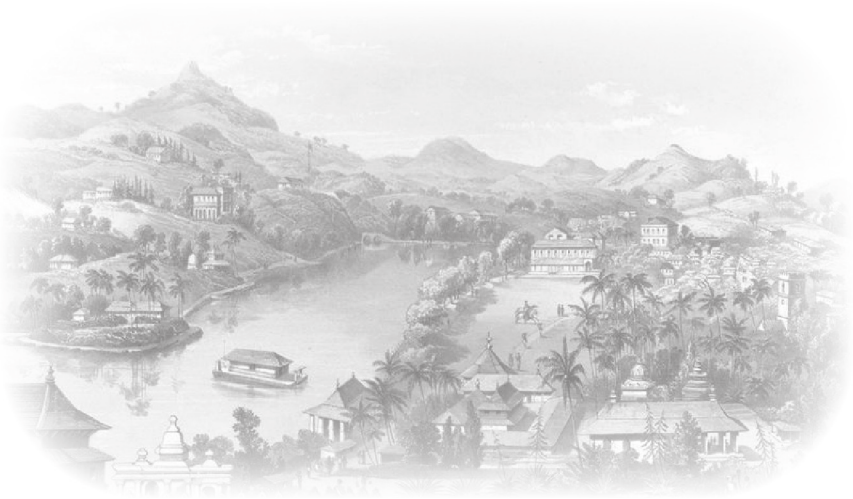
3360 / CHF 500



3361 / CHF 750



3365 / CHF 250



View of the town and lake of Kandy



3358

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF
3358	1858 (Dec 14): Cover from Kandy, Ceylon to Williamstown, Victoria bearing 1857 Ceylon 1 d. blue, close to good margins and 2 d. green, two examples, one with four good margins, second example with good margins to just touched at top, each indistinctly cancelled and pre-paying 5 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. The reverse with Kandy despatch datestamp in red and arrivals for Melbourne and Williamstown. A very fine and attractive cover. Cert. RPSL (2013). *Route: Departed Kandy 14 Dec 1858 overland to Galle. The European and Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Galle (25 Dec) per "Oneida" via King Georges Sound (13 Jan 1859) to Melbourne, arriving 19 Jan 1859 (35 days).* *Note: Three imperforate covers are recorded from Ceylon to Victoria, this being the finest.* *Provenance: Collection Shenfield, Hackmey.*	2a+ 3	✉	**2'000**



View of Port Louis



3359

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3359	1859 (Nov 12): Cover from Port Louis, Mauritius to Melbourne, Victoria bearing 1854-59 Mauritius 1 d. red on bluish paper, latest impressions, a horizontal pair (positions 4-5 on the sheet of twelve subjects) with large margins, just touched at left and used with 1859 Britannia 6 d. blue, good margins with slight scissor cut, cancelled by clear void handstamps and pre-paying 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. Endorsed *"Per Mail Packet"* at upper left and with fine Mauritius despatch and Melbourne arrival datestamp in red. A very fine and most appealing entire. Signed A. Diena. Cert. BPA (1993), Brandon (2007). *Route - P&O Line: Departed Port Louis 18 Nov 1859 per "Columbian" via King Georges Sound (5 Dec) and Adelaide (10 Dec) to Melbourne, arriving 13.12.1859 (31 days).* *Note: Three Post Paid Mauritius covers are recorded to the Australian Colonies of which this is by far the finest.* *The addressee was the small colonial merchant Miller Brothers & Co. with offices in Queens Street, Melbourne. They owned the small schooner "Grecian Queen" which traded between Mauritius and Victoria, with occasional voyages to India. The contents of the entire refer to the "depressed state of trade in your market, unfortunately we have no better accounts to forward from this side and we can easily foresee from the limitation of credit and tightness of the money market that the (sugar) Planters will have a severe struggle to go through their Entrecoupe."* *Provenance: Collection Lagerloef, Wren, Chand.*	23+ 32	✉	**4'000**

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3360 1862 (Dec 30): Entire from Port Louis, Mauritius to Launceston, Tasmania bearing 1862 Mauritius 6 d. slate, lightly cancelled by "B53" obliterator, prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Tasmania. Internally, the entire is endorsed for the sailing ship *"Rialto"* for Melbourne, however, the letter missed this sailing and the "TOO LATE" handstamp was applied. The letter was later sent by the *"Iserbrook"*. At left is the scarce "MISSENT / TO ADELAIDE S.A." handstamp in black, thence forwarded to Tasmania. Scarce and attractive, illustrating the inconsistency of sailing ship transportation to the Australian Colonies.
Route - Private sailing ship: Departed Port Louis 30 Dec 1862 per brig "Iserbrook" to Adelaide 16 Feb 1863. Launceston & Melbourne Steam Navigation Co: Departed Adelaide (19 Feb) per "Havilah" to Melbourne (21 Feb). Tasmanian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Melbourne (24 Feb) per "Royal Shepherd" to Launceston, arriving 25 Feb 1863 (57 days). (Photo = 195) 54 ✉ **500**

3361 1867 (March 21): Registered cover from Durban, Natal to Melbourne, Victoria bearing 1863 Natal 6 d. lilac, a single example and a pair neatly cancelled by barred numeral "2" and prepaying 1 s. 6 d. comprising 1 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria plus 6 d. registration. Endorsed *"Via Mauritius"* at upper left and with very fine circular "REGISTERED / ♚ / NATAL" handstamp in black (the earliest of seven examples recorded) and fine arrival datestamp for Melbourne in blue. Very fine, and a rare origin / destination cover for Natal.
Route - Contract steamship: Departed Durban 21 March 1867 via Mauritius to Galle. P&O Line: Departed Galle (20 April) per "Geelong" via King Georges Sound (5 May) to Melbourne, arriving 11 May 1867 (51 days).
Note: Four pre-UPU covers are recorded from Natal to the Australian Colonies with three known from this correspondence.
Provenance: Collection Hart. (Photo = 195) 23 ✉ **750**



Port of Hong Kong



3362

3362 1867 (Aug 28): Cover from Hong Kong to Adelaide, South Australia bearing 1863 Hong Kong 2 c. brown and 30 c. vermillion, part backflap and one side flap missing, cancelled by "B62" obliterator, prepaying 32 c. for a ½ ounce ship letter to South Australia. Endorsed *"Via Galle"* at upper left and with Hong Kong despatch on reverse with Adelaide arrival datestamp tying the 2 cent adhesive. Some peripheral cover faults, otherwise fine, a rare cover to South Australia.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Hong Kong Galle 28 Aug 1867 per "Northam" via Singapore (5 Sept) and Penang (8 Sept) to Galle (17 Aug); "Bombay" (24 Sept) via King Georges Sound (8 Oct) to Melbourne (14 Oct). Joseph Darwent: Departed Melbourne (15 Oct) to Adelaide, arriving 17 Oct 1867 (51 days).
Note: Whilst covers from Hong Kong addressed to Germain Nicholson in Melbourne are relatively frequently encountered, covers addressed to other colonies, particularly South Australia during this period, are rare. Only two or three covers are recorded, all from this correspondence. 8a+ 15 ✉ **500**



3363



Fort Bellary

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3363	1865: India 8 p. purple on white, used on 1869 Soldier's Letter from Bellary, Madras, to Melbourne, Victoria cancelled by the Bellary duplex "18" prepaying 8 pies (1 d.) for the soldier's concessionary rate for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. Endorsed *"Soldier's Letter / From No. 318 Pte. E. Ayerst 3/60 Rifles"* manuscript in black at base and counter-signed *"H.F. Kennedy Lieut. Col. / 60th Royal Rifles / Commd 3rd Battn."*. INDIA PAID handstamp in red also ties the adhesive. A handsome and very rare cover of delightful appearance. *Route - Contract steamship: Departed Bellary 3 June 1869 via Bombay (8 June) to Galle. P&O Line: Departed Galle (16 June) per "Geelong" via King Georges Sound (1 July) to Melbourne, arriving 6 July 1869 (33 days).* *Note: Two concessionary soldier's covers are recorded from India to the Australian Colonies, both from this correspondence, this being the finest.*	56	✉	**1'500**



3364



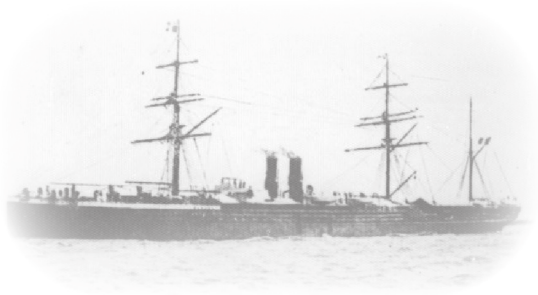
Germain Nicholson

3364	1872 (April 12): Cover from Shanghai, China to Melbourne, Victoria bearing 1863 Hong Kong 6 c. lilac horizontal pair, 12 c. pale blue and 24 c. green vertical pair each cancelled by a bold "S1" obliterator in blue and prepaying 72 c. for a 1 ounce ship letter to Victoria. Endorsed *"Via Galle per "Madras"* at upper left with manuscript *"3/-"* in pink at right. The envelope with crossed receiving details at the left. On the reverse is the despatch of Shanghai in blue, transit of Hong Kong and arrival at Melbourne. A highly attractive and rare three colour franking from the famous Germain Nicholson correspondence. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Shanghai 12 April 1872 to Hong Kong (15 April); "Tanjore" (18 April) via Singapore (24 April) and Penang (27 April) to Galle (3 May); "Nubia" (11 May) via King Georges Sound (25 May) to Melbourne, arriving 31 May 1872 (45 days).*	10+ 12a+ 14	✉	**750**

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3365	1873 (May 13): Cover from Foochow, China to Melbourne, Victoria bearing 1863 Hong Kong 24 c. deep green pair, indistinctly cancelled and prepaying 48 c. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. Endorsed *"Via Galle"* at upper left and with Hong Kong transit and Melbourne arrival datestamps on the reverse. Minor internal cover reinforcement otherwise fine. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Foochow 13 May 1873 to Hong Kong (17 May). P&O Line: Departed Hong Kong (24 May) per "Travancore" via Singapore (31 May) and Penang (2 June) to Galle (6 June); "China" (7 June) via King Georges Sound (21 June) to Melbourne, arriving 27 June 1873 (45 days).* *Note: The letter was written by the daughter of Germain Nicholson who at the time was in the employ of another trading house in Foochow. The contents relate to the export of tea to Victoria and the trading of opium out of India. A short biography of Germain Nicholson is included with the lot.* *(Photo = 195)*	14b	✉	**250**
3366	1874 (Feb 20): Cover from Galle, Ceylon to Newcastle, New South Wales bearing 1872 Ceylon 24 c. green indistinctly cancelled and prepaying 24 c. for a ½ ounce ship letter to New South Wales. Obverse with very fine "GALLE / PAID" datestamp and Sydney and Newcastle datestampsp on reverse of a neat and fine cover. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Galle 20 Feb 1874 per "Baroda" (7 March) via King Georges Sound (31 March) to Melbourne (3 April); "Ellora" (8 April) to Sydney (10 April); by steamer to Newcastle, arriving 11 April 1874 (50 days).* *Note: The unusually long journey of 50 days was due to the P&O Steamer "Nubia" leaving Galle on the 18 February, two days before this letter was posted. The letter had to wait another month until the next steamer arrived in port.* *(Photo = 201)*	127	✉	**100**
3367	1874 (April 2): Cover from Singapore to Perth, Western Australia bearing 1867 Straits Settlements 24 c. blue-green tied by rhombus of dots and handstamped "PAID" in red tying the stamp with despatch and arrival datestamps. Scarce usage of mail from the Straits Settlements to Western Australia in this period. *Route - Private sailing ship: Departed Singapore 2 April 1874 to Champion Bay (3 May); by sailing ship to Perth (over 31 days).* *Note: Although endorsed "via Galle" the envelope was placed on a private sailing vessel, arriving at Champion Bay, near Geraldton. Only one or two covers are recorded with this issue of the Straits Settlements to Western Australia.* *Provenance: Collection Walkley.* *(Photo = 201)*	16	✉	**250**

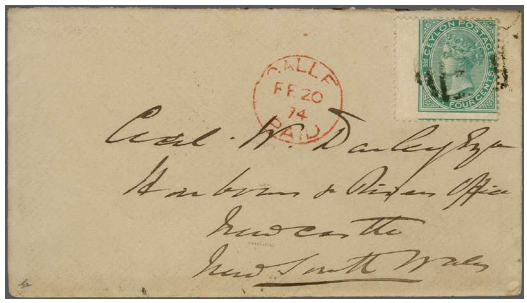


3368



SS 'Caledonien'

3368	1883 (May 22): Cover from St. Denis, Réunion to Sydney, New South Wales bearing 1876 France 30 c. yellow-brown on yellow, a horizontal pair cancelled by French Ligne T Paquebot datestamp (May 22) and prepaying 60 centimes for a ½ ounce ship letter to New South Wales. On the reverse are datestamps for Réunion and Sydney arrival. Some minor peripheral cover imperfections, otherwise fine and very rare. The only cover recorded from Réunion to the Australian Colonies. *Route - Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes: Departed St. Denis 22 May 1883 per "Caledonian" via Mauritius, Adelaide (16 June) and Melbourne (18 June) to Sydney, arriving 20 June 1883 (57 days).*		✉	**500**



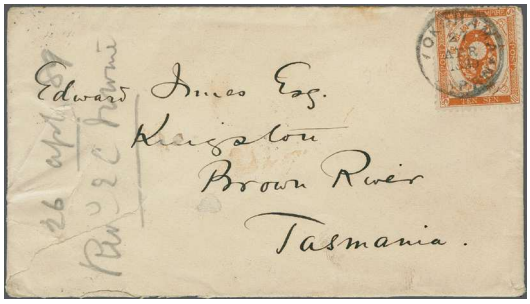
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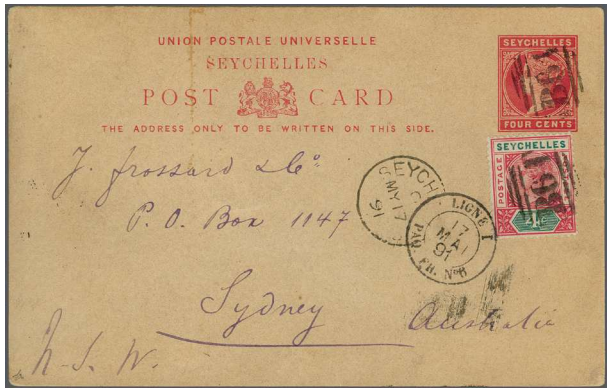
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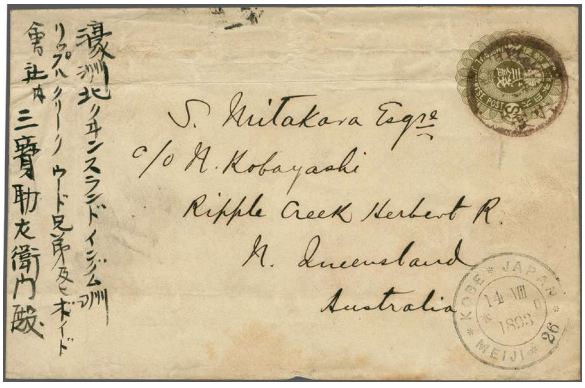
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3378 / CHF 100



3383 / CHF 300



3369



View of Brown's River

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3369 1887 (Sept 11): Cover from Yokohama, Japan to Brown's River, Tasmania bearing 1876 Japan 10 s. blue indistinctly cancelled and prepaying 10 sen for a ½ ounce ship letter to Tasmania. Endorsed *"Per first steamer"* at left and with Yokohama despatch. The reverse with Hong Kong transit and arrival datestamps in Tasmania. Some minor peripheral cover imperfections, otherwise fine and a rarity to the Australian Colonies.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Yokohama 11 Sept 1887 per "Tibet" via Kobe (12 Sept), Nagasaki (13 Sept) to Hong Kong (14 Sept). Departed Hong Kong (23 Sept) per "Brindisi" via Singapore (28 Sept) and Penang (1 Oct) to Colombo. Departed Colombo (5 Oct) per "Thames" via King Georges Sound (17 Oct) to Adelaide (20 Oct); by rail to Melbourne. Departed Melbourne to Launceston (24 Oct); overland via Hobart (25 Oct) to Brown's River, arriving 25 Oct 1887 (50 days).
Note: The earliest cover recorded from Japan to the Australian Colonies.
By comparison, Australian Colonial covers addressed to Japan in the pre-UPU period are exceptionally rare. There is only one from Victoria and a small correspondence of about four covers from New South Wales mailed in the late 1880's. ✉ **500**



3370



View of Surabaya

3370 1880 (May 12): Dutch East Indies 10 c. brown postal stationery envelope uprated with 1870/88 15 c. bistre, used from Soerabaya to Gunnedah, New South Wales, lightly cancelled by diamond of dots and prepaying 25 cents for a ½ ounce ship letter to New South Wales. Despatch datestamp at upper left with the sailing ship arriving at Melbourne where the scarce framed "MIS-SENT TO / MELBOURNE -VICTORIA" handstamp in black was applied. The cover was redirected multiple times within New South Wales before delivery in Sydney. Some minor cover creases consistent with it's journey, but a scarce inwards destination to the Australian Colonies.
Route - Private sailing ship: Departed Surabaya 12 May 1880 to Melbourne (21 July). Wm. Howard Smith & Sons: Departed Melbourne (23 July) per "Cheviot" to Sydney (24 July); by rail via Gunnedah (25 July) to Sydney, arriving 31 July 1880 (80 days). ✉ **600**



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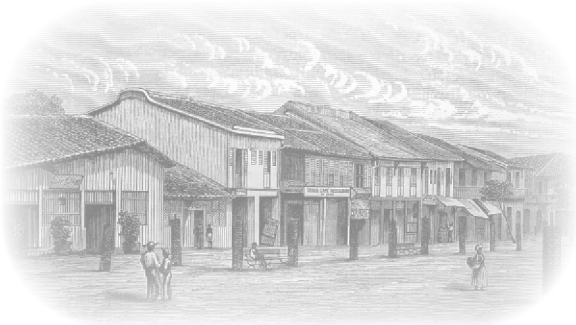


View of Ermelo

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3371	1884 (Aug 16): Cover from Ermelo, Transvaal to Clare, South Australia bearing 1883 Transvaal 3 d. pale red, four examples, each tied by circular target cancels and prepaying 1 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to South Australia. Unusually the cover has a printed route at upper left to assist postal officials for delivery to Adelaide. On the reverse are Transvaal transit datestamps and arrivals at Adelaide and Clare. Some peripheral cover faults, otherwise fine and rare. The earliest cover recorded from Transvaal (Jorgensen census #71 of 1884) to the Australian Colonies. *Route: Departed Ermelo 16 Aug 1884 overland to Durban. Donald Currie & Co: Departed Durban per steamship to Port Louis. Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes: Departed Port Louis per "Melbourne" to Adelaide (15 Oct); overland to Clare, arriving 16 Oct 1884 (61 days).*	173	✉	**750**
3372	1887 (Jan 7): Cover from Pretoria, Transvaal to River Don, Tasmania bearing 1885 Transvaal 1 d. carmine, 2 d. brown-purple and 6 d. pale dull blue in a horizontal pair, each cancelled by numeral "1" of Pretoria and pre-paying 1 s. 3 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Tasmania. Cape Town transit on the reverse with Hobart and River Don arrival datestamps. Some minor cover opening faults at top which affects the 1 d. and reverse. Tasmania is a rare destination from anywhere in Africa in the pre-UPU period, with just a few other covers recorded from this correspondence. *Route: Departed Pretoria 7 Jan 1887 overland to Cape Town (8 Jan); by steamer to Diego Garcia. Orient Line: Departed Diego Garcia (18 Jan) per "Potosi" to Adelaide (2 Feb); by rail to Melbourne (3 Feb). Tasmanian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Melbourne (4 Feb) per "Southern Cross" to Launceston (5 Feb); overland to Hobart (5 Feb); overland to Don, arriving 5 Feb 1887 (61 days).* (Photo = 201)	176+ 177+ 182	✉	**300**



3373



A street in Saigon

3373	1888 (Oct 22): French Indo China 25 c. postal stationery letter-card from Saigon, French Indo-China to Melbourne, Victoria uprated with General Issues 1877 25 c. black on rose, two examples, each cancelled by a Saigon datestamp and prepaying 75 c. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. The letter-card is written in German, struck with Singapore transit cds and Melbourne arrival datestamps on the reverse. Very fine and a great rarity. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Saigon 22 Oct 1888 per steamer to Singapore (26 Oct). P&O Line: Departed Singapore (16 Nov) per "Victoria" to Adelaide (25 Nov); by rail to Melbourne, arriving 26 Nov 1888 (35 days).* *Note: The sole cover recorded from French Indo-China to the Australian Colonies - there are no covers recorded from the Australian Colonies to French Indo-China.*		✉	**500**

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3374 1889 (April 27): Cover from Yokohama, Japan to Brown's River, Tasmania bearing 1888 Japan 10 s. brown-orange clearly cancelled by Yokohama datestamp and prepaying 10 sen for a ½ ounce ship letter to Tasmania. Slight cover tear at left, the reverse with Hong Kong transit and arrival datestamps in Tasmania. Neat, attractive and a rare usage to the Australian Colonies.
Route - Private steamship: Departed Yokohama 27 April 1889 to Hong Kong (8 May). P&O Line: Departed Hong Kong (17 May) per "Verona" via Singapore (23 May) and Penang (26 May) to Colombo. Departed Colombo; by steamer via Melbourne to Launceston; overland via Hobart (13 June) to Brown's River, arriving 13 June 1889 (47 days).
Note: One of the earliest covers recorded from Japan to the Australian Colonies with this being the later of the three covers known from this correspondence. *(Photo = 201)* ✉ **300**



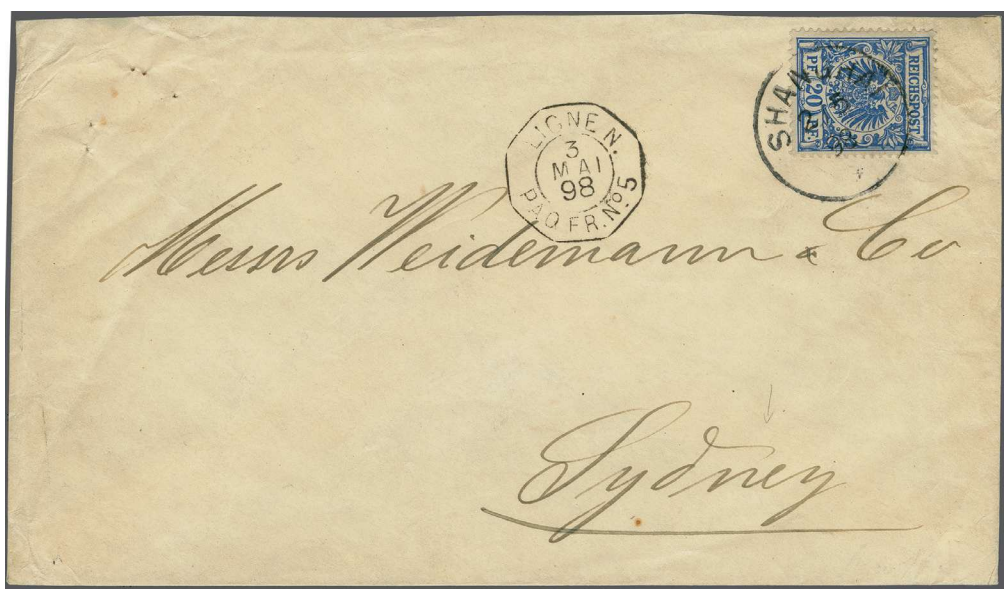
View of Morija



3375

3375 1891 (March 26): Cover from Morija, Basutoland to Cape Clear, Victoria, redirected to Tyrendarra, bearing 1890 Cape of Good Hope 4 d. blue, clearly cancelled by barred numeral "277" with Moija datestamp at left and prepaying 4 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. Endorsed *"Per steamer direct"* at upper left and with multiple transit datestamps on the reverse of arrival and redirection. Some minor cover restoration, otherwise fine and attractive. A great pre-UPU rarity to the Australian Colonies.
Route: Departed Morija 26 March 1891 overland to Cape Town (2 April). Shaw, Saville & Albion Line: Departed Cape Town (11 April) per "Tainui" to Hobart (30 April); overland to Launceston. Private steamship: Departed Launceston (2 May) per "Coogee" to Melbourne (3 May); overland via Cape Clear (5 May), to Tyrendarra, arriving 8 May 1891 (43 days).
Note: The only cover recorded from Basutoland to the Australian Colonies. 51 ✉ **500**

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3376	1891 (May 17): Seychelles 4 c. postal stationery card used with 1890 4 c. carmine & green from Seychelles to Sydney, New South Wales, neatly cancelled by barred numeral "B64" and prepaying 8 cents rate for a postal Card to New South Wales. Seychelles datestamp on obverse with French packet datestamp and Sydney arrival on the reverse. Scarce usage of the Seychelles first issue on cover to a rare destination. The only pre-UPU cover recorded from the Seychelles to the Australian Colonies. *Route - Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes: Departed Seychelles 17 May 1891 via Albany (28 May) and Adelaide (31 May) to Melbourne (2 June); by rail to Sydney, arriving 3 June 1891 (17 days).* *(Photo = 201)*	2	✉	**100**
3377	1892 (Nov 20): Cover from Hong Kong to Talbot, Victoria bearing 1882 Hong Kong 5 c. pale blue, a used block of four cancelled by indistinct obliterator and prepaying 20 c. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. Endorsed *"Per Changsha"* at top and unusually not utilising a P&O Line steamer; with Hong Kong despatch on the front and arrival datestamps for Melbourne and Talbot on the reverse. *Route - China Navigation Co: Departed Hong Kong 20 Nov 1892 per "Changsha" via Darwin (29 Nov), Brisbane (7 Dec) and Sydney (11 Dec) to Melbourne (13 Feb); by rail to Talbot, arriving 13 Dec 1892 (25 days).* *(Photo = 201)*	35	✉⊞	**100**
3378	1893: Japan 2 s. postal stationery envelope mailed from Japan to Ripple Creek, Herbert River, Queensland, indistinctly cancelled and prepaying 2 sen (and probably underpaid) for a ½ ounce ship letter to Queensland. The slightly creased cover addressed in both English and Japanese both on obverse and reverse, with Kobe transit datestamp and Queensland arrival datestamps on the reverse. The earliest cover recorded from Japan to Queensland. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Kobe 22 Aug 1893 per "Ancona" via Nagasaki (24 Aug) to Hong Kong (28 Aug); "Ravenna" 31.8 to Singapore 5.9; by steamer via Perth; by rail to Albany; "Oceana" to Adelaide; by rail via Melbourne and Sydney to Brisbane. Australian Steamships Pty Ltd: Departed Brisbane (19 Sept) per "Leura" to Townsville; overland to Herbert River, arriving 25 Sept 1893 (42 days).* *Note: Ripple Creek is on the lower Herbert River in northern Queensland, near Ingham. Canefields were established there with the use of indentured aboriginal and South Seas Islanders for labour.* *(Photo = 201)*		✉	**100**
3379	1884-99: Group of covers (6) including two from India, with some rare origins including Mauritius, Russia, Thailand and the Seychelles. Condition generally good to fine. *(Photo = www)*		✉	**100**

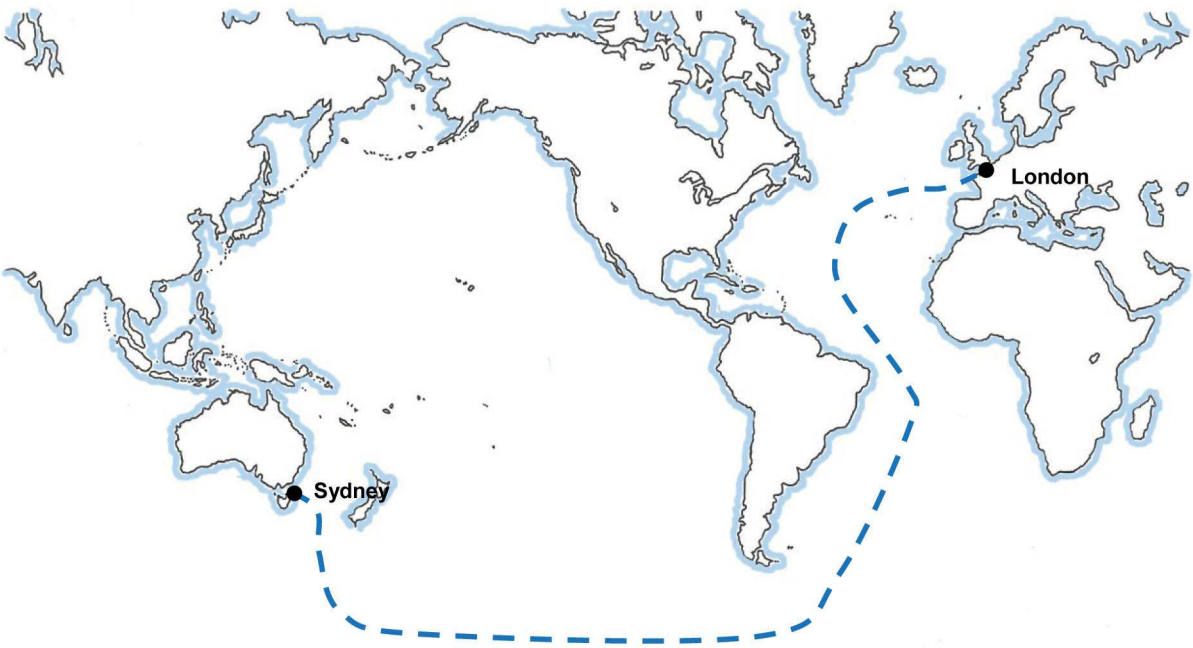


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3380	1898 (May 3): Cover from Shanghai, German Post Offices in China to Sydney, New South Wales bearing 1889 Germany 20 pf. ultramarine neatly cancelled by a very fine Shanghai datestamp and prepaying 20 pf. for a ½ ounce ship letter to New South Wales. French packet mail datestamp on the front and on reverse, Colombo transit and Sydney arrival. Clean and attractive, with the Australian Colonies being a scarce destination for the German Post Offices in China. *Route - French Steam Packet: Departed Shanghai 3 May 1898 to Colombo. Orient Line: Departed Colombo (19 May) per "Oruba" via Albany (2 June) and Adelaide (5 June) to Sydney, arriving 8 June 1898 (37 days).*		✉	**200**

Via Cape Horn

By far the majority of the mail from the Australian Colonies during this period was addressed to England. This was carried by the P&O Line via the overland route. Very occasionally, there were single voyage steamship contracts which carried mail via Cape Horn. After 1854, these voyages are very rare.
The fastest route passed south of New Zealand to catch the “Roaring Forties”, the thunderous trade winds which carried the ships beyond Cape Horn. Heading north, these ships veered westwards off the coast of Africa to avoid the adverse winds and currents before arriving in the ports of London, Southampton or Liverpool.

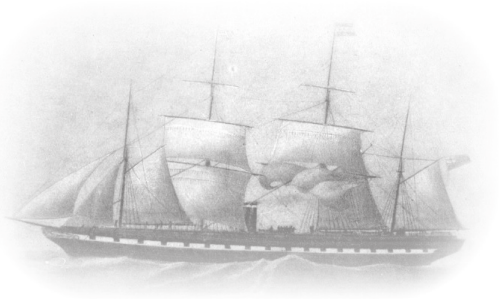


Map showing the indicative sailing route to England via Cape Horn

Outgoing mail via Cape Horn



3381



SS 'Great Britain'

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3381 1857 (May 21): Cover from Port Albert, Victoria to Halle, Kingdom of Prussia endorsed *"via London"*, bearing 1857 Victoria Emblem 1 d. yellow-green, two examples, one with four margins the other with left margin just shaved, used in combination with 1854 Octagonal 1 s. blue, close to ample margins, neatly cancelled by barred numeral "12" of Port Albert and prepaying 1 s. 2 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the Kingdom of Prussia. *"8"* (pence) manuscript in black debit to Prussia for the incoming ship letter fee and superb "P" handstamp in red representing the cover was paid to destination. "AUS ENGLAND PER AACHEN FRANCO" datestamp in red tying the two 1 d. Emblems and *"26/8"* (silbergroschen) manuscript in black at lower right conversion of the British incoming ship letter fee to be paid on receipt. Very attractive and in outstanding quality.
Route - Victorian contract steamship: Departed Melbourne 21 May 1857 per "Great Britain", via Cape Horn to Liverpool (22 Aug); by rail to London (24 Aug); by steamer to Ostende; by rail via Aachen (25 Aug) to Halle, arriving 26 Aug 1857 (97 days).
Provenance: Collection Perry, Kellow.
41+ 25 ✉ **1'000**

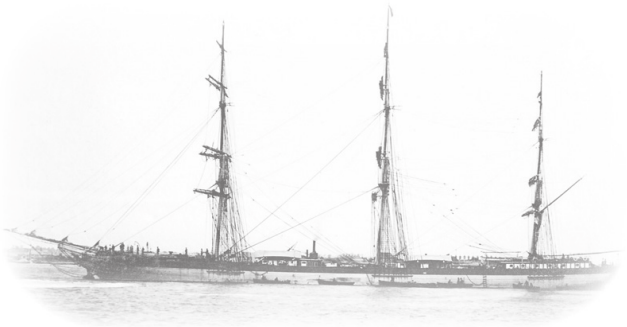


3382

3382 1857 (May 15): Entire letter from Adelaide, South Australia to Saddleworth, England bearing 1855 South Australia 6 d. deep blue, a horizontal pair with large margins on three sides and each stamp just touched at top corners only, neatly cancelled by the Adelaide void circle and prepaying 1 s. for a double rate letter of 1 ounce to England. On the reverse is a very fine "FORWARDED BY Wm YOUNGHUSBAND" cachet in black (unusual from South Australia) and a superb arrival of "Paid / Liverpool / Ship" in red on obverse. A very attractive entire.
Route - Private steamship: Departed Adelaide 15 May 1857 per "Colchester" to Melbourne. Victorian contract steamship: Departed Melbourne (21 May) per "Great Britain" via Cape Horn to Liverpool (22 Aug); by rail to Manchester, arriving 23 Aug 1857 (100 days).
Note: Although endorsed for the "Simla" on the quicker route via Marseille, this envelope was allocated to the "Great Briteain" via Cape Horn.
Provenanace: Collection Blake.
3 ✉ **750**

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3383 1857(May 16): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Edinburgh, Scotland bearing 1854 New South Wales Diadem 6 d. grey and 6 d. greyish-brown, both of fine colour with three large margins and each touched at top; prepaying 1 s. comprising 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England plus 6 d. Supplementary Mail fee levied after the closure of the mails from Sydney to Melbourne. Endorsed *"Per "Great Britain" via Melbourne"* at upper left and superb strikes of the transit datestamps, side flaps missing and ironed vertical filing fold, otherwise fine and most appealing - and a most unusual usage of two differing shades of the 6 d. value on the same cover.
Route - Private steamship: Departed Sydney 16 May 1857 per "Governor General" to Melbourne. Victorian contract steamship: Departed Melbourne (21 May) per "Great Britain", via Cape Horn to Liverpool (22 Aug); by rail to Edinburgh, arriving 24 Aug 1857 (100 days).
Note: There must have been some urgency for this letter as the envelope was initially endorsed for the European and Australian Royal Mail Co. steamer "Simla" but was crossed out and allocated in the supplementary mail for an additional 6 d. to catch the S.S. "Great Britain", which left on the 21 May, as opposed to the "Simla" which left on the 30 May. *(Photo = 201)* 94+ 96 ✉ **300**



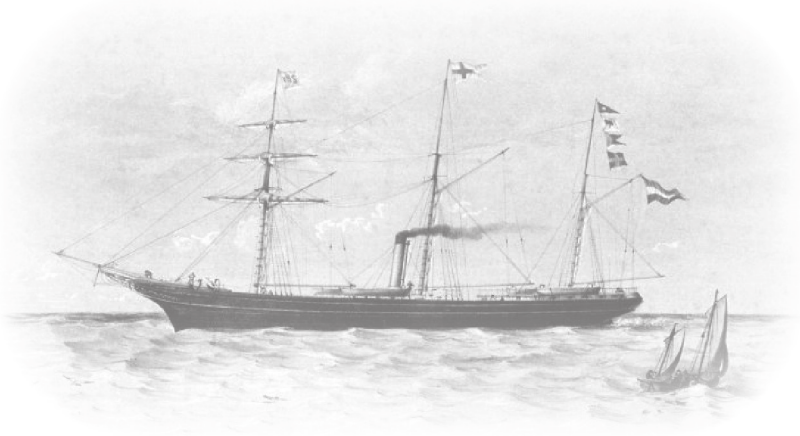
SS 'Oneida'



3384

3384 1859 (June 18): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Lutterworth, England, redirected to Leicester bearing 1859 Victoria Half Length 3 d. blue, perf. 12, two examples, the second stamp showing the large white patch on the dress "necktie" secondary flaw, cancelled by the Melbourne "1" obliterator and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. Boldly endorsed *"Per Oneida"* at upper left and very fine transit datestamps on the reverse. A most attractive and rare cover.
Route - Non contract steamship: Departed Melbourne 18 June 1859 per "Oneida", via Montevideo (6 Aug), Rio de Janeiro (14 Aug) and St. Vincent (26 Aug) to Southampton (6 Sept); by rail via London (7 Sept) via Rugby to Lutterworth, arriving 8 Sept 1859 (82 days).
Note: It is unusual that this cover was sent via the non-contract steamship "Oneida". The P&O Line contract steamship "Benares" sailed on the same day via Suez with the mails reaching Southampton in 51 days, demonstrating the speed of the overland route when compared to this voyage via Cape Horn of 82 days. The "Oneida" carried 65,000 ounces of gold on this voyage, equivalent to over Australian $300 million today. 78 ✉ **1'250**

Incoming mail via Cape Horn



SS 'Hollander'



3385

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3385 1857 (3 April): Large part cover from Fayetteville, Vermont, USA to Melbourne, Victoria, redirected to Beechworth on arrival bearing 1851 USA 3 c. dull red (Scott 11), an imperforate vertical pair, four good margins but clipped at top left with small portion replaced, cancelled by the Fayetteville datestamp in black. Prepayment of 6 cents comprising 5 cents for a private ship letter plus 1 cent Ship Captain's fee. The letter carrier attempted to deliver the letter in Melbourne, but the addressee had relocated to the Beechworth gold diggings. An early example of the oval "L.C./AU 6/1857" handstamp in red at base indicates the letter was returned to the G.P.O. Melbourne for redirection to Beechworth. A rare 1851 imperforate issue usage to the Australian Colonies with no more than a dozen covers recorded, two from this correspondence.
Route: Departed Fayetteville 3 April 1857 overland to Boston. Private sailing ship: Departed Boston 24 April 1857 per "Hollander" via Cape Horn to Melbourne (6 July); redirected to Beechworth 9 Aug 1857 (94 days to Melbourne).
Provenance: Collection Patrick Henry, Forster. 11 ✉ **750**

Via Aden



SS 'Admella'



3386

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3386	1858 (Aug 26): Cover and contents from Port Adelaide, South Australia to Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope bearing 1855 South Australia 6 d. deep blue, close to large margins all round, tied by the barred diamond "1" numeral handstamp, with a very fine despatch datestamp (Aug 26) at left. Prepaid 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the Cape of Good Hope with very fine Port Elizabeth and Cape Town datestamps in red (Jan 1, 1859) on reverse. The enclosed letter outlines the legal documentation for an Executor of a Will. The cover with the address reinstated, otherwise fine and rare and the finest of the two known imperforate covers from South Australia to Cape of Good Hope. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Adelaide 26 Aug 1858 per "Admella" to Melbourne. European & Australian Royal Mail Co: Departed Melbourne (17 Sept) per "European" via Galle (10 Oct) to Aden (21 Oct). P&O Line: Departed Aden (27 Nov) per "Grenada" to Port Louis (9 Dec). Private sailing ship: Departed Port Louis (11 Dec) per "Emily Smith" to Port Elizabeth (28 Dec); overland to Cape Town, arriving 1 Jan 1859 (128 days).*	3	✉	**1'000**
3387	1861 (April 26): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Aden bearing 1858 Victoria 6 d. bright blue, rouletted, a used example in a deep shade cancelled by barred numeral "1"obliterator, prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Aden. Endorsed *"per Northern Str."* at top left and with red Aden arrival datestamp on the reverse. Addressee's name reinstated, otherwise fine and scarce. Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 26 April 1861 per "Northam" via Galle (15 May) to Aden, arriving 29 May 1861 (33 days). *Note: All the six early Victorian covers to Aden originate from this correspondence. They were first sold by Robson Lowe on the 27 November 1968, lot 1500; with all of them except one in indifferent quality, this being the earliest recorded cover from Victoria to Aden.* *(Photo = 211)*	73	✉	**250**



3387 / CHF 250



3390 / CHF 100



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3396 / CHF 250



3401 / CHF 150



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Rev. Edward Steene (1828-1882)



3388

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3388	1875 (June 11): Mourning cover from Hobart, Tasmania to the *"Right Revd. Bishop Steere, Zanzibar, East Africa"* bearing 1871 Tasmania 2 d. yellow-green in a horizontal pair and Chalon 6 d. lilac, two single examples cancelled by the Hobart duplex and prepaying 1 s. 4 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Zanzibar and redirected to Aden. Postal markings include "MISSENT TO / PORT ELIZABETH" (Cape of Good Hope) with handstamp in black on obverse and reverse and transit datestamp of 20 September 1874. Forwarded to Aden and *"Returned to England / Address not known / Zanzibar 7.2.1876"* in manuscript in black on the reverse. The cover was redirected to Aden, with *"6"* (pence) manuscript in black for forwarding and then scored through with Aden arrival (April 8). The *"Not found"* manuscript in red was most probably applied there. The cover was then redirected again to England, with arrival (May 2, 1876). Very fine, a remarkable journey and an extraordinary destination cover from the Australian Colonies. *Route - Departed Launceston 11 June 1875 per "Argyll" to Melbourne (13 June). P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (15 June) per "Nubia" to Galle (9 July); "Zambesi" to Aden. British India Line: By steamer via Port Elizabeth to Zanzibar. By steamer via Port Elizabeth to Aden (8 April) 1876. By steamer to London, arriving 2 May 1876 (326 days).* *Note: Ted Proud notes that it is almost certain that there were no datestamps used at Zanzibar before 1878, which is confirmed by the manuscript markings on this cover. An overview of Reverend Steer's career as an Anglican Bishop accompanies this lot, including his work with David Livingstone to abolish slavery in Zanzibar.* *The only recorded cover from the Australian Colonies to Zanzibar.* *Provenance: Collection Walkley.*	133+ 136	✉	**3'000**
3389	1878 (Oct 4): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Port Louis, Mauritius endorsed *"per Assam"*, bearing 1875 Victoria Laureate 6 d. light prussian-blue and 1877 Bell 1 s. deep blue on blued paper, cancelled by Melbourne duplex and prepaying 1 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Mauritius plus 6 d. Late Fee. *"4"* (pence) manuscript in red for internal delivery to be paid upon receipt. Illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Mail of Victoria" by Ben Palmer on page 142. Just two stamped covers are recorded from Victoria to Mauritius after 1860. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 4 Oct 1878 per "Assam" to Galle (24 Oct); "Mirzapore" (25 Oct) to Aden (7 Nov). British India Line: By steamer via Zanzibar to Durban; by steamer to Port Louis.* *Provenance: Collection Linfield, Palmer.*	*(Photo = 211)* 136g+ 180b	✉	**200**

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3390	1879 (April 17): Cover from Ballarat, Victoria to Durban, Natal bearing 1879 Victoria Laureate 4 d. dull rose and 1877 Bell 1 s. pale blue on blued paper cancelled by barred numeral "5" of Ballarat and prepaying 1 s. 4 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Natal. Transit datestamps on the reverse and closed cover tears at top; however a rare destination from the Australian Colonies with just two covers recorded from Victoria to Natal. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Melbourne 17 April 1879 per "Tanjore" to Galle; "Poonah" (10 May) to Aden. British India Line: By steamer via Zanzibar to Durban, arriving 9 July 1879 (84 days).* *Provenance: Collection Davis, Palmer.* *(Photo = 211)*	135e+ 180c	✉	**100**
3391	1883 (Jan 22): Cover front from Hobart, Tasmania to Heilbron, Orange Free State bearing 1878 Tasmania 2 d. pale green, 3 d. pale red-brown and Chalon 6 d. bright violet, two examples, cancelled by the Hobart duplex and prepaying 1 s. 4 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the Orange Free State. Endorsed *"Via Aden"* at left with Bloemfontein transit in blue at the left. A remarkable destination from the Australian Colonies, the earliest of two covers recorded from the Australian Colonies to the Orange Free State. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Launceston 22 Jan 1883 per "John Elder" to Melbourne. P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (1 Feb) per "Clyde" to Colombo. "Rohilla" (21 Feb) to Aden (28 Feb). British India Line: By steamer via Zanzibar to Durban; overland via Bloemfontein 23 March 1883 to Heilbron (over 66 days).* *(Photo = 211)*	157+ 146+ 138	(✉)	**200**



3392

3392	1887 (May 26): Registered 4 d. postal stationery envelope from Launceston, Tasmania to Rufisque via Dakar, Sénégal, redirected to Switzerland bearing Tasmania 1 d. rose-carmine and 2 d. pale green, three single examples and a vertical pair, all cancelled by Launceston duplex and prepaying 1 s. 5 d. comprising 1 s. 1 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Sénégal plus 4 d. registration. "REGISTERED" handstamp in black at left and the reverse with 11 different transits of Port Elizabeth, Cape Town, 'Funchal / Madeira', 'Goree' and 'Rufisique' arrival. Redirected to Lausanne, Switzerland via Bordeaux. An extraordinary destination item with a fully chronicled journey. Aside from some minor creasing this registered letter is in exceptional condition given the journey. The sole cover recorded from the Australian Colonies to Sénégal. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Launceston 26 May 1887 per S.S. "Flinders" to Melbourne. P&O Line: Departed Melbourne (31 May) per "Clyde" to Colombo; "Nepaul" (18 June) to Aden (27 June). British India Line: By steamer via Zanzibar to Port Elizabeth (31 July); by rail to Cape Town (3 Aug). Castle Line: Departed Cape Town (20 Aug) per "Warwick Castle" to Funchal, Madeira (20 Aug). British & African Line: Departed Funchal* *(22 Aug) per S.S. "Calabar" to Goree, Senegal (30 Aug). Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes: Departed Dakar (7 Sept) per S.S. "Senegal" to Bordeaux (15 Sept); by rail via Paris (16 Sept) and Ambulant (17 Sept) to Lausanne, arriving 17 Sept 1887 (115 days).* *Provenance: Collection Rigo de Righi, McNamee.*	156a+ 157	✉	**500**

Sailing Ships via Peru

Sailing ships via non-contract routes

Historical overview

The period from 1857 onwards, with the return of the contract steamships, placed less reliance on sailing ships to transport the mails. Destinations to Europe, the west coast of the United States and Asia were directly covered by steamship contracts. Occasionally sailing ships carried mail to these destinations, however, these covers are very scarce. The last frontier for the sailing ships was via the Pacific Ocean. Journeys to the smaller Pacific nations and the west coast of the United States were largely carried under sail until the 1880's.

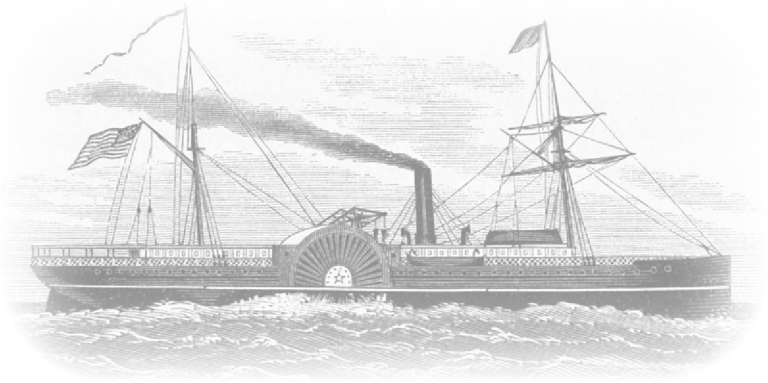


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3394

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3393	1857 (Aug 11): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Valparaiso, Chile bearing 1857 Victoria Woodblock 6 d. orange-yellow, Rouletted 7-9, with roulettes on both vertical sides and cut into at base, cancelled by barred numeral "1" of Melbourne and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Chile. "25" (centavos) handstamp in red for the internal ship letter fee to be paid by the recipient. Horizontal filing fold and some soiling commensurate with the journey, a fine and a rare destination from the Australian Colonies with just four covers recorded from Victoria to Chile. *Route - Private sailing ship: Departed Melbourne 11 Aug 1857 per "William Jackson" via Callao, Peru to Valparaiso, arriving 9 Nov 1857 (90 days).* *Note: Stanley Gibbons lists the earliest date of use of the Woodblock 6 d. Roulette as October 1857. This cover predates this by two months, making this the earliest recorded usage of this stamp.*	57	✉	**750**
3394	1857 (Dec 1): Entire letter from Melbourne, Victoria to Boston, USA carried as a consignees letter via Panama to the United States. Endorsed originally *"Carrier Dove via Callao"*, this deleted and replaced by *"Via Panama"* at top, with "PAID TO / PANAMA" in black applied at the British P.O. in Panama and circular "STEAMSHIP / 20" in black applied at New York representing 20 cents transit postage to be paid by the recipient. Fine and rare, five examples recorded of the PAID TO / PANAMA handstamp known on Australian Colonial mail. *Route - Private sailing ship: Departed Melbourne 7 Dec 1857 per "Linda" to Callao, Peru; overland to Aspinwall. Pacific Mail Steamship Co: Departed Aspinwall (16 Feb) per "Star of the West" to New York 28 March 1858; by rail to Boston (over 117 days).* *Note: Internally and externally, the entire is docketed "Per Carrier Dove", however, this ship had already left on the 30th November, and had to wait until the next ship to Callao, which was the "Linda" on the 7th December.* *Provenance: Collection Purves.*		✉	**500**



Paddle Steamer 'Star of the West'



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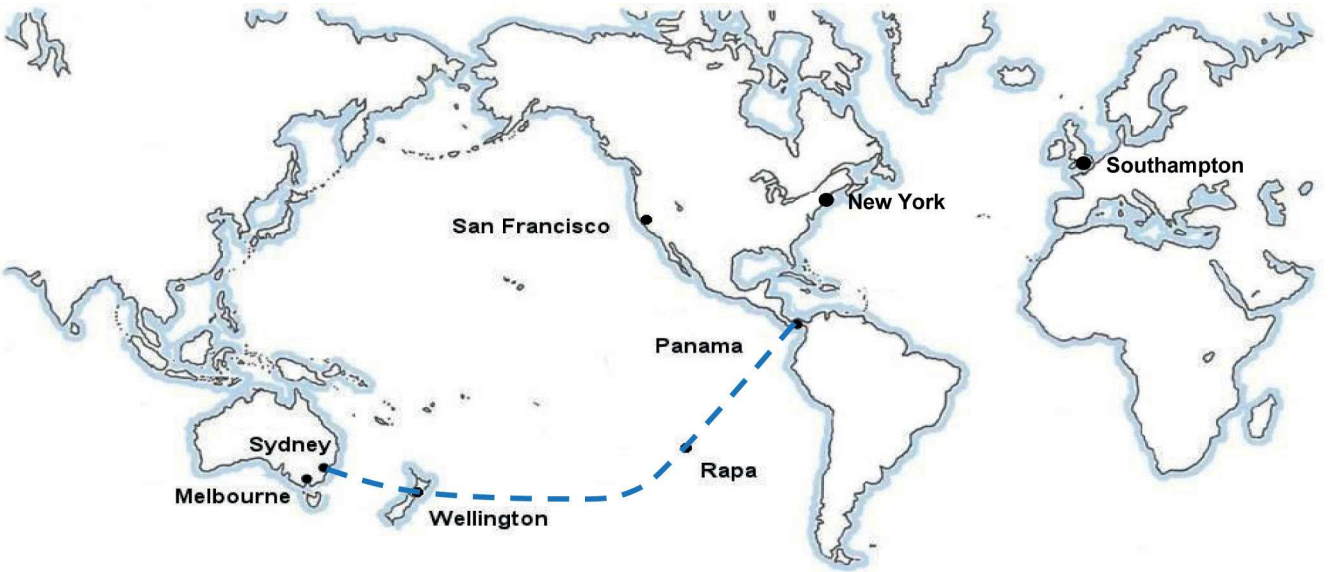
		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3395	1858 (May 23): Entire letter from Melbourne, Victoria to Boston, United States of America endorsed *"per European via Marseilles"*, bearing Victoria 1854 Half Length 3 d. blue, 1854 Octagonal 1 s. blue, 1854 Woodblock 2 s. dull bluish green and 1857 Emblem 1 d. yellow-green, all with generally fine to just touched margins lightly cancelled by barred numeral "1" of Melbourne and prepaid 3 s. 4 d. for a letter over 1 ounce to the United States. Postal markings include oval framed "INSUFFICIENTLY PAID / VIA MARSEILLES" handstamp in red for underpayment of a 1 ounce letter with *"1/4"* (sterling) manuscript in red credit to Great Britain for transatlantic shipment scored through since the letter was not sent via that route. Two vertical filing creases, one of which crosses the 3 d. adhesive, otherwise very fine and an exceptionally rare four colour franking of great charm. One of the most important covers sent via Peru and Panama from the Australian Colonies. *Route - Private sailing ship: Departed Melbourne 23 May 1858 per "Wellfleet" to Callao, Peru; by steamer from Callao to Panama; overland to Aspinwall. Pacific Mail Steamship Co: Departed Aspinwall (4 July) per "Star of the West" to New York 13 Aug 1858; by rail to Boston (over 82 days).* *Note: There were no published rates for letters over 1 ounce from Victoria in this period. The envelope was prepaid for up to 1 oz. but was overweight, however, it is interesting to note that the letter was not redirected to the cheaper route of via Southampton. Instead, the cover was placed in the slowest possible route via Callao, Peru. The indicators that this envelope was sent via Callao are that there are no transit datestamps for London or transatlantic handstamps for it's arrival in the United States. The postal officials of Great Britain and the United States were meticulous in recording the accounting deficiencies between both countries, with covers from this period distinctly cancelled to record these shortfalls. This envelope has none of these cancellations.* *Provenance: Collection Purves, Perry, Geitenbeek.*	41+ 24+ 25+ 35	✉	**3'000**

Via Panama

In 1866 the New South Wales and New Zealand governments contracted the Panama, New Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company for a monthly service between Sydney, Wellington, and Panama. The mails were then conveyed overland to Colon to join up with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company service to Southampton. Four new steamships were built in the UK and sailed out via the Cape of Good Hope during 1866 to commence the service.

The distance between Sydney and Panama was enormous, over 10,000 kms across the Pacific Ocean. This was an impossible distance to cross without a coaling station. The French Polynesia island of Rapa was contracted to provide facilities for the steamships.

The route was only viable for high value freight. The passenger service was severely impacted after yellow fever struck on the Atlantic side of the isthmus. The consequential effects on revenue hit the shipping company hard. The contract with the Panama, New Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company was finally terminated in January 1869 when the New Zealand government was unable to continue subsidising the service.



A map showing the route via Panama for the Panama, New Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company contract.

Outgoing mail via Panama

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3396 1866 (June 15): Cover from Narrandera, New South Wales to Hanover Neck, New Jersey, USA bearing New South Wales 1864 Diadem 6 d. violet, perf. 13, a single example indistinctly cancelled by the rays rumeral "242" and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the United States. *"Due 10c"* manuscript in black for the incoming ship letter fee via Panama and "N.Y.STEAMSHIP / 10" datestamp in black representing the deficiency to be paid by the recipient. A couple of minor imperfections due to the journey but a fine and a rare cover used on the maiden voyage of this route.
Route - Panama, New Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company: Departed Sydney 15 June 1866 per "Kaikoura" via Wellington (24 June) to Panama (20 July); by rail to Aspinwall. Pacific Mail Steamship Co: Departed Aspinwall (24 July) per "Henry Chauncey" to New York, arriving 31 July 1866 (59 days).
Note: The first contract voyage from the Australian Colonies via Panama. *(Photo = 211)* 166 ✉ **250**



SS 'Rakaia'



3397

3397 1867 (April 1): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Callao, Peru endorsed at upper left, bearing 1862 New South Wales Diadem 1 s. rose-carmine, two single examples neatly cancelled by the Sydney duplex and prepaying 2 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Peru. British P.O. Panama transit datestamp (June 5) in black on obverse and *"1/-"* manuscript in red credit for the British post office in Panama for forwarding to Peru and *"2"* (centavos) manuscript in blue for local delivery through the British post office service in Peru to be paid on receipt. Small closed cover tear at top, otherwise very fine and a destination rarity of the Australian Colonies.
Route - Panama, New Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company: Departed Sydney 1 April 1867 per "Rakaia" to Panama (5 June); Pacific Steam Navigation Co: By steamship to Callao, arriving 17 June 1867 (77 days).
Note: The rate on this cover is difficult to interpret. There were no published rates via Panama to Peru until October 1867. It could only be pre-paid via Southampton or Marseilles. At the same time, the Victorian rate to Peru via Panama was 1 s. 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter and 3 s. for a 1 ounce letter. Mail from Great Britain to Peru at this date was charged at 2 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter.
The only stamped cover recorded from the Australian Colonies to Peru. Illustrated in "Maritime Connections to and from New South Wales" by Paul Wijnants on page 77.
Provenance: Collection Davis, Palmer. 168 ✉ **2'000**

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3398 1867 (May 2): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Canterbury, England endorsed *"Via Panama"* at top left bearing 1863 New South Wales 2 d. pale blue in an irregular strip of three and 1864 Diadem 6 d. purple neatly cancelled by Sydney duplex and prepaid 1 s. comprising 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England plus 6 d. Late Fee levied after the closure of the mails. Small cover tear at upper left otherwise fresh and very fine.
Route - Panama, New Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company: Departed Sydney 2 May 1867 per "Mataura" to Panama (4 June); by rail to Colon. Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: Departed Colon (6 June) per "Tyne" to St Thomas (13 June); "Rhone" (13 June) to Southampton (26 June); by rail via London to Canterbury, arriving 27 June 1867 (57 days).
Note: The only Late Fee cover recorded via the Panama route. *(Photo = 211)* 192+ 165 ✉ **250**



SS 'Ruahine'



3399

3399 1867 (June 28): Cover from Brisbane, Queensland to Helensborough, England endorsed *"Via Panama"*, bearing 1866 Queensland Chalon 4 d. reddish-lilac and 1863 1 s. grey, lightly cancelled by the Brisbane "QL" in rays and prepaying 1 s. 4 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. One of very few Queensland covers correctly endorsed via this route. Small cover tear at top and on the flap otherwise very fine and most attractive. The finest of the seven covers from Queensland via the Panama contract route recorded.
Route - Queensland Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane 28 June 1867 per "Lady Bowen" to Sydney. Panama, New Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company: Departed Sydney (1 July) per "Ruahine" via Wellington (8 July) to Panama (6 Aug); by rail to Colon. Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: Departed Colon (6 Aug) per "Solent" to St Thomas (12 Aug). "Rhone" (16 Aug) to Southampton (26 Aug); by rail via London (27 Aug) and Glasgow to Helensburgh, arriving 28 Aug 1867 (61 days).
Provenance: Collection Stevenson, Manning. 53+ 29 ✉ **1'500**

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3400	1868 (May 1): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Langholme, Scotland endorsed *"Via Panama"* bearing 1862 New South Wales Diadem 1 s. rose-carmine, a single example neatly cancelled by Sydney duplex and prepaying 1 s. for a double rate 1 ounce ship letter to England. A rare example of the double rate via Panama. *Route - Panama, New Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company: Departed Sydney 1 May 1868 per "Mataura" via Wellington (7 May) to Panama (3 June) by rail to Colon. Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: Departed Colon (5 June) per "Danube" to St. Thomas (8 June) "Atrato" (12 June) to Plymouth (27 June); by rail via London to Langholme, arriving 29 June 1868 (59 days).* *Note: This cover is referred to by Colin Tabeart in "Australia New Zealand UK Mails, Volume 1 to 1880" on Page 306 in Note 5 (1st edition, note 2 on page 280).* *(Photo = 211)*	168	✉	**200**
3401	1868 (Aug 2): Cover front from Bathurst, New South Wales to New Westminster, British Columbia endorsed *"Via Panama"* at lower left bearing 1863 New South Wales 2 d. pale blue and 1866 Diadem 6 d. violet, two singles and a vertical strip of three lightly cancelled by the rays numeral "9" of Bathurst and prepaying 2 s. 8 d. and underpaying 4 d. for a 1 ounce ship letter to British Columbia. *"1/8"* (sterling) manuscript in red credit to the United States for forwarding to British Columbia. Panama transit datestamp (4 Sept). The front extensively restored at lower right, however, a rare destination from the Australian Colonies. *Route - Panama, New Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company: Departed Sydney 2 Aug 1868 per R.M.S. "Rakaia" to Panama (4 Sept). Pacific Steam Navigation Co: Departed Panama (3 Oct) per "Sacramento" to San Francisco; "Helen. W. Almy" (20 Oct) to British Columbia.* *Note: The earliest recorded cover from New South Wales to British Columbia. Illustrated in "Maritime Connections to and from New South Wales" by Paul Wijnants on page 64.* *Provenance: Collection Forrest, Palmer.* *(Photo = 211)*	192+ 166	(✉)	**150**



3402

3402	1874 (Jan 17): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Kingston, Jamaica endorsed *"Per City of Melbourne via San Francisco, New York thence by first str. direct"*, bearing 1871 New South Wales 1 d. dull red and 1872 3 d. yellow-green, Watermark "6", two singles and a vertical strip of three, cancelled by the "N.S.W." concentric circles and prepaying 1 s. 4 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Jamaica. "PANAMA / 8 MR 1874 /TRANSIT" datestamp on the front (rare with only a couple of examples recorded on mail from New South Wales). "1" (penny) handstamp in black for internal postage to be paid by the recipient. A rare destination. *Route - Panama, New Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company: Departed Sydney 17 Jan 1874 per "City of Melbourne" to San Francisco. Pacific Steam Navigation Co: "Mohongo" (22 Feb) to Panama (8 March); overland to Colon. Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: Departed Colon (2 March) per "Tagus" to Kingston, arriving 24 March 1874 (66 days).* *Note: The earliest recorded cover from New South Wales to Jamaica.* *Provenance: Collection Forrest, Palmer.*	207+ 157a	✉	**400**

Via the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco

With the collapse of the route via Panama at the end of 1868, the eastern Australian Colonies and New Zealand were still at the end of the long sea route via Suez. The trans-continental railroad between San Francisco and New York was completed in May 1869 making San Francisco a potential terminus of the Pacific leg of the journey to Europe. A number of short lived mail contracts were established by the New South Wales government, but the huge distances to be covered offset by small mail subsidies and minimal income from passengers and freight, made this service uneconomical. Over a period of fifteen years, four different contractors were used on this service, with most withdrawing as soon as their contracts terminated.

The list of steamship operators are:

1870-1871: Australasian Steam Navigation and North Pacific Transportation Company
1871-1873: California, New Zealand and Australian Mail Company
1874-1875: Australasian & American Mail Steamship Company
1875-1885: The Pacific Mail Steamship Company
1885-1891: Union Steamship Company of New Zealand and the Oceanic Steamship Company of the USA (joint venture).

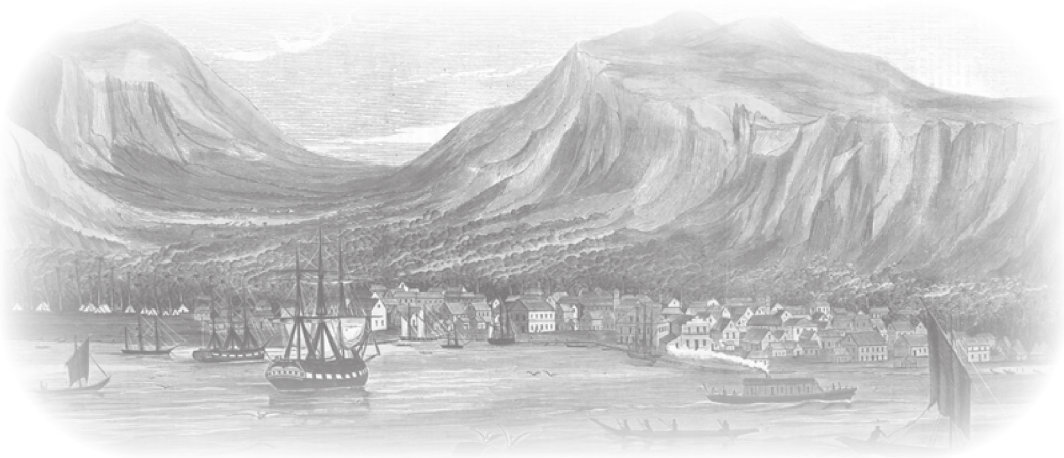
Some of the names are similar, and it can be confusing for collectors, especially when sometimes one company took over the reins from it's predecessor, often with the same ships and sometimes with the same backers. A number of covers from other colonies tried to use this service. The San Francisco postal officials were acutely aware of the participating colonies of New South Wales and Queensland, and taxed the offending colonies covers accordingly.



A map showing the route via San Francisco followed by all five mail contracts.

The final frontier for steamship services was via the Tasman Sea and the Pacific Ocean. Whilst New Zealand had a close proximity to the Australian Colonies, most of the trade was supplied by sailing ships. The first steamship services were initially operated in the 1860's by private contractors, with formal steamship contracts operated later that decade. Steamship operations to the other Pacific nations and territories was ad hoc at best. Most were run by private merchant companies at irregular intervals. This arrangement persisted well into the start of the next century.

Outgoing mail via San Francisco



View of Honolulu



3403

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF
3403	1870 (Jan 29): Cover from Brisbane, Queensland to Honolulu, Sandwich Islands bearing 1863 Chalon 1 s. grey, a vertical pair tied by light rays cancellation prepaying 2 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the Sandwich Islands. A very rare cover and a destination rarity from Queensland. The maiden voyage of the San Francisco route. *Route: Departed Rockhampton 29 Jan 1870 by private ship to Brisbane. Australian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane (8 Feb) per "City of Brisbane to Sydney. The Australasian Steam Navigation and North Pacific Transportation Co: Departed Sydney (26 March) per "Wonga Wonga" to Honolulu, arriving on the 18 April 1870 (79 days).* *Note: The only recorded cover from Queensland to the Sandwich Islands.*	29 ✉	**2'000**



SS 'Ajax at Greenwich Wharf in San Francisco



3404

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3404	1870 (July 23): Cover from Brisbane, Queensland to Dublin, Ireland endorsed *"Via Sydney & San Francisco"*, bearing 1866 Queensland Chalon 4 d. reddish-lilac and 1869 6 d. yellow-green, two examples cancelled by the Brisbane "Q.L." in rays and prepaying 1 s. 4 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Ireland. Reverse of Government crested envelope with 'H&K PACT' datestamp and arrival cds. Horizontal filing fold at top does not affect the delightful appearance of a rare cover. *Route - Australian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane 23 July 1870 per "City of Brisbane to Sydney. The Australasian Steam Navigation and North Pacific Transportation Co: Departed Sydney (30 July) per "Wonga Wonga" via Auckland (7 Aug) to Honolulu; "Ajax" (26 Aug) to San Francisco (6 Sept); by rail to New York. Guion Line: Departed New York (14 Sept) to Queenstown (26 Sept); overland to Dublin, arriving on the 28 Sept 1870 (67 days).* *Note: Although the route via San Francisco commenced in March 1870, there were no published rates until November for the New South Wales and Queensland services. It is assumed that the discontinued service via Panama rates applied, whereby the 1 s. 4 d. prepayment for this envelope is correct. Very few covers are recorded from Queensland via San Francisco during the "unknown rate period".* *Provenance: Collection Stevenson, Manning.*	53+ 91	✉	**500**
3405	1875 (July 3): Entire letter from Sydney, New South Wales to Victoria, British Columbia endorsed *"Per Mikado"*, bearing 1871 New South Wales 2 d. prussian-blue and 6 d. bright mauve neatly cancelled by the Sydney duplex and prepaying 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to British Columbia. Fine "Victoria" arrival datestamp on reverse. Vertical file folds but most attractive and scarce - just three covers from New South Wales to British Columbia are recorded. *Route - The Australasian & American Mail Steamship Co: Departed Sydney 3 July 1875 per "Mikado" via Auckland (9 July) to San Francisco (2 Aug). Great Northern Pacific Steamship Co: Departed San Francisco (7 Aug) to Victoria, arriving 9 Aug 1875 (37 days).* *Provenance: Collection Groom.* *(Photo = 211)*	209+ 216	✉	**250**



View of Kingstown



3406

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3406	1876 (April 12): Cover from Pimpana, Queensland to Kingstown, St. Vincent bearing 1874 Queensland Chalon 2 d. deep blue, 3 d. brown and 6 d. yellow-green lightly cancelled by the rays numeral "113" of Pimpana (rated RRR in "Queensland Numeral Cancellations") and prepaid 1 s. 3 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to St. Vincent. Circular "PAID / ALL" handstamp in black applied at Sydney representing paid to destination and superb St. Thomas transit datestamp on the reverse. "G" abbreviated datestamp in red (21 July) on arrival. Nine covers are recorded with this datestamp, of which two, including this one, are on incoming mail. The cover has been sympathetically restored at the upper left, otherwise a very fine and charming three colour franking. One of the great destination covers of the Australian Colonies - the cover has, for the last 60 years, resided in British West Indies collections. *Route - Australian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane 12 April 1876 per "City of Brisbane" to Sydney. The Australasian & American Mail Steamship Co: Departed Sydney (6 May) per "Australia" to Fiji (15 May); "Colima" (15 May) to San Francisco (5 June); by rail to New York (14 June); by steamer to Bridgetown, Barbados. Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: Departed Bridgetown (1 July) per "Don" to St. Thomas (3 July); by private sailing ship to Kingstown, arriving 21 July 1876 (102 days).* *Note: The only cover recorded from the Australian Colonies to St. Vincent.* *Provenance: Collection Gilbert-Lodge, Messenger, Friedman.*	87+ 88+ 106	✉	**2'500**
3407	1877 (Jan 8): Cover from Maryborough, Victoria to Toronto, Canada bearing 1873 Victoria Bell 2 d. dull mauve and Laureate 6 d. dull ultramarine cancelled by barred numeral "61" of Maryborough and prepaying 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Canada. *"2"* (cents) manuscript in red credited to the United States for 2 cents inland postage and "MORE-TO-PAY" applied at Windsor. Large "5" (cents) applied at Windsor, Canada in black for internal postage due from a non-treaty country to be paid by the recipient. Small portion of the backflap missing, otherwise extremely fine and scarce. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Melbourne 8 Jan 1877 per "City of Adelaide" to Sydney. Pacific Mail Steamship Co: Departed Sydney (12 Jan) per "City of Sydney" via Auckland (17 Jan) to San Francisco (10 Feb); by rail via Chicago to New York; by rail to Toronto, arriving 19 Feb 1877 (44 days).* *Note: The contract for the via San Francisco route was with the New South Wales and Queensland governments. Victorian mail was treated as underpaid and had to pay the additional 2 cents postage. Conversely, Canada was also a non-treaty country, with the 5 cents additional postage to be paid by the recipient.* *(Photo = 211)*	178b+ 136f	✉	**200**



SS 'City of Sydney'



3408

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3408	1876 (Sept 19): Cover from Brisbane, Queensland to London bearing 1875 Queensland Chalon 3 d. brown and 1 s. purple cancelled by the Sydney duplex in transit for the steamer to San Francisco. The cover prepaid 1 s. 3 d. comprising 9 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to England plus 6 d. Late Fee levied after the closure of the mails with oval "LOOSE SHIP / LETTER" handstamp in black representing the arrival of the cover at Sydney with the stamps uncancelled. A superb London arrival in red on the front. A very fine and a rare usage of the Loose Ship Letter handstamp and a very fine example of Queensland adhesives cancelled in New South Wales. *Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane 19 Sept 1876 per "Governor Blackall" to Sydney (21 Sept). Pacific Mail Steamship Co: Departed Sydney (22 Sept) per "Australia" to Fiji; "City of Sydney" (29 Sept) to San Francisco (18 Oct); by rail via Chicago to New York. Inman Line: Departed New York (28 Oct) per "City of Chester" to Queenstown (6 Nov); by steamer to Liverpool; by rail to London, arriving 7 Nov 1876 (46 days).* *Note: Illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Mail of Queensland" on page 228.* *Provenance: Collection Beston, Forster.*	88+ 109	✉	**750**
3409	1877 (May 22): Cover from Brisbane, Queensland to Cincinnati, USA bearing 1876 Queensland Chalon 2 d. bright blue in a horizontal strip of three, lightly cancelled by the Brisbane "Q.L." in rays and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the USA. "PAID / ALL" handstamp applied at Sydney indicating the envelope was paid to destination to the United States with superb Cincinnati arrival in blue. Some minor discolouration confined to the reverse, otherwise a neat and attractive cover. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Brisbane 22 May 1877 per "Governor Blackall" to Sydney. Pacific Mail Steamship Co: Departed Sydney (1 June) per "Australia" via Auckland (6 June) to San Francisco (28 June); by rail via Chicago to Cincinnati, arriving 5 July 1877 (46 days)* *(Photo = 225)*	99	✉	**300**



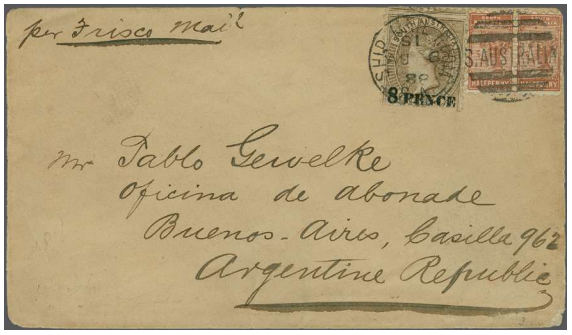
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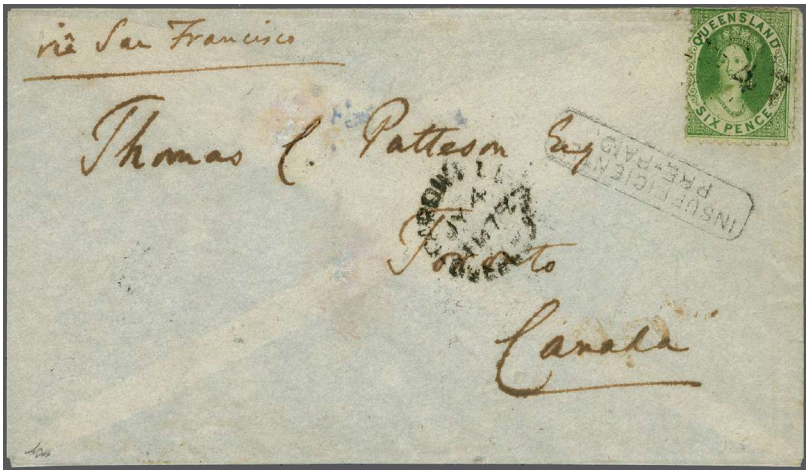
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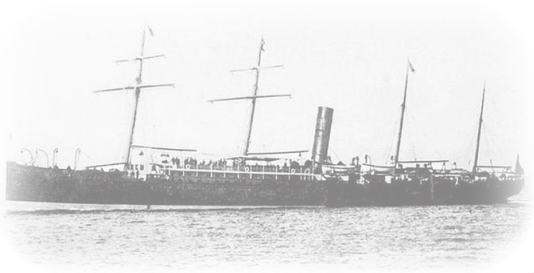
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SS 'Australia'

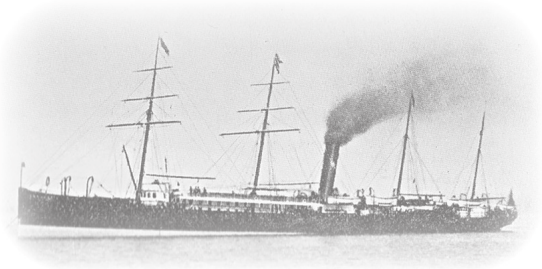
Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3410 1879 (July 11): Cover from Cardwell, Queensland to Toronto, Canada *"Via San Francisco"*, bearing 1876 Queensland Chalon 6 d. apple-green, a single example cancelled by rays numeral "47" of Cardwell and prepaying 6 d. and underpaid 3 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter of 9 d. to Canada. Framed "INSUFFICIENTLY / PRE-PAID" handstamp in black recognising the underpayment. Very fine and scarce with eight Queensland Chalon covers recorded to Canada.
Route - Private steamship: Departed Brisbane 11 July 1879 per "Victoria" to Sydney. Pacific Mail Steamship Co: Departed Sydney (17 July) per "Australia" via Auckland (22 July) to San Francisco (13 Aug); by rail via Chicago and New York to Toronto.
Note: Unusually there are no postage due markings on this cover and it appears that the outstanding postage was not collected from the recipient.
Provenance: Campbell, Beston.

107 ✉ **750**



3411



SS 'Zealandia'

3411 1879 (Sept 11): Cover from Rothbury, New South Wales to Honolulu, Sandwich Islands bearing 1878 New South Wales 6 d. pale lilac, a single example superbly cancelled by rays numeral "822" with equally fine Rothbury datestamp and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the Sandwich Islands. "PAID ALL" in violet applied at Sydney indicating the envelope was paid to destination to Hawaii. Very fine and rare.
Route - Pacific Mail Steamship Co: Departed Sydney 11 Sept 1879 per "Zealandia" via Auckland (16 Sept) to Honolulu, arriving 29 Sept 1879 (18 days).
Note: The numeral postmark number "822" of Rothbury is rated RRRR by Freeman in the Numeral Cancellations of New South Wales. One of the earliest covers recorded from New South Wales to Hawaii and illustrated in "The Numeral Cancels of New South Wales" on page 200.

217 ✉ **500**

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3412 1883 (July 12): New South Wales 1 d. dull rose postal stationery envelope used from Sydney to Corfu, Greece additionally franked by 1882 New South Wales 1 d. orange and Diadem 5 d. dark bluish green, closed tear at left, tied by the Sydney duplex and prepaying 7 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Greece. Violet "1½D" credit to Great Britain handstamp on obverse for forwarding to Greece. Endorsed *"via Suez"*, although the cover travelled via San Francisco, with London transit and Corfu arrival on reverse. Half of top flap missing but extremely rare destination, being the only recorded cover from the Australian Colonies to Greece.
Route: The Pacific Mail Steamship Company: Departed Sydney (12 July 1883) per "Australia" via Auckland (17 July) to San Francisco (8 Aug); by rail via Chicago to New York; by steamer to London (25 Aug); by steamer via Corfu, arriving 20 Sept 1883 (70 days).
Provenance: Collection Palmer. *(Photo = 225)* 223a+ 162a ✉ **250**

3413 1883 (April 16): Cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Danbury, Connecticut, USA endorsed *"via San Francisco"*, bearing 1876 South Australia 6 d. prussian blue, a single example cancelled by the Adelaide Ship Mail Room datestamp, prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the USA. Handstruck "U.S. CURRENCY / 5" (cents) applied in San Francisco for postage due from a non-Treaty country to be paid by the recipient. Some minor cover soiling, otherwise fine, a rare handstamp on Australian Colonial mail.
Route - P&O Line: Departed Adelaide 16 April 1883 per "Rosetta" to Melbourne (17 April); by rail to Sydney. The Pacific Mail Steamship Company: Departed Sydney (19 April) per "City of New York" via Auckland (25 April) to San Francisco (17 May); by rail via Chicago and New York to Connecticut, arriving 25 May 1883 (41 days).
Note: The contract for the via San Francisco route was with the New South Wales and Queensland governments. South Australian mail was treated as underpaid and had to pay the additional 5 cents postage.
Provenance: Collection Griffiths, Groom. *(Photo = 225)* 139 ✉ **250**



3414

3414 1884 (May 1): Cover from Brisbane, Queensland to San Maria del Rosario, Cuba endorsed *"Via San Francisco"*, bearing 1882 Queensland Sideface 1 d. deep vermillion-red, 2 d. blue horizontal pair and 6 d. green, two single examples, cancelled by the Brisbane datestamp and prepaying 1 s. 5 d. and underpaid 1 d. for a double rate 1 ounce ship letter of 1 s. 6 d. to Cuba. Multiple transit datestamps on the reverse, including arrival of Santa Maria Del Rosario. Back flap missing, otherwise very fine. One of the most famous destination covers from Queensland.
Route - Australasian Steamship Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane 1 May 1884 per "Wentworth" to Sydney. The Pacific Mail Steamship Company: Departed Sydney (22 May) per "Zealandia" via Auckland (27 May) to San Francisco (15 June); by rail via Chicago to New York (24 June); by steamer to Havana.
Note: The only recorded cover from the Australian Colonies to Cuba and illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Mail of Queensland" on page 134. Also illustrated in "Queensland Postal History" on page 287 and in "Queensland Postal Rates and Charges, 1832-1913" on page 40. 167+ 168+ 170 ✉ **750**
Provenance: Collection Campbell, Davis.

Gibbons | Start price in CHF

3415 1885 (June 29): Cover front, rebacked, from Fremantle, Western Australia to Darre, Vermont, USA endorsed *"Via San Francisco"* at upper left bearing 1883 Western Australia 4 d. carmine (2) lightly cancelled at Fremantle prepaying 8 d. for a ½ oz ship letter to the United States of America. Handstruck "U.S.CHARGE /TO COLLECT / 5 CENTS" applied at San Francisco. A 5 cent Postage Due adhesive applied at Barre indicating the deficient postage was collected from the recipient. Cover faults, but a rare example of postage dues on Western Australian mail.
Route - P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound 29 June 1885 per "Carthage" to Melbourne. Private steamship: Departed Melbourne (15 July) per "Burrumbeet" to Sydney. The Pacific Mail Steamship Company: Departed Sydney (16 July) per "Zealandia" via Auckland (21 July) to San Francisco (11 Aug); by rail via Chicago and New York (19 Aug) to Barre, arriving circa 21 Aug 1885 (56 days).
Note: The contract for the San Francisco route was with the New South Wales and Queensland governments. Western Australian mail was treated as underpaid and had to pay the additional 5 cents internal postage. *(Photo = 225)* 84 (✉) **100**



View of Jarrahdale



3416

3416 1887 (Dec 25): Cover from Jarrahdale, Western Australia to Welland, Ontario, Canada bearing 1883 Western Australia 1 d. yellow-ochre and 4 d. carmine in a horizontal pair lightly cancelled by the 12 barred circle "33" of Jarrahdale with despatch datestamp at left, prepaying 9 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the United States of America. Endorsed *"Via Sydney & San F."* at lower left, with arrival of Welland on the reverse. Fine, a rare destination from Western Australia with just three covers recorded to Canada.
Route - P&O Line: Departed King Georges Sound 25 Dec 1887 per "Valetta" to Melbourne (31 Dec); by rail to Sydney. Oceanic Steamship Co: Departed Sydney (26 Jan 1888) per "Almeda" via Auckland (30 Jan) to San Francisco (19 Feb); by rail via Chicago and Windsor (25 Feb) to Welland, arriving 27 Feb 1888 (69 days).
Note: This cover should have been taxed 5 cents by the United States postal officials since Western Australia did not participate in the San Francisco contract. The earliest stamped cover from Western Australia to Canada with only four covers recorded from the small town of Jarrahdale. 82+ 78 ✉ **1'500**

3417 1888 (July 11): Mourning cover from Inverell, New South Wales to Ontario, Canada, redirected to Michigan, USA bearing 1884 New South Wales 2 d. prussian blue in a horizontal strip of three, cancelled by the "134" duplex of Inverell and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Canada. Redirected to Battlecreek, United States with Canada 1878 Small Queen 1 c. bright yellow and 5 c. brownish grey (Gibbons 75+106) with multiple datestamps on the reverse. A very fine and unusual cover.
Route - Oceanic Steamship Co: Departed Sydney 11 July 1888 per "Alameda" via Auckland (16 July) to San Francisco (5 Aug); by rail via Chicago and New York to Ontario (10 Aug); redirected by rail to Michigan, arriving 18 Aug 1888 (58 days).
Provenance: Collection Forster. *(Photo = 225)* 225g ✉ **250**



3422 / CHF 300



3423 / CHF 300



3425 / CHF 200



3427 / CHF 150



3431 / CHF 100



3432 / CHF 250



3435 / CHF 300



3437 / CHF 100



3439 / CHF 250



3441 / CHF 200

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3418	1888 (April 19): Cover from Cooktown, Queensland to Auburn, Nova Scotia, endorsed *"Via Sydney and San Francisco"* bearing 1887 Queensland Sideface 1 d. vermillion-red, two singles and a block of six cancelled by barred numeral "178" of Cooktown and prepaying 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Nova Scotia. Part of the flap missing and a heavy crease at base, but a very scarce destination. Illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Mail of Queensland" by Ben Palmer on page 132. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Cooktown 19 April 1888 per "Maranoa" via Brisbane (27 April) to Sydney (29 April). Oceanic Steamship Co: Departed Sydney (16 May) per "Mariposa" via Auckland (21 May) to San Francisco (9 June); by rail from San Francisco via Chicago and New York to Auburn, arriving 15 June 1888 (57 days).* *(Photo = 225)*	187	✉⊞	**100**
3419	1888 (Aug 8): Cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Buenos Aires, Argentina endorsed *"Per Frisco Mail"* at upper left, bearing 1888 South Australia bantam ½ d. red-brown horizontal pair and 1881 8 d. on 9 d. grey-brown, cancelled by the Adelaide Ship Mail Room duplex and prepaying 9 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Argentina. Fine and scarce, with about three or four covers, all from this correspondence recorded from South Australia to Argentina. *Route - P&O Line: Departed Adelaide 8 Aug 1888 per "Carthage" to Melbourne (10 Aug); by rail to Sydney. Oceanic Steamship Co: Departed Sydney (5 Sept) per "Zealandia" via Auckland (10 Sept) to San Francisco (29 Sept); by steamer to Buenos Aries, arriving 11 Nov 1888 (97 days).* *(Photo = 225)*	182b+ 121	✉	**300**
3420	1888 (Oct 31): Sailor's concessionary rate cover from Brisbane, Queensland to Boston, England bearing 1887 Queensland Sideface 1 d. vermillion-red, cancelled on arrival in London, prepaying 1 d. for a sailor's 1 d. concessionary rate for a ½ ounce ship letter to England. Endorsed at top *"From J.E. Young, S.G.T. H.M.S. Swinger, Australia"* and correctly counter-signed *"George W. Cornish, Commanding Officer"*. Struck on arrival with "I.B. / 1d." (Inland Branch). The stamp neatly excised and replaced, as are nearly all the covers from this correspondence and with small cover blemishes. A very scarce usage from Queensland. *Route - Oceanic Steamship Co: Departed Sydney 31 Oct 1888 per "Mariposa", via Auckland (5 Nov) to San Francisco (23 Nov); by rail via Chicago to New York. Norddeutscher Lloyd Line: Departed New York (1 Dec) per "Werra" to Southampton (10 Dec); by rail via London to Boston, arriving 10 Dec 1888 (51 days).* *Note: The H.M.S. "Swinger" was a Royal Naval gunboat attached to the Australia Squadron.* *Five 1d Sailor's Concessionary Rate covers are recorded from Queensland.* *Provenance: Collection Hobbs, Beston.* *(Photo = 225)*	187	✉	**200**
3421	1889 (Feb 18): Registered cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Hoboken, USA endorsed *"Per Frisco Mail"* bearing 1882 South Australia 4 d. deep mauve and 1887 6 d. pale blue cancelled by the Registered Adelaide datestamp and prepaying 10 d. comprising 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the United States and 4 d. registration. Curved "REGISTERED' handstamp in black at left and "U.S.CHARGE / TO COLLECT / 5CENTS" applied in San Francisco for 5 cents transit postage due from a non-Treaty country and a 5 cent Postage Due applied confirming payment by the recipient. Fine and scarce. *Route: Departed Adelaide 18 Feb 1889 by rail via Melbourne to Sydney. Union Steamship Co: Departed Sydney (20 Feb) per "Zealandia" via Auckland (25 Feb) to San Francisco (16 March); by rail via Chicago to New York.* *Note: The contract for the via San Francisco route was with the New South Wales and Queensland governments. South Australian mail was treated as underpaid and had to pay the additional 5 cents postage.* *(Photo = 225)*	115+ 185	✉	**200**
3422	1890 (Feb 18): Cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Kingston, Jamaica endorsed *"Via Frisco and Panama"* at top left, bearing 1879 South Australia 4 d. dull purple and 1887 6 d. pale blue, cancelled by the Adelaide Ship Mail Room datestamp and prepaying 10 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Jamaica. Very fine and a rare destination, especially so from South Australia with two covers recorded from South Australia to Jamaica. *Route: Departed Adelaide 18 Feb 1889 by rail via Melbourne to Sydney. Union Steamship Co: Departed Sydney (14 May) per "Alameda" via Auckland (19 May) to San Francisco (7 June) Pacific Steam Navigation Co: Departed San Francisco per "City of Sydney" to Panama; by rail to Colon. The Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: Departed by steamship to Kingston, arriving 13 July 1890 (64 days).* *(Photo = 229)*	115+ 185	✉	**300**
3423	1891 (April 14): Cover from Semaphore, South Australia to Bridport, Vermont, USA endorsed *"Via San Fran."*, bearing 1887 South Australia 6 d. pale blue, two examples, cancelled by Semaphore datestamp and prepaying 1 s. for a 1 ounce ship letter to the United States. Handstruck "COLLECT / 5 / .....CENTS" applied at San Francisco for 5 cents due from a non-Treaty country. United States 1 c. Postage Due pair and strip of three (one stamp with corner fault) very lightly cancelled and representing the 5 cents Postage Due paid by the recipient. Small cover tear at base, otherwise very fine and including the original letter. *Route: Departed Adelaide 14 April 1891 by rail via Melbourne to Sydney. Oceanic Steamship Co: Departed Sydney (20 April) per "Alameda" via Auckland (25 April) to San Francisco (14 May); by rail via Chicago and New York to Bridport, arriving 20 May 1891 (36 days).* *Note: The contract for the via San Francisco route was with the governments of New South Wales and Queensland. South Australian mail was treated as underpaid and had to pay the additional 5 cents inland postage.* *(Photo = 229)*	185	✉	**300**

Incoming mail via San Francisco

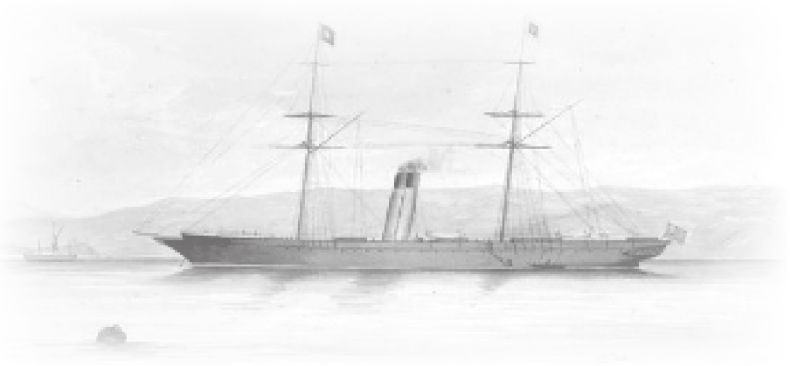


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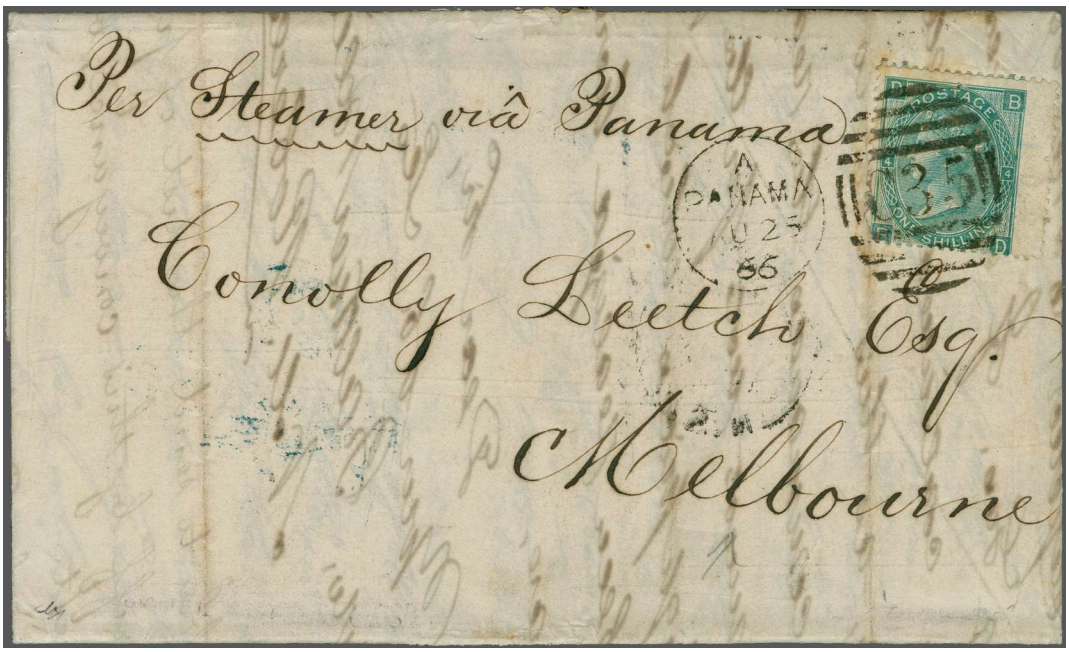
		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3424	1859 (23 July): Entire letter headed Valparaiso, Chile mailed via New South Wales to Hong Kong, carried as a private consignees letter from Chile to Sydney where a New South Wales 1859 Diadem 6 d. fawn, imperforate with three large margins was affixed and tied by a "N.S.W." in ovals handstamp in black, prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Hong Kong. Endorsed *"Via Australia"* at lower left and manuscript *"4"* (cents) for the Hong Kong ship letter inwards fee. On the reverse is a shipping forwarders handstamp "CROSS & Co. / VALPARAISO" in blue with transit datestamps for Sydney and Hong Kong. Very fine and exceptionally rare. *Route - Private sailing ship: Departed Valparaiso 23 July 1859 per "Lizzie Spaulding" to Sydney. Departed Sydney (4 Nov) per "Helios" to Hong Kong, arriving 18 Dec 1859.* *Note: The contents are remarkable and relate to the trade of flour between Chile and China. "The flour market, during the past year - which we expected from the good crop would have ruled low - has been irregular, and affected by the Revolution which disturbed the whole country from January to May. Some of the crop has been destroyed by military movements, and some are gathered and left in the interior so as not to be available for shipment, until the wet season passes, and the roads become good..." The 1859 Chilean Revolution was an armed rebellion by the Chilean Liberals against the conservative government of President Manuel Montt. The revolution took place from January 5 to May 21, 1859, and ended in failure, with 5,000 people killed. It was the second attempt by the Liberals to overthrow the government, following an unsuccessful attempt in 1851.* *The earliest recorded cover from Chile to the Australian Colonies and exceptional usage as a forwarded cover to Hong Kong.* *Provenance: Collection Blank, Forster.*	93	✉	**5'000**

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

3425 1868 (Sept 5): Cover from San Francisco, USA to Sydney, New South Wales bearing USA 1861 2 c. Black Jack, damaged perfs at left and 1861 10 c. green in a pair, each indistinctly cancelled and prepaying 22 cents for a ½ ounce ship letter to New South Wales. San Francisco despatch datestamp in red at left and with "12 CENTS" credit handstamp for transportation to New South Wales. Very fine Panama transit datestamp on obverse and Sydney arrival datestamp on reverse. Cover faults on opening and the backflap partly missing. A generally fine example of this scarce rate.
Route - Pacific Mail Steam Ship Co: Departed San Francisco 5 Sept 1868 per "Golden City" to Panama (19 Sept). Panama, New Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company: Departed Panama (21 Sept) per "Rakaia" via Wellington (21 Oct) to Sydney, arriving 27 Oct 1868 (52 days).
(Photo = 229) Scott 73+ 68 ✉ **200**



SS 'Ruahine'



3426

3426 1866 (Aug 7): Entire from San Francisco, USA via Panama to Melbourne, Victoria with Great Britain 1865 1 s. green, rounded corner perf., tied by a very fine "C35" obliterator of the British P.O. with fine Panama datestamp at left, prepaying 1 s. for a 1 ounce ship letter to Victoria. The entire endorsed *"Per Steamer via Panama"* and with Sydney and Melbourne arrival datestamps on the reverse. Filing folds, otherwise very fine and most attractive. San Francisco is a suburb of Panama City. A fine cover and a rare destination from Panama.
Route - Panama, New Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company: Departed Panama 31 Aug 1866 per "Ruahine" via Wellington (2 Oct) to Sydney (9 Oct). Private steamship: Departed Sydney (11 Oct) per "You Yangs" to Melbourne, arriving 13 Oct 1866 (49 days).
Note: The earliest and the finest of the three recorded covers from Panama to the Australian Colonies.
Provenance: Collection De Voss.
101 ✉ **1'250**

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3427 1874 (March 6): Cover from San Francisco, USA to Melbourne, Victoria bearing 1873 USA Banknote 1 c. ultramarine, 3 c. green and 10 c. brown, two examples, postmarked by fancy leaf handstamp and prepaying 24 cents for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. San Francisco despatch datestamp in red at the left and arrival of Melbourne on the reverse. An attractive three colour franking from the famous Germain Nicholson correspondence.
Route - The Australasian and American Mail Steamship Co: Departed San Francisco 6 March 1874 per "City of Melbourne" via Auckland (1 April) to Sydney (6 April). Melbourne Steamship Co: Departed Sydney (8 April) to Melbourne, arriving 11 April 1874 (37 days).
Provenance: Collection Forster. *(Photo = 229)* Scott 156+ 158+ 161 ✉ **150**



U.S. General Consulate in China



3428

3428 1876 (Jan 19): Cover from Shanghai, United States Post Offices in China to Melbourne, Victoria bearing USA 1873 Banknote 6 c. dull pink, corner fault, with with the cover underpaid and held by the postal officials until uprated with 1873 2 c. brown pair (straight edge at left) on 14th April to make-up the 10 cents prepayment for a ½ ounce ship letter to San Francisco, and thereafter unpaid to Victoria. The under-payment not recognised by the postal officials in the United States or Victoria. A couple of minor tone spots, however, a very rare usage from China in this period.
Route: By steamer Shanghai 14 April 1876 to Hong Kong. Pacific Mail Steamship Co: Departed Hong Kong (21 April) per "Colorado" via Yokohama (1 May) to San Francisco (20 May); "Zealandia" (24 May) via Fiji (13 June) to Sydney (19 June). Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Sydney (20 June) per "City of Melbourne" to Melbourne, arriving 22 June 1876 (69 days).
Note: The only recorded cover from the United States Post Offices in China to the Australian Colonies.
Provenance: Collection Landau. Scott 159 ✉ **1'250**

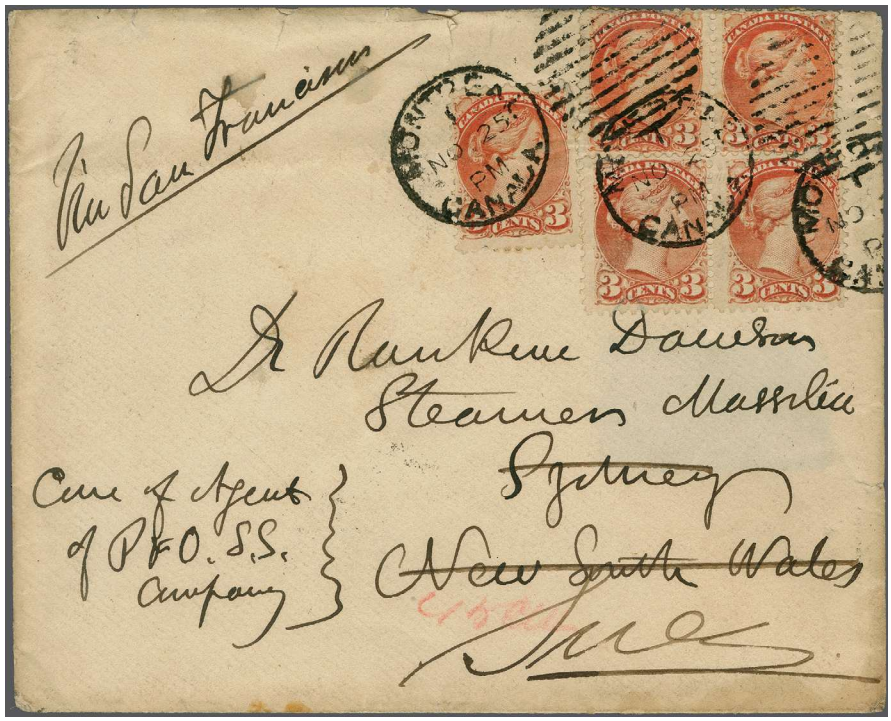


View of Christiansted



3429

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3429	1876 (July 13): Mourning cover from Christiansted, Danish West Indies to Sydney, New South Wales bearing 1873 Great Britain 3 d. rose, pl. 18 and 1864 1 d. red boldly cancelled by the St. Thomas "C51" duplex and prepaying 4 d. plus 1 s. in cash for a ½ ounce ship letter to New South Wales. Manuscript *"1/-"* in black representing the prepayment in cash and with Sydney arrival on reverse. The rear flap torn on opening just affecting the top of the cover but not affecting the adhesive. A charming and delightful cover of great rarity. The only cover recorded from the Danish West Indies to the Australian Colonies. *Route: Departed Christiansted 13 July 1876 by steamer to St. Thomas (14 July). Royal Mail Steam Packet Co: Departed St. Thomas (16 July) per "Para" via Jacmel (19 July), Kingston (20 July) to Colon (24 July); overland to Panama (9 Aug); by steamer to San Francisco. Pacific Mail Steamship Co: Departed San Francisco (13 Sept) per "City of NewYork" to Fiji (4 Oct); "Australia" (4 Oct) via Auckland (8 Oct) to Sydney, arriving 11 Oct 1876 (90 days).*	43+ 144	✉	**3'000**



3430

Gibbons Start price in CHF

3430 1887 (Nov 25): Cover from Montreal, Canada to Sydney and redirected to Suez, Egypt bearing 1873 Canada 3 c. orange-red, a single and block of four, perf. faults at top, clearly cancelled by the Montreal duplex and prepaying 15 c. for a ½ ounce ship letter to New South Wales. On arrival, the addressee, the Canadian physician Rankine Dawson, a passenger aboard the P&O Line steamer *"Massilia"* which had already sailed, was kept at Sydney and the cover redirected to Suez, Egypt. The cover is endorsed *"Via San Francisco"* at upper left with multiple transit datestamps on the reverse. A small piece of the reverse of the cover cut out, otherwise fine. A very scarce destination from Canada, particularly with the redirection to Egypt.
Route: Departed Montreal, Canada 25 Nov 1887 by rail via Windsor (25 Nov) to San Francisco. Union Steamship Co. of New Zealand: Departed San Francisco (7 Dec) per "Republic" via Auckland (6 Jan 1888) to Sydney, arriving 11 Jan 1888, redirected to Suez (over 47 days). 83 ✉⊞ **500**

3431 1894: Ecuador 3 c. postal stationery card from Guayaquil to Sydney, New South Wales, lightly cancelled and endorsed *"via Panama and San Francisco"* at top and transit datestamps on the obverse including New York, San Francisco and Sydney. Some edge wear and the reverse with the message mostly obscured due to adherence from a postcard album. A rare origin / destination postcard and the earliest recorded cover from Ecuador to the Australian Colonies.
Route: Departed Guayaquil 20 Sept 1894 by steamer to Panama; overland to Aspinwall. United States Mail Steamship Co: Departed Aspinwall by steamer to New York (11 Oct); by rail to San Francisco. Pacific Mail Steamship Co: Departed San Francisco (18 Oct) per "Monowai" via Auckland (8 Nov) to Sydney, arriving 13 Nov 1894 (54 days).
Note: This postcard is endorsed "Via Panama" at top. If the card had shipped direct to San Francisco instead of Panama and New York, it would have saved a fortnight's transit time.
(Photo = 229) ✉ **100**

Via Singapore

3432 1878 (Nov 3): Cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Padang, Dutch East Indies, redirected to Panjang bearing 1878 South Australia 6 d. prussian blue, a horizontal pair cancelled by the G.P.O. Adelaide datestamp and prepaying 1 s. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the Dutch East Indies. Transit datestamps for Padang and arrival of Panjang on the reverse. Very fine and a rare destination from South Australia, being the second earliest cover recorded from South Australia to the Dutch East Indies.
Route - Blue Emu Line: Departed Adelaide 3 Nov 1878 per "Victoria" to Melbourne (5 Nov). Private sailing ship: Departed Melbourne (7 Nov) per "Somerset" to Singapore; by steamer via Padang (17 Dec) and redirected to Panjang, arriving 10 Jan 1879 (69 days). *(Photo = 229)* 117 ✉ **250**

Via the Tasman Sea or Pacific Ocean

The final frontier for steamship services was via the Tasman Sea and the Pacific Ocean. Whilst New Zealand had a close proximity to the Australian Colonies, most of the trade was supplied by sailing ships. The first steamship services were initially operated in the 1860's by private contractors, with formal steamship contracts operated later that decade.

Steamship operations to the other Pacific nations and territories was ad hoc at best. Most were run by private merchant companies at irregular intervals. This arrangement persisted well into the start of the next century.

Outgoing mail via the Tasman Sea and Pacific Ocean



View of Auckland



3433

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF
3433	1859 (Aug 11): Cover from Port Adelaide, South Australia to Auckland, New Zealand bearing 1858 South Australia rouletted 6 d. slate-blue, cancelled by the barred Diamond numeral "1" of Port Adelaide and prepaid 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to New Zealand. Very fine departure cds and arrival datestamp of Auckland. A rare usage of this stamp on cover. Neat and attractive, the earliest recorded cover from South Australia to New Zealand. *Route - Blue Emu Line: Departed Adelaide 11 Aug 1859 per "Havilah" to Melbourne. Private sailing ship: Departed Melbourne (15 Aug) per "Wanderer" to Auckland, arriving 6 Sept 1859 (27 days).*	17 ✉	**250**

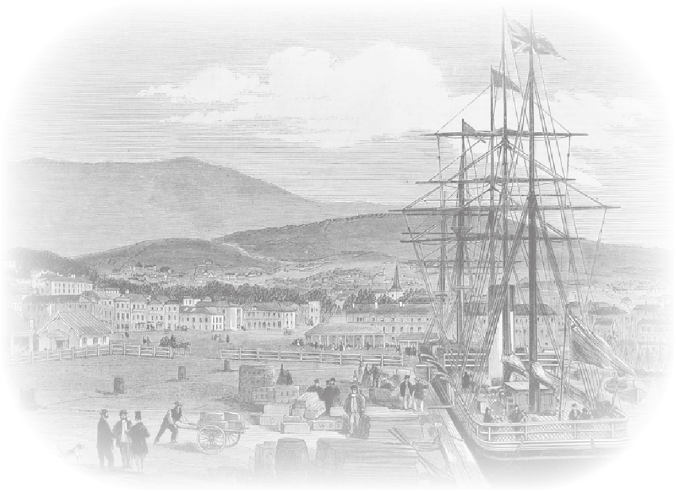


'Lord Worsley"



3434

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3434	1861 (Feb 7): Cover from Brisbane, Queensland to Lyttleton, New Zealand bearing 1860 Queensland Chalon 6 d. green, imperforate with close to good margins all round showing portion of adjoining stamp at base, neatly cancelled by the Brisbane "Q.L." in oval, prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to New Zealand. Very fine despatch cds on the reverse and arrival of Lyttleton on obverse in black. A magnificent cover and extremely rare. **One of just two recorded Queensland imperforate covers to a foreign destination other than Great Britain.** *Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Brisbane 7 Feb 1861 per "Yarra Yarra" to Sydney. Intercolonial Steamship Co: Departed Sydney (15 Feb) per "Lord Worsley" to Nelson; overland to Lyttelton, arriving 28 Feb 1861 (26 days).* *Note: The "Lord Worsley" was wrecked in Te Namu Bay on 1 September 1862. Te Matakatea (a principal chief of Ngati Haumiti Hapu of the Taranaki tribe) escorted the passengers and crew safely to New Plymouth. He was rewarded with the wreck and its contents.* *Illustrated in "The Pre-UPU Mail of Queensland" by Ben Palmer on page 270.*	3	✉	**3'000**
3435	1861 (Nov 1): Second sheet of entire letter from Melbourne, Victoria to Nelson, New Zealand endorsed *"per "Omeo"* at left, bearing 1861 Victoria Woodblock 6 d. black cancelled by the Melbourne duplex and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to New Zealand. Light Nelson arrival datestamp on obverse (Nov 23). Typical slight ageing but a very scarce usage of this stamp on letter with just 15 examples thought to exist. *Route - Private steamship - McMeckan, Blackwood & Co: Departed Melbourne 1 Nov 1861 per "Omeo" to Otago, by private ship to Nelson, arriving 23 Nov 1861 (22 days).* *(Photo = 229)*	102	✉	**300**



View of Hobart



3436

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3436	1863 (May 7): Cover from Hobart, Tasmania to Nelson, New Zealand bearing 1860 Tasmania Chalon 6 d. grey, a horizontal pair with scissor cut mostly between, margins just touched to fine, cancelled by Hobart bars obliterator and prepaying 1 s. for a double rate 1 ounce ship letter to New Zealand. Very fine Hobart-Town despatch datestamp in red (May 7) and Nelson arrival on obverse. Some minor ink spotting, otherwise fine, and a rare destination this early from Tasmania. The second earliest stamped cover recorded from Tasmania to New Zealand. *Route: Departed Hobart 7 May 1863 overland to Launceston. McMeckan, Blackwood & Co: Departed Launceston (8 May) per "Havilah" to Melbourne. Tasmanian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Melbourne (13 May) per "City of Hobart" to Otago; by private ship to Nelson, arriving 27 May 1863 (20 days).* *Provenance: Collection Blake.*	45	✉	**500**
3437	1867 (Aug 1): cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Wellington, New Zealand endorsed *"Per Raikaia"*, bearing 1866 New South Wales Diadem 6 d. violet neatly cancelled by the Sydney duplex and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to New Zealand, with fine Wellington arrival datestamp on reverse. *Route - Panama, New Zealand and Australian Royal Mail Company: Departed Sydney 1 Aug 1867 per "Rakaia" to Wellington, arriving 8 Aug 1867 (7 days).* *Note: This cover demonstrates the new transit destinations for the new mail route via Panama. With the New Zealand government subsidising this new mail route, it opened up a quicker and more regular passage for mail from the Australian Colonies to New Zealand.* *(Photo = 229)*	166	✉	**100**



Ellen Catherine Powell (1833-1861) and
Rev. George N. Gordon (1822-1861



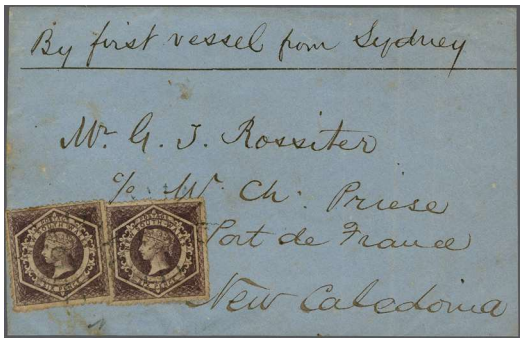
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		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3438	1860 (July 11): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Erromanga, New Caledonia endorsed *"via Capt. Edwards, New Caledonia"* bearing New South Wales 6 d. olive-brown, cancelled by the Sydney duplex and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to New Caledonia. Back flap missing and other minor blemishes which do not detract from the rarity or appearance of this cover. An exceptional destination from the Australian Colonies. The earliest recorded stamped cover from the Australian Colonies to New Caledonia. *Route - Private sailing ship: Departed Sydney 11 July 1860 per "Boniti" to Noumea; by sailing ship to Dillon's Bay, Erromango.* *Note: Reverend George Gordon arrived at Erromango in June 1857 to live and evangelise among the natives. About forty natives of Erromango were converted to Christianity. However, in March 1861 sandalwood traders exposed the natives to measles, and Gordon spent most of his time caring for them. Two children of one of the island's chiefs had died in his care, and the chief thought that he had put a spell on them. He banded together a group of warriors and killed both George and his wife on 20 May 1861.* *Provenance: Collection Crompton.*	144	✉	**750**
3439	1863 (May 18): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to San Francisco, USA bearing 1862 New South Wales 1 s. carmine, a single example just crossed by vertical filing fold, neatly cancelled by Sydney duplex, prepaying 1 s. for a 1 ounce ship letter to the United States. "SHIP" handstamp applied at San Francisco to recognise an incoming ship letter and "8" (cents) handstamp in black for the double incoming ship letter fee to be paid by on receipt. The double incoming ship letter fee of 8 cents was only applicable for twelve months from 1 July 1863 to 30 June 1864. A very attractive and unusual double rate cover. *Route - Private sailing ship: Departed Sydney 18 May 1863 per clipper "All Serene" to San Francisco, arriving 1 Aug 1863 (75 days).* *Note: This was one of the last voyages of the "All Serene". In January 1864 she capsized 50 miles south of Tonga with the loss of 23 lives.* *Provenance: Collection Palmer.* *(Photo = 229)*	169	✉	**250**



3440

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3440	1863 (Sept 1): Cover from Beechworth, Victoria to Farmington, USA endorsed *"Via Liverpool & Portland"* bearing 1863 Victoria Adapted Design 6 d. grey-black, a single example cancelled by the barred numeral "9" of Beechworth and prepaid 6 d. and underpaid 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to the United States. The envelope was grossly underpaid and thus sent by the slower via Panama route. Postal markings include "INSUFFICIENTLY PAID / VIA THE / UNITED KINGDOM" applied in red at Melbourne for the Southampton route and "SHIP 6" applied at San Francisco for 6 cents due comprising 3 cents for a non-contract ship letter and 3 cents to forward to New York. A couple of minor cover imperfections, otherwise fine. *Route - Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Melbourne 1 Sept 1863 per "City of Melbourne" to Sydney. Private sailing ship: Departed Sydney (10 Oct) per "Mary & Edith" to San Francisco (22 Dec). Pacific Mail Steamship Co: Departed San Francisco (23 Dec) per "St. Louis" to Panama (9 Jan 1864); by rail to Aspinwall. Atlantic & Pacific Steamship Co: Departed Aspinwall (16 Jan) per "Ocean Queen", to New York 29 Jan 1865; by rail to Farmington (over 192 days).* *Note: This cover is interesting in that the journey from Melbourne to San Francisco took 141 days, when a normal sailing voyage would take about 75 days. In early August 1863, there were no ships sailing directly to San Francisco from Melbourne, so the cover was sent to Sydney for the next available ship. The "Mary & Edith" arrived in Sydney on the 8 September advertising for cargoes to San Francisco, and did not sail until the 10 October. A rare and late cover from the Australian Colonies via the Panama route by sailing ship* *Provenance: Collection Forster.*	107b	✉	**400**
3441	1870 (April 25): Cover front from Sydney, New South Wales to *"Fles Loyalty"* (Islands), New Caledonia bearing 1868 New South Wales Diadem 6 d. violet, a single example cancelled by the Sydney duplex and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to New Caledonia. Endorsed *"P. Paid by the Marceau"* at the lower left. Fine and rare, one of the earliest recorded covers from the Australian Colonies to New Caledonia. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Sydney 25 April 1870 per "Marceau" to Port de France, New Caledonia.* *Note: The Loyalty Islands are a small group of islands about 100km. north from New Caledonia. The "Marceau" was a small French naval gunboat with 4 guns which was stationed in the Pacific Ocean to protect French interests in the region, primarily New Caledonia and New Hebrides.* *Provenance: Collection Forster, Eastgate.* *(Photo = 229)*	166	✉(✉)	**200**
3442	1870c.: Cover front from Newcastle, New South Wales to Port de France, New Caledonia bearirng 1868 New South Wales Diadem 6 d. purple, two examples, cancelled by the rays numeral "55" of Newcastle and prepaying 1 s. for a double rate 1 ounce ship letter to New Caledonia. Endorsed *"Per first vessel from Sydney"* at top, indicating how infrequent mail was to the Pacific Islands from the Australian Colonies. The owner believes that this cover may be a couple of years earlier than the previous lot, based on the shade of the 6 d. adhesives. One of the earliest recorded covers from the Australian Colonies to New Caledonia. *Provenance: Collection Forster, Eastgate.* *(Photo = 241)*	165	(✉)	**200**



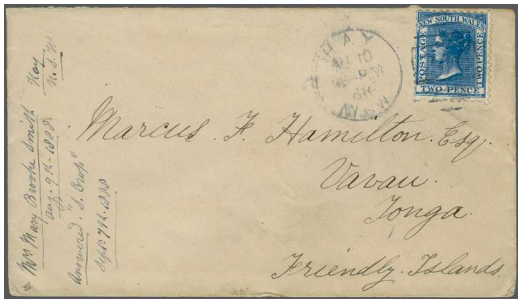
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Coastal Scene of Fiji



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3443 1871 (March 19): Cover from Leyburn, Queensland to Port Moreton, Fiji bearing 1868 Queensland Chalon 2 d. pale blue, a horizontal strip of three with light rays cancel and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Fiji. Some sealed cover tears at top, but one of the great destination rarities from Queensland and with the original letter enclosed. **The only recorded cover from Queensland to Fiji**.
Note: This is an early cover to Fiji, posted before the issue of Fiji Times Express stamps, and hence there were no arrival datestamps at Fiji when this cover was mailed. There was no documented postal rate to Fiji until 1 January 1874.
The enclosed letter was written by Sydney businessman Henry Beit (1826-1881) who was a land agent specialising in the sale of properties in outback New South Wales, Queensland and the Fiji Islands. His correspondent, Edward Sandilands (1847-1871) was a young English cotton grower in the Yasawa Islands, Fiji. It is believed that Sandilands was relying on Beit's financial backing to make his Fiji enterprise a success. After the complete failure of his Port Moreton cotton plantation, Sandilands was appointed British Vice-Consul at Levuka. His life was tragically cut short when he drowned in a canoe accident in the Fiji Islands in 1871.

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3444	1871 (May 10): Cover from Adelaide, South Australia to Stafford, New Zealand bearing 1870 South Australia 1 d. grey-green and 2 d. orange-red, cancelled at the G.P.O. Adelaide and prepaying 3 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to New Zealand. Some minor ageing but a rare mixed issue franking to a very scarce destination from South Australia. A rare example of the 3 d. ship letter rate from South Australia to New Zealand. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Adelaide 10 May 1871 per "Alexandra to Melbourne. Departed Melbourne (13 May) per "Eliza Firth" to Auckland; by steamer to Hokitika, arriving 20 May 1871 (10 days).* *Provenance: Collection Napier.* *(Photo = 241)*	100+ 160	✉	**250**
3445	1876 (May 21): Cover from Rockhampton, Queensland to Napier, New Zealand bearing 1876 Queensland Chalon 2 d. pale blue, a horizontal pair with sheet margin at right, lightly cancelled at Rockhampton and prepaying 4 d. for a double rate 1 ounce ship letter to New Zealand. Fine transit datestamp and arrival of Napier on the reverse. A very fine cover and a rare destination from Queensland with six Chalon covers recorded from Queensland to New Zealand. *Route - Australian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Rockhampton 21 May 1876 per "Queensland" to Brisbane (23 June); "Egmont" (27 June) to Sydney. The Australasian & American Mail Steamship Co: Departed Sydney (2 June) per "City of San Francisco" to Auckland (5 June); overland via Napier (10 June) to Hawkes Bay (over 21 days).* *Provenance: Collection Beston, Manning.* *(Photo = 241)*	98	✉	**500**
3446	1878 (June 27): Cover from Melbourne, Victoria to Dunedin, New Zealand bearing Victoria 1873 Bell 2 d. dull mauve, three examples, cancelled on arrival at Port Chalmers, Dunedin and prepaying 6 d. for a double rate 1 ounce ship letter to New Zealand. Endorsed *"Per Ringarooma"* at upper left and with oval framed "LOOSE / SHIP LETTER" handstamp in black also applied at Port Chalmers. Very fine, and a scarce and early cover Loose Ship Letter cover from the Australian Colonies. *Route - McMeckan, Blackwood & Co: Departed Melbourne 27 June 1878 per "Ringarooma" to Dunedin, arriving 6 July 1878 (9 days).* *Provenance: Collection Forster.* *(Photo = 241)*	178b	✉	**200**
3447	1883 (Aug 20): Mourning cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Rewa River, Fiji bearing 1882 New South Wales 2 d. pale blue, roughly placed at top right of cover, cancelled by the Sydney duplex prepaying 2 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Fiji. Arrival datestamp of Suva on the reverse and the cover with original contents. Some minor toning confined to the reverse, but a scarce early cover from New South Wales to Fiji. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Sydney 20 Aug 1883 per barque "Reconnaissance", arriving Suva 3 Sept 1883 (21 days).* *Provenance: Collection Palmer.* *(Photo = 241)*	224a	✉	**150**
3448	1887 (Aug 3): Cover from Maclean, New South Wales to Lifou, New Caledonia bearing 1884 New South Wales 2 d. prussian blue, a horizontal strip of three cancelled by rays numeral "210" of Maclean and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to New Caledonia with very fine arrival on the reverse. Clean and attractive cover to a very scarce destination. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Sydney 3 Aug 1887 per "Gunga" to Noumea (11 Aug); by sailing ship to Lifou (over 8 days).* *(Photo = 241)*	225g	✉	**100**
3449	1888 (Aug 11): Cover from Hay, New South Wales to Vavau, Tonga bearing 1884 New South Wales 2 d. prussian blue cancelled by barred numeral "245" of Hay and prepaying 2 d. for a for a ½ ounce ship letter to Tonga. Transit datestamp of Nukualofa and arrival of Vavau on the reverse. Fine, and a somewhat surprisingly rare destination from the Australian Colonies, this being the earliest recorded cover from New South Wales to Tonga. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Sydney 11 Aug 1888 per "Lubeck" via Fiji to Nukualofa (30 Aug); by private sailing ship to Vavau, arriving 7 Sept 1888 (28 days).* *(Photo = 241)*	225g	✉	**150**
3450	1889 (March 14): Cover from Sydney, New South Wales to Yokohama, Japan endorsed *"Per first Mail"*, bearing 1884 New South Wales 4 d. dark brown, a horizontal pair cancelled by the Sydney duplex and prepaying 8 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Japan. Superb Hong Kong transit cds and equally fine Yokohama arrival on reverse. Evidence of cleaning but a very fine cover to a rare destination from the Australian Colonies. *Route - Private steamship: Departed Sydney 14 March 1889 per "Josephus" via Newcastle to Hong Kong (13 April); by steamer to Yokohama, arriving 23 March 1889 (42 days).* *Note: Three 1880's covers from New South Wales to Japan are recorded, this being the finest.* *(Photo = 241)*	230c	✉	**300**

Incoming mail via the Tasman Sea and Pacific Ocean



SS 'Otago'



3451

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF
3451	1864 (Feb 3): Entire from Auckland, New Zealand to Sydney, New South Wales bearing 1862 New Zealand Chalon 6 d. red-brown, four examples each with close to good margins all round and indistinctly cancelled, prepaying 2 s. for a 2 ounce ship letter to New South Wales. Auckland despatch and Sydney arrival datestamps on the reverse. The entire a tad fragile and with a tear on the top flap from opening, but with fully transcribed contents. A very attractive and charming cover. *Route - Albion Line: Departed Auckland 3 Feb 1864 per "Otago" to Sydney, arriving 8 Feb 1864 (6 days).* *Note: A transcript of the contents is included which relate to the condition of the boilers of the RMS "Armenian" transporting troops from India to New Zealand.*	43	✉	**1'000**
3452	1865 (March 20): Cover from Timaru, New Zealand to Rockhampton, Queensland bearing 1864 New Zealand Chalon 1 d. carmine-vermilion, two examples, one with rounded corner and 2 d. pale blue, two examples, neatly cancelled by barred numeral "5" and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Queensland. The reverse cover flap torn on opening and some light soiling. A rare destination for a New Zealand Chalon cover. Most New Zealand Chalon covers are addressed to New South Wales or Victoria, occasionally to Tasmania, the other colonies are rare. *Route - Contract steamship: Departed Auckland 20 March 1865 per "Salamander" to Sydney (30 March); "City of Brisbane" (31. March) to Brisbane (2 April); "Collaroy" (4 April) to Rockhampton, arriving 7 April 1865 (27 days).* *(Photo = 241)*	110+ 113	✉	**200**



3453

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3453	1877 (Feb 15): Cover from Levuka, Fiji to Melbourne, Victoria bearing 1877 Fiji 1877 6 d. rose 'VR' overprint, neatly cancelled by the rays postmark and prepaying 6 d. for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. Very fine Levuka despatch datestamp at the left and Melbourne arrival on the reverse. The envelope cross written by the addressee at the left and a minor tone spot at the base but scarce. *Route - Pacific Mail Steamship Co: Departed Suva 15 Feb 1877 per "Zealandia" via Auckland (26 Feb) to Sydney (3 March). Australasian Steam Navigation Co: Departed Sydney (4 March) per "City of Melbourne" to Melbourne, arriving 6 March 1877 (20 days).*	33	✉	**600**
3454	1899 (Sept 18): Cover from Apia, Samoa to Sydney, New South Wales bearing 1889 Germany 10pf. carmine, a used vertical pair tied by very fine Apia datestamps and prepaying 20 pf. for a ½ ounce ship letter to New South Wales. Auckland transit and Sydney arrival datestamps on the reverse. Very fine. *Route: Departed Apia 6 Sept 1899 to Auckland (18 Sept). Huddart Parker & Co: Departed Auckland (20 Sept) per "Westralia" to Sydney, arriving 23 Sept 1899 (16 days).* *(Photo = 241)*		✉	**200**



3455

3455	1900 (March 24): Cover from Fusan, Korea to Miranda East, Victoria bearing 1895 Korea 5 p. pale yellow-green and 50 p. deep violet tied by Fusan datestamp and prepaying 55 poon for a ½ ounce ship letter to Victoria. Transit datestamps of Yokohama, Brisbane and Victorian arrival on the reverse. Some minor cover discolouration on the reverse and repaired flap tear. A great rarity from Korea. The only pre-Federation cover recorded from Korea to the Australian Colonies. *Route: Departed Fusan 24 March 1900 by steamer to Nagasaki (17 Apreil) to Hong Kong. Private steamship:: Departed Hong Kong per "Tsinan" via Manilla to Brisbane (8 June); by rail via Sydney to Melbourne (11 June); by rail and overland to Miranda, arriving 13 June 1900 (81 days).*		✉	**500**