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Foreword

The "Athena" Collection was formed painstakingly and by hard work during a period of over 35 years by a fervent, passionate and eminent collector with extremely deep knowledge of Large Hermes Heads.

The Collection over the years received the highest distinctions in numerous important international exhibitions and, ultimately, in 1996 the "Grand Prix d' honneur", the top distinction that can be awarded to a stamp collection.

The collection includes unused, used, multiples and covers, often the finest, the largest or the only (Bob Odenweller). Others characterised the collection as the "collection sacrée" (Roger Loeuillet).

On November 20, 1997, the "Athena" Grand Prix Collection of Large Hermes Heads, at the invitation of the Royal Philatelic Society was exhibited in the Society's premises in London.

DR. ALAN HUGGINS, MBE, RDP, FRPSL, was asked by President JANE MOUBRAY to give the vote of thanks to the Exhibitor.

Dr. Huggins, one of the most senior figures in world philately, said there were inadequate words in the English language to fully justify the truly outstanding rarity and quality of the material that had been exhibited.

He said that in the twelve frames, each of twelve pages, the viewer not only had the opportunity of seeing a magnificent and rare piece in every frame but on virtually EVERY page in every frame!.

The presentation accompanying the display was extremely informative and Dr. Huggins confessed that he now appreciated that his previous knowledge of Hermes Heads was minimal compared with what he had learned from the "Athena Collection of Large Hermes Heads", that he characterised as "display of displays".

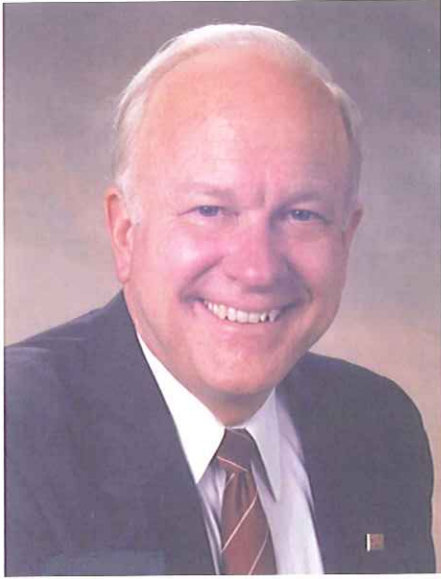
Dr. Huggins continued by saying that the audience, which filled the Society's meeting room, were privileged to have witnessed possibly the best collection that has ever been assembled of these beautiful stamps and he heartily congratulated the Exhibitor.

Mr. GAVIN FRYER, a member of the Council of The Royal Philatelic Society, heartily endorsed the words of Dr. Huggins and repeated the President's appreciation to the Exhibitor for bringing his superb display to London and for entralling all so magnificently.

Feldman Galleries S.A. are proud to present the "Grand Prix Collection of Large Hermes Heads" for auction.

David Feldman

Introduction *Greece as a Grand Prix Collection*



Building a Grand Prix collection is not easy. Foremost in the process is the need for a country whose stamps are of sufficient complexity and rarity to be considered for philately's top prize. But that is only the start.

Next comes a very long process of waiting for each of the best items to become available. For some countries the finest material is so hopelessly tied up in collections or museums that waiting for it to reach the market is sure to frustrate any thoughts of forming a major collection. In 1969, Sir John Wilson, Keeper of the Royal Collection, told me a short cut to this process. He said "buy a few gold medal collections, remove the best parts for your collection and sell the rest." That wasn't easy then, and is even more difficult today. If the opportunity should arise, however, a fortunate collector can eliminate the twenty or so years of searching since someone else will have done it for him.

So today we have a rare combination of circumstances with Classic Greece. A large number of the most outstanding rarities are reaching the market at the same time, offering a chance that is unlikely to be repeated for many years to come.

The Large Hermes Heads are unique in that they feature "control numbers" on the higher values of all but the first and last issues. These numbers, applied both to help identify them (because the actual design numbers were very small) and possibly to thwart counterfeiting, have created a complexity and rarity that is deserving of international attention. With two different printing steps involved, it is inevitable that mistakes would occur, and they did. Numbers are inverted, printed on the front, and in the wrong colours. Each has made a rarity of stamps that are already difficult to find as fine examples of the normal stamps.

It is safe to say that virtually every rarity of the Large Hermes Heads will become available within the next year or so, and in some of the finest condition available. Covers and usages to and from foreign countries are, in some cases, unique, and they too are soon to be found in sales. So much material, in fact, that more than one person can create an exhibit of considerable substance.

The Athena Collection is a gold mine of the largest known multiples, unusual destinations, combination covers, and examples of many important items that cannot be found elsewhere. Condition is generally excellent and the coverage of each issue is exceptionally strong. In short, this is a wonderful point to start to build a Grand Prix collection.

Bob Odenweller
RDP, FRPSL, FRPSNZ

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Greece "The Grand Prix Collection"

DIE PROOF AND ESSAYS



30000 E

A progressive die proof in blue on bluish, India paper (82 x 100 mm) taken from the master matrix without lettering ornaments and value. Minor imperfections otherwise fine and extremely rare (Constantinides ES 111b) ex Alfonse.

8'000



30001 E

A similar die proof in black, complete except for value tablets, age stain on the right and lower part of the surrounding white paper, without affecting the proof, fine and extremely rare.

7'000



30002 E 田

One Lepton, black, block of 30, from the top of the sheet, one of the two largest known multiples of this proof. A rare showpiece, v.fine, ex Hellas Collection.

7'000



30003 E

1 Lep, black, on white paper, v.fine.

180

30004 E

1 Lep, grayish, on white paper, v.fine

100

30005 E

1 Lep, pale grey brown on thin white paper, v.fine

75

30006 E

1 Lep, dark grey, printed both sides, v.fine

100

30007 E

1 Lep, dark brown on thinner paper than the paper of the issued stamp, an attractive array of three stamps of similar shades, v.fine

180



30008 E

1 Lep, yellow brown with brown on the reverse. Huge margins all round, v.fine and scarce shade.

350

30009 E

1 Lep, red brown, on slightly brownish thin white paper, v.fine and scarce shade.

350

30010 E

2 Lep, bistre yellow on rather thick paper, good to large margins, v.fine and v.rare

100

30011 E

5 Lep, green on greenish paper. Slightly touched on upper right side o/w fine and rare.

100

30012 E

20 Lep, black, upper right corner of the sheet, with impression of essay of 1 Lep chocolate on the reverse side, v.fine and rare.

200



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| 30013 | E | 20 Lep, dark blue on azure pelure paper, upper left corner, v.fine and v.rare. | 200 |
| 30014 | E | 20 Lep, dark blue with blue impression on the back side, tete-beche on the reverse, on azure paper, good even margins, v.fine and v.rare. | 180 |
| 30015 | E | 20 Lep, very dark blue on the front with blue impression on the reverse, good even margins, v.fine and scarce shade. | 250 |
| 30016 | E | 20 Lep, proof, triple printing on the same side. Twice blue and the third deep blue, v.fine and extremely rare. Ex Maximus. | 1'200 |



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| 30017 | E | 40 Lep, deep rose, on pelure paper. Very large even margins. Superb and rare. | 180 |
| 30018 | E | 40 Lep, printed both sides. Rose blurred on front and rose on the reverse, v.fine and v.rare. | 200 |
| 30019 | E | 40 Lep, yellow orange on front and back, on green paper, reverse shows ink from the printing plate, v.fine and rare. | 150 |
| 30020 | E | 80 Lep, carmine, pair, v.fine. | 150 |

1861 PARIS PRINT

PROOFS

The first Greek stamps engraved by A. Barre, were printed in Paris by E. Meyer in seven values (1L, 2L, 5L, 10L, 20L, 40L, 80L) by the "hard printing" method. The 10L value has control numerals "10" that are 8mm tall and the remaining values are without control numerals. They are the finest of the Large Hermes Heads.



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| 30021 | E ㊥ | 1 Lep, brown, final proof, marginal block of four, v.fine and rare. | 500 |
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| 30022 | E 田 | 2 Lep, bistre brown, final proof, block of four, v.fine. Ex Maximus | 120 |
| 30023 | E 田 | 5 Lep, green, final proof, marginal block of four, v.fine and rare. | 1'000 |
| 30024 | E 田 | 20 Lep, blue, final proof, marginal block of four, small thin and tear at sheet, margin both well away from stamp designs, v.fine and rare, ex Maximus. | 1'500 |

THE “IMPRIMATURES” (SO-CALLED “BARRE PROOFS”)



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| 30025 | E 田 | 10 Lep, red orange on blue, block of 40, without control figures on reverse, from the bottom of the sheet, with printer's imprint "TYPOGRAPHIE ERNEST MEYER, RUE DE VERNEUIL, 22, A PARIS". Some minor marginal imperfections at right. | 30'000 |
| A great rarity of the Greek philately and superb. The largest known block. Ex Alfonse. | | | |

THE ISSUED STAMPS



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| 30026 | * | 1 Lep, brown, mint with full o.g., good to large margins, v.fine (VI.1) | 350 |
| 30027 | * | 1 Lep, red brown, mint, with full o.g., good to even margins, v.fine (VI.1a) | 450 |
| 30028 | * | 1 Lep, chocolate, mint, with full o.g., good even margins, v.fine. (VI. 1b) | 350 |



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| 30029 | ⊙ ⊕ | 1 Lep, chocolate, used block of four, with good even margins, tied by lozenge "12" of Gastouni. Extremely rare multiple in superb condition. Cert. Hunziker (1967), Holcombe (1988). (Vl. 1b) | 7'500 |
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| 30030 | ⊙ | 1 Lep, chocolate vertical strip of three, good to large margins, superb, cancelled by "67" (Syros) lozenge. Ex Guire-Lea. (VI. 1b) | 1'000 |
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THE ISSUED STAMPS



30033 ☉ 田

2 Lep, bistre brown, used, block of four, with good to large margins all round, tied by lozenge "9" of Patras, v.fine. (VI. 2)

500



30034 ✉

Unpaid double weight cover from Marseille to Athens, carried by French Paqueboat "Amerique". On arrival in Athens (8 October, 1861), 2 Lep (two), 40 Lep (two), and 80 Lep (two) all Paris print, were applied as postage dues. All stamps are tied by dotted "1" (Athens) and have good to large margins. 8 October, 1861, is the earliest recorded date of use of 2 Lep. An impressive and extremely rare cover in very fine condition, ex Texas collection. (VI. 2+5+6)

10'000

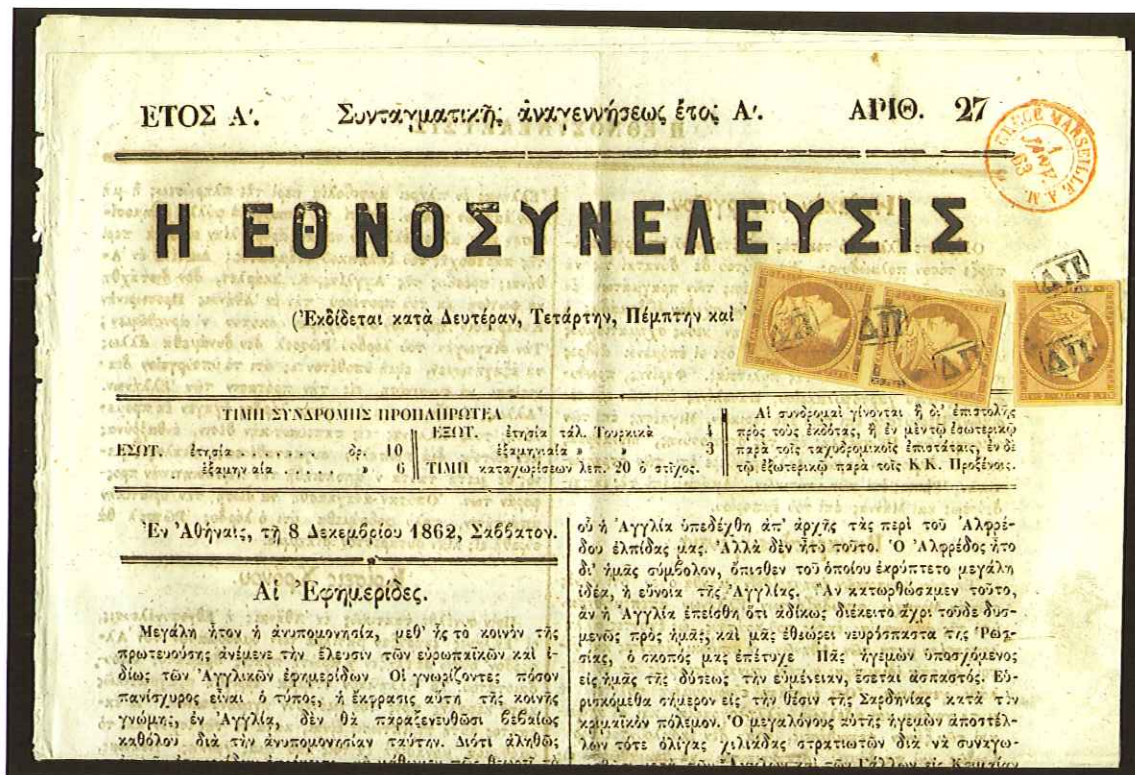
Postal Rates:

France to Greece: 112L (1Fr.), single, to 7.5 grams.

224L, double, 7.5 to 15 grams.

Greek domestic rate: 20L to 15 grams.

THE ISSUED STAMPS

30035 

2 Lep, bistre brown, pair and a single, all with huge margins all round, used on the newspaper "ETHNOSYNELEYSIS" of 8 December, 1862, from Athens to France, all tied by boxed "P.D.". Alongside red "Grece-Marseille A.M. 1 January 1863" arrival c.d.s.. This is the only recorded newspaper bearing 3 examples of 2 Lep, Paris print. A great rarity in excellent condition. (VI. 2)

9'000

Newspaper Rates (Act of May 21, 1860):

1 gram to 30 grams : 1 Lepton

For each additional 20 grams: 1 Lepton



30036 *

5 Lep, mint block of four, with full o.g., large even margins, some usual gum creases, fresh vivid colour, v.fine and exceedingly rare. Ex Hellas Collection. (VI. 3)

6'000

30037

5 Lep, yellow green, used block of four, with good to large margins all round, tied by lozenge "60" of Kymi. Good even margins, superb and v.rare. (VI. 3)

6'000

THE ISSUED STAMPS



30038



A 1865 cover from Trieste to Kalamae, taxed on arrival 75 Lep by the addition of 5 Lep, green, seven singles, together with 40 Lep, mauve on blue, 1862-67 printings. All stamps are cancelled by Kalamae arrival c.d.s. (9-3-68). Late usage of 5 Lep, Paris print. An impressive showpiece, v.fine and extremely rare. (VI. 3+33)

5'000

THE FAMOUS 10 LEPTA BLOCK



30039



10 Lep, red orange on blue, fantastic mint corner block of four in absolutely immaculate condition with full original gum and complete sheet margins, a brilliant, vivid and fresh colour.

35'000

One of the most important items in the Maximus, the rarest of all mint blocks of the Paris print, a stunning showpiece and a great rarity of the Large Hermes Heads (Note: on October 1984, it realized in our sale 57'500), only five such blocks known. Cert. E. Diena (1983), Tseriotis (1984). (VI. 7)

THE ISSUED STAMPS



- 30040** ☉ 10 Lep, yellowish orange on blue, used, showing "1" inverted (Pos. 86) on reverse, tiny thinning, o/w v.fine and v.scarce variety of the control numerals. Ex Maximus. (VI. 7d) **1'250**
- 30041** ☉ 10 Lep, yellowish orange on blue, cancelled by blue "104" canc of Preveza (Tourkia). Three such postmarks are known, v.fine and extremely scarce, Ex Maximus (VI. 7) **1'200**



- 30042** ☒ A 1861 stampless cover from Constantinople to Athens by the French ship "PHASE", charged on arrival with 10 Lep, orange on blue, with variety of control numerals on reverse "0" inverted, 40 Lep, mauve, and 80 Lep, carmine, all Paris print, all tied by dotted "1" (Athens). Paqueboat "PHASE" c.d.s. (6 Nov. 61) is alongside. All stamps in very fresh and v.fine condition. **6'000**

This is a UNIQUE cover with such variety. A great exhibition showpiece. Ex Alfonse. (VI. 7c+5+6)

Postal rates (Treaty of 20-5-1844 with France):
Constantinople to Athens: 30L up to 7 1/2 grams.
Greek domestic rate : 20L up to 15 grams.



30043



Magazine "EVANGELIKOS KYRIX" of 1-1-1862, from Athens to France, franked with 10 Lep, orange on blue, Paris print, with large margins all round, tied by lozenge "1" of Athens. Red c.d.s. Grece-Marseille A.M. 22 Janv. 62 alongside. Two such magazines with 10 Lep, Paris print, are recorded. Extremely rare and impressive showpiece in v.fine condition, ex Vlavianos. (VI. 7)

9'000



30044



A 1866 prepaid single rate cover from "Amfilochikon Argos" to Trieste by Austrian Lloyd, franked with 10 Lep, yellowish orange, Paris print, together with 20 Lep, blue (3 singles), and 5 Lep, green, 1862-67 printings, all tied by blue lozenge "51". Despatch "Amfil. Argos" blue c.d.s. 4 February, 1866 and black boxed P.D. alongside. On the back Vonitsa, Lefkas and Corfu transit and Trieste arrival c.d.s. (1-2-1866). Attractive, v.rare and impressive franking showing very late usage of 10 Lep, Paris, in v.fine condition, ex Vlavianos. (VI. 7+32+30)

3'000

Postal Rates (Treaty of 26 November 1850 with Austria):

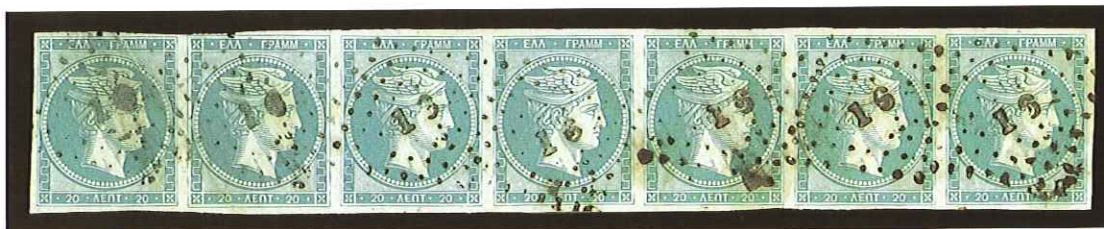
Ship rate : 45 Lepta

Austrian domestic rate: 10 Lepta

Greek domestic rate : 20 Lepta
75 Lepta

THE ISSUED STAMPS

THE LARGEST KNOWN MULTIPLE

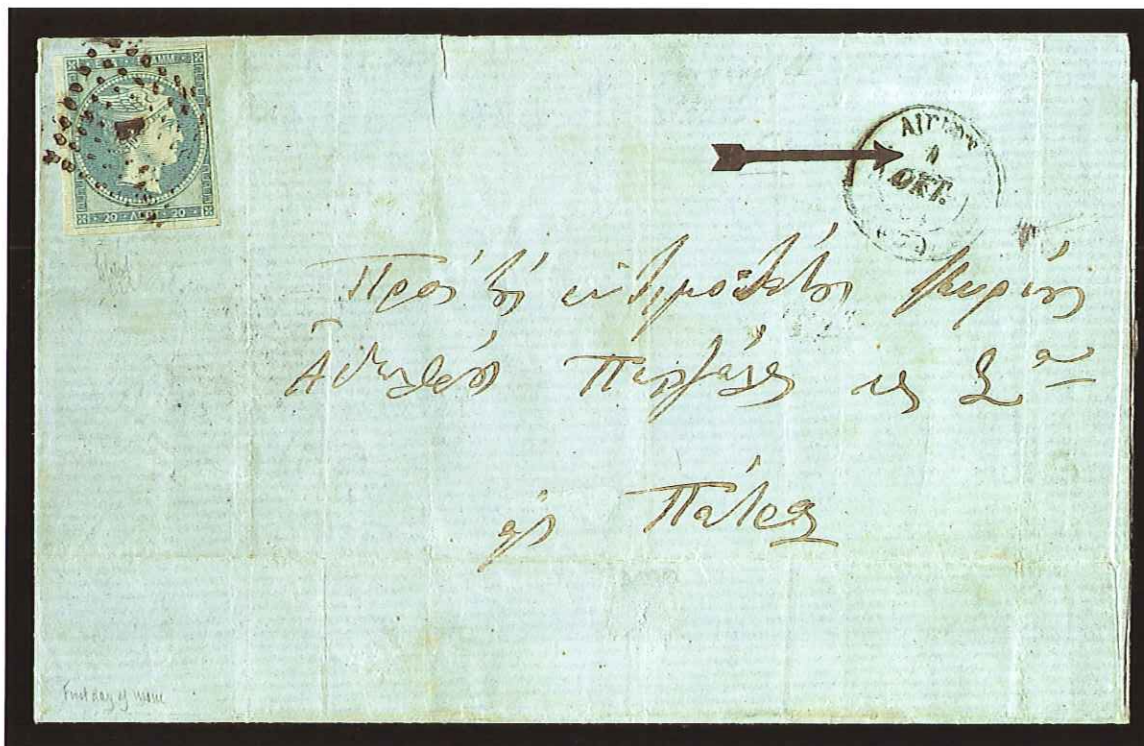


- 30045** ☉ 20 Lep, blue, used strip of seven, tied by lozenge "16" (Kranidion) lozenge, the largest known used multiple, an extremely rare showpiece, ex Guire-Lea. (VI. 4) **5'000**
- 30046** ☉ Dotted postmark "103" (Larissa) in blue on 20 Lep, Paris, superb used and v.rare. (VI. 4) **350**



- 30047** ☐ 20 Lep, milky blue, one vertical and one horizontal pair, all with clear to large margins, on a prepaid double weight letter from Smyrna to Athens, tied by diamond dotted "96". Smyrna Tourkia, Greek Post Office c.d.s. 27-10-1861 and P.E.D. are alongside, v.fine and v.scarce. (VI. 4a) **3'000**

THE ISSUED STAMPS



30048 ☒

20 Lep, blue on bluish, cancelled "7" in diamond of dots on a letter sheet from Aigion to Patras, with Aigion c.d.s. 1 October, 1861, first day of issue of Greek postage stamps. On the back Patras arrival c.d.s. 2 October, 1861. Up to six first day covers are recorded. This letter sheet has vertical creases, some other imperfections, but, nevertheless, is a v.fine and impressive showpiece. Ex Wasdekis. Cert. Holcombe (1986). (VI. 4)

25'000



30049 ☒

20 Lep, blue on bluish, on a small prepaid folded letter sheet, from Athens to Skyros, tied by lozenge "1" of Athens with adjacent Athens c.d.s. 2 October, 1861, second day of issue, v.fine and v.rare. (VI.4)

1'000



30050 ☒

20 Lep, blue, tied with "67" in diamond of dots, on a prepaid single weight cover from Syros to Athens with adjacent Syros despatch c.d.s. 3 October, 1861, third day of issue. On reverse Athens arrival c.d.s. 4-10-1871. Large to huge margins all around and v.rare. (VI.4)

1'000



30051



20 Lep, blue (3 examples), 10 Lep, red orange, and 5 Lep, yellow green, all with good margins, tied by lozenge "56" of Chalkis, on a single weight prepaid letter sheet from Chalkis to Trieste. Chalkis c.d.s. 12 January, 1862 and red P.E.D. alongside, v.fine and v.scarce. Ex Vlavianos. (VI. 4+7+3)

4'000



30052



20 Lep, deep dark blue of Patras, tied by lozenge "9" of Patras, with adjacent Patras c.d.s. May 10, 1862, on a prepaid cover from Patras to Aigion, v.fine and extremely rare on cover. (VI. 4ca)

3'500

THE ISSUED STAMPS



30053 * 田

40 Lep, mauve on blue, mint block of four, with full o.g., v.fine and v.rare. (VI.5a)

3'000



30054 ☒ ☉

A 1861 stampless cover from Arta, Turquia, to Patras showing usage of blue "ARTI" pre-stamp oval cancellation. Considered underpaid, 40 Lep, mauve on blue, Paris print, tied by "9" (Patras) lozenge, added as postage due on arrival. The cover mailed before the use of the Greek stamps on 27-9-1861 (see hand written date by sender inside), arrived at destination when stamps were already in use, possible on the first day of issue (1-10-1861), which cannot be verified as part of the upper back flap with arrival c.d.s. is missing. "ARTI" pre-adhesive double ring canceller and boxed "PLIROMI ANEPARKIS" (insufficient payment) are alongside. The cover is somehow soiled, the 40 Lep is touched at right o/w an extraordinary and exceedingly rare and important item. (VI. 5)

5'000

THE ISSUED STAMPS



30055



40 Lep, violet on blue, two used strip of three, all with good to large margins, tied with "2" lozenge of Piraeus on a fragment. Impressive and extremely scarce item. Signed Calves. Ex Parthenon collection. (VI. 5)

2'000



30056



A 1861 stampless cover from Ibraila, Romania, to Syra, taxed on arrival 155 Lep by the addition of 40 Lep, dull mauve on blue (3 singles), 20 Lep, blue, 10 Lep, yellow orange, and 5 Lep, green, all Paris print. Alongside Ibraila strait-line Austrian Post Office d.s. 18 Dic. On the back Hermannstadt and Trieste transit bkstps and Syros arrival v.d.s. 21-12-1861. An impressive cover which may be unique, fine, signed Block, Ex J. Hess Barr (VI. 5+4+7+3)

5'000



- 30057** * 田 80 Lep, rose carmine, mint marginal block of four, with full o.g., v.fine and scarce (VI. 6a) **1'000**
- 30058** (*) ⊙ 80 Lep, used strip of four, rose carmine, with diamond dotted "48" of Nafpactos, large margins, ironed out creases, o/w fine and extremely rare (VI. 6a) **850**



- 30059** ✉ ⊙ A 1861 October, entire letter from London to Athens, London 21 October despatch of the Gregorian Calendar, sent unpaid via Aachen, charged 10 Lep on arrival "190" Lep which was indicated by a red crayon and collected by the addition of 1861 Paris Printing 10 Lep, 20 Lep and a horizontal pair of 80 Lep (the right hand stamp slightly rubbed at top), cancelled by "1" in dots. Athens arrival c.d.s. on the reverse (19 October, 1861 of the Julian calendar); each of the adhesives has clear to large margins, the 10 Lep with a small scissor cut at the foot and the right 80 Lep with slight surface rubbing. A collectors label has been removed from the top right hand corner of the cover. A v.fine and v.scarce colourful cover. Cert. Holcombe (1991)(VI. 7+4+6) **3'500**

1861-62 FIRST ATHENS PRINT**PROVISIONAL PRINTING OF THE 20L**

The 20 lepta because it constituted the primary rate was the first stamp to be printed in Athens. The process of printing was not advanced enough to include control numerals except the experiment of Karpenission Error. The printing was coarse and heavy. Under this denomination are included the so-called "quadrille background" (visible chiefly in the medallion) and the "solid background". They were used mainly in Athens ("1"), Pyrgos ("13") and Karpenission ("44").

THE FAMOUS KARPENISSION ERROR**30060** ©

20 Lep, deep blue, solid background, coarse provisional, used, with variety 9 mm high control figures in blue, printed in mirror image and inverted impression, reversed "0" and displaced upward and to the left on the upper left corner of the stamp.

30'000

This is the one of the two existing examples of this stamp (solid background), both with large negative figures, which are known as "Karpenission error". Both stamps are used, cancelled with diamond dotted "44" of Karpenission [the second known example is on a large part cover from Karpenission (postmarked 4-3-1862) to Lamia, ex Sparta collection]. A third example illustrated in Constantinides is not reported for many years and by now must be considered lost.

Even though the exact status of these stamps is still uncertain, it now seems fairly obvious that they constitute a first "essay" of the control figures of the Athens provisional printings. In fact, during the printing of the first 20 Lep (quadrille - solid background) the Greek printers tried unsuccessfully to print 9 mm control figures on the back of 20 Lep, approximately similar in size to those of Paris 10 Lep printing (8 mm), but these figures were considered too big and grotesque, and, thus, have been abandoned. Consequently, all the first 20 Lep coarse provisionals are without figures. However, one experimental sheet of these stamps, with negative figures, has been sent, probably by mistake, to Karpenission and circulated through the local ("44") post office. This stamp is touched at T and right.

An exceedingly important item for the study of Large Hermes Heads, and one of the greatest rarities in Greek philately (Coundouros "The Control Numerals and the classification of the stamps of the Large Hermes Heads", par. 12.1), Ex Guire-Lea. Unpriced in Vlastos (9(infor) and Hellas (8 III).

PROVISIONAL PRINTING OF THE 20L



30061 Ⓢ

20 Lep, bright deep blue, faint quadrille background, coarse provisional, without figures on reverse, used, with dotted "1" (Athens), good to large margins all round. A superb example of this important Greek rarity. Cert. Vlastos (1985). (VI. 9a)

7'000



30062 (C)

20 Lep, dull ultramarine on solid background, without control figures on reverse, on THIN PAPER, used, just touching at lower right corner, o/w a v.fine example of this extremely rare stamp. Cert. Holcombe (1983). (VI. 9A)

5'000

COARSE PRINTINGS

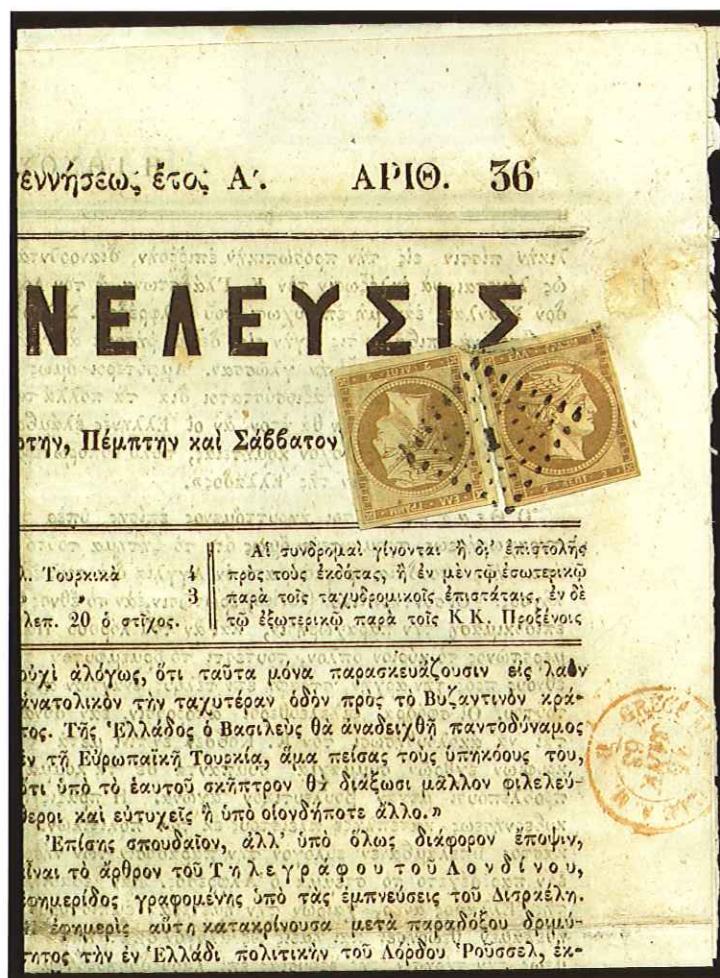
These are printed by the "hard" method but the impressions are heavy and unsuccessful. As a result, in many instances a "quavery" impression of the Hermes Head is created. The asymmetrical appearance of the design gives to the head the impression of being larger. All denomination have (except the 2 Lepta) very distinctive control numerals -6 1/2 mm tall- with decidedly dark appearance. This issue does not include the values of 1L and 80L.



30063 *

2 Lep, brown on straw, mint, large margins, a v.fine example of this extremely important rarity of which very few examples are known. Cert. Tseriotis (1996). (VI. 8)

4'000



30064 ☒ ☉

A part of the newspaper "ETHNOSYNELEYSIS" of 28 December, 1862, franked with 2 Lep, bistre brown, two singles (the one just touching), coarse print, tied by lozenge "1" (Athens). Adjacent is red Grece-Marseille" arrival c.d.s. (15-1-1863), v.fine and v.rare. (VI. 8c)

3'500

COARSE PRINTINGS (OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1861)



30065 * 田

5 Lep, block of four, in green colour, mint, with full o.g., large margins all round, stunning fresh vivid colour, extremely rare multiple and v.fine. (VI. 10)

6'000



30066 ◎

5 Lep, green, with double control figures and good margins, used, with Athens "1" postmark. An extremely rare variety in coarse provisionals, v.fine condition. (VI. 10e)

2'000



30067 田 ◎

5 Lep, yellow green, coarse printing, with clear margins all round, tied by "18" (Tripolis) lozenge, on a 1862 official letter sent by the Secretary of the First Instance Court of Tripolis to the Direction of the Royal Lithography and Printing Office in Athens. Alongside is Tripolis c.d.s. (3 Jan. 1862). On reverse Athens arrival c.d.s. (5-1-1862). For official documents or letters the single weight rate was 5 Lep, instead of 20 Lep. The letter is slightly soiled. An extremely rare franking of utmost importance for the connoisseur, maybe UNIQUE and v.fine. (VI. 10)

2'000

COARSE PRINTINGS



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|--------------|------------|--|------------|
| 30068 | * | 10 Lep, orange on bluish paper, mint with part o.g., v.fine and scarce. B.P.A. Certificate. (VI. 11) | 350 |
| 30069 | (*) | 10 Lep, yellow orange, unused, large margins all round, extremely fine and v.rare. (VI. 11a) | 350 |



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| 30070 | | <p>10 Lep, orange, strip of four, coarse provisional, 40 Lep, mauve and 5 Lep, green, both Paris print, on a 1861 prepaid cover from Syros to Malta by French ship, all tied by lozenge "67". Syros c.d.s. (27-12-1861) and boxed "P.D." are alongside. The first three stamps of the strip are slightly cut into. The cover is slightly soiled, nevertheless, this is the only letter with a strip of four of the 10 Lep, coarse print.</p> | 12'000 |
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A UNIQUE cover of unsurpassable beauty and greatest rarity. Ex Vlavianos. (VI. 11+5+3)

*Agreement of 20 May/1 June, 1844, with France:
Greece – Malta: Prepaid 85 Lepta (80 centimes)*

30071  

10 Lep, yellow orange with yellow cast, and 40 Lep, dull violet, both with good margins on a 1862 unpaid letter sheet from Constantinople to Athens by Greek ship, tied by "1" (Athens) in dots. Adjacent is Constantinopolis, Tourkia, pre-adhesive canceller (late use). On the back Piraeus transit and Athens arrival c.d.s. 28-5-62. Extremely fine, fresh and scarce. Signed Holcombe. (VI. 11+13a)

1'000



30072 (*)

20 Lep, deep blue, coarse print, unused, good even margins all round. Superb. (VI.12)

2'500



30073 *

20 Lep, indigo blue with large margins and o.g., very fresh colour and extremely rare shade, a choice copy. (VI. 12ca)

5'000



30074 (*)

20 Lep, chalky blue, unused, with poor to clear margins all round, fine and extremely rare. B.P.S. certificate (1979). (VI. 12b)

800

COARSE PRINTINGS



30075 ©

20 Lep, chalky blue, used strip of three, with white line at top (pos. 27-29), tied by dotted "54" ("Aitolikon"), good to large margins. Extremely rare and v.fine. (VI. 12a)

1'600



30076  

20 Lep, Prussian blue, coarse, with quadrille background in the medallion and control numerals at back. The only recorded 20 Lep with such variety. The stamp is cut into at top right.

4'000

A UNIQUE item of the utmost importance for the connoisseur. Unlisted in Vlastos.
Signed Vlastos. (VI. 12 variety)

30077

20 Lep, Prussian blue, vertical strip of three, with yellowish cast, with large to huge margins, with 5 Lep, green, and 10 Lep, yellow orange, with yellowish cast, all coarse provisionals (the latter both cut into), taxed on arrival as dues, on a 1862 single weight cover from Trieste to Syros. All adhesives are tied by diamond "67" in dots with Trieste despatch d.s. 12/4 alongside. On reverse Syros arrival c.d.s. (6-4-1862). An extremely rare and impressive cover in v.fine condition. Ex Alfonse. (VI. 12c+10+11a)

4'000



30078 (x) Ⓞ

20 Lep, Prussian blue, coarse, with clear to good margins, on front cover from Pylos (probably on 1862), tied by h/s strait line V. STRATOPEDON (ROYAL MILITARY CAMP) (used by the King's Ottoman army against rebels). Three such covers are recorded. Exceedingly rare, of utmost importance and v.fine, signed Vlastos. (VI. 12c)

3'000



30079



30081



30082



30083

30079 Ⓞ

20 Lep, chalky blue, light shade, large to huge margins, used, extremely fine and superb. (VI. 12a)

350



30080 (x) Ⓞ

20 Lep, chalky blue with yellow cast, with large margins all round, showing "white contour" on the back of the head, tied by "1" (Athens) lozenge, used on a 1862 cover from Athens to Kalamae. Athens c.d.s. (10-2-1862) is alongside. On reverse Kalamae arrival c.d.s. (13-2-1862), v.fine and v.rare. (VI. 12a)

500

30081 Ⓞ

20 Lep, ultramarine, used, with good to large margins, v.fine and v.scarce. (VI. 12b)

350

30082 Ⓞ

20 Lep, light indigo blue, used, huge margins, v.fine and v.rare. (VI. 12ca)

350

30083 (x) Ⓞ

20 Lep, deep indigo blue with yellow cast, with large margins, tied by diamond "13" in dots used on a 1862 cover from Pyrgos to Patras. Adjacent is Pyrgos c.d.s. (20-3-1862). On the back Patras arrival c.d.s. (21-3-1862). Superb and rare. (VI. 12ca)

500

COARSE PRINTINGS



30084



20 Lep, Prussian blue, provisional coarse (with yellow cast), tied on a 1862 from Chalkis to Syros letter sheet, underpaid and, thus, taxed on arrival 40 Lep postage due, paid by two 20 Lep, blue, Paris printing. Boxed "PLIROMI ANEPARKIS" (insufficient payment) h/s and Chalkis c.d.s. 13-4-1862 are alongside. One 20 Lep, Paris, is cut into, two back flaps missing, o/w v.fine, and v.rare combination cover of Paris print with provisional coarse impression. Ex Vlavianos. (VI. 12c+4)

2'500



30085



20 Lep, blue, fine impression (with variety vertical lines in the medallion), tied by "56" lozenge of Chalkis on a 1863 front cover from Chalkis to Syros. Considered insufficiently prepaid, was charged on arrival 140 Lep by the addition of 40 Lep, mauve, and 20 Lep, deep blue, coarse provisional, and 80 Lep, carmine rose, fine provisional, to meet the full postage of 160 Lep, as letter weighted up to 200 grams, as indicated by "140" in red crayon. Chalkis despatch c.d.s. (23-8-1863) and boxed "PLIROMI ANEPARKIS" (insufficient payment) are alongside. All adhesives with good to large margins except 80 Lep which is defective. An outstanding and extremely rare exhibition showpiece, v.fine. (VI. 18+13+12+25)

2'200

COARSE PRINTINGS



30086 *

40 Lep, pale mauve on bluish, coarse provisional, mint, with part o.g., good margins all round. V.fine & scarce. Ex Holcombe. Cert. Holcombe (1983). (VI.13a)

3'500



30087 ☉

40 Lep, mauve on blue, used, coarse provisional, with "101" canc. of Ibraila (Vlachia). Fresh vivid colour, with huge margins and v.rare. (VI. 13)

1'000



30088 ☐ ☉

40 Lep, mauve, strip of three (touched at left on frame line at right-middle stamp superb), coarse provisional, used together with 20 Lep, blue, fine print, on a 1862 cover from Athens to Genova, carried by French steamship, all tied by lozenge "1" (Athens). Athens c.d.s. (18-3-1862), red strait-line PIROSCAFI POSTALI FRANCESI and red P.E.D. are alongside. The 20 Lep and one of 40 Lep are cut into, another 40 Lep is just touched but nevertheless this is a stunning cover of the greatest rarity. Ex Maximus. (VI. 13+18)

4'000

Postal Rates:

Greece to Genova by French ship: 120L up to 7.5 grams.

Greek domestic rate: 20L up to 15 grams.

Total: 140L



30089

40 Lep, mauve, 20 Lep, Prussian blue with intense yellow cast, and 5 Lep, green, coarse provisionals, all with large to huge margins, and tied by dotted "67", on a 1862 single weight prepaid cover from Syros to Constantinople, by Austrian steamer. Adjacent are Syros despatch c.d.s. (6-7-1862) and red P.D.. On reverse shows late usage of "Constantinopolis" pre-adhesive canceller. Superb and v.rare. Ex Vlavianos. (VI. 13+12+10)

1'500

FINE PRINTINGS

This impression was well executed by the "soft method" and was more successful than the previous one. The issue also includes the 1L and 80L which are missing from the coarse impression. Shading lines are almost as fine as the Paris printing but their segmentation is only occasionally visible. The head no longer appears "quavery". The 80L has vermilion figures.



30090 *

1 Lep, pale chocolate, fine print, mint block of four, with full o.g., large margins all round, v.fine and extremely rare. (VI. 14a)

7'000



30091 *

1 Lep, brown bistre (ambre), strip of three, mint, with full o.g., good to large margins all round. (VI. 14c)

3'000

SECOND LARGEST KNOWN MULTIPLE



30092 * 田

1 Lep, deep chocolate, spectacular vertical unused block of six in rich deep shade and mostly with extra large margins (only bottom right corner touched), all known multiples of this very rare stamp have some horiz. creasing between the rows, this is the second largest block known (originating from the irregular block of 21 "Dorning Beckton").

20'000

An impressive showpiece, one of the highlights of Greek philately. Ex Wasdekis. Cert. Holcombe (1986). (VI. 14b)



30093 ☉

1 Lep, bistre brown, coarse impression, used, showing white contour on the back of the head, large to huge margins all round, cancelled by lozenge "1" (Athens), v.fine and v.rare. (VI. 14c)

350

30094 ☉

1 Lep, bistre brown, coarse impression, used, showing white contour on the back of the head, cancelled by diamond dotted "18" (Tripolis), v.fine and rare. (VI. 14c)

350

FINE PRINTINGS



30095

1 Lep, bistre brown, one vertical strip of three (all stamps are slightly cut into) and one pair, bistre brown, fine provisionals, 5 Lep, green (coarse print), 10 Lep (just cut into and creased), fine provisional, on 1863 cover from Pylos to Patras, all lightly cancelled "26".

12'000

An extraordinary and beautiful franking, the UNIQUE cover with five examples of 1 Lep, provisional, a key rarity and a gem of Greek philately. Ex Laskarides. (VI. 14c)



30096

1 Lep, brown bistre (ambre), and 5 Lep, green, both coarse print, and both showing "white contour" of the head, tied by "1" (Athens) lozenge on part of Athens newspaper "ELPIS" of 18 September, 1862. Both adhesives with good to large margins, v.fine and rare. Ex Vlavianos (VI. 14c+10)

1'000

FINE PRINTINGS



30097 * 田

2 Lep, brown yellow, mint block of fifteen, clear to good margins, except lower row third and fourth stamps which are defective o/w v.fine and rare. (VI. 15b)

400



30098 ☉

2 Lep, dull yellow brown on cream paper, a used horizontal strip of four, cancelled "65" of Hydra. Good to large margins all round, v.fine and rare. Cert. Holcombe (1986). (VI. 15b)

350



30099 ✉ ☉

2 Lep, yellow brown, pair, both with large to huge margins, tied by diamond "9" in dots, applied on a prepaid folded letter sheet from Patras to Marseille, used as wrapper for printed matter, carried by French ship. Patras c.d.s. (9-11-1865), red Grece-Marseille (29-11-65) c.d.s. and red boxed "P.D." are alongside. On the back Athens transit c.d.s.. Late use of this stamp, especially on a wrapper, v.fine and extremely rare. (VI. 15b)

1'200

Printed Matters Rates (Act of May 21, 1860):

Up to 10 grams : 4 Lepta
 10 to 15 grams : 6 Lepta
 15 to 20 grams, etc. : 8 Lepta

FINE PRINTINGS



30100 * 田

5 Lep, yellow green, marginal block of four from the bottom of the sheet, with full o.g., brilliantly fresh and vivid colour, a spectacular showpiece and extremely rare multiple in perfect condition. (VI. 16a)

6'000



30101 ☒ ⊙

5 Lep, green, fine print, a magnificent horizontal strip of four, large to enormous margins, showing portions of four adjacent stamps, on a 1867 cover from Tripolis to Patras, all tied by diamond "18" in dots, a filing crease traverses one stamp and there is minor creasing in the margin between the 2nd and 3rd stamps. Adjacent is Tripolis c.d.s. (27-4-1867). A superb, extremely rare and beautiful franking of the utmost appeal for the connoisseur of gem quality classics. Ex Laskarides. (VI. 16)

5'000

FINE PRINTINGS



30102 *

10 Lep, orange, pair, mint, with full o.g., good to large margins, fresh and vivid colour, good margins all round, scissor cut between stamps, tiny thins.

10'000

This is the ONLY KNOWN mint pair of 10 Lep, the second largest multiple, and one of the great exhibition items of this issue. Ex Kadinopoulos. (VI. 17)



30103 ☉

10 Lep, orange, fine provisional, used strip of three, tied by lozenge "1" (Athens), with good margins all round, v.fine and v.rare. (VI. 17)

350



30104 ☐ ☉

10 Lep, orange, four singles, fine provisionals, on a letter from Nafplion to Nission, all tied by "15" lozenge of Nafplion. Nafplion c.d.s. (14-8-1862) is alongside. One of the stamps is affected by vertical filling crease, the letter has stains, v.fine, impressive and extremely rare franking. Ex Cotsis. (VI. 17)

3'500

FINE PRINTINGS

30105  

10 Lep, orange, fine provisional, tied by "2" (Piraeus) lozenge, with good even margins, on a cover from Piraeus to Athens. The Official Piraeus Post Office canceller is alongside. This cover shows use of the local delivery rate which was half (10 Lep) of the existing single weight rate (20 Lep). By exception Piraeus-Athens, even though two separate cities, were considered local delivery. Superb and extremely rare franking of which very few are recorded, in v.fine condition. (VI. 17)

1'500



30106 (*)

20 Lep, blue, unused, good even margins, v.fine and extremely rare. Cert. Wasdekis (1985). (VI. 18)

2'000



30107 (*)

20 Lep, deep blue, unused, clear to good margins, v.fine and extremely rare. (VI. 18)

2'000

30108 

20 Lep, blue, strip of four, cancelled with lozenge "5" of Korinthos, v.fine and extremely rare. (VI. 18)

1'200

FINE PRINTINGS

LARGEST KNOWN MULTIPLE OF THE 20 LEPTA



30109

20 Lep, blue, strip of six, fine provisionals, with 2 x 20 Lep, touched and 1 x 20 Lep with sl. fault, 2 Lep, bistre brown, strip of five, Paris print, all with large margins all round, charged as dues on a 1863 cover from London to Pyrgos sent by way of Germany and Austria. All stamps tied by lozenge "13" of Pyrgos. London arrival c.d.s. (19-1-1863) is alongside. Some stamps (20 x 2 Lep) probably are missing (by red crayon is marked "170") still a most spectacular and desirable franking. On the back Aachen red and Athens (17 January, 1863) transit c.d.s..

6'500

The strip of six of 20 Lep, provisional, fine, is the largest multiple recorded. An extraordinary showpiece of greatest rarity and v.fine. Ex Guire-Lea. Signed Vlastos. (VI. 18+2)

FINE PRINTINGS



30110 *

40 Lep, pale mauve on blue, mint, with o.g., good to large margins all round, excellent colour, superb example of this rarity, one of the finest known. (VI. 19)

3'500



30111 ☒ ☉

40 Lep, mauve on blue, pair, fine provisionals, both with large to enormous margins, of unique freshness, charged on arrival as postage dues, on a cover from Alexandria to Syros, tied by Syros c.d.s. (10-2-1864). Alexandria (Tourkia) Greek Post Office c.d.s. (10-2-1864) is alongside. An impressive, v.fine and extremely rare cover. Ex Vlavianos. Cert. Vlastos (1994). (VI. 19)

4'000



30112 ☒ ☉

40 Lep, mauve on blue, and 10 Lep, orange, fine provisionals, both with clear to good margins, both tied by diamond "67" in dots, taxed as postage dues on a 1862 stampless cover from Salonica to Syros, posted at the French Post Office. Salonique Turquie de l'Europe despatch c.d.s. 13 May 62 is alongside. On reverse, Les Dardanelles French Post Office transit and Syros arrival c.d.s. (16 May, 62) c.d.s.. Upper and side flaps are missing. Nevertheless, extremely rare and v.fine. Ex Vlavianos. (VI. 19+17)

1'500

FINE PRINTINGS

THE UNIQUE ALFONSE BLOCK



30113 * 田

80 Lep, deep carmine rose, with vermilion control figures at back, an exceptional fresh mint block of four, with large margins all round and full o.g., with outstandingly very fresh and vivid colour, lower pair has two light creases (stated for the accuracy only), large to huge margins all round.

50'000

A UNIQUE block with vermilion control figures. A stunning showpiece of unsurpassable beauty and a key rarity for the greatest Large Hermes Heads collection. Ex Alfonse. (VI. 20)

The 80 Lep with vermilion figures was circulated for a very short period of time, since during the printing of the 80 Lep, a Royal Decree ordered that all numerals should have the same colour as the front of the stamp. As a result, the colour of the numerals of the 80 Lep was changed from vermilion to carmine.

30114

80 Lep, deep rose, fine provisionals, two pairs, with variety vermilion control figures on reverse, taxed as dues (totaling 320 Lep), on a 1863 cover from London to Patras by French ship, all tied by Patras c.d.s. (23-3-1863). Alongside are Patras and London c.d.s.. On the back are Paris and Athens transit c.d.s.. Both pairs are with good to large margins. An outstanding, most desirable and v.rare cover. Ex Maximus. (VI. 20)

2'000

1862-67 SECOND ATHENS PRINT
MAY 1862 PRINTINGS

This is the first definitive printing successfully executed in Athens by the “soft method”. The shading lines are generally without segmentation. There is clear relief embossing into the paper. Control numerals are light, neatly printed, tapered on the left. The “5” is of new type. The 1L (frequently) and the 80L (occasionally) present vertical lines in the medallion.



30115 © ⊕

1 Lep, copper brown, used block of four, with variety vertical lines in the medallion, tied by diamond "60" in dots (of Kymi). Very fresh colour with large margins all round, v.fine and v.rare. (Vl. 21a)

800

MAY 1862 PRINTINGS



30116



1 Lep, chocolate brown, 2 Lep, yellow brown, 5 Lep, green, 20 Lep, blue, 80 Lep, carmine rose (two singles), all May 1862 print, charged as dues on a letter sheet from Paris to Athens by French steamer, all tied by Athens arrival c.d.s. 14-11-1863. Adjacent Paris despatch c.d.s. (14 Nov. 63) is partly overlapped by stamps. All adhesives with clear margins (except 1 Lep and one of the 80 Lep, just touching, stated for the accuracy only), A very impressive and extremely rare five colour franking of the utmost importance and beauty and v.fine appearance. (VI. 21+22+23+25+27)

4'000



30117



2 Lep, pale yellow brown, used, tied by Athens circular dated stamp, v.fine. (VI. 22)

70

MAY 1862 PRINTINGS

30118

2 Lep, yellow brown, May print, together with 10 Lep, orange on blue, 1862-67, on a booklet (front) "Evangelikos Kyrix" mailed from Athens to France. Both are cancelled by Athens c.d.s. 19-12-1864. Alongside red Grece-Marseille arrival c.d.s. (11-1-1865). Extremely rare and v.fine. (VI. 22+31)

2'000



30119 ©

5 Lep, deep green blue, used block of four. First stamp with variety "thinner circle", cancelled by the c.d.s. of Thera (77) in blue. The block has some vertical and horizontal creasing and the cancellation pierces one stamp in two places o/w block of v.fine appearance and extremely scarce. Cert. Holcombe (1986). (VI. 23)

2'000



30120



30123

30120 *

10 Lep, orange, mint, v.fine and v.rare. (VI. 24)

200



30121 ☉

10 Lep, used, with variety double control figures (Coundouros par. 30.3a).
Extremely rare variety and v.fine. (VI. 24b)

1'300



30122 ☐ ☉

10 Lep, orange, with characteristic clear relief embossing into the paper, 80 Lep, carmine rose, both May 1862 fine print, together with 2 Lep, yellow bistre, and 40 Lep, mauve on blue, both fine provisionals, paid as dues on a 1863 cover from Paris to Athens, all tied by Athens arrival c.d.s. 22-8-1863. Paris despatch c.d.s. 28-8-1863 is alongside. All adhesives with extremely fresh and vivid colour and good to large margins. An extraordinary and beautiful four colour franking of the highest importance, v.fine and v.rare. Signed Vlastos. (VI. 24+27+15+19)

2'500

30123 *

20 Lep, deep blue, mint, v.fine and rare. (VI. 25)

250



30124 ☉

20 Lep, blue, used strip of four, tied by Kalamae c.d.s. 9-1-1864, all stamps with clear to good margins, v.fine and v.scarce. (VI. 25)

600



- 30125

✉

20 Leps, blue (three singles), 10 Leps, orange, with characteristic clear relief embossing, with 5 Leps, yellow green, Paris print, charged as dues on a 1864 cover from Trieste to Kalamae. All adhesives with good to large margins, are tied by Kalamae c.d.s. (2-6-1864). Trieste despatch c.d.s. is alongside. An outstanding franking showing late use of 5 Leps, Paris print, v.fine and v.scarce. (VI. 25+24+3)

1'600



- 30126

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40 Leps, red violet on blue, mint, with good margins all round, v.fine example of this v.rare stamp. Cert. Vlastos (1988). (VI. 26)

1'200

- 30127

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40 Leps, red mauve on blue, used strip of five, cancelled by Piraeus c.d.s.. All stamps with large to huge margins except the last stamp which is slightly defective.

4'000

The LARGEST multiple of this stamp. A highly desirable, impressive showpiece of the utmost importance. Exceedingly rare and v.fine. Cert. Vlastos (1991). (VI. 26)



- 30128

⊞

80 Leps, carmine rose, block of eight from the lower right corner of the sheet. Spectacular and v.rare. (VI. 27)

750



- 30129** ☉ 80 Lep, carmine rose, used with variety "8" instead of "80", v.fine and extremely rare, unpriced in Vlastos. (VI. 27a)

750

- 30130** ☉ 80 Lep, carmine rose, used, with variety of the control numerals "8" inverted, v.fine and v.rare. (VI. 27b)

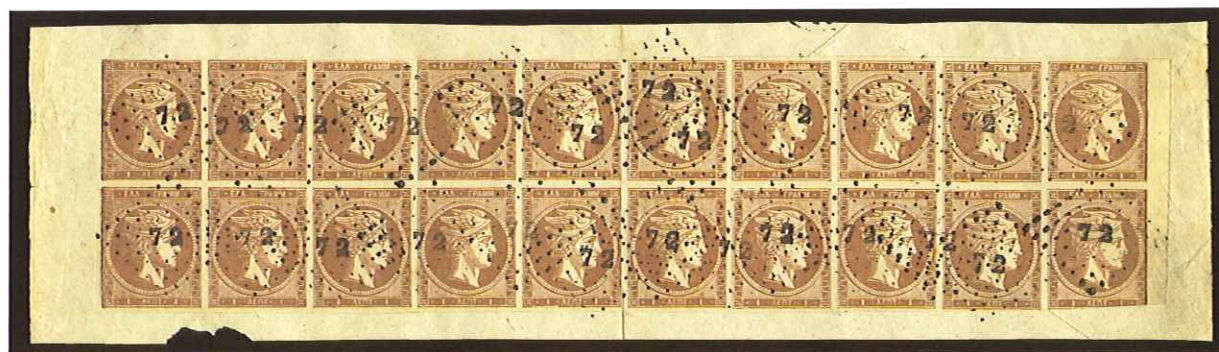
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LATER PRINTINGS

There are "consecutive" printings made in response to the recurring postal needs for the various denominations. They vary from a neat to a coarse printing executed by the "soft method". The shading lines, at first are still similar to the May print, being clearly shaded and clearly separated. Later they are generally coarser and thicker. The "consecutive" printings are on good quality paper with few exceptions.

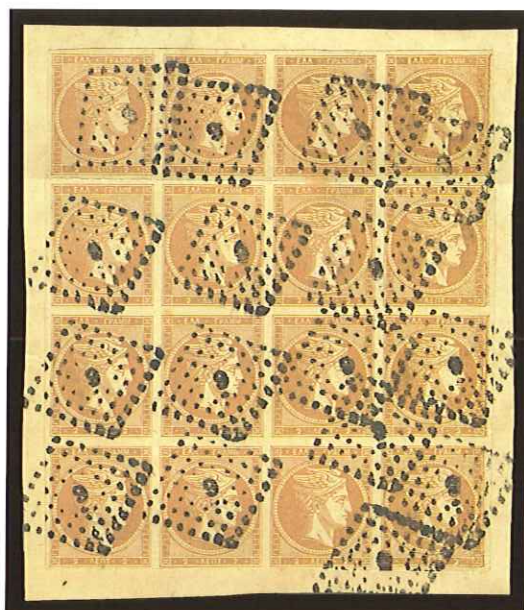


- 30131** * 田 1 Lep, copper brown, mint, block of six, plate flows, with full o.g., clear margins all round. (VI. 28b)

280

- 30132** △ ☉ 田 1 Lep, brown, Athens consecutive printings, used block of 20, all with full margins, on a fragment of large envelope, cancelled with diamond dotted "72" of KORTHION (ANDROU). This is the second largest known used block. Exceptionally fine showpiece of greatest rarity. (VI. 28)

12'000



30133 △ 田

2 Lep, brown bistre, block of 16, on a fragment of big envelope, cancelled with dotted "9" of Patras, the second largest such block. An impressive showpiece, extremely rare and v.fine. (VI. 29)

7'000

30134 ⊙

2 Lep, used, with large margins, on thin paper, v.fine and scarce. (VI. 29c)

250



30135 ✉

2 Lep, bistre (a pair and three singles), 40 Lep, lilac brown, and 80 Lep, deep rose carmine, all with clear margins (only the 40 Lep is slightly cut into in lower left side), tied by diamond "9" (Patras) in dots, on a 1868 prepaid cover from Patras to Amsterdam (Netherlands), an extremely rare destination, by Italian ship. Patras c.d.s. 15-9-1868, red "P.D." and boxed "PIROSCAFI POSTALI ITALIANI" are alongside. On the reverse Corfu, Prindisi, Torino transit c.d.s. and red Amsterdam arrival c.d.s. (6-10-1868). An impressive franking of the greatest rarity, a showpiece full of character. Ex Argyropoulos. (VI. 29+33A+34)

4'500

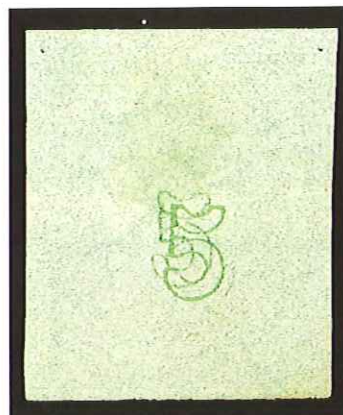
LATER PRINTINGS



30136 ☉ 田

5 Lep, green, used block of four, with large margins all round, cancelled by Korinthos c.d.s. (22-8-1871). Superb & rare (VI. 30)

1'500



30137 ☉

5 Lep, green, with double control figures, used, tied by Zante postmark. Extremely rare error, see Countouros, par. 29.2 (8). (VI. 30c)

800



30138 ☒

5 Lep, green, five singles, and 1 Lep, brown, all with clear to large margins, except one 5 Lep which is defective, tied by "110" (Argostolion) lozenge, on a 1866 cover from Argostolion, Cephalonia, to Corfu. Argostolion despatch cds. 13-9-1866 is alongside. On reverse Corfu arrival c.d.s. 14-9-1866. This letter shows the inter-Ionian island rate of 26 Lep. Spectacular and very fresh vivid colour, v.fine and v.scarce. (VI. 30+28)

1'000



30139 * 田

10 Lep, yellow orange on blue, mint block of four, with full o.g., clear to large margins. A v.fine and extremely rare multiple. (VI. 31a)

3'000



30140 ◎

10 Lep, pale red flesh (salmon) on bluish paper, marginal copy, with clear to extra large margins, used, with very fine figure, on the reverse used with a part strike cancellation. Cert. Holcombe (1992). (VI. 31ba)

4'500



30141 *

10 Lep, orange on blue, mint pair, with o.g., v.fine. (VI. 31)

400

30142 *

10 Lep, red orange on blue, mint, v.fine. (VI. 31b)

300

30143 (*)

10 Lep, orange on blue, unused, coarse print, v.fine and rare. (VI. 31)

300



30144 ◎ 田

10 Lep, deep orange on blue, used block of four, cancelled "97" in dots of Alexandria (Egypt) Greek Post Office. The block is ironed and at the upper side is just touching, but, nevertheless, it is an extremely rare block, especially with such postmark. (VI. 31)

2'000

LATER PRINTINGS



- 30145** Δ 10 Lep, orange on blue, strip of six, clear good margins all round, on a piece of paper, cancelled with dotted "85" of Skopelos. Extremely fine and v.scarce (VI. 31)

750



- 30146** \odot 10 Lep, orange on blue, with variety double control figures, v.fine and v.rare. Signed Bloch. (VI. 31k)

400

- 30147** \odot 10 Lep, orange, used, with variety of the control numerals "1" inverted at back (pos. 69), v.fine and extremely rare. Unpriced in Vlastos. (VI. 31l)

750



- 30148** (*) 20 Lep, deep ultramarine, (blue black), unused pair and good to large margins. This is the only known mint multiple of this shade, a great exhibition item, v.rare and v.fine. (VI. 32ba)

4'000

- 30149** * 20 Lep, blue on green, mint, v.fine and v.rare (VI. 32f)

500

LATER PRINTINGS
THE CATTARO COVER

30150 

20 Lep, blue green, strip of six, taxed as dues on arrival on a stampless letter from Cattaro to Corfu, tied by Corfu c.d.s. 10-2-1867. Straight-line Cattaro, Austrian Post Office d.s. is overlapped by the Greek stamps. Three stamps are cut into, nevertheless, an extremely rare item, probably the only combination cover with Cattaro-Greece.

5'000

An outstanding exhibition and UNIQUE item and v.fine. Ex Vlavianos. (VI. 32f)

30151 

20 Lep, blue, with variety of control numerals "80" instead of "20", tied by diamond "5" in dots, on a cover from Korinthos to Argos. Adjacent is Korinthos c.d.s. (26-3-1864). Fresh and vivid colour, with large to huge margins (showing adjacent stamp on the right side). An extremely rare, most appealing extraordinary cover and v.fine. Ex Vlavianos. (VI. 32l)

7'000



30152 ☉

20 Lep, blue, with control numerals "2" instead of "20". Extremely rare and v.fine, unpriced in Vlastos. (VI. 32i)

750



30153 ☉

20 Lep, chalky blue, without numerals on reverse, cancelled by "2" (Piraeus) lozenge. An extremely rare stamp in a very fine condition, unpriced in Vlastos. Signed Vlastos. (VI. 32o)

7'500



30154 ☐

20 Lep, blue, two singles, on a cover sheet from Lagia, Lakonias, cancelled by Municipal canceller DT 154 to Nafplion. On the back Nafplion c.d.s. 7-7-66. One stamp is slightly cut into, very appealing and v.rare. (VI. 32)

1'000



30155 ☐

20 Lep, black blue, having colour and control numerals similar to the provisional ones, with large to huge margins, cancelled by "67" (Syros) lozenge, on a 1867 prepaid cover from Syros to Patras. Alongside is Syros c.d.s. 1-7-1867, v.fine and v.rare. (VI. 32ba)

320

LATER PRINTINGS



30156



30157



30158



30161

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| 30156 | (*) | 40 Lep, deep grey mauve on blue, unused, with large margins, v.fine and v.scarce. (VI. 33) | 300 |
| 30157 | * | 40 Lep, mauve on blue, mint, with large to huge margins, v.fine and v.scarce. (VI. 33) | 300 |
| 30158 | ⊙ | 40 Lep, mauve on blue, used, with double control figures at back, v.fine and extremely rare error. (VI. 33e) | 800 |

THE WASDEKIS CEPHALONIA COVER



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| 30159 | ✉ | <p>40 Lep, mauve on blue, nine singles, 5 Lep, green, 10 Lep, orange, 20 Lep, blue, five singles, all 1862-67 printings, all cancelled by the double circle d.s.</p> <p>"KEFALLINIA" (Cephalonia), on 2-2-1865, on a prepaid large size cover from Cephalonia to Venice. Few creases and gum stains of no importance. Since said postmark was used only for a few days only few covers with Cephalonia cds exist.</p> | 15'000 |
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A v.impressive cover of utmost rarity and a stunning showpiece for a great collection. Ex Wasdekis. Cert. Holcombe (1986). (VI. 33+30+31+32)



30160



40 Lep, deep purple (groseille), together with 20 Lep, sky blue, 1870 issue, and 10 Lep, yellow orange, 1868-69 issue. The 40 Lep and 10 Lep with clear to large margins, the 20 Lep touching, all tied by Corfu c.d.s. 11-4-1870, taxed on arrival as dues on a unpaid letter from Trieste to Corfu. This is the only recorded cover with 40 Lep groseille of 1862-67 consecutive printings. A beautiful UNIQUE exhibition showpiece, very appealing and extremely rare. Ex Vlavianos. (VI. 33d)

5'000

Postal rates (Treaty of 5/17-4-1867 with Austria):

Single weight up to 15 grams: Prepaid: 70L (25 Soldi)

Unpaid: 85L (30 Soldi)

30161



40 Lep, grey lilac, mint, with good margins all round, v.fine and scarce (VI. 33A)

400



30162



40 Lep, deep red lilac (brown wine lees), with good to large margins, tied by dotted "9", used on a double weight cover from Patras to Athens. Adjacent is Patras c.d.s. (2-10-68). Four covers bearing this stamp are known, v.fine and of the greatest rarity for a specialized collection. (VI. 33Aa)

5'000

LATER PRINTINGS



30163

40 Lep, grey lilac, 20 Lep, deep blue, 10 Lep, orange on greenish, and 5 Lep, yellow green, all with clear to good margins, used as dues on arrival on a single weight cover from Trieste to Syros. All are tied by Syros c.d.s. 19-1-1866. Adjacent is Trieste despatch c.d.s., v.fine and v.rare. (VI. 33c+32ba+31+30)

500



30164 *

80 Lep, rose carmine, marginal mint block of six, with full sheet margins on bottom side and full o.g., v.fine. (VI. 34)

500



30165

80 Lep, carmine, used block of six, clear to large margins, cancelled by Athens diamond dotted "1", some paper wrinkles, fine. Cert. Holcombe (1983). (VI. 34)

1'500



30166 *

80 Lep, rosy carmine, mint with double control figures (with vertical distance of approximately 1.8mm and a vertical of approximately 2mm).

5'000

The only known mint example of this error (see Countouros, 33.2), v.fine and a unique showpiece. Unpriced in Vlastos. (VI. 34f)



30167 ☒

80 Lep, carmine, pair, 10 Lep, orange, all with clear to large margins, tied by Syros c.d.s. 14-12-1863, charged on arrival as postage dues on a 1863 stampless letter sheet from Manchester to Syros. The right stamp of the pair has control figures with variety "8" inverted (pos. 134). Alongside is Manchester sending c.d.s. 14-12-1863. Few covers with such variety are known, v.fine and extremely rare. (VI. 34d+31)

1'300



30168 ☒

80 Lep, rose carmine, two singles, 10 Lep, orange on blue, applied as dues on arrival on a double weight letter from London to Athens, via Aachen and Trieste, cancelled by Athens arrival c.d.s. (29-5-1865). Adjacent handstruck "35" in blue. On the back Aachen and Trieste transit c.d.s.. All adhesives with good to large even margins. Use of the handstruck "35" in the mail with Greece is rare, v.fine and v.scarce. (VI. 34+31)

650

Postal rates (Treaty of 1850 with Austria):

Single : 75L

Double : 150L

Domestic rate: 20L

1868-69 "CLEANED PLATES"

This is a successful printing done after the cleaning of the plates by the "soft method" with the shading lines offering a clear example of the contrast between the shaded and unshaded areas. In the control numerals "80" the "0's" are generally thicker than the "8's". The colour of the medallion is frequently not well covered. This issue includes all denominations (1L to 80L).



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| 30169 | ***
田 | 1 Lep, brown, marginal mint block of 8, v.fine and rare. (VI. 35) | 300 |
| 30170 | * | 1 Lep, fawn, unused with full o.g., v.fine and rare. (VI. 35i) | 100 |
| 30171 | ◎ 田 | 1 Lep, fawn, used block of four, with good to large margins all round, cancelled with Amfissa c.d.s. (5-1-84), v.fine and scarce. (VI. 35c) | 600 |



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| 30172 | 田 | 1 Lep, brown, strip of three and a pair, 40 Lep, grey lilac on blue, and a 20 Lep, blue, on a prepaid letter sheet, from Corfu to Gallipoli by Austrian steamer. Adjacent is Corfu despatch c.d.s. 11 October, 1872 and boxed "PIROSCAFI POSTALI AUSTRIACI". Two stamps of the strip of three with faults, o/v v.fine and v.rare. (VI. 35+40a+48b) | 650 |
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Postal rates (Treaty between Greece and Italy of 5/17 November, 1864):

10 grams – Transmission by Greek, Italian

or Austrian ships : 65L (60 centesimi)

10 grams – Transmission by French ships: 90L (80 centesimi)



30173

1 Lep, brown, in two strips of three, and 40 Lep, grey lilac, on a letter from Kalamae to Trieste, cancelled by Kalamae c.d.s. (8-8-1874), 1 Lep is cut into, o/w an impressive and v.rare cover. (VI. 35+40a)

450

30174 *

2 Lep, bistre, mint block of four with TAMEION seals on gum side, v.fine. (VI. 36)

100



30175

2 Lep, grey bistre, used, right marginal strip of five, with large margins all round, cancelled by lozenge "2" (Piraeus), v.fine and rare. (VI. 36a)

240



30176

2 Lep, grey bistre, strip of three, on a 1874 letter with printed material (10 to 15 grams) from Piraeus to Hellenic Register of Shipping in Constantinople (Tourkia), tied by Piraeus c.d.s.. Piraeus sending c.d.s. (26-3-1874) is alongside. Two stamps with faults o/w this is an extremely rare cover, ideal for the specialists. (VI. 36)

1'000

1868-69 "CLEANED PLATES"



30177 *

5 Lep, green, mint, with very huge margins all round. Superb and extremely rare. (VI. 37)

2'500



30178 *

5 Lep, yellow green, mint, with large to huge margins, v.fine and extremely rare. (VI. 37a)

2'500



30179

5 Lep, green, used block of four, with clear to huge margins, tied by dotted "45" (Amfissa), v.fine and extremely rare. (VI. 37)

6'000



30180 *

10 Lep, red orange, mint block of four, with full o.g., showing variety of the control numerals "0" inverted on reverse, stunning fresh and vibrantly vivid shade, a superb multiple, extremely rare in blocks and v.fine. (VL 38a)

8'000

1868-69 "CLEANED PLATES"



30181 *

10 Lep, red flesh (salmon), mint, with full o.g.. Extremely rare and v.fine. Ex Hermoupolis. Cert. Friedl Expert Committee (1955) and O.Vlastos (1989). (VI. 38ab)

7'000



30182 ☉

10 Lep, orange, used, with variety of the control numbers "10" inverted on reverse, known as "ATALANTI ERROR", tied by "4" postmark of Megara. Extremely rare variety (Coundouros par. 37.1) and v.fine. Ex Hermoupolis. (VI. 38d)

2'000



30183 ☐

10 Lep, orange, horizontal strip of six, and 5 Lep, grey green, all tied by diamond "108" in dots, on a prepaid single weight cover from Lefkas to Venezia. Lefkas despatch c.d.s. (27-6-1870) is alongside. Some usual faults a v.fine, impressive and scarce cover. (VI. 38+37b)

1'000



30184 (*)

20 Lep, sky blue, unused, v.fine and extremely rare. (VI. 39)

800



30185 (*)

20 Lep, sky blue, unused, with variety "0" inverted, v.fine and rare. (VI. 39a)

800

1868-69 "CLEANED PLATES"



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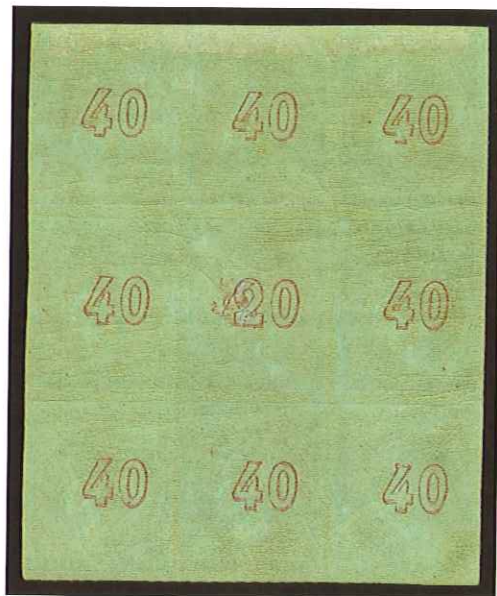


30187

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| 30186 | ⊙ | 20 Lep, sky blue, used, with variety "0" inverted, v.fine and scarce. (VI. 39a) | 100 |
| 30187 | ⊙ | 20 Lep, sky blue, used, with variety double control figures, v.fine and extremely rare error. Signed O. Vlastos. (VI. 39b) | 850 |



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| 30188 | ⊙ | <p>20 Lep, sky blue, horizontal strip of five, with "15" Nafplion diamond dotted cancellation, margins all round, repaired tear but still very attractive and rare. Ex Hermoupolis. (VI. 39)</p> | 500 |
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| 30189 | ** * | <p>40 Lep, rosy mauve on blue, a spectacular mint block of nine (3x3), showing error of the control figures "20" on reverse corrected by hand to "40" on center stamp (pos. 127), v.fine. An exhibition piece of the utmost rarity (VI. 40c)</p> | 8'000 |
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30190

40 Lep, grey mauve, (with good to very large margins), with control figures on reverse with variety "20" corrected to "40" by h/s (pos. 127), tied by Syros c.d.s. (13-12-70), on a 1870 cover from Alexandria to Syros. Alexandria (Tourkia) c.d.s. (10-12-1870) is alongside. A superb example of this error, of which two are recorded, on cover, a great exhibition piece. Ex Hermoupolis. Signed Vlastos. (VI. 40c)

7'000

30191

40 Lep, rose mauve on blue, used horizontal strip of three, the right stamp with variety of control figures "0" inverted (pos. 5), v.fine and v.rare (VI. 40+40b)

400

THE ALEXANDRIA ERROR



30192

80 Lep, carmine rose (very unusual coarse for the issue) with variety "80" on reverse inverted, known as "ALEXANDRIA ERROR", (Coundouros par. 40.1), used and cancelled by a part strike of Alexandria (Tourkia) c.d.s.. A seldom seen error of the CONTROL FIGURES INVERTED of which v.few are known. A fine example of a rare variety, Cert. Holcombe (1988). (VI. 41d)

5'000

1870 SPECIAL PRINT, "HARD" METHOD OF PRINTING

Those two denominations were printed with the supervision of a German printer by the "hard method". The shading lines are mostly tapering and very sharp, giving the impression of a "shaved" Hermes face. The colours are usually dull. The colour of each of the values is quite characteristic. The paper is of very fine quality.

30193 *

1 Lep, pale brown (fawn), mint block of four with o.g. (pos. 55/6, 65/6), with variety "flaw behind the neck" (pos. 55). This stamp is a rarity in blocks of four, very few being known. A spectacular and impressive UNIQUE block with such error and v.fine. Cert. Holcombe (1983). (VI. 42)

6'500

30194

A 1873 unpaid single weight cover from Marseille to Athens by French steamer, taxed on arrival 90 Lep by the addition of 1 Lep, green, three singles, together with 2 Lep, brown bistre, 5 Lep and 40 Lep, red lilac (two singles) 1862-67 printings, all tied by dotted "1". Alongside Marseille c.d.s. (20-9-1873), h/s 90 Lep, which corresponds to ship dues. All adhesives with clear to large margins. A spectacular, extremely rare and v.fine cover. (VI. 42+29b+30a+33Aa)

3'500

Postal rates (Treaty of 29-11/11-12-1866 between Greece-France):

Single prepaid: 70L (60c) up to 10 grams.

Unpaid: 90L (80c)



30195 (*)

20 Lep, pale sky blue, unused, without gum, with good to large margins, showing portion of the next stamp at right. The worn appearance at lower left of the spandrels is due to the poor register of the decoupage in the printing and is a characteristic of this issue, v.fine and extremely rare. Cert. Holcombe (1981). (VI. 43)

800

30196 *

20 Lep, dark milky blue, mint, with good to huge margins, v.fine and v.rare. (VI. 43a)

850



30197 ☉ 田

20 Lep, bright sky blue, used block of four, one of the two used blocks recorded. Some faults, a stunning showpiece of the utmost rarity and appeal. Ex Maximus and Cotsis. (VI. 42)

7'500



30198 ☒

20 Lep, deep sky blue, used, together with 5 Lep, yellow green, 1868-69 issue, both with good to large margins, on a prepaid cover from Syros to Athens. Syros c.d.s. 10-1-1870 which is the earliest recorded date of use of the 20 Lep, 1870 issue, is alongside. In addition, this cover shows the increase of domestic rates for letters carried by Austrian Lloyd ships from one port to another Greek port (from 20 Lep to 25 Lep, as per treaty of 1867 between Austria and Greece). Extremely rare and v.fine, ideal for the specialists. Signed Vlastos. (VI. 43+37a)

1'500

Change of Postal rates:

By virtue of the Decree of 23-10-1867, issued in application of the postal treaty of 5/17-4-1867, between Greece and Austria, the domestic rates for letters carried by Austrian Lloyd ships from one port to another Greek port were increased (from 20L) to 25L for a weight up to 15 grams and 25L for each additional 15 grams.



30199



30201



30199 ☉

20 Lep, pale sky blue on bluish, with variety inverted control numerals, with huge margins all round, cancelled on reverse by "ELENCHOS" at right bottom corner. A superb copy and v.rare. Cert. R.P.S. (1975). (VI. 43b)

750



30200 ☒

20 Lep, milky blue, with variety of control numerals "02" on reverse (pos. 21), on a 1870 cover from Kalamae to Patras, tied by diamond dotted "31", with good to huge margins, showing portion of the next stamp at top. Kalamae despatch c.d.s. (21-8-1870) is alongside. Superb, extremely rare and v.fine. (VI. 43c)

1'500

30201 ☉

20 Lep, milky blue, used, cancelled by "67" (Syr) lozenge, with the rare variety double control figures on reverse, defective. The only recorded, A UNIQUE error mentioned by Coundouros (par. 42.2). A great rarity of the utmost importance for the connoisseur. (VI. 43d)

1'000

30202 ☉

20 Lep, milky blue, used, with variety horizontally displaced numerals, v.fine and v.rare. (VI. 43)

200



30203 ☒

20 Lep, milky blue, with variety control numerals displaced vertically, tied by dotted "15", with good to large margins, showing portion of the next stamp, on a 1872 cover from Nafplion to Tripolis. Nafplion despatch c.d.s. (19-1-1871) is alongside. Extremely fine and v.scarce. Ex Vlavianos. (VI. 43a)

650

1871-72 LATER CLEANED PLATES (INFERIOR QUALITY PAPER) ISSUE

These were printed by the "soft method" on medium thick, "meshy" paper of varying quality. The reproduction of shading lines is quite good, but generally is less fine than in the printing from the cleaned plates. The medallion frequently show a mesh-like broken white spotted appearance. This issue includes all seven denominations (1L to 80L).



30204 ☉ 田

1 Lep, brown chocolate, used block of four, clear to good margins, v.fine and a great rarity. (VI. 44a)

1'200



30205 ☉

1 Lep, red brown, used pair, with full margins all round, v.fine and rare. (VI. 44b)

300

30206 ☉

1 Lep, brown lilac, used pair, cancelled by dotted "67" (Syros), clear to good margins all round, v.fine and rare. Cert. A. Zeis (1985). (VI. 44)

300



30207 ☒

1 Lep, chocolate brown, five singles, 5 Lep, green, and 10 Lep, orange, all cancelled by Dimitisana c.d.s. (5-5-1875), on a 1875 small letter sheet from Dimitisana to Piraeus. three 1 Lep with defective, attractive appearance and v.scarce. (VI. 44b)

400

1871-72 LATER CLEANED PLATES (INFERIOR QUALITY PAPER) ISSUE



30208 Δ

2 Lep, bistre flesh, used strip of five (applied stamp), all with large to huge margins, on a fragment, in combination with red oval printed Hermes head of 20 Lep, all cancelled by Zante c.d.s. (17-3-1868). Attractive, v.fine and scarce. Ex Texas collection. (VI. 45)

350



30210

30209 (*)

5 Lep, yellow green, unused, with huge margins all round, superb and extremely rare. (VI. 46)

2'000

30210 ⊙

5 Lep, green, with variety double control figures, v.fine and very rare error. A UNIQUE variety (11mm vertically) of the double control numerals of extreme importance for the specialist, v.fine and v.scarce. [J. Coundouros [par. 45.I(a)] (VI. 46b)]

2'000



30211 ⊙

5 Lep, yellow green, horizontal marginal used strip of four, from the top of the sheet, tied by Agrinion c.d.s. (7-11-1871), intense vivid colour, v.fine and scarce. (VI. 46)

350



30212 *

10 Lep, yellow orange, mint, right marginal example, superb and rare. (VI. 47a)

750



30213

10 Lep, red orange, three singles (the one defective), and 40 Lep, deep rose flesh (with clear to good margins), applied as dues on arrival, all tied by Athens arrival c.d.s. (4-11-1871) on a unpaid single weight letter from Trieste to Athens. The 10 Lep of this printing is circulated on the second half of 1871 and letters bearing such stamp are extremely rare. Probably this date (4-11-1871) is the EARLIEST known date of said stamp on cover [Coundouros states (p. 127) the existence of a single such stamp with Piraeus c.d.s. dated October 28, 1871). A spectacular and UNIQUE franking, v.fine and of the great importance to the connoisseur. (VI. 47+49)

3'000



30214 *

20 Lep, milky blue, mint, v.fine and v.rare. (VI. 48)

750

30215 (*)

20 Lep, blue, unused, v.fine and v.rare. (VI. 48b)

600

30216 *

20 Lep, deep blue, mint, v.fine and extremely rare. (VI. 48b)

800



30217

20 Lep, blue, used block of four with Nafplion datestamps, good even margins all round, the lower part with light vertical crease in no way detracting from the beauty of the block. Exceptionally fresh block, a bright vivid colour. Only two to three used blocks of this value are known. A stunning showpiece of much importance and very rare. Ex Hermoupolis with Vlastos (1989) and Holcombe (1986) certificates. (VI. 48a)

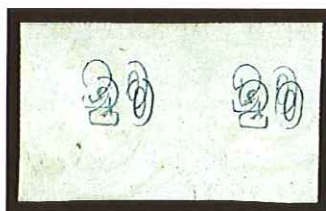
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30218 Δ

20 Lep, grey bistre, used strip of four, one bisected on fragment, all with clear to large margins, all cancelled with Pyrgos c.d.s. (5-1-1873). v.fine and rare (VI. 48)

2'000



30219 ☉

20 Lep, used pair, both with variety double control figures, v.fine and scarce error (Countouros par. 47.1c) (VI. 48f)

1'500



30220 ✉

20 Lep, blue, privately perforated, tied by "5" in dots, on a 1871 prepaid single weight letter sheet from Corinth to Argos. Corinth despatch c.d.s. (10-8-1871) is alongside. Privately perforated stamps of this issue are exceedingly rare. V.fine (VI. 48b)

350



30221 ✉

20 Lep, milky blue, strip of three, all with clear margins, together with 10 Lep, (large margins), 1868-69 issue, on a letter from Tripolis to Trieste, cancelled with Tripolis (22-6-1873) datestamp on the back. Athens transit and Trieste arrival c.d.s., v.fine and v.scarce. (VI. 48+38)

300

1871-72 LATER CLEANED PLATES (INFERIOR QUALITY PAPER) ISSUE



30222 * 田

40 Lep, yellow flesh on greenish, good to large even margins, a superb mint BLOCK OF FOUR, v.fresh and vivid colour, v.fine and v.scarce. (VI. 49a)

3'500



30223 *

40 Lep, yellow flesh, mint, v.fine and scarce. (VI. 49a)

350

30224 *

40 Lep, yellow flesh, mint, v.fine and scarce. (VI. 49a)

350



30225 田

40 Lep, yellow flesh, two pairs, and 20 Lep, blue, (defective), all tied by Athens c.d.s. (18-7-1871), all with clear to huge margins, applied on a 1871 stampless double weight cover from Paris to Athens, by French steamer with the ship marking "180 Lep". Paris despatch c.d.s. (18-7-71) is alongside. Multiples of 40 Lep of this issue on cover are very rare. Impressive, v.fine and rare. (VI. 49a+48b)

2'000



30226



40 Lep, yellow flesh, two singles, and 20 Lep, blue, (defective), tied by "111" (Zante) lozenge, on a prepaid cover from Zante to Taganrod, Russia, via Vienna. Alongside is Zante despatch c.d.s. (13-2-72), Taganrod arrival c.d.s. (25-2-72) and "Franco". On the back Corfu and Trieste transit c.d.s.. V.fine and rare. Ex Alfonse. (VI. 49a+48b)

650



30227



40 Lep, yellow flesh, tied by "2" Piraeus lozenge, franked on a 1872 underpaid double rate cover from Piraeus to Constantinople. On arrival it was taxed with another 40 Lep, yellow flesh, cancelled by Constantinople (Tourkia) Greek Post Office c.d.s. 29-1-1872. Piraeus despatch c.d.s. (25-1-1872) and boxed "PLIROMI ANEPARKIS" are alongside, v.fine and extremely rare (VI. 49a)

1'500



30228



80 Lep, rosy carmine, mint block of four, fresh vivid colour. V.fine and v.scarce. (VI. 50)

500



30229 *

80 Lep, strawberry red on pelure paper, marginal mint example, with o.g., v.fine and v.rare. (VI. 50ab+d)

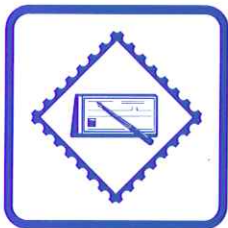
3'000



30230 ©

80 Lep, rosy carmine, used strip of three, with good margins all round. V.fine and rare. (VI. 50)

280



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1871-76 MESHED PAPER ISSUE

The main feature of this issue is the paper which is strongly meshed, and usually thin and transparent. It is strongly coloured in the shade of the stamp except for the 10L, which is mostly in green paper, and the 40L which is on blue paper. The paper of 1L and 2L values is not meshed but is thin and transparent. The coloured area of the medallion, because of the mesh of the paper often appears mesh-like or spotted. This issue does not include 80L.



30231 * 田

1 Lep, brown, mint block of four, on transparent paper, v.fine and scarce.(VI. 51a)

140



30232 © 田

1 Lep, deep reddish brown, marginal used block of six on transparent cream paper (pos. 1-2/21-22/31-32), all with clear to huge margins except a small thin on one stamp. A v.rare and fine looking block. Cert. Holcombe (1986). (VI. 51b)

1'000



30233



1 Lep, red brown, one strip of three and one strip of four, with 20 Lep, deep blue, strip of three, on a 1875 prepaid single weight cover from Corinth to Nantes, France. 1 Lep is missing. strip with usual faults. An impressive showpiece of the utmost rarity and appeal. Ex Plasteras Foster. (VI. 51b+55)

2'000



30234 *

2 Lep, brown grey, mint horizontal strip of three, v.fine and scarce. (VI. 52)

200



30235



5 Lep, green on greenish, used marvelous block of four with large even margins all round, rich shade (light central cancellation), a superb and rare piece for the connoisseur. Ex Wasdekis. Cert. Holcombe (1986) (VI. 53)

3'000



30236 *

5 Lep, yellow green, mint pair, with large to huge margins all round, v.fine and extremely rare. (VI. 53a)

1'000

1871-76 MESHED PAPER ISSUE



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|--------------|----------|--|------------|
| 30237 | * | 5 Lep, green, mint, with huge margins all round, v.fine and scarce. A choice example. (VI. 53) | 400 |
| 30238 | * | 5 Lep, emerald, mint, v.fresh and vivid colour, clear margins, v.fine. (VI. 53d) | 400 |



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| 30239 | * | 5 Lep, blue green, mint, very fresh and vivid colour, good to large margins, v.fine and extremely scarce. A choice example. (VI. 53) | 400 |
| 30240 | * | 5 Lep, sage green, mint, with good to large margins all round, v.fine and rare. (VI. 53e) | 700 |



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| 30241 | * | 5 Lep, green, mint, with variety partial double impression. v.fine and rare, unpriced in Vlastos. Cert. A. Zeis (1990).(VI. 53f) | 1'200 |
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| 30242 | ⊙ | 5 Lep, green, used pair, (postmark "56" of Chalkis), with good to large margins all round, with variety double control figures with approximately 1mm horizontal and 3.5mm vertical distance in between them with the upper right number printed slightly lighter, v.fine and a UNIQUE error (see Coundouros p. 512). (VI. 53f) | 1'000 |
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1871-76 MESHED PAPER ISSUE



30243 (*)

10 Lep, red orange on lavender (lilac), unused, brilliantly vivid colour, with clear to good margins, v.fine and v.scarce. (VI. 54c)

1'500



30244 (*)

10 Lep, red orange, unused, brilliantly vivid colour, with variety of control numerals on reverse inverted "10", good even margins all round, v.scarce. Unpriced in Vlastos. (VI. 54d)

3'000



30245 ☉ 田

10 Lep, red orange on greenish, used block of four, tied by the rare dotted "97" (Alexandria). Touching at one point, a stunning showpiece of the utmost appeal and rarity of which no more than two to three exist. Ex Wasdekis. (VI. 54f)

3'500



30246 ☒

10 Lep, red orange on lilac, strip of three (the two with good to large margins, the one touching at two points), making up the UPU rate after 1875 of 30 Lep, on a single weight prepaid letter sheet from Syra to Pottsville, Pennsylvania. Adjacent is red New York arrival c.d.s. (17 Oct. -paid all) and P.D.. Impressive, v.fine and rare. Ex Holcombe. (VI. 54a)

1'500

1871-76 MESHED PAPER ISSUE



30247 ☉

10 Lep, red orange, used strip of three, with the rare double print on face, cancelled with Syra c.d.s. 20-7-1875, with large to huge margins all round. Superb and UNIQUE showpiece being the largest multiple with double impression. Unpriced in Vlastos. (VI. 54m)

4'000



30248 ☉

10 Lep, orange on greenish, used pair, with variety without figures on reverse. Superb and extremely rare. Signed Oscar Schulz. (VI. 54e)

3'500

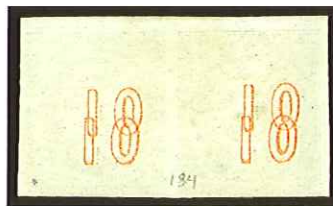


30249 ☉

10 Lep, orange on greenish, used, with variety double control numerals, one running vertically (pos. 28), lightly used (stamp cut into at left but showing part of neighboring stamp at right).

3'000

This stamp is UNIQUE being the only example known of double control figures normal and vertical together. A stunning showpiece of the utmost importance for the specialist. Ex Ferrari, Wasdekis. Cert. Holcombe (1983)(VI. 54k)



30250 ☉

10 Lep, orange on greenish, used pair, with variety double control figures, touching at bottom side o/w with large margins all round, v.fine and extremely rare error. Cert. R.P.S. (1929).(VI. 54k)

1'500

1871-76 MESHED PAPER ISSUE



30251

10 Lep, orange, a strip of three and a strip of five, all tied lozenge "1" on a 1873 cover from Paris to Athens with h/s marking "90 Lep". All stamps (the most defective) have INVERTED NUMERALS "10" at back. Nevertheless, a beautiful, stunning and extremely rare exhibition item. (VI. 54d)

4'500



30252

10 Lep, orange on greenish, used, with variety "10" inverted with "0" inverted (pos. 62), v.fine and rare. (VI. 54d+54i)

300

30253

10 Lep, used, with variety "1" inverted, v.fine and scarce. (VI. 54i)

250



30254

10 Lep, orange on greenish, on lavender paper, used, with variety of control numerals "0" inverted, instead of "10", v.fine and scarce (VI. 54e)

300

1871-76 MESHED PAPER ISSUE

THE UNIQUE 20 LEPTA BLOCK



30255 * 田

20 Lep, slate (lead) blue, a fantastic mint block of four from the upper left corner of the sheet (pos.1-2/10-11), in extremely fine condition, with full o.g. and complete sheet margins.


Brilliant fresh colour, the UNIQUE mint block of four of this issue, a stunning showpiece of the greatest rarity. (VI. 55c)

25'000



- 30256** * 20 Lep, royal blue, mint, superb and extremely scarce colour. (VI. 55) **1'400**
- 30257** (*) 20 Lep, indigo blue, mint, v.fine and rare. (VI. 55e) **500**



- 30258**  20 Lep, slate (lead) blue with oxidized corners, vertical strip of three, from the upper right corner of the sheet (pos. 10/20/30), all with large sheet margins, except the last stamp which is cut into in the lowest margin, tied by Corinth c.d.s. (3-6-1875), on a letter from Corinth to Athens. A superb and spectacular item, Ex Vlavianos. (VI. 55c) **800**



- 30259**  20 Lep, slate (lead) blue, used vertical pair, both with double control figures on reverse, v.fine and a rare variety. Signed Vlastos. (VI. 55h) **2'000**



30260



30261



30263

30260 * 40 Lep, grey mauve on blue, mint, v.fine and rare. (VI. 56) **460**

30261 (*) 40 Lep, orange brown on blue, unused, v.fine and very rare colour variety. (VI. 56b) **300**



30262 ☉ 田 40 Lep, grey mauve on blue, used block of four, with good to large margins, cancelled with rare diamond "96" (Smyrna) in dots. Superb and extraordinary exhibition multiple of the utmost rarity and v.fine. Ex Hermoupolis. (VI. 56a) **3'500**

30263 ☉ 40 Lep, mauve on blue, horizontal used strip of three, all stamps with clear margins, cancelled by the rare "96" of Smyrna in diamond of dots. V.fine and v.scarce. (VI. 56) **300**



30264 ☐ 40 Lep, mauve on blue, and 5 Lep, green, both cancelled "67" in dots, applied to pay the postage due of 45 Lep, on a 1874 unpaid cover from the French Post Office in the Dardanelles to Syros. The "Les Dardanelles, Turquie" c.d.s. (22-4-1874) and handstamp 45 Lep, both in black, are alongside. The only recorded cover bearing large Hermes Heads with such an extremely rare post office of sending. (VI. 56+53) **1'500**



30265



40 Lep, deep bright purple (groseille), used, with large even margins, cancelled with diamond "109" (Ithaca) in dots. V.fine and v.scarce (VI. 56d)

400



30266



40 Lep, deep bright purple (groseille), with 20 Lep, deep blue (defective), and 5 Lep, green, all cancelled by "106" in dots, used as postage dues on a unfranked letter sent from Malta to Corfu via Siragusa and Brindisi, bearing the c.d.s. of the Malta P.O. (2-7-1874) and the very rare h/s of the 12 1/2 rate. Bright and vivid colour, very impressive, v.rare, most appealing for the connoisseur and v.fine cover. Signed Holcombe. (VI. 56d+55+53)

3'400



30267



40 Lep, deep reddish brown, with 20 Lep, lead blue, and 10 Lep orange on green, all with large even margins, cancelled by Syra c.d.s., on a prepaid single weight cover from Syra to Vienna, via Trieste. Syra despatch c.d.s. (18-3-1873) and red boxed "PD" are alongside. One of the two known letters with the 40 Lep deep reddish brown, deeper than groseille. Superb and impressive exhibition item of the utmost rarity and importance for the connoisseur and v.fine. Ex Vlavianos. (VI. 56+55c+54)

3'400



30268

40 Lep, grey mauve, two singles, 5 Lep, green, pair, together with 1 Lep, chocolate brown, pair, all cancelled with Piraeus c.d.s.(2-9-1872), on a prepaid cover from Piraeus to Oxford, England, showing single weight rate according to the Treaty with Great Britain of 1868. Some faults on stamps, o/w colourful and v.scarce. Ex Maximus. (VI. 56a+53+44a)

500

Postal Rates (Treaty with Great Britain of 1868):

Single rate prepaid: 92L (8d).

Unpaid: 115L (10d).

Registered: 70L



30269 *

40 Lep, yellow olive on blue, left corner block of six, with plate flow variety in pos. 19. V.fine and rare. (VI. 56e)

120



30270

40 Lep, rosy mauve, used, with variety double control numerals, v.fine and a rare error. (VI. 56k)

1'000

30271

40 Lep, mauve on blue, used, with variety without control numerals (pos. 56), extremely rare and v.fine. (VI. 56i)

1'500

1876 NEW VALUES - PARIS PRINT

Those two values were necessary due to the entry of Greece into the U.P.U : Convention on July 1, 1875. They were also designed and engraved by A .Barre and succesfully printed in Paris by the "hard method" in the shade of the stamps. The paper is very fine, shiny, lightly coloured. There are no control numerals.



30272 E

ORIGINAL DIE PROOF of the 30 Lep in black, on thick paper (23 x 27 mm). Superb, v.fine and extremely desirable exhibition showpiece, one of the two known. Ex Alfonse.

10'000



30273 E

ORIGINAL DIE PROOF of 60 Lep in back, on thick paper (23x27 mm), split round frame lines at right and top, a v.fine and exceedingly rare and impressive exhibition showpiece, one of the three recorded. Ex Alfonse.

10'000



30274 E

30 Lep, olive-brown proof, block of four, with double print, on thin porous paper, v.fine and scarce.

700

30275 * 田

30 Lep, olive brown, marginal mint block of four, with full o.g., fresh colour, v.fine and v.rare multiple. Ex Texas collection. (VI. 57)

1'000



30276



30 Lep, deep olive, two singles, tied by Patras c.d.s. (27-6-76), both with large to huge margins, on a prepaid double weight cover from Patras to Trieste. On reverse Corfu transit (28-6-76) and Triest arrival c.d.s. (17-4-1876). Covers with two or more singles of the 30 Lep 1876 Paris issue are v.scarce. V.fine and extremely rare. Ex Vlavianos. (VI. 57b)

1'000



30277



60 Lep, deep blue green, marginal mint block of 9 from the right bottom corner of the sheet, v.fine and v.rare (VI. 58a)

350



30278



60 Lep, blue green, used, cancelled by Argostolion c.d.s. on 30-6-1876, which is a very early cancellation. Cert. E. Diena (1955) (VI. 58)

150

30279 

60 Lep, deep blue green on green used together with 20 Lep, indigo blue, 1872-75 issue, on a 1878 registered double weight envelope from Alexandria (Tourkia) Greek P.O. to Cephalonia. Both are tied by Alexandria c.d.s. (17-10-1878). Alexandria c.d.s. and "Charge" are alongside. The envelope is creased under the stamps but the 60 Lep appears to be in perfect quality. Covers from Alexandria Greek Post Office, after the signing of U.P.U. Convention are extremely rare, in particular with combination with another value constitutes a tremendous rarity for a great collection. A superb cover of the greatest rarity, it is dated a little time before the closing of the Greek P.O. of Alexandria, a real gem, ex Sparta (in our April 1983 sale realized 20'700 SFr). Signed Vlastos. (VI. 58a)

7'500

*U.P.U. Rates (1876): 30Lepta single
60 Lepta double
20 Lepta registered*

1876 NEW VALUES - ATHENS PRINT

This is an unsuccessful printing of the new 30 Lep (brown) and 60 Lep (green) denominations, executed by the "soft method" in Athens, where the plates were transferred from Paris. The printing of the shaded lines is coarse. The paper is cream or yellowish. There are no control numerals.

30280 * 

30 Lep, red brown, mint block of ten, with full o.g., large to huge margins all round, superb, v.fine & rare. (VI. 59d)

700

30281 E

30 Lep, yellow brown, never issued. (VI. 59A)

600



- 30282** ☉ 30 Lep, deep brown, used, variety double print on face, superb and extremely rare variety. Ex Maximus. (VI. 59h) **750**
- 30283** ☉ 30 Lep, bistre brown, used, variety printed on both sides. Extremely rare variety (VI. 59k). **500**



- 30284** ☉ 30 Lep, red brown, used block of four, with clear to good margins all round, v.fine and scarce. Ex Maximus. (VI. 59a) **500**



- 30285** ✉ 30 Lep, pale olive brown, very fine print, probably the only known on cover tied by Kalamae c.d.s. (21-11-1879) with large to huge margins, on a single weight letter from Kalamae to Trieste. Superb and probably UNIQUE item. Unpriced in Vlastos. Ex Vlavianos. (VI. 59b) **1'500**



30286

30 Lep, grey brown, horizontal strip on five, used, together with 10 Lep, orange, 1875-80 issue, on a 1877 large registered envelope from Syros to Athens, one stamp of the strip is defective the others v.fine, with boxed "Systimenon" (Registered) pmk in red. A v.fine, extremely rare and impressive item. Ex Sparta. (VI. 59e+64)

2'500

30287 *

60 Lep, blue green, mint, large to very large margins, v.fine. (VI. 60)

360



30288

60 Lep, blue green, used block of four. Superb and of the greatest rarity. (VI. 60)

3'500



30289



60 Lep, dark green on buff, together with 20 Lep, deep ultramarine on cream paper, 1875-80 issue, on a prepaid double weight registered cover from Thessaloniki (Tourkia) Greek P.O. to Zante, both tied by Thessaloniki (Tourkia) c.d.s.. Thessaloniki despatch c.d.s. (23-8-1878) and boxed "SISTIMENON" are alongside. The 20 Lep is slightly cut into at top left, the 60 Lep is in v.fine condition. A most beautiful and very rare exhibition item. Covers with 60 Lep in combination with stamps of other issues from Thessaloniki (Tourkia) are exceedingly rare. (In our sale of April 1983 it realized 15'100 SFr.+15%). Ex Maximus. Cert. E. Diena (1983) (VI. 60a+65db)

6'500

1875-80 PRINTED ON CREAM PAPER

This issue was printed using the "soft method", on cream paper, rather thick of varying quality. The printing plates were given a cleaning just before the printing. The control numerals are rough in heavy shades of identical thickness. The issue does not include 80L



30290 * 田

1 Lep, red brown, left marginal mint block of four, fresh colour, v.fine and rare. (VI. 61b)

300



30291 * 田

1 Lep, black lilac brown, mint block of four, superb, impressive and a great rarity in this deep shade. (VI. 61c)

1'000



30292 * 田

2 Lep, grey flesh, mint block of four, v.fine. (VI. 62)

120



30293 田

2 Lep, grey flesh, a pair, two strips of three and one strip of five and 10 Lep, orange on cream, all with clear margins, (only the first 2 Lep of the strip of five is just touching), all tied by Kerkira cds, used on a prepaid cover from Corfu to Wien via Trieste. Wien arrival c.d.s. (14-4-1883) is alongside. Spectacular showpiece of the utmost appeal and rarity and v.fine. (VI. 62)

1'500



30294 (*)

5 Lep, yellow green, unused, good to large margins, v.fine and scarce. (VI. 63a)

100

30295 *

5 Lep, blackish green, mint, with full o.g., with large even margins. Extremely rare colour and v.fine. (VI. 63e)

600



30296 ☉ 田

5 Lep, yellow green, used block of four, tied by Patras c.d.s., with good even margins all round, v.fine and v.scarce. (VI. 63a)

1'500



30297 ☉

5 Lep, green, used, cancelled by Athens postmark (22-5-1880), with variety double control numerals (2mm vertical and 0.8mm horizontal distance). One of the two known (Coundouros par. 61.1.). A key error for a great Greek collection. Unpriced in Vlastos. Signed Vlastos. (VI. 63g)

5'000

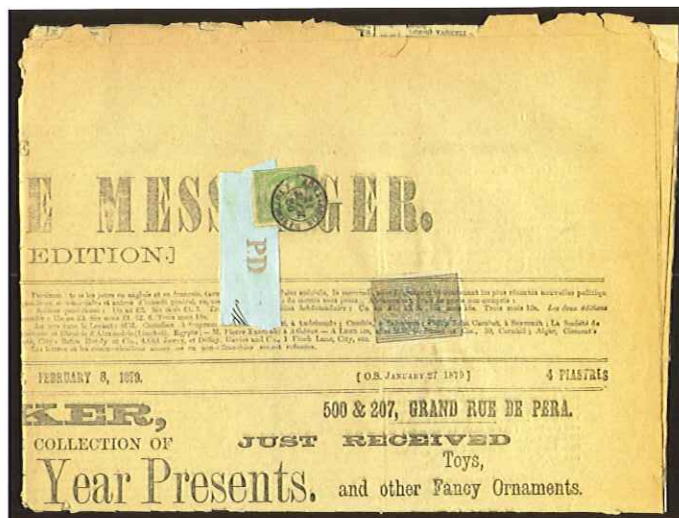


30298 ☒

5 Lep, yellow green, strip of four, on a 1876 cover from Piraeus to Syros, with clear to large margins, only frameline of last stamp is touched at right. Piraeus despatch c.d.s. (26-9-1876) is alongside. Scarce and attractive franking (VI. 63a)

300

1875-80 PRINTED ON CREAM PAPER



30299



5 Lep, deep green, tied by Constantinople (Tourkia) despatch c.d.s. (21-11-1880), on the newspaper "Constantinople Messenger" dated 2-2-1879, with prepaid Turkish stamp for subscribers, mailed from Constantinople (Tourkia) Greek Post Office. Red P.D. is struck on the blue part of the wrapper. Attractive and v.appealing, of the utmost importance for the connoisseur, v.fine and rare. (VI. 63b)

1'000



30300 * 田

10 Lep, red orange, mint block of six, with good to large margins all round, v.fine and v.scarce. (VI. 64c)

1'500



30301 ◎

10 Lep, red orange on cream, used block of four, tied by Kyparissia c.d.s.. Left lower stamp is slightly cut into, o/w v.fine and rare multiple of which in used condition no more than three are known. (VI. 64c)

1'500



30302 ☉

10 Lep, orange on yellow, used strip of three, right stamp with variety "01" instead of "10". V.fine, v.rare and hard to find error (Coundouros par. 62.3.). Signed Holcombe. (VI. 64+64e)

800



30303 ☉

10 Lep, orange vermillion, used, with rare double print on face. V.fine and of the greatest rarity. Unpriced in Vlastos. (VI. 64m)

1'200



30304 *

10 Lep, orange on cream, marginal mint stamp with variety of the control numerals "0" instead of "10". Very rare and superb. Unpriced in Vlastos. (VI. 64g)

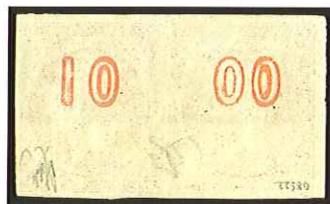
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30305 ☒

10 Lep, yellow orange, pair, right stamp with variety "0" instead of "10", tied by Pyrgos c.d.s. (20-5-1878), used on a cover from Pyrgos to Syros. V.fine and v.rare. (VI. 64+64g)

600



30306 ☉

10 Lep, orange, used pair, right stamp with variety "00" instead of "10". (VI. 64+64h)

150

1875-80 PRINTED ON CREAM PAPER



30307 ☉

10 Lep, orange, used pair, with variety control numerals with horizontal double printing at a distance approximately 0.5 to 1mm. v.fine and scarce. (VI. 64k)

400



30308 ☉

10 Lep, orange on cream, used strip of three, middle stamp with control numerals variety "1" instead of "10" with "0" of the right and left stamp broken and inverted (Coundouros par. 62.5.). V.fine and v.rare. (VI. 64+64f)

300



30309 ☉

10 Lep, orange, used pair, right stamp with variety of the control numerals "110" instead of "10". A very rare error and v.fine. Unlisted in Vlastos. (VI. 64)

400



30310 * 田

20 Lep, deep Prussian blue on white paper, mint block of four, with dark indigo blue numerals. Superb, impressive and extremely rare multiple. Ex Tseriotis. (VI. 65a)

5'000



30311 *

20 Lep, Prussian blue on white paper, mint, with o.g., with good to large margins, extremely rare. (VI. 65)

1'000

30312 *

20 Lep, blue on cream with Prussian blue numerals, mint, with good to large margins, v.fine and rare. (VI. 65)

250

30313 (*)

20 Lep, royal blue, unused, with good margins. An extremely rare colour variety, of utmost appeal for the connoisseur. Unlisted in Vlastos. (VI. 65)

300

1875-80 PRINTED ON CREAM PAPER



30314
⊙

20 Lep, deep blue, used block of four, with clear to large margins, tied by Amfissa c.d.s.. Brilliantly fresh vivid colour. An impressive, v.rare and v.fine multiple the only known in this colour. A UNIQUE showpiece. Ex Hellas Collection (VI. 65)

3'600



30315
⊗

20 Lep, deep ultramarine, tied by Thessaloniki (Tourkia) cds (29-12-1878), used on a return receipt for registered letter, mailed from Thessaloniki. V.fine and rare. (VI. 65d)

750



30316
⊙

20 Lep, deep blue, used, with INVERTED CONTROL FIGURES, the "ARGOSTOLION ERROR". It has an ironed crease and is just touched on the frameline at foot. One of the finest known examples of great rarity of which only a few exist. Ex Maximus. Cert. Tseriotis (1985). (VI. 65f)

7'000

1875-80 PRINTED ON CREAM PAPER



30317

20 Lep, grey ultramarine, used on fragment, with control numerals in Prussian blue, known as "SYRA ERROR", with good to large margins, cancelled with Syra c.d.s. (11-6-1877). Superb and very rare. Signed and Cert. Vlastos (1989). (VI. 65da)

1'500



30318

20 Lep, ultramarine, used, with variety double control numerals, on a cover from Sparta to Argos, tied by Sparta c.d.s. (16-11-1879). V.fine and rare. (VI. 65l)

750

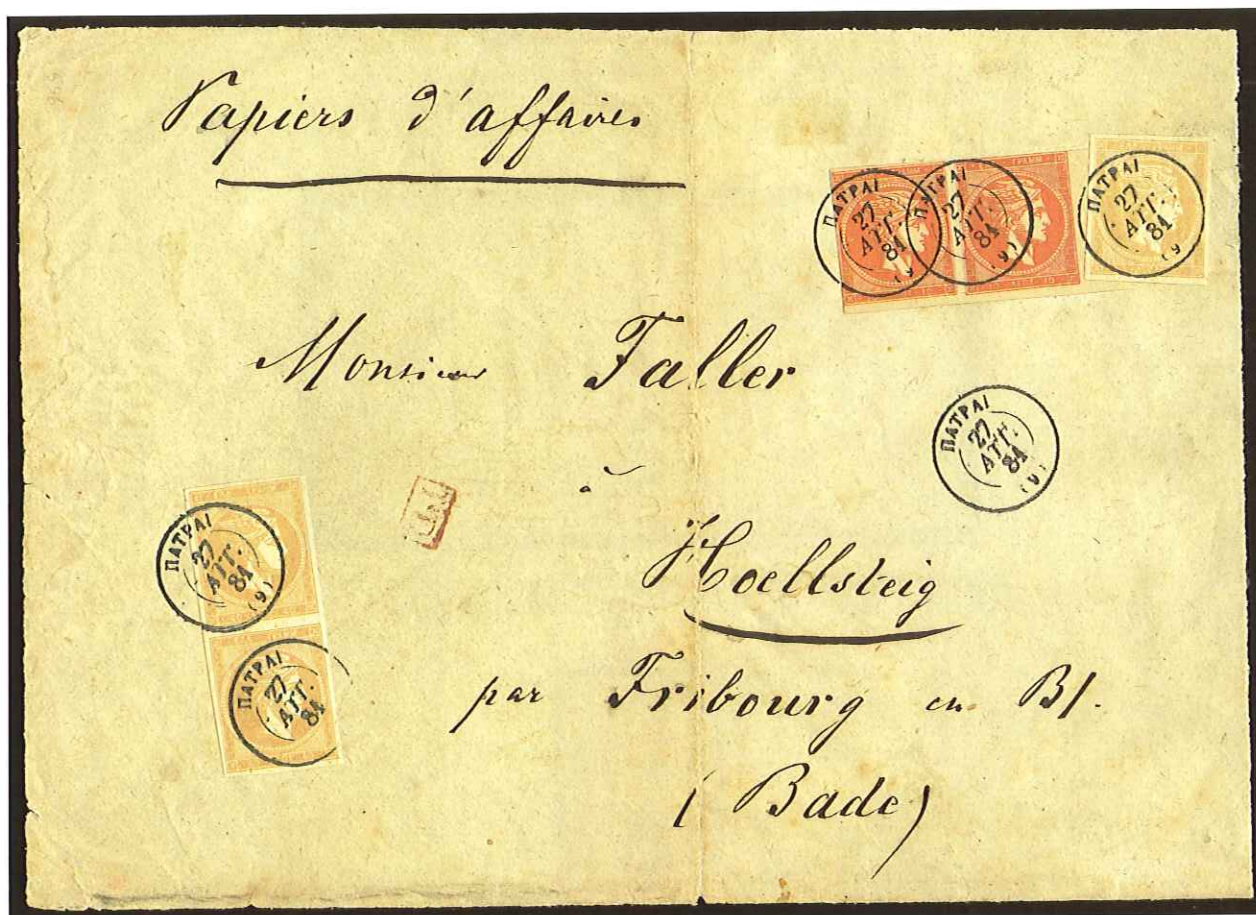


30319

40 Lep, with variety of the control numerals in lilac red (never issued). V.fine and v.scarce. (VI. 66c)

400

1875-80 PRINTED ON CREAM PAPER



30320 (✉)

40 Lep, flesh, pair and a single, and 10 Lep, red orange, pair, all with clear to good margins, all tied by Patras c.d.s. (27-8-1881), on a prepaid cover (front) from Patras to Hoellsteig (Bade). Patras despatch c.d.s. (27-8-1881) and red boxed P.D. are alongside. Multiples of 40 Lep on cover of this issue are quite rare. A stunning showpiece. (Vl. 66+64b)

3'000



30322

40 Lep, flesh, with large margins all round, on a 1883 mourning registered letter from Patras to Athens, v.fine and v.rare on cover. (VI. 66)

750

1880-85 PRINTED ON CREAM PAPER

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This issue printed on cream paper is distinguishable by the omission of the control numerals on all denominations. Likewise, in April 1882 the 20L was changed from deep ultramarine to carmine lake and later to aniline rose. Similarly, the 30L changed from brown to ultramarine and the 40L from grey flesh to violet grey. This issue does not include the denominations 60L and 80L.



30323

1 Lep, grey brown, used block of six, tied with Athens c.d.s., with clear margins all round, v.fine. (VI. 67d)

250



30324

1 Lep, fawn, used, with good margins all round, with variety quadrille background in the medallion. v.fine and v.rare. Unpriced in Vlastos. (VI. 67h)

850

30325 

1 Lep, dull brown, two strips of five, and 10 Lep, orange, all tied by the cancel of the Agency of the Aegean steamship P.M.C. & Co., Ithaca Agency, on a cover sent from Ithaca to Lefkas. A stunning showpiece of the utmost rarity and appeal. (VI. 67+70a)

5'000

30326 

1 Lep, light red brown, horizontal strip of eight and a vertical pair, used together with 5 Lep, yellow green, and 10 Lep, yellow orange, all tied by Athens c.d.s., on a 1885 prepaid letter from Athens to Leipzig, Germany, via Brindisi. The last stamp of the upper row of strip of eight with the variety "white spot on the head" (pos. 55). On reverse, Brindisi transit and Leipzig arrival c.d.s.. The 10 Lep is cut into, but the strip, the vertical pair and the 5 Lep are very fine. Spectacular, v.fine and v.rare item. (VI. 67c+69a+70)

1'300



30327 E

2 Lep, bistre, pair, with good to large margins all round, with overprint "SPECIMEN", v.fine and scarce. (VI. 68b)

200



30328

2 Lep, grey bistre, with huge margins all round, tied by Athens c.d.s. (11-1-1889) used on a 1889 printed matter mailed locally in Athens. For local rates the postage was the half of the rate, i.e. up to 10 grams was 2 Lep instead of 4 Lep. This is a UNIQUE cover with such half local printed matter rate. An extraordinary showpiece of the utmost importance for the connoisseur and v.fine. (VI. 68)

2'000



30329 E

5 Lep, yellow green, strip of three with overprint "SPECIMEN", with clear to large margins all round, v.fine and rare. (VI. 69d)

300



30330 *

5 Lep, very dark green, mint marginal block of 30 from the top of the sheet, very fresh vivid colour. A very impressive showpiece, rare especially in this deep shade and v.fine. Ex Vlavianos. (VI. 69b)

2'000



30331 *

5 Lep, deep green, mint block of four, poorly inked plate, with large even margins. (VI. 69b)

120

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30332 

5 Lep, green, and 20 Lep, rose aniline, both with good margins and tied by rare strait line "Vapore d' Alessandria" canceller, on a 1885 prepaid cover from Kalamae to Trieste, mailed on June 1886. Very fine and rare exhibition item. (VI. 69+72)

1'700

30333 

5 Lep, yellow green, three singles, 10 Lep, orange, two singles, and 40 Lep, violet, all with good to large margins (except one 10 Lep which is cut into), all cancelled by Athens cds (30-1-1888), on a 1888 double weight registered cover from Athens to Berlin. On reverse, Brindisi cds Bologna-Pontebba railway transit cds and Berlin arrival c.d.s. (18-2-1888). Attractive, v.fine, impressive & rare. (VI. 69a+70a+75)

1'500



30334

✉

5 Lep, blackish green, and 20 Lep, rosy aniline, both with good to large margins, tied by Pyrgos cds (27-2-1884), on a 1884 prepaid single weight cover from Pyrgos to Trieste. On reverse Trieste arrival cds (16-3-1884). The 5 Lep in this deep shade is v.rare on cover and v.fine. (VI. 69b+72)

300



30335

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10 Lep, red orange, vermillion, mint, with o.g., with good margins all round, a superb example of this rarity (VI. 70b)

6'000



30336

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10 Lep, red orange, vermillion, horizontal used strip of four, with large margins all round. A stunning showpiece which is the largest known. V.fine and v.rare. Ex Tseriotis. (VI. 70b)

2'500



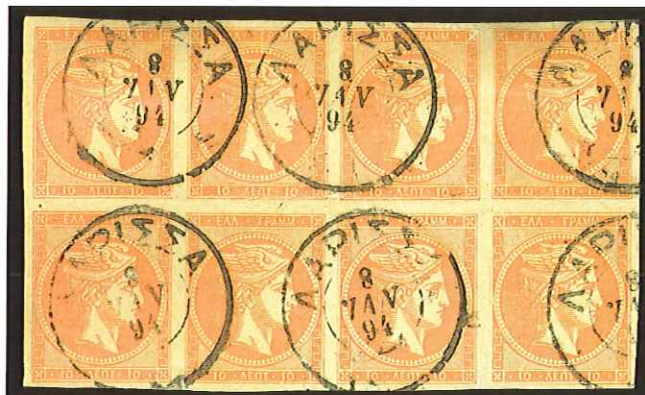
30337

✉

10 Lep, red orange, vermillion, pair, with large margins all round, showing adjacent stamp, tied by Pyrgos c.d.s. (27-8-1883), on a 1883 single rate cover from Pyrgos to Patras. Extremely rare and v.fine. (VI. 70b)

500

CREAM PAPER PRINTINGS WITHOUT FIGURES AT BACK



30338 ☉ 田

10 Lep, yellow orange, used block of eight, with large margins all round, all tied by Larissa c.d.s. (8-1-1894), v.fine. (VI. 70)

250

THE UNIQUE BISECT COVER



30339 ✉ 田

10 Lep, yellow orange, bisected, tied by blurred Athens c.d.s., used on a wrapper from Athens to Constantinople. On the back, "Stamboul arrivee" c.d.s. dated 28-2-1886.

12'000

A stunning and impressive showpiece of the utmost rarity, a great gem for a great Greek collection and v.fine, being a UNIQUE bisected on cover of the last issue of Large Hermes Heads. Unlisted in Vlastos. Ex Alphonse. (VI. 70)

CREAM PAPER PRINTINGS WITHOUT FIGURES AT BACK



30340

10 Lep, orange, cancelled by the rare Intaglio seal of the Telegraphic Office of Phaneromeni, on an official envelope of a telegram bearing the Greek Dynasty Coat of Arms, addressed to His Highness The Prince George (son of the King George I). Extremely rare item, being one of the two covers known with stamps cancelled by this intaglio seal (VI. 70a)

2'000



30341

10 Lep, orange, horizontal pair, together with 30 Lep, deep ultramarine, on registered cover from Argostolion to Palermo, tied by Argostolion cds (8-12-1882), all with good to large margins, cds of despatch, framed registration mark "CHARGE", Palermo arrival backstamp 25 (12-82), boxed "SISTIMENON". (VI. 70a+74a)

1'600

CREAM PAPER PRINTINGS WITHOUT FIGURES AT BACK



30342 * 田

20 Lep, deep ultramarine, mint block of four, with large even margins all round, superb and of the utmost rarity. (VI. 71)

2'000



30343 ◎ 田

20 Lep, red aniline, used block of 14, cancelled by "Thivae" Type VI. c.d.s. (3-5-1888). Some usual faults, v.fine for this large multiple. (VI. 72a)

250



30344 ☒

A 1883 cover from Piraeus to Tripolis, with 20 Lep, rose aniline, cancelled by Piraeus c.d.s. (26-11-1883). Considered underpaid it was returned to sender and taxed before sending at destination by an additional 20 Lep, rose aniline, cancelled by Piraeus c.d.s. (22-12-1883). Superb and v.rare, ideal for the specialists. Signed Holcombe. (VI. 70)

500

CREAM PAPER PRINTINGS WITHOUT FIGURES AT BACK



30345 * 田

20 Lep, deep carmine, mint corner vertical block of 16 (4x4) from the right bottom of the sheet, the largest block of this shade. Small fault at top, and some tiny imperfections. A stunning and UNIQUE showpiece of the utmost rarity and appeal, a gem for a great Greek collection and v.fine. Ex Alfonse. (VI. 73)

6'000



30346 ◎ 田

20 Lep, pale carmine, a marginal used block of four, with good margins all round, cancelled with Patras c.d.s. (12-5-1882). Superb and extremely rare, only 3-4 used blocks of this shade are known. Cert. Holcombe (1983). (VI. 73)

1'600



30347

20 Lep, deep carmine, strip of three, with large margins all round, tied by Nafpaktos c.d.s. (8-4-1883), on a 1883 prepaid folded cover from Nafpaktos to Trieste. Multiples of this stamp on cover are exceedingly rare. A great showpiece of the utmost appeal and v.fine. Ex Parthenon. (VI. 73a)

2'000



30348 *

30 Lep, grey ultramarine, mint marginal strip of four, with good to very large margins. Superb and extremely rare. Ex Holcombe. (VI. 74b)

1'000



30349

30 Lep, deep ultramarine, used block of four, tied by Corfu c.d.s., clear to large margins all round. V.fine and rare. Ex Capetanakis. (VI. 74a)

750



30350

30 Lep, deep ultramarine, used, a superb left upper corner copy, showing variety "one white line" on the upper left side of the stamp. This is an unlisted error (see N. Asimakopoulos, p.146), being different than the reported so far variety "two lines at the left upper corner" (pos. 12), probably a UNIQUE plate flaw variety. V.fine and extremely scarce. (VI. 74)

800



30351

30 Lep, ultramarine, used on a 1883 cover from Patras to Trieste, tied by Patras c.d.s. (23-5-1883), showing the rare variety "white spot in front of the nose" ("cigar" or "smoking Hermes") (pos. 10R). Outstanding and attractive showpiece of the utmost appeal. An extremely rare variety of which two or three exist on cover. Cert. Holcombe (1986). (VI. 74e)

4'200



30352

30354

30352 ①

30 Lep, deep ultramarine, used, with variety quadrille background in the medallion, with good even margins, v.fine and v.scarce variety. (VI. 74c)

500

30353

30 Lep, deep ultramarine, pair, on a 1882 prepaid double weight cover from Syros to Trieste. Syra despatch c.d.s. (13-11-1882) is alongside. On reverse, Trieste arrival c.d.s. (31-11-1882). V.fine and rare. (VI. 74a)

240

30354 *

40 Lep, mauve, fresh mint marginal block of 20 (5x4) from the left of the sheet, one stamp in bottom row has small hole, an outstanding and impressive showpiece, v.fine and scarce. Ex Alfonse. (VI. 75a)

1'500



30355



40 Lep, grey violet, used, horizontal strip of 8, with "Thivai" ("39") c.d.s.
(22-11-1882). Last stamp is cut into at one point, o/w v.fine and v.rare. (VI. 75)

750



30356



40 Lep, deep mauve, and 5 Lep, green (touched), cancelled with Corfu c.d.s.
(20-11-1884), on a 1884 registered cover from Corfu to Munich, Germany.
Impressive, v.rare and v.fine. Ex Trefonas. (VI. 75a+69)

1'000

U.P.U. Rates (reduced after 1-7-1883):

Single weight : 25L up to 15 grams.

Registered fee: 20L

45L

COMBINATION COVERS

Letters from abroad, prepaid or partly paid, were considered to be paid to the Greek Post or border only and were subject to Greek domestic rates up to July 1, 1875 (for countries which entered into U.P.U.). This explains the existence of "mixed frankings" in which Greek postage stamps are found together with those of other countries.

30357 

AUSTRIA: 1870 cover from Simmering, Austria, to Spetses via Vienna and Trieste, bearing strip of 3 and 2 singles of 5 Kr., tied by its c.d.s. (22-6-1870). In Vienna, prior to the sending to its destination, another strip of 3 and one pair of 5 Kr. were added. On arrival in Spetses it was charged by a pair of 20 Lep, sky blue, 1870 issue, in order to pay the double weight domestic rate. One 5 Kr. is cut into and one 20 Lep is scratched the cover is slightly aged, nevertheless, this is a spectacular, colourful franking, very unusual and v.rare.

3'500

30358 

AUSTRIA: 1872 cover from Trieste to Corfu, franked with 10 Kr.. Considered underpaid, on arrival (25-9-1872) 40 Lep, grey violet, and 1 Lep, red brown, 1872-76 issue, both with good to large margins, were added as postage due, v.fine and v.scarce.

1'500

COMBINATION COVERS



30359



AUSTRIA: A 1885 Athens newspaper "CHRONOS ATHINON" (Athens Times) sent from Athens to Trieste, franked with 5 Lep (1880-86 issue). On arrival it was charged 2 Kr. as forwarding or delivery newspaper stamp No more than five such combinations are recorded, v.fine and extremely scarce.

2'500



30360



AUSTRIAN LEVANT (GALATZ): 1865 cover from Gallatz to Corfu, carried by Austrian steamer, franked 15 + 5 Soldi (L.V.), tied by Galatz c.d.s.. On arrival 20 Lep, blue (2 singles), 1862-67 issue, were applied as postage due, cancelled by Corfu c.d.s. (10-11-1865). In Corfu the cover was fumigated. A wonderful cover, v.fine and v.rare. Signed O. Vlastos

3'000

COMBINATION COVERS



30361

AUSTRIAN LEVANT (VALONA): 1874 prepaid cover from Valona to Syros bearing Austrian Levant 10 sld., taxed on arrival with 10 Lep (2) 1872-75 issue, both with clear to large margins. Very few such combination covers are known. Beautiful mixed franking of the utmost rarity, and v.fine.

5'000



30362

AUSTRIAN LEVANT (TENEDOS): 1866 prepaid single weight cover from Tenedos to Athens via Smyrna Lloyd, Austriaco Post Office, franked with 10 Sld. (L.V.), tied by blue Tenedos c.d.s. On arrival (25-7-1866) it was taxed with 20 Lep, greenish blue, 1862-67 issue for internal postage. The 20 Lep, is affected by horizontal crease, o/w this is a v.rare cover of which only few exist, v.fine

3'000

COMBINATION COVERS



30363



AUSTRIAN LEVANT (GALLIPOLI NEL LEVANTE): 1874 prepaid cover from Ainos to Syros franked Austrian Levant 1867 10 sld., tied by Gallipoli Nel Levante c.d.s., with 20 Lep., 1872-76 issue, applied on arrival. An extremely rare combination cover and v.fine.

4'000



30364



AUSTRIAN LEVANT (VOLOS): 1872 prepaid cover from Volo to Syros bearing a 1867 Austrian Levant 10 Sld. (coarse beard), cancelled blue Volos Austrian P.O. c.d.s. (9-2-1872). On arrival a pair of 1872-75 issue, 10 Lep, orange, with good margins, was added to pay the internal delivery charge. One of the 10 Lep stamps is affected by a vertical filling crease. Few combination covers are known from this Austrian Post Office abroad, v.fine and extremely rare. Cert. Holcombe (1986).

3'500



30365

AUSTRIAN LEVANT (GIURGEVO): 1868 stampless cover from Giurgevo to Galaxidi, taxed on arrival 90 Lep by the addition of a pair of 40 Lep, lilac brown, 1862-67 issue, and 10 Lep, orange, 1868-69 issue, cancelled by Galaxidi arrival c.d.s. 12 May, 1868. Alongside Giurgevo despatch c.d.s. 13 May, 1868. v.fine and v.scarce.

1'500



30366

AUSTRIAN LEVANT (SCIO-CESME): 1861 stampless cover from Scio-Cesme to Syros. On arrival was charged 20 Lep by the addition of two pairs of 5 Lep, coarse, provisional printings, all with good to large margins and fresh vivid colour, to pay the domestic rate, all tied by "67" (Syros) lozenge. Alongside is Scio-Cesme Austrian P.O. sending d.s. (21/12) and "Franco". On reverse Syros arrival c.d.s. 20-12-61. An impressive, extremely fine and v.scarce item

2'000



30367

AUSTRIAN LEVANT (SCIO-CESME): 1865 cover from Chios to Syros, by Austrian steamer, franked with a pair of 5 sld. (L.V.), cancelled by Scio-Cesme Austrian P.O. datestamp. On arrival 20 Lep, 1862-67 issue, was added, cancelled by Syros c.d.s. 7-2-1865. A beautiful, v.fine and scarce combination cover

750

COMBINATION COVERS



30368

AUSTRIAN LEVANT (RHODES): 1867 prepaid folded cover from Rhodes to Syros, bearing L.V. 10 Sld., tied by strait line Austrian d.s. (RHODUS 7 AUG.), with 20 Lep applied on arrival (30-7-1867) as domestic rate, v.fine and v.rare.

2'000

30369 

AUSTRIAN LEVANT (AUSTRIAN OFFICES IN CRETE): 1873 cover from Rethimnon to Syros franked with 2 pairs Austrian Levant 5 Soldi, both tied by blue Rettimo c.d.s. dated 19-2-1873. Considered underpaid it was taxed on arrival with 80 Lep (1871 issue), as postage dues. v.fine, extremely rare and impressive mixed franking of the utmost importance for the connoisseur.

3'000

30370 

AUSTRIAN LEVANT (AUSTRIAN OFFICES IN CRETE): 1872 cover from Candia to Syros, bearing 10 Sld., blue, Austrian Levant. Two pairs of 5 Lep, 1871 issue, were applied on arrival, cancelled by dotted "67". Center cover fold through one 5 Lep, o/w v.fine. On reverse Syros arrival c.d.s. 8-11-1872, v.fine and v.scarce

1'500

COMBINATION COVERS



30371



AUSTRIAN LEVANT (CAIFA): 1876 cover from Caifa to Syros, via Austrian steamer, bearing 10 Sld., tied by Austrian P.O. Caifa d.s.. On arrival (18-11-1872) it was charged 20 Lep by the addition of a strip of four, 5 Lep, cleaned plated. Very few such combination covers are recorded. A vertical filling crease is affecting the third stamp of the strip. An extremely impressive and rare mixed franking. Signed Vlastos and Calves. Cert. Vlastos (1990).

5'000



30372



FRANCE (BORDEAUX ISSUE): 1871 single weight cover from Lyon to Athens, franked with 40c, orange, cancelled by dotted "2145" (grand chiffres). Considered underpaid, was charged on arrival 50 Lep postage due, by the addition of 10 Lep, orange, 1868-69 issue, and 40 Lep, yellow flesh, 1871 issue, both cut into and tied by Athens c.d.s. (30-10-1871). Adjacent is boxed "Affranchissement Insuffisant" in violet. This is the only recorded combination cover with Bordeaux issue and large Hermes Heads. A UNIQUE cover of the utmost rarity and importance for the specialist.

4'500

30373



No Lot



30374



FRANCE: 1874 printed matter from Bordeaux to Corfu, mailed on 25 August, 1874, bearing 5C (Ceres), green, taxed on arrival with 5 Lep, green, two singles, 1868-69 issue. Extremely rare mixed franking, a most desirable item. Ex Plasteras-Foster. Cert. A. von der Weid (2002).

6'000



30375



FRENCH LEVANT (IBRAILA): 1862 double weight as a single weight cover from the French Post Office in Ibraila, to Athens, bearing 10C and 50C Napoleon III tied by blue dotted "5087" (Grand Chiffres) with Blue Ibraila (Vlachie) French Post Office c.d.s. dated 30-11-62, alongside. Taxed on arrival with 10 Lep and 40 Lep provisionals (fine), both with clear to good margins. Three such mixed covers are recorded. Superb, extremely rare and v.fine

3'500



30376

GERMAN STATES (GERMAN EMPIRE): 1875 cover from Hamburg to Cephalonia via Brindisi franked with 10Pf, four examples. One extra stamp missing. Taxed on arrival (16-3-1875) with 40 Lep, 1868-69 issue, with large margins all round, tied by diamond dotted "110". An extremely rare combination cover of the utmost importance and v.fine. One of the two recorded. Cert. Calves (1990).

4'000




30377


GERMAN STATES (WURTEMBERG): 1890 entire letter from Stuttgart to Patras, tied by Stuttgart 30-9-1890 c.d.s., readdressed to Athens with 10 Pf, two singles. On arrival 20 Lep, aniline ink, 1880-86 issue, was added. The only recorded such cover between Wurttemberg-Greece, v.fine and extremely rare.

2'000


COMBINATION COVERS



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| 30378 |  | PAPAL STATES: 1866 folded letter sheet from Civitavecchia to Athens, prepaid to the Greek border, bearing 8 baj. (2 examples) and 5 baj.. On arrival, 20 Lep, blue, 1862-67 issue was charged to pay the domestic rate, tied by Athens c.d.s. (3-3-1866). The 20 Lep is cut into, o/w v.fine and extremely rare combination cover. Ex Texas collection. | 2'500 |
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| 30379 |  | <p>PAPAL STATES: 1862 cover from Roma to Santorini (an island with strong catholic population), franked with one stamp of 3 Baj., to pay the internal rate charge. This is done by exception of the single rate abroad (7 Baj.) and as a favorable treatment of the Catholic population of Greece. On arrival (24-12-1862) it was taxed by 10 Lep, yellow orange, two singles, 1861 issue, both exceptionally coarse print, tied by diamond "77" (Santorini) in dots, both with large to huge margins. H/s red marking "Propaganda Fide" on top right and adjacent blue Roma c.d.s.. An exceptionally beautiful and extremely rare, v.fine and choice combination cover. Ex Vlavianos.</p> | 4'000 |
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| 30380 |  | ITALIAN STATES (NAPOLITAN STATES): 1861 letter from Naples, bearing a pair of the 1861 10g., blue, and a 20g., yellow ochre, to Syros, where (17-12-1861) 20 Lep, deep blue (slightly cut into), 1861 coarse print, was charged for the internal postage. The 10 g. pair is affected by an horizontal filing crease, v.fine and an extremely rare combination of which two are known. Ex Wasdekis. Cert. Holcombe (1986). | 6'000 |
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COMBINATION COVERS



30381

ITALIAN STATES (SARDINIA-TUSCANY): 1861 cover from Livorno to Athens, bearing Sardinia 1855 5C, two examples, in combination with Tuscany 1860 provisional government 40C and 80C, all tied by "LIVORNO 19 OTT, 61" datestamp. On arrival in Athens (12-10-1861) it was taxed by 1861 Paris, 20 Lep, blue, with "1" pmk, with large margins all round. An extremely fine triple mixed franking of the greatest beauty and rarity, a gem of the philately, mentioned as UNIQUE in "Catalogo Bolaffi Delle Affrancature Miste Del Risorgimento" (No. 33). A historic showpiece of the greatest magnitude. Ex Hermoupolis collection. Cert. E. Diena (1972).

28'000



30382

ITALY: 1864 double weight folded letter from Rimini to Athens for Gythion by "PIROSCAFI POSTALI AUSTRIACI" steamer, with Italian postage of 100 centesimi, paid by two 30c and one 40c, and taxed on arrival (7-10-1864) 112 Lep, by the addition of 2 Lep, bistre brown, 10 Lep, orange, 20 Lep, blue, and 80 Lep, rose carmine, of the 1862-67 consecutive printings, all tied by dotted "1", all with clear to large margins. Boxed "PIROSCAFI POSTALI AUSTRIACI" is alongside. A superb, impressive, extremely rare and v.fine six colour combination franking.

5'000

COMBINATION COVERS



30383

ITALY: 1884 cover sent from Patras to Genova as a post card, bears 10 Lep, red, (printed stamp) cut from a post card and applied along with a 5 Lep, green (defective), 1880-86 issue, both tied by Patras despatch c.d.s. (25-1-1884). On arrival 10 centesimi was charged as postage due, cancelled with Genova arrival c.d.s. 10-2-84. On reverse Brindisi transit and Genova arrival c.d.s.. An unusual, v.rare and v.fine combination.

2'000



30384

UNITED KINGDOM (ENGLAND): 1864 cover from London to Syros by French ship, bearing 1d considered underpaid. On arrival 320 Lep were applied as postage due by the addition of 80 Lep, carmine, (4 singles), 1862-67 printing, all tied by Syros arrival c.d.s. 2 Nov. 1864. An extremely rare and v.fine combination cover of the utmost importance for the specialist. Ex Vlavianos.

2'500

COMBINATION COVERS



30385



UNITED KINGDOM (SCOTLAND): 1868 cover from Greenock to Athens by French ship, bearing a pair of 4d, tied by dotted Greenock c.d.s. (My 13 68), treated as partially paid. On arrival (9-5-1868) 110 Lep was charged by the addition of 80 Lep, 20 Lep, 10 Lep, 1862-67 consecutive printings, all with clear margins, tied by dotted "1". The red marking "P.D." was struck out. Combination covers with Scotland are extremely rare. An outstanding and v.fine four colour mixed franking.

2'000



30386



UNITED KINGDOM (IRELAND): 1872 prepaid cover (front) from Athens to Bray, Ireland, bearing 80 Lep, 10 Lep, 2 Lep (slightly defective on upper right side) (1868-69 issue), tied by dotted "1". Readdressed to Dublin. In Bray, one Penny, forwarding fee, was added. Athens despatch c.d.s. (1-4-1872) and red P.D. are alongside. The only recorded such cover between Greece-Ireland. Outstanding, extremely rare and v.fine item.

2'500

COMBINATION COVERS



30387

MALTA: 1861 cover from Malta to Athens, bearing Great Britain 1d and 2d. Alongside is Malta c.d.s. (25-10-61) and red "P" marking. On arrival (19-10-1861) 20 Lep, blue, Paris print, tied by diamond dotted "1", applied to pay the Greek domestic rate, v.fine and v.scarce. Cert. Proschold (1976).

2'000



30388

IONIAN ISLAND: 1862 cover from Athens to Corfu, prepaid to border, bearing 20 Lep, blue, Paris, 2 Lep, bistre brown, coarse provisionals, and 40 Lep, mauve on blue, 1862-67 printings, all with clear to large margins. On arrival was charged 1d. in manuscript, to pay the Ionian Islands Penny rate. Corfu blue arrival c.d.s. (14 Ott. 62) is alongside. Athens c.d.s. (29-9-1862) and boxed "P.D." are alongside. A v.fine and exceedingly rare three issues franking. Ex Vlavianos.

2'000

COMBINATION COVERS



30389



IONIAN ISLAND: 1863 prepaid cover from Patras to Zante, franked with 5 Lep, yellow green, coarse provisional, 20 Lep, blue, and 40 Lep, mauve on blue, fine provisionals (showing 2 1/2 times rate of 26 Lep), all with good to large margins. Patras despatch c.d.s. 27-5-63 and Zante blue arrival c.d.s. 11 May, 1863, are alongside. Right and left flaps are missing. Outstanding and extremely rare. Ex Vlavianos.

1'500



30390



BELGIUM: 1865 folded letter from Anvers to Athens (fumigated on arrival) via Trieste, with Belgium 1865-66, 30C, brown. Considered underpaid, on arrival it was charged 125 Lep, by the addition of 5 Lep, green, 40 Lep, gray lilac, 80 Lep, carmine, 1862-67 printings, all tied by Athens c.d.s. (25-11-1865). The 5 Lep, and 80 Lep, are defective, nevertheless, this is a stunning showpiece, one of the very few mixed combination covers Belgium-Greece known, v.fine and exceedingly rare franking.

14'000

COMBINATION COVERS



30391

ROMANIA: 1875 cover from Galatz, Romania, to Corfu, via Trieste, franked with 25 Bani, taxed on arrival 20 Lep, by the addition of a pair of 10 Lep, orange, 1872-75 issue, tied by "100" (Corfu) lozenge, both with huge margins. On reverse Piraeus transit and Corfu arrival c.d.s. (8-7-1875), v.fine and extremely rare.

2'500



30392

RUSSIA: 1867 Single weight cover from Rostov to Syros via Odessa by French steamer, franked 1K + 3K + 30K. On arrival 20 Lep, blue strip of 3, and 5 Lep, green, all 1862-67 issue, all with clear to huge margin, tied by Syros c.d.s. (26-8-1867), were applied as dues, cancelled by Syros c.d.s.. A superb, very colourful and spectacular five colour mixed franking in perfect condition, v.scarce. Admittedly, this is one of the most beautiful mixed frankings with Russia. Signed and Cert. Vlastos (1988).

4'500

COMBINATION COVERS

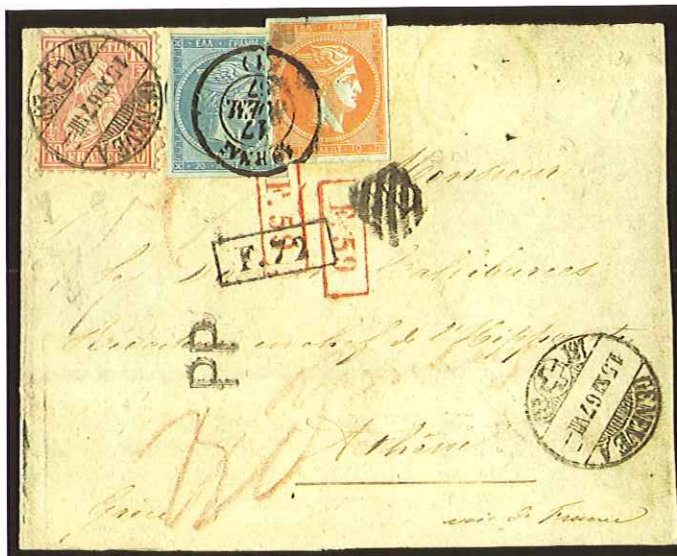


30393

POLAND: 1871 printed matter sent on 11-10-1871, from Warsawa to Athens via Russia, franked with pair of 20 Kop., charged on arrival 20 Lep, 1870 issue, with huge margins all round, tied by diamond dotted "1". A Russian stamp is missing, nevertheless, this is a spectacular, impressive and UNIQUE cover, the only known mixed franking Poland-Greece. Cert. Calves (1984).

20'000

COMBINATION COVERS



30394



SWITZERLAND: 1867 wrapper from Geneva to Athens by French steamer, with boxed F.59 in red and F.72 in black alongside. Considered as partially paid 30 Lep by the addition of 10 Lep and 20 Lep, 1862-67 printings, both with good to large margins, were applied on arrival to pay the postage due both tied by Athens c.d.s. (17-11-1867). Geneva c.d.s. (15X167) is alongside. A superb, most appealing and extremely rare mixed franking.

12'000



30395



EGYPT: 1866 cover from Tanta to Skyros, franked with 1p. (1866 first issue), via Greek Post Office of Alexandria, where 80 Lep (1862-67), with good to large margins, was added to meet the Greek double weight rate, cancelled by dotted "97". Tanta and Alexandria c.d.s. 27-9-1866 are alongside. Two such combination covers with the first Egyptian issue are known. A spectacular, v.fine combination cover of the utmost rarity. Signed Vlastos.

12'000



30396



EGYPT OFFICES ABROAD (SMYRNA): 1870 folded cover from Smyrna to Patras franked with Egypt 1p., 1867-69 issue, tied by "V.R. POSTE EGIZIANE/12 NOV.1870 TV/SMIRNE" (2nd strike at right), with 20 Lep, 1870 issue, with large margins, tied by clear Patras c.d.s. (4-11-1870), a superb rarity of which this is the 2nd recorded cover. Signed Vlastos. Ex Hermoupolis collection.

8'000



30397



HOLYLAND: 1874 double weight cover originated from the St. Catherine monastery in Sinai, mailed from Cairo via Alexandria to Athens prepaid up to the Alexandria Greek Post Office with 1p and 2p 1872 issue. On arrival in Athens (14-1-1874) it was taxed with 80 Lep, 1871 issue, tied by dotted "1" with good margins all round. Adjacent is Alexandria (8-1-1874) c.d.s.. On the back the cover is sealed by red wax presenting St. Catherine figure. A stunning showpiece of the utmost magnitude and greatest rarity, since only two covers from the Holyland are known. Signed Vlastos. Ex Texas collection.

12'000

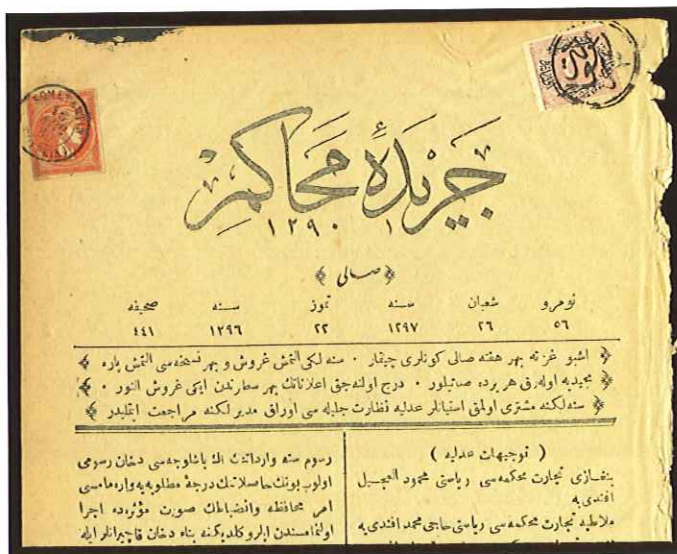
COMBINATION COVERS



30398

TURKEY: 1873 cover from Constantinople to Corfu, bearing 20 Pa., taxed on arrival in Corfu with 40 Lep, mauve on blue, 1868-69 issue, with large margins, tied by diamond "106" in dots and Corfu c.d.s. (28-11-1872). Constantinople (Tourkia) transit c.d.s.. A v.fine and v.rare combination cover.

2'500



30399

TURKEY: 1876 Istanbul newspaper "CERIDEI MAHAKEME" bearing 10 Pa., 1876 issue, forwarded to the Greek Post Office of Constantinople for transmission to Greece. Considered probably underpaid, it was charged 10 Lep, 1880-86 issue, with good margins all round, tied by Greek Post Office "Constantinople Tourkia" c.d.s. (18-4-1880), showing the double U.P.U. rate for printed matters. Impressive, v.fine and extremely rare.

3'500

MISCELLANEOUS



30400

MIXED WITH POSTAGE DUES: 1878 underpaid letter from Syros to Constantinople, franked with 10 Lep, orange, 1875-80 Large Hermes Heads issue, tied by Syros despatch c.d.s. (8-2-1878), franked on arrival with a 40 Lep, postage due, 1875 first issue, tied by lozenge "95" (Constantinople Greek Post Office) to cover the insufficient postage rate, plus penalty. Very few combination covers with Large Hermes Heads and Postage Due Stamps are recorded. Extremely rare and of the utmost importance for a great Greek collection. Ex Nissia Collection. (VI.64+D6)

4'500



30401

MIXED WITH SMALL HERMES HEADS: 1893 cover from Patras to Andritsaina, franked with 1 Lep, deep brown, and 5 Lep, light yellow green, both 1880-86 Large Hermes Heads issue, in combination with 10 Lep, yellow orange, (Belgian print), and 2 Lep, grey bistre, marginal pair (Athens print), with huge margins, all without perforation, all tied by Patras c.d.s. (22-8-1893). A spectacular, v.impressive mixed franking of the utmost rarity and v.fine. (VI. 67a+69a+79+98)

2'000

MISCELLANEOUS

30402 

MIXED WITH SURCHARGES: 5 Lep, yellow green, 1880-86 issue, without control figures, together with 1900 30 Lep on 40 Lep deep mauve in pair wide "0" and imperf in between tied Patras c.d.s. (31-1-1901) on cover to Vienna, reverse shows arrival c.d.s., one of the two covers known showing the LATEST usage of the Large Hermes Heads, extraordinary item in v.fine condition. (VI. 69a+150)

1'500

Conditions of Sale English

DAVID FELDMAN S.A. CONDITIONS OF SALE

Participation in any David Feldman S.A. auction means acceptance in full of the following conditions as well as any rights and obligations arising therefrom. These same conditions also apply to all transactions in auction lots taking place outside the realm of the auctions. DAVID FELDMAN S.A., organiser of the auctions, acts as an agent only and is not liable in any way whatsoever for any default(s) of purchaser(s) and/or vendor(s).

1. THE AUCTION LOTS ARE OFFERED

1.1 As presented in the relative auction catalogue and/or through the David Feldman S.A. website: Lots are meticulously described and with the greatest care, however without responsibility. Photographs count as part of the description with regard to the margins, perforation, centering, postmarks and all other visible attributes. The description of the lots mentions if the items are signed by recognised experts and/or accompanied by expert certificates.

1.2 As viewed in person: Before and during auction sales, all lots may be examined at our offices or at the auction location as scheduled in the auction catalogue and on the website. Persons or their agents attending a Live Room auction and/or who have viewed lots before any auction are understood to have examined all lots which they purchase and accept them as they are at the moment of the knocking-down and not necessarily as described.

2. AUCTION BIDS

2.1 The auction bidding steps for all auctions are as follows: (some auctions may be in other currencies than Swiss Francs)

SFr. 50 - 100	SFr. 5	SFr. 2000 - 5000	SFr. 200
SFr. 100 - 200	SFr. 10	SFr. 5000 - 10000	SFr. 500
SFr. 200 - 500	SFr. 20	SFr. 10000 - 20000	SFr. 1000
SFr. 500 - 1000	SFr. 50	SFr. 20000 - 50000	SFr. 2000
SFr. 1000 - 2000	SFr. 100	SFr. 50000 - 100000	SFr. 5000

Bids in between these steps will be adjusted accordingly to the next highest bid step. The bidder is bound by his offer until a higher bid has been validly accepted.

2.2 The Huissier Judiciaire together with DAVID FELDMAN S.A. have full discretion to refuse any bidding, to divide any lot or lots, to combine any two or more lots and to withdraw any lot or lots from the sale without any case giving any reason. DAVID FELDMAN S.A. may also bid on behalf of vendors in cases where reserve prices have been fixed. In these cases, the vendor is treated as a buyer and the auctioneer shall bid on his behalf up to reserve prices. If the reserve price fixed by the vendor is not reached the auctioneer passes to the next lot by a simple knock of the hammer.

2.3 Bid orders received by DAVID FELDMAN S.A. or on its website before the relative auctions have priority over room bids in the case of Live Room auctions. Clients giving bidding instructions to DAVID FELDMAN S.A. may make alternative offers and/or limit the total of their expenditure in advance. Bids marked "BU" are considered as up to ten times the quoted estimate price where such exists. Bids made in other currencies than the advertised currency of the auction, will be converted into that currency at the market rate of the day of receipt by DAVID FELDMAN S.A. Bids are standing and hold good for at least 60 days from the auction period. DAVID FELDMAN S.A. reserves the right to invoice bidders up to the end of the 60 day period, payment being due immediately.

3. THE AUCTION

3.1 Live Room auctions are held under the control of the relative supervising authority at its location. The relative supervising authority has no liability. The auction will be held under the ministry of a "huissier judiciaire" of the Canton and Republic of Geneva.

3.2 Prerogatives of David Feldman S.A.: DAVID FELDMAN S.A. may withdraw, group differently, divide or refuse to knock down any lot. DAVID FELDMAN S.A. reserves the right to refuse any bid orders and/or for Live Room auctions, refuse admittance to the auction room, at its discretion, to anybody whatsoever. DAVID FELDMAN S.A. cannot be held responsible for any physical accident that may occur on the premises where auctions take place.

3.3 Bidders' representatives and auction agents: Any person bidding for the account of a third party is fully liable for any obligation arising from such bidding. This responsibility is notably applicable for the verification of the condition and for the payment of bought lots.

3.4 Adjudication: Each lot is sold on behalf of the respective owner to the highest bidder who becomes the buyer at the next highest bid step, which is the adjudication price. In addition to the adjudication price, the buyer pays an all-in fee of 18% to cover commission, charges and expenses including lotting fees, adjudication taxes, insurance, packing, mailing, export formalities etc. whether all incurred in particular cases or not. On the adjudication, liability for the lots passes to the bidder whose bids have been accepted. The lots are delivered to the buyer when the sale price (adjudication price plus all fees) have been paid in full.

Exceptionally lots marked "#" at the end of the description are heavy in weight and mailing expenses, charged at cost, are extra. Buyers who give special mailing instructions are responsible for their own mailing costs.

TVA (Sales Tax) - Notes for guidance concerning auctions for which the lots are located in Switzerland:

Buyers domiciled abroad are not liable for this tax once the goods are duly exported from Switzerland. DAVID FELDMAN S.A. are pleased to arrange this export; alternatively, clients may make their own arrangements and furnish DAVID FELDMAN S.A. with proof of export, stamped by Swiss customs. Any purchases by buyers who wish to keep their purchases in Switzerland will be liable to TVA at 7.6% of the purchase price.

3.5 Payment: Sale price plus commission are due for immediate payment as invoiced against delivery of the lots. Payment in foreign currencies is accepted at the rates of exchange of the day as quoted by a Swiss major bank. The bidders who are successful with whom it has been expressly agreed that they pay after the sale under special conditions, are due to pay the sale price and the commission according to those terms. In these cases, DAVID FELDMAN S.A. keeps the adjudicated lots which are delivered to the buyers on full settlement of their account. Delivery of the purchased lots by post or any other means if instructed by the buyer including cost of normal transit insurance cover is at the expense of the buyer.

3.6 Special extended payment facility: DAVID FELDMAN S.A. may offer a special extended payment facility for buyers. In these cases, the buyer may choose to pay a minimum of 25% of the total invoice immediately, and the balance over a maximum period of 6 months, paying an equal instalment at the end of each month. Interest plus charges of 1% is debited to the buyer's account at the end of each month from the auction date. When the special extended payment facility has been granted, the buyer understands that any claims regarding his purchases must be made within 30 days of the auction sale date, even though the lots may be held by DAVID FELDMAN S.A. awaiting full settlement of the account. Until delivery, all lots may be examined by their respective buyers at the offices of DAVID FELDMAN S.A.

3.7 Pledge: Until full settlement of the account, the buyer grants to DAVID FELDMAN S.A. a pledge on any and all properties held by DAVID FELDMAN S.A., acquired prior to, during and/or after any auction. This pledge secures the repayment of any amount due in principals, interests, commissions, costs and other possible fees. DAVID FELDMAN S.A. is entitled, but not obliged, to realise freely the pledge assets without further formalities and without previous notice if the buyer is in default with the payment of his debts or with the fulfilment of any other obligation hereunder. For this purpose, DAVID FELDMAN S.A. is not bound to comply with the formalities of the Federal Law dealing with actions for debt and bankruptcy proceedings, in addition, DAVID FELDMAN S.A. may choose to institute or go on with the usual proceedings without having beforehand sold the pledged goods and without having moreover given them up.

4. GUARANTEE

4.1 Extent of the guarantee: Subject to paragraph 4.3 below, the authenticity of all philatelic items sold in the auction is guaranteed for a period of 30 days from the auction date, with the express exclusion of any other fault(s). Any reclamation regarding authenticity must come to the notice of DAVID FELDMAN S.A. on the delivery of the lots but at the latest within 30 days from that date. Before delivery, which may take place after the 30 days period, the lots purchased may be examined at the Geneva offices of DAVID FELDMAN S.A. The buyer whose reclamation is made after 30 days from the auction date loses all rights to the guarantee. Such reclamation will not be valid by DAVID FELDMAN S.A. If an extension of the period is required in order to substantiate the claim with an expertise, a request for such extension must be made to DAVID FELDMAN S.A. within 30 days of the auction date. No request for extension will be considered beyond this 30 days period. The results of the expertise for which an extension was agreed must come to the notice of DAVID FELDMAN S.A. within 3 months of the auction date. No further extension of the period will be considered without the express agreement in writing of DAVID FELDMAN S.A. Only claims, expertise results or other details which are made within the agreed periods will be valid.

4.2 Expertise and counter-expertise: Should the authenticity of a lot be questioned, the buyer is obliged to provide an expertise or counter-expertise from a prominent expert in the field, justifying the claim. If a stamp is found by a recognised expert taking financial responsibility for errors to have been forged, he may mark it accordingly. Consequently, the marking "FALSCH" (forged) is not considered an alteration. In the case of such reclamation, DAVID FELDMAN S.A. reserves the right to request, at its own discretion, one or more further expertises. All expertise and relative charges accrue to the vendor's account in the case of a justified claim, or to the buyer's account if the claim is not justified. In the case of a justified claim, the lot is taken back and the adjudication price plus the commission are refunded to the buyer. In the case of delayed payment due to expertise agreed by David Feldman S.A., interest is charged at 50% the standard rate for all cleared lots. If David Feldman S.A. has not agreed then full interest is due.

4.3 Exclusions: Lots described as collections, accumulations, selections, groups and those containing duplicates, cannot be the subject of any claim. Claims concerning lots described as a set or groups of sets containing more than one stamp, can only be considered under the terms of paragraph 4.1 above if they relate to more than one third of the total value of the lot.

4.4 Late Payment: If the payment of the adjudicated price plus commission due by the buyer is not made within 30 days of the date of the auction, DAVID FELDMAN S.A. reserves the right to cancel the sale and dispose of the lot(s) elsewhere and/or to make a recourse to any legal proceedings in order to obtain payment of the amounts due as well as for any incurred damages and losses and any legal expenses. A charge on overdue payment of at least 5% for the first month and 2% per month afterwards plus expenses incurred is chargeable on any outstanding amount after 30 days of the date of the auction. The buyer who is in default in any way whatsoever has no right of claim under any circumstances.

5. APPLICABLE LAW AND JURISDICTION

Unless otherwise stated, all auctions as well as any rights and obligations arising from them shall be governed exclusively by Swiss law. Any legal action or proceeding with respect to the auctions shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Geneva, subject to appeal to the Swiss Federal Court in Lausanne. In every case, DAVID FELDMAN S.A. shall also be entitled, at its discretion, to sue any buyer in default at his place of residence, in such case, Swiss law shall remain applicable.

Conditions de Vente Français

DAVID FELDMAN S.A. CONDITIONS DE VENTE

La participation dans l'une des ventes aux enchères de David Feldman SA implique une adhésion totale aux conditions décrites ci-dessous ainsi qu'aux droits et obligations qui en découlent. Ces mêmes conditions sont applicables à toute transaction en relation à des pièces ou des lots faisant partie de la vente aux enchères et conclue en dehors de celle-ci. La Maison DAVID FELDMAN S.A., organisatrice de la présente vente aux enchères, agit exclusivement comme mandataire et n'assume donc aucune responsabilité quelconque en cas de manquement(s) des acheteurs et/ou vendeurs.

1. LES LOTS SONT MIS EN VENTE

1.1 Sur la base de leur présentation dans le catalogue et/ou sur le site internet: Les lots sont décrits avec le plus grand soin sans toutefois engager la responsabilité de la Maison DAVID FELDMAN S.A. Les photographies font partie intégrante des descriptions pour ce qui est des marges, de la dentelure, du centrage, des oblitérations et de toute autre qualité apparente. La description des lots mentionne si les pièces sont signées par des experts et/ou sont accompagnées de certificats d'expertise.

1.2 Sur la base de leur examen: Tous les lots peuvent être examinés, avant et pendant la vente dans nos bureaux ou à l'endroit de la vente, aux horaires indiqués dans le catalogue de vente ou sur notre site Internet. Les acheteurs ayant examiné les lots avant la vente et/ou y participant personnellement et/ou y étant représentés, sont censés avoir examiné tous les lots achetés et les accepter dans l'état où ils se trouvent lors de l'adjudication, indépendamment de la description figurant dans le catalogue.

2. LES OFFRES D'ENCHERES

2.1 Chaque offre d'enchère doit être supérieure à celle formulée précédemment selon l'échelle suivante: (la monnaie peut changer selon la vente, aux enchères)

Sfr. 50 - 100	Sfr. 5	Sfr. 2000 - 5000	Sfr. 200
Sfr. 100 - 200	Sfr. 10	Sfr. 5000 - 10000	Sfr. 500
Sfr. 200 - 500	Sfr. 20	Sfr. 10000 - 20000	Sfr. 1000
Sfr. 500 - 1000	Sfr. 50	Sfr. 20000 - 50000	Sfr. 2000
Sfr. 1000 - 2000	Sfr. 100	Sfr. 50000 - 100000	Sfr. 5000

Les offres se situant entre ces montants seront arrondies à la surenchère supérieure. L'enchérisseur est lié par son offre tant qu'une nouvelle surenchère n'a pas été valablement formulée par un autre enchérisseur.

2.2 L'huissier ou le crieur a le droit d'avancer les enchères, de séparer, joindre ou retirer n'importe quel lot, cela à son entière discrétion. La vente a lieu en français mais les enchères pourront être répétées en anglais. La Maison DAVID FELDMAN S.A. est également autorisée à enchérir pour le compte de vendeurs lorsque des prix de réserve ont été fixés. Si le vendeur fixe des prix de réserve pour certains de ses lots, il sera alors considéré comme acheteur et la Maison DAVID FELDMAN S.A. enchérira pour le compte de celui-ci jusqu'à concurrence des prix de réserve fixés. Lorsque le prix fixé par le vendeur n'est pas atteint, il sera passé à la crie du lot suivant par un simple coup de marteau.

2.3 Les offres d'enchères écrites reçues par David Feldman SA ou sur le site Internet avant la vente, sont dans tous les cas prioritaires sur les offres d'enchères faites dans la salle de vente. L'enchérisseur donnant un ordre d'enchères écrit peut faire des offres alternatives et/ou limiter le montant global de ses offres. Les offres d'enchères données "à acheter" sont considérées comme pouvant atteindre jusqu'à 10 fois la valeur de l'estimation imprimée dans le catalogue. Les enchères doivent être faites en francs suisses. Les offres d'enchères libérées en d'autres monnaies seront converties en francs suisses au cours du jour de leur réception par la Maison DAVID FELDMAN S.A. Toute offre écrite d'enchères est considérée comme liant son auteur pendant 60 jours après la date de la vente aux enchères. La Maison DAVID FELDMAN S.A. est donc en droit de facturer la marchandise à l'enchérisseur jusqu'à l'expiration de ce délai. Toute facture reçue par celui-ci est de ce fait valable et doit être payée immédiatement.

3. LA VENTE AUX ENCHERES

3.1 La vente en direct se déroule sous le contrôle de l'autorité compétente qui n'assume cependant aucune responsabilité. La vente aux enchères se déroule sous le ministère d'un "huissier judiciaire" de la République et Canton de Genève.

3.2 Prerogatives de David Feldman S.A.: La Maison DAVID FELDMAN S.A. est en droit selon sa libre appréciation de retirer, de diviser ou de grouper les lots faisant partie de la présente vente ainsi que de refuser l'adjudication de n'importe lequel desdits lots. La Maison DAVID FELDMAN S.A. se réserve le droit de refuser selon sa libre appréciation toute offre d'enchères et/ou l'entrée de la salle de vente à n'importe quelle personne quelle qu'elle soit. La Maison DAVID FELDMAN S.A. n'assume aucune responsabilité quelconque en cas de dommage corporel survenu sur les lieux de la vente.

3.3 Représentants et Agents de Vente aux Enchères: L'enchérisseur qui agit pour le compte d'un tiers engage son entière responsabilité personnelle en particulier en ce qui concerne toutes les obligations contractées dans le cadre de la présente vente. Cette responsabilité s'étend notamment à la vérification de la qualité des lots achetés ainsi qu'au règlement ultérieur de la facture des lots acquis.

3.4 L'adjudication: Chaque lot est adjugé au plus offrant pour le compte de son vendeur respectif. **Des frais de 18% sont facturés en sus du prix d'adjudication par David Feldman SA couvrant la commission, les taxes d'adjudication, frais par lot, assurance, emballage, frais de port, frais d'exportation etc. et ceci dans tous les cas, tous frais encourus ou pas. A la tombée du marteau, les profits et risques des lots ainsi adjugés passent à l'enchérisseur dont l'offre a été acceptée. La marchandise ne sera cependant remise à l'acquéreur qu'au moment du règlement intégral du prix d'achat (prix d'adjudication plus les frais).**

Exceptionnellement, pour les lots marquées d'un "H" à la fin de la description, ceux-ci sont particulièrement lourds et les frais de port sont facturés en sus et à prix coutant. Les acheteurs donnant des instructions particulières au sujet de l'expédition de leurs lots sont responsables pour leurs frais de port.

TVA (Taxe à la vente) - Note indicative concernant les ventes aux enchères dont les lots se trouvent en Suisse:

Les acheteurs domiciliés à l'étranger ne sont pas soumis à cette taxe, à condition que les marchandises soient exportées hors de Suisse. DAVID FELDMAN S.A. se fera un plaisir de s'occuper de l'exportation de ces marchandises. Les clients peuvent aussi faire cette exportation par leurs propres moyens, dans ce cas, ils doivent fournir à DAVID FELDMAN S.A. une attestation d'import signée et timbrée par les douanes suisses. Toute acquisition par des acheteurs désirant garder la marchandise en Suisse est soumise à la taxe TVA de 7.6% sur le prix d'achat.

3.5 Paiement: Les adjudicataires présents sont tenus de payer comptant en francs suisses le prix d'achat et la commission contre remise de la marchandise acquise. Le paiement en monnaies étrangères est accepté au cours du jour tel qu'établi par une des grandes banques suisses. Les enchérisseurs par correspondance auxquels un lot est adjugé ainsi que les adjudicataires présents auxquels la Maison DAVID FELDMAN S.A. accorde l'autorisation expresse d'acquiescer les montants dus après la vente, sont tenus de payer le prix d'achat et la commission due à réception de la vente aux enchères. Dans ce cas, la Maison DAVID FELDMAN S.A. conserve les lots adjugés qui ne seront remis à leurs acheteurs qu'à réception par la Maison DAVID FELDMAN S.A. du paiement intégral des montants dus. Sauf instructions spéciales de l'acheteur, l'envoi des lots s'effectue par la poste, dans tous les cas à ses frais, la Maison DAVID FELDMAN S.A. assure, de manière usuelle, la marchandise pour le transit, les frais d'assurance étant également à la charge de l'acheteur.

3.6 Facilités de paiement: La Maison DAVID FELDMAN S.A. accorde, selon sa libre appréciation, des facilités de paiement aux acheteurs. L'acheteur au bénéfice de telles facilités paie un montant minimum de 25% du montant total de la facture dès réception de celle-ci puis acquitte le solde encore dû en mensualités égales sur une période de 6 mois maximum. Un intérêt mensuel plus les frais encourus au taux de 1% sont perçus, à partir de la date de la vente, par la Maison DAVID FELDMAN S.A. L'intérêt est déduit chaque mois au compte du client. En cas d'accord de facilités de paiement, la Maison DAVID FELDMAN S.A. garde les lots adjugés jusqu'au paiement intégral des montants dus par l'acheteur, étant précisé que l'acheteur peut, en tout temps avant livraison, examiner la marchandise acquise auprès de la Maison DAVID FELDMAN S.A. Par ailleurs, l'acheteur perd tout droit de réclamation tel que prévu sous chiffre 4 ci-dessous, 30 jours après la date de la vente aux enchères.

3.7 Droit de gage: Jusqu'au paiement intégral du montant dû, l'acheteur confère à DAVID FELDMAN S.A. un droit de gage sur la totalité des lots gardés par DAVID FELDMAN S.A., acquis avant, pendant et/ou après la présente vente aux enchères. Ce gage garantit le remboursement de tout montant dû en capital, intérêts, commissions et frais éventuels. DAVID FELDMAN S.A. est autorisée, mais non obligée, à réaliser les gages sans autres formalités et sans préavis si l'acquéreur est en demeure pour le paiement de sa dette ou l'exécution d'une obligation quelconque. DAVID FELDMAN S.A. pourra dans tous les cas réaliser les gages de gré à gré. A cet effet, elle n'est pas tenue d'observer les formalités prévues par la Loi fédérale sur la poursuite pour dette et faillite. DAVID FELDMAN S.A. est libre en outre d'introduire ou de continuer une poursuite ordinaire, sans avoir préalablement réalisé les gages et sans renoncer pour autant à ceux-ci.

4. GARANTIE

4.1 Etendue de la garantie: Sous réserve de l'article 4.3 ci-après, l'authenticité de toutes les pièces philatéliques vendues aux enchères est garantie pendant 30 jours à compter de la date de la vente aux enchères. Toute garantie de défaut ou autre garantie de quelque nature qu'elle soit est expressément exclue. Toute réclamation concernant l'authenticité doit être transmise à DAVID FELDMAN S.A. dès réception des lots, mais au plus tard dans les 30 jours à compter de la date de la vente aux enchères. Avant la livraison, qui peut intervenir après ce délai de 30 jours, les pièces philatéliques acquises peuvent être examinées auprès de DAVID FELDMAN S.A. L'acheteur dont la réclamation parvient à DAVID FELDMAN S.A. après ce délai de 30 jours à compter de la date de la vente aux enchères perd tout droit à la garantie. Sa réclamation ne sera pas prise en considération par DAVID FELDMAN S.A. Si un délai supplémentaire pour formuler une réclamation liée à l'authenticité d'une pièce philatélique s'avère nécessaire, la demande doit en être faite à DAVID FELDMAN S.A. dans le délai de 30 jours à compter de la date de la vente aux enchères. Aucune demande parvenue après ce délai de 30 jours à DAVID FELDMAN S.A. ne sera prise en considération. Les résultats de l'expertise pour laquelle un délai a été accordé doivent parvenir à DAVID FELDMAN S.A. dans les trois mois à compter de la date de la vente aux enchères. Un délai supplémentaire ne peut être accordé qu'avec l'accord écrit de DAVID FELDMAN S.A. Seules les réclamations, résultats d'expertise ou autres notifications parvenus dans les délais seront pris en considération par DAVID FELDMAN S.A.

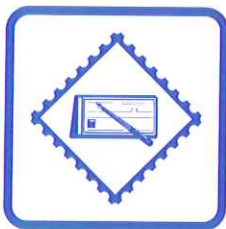
4.2 Expertise ou contre-expertise: Lorsque l'authenticité d'un lot est contestée l'acheteur est tenu de produire un certificat d'expertise ou de contre-expertise émanant d'un expert qualifié justifiant sa réclamation. Si l'expert reconnu, assumant toute responsabilité en cas d'erreur, juge que le timbre a été falsifié, il peut le marquer en conséquence, les signes "FAUX" ou "FALSIFIE" ne constituent pas alors une altération du lot. En présence d'une telle réclamation la Maison DAVID FELDMAN S.A. se réserve le droit de demander selon la libre appréciation une ou plusieurs expertises subséquentes dont les frais seront mis à charge du vendeur dans l'hypothèse où la réclamation de l'acheteur est fondée. Dans le cas contraire l'acheteur supportera tous les frais d'expertise encourus. Lorsque la réclamation est fondée, le lot est repris et le prix d'adjudication ainsi que la commission sont intégralement remboursés à l'acheteur. Dans le cas d'un paiement retardé dû à une expertise agréée par David Feldman S.A., des intérêts sont payables à 50% du lot habituel pour tout lot dont l'authenticité est confirmée. Si David Feldman S.A. n'est pas d'accord tous les intérêts seront dus.

4.3 Limites de la garantie: Les lots décrits comme collections, sélections ou groupes, ceux formés de doubles et d'accumulations, ne peuvent faire l'objet d'une réclamation quelconque. Les réclamations concernant les lots décrits comme série ou groupes de séries contenant plus d'un timbre, ne sont prises en considération dans les limites de l'article 4.1 ci-dessus que si elles portent sur plus d'un tiers de la valeur totale d'acquisition du lot.

4.4 Paiement tardif: Si le paiement du prix d'achat et de la commission due par l'acheteur n'intervient pas dans les 30 jours à compter de la date de la vente aux enchères, la Maison DAVID FELDMAN S.A. se réserve le droit d'annuler la vente et de disposer (d'us) lots) concerné(s) et/ou d'agir par toute voie de droit utile contre l'acquéreur afin d'obtenir le paiement des montants dus et/ou d'éventuels dommages-intérêts/ou le remboursement de tous frais judiciaires. Des frais pour les paiements en souffrance d'au moins 5% dès le premier mois et 2% par mois supplémentaire. De plus, les dépenses encourues seront perçues sur toutes les sommes dues par l'acheteur 30 jours après la date de la vente aux enchères. Le débiteur défaillant perd en outre tout droit de réclamation.

5. DROIT APPLICABLE ET FOR COMPETENT

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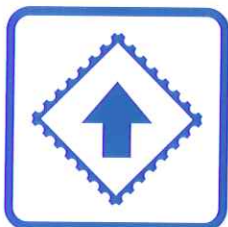


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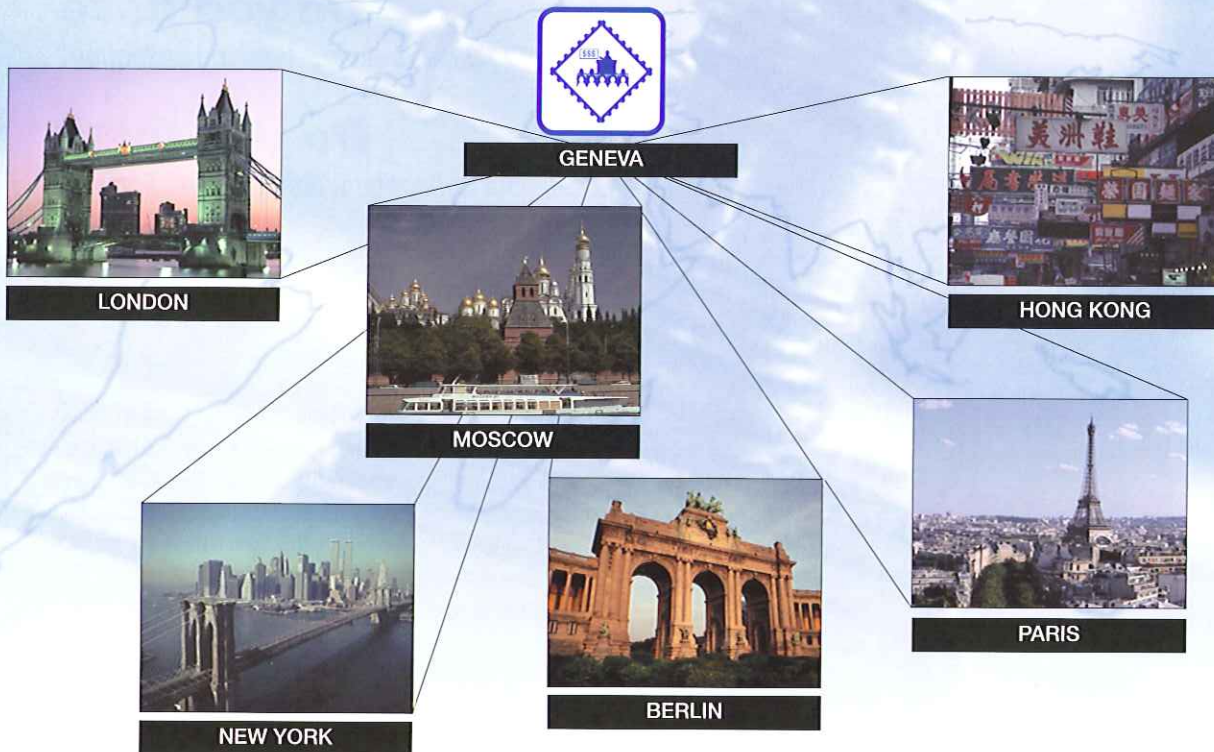
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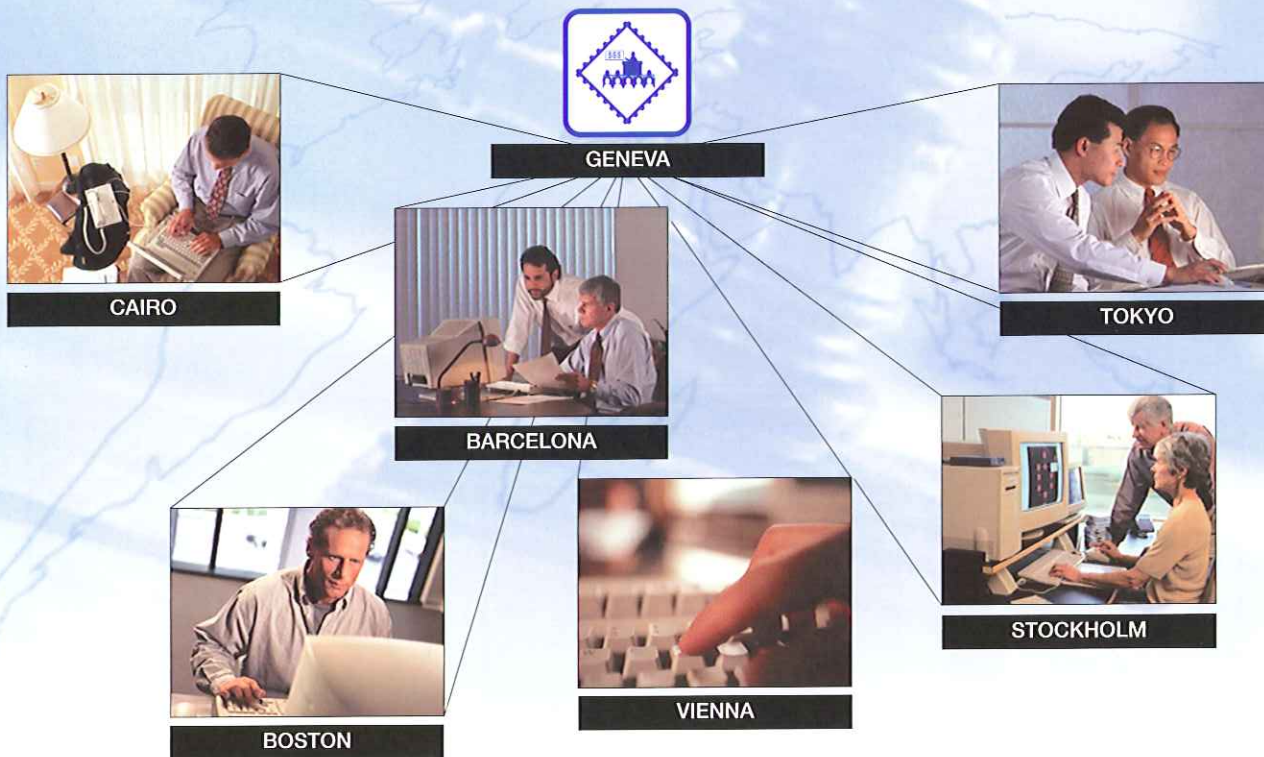
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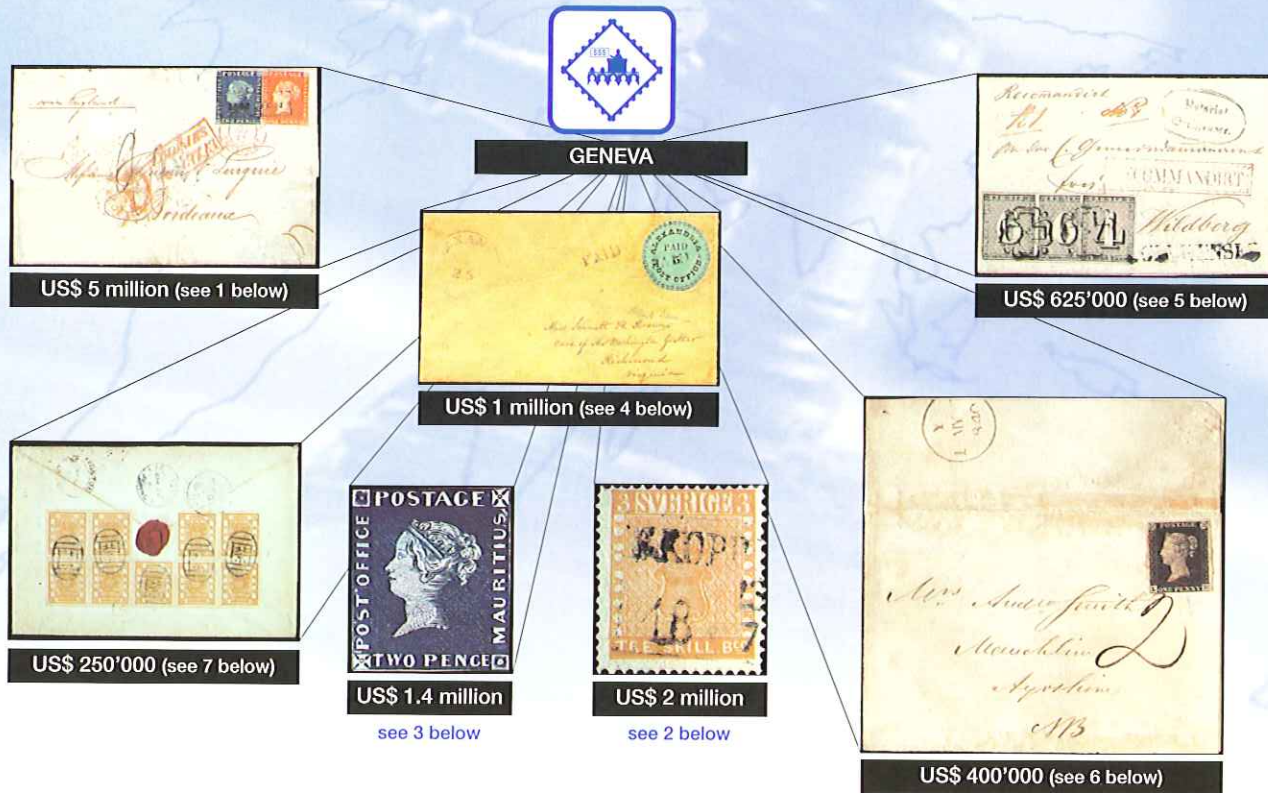
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