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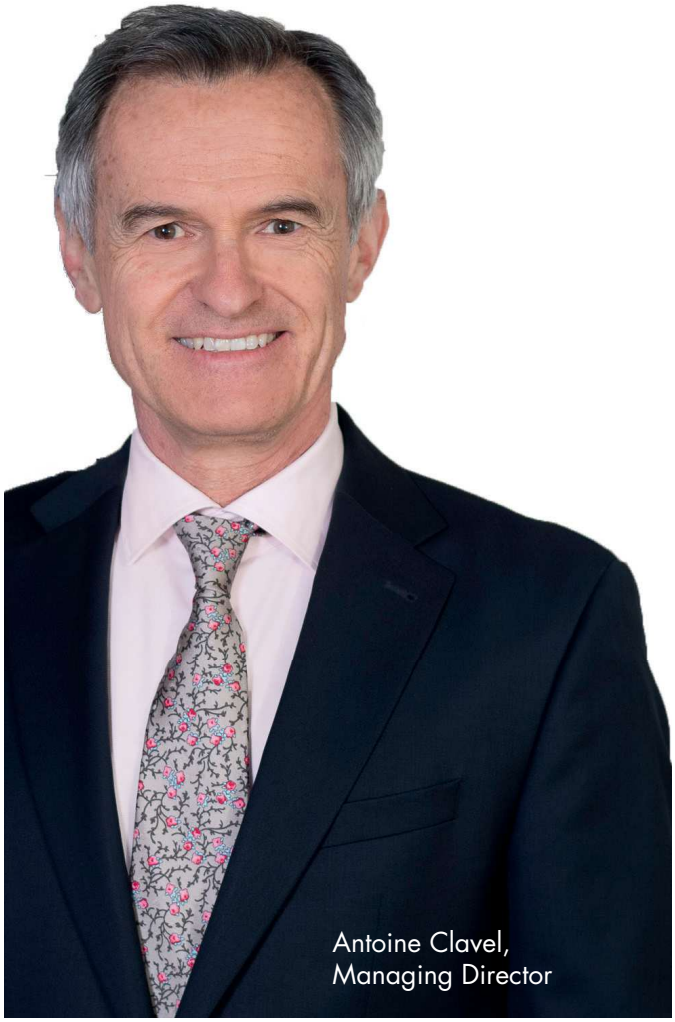
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It was always understood that the collections would one day be sold and that day has now arrived. The time is right and in the best interests of the company, its shareholders and employees. It can also be argued that this is in the best interests of the philatelic world. Camellia has acted as custodian of the material while building the collections over decades. Now the material is to be made available again to philatelists around the world.

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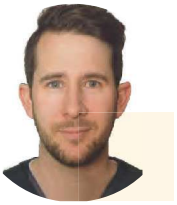
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Thomas Waghorns «Overland Mail» oder: … als der Weg nach Indien über die Wüste führte.

Kaum ein Name ist mit der Entwicklung der internationalen Postbeförderung im 19. Jahrhundert so eng verbunden wie der des Engländers Thomas Fletcher Waghorn (1800–1850).



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Jahrzehnte bevor der Suezkanal die Schifffahrt zwischen Europa und Asien revolutionierte, entwickelte der ehemalige Marineoffizier eine Transportverbindung, die den Postverkehr zwischen Grossbritannien und Indien grundlegend verändern sollte. Seine sog. «Overland Mail» kombinierte Dampfschifffahrt, Flusstransporte und Karawanenwege zu einer bislang unerreichten Schnellverbindung zwischen Europa und dem indischen Subkontinent.

Die heute erhalten gebliebenen Briefe dieser frühen Beförderungsform zählen zu den begehrtesten Objekten der klassischen Postgeschichte. Noch aussergewöhnlicher ist es, wenn sich mehrere Spitzenstücke mit unterschiedlichen Leitwegen, Destinationen und postalischen Besonderheiten in einer einzigen Sammlung befinden. Genau dies trifft auf die «Camellia PLC Collection» zu. Sie vereint vier Briefe, die nicht nur durch ihre ausserordentliche Seltenheit überzeugen, sondern nahezu die gesamte Entwicklung der frühen Waghorn-Route dokumentieren. In ihrer Geschlossenheit dürfte diese Gruppe weltweit einzigartig sein.



Abb. 1: Thomas Fletcher Waghorn (1800–1850) gilt als Begründer der sog. «Overland Mail» über Ägypten. Ölgemälde von Sir George Hayter um 1847.
Vorlage: Wikipedia

Eine schnellere Verbindung nach Indien

Zu Beginn des 19. Jahrhunderts war der Weg von Europa nach Indien lang und beschwerlich. Die gesamte Korrespondenz wurde auf dem Seeweg um das Kap der Guten Hoffnung transportiert. Je nach Jahreszeit, Windverhältnissen und Zwischenstopps dauerte die Reise oftmals mehr als drei Monate, nicht selten sogar vier Monate oder länger. Für Regierung, Militär und Handel bedeutete dies erhebliche Nachteile. Entscheidungen trafen häufig erst Monate nach ihrem eigentlichen Anlass ein.

Thomas Waghorn erkannte früh das Potenzial einer alternativen Verbindung über Ägypten. Seine Idee war ebenso einfach wie revolutionär: Die Post sollte mit Dampfschiffen bis Alexandria gelangen, anschliessend den Nil hinauf und über den Landweg durch die Wüste bis Suez transportiert werden. Von dort konnten Dampfschiffe auf dem Roten Meer ihre Reise nach Indien fortsetzen. Obwohl die Strecke zwischen Alexandria und Suez logistisch anspruchsvoll war, verkürzte sich die Gesamtbeförderungszeit erheblich. Die Overland Route entwickelte sich innerhalb weniger Jahre zur bevorzugten Verbindung für besonders eilbedürftige Sendungen.

Dabei war Waghorns Unternehmen keineswegs unumstritten. Britische und französische Interessen konkurrierten um die Kontrolle der Verkehrswege, hinzu kamen unterschiedliche Postverwaltungen und private Beförderungsunternehmen. Immer wieder mussten improvisierte Lösungen gefunden werden, wenn Schiffsverbindungen ausfielen oder Fahrpläne nicht eingehalten werden konnten. Gerade diese Übergangszeit macht die erhaltenen Briefe heute so faszinierend: Jeder einzelne dokumentiert eine individuelle Beförderungsgeschichte. Die Briefe wurden dadurch zu Zeugnissen einer Zeit, in der internationale Postbeförderung noch keineswegs standardisiert war.

Ein aussergewöhnliches Ensemble

Briefe der Overland Mail strahlen für postgeschichtlich interessierte Sammler eine besondere Faszination aus. Die Camellia-Sammlung zeichnet sich darüber hinaus durch eine weitere Besonderheit aus: Sie dokumentiert unterschiedliche Entwicklungsphasen der Route anhand von vier Spitzenstücken zwischen 1836 und 1840. Die Briefe verlaufen sowohl ostwärts nach Indien als auch westwärts nach Europa und zeigen verschiedene Varianten der Beförderung sowie unterschiedliche postalische Vermerke und Leitstempel.

Bemerkenswert ist dabei auch ihre Provenienz. Mehrere der Briefe gehörten zu den berühmtesten postgeschichtlichen Sammlungen des 20. Jahrhunderts und sind seit Jahrzehnten in der Fachliteratur bekannt. Einzelne Stücke gelten



Missionsbrief von Kalkutta nach London vom 23. November 1836 mit dem Stempel «CARE OF MR. WAGHORN/COSSIER». Grosse Seltenheit.

als Referenzobjekte ihres Sammelgebietes, andere existieren nur in zwei bekannten Exemplaren oder stellen sogar Unikate hinsichtlich ihrer Destination dar. Die folgenden vier Briefe zeigen eindrucksvoll, weshalb dieses Ensemble von Spezialisten als die bedeutendste erhaltene Gruppe von Waghorn-Belegen angesehen wird.

Ein Missionsbrief schreibt Postgeschichte

Der früheste der vier Briefe stammt aus dem Jahr 1836 – einer Zeit, in der Waghorns «Overland Mail» noch weit davon entfernt war, ein etablierter Postweg zu sein. Vielmehr handelte es sich um ein ehrgeiziges Experiment, dessen Erfolg von zahlreichen Unwägbarkeiten abhing. Feste Fahrpläne existierten ebenso wenig wie vertraglich geregelte Transportketten. Händler, Schiffsführer und Privatpersonen mussten häufig improvisieren, damit die Sendungen überhaupt ihr Ziel erreichten.

Gerade deshalb besitzen erhaltene Briefe aus dieser frühen Phase eine ausserordentliche Bedeutung. Sie dokumentieren den Aufbau einer völlig neuen Verkehrsverbindung zwischen Europa und Indien und erlauben es, die einzelnen Transportetappen nahezu lückenlos nachzuvollziehen.

Der erste hier vorgestellte Brief entstand am 23. November 1836 in Kalkutta. Es handelt sich um einen umfangreichen Missionsbrief an die London Missionary Society, der den handschriftlichen Vermerk «By Overland Conveyance» trägt – ein Hinweis darauf, dass der Absender bewusst den neuartigen Landweg über Ägypten gewählt hatte.

Bereits der weitere Beförderungsverlauf macht deutlich, wie aufwendig diese Route damals noch organisiert werden musste. Zunächst wurde der Brief an Bord des privaten Segelschiffes «Fyzul Kurreem» von Kalkutta nach Cosseir am Roten Meer transportiert. Von dort führte der Weg vermutlich auf dem Landweg durch die ägyptische Wüste bis zum Nil und anschliessend weiter nach Alexandria, bevor die Sendung Marseille und schliesslich London erreichte. Gerade diese improvisierten Transportabschnitte machen frühe Waghorn-Briefe heute zu faszinierenden Zeugnissen der Verkehrsgeschichte.

Besonders bemerkenswert sind die zahlreichen postalischen Spuren, die diese aussergewöhnliche Reise bis heute dokumentieren. Bei der Ankunft in Marseille wurde der Brief – wie damals bei Sendungen aus dem Orient üblich – desinfiziert. Die charakteristischen Schlitze sowie der zweizeilige Stempel «PURIFIÉ AU LAZARET/MARSEILLE» erinnern noch heute an die strengen Quarantänevorschriften jener Zeit. Hinzu kommen der französische Eingangsstempel «PAS D'OUTREMER» sowie die britischen Taxvermerke, welche die komplexe Gebührenberechnung für den internationalen Transport nachvollziehbar machen.

Von besonderem Interesse ist ausserdem der Inhalt des Schreibens. Darin berichtet der Verfasser Thomas Boaz, dass sich überraschend die Gelegenheit ergeben habe, einen Bericht rund zwei Monate früher als auf dem herkömmlichen Seeweg nach England zu senden. Zwei Kaufleute hätten sich bereit erklärt, die Post über Land nach Suez weiterzuleiten – ein eindrucksvoller Beleg dafür, wie eng private Initiative und die frühen Anfänge der Overland Mail miteinander verbunden waren.

Was den Brief ausserdem besonders macht, ist die Tatsache, dass mit diesem Beleg der schwarze Waghorn-Stempel «CARE OF MR. WAGHORN/ COSSIER» entdeckt wurde. Dieser ist erst seit 1939 bekannt. Bis heute ist nur ein weiteres Exemplar mit diesem Stempel registriert. Damit zählt dieser Brief zweifellos zu den bedeutendsten Zeugnissen der frühen Waghorn-Post überhaupt. Seine Aufnahme in zahlreiche Standardwerke der Overland-Mail-Literatur unterstreicht diese herausragende Stellung zusätzlich.

Die Overland Mail etabliert sich

Nur wenige Jahre später hatte sich Waghorns Beförderungssystem bereits deutlich weiterentwickelt. Dies zeigt der zweite Brief der Sammlung, der am 15. Januar 1840 in London aufgegeben wurde und an einen Empfänger in Madras gerichtet war.

Während der Missionsbrief von 1836 noch den Charakter eines Pionierunternehmens erkennen lässt, präsentiert sich dieser Beleg bereits als Teil eines zunehmend organisierten Verkehrsnetzes. Besonders augenfällig ist der sauber abgeschlagene Leitstempel «CARE OF MESSRS. WAGHORN & Co./LONDON ALEXANDRIA», ergänzt durch den ebenfalls hervorragend erhaltenen Hinweis «PER FRENCH STEAMER/VIA MARSEILLES». Beide Stempel dokumentieren den vorgesehenen Transport über die französische Mittelmeerlinie nach Alexandria und verdeutlichen zugleich die enge Verzahnung britischer und französischer Verkehrswege.

Interessanterweise entstand dieser Brief in einer Phase des Umbruchs. Die Bedeutung von Waghorns eigenem Unternehmen begann bereits abzunehmen, weil französische Dampfschiffe



Brief von London nach Madras vom 15. Januar 1840, mit Leitstempeln «CARE OF MESSRS. WAGHORN & Co.» und «PER FRENCH STEAMER/VIA MARSEILLES».

inzwischen eine direkte Verbindung zwischen Marseille und Alexandria anboten. Dennoch blieb die eigentliche Beförderung östlich von Suez weiterhin von den komplizierten Fahrplänen und den örtlichen Transportmöglichkeiten abhängig. Der vorliegende Brief benötigte trotz der verbesserten Infrastruktur noch 66 Tage, bis er Madras erreichte – aus heutiger Sicht lang, damals jedoch eine erhebliche Zeitersparnis gegenüber der traditionellen Route um das Kap der Guten Hoffnung.

Auch dieser Beleg besitzt eine aussergewöhnliche Provenienz. Er gehörte einst zur Sammlung von Frederick Rowland Hill, dem Sohn des berühmten britischen Postreformers Sir Rowland Hill, und wurde 1989 bei Christie's sogar auf dem Titelblatt des Auktionskataloges abgebildet. Solche Herkunftsnachweise sind in der klassischen Postgeschichte weit mehr als eine Randnotiz – sie dokumentieren die jahrzehntelange Wertschätzung eines Stückes innerhalb der internationalen Spitzensammlerszene.

Obwohl mehrere ostwärts gerichtete Waghorn-Briefe bekannt sind, zählt dieses Exemplar aufgrund seiner hervorragenden Erhaltung, der klaren Stempel und seiner prominenten Provenienz zu den schönsten erhaltenen Belegen der frühen Overland Mail.

Zwei Briefe aus dem Jahr 1839

Die beiden folgenden Briefe entstanden im Abstand von nur wenigen Wochen und dokumentieren eindrucksvoll, welchen Herausforderungen sich Thomas Waghorn täglich stellen musste. Obwohl die Overland-Route inzwischen zunehmend etabliert war, blieb ihr Erfolg vollständig von der Pünktlichkeit der Schiffsverbindungen im Mittelmeer und im Roten Meer abhängig. Schon geringe Verzögerungen konnten den gesamten Fahrplan durcheinanderbringen.

Gerade in solchen Situationen zeigte sich Waghorns aussergewöhnliches Organisationstalent. Statt auf die nächste planmässige Verbindung zu warten, griff er auf private Transportmöglichkeiten zurück und sorgte persönlich dafür, dass die Post ihr Ziel möglichst schnell erreichte. Die beiden Briefe aus der Camellia-Sammlung dokumentieren diese Phase der Improvisation in beeindruckender Weise und gehören deshalb zu den bedeutendsten Zeugnissen der frühen Overland Mail.



Eine Rettungsaktion

Der erste Brief wurde am 9. August 1839 im nordindischen Agra aufgegeben. Es handelt sich um ein Schreiben eines italienischen Missionars nach Lyon, das bereits durch seinen vorgedruckten Briefkopf «Forwarded by Mr. Waghorn's Agra Agency» erkennen lässt, dass die Beförderung vollständig über das von Waghorn aufgebaute Agenturnetz erfolgen sollte.

Der Brief wurde zunächst nach Bombay geleitet und dort an Bord des Dampfschiffes «Berenice» gebracht, das am 13. September Richtung Suez auslief. Nach der Ankunft am Roten Meer schien zunächst alles den üblichen Weg zu nehmen: Die Sendung wurde an das französische Postamt übergeben und erhielt den Stempel «PAQUEBOTS DE LA MÉDITERRANÉE», der ihre Weiterbeförderung mit der französischen Mittelmeerpost dokumentierte. Doch genau an dieser Stelle nahm die Geschichte eine unerwartete Wendung.

Durch Verzögerungen im Schiffsverkehr drohte die wertvolle Post ihren Anschluss zu verlieren. Thomas Waghorn entschied sich deshalb zu einem aussergewöhnlichen Schritt. Gegen den ausdrücklichen Widerstand britischer Behörden in Alexandria organisierte er den Weitertransport kurzerhand selbst und brachte die Post an Bord des ägyptischen Dampfschiffes «Generoso». Damit übernahm er persönlich Verantwortung für die Weiterbeförderung nach Europa – ein bemerkenswertes Beispiel für seinen unermüdlichen Einsatz, die Laufzeiten seiner Route möglichst kurz zu halten.

Die Reise endete schliesslich über Marseille in Lyon. Trotz aller Schwierigkeiten benötigte der Brief

Brief eines italienischen Missionars von Agra nach Lyon (1839). Der Brief wurde nach Verzögerungen von Thomas Waghorn persönlich an Bord des Dampfers «Generoso» weitergeleitet.



Der einzige bekannte Brief nach Italien (Livorno, 1839) dokumentiert die private Weiterbeförderung durch Waghorn nach Verzögerungen im Mittelmeerverkehr.

lediglich 77 Tage – ein bemerkenswertes Ergebnis angesichts der damaligen Verkehrsverhältnisse.

Besonders reizvoll ist dabei die Vielzahl postalischer Vermerke, die den aussergewöhnlichen Transport dokumentieren. Neben dem hervorragend erhaltenen Agenturstempel «To the care of Mr. Waghorn» finden sich zahlreiche Taxvermerke, Leitangaben und französische Transitstempel, die den komplizierten Laufweg heute nahezu lückenlos nachvollziehbar machen.

Auch dieser Brief gehört zu den grossen Seltenheiten der klassischen Overland Mail. Seine ungewöhnliche Beförderung ausserhalb der ursprünglich vorgesehenen französischen Postverbindung macht ihn zu einem Schlüsselstück der Waghorn-Forschung. Nur wenige Belege dokumentieren dieses aussergewöhnliche Eingreifen Thomas Waghorns so eindrucksvoll.

Ein Unikat mit Ziel Italien

Nicht minder beeindruckend erscheint der zweite Brief derselben Beförderungsperiode. Er wurde am 2. September 1839 in Madras aufgegeben und war an einen Empfänger im italienischen Livorno (Leghorn) adressiert. Auch dieses Schreiben gelangte zunächst nach Bombay und wurde dort auf die «Berenice» verladen. Wie beim zuvor beschriebenen Brief erhielt die Sendung nach der Ankunft in Ägypten den französischen Stempel «PAQUEBOTS DE LA MÉDITERRANÉE». Und erneut verhinderten Verzögerungen den ursprünglich vorgesehenen Transport.

Wie bekannt, griff Thomas Waghorn persönlich ein. Gemeinsam mit weiteren Postsendungen liess er auch diesen Brief auf die «Generoso» umladen und gelangte so nach Europa und schliesslich an sein Ziel. Nach heutigem Forschungsstand handelt es sich um den einzigen bekannten Waghorn-Brief mit Destination Italien. Damit nimmt er innerhalb der gesamten Overland Mail eine absolute Sonderstellung ein.

Neben seiner Einzigartigkeit überzeugt der Brief durch seine hervorragende Dokumentation des Laufweges. Die zahlreichen Taxvermerke, Transitstempel sowie die Ankunft in Livorno am 30. Oktober 1839 lassen die Reise Schritt für Schritt nachvollziehen. Trotz der unvorhergesehenen Umleitung betrug die Laufzeit lediglich 59 Tage – ein eindrucksvoller Beleg für die Leistungsfähigkeit der neuen Route.

Gemeinsam dokumentieren die zwei Briefe nicht nur die organisatorischen Herausforderungen der frühen Overland Mail, sondern auch die Entschlossenheit Thomas Waghorns, seine Vision einer schnellen Verbindung zwischen Europa und Indien zu verwirklichen.

Fazit

Die hier vorgestellten Briefe umfassen lediglich einen kleinen Ausschnitt der umfangreichen Sammlung. Dennoch verdeutlichen sie eindrucksvoll, weshalb diese Kollektion unter Spezialisten einen aussergewöhnlichen Ruf geniesst. Jeder einzelne Beleg dokumentiert einen entscheidenden Abschnitt der frühen Overland Mail, gemeinsam erzählen sie die Geschichte einer Verkehrsverbindung, die den Austausch zwischen Europa und Indien nachhaltig verändern sollte.

Chronologisch spannen die Briefe den Bogen von den ersten noch experimentellen Beförderungen der Jahre 1836 bis zu den bereits weit entwickelten Transportabläufen um 1840. Sie dokumentieren unterschiedliche Leitwege, verschiedenste Stempel und postalische Vermerke sowie das Zusammenspiel der Beförderungsdienste von Europa bis Asien. Gleichzeitig lassen sich an ihnen die stetigen Bemühungen Thomas Waghorns nachvollziehen, die Laufzeiten weiter zu verkürzen und den Transport auch unter schwierigen Bedingungen zuverlässig sicherzustellen.

Gerade diese Vielfalt macht den besonderen Reiz der Gruppe aus. Es handelt sich nicht um vier isolierte Spitzenstücke, sondern um ein aussergewöhnlich geschlossenes Ensemble, das die Entwicklung der Overland Mail anhand herausragender Originalbelege dokumentiert. Mit ihrer Versteigerung im November bei Corinphila in Zürich gelangen die Briefe aus der Camellia Sammlung nun erstmals seit langer Zeit wieder auf den Markt und bieten Museen, Forschungseinrichtungen und spezialisierten Sammlern eine aussergewöhnliche Erwerbsmöglichkeit. Die Auktion ist daher weit mehr als der Verkauf einiger seltener Briefe. Sie macht bedeutende Quellen zur Entstehung einer der wichtigsten Verkehrsverbindungen des 19. Jahrhunderts wieder zugänglich. ●



«Berenice».

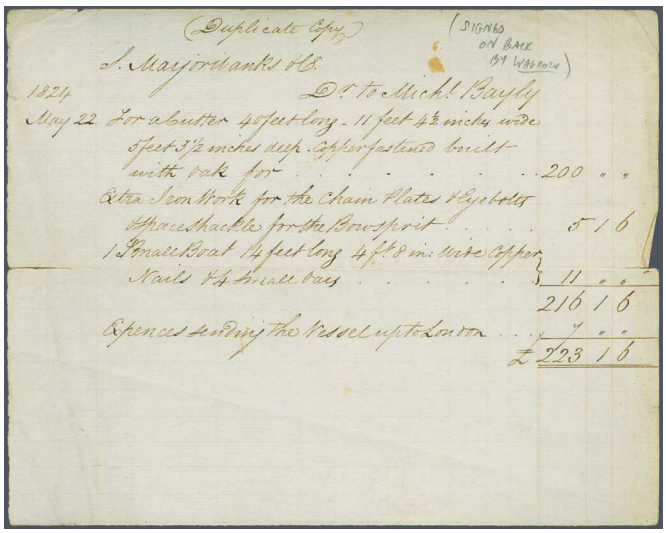
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On the way to Suez

The Genesis of the Waghorn Mails 1827-1835


(Duplicate Copy) (SIGNED ON BACK BY WAGHORN)

J. Mayor and Banks Esqrs

1824 D.o to Michl Bayly

May 22 For a Cutter 40 feet long - 11 feet 4½ inches wide 5 feet 3½ inches deep. Copper fastened built with Oak for . . . . . 200 " "

Extra Iron Work for the Chain Plates & Eye bolts & Shrouds hackles for the Bowsprit 5 16

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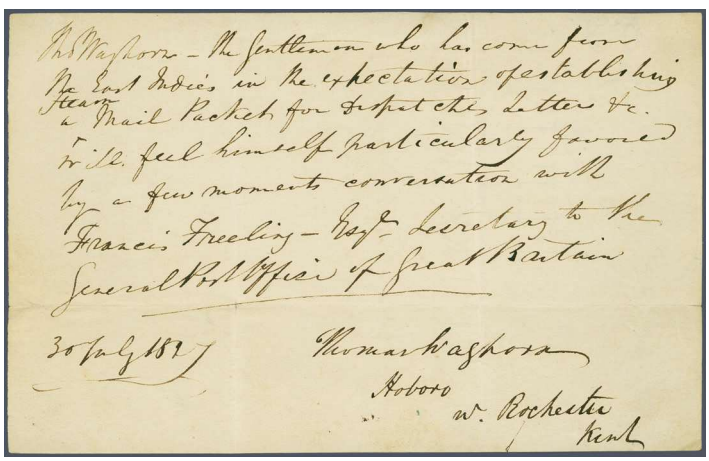
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Thomas Fletcher Waghorn

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Mr Waghorn - The Gentleman who has come from the East Indies in the expectation of establishing a Steam Mail Packet for dispatching Letters &c. will feel himself particularly favored by a few moments conversation with Francis Freeling - Esqr. Secretary to the General Post Office of Great Britain

30 July 1827 Thomas Waghorn

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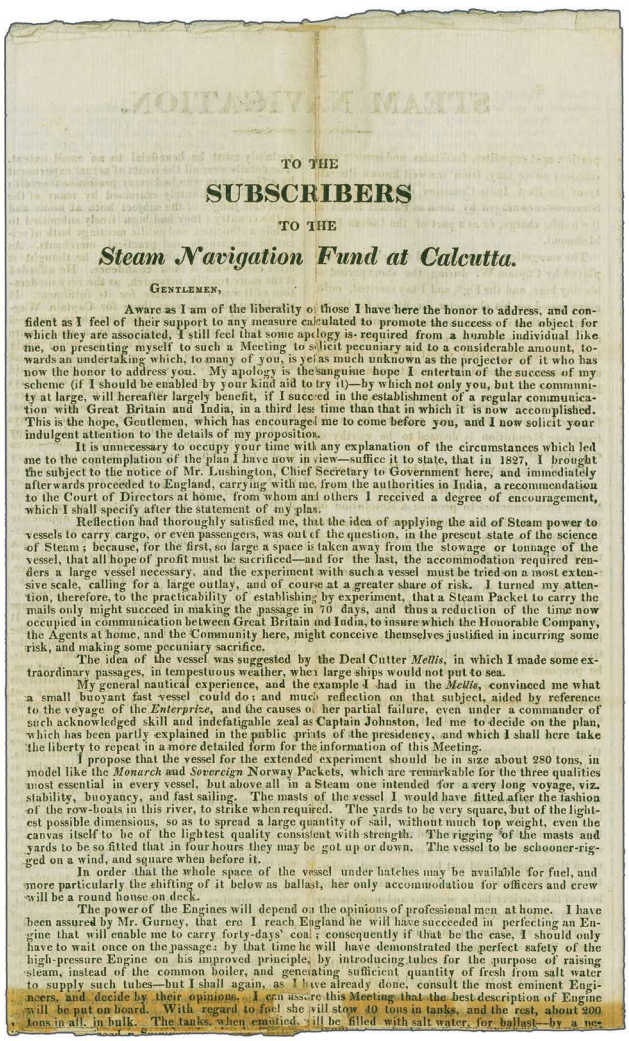
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Sir Francis Freeling

5002 1827 (July 30): Note to Francis Freeling: *"Thos. Waghorn, the gentleman who has come from the East Indies in the expectation of establishing a Mail Packet for dispatching letters etc, will feel himself particularly favoured by a few moments conversation with Francis Freeling Esq., Secretary to the General Post Office of Great Britain"* dated at base and signed *"Thomas Waghorn, Hoboro, nr. Rochester, Kent"*. Freeling's note to the Postmaster General (Aug 3) was: *'We can have nothing to do with the establishment of Steam vessels to India and consequently cannot "patronize" the undertaking of this gentleman. It appears to be a wild scheme...the question appears to be one exclusively for the East India Company"*. It appears that the East India Company also believed the scheme was not only wild but prohibitively expensive.
Note: See "Overland Mail" by J.K. Sidebottom pages 18 and 19, where this initial offer from Waghorn is further discussed. ✉ **150**



TO THE

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TO THE

Steam Navigation Fund at Calcutta.

GENTLEMEN,

Aware as I am of the liberality of those I have here the honor to address, and confident as I feel of their support to any measure calculated to promote the success of the object for which they are associated, I still feel that some apology is required from a humble individual like me, on presenting myself to such a Meeting to solicit pecuniary aid to a considerable amount, towards an undertaking which, to many of you, is yet as much unknown as the projecter of it who has now the honor to address you. My apology is the sanguine hope I entertain of the success of my scheme (if I should be enabled by your kind aid to try it)—by which not only you, but the community at large, will hereafter largely benefit, if I succeed in the establishment of a regular communication with Great Britain and India, in a third less time than that in which it is now accomplished. This is the hope, Gentlemen, which has encouraged me to come before you, and I now solicit your indulgent attention to the details of my proposition.

It is unnecessary to occupy your time with any explanation of the circumstances which led me to the contemplation of the plan I have now in view—suffice it to state, that in 1827, I brought the subject to the notice of Mr. Lushington, Chief Secretary to Government here, and immediately afterwards proceeded to England, carrying with me, from the authorities in India, a recommendation to the Court of Directors at home, from whom and others I received a degree of encouragement, which I shall specify after the statement of my plan.

Reflection had thoroughly satisfied me, that the idea of applying the aid of Steam power to vessels to carry cargo, or even passengers, was out of the question, in the present state of the science of Steam; because, for the first, so large a space is taken away from the stowage or tonnage of the vessel, that all hope of profit must be sacrificed—and for the last, the accommodation required renders a large vessel necessary, and the experiment with such a vessel must be tried on a most extensive scale, calling for a large outlay, and of course at a greater share of risk. I turned my attention, therefore, to the practicability of establishing by experiment, that a Steam Packet to carry the mails only might succeed in making the passage in 70 days, and thus a reduction of the time now occupied in communication between Great Britain and India, to insure which the Honorable Company, the Agents at home, and the Community here, might conceive themselves justified in incurring some risk, and making some pecuniary sacrifice.

The idea of the vessel was suggested by the Deal Cutter *Mellis*, in which I made some extraordinary passages, in tempestuous weather, when large ships would not put to sea.

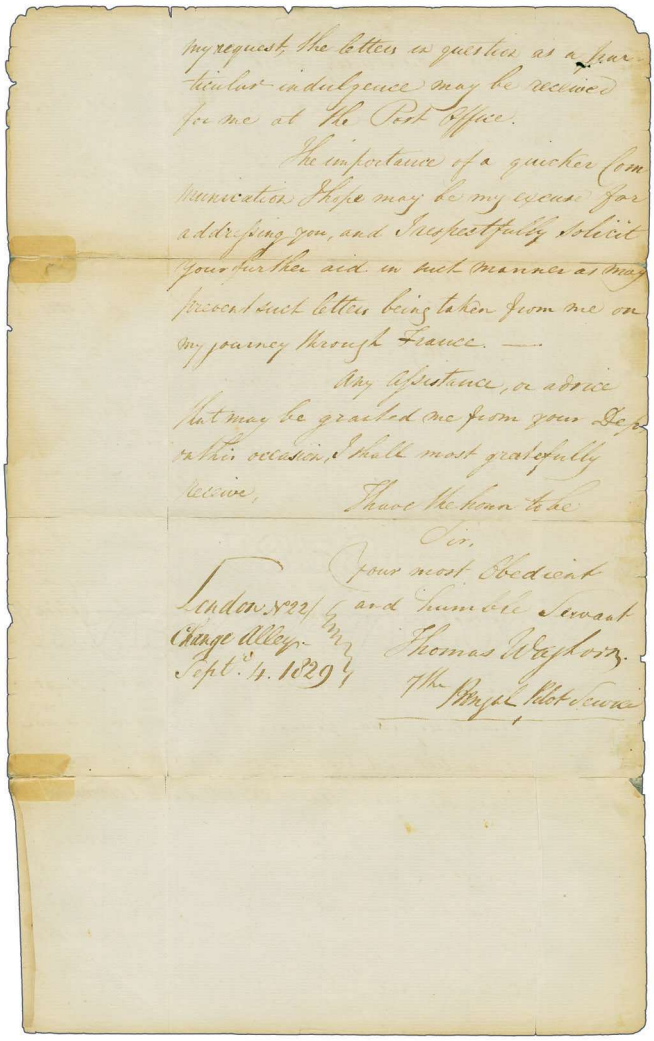
My general nautical experience, and the example I had in the *Mellis*, convinced me what a small buoyant fast vessel could do; and much reflection on that subject, aided by reference to the voyage of the *Enterprize*, and the causes of her partial failure, even under a commander of such acknowledged skill and indefatigable zeal as Captain Johnston, led me to decide on the plan, which has been partly explained in the public prints of the presidency, and which I shall here take the liberty to repeat in a more detailed form for the information of this Meeting.

I propose that the vessel for the extended experiment should be in size about 280 tons, in model like the *Monarch* and *Sovereign* Norway Packets, which are remarkable for the three qualities most essential in every vessel, but above all in a Steam one intended for a very long voyage, viz. stability, buoyancy, and fast sailing. The masts of the vessel I would have fitted after the fashion of the row-boats in this river, to strike when required. The yards to be very square, but of the lightest possible dimensions, so as to spread a large quantity of sail, without much top weight, even the canvas itself to be of the lightest quality consistent with strength. The rigging of the masts and yards to be so fitted that in four hours they may be got up or down. The vessel to be schooner-rigged on a wind, and square when before it.

In order that the whole space of the vessel under hatches may be available for fuel, and more particularly the shifting of it below as ballast, her only accommodation for officers and crew will be a round house on deck.

The power of the Engines will depend on the opinions of professional men at home. I have been assured by Mr. Gurney, that ere I reach England he will have succeeded in perfecting an Engine that will enable me to carry forty-days' coal; consequently if that be the case, I should only have to wait once on the passage: by that time he will have demonstrated the perfect safety of the high-pressure Engine on his improved principle, by introducing tubes for the purpose of raising steam, instead of the common boiler, and generating sufficient quantity of fresh from salt water to supply such tubes—but I shall again, as I have already done, consult the most eminent Engineers, and decide by their opinions. I can assure this Meeting that the best description of Engine will be put on board. With regard to fuel she will stow 40 tons in tanks, and the rest, about 200 tons in all, in bulk. The tanks, when emptied, will be filled with salt water, for ballast—by a ne-

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my request the letters in question as a particular indulgence may be received for me at the Post Office.

The importance of a quicker communication I hope may be my excuse for addressing you, and I respectfully solicit your further aid in such manner as may prevent such letters being taken from me on my journey through France. —

Any assistance, or advice that may be granted me from your Office on this occasion, I shall most gratefully receive,

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient
and humble Servant
Thomas Waghorn
of the Bengal Pilot Service

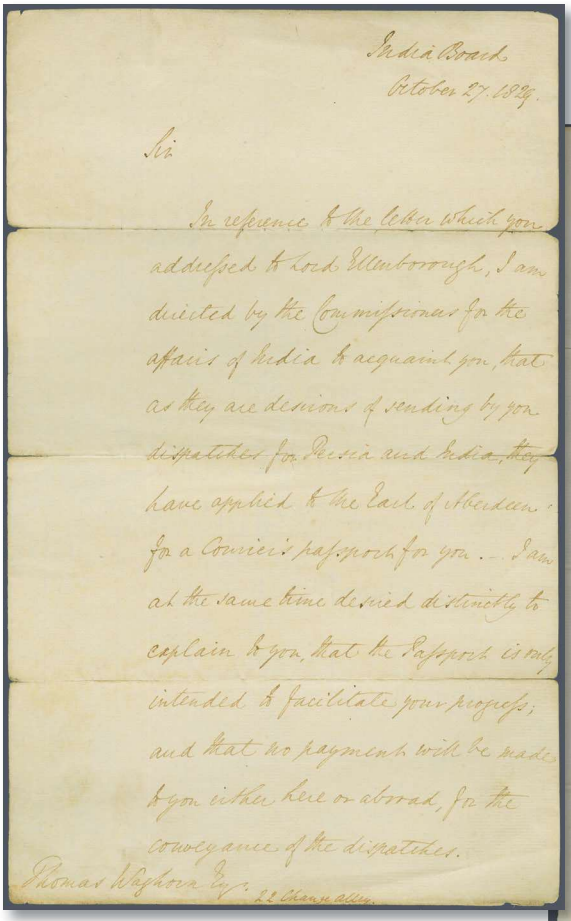
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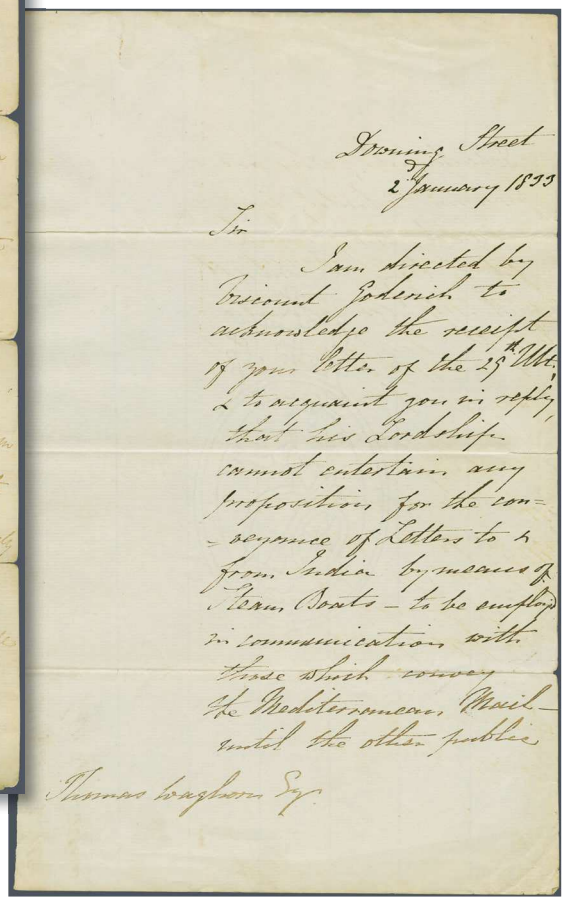
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5003	1828 (July 30): Printed broadsheet *"To the Subscribers to the Steam Navigation Fund at Calcutta"* with Waghorn's address made to the merchants of Madras with proposals for steam navigation via the Cape of Good Hope - carrying the Mails only in a time of just 70 days, with the idea both proposed and seconded by the board stating the idea was to be encouraged. Central folds, some splitting and staining but a rare survivor with the full speech and comments. *Note: Waghorn's address is reprinted in full in "Overland Mail" by J. K. Sidebottom on pages 20-28.*		**150**
5004	1829 (Sept 4): Letter from Thomas Waghorn to Francis Freeling, once again endeavouring to interest the General Post Office for support, stating that in October 1829 he planned to leave England to meet the *"Enterprise"* steamer expected to arrive at Suez from Bombay and asking to be entrusted for the Mails for India. Fresh, fine and very readable *"I now voluntarily come forward to gain, from personal observations, the difficulties or otherwise that may attend the Red Sea communication"*; this being an important switch from the Cape route to the via Suez route for Waghorn. Fully dated and signed at base *"Thomas Waghorn of the Bengal Pilot Service, London, No. 22 Change Alley"*. *Note: This letter from Waghorn is reprinted in full in "Overland Mail" by J. K. Sidebottom on page 35. Sidebottom states this letter was formerly in the GPO records.* *Provenance: Cavendish, Derby, 22 Sept 2004, lot 1006.*	(✉)	**500**



Downing Street in London



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5005 1829 (Oct 27): In October 1829 aware that the *"Enterprize"* Steamer would be at Suez in December, Waghorn offered his services to take mails for Bombay but was refused out of hand by the Post Office. Autographed letter-sheet from one R.S. Jones at the India Board to Thomas Waghorn at 22 Change Alley, London stating that the Commissioners for the Affairs of India *"are desirous of sending by you dispatches for Persia and India, they have applied to the Earl of Aberdeen for a Courrier Passport for you..."* and that *"no payment will be made to you either here or abroad..."*. An early example of the direction Waghorn's thoughts were taking. Some cracked creases but rare.
Note 1: See "Overland Mail" by J.K. Sidebottom, pages 34-39. ✉ **200**

5006 1831 (Sept 30): Autographed letter from 10 Downing Street, London to Waghorn from Viscount Goderich's secretary thanking him for his recent communication addressed to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury respecting his proposal for Steam Navigation between Great Britain and India; addressed at base to Waghorn on H.M. Steam Vessel *"African"* at Woolwich (see "Overland Mail" by J.K. Sidebottom, page 50) and an 1832 (Sept 25) autographed letter from 10 Downing Street, London to Waghorn again from Viscount Goderich's secretary stating that the Office could not help with Waghorn's promotion to Lieutenant, with Waghorn's address at base on *"HMS Firebrand"* at Falmouth; and an 1833 letter from the Colonial Office in Downing Street turning down his appeal regarding Steam Vessels to India (see Sidebottom pages 55-58) stating they could not consider it until other Departments di so - the Post Office had flatly rejected the scheme. A rare trio.
Provenance: Cavendish, Derby, 6 March 2013, lot 318. ✉ **300**



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5007 1833 (Feb 1): Entire letter from the Glasgow East India Association to Thomas Waghorn at 39 Cornhill, London, sent by hand from Glasgow and posted unpaid with framed "T.P. / Charing Cross" with handstruck "2" handstamp adjacent in black; with arrival (Feb 4) in red on reverse. Letter states *"in substance your intention of doing all in your power towards promoting a general communication between England and India and that you intend to settle in Egypt with that object..."*. Closed tear to front panel which should be sensibly restored, but a rare early endorsement for the Overland Route - sold together with a letter sheet dated 17 March 1832 from Mr. Hyde Villiers to Thomas Waghorn asking him to please attend a meeting with the India Board on *"the subject of Steam Communication with India"*.
Provenance: Cavendish, Derby, 6 March 2013, lot 318. ✉ **200**

5008 1835 (Sept 18): Entire letter from Thomas Waghorn at Snodland Island Cottage to P. Stewart of Smith Elder & Co. his Agents's in town at Cornhill, London detailing the alternative arrangements Waghorn will make in case the Admiralty will not allow their Steamers to carry his periodicals *("I will write to the Admiralty asking them to authorise one hundred pounds weight of periodicals to receive on board the Falmouth Packets")* directed to himself in Egypt for the accomodation of the public in India - if refused he will trust to the leave of the Commanders of the Steamers themselves *("I am pretty certain of obtaining this through Lieut. Baldock at Falmouth")*; the letter signed and dated at base. Struck with "Maidstone" cds in black (Sept 18) and prepaid *"7d."* in red manuscript with London "Paid" arrival in red (Sept 19). A fine and scarce entire.
Provenance: Collection Kurt Wolfsbauer, DF, Geneva, 4 Dec 2002, lot 31787. ✉ **200**

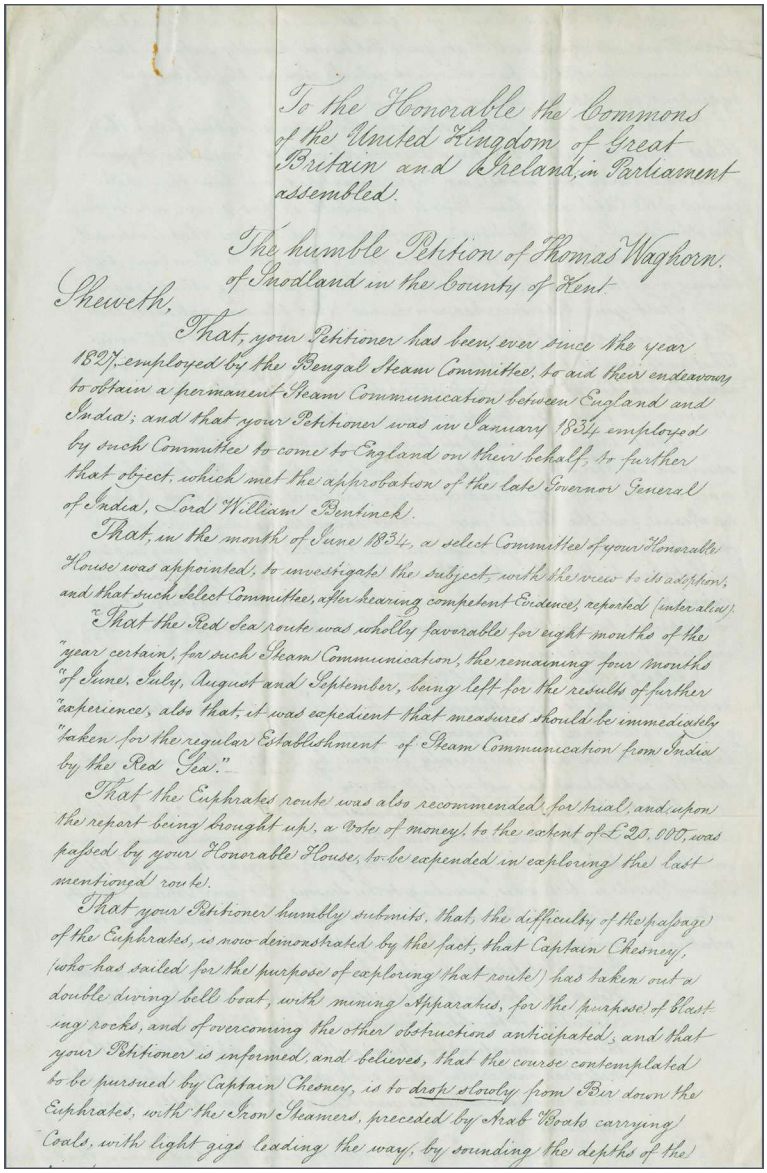


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The Bull & Mouth

5009 1835 (Nov 2): Local entire letter, signed and dated from Thomas Waghorn staying at the "Bull & Mouth", Aldersgate St., London to William Haslam in Copthall Court, *"¼ of an hour before leaving London"*, stating *"May you be happy and prosperous is the sincere wish of one who if he ever returns to England may yet find hours of social pleasure in your good company..."*. A fine and appealing entire. ✉ **200**



To the Honorable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled.

The humble Petition of Thomas Waghorn, of Chodland in the County of Kent.

Sheweth,

That, your Petitioner has been, ever since the year 1827, employed by the Bengal Steam Committee, to aid their endeavours to obtain a permanent Steam Communication between England and India; and that your Petitioner was in January 1834, employed by such Committee to come to England on their behalf, to further that object, which met the approbation of the late Governor General of India, Lord William Bentinck.

That, in the month of June 1834, a select Committee of your Honorable House was appointed, to investigate the subject, with the view to its adoption, and that such Select Committee, after hearing competent Evidences, reported (inter alia),

"That the Red Sea route was wholly favorable for eight months of the "year certain, for such Steam Communication, the remaining four months "of June, July, August and September, being left for the results of further "experience, also that, it was expedient that measures should be immediately "taken for the regular Establishment of Steam Communication from India "by the Red Sea."

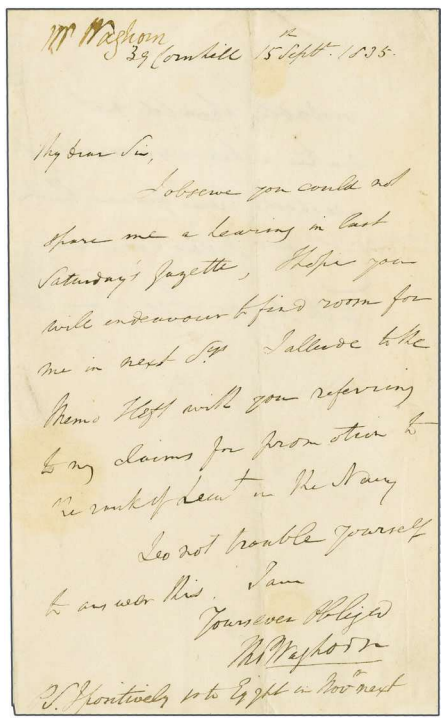
That the Euphrates route was also recommended for trial, and upon the report being brought up, a Vote of money, to the extent of £20,000, was passed by your Honorable House, to be expended in exploring the last mentioned route.

That your Petitioner humbly submits, that the difficulty of the passage of the Euphrates, is now demonstrated by the fact, that Captain Chesney, (who has sailed for the purpose of exploring that route) has taken out a double diving bell boat, with mining Apparatus, for the purpose of blasting rocks, and of overcoming the other obstructions anticipated; and that your Petitioner is informed, and believes, that the course contemplated to be pursued by Captain Chesney, is to drop slowly from Bir down the Euphrates, with the Iron Steamers, preceded by Arab Boats carrying Coals, with light gigs leading the way, by sounding the depths of the

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Thomas Fletcher Waghorn



W Waghorn 39 Cornhill 15 Sept. 1835.

My dear Sir,

Lobserve you could not spare me a Leaving in last Saturday's Gazette, I hope you will endeavour to find room for me in next Sat. I allude to the Items left with you referring to my claims for promotion to the rank of Lieut in the Navy

Do not trouble yourself to answer this. I am

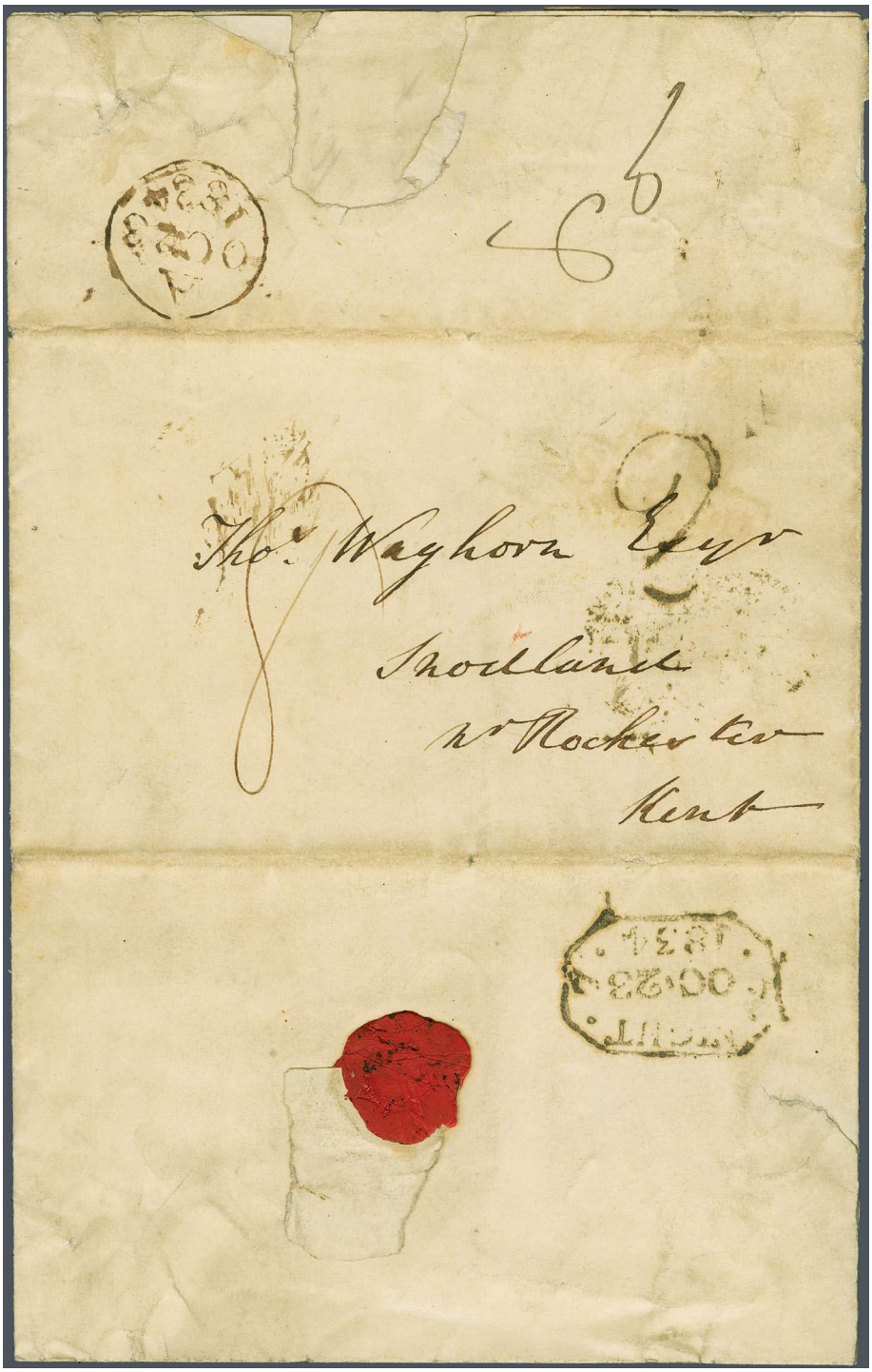
Yours very Obliged

W Waghorn

P.S. I continue to go to Egypt as before

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5010	1836: Entire written by a scribe in copperplate, being the humble petition of Thomas Waghorn, a memorial stating his original ideas for the Overland Mail, and mentioning his employment by the Bengal Steam Committee, the approbation of Lord William Bentinck, and that the Red Sea route was wholly favourable for 8 months of the year whilst the unsatisfactory Captain Chesney Euphrates route had been subsidised to the tune of £20'000 even though numerous machines had to be used (especially at Bir in Iraq) to level the waters; and that the united prayer of England and India is for rapid Steam Communication and that he, Waghorn promises that the route from Falmouth via the Red Sea could be done regularly in 56 days. A superb epistle which was again turned down - but then no Government Committee, just like in the present day, likes to be proved wrong. A wonderful letter. *Provenance: Cavendish, Derby, 6 March 2013, lot 322.*	✉	**750**
5011	1829/35: Letters from Lieutenant Thomas Waghorn with 1829 (May 1) letter to Mr. Godwin at the Library, Milsom Street, stating that copies of Waghorn's speech at the Assembly Rooms are available "gratis" to anyone interested about India; a signed and dated 1835 (Sept 15) letter to Sir John Phillipart, editor of the Naval & Military Gazette concerning his promotion to Lieutenant in the Navy; a signed and dated 1835 (Oct 6) letter from an indignant Thomas Waghorn concerning a missed advertisement in the "Chronicle" (with notation on reverse to say that despite Waghorn's claims the advert had indeed been printed). A scarce group (4 items).	✉	**400**



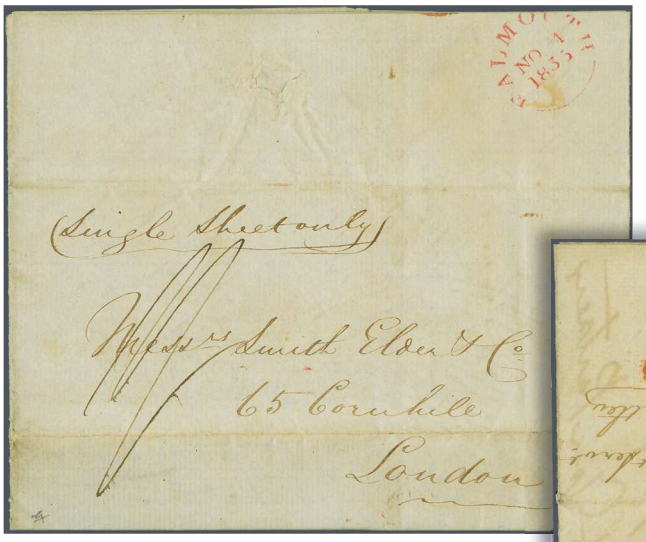
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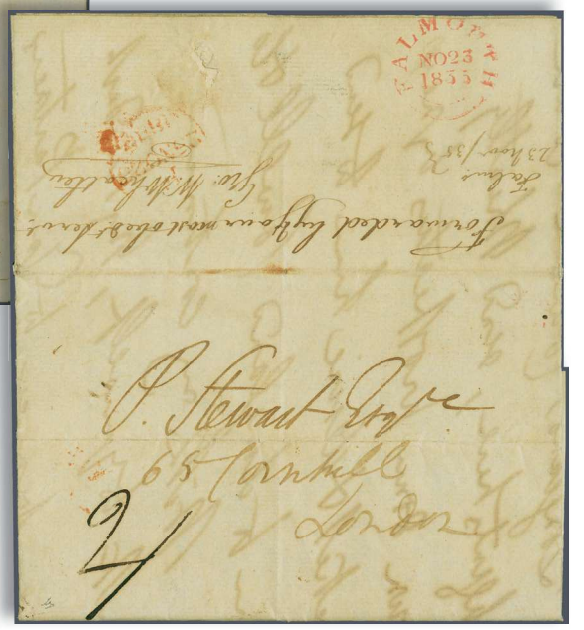
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5012 1834/35: Five letters all addressed to Thomas Waghorn, including an important 1834 entire from India House written and signed by *"Hugh Lindsay"* who gave his name to probably the most famous of the pioneer Red Sea Steamers, mailed to Waghorn in Rochester, Kent; further letters from the India Board, the Liverpool East India Association and another from Lord Palmerston's secretary denying him a promotion to Lieutenant (this mailed to Waghorn in Falmouth whilst with the Mediterranean fleet). A fascinating insight into the problems even a remarkably good idea can face due to Government intransigence: "plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose..". A rare group.
Provenance: Corinphila, Zurich, sale 213, June 2017, lot 775. ✉ **2'500**

The Waghorn Organisation



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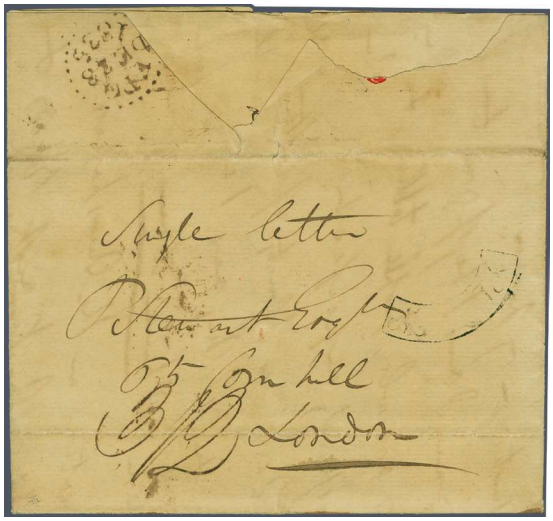


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The offices of Smith, Elder & Co. at 65 Cornhill in London

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5013	1835 (Nov 2-3): Prepaid entire letter signed by Waghorn but written by a secretary from Falmouth to Waghorn's London Agents, Smith Elder & Co. of Cornhill, London endorsed *"Single sheet only"* and struck with FALMOUTH cds of despatch in red (Nov 4). The letter stating in part *"Whenever passengers apply to you, write referring them to Mr. G. W. Wheatley for all conveniences he can offer them at Falmouth....a travelling canteen is the only requisite they will require as Mr. Waghorn will furnish them to travel through Egypt....Caution all passengers not to take a single or any letter to India, ask them even to pay Mr. Waghorn on those letters which even they carry concerning themselves, because Mr. W. anxiously desires to receive all the amount of postages he can in order to make his establishment in Egypt well supported - do not mince this matter but state it so directly as to prevent my profits being interfered with..."*. Also a letter from the following day (Nov 4) written and signed by Waghorn at Falmouth, again to his Agents in London. A wonderful and very scarce pair of entires with superb and most interesting content. *Note: Mailed from Falmouth prior to the Steamer HMS Firefly leaving port.*	✉	**300**
5014	1835 (Nov 14): Entire letter from Thomas Waghorn written on board HMS Firefly from Gibraltar to his Agent in London, P. Stewart of Smith, Elder & Co in Cornhill, sent back to Falmouth and endorsed on reverse *"Forwarded by your most obedient servant / Geo. W. Wheatley / Falmouth 23 Nov, 1835"*, sent as a double letter with *"2/-"* to pay in manuscript with "Falmouth" cds in red of transit (Nov 23) and London arrival. Fine letter from Waghorn *"Messrs. Longlands Cowell & Co. are my Agents here. Send Wheatley down some prostectus's by the next Packet...The Tartarus (Lt. James) arrived here this morning, the Steamer from Egypt had not arrived at Malta....if there was a Mail from India it was left behind. Mr. Waghorn's prospectus just printed here for India will in future remedy this..."*.	✉	**250**



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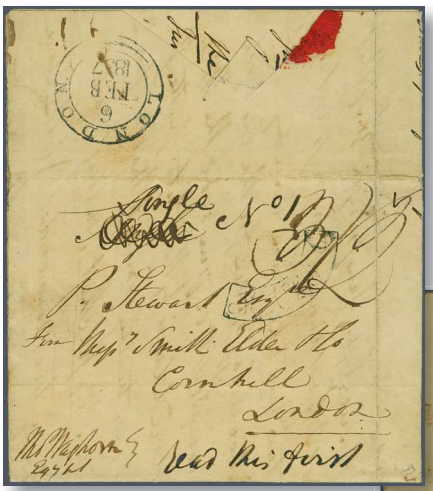


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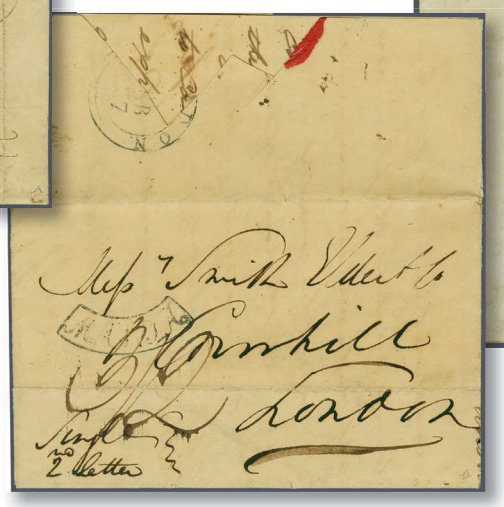


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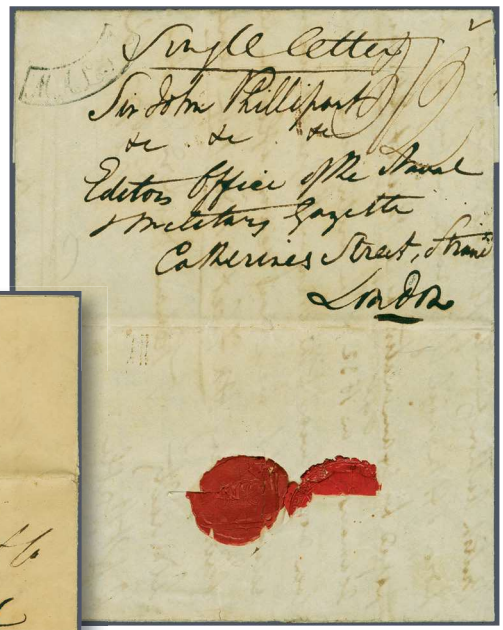
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5015	1835 (Nov 28): Entire letter from Thomas Waghorn written from Alexandria, Egypt upon his arrival on board *"HMS Alban"* from Malta, to his Agent P. Stewart of Smith Elder in Cornhill, London and endorsed *"Single Sheet"*. Carried from Alexandria on *"HMS Confiance"* to Malta where disinfected against Cholera and reverse with near complete strike of red wax seal "OPENED & RESEALED / ♛ GR / LAZARETTO OF MALTA", thence struck with concave "MALTA" handstamp in black and carried on *"HMS Firefly"* via Falmouth with London arrival (Dec 28) and charged *"3/2d."* due to pay in manuscript. *Note: Wonderful content (full transcript with the lot): "The "Hugh Lindsay" has not arrived (at Suez), some say she will be there, some not. If she does not come to Suez by the time I get there I shall send on the Mail to Mocha (Yemen) according to what I laid down, if she should come I shall send the letters by her...Messrs. Hunter & Ross are my Agents at Malta....Write to Willis and tell them to send all letters to me and not to Briggs....".*	✉	**200**
5016	1836 (April 9): Entire letter from Thomas Waghorn written from Cairo, Egypt to his Agent P. Stewart of Smith, Elder & Co. in Cornhill, London and endorsed *"Per Packet from Malta, 24 April"* and *"Single"* in manuscript, mailed via British Packet to Malta where opened and disinfected against Cholera with remains of red Lazaretto wax seal on reverse; concave "MALTA" handstamp in black (April 24) and thence on the sailing packet *"HMS Eclipse"* to Falmouth and charged *"3/2d."* due to pay in manuscript upon arrival (May 30). A scarce entire with full transcript. *Note: Waghorn was still hoping to be appointed Agent for the Post Office mails and had offered to send them with his own whether he was paid for his services of not - see "Overland Mail" by J.K. Sidebottom, page 67.*	✉	**150**
5017	1836 (July 26): Entire letter from Thomas Waghorn written from Cairo, Egypt to his Agent P. Stewart of Smith, Elder & Co. in Cornhill, London, mailed via Alexandria on the *"Tartarus"* to Malta (Aug 23), carried at double rate with concave "MALTA" handstamp in black and thence on the *"HMS Spitfire"* to Falmouth, reverse with London arrival cds (Sept 8) in black. Charged *"6/4d."* due to pay in manuscript upon arrival. *Note: Waghorn was still hoping to be appointed Agent for the Post Office mails and had offered to send them with his own, whether he was paid for his services of not - see "Overland Mail" by J.K. Sidebottom, page 67.*	✉	**200**



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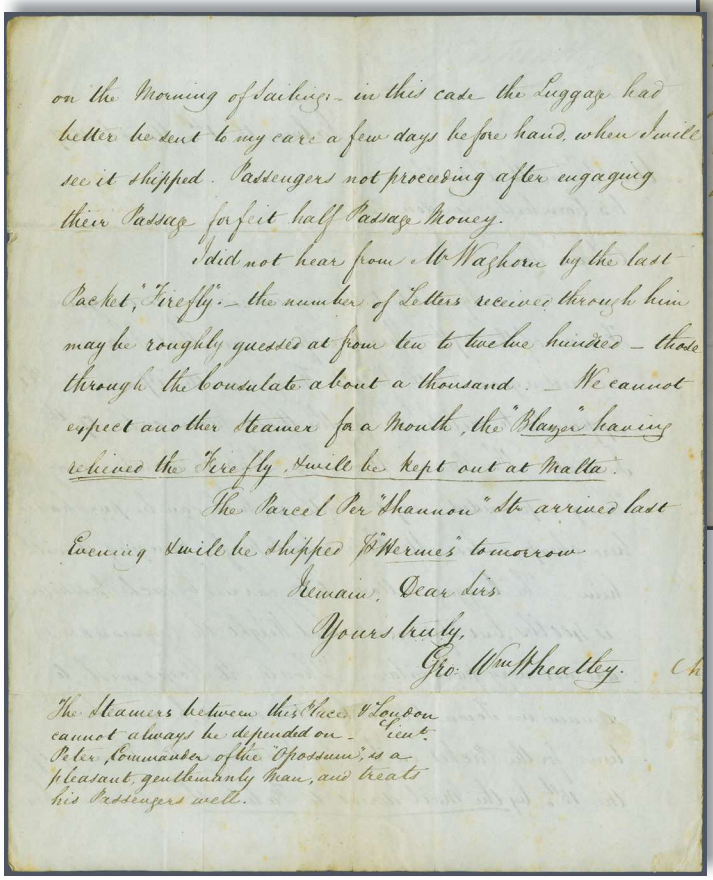
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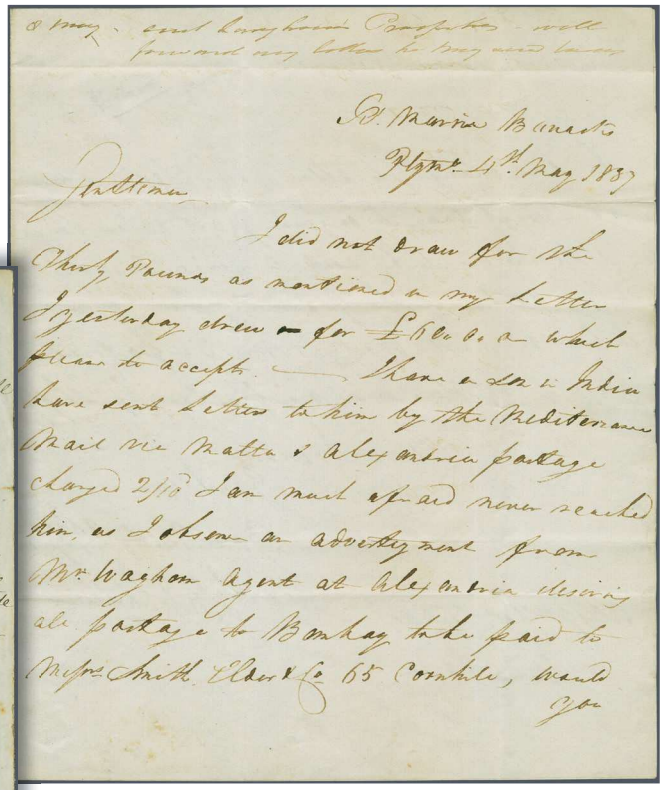
5018 1836 (Nov 25): Entire letter from Thomas Waghorn written from Alexandria, Egypt to his Agent P. Stewart of Smith, Elder & Co. in Cornhill, London, endorsed at lower left *"Thos. Waghorn, Egypt"* and *"Read this first"*, mailed via Malta, carried at single rate with concave "MALTA" handstamp in black, thence on the *"HMS Tartarus"* to Falmouth and reverse with London arrival cds (Feb 6, 1837) in black. Disinfected with part red wax seal of the Lazaretto and charged *"3/2d."* due to pay in manuscript upon arrival. A fine cover.
Note: The contents of this letter are quoted in "The Philatelist" (Dec 1967, page 84). Partial transcript with the lot containing much information on the Eastbound mails in 1836: "April 5th from Falmouth (mails) were put on board the "Hugh Lindsay" at Suez (May 5) who delivered them at Bombay 31st May in 57 days from Falmouth. June 3rd from Falmouth where put on the Vessel of War "Clive" at Suez on June 29th., which vessel arrived at Mocha (July 7) from which place the Captain wrote to me that in 10 days more he would be in Bombay... he accomplished the quickest passage on record to India, viz 46 days...". Transcript attached with the lot. ✉ **250**

5019 1836 (Nov 25): Entire letter from Thomas Waghorn written from Alexandria, Egypt to his Agent P. Stewart of Smith, Elder & Co. in Cornhill, London, endorsed at lower left *"Single"* and *"Second Letter"*, mailed via Malta, carried at single rate with concave "MALTA" handstamp in black and thence on the *"HMS Tartarus"* to Falmouth, reverse with London arrival cds (Feb 6, 1837) in black and disinfected with part red wax seal of the Lazaretto and charged *"3/2d."* due to pay in manuscript upon arrival. A fine cover.
Note: Mailed on the same day as the previous lot. The contents of this letter are also quoted in "The Philatelist" (Dec 1967, page 84) and a partial transcript accompanies the lot: "I have arranged with the house of Galloway Tibaldi & Co. to be my Agents in this country (Egypt), of which you will please take due notice...I am entirely dissatisfied with Mr. Easthope's 3 guineas per letter. I have now written to him saying so...all goes well, I take this mail from here to Cairo". ✉ **250**

5020 1836 (Nov 25): Entire letter from Thomas Waghorn written from Alexandria, Egypt to Sir John Phillipart, Editor of the Naval & Military Gazette, endorsed *"Single Letter"* at top, with concave "MALTA" handstamp in black where disinfected and resealed with partial 'Malta Lazaretto' red wax seal alongside Thomas Waghorns' personal red wax seal. Rated *"3/2d."* for a single letter on arrival with London cds in black (Feb 6, 1837). Fascinating contents asking for a Naval position as Lieutenant *"The fact is that I would sooner be Lieut. in the Royal Navy than receive anything else"* - his desire was realised some five years later in March 1842 (see Sidebottom, page 95) - and extolling his own virtues *"(I) receive public thanks from the Merchants of England and India for his services to bring about the Red Sea steam communication and did, last July, accomplish transit of the Mail between Falmouth and Bombay in 63 days....".* Another fine and scarce entire from Waghorn. ✉ **250**

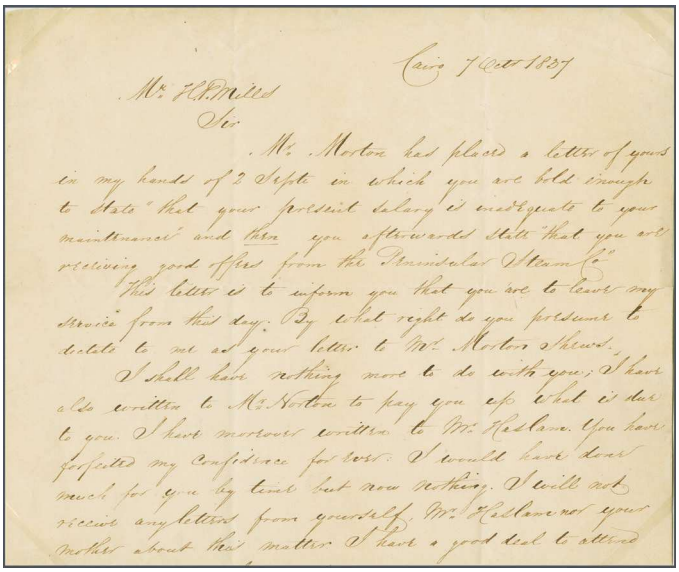


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5021	1837 (March 1): Entire letter written and signed by George G. Wheatley, Waghorn's Agent at Falmouth, addressed to Smith, Elder & Co. at Cornhill, London, with FALMOUTH despatch cds in red (March 1) and London arrival cds (March 3) in red on reverse, rated *"1s."* to pay; with fine content: *"I did not hear from Mr. Waghorn by the last Packet "Firefly" - the number of letters received through him may be roughly guessed at from ten twelve hundred - those through the Consulate about a thousand - We cannot expect another Steamer for a month, the "Blazer" having relieved the "Firefly" and will be kept out at Malta"*. Also further content on the West Indian sailing of the *"Opussum"* and the cost of the crossing - £35 - however the bedding had to be purchased privately. Full transcript with the lot. Scarce and most unusual.	✉	**150**
5022	1837 (May 3): Entire letter from Plymouth to London, written by a Major McCallum from the Marine Barracks to his Agents in London, struck with "Plymouth" despatch cds in red and charged *"11d."* due on arrival; with fine content *"I have a son in India, have sent him letters by the Mediterranean Mails via Malta and Alexandria, postage charged at 2/10d., I am much afraid never reached him as I observe an advertisement from Mr. Waghorn's Agent at Alexandria desiring all postage to Bombay to be paid to Messrs. Smith, Elder & Co...."*. Note at the top of the letter states *"8 May, sent Waghorn's prospectus - will forward any letters he may send him"*. A fine insight into the importance of Waghorn's Agency.	✉	**100**



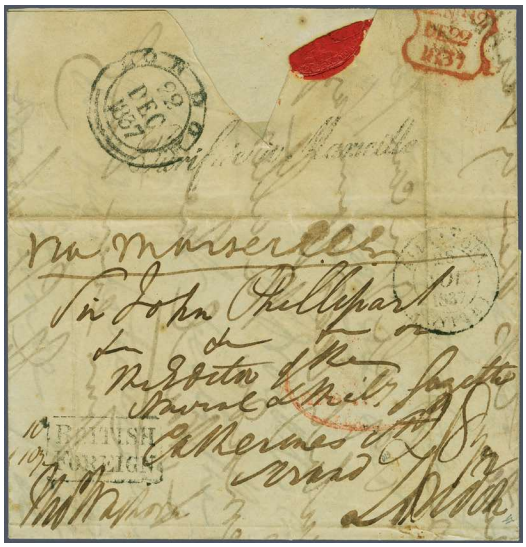
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View of Cairo

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5023 1837 (Sept 2 and Oct 7): Copy of a long entire letter to Thomas Waghorn in Cairo from one of his London employees, a Mr. H.P. Mills, asking for a better position within the Company having refused *"a most advantageous offer from the Peninsular Steam Navigation Co. whose magnificent steamers now convey the Government and East India Mails as far as Gibraltar...I am indeed truly anxious to leave London"*. Inevitably the reply from Waghorn in Cairo (Oct 7) was a disappointment to the young man: *"you are bold enough to state that your present salary is inadequate...this letter is to inform you that you are to leave my service from this day...I have written to Mr. Norton to pay you what is due to you"*. A fine and unusual pairing. (✉) **200**



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'Le Léonidas

5024 1837 (Nov 26): Entire letter from Thomas Waghorn written from Cairo, Egypt to Sir John Phillipart, Editor of the Naval & Military Gazette in London, endorsed *"via Marseilles"* and signed at lower left by Waghorn; with "ALEXANDRIE / EGYPTE" cds (Nov 26) in black of French P.O.; carried on the steamer *"Léonidas"* from Alexandria via Malta to Marseilles, France; disinfected and reasealed in Malta with large part red wax "Lazaretto Malta" seal, disinfected again with italic *"Purifié à Marseille"* in black. Struck on arrival in London with cds (Dec 22) in black and framed "BRITISH (10d.) / FOREIGN (1s. 10½d.)" instructional handstamp in black with charges alongside in manuscript and charged *"2/8½d."* to pay in manuscript. A fine usage from the newly opened French Post Office. *Note: Fine content "Advocate my private Agency - it beats the King's mail 10 days between Suez and London via France...the "Hugh Lindsay" mail will not be in London till 12 or 15 days after this...the only route for letters is via Marseilles, which is 1'000 miles less than Falmouth to London...".* ✉ **500**



Thomas Fletcher Waghorn

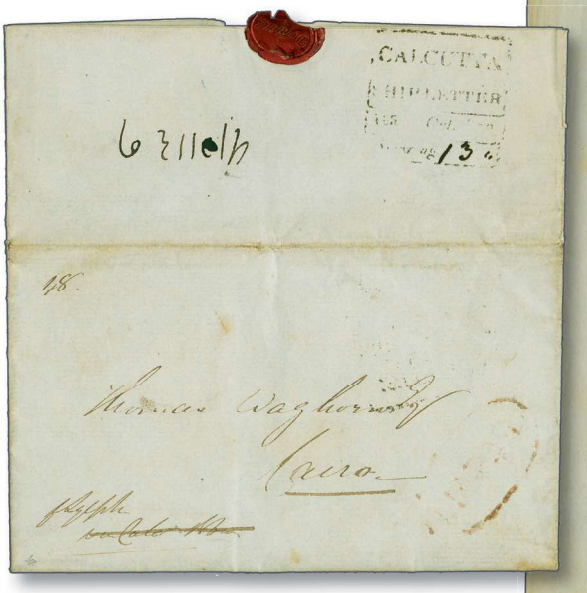
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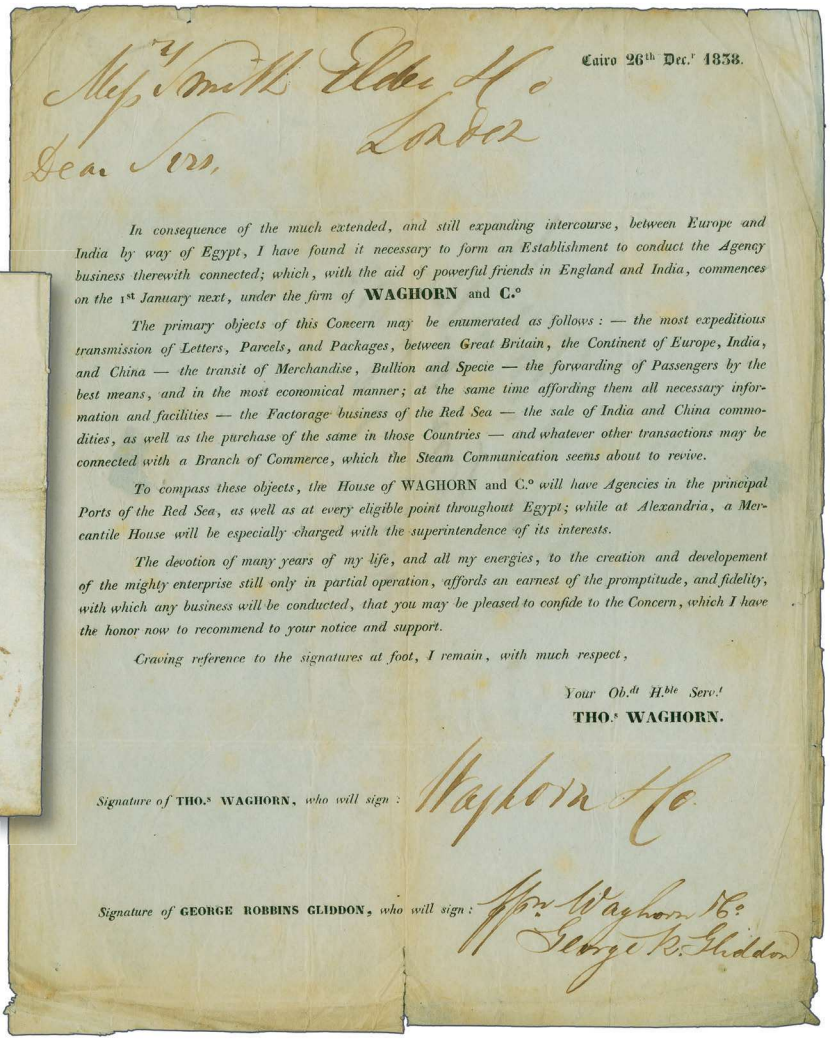
5025 1838: **'Mr. Waghorn's Letter Book'** with manuscript copies of letters sent by Thomas Waghorn during February 1838, including a lost letter claim: *"Your letter per 'Berenice' directed to T. Waghorn, Alexandria went on to England by mistake for not having the stamp mark of one of our Agent's on it... for the future be sure to get it marked by my Bombay Agent"*. Together with a copy of an invoice for the Bombay Courier *"My charge for Post Charges to you @ 6d. each on 991 papers = £24 15s. 0d."*, further comments include *"I spent last night drawing up a document about 'Steamboats on the Nile and Carriages over the Desert... would quicken the Mails by three days"* and *"the boxes (from India) could be weighed at the Malta Quarantine in the presence of the French Consul..."*, many of the letters ending with Thomas Waghorn's signature. An extraordinary document of great importance, entirely unpublished and unique.
Provenance: Robson Lowe, PH Auctions sale 286-287, London 15 May 1963, ex lot 1
Corinphila, Zurich, sale 213, June 2017, lot 738. **5'000**



View of Canton



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Cairo 26th Dec.r 1838.

Messrs Smith Elder & Co
London

Dear Sirs,

In consequence of the much extended, and still expanding intercourse, between Europe and India by way of Egypt, I have found it necessary to form an Establishment to conduct the Agency business therewith connected; which, with the aid of powerful friends in England and India, commences on the 1st January next, under the firm of **WAGHORN** and **C.°**

The primary objects of this Concern may be enumerated as follows: — the most expeditious transmission of Letters, Parcels, and Packages, between Great Britain, the Continent of Europe, India, and China — the transit of Merchandise, Bullion and Specie — the forwarding of Passengers by the best means, and in the most economical manner; at the same time affording them all necessary information and facilities — the Factorage business of the Red Sea — the sale of India and China commodities, as well as the purchase of the same in those Countries — and whatever other transactions may be connected with a Branch of Commerce, which the Steam Communication seems about to revive.

To compass these objects, the House of WAGHORN and C.° *will have Agencies in the principal Ports of the Red Sea, as well as at every eligible point throughout Egypt; while at Alexandria, a Mercantile House will be especially charged with the superintendence of its interests.*

The devotion of many years of my life, and all my energies, to the creation and developement of the mighty enterprise still only in partial operation, affords an earnest of the promptitude, and fidelity, with which any business will be conducted, that you may be pleased to confide to the Concern, which I have the honor now to recommend to your notice and support.

Craving reference to the signatures at foot, I remain, with much respect,

Your Ob.dt H.ble Serv.t
THO.s WAGHORN.

Signature of **THO.s WAGHORN**, *who will sign:* Waghorn & Co.

Signature of **GEORGE ROBBINS GLIDDON**, *who will sign:* Thos. Waghorn & Co. George R. Gliddon

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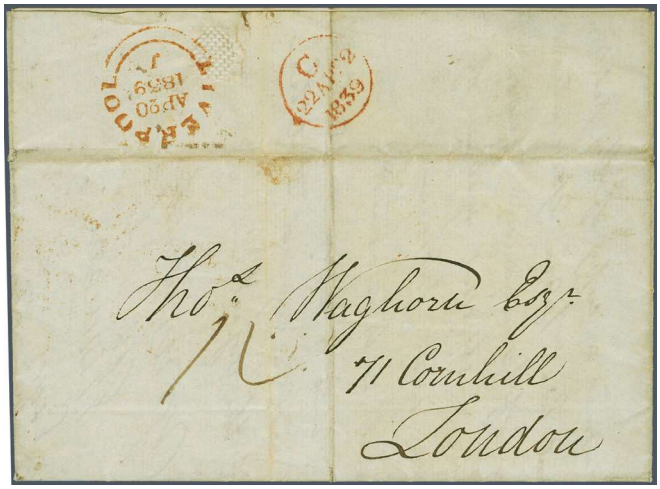
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5026	1838 (Aug 6): Entire letter from Dent & Co. in Canton, China to Thomas Waghorn in Cairo, Egypt thanking Waghorn for forwarding Newspapers, carried by the ship *"Sylph"* from Canton (Aug 24) to Calcutta, arriving at Kedgeree (Oct 15). Struck on reverse with framed "CALCUTTA / SHIP LETTER / *Bearing*" in black and rated *"13"* annas in manuscript; however the inward ship fee was 3 annas and the Inland postage to Bombay with 15 annas. Bombay oval "INDIA" weakly struck in red on obverse indicating the route via Suez and a further 8 annas postage should have been paid. A very rare and most unusual entire. *Note 1: It must be presumed that Dent & Co. or Waghorn's Agent (Samuel Smith & Co.) paid the 13 annas, or the letter was forwarded as an enclosure to Bombay and there placed in the Mails.* *Provenance: Cavendish, Derby, 6 March 2013, lot 327.*	✉	**1'500**
5027	1838 (Dec 26): Printed entire letter from Cairo carried as an enclosure to Smith, Elder & Co. in London, signed at base and addressed in the hand of Thomas Waghorn, stating that Waghorn & Co's Agency in Cairo will commence in Cairo from Jan 1, 1839 and stating that the firm will have Agents in all the principal ports of the Red Sea, listing of merchandise that would be accepted (including Bullion), and *"craving reference to the signatures at foot"* with both Waghorn's and also the signature of Mr. George K. Gliddon empowered to act for him in Egypt. Edge wear but extremely rare, believed unique. *Provenance: Schwarzenbach, Zurich, 10 May 1985, lot 1668.*	✉	**1'000**



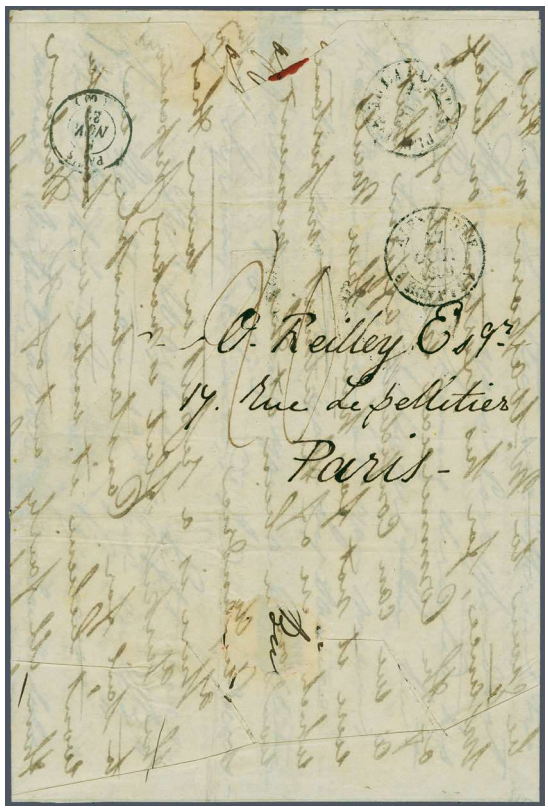
Thomas Waghorn at Muhammed Ali Pascha's Palace in Alexandria



Cornhill and Lombard Streets in London



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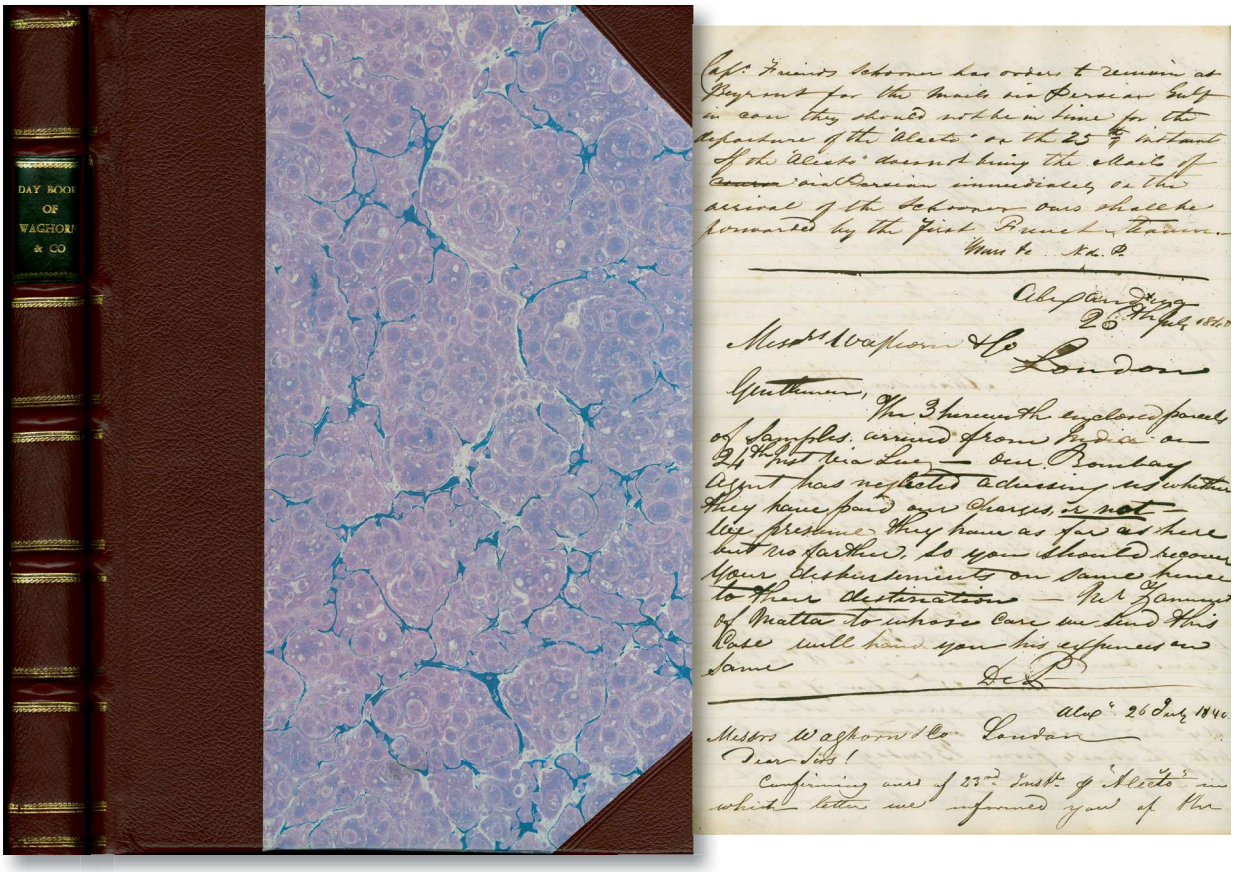


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5028 1839 (April 20): Entire letter from Liverpool addressed to Thomas Waghorn in Cornhill, London charged at 11d. postage with 'Liverpool' cds in red (April 20) and London arrival, the contents being a copy of the Petition to Parliament (very much in Waghorn's favour: *'last month our letters by a Private Agency'* (Waghorn) arrived *'several day's earlier than the Govt. despatches'*) from the 'Liverpool East India Association' and a letter of appreciation: *'the thanks of this Meeting be presented to Mr. Waghorn for his exertions in the cause of Steam Navigation with India'*. Historic and rare letters.
Provenance: Corinphila, Zurich, sale 213, June 2017, lot 739. ✉ **500**

5029 1839 (Oct 16): Entire letter from Thomas Waghorn & Co. in Alexandria (the entire written by N. De Pothamier) to A. O'Reilly, Managing Director of the "Times" Newspaper in Paris, France struck on despatch with "ALEXANDRIE / EGYPTE" cds (Oct 17) in black of French P.O.; probably carried on the French steamer *"Tancrede"* from Alexandria via Malta where disinfected with slits and struck with circular "PURIFIE AU LAZARET / MALTE" cachet in black and thence to Marseilles, with Paris arrival (Nov 5) on reverse and charged *"20"* décimes to pay. A fascinating letter: *"Mr. Waghorn left here for Malta on the 13th instant, on board the Pasha's Steamer "Generoso" which vessel, after incalculable difficulties, and in direct opposition to British Officials here, he eventually succeeded in procuring from the Egyptian Government, for the conveyance of Mails from India per "Berenice" with dates from Bombay up to the 12 September, and the Mails per "Waterwitch" schooner up to 13 July. Too much credit cannot be given to Mr. Waghorn for his exertions on behalf of the commercial interests of England, as we can confidently confirm that were it not for him, these mails, which were of the utmost importance, would have been at this moment in Alexandria. There is a report in the town that the Turkish Fleet is making preparations to sail to Constantinople - we won't believe it until we see them safely out of the harbour".* ✉ **300**

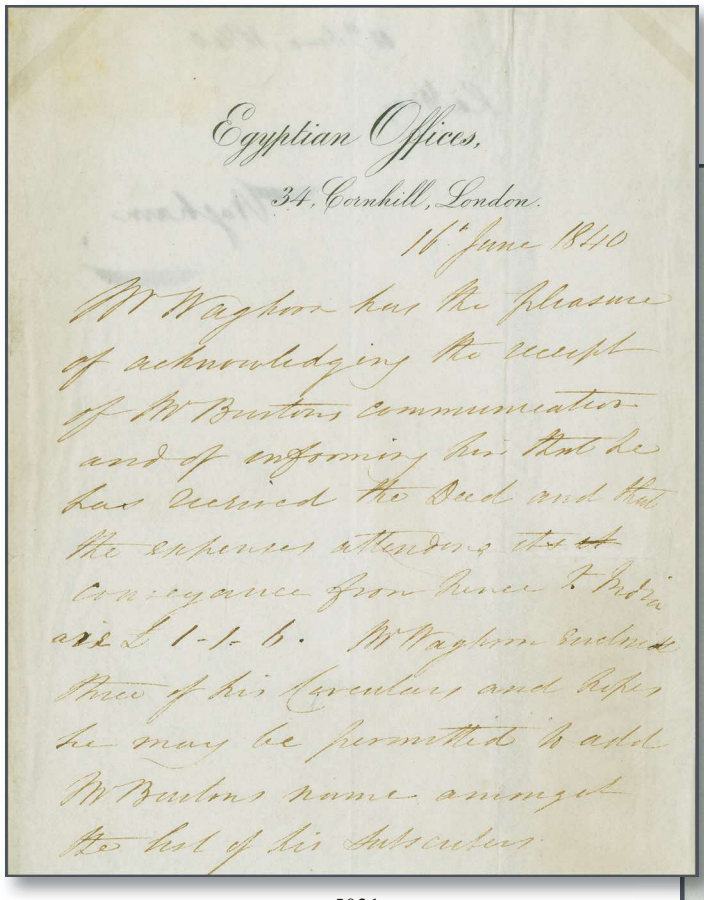


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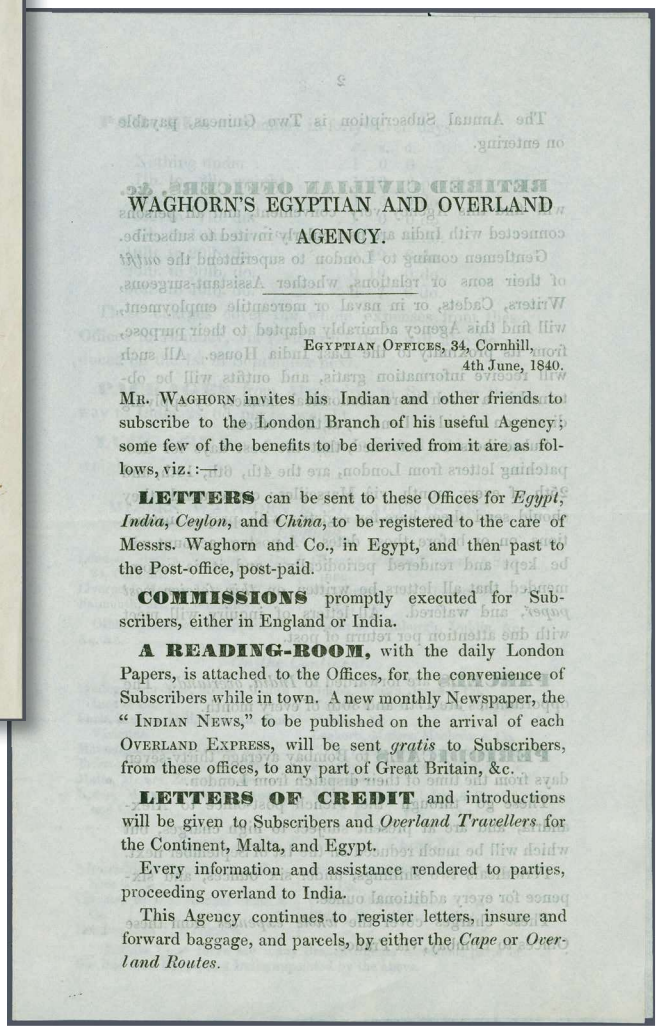
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5030 1840 (Jan 6) - 1841 (Feb 23): The "Day Book" of Thomas Waghorn & Co., beautifully bound in leather with sleeve in same colour of maroon, the spine lettered in gold; containing copies of letters written at Waghorn's Agency in Alexandria to clients and other Waghorn Agents, with a number written and signed by Waghorn himself. Many of the letters refer to the establishment of the Mail and the day to day running of the service, with Mail arrivals and departures noted, transit times, delays on the service, reports of Steamships breaking down etc. A three page letter of 1840 (Oct 6) in Waghorn's own hand includes *"communication from Egypt to India was opened by me. Captain Lyons has run away (I cannot find a better expression) to hide...and it is impossible for him to state why he ran away leaving the mail and jeopardising passengers. The Mail in question has now gone and the passengers are still locked up in Cairo. You will please wait upon Mr. Secretary Maxwell of the East India House and read thus far of this letter, with the addition that I consider mails are even safer now as ever they were provided they come to my care and I will sooner lose my life than permit communication to stop by any such direct means as Captain Lyons has used".* A further letter of 1840 (Oct 17) reads *"there is no communication through Egypt except through us and you will be pleased upon receipt of this to treble our charges on letters, and newspapers we will not take at all, because our Mr. Waghorn says damn the Newspapers, let them go by the Cape, the letters being charged treble will go by way of Egypt. Our Mr. Waghorn says now is the time to make money...You are to put an advertisement in the Times that Waghorn & Co. have trebled their postage in order to pay their way to smuggling letters to India and you are hereby warned not to take any letter which he is responsible for unless it is paid treble by French Steamer only. All this to be attended to and notice given out to the Merchants etc. forthwith. Tell them we don't care whether they send them or not and that no letter, through Briggs even, can pass without they are paid first through our offices in London".* The entire correspondence is transcribed and bound into the volume, last few pages of the originals are water stained and defective but nonetheless this remains a unique, important and hitherto largely undocumented volume of great historical importance.
Provenance: Robson Lowe, PH Auctions sale 286-287, London 15 May 1963, ex lot 1. **2'500**





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WAGHORN'S EGYPTIAN AND OVERLAND AGENCY.

Egyptian Offices, 34, Cornhill,
4th June, 1840.

Mr. Waghorn invites his Indian and other friends to subscribe to the London Branch of his useful Agency; some few of the benefits to be derived from it are as follows, viz.:—

LETTERS can be sent to these Offices for *Egypt, India, Ceylon,* and *China,* to be registered to the care of Messrs. Waghorn and Co., in Egypt, and then past to the Post-office, post-paid.

COMMISSIONS promptly executed for Subscribers, either in England or India.

A READING-ROOM, with the daily London Papers, is attached to the Offices, for the convenience of Subscribers while in town. A new monthly Newspaper, the "Indian News," to be published on the arrival of each Overland Express, will be sent *gratis* to Subscribers, from these offices, to any part of Great Britain, &c.

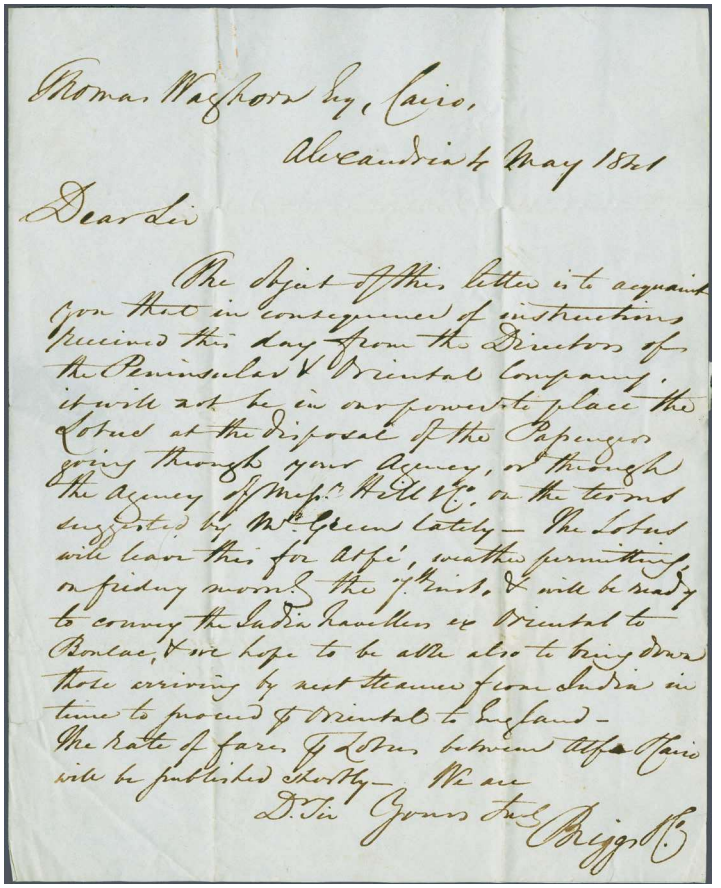
LETTERS OF CREDIT and introductions will be given to Subscribers and *Overland Travellers* for the Continent, Malta, and Egypt.

Every information and assistance rendered to parties, proceeding overland to India.

This Agency continues to register letters, insure and forward baggage, and parcels, by either the *Cape* or *Overland Routes.*

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5031	1840 (May 30): Letter from Thomas Steel of Waghorn's Office in Chancery Lane, London answering an enquiry and setting out details of *"Mr. Waghorn's Egyptian Offices for the Conveyance of Parcels & Papers Service Overland to India and China based at 34 Cornhill - He does not go out nor send any person himself and he only undertakes to convey them to Bombay: an Agent of his resident there then undertakes to convey these across to Madras, Calcutta, China or other destination....His terms to Bombay are: If under 3 lbs. in weight £ 1.10s."*. Sold together with a printed receipt from *"Egyptian Offices, 34 Cornhill, London"* confirming the sending of a deed to India at a cost of £ 1, 1s. 6d. in June 1840. A fine pairing.	✉	**150**
5032	1840 (June 4): Waghorn's printed circular listing his services, charges and appointed Agents, three full pages (125 x 198 mm.) noting letters for Egypt and beyond, Parcels to India forwarded twice a month, Periodicals to India via France, together with a list of Waghorn's Agents in the British Isles (5), Europe (12) and Egypt and the Far East (6). Fresh and very fine.	✉	**120**



Thomas Waghorn Esq, Cairo.

Alexandria May 1841

Dear Sir

The Object of this letter is to acquaint you that in consequence of instructions received this day from the Directors of the Peninsular & Oriental Company, it will not be in our power to place the Lotus at the disposal of the Passengers going through your Agency, or through the Agency of Messrs Hill & Co. on the terms suggested by Mr Green lately — The Lotus will leave this for Atfe, weather permitting on friday morng the 7th inst. & will be ready to convey the Indian Travellers of Oriental to Boulac, & we hope to be able also to bring down those arriving by next Steamer from India in time to proceed by Oriental to England —

The Rate of fares by Lotus between Atfe & Cairo will be published shortly — We are

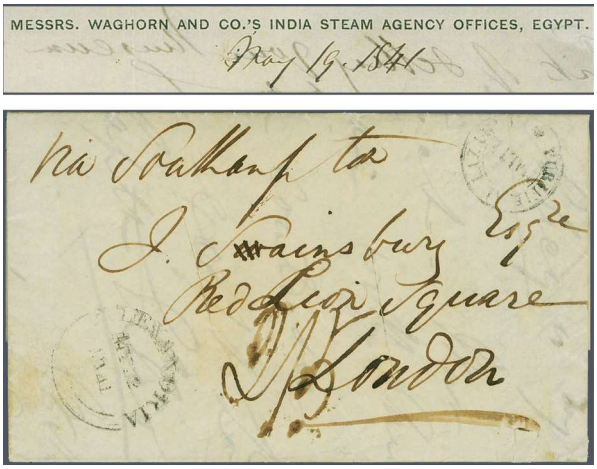
D. Sir Yours Truly

Briggs & Co

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Muhammed Ali Pascha



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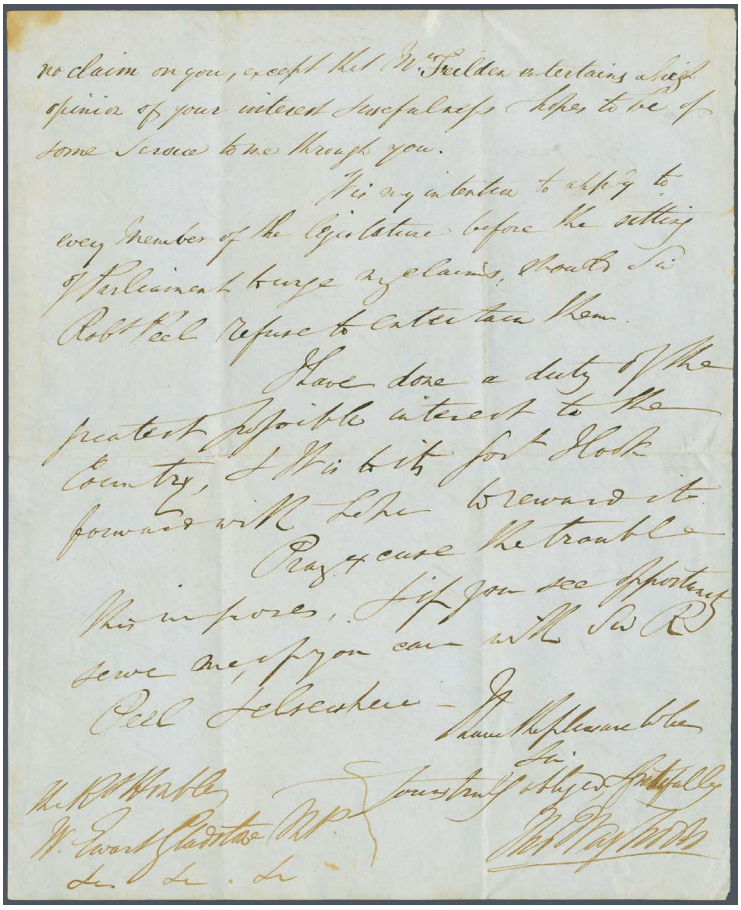
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5033	1841 (May 4): Letter to Thomas Waghorn written from Alexandria by the Forwarding Agent's Briggs & Co., stating that the *"Directors of the Peninsular & Oriental Company will not let be in our power to put the 'Lotus' at your disposal"* at the terms suggested, and that the 'Lotus' will sail for Atfe on friday next and the rate of fares will be published shortly; together with draft proposals for Hill & Co. *"to transport through Egypt from the ship at Alexandria to the ship at Suez, all the passengers"* for the P&O or East India Company Steamers and the charges thereby (first class passengers at £14 each for the journey to include 300 lbs. weight of luggage). Also a retained copy of a December 1841 letter from Waghorn to Robert Peel (as Leader of the Commons, thus PM), asking for a private interview for some redress for *"first establishing the present Overland Route to India"*. Furthermore four issues of the "Egyptian State Railways" magazine (1933/34) with a fine and lengthy 'Overland Route' article (the magazines are all annotated with *'Mackenzie Low's'* signature) and some cards of the Waghorn memorial at Chatham. *Provenance: Corinphila, Zurich, sale 213, June 2017, lot 740.*	✉	**500**
5034	1841 (May 22): Entire letter from Cairo with (very rare) printed heading "Messrs. Waghorn & Co's. India Steam Agency Offices, Egypt", written and signed by Thomas Waghorn to J. Sainsbury in London endorsed *"via Southampton"*, struck wth British P.O. ALEXANDRIA cds in black (May 22), carried on the P&O *"Oriental"* to Malta (May 26) where disinfected by slitting and struck with circular "PURIFIÉ AU LAZARET / MALTE" in black, thence via *"HMS Acheron"* to Marseilles (May 29) and on to London (June 1) with red cds of receipt where charged "2/5d." due to pay. Fascinating contents *"My dear Sir, The Pasha of Egypt has not yet arrived at Carlizaten so far as to have any museum. His finances are not just now in a very flourishing state and although Europe has settled the hereditary succession of Egypt upon him, still the besotted Sultan nor the bigoted and fanatic Turks have not. The Pasha is getting all his means together for War, for fight he and Egypt will to the death against Russian domination at Constantinople. Think of setting your museum elsewhere, it will never take here. The Pasha's Policy is English now, not French. War has broken out again with China which all men could see must inevitably happen except Lord Palmerston & Capt. Elliott".* *Note 1: In late May 1841, Ottoman Sultan Abdülmecid I issued a series of imperial firmans that officially granted Muhammad Ali Pasha hereditary rule over Egypt and the Sudan.* *Provenance: Argyll Etkin, London, 1 May 1997, lot 26195.*	✉	**500**



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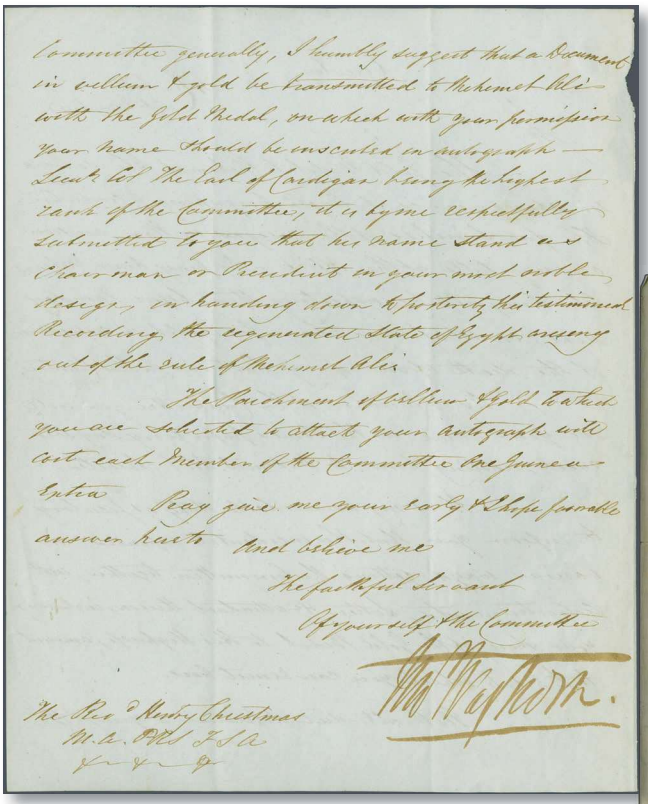


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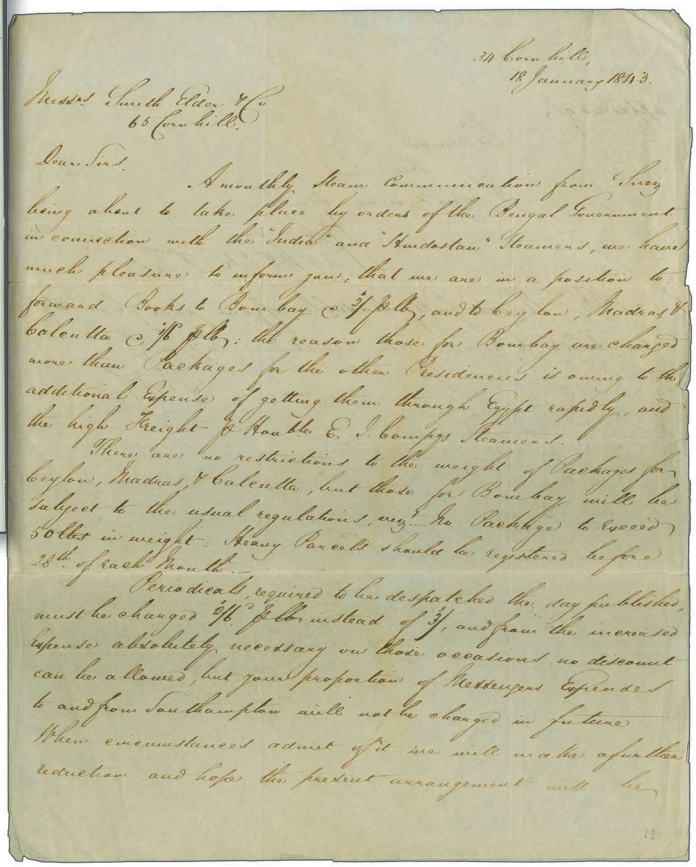
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5035	1841 (Sept 6): Entire letter from Thomas Waghorn's clerk in Alexandria, Napoleon de Pathomier to his future wife, Miss Fanny Mahon, Galway, Ireland endorsed at top *"Free"* (of Waghorn's charges) and *"Via Marseille"*, further endorsed on reverse ***"forwarded by Waghorn & Co., Alexandria"*** in manuscript. Placed in the French P.O. with "ALEXANDRIE / (EGYPTE)" cds in black (Sept 7) and rate paid *"10"* décimes in red manuscript, framed "P.P." alongside, via Malta where disinfected with chisel slits and circular "PURIFIÉ AU LAZARET / MALTE" applied in black, thence on the *"Eurotas"* (Sept 16) to Marseille with Paris cds in blue (Sept 25) and via London (Sept 27) and Dublin (Sept 28) in red. Large part transcript enclosed. A most unusual entire. *Provenance: Robson Lowe, PH Auctions sale 286-287, London 15 May 1963, ex lot 1* *Cavendish, Derby, 23 Oct 1999, lot 1220.*	✉	**350**
5036	1841 (Dec 18): Entire letter written and signed by Thomas Waghorn from Cornhill to William Ewart Gladstone MP (1809-1898), later Prime Minister on four occasions, soliciting his assistance towards Waghorn's ideal of bringing mail to and from India within 35 days; and listing Mr. Feilden MP for Blackburn and Lord Sandon, MP for Liverpool amongst his supporters and stating that he had also written on this day to Sir Robert Peel for help in Waghorn's scheme. Full transcript with the lot, a fine and rare document.	✉	**200**
5037	**The Rival Overland Mail Route** 1842 (Feb 19): Local entire letter from Woolwich to the Royal Geographic Society in Waterloo Place, London written and signed by Colonel Francis Rawdon Chesney - the Commander of the Euphrates Expedition in 1836. Struck with *T.P. / Woolwich" in black and arrival datestamp in red. The letter is endorsed at right *"Colonel Chesney, Commander of the Euphrates Expedition"* and internally signed. *Note 1: Whilst Waghorn's proposals for an Overland route were never supported by the British Post Office or the Government, the rival Euphrates route was - to the tune of a staggering £ 20'000. The Expedition was wholly unsuccessful as an "Overland Mail" route with both boats used to survey the Euphrates being battered by a hurricane on 21 May 1836. Despite numerous problems, Chesney nevertheless rated the Euphrates route as viable.* *Note 2: Colonel Francis Rawdon Chesney (1789-1872) was one of the first people, after Jacques-Marie Le Père who mooted the idea when Napoleon was in Egypt, to put forward the creation of a Suez Canal in 1830, an idea thereafter acknowledged by and taken over by Ferdinand de Lesseps with much more success.*	✉	**150**



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A bronze example of the Mehemet Ali Pasha Medal (sold in lot 5115)



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Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

5038 1842 (May-June): The Mehemet Ali Pasha Medal, three autographed letters sheets, all signed by Thomas Waghorn, with the earliest dated 6 May 1842 to C. Roach Smith stating *"I am heart and soul in the cause and beg my name may be put down for £10 10s. (or £21 if necessary) towards the Gold Medal for Mehemet Ali..."*; the second letter with original envelope to Revd. Henry Christmas MA, FRS, FSA dated 26 May 1842 stating *"The Gold Medal to Mehemet Ali, so long in abeyance, is at length progressing to completion. The facsimiles of the design in wax are now on my table at this Office...the incidental expenses...including your share of the Gold medal to his Highness amount to £5 1s. 6d. which you can remit here.. Lieut.-Colonel the Earl of Cardigan being the highest rank of the Committee..."* and again signed by Waghorn at base; the third letter dated 18 June 1842 soliciting the subscribers for payment and to sign the presentation also states *"additional medals can be had (each) at £1 11s. 6d. in silver or 15s. in bronze"*, this being sent to Captain H. Smith RN, and signed by both C. Roach Smith and Thomas Waghorn at base. A fine and rare trio. **850**

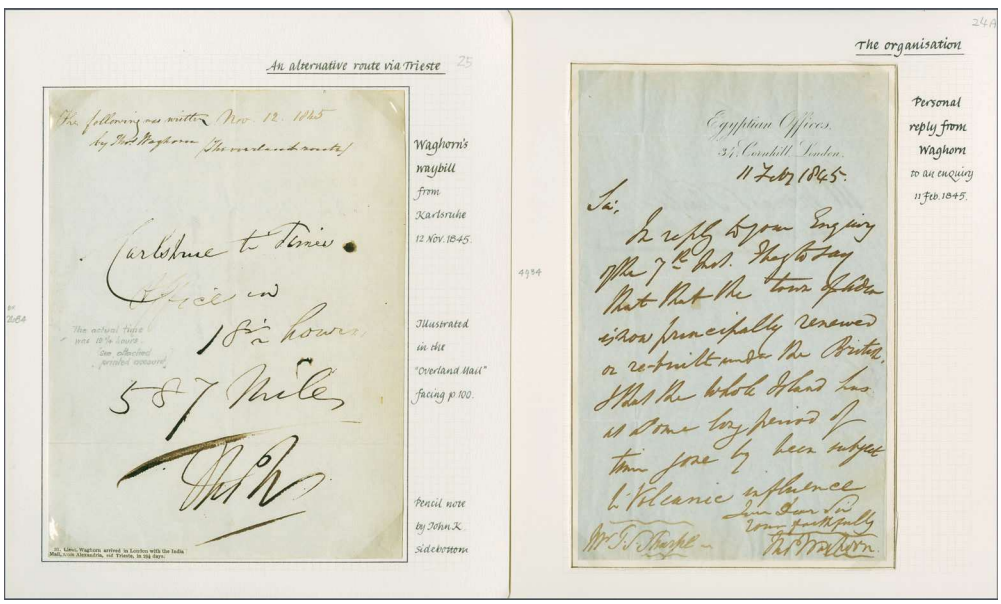
5039 1843 (Jan 18): Letter from Waghorn's office in 34 Cornhill to Smith. Elder & Co. in 65 Cornhill, announcing changes to their charges as a result of the direct Steamer service from Suez to Ceylon and Calcutta being introduced by P&O, which was capable of handling freight more cheaply than the East India Company's service to Bombay. Easily readable, a most informative document illustrating the change in Waghorn's business from Mail to concentrate on forwarding freight.
Provenance: Argyll Etkin, London, 1 March 1997, lot 15759. ✉ **250**



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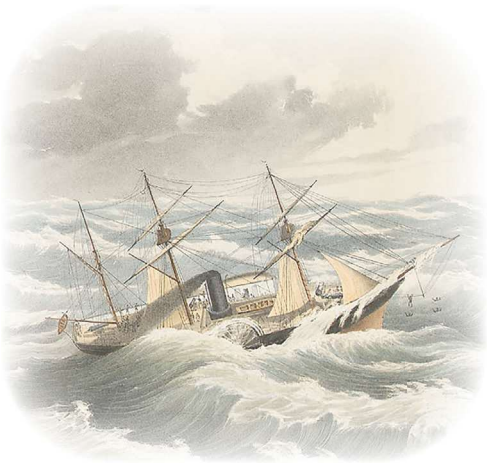
Gibbons Start price in CHF

5040 1844 (April 15): Entire letter from Waghorn's "Egyptian Offices", 34 Cornhill, London franked by 1841 1 d. red tied by Maltese Cross in black and mailed to Cheltenham, with printed form showing Waghorn's charges for Parcels including information on Parcels to Aden at ⅔ the Bombay rate, Books & Printed Paper, Valuables including Jewellery, Insurance, Import Duties in India etc., with list of Agents in five towns in Great Britain, 10 European Agents and 10 in Africa and the Far East. Small hole and some faults but extremely rare. 8 ✉ **250**



ex 5041

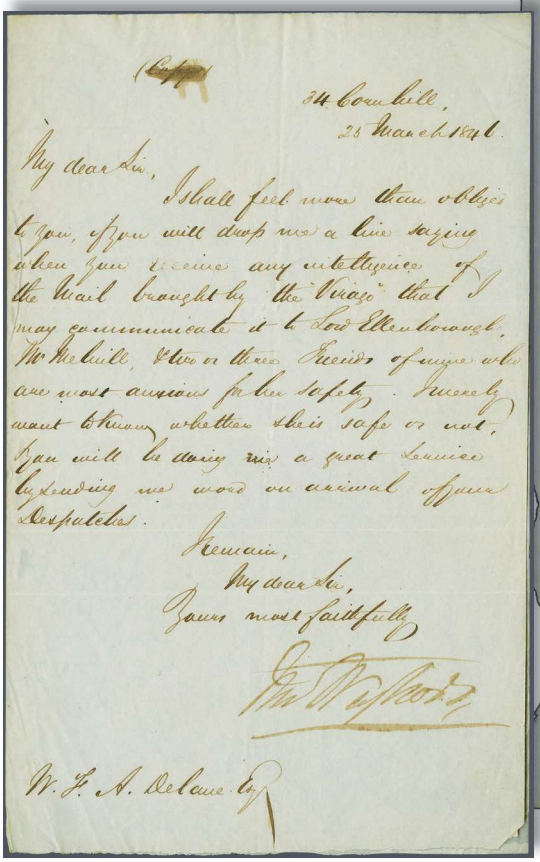
5041 1845 (Nov 12): Famous note from Thomas Waghorn headed *"The following was written Nov. 12 1845 by Thos. Waghorn / The Overland Route... Carlsruhe to Times Office 18½ hours / 587 miles"* and initialled by Waghorn at base. Illustrated in "The Overland Mail" facing page 100 with pencil note by John K. Sidebottom *"The actual time was 19¼ hours"*. The note refers to the new Trieste route whereby the India Mail via Alexandria and Trieste arrived in 29½ days - Waghorn himself following the route from Alexandria to Dwino - Innsbruck - Ulm - Brusehall - Mannheim - Cologne - Ostend - Dover - London. Full details of the "Route Race" are given in Chapter XVI in "The Overland Mail" on pages 96-110. Sold together with a note to a client handwritten and signed by Waghorn (11 Feb 1845) stating that *"the town of Etna"* is now principally renewed or rebuilt under the British and that the whole island has at some long period of time been subject to Volcanic influence. **350**



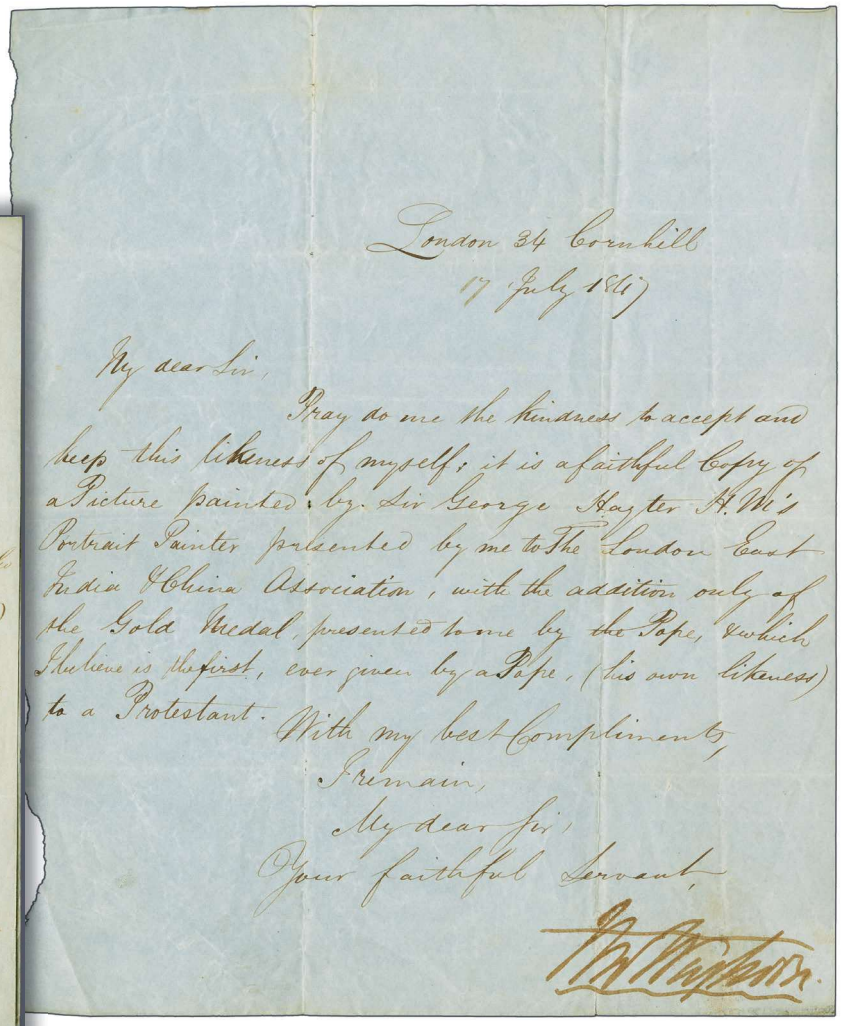
HMS 'Virago'



A self portrait of
Sir George Hayter

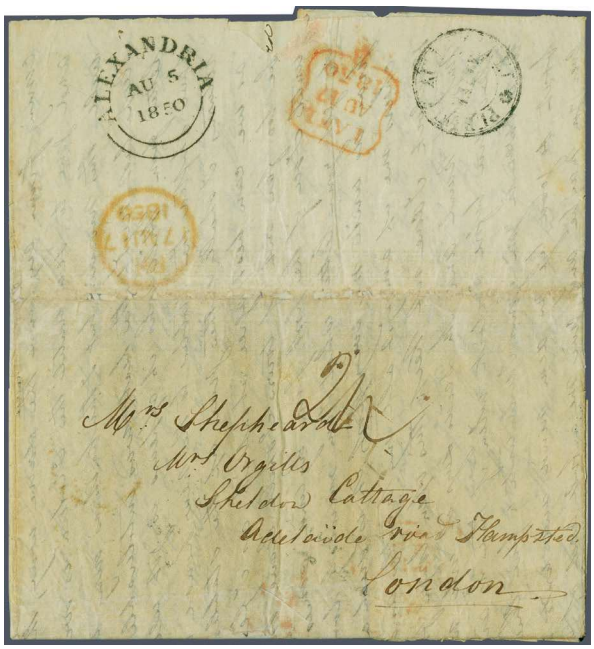


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		Gibbons	Start price in CHF
5042	1846 (March 25): Letter sheet, signed at base by Thomas Waghorn, asking a client to let him know when his despatches arrive on the *"Virago"* (HMS Virago, at this date serving on the Mediterranean Station), as he needs to inform Lord Ellenborough etc. *"as they are most anxious for her safety"*. A fine and attractive letter.	✉	**150**
5043	1847: Autographed letter sheet written from 34 Cornhill, London to an unknown recipient, written by a secretary and stating *"Pray do me the kindness to accept and keep this likeness of myself, it is a faithful copy of a picture painted by Sir George Hayter H(er) M(ajesty)'s portrait painter presented by me to the London East India & China Association, with the addition only of the Gold Medal presented to me by the Pope, and which I believe is the first ever given by a Pope (his own likeness) to a Protestant...."* signed at base by Thomas Waghorn.	(✉)	**125**



5044



Shepheard's Hotel in Alexandria

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

5044 **Egyptian Hotel Posts** 1850 (Aug 4): Entire letter from Cairo written by Samuel Shepheard datelined from "Shepheards Hotel", mailed to his wife Mary in London, via British P.O. in Alexandria with superb double ring ALEXANDRIA on reverse in black (Aug 5), thence via Malta where disinfected with PURIFIÉ AU LAZARET / MALTE in black and London arrival (via Marseille) in red (Aug 17), rated *"2/1d."* due to pay. A fine entire with full transcript concerning the suicide of a gentleman inhabiting room 12 - *"I heard West, the steward exclaim - "Good God, he has cut his throat". I hastened to his room and found him weltering in his blood with his head nearly off..". S*hepheard then goes on to recount the deaths of two others in the letter and states *"the Pasha has left and gone to sea until the Cholera is over".* Full long transcript accompanies the lot. A fine and rare entire.
Provenance: Corinphila, Zurich, sale 213, June 2017, lot 741. ✉ **750**



ex 5045

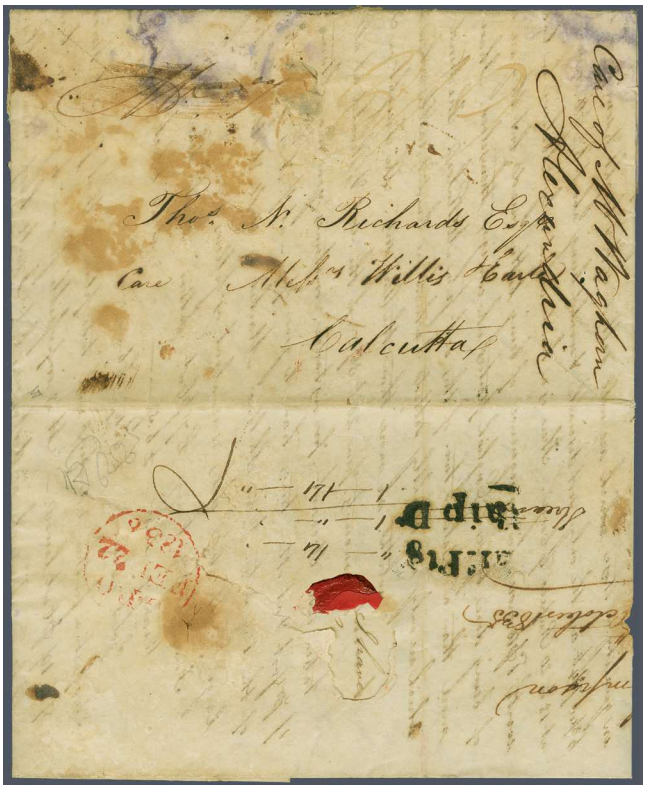
5045 **Egyptian Hotel Posts** 1851 & 1858: Two entire letters written by Samuel Shepheard, both to his cousins, the Stanley's at the Crown Hotel in Leamington Spa, earlier entire with full transcript and headed 'the New Hotel, Cairo', endorsed *"via Southampton"* and mailed via British P.O. in Alexandria with double arc cds in black (July 5) and disinfected against Cholera at Malta with PURIFIÉ AU LAZARET / MALTE in black. Leamington arrival in blue (July 21) and charged *"1/6d."* in manuscript to pay, and April 1858 flimsy entire from same correspondence with single ring ALEXANDRIA British P.O. cds (April 28) and rated *"9d."* to pay on arrival. A scarce pair.
Provenance: Corinphila, Zurich, sale 213, June 2017, lot 742. ✉ **400**

Waghorn's Overland Mail

Eastbound

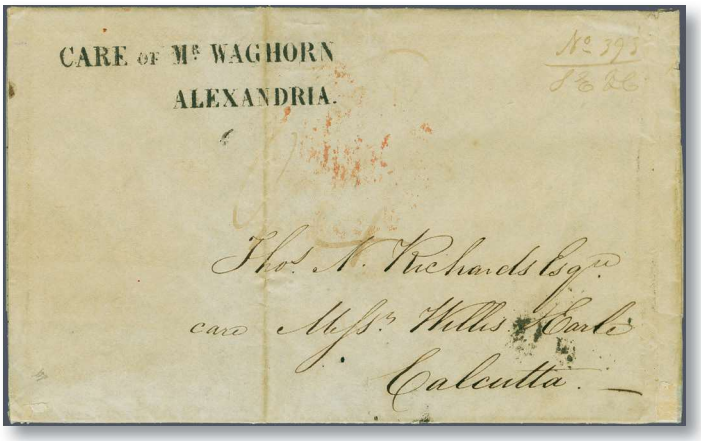


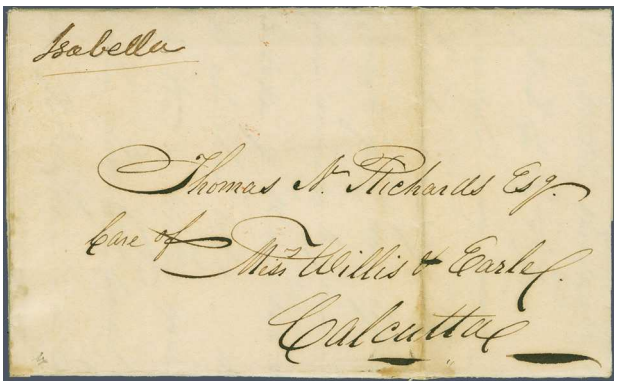
View of Calcutta



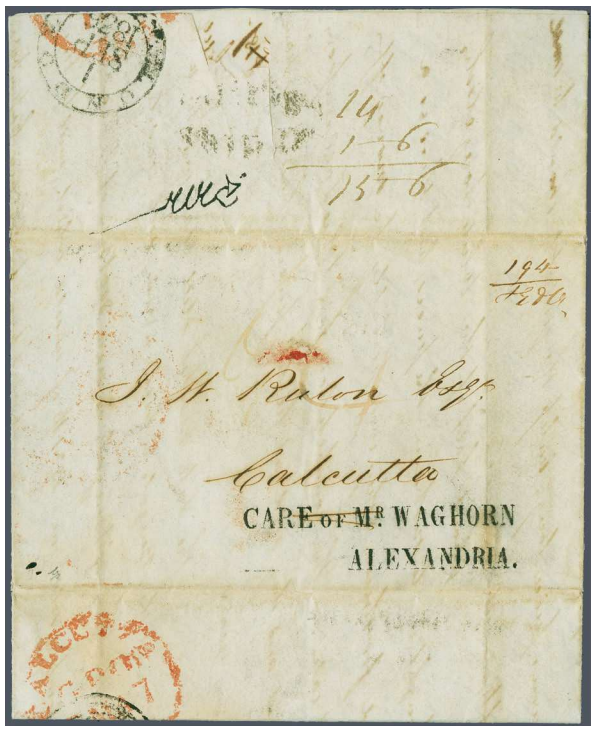
5046 Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

5046 1835 (Oct 26): Entire letter from London to Thomas N. Richards in Calcutta, prepaid *"3/2d."* in red manuscript and endorsed at right ***"Care of Mr. Waghorn, Alexandria"***. Carried from Suez on the EIC *"Hugh Lindsay"* which left Suez on Jan 4, 1836 and arrived at Bombay (Feb 10) with reverse showing circular "G.P.O. / FE 22 / 1836" Calcutta arrival cds in red alongside internal and rare manuscript amended *"Steamer"* and handstamp Ship charges, with 1 rupee 14 annas to pay upon arrival. The entire predating Waghorn cachets by several months, with some imperfections and slight staining but nevertheless an extremely rare and important entire - the earliest Eastbound Waghorn Forwarding Agent entire letter. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 119 days.
Note 2: This entire is probably the example referred to in "Overland Mail" by J.K. Sidebottom in the note on page 148, however this entire may not be in Waghorn's handwriting as Sidebottom states. ✉ **1'500**





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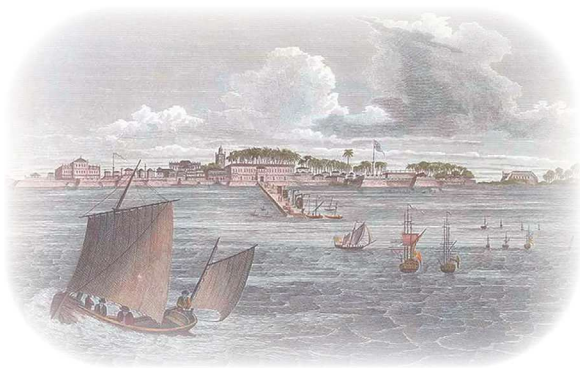


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		Gibbons	Start price in CHF
5047	1836 (March 27): Double rate entire letter from London to Thomas N. Richards in Calcutta, prepaid *"6/4d."* in red manuscript and struck with superb **"CARE OF** MR WAGHORN / ALEXANDRIA" handstamp in black (Sidebottom type 4a - shorter lettering) with docketing at top right *"No. 395 / S.E & C"* (Smith Elder & Co). Carried on the EIC *"Hugh Lindsay"* from Suez (May 6) and arriving in Bombay (June 1). Reverse with Indian Inland (1 rupee 12 annas) and Ship Postage (1 rupee 4 annas) rate handstamp with rate totalling 3 rupees 8 annas to pay. Large circular "CALCUTTA / GPO" cds in red (June 17) of arrival. Sold together with the "duplicate" entire letter from London to Thomas N. Richards, dated on the same day (March 27) endorsed per *"Isabella"* and mailed round the Cape of Good Hope route, struck on reverse with framed "Postage - 3 a. / Ship Ditto 3 a. / As. 6" in black and arrival in red (Aug 17). Minor edge wear otherwise superb and a very rare pair. Signed Todd AIEP. *Note 1: Journey time 82 days via Overland route / Journey time 145 days via Cape of Good Hope.* *Note 2: Sidebottom in "Overland Mail" recorded Type 4a used on only 4 covers, all are dated at the end of March 1836. This is Number 4 on his listing.* *Provenance: Collection W. Acterberg, DF, Geneva, 14 Feb 1999, lot 10040.*	✉	**1'200**
5048	1836 (Sept 1): Double rate entire letter from London to J. Rulon in Calcutta, prepaid *"6/4d."* in red manuscript and struck with superb **"CARE OF** MR WAGHORN / ALEXANDRIA" handstamp in black (Sidebottom type 4b - taller lettering) with docketing at top right *"No. 194 / S.E & C"* (Smith Elder & Co). London cds on reverse in black and carried on *"HMS Spitfire"* from Falmouth, *"HMS Tartarous"* from Malta (Sept 19) to Alexandria (Sept 25) departing Suez (Oct 3) with Calcutta arrival cds (March 7, 1837) in red and Inland (14 annas) and Ship Postage (1 anna 6 pies) rate handstamp with rate totalling 15 annas 6 pies - the Ship rate being half normal as landed within the Presidency. A fine and most attractive entire. Signed Todd AIEP. *Note 1: Journey time 188 days.* *Note 2: The cover is probably one of Numbers 7 or 9 in the Sidebottom listing.* *Provenance: Collection Kurt Wolfsbauer, DF, Geneva, 20 Feb 2002, lot 31566.*	✉	**1'000**



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View of Bombay from the Harbour

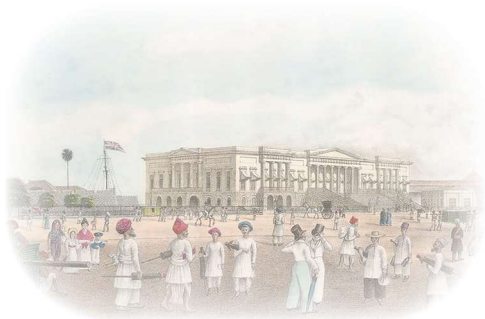
Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

5049 1836 (Oct 1): Double rate entire letter from London to Adam Skinner & Co. in Bombay, India, prepaid *"6/4d."* in red manuscript and struck with superb **"CARE OF MR WAGHORN / ALEXANDRIA"** handstamp in black (Sidebottom type 4b - taller lettering) with docketing at top right *"No. 257 / S.E & C"* (Smith Elder & Co). London cds on reverse in black (Oct 1) displaying well. No arrivals or further charges in Bombay but the dispatches of October 1, November 1 and December 1 all arrived at the same time in Bombay (April 3, 1837). Sidebottom lists three covers sent on this date to Calcutta and none to Bombay, however more may have since come to light. A generally fine and very scarce entire. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 185 days.
Note 2: Waghorn himself wrote that the Mail of "October 3rd from Falmouth left Suez by janissary for Mocha, as yet I do not know its progress...". See the cover dated 25 November 1836 from Waghorn in Alexandria to Sir John Phillipart, also in this sale.
Provenance: Cavendish, Derby, 21 April 2005, lot 463.

✉ **1'000**



5050



Town Hall of Bombay

5050 **Mail via Cape of Good Hope** 1836 (Dec 25-26): Long cross-written entire letter from Littlebourn, Kent to the Customs House, Bombay, with "Canterbury" transit cds on reverse (Dec 30) in black, prepaid to London with *"P 10d."* in red manuscript and London tombstone Paid datestamp in red (Dec 31). Struck with oval "PAID SHIP LETTER / ♛ / LONDON" in red (Robertson fig. S50) alongside (Dec 31). Probably carried on the *"Slaines Castle"* leaving London (Jan 1, 1837) arriving Bombay (May 17) and then onwards to China. No ship postage was payable upon arrival in Bombay. A fine and appealing entire.
Note 1: Journey time 142 days.

✉ **150**



Wetmore & Co.'s Tea Tasting Room in Canton



5051

Gibbons — Start price in CHF

5051 1837: Entire letter with, sadly one internal page missing, from London to Wetmore & Co. in Canton, China endorsed at top *"via Marseilles"* and struck with superb **"CARE OF MR WAGHORN / ALEXANDRIA"** handstamp in black (Sidebottom type 4b - taller lettering), docketed at top right *"66 / G.W.W."* by George W. Wheatley (Waghorn's Agent in Falmouth). Circular "ANGLETERRE PAR CALAIS" in red and oval "P-D" also in red below. Forwarded again in Bombay as endorsed *"Care of Messrs. Leckie & Co., Bombay"* and this erased in manuscript when the letter was sent on to China on the *"Pearl"* with endorsement at top. Full manuscript charges in red on obverse with charges amounting to £1 3s. 6½d. for a letter weighing between 2-2¼ ounces under the 1836 rates = 6/8d. British postage + 16/10½d. French postage to Alexandria. Reverse unusually bears the total charge due of *"£2 13s. 6½d."* in manuscript (thus Waghorn's charges = £1 10s.), and notification of receipt *"Wetmore, Jan 4, 1838"* in manuscript. An extraordinary cover to this rare destination and full of charm. Signed Todd AIEP.
Provenance: Stanley Gibbons, London, 21 Nov 1997, lot 14. ✉ **4'000**





William S. Wetmore



5052

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

5052 1837 (Dec 6): Large part entire letter concerning business matters from France to Wetmore & Co. in Canton, China endorsed at base *"Par Alexandrie et les Bateaux à vapeur de Marseilles"*, and carried privately outside the Mails to Marseille as no French charges are apparent; from there carried on the steamer *"Dante"* (Dec 8) to Malta and onwards to Alexandria on *"HMS Firefly"* arriving in Alexandria (Dec 22). Two fine strikes of oval framed ***"Care of / Mr. Waghorn /* Alexandrie"** struck in red (Sidebottom type 6) on obverse and over flap on the reverse of the cover. Carried from Suez (Jan 1, 1838) on the EIC *"Berenice"* to Bombay (Jan 21) and forwarded as endorsed *"Care of Messrs. Leckie & Co., Bombay"* and Leckie would have paid the 1 rupee Red Sea postage prior to the cover being sent as an enclosure to Calcutta where struck with framed "CALCUTTA / G.P.O. / SHIP LETTER" (Feb 10) in red and sent on per *"Sylph"* to Canton. A fine cover to a very rare destination bearing one of the rarest of all Waghorn cachets. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time to Calcutta, 66 days. This is probably the first of the two recorded covers with this Waghorn handstamp, mentioned in Sidebottom on page 150.
Note 2: Peter Smith's census in "Egypt Stamps & Postal History" on page 30 recorded just three examples of this marking. Sidebottom recorded just two.
Note 3: Illustrated in "Thomas Fletcher Waghorn Überlandweg Aegypten" by Bernard Koch on page 31. ✉ **6'000**



View of the Trade Offices in Canton



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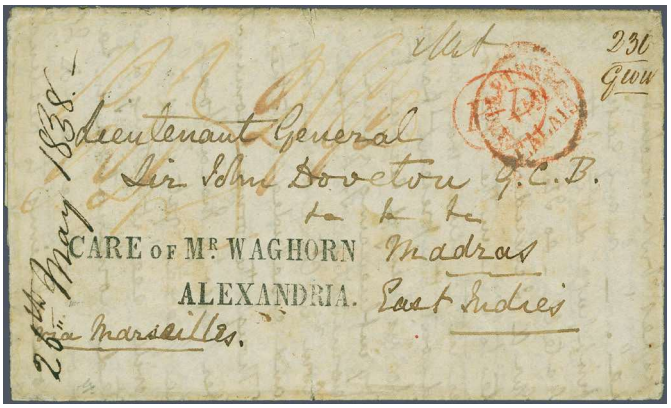
Gibbons

Start price in CHF

5053 1838 (Feb 22): Prepaid entire letter from London to Joseph Archer of Wetmore & Co. in Canton, China, endorsed *"pr. Overland Mail via Marseille"* in manuscript, and rated *"2/8½d."* in red manuscript (10d. British postage, 1/10½d. French postage for an under ¼ ounce letter), numbered *"130 / GWW"* (George W. Wheatley, Waghorn's Agent in Falmouth) in top right corner; struck with superb **"CARE OF** MR. WAGHORN / ALEXANDRIA" handstamp in black (Sidebottom type 4b) with London despatch cds (Feb 22) in black on reverse. Circular "ANGLETERRE PAR CALAIS" in red and oval "P-D" also in red above, and sent on by Messrs. Leckie & Co. in Bombay to Canton with internal arrival notation *"Answered June 7, 1838"*. A fine and rare entire to this rare destination. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Probable journey time to Canton of circa 100 days.
Provenance: Collection Max Uehlinger, Christie's, London, 12 March 1997, lot 5. ✉ **5'000**



Lt. General Sir John Doveton
(1768-1847)



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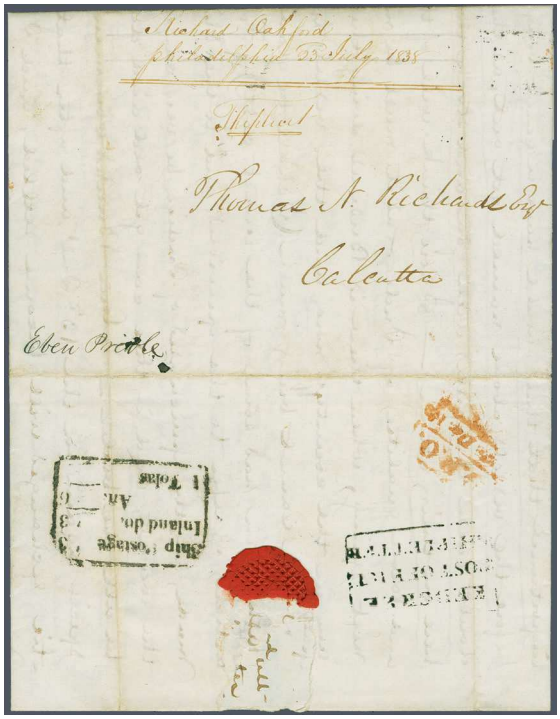


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Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

5054 1838 (May 26): Prepaid entire letter from London to Lieutenant General Sir John Doveton in Madras, East Indies endorsed *"via Marseilles"* in manuscript, and rated *"2/8½d."* in red manuscript (10d. British postage, 1/10½d. French postage for an under ¼ ounce letter), numbered *"230 / GWW"* (George W. Wheatley, Waghorn's Agent in Falmouth) in top right corner; struck with superb **"CARE OF** MR. WAGHORN / ALEXANDRIA" handstamp in black (Sidebottom type 4b) with London despatch cds in black on reverse (May 26) and framed Bombay arrival (Aug 11) in black where charged 12 annas for onward transmission to Madras with faint GPO arrival (Aug 19). A fine and rare entire - strangely letters to Madras are very rare. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time to Bombay 77 days.
Note 2: Fine content "I wrote to you about 12 days ago by the lst Steamer for India...there will be no Overland Packet till the middle off next month but this I shall send through the P.O. in Paris and on to Marseilles, to be put on board a French Steamer for Alexandria, trusting to its finding its way there...".
Note 3: The addressee, Lieutenant General Sir John Doveton (1768-1847) was a career Soldier, fighting under Lord Cornwallis against Tippoo Sultan in 1799 and under Arthur Welleseley the following year. He later was in command at Nagpur against Apa Sahib's forces and stormed the Palace with great loss of life (some 500 officers and men of the Madras Infantry died).
Provenance: Harmers, London, 27 May 1999, lot 1100. ✉ **1'500**

5055 1838 (July 23): Entire letter from Philadelphia, USA to Thomas N. Richards in Calcutta, marked internally "duplicate", carried outside the Mails to Liverpool and there endorsed *"via Marseilles"* in manuscript, and prepaid *"4/7d."* in red manuscript (10d. British postage, 3/9d. French postage for an under ½ ounce letter), annotated *"No.14 / D&T W"* (D and T Willis, Waghorn's Agents in Liverpool) in top right corner; struck with **"CARE OF** MR. WAGHORN / ALEXANDRIA / L'POOL" handstamp in black (Sidebottom type 8) with "PAID AT / LIVERPOOL" in red, London tombstone "Paid" in red and transit cds in black (Aug 21) on reverse and circular "Angleterre Par Calais" and oval "P-D" in red, carried from Marseille on the French Packet *"Scamandre"* to Malta (Sept 6) and thence on the *"Léonidas"* to Syra (Sept 11) and the *"Lycurgue"* to Alexandria, arriving on September 14th, thence to Suez and carried on the EIC *"Berenice"* steamer to Bombay (as the *"Semiramis"* had been delayed) with framed datestamp of receipt in black (Oct 21) and rated *"15"* annas in manuscript to pay. Calcutta "G.P.O." arrival in red (Nov 2). Full transcript enclosed. A superb and rare entire, especially so emanating from the United States.
Note 1: Journey time from London to Bombay circa 70 days.
Note 2: Sidebottom recorded just 5 examples of this handstamp, this being the second cover in his listing. Peter Smith in "Egypt Stamps & Postal History" recorded 8 examples with the earliest dated June 21, 1838.
Provenance: Collection Frederick Rowland Hill, Christie's, London, 5 Dec 1989, ex lot 480. ✉ **3'500**



5056



The State House in Philadelphia

Gibbons

Start price in CHF

5056 **Mail via Cape of Good Hope** 1838 (Aug 2): Entire letter from Philadelphia, USA to Thomas N. Richards in Calcutta, India being the duplicate letter to the previous lot, but sent from Philadelphia and carried outside the Mails on the ship *"Eben Prebble"* via Cape of Good Hope. Backstamped upon arrival with fine framed "KEDGEREE / POST OFFICE / SHIP LETTER" and framed "Ship Postage 3 / Inland do. 3 / Annas 6 / 1 Tolas" in black and smudged Calcutta "G.P.O." arrival in red (Dec 10). Full transcript enclosed with the lot.
Note: Journey time 136 days. Over a month later than via London & Suez.
Provenance: Collection Frederick Rowland Hill, Christie's, London, 5 Dec 1989, ex lot 480. ✉ **150**



5057



East India Company's 'Berenice'

5057 1838 (Aug 4): Prepaid double rate entire letter from London to Calcutta, India endorsed *"via Marseilles"* in manuscript at top, and rated *"5/5d."* in red manuscript (1/8d. British postage, 3/9d. French postage for an under ½ ounce letter), numbered *"34 / GWW"* (George W. Wheatley, Waghorn's Agent in Falmouth) in top right corner; struck with superb **"CARE OF** MR. WAGHORN / ALEXANDRIA" handstamp in black (Sidebottom type 4b) with London despatch cds in black (Aug 8) on reverse and both circular "Angleterre Par Calais" datestamp in red and oval "P-D" in red on obverse. Framed Bombay datestamp (Oct 19) in black and rated at *"15"* annas, with red Calcutta "GPO" datestamp (Nov 4) in red. A fine and rare entire. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time to Bombay 76 days.
Note 2: Ships difficult to calculate but the first East India Company steamer from Suez was the "Berenice" via Mocha, Yemen (Oct 4) and Aden (Oct 12) arriving Bombay on October 19th.
Provenance: Collection Robin Bertram, Grosvenor, London, 7 Dec 2006, lot 1423. ✉ **1'500**



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A sketch of John Pearson (1771-1841)

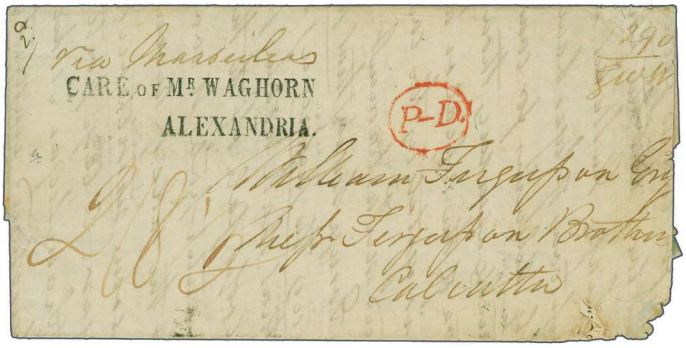
Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

5058 1838 (Oct 28): Prepaid entire letter at double rate from London to John Pearson, Advocate General in Calcutta, endorsed *"via Marseilles & Egypt"*, annotated *"126 / GWW"* (George W. Wheatley), rated *"4/7d."* in red manuscript (10d. British postage + 3/9d. French postage for a letter under ½ ounce) struck with fine **"CARE OF** MR. WAGHORN / ALEXANDRIA" in black (Sidebottom type 4b), with London despatch cds (Nov 5) on reverse in black. Circular "Angleterre Par Calais" cds in red and oval "P-D" in red, carried by the *"Léonidas"* from Marseille to Malta, thence *on "HMS Volcano"* to Alexandria and the EIC *"Hugh Lindsay"* from Suez; with reverse also showing framed BOMBAY arrival with *"15"* annas charge and Calcutta "G.P.O." arrival in red (10 Jan 1839). A fine entire with interesting content. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 74 days.
Note 2: Afghan War Content from the addressee's son: "This morning's papers tell us that the 16th Lancers are in the Field and a force of at least 10'000 men of ours, joined to Shah Soojah's and a strong body of Ranjit Singh's amounting to 30'000 men will advance upon Cabool by the first of November...I am not of the disposition to sit quiet in England whilst my Regiment is in the field abroad...I shall leave England on the 24th of this month...I have written to Mr. Waghorn in Egypt to lay horses etc. across the desert, as by this means I can save the steamer in the Red Sea and a month is of the greatest importance...".
Provenance: Collection Max Uehlinger, Christie's, London, 12 March 1997, lot 11. ✉ **1'000**



5059

5059 1839 (Jan 4): Prepaid entire letter at single rate from London to Thomas N. Richards in Calcutta, endorsed *"via Marseilles"*, annotated *"79 / GWW"* (George W. Wheatley), rated *"3/8½d."* in red manuscript (1/10d. British postage + 1/10½d. French postage for a letter under ¼ ounce) struck with fine **"CARE OF** MR. WAGHORN / ALEXANDRIA" in black (Sidebottom type 4b), with London despatch cds (Jan 4) on reverse in black. Circular "Angl. / Calais" entry mark in blue (Jan 6) and oval "P-D" in red; carried from Marseilles on the French steamer *"Rhamses"* to Syra (Jan 31), the *"Scamandre"* to Alexandria (Feb 4) and the EIC *"Hugh Lindsay"* from Suez (Feb 24) to Bombay with arrival in black showing *"15"* annas charge for journey to Calcutta with "G.P.O." arrival (April 2) in red. A fine and interesting cover - no advantage was gained using the French route on this voyage - the cover arrived in Bombay on the *"Hugh Lindsay"* - which also carried mails that had been sent from London via Falmouth some two weeks later than this letter. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 95 days. Probably the item listed in Sidebottom as cover 59 on page 150.
Provenance: Spink, London, 14 July 1999, lot 197
Cavendish, Derby, 2 Dec 2015, lot 511. ✉ **1'200**



5060



Port of Marseilles

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

5060 1839 (Jan 25): Prepaid entire letter at single rate from London to William Ferguson in Calcutta, endorsed *"via Marseilles"*, annotated *"290 / GWW"* (George W. Wheatley), rated *"2/8½d."* in red manuscript (10d. British postage + 1/10½d. French postage for a letter under ¼ ounce) struck with superb **"CARE OF** MR. WAGHORN / ALEXANDRIA" in black (Sidebottom type 4b), with London despatch cds (Jan 25) on reverse in black. Oval "P-D" in red; carried from Marseilles on the French steamer *"Eurotas"* to Malta (Feb 6), *"HMS Hermes"* to Alexandria (Feb 16) and the EIC *"Hugh Lindsay"* from Suez (Feb 24) to Bombay with arrival in black (March 24) showing *"15"* annas charge for journey to Calcutta with "G.P.O." arrival (April 2) in red. Faults at right but a fine strike. Signed Todd AIEP. Cert. J. Robineau & V. Pothion (1989).
Note 1: Journey time 75 days. Probably the item listed in Sidebottom as cover 60 on page 150.
Provenance: Collection Léon Dubus RDP., Drouot, Paris, 6 Oct 1989, lot 589. ✉ **750**



5061

5061 1839 (Feb 5): Entire letter started from Nice and completed in Toulon, France in May to Captain Cowper Rochfort, 27th Regiment of Native Infantry in Madras, India and redirected upon arrival, struck on reverse with oval framed **"ROBERT GOWER / MARSEILLE / ALEXANDRIE / AUX SOINS DE THOMAS WAGHORN"** handstamp in black - (Sidebottom unrecorded, Peter Smith lists as Type 12) - the unique example known annotated *"159 - 3"* inserted in manuscript. The entire was sent under cover via the steamer *"Sesostris"* from Marseille (May 21) to Syra (May 31) and thence on the French steamer *"Tancrède"* to Alexandria (June 4). From Suez on the EIC *"Berenice"* which left Suez (June 11) arriving in Bombay (June 27). Placed in the Mails there with framed BOMBAY handstamp in black, and redirected upon arrival with framed "SAMULCOTA / *Bearing*" handstamp in black (July 8) and again forwarded with framed "RAJAMUNDRY / *Bearing*" arrival (July 10). A wonderful entire with splendid contents with the lot - the entire also containing two superb hand-painted pictures. Unique and truly delightful entire. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Part content: "I have long been wishing to write to you by this new conveyance of Mr. Waghorn's which will I believe convey this letter to you in 40 days, so that I will have answer from you in two months and half which really does sound pleasant to my ears...".
Provenance: Collection of Rudi and Hilda Jeidel. See article in the Egypt Study Circle "Quarterly Circular", Number 118, June 1981, page 34. ✉ **3'500**



Port of Singapore



5062

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

5062 1839 (Feb 22): Prepaid entire letter (with printed Prices Current) at single rate from London to Messrs. Guthrie & Co, **Singapore**, endorsed *"via Marseilles"*, annotated *"GWW"* (George W. Wheatley) at top right, rated *"2/8½d."* in red manuscript (10d. British postage + 1/10½d. French postage for a letter under ¼ ounce) struck with very fine **"CARE OF** MR. WAGHORN / ALEXANDRIA" handstamp in black (Sidebottom type 4b), with London despatch cds (Feb 22) on reverse in black. Circular "Angl. / Calais" entry cds (Feb 25) in blue and oval "P-D" in red. From Marseille carried by *"HMS Volcano"* (March 9) to Malta (March 13) where the Mails were clearly delayed until April 11th when they were picked up by *"HMS Blazer"* and taken to Alexandria. The entire left Suez (April 17) on the EIC *"Atalanta"* for Bombay (May 5) where it was placed on the Schooner *"Charlotte"* which sailed (May 12) for Singapore and China. Slight acid ink discolouration but an extremely rare Waghorn usage to Singapore. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 72 days. Probably the cover listed in Sidebottom as number 62 on page 150. ✉ **1'500**



Travelling in the desert

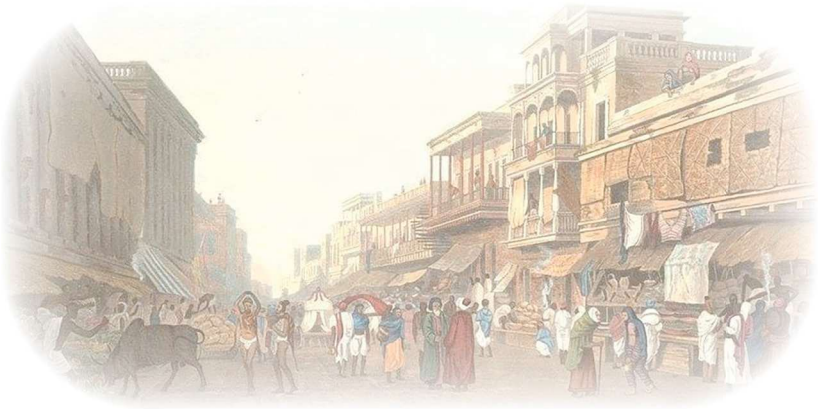


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Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

5063 1839 (Feb 27): Prepaid entire letter at single rate from Paris, France to Baboo Radakissen Mittre in Calcutta, endorsed *"Overland"*, rated "30" décimes on reverse in manuscript, struck with framed "P.P." in red and PARIS despatch cds in black (Feb 27). Two fine strikes of the oval framed ***"Care of / Mr. Waghorn /* Alexandria"** in red (Sidebottom type 6) with one across the flap on reverse and the other annotated *"No. 67 february"* in manuscript. Carried on the "Atalanta" from Suez (April 17) with reverse with faint Bombay datestamp (arrived May 5) and further framed "CALCUTTA / STEAM LETTER / *Bearing*" handstamp with manuscript *"1 rupee 7 annas"* to pay (May 17, from internal docketing). An exceptional entire letter - this Type 6 handstamp was the sole struck in red ink - with just three such usages of this handstamp recorded to date. Generally very fine, and outstandingly rare. Signed Todd AIEP. Cert. J. Robineau & V. Pothion (1989).
Note 1: Journey time 80 days. This is the second cover in the Sidebottom listing on page 150.
Note 2: This cover is illustrated in "Overland Mail" by J.K. Sidebottom on page 154.
Provenance: Collection John K. Sidebottom, Robson Lowe, London, 16 Sept 1953, lot 190
Léon Dubus RDP., Drouot, Paris, 6 Oct 1989, lot 590
Collection W. O. Acterberg, DF, Geneva, 14 Feb 1999, lot 10046.

✉ **8'500**



Bazaar in Calcutta



5064

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

5064 **Waghorn's Overland Mail - Eastbound** 1839 (July 13): Prepaid entire letter at double rate from London to Thomas N. Richards in Calcutta, endorsed *"via Marseille"* in manuscript and annotated *"G177 / GWW"* by George W. Wheatley at top right, with *"4/7d."* in red manuscript (10d. British postage + 3/9d. French postage for a letter under ½ ounce) struck with fine **"CARE OF** MESSRS. WAGHORN & Co. / ***LONDON*** **ALEXANDRIA"** in black (Sidebottom type 7), with London despatch cds (July 15) on reverse in black. Calais entry marking in red and oval "P-D" above, from Marseille and arriving in Alexandria on *"HMS Acheron"* on July 31st., thence on the EIC *"Atalanta"* from Suez to Aden and transhipped there to the brig *"Orissa"* with reverse showing framed "Bombay / *Bearing*" datestamp (Sept 6) in black with *"15"* annas charge for onward transmission and Calcutta "G.P.O." arrival in red. A fine and extremely rare entire, both Sidebottom and Peter Smith recorded just 8 examples of this handstamp. Signed Todd AIEP. Cert. J. Robineau & V. Pothion (1989).
Provenance: Collection Léon Dubus RDP, Drouot, Paris, 6 Oct 1989, lot 588.

✉ **2'500**



Philadelphia Harbour

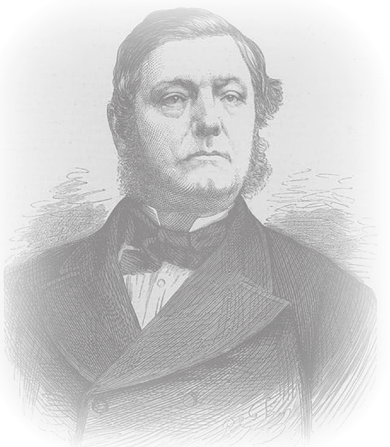


5065

Gibbons Start price in CHF

5065 1839 (Aug 7): Entire letter from Philadelphia, USA carried outside the Mails across the Atlantic, struck with "FORWARDED BY / MORRISON, CRYDER & Co. / LONDON" marking in red on reverse and handed to Waghorn's Agency. Mailed on at double rate from London to Thomas N. Richards in Calcutta, endorsed *"pr. Overland Mail"* in manuscript and annotated *"E 25 / GWW"* by George W. Wheatley at top right, with original *"5/-"* charge deleted and corrected to *"4/7d."* in red manuscript (10d. British postage + 3/9d. French postage for a letter under ½ ounce) struck with fine **"CARE OF** MESSRS. WAGHORN & Co. / ***LONDON*** **ALEXANDRIA"** in black (Sidebottom type 7), with London despatch cds (Sept 4) on reverse in black. Further struck with two line "PER FRENCH STEAMER / VIA MARSEILLES" in black (applied by Wheatley), Calais entry cds (Sept 8) with oval "P-D" above in red. Reverse with faint framed "BOMBAY / *Bearing*" handstamp in black and charged "14" annas for onward transmission with "G.P.O." Calcutta arrival in red (Nov 12). The finest usage of this rare handstamp of which just 8 usages are recorded; wonderful content concerning the purchase of Rhinceroses, Orang Utans and *"send half a dozen snakes, the longest you can get"*. A rare and spectacular entire. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 92 days.
Note 2: Illustrated in "Overland Mail" by J.K.Sidebottom on page 151, also illustrated in "Thomas Fletcher Waghorn Überlandweg Aegypten" by Bernard Koch on page 37.
Provenance: Collection Emile Antonini, DF, Zurich, April 10-15, lot 32125
Collection W.O. Acterberg, DF, Geneva, 14 Feb 1999, lot 10045.

✉ **7'500**



Sir Edward Bates (1816-1896)
ship owner in Calcutta



5066

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF
5066	1839 (Sept 13): Large part entire letter from Liverpool to Bombay, endorsed *"Single, 14 Sep 1839"* and also *"via Marseilles"* at top, struck with superb strike of **"CARE OF** MR. WAGHORN / ALEXANDRIA L'POOL" in black (Sidebottom type 8), annotated by Waghorn's Liverpool Agents, D. and T. Willis at top right *"No. 14 / D&T W"* in red ink, with manuscript rates at top: 1/10d. for British postage and 2/6d. for French postage = 4/4d. for an under ¾ ounce letter. This erased and 1 shilling deducted for the Red Sea passage and thus prepaid *"3/4d."* in red manuscript with framed "PAID AT / LIVERPOOL" and London tombstone 'Paid' datestamp (Sept 16) in red. London cds on reverse in black (Sept 16). No further markings and it is possible the cover was sent on as an enclosure or it would have transitted thus: from Marseille on the *"Mageara"* to Malta (Sept 25), thence on *"HMS Volcano"* to Alexandria (Oct 8) departing Suez on the EIC *"Berenice"* (Oct 11) to Bombay (Oct 29). Item number 4 in the Sidebottom listing of the 8 known covers and extremely rare. *Provenance: Collection W.O. Acterberg, DF, Geneva, 14 Feb 1999, lot 10050.*		✉ **3'500**



View of Madras

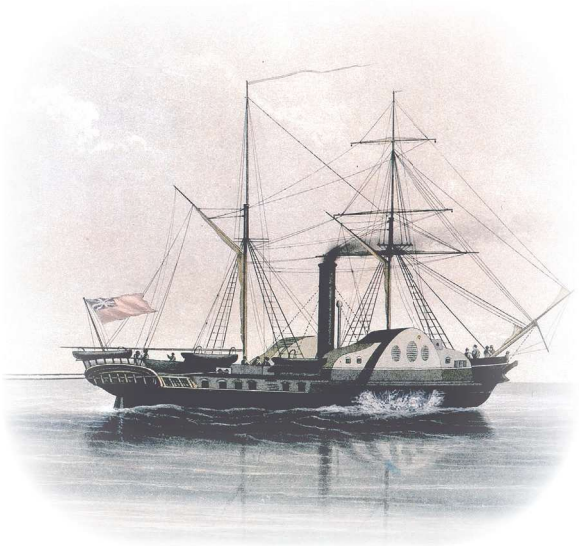


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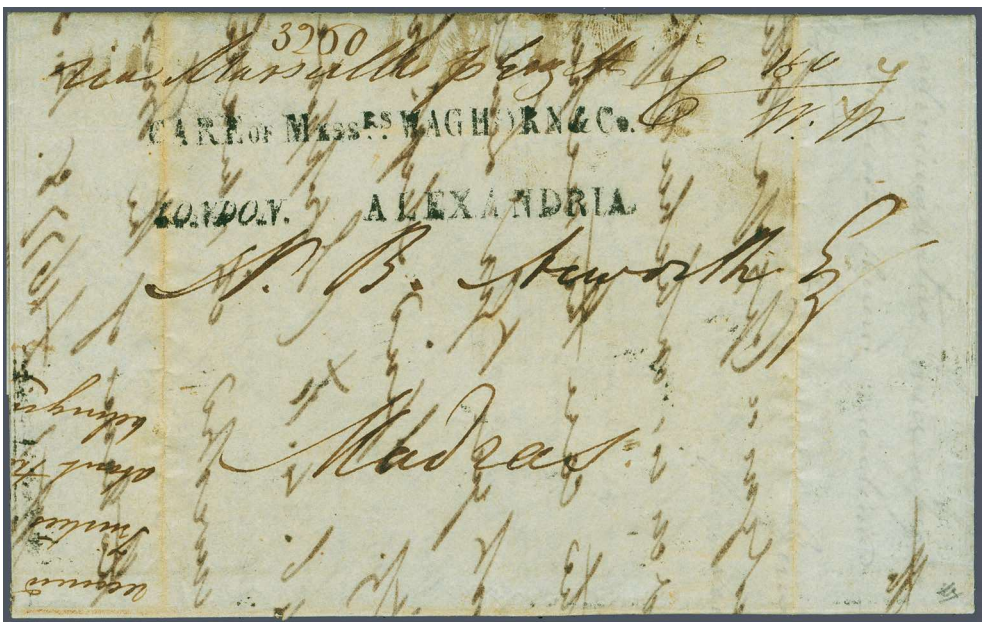
Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

5067 1840 (Jan 15): Entire letter (less the power or Attorney also enclosed) from London to Madras, prepaid at *"7/3½d."* in red manuscript for a letter under ¾ ounce with an enclosure (at 1836 rate of 1/8d. British postage + 5/7½d. French postage), annotated at top right *"C 61 / GWW"* by George W. Wheatley on despatch; beautifully struck with **"CARE OF** MESSRS. WAGHORN & Co. / ***LONDON*** **ALEXANDRIA"** in black (Sidebottom type 7) and with Wheatley's handstamp (large format) "PER FRENCH STEAMER / VIA MARSEILLES" in black. Reverse with London despatch cds (Jan 16) in black, thence with "Angl. / Calais" entry mark in red (Jan 17) and oval "P-D" in red. From Marseille (Jan 21) carried on the French steamers *"Eurotas"* to Malta, the *"Sesostris"* (Jan 21) to Syra, thence from Alexandria to Suez where placed on board the EIC *"Berenice"* on February 23, with eventual arrival of framed "BOMBAY / *Bearing*" where charged *"15"* annas for onward transmission to Madras. A magnificent and famous cover of great charm. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: By this date the importance of Waghorn & Co. was beginning to wane with the opening of the French route which allowed British steamers to carry mail from Marseilles to Alexandria direct. However in this instance, neither Waghorn nor the British Post Office could help the delays seen here in the monthly service East of Suez.
Note 2: Journey time 66 days.
Provenance: Collection Frederick Rowland Hill, Christie's, London, 5 Dec 1989, lot 482 (illustrated on the front cover of the catalogue).

✉ **3'500**



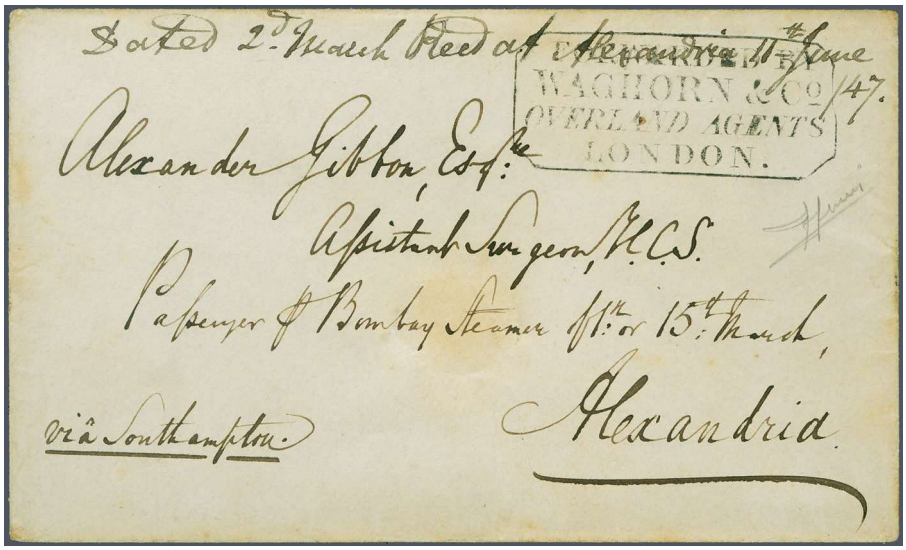
HMS 'Alecto'



5068

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

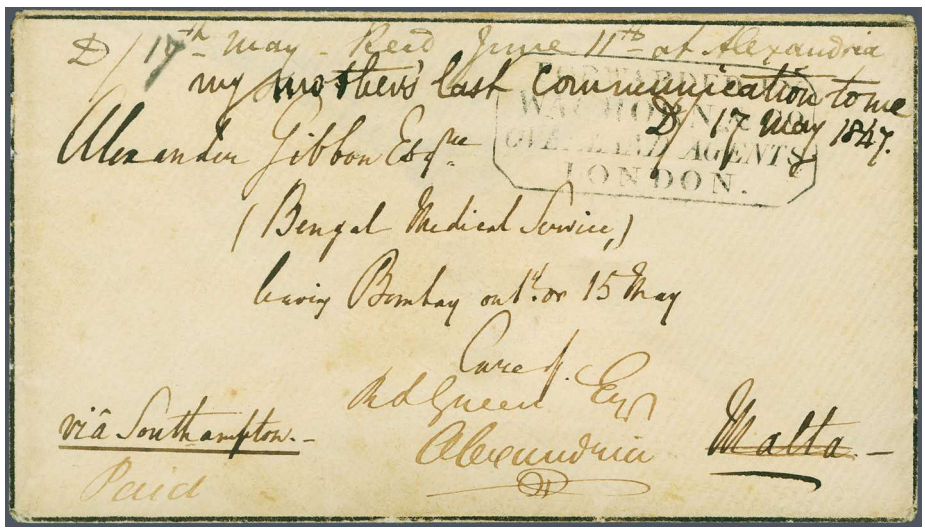
5068 1840 (Aug 4): Entire letter from London to Madras, endorsed *"via Marseilles & Egypt"*, annotated at top right *"180 / GWW"* by George W. Wheatley, struck with **"CARE OF** MESSRS. WAGHORN & Co. / ***LONDON*** **ALEXANDRIA"** in black (Sidebottom type 7). No rates in manuscript for payment to Alexandria and thus probably carried by hand outside the Mails to Egypt, and carried from Marseilles (Aug 9) on the *"Prometheus"* to Malta (Aug 13), from there to Alexandria on the *"HMS Alecto"*, departing Suez (Aug 21) on the EIC *"Zenobia"*, with framed "BOMBAY / STEAMER LETTER / *Bearing*" in black (Sept 11) with manuscript charge of 19 annas due to pay: 9 annas for Steam postage to Madras + 10 annas for a letter from Bombay up to 1 tola in weight and Madras 'G.P.O.' arrival (Sept 21) in red. A fine and scarce entire. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time just 38 days to Bombay.
Provenance: Collection Max Uehlinger, Christie's, London, 12 March 1997, lot 22. ✉ **2'500**



5069

Gibbons Start price in CHF

5069 1847 (March 2): Envelope from London addressed to Alexander Gibbon, Assistant Surgeon KCS, passenger Bombay Steamer 15th March, in Alexandria, Egypt; endorsed *"via Southampton"* at lower left and struck with octagonal framed **"FORWARDED BY / WAGHORN & Co. / *OVERLAND AGENTS* / LONDON"** in black. Further manuscript notation at top *"Dated 2nd March. Rec'd Alexandria 11th June 1847"*.
This cachet unrecorded by both John K. Sidebottom and Peter A.S. Smith and probably not used in a postal capacity but sent with baggage / contained a telegram from England to Alexandria - Waghorn's business was faltering by this date and mostly confined to passengers and freight. Nevertheless extremely rare, one of just two examples known (both housed in this collection). Signed Sorani.
Provenance: Collection Emile Antonini, DF, Zurich, 10-15 April 1983, lot 32131
Collection W.O. Acterberg, DF, Geneva, 14 Feb 1999, lot 10054. ✉ **2'000**



5070

5070 1847 (May 17): Envelope from London addressed to Alexander Gibbon, Assistant Surgeon of the Bengal Medical Service, in Alexandria, Egypt; endorsed *"via Southampton"* at lower left and struck with octagonal framed **"FORWARDED BY / WAGHORN & Co. / OVERLAND AGENTS / LONDON"** in black. Further manuscript notation at top *"17th May. Rec'd Alexandria 11th June 1847"* and further endorsed *"My mother's last communication to me 17 May 1847"*. This cachet unrecorded by both John K. Sidebottom and Peter A.S. Smith and probably not used in a postal capacity but sent with baggage or a message / telegram from England to Alexandria - Waghorn's business was faltering by this date and mostly confined to passengers and freight. Nevertheless extremely rare, one of just two examples known (both housed in this collection).
Provenance: Collection George Gougas, Robson Lowe, Basel, 28 Feb 1973, lot 764. ✉ **1'000**

Westbound



View of the Nile



5071



J. Grant Glassco

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

5071 1836 (Nov 23): An entire Missionary letter from Calcutta to the London Missionary Society, endorsed *"By Overland Conveyance"* with manuscript *"TFW / 16"* in top right corner (Thomas Fletcher Waghorn, the docketing as later famously used by Geo. W. Wheatley), struck with **"CARE OF** MR. WAGHORN / COSSIER" in black (Sidebottom type 2). The cover travelled by the *"Fyzul Kurreem"*, a private sailing vessel on 1 December 1836 from Calcutta to Cosseir on the Red Sea, whereupon the letter was transported either across the desert to Kena (Qena) and up the Nile privately or was landed at Suez and then crossed through to Alexandria where the letter was carried privately to Marseille (this describer feels the former option is more in line with Waghorn's ideas at the time). Disinfected on arrival in Marseille with slits and struck with two line "PURIFIÉ AU LAZARET / MARSEILLE" on reverse in black and on obverse with entry marking of framed "PAS D'OUTREMER" and MARSEILLE cds in black (May 22). Charged *"2/2d."* due upon delivery with London arrival cds (May 27) on reverse where charged *"2/2sd."* due to pay in manuscript - 1/7d. for Marseille to England and 7d. postage for the 74 miles from Dover to London. This rare entire was the discovery example of this cachet (in 1939) and just one other example is known to exist (ex the Michael Manning collection, lot 159) - which was received both in Marseille and in London on the same day. A great rarity of Indian, Egyptian and British Postal History. Signed Todd AIEP.

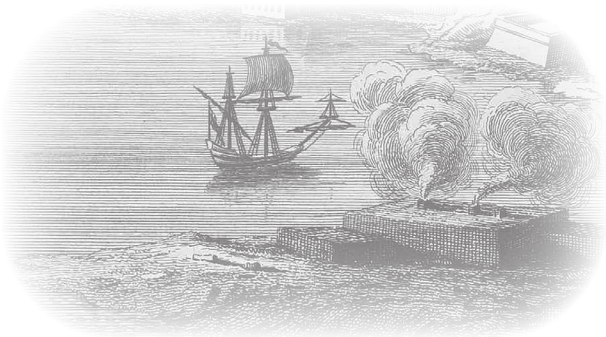
Note 1: The contents state "An opportunity now offering to send you a copy of our last report by a conveyance which may probably put you in possesion of it 2 months earlier than by the usual route, I have embraced it....two merchants are about to proceed overland and have kindly undertaken to forward the Mail to Suez for the Steamer" (Thomas Boaz).

Note 2: This cover is illustrated in "Overland Mail" by John K. Sidebottom on page 148 and discussed in further detail on pages 151-153. Sidebottom considered the initials in the top right corner to be Waghorn's but this remains as conjecture although "By Overland Conveyance" does appear to be in Waghorn's hand.

Note 3: The earliest Eastbound cover carried by the Waghorn service.

Provenance: Collection J.K. Sidebottom OBE, Robson Lowe, London, 25 Nov 1953, lot 23
Collection Dr. William Byam OBE, Robson Lowe, London, 24-25 Oct 1961, lot 20
Collection J. Grant Glassco, Robson Lowe, 25'27 Nov 1969, lot 1309.

✉ **20'000**



The Lazaretto 'smoking' in Malta



5072

Gibbons Start price in CHF

5072 1836 (Dec 2): Entire letter from Bombay to Alloa, Scotland endorsed *"via Suez & Malta"* at left; struck on reverse with Waghorn's Agent's large circular handstamp on reverse "FORW'D BY MCGREGOR BROWNRIGG & Co. / BOMBAY / No. *567*" in black and superb framed **"To the care of / Mr. WAGHORN"** struck in black (Sidebottom type 10), carried from Bombay on the Red Sea route, the entire departing Alexandria on *"HMS Blazer"* (Jan 30, 1837) arriving in Malta (Feb 4) where disinfected by toasting against Cholera with Malta Lazaretto red wax seal on reverse. From Malta on the *"HMS Firefly"* via Gibraltar to Falmouth where struck with "MALTA / F" skeleton handstamp in green on reverse alongside London cds in red (Feb 28) and struck with distinctive Mail tax "½" in Falmouth in black. Charged due *"10/3d."* on arrival in Alloa. Partial and interesting transcript with the lot concerning Bombay Steamers, a fine and extremely rare entire - earlier than the eight covers recorded in Sidebottom. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 88 days.
Note 2: Rates: India rate to Red Sea would have been prepaid 1 rupee 8 annas for a weight of up to 2 tolas = approximately 18 grams.
British Rate: Triple rate of three times the 2/3d. Packet rate (= 6/9d.) + Inland postage of 3/6d. = 10/3d. Inland Postage on mails via London was commuted by 2d. per single letter for the journey from Falmouth, so the 689 miles to Alloa, which would have cost 3 x 1/4d. = 4s. was reduced by 6d. to 3/6d. The standard "½d." charge was applied in Falmouth in black.
Note 3: Illustrated as mounted on the album page with photostat of part of reverse showing the Malta Lazaretto red wax seal.

✉ **2'000**



5073

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

5073 1836 (Dec 2): Entire letter excluding enclosures from Bombay to London, with partial strike of scarce "INDIA / Packet Letter / PAID" somewhat obscured by manuscript on reverse by *"Care of Thos. Waghorn Esq., to be forwarded by / the best opportunity for Britain, with / Edmund Bibby & Co.'s compliments / Bombay 12 Jan"*; with framed **"To the care of / Mr. WAGHORN"** struck in black (Sidebottom type 10), and further inscribed *"via Suez"* and *"1½ oz."* on obverse and numbered *"84"*. Carried on the EIC *"Hugh Lindsay"* from Bombay (Jan 18) arriving at Suez (Feb 15) thence by French Packet from Alexandria to Marseille, where disinfected by fumigation against Cholera with two line "PURIFIÉ LAZARET / MARSEILLE" in black displaying well on reverse. Obverse with framed "PAYS D'OUTREMER" and Marseille cds (March 16) in black and thence to London (March 21) where charged *"12s."* in manuscript to pay (a figure somewhat difficult to work out under the 1837 rates - see the next lot). A fine and most interesting cover. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 68 days.
Note 2: This is one of the Huth correspondence covers mentioned by Sidebottom on page 151, at the time of his book this would have been the earliest example known. ✉ **2'000**



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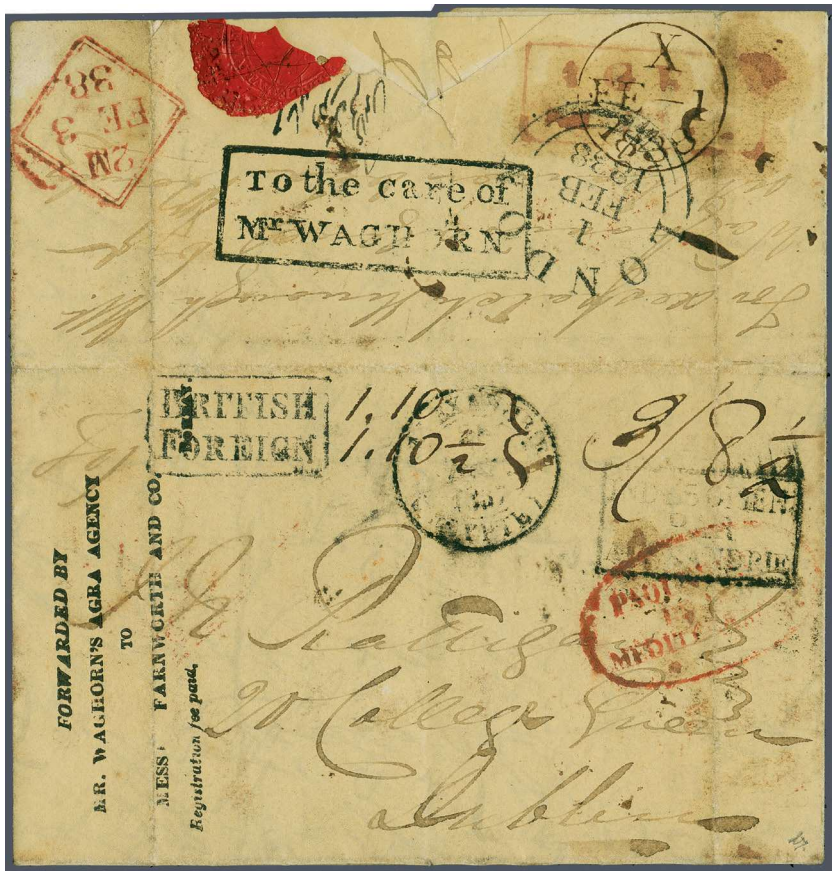


William S. Wetmore

5074 1837 (Oct 19): Cover from Canton, China mailed via James Innes & Co., Waghorn's Agents in China, to William Wetmore care of Morrison Cryder & Co. in London endorsed at top *"2 Sheets"* and *"Registered No. 65, Canton 19 Oct 1837 / Ja Innes"*, and at base endorsed *"Overland"*. Placed into the French Post Office by Waghorn's Agency upon arrival in Alexandria with "Alexandrie / Egypte" cds in black (Feb 7) and oval red "PAQUEBOTS / DE LA / MEDITERRANÉE" and framed "INDES ORIEN / PAR / ALEXANDRIE" in black, carried on the *"Tancrède"* from Alexandria (Feb 17) to Syra thence by the *"Scamandre"* via Malta where disinfected with partial Malta Lazaretto red wax seal on reverse, thence via Marseille (March 7) to London (March 13) with framed "BRITISH / FOREIGN" in black and showing charge due of *"9/3½d."* in manuscript at base: 3/7d. British postage + 5/7½d. French postage for a ¾ ounce letter with one enclosure under the 1837 rates. A most interesting cover and extremely scarce and attractive. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 145 days; similar to the cover listed via Waghorn in Sidebottom on page 151 which took 141 days.
Note 2: See the next lot - carried on the same day from the French Post Office in Alexandria. ✉ **750**



View of Agra



5075

Gibbons

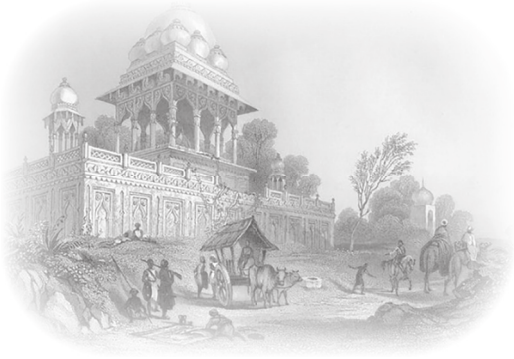
Start price in CHF

5075 1837 (Oct 28): Special letter-sheet with imprinted "FORWARDED BY / MR. WAGHORN'S AGRA AGENCY / TO / MESSRS. FARNWORTH & CO. / Registration fee paid BOMBAY" (applied after the letter was sealed) mailed from Agra, India to Dublin, Ireland and struck on reverse with framed AGRA despatch in red and manuscript endorsement on reverse *"For despatch through Mr. Waghorn..."* with very fine framed **"To the care of / Mr. WAGHORN"** in black (Sidebottom type 10). Probably carried from Bombay nearly a month later on the EIC *"Berenice"* steamer (Nov 30) or placed aboard in a packet (as there is no oval "*India" marking) or was carried by the Arab ship *"Issavie"* which sailed for Mocha and Jedda on November 11th. French Post Office "Alexandrie / Egypte" in black and framed "INDES ORIEN / PAR / ALEXANDRIE" alongside with oval framed "PAQUEBOTS / DE LA / MEDITERRANÉE" in red, reverse with partial Malta Lazaretto red wax seal and thence on the *"Lycurgue"* (Jan 19) to Marseille (Jan 25) with arrival in London (Feb 1, 1838) where struck with framed "BRITISH / FOREIGN" handstamp in black showing charge due of 1s. 10 d. British Postage + 1s 10½d. French Postage in manuscript with total charge of *"3/8½d."* due to pay upon arrival. Dublin eventual arrival (Feb 3) in red on reverse. A wonderful cover of great rarity to an unusual destination. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 98 days.
Provenance: Collection Max Uehlinger, Christie's, London, 12 March 1997, lot 4.

✉ **10'000**



5076



View of Meerut

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

5076 1837 (Nov 28): Entire letter from General Sir George Brooke (at this date newly promoted to Major) in Meerut, India to Clifton, Bristol endorsed *"per Steamer via Bombay"* struck on reverse with very fine framed **"To the care of / Mr. WAGHORN"** struck in black (Sidebottom type 10), carried from Bombay on the EIC *"Atalanta"* (Jan 5, 1838) to Suez (Jan 25) and transferred to the French Post Office where struck with "Alexandrie / Egypte" cds (Feb 7) in black, framed "INDES ORIEN / PAR / ALEXANDRIE" in black, carried on the *"Tancrède"* from Alexandria (Feb 17) to Syra thence by the *"Scamandre"* via Malta where disinfected with partial Malta Lazaretto red wax seal on reverse, thence via Marseille (March 7) to London (March 13) with framed "BRITISH / FOREIGN" in black and showing charge due of 1s. 10 d. British Postage + 1s 10½d. French Postage in manuscript with total charge of 3/8½d. due to pay upon arrival. Further charge of 1d. due for local delivery in Clifton noted at top left of the entire. A fine and rare cover.
Note 1: Journey time 68 days.

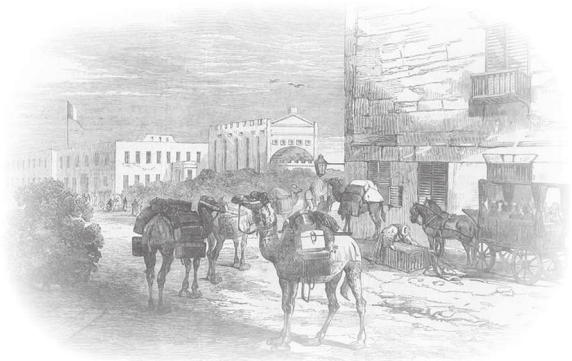
✉ **2'000**



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5077 1838 (Jan 11): Entire letter from Calcutta to Morrison Cryder & Co. in London endorsed *"pr. Steamer via Bombay",* with reverse showing framed "CALCUTTA / STEAM LETTER / PAID" in red (Jan 11) and rated in manuscript *"1 rupee 15 annas"* (1 rupee Red Sea Postage + 15 annas Indian internal postage); struck with superb oval framed **"Care of / Mr. Waghorn / Suez"** in black (Sidebottom type 3), signed and annotated *"577"*, struck in Bombay with extremely rare usage of large oval "INDIA" in black. Carried on the EIC *"Hugh Lindsay"* from Bombay (Jan 26) arriving Suez (Feb 20) and placed in the French P.O. with "Alexandrie / Egypte" cds in black (Feb 27) and framed "INDES ORIEN / PAR / ALEXANDRIE" in black, thence via the French Packet *"Mentor"* to Syra (March 5) to Malta where disinfected by fumigation against Cholera with rare oval "PURIFIÉ AU LAZARET / MALTE" in black and the *"Rhamses"* to Marseille. London arrival cds (March 22) in black on reverse. Framed "BRITISH / FOREIGN" handstamp showing charge due of 1s. 10 d. British Postage + 1s 10½d. French Postage in manuscript for a letter under ¼ ounce, with total charge of *"3/8½d."* due to pay upon arrival. A superb and rare entire In delightful quality. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 70 days.
Provenance: Collection Derek Hammond Giles, Spink, London, 25 Oct 2000, lot 414.

✉ **2'000**



Arrival of the Indian Mail at Alexandria



5078 Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

5078 1838 (April 11): Entire letter without the enclosures from Calcutta to Morrison Cryder & Co. in London endorsed *"pr. Overland Mail"* at top, with reverse showing framed "CALCUTTA / STEAM LETTER / PAID" in red (April 11) and rated in manuscript *"1 rupee 14 annas"* struck with extremely rare small oval **"Care of / Mr. T Waghorn / Suez"** with 'T' in black (Sidebottom type 3a - *the earliest example recorded* - both Sidebottom and Peter Smith recorded just two such usages - this predates both by over a year), the handstamp with *"2R"* in manuscript and thus revealing Waghorn's charge of 2 rupees, with number *"382"* below. Rectangular "INDIA" in red and carried on the EIC *"Atalanta"* from Bombay (April 27) to Suez (May 17). Transferred to the French P.O. with "Alexandrie / Egypte" cds in black (March 27) with framed "INDIES ORIEN / PAR / ALEXANDRIE" alongside and oval "PAQUEBOTS / DE LA / MEDITERRANÉE" in red. Carried on *"Dante"* to Syra (May 31) and thence on the *"Rhamses"* to Malta where disinfected with "OPENED & RESEALED / LAZARETTO MALTA" red wax seal on reverse. Thence on the *"Mentor"* via Marseilles to London with arrival (June 19) cds on reverse and framed "BRITISH / FOREIGN" in black showing charge due of 5s. 6d. British Postage + 5s 7½d. French Postage in manuscript for a letter under ¾ ounce with enclosures, with a total charge of 11/1½d. due to pay. A superb and extremely important entire. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 69 days.
Provenance: Collection George A. Coates, Robson Lowe, London, 7 Nov 1990
Collection Max Uehlinger, Christie's, London, 12 March 1997, lot 6.

✉ **5'000**



Palace ruins of the ancient Kingdom of Ava

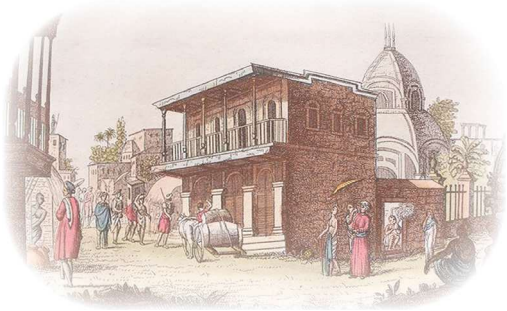


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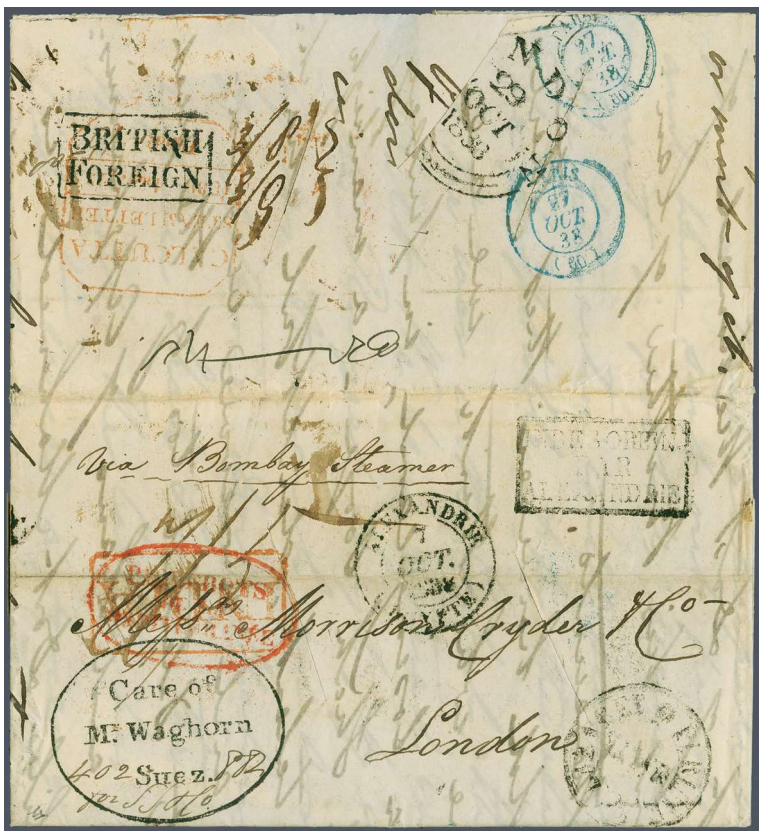
Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

5079 1838 (July 16): Entire letter from Calcutta to Morrison Cryder & Co. in London endorsed *"per Steamer via Bombay",* with reverse showing framed "CALCUTTA / STEAM LETTER / PAID" in red (July 16) and rated in manuscript *"15 annas"* for internal rate to Bombay, struck with oval framed **"Care of Mr. Waghorn / Suez"** in black with manuscript *"366, PR / SS & Co."* of Samuel Smith & Co, Waghorn's Calcutta Agents (Sidebottom type 3) and rectangular framed "INDIA" in red. From Bombay (Aug 1), the cover was carried by the EIC *"Atalanta"* not to Suez as advertised in the Press but instead went via the **Persian Gulf - where this Mail was plundered by Arab marauders** - see attached email from the doyen of this area of collecting, Jochen Heddergott, enclosed with this lot. Eventually some of the Mail reached Alexandria where handed to the French P.O. and struck with "Alexandrie / Egypte" cds (Sept 27) with framed "INDIES ORIEN / PAR / ALEXANDRIE" alongside and oval "PAQUEBOTS / DE LA / MEDITERRANÉE" in red. Carried on the *"Rhamses"* to Syra from there on the *"Sesostris"* (Oct 1) to Malta where disinfected and struck with circular "PURIFIÉ LAZARET / MALTE" in black, thence on the *"Eurotas"* to Marseille with Paris transit in blue (Oct 15) and London arrival (Oct 17) in black and framed "BRITISH / FOREIGN" in black showing charge due of 3s. 8d. British Postage + 3s 9d. French Postage in manuscript for a letter under ½ ounce with enclosure, with a total charge of 7/5d. due to pay. A superb and extremely important entire. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 93 days, roughly a month late.
Note 2: Interesting contents "We are anxiously awaiting the results of Colonel Benson's mission to Ava on which rests the alternative of peace or war with the Burmese. With Nepal too our relations are very unsatisfactory and rumours are afloat that Runjeet Singh is playing us double. There seems to be no doubt that the Persians and the Afghanis are in close intimacy....".

✉ **2'500**



View of Calcutta



5080

Gibbons

Start price in CHF

5080 1838 (Aug 23): Entire letter from Calcutta to Morrison Cryder & Co., London endorsed *"via Bombay Steamer"*, with reverse showing framed "CALCUTTA / STEAM LETTER / PAID" in red (Aug 23) and rated in manuscript *"15 annas"* for internal rate to Bombay, struck with oval framed **"Care of Mr. Waghorn / Suez"** in black with manuscript *"402, PR / for SS & Co."* of Samuel Smith & Co, Waghorn's Calcutta Agents (Sidebottom type 3) and rectangular framed "INDIA" in red. From Bombay (Sept 12), the cover was carried by the EIC *"Berenice"* to Suez arriving (Sept 30), and transferred to French P.O. and struck with "Alexandrie / Egypte" cds (Oct 7) with framed "INDIES ORIEN / PAR / ALEXANDRIE" alongside and oval "PAQUEBOTS / DE LA / MEDITERRANÉE" in red over the boxed "India". Carried on the *"HMS Blazer"* to Malta where disinfected with slits and with circular "PURIFIÉ LAZARET / MALTE" in black, from there on the *"Confiance"* (Oct 16) to Marseilles. Paris cds in blue (Oct 27) and London arrival (Oct 29) in black and framed "BRITISH / FOREIGN" in black showing charge due of 3s. 8d. British Postage + 3s 9d. French Postage in manuscript for a letter under ½ ounce with enclosure, with a total charge of 7/5d. due to pay. A scarce and fine entire. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 68 days.
Note 2: The interesting point to note is that the French P.O. conveyed the letter from Alexandria to Dover, but used a British Packet from Malta to Marseilles, This was the first voyage of a British vessel on this route and the improved reliability of the service soon undermined Waghorn's ability to act effectively as a Mail Forwarding Agent; from here on he turned increasingly to passengers and freight forwarding.
Provenance: Cavendish, Derby, 23 Oct 1998, lot 45.

✉ **1'500**

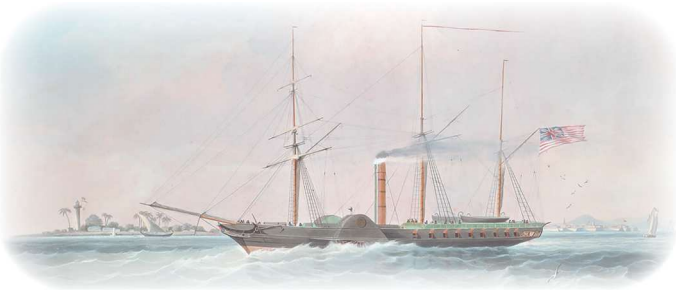


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		Gibbons	Start price in CHF
5081	1838 (Oct 24): Entire letter from Canton, China to Morrison Cryder & Co., London carried privately to Calcutta with oval framed "FORWARDED BY / CHARLES HUFFNAGLE / CALCUTTA" cachet in black at lower left with reverse showing framed "CALCUTTA / STEAM LETTER / PAID" in red and rated in manuscript *"1 rupee 14 annas"* for internal rate to Bombay (between 1 and 2 tolas), struck with oval framed **"Care of Mr. Waghorn / Suez"** in black (Sidebottom type 3) with manuscript *"442, GO / for SS & Co."* of Samuel Smith & Co, Waghorn's Calcutta Agents and Waghorn's fee *"1 rupee 8 annas"* above. Fair only rectangular framed "INDIA" in red. From Bombay (Jan 2, 1839), the cover was carried by the EIC *"Atalanta"* to Suez (Jan 20), thence from Alexandria (Jan 27) on the *"Hermes"* to Malta and from there (Feb 2) on *"HMS Blazer"* to Marseilles. Paris cds of transit (Feb 11) in blue on reverse with London arrival cds (Feb 13) in black and framed "BRITISH / FOREIGN" in black showing charge due originally of 5s. 6d. British Postage + 5s. 7d. French Postage in manuscript for a letter under ¾ ounce with enclosures, with a total charge of *"11/1½d."* due to pay. This was then checked to find but a single enclosure (to be forwarded to Philadelphia, USA) and the sum collected marked down to *"9/3½d."* due to pay - showing just how complicated these rates were at the time (let alone now!). A scarce and fine entire. Signed Todd AIEP. *Note 1: Journey time 112 days.* *Provenance: Spink, London, 16 July 1998, lot 235.*		**2'500**
5082	1839 (Jan 2): Entire letter from Calcutta to Bordeaux, France endorsed *"via Alexandrie & Marseilles"* at top and *"Care of Mr. Waghorn"* at base, with reverse showing framed "CALCUTTA / STEAM LETTER / PAID" in red and rated in manuscript *"1 rupee 7 annas"* for internal rate to Bombay of 15 annas and 8 annas Steam postage for up to 1 tola; further struck at Calcutta with rectangular "INDIA" in red, with very fine oval framed **"Care of / Mr. Waghorn / Suez"** in black (Sidebottom type 3) with Waghorn's charge noted at top *"1/-"* and numbered *"177"* by Waghorn's Agent. Carried from Bombay (Jan 20) on the EIC *"Hugh Lindsay"* to Suez (Feb 10) and struck at French P.O. in Alexandria with circular "INDES / ALEXANDRIE" (Feb 17) and framed "PAQUEBOTS / DE LA / MEDITERRANÉE" in black. Placed on the *"Mentor"* to Syra (Feb 21) and thence on the *"Eurotas"* to Malta where disinfected with unusually fine strike of small circular "PURIFIÉ AU LAZARET / MALTE" in black. Thence on the *"Léonidas"* to Marseille (March 3) with Bordeaux arrival (March 7) in black. This entire is the sole example listed by Sidebottom on page 146 directed to France. A fine and rare entire. Signed Todd AIEP. *Provenance: Collection Max Uehlinger, Christie's, London, 12 March 1997, lot 12.*	✉	**2'000**



East India Company's 'Berenice'



5083

Gibbons

Start price in CHF

5083 1839 (April 16): Entire letter less enclosures from Bombay to London, endorsed *"Care of Mr. Waghorn Esq., for the best route"* at top and *"pr. Steamer to Marseilles"* at base; struck on reverse with fine framed **"To the care of / Mr. WAGHORN"** in black (Sidebottom type 10) and on obverse with oval "INDIA" in red; carried on the EIC *"Hugh Lindsay"* from Bombay (April 16) - however the Steamer had to turn back due to strong winds and currents and the letter was despatched again on the EIC *"Berenice"* on May 8th., successfully reaching Suez (May 29). Waghorn's Mail and Government despatches were sent from Alexandria (June 7) on the *"Léonidas"* whilst the ordinary Mails awaited the next British steamer (June 20). Confirming strikes of "ALEXANDRIE / (EGYPTE)" cds (June 7) and framed "INDES ORIEN / PAR / ALEXANDRIE" in black; disinfected on arrival in Malta (June 14) with circular "PURIFIÉ AU LAZARET / MALTE" in black. Thence on the *"Mentor"* to Marseille (June 21) with framed "BRITISH / FOREIGN" handstamp and London arrival cds (June 27) in black. Charged *"£1 0s. 5 d."* for a *"1¼"* ounce letter in manuscript: 9/2d. British postage and 11/3d. French postage for a letter up to 1½ ounces. A fine and rare entire - unusually carried by both the famous EIC Steamers, listed as number 5 of the 8 examples in Sidebottom, although more have since been found. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 72 days.
Provenance: Collection Dr. Soli F. Contractor, Christie's, London, 16 Dec 1999, lot 217.

✉ **2'500**



View of Basra along the Persian Gulf



5084

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

5084 1839 (May 20): Entire letter from Calcutta to Bordeaux, France endorsed ***"via Bombay and the Persian Gulf"*** at top, struck on reverse with framed "STEAM POSTAGE *"8"* / INLAND Do. *"15"* / TOTAL *"1 rupee 7 annas"*, rectangular framed Calcutta "INDIA" in red, superb strike of framed **"Care of / Mr. Waghorn / Suez"** in black (Sidebottom type 3). Carried on the EIC *"Hugh Lindsay"* on the Persian Gulf route from Bombay (June 3) arriving at Basra, Iraq (June 19), thence to Alexandria where placed in the French P.O. with "INDIES / ALEXANDRIE" cds in black (July 17) and struck with framed "PAQUEBOTS / DE LA / MEDITERANÉE" in red, carried on the *"Léonidas"* via Syra (July 22) and Malta where disinfected with circular "PURIFIÉ AU LAZARET / MALTE" in black on obverse, per the *"Mentor"* to Marseille (Aug 1) and Bordeaux (Aug 4). A fine and rare cover that displays well. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 66 days.
Provenance: Collection Max Uehlinger, ChristIe's, London, 12 March 1997, lot 14. ✉ **2'500**



5085



View of Basra

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

5085 1839 (May 25): Complete invoices from Madras to Bordeaux, France endorsed *"To the care of T. Waghorn Esq. Suez"* at top and *"p. Steamer"* at base; struck on reverse with framed "MADRAS / Paid" and rated *"8 annas"* and by octagonal framed "MADRAS / STEAM LETTER / Paid" rated *"8 annas"* both in red, circular "INDIA / *Packet Letter* / PAID" in red with superlative strike of framed **"MADRAS NO. *"82"* / CARE OF MR**. WAGHORN / SUEZ" in black (Sidebottom type 9). Carried on the EIC *"Hugh Lindsay"* on the **Persian Gulf route** from Bombay (June 3) arriving at Basra, Iraq (June 19), thence to Alexandria where placed in the French P.O. with "INDIES / ALEXANDRIE" cds in black (July 17) and struck with framed "PAQUEBOTS / DE LA / MEDITERANÉE" in red carried on the *"Léonidas"* via Syra (July 22) and Malta where disinfected with circular "PURIFIÉ AU LAZARET / MALTE" in black on reverse, per the *"Mentor"* to Marseille (Aug 1) and Bordeaux (Aug 4). A spectacular cover, full of charm and of great rarity. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 71 days, carried on the same sailing as the previous lot.
Note 2: Sidebottom (page 151), lists just 3 covers with this cachet; Peter Smith lists 4 covers; this being the earliest.
Note 3: Overall there was no time saved by the Persian Gulf routing - because the letter arrived with the Mails despatched a month later via Suez.

✉ **7'500**



View of Muscat from the Harbour



5086

Gibbons

Start price in CHF

5086 1839 (June 23): Entire letter from Bellary, India to Edinburgh, Scotland endorsed *"To go by the first Steamer from Bombay to Suez"* at top, with framed "BELLARY / Paid" in red and rated *"9 annas"* in manuscript, struck in Bombay with superb strike of framed **"FROM MR LANGLEY / AGENT TO MR. WAGHORN"** in Bombay in black (Sidebottom type 5) with oval framed "INDIA" in red above. Carried on the EIC *"Berenice"* from Bombay (July 4) **via Basra and the Persian Gulf** (notwithstanding the endorsement - the next voyage to Suez was by the *"Euphrates"* which was not a steamer, on July 23, her Mails did not arrrive in London until late October). The EIC *"Berenice"* transferred her Mail (some 3'991 letters) to the EIC *"Hugh Lindsay"* at Muscat in the Gulf on July 11th., but thereafter details remain unclear. Marseille transit cds (Sept 1) in black on reverse suggests that the cover was on the French Packet *"Mentor"* which had sailed on August 17th. from Alexandria. Struck with framed Scottish "½d." tax mark in green suggests a Falmouth landing, however Marseille to Falmouth would normally have taken at least 10 days with a clear sailing. Charged *"2/6d."* due to pay in manuscript which is 2d. short of the normal 2/8d. which would have been due on a letter up to ¼ ounce, but corresponds to the 2d. deducted for mail from Falmouth to the capital. London transit cds on reverse (Sept 8) and Edinburgh arrival cds in red (Sept 10). An interesting quandry, but the cover itself is extraordinarily rare with just 3 "Langley" covers recorded by Sidebottom and 5 recorded by Peter Smith. Signed Todd AIEP. Cert RPSL (1998).
Note 1: Journey time 77 days.
Provenance: Spink, London, 16 July 1998, lot 262.

✉ **6'000**



European House in Madras



5087

Gibbons

Start price in CHF

5087 1839 (July 21): Entire letter from Madras to Marseilles, France endorsed *"Care of Mr. Waghorn"* at top in red manuscript, struck on reverse with framed "MADRAS / Paid" and rated *"12 annas"* and by octagonal framed "MADRAS / STEAM LETTER / Paid" rated *"1 rupee"* both in red, with very fine **"MADRAS No. "66" / CARE OF MR**. WAGHORN / SUEZ" in black (Sidebottom type 9) overlapping both. Oval Bombay "INDIA" handstamp in red on obverse and carried, despite the handstamp by **the Persian Gulf route** on the EIC *"Zenobia"* from Bombay (Aug 2) arriving at Muscat (Aug 8), leaving the following day on the EIC *"Hugh Lindsay"* to Basra (Aug 14) and thence via Beirut (Sept 2) on the *"HMS Volcano"* to Alexandria (Sept 4). Thence via the French P.O. with "INDES / ALEXANDRIE" cds (Sept 7) in black with small cartridge "PAQUEBOTS / DE LA / MEDITERANÉE" in red carried on the *"Rhamses"* to Syra and transhipped to the *"Sesostris"* (Sept 11) to Malta where disinfected with circular "PURIFIÉ AU LAZARET / MALTE" in black on obverse and thence on the *"Lycurgue"* to Marseille (Sept 21). A fine and very rare entire - the earliest recorded usage of this Waghorn cachet by some 6 months: three examples are recorded by Sidebottom, five by Peter Smith - neither listing including this entire. Signed Todd AIEP. Cert. J. Robineau & V. Pothion (1989).
Note 1: Journey time 62 days.
Provenance: Collection Leon Dubus RDP, Drouot, Paris, Oct 1989.

✉ **5'000**



Thomas Fletcher Waghorn



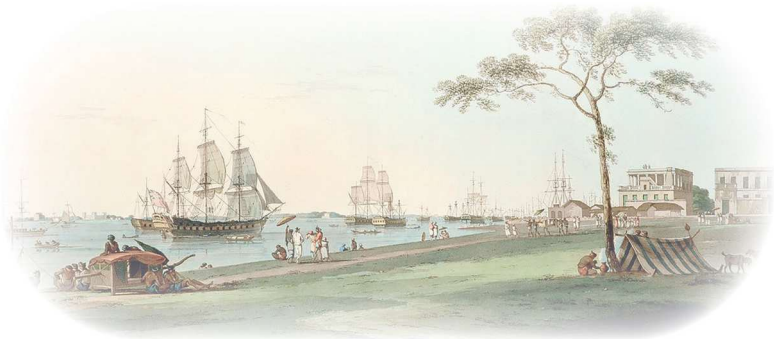
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Gibbons

Start price in CHF

5088 1839 (Aug 9): Special letter-sheet with imprinted "*FORWARDED BY* / MR. WAGHORN'S AGRA AGENCY / MR. McCALLUM. / *Registration fee paid*, BOMBAY" (applied after the letter was sealed, four examples are recorded) mailed from Agra, India by an Italian Missionary to Lyon, France endorsed below the address *"By the Agency of Mr. Waghorn via Marseille & Bombay"* in manuscript with watery Agra despatch on reverse rated 14 annas in manuscript, further manuscript "Steam Postage "8" / Inland Postage "12" = 1 rupee 4 annas. Struck with superb framed **"To the care of / Mr. WAGHORN"** in black (Sidebottom type 10) numbered *"168"* displaying well on reverse and oval "INDIA" in red applied in Bombay. Carried on the, EIC *"Berenice"* which departed from Bombay (Sept 13) arrived at Suez (Oct 6) and transferred to the French Post Office where struck with small cartridge "PAQUEBOTS / DE LA / MEDITERANÉE". The Mails from the *"Berenice"* were then taken by Thomas Waghorn himself aboard the Pasha's Steamer *"Generoso"* (in direct opposition from the British Officials in Alexandria) which departed Alexandria (Oct 13), together with the Mails from Calcutta which had been carried by the Schooner *"Waterwitch"* to Malta, the Mails travelled on from Malta after quarantine with Waghorn aboard the *"Generoso"*, with Marseille arrival (Oct 25) and thence to Lyon with unclear arrival cds but docketed internally Oct 28th. and charged *"16"* décimes due. A remarkable and extraordinary entire marked to travel by the French P.O. but instead due to the lateness of the sailings carried privately by Thomas Waghorn: a cover of great beauty and of considerable rarity. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 77 days.
Note 2: See Colin Tabeart "Admiralty Mediterranean Steam Packets" page 58.
Note 3: See also the letter from N. de Pothamier offered under the "Waghorn Organisation" section earlier in this sale.
Provenance: Collection Max Uehlinger, London, 12 March 1997, lot 15.

✉ **7'500**



View of Calcutta



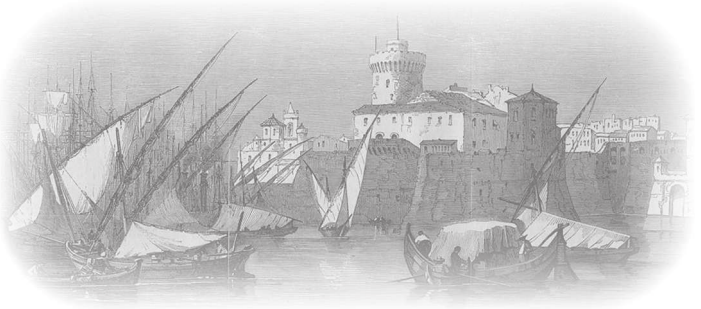
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Gibbons

Start price in CHF

5089 1839 (Aug 25): Entire letter from Calcutta to Bordeaux, France endorsed at top *"Via Bombay & Egypt"*, struck on despatch with rare oval **"Care of / Mr. T Waghorn / Suez"** with 'T' in black (Sidebottom type 3a), endorsed with Waghorn charge of *"1 rupee"* and numbered *"298"* and signed by a clerk for Samuel Smith & Co., Waghorn's Agents; with reverse showing fine "STEAM POSTAGE *"9"* / INLAND Do. *"15"* for a total of 1 rupee 8 annas for up to ¾ tola in weight and the obverse bearing rectangular framed "INDIA" in red of Calcutta. The cover appears to have been delayed in India and caught the EIC *"Euphrates"* from Bombay (Sept 27), thence via French P.O. in Alexandria with framed "PAQUEBOTS / DE LA / MEDITERRANÉE" in red and carried from Alexandria (Oct 30) on *"HMS Hermes"* to Malta and from there on *"HMS Mageara"* to Marseille arriving on date of Marseille cds (Nov 10). Bordeaux arrival cds (Nov 13) alongside and charged *"19"* décimes due to pay. A fine strike of this rare marking (both Sidebottom and Smith record just two usages), however it appears one or two more have surfaced as this is not one of the known dates of use of this cachet. Superb. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 79 days.
Provenance: Collection Max Uehlinger, Christie's, London, 12 March 1997, lot 16.

✉ **3'000**

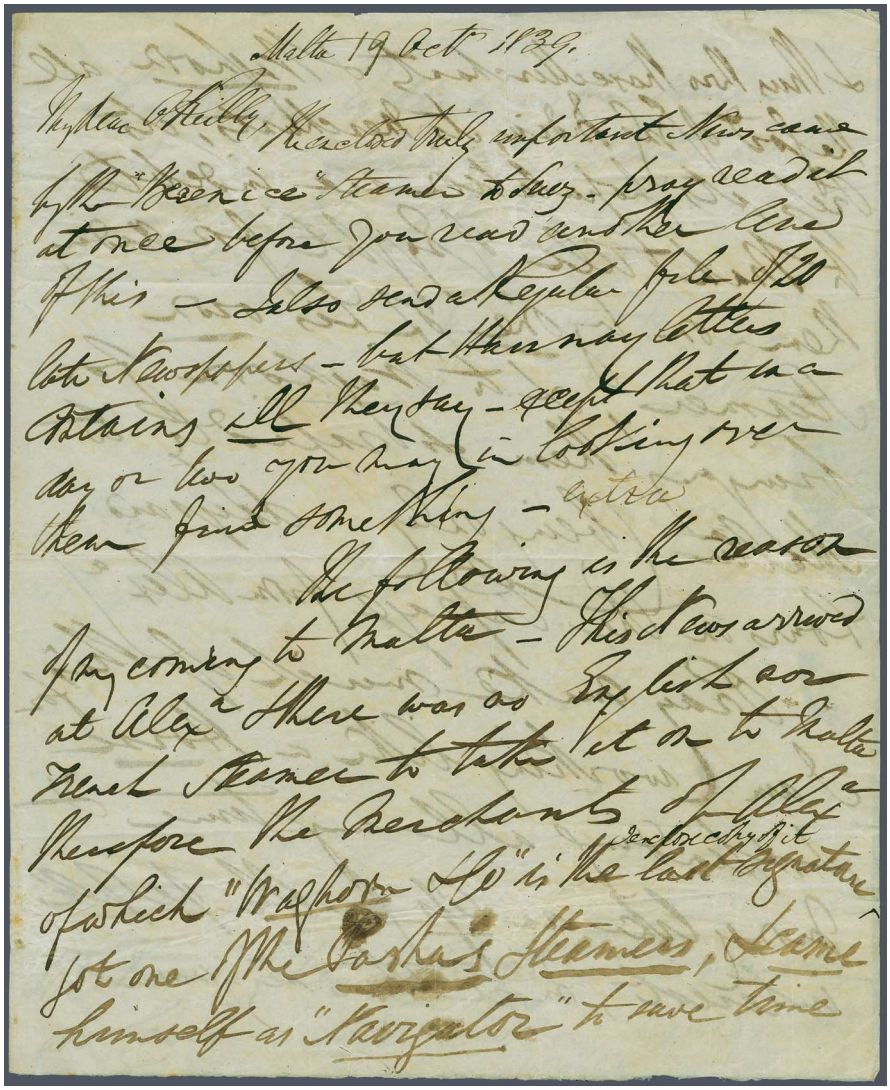


Port of Leghorn



5090 Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

5090 1839 (Sept 2): Entire letter from Madras to Leghon (Livorno), Italy, struck on reverse with framed "MADRAS / *Paid*" and rated *"1½ rupees"* and by octagonal framed "MADRAS / STEAM LETTER / *Paid*" rated the same with *"1 rupee 8 annas"* both in red, with very fine **"MADRAS No. *"50"* / CARE OF MR. WAGHORN / SUEZ"** handstamp in black (Sidebottom type 9). Oval Bombay "INDIA" handstamp in red on obverse. The *"Berenice"* which departed from Bombay (Sept 13) arrived at Suez (Oct 6) and transferred to the French Post Office where struck with small cartridge "PAQUEBOTS / DE LA / MEDITERANÉE" in red. The Mails from the EIC *"Berenice"* were then taken by Thomas Waghorn himself aboard the Pasha's Steamer *"Generoso"* (in direct opposition from the British Officials in Alexandria) which departed Alexandria (Oct 13), together with the Mails from Calcutta which had been carried by the Schooner *"Waterwitch"* to Malta, however it is unclear how the Mails travelled from Malta but this cover shows arrival in Marseille (Oct 25) and thence to Livorno with arrival in black (Oct 30) and charged 5 lire, 10 centesemi in manuscript due to pay. A remarkable and extraordinary entire marked to travel by the French P.O. but instead due to the lateness of the sailings carried privately by Thomas Waghorn: A cover of great beauty and of considerable rarity - a very rare "Waghorn" cover addressed to Italy. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 59 days.
Note 2: See Colin Tabeart "Admiralty Mediterranean Steam Packets" page 58.
Note 3: See also the letter from N. de Pothamier offered under the "Waghorn Organisation" earlier in this sale.
Provenance: Collection Max Uehlinger, London, 12 March 1997, lot 17. ✉ **6'000**


Malta 19 Oct 1839.

My dear O'Reilly, Received truly important News came by the "Berenice" Steamer to Suez - pray read it at once before you read another line of this - I also send a file of 20 late Newspapers - but Hannay's letter contains all they say - ... The following is the reason of my coming to Malta. This news arrived at Alexa & there was no English or French Steamer there to take it on to Malta Therefore the Merchants of Alexandria of which "Waghorn & Co" is the last signature got one of the Pasha's Steamers, came himself as "Navigator" to save time

5091


Muhammed Ali Pascha


Thomas Fletcher Waghorn

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

5091 **Overland Mail - Westbound** 1839 (Oct 19): Entire letter from Thomas Waghorn in Malta mailed to O'Reilly at the Times Newspaper Office in Paris, the contents relating one of Waghorn's greatest coups when he borrowed Mehemet Ali Pasha's steamer *"Generoso"* to carry the Mails personally from Alexandria to Malta; evidently written in haste with the entire showing small cartridge "PAQUEBOTS / DE LA / MEDITERRANÉE" in red, disinfected with the red wax seal of the Malta Lazaretto on reverse and the front panel signed *"Express, Mr. Waghorn"*. Carried by the *"HMS Blazer"* from Malta (Oct 24) to Marseille and thence to Paris with arrival cds (Oct 29) in blue. Various rates - the letter had an enclosure and 20 Newspapers - and thus charged *"90"* décimes due upon delivery. Waghorn's letter is a priceless example of his self publicity (albeit this time, deserved): *"The enclosed truly important news* came by the "Berenice" steamer to Suez - pray read it at once before you read another line of this - I also send a file of 20 late Newspapers - but Hannay's letter contains all they say....The following is the reason of my coming to Malta. This news arrived at Alexandria and there was no English or French Steamer there to take it on to Malta. Therefore the Merchants of Alexandria of which Waghorn & Co. is the last signature (I enclose a copy of it) got one of the Pasha's Steamers and came himself as Navigator in order to save time and thus through those merchants and Waghorn all of the Govt. of England, India its merchants, its Press, is population are indebted to Mehemet Ali of Egypt for sending them on by one of his own Steamers and to Waghorn for bringing them. Pray make much of this..."*. An extraordinary entire.
Note 1: See also items # 23, 70, 72 in this sale with the latter two lots actually carried by Waghorn on the "Generoso".
*Note 2: * The news was almost certainly about the British success at the Battle of Ghazni in the First Afghan War (July 23, 1839).*
Provenance: Argyll Etkin, London, 20 May 2010, lot 776.

✉ **1'500**



Capt. Robert Melville Grindlay (1786-1877) of Grindlay's East India Agency



5092

Gibbons

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5092 1839 (Nov 13): Special letter-sheet with imprinted "*FORWARDED BY* / MR. WAGHORN'S AGRA AGENCY / MR. MCCALLUM. / *Registration fee paid,* BOMBAY" (applied after the letter was sealed, one of four such recorded) mailed from Agra, India to Grindlay's East India Agency in London, struck on reverse with watery "AGRA / Paid" datestamp of despatch in red annotated *"1 rupee 2 annas"* in manuscript for Steam Postage of 8 annas and inland postage of 10 annas (repeated in manuscript but the *"8"* changed to *"9"* annas due to the recent rate increase of Steam postage). Carried by the EIC *"Berenice"* from Bombay (Nov 18), arriving at Suez (Dec 16), thence carried by *"HMS Blazer"* from Alexandria to Malta, (Dec 29), the *"HMS Megeara"* to Marseille with London arrival (Jan 9, 1840) cds in black where *"3/6d."* charge was raised - 1/10d. British postage and 1/8d. French postage for a letter under ½ ounce. Somewhat surprisingly lacking transit markings but the *"3/6d."* due was presumably deleted once Waghorn's Office had been paid. Scarce and fine. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 57 days.

✉ **4'000**



View of Colombo



5093

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5093 1839 (Dec 12): Entire letter from Colombo, Ceylon to London, endorsed *"per Red Sea"* at left and *"Per Waghorn's Agency"* at top right, struck with outstanding strike of **"*CEYLON* / CARE OF MR.** WAGHORN, CAIRO" in black (Sidebottom type 11) with *"713"* in red ink alongside the handstamp in manuscript, struck with "♛ / COLOMBO / POST PAID" in black (Dec 12) with manuscript notation on reverse *"Steam Postage 1s / Inland Postage 2s. 6d."* and thence via Bombay where oval "INDIA" was applied in red and carried by the EIC *"Zenobia"* which left Bombay (Jan 1, 1840) for Suez (Jan 18), thence from Alexandria (Jan 26) on *"HMS Blazer"* to Malta, and (Feb 2) on *"HMS Alecto"* to Marseille; reverse with London arrival cds (Feb 13) in black. Charged due upon arrival at *"3/6d."* in manuscript comprising 1/10d. British Postage and 1/8d. French postage for a letter under ½ ounce. Minor soiling of no significance, a magnificent and famous cover with only two examples recorded. A rarity. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 63 days.
Provenance: 'Middle East', SG, London, 31 May 1979, lot 11. ✉ **20'000**



5094

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5094 1839 (Dec 15): Entire letter from Calcutta to Havre de Grace, France endorsed *"p. Bombay & Marseilles"*, struck on despatch with rare oval **"Care of / Mr. T Waghorn / Suez"** with 'T' in black (Sidebottom type 3a), endorsed with Waghorn charge of *"1 rupee"* for up to 1 tola and numbered *"308"* and signed by a clerk for Samuel Smith & Co., Waghorn's Agents; with reverse showing fine "STEAM POSTAGE *"9"* / INLAND Do. *"14"* annas for a total of 1 rupee 7 annas for up to ¾ tola in weight and the obverse bearing rectangular framed "INDIA" in red of Calcutta. Carried on the EIC *"Zenobia"* from Bombay (Jan 1, 1840) to Suez (Jan 18), struck with "PAQUEBOTS / DE LA / MEDITERRANÉE" in red at French P.O. but passed to British P.O. with superb "ALEXANDRIA" cds in red (Jan 21) on obverse; thence on *"HMS Blazer"* to Malta where disinfected with circular "PURIFIÉ AU LAZARET" on reverse in black. From Malta (Feb 2) on *"HMS Alecto"* to Marseille and inland to Paris (Feb 11) with cds in blue and Le Havre on the following day, where charged "32" décimes due to pay for a letter of 10 grams - noted in manuscript at left. A rare and fine cover. Signed Todd AIEP. ✉ **1'750**



5095



Major-General Francis Jenkins

5095 1840 (Jan 29): Entire letter from Capt. (Late Major-General) Francis Jenkins written *'on the (Brahmaputra) river'* at Guwahati, Assam to St. Goran, Mevagissey, Cornwall endorsed *"per Overland Mail"* and *"F. Jenkins"* to the care of Cantor & Co. in Calcutta, prepaid *"8"* annas. Struck on arrival by oval framed "*FORWARDED BY / CANTOR & Co. / CALCUTTA" cachet in black. Passed to Waghorn's Agency with rare oval framed **"Care of / Mr. T Waghorn / Suez"** with 'T' in black (Sidebottom type 3a), signed by George Devenish a clerk for Samuel Smith & Co. and numbered *"34"*, with reverse showing fine "STEAM POSTAGE *"9"* / INLAND Do. *"14"* annas for a total of 1 rupee 7 annas for up to ¾ tola in weight and the obverse bearing rectangular framed "INDIA" in red of Calcutta. Carried by the EIC *"Atalanta"* from Bombay (Feb 29) to Suez, departing on the *"HMS Megaera"* from Alexandria (March 22) to Malta, and thence from Malta (March 28) on the *"HMS Prometheus"* to Marseille, arriving London on April 7 with weak arrival in black on reverse; charged *"2/8d."* to pay on arrival (the rate for an under ½ ounce letter from Egypt). It is by no means certain that by this date Waghorn's services offered any advantage, besides a relative amount of increased safety. An extremely scarce "Double Forwarder" entire of great appeal.
Note 1: Journey time 69 days.
Note 2: Major-General Francis Jenkins (1793-1866) Agent to the Governor General of Assam, was appointed Chief commissioner for Assam in 1828 and is largely credited as the discoverer of the Assam Tea Industry. A Christian, he married a local Muslim lady Moni Phutuki. He is buried close to Guwahati Railway Station. ✉ **2'000**



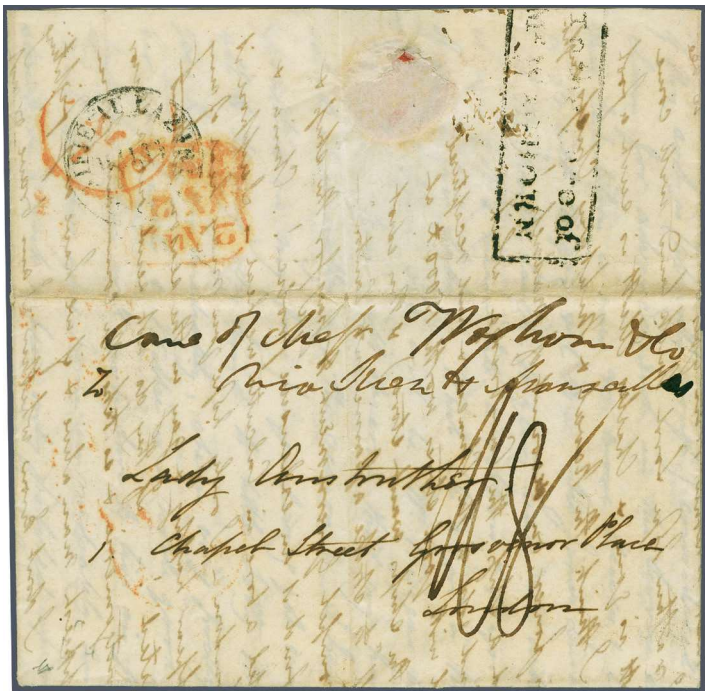
Major Eldred Pottinger



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5096 1841 (Jan 16): Entire letter from Major Eldred Pottinger in Calcutta to Dublin, Ireland struck on obverse with oval framed **"Care of / Mr. Waghorn / Suez"** in black (Sidebottom type 3), with *"Suez"* deleted and manuscript *"Cornhill, London 95, GD for S.S. & Co."* (Waghorn's Agent George Devenish for Samuel Smith & Co. in Calcutta). The entire shows that by this date Waghorn's business as a Forwarding Agent for the Indian Mails had largely ceased as the letter received no special treatmnent and arrived on the normal Steamer service via Falmouth. Rated *"1s."* due to pay with London datestamp (March 13) and Dublin arrival (March 15) in red on reverse. An important entire - the latest recorded Waghorn Forwarded entire from Calcutta. Rare. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 58 days.
Note 2: The letter from Major Eldred Pottinger (1811-1843) - who famously travelled through Afghanistan in disguise arriving at Herat just as the Persian Army (with Russian help) was about to attack Herat in 1837. Due to his and the Afghan Kamran Shah's defenders' exertions the attack, after over a year, was successfully thwarted. Thereafter he was known as the "Hero of Herat" due to his exploits during the siege. The contents state "I have just been appointed to take charge of the Turkestan Frontier in place of an Officer who was killed in the last action with Dost Mohammed Khan. The appointment has the same salary as before but is one requiring much larger expenditure and I think holds forth a chance of service...". Within a year Pottinger was to survive the massacre at Charikar and lead the retreat back to Kabul. ✉ **2'500**



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Philip Anstruther

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

5097 1841 (March 12): Entire letter from *"Canton River"*, China to Lady Anstruther in London, with fine content concerning the **First Opium War** and written six days prior to the British Naval and Land forces defeating the Chinese Qing forces at Canton; the entire endorsed at top *"Care of Messrs. Waghorn & Co., via Suez and Marseilles"* in, it appears, Thomas Waghorn's own hand. Mailed at Bombay with framed **"To the care of / Mr. Waghorn"** in black (Sidebottom type 10), carried on the EIC *"Berenice"* (May 1) to Suez (May 18); thence on *"HMS Polythemus"* from Malta with circular "PURIFIÉ AU LAZARET / MALTE" handstamp in black and London arrival (July 2) in red and charged *"1/8d."* due to pay. A very rare and most unusual entire from this conflict.
Note 1: Journey time 112 days.
Note 2: Content "I wrote a hurried letter when the HMS Conway (see Note 3) was standing out of the bay (by overland) to tell you all of my being free...we sailed next day but being obliged to go slow to keep the convoy together we were too late for the fighting at this place...as we stood into the River we met dozens of corpses floating dowen the stream and saw the Forst which are people were actively demolishing. I have since been on shore at that work myself - it is good practice in mining... My Colonel is to go away sick and this will leave me in command of the Artillery with the Expedition so that if there is any more fighting (and we expect plenty at Amoy, Ningpo, Nanking and perhaps Peking!) I shall be in orders and perhaps get a C.B. ship. I am made a great lion of now because of my long imprisonment as people call it and I am much thinner; everybody supposes I suffered awful hardship - it is a pity to undeceive them...We had dreadfully cold weather in prison, severe frost for three weeks, thick ice and the snow lying 8 inches deep for 10 days...so we set to and snowballed the Chinese who pronounces us mad...not one letter did come (for us). They were all in the Golconda which as been lost with 5 Officers and 200 sepys on board...I rather hope Lord Auckland will come as Admiral Elliott is gone and Charles Elliott is such a fool that, most seriously, I think the Naval & Military chiefs ought to, and will, suspend his power on account of madness! He burned a ship, the Cambridge, which our people had sold to the Chinese and had recaptured. She was loaded with good stores worth £15'000 at least (and all the ships want stores) and this idiot burned it all "to strike a panic in Canton".
Note 3: The "HMS Conway" accompanied the "Beagle" on Charles Darwin's voyage in Chile and the Galapagos in 1835.
Note 4: The writer, Philip Anstruther (1807-1884) entered the Madras Artillery as second lieutenant in 1824. He served in India, being made Captain in 1839. He then served in the first Chinese Opium War from 1840-1843, where he commanded the Artillery under Lord Gough at the battles of Canton, Amoy, Chusan and others. He was captured in 1840 while on a survey near Ningpo, and kept in a cage 3 feet by 3 feet for part of his 6 month captivity. He became a Brevet Major in 1841 and was mentioned in dispatches. He received the Companion of the Order of the Bath in 1842.
Provenance: Collection Max Uehlinger, Christie's, London, 12 March 1997, lot 24.

✉ **2'000**



A rest Station



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Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

5098 1841 (May 1): Entire letter from Bombay to Lyon, France struck on reverse with superb framed **"To the care of / Mr. WAGHORN"** in black (Sidebottom type 10) and carried by the EIC *"Berenice"* (May 1) to Suez (May 18) and passed to the French P.O. where struck with "PAQUEBOTS / DE LA / MEDITERRANÉE" in red. From Alexandria on P&O *"Oriental"* to Malta (May 26) where disinfected by chisel slits to Marseille on the *"HMS Acheron"* showing Marseille cds (May 30) in black and Lyon arrival (June 1) where charged *"24"* décimes to pay in manuscript for a 10 gram letter. Superb and rare late usage. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 32 days.
Note 2: A late usage of this Waghorn cachet - by this date Waghorn's mail forwarding days were all but over. Strangely, if this letter had gone without the Waghorn endorsement, the letter would have been carried in a sealed bag from India and thus would not have been stopped in Malta for disinfection and would have arrived a few days earlier.
Provenance: Collection Samir Fikry, DF, Geneva, 29 Nov 2005, lot 20017. ✉ **2'000**



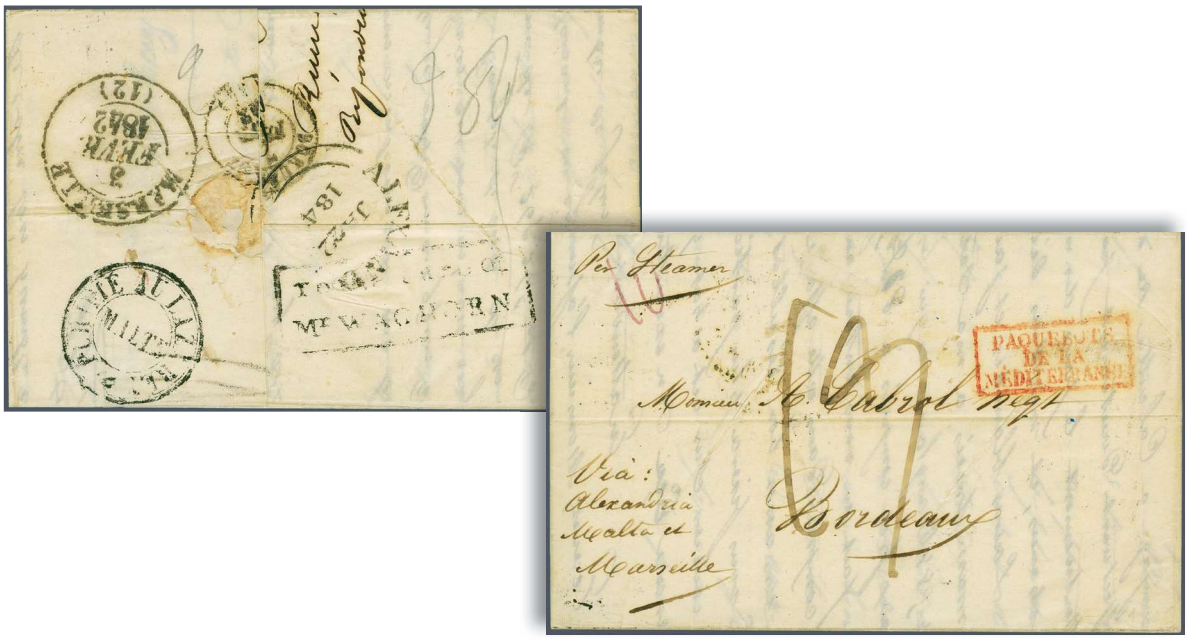
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Sir Jasper Nicholls
(1778-1849)

Gibbons **Start price in CHF**

5099 1841 (Oct 24)): Entire letter from Ellichpore to Southampton, England endorsed *"Care of Mr. Waghorn & Co. per 1st Nov Steamer"* (altered in manuscript to correct *"1st Dec"*) and further endorsed *"via Falmouth / P. Paid"*, carried privately without postal markings until arrival in London where reverse annotated in manuscript *"Forwarded by your most obedient servants, Waghorn & Co., 34 Cornhill, 19 January 1842"* and placed into the post, with 1 d. adhesive missing, to Southampton with reverse showing London datestamp (Jan 19, 1842) and Southampton arrival (Jan 20) in black. An interesting entire, carried free on the heavy Falmouth Indian mails amongst the private despatches of Sir Jasper Nicholls, Commander-in-Chief in the Indies - who was entitled to free postage.
Note 1: Journey time 50 days.
Provenance: Argyll Etkin, London, 27 Sept 2007, lot 242. ✉ **200**



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5100 1842 (Jan 1): Entire letter from Bombay to Bordeaux, France endorsed *"per Steamer via Alexandria, Malta et Marseille"* carried privately from Bombay (Jan 1) on the EIC *"Cleopatra"* as far as Suez, struck on despatch with framed **"To the care of / Mr. Waghorn"** in black (Sidebottom type 10). British P.O. "ALEXANDRIA" double arc cds in black (Jan 22) and framed small cartridge "PAQUEBOTS / DE LA / MEDITERRANÉE" in red, carried on P&O steamer *"Oriental"* from Alexandria to Malta where disinfected with circular "PURIFIÉ AU LAZARET / MALTE" in black, thence on the *"HMS Prometheus"* to Marseilles with transit cds (Feb 3) in black and Bordeaux arrival alongside, where charged *"19"* décimes due to pay. This is the latest recorded usage of a Waghorn cachet struck in Bombay. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note 1: Journey time 36 days.
Provenance: Collection Max Uehlinger, Christie's, London, 12 March 1997, lot 25. ✉ **1'200**

The Overland Route - Successors to Waghorn



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5101 1850 (Sept 7): Entire letter from Alexandria to Wolverhampton, sent via Forwarding Agent outside of the Mails, struck with oval framed "FORWARDED BY / G.W. WHEATLEY & Co. / LATE WAGHORN & Co. / AGENT & GENERAL AGENTS / 156 LEADENHALL ST. LONDON" handstamp in black, carried by *"HMS Ripon"* via Souhampton to London and thence to the addressee. Extremely rare.
Note: For a similar cover (only three are known), see "Thomas Fletcher Waghorn's Überlandweg Aegypten" by Bernard Koch, page 43.
Provenance: Important Stamps & Covers of the World, Spink, London, 12 June 2008, lot 63. ✉ **1'500**



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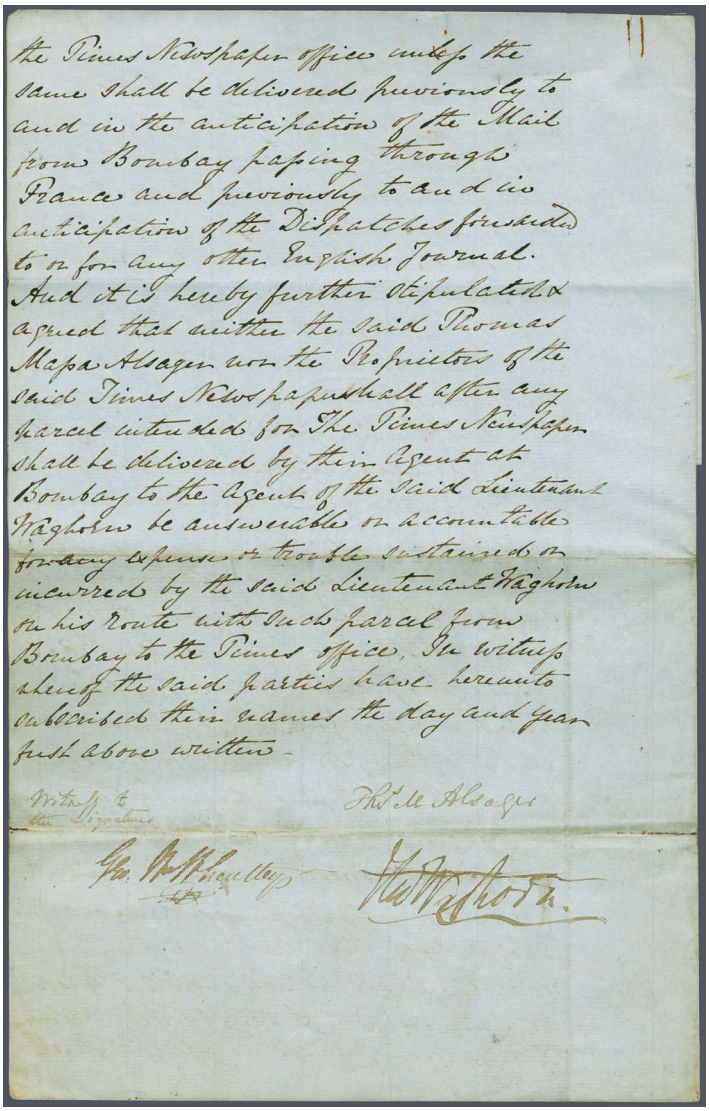


James George Smith Neill (1810-1857)

5102 1851 (Feb 5): Cover from Bombay to Bellary, India with contents showing account details for Major (later Brigadier-General) Neill of the 1st Madras Fusiliers; struck with framed **"FORWARDED BY / WAGHORN & Co. / *OVERLAND AGENTS* / BOMBAY"** in deep blue ink, with "BOMBAY / *Bearing*" despatch (6 annas) and "BELLARY / *Bearing*" receipt (Feb 9) struck in blue. This company operated in Bombay in association with Grindlays Bank in London. Unrecorded by J.K. Sidebottom, listed by Peter Smith with correct illustration as Type 13. Extremely rare.
Note: Illustrated in "Thomas Fletcher Waghorn Überlandweg Aegypten" by Bernard Koch on page 43. ✉ **1'000**

5103 1852 (March 15): Entire letter from Bulâq to Westbury, Wiltshire endorsed *"via Marseilles"* and struck in Cairo with superb oval framed "FORWARDED BY / S. SHEPHEARD / BRITISH HOTEL / CAIRO" in blue. Reverse with British P.O. "Alexandria" double arc cds (March 21) in black and carried on *"HMS Medusa"* to Malta (May 26) and thence on *"HMS Medina"* to Marseille (March 29). London cds in red (April 1) and Westbury arrival cds in blue of the same day. Minor edge wear of no significance, a charming and rare entire. Signed Todd AIEP.
Note: The Forwarder, Samuel Shepheard had previously acted as Agent for Thomas Waghorn. His British Hotel opened in 1841 and later became famously known as Shepheard's. ✉ **1'200**

The Aftermath



the Times Newspaper Office unless the same shall be delivered previously to and in the anticipation of the Mail from Bombay paping through France and previously to and in anticipation of the Dispatches forwarded to or for any other English Journal. And it is hereby further stipulated & agreed that neither the said Thomas Mapa Alsager nor the Proprietors of the said Times Newspaper shall after any parcel intended for The Times Newspaper shall be delivered by their Agent at Bombay to the Agent of the said Lieutenant Waghorn be answerable or accountable for any expense or trouble sustained or incurred by the said Lieutenant Waghorn on his route with such parcel from Bombay to the Times Office. In witness whereof the said parties have hereunto subscribed their names the day and year first above written -

Witness to the Signatures

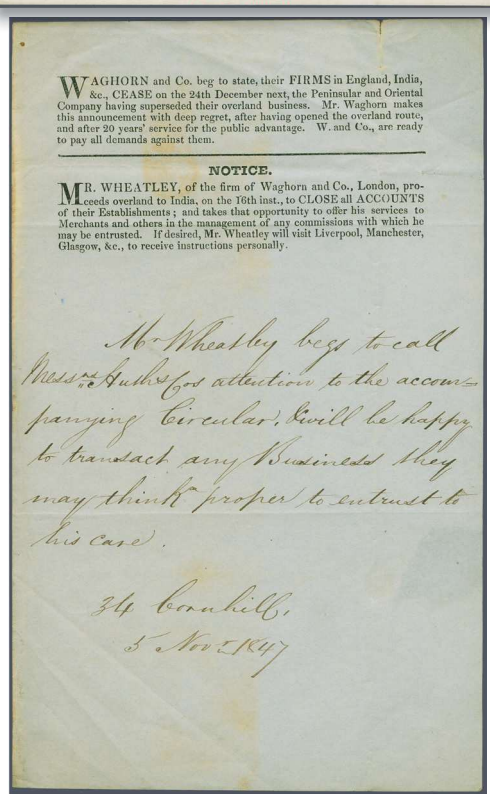
Geo. W. Wheatley

Thos. M. Alsager

Thos. Waghorn.

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WAGHORN and Co. beg to state, their FIRMS in England, India, &c., CEASE on the 24th December next, the Peninsular and Oriental Company having superseded their overland business. Mr. Waghorn makes this announcement with deep regret, after having opened the overland route, and after 20 years' service for the public advantage. W. and Co., are ready to pay all demands against them.

NOTICE.

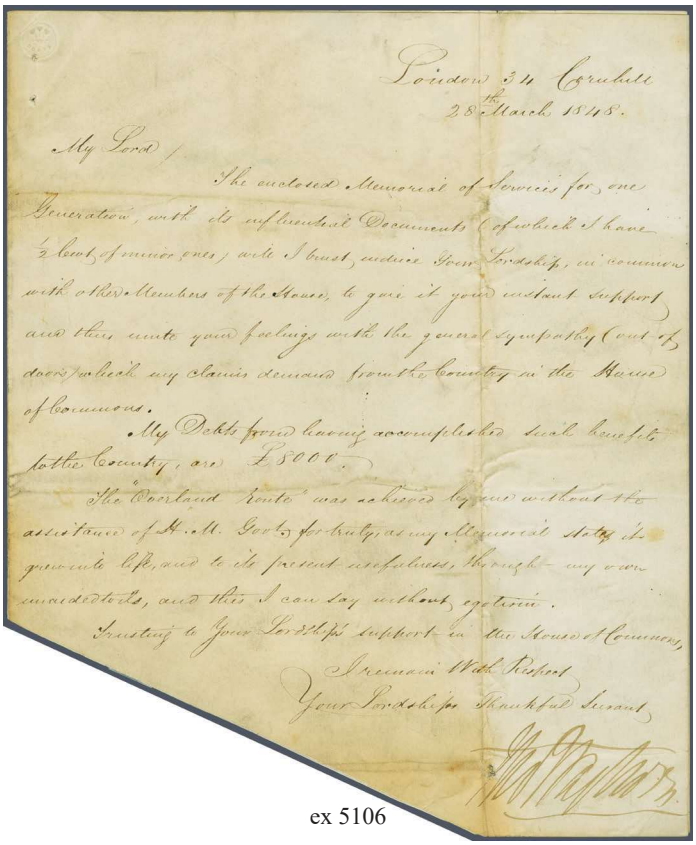
MR. WHEATLEY, of the firm of Waghorn and Co., London, proceeds overland to India, on the 16th inst., to CLOSE all ACCOUNTS of their Establishments; and takes that opportunity to offer his services to Merchants and others in the management of any commissions with which he may be entrusted. If desired, Mr. Wheatley will visit Liverpool, Manchester, Glasgow, &c., to receive instructions personally.

Mr Wheatley begs to call Messrs Hankey's attention to the accompanying Circular. & will be happy to transact any Business they may think proper to entrust to his care.

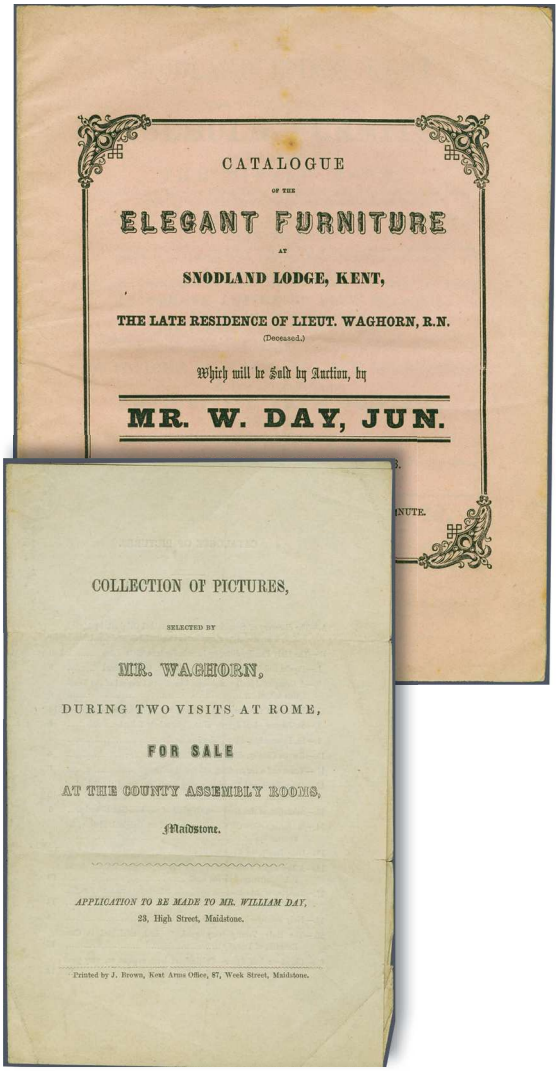
34 Cornhill,
5 Nov 1847

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5104	1846 (Feb 22): An "Article of Agreement" between Thomas Waghorn and the "Times" Newspaper, for a trial period of 6 months, for Waghorn to deliver a sealed Packet from Bombay to the Times in London by the "Trieste Route", provided that it should arrive prior to the Government Packet via Marseilles - as Waghorn had proved possible in 1845. Signed by Thomas M. Alsager for the Times, Thomas Waghorn and by George W. Wheatley as a Witness. The plan did not come to fruition as it failed to receive Government approval - see "The Overland Mail" by J.K. Sidebottom, pages 100-105. *Provenance: Cavendish, Derby, 6 March 2013, lot 330.*		**300**
5105	1847 (Nov 5): The demise of Waghorn & Co., printed circular stating that Waghorn's buinesses will close on Dec 24th next, and that he makes this change with regret after *"20 year's service for the public advantage"*. Waghorn & Co. also state they will pay all outstanding accounts; whilst George W. Wheatley who had been Waghorn's first and most trusted employee states that he will, on Nov 16, be travelling to India to wind up the business there and seeks further commissions. Whilst Waghorn retired and was heavily in debt, Wheatley continued in the business of freight as can be seen from the (scarce) 1920 colour postcard, drawing heavily on the Waghorn legend, enclosed with the lot.		**300**



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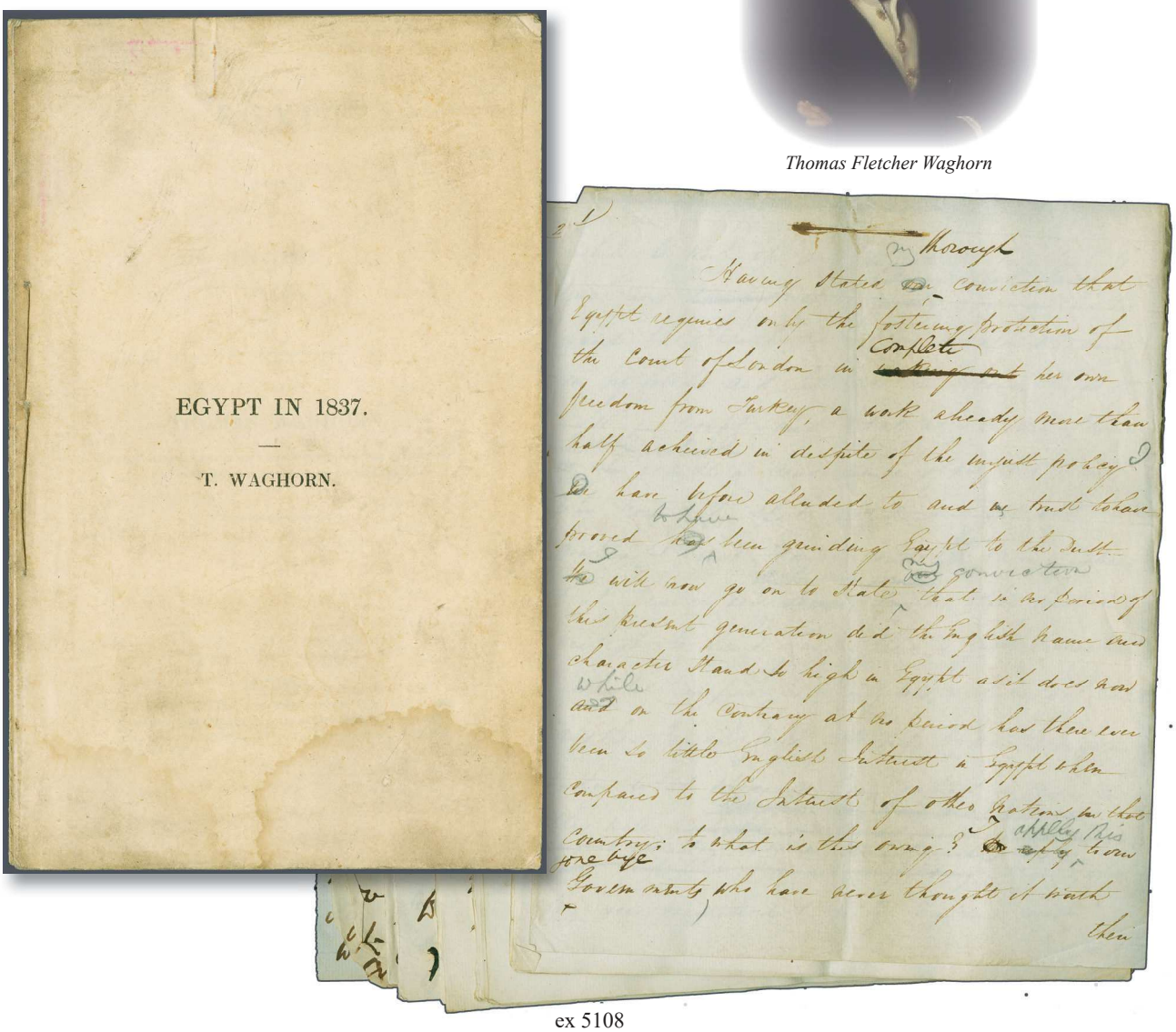
5106 1848 (Jan 3): Waghorn's "Memorial" printed in grey-blue paper, circulated in search of support to pay his debts, totalling some £8'000, with four pages of text, quoted in full in "The Overland Mail" by J.K. Sidebottom on pages 114-119. Folded for display, a somewhat tragic booklet considering the benefits that Waghorn had made to the Mails, all achieved without any help from the British Government whatsoever; sold together with Testimonials from famous people of the day with a printed copy of a letter from Sir Robert Gordon, British Ambassador to Vienna (Nov 1, 1846); H. U. Addington at the Foreign Office in London (Jan 10, 1848) and another from the Foreign Office from the Earl of Aberdeen (Jan 31, 1848), Viscount Combermere, former Commander in Chief in India (Feb 24, 1848); letter signed by Thomas Waghorn addressed "My Lord" and probably sent to Lord John Russell, Minister of Foreign Affairs mentioning the enclosure of the "Memorial" booklet asking for support to raise the sum of £8'000 to cover his debts; together with two personal letters from Joseph Hume MP to Waghorn (Oct and Dec, 1848) about continuing efforts to secure a greater recompense than the £1'500 voted to him by the House of Commons, and his Obituary as printed in the Times, with two postcards from the Waghorn statue erected initially in Port Tewfik and now in Suez. A rare group and generally very fine. *Provenance: All except the postcards are ex collection J.K. Sidebottom.* ✉ **600**

5107 1850/53: "Collection of Pictures selected by Mr. Waghorn During Two Visits at Rome", For Sale at the County Assembly Rooms, Maidstone by Mr. William Day, a printed auction on 3 pages, with 51 listed lots, the first two lots with estimates of £250 each and later lots somewhat cheaper, Lot 1 being *"The Discovery of Syballine Oracles, undoubted original, by Maturino, a present from Napoleon to Cardinal Fesch..."*, some creasing by no copy found in OCLC; together with an April 27, 1853 catalogue for elegant furniture at "Snodland Lodge, Kent" the late residence of Lieut. Thomas Waghorn RN. (deceased) sold by the same auctioneer Mr. W. Day of Maidstone some 481 lots including Waghorn's library of books (lots 252-345) and even a Turkish hookah; this catalogue too not listed on the OCLC. A rare pair in generally fine condition. **500**

Publications & Maps



Thomas Fletcher Waghorn



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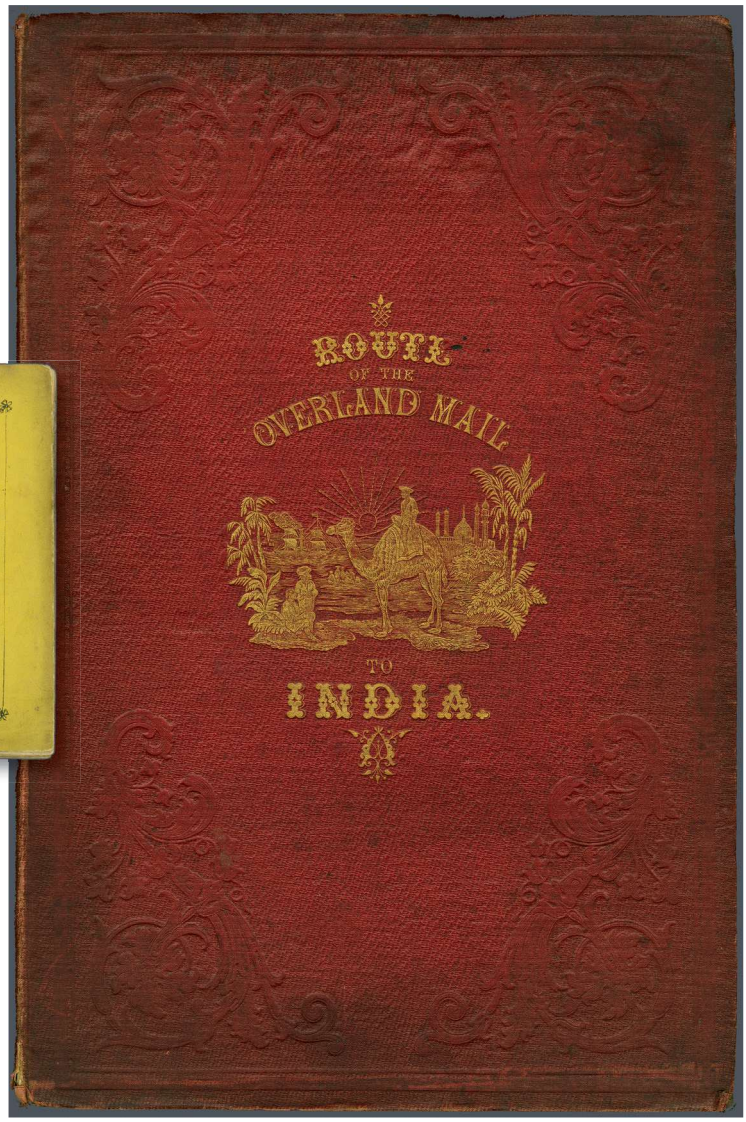
Gibbons

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5108 1837 (May 15): Printed 32 page Booklet "Egypt in 1837" by Thomas Waghorn with his thoughts on Egypt: *"this pamphlet is dedicated to the Members of Parliament... (to) induce in them some sort of sympathy for Egypt"*....with notations on the strength of the Egyptian Army (7'450 troops in Kordofan & Sennar; 14'800 troops in Hejaz & Yemen), the strength of Egypt's Navy, Britain's possibility of stopping the threat of *"Russian Invasion of our Eastern Territories (India) will exist no longer"* should Britain make a Treaty direct with Mohamed (Mehemet) Ali and not with Turkey - all entirely accurate as in 1840 Mohammed Ali Pasha did indeed stifle the Ottoman Empire. Together with 28 sheets of hand-written thoughts by Waghorn on how to reduce the power of the French in Egypt, written in his own hand with some corrections added in both ink and pencil. An entirely unique document along with a very rare Pamphlet.
Provenance: Corinphila, Zurich, sale 213, June 2017, lot 737. **1'500**

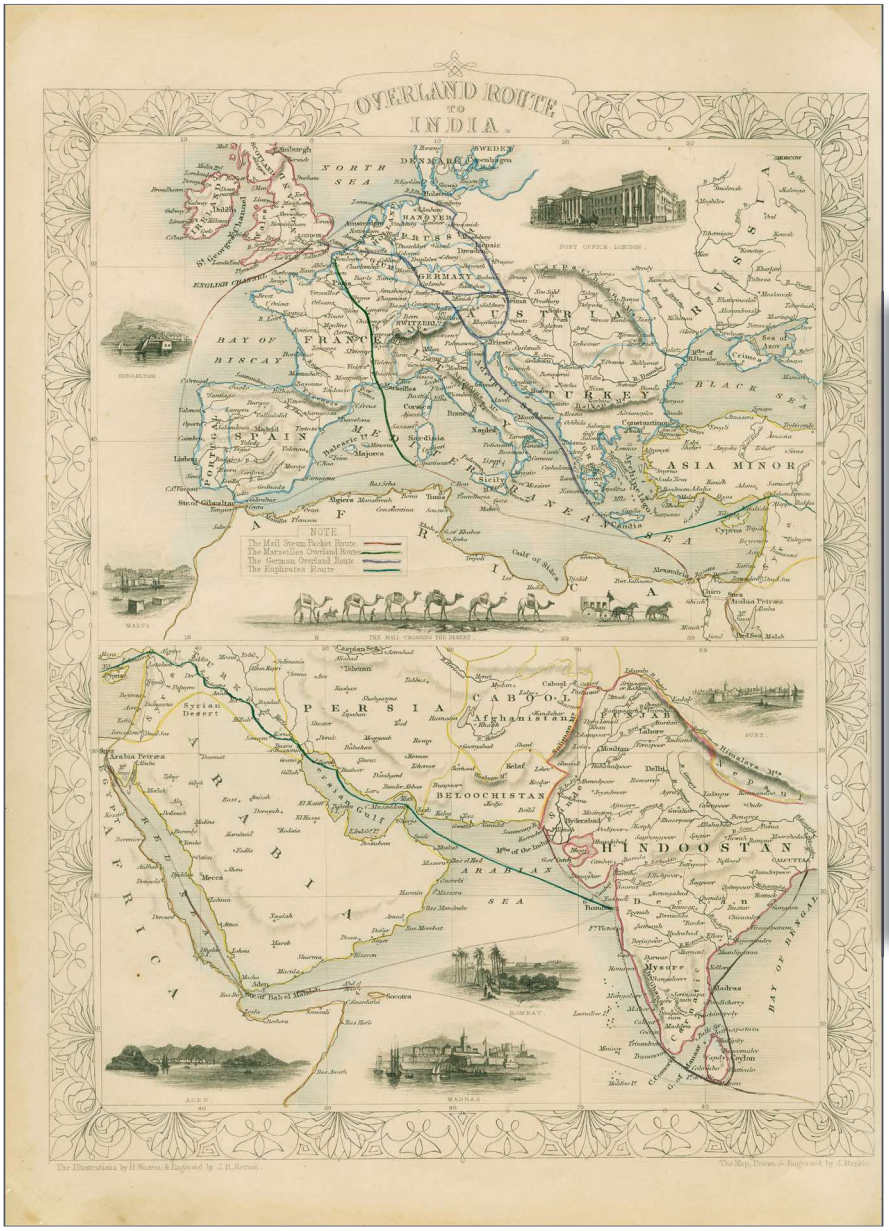


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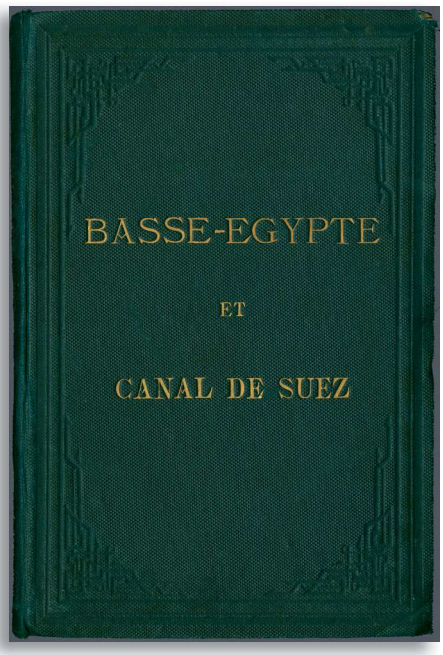


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5109	1850: "The Route of the Overland Mail to India from Southampton to Calcutta", a delightful illustrated booklet (217 x 134 mm.) including illustrated advertisements, thanking some of the artists involved incl. David Roberts for views of Egypt, Captain Moresby for views of the Red Sea etc., the yellow covered book beginning with Southampton and the Solent, Bay of Biscay, Cintra and the Tagus, Cape Trafalgar, Gibraltar, Algiers, Malta, Alexandria, Boulac, Cairo, the Wells, Arab Horsemen, Suez, Jeddah, Mocha, Aden, Ceylon and Calcutta amongst others, with circa 72 pages. Stitching somewhat loose but extremely scarce.		**120**
5110	"Route of the Overland Mail to India" published by Atchley & Co., Great Russell Street, Bedford Square, London, large folio book bound in red (380 x 250 mm.), compiled by John Tillotson with 32 engravings on large plates (the original price when published in circa 1850 was a princely 2 guineas). Soiled through use and aging at front especially but the engravings of later plates fine with Southampton Docks, Osbone House (IOW), Needles, The Tagus, Gibraltar, Algiers, Malta, Alexandria, Mahmoudi Canal, Boulac, Cairo, Central Station, Suez, Jeddah, Mocha, Galle and Calcutta. Rare book; sold together with 36 pages from the Illustrated London News dated between 1844 and 1864 with		**200**



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		Gibbons	Start price in CHF
5111	1851c. "Overland Route to India", coloured Map by John Tallis (1817-1876) with engraved views of the Post Office, London, Gibraltar, Malta, Mail crossing the Desert, Suez, Aden, Bombay and Madras; together with routings: The Mail Steam Packet Route, Marseilles Overland Route, the German Overland Route (via Triest) and the Euphrates Route, some edge wear but would frame well.		**75**
5112	**The Waghorn Organisation** 1882: Folded colour Map, cloth on board bound in blue with gold "Basse - Egypte et Canal De Suez" gold embossing on cover and "Basse - Egypte" on spine (125 x 185 mm. approx), with the Map of the Suez Canal linen backed with notation of both seller and poublisher E. Andriveau-Goujon, 4 Rue du Bac, Paris with their trade plate inside. Splendid conditon.		**200**

Groups of Letters

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF
5113	1829/50: The archive of letters to Thomas Waghorn, including letters from Lord John Russell, Lord Wellington's secretary *"The Duke begs leave to inform him that he can have nothing to say to his plan for carrying letters to India excepting through the channel of the Postmaster General..."*, further entire letter from the Duke of Wellingon to Waghorn in Rochester (Dec 1830) in the same vein, 1842 and 1845 letters from the Admiralty, 1848 autographed letter sheet from William Gladstone, largely because Waghorn was in need of funds, was ill and searched for help and remuneration for his services from the Government, with superb 1848 letter from Joseph Hume MP stating that Waghorn's route *"during the War in Afghanistan was invaluable and that Mr. Waghorn deserves a reward"*, 1849 signed letter from Mrs. Waghorn, 1850 letter from Downing Street from Lord John Russell recommending an addition to Mrs. Waghorn's pension *"in the sum of £15, making altogether £ 40 per annum"* , 1850 letter from Richard Cobden, 1852 letter from Lord Arthur Russell to Waghorn's widow etc. The indifference of the State to someone who had significantly changed the world as they knew it is hard to imagine. An extraordinary group. *Provenance: Spink, London, 11 July 2017, lot 901.* *(Photo = www)*		✉(✉)	**1'000**
5114	**The Waghorn Organisation** 1835/47: Group of autographed letter sheets, with rare example from Snodland, Rochester written by Waghorn's wife Elizabeth to P. Stewart of Waghorn's Agents Smith, Elder & Co. asking for her first month's stipend of £10 as her husband was in now Egypt; 1839 entire letter from Mackenna in Marseille to O'Reilly (of the "Times" newspaper) in Paris stating *"Of Waghorn he (Gower) said that he was sure he was far too busy in running about to carry on the active correspondence he promised..."* (with full transcript), Thomas Waghorn autographed letters to Haslam (2), and an 1845 example to A.F. Ridgeway asking what he thought of his letter to the "Times"; autographed letter from Waghorn about the loss of the P&O steamer *"Great Liverpool"* etc. A fascinating group (9 items). *(Photo = www)*		✉	**300**



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5115	**Mehemet Ali Pasha Medal** 1842: Small collection of letters (3) concerning the Gold Medal presented to Mehemet Ali Pasha in 1842 in gratitude for his protection of British subjects during the crisis of the 1840 Egyptian - Ottoman War which resulted in Mehemet Ali Pasha retaining the sovereignty over Egypt in perpetuity; with undated letter from Waghorn's "Egyptian Offices" in Cornhill stating that Waghorn had signed the letters and requesting a list of subscribers to whom they were being sent and suggesting the inclusion of the Rothschilds; 1842 (March 30) signed letter from Waghorn to C. Roach Smith arranging a meeting; 1842 (Aug 3) letter from Waghorn to C. Roach Smith stating *"Herewith I send you 30 of the Medals with letters for each.. a list of the names for the Medals now sent accompanies them..."*, and the original Mehemet Ali Pasha Medal itself cast in bronze as issued to subscribers with reverse showing inscription **"The Friend of Science Commerce & Order who protected the subjects and property of adverse powers and kept open the Overland Route to India / 1840".** A rare and fine group.		✉	**500**

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