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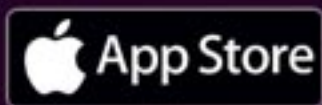
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unused	without gum

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entire letter	complete as sent with comments still attached to the outer address portion
entire	the outer portion of a folded letter but without contents
cover	an envelope

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⊗	unmounted mint	d.s.	datestamp
★	unused	h.s.	handstamp
○	used	Ⓐ	air mail
⊞	block of four	Ⓢ	specimen
ⓑ	block larger than four	Ⓒ	cancelled
☒	used on cover, entire letter, etc.	Ⓔ	essay
△	on piece	Ⓟ	proof
var.	variety, varieties	F	forgery
cat.	catalogue, catalogue value	R	reprint
c.d.s.	circular datestamp		

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DALAI LAMA MAIL

Twelfth Dalai Lama



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1 ☒

1865 (Oct.) shirt letter, wrapper sealed at the end with his official seal (39 x 39mm) in red showing four lines of Horyig script, and on the exterior with his small, personal seal with dot and crescent (very rare).

The letter reads, "We have received letter from P.M. Jang Bahadur Rana [prime minister of Nepal] addressed to the Dalai Lama and four kazi's - in which he mentioned that Nepal and Tibet should have Everlasting Friendship. He has also expressed his views on the matter which we appreciate very much. Amban Chintarin is reaching Lhasa very soon to discuss these matters. After his arrival - we shall discuss with him and shall send you an accurate reply. You can see other details in the four kazi's reply."

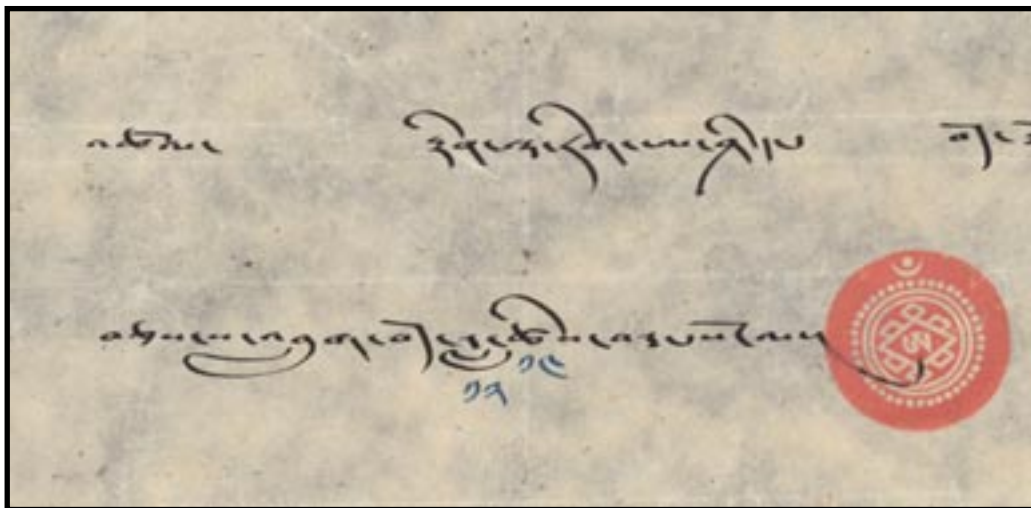
Note that in June 1865 Jang Bahadur Rana attempted a survey on the lower part between the two mountains and the passes between Nepal and Tibet. He was seeking some boundary adjustments. This reply appears to be on the survey matter and signifies the Amban position. It is rare to find the Dalai Lama writing on political matters. Photo

£2,000-2,500

The twelfth Dalai Lama, Trinley Gyatso, was enthroned on July 3 1860; he died at the age of twenty in 1873

Dalai Lama Mail - *contd.*

Thirteenth Dalai Lama



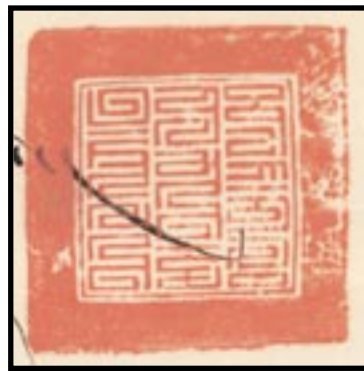
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1900-20 letter to the King of Nepal (50x59cm) with the endless knot personal seal of the Dalai Lama (Dawson 5) covered with a paper fragment; fine. This seal was used on letters to official friends and is scarce. Photo

£400-600

The thirteenth Dalai Lama, Thubten Gyatso was enthroned in 1879 but did not assume power until 1895. He was exiled between 1904-09 in Mongolia (to avoid the British) and between 1910-13 in Sikkim and Darjeeling (to avoid the Chinese). He is referred to as the 'Great Thirteenth' as he was responsible for declaring Tibet's national independence from China with the fall of the Qing dynasty. See lot 55



3

3 ☒

1910 (June) scarf wrapper and letter to the Chief Priest of Boudha Monastery in Katmandu. The wrapper bears a superb example of the wax seal type 1 with three dots at top; the letter (50x50cm) is in torn condition and features the type 1 personal seal in red (Dawson 6 var.) with the large innermost seal (Dawson 3) in red. A rare correspondence during the exile period. Photo

£1,200-1,800

Dalai Lama Mail, Thirteenth Dalai Lama - *contd.*



4

4 ☒

1913 shirt letter to the Prime Minister of Nepal (90x120cm) and bears his official seal (Dawson 3). The letter is summarised, "I have taken the charge of Potala Court on 1969/12/16. We are very much thankful to you for your kind guidance and help during the Chinese crisis. The full credit goes to you for the peaceful solution". With the personal seal, dot and crescent (Dawson 6), applied on the outside. A historically significant letter.
Photo

£600-1,000

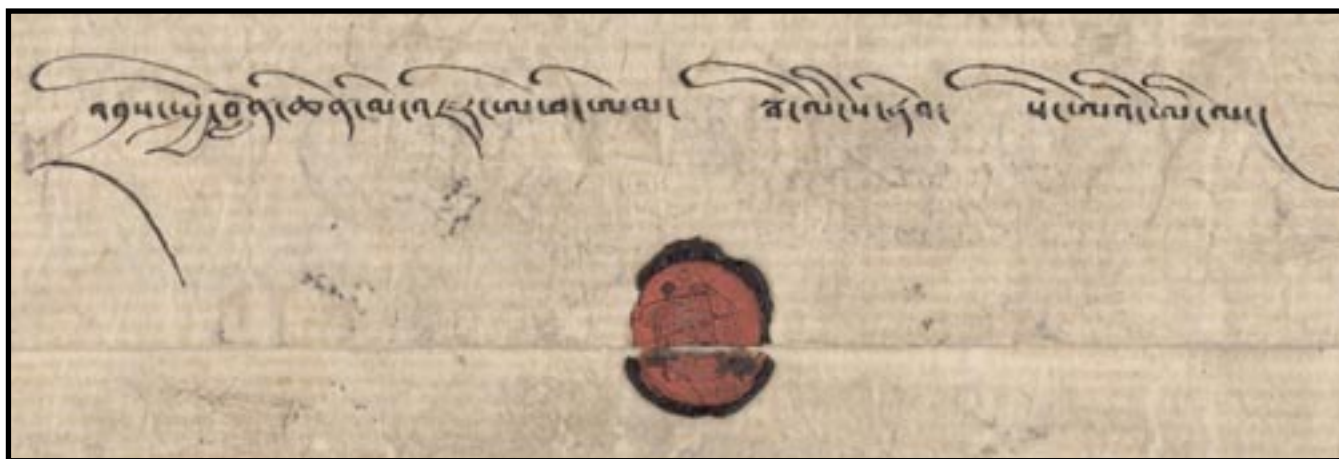


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5 ☒

1920's scarf cover bearing a superb impression the red wax seal of the Dalai Lama with dot and crescent (Dawson 6), light cracking; a fine cover. Photo

£300-500



6

6 ☒

1920's large scarf letter bearing the red wax seal of the Dalai Lama with dot and crescent (split on opening) (Dawson 6) and bearing 1912 ¾tr. with "POTSAGE" variety and tied by Lhasa postmark; good condition. Also a small photograph of the Panchen Lama together with a card bearing his signature and a small proof strike of his seal in red ink (25x24mm). Photo

£400-800

PROVENANCE:
Dr William Stericker, June 1975

Dalai Lama Mail, Thirteenth Dalai Lama - *contd.*



7

7 ☒

1923 (Jan.) white, linen-lined envelope registered to Sir Charles Bell in Hampshire, “from H.H. D.Lama, Lhasa, Tibet” with Gyantse type GE handstamp on registration l a b e l , the reverse with two superb examples of the Dalai Lama’s seal with dot and crescent (Dawson 6) with India K.G.V ½a. (8) and 1a. tied by Gyantse (16.1) c.d.s. with London registered oval (12.2) in red. Fine and rare. Considered by Waterfall as one of the finest piece of the seals. Photo

£800-1,200



8

8 ☒

1926 (Feb.) cover to Major F.M. Bailey in Sikkim bearing 1tr. rose-carmine, shiny ink tied by Lhasa postmark and bearing a good wax seal of the thirteenth Dalai Lama with dot and crescent (Dawson 6) (some cracking), the reverse bearing a good strike of Phari type 1 postmark. The notes on the outside translate, "... while in Lhasa you informed me that you hoped to run the British Mail between Gyantse and Phari by motor: that you submitted a proposal to the Government of India, who have sanctioned it: that you hope to purchase the cars soon and run the dak by cars instead of by ponies: and that the communications between the Tibetan Government and their Officials and yourself will be quicker ...". Photo

£400-600

PROVENANCE:

Dr Warren G. Kauder, May 1972

Dalai Lama Mail, Thirteenth Dalai Lama - *contd.*



9

9

1930's scarf letter bearing fine strikes of the thirteenth Dalai Lama's seal (Dawson 3) and personal seal with three dots (Dawson 6 var.); fine. Photo

£300-500

Floral Seal



10

10 ☒

1910 (16 Aug.) registered envelope from the Dalai Lama in Darjeeling to the Maharaja of Nepal bearing, on the address side, India K.E.VII ½a. pair tied by Darjeeling c.d.s. with the registration label below, the reverse with India 1a. (3), three superb floral seals of the Dalai Lama (used when in exile) and Nepal arrival c.d.s. (21.8); folding crease and some edge wear. Marked in the corner of the address side, “*His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Hillside, Darjeeling*”. Fine and an important and scarce cover. Photo

£500-800

The design of this seal is very similar to that of the Prime Minister, but this letter was clearly sent from the Dalai Lama. At this time there was no official Prime Minister in exile

Dalai Lama Mail, Floral Seal - *contd.*



11

11 ☒

1914 (c.) native cover closed with the remains of the reddened floral wax seal and bearing, on the reverse, ½tr. blue tied by a superb strike of the Lhasa type 1 postmark in ultramarine with similar for Gyantse in violet on the address side; folding creases. Colourful. Photo

£200-400

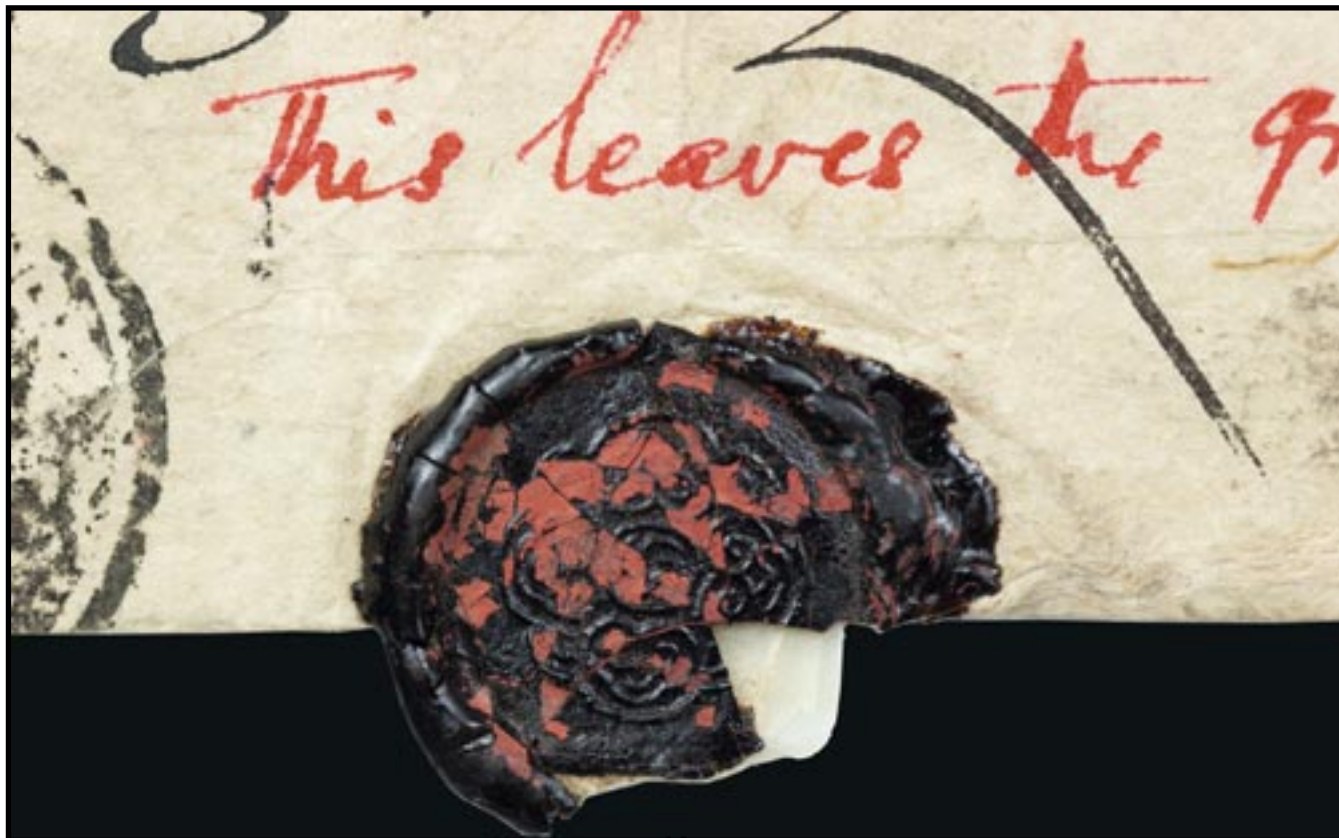


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12 ☒

1914 (c.) wrapper to Gyantse bearing 1912 ½tr. violet tied by a superb strike of Lhasa type 1 postmark in violet, alongside is Chushu in black, Pelti in black and Nangartse in black, the address side with a superb strike of Gyantse type 1 postmark in rose and a complete floral red wax seal; some wear to the wrapper, a fine and desirable cover. Photo

£400-600



13

13 ☒

1920 (c.) scarf cover to the Trade Agent in Gyantse bearing ½str. milky blue tied by Lhasa type 1 postmark in violet with similar for Chushu in blue, Pelti and Gyantse in black; with translation of the address in red ink including, *"This being very important, each different Post Office should forward it without delaying such a space of time spent for taking a single break"*. This leaves the great Palace, Potala on the 21st of the 8th month at 2-15 o'clock in the afternoon; with the floral variation of the Dalai Lama's seal overlapping the edge. Photo

£500-800

PROVENANCE:
Charles H. Dougan, October 1980

Dalai Lama Mail - *contd.*

Fourteenth Dalai Lama



14

14 ☒

1939 (Dec.) wrapper to the King of Nepal with a special wax seal featuring eight auspicious symbols, some cracking, otherwise complete. It was the tradition that the Regent would write to the Prime Minister of Nepal (see lot 29) whilst the Dalai Lama would write to the King. This was sent by the fourteenth Dalai Lama reincarnate, but still waiting to enter the Potala Palace. For special occasions, they had special seals; it is thought that this is the only example of this seal which clearly shows the eight auspicious signs. Photo

£1,500-2,500

Tenzin Gyatso, born in 1935, was formally recognised in 1939 and enthroned on 22nd February 1940. The Regent, Ganden Phodrang, invested the Dalai Lama with temporal duties in 1950. He escaped the Chinese invasion in 1959 and was exiled in India

Incoming Mail

15 ☒

1938 (9 Nov.) G.B. 4½d. registered envelope uprated 2½d. from Penarth to “*Dalai Lama, The Palace, Lhasa, Tibet ...*” with Calcutta D.L.O. unclaimed label, and boxed “RETOUR”, the reverse with various Calcutta and Bombay D.L.O. datestamp, boxed “DECEDE/DECEASED” and manuscript, “*Died - Return to Sender thro DLO Cal. on 13/12*”, unusual

£200-250

Tri-Rimpoche (Thirteenth Dalai Lama)



16

16 ☒

1904 (Apr.) large wrapper to Kathmandu bearing a perfect wax seal (Dawson 7), with arrival note on the address side that this arrived in Kathmandu on 1961/1/6 (5th April 1904). It was at this time that the Dalai Lama had been convinced to flee to Mongolia to avoid the Younghusband expedition. Rare correspondence during this historically important period. Photo

£500-800

Pharsi was occupied on 19th December 1903; Tuna on 8th January 1904 and Gyantse occupied on 12th April 1904

The Tri-Rimpoche of Ganden is the highest and most respected rank to which a monk, who is not a reincarnation, can rise and is pre-eminence in learning and piety. The Tri-Rimposche holds the post for five years, after which a new Tri-Rimpoche is appointed.

Dalai Lama Mail, Tri-Rimpoche (Thirteenth Dalai Lama) - *contd.*

17

17 ☒

1908 (Jan.) scarf letter from the Regent to the Commander in Chief in Nepal bearing the square seal (45 x 45mm) of the Dalai Lama in red; the exterior shows a small circular seal (very faint impression) the wrapper bears a complete red wax seal of the Tri-Rimpoche (Dawson 7). With the original wrapper, on the outside is written "arrived in Kathmandu 1964/10/9" (1908 January-February). Wax seal wrappers with original letters are seldom seen, this from an interesting period. The Dalai Lama was in exile at this time and the Regent had authority over his seal. Photo

£800-1,200



18

18 ☒

1920 (c.) shirt wrapper to the Trade Agent in Gyantse bearing $\frac{2}{3}$ str. bright blue tied by Lhasa type 1 postmark with similar for Chushu, Pelti, Nangartse and Gyantse in violet, with the crossed thunderbolts seal (Dawson 7); the address has been translated on the reverse including, *“This being very important, each different Post Office should forward it immediately. This leave the great Palace of Potala in the evening of the 6th of the double month”*. A good cover. Photo

£500-700

Dalai Lama Mail - *contd.*

Tri-Rimpoche (Fourteenth Dalai Lama)



19

19

1940 (c.) scarf letter to the King of Nepal (66x61cm) bearing the square seal of the fourteenth Dalai Lama (Dawson 4) and with a good strike of the thunderbolt seal (Dawson 7). Clean and fine. Photo

£400-600



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- 20 1940's scarf letter to Nepal bearing a fine internal seal of the 14th Dalai Lama (Dawson 4), the cover bearing crossed thunderbolts seal in red (Dawson 7); folded for display; clean and fine. There is an extra note pinned to the top left corner. Photo £400-600

Kashag

- 21 ☒ Large wrapper to the King of Nepal bearing a fine and complete black wax seal of the Kashag (Dawson 12); fine £100-200

REGENT MAIL

Joint Letter With Amban



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22 ☒

1811 (Aug.) cover to the King of Nepal bearing a fine strike of the seal of the seventh Demo Rinpoche, 35x35mm with six lines of Horyig script and small character at top, used in combination with the Amban handstamp; believed to be the only recorded cover bearing both seals. The contents are summarised, "*joint letter from 2 Ambans and Dalai Lama, please don't send headman like Harikrisha (he has no brain). Send a real wise man*". The headman was a Nepalese official in Lhasa who looked after Nepalese traders. A significant and historic item as the Dalai Lama rarely corresponded on political matters. A joint letter is a great rarity. Photo

£2,500-5,000

Note: Mr Thomas Manning, the first visitor to Lhasa had an interview with the Dalai Lama in December 1811. The Dalai Lama was then 7 years old



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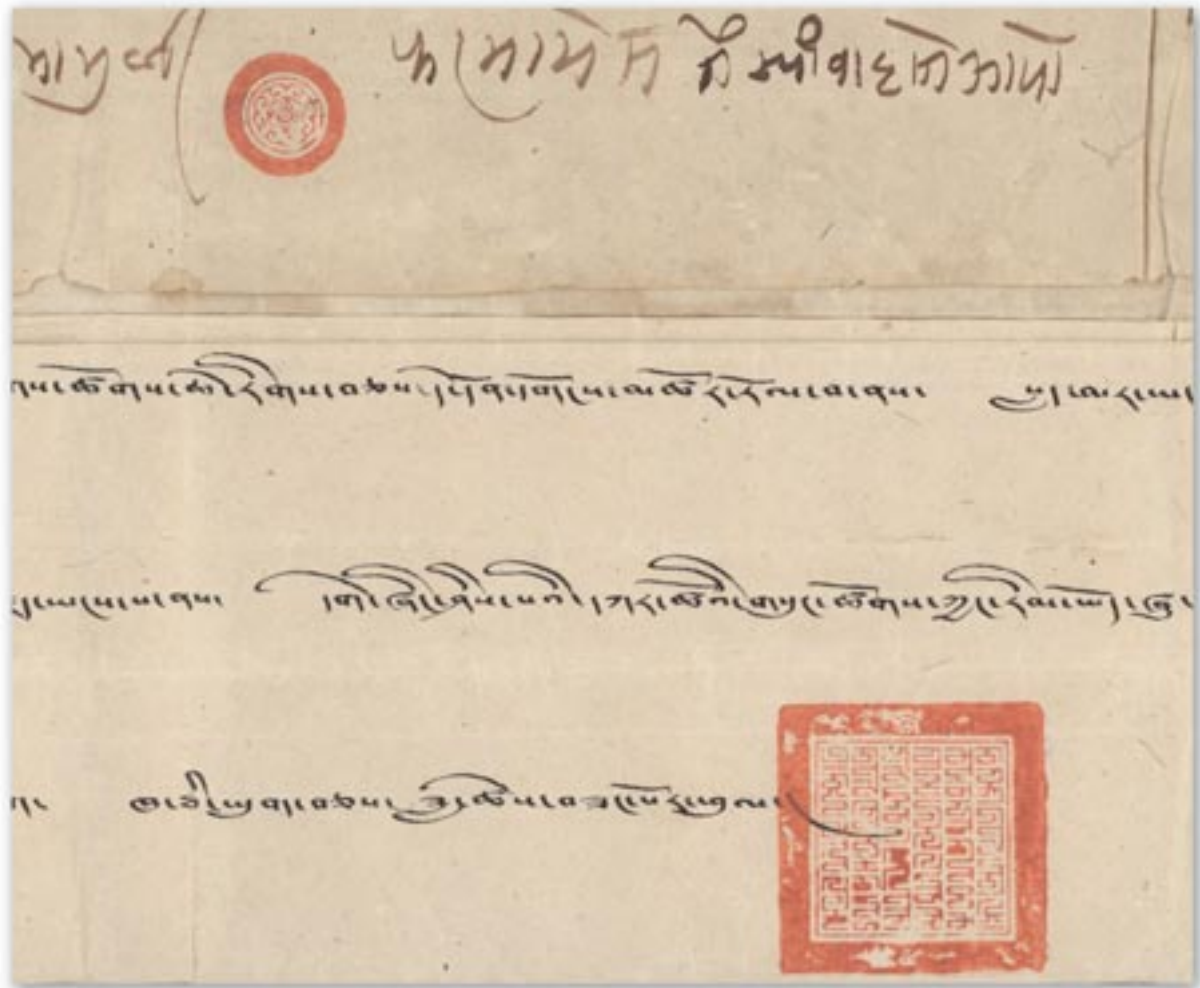
Demo Rimpoche (Ninth Dalai Lama): 1811 shirt letter, the wrapper is sealed at the end with the extra large Great Seal in red ink (Dawson 1), the outside bears his small personal seal (Dawson 7) and a triangular handstamp in red (part of the Great Seal). A general letter in fair condition with some typical worm holes. Photo

£1,500-2,000

The ninth Dalai Lama, Lungtok Gyatso, was only nine when he died of pneumonia in March 1815

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Regent Mail, Joint Letter With Amban - *contd.*



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1817 (c.) scarf letter to the King of Nepal bearing a very fine strike of the seal of the seventh Demo Rinpoche with six lines of Horyig script and small character in the top margin (35x35mm), the outer margin bears a superb example of his personal seal. Very scarce. Photo

£1,000-1,500

The 7th Demo Rinpoche was Regent between 1811-18



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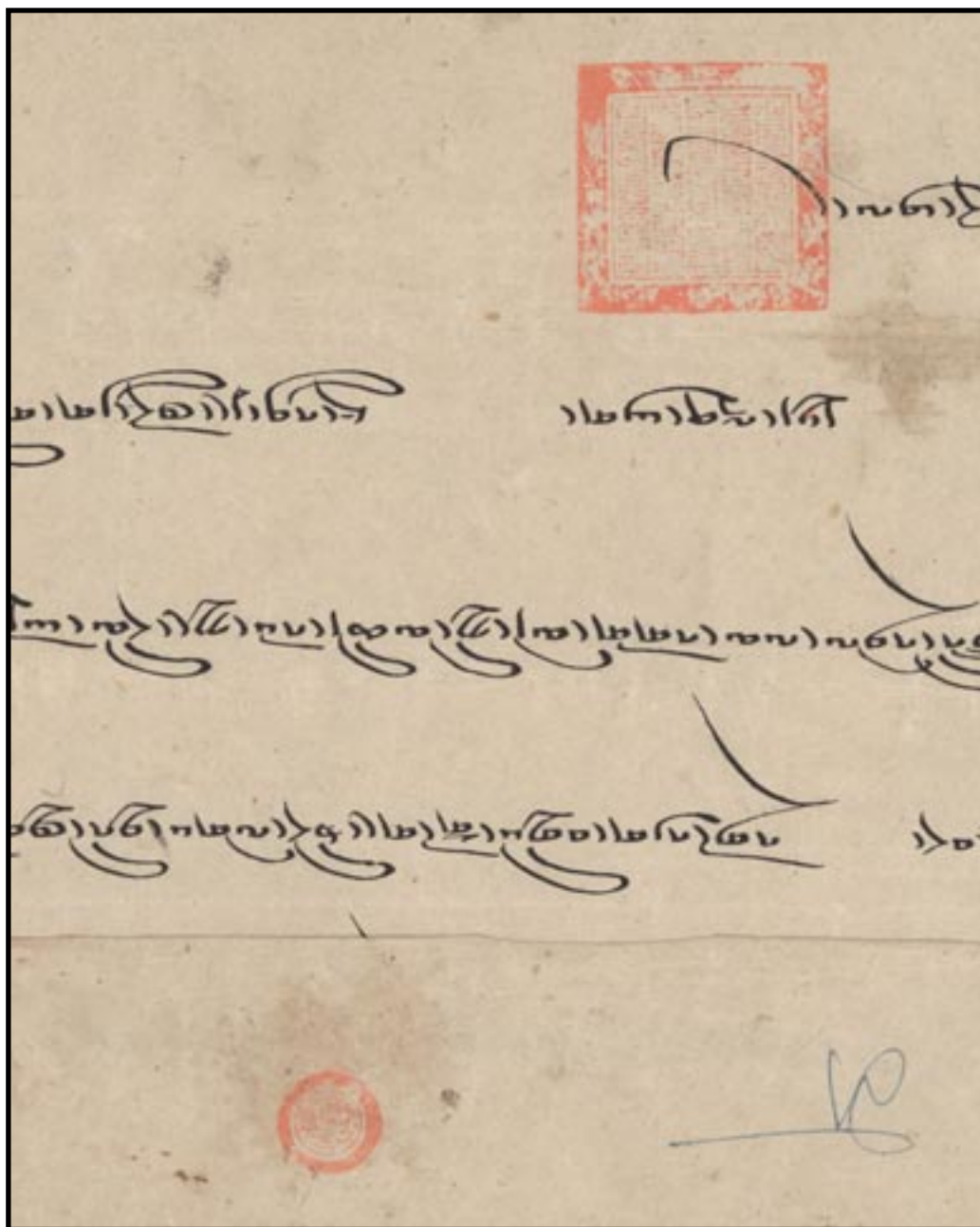
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1824 wax seal scarf cover to Bhimsen Thapa (the Prime Minister of Nepal) bearing the reddened wax seal of the Regent (split on opening and further cracks). It is stated that the Regent belongs to the Chukur Monastery. There is some ageing of the paper, which is worn in places. Believed to be the earliest recorded example of a Regent wax seal cover. Photo

£600-1,000

This should be the 2nd Tsemonling Lama

Regent Mail, Joint Letter With Amban - *contd.*



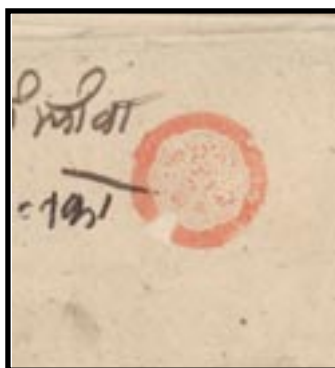
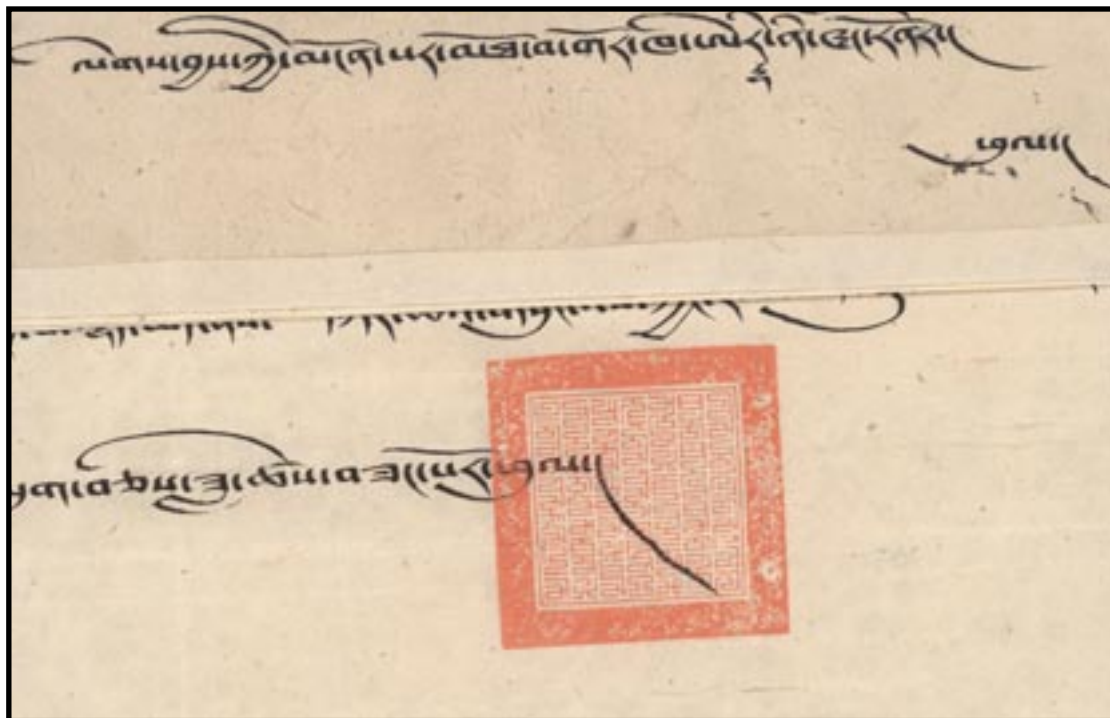
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26 ☒

1858 scarf letter to the King of Nepal, sealed at the end with the square ink seal (35 x 35mm) with five lines of Horyig script of the third Reting Rinpoche, with his small, personal seal in a floral design on the outside of the wrapper. In this letter he informs the King that he rules on Tibet at the wishes of the Chinese Emperor. A good letter. Photo

£800-1,000

The eleventh Dalai Lama died in 1855/56. The Regent again took charge and searched for the incarnation. Again a lottery was drawn and the boy who was already selected was chosen. This letter is probably written after the recognition, informing that the new Dalai Lama is on the throne as per the wishes of the Chinese Emperor



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1904 (c.) scarf letter to the King of Nepal bearing a superb strike of the large seal with seven lines of Horyig script (47x47mm), the outside with his personal seal (Dawson 21) with a floral design in centre surrounded by eight auspicious signs (a tiny fragment missing). Very scarce. Photo

£1,000-1,500

At the end of July 1904 the Dalai Lama appointed the 86th Ganden Tripa, Lobzang Gyltsen as Regent

Regent Mail, Joint Letter With Amban - *contd.*



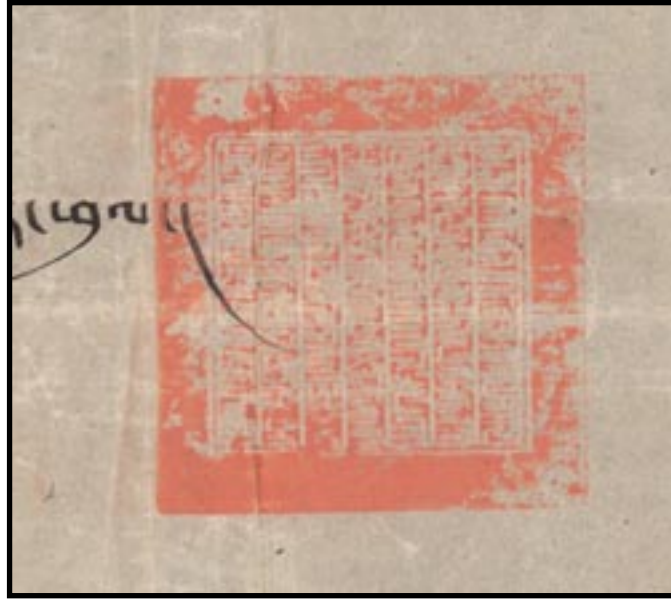
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1911 scarf letter (70x70cm) to the King of Nepal regarding the present of deer. Sealed at the end with the large seal with five lines of Horyig script with illustrations at top of Dharmachakra and two deer, his personal seal on the outside with symbol at top, both seals apparently unrecorded. A rare and important correspondence during the Chinese Occupation period. Photo

£1,200-1,500

In February 1910 the Dalai Lama appointed the Ganden Tripa, Tsemonling Ngawang Lobzang as Regent



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29 ☒

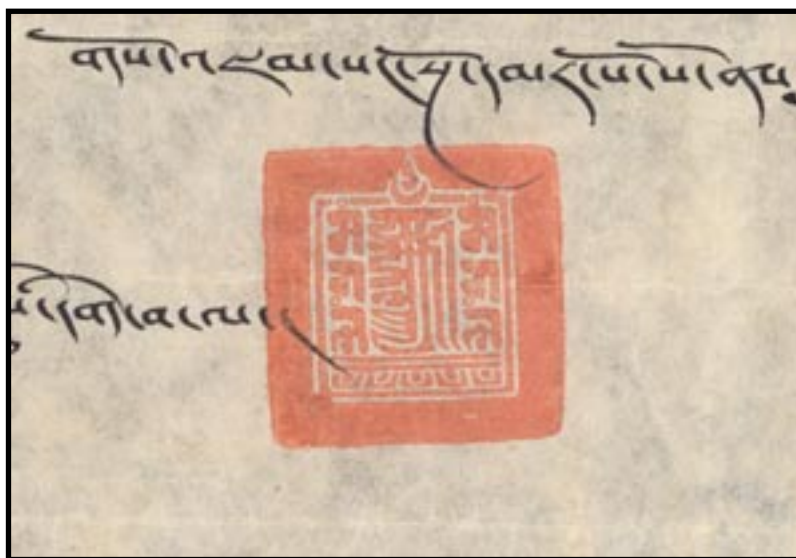
1939 (Dec.) large scarf letter to the Prime Minister of Nepal, sealed at the end with the large red ink seal (55 x 55mm). The letter reads, *“Letter from the Regent at Lhasa to the Prime Minister of Nepal. We are pleased to announce that the Reincarnation of His Highness Dalai Lama has been found in the Eastern Part of Dharjudham - Southern Part of Eastern Khumbhum [Amdo]. He shall be installed on the throne on 1996/11/29 Letter Dt Bhote 10th month 13th day”*.

Note that in the summer of 1939 the 14th Dalai Lama had been recognised. His party arrived at Rigya, the traditional reception camp for a new Dalai Lama, 3 miles from Lhasa, on 25th October 1939. On 27th October (25th day of 8th month of Earth Hare Year) his party left for Norbu Linka (the Dalai Lama’s Summer Palace). The Dalai Lama had to stay in Norbu Linka until an auspicious day had been arranged for him to go the the Potala. The Dalai Lama was in Norbu Linka until 21st February 1940 and was throned on 22nd February. This important letter was written whilst he was in Norbu Linka, waiting for the auspicious date. Photo

£2,500-3,000

The Regent was the 5th Reting Rinpoche, Jamplel Yeshe Gyltsen, who served between 1934-41. For the wrapper of the letter written by the Dalai Lama to the king of Nepal, see lot 14

PANCHEN LAMA MAIL



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1855 (Nov.-Dec.) shirt letter to the Chief of the Tibetan Army sealed at the end with the Mangalam seal (Dawson 26), the outside with the small personal seal of the Panchen Lama and, unusually, an intaglio impression of the Mangalam seal.

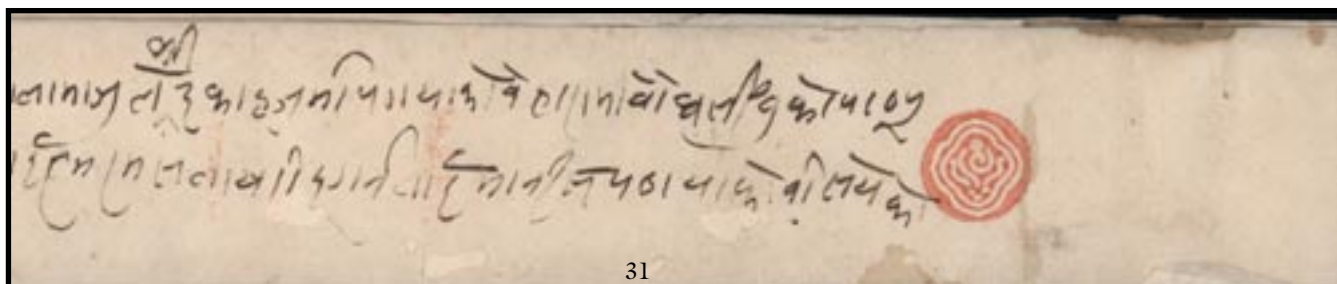
The letter translates as, "We have received your letter with great pleasure. It's fine that the Army has returned to Kuti from Shekhar Dzong. You wrote that you informed Lhasa regards assembling of Gurkhas but not received any reply. I presume that Lhasa could not reply because they have a lot of problems.

You have written that the policy decided by Digarcha Lama and Shakhya Lama regard the peace efforts will be respected by the Army. In short, we are firm that the Gurkha's must return the captured territory. We are sending representative (from Tashilunpo and Shakya monastery) to negotiate with Gurkhas. You have already promised not to disturb the peace talks. It's our desire that Tibet and Gurkhas should live in peace forever"

There are a few holes not detracting from this historical document. Photo

£1,200-2,000

Note: In the first phase of the war (April - May 1855) Nepal was victorious. In August 1855, Tibet sent its delegation to Katmandu but the talks failed. The second round of talks were held in Shekhar Dzong in September - October 1855, but they also failed. In November 1855 Tibet launched an offensive and recaptured Kuti, Kerong and Jhunga. Apparently Setha Kazi wrote this to the Panchen Lama. Within a few weeks the Gurkhas launched another offensive, a successful one. Apparently the Panchen Lama's reply fell into the hands of the Gurkhas, not Setha Kazi



31 ☒

Early folded scarf letter to Nepal bearing a superb strike of the Panchen Lama's 16mm personal seal, the letter concludes with a fine strike of the official seal (Dawson 26). Slightly worm eaten in places and some minor soiling. Fine and rare. Photo

£2,500-3,000

PROVENANCE:

Charles H. Dougan, October 1980

Panchen Lama Mail - *contd.*



32

32 ☒

1910 (Dec.) wrapper to the Prime Minister of Nepal bearing a good example of the Panchen Lama's red wax seal (small cracks and fraction missing from on side). With summary of contents which translate as, "Letter from Tachi Lama of Digarcha - received through Malki Adda (Home Department of Nepal) on 1967/9/11 - translation of the letter has been forwarded to P.M.'s Camp".

This highly important cover is the earliest known example of the Panchen Lama's wax seal on cover (3 others are known in the 1930's); the only known example of a Panchen Lama's cover sent from Tibet (5-6 are known from his exile in China) as well as rare correspondence during the Chinese occupation period. Photo

£4,000-6,000



33

33 ☒

1918 (c.) a fine scarf cover (175x100mm) from the Panchen Lama with a fine red wax seal (some cracks) (Dawson 27), addressed in Tibetan with translation above reading, *"To the presence of the excellent C. Bell C.M.G., C.E.I., Administrator and Minister in Sikkim, glorious by his good deeds, truly exalted"*. Scarce. Photo

£2,500-3,500

PROVENANCE:

Arnold C. Waterfall, January 1967

Panchen Lama Mail - *contd.*



34

34 ☒

1920 (c.) personal, pre-printed envelope of the 9th Panchen Lama whilst exiled in China, in yellow with yellow silk lining and with the Panchen crest on the flap; unused; there are a few small faults but in a good state of preservation. Photo

£400-600

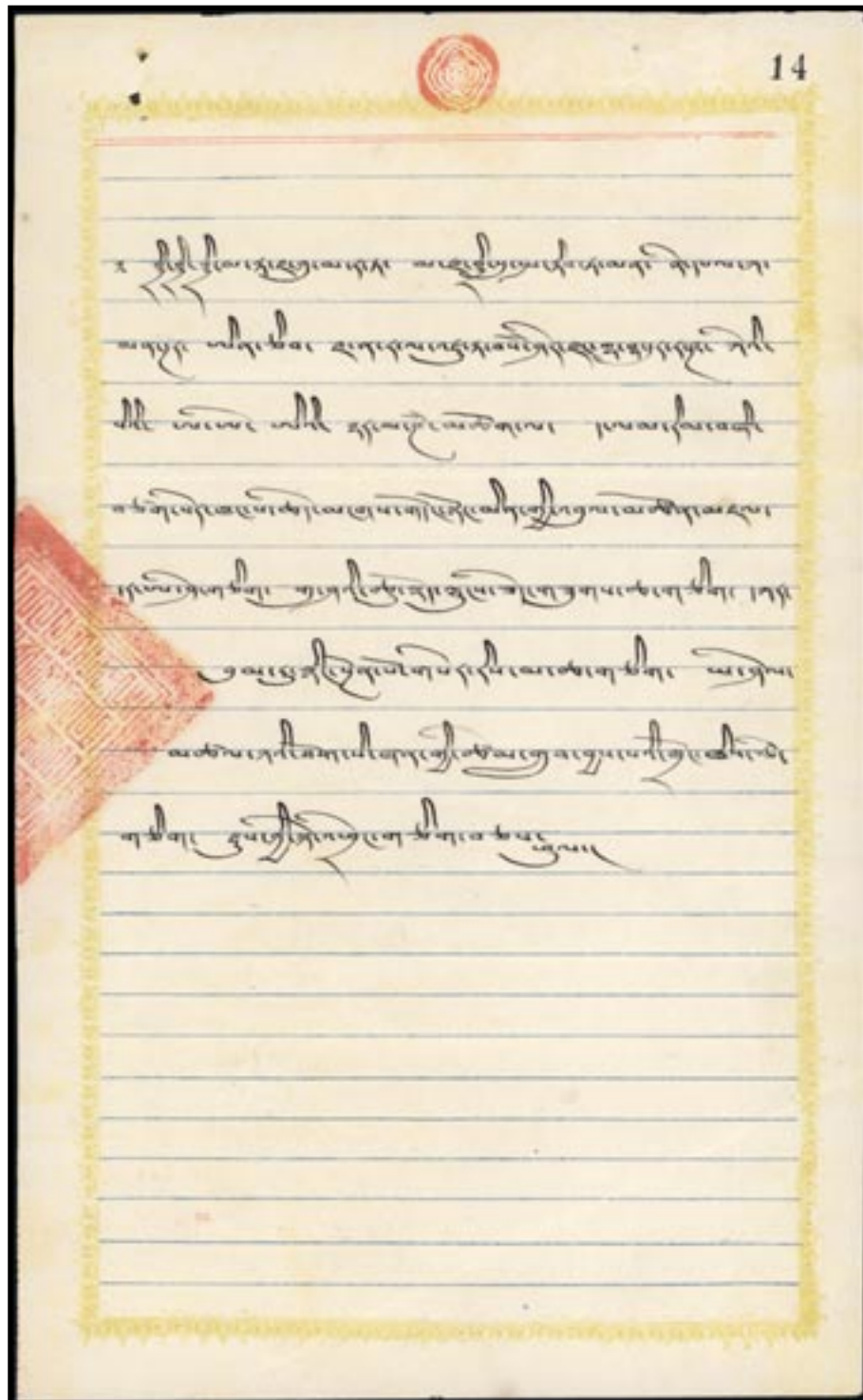


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35 ☒

1930 (c.) yellow silk-lined envelope with ornate crest of the Garuda on reverse of the Panchen Lama printed in red, blue, black and green, with a fine and complete example of his red wax seal on the flap, with the original three page letter showing the same ornate crest at the top of each page and headed "Ban Chan Tibetan". The envelope with a few imperfections but rare mail when the Panchen Lama was exiled in China. Photo

£2,000-3,000



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1930 (c.) letter to the Prime Minister of Nepal sent whilst the Panchen Lama was in exile in China. The letter has a yellow frame with blue lines and shows the small personal seal of the ninth Panchen Lama and part of a large, square seal in red (this appears to be a Chinese authority seal but is in the form of a Tibetan seal and would appear to be a censor seal). The page is numbered "14" and with two small filing folds at top. Unusual and very scarce. Photo

£1,000-1,500

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Panchen Lama Mail - *contd.*

Secretary



MISSING IMAGE ?

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37 ☒

1924 (c.) scarf cover with contents, the letter is folded with the original sealing wrapper with square handstamp (28x28mm) with two lines of Horyig script and with the red of the Panchen Lama's Secretary (Dawson 30); the wrapper is closed with the reddened wax seal with character at foot and three circles or crescents at top with 1912 ½tr. apple green (shiny ink) tied by indistinct Lhasa postmark; with the original silk scarf. An unusual and interesting complete letter. Photo

£500-1,000

Treasurer



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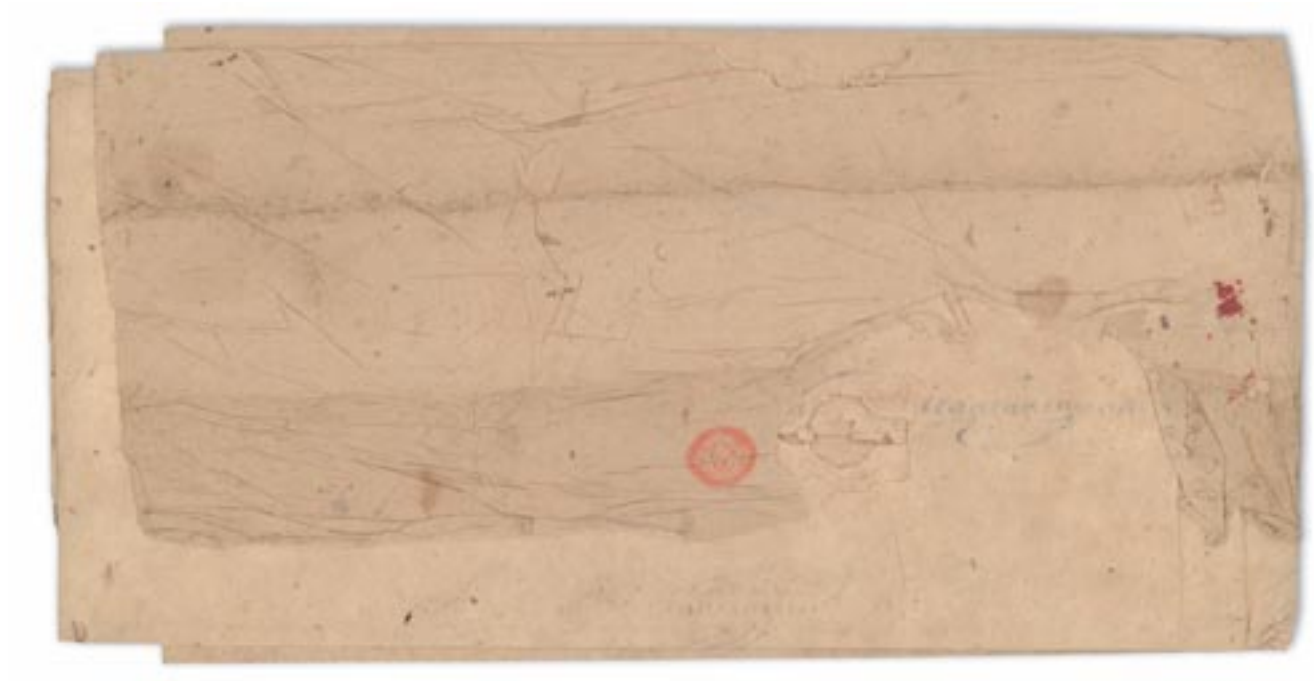
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38 ☒

Undated scarf cover with contents, the letter is sealed at the end with the red seal of the Panchen Lama's Treasurer (featuring three dots at foot); the wrapper is closed with the reddened wax seal with character at foot and three circles or crescents at top; with the original silk scarf. An unusual and interesting complete letter. Photo

£500-1,000

Regent Mail



39

39 ☒

1845 (c.) seventh Panchen Lama shirt letter/wrapper bearing a fine strike of the Panchen Lama's 35mm square Seal of Heaven and Earth (Dawson 26) and, on the exterior, his small seal. The contents from the Regent in Lhasa to the King of Nepal regards the presentation of horses. The Panchen Lama acted as Regent between 18th September 1844 to 31st May 1845. A scarce letter from this short period. A few holes, not affecting the seal or the message. Photo

£1,000-1,500

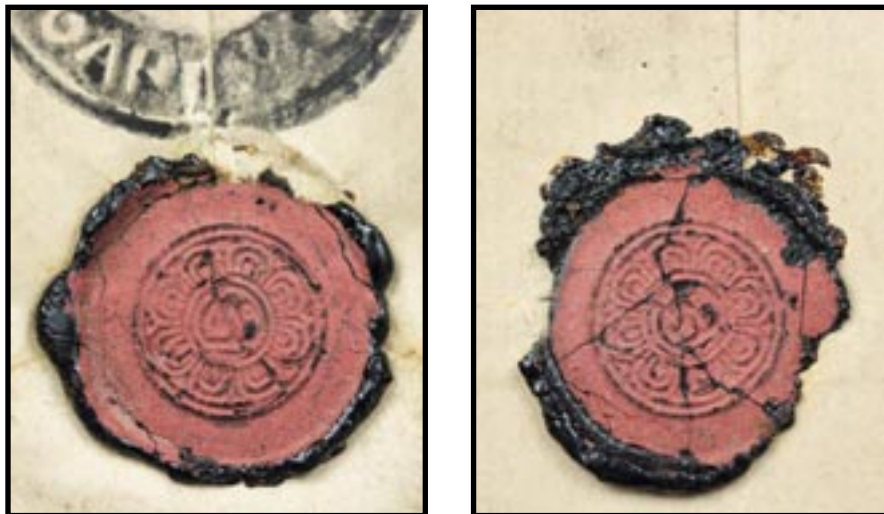
SAKYA LAMA MAIL



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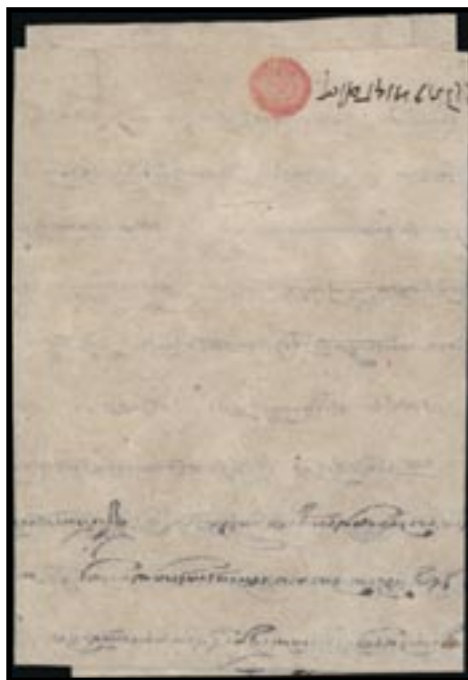
- 40 1902 scarf letter to Chandra Shamsher, Prime Minister of Nepal from the prince of Yardok requesting clemency for a criminal who had been sentenced to death as he was the only son of a very poor old woman. closed with a personal seal in rose-red, apparently a monastic seal similar to that of the Sakya Lama. Photo £200-300

SAMDRUP LAMA MAIL



41

- 41 ☒ 1928 (c.) envelope to Yatung bearing, on the reverse, 1912 ½tr. pale reddish purple tied by a good strike of Nangartse type 1 postmark and closed with two good examples of the Samdrup Lama of Yamdrok reddened wax seals, there is a further strike of the Nangartse despatch postmark on the address side; some folding and soiling. Scarce. Photo £300-400

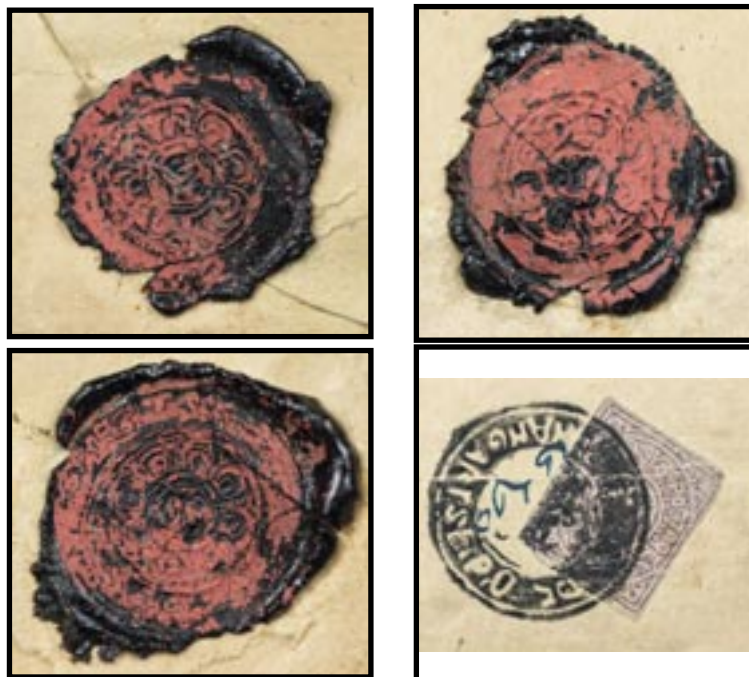


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1920's letter to Nepal bearing a fine strike of the personal seal in red on the outside; fine. Photo

£200-400



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43 ☒

1932 envelope to the Assistant to the Minister of Sikkim in Gyantse from Yamdrok bearing, on the reverse, 1912 ½tr. pale reddish purple tied by a superb strike of Nangartse type 1 postmark with date insertion and four reddened wax seals of the Samdrup Lama; some light ageing. An impressive cover with translation notes. Photo

£300-500

FOUR KAZI'S MAIL



44

44 ☒

1904 (Apr.) native cover to the Prime Minister of Nepal, the contents summarised as, "4 Kazi's letter to P.M. concerning Honorary Title Kan Wang and robes presented by the Emperor" and is sealed with a fine examples of the black wax seal of the four Kazi's. Photo

£200-300

OTHER RELIGIOUS LEADERS

Dharmapati Maharaja



45

45 ☒

1930 (c.) a fine impression of his red wax seal on native scarf wrapper addressed to the King of Nepal; the seal with cracks in places. Very rare. Photo

£1,000-2,000

PROVENANCE:
Charles H. Dougan, October 1980

OFFICIAL MAIL

Prime Minister



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1920 a scarf letter to the Prime Minister of Nepal, Chandra Shamshar bearing a superb strike of the square seal with seven lines of Horyig script (54x54mm) (Dawson 17); sent without his personal seal on the outside. Fine. Photo

£600-800



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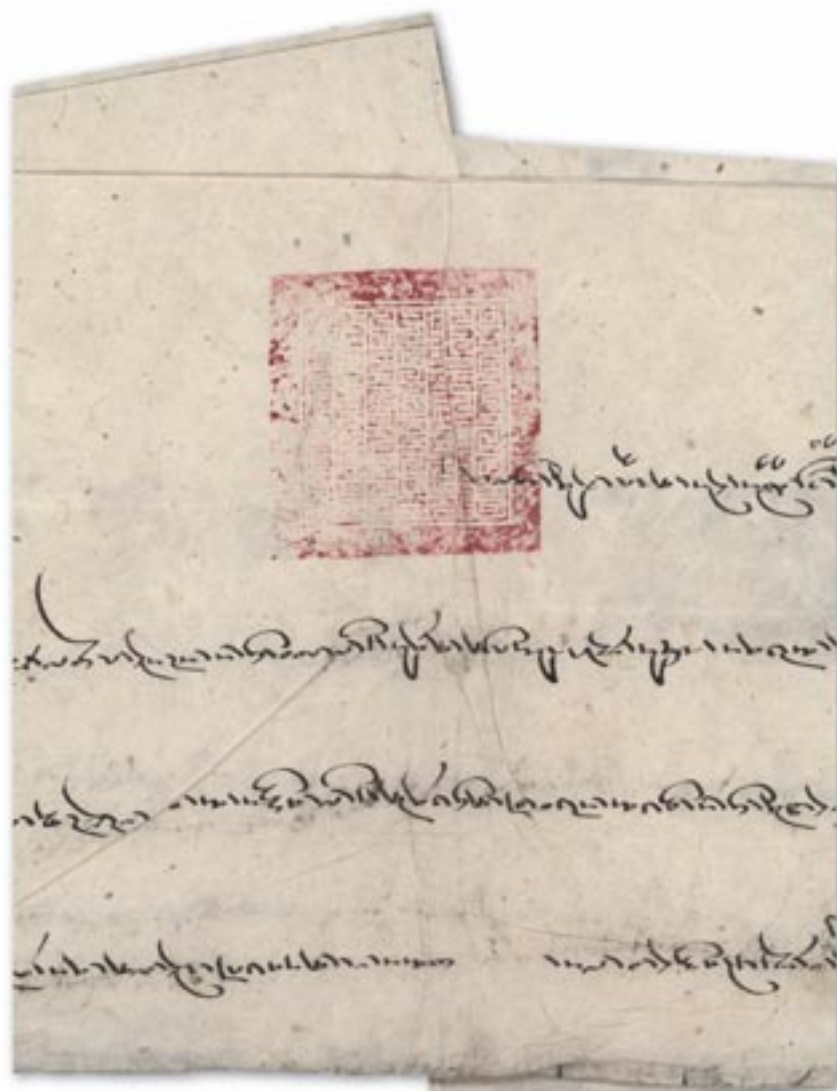
47 ☒

1920 (c.) scarf cover (305x140mm) to the Trade Agent in Gyantse bearing 1912 ½str. dark blue and ltr. dull vermilion tied by Lhasa intaglio postmark with similar strikes including Pelti and Nangartse (the third strike should be Gyantse) and closed with the wax seal of the Prime Minister (Dawson 19) which is intact but cracked along the centre. The Tibetan script has been translated on the cover in red ink.

£400-600

PROVENANCE:
Dr William Stericker, June 1975

Official Mail, Prime Minister - *contd.*



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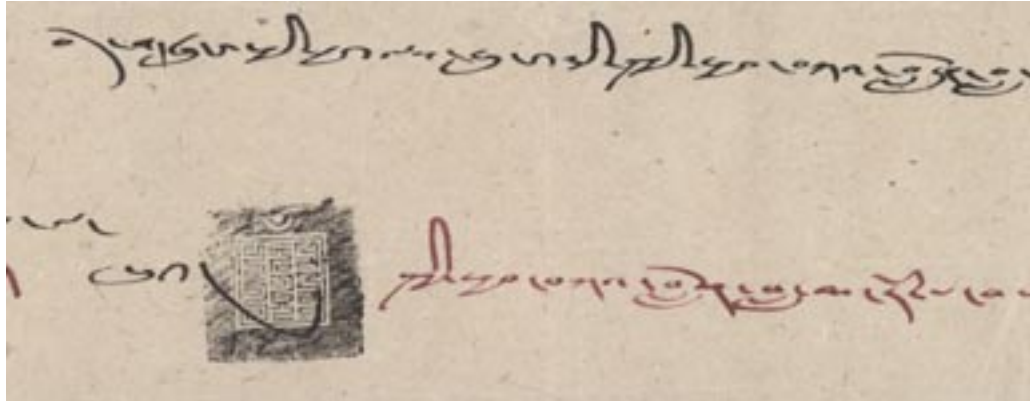
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1923 shirt letter to the King of Nepal from the Tibetan Prime Minister, Sholkhang concerning the production of forged Tibetan banknotes and includes, "... I have consequently discussed the matter with my cabinet ministers and ultimately we reported this matter to H.H. the Dalai Lama XIIIth. His Holiness then has made a request to Mr Vakil Kaptan, the Gorkha Consulate in Lhasa to kindly announce that any forged Tibetan banknotes be collected by the local people can return to the Consulate office effective from such and such a date for which they will be replaced by genuine notes. As a result of our joint effort, we have discovered the notes depicts the seal impression with the script of both Nepal and Tibet. The sample of this note has already been sent to your majesty. It was made by Mr Jog Ratna as we have discovered a few notes from a Khamps trader whose name is Ngawang Woeser, which he received from J. Ratna, A Newar business man. However, we lashed him physically under the impression that he could have been the man who jointly made, but no such evidence has been found from him. Therefore, we hope that you will kindly order your consulate to make refunds of such notes to the individuals whoever returns to the consulate in the future irrespective of the expiry date."

Closed with the seal of the Prime Minister (50x52mm) (Dawson 17) unusually struck in a carmine-lake shade. An important political letter and a desirable item for banknote collectors. Photo

£800-1,200

Foreign Minister



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1950 copy of Tibetan Government's letter delivered to the U.S. ambassador in India with typewritten English translation on one side. The letter is a reaction to the Peking government's announcement of offering autonomy to Tibet. With the expectation of communist aggression the request for arms and assistance from India and U.S.A., in particular are funds in U.S. dollars, weapons including field artillery and machine guns and field service radios. From Kalon Lama Ramps, Foreign Minister and closed with handstamp in black (20x20mm) with three lines of Horyig script and sun and crescent at top. A remarkable document. Photo

£300-600

TRIBUTE MISSION



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50 ☒

1906 (c.) cover from Kazi Bharab Bahadur sent to Katmandu and bearing, on the reverse, a good strike of his personal seal. Photo

£120-150

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MERCHANT'S SEALS



51

- 51 Two brass seals 60mm height, each metal end with a fairly simple design; probably early twentieth century; also a small bag of yellow cloth wrapped around white and red papers with contents (weight 7gm), these bags were traditionally filled with gold dust and sent with important letters from the Dalai Lama or other high officials - contents have not been checked. Photo

£200-300

MILITARY POST

Invasion of Taklakot

- 52 ☒ 1855 shirt letter from Nirpon and Darpon of Taklakot to General and army officers at Jumla in Nepal, the letter translates , “*Officers from Taklakot and Lama of the monastery reported in April that there was a dispute with Gurkhas over trade matters. We instructed them to act as per the Treaty between Nepal and Tibet but Taklakot was invaded and plundered without any reasons. We strongly warn you that this land belongs to the Emperor (China) - we are subject of Emperor - the property is under Emperor’s protection. You have to all the three (land, people, property) intact, otherwise we will have to take use of force*”. The letter is closed by a small black seal (16x16mm) with two lines of an unusual script and the outside with a small circular seal (11mm) which appear to be of a Chinese nature. Little is recorded of this incident.

£100-200

- 53 ☒ 1893 (?) shirt letter wrapper from the military post in Tingri (an important military post), the contents state that the Nepalese negotiators (army officers) had come to settle a dispute between people living by the border, the settlement penalises the Tibetans of fifty yaks and horses. Small disputes were sorted at a local level. The letter is sealed with two black seals, one in a knot design with small dot and crescent

£100-200

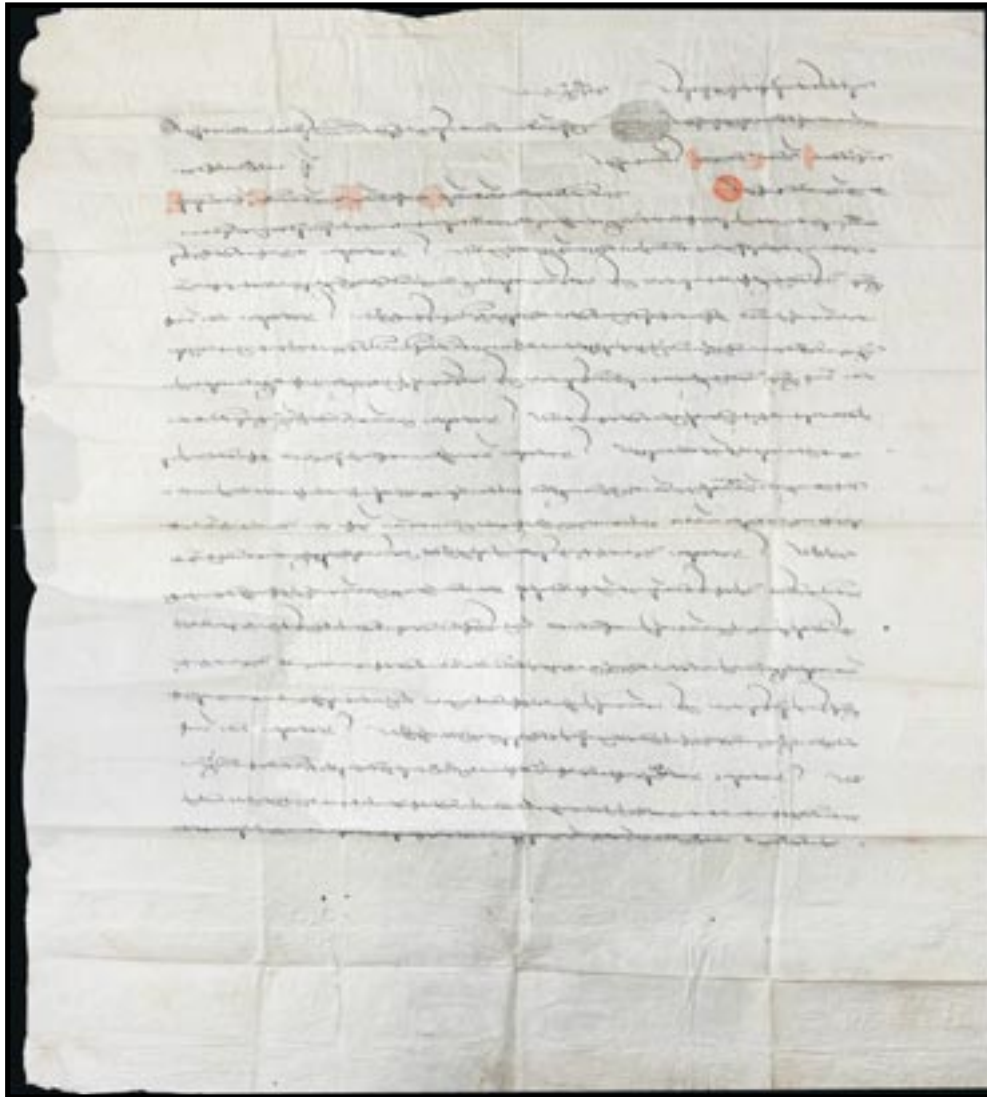
THE KING OF MUSTANG

- 54 1955 (c.) a letter from the king complaining that his salary has been reduced and that he will be contacting to the top level to have his original amount reinstated. With the seal of the king struck in rose-red and a partial black seal struck on the outside

£100-150

INDEPENDENCE FROM CHINA

The 'Three Point Agreement'



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1912 (12 Aug.) one of the original copies of the Treaty between China and Tibet which features the clauses: *"Chinese Military officers and soldiers to return to China via India: Arms and ammunition to be kept under the charge of Nepalese representative at Lhasa: free transport and rations for the Chinese en route for India"*, it was agreed that this would be completed around December 1912.

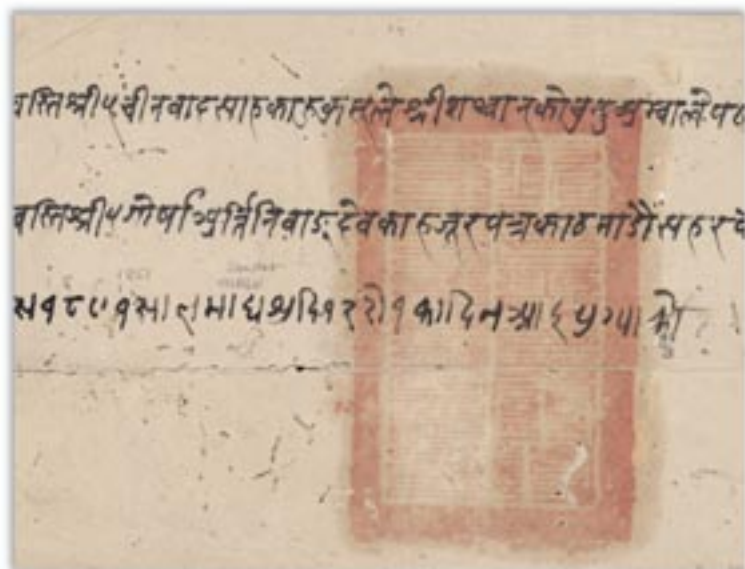
The document is written in Tibetan text. At the end it bears the red ink seal of the Dalai Lama (who was still in exile), seven red ink seals of Chinese officers and the black Lhasa Court seal properly signed by Lal Bahadur. It is thought that only three copies of this document were produced, one for Tibet, one for Nepal and one for China (it is possible that a fourth was prepared for the British).

The significance of this highly important document is a statement of Tibet's independence from China. It also signifies the end of Imperial China and the beginning of the Republic. Photo

£10,000-20,000

In 1911 the Manchu Emperor was overthrown in China. This certainly affected the Chinese military in Tibet, most of the officers being Manchu. Political pressure from Britain and Nepal as well as their own civil war led them to make settlements with Tibet. The Nepalese representative, Lal Bahadur was the mediator.

AMBAN MAIL



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56 ☒

1795 cover to the King of Nepal bearing a good strike of the Grand Seal in red, with the usual receipt date and filing note on the reverse which indicates that the new Amban had reached Lhasa; some worm damage. An early cover. Photo

£500-600

The old Amban was Helin (1792-94) who was replaced by Songyun (1794-99)



58

58 ☒

1846 (Dec.) cover to King Rajendra with a good strike of the Grand Seal, the reverse bearing the usual arrival notation. With the original letter giving details of the appointment of the Amban, again with the seal struck in red. Photo

£500-700

At this time King Rajendra had been in exile in India for 50 days, nevertheless, the Amban, Qishan, still used his title

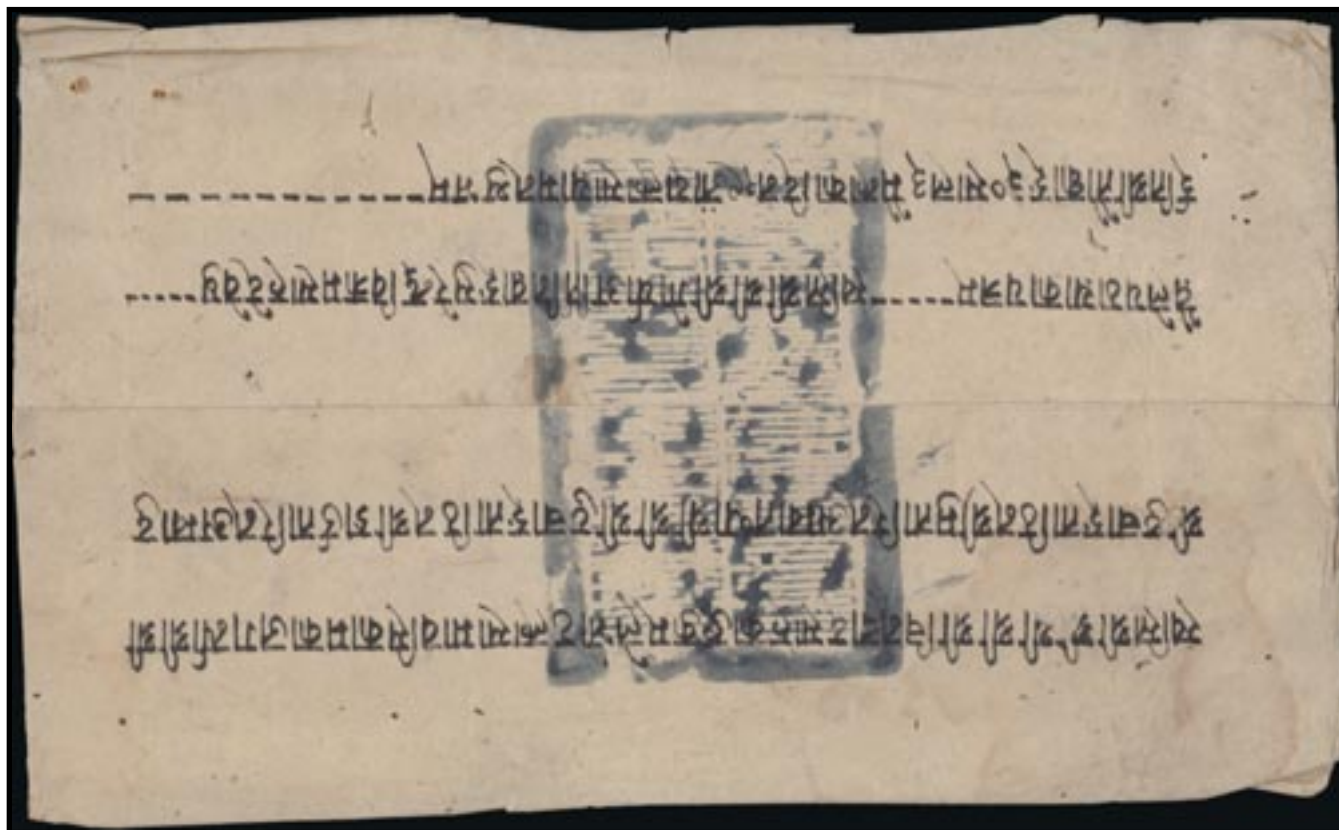


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57 ☒

1805 cover from the Lhasa Amban to the Maharaja of Nepal bearing a single impression of the Grand Seal, the reverse with receipt date and filing note in Bikram script. With the original enclosure which reads “We have received the Emperor’s gift for the Nepal King through Nepalese Mission to China, we are sending through express horse service” also bearing a single strike of the Grand Seal in red. An early letter. Photo

£800-1,000

Amban Mail - *contd.*

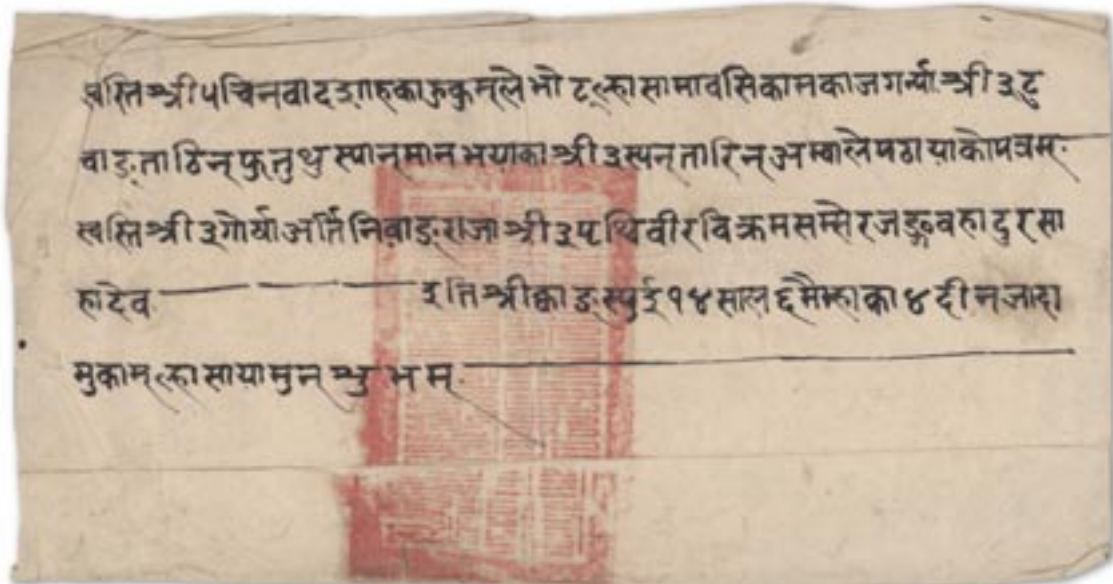
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59 ☒

1850 (May) a mourning letter to the King of Nepal informing him of the death of the Emperor's mother, followed by the death of the Emperor and that the fourth son has been crowned emperor and that a new calendar has been instated. Bears a good strike of the Grand Seal in bluish black with a second strike on the letter. There is also a rough draft of the Nepalese reply. Very scarce in this colour. Photo

£1,500-2,000

The Daoguang Emperor, Mianning, died on 26th February 1850. His mother, Empress Xiaoberui, died on 23rd January 1850



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60 ☒

1888 (July) cover and letter to Prithvi Bir Bikran Shan with a good strike of the Grand Seal in dark red, sent from the Ambans Tochang Thation (Changgeng) and Won Tarin, the latter recently appointed the Amban of Lhasa and had taken charge of Kwangsui, the reverse with receipt date and filing notes. Photo

£450-600

61

1857 (?) an important letter to King Surendra Bikram of Nepal from the two Amban of Lhasa which includes, "... We have received your letter ... and noted the contents ... we are really very pleased that you are so loyal to the Emperor. We think ... the British do not know the might of our Emperor... Today the British are not doing good in Kwangtang - whenever our Emperor will order the Army to march - they will march like black sky and we will win within no time. British has come here to die - please be assured. Please live with your neighbours in peace ...". This letter appears to acknowledge the early days of the Second Opium War. Photo

£1,000-1,200

THE IMPERIAL COURIER POST

I-Chang



62

62 ☒

1900s report to the Ministry of War, on imperial yellow paper with red band applied for the address and transmitted through the I-chang. From Zhanggu Tun in Maogong on the state of the ferry boat used to cross the river on the post route. Inside there is a large illustration of two men on a small boat navigating turbulent waters - quite possibly the ferry boat in question. A delightful and interesting letter. Photo

£800-1,500

Maogong in Szechwan was an important place in history where Emperor Qianlong staged successive campaigns to subject the Tibetan tribes there

OTHER AMBAN MAIL

Fafu-pun Mail



63

63 ☒

1889 red seal cover to King Pritivi Bir Bikram of Nepal with original letter with rough draft of the Nepalese reply; the cover and letter both show fine strikes of this scarce seal. The letter includes, "We have received a packet of letters by the hand of your Kazi's going to China with tribute ...". Photo

£500-800

Fafu-pun is a rank, he looked after the administrative work of the Chinese Consulate and military

Kuti



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64 ☒

1871 a cover to the Prime Minister of Nepal, Jung Bahadur, bearing a fine strike if the seal of the Chinese Official from Kuti. Photo

£500-1,000

Other Amban Mail - *contd.*

Kerong



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| 65 ☒ | 1897 (June) I-chang cover (one end missing) to the Prime Minister of Nepal bearing three strikes of the Chinese logistics officer in Kerong; some age wear. Photo | £150-250 |
| 66 ☒ | 1908 I-chang cover with enclosure to F.M. Bailey, British Trade Agent, Gyantse, the cover bearing three strikes of the red seal with a further two on the letter; superb condition. Photo | £500-800 |

THE IMPERIAL COURIER POST

Reports



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1861 report from the Governor of Shansi, Zeng Guofan, to the Cabinet, the report is regarding the passing away of the head Lama of the Mission, who was dispatched by the Regent of Tibet, and died on the way back after paying tribute to the Emperor. However, the Emperor also passed away and the seals on the front and back are applied in blue ink to signify mourning. This document consists of a ten-folded pages (22.3 x 110mm). The historical background is the Second Opium War with the Franco-British occupation of Beijing. The Xianfeng Emperor retreated to the Old Summer Palace where he died. There is some damage to the front of the first page but this barely detracts from this important historical document. Photo

£500-1,000

BORDER AREAS

Kuti



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68 ☒

Kuti Court: 1897 (Oct.) native envelope from the Kuti Court to Kathmandu bearing, on the reverse, the large and ornate official seal of the court in black and a fine strike of the boxed Tatapani Customs cachet with manuscript date insertion (scarce), Chautara transit and Dhulikhel negative c.d.s. transit. This was carried by Nepalese couriers to the nearby town of Tatapani from where it was posted free of charge. A good cover. Photo

£400-600

69 ☒

Kuti Court: 1899 (Oct.) stampless official cover to Katmandu bearing the large ornate seal of the Kuti Court in Tibet, carried by runner and put into the Nepalese post at Chautara; apparently at this time the Tatapani Post Office was bypassed; scarce. Photo

£500-700



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70 ☒

Kuti Court: 1903 (22 July) stampless envelope to Katmandu bearing, on the reverse, the large fancy seal of the Kuti Court with Chautara datestamp and Katmandu datestamp plus a small seal. Photo

£400-600

71 ☒

Kuti Court: 1905 native envelope from the Kuti Court to Kathmandu bearing, on the reverse, the large and ornate official seal of the court in black, Tatapani postmark with manuscript insertion and Chautara transit; usual ageing, a neat cover. Photo

£300-400



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72 ☒

Kuti Court: 1920 small stampless envelope to Katmandu bearing, on the reverse, the large fancy seal of the Kuti Court, carried by runner and put into the Nepalese post at Tatapani with sun in crescent datestamp and with Chayata transit and small private seal. Photo

£300-400



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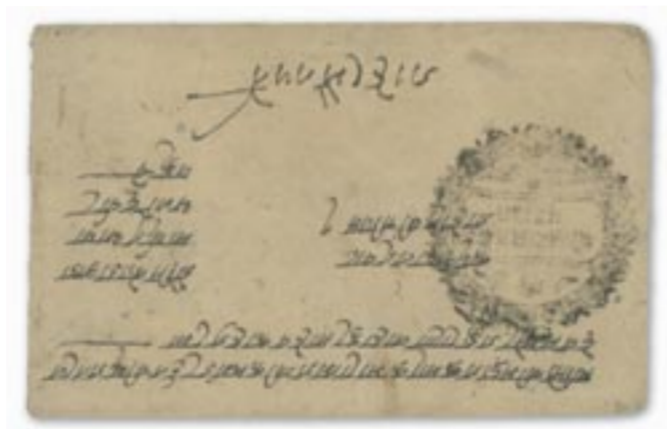
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Kuti Court: Undated large sheet of native paper (26"x 22") bearing two good strikes of the large Kuti Court Seal struck in red on each end of the sheet and with manuscript numbers 900 and 901 alongside. A rare and desirable item. Photo

£200-400

Border Areas - *contd.*

Kerong



74



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- 74 ☒ Kerong Court: 1898 stampless envelope to Katmandu bearing the large ornate seal of the Kerong Court, the reverse with Rasuwa datestamp and Trisuli transit and small personal seal. An early date. Photo £200-300
- 75 ☒ Kerong Court: 1912 stampless cover to Katmandu bearing, on the reverse, the large fancy seal of the Kerong Court, with a good strike of Rasuwa Sun and Moon datestamp, a partial c.d.s. and the sender's seal. Photo £200-300



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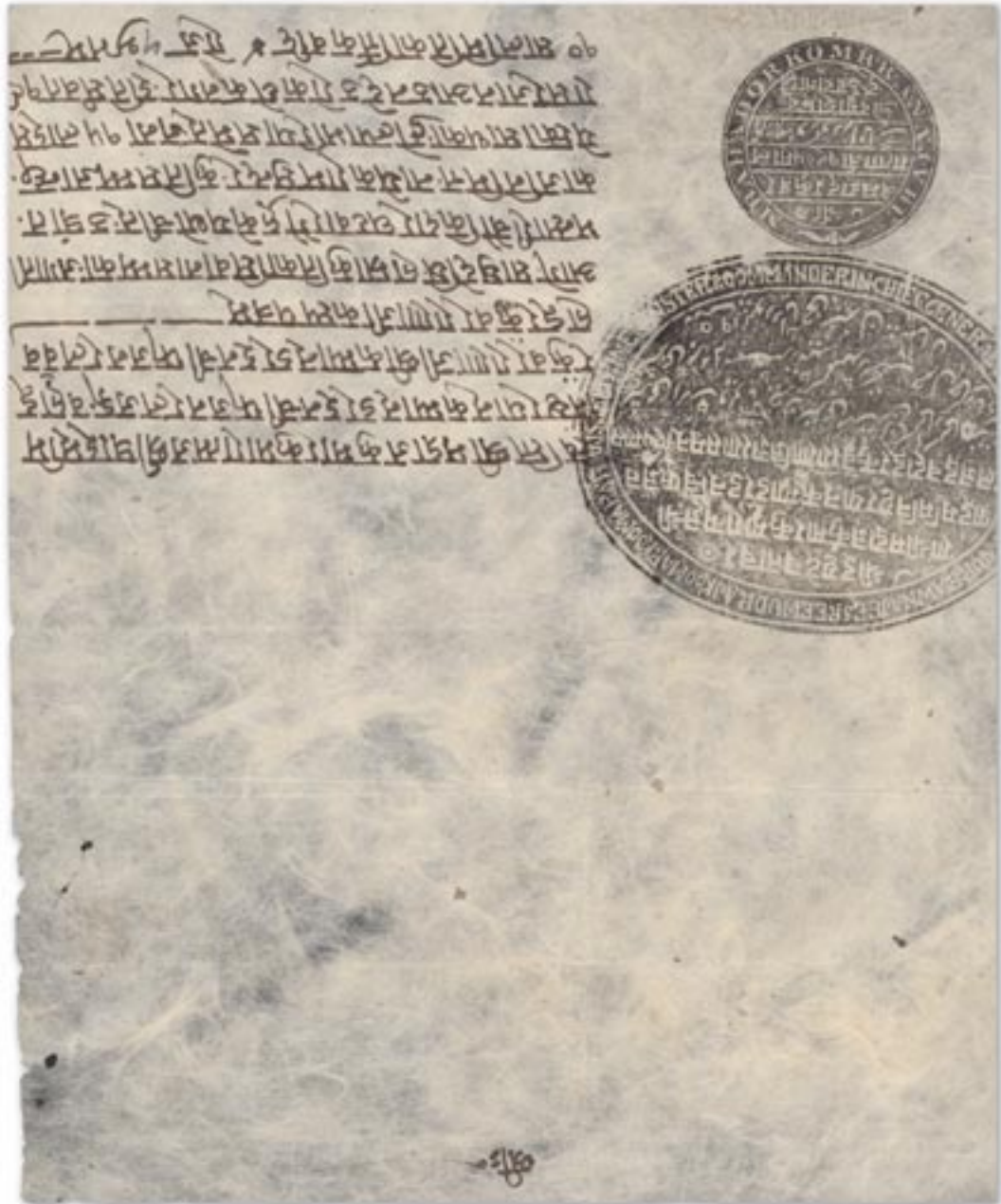
- 76 ☒ Kerong Court: 1913 stampless cover to Kathmandu bearing, on the reverse, the large, ornate seal of the Kerong Court in black, carried to Rasuwa where Sun and Moon postmark was applied, also Trisuli transit Sun and Moon plus large Kathmandu arrival datestamp; vertical crease. Photo £250-350
- 77 ☒ Kerong Court: 1926 native envelope to Kathmandu bearing, on the reverse, a good strike of the large Kerong Court handstamp, Rasuwa Sun and Moon and other postmarks; attractive. Photo £200-300

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Kerong Court: 1920's (c.) Kerong Court accounts sheet with the large fancy seal of the Court at top, with various seals over the sheet, some crossed through. The Court lent money to Newari traders for repayment with interest. Each transaction was properly noted down with the money out on the left side and repayments on the right; unusual

£100-150

Pass



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1853 (Oct.) an Official document instructing Customs and Security authorities from Kathmandu to Kuti that Nayek Ramsunder, the Nepalese representative at Lhasa, should pass without incident. Bears superb strikes of the impressive seals of the Nepalese Prime Minister, Jang Bahadur. A rare and handsome document. Photo

£300-500

ANGLO-NEPALESE WAR



80



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- 80 ☒ General Amar Singh Thapa: 1813 letter from the 'Living Lion of Nepal' to the King of Nepal closed with a superb strike of his seal in black (35x32mm); very fine. He was Commander in Chief of the Nepalese army, who had now been promoted to General, carried by courier. Photo £120-150
- 81 ☒ General Amar Singh Thapa: 1813 (Apr.) letter to General Bhim Sen Thapa closed with a fine strike of his seal (34x32mm) in black; a small fragment missing at side. Photo £100-120



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- 82 ☒ Colonel Ujir Singh Thapa: 1815 (27 Nov.) letter from the Commander of the Western Front to the king of Nepal, closed with a superb strike of his ring seal in black, the summary on the cover reads, "*the English are treacherous, so we have kept troops in all the check posts to guard, so that they would not be able to enter*". Photo £100-150
- 83 ☒ Colonel Ujir Singh Thapa: 1820 (Sept.) cover to General Bhim Sen Thapa in Katmandu, the reverse a superb strike of his fancy octagonal seal on black. Attractive. Photo £120-150
- Col Ujir Singh Thapa had his headquarters at Srinagar, Palpa and was commander of the Western Front*



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- 84 ☒ Colonel Ambar Singh Thapa: 1818 (24 Mar.) cover to Commander in Chief, Kazi Rana Dhon Singh Thapa in Katmandu the reverse bearing a fine strike of his black seal. The message reads, "*Two Gorkha soldiers from Green Platoon, named Sintha and Harish, have been caught red-handed spying for the British and have already been sent to the Army Court for their trial*". Photo £100-150

85 ☒

1815 (May) envelope and letter from Baitadi to Bhim Sen Thapa in Katmandu, with the original letter which refers to the British attack and capture of the fort in Almorha and concludes, "... We have a strong force to defend Baitadi but running short of funds". The seal is a little smudged. An important letter in a crucial part of the war

£100-150

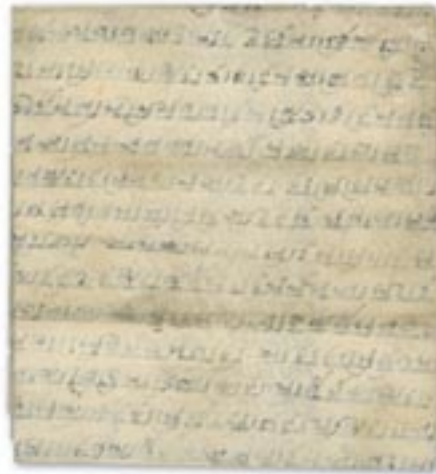


86

86 ☒

Prime Minister Jang Bahadur: 1855 (May) cover with letter from Jang to the 4th Queen of King Surendra, the reverse with his personal ring seal in black and ink marked "Endorsed by Shri Jang Bahadur Kunwar Rana Ji". The Prime Minister was on the battlefield for only about 5 weeks. The letter is summarised as "I have received your letter dated 1912/2/15 with greatest respectfulness. At present I am in Tonata (close to Kary in Tibetan side). It's very cold here. We have reports that the Tibetans have stationed their forces around Jhanga Fort. We shall try for a peaceful settlement, but if they do not come to terms, we shall go for a war". An important letter. Photo

£300-500



87

87

Gajarat Mishra (guru to the Royal family): 1815 (Oct.) letter to the Katmandu Court regarding the peace treaty with the British; the letter reads, "General Bradshaw has told us that the 15 day deadline has passed and if there is no positive reply of the Draft Treaty they will have to launch another attack. We requested him some more time, on this he was very angry, however, he allowed 1-2 days. We are really anxious waiting for your reply". A significant and important letter. Photo

£200-400

Gajraj Mishra was sent to Saugali to negotiate a treaty with the British. This modified Draft Treaty was sent by the Governor of Calcutta. Mishra asked for 15 day to show this to the Katmandu Court. This letter was written just after the 15 day deadline. It is recorded that there was no reply from the Katmandu Court. Mishra was allowed 12 days to go to Katmandu to finalise the Treaty. He returned within the allotted time with the permission that he could sign the Treaty, which was signed on 28th November 1815

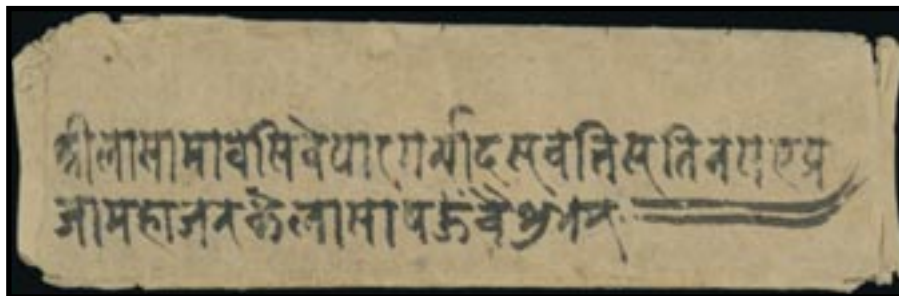
88 ☒

A group of covers, each bearing the sender's seal and includes Colonel Ujir Singh Thapa's fancy octagonal seal and Colonel Ambar Singh Thapa; a good group. (4 covers)

£300-500

NEPAL

Royal Documents



89

89 ☒

1812 (Nov.) letter with the red dagger seal of King Girbanu, sent to the Newari traders in Tibet and translated in part as, “*To Newari traders in Kuti, Shigatse and Lhasa, up till now you have had two captains in Lhasa ... last year they returned ... in their place we sent you only one Captain ... and now you say he is not enough for so many Newari traders ... so we now send and junior Captain*”, with the original cover. a scarce and interesting letter. Photo

£150-250

90

1840 (Feb.) a royal document with the red dagger seal of King Rajendra and signed by Fatya Jung Shah; the contents regard a land donation

£100-150

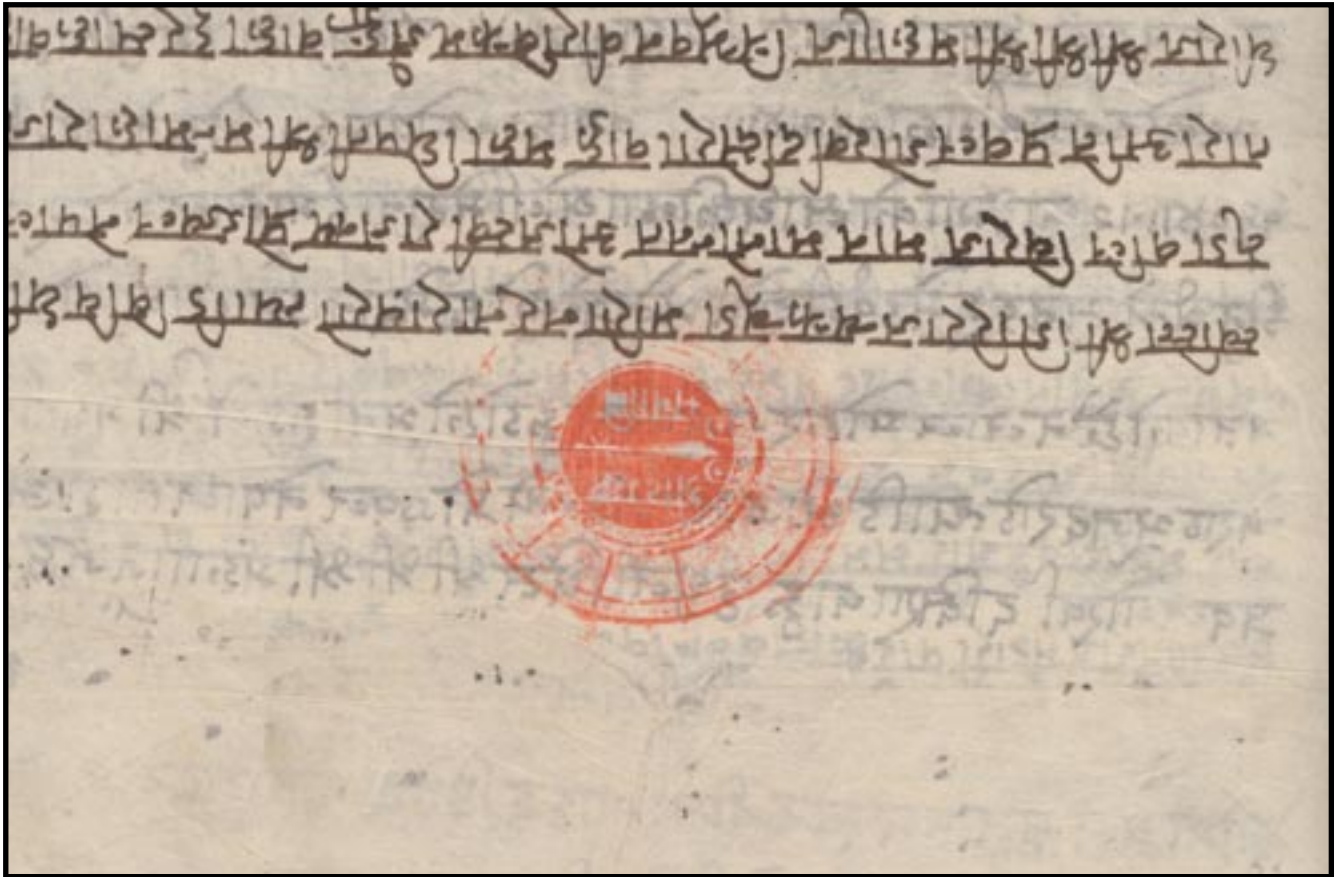


91

91 ☒

1846 (Dec.) wrapper to Shri 5 Maharaja Dhiraj Surendra at Katmandu from Shri 5 Maharaja Dhiraj Rajendra at Dhusot (near Sangauli); the contents are summarised, “*Queen could not decide where to reside, as such she is going with me to Banaras. She will be there until she finalize a suitable place to reside.*” later on the summary is corrected in black ink, “*it was decided that Queen will reside in Dhusot but Dhusot climate does not suit to the Queen ...*”. The reverse bearing a superb strike of the large royal oval seal with five lines of script. Photo

£200-300



92

92

1940 (c.) an important Royal document featuring the Royal Seal of King Pritwi Bir Bikram (introduced in 1906), engraved with the twelve signs of the zodiac, struck in vermillion, the reverse bears the large rectangular seals of Prime Minister Juddha Shamsher, C-in-C Padma Shamsher and generals Mohun, Baber, Kaiser Sham and one other. These handstamp were only applied on important Royal documents. Fine and scarce. Photo

£400-600

Nepal - contd.

Official Mail



93

93 ☒

1847 (Apr.) cover from Prime Minister Jung Bahadar to King Rajendra at Sangauli bearing a superb strike of his large oval seal in black. The summary, probably written by an official in Katmandu reads, "No minister has ever signed (a long letter with senseless demands) - how can I sign it and forward it to you - after this reply you once again asked me to sign on the same, not only this you attempted to cheat me. In the past you wished to enthrone Surrendra. If you send the red seal letter to the same effect, I shall immediately sign on your condition and sent it to you". A very important letter and these early seals of Jung Bahadar are extremely scarce. Photo

£400-600

Note Jung wished that Rajendra should return to Nepal. In March 1847 Rajendra demanded that the command of the troops should be made over to him, his return was contingent on compliance with the requisition. In all probability this letter was the reply to his demand



94

94

1854 (Feb.) official document bearing the impressive seals of the Prime Minister, Jang Bahadur; the contents state that Mr Namdhyal, a representative of the Amban of Lhasa was in Katmandu on state business and is now returning with five boxes of goods and the Nepalese authorities should let him pass without incident. A handsome and early document. Photo

£200-300

Royal Mail



95

95 ☒

1821 cover to the King of Nepal bearing a superb strike of the seal of Ujirsing Thapa, the Commander of the western region which had its offices at Palpa; the content summarised as, "Grand mother ordered to buy 3000 Dharius of copper to erect the building at Tripureswao (Katmandu)". Photo

£100-150

Nepal - *contd.*

- 96 1841 (July) letter from the King of Nepal to the Lhasa Ambans which includes, “*Our representative in Calcutta has informed us that in the second round of war, British has captures six forts in Kwangtung (Tigris, Chenupe, Bathang, Bag, Tyakakakoto and Yangchow). Really it is a very sad news for us. We don't take the news and rumour, whatever we have heard right or wrong we inform you. Please let us know the exact position. We mean to say that it will be a great pleasure for us that China is on the victory side*”. An interesting letter relating to the First Opium War £100-200

Other Mail



- 97 ✉ 1847 (Feb.) cover from Kazi Hemdal Thapa to the Prime Minister Jung Bahadur; the contents are summarised, “*Queen will not come back to Nepal just on your Excellency's instruction. However, if the sealed letter of His Majesty the King Surendra is received along with your letter, the Queen is willing to return to Nepal*”. An Interesting letter, the Kazi who escorted the Royal party to Banaras was a spy of Jung Bahadur; Jung was against the Queen coming back to Nepal. Photo £100-200



98

- 98 ✉ 1847 (6 June) cover from Patna with boxed Bearing despatch datestamp and with a superb strike of the sender's seal. The sender is apparently Jang Bahadur's spy and the contents summarised as “*Royal Priest Rangnath Pandit alongside 200/250 persons has contacted with Thapa group. He mentioned to Thapa that he shall be going to Sangauli but the matter should be kept a secret*”. An important item related with the exile of Rajendra. Photo £150-200

Note: Surendra was enthroned on 12th May. Rajendra was in Sangauli. At Banaras he had been surrounded by a large number of Court exiles from Nepal. At their head were the guru Prashad Shah and guru Rangnath Pandit



97

99 ☒

1874 cover to the head of the Newari traders at Lhasa, the reverse bearing a good strike of the large black seal of Ranodip Shah, C-in-C; a small fragment missing. Scarce. Photo

£150-200

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Nepal - *contd.*

Anglo-Sikh War



100 ☒

1846 (Jan.) wrapper to the King of Nepal, the wrapper band bearing a very fine strike of Ramanya Upadhya seal in black; a translation of the summary, "*A battle was fought between the English and Sikhs at Badval Ludyana at 28 January. Many Sikhs were killed and the troops of the Sikhs retreated across the Satrudra River, as the Sikhs could not carry their heavy guns ... and the artillery equipment, the English got victory over the Sikhs. In that occasion the English observed a festival having 21 fires in Calcutta Fort ...*"; with translation. An interesting cover describing the battle of Aliwal which was fought on 28 January 1846. Photo

£100-200

Revenue Document

101

1958 a letter of authority allowing a third party from Banglung to collect two months wages as per government instructions, signed with both thumb prints and his red seal, the reverse has been signed that the money had been collected. With translation, unusual

£100-120



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King of Bhutan



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102 ☒

1855 wrapper letter from the Sikkimese King of Bhutan to the Prime Minister of Nepal, Jung Bahadur seeking peace with Tibet, the outside bears a superb strike of his circular personal seal (24mm). An important letter, this includes, “...*I would like to draw your attention with regard to the War with Tibet. Tibet’s Lamas are very powerful in miracles that they may be harmful to your life. Moreover, His Holiness the Dalai Lama is the main object of worship by the Emperor of China. The latter might send Chinese troops in support of him. If it happens, you will definitely be defeated. ... a good justice will be done by the Chinese Resident Amban at Lhasa. Please call back your troops that have been sent earlier toward Tibet.*”. An important letter. Photo

£800-1,200



103

103 ☒

1920 (c.) a native scarf letter (390x90mm) from the Dharma Rajah of Bhutan with a fine example of his red wax seal (cracked through opening) addressed, “*To be offered in the presence of my friend, the five times excellent Bell Sahib, the Great Commissioner from Buntang in Bhutan*”; scarce. Photo

£500-800

PROVENANCE:
Arnold C. Waterfall, January 1967



104

104 ☒

1920 (c.) large native wrapper to Nepal (520x115mm) closed with a good example of the red wax seal (cracked through on opening); heavy vertical fold. With enclosure which concludes with an impression of the King’s seal in red ink; very scarce as such. Photo

£600-1,000

Bhutan, King of Bhutan - contd.



105

105 ☒

1930 (c.) scarf cover to Nepal with a red wax seal resembling the thunderbolts seal, broken on opening and fragments missing on two sides; good. Photo

£300-500

Other Mail



106

106

1848 (c.) letter to the King of Nepal from the Druk Dhesi closing with a fine strike of the 26mm circular seal with two lines of script, struck in red; the translation reads, "*Having kept this golden friendship that has been cherished throughout the successive kings of Bhutan and as well as through my generation, you had been extremely generous to my beloved mother while she was on a pilgrimage to Nepal for which I am grateful to you. My intentional forthcoming visit had to be cancelled due to the death of the late King. However, I hope that your Majesty will kindly give your support to this small nation as usual if any foreign invasion or suppression exists. ...*". Photo

£250-350



107

107

1862 letter from the Druk Desi-Regent to the King of Nepal closing with a good strike of the elaborate square seal (35x37mm) struck in red, his personal seal on the outside has been covered by a reinforcement repair. The letter is a desperate appeal for help. "*To your Majesty's feet we bow before you who is the Lord of three classes of existence. You Ghurkha King including the ministers and I the Dhesi-Regent of Druk are bound as Lama and Jindhak [Lama and patron] relation due to our karmic bondage. This relation has been well maintained by the successive kings of Ghurkha and so are we that we cherish now. ... Now it is high time to renovate this self-grown stupa which will cost fifty thousand to sixty thousand Rupees. We wish that we could bear the expenditure, but unfortunately we can't due to our only one crop of rice throughout the year. ... We are nevertheless very constraint with rice alone, so we request to you to kindly issue an edict in order to raise donations from the people. Of course, we will do our best to contribute to this noble project. Moreover, I the Druk Dhesi earnestly request to you to give your protection from fear of hostility with Tibet ...*". The letter is a little worn; scarce and desirable. Photo

£500-800

TIBET**Sikkim Field Force****Outgoing Mail**

108

108 ☒

1888 (16 Dec.) India 4a.6p. stationery envelope to Miss Sandbach, Abergele cancelled by a readable strike of "EXPERIMENTAL P.O./C-22" c.d.s. with Abergele (8.1) arrival c.d.s. on the reverse, with the original letter. Also 1888 (2 Oct.) a similar envelope to his mother bearing an incomplete strike of the "C-3" c.d.s., with the long original letter sent from "Tumlong, Raja's palace", with Abergele arrival c.d.s. (29.10) on the reverse. Included is another letter to his mother dated 1889 (20 June) sent from Jalapahar shortly before he left Sikkim. These covers are extremely rare, only a handful have been recorded. Photo

£2,000-4,000

Tibet, Sikkim Field Force - *contd.*

Incoming Mail



109



110

- 109 ☒ 1888 (3 May) *Sandbach* envelope bearing G.B. 5d. lilac and blue tied by Abergele duplex, addressed to Srinagar and "Please forward" it was redirected to Leh; the reverse bearing Sea Post Office (10.5), Kashmir (27.5) and Leh (3.6) c.d.s. the last without yeardate; fine. Photo £150-200
- 110 ☒ 1888 (19 July) *Sandbach* envelope to Roorkee and redirected to Simla, bears G.B. 1881 1d. lilac (5) tied by Newton Abbot duplex, the reverse bearing Bovey Tracey (19.7), Sea Post Office (26.7), Roorkee (8.8) and Simla (9.8) c.d.s.; some of the adhesives just overlapping the edge of the envelope. Photo £150-200



111



- 111 ☒ 1888 (8 Nov.) *Sandbach* envelope to the Field Force Sikkim bearing G.B. 1881 1d. lilac (5) tied by Abergele duplex, the reverse with Sea Post Office (20.11) and the rare "EXPERIMENTAL P.O./C-7" (1.12) c.d.s. This is thought to be the last day that this post office was inside Tibet. It is thought that there are only five covers and a money order. Photo £1,500-2,000



112

112 ☒

1888 (15 Dec.) India ¼a. stationery card to Lt. Sandbach, Sikkim Field Force cancelled by Allahabad "A.51" c.d.s. with a good strike of "EXPERIMENTAL P.P./C-3" (19.12) c.d.s.; fine and rare. (The designation of this postmark is not clear but the size and positioning of the letters suggests C-3). Photo

£1,500-2,000

Tibet, Sikkim Field Force, Incoming Mail - *contd.*



113

113 ☒

1889 (8 Feb.) *Sandbach* envelope to Sikkim Field Force, Sikkim bearing G.B. 1881 1d. lilac (5) tied by London duplex, the reverse bearing Sea Post Office (14.2) and a fair strike of "EXPERIMENTAL P.O./C-22" (1.3) c.d.s. Fine and rare, it is thought that there are only five examples of this postmark on incoming mail. Photo

£1,500-2,000



114

114 ☒

1889 (25 May) *Sandbach* envelope to Sikkim Field Force and redirected to Jalapahar bearing G.B. 5d. purple and blue tied by Abergele duplex, the reverse bearing Sea Post Office (3.6). Darjeeling (13.6) and Jalapahar (14.6) c.d.s.; some peripheral wrinkling. Photo

£200-250

115 ☒

1889 (31 May) *Sandbach* envelope to Sikkim Field Force, Padong bearing India Q.V. 1a. cancelled by bars postmark, the reverse bearing Jalapahar despatch c.d.s.; horizontal fold

£150-200

British Missions**Frontier Commission**

- 116 ☒ 1903 (June) two envelopes to Mrs Younghusband in Indore, one bearing pair of India ½a. tied by Darjeeling c.d.s. (15.6), the second (17.6) is a single franking bearing horseshoe “INDORE/DUE” handstamp, the reverse with two arrival c.d.s. and the diminutive oval “INDORE/UNPAID” datestamp (22.6) in green. An attractive pair of covers from this early part of the expedition. (2 covers) £200-300
- PROVENANCE:
Robson Lowe auction, September 1971
- 117 ☒ 1903 (3 July) envelope to Mrs Younghusband in Calcutta bearing pair of India ½a. green tied by Gangtok c.d.s., redirected to the Residency in Indore with the appropriate backstamps including the arrival c.d.s. (10.7); some peripheral wrinkling and creasing £100-150
- 118 ☒ 1903 (27 Dec.) envelope to Mrs Bailey in Edinburgh bearing India ½a. pair tied by Gangtok c.d.s., the reverse bearing Edinburgh arrival (16.1); some age faults. Sent after the withdrawal of the Commission from Kamba-Jong on 11th December £100-150



119

- 119 ☒ Temporary P.O. “D”: 1903 (25 May) envelope to Mrs Bailey in Edinburgh bearing India ½a. pair tied by “TEMPORARY P.O. D” c.d.s. (Waterfall 4) used in Gangtok, the reverse bearing the crest of the Punjab Rifles and Edinburgh arrival c.d.s. (14.6); some edge wear. A scarce postmark, only three recorded by Fortune Wang. Photo £800-1,000

Tibet, British Missions, Frontier Commission - *contd.*



120

120 ☒

Temporary P.O. "D": 1903 (23 July) India ¼a. stationery card to F.M. Bailey in Khamba-Jong cancelled by Kuree despatch c.d.s. and showing a light strike of "TEMPORARY P.O. D." c.d.s. (29.7) alongside. Also (1 Sept.) a similar postcard to F.M. Bailey cancelled Srinagar addressed to Kamba Jong and readdressed in purple ink "*Khambajong*" with an indistinct Temporary P.O. (D?) c.d.s. (8.9) and a good strike of "TEMPORARY P.O. B." (10.9) c.d.s. A good pair of cards with printed messages. Photo

£500-600

PROVENANCE:

Dr William Stericker, June 1975



121

121 ☒

Temporary P.O. "B": 1903 (9 July) blue envelope to Mrs Younghusband in Calcutta bearing pair of Q.V. India ½a. tied by a superb strike of "TEMPORARY-P.O.B" type B1 c.d.s., redirected to the Residency Indore, with the appropriate backstamps including Indore arrival. A delightful cover and the first recorded day of use of this postmark. (Waterfall 1). Photo

£1,000-1,200



122

122 ☒

Temporary P.O. "B": 1903 (21 July) envelope to Mrs Bailey in Edinburgh and redirected to Ireland bearing India K.E.VII 2a. tied by a fine strike of "TEMPORARY P.O.B" type B1 c.d.s. with Edinburgh transit alongside, the reverse with the crest of the Punjab Pioneers, Sorting Tender c.d.s. (17.8) and Enniskillen arrival; a few age marks. With pencil notation, "*From Kamba Jong*". Photo

£800-1,000



123

123 ☒

Temporary P.O. "B": 1903 (15 Sept.) India Q.V. ¼a. stationery card to F.M. Bailey in Khambojong cancelled by a neat strike of "TEMPORARY P.O.B" type B1 c.d.s.; sent from Tangu, the message relates to no chairs consigned to the Commission; light vertical fold. (Waterfall 1a). Photo

£400-500

Tibet, British Missions, Frontier Commission - *contd.*



124

124 ☒

Temporary P.O. "B": 1903 (15 Aug.) envelope to Mrs Younghusband in Indore bearing India Q.V. 1a. tied by a good strike of the type B2 "TEMPORARY P.O.B" c.d.s., the reverse bearing Indore arrival (20.8). With pencil notation "*Khamba Jong*". A scarce postmark which was only in use for eighteen days. Waterfall 5. Photo

£1,000-1,200

PROVENANCE:

Robson Lowe auction, September 1971



125

125 ☒

Manuscript "Rangpoo": 1903 (29 Mar.) envelope to Col. F. Bailey in Edinburgh bearing pair of India K.E.VII ½a. tied by manuscript "*rangpoo 29/3*" cancellation in black ink, the reverse bearing the crest of the Punjab Pioneers and Edinburgh & Newcastle Sorting Tender c.d.s. (19.4). A magnificent and highly important cover used on the first day the post office was opened by the Frontier Mission. Photo

£3,000-5,000

PROVENANCE:

Clarkson G. Stevens, February 1978



126

126 ☒

Typewritten "Tibet": 1903 (24 Oct.) envelope to Col. Bailey in Edinburgh bearing pair of India Q.V. ½a. with **typewritten "Tibet."** in violet tied by Khamba-Jong type B2 c.d.s., the reverse bearing a fair strike of "TEMPORARY P.O.B" (26.10) type B1 c.d.s., Sea Post Office and Edinburgh arrival (15.11). A fine example of this rare unofficial overprint, possibly only sixteen such covers are recorded. Photo

£5,000-7,000

Tibet, British Missions, Frontier Commission - *contd.*



127

127 ☒

Experimental P.O. C.46: 1903 (27 Aug.) envelope to Mrs Younghusband in Indore, redirected to Darjeeling bearing India Q.V. ½a. (2) tied by fair strikes of the "EXPERIMENTAL P.O./C.46" (designation not clear) type B1 c.d.s., the reverse bearing the appropriate c.d.s. Photo

£800-1,000

PROVENANCE:

Robson Lowe auction, September 1971



128

128 ☒

Experimental P.O. C.46: 1903 (3 Sept.) India Q.V. ½a. stationery card to the Political Officer, Guntok (Gangtok), Sikkim cancelled by Calcutta c.d.s. and showing fine strikes of "TEMPORARY-P.O.B" type B1 c.d.s. (7.9) and "EXPERIMENTAL P.O./C.46" (9.9); fine. Photo

£500-600



129

129 ☒

Experimental P.O. C.46: 1903 (7 Sept.) India Q.V. ¼a. stationery card to J.M. Bailey, Khamba Jong “Via Sikkim” cancelled by Srinagar despatch c.d.s. and with good strikes of “TEMPORARY-P.O.B” type B1 c.d.s. (15.9) and “EXPERIMENTAL P.O./C.46” (17.9) c.d.s. alongside. Photo

£500-600



130

130 ☒

“C” in Barred Circle: 1903 (1 Sept.) envelope to Mrs Younghusband in Darjeeling bearing India Q.V. 1a. tied by a good strike of “C” in bars, the reverse bearing a good strike of “EXPERIMENTAL P.O./C.46”, Darjeeling and Ghum (5.9) c.d.s. A rare cover used on the first day of use of this postmark. Fortune Wang recorded only five covers. Photo

£1,500-2,000

PROVENANCE:
Robson Lowe auction, September 1971

Tibet, British Missions, Frontier Commission - *contd.*



131

131 ☒

Khamba Jong: 1903 (30 Nov.) India Q.V. 1/4a. stationery card to Siliguri and redirected to Jalpaiguri cancelled by a fair strike of Khamba-Jong c.d.s. (Waterfall 3) with a better strike alongside with "TEMPORARY P.O.B." (3.12), indistinct Siliguri (5.12) and Jalpaiguri (7.12) c.d.s. Ex telegraphic correspondence. Photo

£600-800



132

132 ☒

Khamba Jong: 1903 (26 Sept.) envelope to Col. Bailey in Edinburgh bearing India Q.V. 1/2a. pair and 2a. tied by fine strikes of the single-ring Khamba-Jong c.d.s., the reverse bearing "TEMPORARY P.O.B." (28.9), Sea Post Office (3.10) and Edinburgh & Newcastle Sorting Tender (18.10) c.d.s.; some peripheral wear. A handsome cover. Waterfall 3. Photo

£1,200-1,500

PROVENANCE:
Col. F.M. Bailey, December 1955



133

133 ☒

Khamba Jong: 1903 (13 Nov.) India K.E.VII ¼a. stationery card to Khamba Jong “via Sikkim” cancelled by Calcutta c.d.s. with good strikes of “TEMPORARY P.O.B” (16.11) and “KHAMBA-JONG” (18.11) (Waterfall 3) c.d.s.; fine. Photo

£500-600

PROVENANCE:

Dr William Stericker, June 1975

Military Mission

134

134 ☒

Temporary P.O. “K”: 1904 (9 Jan.) stampless envelope to Mrs Rybot, Jersey marked “Field Service - Tibet no stamps available”, the address side with “T” in circle, handstruck “1D/F B” in black, “10cts” in blue crayon and pencil note “Dec. 1903”; the reverse (part flap missing) with a fair strike of “TEMPORARY P.O./K” c.d.s., Sea Post Office and part Jersey arrival; vertical crease and some edge wear. Rare. Photo

£1,500-2,000

Lt. N.V.I. Rybot was attached to the 23rd Sikh Pioneers

Tibet, British Missions, Military Mission - *contd.*

135 ☒

Base Office: 1904 (11 Feb.) envelope to F.M. Bailey, Tibet Frontier Commission bearing G.B. K.E.VII 1d. (3) tied by Edinburgh despatch c.d.s., the reverse with a fair strike of "BASE OFFICE" c.d.s. (1.3), some peripheral soiling. Waterfall 10

£150-200



136

136 ☒

Temporary P.O. 1: 1903 (21 Dec.) envelope to Mrs Younghusband in Darjeeling bearing India Q.V. ½a. (2) tied by good strikes of the double-circle "TEMPORARY P.O./1" type B2 c.d.s., the reverse with Darjeeling arrival (25.12); fine and scarce. Photo

£800-1,000



137

137 ☒

Field P.O. No.24: 1904 (4 Feb.) envelope to Mrs Younghusband in Calcutta bearing India K.E.VII ¼a. block of four cancelled by good strikes of the single-ring c.d.s., the reverse printed with Tibet Frontier Commission arms and Calcutta arrival (9.2). The earliest date recorded for this postmark. Waterfall 16. Photo

£500-700



138

138 ☒

Field P.O. No.24: 1904 (8 Apr.) real photo postcard of Phari Fort from Grierson and registered to Ireland bearing India Q.V. 3a. tied by a light strike of single-ring "FIELD P.O. NO.24" with boxed "FIELD P.O. No.24" registered handstamp alongside with manuscript "70" insertion, with London registered oval (29.4) and Sligo arrival (30.4) datestamps. Scarce and the earliest recorded date for the registered handstamp which was then in Tuna. Photo

£500-700



139

139 ☒

Field P.O. No.24: 1904 (14 June) India One Anna on 2a.6p. envelope from Wimberley to his family in Waterlooville, Hampshire, the envelope is uncanceled, the reverse bearing good strikes of "FIELD P.O. NO.24" type B1 c.d.s., scarce bridge-type Base Office (21.6) and Cosham (11.7) c.d.s., the sender has written "Gyantse June 14th 04". Photo

£300-400



140

140 ☒

Field P.O. No.24: 1904 (25 Feb.) envelope to Mrs Bailey in Edinburgh bearing India K.E.VII 1a. tied by a good strike of type B2 "FIELD P.O. NO.24" c.d.s., the reverse with the arms of the Sikh Pioneers and Edinburgh arrival c.d.s. (19.3). Sent from Tuna. Waterfall 17. Photo

£250-300

PROVENANCE:
H.B.R. Clarke, April 1953

Tibet, British Missions, Military Mission - *contd.*



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141 ☒

Field P.O. No.24: 1904 (31 Mar.) *Grierson* envelope to Ireland bearing India Q.V. ½a. pair tied by light strikes of the type B2 "FIELD P.O. NO.24" c.d.s., the reverse with the crest of the Indian Medical Service, Base Office (3.4) and Sligo arrival (25.4) c.d.s. Waterfall 17. Photo

£250-300

142 ☒

Field P.O. No.24: 1904 (8 Apr.) court-size chromo-litho picture post card (oil press) from Chula to Darjeeling bearing India Q.V. ½a. tied by a fine strike of type B2 "FIELD P.O. NO.24" c.d.s. with Rangpo (11.4) and Darjeeling (12.4) c.d.s. at left. A delightful card. Waterfall 17. Photo

£250-300

The force was at Chula around 5th to 9th April



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Field P.O. No.25: 1904 (17 Apr.) blue cloth-backed *Bailey* envelope to Edinburgh bearing, on the reverse, India K.E.VII 1a. (3) tied by indistinct strikes of the type B2 "FIELD P.O. NO.25" c.d.s. (Gyantse), Base Office (21.4), two different Edinburgh (14.5) and London c.d.s. where it had been redirected; some edge wear. Waterfall 18. Photo

£200-240

144 ☒

Field P.O. No.25: 1904 (3 Apr.) *Younghusband* envelope to Darjeeling bearing India Q.V. ½a. pair tied by indistinct strikes of the type B2 "FIELD P.O. NO.25" (?) c.d.s. with two figure yeardate, the reverse with the arms of the Tibet Frontier Commission, a strike of type B1 "FIELD P.O. NO 24" (?) (4.4) with single figure yeardate, Rangpo (7.4) and Darjeeling arrival (8.4). An interesting cover despite the unreadable postmarks. Photo

£200-300



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- 145 ☒ Field P.O. No.26: 1904 (16 Mar.) India K.E.VII ½a. stationery envelope to Rawalpindi cancelled by a very fine strike of the type B2 “FIELD P.O. NO.26” c.d.s., the reverse with faint Base Office (19.3) and arrival c.d.s. (23.3), marked on arrival on the address side, “From Chumbi, Tibet Field Force, 23/3/04”. Waterfall 19. Photo £250-300
- 146 ☒ Field P.O. No.26: 1904 (4 Apr.) *Younghusband* envelope to Sir Clement Markham in London bearing India Q.V. ½a. pair tied by light but indistinct strikes of type B1 “FIELD P.O. NO.26” c.d.s., the reverse with the arms of Tibet Frontier Commission and Base Office (7.4) c.d.s. Waterfall 20. Photo £250-300



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- 147 ☒ Field P.O. No.26: 1905 (5 Sept.) envelope to Mrs Bailey in Edinburgh bearing India K.E.VII 1a. tied by a readable strike of the type B2 “FIELD P.O. NO.26” c.d.s., the reverse showing the crest of the Sikh Pioneers, Base Office (7.9), Bombay (10.9) and Edinburgh (1.10) c.d.s. From Yatung. Waterfall 19. Photo £250-300
- PROVENANCE:
H.B.R. Clarke, April 1953
- 148 ☒ Field P.O. No.27: 1904 (27 Feb.) India K.E.VII ½a. stationery card to Tuna “*via Phari*” cancelled by a faint strike of type B1 “FIELD P.O. NO.27” c.d.s., the message indicates this card was sent from Dotha Tang. Very scarce internal mail. Waterfall 21. Photo £300-500
- The number appears to be 27 rather than 25 (which has different spacing), Waterfall states that 27 was used in Camp Dotha*

Tibet, British Missions, Military Mission - *contd.*



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- 149 ☒ Field P.O. No.27: 1904 (4 May) printed postcard from London to Major Bretherton, Chumbi, bearing G.B. K.E.VII 1d. tied by Forest Hill duplex and requesting information about the recipient. Signed and returned, without additional postage, and bearing a superb strike of the type B1 "FIELD P.O. NO. 27" (24 May) without yeardate and Base Office c.d.s. (24.5); vertical folding crease. A very rare postmark. Waterfall 21. Photo £400-600

- 150 ☒ Field P.O. No.31: 1904 (8 May) *Grierson* real photo card registered to Ireland bearing India K.E.VII 1a. and 2a. tied by good strikes of the type B1 "F.P.O. NO.31" with a fine strike of the boxed registered handstamp "F.P.O. No.31" alongside with Sea Post Office (14.5), London Registered (28.5) and Sligo arrival (30.5) datestamps. The picture is a group of soldiers, "The Troglodytes" and sent from Tuna. Waterfall 23. Photo £300-400

PROVENANCE:

Arnold C. Waterfall, September 1972
Robson Lowe auction, October 1977



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- 151 ☒ Field P.O. No.31: 1904 (6 June) *Bailey* envelope to Edinburgh bearing India K.E.VII 1a. (2) tied by type B2 "F.P.O. NO.31"; with several Found Open and Officially Sealed labels, the reverse bearing Base Office (8.6), Sea Post Office (11.6), Edin & Newcastle Sorting Tender (27.6) and the sealing labels cancelled Edinburgh c.d.s. with manuscript "Found open" in red ink. Waterfall 24. Photo £200-300

- 152 ☒ Field P.O. No.32: 1904 (16 May) envelope to F.M. Bailey in Lingmatang bearing India Q.V. 1/2a. tied by a very good strike of the type B1 "F.P.O. NO.32" c.d.s., the reverse with a second, superb strike, Field P.O. No.26 (20.5) and Field P.O. No.83 (20.7, no yeardate) plus a label reading "Cover wrongly dealt with by P.O. Please return to postman for enquiry and notice". With the original letter written from Gyantse; some age marks. Waterfall records this as the first date of this postmark. An important cover using a variety of Field post offices, F.P.O. 83 was based in Lingmatang. Photo £800-1,500



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- 153 ☒ Field P.O. No.32: 1904 (18 July) envelope to The Earl of Beauchamp, Madresfield Court bearing India K.E.VII 1a. pair tied by good strikes of type B1 "F.P.O. NO.32" and initialled "PL" (Percy Lander, Times newspaper correspondent), the reverse with Base Office (26.7) and Malvern (15.8) c.d.s. and manuscript note "I find the postage is cheaper than I thought!"; some ageing on the right side, Unusual and used at Ralung at this time. Waterfall 25. Photo £250-300
- 154 ☒ Field P.O. No.32: 1904 (Aug.) envelope to Mrs Younghusband in Darjeeling and redirected to Simla bearing India K.E.VII 1/2a. tied by a good strike of the type B2 "F.P.O. NO.32" c.d.s., the reverse with Darjeeling (3.9) and Simla (7.9) c.d.s.; small segment missing at foot. Waterfall 26. Photo £250-300
- 155 ☒ Field P.O. No.32: 1904 (6 Oct.) three *Bryne* picture postcards to Lebong, Darjeeling, bearing India Q.V. 3p. or K.E.VII 1/2a. franking cancelled by type B1 "F.P.O. NP.32" c.d.s. with Field P.O. No. 26 (12.10) and Lebong (13.10) c.d.s.; fair to good. (3 cards) £400-500



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- 156 ☒ Field P.O. No.81: 1904 (21 Jan.) *Bailey* envelope to Edinburgh bearing India K.E.VII 1a. tied by a very fine strike of the type B1 "FIELD P.O. NO.81" c.d.s. showing inverted "03" for "04", the reverse bearing Base Office (25.1) and Edinburgh (13.2) c.d.s.; fine and scarce. Waterfall 30. Photo £400-500

Tibet, British Missions, Military Mission - *contd.*



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157 ☒

Field P.O. No.87: 1904 (18 May) court size chromo-litho picture post card to Darjeeling bearing India Q.V. ½a. tied by a superb strike of the type B1 "FIELD P.O. NO.87" with Darjeeling (19.5) arrival in lower corner. Superb and rare. The card illustrates Indian cars for travellers and goods and with the note, "... *About a foot of snow on Jelap*". Not listed in Waterfall. Photo

£1,000-1,500



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158 ☒

Lahssa: 1904 (3 Aug.) envelope to Mrs Claude White in London bearing India K.E.VII 1a. pair tied by neat strikes of the despatch c.d.s., the reverse bearing the arms of Tibet Frontier Commission and Base Office (19.8) c.d.s. Used on the first recorded date of this postmark. Waterfall 37. Photo

£600-700

PROVENANCE:

Charles H. Dougan, October 1980



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159 ☒

Lahssa: 1904 (26 Aug.) stampless Bailey envelope to Edinburgh marked, "Stamps not available" bearing a rather blurred horseshoe Indian tax handstamp, large "T" in circle plus London "1D./F.B./H.", the reverse bearing the despatch c.d.s., Base Office (6.9) and Edinburgh arrival (26.9) c.d.s.; light soiling. Photo

£500-800

Tibet, British Missions, Military Mission - *contd.*



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Lahssa: 1904 (1 Sept.) official (crossed through) envelope to London bearing India Q.V.
 ½a. pair tied by good strikes of the despatch c.d.s., the reverse with embossed arms of the
 Government of India, Base Office (12.9) and arrival (3.10) c.d.s.; some age spotting.
 Waterfall 37. Photo

£400-500



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Lahssa: 1904 (1 Sept.) envelope to Surrey marked "*Tibet Mission Force - No stamps available*" which has been crossed through and "*Stamped*" added, the reverse bearing India K.E.VII 1a tied by the despatch c.d.s., Base Office (15.9), Cobham (8.10) and Cheltenham (10.10) (where it had been redirected) c.d.s. With original letter from Lhasa which gives some interesting details of life there. Waterfall 37. Photo

£400-500

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Lahssa: 1904 (16 Sept.) a group of *Byrne* picture postcards to Lebong, two bearing India Q.V. 3p. and all bearing the despatch c.d.s. with Field P.O. No.26 (26.9) and Lebong arrival (27.9); the pictures are Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, Lama, Medicant and a view of Kinchinjunga. (4 cards). Photo

£400-500

Occupation of the Chumbi Valley



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163 ☒

Field P.O. No.26: 1906 (11 Dec.) blue envelope registered to Mrs Bailey in Edinburgh bearing India K.E.VII 1a. (2) and 2a. (2) tied by type B1 "FIELD P.O. NO.26" with a fine strike of the boxed "FIELD P.O. No. 26" registration handstamp with a light strike of "SIKKIM TIBET" in purple (Waterfall type B24), the reverse bearing London and Edinburgh registered datestamps (5.1); some edge wear. Photo

£500-600

This F.P.O. had moved to Chumbi



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164 ☒

Field P.O. No.70: 1907 (26 May) envelope to Col. Bailey in Edinburgh bearing India K.E.VII 1a. pair tied by fine strikes of the large "F.P.O./NO. 70" datestamp, the reverse bearing Base Office (23.5) and Edinburgh (16.6) c.d.s.; a good example of this scarce postmark. Possibly as few as five or six recorded. Photo

£600-800

Tibet, British Missions, Occupation of the Chumbi Valley - *contd.*

165 ☒

Field P.O. No.81: 1905-06, a group of covers with 1905 (7 June) envelope (name excised) to Preston bearing India K.E.VII 1a. tied by a good strike of the type B2 c.d.s., Base Office and arrival c.d.s. (23.7) on the reverse; 1905 (19 Nov.) stampless envelope (flap missing) to Nepal bearing a good strike of the horse shoe "C.11 INSET NO.1/DUE/ONE ANNA", an array of backstamps including type B1 c.d.s., Base Office (22.10), Motimari (24.11) and Nepal (27.11) c.d.s.; 1906 (15 Sept.) ¼a. stationery card from the Military Accounts Dept., Calcutta to Chumbi with despatch c.d.s., Base Office (17.9) and type B1 arrival c.d.s. (18.9); condition is mixed in places. (3 covers)

£300-400



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166 ☒

Field P.O. No.81: 1908 (25 Sept.) India ¼a. stationery card to Col. Bailey in Edinburgh, uprated 1a. and cancelled by fine strike of the type B2 "FIELD P.O. NO.81" with faint Base Office c.d.s. alongside. Sent from Phari. Fine. Photo

£200-300

167 ☒

Field P.O. No.81: 1910 (17 Apr.) envelope to Burma bearing India Q.V. 9p. well tied by a fine strike of "PHARIJONG F.P.O. NO.81" c.d.s. with Haka arrival (6.5) on the reverse. The envelope with red Chinese handstamps. Photo

£200-300

SVEN HEDIN FIRST EXPEDITION, 1894-97

Sinkiang



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168 ☒

1894 (7 Mar.) envelope registered from Sven Hedin to his father in Stockholm bearing, on the reverse, Russian Arms 1k., 4k. and 7k. (5) tied by light strikes of Osh c.d.s. in a grey shade with Stockholm arrival (10.6) alongside; the address side with a further strike of the Osh c.d.s., dotted "R" in circle and is numbered "No. 33" by the recipient. Posted in the Russian Consulate in Kashgar and sent to Osh in the Consular mail. An attractive cover from this famous explorer. Photo

£1,000-1,200



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169 ☒

1895 (4 Oct.) envelope registered from Sven Hedin to his father in Stockholm bearing Russian Arms 20k. tied by light strikes of Osh c.d.s. in a grey shade with a second strike alongside and dotted "R" in circle, the reverse bearing a further strike of the Osh c.d.s., Stockholm arrival (9.11) alongside; the address side is numbered "No. 64" by the recipient. Photo

£800-1,000

Sven Hedin First Expedition, 1894-97, Sinkiang - *contd.*

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170 ☒

1896 (17 Jan.) envelope registered from Sven Hedin to his father in Stockholm bearing, on the reverse, Russian Arms 10k. (5) tied by light strikes of Osh c.d.s. in a grey shade with Moscow and Stockholm arrival (21.2) c.d.s. alongside; the address side with a further strike of the Osh c.d.s., dotted "R" in circle and is numbered "No. 72" by the recipient. Photo

£800-1,000

SVEN HEDIN SECOND EXPEDITION, 1899-1902



Ex 171

171 ☒

1899 two incoming envelopes registered to Sven Hedin in Kashgar bearing 60ö. frankings tied by Stockholm c.d.s. with red and black registration label, the reverse bearing Osh Ferghana/Post Telegr Office c.d.s. in bluish, one with additional Moscow transit. Sent by his father, they are addressed, via Osh, to the Russian Consul-General Perrovsky in Kashgar for transmission to Sven Hedin. Manuscript numbers "No. 7" and "No. 22" in red ink; one with slight water staining. Also a group of Sweden stationery envelopes to his father Ludvig (2) and sisters Anna, Gerda and Emma. Photo

£1,200-1,500

The Russian postal service did not extend to Kashgar at that time, the Russian Consul-General in Kashgar rendered every possible assistance to Sven Hedin by enlisting Cossack horsemen to carry mail and supplies for Sven Hedin because of his good relationship with the Russian Czar

SVEN HEDIN FOURTH EXPEDITION, 1927-35

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North-West Scientific Expedition

172 ☒

1933 (5 Apr.) envelope registered to Alma Hedin in Stockholm bearing the set of four of the North-West Scientific Expedition stamps tied by Peking c.d.s. with the red on white registration label alongside, there is an additional 30c. franking on the reverse and is signed "*Sven Hedin*". Photo

£300-400

SVEN HEDIN THIRD EXPEDITION, 1905-08

173 ☒

1907 (7 June) opened-out envelope registered to Miss Alma Hedin in Stockholm bearing, on the reverse, India K.E.VII 4a. tied by "GYANTSE-TIBET/SILIGURI BASE" c.d.s. type B1 with Stockholm arrival alongside, the address side with the boxed registration handstamp "R/TEMPORARY P.O. Y" handstamp. A rare cover probably despatched from Shigatse to Gyantse by courier, less than five covers recorded. Photo

£800-1,200



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174 ☒

1906 (9 Aug.) envelope registered to his father in Stockholm bearing, on the reverse, India K.E.VII 6a. (2) tied by "LEH/KASHMIR" c.d.s. with Stockholm arrival (10.9) alongside, the address side with a good strike of the Lehigh boxed registered handstamp. A good cover written in the hand of this famous explorer. Photo

£1,000-1,200

The Swedish explorer set off for Tibet from Leh, Ladakh (Little Tibet) in 1906. He reached Shigatse in February 1907 but no further. He then returned through Spiti to Simla

Sven Hedin Third Expedition, 1905-08 - *contd.*



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175 ☒

1906 (3 Sept.) envelope registered to have father in Stockholm bearing, on the reverse, India K.E.VII 1/2a. (4) and Ia. (5) tied by "LEH/KASHMIR" c.d.s. with Stockholm arrival (1.10) alongside, the address side with a good strike of the Leh boxed registered handstamp. A good cover written in the hand of this famous explorer. Photo

£1,200-1,500



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- 176 ☒ 1907 (20 Oct.) neat envelope registered to his father in Stockholm bearing, on the reverse, India K.E.VII ½a. and 1a. (4) tied by fine strikes of "VICEROY'S CAMP P.O." c.d.s. with Stockholm arrival c.d.s. (10.11) alongside, the address side bearing a superb strike of the boxed registered handstamp of the Viceroy's Camp P.O. Very fine. Photo £400-500
- 177 ☒ 1908 (3 Mar.) envelope registered to Dr Sven Hedin in Calcutta bearing Sweden 20ö. and 25ö. tied by Stockholm c.d.s. with Stockholm registration label and boxed Sea Post Office boxed registration handstamp (16.3), the reverse bearing Calcutta (23.3) and Viceroy's Camp P.O. (23.5) c.d.s. Also 1906 (20 Jan.) opened-out blue envelope from France to Doctor Sven Hedin Explorer, British Baluchistan "Via Quetta" bearing, on the reverse, France 25c. franking tied by Paris c.d.s., Quetta (12.2) and faint arrival c.d.s. A good pair of covers from each end of his expedition. (2 covers) £300-400
- 178 ☒ Picture Postcards: A group of coloured cards (3) with the original wrapper for the set of eight £100-120

MOUNT EVEREST EXPEDITIONS

The Second Expedition



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179 ★ 

1924 Everest Expedition labels, setting IIc in blue, a complete sheet of thirty six, with full gum; two vertical creases, some perf. splitting and some perf. tones. Photo

£600-800

180 ★

1924 Everest Expedition labels, setting IIc in blue, a lower right corner block of twenty, unmounted mint (a couple of corner creases), also two corner singles, one signed in the margin, "*from Capt J.Noel*"

£300-400



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181 ★ 

1924 Everest Expedition labels, setting IIIf in pale blue in a complete sheet of thirty six, without gum. Photo

£600-800



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1924 Everest Expedition labels, setting IIf in pale blue in a complete sheet of thirty six, without gum. Photo

£600-800



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183 ☒

Tractor Party (type A): 1924 (23 June) *Bailey* envelope registered to Edinburgh bearing the Expedition label (with lower margin) tied by a fair strike of the Tractor Party handstamp in violet, used with India K.G.V 3p. (2), ½a., 1a. and 3a. tied by "YATUNG-TIBET/VIA SILIGURI" c.d.s. and Yatung Tibet blue on white registration label, the reverse with Edinburgh arrival c.d.s. (14.7). Rare registered mail to overseas. Photo

£1,200-1,500

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Tractor Party (type A): a piece of paper bearing the Expedition label with a fine strike of the Tractor Party handstamp below struck in violet and signed "*Victor A. Haddick*" (head of the Tractor Party); central fold

£100-120

Mount Everest Expeditions, The Second Expedition - *contd.*



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185 ☒

Type B, Tibet: 1924 (25 June) *Bailey* envelope registered to Edinburgh bearing the Expedition label tied by "MT. EVEREST EXPEDITION/TIBET/1924" used with India K.G.V 3p. (2), ½a. (2), 1½a. and 2a. tied by "YATUNG TIBET/VIA SILIGURI" c.d.s. with Yatung Tibet blue on white registration label, the reverse bearing Edinburgh arrival c.d.s. (21.7); scarce registered international mail. Photo

£400-600

186 ☒

Type B, Tibet: 1924 (24 June) envelope to London bearing the Expedition label tied by "MT. EVEREST EXPEDITION/TIBET/1924" cachet with India K.G.V 2a. tied by "YATUNG TIBET/VIA SILIGURI"; light soiling. Sent by Francis Helps, the artist accompanying Noel to Chumbi Valley. Photo

£300-400



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187 ☒

Type C, Rongbuk Glacier, 17,000 ft.: 1924 (9 July) souvenir picture postcard to Salisbury, S. Rhodesia bearing India K.G.V ½a. and 1a. tied by "YATUNG TIBET/VIA SILIGURI" c.d.s., the Expedition label tied by Rongbuk Glacier cachet type D and with a fine strike of the scarce type C cachet. Photo

£1,000-1,200



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| 188 ☒ | <p>Type C, Rongbuck Glacier, 17,000 ft.: 1924 (14 July) India K.G.V. ½a. stationery card to Yatung cancelled by “YATUNG TIBET/VIA SILIGURI” c.d.s. with type A cachet at left, the reverse bearing the Expedition label tied by a fine strike of the scarce type C cachet. Also (25 June) India stationery card to Kulu bearing the type A cachet, the reverse with the Expedition label similarly cancelled and a souvenir picture postcard bearing the Expedition label tied by the type D cachet. (3 cards). Photo</p> | £500-600 |
| 189 ☒ | <p>Type D, Rongbuck Glacier: 1924 (Aug.- Oct.) Expedition souvenir cards to England or Scotland bearing India 1½a. franking tied by either Darjeeling c.d.s. (2) or Calcutta British Empire Exhibition slogan postmark, with the Expedition label tied by the type D postmark in red; good to fine. (3 cards)</p> | £200-250 |
| 190 ☒ | <p>Type D, Rongbuck Glacier: 1924 (Sept.- Oct.) Expedition souvenir cards to England bearing India 1½a. franking tied by either Darjeeling c.d.s. (2) or Calcutta British Empire Exhibition slogan postmark (2), with the Expedition label tied by the type D postmark in red; good to fine. (4 cards)</p> | £250-300 |

Mount Everest Expeditions, The Second Expedition - *contd.*



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191 ☒

1924 (4 Aug.) envelope registered to London bearing India K.G.V 8a. tied by "YATING-TIBET/VIA SILIGURI" c.d.s., with the Yatung blue on white registration label and the Expedition label which has not been cancelled; soiled. J.A. Sinclair & Co. were photographic and scientific instrument makers, this letter was probably sent by John Noel, who was the photographer. Photo

£400-500

The Third Expedition



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192 ☒

1933 (3 May) envelope to Jubbulpore bearing India 1a.3p. tied by Gangtok c.d.s. (16.5) with a fine strike of the circular "EVEREST EXPEDITION/BASE CAMP" handstamp in purple with manuscript date insertion, signed at foot "E.C. Thompson" (wireless operator), the reverse bearing Jubbulpore arrival c.d.s. (19.5). Early mail from this expedition. Photo

£800-1,000



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193 ☒

1933 (May) envelope to Hawkhurst, Kent bearing India 2a.6p. tied by Gangtok c.d.s. (16.5) and bearing a good strike of the expedition handstamp at foot, initialised by Dr W. McLean (second medical officer); repaired tear and creasing. Photo

£500-800



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194 ☐☒

1933 (July) envelope from F.S. Smythe (mountaineer) to his wife in London, sent air mail and bearing India 2a.6p. and 6a. tied by Gangtok c.d.s. (8.7) with a good strike of the Expedition handstamp in the lower corner and bearing an unusual Air Mail label, the reverse bearing a fine strike of "CALCUTTA-KARACHI/11 JULY. 33/FIRST/FLIGHT"; vertical crease and some age marks. Unusual. Photo

£500-800

Mount Everest Expeditions - *contd.*

The Fourth Expedition



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195 ☒

1936 (Apr.) envelope to H.J.H. Irish bearing a fine strike of the type G Expedition handstamp marked "*Base Camp*" and manuscript "*AIR MAIL*" crossed through in red ink, with G.B. K.E.VIII 1½d. tied by Portsmouth & Southsea c.d.s. (29.1), other manuscript notations including "*121*" which is the recovered cover number; the reverse with the large oval of the Political Officer, Sikkim, mostly covered by the label "*Suffered Detention in Gangtok post office owing to the Postmaster's failure to affix postage stamps and to forward them in time. The post-master has been sent to jail for his offence*" and manuscript in red ink, "*Rather late now but the envelope may interest*". Written in the hand of Dr. Noel Humphries. Clean and fine. Photo

£1,000-1,200

196 ☒

1936 (16 July) envelope from Peter Oliver to London bearing India 2a.6p. tied by a fine strike of "U.P.GOV.T.CAMP" c.d.s.; sent on the return journey after the party had left Camp 1

£100-150

The Fifth Expedition



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197 ☒

1938 (4 May) envelope from Peter Oliver to his mother in London bearing fine strikes of "UNDER CERTIFICATE OF POSTING" and dated "4 MAY 1938" with a second handstamp for the following day, with India K.G.V 1a.3p. pair tied by Gangtok c.d.s. (5.5), redirected on arrival; the reverse bearing London slogan postmark (13.5) and pencil note. Photo

£400-600

MOUNT EVEREST FLIGHTS

1932 Haliburton Flight



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198 ④

1932 (Jan.) envelope to Calcutta bearing India K.G.V ½a. tied by Park Street, Calcutta c.d.s. (13.1) bearing "MOUNT EVEREST TRIP" and vignette "This cover was transported by 'The Flying Carpet' N.R. 882N ..." and handstamp "American Fliers/in 'Stearland' Biplane" in purple; signed by the pilot "Richard Haliburton" with some additional backstamps. Fine. Only 50 covers carried. Photo

£250-300

Mount Everest Flights - *contd.*

The Houston Mount Everest Expedition



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199 ④

1933 (3 Apr.) Raj Darbhanga envelope with original letter from Eleanor Fellowes to London bearing India K.G.V 1a.3p. pair tied by a fine strike of "HOUSTON MOUNT EVEREST FLIGHT/PURNEA" in purple. The side of the envelope is endorsed, "*I certify this cover was flown over Mt Everest 3.4.33*" and signed by Fl.-Lt. D. McIntyre, the reverse bearing the handstamp "HOUSTON-MT.EVEREST/FLIGHT/1933" in purple.

The letter is dated 2nd April and is written to Beatrice Whitley, "...*I am sending you this letter which will be flown over the top in an envelope that will be stamped with a special cancelling stamp. Just a very few are being sent, the King will have one & the Prince of Wales & a few other people...*". A fine and desirable cover. Photo

£1,500-2,000

Note: The mail was carried in small bags, one on each plane. During the excitement on landing, only one bag was postmarked 3rd April, the second bag had been overlooked, this mail being stamped on the 5th



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200 ④

1933 (5 Apr.) envelope sent air mail to the Gaumont British Picture Corp. bearing India K.G.V 1a., 2a. and air mail 6a. tied by fine strikes of "HOUSTON MOUNT EVEREST EXPEDITION/PURNEA" datestamp struck on reddish purple, with Air Mail etiquette and marked "karachi/Croydon". Photo

£500-600

Sent by Sidney R. G. Bonnett, a cinematographer working for Gaumont British News



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201 ④

1933 (3 Apr.) Raj Darbhanga envelope sent air mail to Scotland bearing India K.G.V 1/2a., 1a. (2) and air mail 6a. tied by "HOUSTON MOUNT EVEREST FLIGHT/PURNEA" datestamp (5.4) in purple with Air Mail etiquette and endorsed, "I certify this cover flown over Mt. Everest 3rd April 1933" and signed by D. McIntyre, readdressed to Andover in Hampshire, the reverse bears the three-line handstamp. With the original enclosure dated 2nd April to his Squadron Leader; a little roughly opened at top. Photo

£1,000-1,200

Mount Everest Flights, The Houston Mount Everest Expedition - *contd.*

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202 ④ ☒

1933 (4 Apr.) the Kanchenjunga Flight; envelope to Arizona bearing India 1a. 3p. pair tied by "HOUSTON MOUNT EVEREST FLIGHT/PURNEA" datestamp (5.4) struck in purple and endorsed at the side, "Certified that this envelope has been flown over Kanchenjunga April 4th/33" and signed by P.F.M. Fellowes; the reverse bearing the three-line expedition handstamp; light soiling. With newspaper cutting of Fellowes bearing the illustrative expedition handstamp. Rare as only a handful of personal covers were carried. Photo

£1,200-1,500

It is reported that Commadore Fellowes lost his way in the clouds landed at Dinajpur. He sent a telegram to Purnea requesting petrol but when Lord Clydeside arrived a few hours later, petrol supplies were still inadequate. A third plane was sent the following morning, arriving back in Purnea on 5th



203

203 ④ ☒

1933 (3-5 Apr.) envelope sent air mail to Kilburn bearing India K.G.V 1a.3p. pair and air mail 6a. tied by fine strikes of the “HOUSTON MOUNT EVEREST FLIGHT/PURNEA” datestamp in purple, with Air Mail etiquette, pencil note on the reverse reads, “*Carried on first flight over Everest on Apr. 3rd, postmarked at Purnea on return to base*” but is not signed. This would appear to have been carried on the first flight, a similar envelope to the same recipient was carried on the Kanchenjunga flight on the 4th April. Photo

£800-1,000



204

204 ④ ☒

1933 (7 Apr.) plain envelope (the address has been scratched out) bearing India K.G.V 1a.3p. tied by a fine strike of the “HOUSTON MOUNT EVEREST FLIGHT/PURNEA” datestamp in reddish purple. Photo

£400-500

Mount Everest Flights, The Houston Mount Everest Expedition - *contd.*



205

205 ④

1933 (20 Apr.) second official flight sent air mail to London bearing India air mail 6a. and 8a. tied by three strikes of "HOUSTON MOUNT EVEREST FLIGHT/PURNEA" datestamp in bluish purple, with air mail etiquette and marked "*via Delhi & Karachi*" and "*Late fee Paid*", the reverse bearing Purnea (22.4) and West Norwood (2.5) arrival c.d.s. Also a photograph showing an elephant and plane at an aerodrome. Photo

£800-1,000



206

206 ④

1933 (21 Apr.) Raj Darbhanga envelope sent air mail to King's Lynn bearing India K.G.V ½a. and air mail 8a. tied by "HOUSTON MOUNT EVEREST FLIGHT/PURNEA" datestamp in purple with King's Lynn arrival (10.5) alongside, the reverse bearing Purnea (24.2) and Karachi (27.2) c.d.s. With the original letter from Lord Douglas of Kintleside. A little roughly opened at top. Photo

£800-1,000



207

207 ④ ☒

Indian Air Mail Society Mail: 1933 (8 Apr.) Air Mail Society envelope to Calcutta with 1a.3p. franking tied by Purnea c.d.s. and with The Houston-Mt. Everest Expdtn. coloured label tied by the illustrative cachet in purple; also a printer's proof of the red printing in black, signed by Stephen Smith and an unused label. Photo

£400-600

On 7th April the secretary of the India Air Mail Society saw Blacker and Fellowes, who consented to carry a souvenir mail on a flight over the Himalayas. A fee of one guinea each was charged in aid of charities, 87 covers were carried then posted in Purnea in the normal way. 250 labels were produced



208

208 ④

Indian Air Mail Society Mail: 1933 (8 Apr.) envelope to G.K. Choksi, Calcutta, bearing India 1a.3p. franking tied by Purnea c.d.s., with The Houston-Mt. Everest Expdtn. coloured label tied by the illustrative handstamp with a second strike on the reverse with Park Street arrival c.d.s. (10.4). With the original letter from Stephen Smith which gives some interesting background to this issue. Photo

£250-300

209

Indian Air Mail Society Mail: A small group with a covering letter from Stephen Smith regarding a group of newspaper cuttings, some bearing the illustrative handstamp struck in purple, an address label to Gaumont-British Picture corporation and a Stephen Smith cover front bearing the coloured label tied by the illustrative handstamp and marked "Mt. Everest Flyers Base" with boxed "PURNEA JUNCTION" with junction crossed through. A good group

£200-400

Collections and Ranges

210 ☒

A small group with a 1934 real photocard of Kinchinjunga with the message, "Have just returned from seeing Everest and Kinchinjunga. After much consideration we decided that we would postpone climbing the mountain until we had more time..."; a 1953 air letter from A. Gregory before the ascent and includes, "...Everest looks good. The north face is amazingly free of snow..." and bears a light strike of the boxed "BRITISH MOUNT EVEREST/EXPEDITION 1953/CAMP" struck in mauve plus India first day cover commemorating the conquest of Everest. (3 items)

£150-250

BRITISH INDIAN POST OFFICES

Lhasa



211 A ☒

1945 (29 Sept.) air letter sent to England bearing India K.G.VI 4a. tied by a good strike of the large double-circle "45" c.d.s. with four dots at foot; The sender, R.J. Galtine was stationed at the British Mission in Gyantse, though this was written in Lhasa; unusual. Photo

£100-200

Gyantse

212 ☒

1906-17, a small group with 1906 India K.E.VII ½a. stationery envelope to Nepal tied by type B2 c.d.s., 1908 linen envelope registered to Nepal bearing K.E.VII 4a. tied by type B2 c.d.s. with a part strike of the type GC "GYANTSE" registration handstamp struck in red, 1913 India ¼a. stationery card with 3p. and ½a. tied by type B1 c.d.s. to Austria with Base office c.d.s. alongside, 1917 telegraph receipt bearing type B1 c.d.s. (4 items)

£200-250

213

213 ☒

1907 (23 July) envelope registered to Col. Bailey in Edinburgh bearing India K.E.VII 4a. tied by a fine strike of "GYANTSE TIBET/SILIGURI BASE" type B2 c.d.s. with "R/TEMPORARY P.O. Y" type G registered handstamp alongside (crossed through) and London I.S. blue on white registration label, redirected to Keith, the reverse bearing London (18.8) and Edinburgh registered datestamps and Keith arrival (20.8) and two red wax seals of British Trade Agency, Gyantse; fine. Photo

£600-800

214 ☒

1910 (Aug.- Sept.) two registered covers from the same correspondence from Lt. Col. Basinyat Kshattray to Katmandu, each bears on the address side a good strike of the boxed "R/GYANTSE TIBET/VIA-SILIGURI" type GA registered handstamp, the reverse bearing either India K.E.VII 4a. or 2½a. franking tied by Gyantse type B2 c.d.s. with single-ring Nepal arrival. (2 covers)

£300-400





215

215 ☒

1913 (22 July) envelope registered to Kent bearing India K.E.VII 1a. (3) tied by "GYANTSE TIBET/SILIGURI BASE" type B1 c.d.s. with type GD blue on white registration label alongside, the reverse with vertical pair of 1912 ½tr. violet tied by superb strikes of Gyantse type 1 postmark in violet, with London and Ramsgate (18.8) registered ovals. An attractive cover and an early date for the violet Gyantse postmark. Photo

£200-300



216



218

216 ☒

1914 (21 Mar.) stampless envelope to Nepal bearing a fine strike of horseshoe "TEMPORARY P.O.Y/DUE/ONE ANNA" type B110, the reverse bearing Gyantse Tibet Siliguri Base type B2 c.d.s., an octagonal Unpaid datestamp (31.3) and large Nepal delivery c.d.s. (2.4). With the original enclosure. Photo

£150-300

217 ☒

1914-22 two *Lovlace* envelopes to **Negri Sembilan** with 1914 (21 Aug.) envelope from David MacDonald (Gyantse Trade agent) bearing, on the reverse, India K.G.V ½a. pair tied by type B2 Gyantse Tibet c.d.s. with Penang transit and Seremban arrival (7.9) alongside; also 1922 (2 Nov.) India registered envelope uprated ½a. and a pair cancelled by Gyantse Tibet type B4 c.d.s., with type GD blue on white registration label with Penang transit and Seremban (10.12) arrival c.d.s. A scarce destination. (2 covers)

£200-300

218 ☒

1916 (3 Jan.) envelope to Gyantse bearing, on the reverse, India K.G.V ½a. tied by double-circle Nepal c.d.s., sent by railway and receiving the large, double-circle "SET 1" c.d.s. (15.1) for both "IN" and "OUT" with Gyantse type B1 arrival c.d.s. Unusual. Holcombe opinion (1993). Photo

£150-250

British Indian Post Offices, Gyantse - *contd.*

- 219 ☒ 1921-23, three envelopes from the same correspondence to Chabahal, Nepal with 1921 (21 June) registered envelope bearing, on the reverse, India K.G.V ½a. (3) and 1a. tied by Gyantse Tibet type B5 c.d.s. with registration label type GD, Katmandu in oval and Nepal arrival c.d.s. (26.6); 1921 (15 July) underpaid envelope bearing India K.G.V 3p. and ½a. tied by the type B4 c.d.s. with the appropriate Nepal transit marks, the address side bearing a fine strike of the horseshoe "GYANTSE TIBET/DUE/ AS." handstamp type B113; 1923 (8 June) India 1a. stationery envelope cancelled with the type B4 c.d.s. with the appropriate Nepal backstamps. (3 covers) £200-300



220

- 220 1928 (2 June) envelope registered to Lt. Col. Bailey in Gangtok bearing India K.G.V 2a. and 3a. tied by Gyantse c.d.s. with Gyantse type GE registered label, the reverse with hand-painted crest of Tsarong Shape and a fine example of the large wax seal of the Tsarong family (Dawson 63) and Yatung transit c.d.s. (7.6) Photo £200-300
- 221 ㉔☒ 1931 (13 July) envelope sent registered air mail to England and redirected to South Africa, bearing India K.G.V 12a. airmail tied by type B3 c.d.s. with two different air mail etiquettes alongside, type GE registered label, Eastleigh (30.7) arrival with another strike on the reverse along with neat Umtata arrival (20.8.); unusual. Also 1935 (5 Aug.) envelope sent air mail to England bearing India K.G.V 7½a. franking tied by type B4 c.d.s. (2 covers) £250-300
- 222 ☒ 1931-32 three covers from the same merchant company with 1932 (19 Aug.) printed envelope from Lhasa to Katmandu bearing, on the reverse, India K.G.V 3p. and 1a. tied by Gyantse type B4 c.d.s. with Nepal arrival (27.8) and Katmandu in oval and handstruck merchant's device; 1931 (3 July) India 1a. postal stationery envelope cancelled type B3 c.d.s. and with the same backstamps; 1931 (27 Mar.) envelope to Lhasa bearing, on the reverse, India K.G.V 1a. tied by the large Nepal c.d.s. with Katmandu in oval and Gyantse type B3 (4.4) transit alongside. (3 covers) £300-400
- 223 ☒ 1933 two covers to Nepal with (6 Jan.) envelope to Patan "*Via Raxaul*" bearing, on the reverse, India K.G.V 1a.3p. tied by Gyantse type B3 c.d.s. with Nepal arrival (9.1) and Katmandu in oval alongside; (27 June) envelope from Lhasa to Katmandu bearing India K.G.V 3p. and 1a. tied by type B4 c.d.s. with Katmandu in oval alongside; also 1927 (8 Sept.) envelope to Katmandu with India 1a. tied by type B3 c.d.s. with appropriate arrival marks (stained one side). (3 covers) £250-300

- 224 ☒ 1935-54 a group of registered covers bearing India adhesives cancelled by either B3 or B5 c.d.s. and showing different registration labels handstamped type GE including "V.P." label type BR15 in greenish and type BR16 in yellow. a useful group. (10 covers) £500-800
- 225 ☒ 1936 (2 Mar.) underpaid envelope originating from Lhasa to Nepal bearing, on the reverse, India K.G.V 1a. tied by type B4 c.d.s. with Raxaul (10.3) transit, Katmandu in oval and octagonal "NEPAL/UNPAID" datestamp (12.3); the address side with horseshoe "GYANTSE TIBET/DUE/ AS." handstamp (type B113) with a very faint insertion of "½" in red ink. The envelope is a little worn along the edges. A good cover underpaying the 1¼a. rate £150-200
- 226 ☒ 1938-40 three envelopes from Tsarong Shape in Lhasa with his device printed on the flap with 1938 (28 Sept.) envelope registered to Shanghai bearing India 6½a. franking tied by type B5 c.d.s. with type GE registration label, returned to sender with numerous transit marks via Madras and with return c.d.s. (31.12); (28 May) envelope registered to New York with India 6½a. franking tied by type B5 c.d.s. with type GE registration label with New York arrival (28.4) on the reverse. There is also 1940 envelope to New York, the three Tibetan adhesives have been washed off but were tied by Lhasa postmarks, with China 50c. franking tied by Si-kang c.d.s. and sent via Kunming and Hanoi with an array of backstamps. (3 covers) £400-500
- 227 ☒ Temporary P.O C-622: 1954 (8 Sept.) India 2a. stationery envelope to Nepal cancelled by a superb strike of the large, double-circle datestamp, with indistinct arrival backstamp. Attractive £100-120
- 228 ☒ Incoming Mail: From Nepal; 1910-20 a group of covers with India ½a. franking cancelled by c.d.s. B15 or B16, unfranked bearing "NEPAL/DUE/ONE ANNA" type B61, also Nepal stationery envelope. (5 covers) £200-300
- 229 ☒ Incoming Mail: 1915-54 covers, mainly from India with arrival c.d.s. from type B1 (2) and type B5, includes printed envelopes, registered, air mail from Peking and others. (12 covers) £300-400
- 230 ④ ☒ Incoming Mail: 1938 (20 Feb.) G.B. K.G.V 1½d. postal stationery envelope cancelled by Newport Monmouthshire machine postmark, addressed to A. Phillips, G.P.O. Tibet, there is an air mail cachet, boxed "RETOUR" and unframed, "*Undelivered for reasons stated/ to be returned to sender/at the address shown on cover*" struck in deep carmine, the reverse with a good strike of Gyantse type B5 c.d.s. (13.3), four Bombay square D.L.O. datestamps (17.3 - 22.4) with boxed "INCONNU/NOT KNOWN"; some manuscript notation including "*No such person in Tibet*". Peter Holcombe pencil note at foot £100-150

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British Indian Post Offices - *contd.*

Pharijong

- 231 ☒ 1919 (6 Jan.) underpaid envelope to Kathmandu bearing, on the reverse, India K.G.V ½a. tied by an indistinct cancellation with Gyantse type 1 postmark alongside and Pharijong transit, the address side with a fine strike of horseshoe "PHARIJONG/DUE/ONE ANNA" type B114; a little worn at edges £150-200
- 232 ☒ 1925-47, a group of covers and cards bearing India frankings cancelled by type B4 c.d.s., includes 1929 1a. stationery envelope with additional Phari fretwork postmarks, cancelled tax handstamp, Calcutta censor handstamps (2), 14a. air envelope. (8 covers) £250-350
- 233 ☒ 1927-52 mail to Nepal with Indian values cancelled by either types B3, B4 c.d.s. or machine postmark, each with appropriate exchange office handstamp and includes registered type PC and "V.P." on greenish (scarce); condition is a little mixed. (14 covers) £500-800



234

- 234 ④☒ 1928 (30 Jan.) envelope to Edinburgh "Via Basrah - Cairo, Via Karachi" bearing India K.G.V ½a. and 1½a. (2) tied by fine strikes of the type B3 c.d.s. with two different air mail etiquettes and handstruck "BY/AIR", the reverse with Karachi (6.2) and Basrah (17.2) c.d.s.; clean and fine. This cover was prepared to catch the first flight from Karachi to Croydon. Photo £200-250
- 235 ☒ 1937-46 two registered covers with 1937 (19 Jan.) air mail to England bearing India K.G.V ½a., 2a. and 8a. tied by fine strikes of type B3 c.d.s. with registration label handstamped type PD; 1946 (14 Nov.) envelope to New York bearing India 6½a. franking tied by type B4 c.d.s. with registration label handstamped type PC. A good pair of covers (2 covers) £200-250
- 236 ☒ 1939 (8 Oct.) envelope to Katmandu bearing, on the reverse, India K.G.VI 1a. tied by Pharijong type B4 c.d.s. with Katmandu large exchange office handstamp, the address side with a fine strike of horseshoe "PHARIJONG/DUE/ONE ANNA" type B114 and similar Nepalese postage due handstamp with manuscript insertion; creased at top and worn around the edges £100-150



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- 237 ☒ 1940 (6 Oct.) envelope to Hong Kong bearing, on the reverse, India K.G.VI ½a. and 1a. pair tied by Pharijong type B4 c.d.s., the address side bearing a fine strike of horseshoe “PHARIJONG/DUE/ONE ANNA” type B114 and triangular “PASSED BY CENSOR” struck in purple with censor seal at side. Photo £150-200
- 238 ☒ 1941-44 two underpaid envelopes from Pharijong to Nepal with 1941 envelope bearing, on the reverse, India K.G.V 1a. with K.G.VI 3p. (2) tied by Pharijong type B4 c.d.s. and large Katmandu exchange handstamp, the address side with fine strikes of horseshoe “PHARIJONG F.P.O. NO.81/DUE/ AS.” with manuscript “-1/2/-” in red ink plus Nepal Postage due handstamp with manuscript insertion. Also 1944 (10 Feb.) India 1a.3p. stationery envelope cancelled by Pharijong type B4 c.d.s. with the same two postage due handstamps alongside, both with manuscript insertions. Some light soiling. (2 covers). Photo £300-500
- 239 ☒ 1948-49 two underpaid covers with 1948 (21 Mar.) envelope to Kalimpong bearing, on the reverse, Tibet 1933 1tr. pale scarlet-vermilion pair tied by an unreadable strike of a type 2 postmark with India K.G.VI ½a. tied by Pharijong type B4 c.d.s. with octagonal “KALIMPONG/UNPAID” datestamp (24.3), the address side with a fine strike of horseshoe “PHARIJONG F.P.O. NO.81/DUE/ AS.” with manuscript “-2/-” added in blue crayon. A clean cover. Also 1949 (5 Mar.) envelope to Nepal bearing, on the reverse, India K.G.VI 3p. (3) and ½a. tied by Pharijong Darjeeling machine postmark with large Katmandu exchange handstamp in the corner, the address side with a fine strike of the same Pharijong horseshoe tax handstamp. (2 covers) £200-300
- 240 1949 (7 Aug.) (?) merchant’s envelope from Pharijong to Katmandu bearing, on the reverse, Gandhi 1½a. (cover faults) tied by Pharijong Darjeeling machine postmark, the address side with a fine strike of horseshoe “PHARIJONG F.P.O. NO.81/DUE/ AS.” with manuscript “-1/-” in violet crayon and two strikes of the Nepal horseshoe tax handstamp, one with manuscript insertion. Scarce use of the Gandhi stamp after Indian independence £150-250
- 241 ☒ Incoming Mail: 1935-53 a group of covers from Nepal (3), Australia and Calcutta and two 1939 acknowledgement of receipt labels. (7 items) £150-250

Yatung

- 242 ☒ 1910-17, a group of *Wilson* and *Milne* envelopes with 1910 India K.E.VII 1a. tied by type B2 c.d.s., 1913 envelope registered to Birmingham with type B2 c.d.s. with type YC handstamp on the registration label, 1917 envelope to Manchester cancelled by type B1 c.d.s. with registration handstamp type YF; Gyantse 1913 with type B1 c.d.s. in greenish and registered type GD handstamp, 1917 with type B1 c.d.s. and, on reverse, the scarce registered handstamp type GC; Pharijong 1914 envelope with India four-colour franking tied by superb F.P.O. No.81 type B2 c.d.s. with registration label handstamped type PA struck in red; clean and fine. (6 covers) £500-1,000

British Indian Post Offices, Yatung - *contd.*

- 243 ☒ 1911-46, a group of covers cancelled by the type B2 c.d.s. with 1911 K.E.VII 2½a. franking to New Zealand, 1912 2½a. franking to U.S.A., envelope to U.S.A. with K.G.V 2½a. franking with censor seal and handstamp, 1935 K.G.V 1a. franking to Calcutta, 1939 K.G.VI 3½a. franking to New York with Calcutta censor handstamp, 1940 14a. air mail envelope to England with censor handstamps and 1946 1½a. franking cover to Calcutta. Condition is mixed in places, a good range of dates. (7 covers) £400-600



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- 244 ☒ 1913 (6 Nov.) 9p. Soldiers' and Seamen's Envelope registered to Birmingham, uprated India Q.V. 1a. and K.E.VII 3p., ½a. and 1a. tied by "YATUNG TIBET/VIA SILIGURI" type B1 c.d.s. with "YATUNG TIBET/F.P.O. NO.70" type YC registration label, the reverse with one of the adhesives and Birmingham registered arrival oval (28.11). Attractive and late use of this registration label. Photo £200-250
- 245 ☒ 1914 (10 May) envelope registered to Birmingham bearing Q.V. "C.E.F." values to 1r. tied by Yatung Tibet type B1 c.d.s. with the type YC "YATUNG TIBET/F.P.O. NO.70" registration label with Birmingham registered arrival (27.3) on the reverse. Sent by O. McDonald. Colourful and late use of the registered label. Photo £150-250
- 246 ☒ 1931-47, a group of covers cancelled by the type B1 postmark with 1931 K.G.V 1a. franking to Meerut on British Trade Agency envelope (also 1939 a similar envelope registered to Kalimpong but with the adhesives torn off), 1942 multiple franked envelope to New York with censor seal and handstamp, 1946 10½a. franked envelope registered to New Zealand from the postmaster with type YF registration label, 1947 1r.4½a. franked envelope registered to Lhasa with manuscript registration and type YF label, sent by the postmaster. Some late dates of use. (5 covers) £300-400
- 247 ☒ 1934 two envelopes from the same correspondence to Jersey with (17 Sept.) registered cover bearing India K.G.V 3p., ½a., 1a., 1a. 3p. (on reverse) and 2a.6p. tied by good strikes of the type B2 c.d.s. with blue on white registration label handstamped "YATUNG-TIBET" type YF; the second envelope bearing India 1a.3p. tied by type B2 c.d.s., redirected on arrival to London with G.B. 2d. Postage Due tied by Jersey postmark with handstruck "2D/L.S./L", with enclosure. (2 covers) £150-200
- 248 ☒ 1949 three registered covers from the postmaster to New Jersey with 1949 (28 Mar.) bearing India 12a. air mail tied by a good strike of the type B2 c.d.s. (a very late date), 1949 (17 Oct.) sent air mail bearing 2r. franking tied by the type B3 c.d.s. (possibly the earliest recorded date), 1949 (11 Nov.) bearing India Air Mail 12a. tied by a good strike of the type B3 c.d.s.; each with the type YF registration label. An interesting trio of covers. (3 covers) £180-240
- 249 ☒ 1949-50 a group of covers to Australia or New Zealand cancelled by type B3 c.d.s. with 1949 (18 Nov.) registered airmail bearing 17a. franking, 1950 (12 June) air mail registered bearing the 1949 U.P.U. set, both with type YF registration labels, 1950 (1 June) sent "via Calcutta" bearing 4a. franking. (3 covers) £150-200

CHINESE IMPERIAL POST

Unoverprinted Covers

Lhasa



250

250 ☒

1910 (17 July) envelope to Captain Weir in Gyantse bearing 2c. deep green tied by a fine strike of Lhasa type C1 postmark with a second strike alongside, with the original letter from the Councillor to the Chinese Imperial Residency. Fine and paying the 2c. letter rate, only a handful of such covers have been recorded. Photo

£2,000-3,000

Note: the postal rates of 2c. for letters and 1c. for postcards was only in operation for 50 days. On 5 August 1910 the new rates were introduced, letters 3c., international mail 10c., postcards remained 1c.

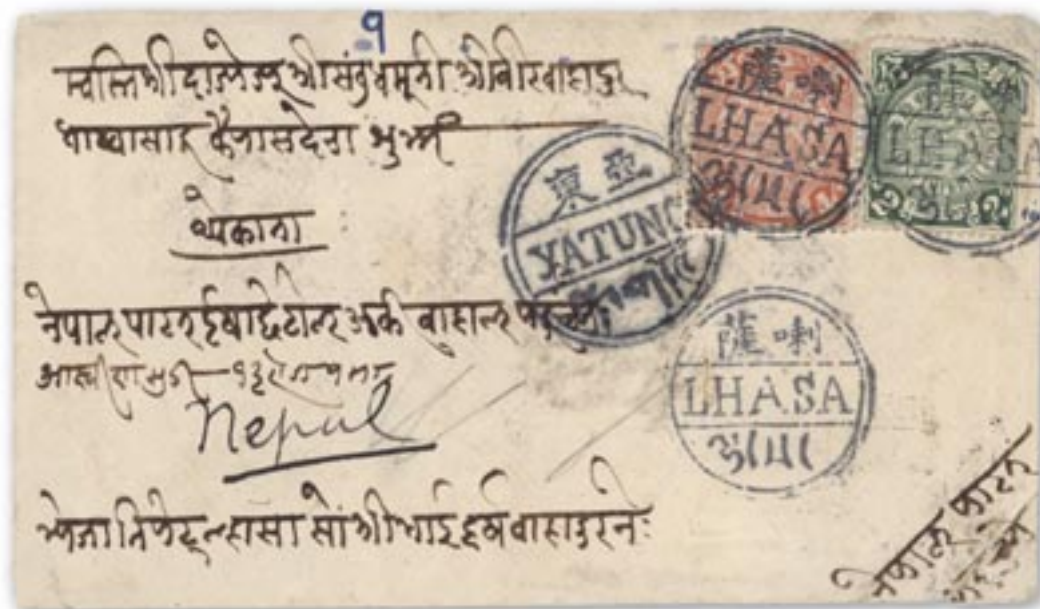
Chinese Imperial Post, Unoverprinted Covers, Lhasa - *contd.*

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251 ☒

1910 (20 July) large red band envelope registered to Shanghai bearing, on the reverse, C.I.P. 1c., 5c. and 20c. tied by superb strikes of the type C1 postmark, there is a further strike on the address side along with Lhasa "R" (type CR1) with manuscript "no52." in black ink and Shanghai arrival c.d.s. (14th day 6th month); some wearing around the edges. An important and highly desirable cover used during the 2c. letter-rate period (until 5th August). Photo

£3,000-5,000



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1910 (Oct.) envelope to Nepal bearing C.I.P. 2c. and 4c. tied by fine strikes of type C1 postmark and further strike alongside and Yatung type C1, a further Yatung postmark on the reverse along with India K.E.VII ½a. tied by "YATUNG TIBET/VIA SILIGURI" c.d.s. (9.10), Base Office c.d.s. (11.10) and small Nepal arrival c.d.s. (15.10). An attractive cover. Photo

£2,000-2,500

Chinese Imperial Post, Unoverprinted Covers, Lhasa - *contd.*



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253 ☒

1910 (c.) C.I.P. 1c. postal stationery card to Yatung, uprated with C.I.P. ½c. and 1c., each cancelled by fine strikes of the type C1 postmark, the reverse side with a printed, tinted photograph marked "*Lung Wang Yang, Lhasa*". A rare and important example of the Coiling Dragon postal stationery card used in Tibet, only about a dozen of these cards have been recorded. Photo

£12,000-15,000



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254 ☒

1910 (c.) Chinese internally illustrated envelope (opened-out) to Gyantse bearing C.I.P. 3c. grey-blue tied by a fine strike of the type C2 postmark with a second, superb strike at foot, the reverse bearing a superb strike of the Gyantse type C1 postmark. A fine and attractive cover. Photo

£1,000-1,500

PROVENANCE:

Robson Lowe auction, January 1973



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255 ☒

1911 (22 Feb.) printed merchant's envelope to Gyantse bearing, on the reverse, C.I.P. 3c. grey-green tied by a good strike of Lhasa type C3 Dollar dater with similar of Gyantse alongside, a further despatch postmark is on the address side. Photo

£800-1,000

Chinese Imperial Post, Unoverprinted Covers, Lhasa - *contd.*



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256 ☒

1911 (4 Mar.) opened-out red band envelope registered to Shanghai bearing, on the reverse, C.I.P. 1c. (6), 2c. (2) and 10c. tied by type C4 Dollar dater, with India K.E.VII ½a. and 4a. tied by "YATUNG TIBET/VIA SILIGURI" c.d.s. with the registration label type BR1 overprinted type B80, the address side with two good strikes of the despatch c.d.s., a superb strike of the Lhasa registration handstamp type CR3 and British P.O. Shanghai arrival (30.3). The red band has faded and some peripheral toning. A rare and important cover paying 10c. postage plus 10c. registration. Photo

£2,000-2,500



257

257 ☒

1911 (30 Mar.) native envelope to Gyantse bearing, on the reverse, C.I.P. 1c. and 2c. tied by a fine strike of the Lhasa type C4 Dollar dater with a similar strike for Gyantse (weak) alongside, there is a further despatch c.d.s. on the address side. Photo

£800-1,000



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258 ☒

1911 (6 May) envelope to Gyantse bearing, on the reverse, C.I.P. 2c. deep green (3) tied by two strikes of type C4 Dollar dater with similar for Gyantse alongside, there is a further despatch c.d.s. on the address side. Photo

£800-1,000

PROVENANCE:

Robson Lowe auction, January 1973

Robson Lowe auction, October 1977

259 ☒

1911 (c.) a cloth parcel wrapper addressed to "H.H. Maharaja, Jaishi Kotha Office, Nepal" and sent double registered from the Nepali Mission in Lhasa and bearing traces of six adhesives (the rest probably eaten away) cancelled by light strikes of Lhasa type C4 Dollar dater, a superb strike of Lhasa type CR3 registration handstamp and the large "AR" in double-circle and with numerous wax seals. A rare cover despite the loss of adhesives. Photo

£400-500

Chinese Imperial Post, Unoverprinted Covers - *contd.*

Gyantse



260

260 ☒

1910 (c.) printed merchant's envelope to Lhasa from Tuladhar Trading bearing, on the reverse, C.I.P. 3c. greenish grey pair tied by a good strike of type C1 postmark with similar for Lhasa alongside and four impressed seals, there is a further despatch postmark on the address side. Photo

£1,000-1,200



261

261 ☒

1910-11 (c.) opened-out native envelope double registered to Lhasa bearing, on the reverse, C.I.P. 1c. and 2c. (9) tied by fair strikes of the type C1 postmark, with six red wax seals, there is a further strike of the despatch postmark on the address side along with fine strikes of the type CR1 registered handstamp and large "AR" in double-circle type CR3. Some edge wear, an important cover. Photo

£2,000-3,000

Chinese Imperial Post, Unoverprinted Covers, Gyantse - *contd.*



262

262 ☒

1911 (3 Feb.) printed merchant's envelope to Lhasa from Tuladhar Trading bearing, on the reverse, C.I.P. 1c. and 2c. tied by good strikes of the type C3 c.d.s. with similar for Lhasa alongside and a further strike of the despatch c.d.s. on the address side. Some edge wear. Photo

£500-700

Shigatse



263

263 ☒

1910 printed merchant's envelope to Lhasa bearing, on the reverse, C.I.P. 1c. and 2c. tied by fine strikes of the type C1 postmark with similar for Gyantse and Lhasa alongside, there is a very fine strike of the despatch postmark on the address side. A fine cover. Photo

£1,500-2,000



264

264 ☒

1910 printed merchant's envelope (opened-out) to Lhasa bearing, on the reverse, C.I.P. 1c. and 5c. tied by fine strikes of the type C1 postmark with similar for Gyantse and Lhasa alongside, there is a further strike of the despatch postmark on the address side. Some light soiling, the stamps with fresh colours and a good double rate cover. Photo

£1,800-2,200

Chinese Imperial Post, Unoverprinted Covers, Shigatse - *contd.*

265

265 ☒

1911 (16 June) C.I.P. 1c. **postal stationery card** to Gyantse cancelled by good strikes of "SHIGATSE - TIBET" type C3 c.d.s. with a second strike alongside and similar Gyantse arrival. The message is from a Nepalese trader. Rare and important use of the Coiling Dragon postal stationery card in Tibet. Photo

£15,000-20,000

PROVENANCE:

Robson Lowe auction, January 1973

Less than twelve of these cards are recorded as being used in Tibet

On Postal Service

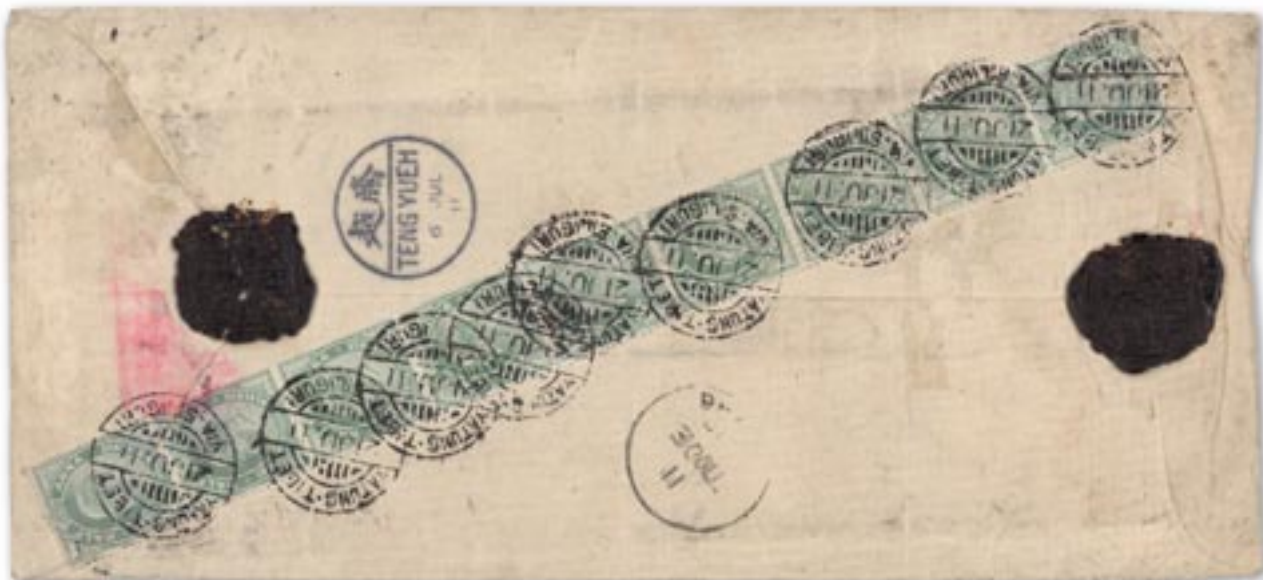


266

266 ☒

1910 (Dec.) stampless envelope double registered to Shanghai cancelled by a good strike of the Lhasa type C2 postmark with a fine strike of the Lhasa registered handstamp type CR3 partly covered by "YATUNG-TIBET/VIA SILIGURI" registration label, the reverse bearing good strikes of Gyantse type C1 postmark and type C3 Dollar dater. Rare and an exceptional example of the Imperial Post in Tibet, Photo

£2,000-3,000

Chinese Imperial Post, Unoverprinted Covers, On Postal Service - *contd.*

267

267 ☒

The Sea Route Via India: 1911 (12 June) On Postal Service envelope to Chengtu “via Shanghai, China” bearing two fine strikes of the Lhasa registration handstamp type CR3 along with Yatung-Tibet dollar dater type C3, “YATUNG-TIBET/VIA SILIGURI” registration handstamp, Yunnanfu and Chengtu c.d.s. and bearing, on the reverse, India K.E.VII ½a. vertical strip of nine tied by fine strikes of “YATUNG TIBET/VIA SILIGURI” type B2 c.d.s., Base Office c.d.s. (30.6) and a fine strike of Tengyueh bilingual c.d.s. (6.7). A rare and important cover, it is thought that only a handful of covers were sent via the Bhamo-Tengyueh route. Photo

£5,000-10,000

LITERATURE:

Tibet Stamps and Postal History, Chazen and Wong, 2019 (illustrated page 162)

Issued Stamps



268



269

- 268 ★ 3p. on 1c. to 2r. on \$2 set of eleven, part to large part original gum. S.G. C1-11. Photo £800-1,000
- 269 ★ 3p. on 1c. to 2r. on \$2 set of eleven, unused to part original gum; 1a. on 4c. thinned, a few light tone spots. S.G. C1-11. Photo £300-400

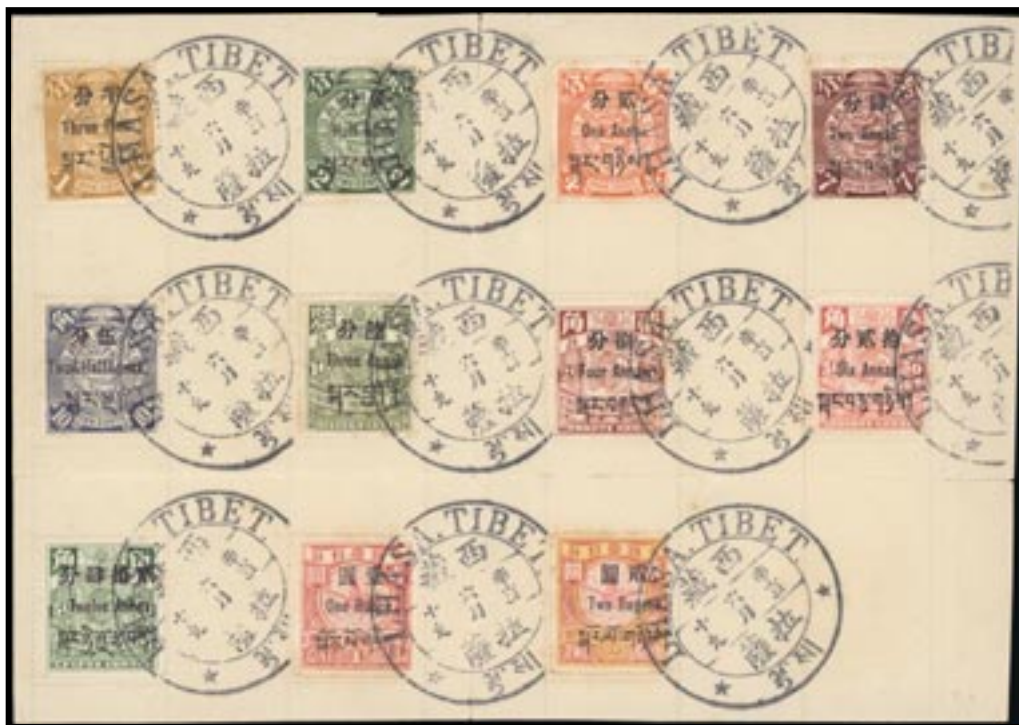


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- 270 ★田 3p. on 1c. to 2r. on \$2 set of eleven in blocks of four, large part original gum; there are some thin spots or patches on 1a. on 4c., 2a. on 7c., 12a. on 50c. and 1r. on \$1. An attractive set with fresh appearance. Photo £3,000-4,000

Chinese Imperial Post, Unoverprinted Covers, Issued Stamps - *contd.*



271

271 △

3p. on 1c. to 2r. on \$2 set of eleven cancelled by favour by Lhasa type C4 c.d.s. 1911 (12 July) on a sheet of paper; some creasing clear of the adhesives. Photo

£1,000-1,500



272



273

272 ★

3p. on 1c. brownish orange variety **surcharge inverted**, sheet 1 left pane [3] with top margin, part original gum which is dried as usual, there is a vertical row of blind perms. at left. A fine example of this popular error. Holcolme Certificate (1986) and with his signature and pencil notes on reverse. S.G. C1a, £3500. Photo

£1,200-1,500

PROVENANCE:

Sir Percival David, December 1964

Two sheets of forty have been recorded, one complete sheet was in the David collection. It is interesting to note that Waterlow's overprinting of the 1912 postage due stamps was performed on sheet of eighty (four panes), however, the Tibet stamps were overprinted on double panes of 20

273 ★

3p. on 1c. brownish orange variety **surcharge inverted**, sheet 2, right pane [16], part original gum, typically dried. Wide perforations at right from the edge of the sheet. Photo

£1,000-1,200

PROVENANCE:

Christie's auction in Hong Kong, October 1993



274

274 ★ 国

3p. on 1c. brownish orange variety **surcharge inverted**, sheet 1 [11/22] block of eight across the interpanneau margin, with the usual dried gum. Each stamp with pencil signature of Peter Holcombe. This is the largest multiple of this variety, a similar block of eight was sold by Robson Lowe in 1966. Photo

£10,000-15,000

Chinese Imperial Post, Unoverprinted Covers, Issued Stamps - *contd.*



275

275 ★[®]

½a. on 2c. deep green in a sheet of forty with lower sheet margin, unused without gum; with a listing of the positional varieties. Fresh. Photo

£500-800



276

276 ★[®]

2a. on 7c. crimson-lake in a sheet of fifty with margin at foot, unused without gum; some perf. reinforcements, very fresh. Photo

£1,000-1,200

1911 Surcharge Covers

Lhasa



277



278

277 ☒

1911 (7 Apr.) small red band envelope to Yatung bearing 1a. on 4c. neatly tied by Lhasa dollar dater type C3 with similar for Yatung alongside, further despatch c.d.s. in on the address side; fine. Photo

£400-500

278 ☒

1911 (31 May) red band envelope registered to Yatung bearing ½a. on 2c. pair with 2a. on 7c. tied by Lhasa Dollar dater type C3 with a second strike alongside and a fine strike of the registered handstamp type CR3, Yatung C3 arrival in the reverse. Fine. Photo

£800-1,000



279

279 ☒

1911 (17 July) envelope to Yatung bearing, on the reverse, ½a. on 2c. block of four cancelled by Lhasa Dollar dater type C4 with a second strike alongside and similar Yatung arrival. A good multiple. Photo

£1,000-1,200

PROVENANCE:
Dr Orth, December 1995

Chinese Imperial Post, 1911 Surcharge Covers, Lhasa - *contd.*



280

280 ☒

1911 (9 Aug.) envelope to Yatung (large part flap missing) bearing, on the reverse, ½a. on 2c. pair tied by Lhasa Dollar dater type C4 with a second strike alongside with Yatung C3 arrival on the address side; a few tone spots on the reverse. Photo

£400-500



281

281 ☒

1911 (27 Aug.) large envelope registered to the Gorka Office in Gyantse bearing, on the reverse, 3p. on 1c. block of eight plus 1a. on 4c. (4) tied by Lhasa Dollar dater type C4 with a fine strike of the registered handstamp type CR3 and Gyantse C3 arrival alongside plus nine wax seals; an impressive franking. Photo

£1,000-1,500



282

282 ☒

1911 (13 Sept.) *Sturberg* envelope double registered to Peking “*Via Chengtu*” bearing 12a. on 50c. well tied by a fine strike of Lhasa Dollar dater type C4 with fine strikes of the registered handstamp and large “AR” in double-circle, Chinese transit c.d.s. on the reverse with Batang (4.10), Tatsienlu, Yachow and Peking arrival (13.2). A good cover carried on the Tibet - Szechuan overland route, it is thought that there are less than ten covers carried on this route, all from the same correspondence. Photo

£4,000-8,000

PROVENANCE:

Robson Lowe auction, September 1971

Chinese Imperial Post, 1911 Surcharge Covers, Lhasa - *contd.*



283

283 ☒

1911 (25 Sept.) envelope registered to the Gorka Office in Gyantse bearing, on the reverse, ½a. on 2c. (6) plus 1a. on 4c. (oxidised) tied by Lhasa Dollar dater type C4 with a very fine strike of the registered handstamp with Gyantse type C3 arrival alongside, with seven wax seals; some paper damage from the glue to affix the adhesives. Photo

£800-1,200

Gyantse



284

284 ☒

1911 (15 Apr.) double registered envelope from Tuladhar Trading bearing, on the reverse, 1a. on 4. (2) and 3a. on 16c. tied by good strikes of the Dollar dater type C3 with the large "AR" in double-circle alongside and five wax seals, there is a further despatch on the address side along with the registered handstamp; fine and scarce. Photo

£1,000-1,500

Shigatse



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| 285 ☒ | <p>1911 (4 May) envelope to Lhasa bearing, on the reverse, 1a. on 4c. tied by Dollar datar type C3 with a second strike alongside plus similar for Gyantse and Lhasa; an attractive cover. Photo</p> | £1,000-1,200 |
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Yatung



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287

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| 286 ☒ | 1911 (29 Nov.) envelope to Pharijong bearing 3p. on 1c. plus ½a. on 2c. pair tied by very fine strikes of the type C3 c.d.s. with a neat strike of Phari type C1 arrival postmark. Philatelic, fine. Photo | £400-500 |
| 287 ☒ | 1911 (29 Nov.) envelope to Pharijong bearing ½a. on 2c. pair plus 1a. on 4c. tied by very fine strikes of the type C3 c.d.s. with a neat strike of Phari type C1 arrival postmark. Philatelic, fine. Photo | £400-500 |

Chinese Imperial Post, 1911 Surcharge Covers, Yatung - *contd.*



288

- 288 ☒ 1911 (29 Nov.) envelope to Pharijong bearing ½a. on 2c. pair plus 2½a. on 10c. tied by very fine strikes of the type C3 c.d.s. with a neat strike of Phari type C1 arrival postmark. Philatelic, fine. Photo

£500-600

Pharijong

- 289 ☒ 1911 (13 Dec.) Tuck's Oilette picture postcard of the interior of a Tibetan temple bearing 3p. on 1c. tied by a neat strike of "PHARIJONG F.P.O. NO.81" c.d.s.; cancelled by favour

£150-250



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Yatung



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- 290 ☒ 1912 (3 May) red band envelope to Pharijong bearing 3a. on 16c. olive-green tied by Yatung type C1 postmark with a neat strike of "PHARIJONG F.P.O. NO.81" type B1. Philatelic, clean and fine. These two post offices are 27 miles apart and delivery would have been on the same day. Photo

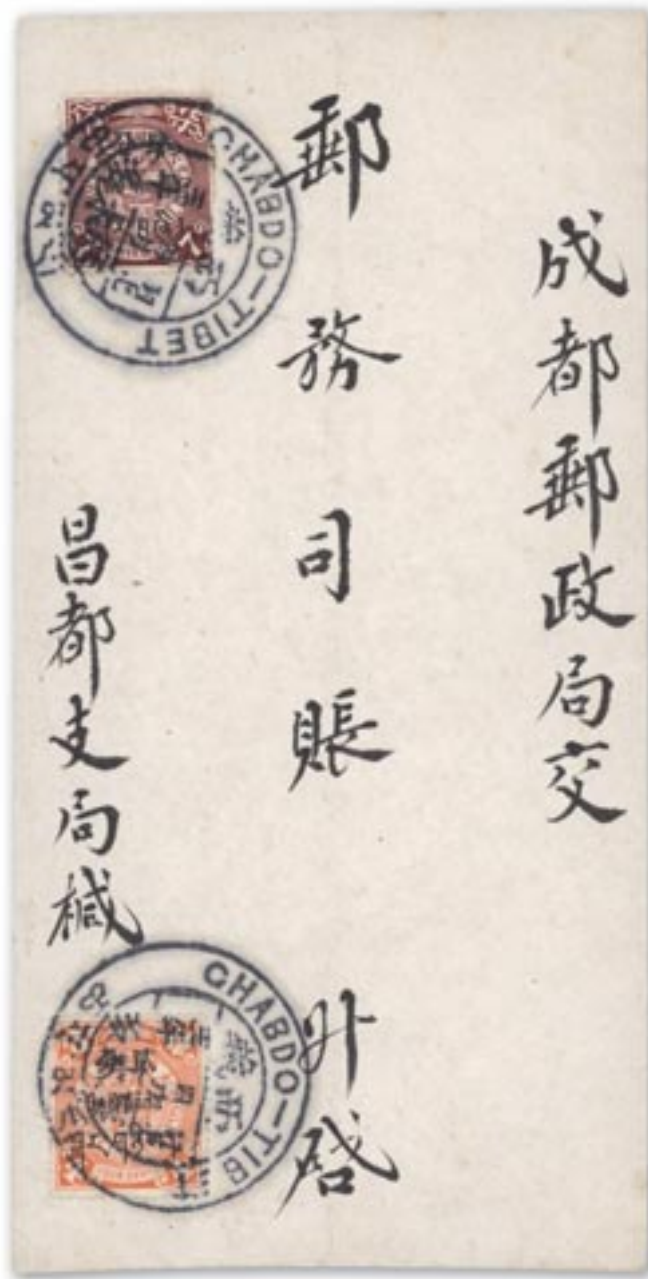
£500-600

- 291 ☒ 1912 (3 May) red band envelope to Pharijong bearing 1r. on \$1 red and flesh tied by Yatung type C1 postmark with a neat strike of "PHARIJONG F.P.O. NO.81" type B1. Philatelic, clean and fine. Photo

£600-800

Chinese Imperial Post, 1911 Surcharge Covers - *contd.*

Chabdo



292

292 ☒

1913 (4 June) envelope to Chengdu bearing 1a. on 4c. and 2a. on 7c. tied by fine strikes of Chabdo Dollar dater; clean and fine. Photo

£1,000-2,000

Chabdo was the last Chinese post office in Kham west of Yangtze that ceased operation. Chabdo was briefly occupied by Tibetan troops in 1912, recovered by the Chinese, then re-occupied by the Tibetans in 1917. When Chabdo was evacuated the overland route was blocked for normal mail



293

293 ☒

1913 (13 July) red band envelope registered to Chengtu bearing 3p. on 1c., 1/2a. in 2c., 2a. on 7c. and 2 1/2a. on 10c. tied by superb strikes of the Chabdo Dollar dater with a further strike alongside and showing the arrival c.d.s. on the reverse. Fresh and fine and late use, very few covers recorded. Photo

£????????????????

Chinese Imperial Post, 1911 Surcharge Covers - *contd.*

The Trans-Himalayan Route



294

294 ☒

1911 (27 July) envelope registered to Canton "Via Hong Kong" bearing 3a. on 16c. and 6a. on 30c. tied by Lhasa type C4 Dollar daters and Yatung C3 with a fine strike of the registered handstamp and bearing, on the reverse, India K.E.VII ½a., 1a. and 2a. tied by Yatung Tibet type B2 c.d.s. with further despatch alongside, Yatung-Tibet registration label, Hong Kong and Canton (23.8) c.d.s., with nine wax seals fixing green cotton. A good cover to an unusual destination. Photo

£1,500-2,000



295

295 ☒

1911 (6 Aug.) opened-out envelope (flap missing) registered to Paris bearing 1a. on 4c., 3a. on 16c. and, on the reverse, 3p. on 1c. (2), ½a. on 2c. and 2a. on 7c. (2), tied by Lhasa Dollar dater type C4 with a fine strike of the registered handstamp and Yatung Dollar dater alongside, with India K.E.VII ½a., 1a. and 3a. tied by Yatung-Tibet type B2 c.d.s. and the Yatung registration label. An unusual destination. Photo

£1,000-1,500

Chinese Imperial Post, 1911 Surchage Covers, The Trans-Himalayan Route - *contd.*



296

296 △

1911 (25 Aug.) the back and front of two On Postal Service envelopes to Peking; the address front with 2a. on 7c. (2) and 2½a. on 10c. (2) tied by fine strikes of the Lhasa Dollar dater type C4, a second strike at left, registered handstamp type CR3, Yatung-Tibet registration label and Shanghai bilingual c.d.s. (24.11), the reverse side bearing India K.E.VII ½a. and 1a. (4) tied by Yatung-Tibet type B2 c.d.s., Yatung-Tibet Dollar dater alongside, Shanghai British Post Office registered oval, Shanghai bilingual c.d.s. (24.11) and Peking arrival (1.12). Interesting pieces, not necessarily from the same cover. Photo

£800-1,200

PROVENANCE:

The reverse side, Meiso Mizuhara, October 2002



297

297 ☒

1911 (6 Sept.) red band cover from the Diers correspondence registered to Shanghai bearing C.I.P. 2c. and 10c. pair with ½a. on 2c. and 1a. on 4c. all tied by Lhasa Dollar dater type C4, with a superb strike of the registered handstamp numbered "2119" and Yatung-Tibet Dollar dater, the reverse with India K.E.VII ½a. and 1a. (4) tied by Yatung-Tibet type B2 c.d.s. with "YATUNG-TIBET/F.P.O. NO.70" registration label. A stunning cover from this important correspondence with a rare and desirable combination franking. Photo

£10,000-15,000

This is listed as cover 13 by Chazen and Wong

Chinese Imperial Post, 1911 Surcharge Covers, The Trans-Himalayan Route - *contd.*

298

298 ☒

1912 (9 Jan.) red band cover from the Diers correspondence registered to Shanghai "Via Calcutta", sent from Lhasa but with no Chinese stamps applied (either not available or carried privately), bears India K.E.VII ½a. pair and 2a. tied by "GYANTSE TIBET/VIA SILIGURI" type B1 c.d.s. with further strikes alongside, registered handstamp type GA applied on label and numbered "154" and with British Post Office Shanghai registered oval (11.2). An interesting cover from this important correspondence during these changing times. Photo

£5,000-10,000

Not listed by Chazen and Wong

OFFICIAL MAIL

The Yatung Yizhan Route



299

299 ☒

1894 (2 Mar.) an official cover registered to James Hart (brother of Robert Hart) in Darjeeling sent "Parcel Post" with a good strike of the official seal and Kalimpong registered oval, a further seal on the reverse with Kalimpong (9.3) and Darjeeling c.d.s. This cover was sent from a political officer in Yatung by Chinese courier, and the Sikkim leg was handled by the Indian Post Office as official mail. This is a rare *Yizhan*-Indian Post combination cover. Photo

£2,000-5,000

LITERATURE:

Tibet Stamps and Postal History, Chazen and Wong, illustrated page 77

INCOMING MAIL



300

300 ✉

1910 (17 Dec.) On Service envelope “Via Siliguri, India” bearing C.I.P. 10c. tied by Shanghai bilingual dater, addressed to the Commissioner of Customs, Yatung it bears, on the reverse, Shanghai bilingual (17.2), British Post Office (20.12), Victoria Hong Kong (23.12), Calcutta (8.1), Base Office (10.1) and “YATUNG TIBET/VIA SILIGURI” (11.1) c.d.s.; vertical fold and light ageing. Photo

£500-800

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301

301 ☒

1911 (17 Nov.) envelope from London registered to the Postmaster, Gyantse bearing, on the reverse, G.B. K.E.VII 3d. tied by Oxford St. c.d.s., London registered oval, several Calcutta and Bombay D.L.O. datestamps, "GYANTSE TIBET/SILIGURI BASE" c.d.s. (14.12) and manuscript "Received torn" on one side; the address side with the despatch c.d.s., London registered oval, London blue on white registration label and Gyantse c.d.s. (12.12) and marked in red ink, "Return to sender as P.O. has since been closed". An interesting cover arriving quite early when the Imperial Post Office closed at the end of 1911. Photo

£2,000-3,000

THE CHINESE POST IN SIKANG



302

302 ☒

Tatsienlu: 1928 (3 May) envelope from a Catholic Mission to Nice, "France via Tonkin" bearing 10c. Junk tied by a good strike of the Tatsienlu English/Chinese lunar dater type 3a with a better strike alongside, good transit marks on the reverse with Hanyuanchang (7.5), Hweilichow (22.5), Yunnanfu (2.6); folding creases. Photo

£200-250

1912 THE FIRST ISSUE

Waterlow Proofs



303



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| 303 ⑩ | 1/3tr. in bright blue (65x75mm approx.) on soft paper, the left side shows the edge of the proof plate. Fine. Photo | £800-1,200 |
| 304 ⑩ | 1/3tr. yellow (63x102mm) on soft paper, shows three sides of the proof plate. Fine. Photo | £1,000-1,200 |



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| 305 ⑩ | 1/3tr. orange (60x101mm) on soft paper, shows the top side of the proof plate. Fine. Photo | £1,000-1,200 |
| 306 ⑩ | 1/3tr. scarlet-vermilion (58x96mm) on soft paper. Fine. Photo | £1,000-1,200 |
| 307 ⑩ | 1/3tr. albino (57x105mm) on soft paper; shows a hint of orange. Photo | £800-1,000 |

Issued Stamps



308



309

308 ★ 

1/6tr. pale emerald on thin paper, in a complete sheet of twelve, unused; slightly irregular margins. Waterfall 25. Photo

£150-200

309 ★ 

1/6tr. apple-green, shiny print, in a complete sheet of twelve; rich colour. Waterfall 29. Photo

£400-500



308



309

310 ★ 

1/6tr. olive-green, shiny print, in a complete sheet of twelve, unused; there is some typical wrinkling, especially in the top corner margins. Wide margins. Waterfall 30. Photo

£300-400

311 ★ 

1/6tr. pale olive-green, shiny print, in a complete sheet of twelve, unused; small margins, some wrinkling at foot and shows a printed hair on two of the lower stamps. Waterfall 31. Photo

£300-400

1912 The First Issue, Issued Stamps - *contd.*

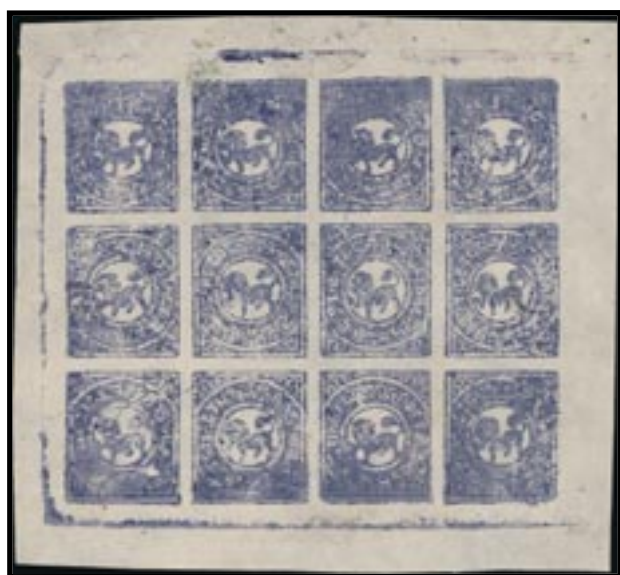


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| 312 ★ [®] | 1/6tr. bottle green in a complete sheet of twelve, unused; wide margins, two pin holes top left corner. Waterfall 33. Photo | £400-500 |
| 313 ★ [®] | 1/3tr. cobalt, shiny print, in a complete sheet of twelve, unused; fresh colour. Waterfall 40. Photo | £600-800 |



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| 314 ★ [®] | 1/3tr. grey-blue, shiny print, in a complete sheet of twelve, unused; some typical wrinkling. Waterfall 41. Photo | £600-800 |
| 315 ★ [®] | 1/3tr. bright blue, shiny print, in a complete sheet of twelve, unused; natural thin spot at foot. Waterfall 42. Photo | £500-700 |



316



317

- 316 ○[®] 1/3tr. dull grey-blue in a complete sheet of twelve, cancelled by Lhasa type 42a postmarks, showing diagonally lined paper. This is a late printing from the 1940's especially made for the Tibetan Trade Delegation. Waterfall 43. Photo £300-500
- 317 ★[®] 1/2tr. violet in a complete sheet of twelve, unused. Waterfall 44. Photo £200-250
- 318 △ 1/2tr. deep violet in a complete sheet of twelve, cancelled by Lhasa type II postmark on piece. Waterfall 44 £100-120



319



320

- 319 ★[®] 1/2tr. in deep violet on thin paper, in a complete sheet of twelve showing very crisp printing. Some offset on reverse, Waterfall 45. Photo £200-300
- 320 ★[®] 1/2tr. pale reddish purple, shiny ink, complete sheet of twelve, unused; shows signs of diagonal lines, vertical crease in centre and a hinge thin at top. Waterfall 51. Photo £300-400

1912 The First Issue, Issued Stamps - *contd.*

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| 321 ★ [®] | 2/3tr. dull carmine in a complete sheet of twelve, unused; the central two stamps with "POTSAGE" variety. Waterfall 61 | £150-200 |
| 322 ★ [®] | 2/3tr. deep lake, shiny print, in a complete sheet of twelve, unused; the central two stamps with "POTSAGE" variety, opened-out pre-printing crease lower left stamp and some wrinkling. Waterfall 68 | £200-300 |
| 323 | 2/3tr. carmine-pink in complete sheet of twelve, the central two stamps with "POTSAGE" variety, the sheet showing traces of printing diagonal lines; there is a small wrinkle at top which affects one stamp. Waterfall 71 | £200-250 |



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| 324 ○ [®] | 2/3tr. carmine-pink in complete sheet of twelve, the central two stamps with "POTSAGE" variety, cancelled by Lhasa type VII postmark. Waterfall 71. Photo | £150-200 |
| 325 ★ [®] | 1tr. vermilion in a complete sheet of twelve, unused. Waterfall 72. Photo | £250-350 |



326



327

326 ★

1tr. orange-red in a complete sheet of twelve, unused; slightly irregular right margin. Bo Olsson Certificate (2014). Waterfall 73. Photo

£300-400

327 ○

1tr. orange-red in a complete sheet of twelve, cancelled by favour with Lhasa type VII postmark, very wide left margin. Photo

£200-250



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328 ★

1tr. dull vermilion in a complete sheet of twelve, unused. Waterfall 74. Photo

£250-300

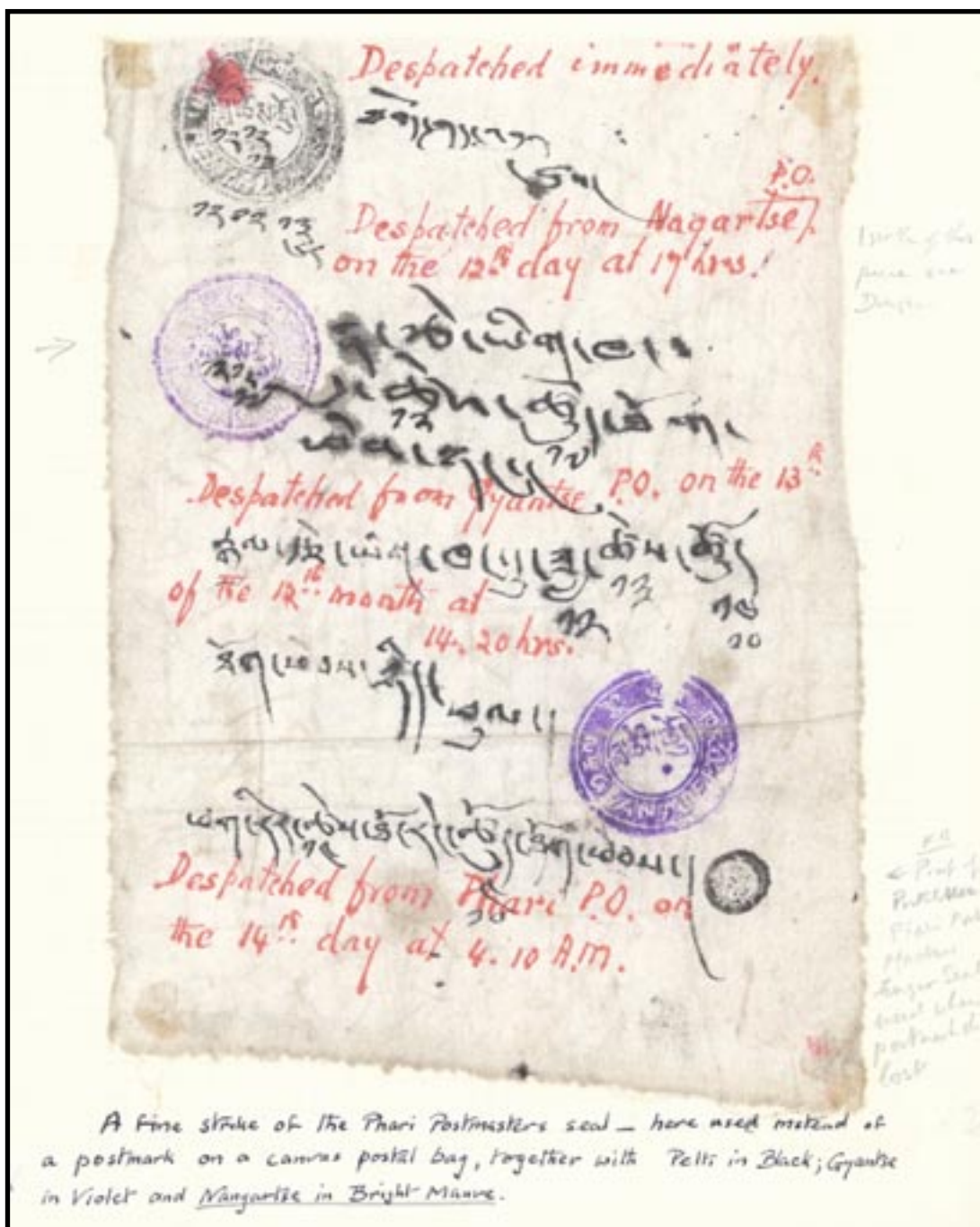
329 ○

1tr. carmine-red, shiny printing, a complete sheet of twelve tied on piece by Lhasa type II postmark; some creasing. Waterfall 78. Photo

£300-500

1912 The First Issue - *contd.*

Mail Bag Sheet



330

330 △

Part of a linen bag bearing fine strikes of type 1 postmarks of Pelti in black, Nagartse in mauve, Gyantse in bright violet plus the Phari postmaster's seal in black (used when the postmark was lost), each is annotated with the despatch records which have been translated into English in red ink. A rare and important item of Tibetan philately. Photo

£1,500-2,000

Covers

- 331 △ 1912 (12 Aug.) a piece of handmade parcel strip bearing ½tr. pale reddish purple, ⅓tr. purplish lake (rare) and 1tr. rose-carmine tied by fine strikes of the Lhasa type VII postmark with manuscript insertion £100-150



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- 332 ☒ 1912 opened-out envelope to **Jesselton, North Borneo** "via Siligury" bearing ½tr. bright green, ½tr. blue (smudged printing), ½tr. violet, ⅓tr. rose-carmine and 1tr. vermilion tied by very fine strikes of Gyantse type 1 postmark in black, the reverse bearing Singapore (12.7) and G.P.O./B.N.B. arrival c.d.s. (16.7); very fine and a rare destination. Photo £250-350
- 333 ☒ 1912-13 a group of philatelic covers to Gyantse with the adhesives cancelled by fine strikes of the intaglio Lhasa type I postmark in bright blue with similar Gyantse arrival on the reverse struck in purple with ½tr. bright green block of four, ½tr. strip of three, ½tr. horizontal pair, ⅓tr. dull carmine block of four, pair of 1tr. dull vermilion; fine. (5 covers) £300-400
- 334 ☒ 1913 (c.) local Lhasa envelope bearing, on the reverse, ½tr. bright green tied by a good strike of Lhasa type I postmark in blue; with the device and wax seal of the Tuladhar Trading family. Photo £150-200



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- 335 ☒ 1913 (c.) envelope to Gyantse bearing, on the reverse, ½tr. bright green well tied by Lhasa type I postmark in pale violet, with similar strikes of Pelti, Nangartse and smudged Gyantse in black alongside, with five red wax seals. Photo £150-200

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336 ☒

1914 (c.) old On His Majesty's Service envelope (crossed through) registered to Gyantse bearing pair of ½tr. milky blue tied by Lhasa type I postmark with a superb strike of Lhasa I registration handstamp and Nangartse transit postmark in black alongside with date insertion and, on the reverse, Gyantse arrival, with three black wax seals (broken in places). Folding creases and soiling. Pays ½tr. postage plus ½tr. registration. Photo

£250-350



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337 ☒

1914 (c.) envelope to Gyantse bearing, on the reverse, ½tr. dull blue tied by a good strike of Lhasa type I postmark in deep blue, with a fine strike of similar Gyantse in violet; the envelope with a few edge faults. Photo

£150-200

338 ☒

1914 (c.) native envelope to Gyantse bearing, on the reverse, ½tr. bright green tied by Lhasa type I postmark in pale violet with similar postmarks for Pelti, Nangartse, Chushu and a light strike of Gyantse in rose, with green wax seals. A fine and attractive cover. Photo

£250-350



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339 ☒

1914 (c.) envelope bearing, on the reverse, $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. green well tied by a very fine strike of Shigatse type I fretwork postmark **in green**; some light soiling. A good cover. Fortune Wang records only three examples. Photo

£400-600



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340 ☒

1914 (c.) envelope to Gangtok, Sikkim, bearing $\frac{2}{3}$ tr. rose-carmine tied by a fine strike of Gyantse type I postmark in violet and showing a superb strike of Lhasa type I in black; very fine. Photo

£200-300



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341 ☒

1914 (c.) native envelope to Gyantse bearing, on the reverse, $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. bright green tied by a fine strike of Lhasa type I postmark in a light violet, alongside similar strikes of Chushu in blue, Pelti in black and a faint strike of Gyantse arrival, with four small, green wax seals. The address has been translated into English in red ink. A good cover. Ex H.B.R. Clarke. Photo

£200-300

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342 ☒

1914-15 (c.) envelope to Lhasa bearing, on the reverse, $\frac{1}{8}$ tr. deep green tied by a fair to good strike of Shigatse type 1 postmark in **yellowish green**; the address written in both Nepalese and Tibetan. A good cover. This rare postmark is not in the blue-green as recorded by Waterfall. Photo

£300-400

343 ☒

1914-20 (c.) a group of $\frac{1}{8}$ tr. franked covers with shades from bright to dark blue cancelled by Gyantse type I postmark, some with Pelti transit postmark alongside; also a registered envelope bearing a vertical pair; condition is a little mixed. (5 covers)

£250-350



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344 ☒

1915 (Mar.) On His Majesty's Service envelope registered to C.A. Bell in Gangtok bearing, on the reverse, $\frac{1}{8}$ tr. milky blue (3) tied by fine strikes of Lhasa I postmark in bright blue with manuscript registration mark in red ink alongside, Nangartse transit alongside with manuscript date insertion and Gangtok arrival (14.3), also five black wax seals from an official in a oblong format with dot and crescent at top (broken in places); the address side with India K.G.V 1a. Service (3) tied by "GYANTSE TIBET/SILIGURI BASE" c.d.s. and with Gyantse blue on white registration label; some soiling. Photo

£300-500



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345 ☒

1915 (Aug.) handmade paper envelope addressed in Tibetan bearing, on the reverse, the set of five values in some of the earlier shades, tied by the large Lhasa type II postmark in **blue**, alongside India K.G.V 1/2a. green tied by "GYANTSE TIBET/SILIGURI BASE" type B1 c.d.s. (12.8), the address side with a very fine strike of Lhasa intaglio type I postmark in dark blue. The cover has suffered some tone spotting and creasing but this does not seriously detract from this rather splendid cover. Dated examples of this large postmark are scarce. Photo

£250-300



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346 ☒

1916 (c.) old On His Majesty's Service envelope (crossed through) registered to Gyantse bearing 1/3tr. deep green and 1/3tr. milky blue (3) tied by good strikes of Lhasa type III postmark with Lhasa type I registered handstamp alongside, with Nangartse transit with manuscript date insertion and Gyantse arrival postmark; with three black wax seals; central folding crease and soiled. Photo

£300-400

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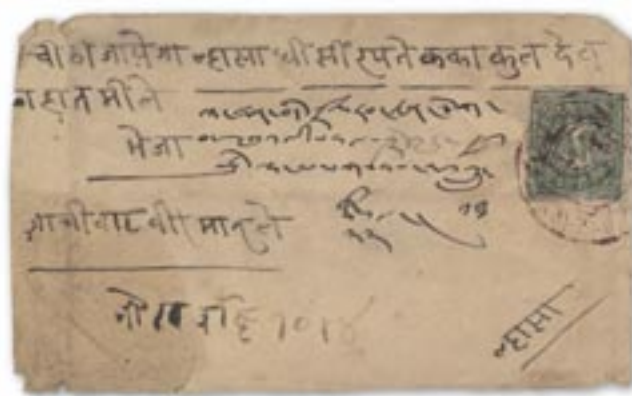


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- 347 ☒ 1920 (c.) envelope registered to Gyantse bearing $\frac{1}{4}$ tr. deep green, $\frac{1}{4}$ tr. milky blue, $\frac{1}{4}$ tr. dull violet, $\frac{2}{4}$ tr. dull lake and 1tr. dull vermilion tied by Lhasa type V postmark with registration handstamp type II with a smudged arrival postmark; some light soiling. Photo £250-350
- 348 ☒ 1915 (Oct.) envelope to Nepal bearing, on the reverse, $\frac{1}{4}$ tr. green tied by Lhasa type IV postmark, with indistinct Gyantse type I, India K.E.VII $\frac{1}{2}$ a. tied by "GYANTSE - TIBET/SILIGURI BASE" (5.10) c.d.s. plus large Nepal double circle c.d.s. (12.10), a better strike of the Gyantse type I postmark is on the address side; vertical fold and some soiling. Photo £200-300



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- 349 ☒ 1915 (c.) native commercial envelope to Gyantse bearing, on the reverse, $\frac{1}{4}$ tr. green tied by a fine strike of Shigatse fretwork postmark with similar Penam alongside with indistinct Pelti (?) and Gyantse alongside. A good cover. Photo £150-200
- 350 ☒ 1915 (c.) commercial envelope bearing $\frac{1}{4}$ tr. green tied by a light strike of Gyantse type I postmark in rose; some soiling. Photo £120-150
- 351 ☒ 1915 (c.) commercial envelope from Gyantse bearing $\frac{1}{4}$ tr. green tied by a fair strike of Gyantse type I postmark in dark violet, the reverse bearing a smudged strike of Chushu in blue, Pelti and Nangastse in black; light soiling £150-200



352

- 352 ☒ 1916 (c.) commercial envelope registered to Nangartse bearing, on the reverse, $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. violet and 1tr. vermillion tied by light strikes of Lhasa postmark with a fair strike of Nangartse type I alongside, with five red wax seals, the address side with a good strike of Lhasa type II registration handstamp; there is some damage to the flap and scuff marks around the adhesives, apparently where the gum has been scraped off. A very scarce franking. Photo

£300-400

- 353 ☒ 1916-21 (c.) a group of commercial covers with the adhesives on the reverse with $\frac{1}{6}$ tr. green single franking and double franking (3, one cover defective), $\frac{1}{3}$ tr. dark blue and $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. deep lilac, each cancelled by Gyantse type I postmark with similar Pelti transit alongside. A good group. (6 covers)

£300-400

- 354 ☒ 1917-21 a group of envelopes with 1917 to Lhasa (Tibet stamp removed) bearing India K.G.V $\frac{1}{2}$ a. tied by Gyantse c.d.s. (14.5) and other postmarks alongside; 1920 envelope to Calcutta bearing $\frac{1}{6}$ tr. bright emerald tied by Lhasa postmark with a very smudged postmark alongside, Gyantse type 1 and Calcutta arrival (2.6), the address side with India $\frac{1}{2}$ a. tied by Pharijong c.d.s.; 1921 yellow envelope to Calcutta bearing, on the reverse, $\frac{1}{6}$ tr. pale emerald tied by Lhasa postmark, the address side with India $\frac{1}{2}$ a. tied by Pharijong c.d.s.; some creasing and wrinkling. (3 covers)

£180-250



355

- 355 ☒ 1920 (c.) envelope registered to Lhasa bearing, on the reverse, $\frac{1}{6}$ tr. deep green block of four cancelled by indistinct Shigatse type I postmark and the Shigatse registered handstamp, with Pelti type I despatch postmark alongside and a faint and very watery strike of Lhasa arrival. With the trader's mark of the Tuladhar Trading family. A scarce multiple franking of the $\frac{1}{6}$ tr. value and pays $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. registration. Photo

£200-250

1912 The First Issue, Covers - *contd.*

- 356 ☒ A 1920's group of covers from Lhasa with 1926 India 1a. stationery envelope to Gangtok cancelled Gyantse c.d.s., the reverse bearing $\frac{1}{6}$ tr. apple green tied by Lhasa postmark with Gangtok arrival (24.4) alongside; native wrapper bearing $\frac{1}{6}$ tr. emerald-green with sender's seal and part arrival postmark; 1925 (c.) envelope with manuscript registration bearing $\frac{2}{3}$ tr. rose-carmine (mixed margins) tied by Lhasa postmark, the reverse with India Service 1a. (3) uncanceled. (3 covers) £200-250

- 357 ☒ 1922-26 a group of covers relating to Nepal bearing $\frac{1}{6}$ tr. in shades of pale emerald, dull yellow-green and olive-green with the appropriate India adhesives, two from Nepal and two to Nepal from Lhasa; condition mixed, one is poor. Also 1933 India 1a. stationery envelope to Nepal, cancelled Pharijong and bearing, on the reverse, $\frac{1}{6}$ tr. bottle green tied by Phari postmark and showing a good strike of Nepalese Exchange P.O. of Katmandu. (5 covers) £200-250



358

- 358 ☒ 1923 (May) British Trade Agency OHMS envelope from Yatung to Gyantse bearing, on the reverse, $\frac{1}{6}$ tr. dull yellow-green tied by a good strike of Gyantse type I postmark with manuscript insertion and with "GYANTSE/TIBET" (32.5) type B5 c.d.s., the address side with India K.G.V Service $\frac{1}{2}$ a. pair tied by "YATUNG TIBET/VIA SILIGURI" (28.5) type B1 c.d.s. with a good strike of Gyantse type I arrival alongside and a light strike of the large, double-circle "BRITISH TRADE AGENCY//GYANTSE TIBET" handstamp. An impressive cover. Photo £300-400



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- 359 ☒ 1923 (Sept.) "O.H.M.S." cover to the Political Officer, Camp Yatung bearing, on the reverse, $\frac{1}{6}$ tr. olive-green shiny ink tied by Lhasa postmark, the flap with the hand-coloured crest of Tsarong Shape and a good example of his small personal seal impressed into black wax (complete) and Yatung arrival c.d.s. (21.9), the address side with India K.G.V $\frac{1}{2}$ a. Service pair tied by Gyantse c.d.s. Photo £150-200

- 360 ☒ 1924 (May) characterful envelope to Thomas Cook & Sons, London bearing $\frac{2}{3}$ tr. rose-carmine (shiny print) cancelled by part Lhasa postmark and showing a fine strike of "GYANTSE-TIBET/DUE/ONE ANNA" handstamp type B112; redirected on arrival to Newcastle and with two Officially Sealed labels tied by Newcastle arrival c.d.s. (12.6), the reverse with good strikes of Gyantse/Tibet (13.5) c.d.s. and London transit (11.6) and manuscript "Found in this condition at N". A delightful and unusual cover. Photo £250-350

361 ☒

1924 envelope to Gyantse with (6 May) commercial envelope from Calcutta bearing, on the reverse, India 1a. tied by Calcutta c.d.s. with $\frac{1}{6}$ tr. apple green tied by Gyantse type 1 postmark with Kalimpong and Gyantse transit c.d.s.; envelope from Nepal bearing, on the reverse, India $\frac{1}{2}$ a. pair, $\frac{1}{6}$ tr. apple green tied by Gyantse type 1 postmark with Katmandu in oval and Gyantse c.d.s. (4.12). (2 covers)

£200-250



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1924 (c.) native envelope bearing $\frac{1}{6}$ tr. olive-green (6, one missing and two partially removed) with $\frac{2}{3}$ tr. dull lake block of eight (two "POTSAGE") tied by indistinct Lhasa postmarks; also 1921 part of O.H.M.S. registered parcel to Pharijong bearing pair of India 2a. overlapped by India Service 1a. (5, one showing defective "se") cancelled by Pharijong postmark plus $\frac{1}{3}$ tr. dark blue strip of three partly covered by two registration labels. Outstanding frankings despite faults. Photo

£1,000-1,200

363 ☒

1924 (c.) two commercial envelopes from Pelti with envelope to Lhasa bearing, on the reverse, $\frac{1}{3}$ tr. indigo-blue tied by Gyantse type I postmark, the address side showing a very fine strike of Pelti type I postmark; the second envelope bears, on the reverse, pair of $\frac{1}{6}$ tr. bright emerald tied by Gyantse type I postmark with the Pelti postmark alongside. Both covers with the device of Tuladhar Family trading company. Unusual double frankings. (2 covers)

£250-350

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364 ☒

1924 (c.) envelope registered to Gyantse bearing, on the reverse, $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. olive-green and $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. bright purple with top margin tied by Penam fretwork postmark with similar Shigatse and part Gyantse arrival, the address side with manuscript registration mark, slightly reduced at side when opened. Photo

£200-250



365

365 ☒

1924 (c.) commercial envelope from Pelti bearing, on the reverse, $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. bright emerald block of four cancelled by Gyantse type I postmark with similar Pelti despatch alongside, with black wax seal and circular device; some soiling. A scarce multiple on cover and pays registration $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. Photo

£150-250



366

366 ☒

1925 (c.) envelope from Penam to Gyantse bearing, on the reverse, $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. dull yellow-green horizontal pair tied by a poor strike of Shigatse type I postmark with a better strike of Penam type I alongside, plus Gyantse arrival postmarks; some wrinkling and peripheral wear. A double franking cover. Photo

£120-150

367 ☒

1924-26 (c.) a group of covers cancelled by Gyantse type I postmark bearing, on the reverse, $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. apple green (smudged printing), $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. olive-green and $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. pale olive-green (with side margin); usual fair condition. (3 covers)

£150-200

- 368 ☒ 1924-28 a group of covers bearing the sender's tombstone device in blue, with printed envelope to Gyantse bearing $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. yellow-green tied by Gyantse postmark, 1927 India 1a. stationery envelope to Pharijong bearing $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. pale olive-green tied by Phari postmark, 1928 printed envelope to Pharijong bearing India 1a. tied by Calcutta c.d.s. with $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. pale olive-green tied by Phari postmark; also 1961 envelope registered from Kathmandu to Lhasa showing the same device but struck in rose-carmine. (4 covers) £150-200



369

- 369 ☒ 1925 (c.) large part wrapper registered to Nangartse bearing $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. bright blue (shiny print) and $\frac{2}{3}$ tr. rose-carmine tied by Lhasa type V postmark with a superb strike of the Lhasa type II registered handstamp, the reverse bearing a fine strike of Nangartse type 1 postmark in black. Attractive and a scarce rate including registration of $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. Photo £250-350

PROVENANCE:

'Everest', December 1995

- 370 ☒ 1925-30 a group of commercial envelopes from Calcutta to Pharijong (5), Gyantse or Lhasa, each bearing India 1a. tied by the despatch c.d.s. with Tibet $\frac{1}{2}$ tr in shades of apple green, dull yellow-green, olive-green or yellow-green tied by the arrival postmark; also 1927 (Nov.) envelope to Calcutta bearing $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. pale olive-green tied by indistinct despatch postmark; condition is typically variable. (8 covers) £400-500

- 371 ☒ 1925-33 (c.) a group of registered envelopes bearing $\frac{2}{3}$ tr. single frankings in shades of rose-carmine to bright lake, mostly cancelled by Lhasa postmarks plus Phari (showing "POTSAGE") and Gyantse type 2; generally fair to fine. (6 covers) £300-400

- 372 ☒ 1926 (June) envelope to Nepal bearing, on the reverse, $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. pale olive-green (shiny print) tied by Lhasa type II postmark with Pharijong transit (27.6), Rakaul Unpaid datestamp (3.7), Nepal c.d.s. and "KATMANDU" in oval; the address side with India K.G.V 1a. crossed in red ink, a superb strike of "PHARIJONG F.P.O. NO.81/DUE/AS." type B115 with manuscript "-2-/" in red ink. Shows printed flag device on the reverse £120-180

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- 373 ☒ 1926 (c.) local envelope sent registered bearing, on the reverse, ½tr. dull yellow-green (part missing) with ½tr. bright purple tied by Shigatse type I postmark with a fine strike of the Shigatse registration handstamp and two red wax seals; also a second registered envelope bearing, on the reverse, ½tr. dull yellow-green (3) tied by indistinct postmarks and with two strikes of the Shigatse registered handstamp and the flag device of the sender; some creasing and soiling. Both paying registration of ½tr. (2 covers) £150-200
- 374 ☒ 1926-28 a group of covers to Patan Akibahal, Nepal from the same commercial correspondence, each bears, on the reverse, ½tr. in shades of green and pale green tied by Lhasa postmarks with Nepal c.d.s. and Katmandu in oval, the address side with India 1a. tied by Pharijong c.d.s. (4 covers) £200-250



375

- 375 ☒ 1926-28 (c.) envelope registered to Gyantse bearing ½tr. pale olive-green and ½tr. bright purple tied by superb strikes of the intaglio type 2 postmark of **Medagongkur** with manuscript insertion, there is a smudged arrival postmark on the reverse. A stunning and rare cover. Photo £400-600
- 376 ☒ 1926-30 (c.) a group of ½tr. covers with shades of reddish purple and slate-purple, mostly cancelled in Lhasa plus one cover from Kalimpong to Pharijong; mixed condition. (6 covers) £300-400
- 377 ☒ 1927 (June) locally made envelope to Nepal bearing ½tr. dull yellow-green tied by Lhasa type VII postmark, alongside is a superb strike of "PHARIJONG F.P.O. NO.81/DUE/AS." without insertion; the reverse bears a good strike of Pharijong transit (2.7), Raxaul Unpaid, Nepal (8.7) datestamps plus Katmandu in oval, some age wear £150-250

378 ☒

1927, a group of printed musk merchant covers from Calcutta to Lhasa via Pharijong, each bears, on the reverse, India K.G.V 1a. franking used in combination with ½tr. apple green or ½tr. pale dull green tied by Phari type 1 postmark with British P.O. Pharijong alongside; creasing and soiling. (3 covers)

£200-300



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379 ☒

1927 (c.) native wrapper bearing, on the reverse, ½tr. pale olive-green, shiny print, tied by Nangartse type 1 postmark in black, with small black wax seals; fine and scarce. Photo

£200-250

380 ☒

1927-29 a group of covers to Nepal, each bearing ½tr. shades (one with ¾tr.) mostly cancelled by Lhasa postmarks, each with Nepal c.d.s. and Katmandu in oval and with India 1a. tied by Pharijong transit c.d.s.; mixed condition. (6 covers)

£250-300



381



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381 ☒

1928 (14 Mar.) envelope registered to Gyantse bearing, on the reverse, India K.G.V 1a. strip of three tied by Kalimpong c.d.s. with Kalimpong registration label at side, used with ¾tr. rose-carmine tied by Gyantse type I postmark with Gyantse British P.O. c.d.s. (21.3) and the sender's handstruck device in purple. A good franking paying registration ½tr. Photo

£200-250

382 ☒

1928 (c.) envelope insured to Gyantse bearing, on the reverse, a horizontal pair of ¾tr. bright lake tied by Lhasa type V postmark with Gyantse type I arrival alongside; with five small wax seals. One stamp with "POTSAGE" error. A good cover which was insured for Rs. 50. Photo

£250-350

PROVENANCE:

Arnold Waterfall, September 1972

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383 ☒

1928 (c.) a group of covers bearing, on the reverse, ½tr. olive-green or pale olive-green tied by either Lhasa or Phari postmarks, two printed envelopes to Digarcha; a few age faults. (4 covers)

£200-250



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384 ☒

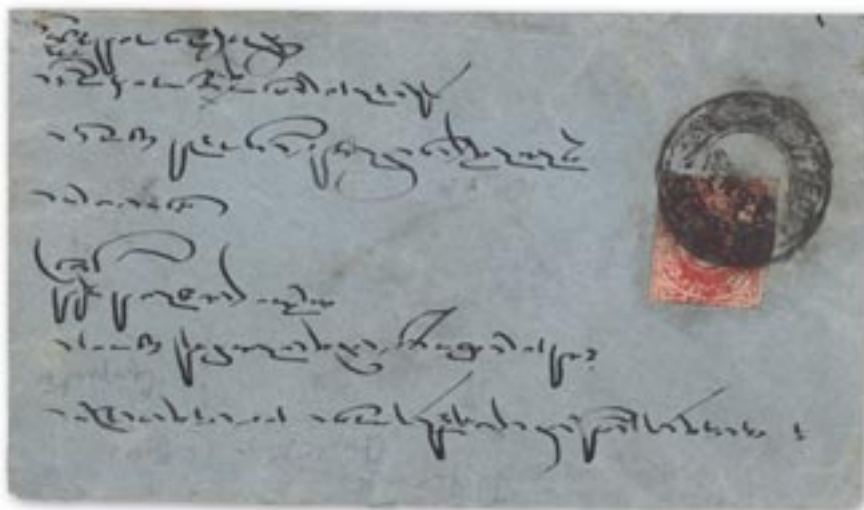
1929 (c.) local envelope bearing, on the reverse, ½tr. yellow-green (slight crumpling), shiny ink tied by indistinct Lhasa postmark, with hand-painted crest of Tsarong Shape and the large wax seal of the Tsarong family (Dawson 63) (broken at edges). Photo

£150-250

385 ☒

1929-33 a group of ¾tr. covers to Nepal with 1929 bearing ¾tr. bright rose-pink tied by a good strike of Lhasa postmark with Nepal (29.3) and Katmandu in oval alongside, the address side with India 1a. tied by Pharijong c.d.s., a fine and attractive cover; 1930-33 three similar covers but bearing ¾tr. purplish lake, condition is a little variable. (4 covers)

£250-300



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386 ☒

1930 (c.) grey-blue envelope registered locally bearing 1tr. carmine-red (mixed margins) tied by a heavy strike of Pelti type I postmark, the reverse with three black wax seals. Scarce letter with the Pelti postmark used for cancellation. Photo

£150-200

- 387 ☒ 1930 (c.) two Tuladhar envelopes from Katmandu, one bearing ½tr. dull grey-blue tied by Gyantse type I postmark in violet, the second is registered and bears, on the reverse, ⅔tr. rose-carmine, shiny print tied by a smudged Phari postmark. Some light ageing. (2 covers) £250-300
- 388 ☒ 1930 (c.) three envelopes bearing, on the reverse, ½tr. olive-green or pale olive-green tied by Phari type 1 postmark, one addressed to Lhasa (stamp defective). (3 covers) £250-300
- 389 ☒ 1930 (c.) four printed envelopes registered to Sahu Asaralna, Digarcha bearing ½tr. dull grey-blue pair tied by Lhasa postmark, ⅔tr. bright rose-carmine tied by Lhasa postmark, ¼tr. yellow-green with ⅔tr. bright rose-pink ("POTSAGE") tied by Lhasa postmark and, on the reverse, ¼tr. yellow-green with ⅔tr. purple-lake tied by Lhasa postmark with Gyantse transit alongside; each with the device of the Tuladhar Trading; some age faults. (4 covers) £500-600
- 390 ☒ 1931 (13 Nov.) envelope registered from Katmandu to Pharijong bearing, on the reverse, India K.G.V 1a. pair tied by double-circle Nepal c.d.s. with Nepal registered label, Pharijong c.d.s. (19.11), ½tr. slate-purple tied by Phari type I postmark with Katmandu in oval alongside and three wax seals £150-200
- 391 ☒ 1932 (15 Sept.) envelope to Pharijong bearing, on the reverse, India 3p. and 1a. tied by Nepal c.d.s. with similar Pharijong transit (21.9) alongside, the address side bearing ½tr. grey-lilac tied by Phari type 1 postmark. A good cover £150-200
- 392 ☒ 1933 two printed envelopes from Harishankerlal Ramshankerlal of Benares City to Pharijong, the first bearing India 3p. (2) and 9p. cancelled by the despatch c.d.s. (8.2) with ½tr. slate-purple tied by Phari postmark; the second bearing, on the reverse, Pharijong c.d.s. (11.4) and ½tr. grey-lilac tied by a smudged Phari postmark; small age faults. (2 covers) £200-250

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- 393 ☒ 1950 (c.) 1 sang dull emerald tied by the large Lhasa type II postmark on illustrated local envelope £100-150

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- 394 ☒ 1950 (c.) 1 sang dull emerald with 1tr. carmine-pink tied on local native envelope by Lhasa type VII postmark; good to fine. Photo £200-250
- 395 ☒ 1950 (c.) native envelope registered bearing, on the reverse, 1 sang dull emerald horizontal pair tied by Gyantse type 2 postmark and with three red wax seals, the address side with manuscript registration markings. The envelope had been partly made from an old envelope and the inside bears 4tr. yellow-green cancelled by Lhasa postmark and with large, quartered circle examiner's mark. Scarce and an unusual high franking. Photo £300-400
- 396 ☒ A miscellaneous group of covers, many from the 1930's with five covers bearing ½tr., one registered and four in combination with India stamps, two good ¼tr. franked covers between Lhasa and Gyantse, an early philatelic cover and an apparent forged cover. (9 covers) £300-400

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Proof Sheets



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- 397 ⑥ 2/3tr. dark blue sheetlet of two, clichés 5 and 3; cancelled by favour by Lhasa postmark; fresh and fine. Photo £1,200-1,500
- 398 ⑥ 1tr. lake in the sheetlet of two, clichés 5 and 12; fresh and fine unused. It is thought that there are only three sheets recorded. Photo £1,500-2,000



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- 399 ⑥ 2tr. scarlet in a sheetlet of two, clichés 9 and 8, cancelled by favour with Lhasa postmarks, fresh and fine. Photo £1,200-1,500
- PROVENANCE:
Arnold C. Waterfall, January 1967



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- 400 ⑥ 4tr. emerald, cliché 1 being the right half of the sheet; there is a light mark in the top right corner, otherwise fine. A very scarce proof. Photo £400-500

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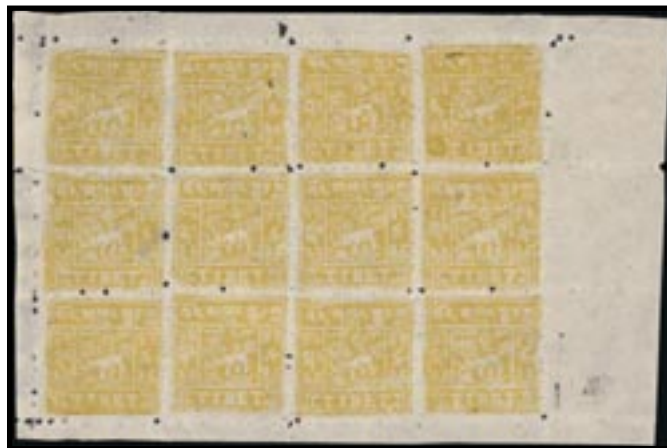


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| 401 ★ [®] | ½tr. orange setting 1a perforated , unused in a complete sheet of twelve; fine unused. A scarce sheet. Waterfall 105, (Methuen 6B8). Photo | £500-600 |
| 402 ★ [®] | ½tr. bright chrome, setting 2b, in a complete sheet of twelve, unused; a few faint tone marks do not detract. Waterfall 110 (Methuen 4A10) | £100-120 |
| 403 ★ [®] | ½tr. yellow-ochre, setting 2b, in a complete sheet of twelve, unused; some weakness of the printing on the lower row. Fine. Waterfall 111 (Methuen 4D7). Photo | £600-800 |



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| 404 ★ [®] | ½tr. yellow-bistre, setting 2b, in a complete sheet of twelve, unused; on thicker paper. Strong printing. Waterfall 114 (Methuen 6B6). Photo | £800-1,200 |
| 405 ★ [®] | ½tr. in a golden yellow shade, setting 3, a complete sheet of twelve with private perforations, unused. Cliché [8] has a printing variety in the lower corner. Orth handstamps on the reverse. Waterfall 117. Photo | £200-250 |



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| 406 ★  | 2½tr. dark blue, setting 1, perforated , in a sheet of twelve, unused; right side margin missing, fresh unused. Waterfall 126 (Methuen 21F8). Photo | £400-500 |
| 407 ★  | 2½tr. Prussian blue, setting 1, the right half of the sheet, unused; there is a vertical crease in the right margin. Waterfall 129 (Methuen 23E7). Photo | £400-600 |
| 408 ★  | 2½tr. light grey-blue, setting 3, in complete sheets of twelve, unused; one with private perforations; occasional crease or wrinkle. Waterfall 132 (Methuen 22E7). (2 sheets) | £150-200 |
| 409 | 2½tr. very dark blue, setting 3, in a complete sheet of twelve, unused; heavily inked (almost shiny) with some ink showing through on the reverse; not listed (Methuen 20F10). Also a sheet in indigo cancelled by Lhasa postmark, Waterfall 133. (2 sheets) | £150-300 |



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1933 Third Issue, Issued Sheets - *contd.*



410

410 ★[®]

1tr. carmine-lake, setting 1, **perforated** an unused booklet of five sheets held together by the paper stapling of the sheet margins, on thin paper. Fine and rare, nearly all booklets have been broken up. Waterfall 141. (5 sheets). Photo

£4,000-6,000



411

411 ★ ㊞

ltr. deep madder red, setting 1, **perforated** in a complete sheet of twelve, unused; with the paper cuts in the right margin and the ink shows through to the reverse. A fine and desirable sheet showing a bluish hue to the colour. (Methuen 11B10). Photo

£1,000-1,200



412

412 ★ ㊞

ltr. dark blood red, setting 1, in a complete sheet of twelve, unused; a good sheet. (Methuen 10C9). Photo

£120-180

1933 Third Issue - *contd.*

Covers

Perforated



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| 413 ☒ | 1933 (July) and illustrated envelope registered to U.S.A. bearing ½tr. orange, 2tr. scarlet and 4tr. emerald tied by superb strikes of Lhasa postmark and marked "First, First Day Cover from Lhasa, Tibet" and with Gyantse registration label at top, the reverse bearing India K.G.V ½a. and 3a. pair tied by Gyantse c.d.s. (17.7) with New York and Boston registration datestamps (21.8). Scarce. Photo | £300-400 |
| 414 ☒ | 1933-34 (c.) buff envelope to Stanley Gibbons in London bearing perforated ½tr. orange, ⅔tr. dark blue, 1tr. carmine-red, 4tr. yellow-green plus imperf. 2tr. scarlet tied by Lhasa type T42 postmark with the double outer ring. Photo

<i>There was a similar cover in the Waterfall collection, probably used in Lhasa and mailed under seperate cover to London.</i> | £300-400 |
| 415 ☒ | 1933-35 (c.) three internal covers bearing, on the reverse, perforated ½tr. orange tied by Phari and other, indistinct, postmarks; mixed condition. (3 covers) | £200-300 |
| 416 ☒ | 1933 (13 June) envelope to Pharijong bearing, on the reverse, India K.G.V 1a.3p. tied by a fine Kalimpong c.d.s. with Pharijong transit (15.6) and ½tr. orange tied by Phari type 2 postmark | £150-200 |
| 417 ☒ | 1933-35 a group of covers from Nepal, each bearing India 1a. or 1¼a. frankings tied by Nepal c.d.s., each with perforated ½tr. orange or orange-yellow tied by Phari or Gyantse postmark; also 1933 (July) envelope from Pharijong to Katmandu with similar postmarks and adhesives. Condition is a little mixed. (6 covers) | £400-600 |



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| 418 ☒ | 1933 (31 Oct.) envelope to Lhasa bearing, on the reverse, India K.G.V 1a.3p. tied by Nepal c.d.s. with Katmandu in oval, Gyantse transit (10.11) and $\frac{2}{3}$ tr. dark blue tied by Gyantse type 2 postmark; a good cover. Photo | £200-300 |
| 419 ☒ | 1934 (14 Mar.) envelope to Pharijong bearing, on the reverse, India K.G.V 1a.3p. tied by Nepal c.d.s. with Pharijong transit alongside and $\frac{2}{3}$ tr. dark blue tied by Phari postmark; some typical light soiling and some additional notes on the reverse. Photo | £150-200 |
| 420 ☒ | 1934 (29 July) envelope to Lhasa bearing, on the reverse, India K.G.V 1a.3p. tied by Nepal c.d.s. with Katmandu in oval, Gyantse transit (31.7) and $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. orange tied by Lhasa type 42 postmark | £150-200 |
| 421 ☒ | 1934-37 a mixed group of covers used in combination with Indian stamps with $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. on envelope from Benares to Pharijong, $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. on reverse of envelope registered from Gyantse to Ipswich, pair of $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. on Nepal stationery envelope to Pharijong, envelope (soiled) from Nepal to Lhasa bearing 1tr. carmine-lake, large piece registered from Gyantse to London bearing 2tr. scarlet; also 1949 air mail envelope from Lhasa to Shanghai via Darjeeling with perforated 4tr. bright yellow-green tied by Lhasa postmark (private perforation). (6 covers) | £400-600 |

1933 Third Issue, Covers, Perforated - *contd.*

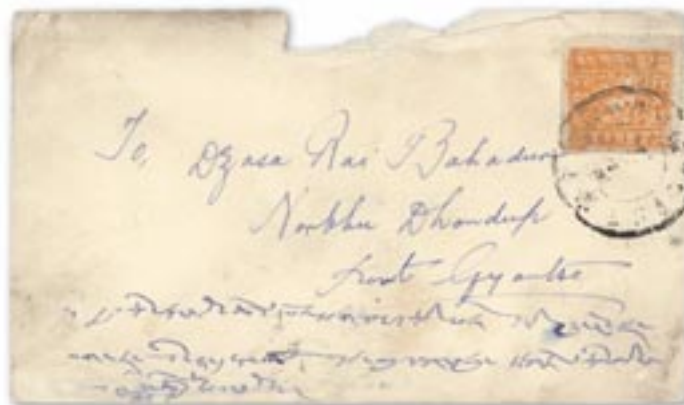


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- 422 ☒ 1935 (28 Feb.) envelope registered to Phari bearing, on the reverse, India 1a.3p. tied by Darjeeling c.d.s. with Pharijong transit (3.3) and 2tr. scarlet tied by Phari postmark; light soiling. Pays postage 1tr. plus registration 1tr. Signed by Peter Holcombe. Photo £300-400
- 423 ☒ 1935 (Sept.) envelope **to Kenya** bearing 1tr. carmine-lake, 4tr. emerald with imperf. 2/3tr. Prussian blue tied by Shigatse type 2 postmark, the reverse with India K.G.V 2a. pair tied by Gyantse/Tibet c.d.s. (5.9) and Nairobi arrival (28.9); vertical fold, fine and a scarce destination. Photo £250-350
- 424 ☒ 1935 (Sept.) *Cutting* envelope sent air mail to New York bearing 4tr. emerald with imperf. 1/2tr. pale yellow and 2/3tr. Prussian blue tied by Shigatse type 2 postmark, the reverse with India 11 1/2a. franking tied by Gyantse/Tibet (5.9) c.d.s.; also 1934 (July) large *Cutting* envelope registered to New York bearing 2tr. pale scarlet-vermilion tied by Lhasa postmark with Gyantse registration label, the reverse with India 6 1/2a. franking tied by Gyantse/Tibet c.d.s. (14.7) with New York arrival (18.8); some creasing or wrinkling. (2 covers) £300-500



425

- 425 ☒ 1935 (c.) envelope to Rai Bahardur Norbhu (clerk to the British Political Officer) in Gyantse bearing 1/2tr. yellow-orange tied by a light strike of Lhasa postmark, the reverse bears five black wax seal featuring a knot design with dot and crescent above, there is also a superb impression of this seal struck in black ink; a little roughly opened at top, otherwise a good cover. Photo £150-200

- 426 ☒ 1935-37 (c.) two internal envelopes bearing 1tr. rose-lake, one cancelled Phari type 2 to Lhasa, the other cancelled by Shigatse type 2 postmark. Good examples of this fairly short-lived postal rate. (2 covers) £250-300



427



428

- 427 ☒ 1935-37 (c.) internal registered envelope bearing, on the address side, 2tr. scarlet tied by Phari type 2 postmark; there are three black wax seals on the reverse, no other postal markings. Pays 1tr. postage plus 1tr. registration. Photo £200-300
- 428 ☒ 1937 (Aug.) envelope to Lhasa c/o Phari Post Office bearing, on the reverse, Nepal 1930 Siva 4p. pair tied by indistinct despatch c.d.s. with Pharijong transit (31.8) alongside, the address side with 1tr rose-lake tied by Phari postmark. a good combination cover. Photo £300-400

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429

- 429 ☒ 1936 (c.) internal registered envelope bearing, on the reverse, vertical pair of 1tr. carmine-lake tied by Shigatse type 2 postmark; three black wax seals, no other postal markings. Pays 1tr. postage plus 1tr. registration. Photo £200-300
- PROVENANCE:
Clarkson G. Stevens, February 1978

1933 Third Issue, Covers, Perforated - *contd.*

- 430 ☒ 1937 (Sept.) envelope to U.S.A. bearing, on the reverse, 1tr. rose-lake with lower margin tied by a good strike of Lhasa type VII postmark with India K.G.V ½a. and 1a. (3) tied by Gyantse/Tibet c.d.s. (16.9); attractive £120-150



431

- 431 ☒ 1937 (c.) opened-out native envelope registered internally bearing, on the reverse, 1tr. rose-lake (3) and 4tr. yellow-green (corner margins) tied by Lhasa type 2 postmarks, with four black wax seals. Apparently pays treble 2tr. postage plus 1tr. registration. Photo £300-500
- 432 ☒ 1942-45 two internal registered envelopes bearing perforated 4tr. yellow-green or olive-green tied by Gyantse or Lhasa postmarks; apparently private perforations and paying 3tr. postage plus 1tr. registration; one cover soiled. (2 covers) £150-250
- ½tr. Rate**
- 433 ☒ 1933-35 (c.) a group of single franking covers with ½tr. in shades of yellow-orange or pale yellow cancelled by Phari or Gyantse postmarks; condition is mixed. (3 covers) £200-250
- 434 ☒ 1933-35 (c.) a group of registered covers two bearing vertical pairs of ¾tr. dark blue cancelled by either Lhasa or Gyantse postmarks, also envelope bearing ½tr. pale yellow and 1tr. pale scarlet-vermilion tied by Gyantse postmark; condition is variable. (3 covers) £200-250

- 435 ☒ 1936 (July) envelope to Devon, redirected to Jersey, bearing Tibet ½tr. pale yellow tied by a fine strike of Gyantse postmark, with India K.G.V 3p. pair and 1a. pair tied by Gyantse/Tibet c.d.s., the reverse with Bournemouth machine postmark (25.8). A clean cover
£100-150
- 2/3tr. Rate
- 436 ☒ 1936 (c.) envelope to Lhasa from the Carder Factory, Kalimpong bearing, on the reverse, 2/3tr. dark blue tied by Phari postmark and with the wax seal of Svivam Mulchand; there is another envelope with the same franking but soiled. (2 covers)
£150-200
- 437 ☒ 1936 (c.) two similar registered covers, each bearing, on the reverse, 2/3tr. dark blue and 1tr. scarlet-vermilion tied by either Lhasa or Gyantse postmarks; good frankings. (2 covers)
£150-250
- 1tr. Rate



438



439

- 438 ☒ 1934 (c.) envelope bearing ½tr. yellow-orange (2) tied by a good strike of **Chomorak postmark**; part of the flap is missing and light soiling. A rare postmark on cover. Photo
£300-500
- 439 ☒ 1935 (c.) local registered envelope bearing, on the reverse, 2/3tr. Prussian blue pair with 1tr. rose-lake tied by Gyantse postmarks; light soiling. Overpays 1tr. postage plus 1tr. registration. An unusual franking. Photo
£150-250

1933 Third Issue, Covers, 1tr. Rate - *contd.*

- 440 ☒ 1935-37 (c.) a group of covers paying 1tr. rate with 1tr. in shades from rose-lake to deep scarlet-vermilion (one cover with an adhesive lost), also two covers bearing pairs of ½tr. pale yellow; a good group. (7 covers) £400-500
- 441 ☒ 1935-36 (c.) a group of registered covers, one bearing pair of 1tr. rose-carmine tied by Phari postmark and two bearing 2tr. scarlet tied by Shigatse postmarks; fair to fine. (3 covers) £200-250
- 442 ☒ 1935-37 (c.) two registered covers bearing, on the reverse, ½tr. pale yellow block of four or two pairs tied by Phari postmark. Good frankings. (2 covers) £150-200
- 443 ☒ 1935-37 (c.) a small group of registered covers with Nepal stationery envelope to Pharijong bearing, on the reverse, pair of 1tr. rose-lake tied by Phari postmark with Pharijong 1937 (2.7) c.d.s.; local envelope bearing pair of 1tr. dull scarlet-vermilion tied by Shigatse postmark and local envelope bearing 1tr. rose-carmine with ½tr. bright chrome (faults) cancelled by Gyantse postmark; mixed in places. (3 covers) £200-300
- 444 ☒ 1936 (c.) commercial envelope bearing, on the reverse, 1tr. rose-carmine tied by a good strike of Shigatse type 2 postmark and marked "*Insured for Rs 10*". Unusual as extra payment would be expected for insurance £100-150
- 445 ☒ 1936 (c.) local registered cover bearing, on the reverse, ¾tr. strip of three tied by good strikes of Shigatse postmark; an unusually clean cover £150-200

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- 446 ☒ 1936-37 two envelopes to Nepal with 1936 (Apr.) envelope to Katmandu bearing, on the address side, 1tr. rose-lake tied by Lhasa type VII postmark with horseshoe "PHARIJONG F.P.O. NO.81/DUE. AS." with manuscript charge, the reverse with Pharijong (29.4) Nepal Unpaid (6.5) and Katmandu in oval; 1937 (Sept.) envelope to Nepal bearing India 1a. tied by Pharijong c.d.s. (23.9), the reverse with ½tr. pale yellow pair tied by Lhasa type VII postmark with large Katmandu arrival alongside. (2 covers) £150-250
- 447 ☒ 1936-37 (c.) a group of registered covers (one back), each bearing three ¾tr. frankings tied by Shigatse or Gyantse postmark; condition is mixed. (3 covers) £150-200
- 448 ☒ 1936-37 (c.) a group of local registered covers, each bearing on the reverse, pair of 1tr. in shades from scarlet-vermilion to brown-red, tied by Lhasa postmarks, fair to fine. (4 covers) £250-350
- 449 ☒ 1936-37 (c.) a group of local registered covers, each bearing on the reverse, pair of 1tr. in shades from scarlet-vermilion to brown-red, tied by Gyantse postmarks, fair to fine. (4 covers) £250-350



450

- 450 ☒ 1936-37 (c.) native registered cover bearing, on the reverse, pair of 1tr. scarlet-vermilion tied by a superb strike of Chushu type 2 postmark. An exceptional cover. Photo £300-400
- 451 ☒ 1936-39 a group of India 1a. stationery envelopes to Nepal (last to Calcutta) bearing, on the reverse, 1tr. deep lake, 1tr. rose-carmine, 1tr. carmine-pink and 1tr. scarlet, each tied by Shigatse postmark with the arrival datestamp alongside, each cover is cancelled by Pharijong c.d.s. An appealing group showing the range of shades. (4 covers) £300-400

1933 Third Issue, Covers, 1tr. Rate - *contd.*

- 452 ☒ 1936-40 (c.) three local registered covers, each bearing 2tr. in shades of scarlet to orange and chestnut including air mail envelope with fine Shigatse postmark. (3 covers) £200-300



453

- 453 ☒ 1940 (c.) native registered cover bearing, on the reverse, ½tr. bright chrome, corner block of four, setting 3 tied by five strikes of Gyantse postmark. An interesting cover, late use of paying postage 1tr. plus registration 1tr. Photo £150-200

2tr. Rate



454



455

- 454 ☒ 1937 (c.) merchant's envelope from Phari to Lhasa bearing, on the reverse, 2tr. rose-carmine vertical pair, setting 1 [3/7] tied by faint Phari postmark and a good strike of the large Lhasa type 2 postmark. Fine and very late use of the Lhasa postmark and a very high franking for this period. Photo £100-150

- 455 ☒ 1937 (c.) small home-made envelope to Gyantse bearing, on the reverse, ½tr. pale lemon two pairs being the top row of setting 2, cancelled by Lhasa type 42 postmark with a fair strike of Gyantse type 1 postmark alongside; late use of this postmark. Photo £150-200

- 456 ☒ 1937-42 (c.) a group of single-franking 2tr. covers with the adhesives on the reverse with shades of pale scarlet tied by fine strikes of Shigatse postmark, 2tr. dull orange tied by a fair strike of Chushu postmark. (3 covers) £250-350
- 457 ☒ 1937-42 (c.) local envelopes with 1tr. pale scarlet-vermilion pair tied by Lhasa postmark, 1tr. brown-red (2) tied by Lhasa postmark plus cover back bearing ½tr. lemon-yellow (2 pairs) tied by Shigatse postmark. (3 covers) £150-200
- 458 ☒ 1939 (Oct.) commercial envelope to Katmandu bearing, on the reverse, ⅔tr. dark blue vertical strip of three, setting 2 [5/1/8] tied by indistinct Phari c.d.s. with India K.G.VI 1a. tied by Pharijong c.d.s. (22.10) with Kathmandu arrival alongside £100-150
- 459 ☒ 1939 (c.) home-made envelope to Gyantse bearing, on the reverse, ½tr. chrome pair with 1tr. pale scarlet-vermilion tied by Lhasa postmark; an attractive franking £150-200



460

- 460 ☒ 1940-42 (c.) registered blue envelope bearing, on the reverse, 2tr. dull scarlet-vermilion with a horizontal pair of ⅔tr. with the top third of the stamp cut off, tied by superb strikes of Shigatse postmark. This would appear that the sender tried to make the stamps cover the 3tr. rate. An unusual and interesting cover. Photo £120-180

1933 Third Issue, Covers, 2tr. Rate - *contd.*

461 ☒

1940-42 (c.) envelope to Gyantse bearing a superb 2tr. bright scarlet-red tied by Shigatse postmark on the address side. Also local envelopes (2) bearing, on the reverse, 2tr. scarlet or 1tr. scarlet pair tied by Shigatse postmark. (3 covers)

£200-300

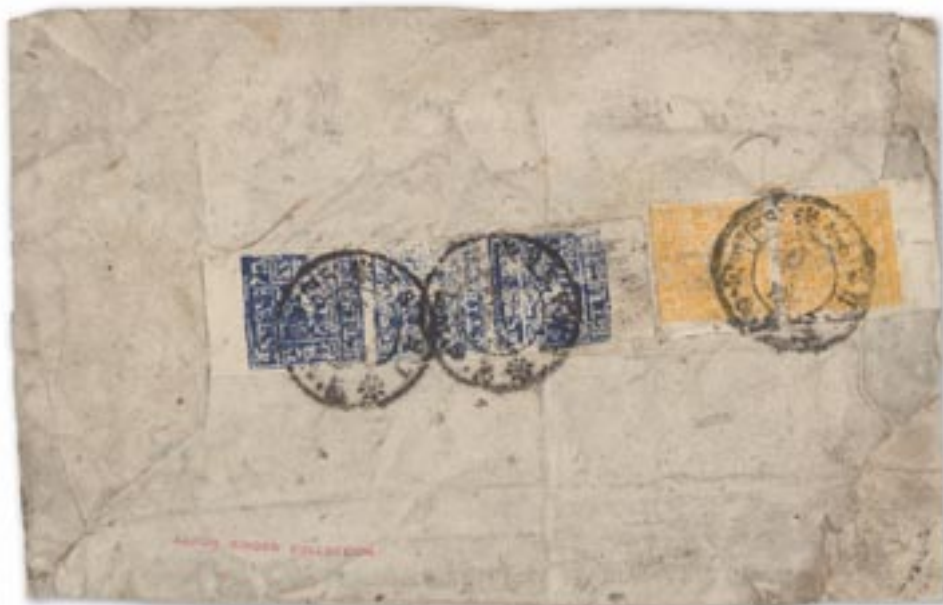


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462 ☒

1940-42 (c.) large part registered cover (reduced at sides) bearing, on the reverse, 2tr. pale scarlet single and **vertical bisect** tied by Gyantse type 2 postmark **struck in violet**. Fine and attractive. Pays 2tr. postage plus 1tr. registration. Photo

£300-400



463

463 ☒

1945-46 (c.) two registered native covers bearing, on the reverse, ½tr. golden yellow pair with ⅔tr. dark blue in a vertical strip of three setting 2 [5/1/8] tied by Lhasa postmark; the second cover with ⅔tr. indigo vertical strip of three, setting 3 [2/10/7] with 1tr. deep scarlet-vermilion tied by fine strikes of Shigatse postmark. An attractive and colourful pair of covers. Photo

£250-350

2½tr. Rate

- 464 ☒ 1946 (c.) three local covers, each bearing ¾tr. deep blue with 2tr. in shades brick-red or orange-brown; condition is mixed but useful examples of this short-lived rate. (3 covers) £200-300

3tr. Rate

465



466

- 465 ☒ 1941 (Apr.) envelope to Nepal, addressed in three languages, bearing, on the reverse, India K.G.VI 3p. and 1a. tied by Pharijong c.d.s. (17.4) and large arrival datestamp with Tibet 1tr. scarlet-vermilion and 2tr. scarlet-vermilion tied by Shigatse postmark. Photo £150-250
- 466 ☒ 1942-43 envelope to Lhasa bearing, on the reverse, 1tr. and 2tr. both in a bright scarlet shade tied by a good strike of Phari type 2 postmark, addressed in three languages and sent from a Nepalese merchant, Syamu Kapu. Some minor edge wear, a good cover showing both values in the same colour. Photo £120-180
- 467 ☒ 1942-45 (c.) internal registered envelope bearing, on the reverse, 2tr. rose-carmine pair, setting 1 [7-8] tied by Lhasa type VII postmark, with the remains of five wax seals, manuscript registration on the address side; attractive £120-150
- 468 ☒ 1942-45 (c.) two registered covers bearing single 4tr. frankings with envelope to Lhasa bearing, on the reverse, 4tr. bright yellow-green tied by Gyantse type 2 postmark, with five wax seals and printed "deliver to merchant at upper Chusing Shar, Lhaden" and with hand-drawn identification mark of the sender; an opened-out envelope registered to Lhasa bearing, on the reverse, 4tr. sage-green tied by a good strike of Phari postmark; addressed in Nepalese and Tibetan, this letter was sent from Gyan Vir Singh, bearing his trader's mark and with manuscript registration mark at top. (2 covers) £100-150

1933 Third Issue, Covers, 3tr. Rate - *contd.*

- 469 ☒ 1942-47 (c.) a group of registered covers bearing 4tr. in shades between yellow-green and apple green, scarcer cancellations with Pelti type 2 (2), Chushu type 2 (2), Nagartse type 2 with Pelti alongside, also airmail envelope bearing pair of 2tr. dull salmon tied by Nagartse type 2 postmark. A good group of these scarce postmarks. (6 covers) £800-1,200



470

- 470 ☒ 1943-45 (c.) envelope registered to the Nepalese Legation, Lhasa bearing 4tr. bright yellow-green tied by a fine strike of **Medagongkur type 3 postmark** with a second strike alongside with the manuscript registration in the lower corner. A fine and exceptional cover. Photo £400-600
- 471 ☒ 1943-47 (c.) three local covers bearing, on the reverse 1tr. and 2tr. in similar shades, with envelope bearing 1tr. bluish red with 2tr. rose-carmin tied by Phari postmark; 1tr. scarlet-red with 2tr. scarlet-vermilion tied by Phari postmark; 1tr. and 2tr. both in scarlet-vermilion tied by Phari postmark and 1tr. and 2tr. both in deep scarlet-vermilion tied by indistinct postmark; an appealing group. (4 covers) £300-400
- 472 ☒ 1943-48 (c.) merchant's envelope bearing, on the reverse, ½tr. yellow block of six, left side of setting 3, tied by fine Lhasa type 2 postmark, fine and a scarce multiple on cover; also another merchant's envelope bearing, on the reverse, ½tr. greenish yellow lower corner block of four from the fourth printing with 1tr. reddish vermilion tied by Lhasa type 2 postmarks. Good frankings. (2 covers). Photo £300-400
- 473 ☒ 1944-50 (c.) two multiple franking registered covers with adhesives on the reverse, with ¾tr. deep blue-black (6) from setting 4 tied by Phari postmarks, the address side with merchant's handstamp and manuscript registration; opened-out envelope with ½tr. bright yellow block of six being the right side of sheet from setting 3 with 1tr. scarlet-red cancelled by Lhasa postmark with manuscript registration on the address side. Scarce multiple frankings. (2 covers) £200-300



474



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- 474 ☒ 1945-46 (c.) native registered cover bearing on the reverse, $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. deep golden yellow block of eight being the lower half of the sheet from setting 3, tied by Lhasa postmark, the address side with manuscript registration; light soiling, a good franking. Photo £200-250
- 475 ☒ 1945-46 (c.) registered envelope bearing, on the reverse, an irregular block of eight $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. deep golden yellow being the right side of the sheet from setting 3, cancelled by indistinct Lhasa postmarks, with manuscript registration mark on the address side and wax seals on the reverse; a similar registered envelope bearing, on the reverse, $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. yellow in two strips of four from setting 3 well tied by Lhasa postmarks, manuscript registration on the address side. Good frankings. (2 covers). Photo £300-400
- 476 ☒ 1945-47 (c.) two small envelopes, the first bearing 1tr. bluish red in a vertical strip of three tied by good strikes of Phari type 2 postmark with merchant's device drawn on the flap; the second bearing, on the reverse, 1tr. bright orange (3) tied by Phari postmark. A striking pair of covers £200-250
- 477 ☒ 1945-47 (c.) three local covers bearing 1tr. with 2tr. frankings showing different shades with 1tr. scarlet-vermilion with 2tr. orange tied by fine Lhasa postmark and a similar combination tied by Gyantse postmark; 1tr. bright orange with 2tr. scarlet-vermilion tied by Gyantse postmark; good shades. (3 covers) £200-250
- 478 ☒ 1946-47 handmade envelope registered to Lhasa bearing 2tr. bright scarlet on thick brown paper (2) with margins and tied by Phari postmark, address in Nepalese and Tibetan (rubber handstamp) which reads, "deliver to merchant G.P. Bhel, Khor Rong shop, Lhaden", with violet boxed registration handstamp applied by the sender. Also long envelope registered to Phari bearing, on the reverse, 4tr. sage-green shade, the larger cliché [13] with lower margin and tied by Lhasa postmark; sent from the Bher Ko (shop) in Lhasa to merchant Gyan Vir in Phari. (2 covers) £150-200

1933 Third Issue, Covers, 3tr. Rate - *contd.*



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479 ☒

1946 (c.) internal registered envelope bearing, on the reverse, 4tr. emerald tied by a good strike of **Nangartse type 1 postmark**. A good cover and very late use of this postmark. Photo

£150-200

480 ☒

1946-47 (c.) registered cover bearing, on the reverse, 1tr. bluish red, a top right corner block of four setting 2, tied by Lhasa postmark, manuscript registration on the address side; a scarce franking. Photo

£300-400



481

481 ☒

1946-47 (c.) registered envelope bearing, on the reverse, 4tr. yellow-green tied by a good strike of Gyantse type 2 postmark **struck in purple**, manuscript registration is on the address side. Photo

£200-250

482 ☒

1946-47 (c.) neat blue envelope (2) bearing, on the reverse, 1tr. reddish vermilion with 2tr. orange tied by Shigatse type 2 postmark; addressed in Nepalese and Tibetan (handstamped) with the sender's trade mark on the flap. Also handmade registered envelope bearing, on the reverse, a pair of 2tr. dull yellow-orange (clear print) tied by Lhasa postmark, written in Tibetan with the manuscript registration on the address side. (3 covers)

£150-200

483 ☒

1946-47 (c.) printed envelope registered to Lhasa via Gyantse bearing, on the reverse, 1tr. bright orange block of four from the top right corner of setting 2, cancelled by a central strike of Gyantse postmark, with five wax seals and the manuscript registration on the address side

£120-150



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484 ☒

1946-47 (c.) two similar covers to Lhasa bearing, on the reverse, 1tr. bluish red and 2tr. in a scarlet-vermilion, the second with 1tr. bright bluish red and 2tr. carmine-red tied by Phari type 2 postmark; both addressed in three languages and sent from a Nepalese merchant. A good pair of covers showing different shades of the adhesives. (2 covers). Photo

£300-400



485

485 ☒

1947 (c.) registered cover bearing, on the reverse, 4tr. apple-green with lower left corner margins [9] tied by a good strike of Gyamda type 3 postmark with three wax seals; light soiling. Very scarce with only a handful of commercial covers recorded. Photo

£200-300

1933 Third Issue, Covers, 3tr. Rate - *contd.*



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486 ☒

1947 (c.) registered cover bearing, on the reverse, 4tr. apple green tied by a fine strike of **Nagartse type 2 postmark** with a second strike alongside, manuscript registration on the address side; a second registered cover bears, on the reverse, 1tr. pair in scarlet-red, pair from setting 3 [8-9] tied by a fine strike of the **Nagartse type 2 postmark**, the manuscript registration is on the address side. This is a possible postal fraud using 1tr. value instead of 2tr. in a similar colour - both numeral "1" have been covered by the postmark. (2 covers). Photo

£300-400



487

487 ☒

1947 (c.) home-made brown paper envelope, registered, bearing, on the reverse, 2/3tr. indigo block of six, left side of sheet setting 3, tied by Lhasa postmarks, printed address and registration. The block shows pre-printing paper wrinkle. A scarce franking. Photo

£300-400

488 ☒

1947-50 (c.) native registered merchant's envelope bearing, on the reverse, 1/2tr. pale chrome lower right corner block of four from setting 4 with 2/3tr. indigo vertical strip of three, setting 4a.1 [6/5/4] cancelled by Lhasa postmarks, the address side with manuscript registration; also a merchant's envelope (creased and soiled) bearing 1/2tr. yellow block of six being the right half of a sheet from setting 3, with 2/3tr. indigo top right corner pair setting 3 tied by Lhasa postmark, overpays the 3tr. plus 1tr. registered rate. (2 covers)

£200-250



Ex 489

489 ☒

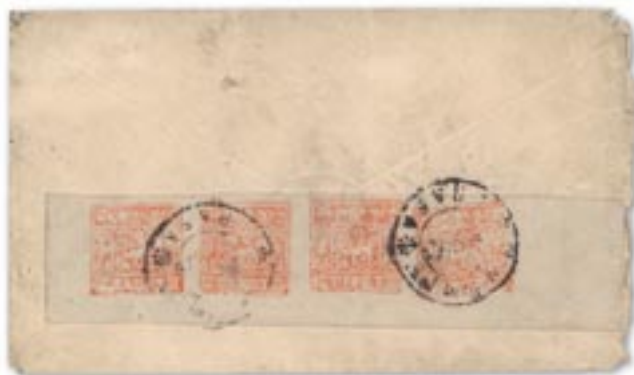
1950 (c.) brown paper, handmade envelope registered bearing, on the reverse, 2tr. bright orange with ½tr. lemon tied by smudged Shigatse postmark which has been placed to obscure the value on the ½tr., the manuscript registration is on the address side. An interesting postal fraud cover attempting to pass the ½tr. off as 2tr. yellow. Also 1952 (Apr.) India 2a. stationery envelope to Kalimpong bearing, on the reverse, ½tr. lemon with 2tr. bright orange tied by Lhasa postmark with Kalimpong arrival alongside (21.4), another 2½tr. franking. (2 covers) Photo

£200-300

490 ☒

1950 (c.) a group of registered covers, the adhesives on the reverse with 1tr. reddish vermilion (4), 2tr. pairs in brown-orange and in dull orange, 4tr. yellow-green and shades of dark green. Condition is mixed. (6 covers)

£200-300



491



Ex 4492

491 ☒

1950 (c.) envelope with handstruck address and registration bearing, on the reverse, 1tr. orange-vermilion lower sheet row of four, setting 3, tied by Lhasa postmarks, with printed registration mark on the address side; vertical crease at side which runs through the sheet margin. A good franking. Photo

£200-300

492 ☒

1950-51 (c.) two envelopes registered to Lhasa bearing, on the reverse, 4tr. light bottle green or 4tr. bright yellow-green tied by **Penam type 2 postmark** with Lhasa arrival alongside, manuscript registration is on the address side. A good pair of covers. (2 covers). Photo

£250-350

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493

493 ☒

1951 (c.) registered cover bearing, on the reverse, pair of 2tr. dull orange tied by **Gyamda type 3 postmark**, with three wax seals and manuscript registration on the address side; some light soiling. Signed by Peter Holcombe. Photo

£200-300



494

494 ☒

1951 (c.) registered cover bearing, on the reverse, 4tr. bright yellow-green with top left corner margins of setting 2 [10] tied by a good strike of **Penam type 2 postmark**; with three wax seals, manuscript registration is on the address side; some soiling. Photo

£150-200



495

495 ☒

1953 (c.) hand-made envelope registered from the Gorka office in Shigatse to the Gorka office in Shigatse bearing, on the reverse, ½tr. golden yellow pair, ⅔tr. indigo and 1tr. dull salmon (2) used in combination with 1912 ¼tr. yellow-green (2) tied by fine Gyantse postmarks, manuscript registration is on the address side. Correctly pays the 4tr. rate including registration. Also an envelope from Nepal to Lhasa via Gyantse bearing, on the reverse, Shiva 4p. green pair tied by large Katmandu postmark with Tibet 2tr. orange-brown with 1912 1tr. rose-carmine tied by Gyantse postmark. Good combination covers. (2 covers). Photo

£250-300

4tr. Rate

496 ☒

1947-54 (c.) a group of registered covers with the adhesives on the reverse with 1tr. bluish red with 4tr. pale yellow-green tied by Shigatse postmark; 2tr. bright orange block of four and single tied by Shigatse postmark; 1tr. reddish vermilion with 2tr. scarlet-vermilion pair tied by Shigatse postmarks; a few imperfections, good frankings. (3 covers)

£200-250

- 497 ☒ 1948-55 (c.) a group of envelopes with the adhesives on the reverse with 2/3tr. indigo (3) with 2tr. bright scarlet-red tied by Lhasa postmark; 2tr. dull orange corner pair (setting 2) tied by Lhasa postmark; 1/2tr. pale chrome pair with 1tr. reddish vermilion and 2tr. dull salmon tied by Lhasa postmark; good frankings. (3 covers)

£200-250



498



499

- 498 ☒ 1949 (Dec.) handmade paper envelope to Col. Bailey in Cromer, Norfolk, bearing 1tr. blueish red and 4tr. yellow-green shade tied by Lhasa postmark, with India 6p. and 3a. tied by Gyantse/Tibet type B4 c.d.s. (10.12). The envelope is marked "Xmas Card". Overpays the 4tr. rate. Photo

£200-250

- 499 ☒ 1950 (c.) native registered wrapper bearing, on the reverse, 2tr. bright scarlet vertical strip of two plus horizontal bisect from the lower right sheet corner, setting 2b, cancelled by superb strikes of Shigatse postmark, manuscript registration on the address side. Photo

£300-400



500

- 500 ☒ 1952 (c.) native registered envelope bearing, on the reverse, 4tr. jade-green from the top right corner with sheet margins, used with a **quartered 4tr.** in the same colour tied by a fine strike of Shigatse postmark; vertical fold runs through the stamp margin. An attractive cover. Photo

£300-400

PROVENANCE:

Arnold C. Waterfall, September 1972

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501

501 ☒

1952 (c.) envelope registered to Gyantse bearing, on the reverse, 2tr. dull yellow-orange pair with **quartered 4tr. jade-green** tied by fine strikes of the Shigatse postmark. Photo

£250-300



502

502 ☒

1952-54 (c.) two native registered envelopes from the same correspondence bearing, on the reverse $\frac{2}{3}$ tr. strip of three from the foot of the sheet [2-12-4] with 2tr. dull orange single with vertical bisect tied by Gyantse postmark; also 2tr. bright orange in pair with diagonal bisected with 2tr. yellow-orange tied by Gyantse postmarks. Attractive and colourful frankings. (2 covers). Photo

£500-600

503 ☒

1952-54 (c.) a group of covers with envelope to U.S.A. bearing 4tr. bright yellow-green tied by Lhasa postmark and used with India 4a. franking cancelled by Gyantse c.d.s.; envelope to Kalimpong bearing 4tr. bright sage-green with private perforations, underpaid and with a fine strike of horseshoe "GYANTSE TIBET/DUE/AS." with manuscript "-/4/-" added in ink, a range of backstamps including octagonal Kalimpong Unpaid datestamp; undated home-made envelope to Nepal bearing, on the reverse, 4tr. bright green tied by Phari postmark and bearing several strikes of horseshoe "PHARIJONG/DUE/1 ANNA" (soiled); 1954 envelope to Kalimpong bearing, on the reverse, 4tr. bright sage-green tied by Lhasa postmark. (4 covers)

£200-250



504

- 504 ☒ 1953-55 (c.) long envelope registered to Lhasa bearing, on the reverse, 2tr. bright orange **vertically bisected** with 4tr. dull green tied by Gyantse postmark with wax seals of the Nepalese consular officer; with manuscript registration markings in the address side and marked as the 15th day of the 8th month; two vertical folding creases away from the adhesives. Photo £250-300
- 505 ☒ 1953-56 (c.) a small group of registered covers bearing bisects with 4tr. bright yellow-green with 2tr. dull yellow-orange bisected horizontally tied by watery Gyantse postmark; 4tr. bright yellow-green with 2tr. scarlet bisected horizontally tied by Lhasa postmark; 4tr. pale yellow-green with 2tr. scarlet bisected in two pieces, making up about a half stamp. Condition is mixed. (3 covers) £500-600
- 5tr. Rate**
- 506 ☒ 1956-58 a group of registered covers bearing, on the reverse, 2tr. strips of three in dull red (2) or dull lake tied by Shigatse postmark, 4tr. bright apple green with 2tr. pale scarlet tied by Shigatse postmark and 4tr. dull green with 1tr. light brown-orange tied on native cover (wrinkling) by Lhasa postmark. Condition is variable. (5 covers) £250-350
- Higher Rates**
- 507 ☒ A group of envelopes, mostly registered, with 1tr. pair with 2tr. strip of four tied by Shigatse postmark; 2tr. pair with 4tr. on airmail envelope, tied by Lhasa postmark; 1tr. pairs (2) with 4tr. tied by Shigatse postmark; 4tr. (2) tied on merchant's envelope by Shigatse postmark; 2tr. (3) with 4tr. tied by Shigatse postmark, 4tr. (3) on homemade envelope tied by Lhasa postmarks and 4tr. (4, one defective) tied by Phari postmark. Condition is mixed. An interesting high value group. (7 covers) £400-600
- Non-Standard Rates**
- 508 ☒ 3½ tranka: 1950's (c.) a group of registered native covers from the same correspondence, bearing, on the reverse, 2tr. bright scarlet pair with ½tr. bright chrome (2 covers) tied by Lhasa postmark; 4tr. bright jade with ½tr. bright chrome tied by Lhasa postmark plus a blue envelope registered from Nepal to Lhasa bearing 4tr. deep blue-green with ½tr. bright chrome tied by Gyantse postmark. (4 covers) £300-400

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509



510

- 509 ☒ 3 2/3 tranka: 1950's (c.) a turned registered stationery cover with the linen on the outside bearing, on the reverse, 2/3tr. indigo with 2tr. bright orange pair tied by Lhasa postmark and with seven wax seals, the manuscript registration in on the address side. The original envelope was registered from Nepal and bears the blue on white registration label and part of the India postage. Unusual. Photo £150-200
- 510 ☒ 3 2/3 tranka: 1950 (c.) native registered cover bearing, on the reverse, 2/3tr. Prussian blue **perforated** block of six from setting 1 [1/10] with imperforate 2/3tr. grey-blue tied by Lhasa postmarks, the manuscript registration is on the address side; some typical creasing and soiling. An unusual and interesting cover and late use of the perforated stamps. Photo £300-400
- 511 ☒ 3 2/3 tranka: 1950's (c.) a group of registered covers with merchant's envelope bearing, on the reverse, 1/2tr. lemon in a top right corner block of four, setting 4, with 2/3tr. indigo lower right sheet corner block of four, setting 4 cancelled by Lhasa postmarks; 2tr. dull orange pair with 2/3tr. indigo tied by Gyantse postmark; 2/3tr. deep blue-black with 4tr. blue-green (a further adhesive appears to be missing) tied by Lhasa postmarks. (3 covers) £200-300
- 512 ☒ 4 2/3 tranka: 1950 (c.) envelope registered to Gyantse bearing, on the reverse, 2/3tr. indigo, 1tr. bright orange with 2tr. dull yellow-orange pair tied by Lhasa postmark with the manuscript registration alongside; also envelope bearing, on the reverse, 2/3tr. corner pair (damage from being affixed over a wax seal and pairs of 1tr. light brown orange (2 pairs) tied by Gyantse postmark and may over pay the 4tr. rate; both covers with black wax seals. (2 covers) £200-250

Covers Incoming Mail

- 513 ☒ 1934-35, a group of covers from India bearing 1a. or 1 1/4a. franking tied by Calcutta, Benares or Darjeeling c.d.s., each bears Tibet 1/2tr. pale yellow tied by Phari postmark with Pharijong transit alongside; also 1935 (12 June) envelope bearing, on the reverse, India 1a. tied by Nepal c.d.s., with Pharijong transit and Tibet 1/2a. yellow-orange tied by Phari postmark. Condition varies. (4 covers) £200-300
- 514 ☒ 1935 (20 Aug.) envelope from Nepal bearing, on the reverse, India K.G.V 1a. tied by Nepal c.d.s. with Pharijong transit (27.8) alongside and a fine examples of 2/3tr. dark blue [5] tied by Phari postmark and part Katmandu in oval; a scarce 2/3tr. franking and early use of the second setting £100-150

- 515 ☒ 1935-47 two covers from Nepal with 1935 (9 Apr.) India registered envelope, uprated 1a.3p. cancelled by Nepal c.d.s., with blue on white registration label and bearing Tibet 2tr. scarlet-vermilion tied by Phari postmark (soiled); 1947 (May) wrapper to Pharijong sent "*Book Post*" bearing Nepal Siva 2p. and 4p. tied by Kathmandu postmark, the reverse bearing 2tr. rose-carmine tied by Phari postmark with Pharijong c.d.s. (16.5) alongside. (2 covers) £200-250
- 516 ☒ 1936-40 a group of covers from India (two from Nepal) bearing India 1a. or 1½a. frankings and, on the reverse, Tibet 1tr. frankings with 1tr. rose-carmine, 1tr. carmine-pink and 1tr. scarlet or ½tr. pairs in pale yellow (2) or chrome (3) tied by Phari postmark, the covers with Pharijong transit c.d.s. Condition is variable. (8 covers) £400-500
- 517 ☒ 1939-49, a group of covers from India with India 1a. or 2a. frankings tied by despatch c.d.s., the Tibet stamps on the reverse paying 2tr. rate with 1939 ¾tr. dark ultramarine strip of three tied by Phari postmark, 1949 ½tr. greenish yellow strip of four from foot of sheet, setting 3 tied by Gyantse postmark (registered), two India 1a. stationery envelopes to Nepal with 1tr. orange-brown pair tied by Shigatse postmark and 2tr. dull orange tied by Shigatse postmark. A good selection, some showing late use of the 2tr. rate. (4 covers) £300-400
- 518 ☒ 1941 (23 Jan.) envelope registered to Pharijong bearing India K.G.VI 3p. plus 1a.3p. tied by Bara Bazar, Calcutta c.d.s. with part registration label alongside and a good strike of horseshoe tax handstamp "PHARIJONG F.P.O. NO.81/DUE/ AS." with manuscript "-/6" in red crayon, the reverse with the company handstamp from Calcutta, Tibet 1tr. brown-red with 2tr. rose-carmine tied by Phari postmark with Pharijong transit (26.1) alongside; corner paper repair. Pays 2tr. postage plus 1tr. registration £150-200
- 519 ☒ 1941-44 a group of covers from Nepal, the reverse bearing Nepalese and Tibetan 3tr. frankings tied by Phari postmarks with 1941 ½tr. bright chrome pair with 2tr. dark scarlet-vermilion, 1942 1tr. brown-red with 2tr. scarlet-vermilion, 1943 1tr. deep scarlet-vermilion vertical strip of three, setting 1, 1tr. bluish red with 2tr. rose-pink, 1tr. scarlet with 2tr. rose-carmine, 1944 1tr. and 2tr. in similar shades of scarlet-vermilion (2 covers, one poor). A good group. (6 covers) £400-500
- 520 ☒ 1941-54 a group of registered covers from India with 1941 Indian registered stationery envelope uprated 1a. with Tibet 2tr. dark scarlet-vermilion pair tied by Phari postmark; 2a. stationery envelope from Banares to Shigatse bearing, on the address side, ¾tr. indigo block of six cancelled by Gyantse postmark, 1954 three covers from Kalimpong with India 2a. tied by Kalimpong c.d.s. with Tibet 2tr. bright orange pair tied by Phari postmark, 2tr. bright scarlet pair (faults) tied by Lhasa postmark with printed registration in purple and 4tr. bright jade from the same correspondence, also with printed registration in purple. (5 covers) £250-350



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- 522 ☒ 1949-53 covers from Nepal, each bearing Nepal 8p. franking and with Tibet 2tr. pairs in shades of reddish vermilion tied by either Gyantse or Phari postmarks. (4 covers) £200-300



523

- 523 ☒ 1950 (1 Nov.) opened-air envelope airmail registered from Hong Kong bearing Hong Kong K.G.VI \$3.10 franking tied by Hong Kong registered c.d.s. with Gyantse c.d.s. (11.11) on the reverse, the address side bearing 1tr. bluish red in two vertical pairs from the second setting cancelled by Gyantse postmark. Clean and attractive. Photo £150-200
- 524 ☒ 1950-55, a group of covers from India with 1950 Indian registered stationery envelope to Lhasa, uprated 1½a. tied by Kalimpong c.d.s., the reverse bearing 4tr. bright yellow-green tied by Phari postmark (faults), 1952 airmail envelope from Kalimpong bearing, on the reverse, 4tr. bright yellow-green tied by Phari postmark, 1953 envelope from Kalimpong bearing, on the reverse, pair of 2tr. dull orange tied by Gyantse postmark, 1954 envelope from Kalimpong bearing 4tr. bright apple-green tied by superb Gyantse postmark and 1955 envelope from Kalimpong bearing, on the reverse, 1tr. dull orange in a strip of four from the foot of the sheet, setting 4 tied by Lhasa postmark; a couple of the covers are registered. (5 covers) £250-350

- 525 ☒ Tuladhar Correspondence: 1952-53 a group of covers from U.S.A. to Gyantse with 1952 airmail bearing 2tr., Newspaper Boys first day cover with strip of three $\frac{2}{3}$ tr., 1953 registered airmail bearing $\frac{2}{3}$ tr. and 2tr., from Cincinnati bearing 4tr., registered airmail bearing, on the reverse, Official $\frac{1}{3}$ tr. bronze-green and pair of $\frac{1}{3}$ tr. black. (5 covers) £350-500
- 526 ☒ Tuladhar Correspondence: 1952-54 a group of covers to Gyantse from different countries bearing Tibet adhesives to pay internal postage with 1952 envelope from Argentina with corner pair of $\frac{1}{2}$ tr., airmail from Australia with 1tr., registered from East Germany with $\frac{2}{3}$ tr., from Great Britain with 1tr., from Perak with pair of 2tr., from Philippines with $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. corner block of four, 1954 from India with pair of 2tr., and from Thailand with 4tr. A varied lot with some scarce covers. (8 covers) £600-1,000
- 527 ☒ Tuladhar Correspondence: 1952-54, a group of covers from different countries, the Tibetan stamps cancelled by Lhasa postmarks, with 1952 from Canada with $\frac{1}{2}$ tr., 1953 from U.S.A. with 1tr., from Libya with $\frac{1}{3}$ tr., 1954 air mail from Venezuela with $\frac{1}{2}$ tr., and air mail from North Borneo with $\frac{1}{2}$ tr. (5 covers) £300-400

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3.2.2 All statements made by us as to items sold, whether in our catalogue description, in our condition reports, or during the course of the auction or otherwise, are statements of opinion only and are not and shall not be taken to be statements or representations of fact. We never knowingly offer, exhibit or advertise counterfeits, copies, restrikes or reproductions without them being clearly described as, and in no way knowingly represent such items as being the genuine article. Spink reserve the right in forming their opinion to consult and rely upon any expert or authority considered by them to be reliable. Coins and banknotes are graded to accepted UK standards to the best ability of our specialists. You acknowledge that the grading of coins and banknotes is subjective and may vary from specialist to specialist, as the process is by nature an art and not a science. For this reason, we do not automatically accept and are not bound by the opinions of third party grading services for any purposes including before and after the sale of a Lot. Except in the case of manifest error, should there be any conflict between our opinion or condition report, and a third party opinion or condition report, our opinion or condition report shall take precedent.

3.2.3 Many items are of an age or nature which precludes their being in perfect condition and some descriptions in the catalogue or given by way of condition report make reference to damage and/or restoration. We provide this information for guidance only and the absence of such a reference does not imply that an item is free from defects or restoration nor does a reference to particular defects imply the absence of any others.

3.2.4 Other than as set out in clause 5.13, and in the absence of fraud, neither the Seller nor we, nor any of our employees or agents, are responsible for the correctness of any statement as to the authorship, origin, date, age, attribution, genuineness or of any Lot nor for any other errors of description or for any faults or defects in any Lot. Every person interested should exercise and rely on his own judgment as to such matters.

3.2.5 Lots identified with an NFT symbol or wording to that effect are subject to all clauses of this section 3. There are many risks associated with buying, owning, using, storing and transferring an NFT, including but not limited to the following risks (which you accept) of: cyber-attacks, phishing, hacking, bruteforcing, mining attacks, malware, viruses, loss or corruption of data, changes of protocols, changes and obsolescence of technology, technical incompatibility, forgotten passwords, lost private keys or the NFT or the digital asset related to it otherwise becoming inaccessible or deleted, incorrectly programmed or constructed NFTs, errors or malfunctions affecting the proper functioning or content of Digital Wallets, or affecting the record on the Blockchain, or the accessibility of the digital asset, and other technical errors and malfunctions, as well as financial risks and uncertainties as to the future value and marketability of NFTs, price volatility, taxation and regulatory requirements in relation to NFTs, and/or of the digital asset to which the NFT relates, and/or of associated Digital Wallets and Blockchain transactions in any relevant jurisdiction, third-party service providers or hosts going out of business or otherwise ceasing to provide the services on which the storage, use and transfer of the NFT depends, or such services being disrupted, NFTs being wrongfully attributed to an incorrect online digital wallet or wrongfully minted in breach of third-party rights, artists making and distributing additional copies of the digital asset or artwork to which the NFT relates, and artists assigning intellectual property rights in the digital asset or artwork to which the NFT relates to third parties. All of these and other risks may

(i) have a materially adverse effect on your enjoyment and the value of the NFT; and

(ii) lead you to lose the NFT, data and transaction records associated with the NFT, your ability to exercise the rights granted, or the Price you have paid for the NFT. You should also consider the implications of your personal data associated with buying an NFT being stored on a publicly accessible Blockchain.

3.2.6 We do not independently review or verify NFT identification, including but not limited to any metadata associated with the NFT, details of the Blockchain on which the NFT is located, processes governing how the NFT can be accessed and therefore make no representations and give no warranties:

(i) that such information is complete and accurate;

(ii) as to the authorship, attribution, authenticity, origin, date, age, period, provenance, source, material, condition, value, marketability, or any other characteristics of the Lot;

(iii) as to the technical details, security, accessibility, usability, transferability, integrity, or any other technical characteristics of the NFT, the digital asset to which the NFT relates, or the Blockchain on which it is located;

(iv) as to the terms of the Smart Contract governing the NFT if the NFT is subject to a Smart Contract, including as to the scope of the rights granted and/or of any obligations or restrictions associated with the NFT, such as any obligation to make additional Smart Contract

Payments, including any resale royalty, commission or fee on the sale or transfer of the NFT, or the amount of any such payment, or restrictions on future transfers of the NFT, or as to its lifespan or expiry; and
(v) as to any other characteristics of and risks associated with and/or inherent to NFT's, the digital assets to which they relate, or Blockchain transactions, and our description of any Lot, and any statements and opinions expressed by us, shall not be construed or relied upon as such.

3.2.7 Transfer of ownership of a Lot identified as containing NFT does not generally mean that you acquire any intellectual property rights to reproduce or exploit the image(s) corresponding to the digital asset or physical item(s) contained within the Lot, unless expressly stated in the description and followed by a copyright assignment to the buyer of the Lot, providing the full amount due has been paid by the buyer. Any assignment of copyright which is associated with a Lot containing an NFT shall only become unconditional and effective upon the transfer of the NFT from us to the Buyer. Transfer of the NFT from us to the Buyer shall only be initiated once the Buyer has confirmed receipt of the Physical Items and Digital Items included in any Lot containing an NFT.

3.3 Your Responsibility

You are responsible for satisfying yourself as to the condition of the goods and the matters referred to in the catalogue description.

3.4 Extensions sought at time of sale – Stamps, Covers and other philatelic items (collectively "Philatelic Item(s)")

3.4.1 If you wish to obtain an expert opinion or Certificate of Authenticity on Philatelic Items in any Lot (other than a mixed Lot or Lot containing undescribed Philatelic Items) you must notify us in writing **not less than forty-eight hours** before the time fixed for the commencement of the first session of the sale.

3.4.2 At the time of making the request you shall provide the reasons why such an opinion or certificate is required by you and specify the identity of your proposed expert which will be subject to agreement by us.

3.4.3 We reserve the right, at our discretion, to refuse a request for an expert opinion or Certificate of Authenticity including (without limitation):

3.4.3.1 where the proposed expert is not known to us; or

3.4.3.2 where the request is made based solely on account of condition where an existing opinion or Certificate of Authenticity to which the Philatelic Item(s) is to be sold by us in relation to cites other faults or defects not included in the catalogue description. You acknowledge that any Philatelic Item(s) accompanied by a Certificate of Authenticity is sold on the basis of that Certificate only and not on the basis of any other description or warranty as to authenticity; or

3.4.3.3 where there is already a recognised certificate relating to the item that was issued less than 5 years ago from the date of the request; or

3.4.3.4 where we will submit the Lot to the Expert Committee.

3.4.4 You acknowledge and accept that the length of time taken by an Expert Committee to reach an opinion will vary depending on the circumstances and in any event is beyond our control.

3.4.5 If you receive any correspondence from the Expert Committee in relation to the Lot, including but not limited to a Certificate of Authenticity, you must provide us with copies of such correspondence no later than 7 days after you receive such correspondence.

3.4.6 You acknowledge that, notwithstanding that a certificate or opinion has been sought under this clause 3.4, you shall pay for the Philatelic Item(s) on receipt of the invoice from us in accordance with the applicable payment provisions set out in these Terms and Conditions, and such money shall be held by us until the certificate or opinion has been issued.

3.4.7 Upon a certificate or opinion being issued by the Expert Committee that does not indicate any material fault in the Philatelic Item(s) that would allow you to return the item, we shall pay to the Seller the relevant proceeds of sale and deliver to you the Philatelic Item(s) once received back from the Expert Committee.

3.4.8 Upon a certificate or opinion being issued by the Expert Committee that does indicate a material fault in the Philatelic Item(s) that would allow you to return the item, we shall refund to you the money paid by you for the Philatelic Item(s) and shall return the Philatelic Item(s) to the Seller.

4 AT THE SALE

4.1 Refusal of admission

Our sales usually take place on our own premises or premises over which we have control for the sale, and we have the right, exercisable at our complete discretion, to refuse admission to the premises or attendance at an auction. You will only be eligible to bid on Lots which include NFT(s) if you have a valid online Digital Wallet in your name and under your control.

4.2 Registration before bidding

All bidders must be registered either by completing a registration form or creating an account online. Please be aware that we usually require buyers to present identification before making a bid at auction, undergo a credit check or provide a trade reference.

If you have not bid successfully with Spink in the past, or you are registering with us for the first time, we reserve the right to require a

deposit of up to 50% of the amount you intend to spend. Such deposit will be deducted from your invoice should you be successful. If you are unsuccessful at auction, your deposit will be returned by the same means it was paid to Spink.

Some Lots may be designated, prior to the auction, as "Premium Lots", which means a deposit may be required before placing a bid on the item for sale. Information will be posted on our website in such an event.

4.3 Bidding as Principal

When making a bid (whether such bids are made in person or by way of telephone bids operated by Spink, commission or online or email bids), you will be deemed to be acting as principal and will be accepting personal liability, unless it has been agreed in writing, at the time of registration, that you are acting as agent on behalf of a third party buyer acceptable to us.

4.4 Commission Bids

4.4.1 If you give us instructions to bid on your behalf, by using the form provided in our catalogues or via our website, we shall use reasonable endeavours to do so, provided these instructions are received not later than 24 hours before the auction. If we receive commission bids on a particular Lot for identical amounts, and at auction these bids are the highest bids for the Lot, it will be sold to the person whose bid was received first. Commission bids are undertaken subject to other commitments at the time of the sale, and the conduct of the auction may be such that we are unable to bid as requested. Since this is undertaken as a free service to prospective buyers on the terms stated, we cannot accept liability for failure to make a commission bid. You should therefore always attend personally if you wish to be certain of bidding.

4.4.2 Lots offered by timed auction are available for sale online only. At any time before the closing time you can place a bid equal to a minimum bid or a higher bid. You could also place your maximum bid and we will bid on your behalf increasing the price in increments to keep you in the lead up to your maximum bid. Placed bids cannot be cancelled or decreased.

4.5 On-line Bidding

We offer internet services as a convenience to our clients. We will not be responsible for errors or failures to execute bids placed on the internet, including, without limitation, errors or failures caused by (i) a loss of internet connection by either party for whatever reason; (ii) a breakdown or problems with the online bidding software and/or (iii) a breakdown or problems with your internet connection, computer or system. Execution of on-line internet bids on www.spink.com and Spink Live is a free service undertaken subject to other commitments at the time of the auction and we do not accept liability for failing to execute an online internet bid or for errors or omissions in connection with this activity.

4.6 Telephone Bids

If you make arrangements with us not less than 24 hours before the sale, we shall use reasonable endeavours to contact you to enable you to participate in bidding by telephone, but in no circumstances will we be liable to either the Seller or you as a result of failure to do so.

4.7 Currency Converter

At some auctions, a currency converter will be operated, based on the one month forward rates of exchange quoted to us by Barclays Bank Plc or any other appropriate rate determined by us, at opening on the date of the auction. Bidding will take place in a currency determined by us, which is usually sterling for auctions held in London. The currency converter is not always reliable, and errors may occur beyond our control either in the accuracy of the Lot number displayed on the converter, or the foreign currency equivalent of sterling bids. We shall not be liable to you for any loss suffered as a result of you following the currency converter.

4.8 Video images

At some auctions there will be a video screen. Mistakes may occur in its operation, and we cannot be liable to you regarding either the correspondence of the image to the Lot being sold or the quality of the image as a reproduction of the original.

4.9 Bidding Increments

Bidding generally opens below the low estimate and advances in the following order although the auctioneer may vary the bidding increments during the course of the auction. The normal bidding increments are:

Up to £100	by £5
£100 to £300	by £10
£300 to £600	£320-£350-£380-£400 etc.
£600 to £1,000	by £50
£1,000 to £3,000	by £100
£3,000 to £6,000	£3,200-£3,500-£3,800-£4,000 etc.
£6,000 to £10,000	by £500
£10,000 to £20,000	by £1,000
£20,000 and up	Auctioneer's discretion

4.10 Bidding by Spink

4.10.1 We reserve the right to bid on Lots on the Seller's behalf up to the amount of the Reserve (if any), which will never be above the low estimate printed in the auction catalogue.

4.10.2 The Spink Group reserves the right to bid on and purchase Lots as principal.

4.10.3 Lots with this symbol (☹) indicate that a party has provided Spink with an irrevocable bid on the Lot that will be executed during the sale at a value that ensures that the Lot will sell. The irrevocable bidder, who may bid in excess of the irrevocable bid, will be compensated based on his bid in the event he or she is not the successful bidder or may receive a fixed fee in the event he or she is the successful bidder.

If the irrevocable bidder is the successful bidder, the fixed fee for providing the irrevocable bid may be netted against the irrevocable bidder's obligation to pay the full purchase price for the Lot. If the irrevocable bid is not secured until after the printing of the auction catalogue, a pre-sale announcement will be made indicating that there is an irrevocable bid on the Lot.

If you are interested in placing an irrevocable bid in an auction, please contact us at chairmanoffice@spink.com. Typically, only some of the Lots with an estimate, which must exceed £100,000 or equivalent in other currencies are open to irrevocable bids.

4.11 The Auctioneer's Discretion

The auctioneer has the right at his absolute discretion to refuse any bid to advance the bidding in such manner as he may decide to withdraw or divide any Lot, to combine any two or more Lots and, in the case of error or dispute, to put an item up for bidding again.

4.12 Successful Bid

4.12.1 Subject to the auctioneer's discretion, the striking of his hammer marks the acceptance of the highest bid, provided always that such bid is higher than the Reserve (where applicable), and the conclusion of a contract for sale between you and the Seller.

4.12.2 The highest bid at the closing time of the timed auction will be the successful bid and the price will be the hammer price and this will be a conclusion of a contract for sale between you and the Seller. All lots sold in the timed auction are subject to charges per section 5 and all clauses of these terms and conditions.

4.13 After Sale Arrangements

If you enter into any private sale agreements for any Lot with the Seller within 60 days of the auction, we, as exclusive agents of the Seller reserve the right to charge you the applicable Buyer's Premium in accordance with these Terms and Conditions, and the Seller a commission in accordance with the terms of the Seller's agreement.

4.14 Return of Lot and cancellation of sale

4.14.1 Once your bid has been accepted for a Lot then you are liable to pay for that Lot in accordance with these Terms and Conditions. If there are any problems with a Lot then you must notify us within 7 days of receipt of the Lot, specifying the nature of the problem. Please note that an auction sale is not an approval sale. Lots examined by you (or your representative) prior to the sale, Lots for which we have provided condition reports and Lots purchased by floor bidders (including bidders executing commission bids on behalf of other parties) may not be returned and a cancellation of the sale and refund sought except in the case of Forgery in accordance with clause 5.13 below. We may then request that the Lot is returned to us for inspection. Save as set out in clause 5.13, the cancellation of the sale of any Lot and the refund of the corresponding purchase price is entirely at our sole discretion. We will not exercise that discretion if the Lot is not received by us in the same condition that it was in at the auction date (for the avoidance of doubt including but not limited to any item which has undergone any cleaning, restorative, conservation work, re-perforating, pressing, re-gumming or having been taken out of the third party holder after the item has been sold to you shall not be considered as being returned in the same condition as the auction date).

4.14.2 No Lot may be returned on account of condition if the condition was stated by a third party grading company (including, but not limited to PCGS, NGC, ANACS, ICG, PMG, WBG, Legacy Currency Grading) and which conflicts with our condition report or statement of opinion. As stated above at clause 3.2.2, except in the case of manifest error, our condition report and/or opinion stated at the time of the sale shall take precedence over any condition report or third party obtained by you from a third party.

4.14.3 No Lot identified as containing any NFT may be returned or is eligible for any refund once the NFT has been transferred to the Digital Wallet instructed by the Buyer. No warranty stated in clause 5.13.1 is given for such Lot.

4.14.4 In the event that a buyer, following a sale, submits any Philatelic Item(s) (including being part of a Lot) for expertising without our knowledge and no extension has been requested or agreed, then in the event that the certificate indicates any material fault in the Philatelic Item(s) not described by us, we shall have sole discretion as to whether or not any refund (whether in part or in full) is made to the buyer. No refunds will be considered in the event that any submissions are made to us later than 6 (six) years from the date of sale.

5 AFTER THE AUCTION

5.1 Buyer's Premium and other charges

In addition to the Hammer Price, you must pay us the Buyer's Premium at a rate of 22.5% of the final Hammer price of each Lot, postage charge and a fee for paying by card. Any Lot identified as containing an NFT is subject to the Buyer's Premium at a rate of 25% of the final Hammer Price, postage charge and in certain situations a fee for paying by card.

5.2 Value Added Tax

Other than in respect of Zero-rated Lots (o) VAT is chargeable on the Hammer price and the Buyer's premium of daggered (†) and (Ω) Lots at the standard rate (currently 20%), and on Lots marked (x) at the reduced rate (currently 5% on the Hammer price and 20% on the Buyer's premium). VAT on Margin scheme Lots (identified by the absence of any VAT symbol next to the Lot number) is payable at 20% on the Buyer's premium only.

5.3 VAT Refunds – Buyers from outside the UK

5.3.1 As we remain liable to account for VAT on all Lots unless they have been exported outside the UK within 3 months of the date of sale, you will be asked to deposit all amounts of VAT invoiced. However, if a

Spink nominated shipper is instructed, then any refundable VAT will not be collected. In all other cases refunds due will be made when valid proof of export is provided. For avoidance of doubt, please note refunds cannot be made to private Buyers, when Lots are bought for private use, if exported by the Buyer.

5.3.2 If you are registered as a collectibles business outside the UK and the Lots are invoiced to this business, are not for private use, if you export the Lots outside the UK yourself or appoint your own agent you must obtain shipping documents from the Shipping Department for which a charge of £50 will be made.

5.3.3 Where required, we can advise you on how to export Lots as a specific form of export evidence is required. Where we advise you on the export of the Lots, please be aware that the ultimate responsibility in respect of obtaining a valid proof of export will lie with you and we will not be responsible for your failure to obtain such proof.

5.3.4 If you export the Lot, subject to par. 5.3.2., you must return the valid proof of export to us within 3 months of the date of sale. If you fail to return the valid proof of export to us within such period and you have not already accounted to us for the VAT, you will be liable to us for the full amount of the VAT due on such Lot and we shall be entitled to invoice you for this sum.

5.3.5 To apply for a refund of any VAT paid, the valid proof of export must be sent to our Shipping Department clearly marked 'VAT Refund' within 3 months of the date of sale. No payment will be made where the total amount of VAT refundable is less than £50 and Spink will charge £50 for each refund processed.

5.3.6 Where a Lot is included within the Margin Scheme and Auctioneers' Scheme and valid evidence of export from the UK is produced within 3 months of the date of sale, the VAT on Buyer's Premium may be refunded.

5.3.7 Where the Lot is marked as a Daggered (†) Lot the VAT charged on the Hammer Price may be refunded where evidence of valid export from the UK is produced within 3 months of the date of sale. A refund of VAT charged on the Buyer's Premium can also be made on receipt of proof of registration as a collectibles business.

5.3.8 Where the Lot is marked as an Omega (Ω) Lot or an Import VAT (x) Lot and valid evidence of export from the UK is produced within 3 months of the date of sale, the VAT charged on both the Hammer Price and Buyer's Premium may be refunded.

5.3.9 Lot marked as Investment Gold (g) is exempt from VAT on Hammer price. A refund of VAT charged on the Buyer's Premium can be made on receipt of proof of registration as a collectibles business and where valid evidence of export from the UK is produced within 3 months of the date of sale.

5.4 Payment

5.4.1 You must provide us with your full name and permanent address and, if so requested, details of the bank from which any payments to us will be made. You must pay the full amount due (comprising the Hammer Price, the Buyer's Premium and any applicable VAT) within seven days after the date of the sale even if the Lot in question has been submitted for expertising and/or is awaiting a certificate to be issued. This applies even if you wish to export the Lot and an export licence is (or may be) required.

5.4.1.1 We shall hold all proceeds of sale until such time as any expertising and/or issue of certificates and/or export licence has been finalised.

5.4.1.2 In the event that the certificate indicates a material adverse issue with regard to the item in the Lot in question and/or the export licence is refused, we shall make an appropriate refund to the buyer.

5.4.2 You will not acquire title to the Lot until

- (i) all amounts due have been paid in full. This includes instances where special arrangements were made for release of Lot prior to full settlement;
- (ii) the NFT has been transferred to your Digital Wallet if the Lot you bought is identified as containing NFT, at this point the sale of the Lot becomes unconditional and incapable of any refund for any reason.

5.4.3 Payment should be made in sterling by one of the following methods:

- (i) Direct bank transfer to our account details of which are set out on the invoice. All bank charges shall be met by you. Please ensure that your client number is noted on the transfer.
- (ii) By cheque or bank draft made payable to Spink and Son Ltd and sent to Spink at 69 Southampton Row, Bloomsbury, London WC1B 4ET. Please note that the processing charges for payments made by cheques or bank drafts drawn on a non-U.K bank shall be met by you. Please ensure that the remittance slip printed at the bottom of the invoice is enclosed with your payment.
- (iii) By Visa or Mastercard. All Corporate cards regardless of origin and Consumer debit and credit cards issued outside the UK are subject to a fee of 3%. For all card payments there are limits to the amounts we will accept depending on the type of card being used and whether or not the cardholder is present.
- (iv) By cryptocurrency, if we have indicated in the catalogue or by a written announcement or notice prior to the sale of a Lot identified as containing any NFT that such cryptocurrency payment may be made by you and will be accepted by us.

5.4.4 Payments should be made by the registered buyer and not by third parties, unless it has been agreed at the time of registration that you are acting as an agent on behalf of a third party.

5.5 Invoices

Invoices may consist of one or more pages and will show: Zero rated Lots (o); no symbol Lots sold under the Margin Scheme and Auctioneers'

Scheme; Lots marked (g) special scheme Investment Gold; Dagged Lots (†), imported Lots marked (x) and (Ω).

5.6 Collection of Purchases

5.6.1 Unless specifically agreed to the contrary, we shall retain Lots purchased until all amounts due to us, or to the Spink Group, have been paid in full. Buyers will be required to pay for their Lots when they wish to take possession of the same, which must be within 7 days of the date of the sale, unless prior arrangements have been made with Spink. Without prior agreement, Lots will not be released until cleared funds are received with regard to payments made by cheque.

5.6.2 Unless we notify you to the contrary, items retained by us will be covered in accordance with our policy which is available for inspection at our offices from the date of sale for a period of seven days or until the time of collection, whichever is sooner. After seven days or from the time of collection, whichever is the earlier, the Lot will be entirely at your risk.

5.6.3 Our policy will not cover and we are unable to accept responsibility for damage caused by woodworm, changes in atmospheric conditions or acts of terrorism.

5.7 Notification

We are not able to notify successful bidders by telephone. While Invoices are sent out by email or mail after the auction we do not accept responsibility for notifying you of the result of your bid. You are requested to contact us by telephone or in person as soon as possible after the auction to obtain details of the outcome of your bids to avoid incurring charges for late payment.

5.8 Packing and handling

5.8.1 We shall use all reasonable endeavours to take care when handling and packing a purchased Lot but remind you that after seven days or from the time of collection, whichever is sooner, the Lot is entirely at your risk. Our postage charges are set out at the back of the catalogue.

5.8.2 It is the responsibility of the Buyer to be aware of any Import Duties that may be incurred upon importation to the final destination. Spink will not accept return of any package in order to avoid these duties. The onus is also on the Buyer to be aware of any Customs import restrictions that prohibit the importation of certain collectibles. Spink will not accept return of the Lot(s) under these circumstances. Spink will not accept responsibility for Lot(s) seized or destroyed by Customs.

5.8.3 If the Buyer requires delivery of the Lot to an address other than the invoice address this will be carried out at the discretion of Spink.

5.9 Recommended packers and shippers

If required our shipping department may arrange shipment as your agent. Although we may suggest carriers if specifically requested, our suggestions are made on the basis of our general experience of such parties in the past and we are not responsible to any person to whom we have made a recommendation for the acts or omissions of the third parties concerned.

5.10 Remedies for non-payment or failure to collect purchases

5.10.1 If you fail to make payment within seven days of your stipulated payment date set out in your invoice, we shall be entitled to exercise one or more of the following rights or remedies:

5.10.1.1 to charge interest at the rate of 2% per month compound interest, calculated on a daily basis, from the date the full amount is due;

5.10.1.2 to set off against any amounts which the Spink Group may owe you in any other transaction the outstanding amount remaining unpaid by you;

5.10.1.3 we may keep hold of all or some of your Lots or other property in the possession of the Spink Group until you have paid all the amounts you owe us or the Spink Group, even if the unpaid amounts do not relate to those Lots or other property. Following fourteen days' notice to you of the amount outstanding and remaining unpaid, the Spink Group shall have the right to arrange the sale of such Lots or other property. We shall apply the proceeds in discharge of the amount outstanding to us or the Spink Group, and pay any balance to you;

5.10.1.4 where several amounts are owed by you to the Spink Group in respect of different transactions, to apply any amount paid to discharge any amount owed in respect of any particular transaction, whether or not you so direct;

5.10.1.5 to reject at any future auction any bids made by you or on your behalf or obtain a deposit from you before accepting any bids.

5.10.2 If you fail to make payment within thirty-five days, we shall in addition be entitled:

5.10.2.1 to cancel the sale of the Lot or any other item sold to you at the same or any other auction;

5.10.2.2 to arrange a resale of the Lot, publicly or privately, and, if this results in a lower price being obtained, claim the balance from you together with all reasonable costs including a 20% seller's commission, expenses, damages, legal fees, commissions and premiums of whatever kind associated with both sales or otherwise, incurred in connection with your failure to make payment;

5.10.2.3 when reselling the Lot, place a notice in our catalogue stating that you successfully purchased the Lot at auction but have subsequently failed to pay the Hammer Price of the Lot; or

5.10.2.4 take any other appropriate action as we deem fit.

5.10.3 If you fail to collect within fourteen days after the sale, whether or not payment has been made, you will be required

5.10.3.1 to pay a storage charge of £2 per item per day plus any additional handling cost that may apply.

5.10.3.2 you will not be entitled to collect the Lot until all outstanding charges are met, together with payment of all other amounts due to us.

5.11 Use of Default Information

If you fail to make payment for a Lot in accordance with these Terms and Conditions:

5.11.1 we reserve the right to refuse you the right to make bids for any future auction irrespective of whether previous defaults have been settled; and

5.11.2 you acknowledge that we may (as necessary for our legitimate interests those of other auctioneers and live bidding platforms in referencing customers and avoiding customer defaults) disclose details of such default to other auctioneers and live bidding platforms, which will include your name, address, nature of the default and the date of the default.

Auctioneers or live bidding platforms who receive details of the default may rely on such information when deciding whether to enter into a transaction with you in the future.

5.12 Export Licence

5.12.1 If required we can, at our discretion, advise you on the detailed provisions of the export licensing regulations. Where we advise you in relation to export licensing regulations the ultimate responsibility in respect of any export will lie with you and we will not be responsible for your failure to apply for any necessary licences.

5.12.2 If the Lot is going to be hand carried by you, you may be required to produce a valid export licence to us or sign a waiver document stating that a licence will be applied for.

5.12.3 You should always check whether an export licence is required before exporting. Export licences are usually obtained within two or three weeks but delays can occur.

5.12.4 Unless otherwise agreed by us in writing, the fact that you wish to apply for an export licence does not affect your obligation to make payment within seven days nor our right to charge interest on late payment.

5.12.5 If you request that we apply for an export licence on your behalf, we shall be entitled to recover from you our disbursements and out of pocket expenses in relation to such application, together with any relevant VAT.

5.12.6 We will not be obliged to rescind a sale nor to refund any interest or other expenses incurred by you where payment is made by you despite the fact that an export licence is required.

5.13 Refund in the case of Forgery

5.13.1 Unless otherwise described by us, and subject to the rest of this clause 5.13, we guarantee the authenticity of a Lot (other than a miscellaneous Lot, or Lot containing an NFT or item not described in the catalogue) offered for sale by us for: (1) a period of 10 (ten) years from the date of sale for coins and banknotes; and (2) a period of 6 (six) years for all other items.

5.13.2 If, after the sale of a Lot, you reasonably believe an item in a Lot (other than a miscellaneous item not described in the catalogue) is not authentic and is a Forgery, you must:

5.13.2.1 notify us within 7 days of becoming aware the item is a Forgery providing a written explanation and evidence obtained by you that the item is a Forgery. ("Forgery Notice");

5.13.2.2 unless otherwise agreed by us in writing, return the item to us within 14 days from the Forgery Notice, in the same condition as at the auction date (for the avoidance of doubt including but not limited to any item which has undergone any cleaning, restorative, conservation work, re-perforating, pressing, re-gumming or having been taken out of the third party holder after the item has been sold to you shall not be considered as being returned in the same condition as the auction date);

5.13.2.3 promptly provide to us such evidence as we may request that you are able to transfer good title to us or the Seller as we direct, free from any third party claims.

5.13.3 Following receipt of the information set out above and the item, we will review and notify you if we agree with your belief the item is not authentic and is a Forgery. You shall cooperate with us at all times and provide such further information and assistance as we may reasonably require for us to carry out our review. Failure to adhere to the above conditions shall mean we shall not be under any obligation to continue the process of review or refund any money paid by you (if applicable).

5.13.4 Following our review, if we agree the item is not authentic and is a Forgery we shall notify you in writing. The sale of the Lot to which the item relates shall be rescinded and the amount paid by you refunded to you. For the avoidance of doubt we will only be required to pay you the amount actually paid by you for the Lot concerned and you shall have no claim for interest. Except as otherwise stated in this clause, we shall not be liable to you for any costs, expenses or damages (whether direct, indirect, special or consequential) incurred or suffered by you in respect of any Lot, which breaches our guarantee and is a Forgery.

5.13.5 Please note an item shall not be considered a Forgery by us where any of the following circumstances apply:

5.13.5.1 the catalogue description or saleroom notice of the item at the auction date corresponded to the generally accepted opinion of scholars or experts at that time, or fairly indicated that there was a conflict of opinions, or

5.13.5.2 it can be demonstrated that the item is a Forgery only by means of either a scientific process not generally accepted for use until after publication of the catalogue or a process which at the date of the auction was unreasonably expensive or impracticable or likely to have caused damage to the Lot; or

5.13.5.3 it can be demonstrated that the item is a Forgery only by means of adding information and/or material which were not available at the date of the auction.

5.13.6 The benefit of the guarantee at clause 5.13.1 is not capable of being transferred, and is solely for the benefit of the person to whom the original invoice was made out by us in respect of the Lot when

- sold and who, since the sale, has remained the owner of the Lot without disposing of any interest in it to any third party.
- 5.13.7 We shall be entitled to rely on any scientific or other process to establish that the Lot is not a Forgery, whether or not such process was used or in use at the date of the auction.

6 LIABILITY

Nothing in these Terms and Conditions limits or excludes our liability for:

- 6.1 death or personal injury resulting from negligence; or
- 6.2 any damage or liability incurred by you as a result of our fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation.

7 USE OF YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

7.1 We will use the personal information you provide to us as set out in our privacy notice (available at <https://spink.com/privacy-policy>) and in particular to:

- 7.1.1 process the bids you make on Lots (whether successful or otherwise) and other auction related services we provide;
- 7.1.2 process your payment relating to a successful purchase of a Lot which includes submitting certain personal information to the Blockchain in respect of purchases of NFTs using a Digital Wallet;
- 7.1.3 arrange for delivery of any Lot you purchase, which will include passing your details to shipping providers and, on overseas deliveries, to customs where they make enquiries regarding the Lot and to the Blockchain where you purchase NFT(s);
- 7.1.4 inform you about similar products or services that we provide, but you may stop receiving these at any time by contacting us.
- 7.2 In accordance with clause 4.2, we may pass your information to credit reference agencies in order to obtain credit checks from them, and they may keep a record of any search that they do.
- 7.3 In accordance with clause 5.11, where you default on making payment for a Lot in accordance with these terms and conditions we may disclose details of such default to other auctioneers and live bidding platforms.
- 7.4 We are also working closely with third parties (including, for example, other auctioneers and live bidding platforms) and may receive information about you from them.
- 7.5 Where you provide us with personal information about other individuals, you must ensure that your provision of that information is compliant with applicable data protection law.

8 COPYRIGHT

- 8.1 We shall have the right (on a non-exclusive basis) to photograph, video or otherwise produce an image of the Lot. All rights in such an image will belong to us, and we shall have the right to use it in whatever way we see fit.
- 8.2 The copyright in all images, illustrations and written material relating to a Lot is and shall remain at all times our property and we shall have the right to use it in whatever way we see fit. You shall not use or allow anyone else to use such images, illustrations or written material without our prior written consent. This is separate and distinct to any copyright inherent in any item of any Lot which is to be assigned to you as part of a Lot containing an NFT.

9 VAT

You shall give us all relevant information about your VAT status and that of the Lot to ensure that the correct information is printed in the catalogues. Once printed, the information cannot be changed. If we incur any unforeseen cost or expense as a result of the information being incorrect, you will reimburse to us on demand the full amount incurred.

10 NOTICES

All notices given under these Terms and Conditions may be served personally, sent by 1st class post, or faxed to the address given to the sender by the other party. Any notice sent by post will be deemed to have been received on the second working day after posting or, if the addressee is overseas, on the fifth working day after posting. Any notice sent by fax or served personally will be deemed to be delivered on the first working day following despatch.

11 ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

The following provisions of this clause 11 shall apply only if you are acting for the purposes of your business.

11.1 Limitation of Liability

Subject to clause 6, we shall not be liable, whether in tort (including for negligence) or breach of statutory duty, contract, misrepresentation or otherwise for any:

- 11.1.1 loss of profits, loss of business, depletion of goodwill and/or similar losses, loss of anticipated savings, loss of goods, loss of contract, loss of use, loss of corruption of data or information; or
- 11.1.2 any special, indirect, consequential or pure economic loss, costs, damages, charges or expenses.
- 11.1.3 You acknowledge that we are not technology or data experts and that NFTs are not issued, minted or tokenised by us. Furthermore, you acknowledge that NFTs are a new type of asset and NFTs, Smart Contracts and Blockchain transactions are subject to inherent technical and financial risks which you accept, and that the regulatory environment in relation to NFTs (over which we have no control) is uncertain and developing constantly.

11.2 Severability

If any part of these Terms and Condition is found by any court to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, that part may be discounted and the rest of the conditions shall continue to be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

11.3 Force majeure

We shall have no liability to you if we are prevented from, or delayed in performing, our obligations under these Terms and Conditions or from carrying on our business by acts, events, omissions or accidents beyond our reasonable control, including (without limitation) strikes, lock-outs or other industrial disputes (whether involving our workforce or the

workforce of any other party), failure of a utility service or transport or communications network, blockchain failure or delay, act of God, war, riot, civil commotion, malicious damage, compliance with any law or governmental order, rule, regulation or direction, accident, breakdown of plant or machinery, fire, flood, storm or default of suppliers or subcontractors.

11.4 Waiver

11.4.1 A waiver of any right under these Terms and Conditions is only effective if it is in writing and it applies only to the circumstances for which it is given. No failure or delay by a party in exercising any right or remedy under these Terms and Conditions or by law shall constitute a waiver of that (or any other) right or remedy, nor preclude or restrict its further exercise. No single or partial exercise of such right or remedy shall preclude or restrict the further exercise of that (or any other) right or remedy.

11.4.2 Unless specifically provided otherwise, rights arising under these Terms and Conditions are cumulative and do not exclude rights provided by law.

11.5 Law and Jurisdiction

11.5.1 These Terms and Conditions and any dispute or claim arising out of or in connection with them or their subject matter, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of England.

11.5.2 The parties irrevocably agree that the courts of England shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute or claim that arises out of, or in connection with, Terms and Conditions or their subject matter.

Postal Charges

Prices for all items including postage and packaging

Invoice Value	UK	EU	Rest of the World
Up to £1,500	£12	£20	£30
Up to £10,000	£20	£40	£60
Above £10,001	£30	£60	£90

The above fees are in GBP and would be converted into the sale currency if applicable.

Shipments of more than 2kg or volumetric measurement of more than 2kg have to be sent by courier. Certain countries may incur extra charge when courier services are required by our insurance policy. For Lots sent by courier please contact Auctionteam@spink.com for calculation of any further relevant cost in addition to the above charges.

Value Added Tax (VAT)

Charging of (VAT) at Auction

The information shown on this page sets out the way in which Spink intends to account for VAT.

i. Margin Scheme and Auctioneers' Scheme

1. Where possible, we will offer Lots for sale under the Margin Scheme and Auctioneers' Scheme. Such Lots can be identified by the absence of any VAT symbol next to the Lot number in the catalogue. Such Lots are subject to 20% VAT on the Buyers' Premium but are not subject to VAT on the Hammer Price.
2. Where Lots are sold using the Margin Scheme and Auctioneers' Scheme to UK VAT-registered businesses, the VAT on Buyers' Premium is not recoverable as input tax. Upon request on sale day, we will issue invoices that show VAT separately on both the Hammer Price and the Buyer's Premium. This will enable VAT-registered businesses to recover the VAT charged as input tax, subject to the normal rules for recovering input tax.

ii. Zero-Rated Lots

Limited Categories of goods, such as books, are Zero-rated (o) for VAT in the United Kingdom. Such Lots are offered under the Auctioneers' Scheme. In these circumstances no VAT will be added to the Buyer's premium.

iii. Daggered Lots

Lots which are Daggered (†) in the catalogue are subject to VAT at 20% on both the Hammer Price and the Buyer's Premium.

iv. Imported and Omega Lots

Lots which are marked (x) in the catalogue are subject to VAT at 5% on the Hammer price plus 20% on the Buyer's premium. Lots which bear the Omega symbol (Ω) are subject to VAT at 20% on the Hammer Price and on the Buyer's Premium. This VAT is payable on items imported from outside the UK. In these cases we have used a temporary importation procedure, which in effect means that the point of importation is deferred until the Lot has been sold. At this point the Buyer is treated as the importer and is liable to pay the import VAT due. We will collect the VAT from you and pay it to HM Customs and Excise on your behalf.

v. Investment Gold Lots

Lots marked (g) in the catalogue are exempt from VAT on the Hammer Price and are subject to VAT at 20% on the Buyer's Premium. A refund of VAT charged on the Buyer's Premium can also be made on receipt of proof of business as a collectibles dealer outside of the UK.

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WHERE HISTORY IS VALUED

SALE CALENDAR 2025

STAMPS

8 - 22 July	The Philatelic Collector's Series - e-Auction	London	25117
23 July	The Lionheart Collection of British Empire Part XXII	London	25019
30 October	The Philatelic Collector's Series Sale	Hong Kong	CSS119
28 - 29 October	The Tom Gosse Collection of the Japanese Occupation of South-East Asia	London	25020
29 October	Tibet - The 'Bramley' Collection Part I	London	25023
30 October	The Lionheart Collection of British Empire Part XXIII	London	25024

COINS

4 - 18 July	Numismatic e-Auction	Hong Kong	CSS117
July 31 - 14 August	Spink Numismatic e-Circular 41: Indian and Islamic Coins - e-Auction	London	25122
30 September	British Coins and Medals Featuring The 'Pallas' Collection	London	25005
1 October	World Coins and Medals Featuring The Hurter-Amman Collection	London	25055
8 October	Ancient Coins	London	25006
8 October	The Numismatic Collectors' Series Sale	Hong Kong	CSS118
9 October	The Nicholas Rhodes Collection of Nepalese Coins	London	25088

BANKNOTES

26 June - 10 July	World, British and Irish Banknotes - e-Auction	London	25200
16 July	The Jeffrey Wong Collection of World Banknotes - Part I	London	25888
16 July	The Victoria Falls Collection of Southern Rhodesia, Rhodesia and Nyasaland Banknotes	London	25025
24 July - 7 August	World Banknotes - e-Auction	London	25300
23 September	World Banknotes	London	25009
23 September - 7 October	World Banknotes - e-Auction	London	25400
29 October - 12 November	World Banknotes - e-Auction	London	25500

MEDALS

24 July	Orders, Decorations and Medals	London	25002
11-25 September	Orders, Decorations and Medals - e-Auction	London	25112
27 November	Orders, Decorations and Medals	London	25003

HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS

17 September	Historical Documents, Autographs and Ephemera	London	25066
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LIFESTYLE COLLECTABLES

November	Original Vintage Film Posters	London	TBC
26 June - 17 July	The Numismatic Collector's Series: Coins, Medals, Banknotes, Jewelry and Autographs - e-Auction	New York	407

The above sale dates are subject to change

Spink offers the following services:

- VALUATIONS FOR INSURANCE AND PROBATE FOR INDIVIDUAL ITEMS OR WHOLE COLLECTIONS -
- SALES ON A COMMISSION BASIS EITHER OF INDIVIDUAL PIECES OR WHOLE COLLECTIONS -