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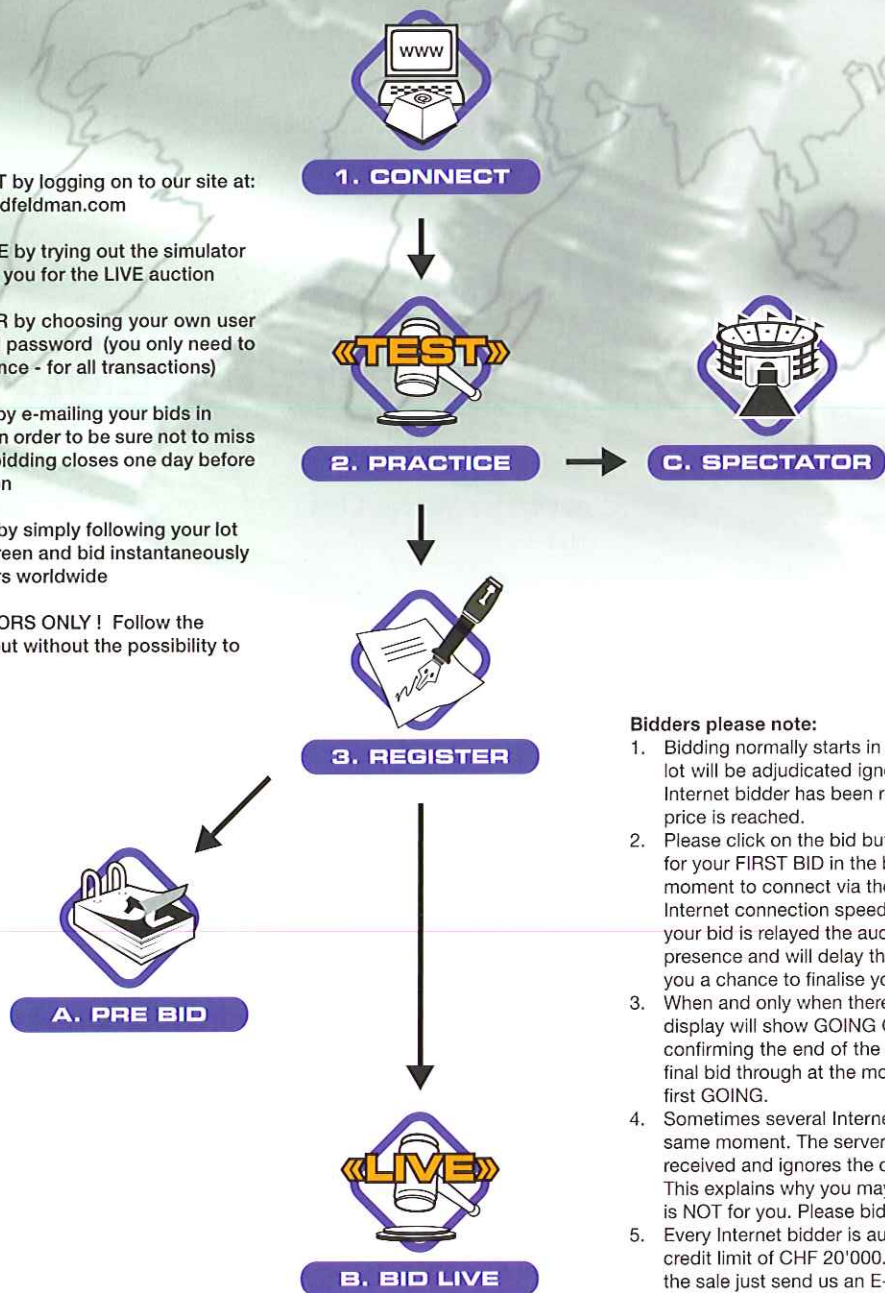
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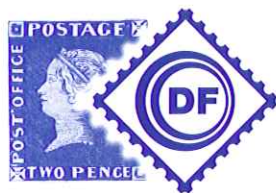
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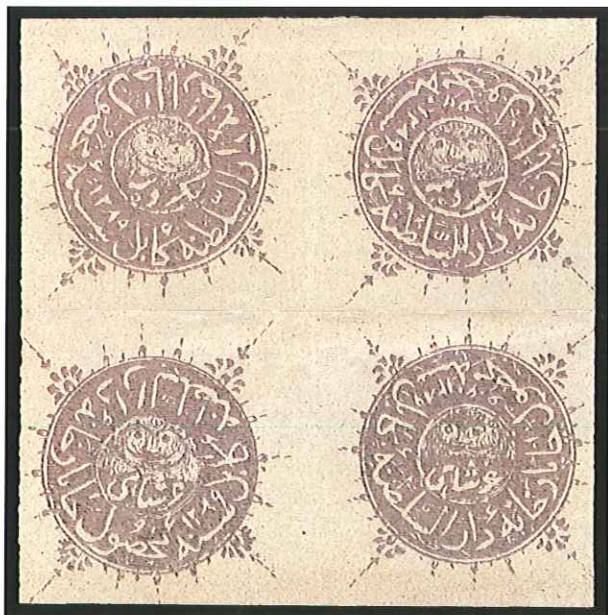
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Introduction

In its 40 years of life, my company has been fortunate enough to handle more Grand Prix collections than any company in the history of philately, but never one of such exclusive and unique prestige as this Classic Afghanistan formed by Horst Dietrich of Germany.



International juries and connoisseur philatelists from all over the world have recognised its greatness : this triple Grand Prix collection has won for its owner the prestigious Tapling Medal (U.K.) and Lindenberg Medal (Germany) amongst many other awards.

Afghanistan stamps and postal history have always presented a tremendous challenge for the adventurous and "entrepreneurial" philatelist. The complex language, unusual mixed and changing currencies, delicate local printings of the stamps; as well as for the postal history, the harsh physical environment complicated by series of seemingly never ending wars - the First and Second Afghan Wars and many military adventures which as we know only too well have continued until the present day, are proof of this. As if matters were not difficult enough, the

regulation requiring a small part of the stamp to be torn off as a sign of use could only frustrate the connoisseur collector of the early issues.

Material has always been scarce and good quality and rarity, relatively speaking, are very seldom found. A collection of Afghanistan stamps and postal history which has both completeness and greatness in every aspect - quality and rarity including the majority of most important items extant has to be very special by itself and a fine tribute to the one who has put it together. There are even a few items that "escaped" the tears (bites) which are of the utmost rarity.

I know no company will have ever again the opportunity that is given to us now to offer such a tremendous ensemble. I know no collector will ever again have the opportunity that is given to him now to view and acquire such marvellous items. For all this we thank Horst Dietrich.

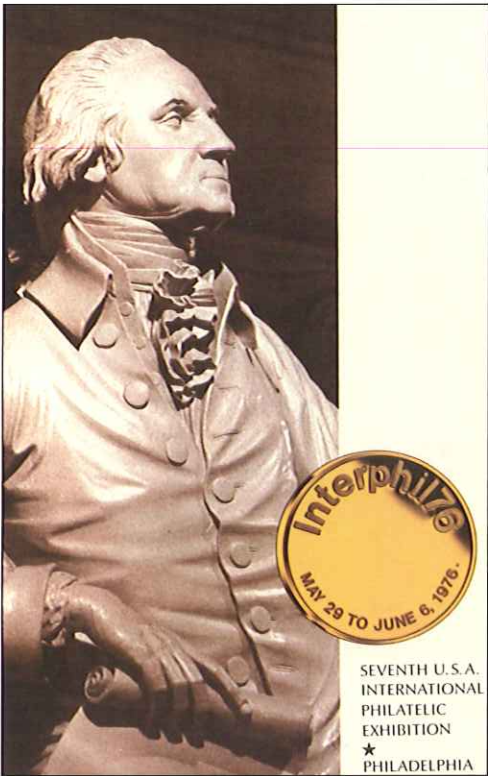
David Feldman,
Geneva, September 2003.

Introduction - Horst G. Dietrich

He was a partner in EMC Gmbh & Co., KG, Monchengladbach-Rheydt, Germany, a firm specialising in textile machinery assembly. He was born in Neu/Arnswalde in 1923, then part of Brandenburg, Germany, now part of Poland. He grew up in Danzig and Berlin. He was persuaded by a high school teacher to consider collecting and studying Afghan stamps. This has resulted in a life long search and study of Afghan stamps and for his labors he received numerous philatelic awards, both nationally and internationally.

Sher Ali, First and Second Afghan War

1974	Basel, Switzerland	INTERNABA	Large Gold
1974	Stockholm, Sweden	STOCKHOLMIA '74	Large Gold
1974	Essen, Germany	NAPOSTA '74	Grand Prix of Honor
1975	Madrid, Spain	ESPANA '74	Grand Prix for the Rest of the World
1976	Philadelphia, USA	INTERPHIL '76	Grand Prix International
1976	Copenhagen, Denmark	HAFNIA '76	Large Gold & Special Prize
1977	Amsterdam, Netherlands	AMPHILEX '77	Class of Honour
1978	Prague, Czechoslovakia	PRAGUE '78	Court of Honour
1981	Vienna, Austria	WIPA 1981	Court of Honour
1982	Paris, France	PHILEX FRANCE	Court of Honour
1986	Chicago, USA	AMERIPEX '86	Court of Honour
1987	Dusseldorf, Germany	RHEIN-POSTA '87	Court of Honour & Sp. Prize
1988	Helsinki, Finland	FINLANDIA '88	Court of Honour
1992	Chicago, USA	COLUMBIAN '92	Court of Honour



Abdur Rahman Collection - 1976-1988 Awarded six Gold Medals
Amanullah Collection - 1975-1979 Awarded three Gold Medals
Afghan Airmail Collection - 1983-1989 Awarded six Gold Medals

First Anglo-Afghan War 1839-1842



King Dost Mohammad Khan ruled Afghanistan twice. First from 1828 -1839 then from 1843-1863

With the failure of Burnes's mission, the governor general of India, Lord Auckland, ordered an invasion of Afghanistan, with the object of restoring Shah Shoja' to the throne. In April 1839, after suffering great privations, the British Army entered Qandahar; Shah Shoja' was then crowned shah. Ghazna was captured in the following July, and in August Shah Shoja' was installed at Kabul. Dost Mohammad escaped first to Balkh, then to Bukhara, where he was arrested. The Afghans, however, would tolerate neither a foreign occupation nor a king imposed on them by a foreign power, and insurrections broke out. Dost Mohammad escaped from prison and returned to Afghanistan to lead his partisans against the British. In a battle at Parwan on Nov. 2, 1840, Dost Mohammad had the upper hand, but the next day he surrendered to the British in Kabul. He was deported to India with the greater part of his family.

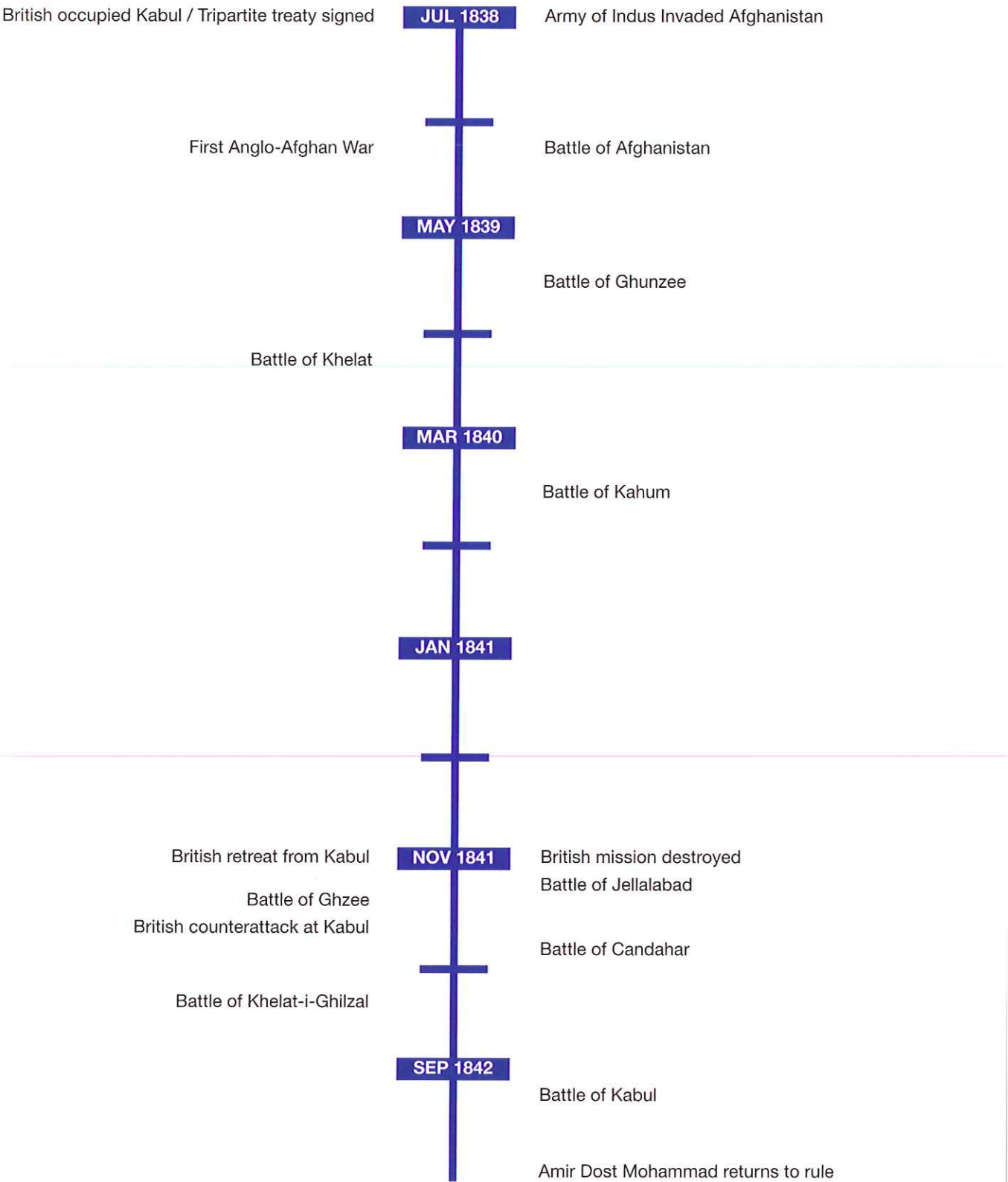
Outbreaks continued throughout the country, and the British eventually found their position untenable. Terms for their withdrawal were discussed with Akbar Khan, Dost

Mohammad's son, but Sir William Hay Macnaghten, the British political agent, was killed during a parlay with the Afghans. On Jan. 6, 1842, some 4,500 British and Indian troops, with 12,000 camp followers, marched out of Kabul. Bands of Afghans swarmed around them, and the retreat ended in a blood bath. Shah Shoja' was killed after the British left Kabul.

Though in the summer of the same year British forces reoccupied Kabul, the new governor general, Lord Ellenborough, decided on the evacuation of Afghanistan.



First Anglo-Afghan War 1839-1842 - Timeline



Afghanistan

HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS

10000 1609-1850 Maps of Afghanistan: group of five maps incl. two early, one being 1609 by Mercator, map of Kabul city & two later maps, plus three maps of the British Isles, fine & interesting **300**

THE FIRST ANGLO-AFGHAN WAR 1839-1842

10001 1838-40 Capt. Simmons Correspondence: Attractive group of eight entires neatly mounted & written up on album pages, all addressed to Captain Simmons, Royal Artillery, Guernsey, the following is a brief description of each letter : 1838 (17.11) entire from Barracks in Fort St. George "Overland per steamer", 1839 (29.1) entire from Camp near Jerruch "Per Steamer via the Red Sea", 1839 (1.11) entire from Camp Quetta "By the first overland Mail", 1839 (31.12) entire from Camp near Larkhana "Per Steamer" & "Overland", plus four entires all dated 1840 from Deesa, all covers show a variety of rates & routes, plus some with transit & arrival mkg's, an interesting & valuable lot for the historian & student of the First Afghan War **2'000**

10002 1839 Trotter Correspondence: Two entires from from Kandahar to John Trotter in Calcutta, the entires are as follows : 1839 (10.8) entire from Kandahar to Calcutta via Quetta-Sukkur, Ferozepore & Delhi rated "15 as" being a 46 day journey, 1839 (1.10) entire from Kandahar to Calcutta via Kabul & Peshawar, rated "14 as" being a 39 day journey, an interesting pair showing two routes & rates to the same destination **700**

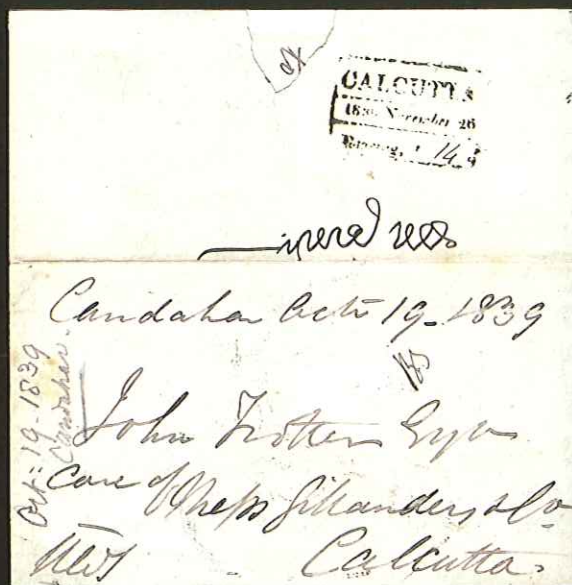
(Note: Rate change, before 1.10.39 rate Afghan border to Calcutta was 15 annas & after 1.10.39 changed to 14 annas)



10003 1839 (11.9) Soldier's entire from Kabul via Peshawar, Delhi to Calcutta, with private ship via Plymouth to Lancaster, England, bearing rare framed circle **INDIA SOLDIERS/PLYMOUTH/3** and pays 2d to Plymouth & 1d inland in England, boxed red CALCUTTA/G.P.O./SHIPLETTER/9.OC.9/1839 bs, some cvr restoration, attractive showpiece **1'200**



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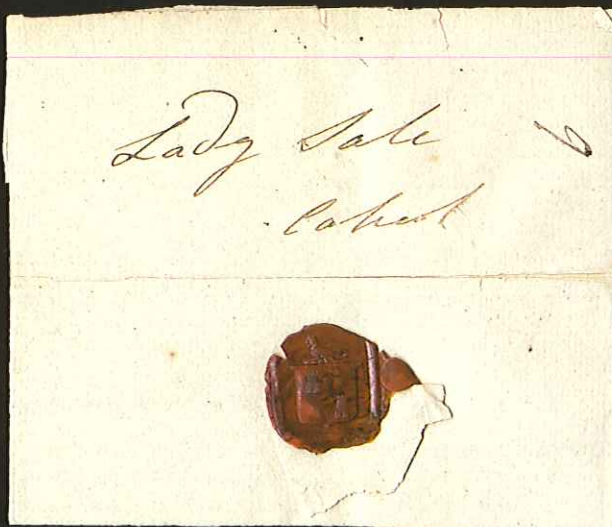
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| 10004 | ✉ | 1839 (17.9) Soldier's entire from "Camp Cabul" via Peshawar, Delhi to Calcutta, with private ship via Cape, Portsmouth & London to Lincolnshire, bearing extremely rare unframed INDIA SOLDIERS/LONDON/3 and pays 2d to Portsmouth & 1d inland in England, boxed red CALCUTTA/G.P.O./SHIPLETTER/17.OC.17/1838 bs & unclear 2-line SHIP LETTER/PORTSMOUTH alongside, attractive showpiece | 1'500 |
| 10005 | ✉ | 9 1840 (28.3) Folded entire from Major J.O. Clarkson, Commander of the 42nd Bengal Native Infantry in Kandahar to Cornwall, with m/s "Per Steamer via Bombay", rated free to Loodiana, "Post Paid" to Bombay, via Marseille to London "2/8", fine | 300 |
| 10006 | ✉ | 9 1840 (3.7) Soldier's entire from Ghazeepore via Calcutta to England, bearing scarce unframed circular SOLDIERS & SEAMENS LETTER/BY SHIP/4 , boxed red CALCUTTA/G.P.O./SHIPLETTER/10.JUL.10/1840 bs, some cvr faults, scarce | 500 |
| 10007 | ✉ | 9 1840-41 Elphinstone Correspondence: Two entires from Major-General W.K. Elphinstone to family in London, the entires are as follows, 1840 (9.7) entire from Meerut rated "3/6" & 1841 (9.3) entire from Kabul rated "2/8", a fine pair | 700 |

(Note: Major-General W.K. Elphinstone was responsible for dismissing Sir Willoughby Cotton commander of Afghan Army in Kabul.)



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| 10008 | ✉ | 1840 (6.10) Folded entire from Lieut. James Douglas in Kabul where good strike of the rare negative AFFGHANISTAN/PAID in red was applied on reverse, via Ferozepore, continued via Bombay, Aden, Suez, Alexandria, Malta to Lieut. General Sir Howard Douglas in Corfu, oval India in red on front & "6" manuscript alongside paying the packet rate Bombay to Corfu, rare & attractive | 2'000 |
| 10009 | ✉ | 9 1840 (8.10) Small neat private letter written by Major General Sale dated "Chandhar 8th Oct" to his wife "Lady Sale Caboul", an interesting historical lot | 400 |

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| 10010 | ✉ | 1840 (11.11) Brown Correspondence: Entire from John Campbell Brown, Assistant Surgeon, Horse Artillery to family in Scotland, from Kabul with faint strike of the rare negative AFFGHANISTAN/PAID in red & rated "8", the only known ship letter rate bearing AFFGHANISTAN/PAID via the Cape, an important postal history rarity | 1'500 |
| 10011 | ✉ | 1840 (21.11) Folded entire from Henry Palmer in Camp Neerulah via Loodiana where faint strike of the very elusive negative AFFGHANISTAN/PAID in red was applied on reverse, rated "Post paid 14as" payment to Calcutta, rare | 1'500 |
| 10012 | (✉) | 13 1841 (?) Large part undated cover to "Captain Airey, H.M 3rd Buffs, Caubul, or with the Army in Afghanistan, or Elsewhere", showing Bombay Bearing bs, cvr faults, an extremely rare incoming cover during the 1st Afghan War, possibly unique | 1'000 |
| 10013 | ✉ | 13 1841 Orr Correspondence: Two entires from Lieutenant S.G. Orr of the Madras Engineers to family in London, the entires are as follows: 1841 (12.3) entire from Ferozepore rated "3/6" very interesting content, 1841 (3.12) entire from Jellalabad rated "3/6", 1d redirected fee, both "per Steamer from Bombay", a fine pair | 700 |
| 10014 | ✉ | 13 1841 (21.4) Folded entire from Camp Gundamuk to Bath & redirected to Clifton, rate being free to Loodiana, rated "Post Paid 12as" to Bombay, "3/7" to destination made up by 1s10d British & 1s8d French, plus additional 1d to Clifton, fine | 300 |



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| 10015 | ✉ | 1841 (10.5) Large part Soldier's cover from Gunner M. Kenelly of the 3rd Company 1st Battalion in Khelat, via Kurrachee & Bombay to Limerick, Ireland, bearing extremely rare oval red KURRACHEE/FREE , rate 1d concessionary rate, plus additional 1d as the letter was not pre-paid to destination, cvr faults & repairs, a rarity, only two covers recorded from Khelat | 1'500 |
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1841 (25.5) Folded entire from General Elphinston in Kabul via Loodiana where fine strike of the rare negative **AFGHANISTAN/PAID** in red was applied on reverse, continued via Bombay, Suez, Alexandria, Malta & Marseille to London, oval India in red on front & "2/8" manuscript rate mkgs alongside, rare & attractive item

2'400

10017 

1841 Brown Correspondence: Two entires from John Campbell Brown, Assistant Surgeon, Horse Artillery to family in Scotland, the entires are as follows: 1841 (25.5) entire from Camp Gandamak with faint but readable strike of the extremely rare boxed **L.P.O. in RED** the earliest usage of the three recorded strikes & rated "Paid 12as" Loodiana to Bombay & "3/6" per steamer. 1841 (27.12) entire from Jallalabad with faint strike of the scarce boxed L.P.O. in black & red LOODIANA/BEARING alongside, "P.P 12as" Loodiana to Bombay & "1/-" Packet rate via Falmouth, attractive & a rare lot (2)

1'000

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1841 (13.5) Soldier's entire to Galway, Ireland, from a Sergeant Major, "Artillery Mountain Train, S.S. Force" written from "Camp Cabool", rate is 1d concessionary rate, however as unpaid the rate was "2"d paid on arrival, oval red India, London & Galway bs, attractive & interesting content which describes incidents in the war "while on campaign I left the company's service and joined the service of the Native King", plus full description of the writer's full dress uniform and other interesting details

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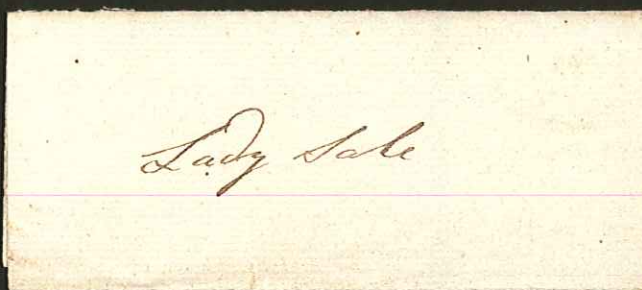
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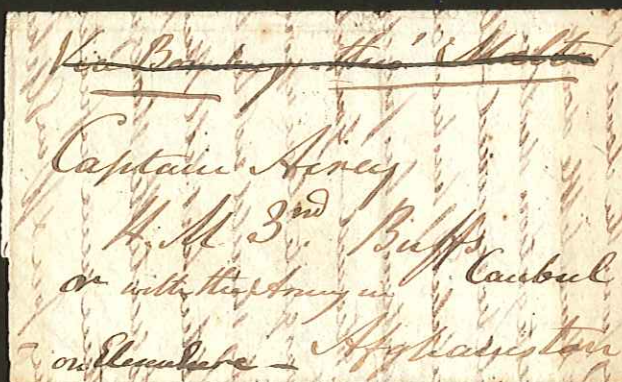
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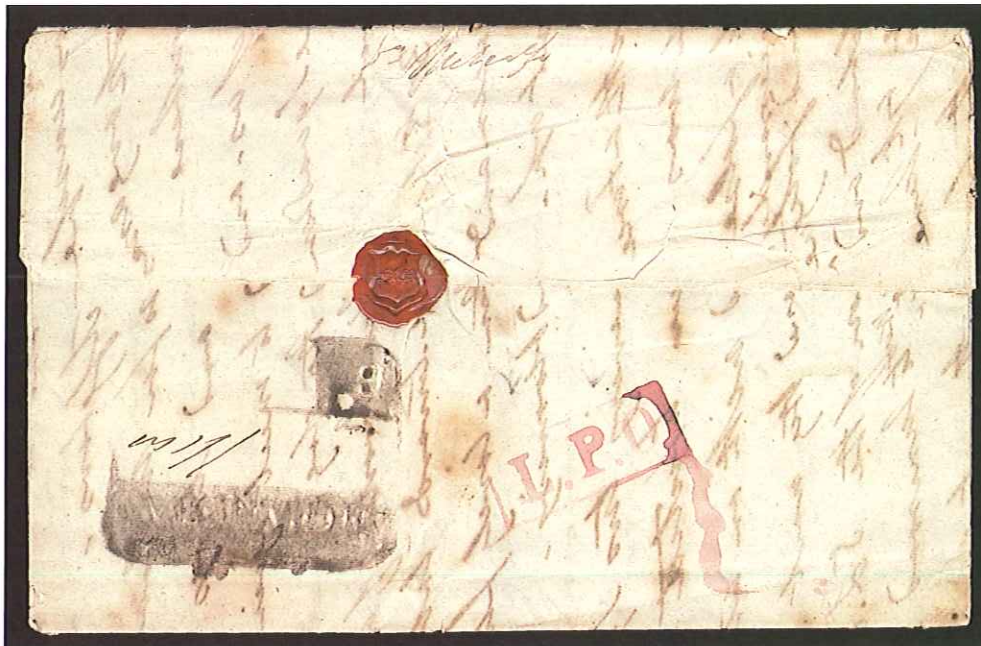


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1841 (27.6) Folded entire from Capt. F.R. Metcalfe, Medical Surgeon 5th Nat. Inf. in Kabul to Capt. W.M. Smythe, Bengal Engineers, Kishnagur, showing extremely rare strike of the negative **AFFGHANISTAN/B** in black paying "14as" & red boxed L.P.O., an important rarity of the First Afghan War, only two such covers recorded

5'000

10020 

1841 (5.8) Folded entire from General Elphinston in Kabul via Loodiana where negative **AFFGHANISTAN/PAID** in red was applied on reverse, continued via Bombay, Aden, Suez, Alexandria, Malta & Marseille to London redirected to "Poste Restante", oval **INDIA** in red on front & "2/8" manuscript rate mkg excised, rare

2'000

10021 

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1841 (4.11) Folded entire from Lt. Boileau, 35th Bengal Native Infantry at "Camp Gandamak" to Mrs. Block in London, redirected to Whetstone, with m/s "Overland Mail via Falmouth", with manuscript "Post Paid 12as" to Bombay, 1s1d to London by British Packet, fine

300

THE FIRST AFGHAN WAR

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| 10022 | ✉ | 13 | 1842 (10.5) Small neat private letter written by Major General Sale dated "Jellalabad 10th May 1842" to his wife "Lady Sale", importantly written during the time Lady Sale was taken hostage during the retreat to Kabul, an interesting historical lot | 500 |
| 10023 | ✉ | 13 | 1842 (24.5) Folded entire from Captain Beecher in Jellalabad to Lt. Collinson R.E. in London, redirected to Dublin & on to Kilkenny, with m/s "Per Overland Dispatch via Falmouth", rate free Jellalabad to Loodiana, "Post Paid 12as" to Bombay, 1s to London & additional 1d to Dublin with the route to Kilkenny free, fine | 400 |
| 10024 | ✉ | 13 | 1842 (29.5) Folded entire from from Major Eldred Pottinger a political agent for Kohistah from "Village of Byneh Hissar 1 1/2 mile east of Kaboul" to Mr. Haughton the father of Lt. Haughton, addressed to Moy in Ireland, also letter from the War office to Mary Clunie granting two medals for service & gallant conduct in Kabul of Samuel Clunie, a fine & interesting lot | 400 |




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| 10025 | ✉ | 1842 (27.8) Folded entire from Lieut. W.F Atty, 31st Regiment, 1 Batt. East Surrey in Camp Futtiabad via Ferozepore where the exceedingly rare negative AFGHANISTAN/POST PAID in red was applied on reverse and dated "29 Aug.42" & rated "12a" paying the postage to Bombay, continuing on via Aden, Suez, Alexandria, Malta & Marseille to Stratford on Avon, oval INDIA in red on front & "1/-" manuscript rate paying the British Packet rate via Falmouth. | 5'000 |
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An important rarity of the First Afghan War, only a few such covers recorded

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- 10026**  17 1842 (3.9) Capt. Riddel Correspondence (No.97) : Entire from "Major General Pollocks Camp near Gandamak, Saturday 3rd Sept., 1842", bearing the rare negative **AFGHANISTAN/BEARING** in black on reverse with **FEROZEPORE/BEARING** in black alongside, rated "10as", extremely fine **1'000**




- 10027**  1842 (24.9) Capt. Riddel Correspondence (No.103) : Miniature entire from "Major General Pollocks Camp at Cabool, 21 Sept. 1842", bearing the **LOODIANA/BEARING** in black on reverse with rare L.P.O. in black alongside, rated "5as", Riddel states in the letter "I have this instant heard that a coshid will leave to night", extremely fine **1'500**

- 10028**  17 1842 (6.10) Capt. Riddel Correspondence (No.106) : Entire Kabul to Indore, bearing the rare negative **AFGHANISTAN/BEARING** in black on reverse with **FEROZEPORE/BEARING** in black alongside, rated "5as", extremely fine **1'000**

- 10029**  17 1842 (14.10) Capt. Riddel Correspondence (No.108) : Entire Theisen to Indore, bearing faint rare negative **AFGHANISTAN/BEARING** in black on reverse with **FEROZEPORE/BEARING** in black alongside, rated "5as", extremely fine **800**



- 10030**  1842 (27.10) Capt. Riddel Correspondence (No.116) : Entire from "Camp near Peshawar, Wednesday, 9 Nov 1842" to Indore, bearing the rare negative **AFGHANISTAN/BEARING** in black on reverse with **FEROZEPORE/BEARING** in black & rare boxed F.P.O. alongside, rated "5as", extremely fine & a rare showpiece with FPO, only two such covers recorded in private hands **2'000**



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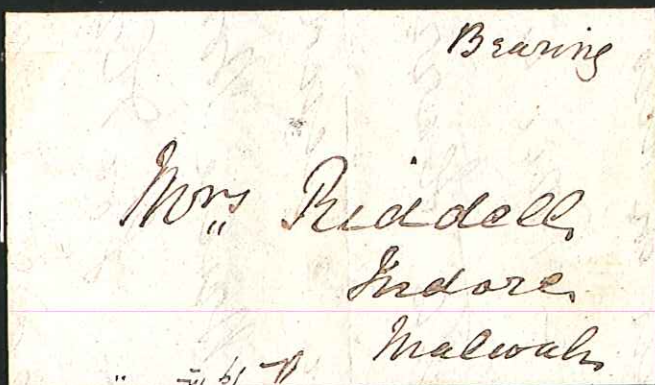
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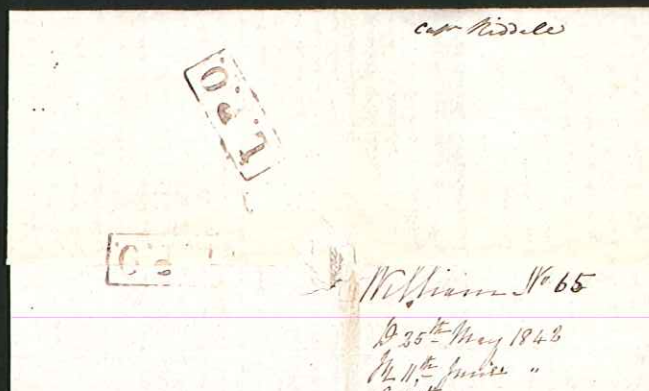
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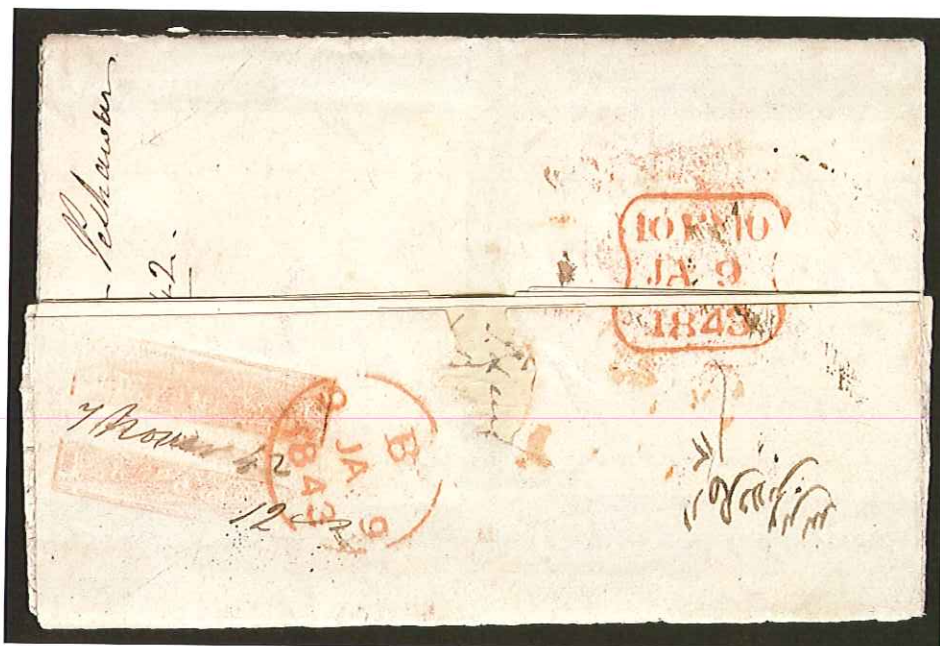


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| 10031 | ✉ | 1842 (27.10) Capt. Riddel Correspondence (No.105) : Entire from "Major General Pollocks Camp at Cabool, 2nd October, 1842, Sunday" to Indore, bearing the rare negative AFGHANISTAN/BEARING in black on reverse with FEROZEPORE/BEARING in black alongside, rated "10as", extremely fine | 800 |
| 10032 | ✉ | 17 1842 (2.11) Capt. Riddel Correspondence (No.114) : entire Ali Masjid to Indore, bearing the rare negative AFGHANISTAN/BEARING in black on reverse with FEROZEPORE/BEARING in black alongside, rated "10as", extremely fine | 1'000 |



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| 10033 | ✉ | 1842 (7.11) Folded entire from a Camp near Peshawar via Ferozepore where the exceedingly rare negative AFGHANISTAN/POST PAID in red was applied on reverse and dated "7 Nov.42" & rated "12a" paying the postage to Bombay, continuing to London, oval INDIA in red on front & "3/6" manuscript rate made up by paying the British rate up to 1/2oz of 1s10d & French rate 2 x 1/4oz, an important rarity of the First Afghan War, only a few such covers recorded | 5'000 |
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1842 (11.11) Capt. Riddel Correspondence (No.117) : Entire from "Major General Pollocks Camp at Nowshera, Friday, 11th November, 1842" to Indore, bearing the rare negative **AFGHANISTAN/BEARING** in black on reverse with **FEROZEPORE/BEARING** in black & clear rare boxed **F.P.O.** alongside, rated "10as", extremely fine & a rare showpiece with FPO, only two such covers recorded in private hands, the finest known, ex. Heddergott

3'000



10035



1842 (30.12) Capt. Riddel Correspondence (No.135) : Entire from "Camp Ferozepore, 30 Dec 1842" to Indore, bearing the rare negative **AFGHANISTAN/BEARING** in black on reverse, rated "10as", extremely fine

800

10036



17 1842-43 Capt. Riddel Correspondence: Attractive group of six entires neatly mounted & written up on album pages, letters written from Ferozepore, Jellalabad & Kabul, bearing some of the following hs **FEROZEPORE/PAID** in red, **FEROZEPORE/BEARING** in black, **LOODIANA/BEARING** in black with boxed **L.P.O.** and two strikes of the boxed **L.P.O.** on a single entire, a fascinating & descriptive correspondence, this groups includes entires numbered 21, 24, 59, 65, 104 & 140, an interesting lot for the historian & student of the First Afghan War (6)

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The Second Afghan War 1878-1880

Russia's glacial advance into Turkistan and Samarkand sufficiently alarmed Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli and his secretary of state for India, Robert Salisbury, that by 1874, when they came to power in London, they pressed the government of India to pursue a more vigorous interventionist line with Kabul. Viceroy Lord Northbrook (governed 1872-76), resisting all such cabinet promptings to reverse Lawrence's noninterventionist policy and to return to the militant posture of the First Afghan War era, resigned his office rather than accept orders from ministers whose diplomatic judgment he believed to be disastrously distorted by Russophobia. Lord Lytton, however, who succeeded him as viceroy, was more than eager to act as his prime minister desired, and, soon after he reached Calcutta, he notified Shir 'Ali that he was sending a "mission" to Kabul. When the amir refused Lytton permission to enter his hermit kingdom, the viceroy bellicosely declaimed that Afghanistan was but "an earthen pipkin between two metal pots." He did not, however, take action against the kingdom until 1878, when Russia's General Stolyetov was admitted to Kabul while Lytton's envoy, Sir Neville Chamberlain, was turned back at the border by Afghan troops.

The viceroy decided to crush his neighbouring "pipkin" and launched the Second Afghan War on Nov. 21, 1878, with a British invasion over the high passes. Shir 'Ali fled his capital and country, dying in exile early in 1879. The British army occupied Kabul, as it had in the first war, and a treaty signed at Gandamak on May 26, 1879, was concluded with the former amir's son, Ya'qub Khan. Ya'qub Khan promised, in exchange for British support and protection, to admit to his Kabul court a British resident who would direct Afghan foreign relations, but the resident, Sir Louis Cavagnari, was assassinated on Sept. 3, 1879, just two months after he arrived. British troops trudged back over the passes to Kabul and removed Ya'qub from the throne, which remained vacant until July 1880, when 'Abdor Rahman Khan, nephew of Shir 'Ali, became amir. The new amir, one of the shrewdest statesmen in Afghan history, remained secure on the throne until his death in 1901.



Viceroy Lord Lansdowne (governed 1888-94), who sought to reassert a more forward policy in Afghanistan, did so on the advice of his military commander in chief, Lord Roberts, who had served as field commander in the Second Afghan War. In 1893 Lansdowne sent Sir Mortimer Durand, the government of India's foreign secretary, on a mission to Kabul to open negotiations on the delimitation of the Indo-Afghan border.

Shir 'Ali (1863-66; 1868-79)

Shir 'Ali Khan, Dost Mohammad's third son, then became amir, but his two elder brothers took the throne from him in May 1866. Shir 'Ali regained his throne in September 1868. Shir 'Ali's reception of a Russian mission at Kabul and his refusal to receive a British one, on British terms, led directly to the war of 1878-80. Shir 'Ali, leaving his son, Ya'qub Khan, as his regent in Kabul, sought help from the Russians, but they advised him to make peace. Shir 'Ali died in Mazar-e Sharif on Feb. 21, 1879.

The demarcation, known as the Durand Line, was completed in 1896 and added the tribal territory of the Afridis, Mahsuds, Waziris, and Swatis as well as the chieftainships of Chitral and Gilgit, to the domain of British India. The 9th Earl of Elgin (governed 1894-99), Lansdowne's successor, devoted much of his viceregal tenure to sending British Indian armies on punitive expeditions along this new frontier. Viceroy Lord Curzon (governed 1899-1905), however, recognized the impracticality of trying to administer the turbulent frontier region as part of the large Punjab province. Thus, in 1901 he created a new North-West Frontier Province containing some 40,000 square miles (about 100,000 square kilometres) of trans-Sutlej and tribal borderland territory under a British chief commissioner responsible directly to the viceroy. By instituting a policy of regular payments to frontier tribes, the new province reduced border conflicts, though for the next decade British troops continued to fight against Mahsuds, Waziris, and Zakka Khel Afridis.



King Mohammad Yaqub

The Treaty of Gandamak (Gandomak; May 26, 1879) recognized Ya'qub Khan as amir, and he subsequently agreed to receive a permanent British embassy at Kabul. In addition, he agreed to conduct his foreign relations with other states in accordance "with the wishes and advice" of the British government. This British triumph, however, was short-lived. On Sept. 3, 1879, the British envoy and his escort were murdered in Kabul. British forces were again dispatched, and before the end of October they occupied Kabul. Ya'qub abdicated and was given exile in India, where he died in 1923.



THE SECOND AFGHAN WAR 1878-1880

CIVIL POST OFFICES

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| 10038 | ☒ | 23 | Jelalabad: 1879 (11.1) Envelope to England, franked on reverse 1/2a blue in two blocks of six, few with defects, each tied by FIELD FORCE PO cds, transit & arrival bs alongside, attractive & scarce | 300 |
| 10039 | ☒ | 23 | Jelalabad: 1879 (23.3) Cover from Major Wilson via Bombay to England, franked on reverse 1/2a blue in two blocks of six neatly tied JELALABAD/MAR.23/L duplex, v.fine & scarce | 300 |
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| 10043 | ☒ | 23 | Kabul: 1880 (30.6) Envelope from General Roberts to Balham, franked 1/2a blue strip of six & block of three, all tied circular L in bars and manuscript on stamps reading "CABUL JUNE 30", with BALAHISS-AR bs, usual faults, unusual | 300 |
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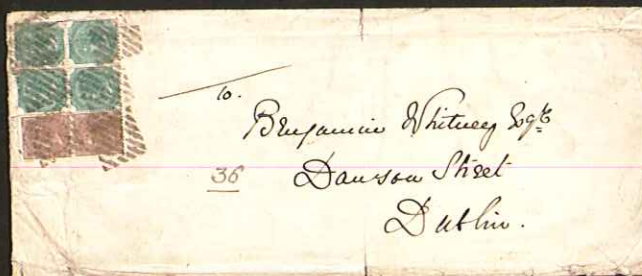
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- 10046** ☒ Kandahar: 1879 (4.11) Registered cover to Amritsar, franked on reverse of 1/2a envelope 4a green tied square of ten diagonal bars & CANDHAR/NOV.4 cds with scarce REGISTERED/CANDHAR alongside, wax seal on reverse, v.fine & scarce, ex. Hopkins **700**
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- 10049** ☒ 25 Kurram: 1879 (30.7) Soldier's envelope, opened out, addressed "From No. 159 Sr. R.W Evans, F. Battery" to London, countersigned by commanding officer, franking 8p tied by square of ten diagonal bars, with Field Force PO & Kohat bs, cvr faults, very scarce **500**
- 10050** ☒ 25 Pezwan: 1880 (17.7) Soldier's envelope, addressed "From No. 1440. Pte. T.Rogers, 1st. Bat., 25th Regt." to Drogheda, Ireland, countersigned by commanding officer, franking 1a & 8p, both tied by circular L in bars, with Pezwan & Drogheda bs, cvr faults, very scarce **700**
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- 10052** ☒ Postal Documents: Attractive group of ten documents incl. rare Private Telegram envelope from the Reuter Telegram Company, three telegraph receipts with India fiscals used from Kandahar & Kohat, three money order receipts used with Field Force & Kohat cds, one Railway receipt for a Major Campbell etc., an interesting & unusual assembly (10 items) **1'500**



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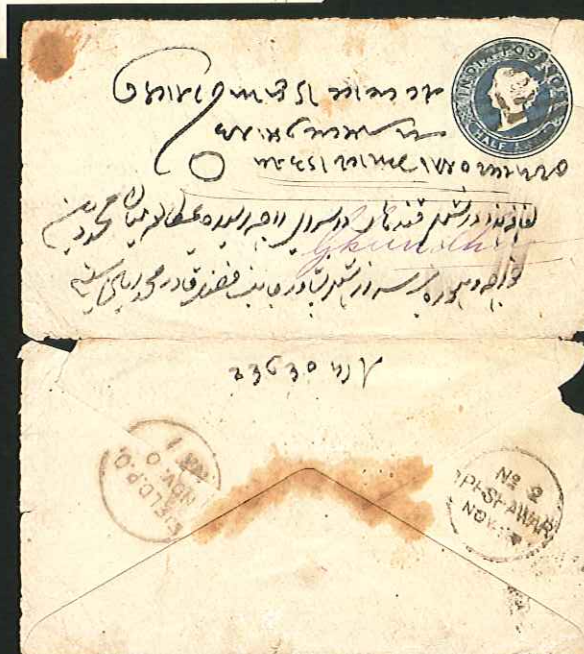
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| 10054 | ✉ | 25 | Field P.O. No.1: c1879 1/2a Envelope from Peshawar to Chandahar, cancelled L in bars, with scarce FIELD P.O.No.1/NOV. cds & PESHAWAR No.2 on reverse, cvr faults, scarce | 300 |
| 10055 | ✉ | 27 | Field P.O. No.1: 1879 Cover from Kandahar to Shikarpur redirected to Sukkur, franked on reverse Afghan 1 Abasi, tied usual bite, F.No.1 in square of bars, boxed REDIRECTED & arrival Sukkur cds, plus array of other mkgs alongside incl. boxed POSTAGE DUE/1 ANNA, cvr faults, scarce | 300 |
| 10056 | ✉ | 27 | Field P.O. No.2: c1879 1/2a Envelope from Chaman to Bombay, cancelled scarce F.No.2 in square of bars, CHAMAN/JAN.16 & Bombay arrival on reverse, cvr faults, scarce | 300 |
| 10057 | ✉ | 27 | Field P.O. No.2: 1879 Cover from Chaman to England, franked 1a brown & 4a green, tied scarce "F.No.2" in square of bars, FIELD P.O. No.2/DEC.20 & SUKKUR S.O./JAN.5 cds on reverse, cvr faults & stains, scarce | 300 |
| 10058 | ✉ | 27 | Field P.O. No.3: 1884 Cover from Kandahar to Amritsar, franked on reverse Afghan 1 Abasi, tied usual clear F.No.3 in square of bars, plus array of other mkgs alongside incl. boxed POSTAGE DUE/1 ANNA & PISHIN/1.OCT.84 cds, cvr faults, scarce | 300 |
| 10059 | ✉ | 27 | Field P.O. No.5: 1884 Postcard from Rindli to England, franked 1/2a blue two singles on 1/4a postcard, tied F.No.5 in square of bars with RINDLI/29.MAR.84, card defects, late use of the F.No.5 cancel by the Civil Post Office | 400 |



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| 10060 | ✉ | | Field P.O. No.6: 1881 Cover from "Sibi Camp, Afghanistan" to Agram, Austria, franked 1/2a blue six singles, neatly tied by clear F.No.16 in square of bars, SIBI/APR.5 cds, transit & arrival mkgs on reverse, attractive & rare, ex. Hopkins | 800 |
| 10061 | ✉ | 27 | Field P.O. No.6: 1884 Cover from Belutschistan to Amritsar, franked 1/2a blue, 2a orange & 4a green four singles, tied on reverse of 1/2a green envelope by F.No.16 in square of bars, cvr defects, late use of the F.No.16 cancel by the Civil Post Office | 300 |



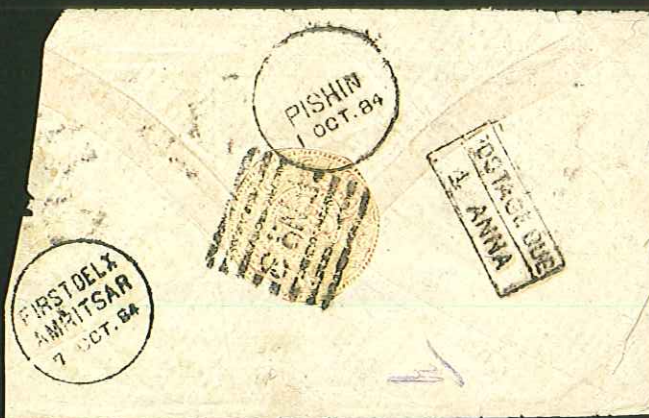
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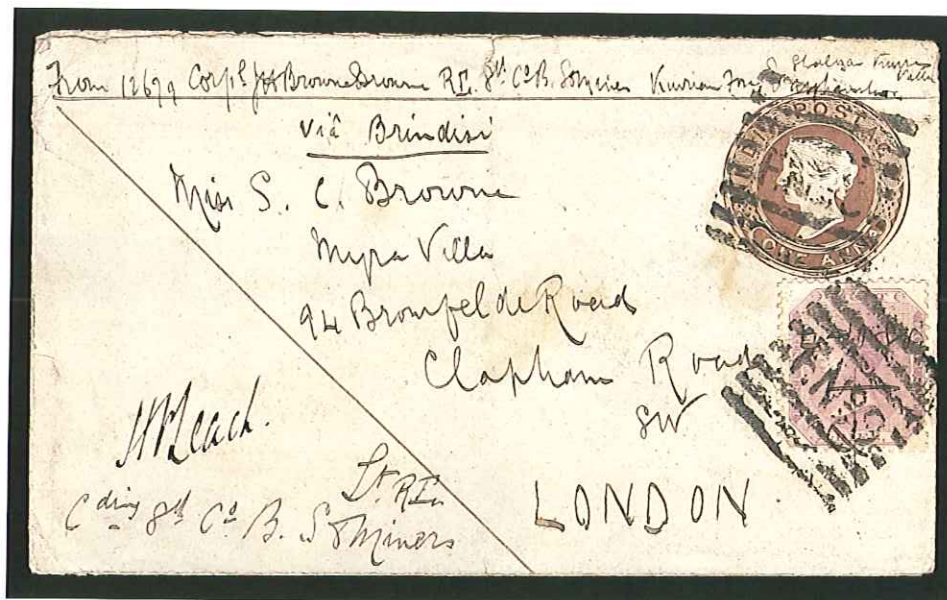


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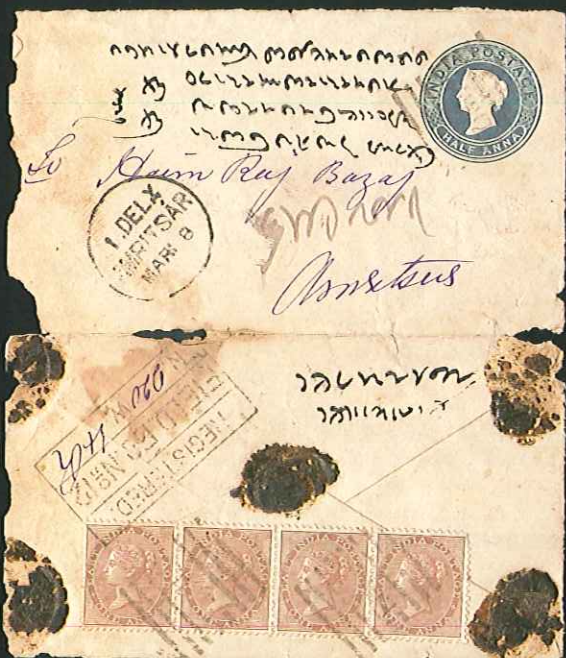
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10067	✉	29	Field P.O. No.12: 1880 Registered cover Kabul to Amritsar, franked 8a strip of four on reverse of 1/2a envelope, tied F.No.12 in square of bars & rare boxed REGISTERED/FIELD P.O. No.12, Amritsar arrival on front, cvr faults, scarce	400
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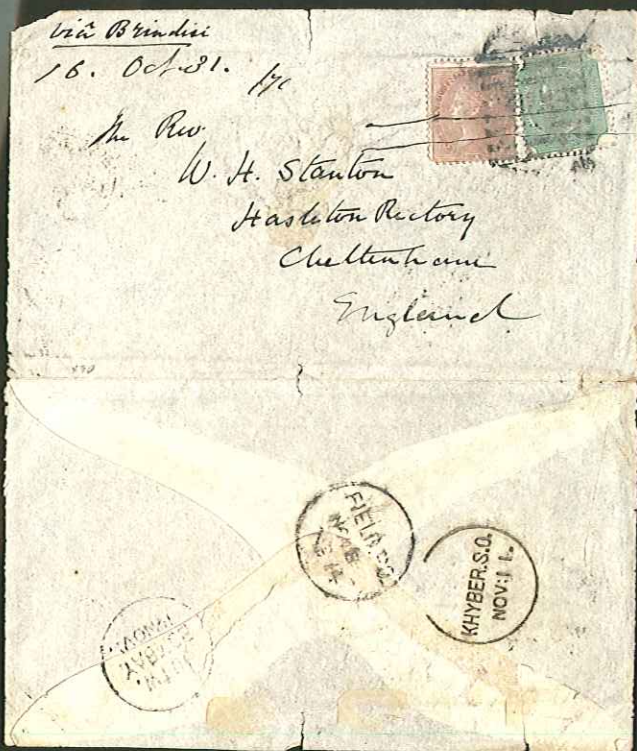


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10076		31 Field P.O. No.16: 1880 (29.4) Cover Gandamak to England, franked 1/2a blue & 4a green, two singles of each, tied by the extremely rare F.No.16 in square of bars & manuscript "Stamped", the 9a rate pays the double weight British Packet rate via Brindisi, cvr faults, extremely rare as Proud records only one dated 20.8.80		1'000
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10078		32 Vitakri Field Force & the Crichton correspondence 1879: Group of five covers neatly mounted & written on pages, plus detailed history of the unusual Field Force, all five covers from Surgeon T.H. Pope of the 21st Madras Native Infantry in different places incl. Mooltan, Dera Ghazi Khan & Vitakri to Edinburgh, Scotland, an attractive & scarce assembly (Note: The Vitakri Field Force was form out of the Thal-Chotiala Field Force & lead by Col. Prendergast whose sole purpose was to establish a fortification to control the pass between India & Pishin.)		2'000
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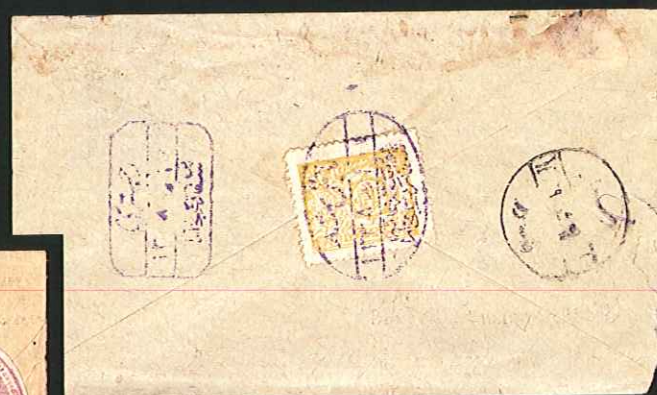


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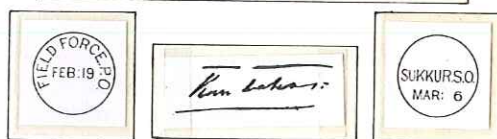
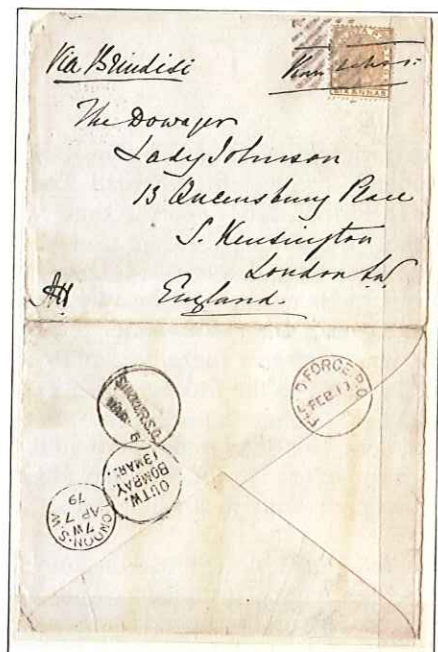
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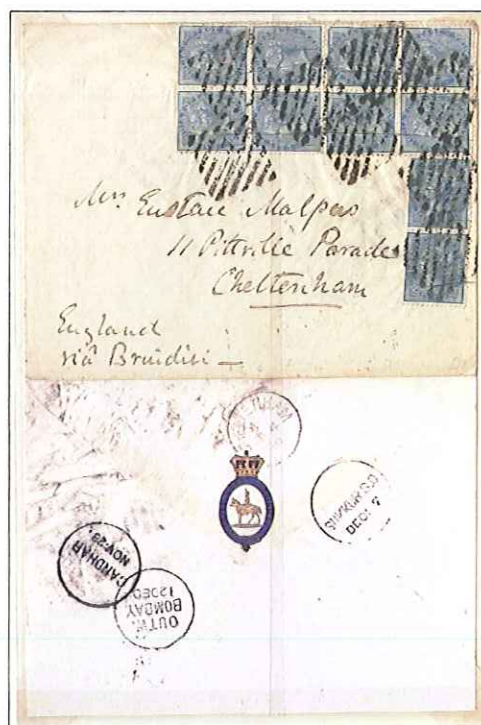
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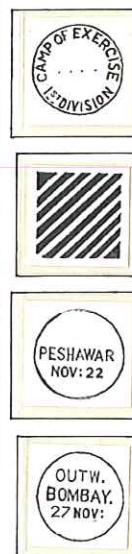


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Brief von Lt. Wilson, 10th Royal Hussars, 1st Division, Peshawar Valley Field Force vom 9. Mai 1880 von KABUL nach ENGLAND. Porto: Seit dem 1. April 1880 by British pack. via Brindisi 1/2 oz. = 4 1/2 as. Stempel: "KABUL" ist durch den h/s Vermerk des gleichen Absenders auf dem Brief vom 21. Juli 1880 für CAMP SHERPUR bewiesen (Camp outside Cabul).



Brief von Major Wilson, 10th Royal Hussars, 1st Division, Peshawar Valley Field Force vom 20. November 1878 aus dem FORT JAMROOD am Eingang des Khyber Passes. Es ist der Tag des Kriegsbeginns und man bereitet den Angriff auf das afghanische Grenzfort ALI MASJID vor.

Porto: Officers letter nach England 6 Annas.

Sher Ali Khan, 1871-1878



King Shir Ali Khan ruled Afghanistan twice. First from 1863 to 1866, secondly from 1868 to 1869

Sher Ali was born in the city of Kabul in 1823, the fifth of the eighteen sons of Dost Mohammad Khan (Amir of Kabul 1826-1839, 1843-1863). At the time of his birth it seemed unlikely that Sher Ali would ever become Amir. However, the successive deaths of Mohammad Akbar in 1847 and Ghulam Haidar in 1858, his two oldest sons and heirs designate, caused Dost Mohammed to look with favor upon on his younger sons. Therefore, in 1858 he named Sher Ali as successor to the throne, passing over the two surviving older sons, Mohammad Afzal, Amir o Balkh and Mohammad Azim. This decision was individually resented by the other brothers but as long as their father was alive they had little opportunity to stir up trouble.

Upon the death of Dost Mohammad on June 9, 1863 after a long illness, Sher Ali was installed as Amir but was soon faced with the rivalry and/or open rebellion by several of his brothers, including Afzal, Azim, Amin and Sherif Khan.

Nevertheless, by imprisoning his eldest brother Afzal and out maneuvering his older brothers, Sher Ali held the throne in a precarious sort of way for almost two years. In 1865, he lost his favorite son and heir apparent Mohammed Khan in battle against Amin and Sherif Khan. The loss grieved him so sorely that for a time his reason seemed to have been affected.

In May 1866 Sher Ali was defeated near Spidabad by an army from Balkh under the command of his nephew Abdur Rahman who became Amir in 1880. Abdur Rahman's father Afzal was then released from the Ghazni prison in which he was held by Sher Ali, and proclaimed Amir of Kabul. The British, however, refused to recognize Afzal as such, insisting that Sher Ali was still the rightful Amir.

After his defeat Sher Ali retreated southward but in January 1867 was again defeated near Khelati-Ghilzai, and Kandahar was occupied by Afzal's troops. Sher Ali withdrew to Herat where he managed to retain some semblance of authority and regroup his forces.

In October 1867, Afzal died of cholera and his brother Azim, hastening to Kabul from Ghazni had himself proclaimed Amir. Abdur Rahman who was busy fighting Sher Ali's army in Kohistan had hoped to succeed his father Afzal but acknowledged Azim as ruler. The two were soon quarrelling, and with the Kabul forces divided, in March 1868 Yakub Khan, the eldest son of Sher Ali, regained possession of Kandahar for his father. In July of that year father and son advanced towards Ghazni where Azim's army was assembled. The latter, gradually deserted by his troops, took flight, and on September 8, 1868, Sher Ali re-entered Kabul after an absence of forty months. Retreating northward, Abdur Rahman kept the flag of rebellion still flying in Balkh and gathered another army in the name of his uncle, Amir Azim.

Finally on January 3, 1869, Sher Ali won a complete and final victory over Azim Khan near Ghazni, who then retired to Persia (now Iran). Returning to Kabul Sher Ali began the task of consolidating his rule, and bringing order to his chaotic and turbulent country.

One of his first acts was to agree to a meeting between the Viceroy of India, the Earl of Mayo, and himself at Umballa, then British India. This meeting took place in March 1869. Although Sher Ali failed to obtain either a treaty of alliance or recognition of his dynasty, the Viceroy did agree that he personally was the rightful and de facto Amir, and assured him of the friendship and support of the British Government.

Unfortunately at this time, Russia and Great Britain were engaged in a struggle for power in Central Asia, a struggle that had been going on for some thirty years. Russia had been slowly but steadily creeping across the Central Asian plains, north of the Amu Darya, taking over the various central Asian Khanates in the process. During the 1860s the Russian advance resulted in the occupation of Khokand and Khiva in 1864, the "temporary occupation" of Samarkand in 1865, and also of Tashkent the same year. In 1867 the new province of Russian Turkestan was created, and the Kingdom of Bokhara became a subsidiary ally of the Czar. In 1868 Samarkand was annexed.

This southern advance by Russia and British imperial interests in and concern for the safety of India put Afghanistan in a strategic and delicate geographic position. Her uncertain boundaries only accentuated this ambiguity. The situation became particularly acute during 1878 when the British and Russian forces confronted each other at Istanbul and war seemed imminent.

Sher Ali did his best to avoid offending either Great Britain or Russia in this diplomatic struggle, but found himself constantly under pressure from both the Russians and the British, each of whom were determined that neither should gain the advantage in Afghanistan.

Finally, the acceptance of a Russian envoy at Kabul in July 1878, precipitated a crisis. The British insisted upon the reception of a British Mission. A letter from the Viceroy of India announcing his determination to send such a mission was received in Kabul early in September 1878. Unfortunately, the Amir's youngest son, and heir apparent Abdulla Jan had died three weeks before on August 17 and the grief stricken Amir delayed answering the letter. In the meantime, Russian diplomatic activity in Kabul continued. Finally, on November 2, 1878, the British dispatched an ultimatum (expiring on the 20th) to Sher Ali. The Amir continued distracted and vacillating. Failing an answer on November 21st the British invaded Afghanistan with military force through the Khyber Pass, Kurran Valley and Quetta (then parts of Afghanistan), defeated the troops of Sher Ali in a series of engagements and occupied Jalallabad.

On December 13, 1878, Sher Ali departed from Kabul, after installing his eldest surviving son, Yakub Khan, as regent. He then went north with the Russian Mission but was unsuccessful in obtaining any military support from the Russian commander in Samarkand. Returning to Balkh he died, literally of a broken heart. On February 21, 1879 at the age of 56 and was buried in the Holy Mosque of Ali at Mazar-I-Sharif.

Thus ended a rather tragic career. Whatever his faults Sher Ali endeavoured to bring some measure of progress and peace to his strife torn country. He introduced the printing press and began the publishing of printed books. To postal historians and philatelists, however, his most significant achievements were the establishment of a public postal system, the issuance of postage stamps, and the introduction of a basic fiscal system utilizing stamps, revenues and stamped paper.

The “Tiger Head” – The Lion Head – Stamps

Under Sher Ali a new series of stamps was issued each year, the circular central design of which was a variant of the original 1288 Tiger Head. “New” issues were printed each year probably because the impressions on the stone wore out rather than a conscious decision to issue a new stamp each year.



Let us momentarily digress to discuss the use of “Tiger Head” to describe these stamps. In Dari and Urdu “sher” means lion. Dari is one of the main languages spoken in Afghanistan ; Urdu is used in areas adjacent to Afghanistan. In Hindi sher means tiger; Hindi is not spoken in these areas but in other areas of Pakistan and India. Perhaps the early English collectors of Afghan stamps and their perhaps closer association with Hindi may have resulted in these Sher Ali stamps being called Tiger Heads. Rather than renaming them Lion Heads, they will continue to be referred to as Tiger Head issues.

The specimens were mainly lithographed on a wide variety of papers. The original elaborate design was gradually simplified to a bare line drawing. Since each design was hand drawn, there are subtle differences in each ; in theory, therefore, a truly identical pair in modern philatelic terms cannot exist and, if they appear, are immediately suspect. Except for a few forgeries of twentieth century stamps, known forgeries are concentrated on 19th century stamps. The primitive method and uncertainties surrounding the production of even the genuine stamps has invited forgeries and has also sparked controversy as to which are genuine Afghan stamps. Before analysing each annual issue, some general comments about the common features of these stamps follow :

The choice of a tiger, instead of the Amir’s likeness, is in accord with orthodox Islamic practice of prohibiting the representation of the human face or figure. All Sher Ali stamps show the year of issue in Dari script according to the Islamic lunar calendar. The stamps of the first issue are dated “1288” while the last are “1295” corresponding to the Gregorian dates of 1871-72 to 1878. Since the Islamic year is a common feature of all Sher Ali stamps, they are usually referred to by these dates. The location of value on each annual issue is as follows :

1288 issue above tiger’s head inside the inner circle
1289 issue below tiger’s head inside the inner circle
1290 issue above tiger’s head inside the inner circle
1291 issue above tiger’s head inside the inner circle
1292 issue above tiger’s head inside the inner circle
1293-1295 issues between inner and outer circles below tiger’s head.

The following transliterated inscription (phrase A in Appendix B with mahsul added) is placed in varying positions around the tiger’s head in the outer circles in clockwise direction :

Māhsul Chāpārkhānah-i Dar us-Saltanah-I Kābul

Translated, the above means “Postage of the Post Office of the Capital of the Kingdom of Kabul”. This has also been translated as “Fee of the Messenger Service of the Royal House of Kabul”. “Mahsul” is a troublesome word to translate. It can be translated as fee, tax, product, probably there are others.

- Although the designs are all basically circular, the 1288 and 1289 stamps and the first 1290 plate have four more or less elaborate ornaments spaced equidistantly around the circumference giving the effect of a square design. Beginning with the 1290 plates (the 60 cliche one shahi), there is a progressive simplification of the design, one of the 1295 shahi plates shows a design consisting of the barest essentials, hence it is called the “skeleton” issue. Boggs suggested that these changes were due to efforts to increase production at no increase in costs and to supply more stamps more quickly.

The “Tiger Head” – The Lion Head – Postal Rates

Since there are no known documents, postal regulations or legislative acts concerning this matter, postal rates have to be deduced from a study of the Afghan and Indian stamps on covers and a possible correlation between Afghan and Indian postal rates. For reference purposes, it would be useful to point out the following weight relationships

Afghan	1.0 misqal = 4.56 gm = 0.395 tola = 0.1184 oz
Indian	0.5 tola = 6.88 gm = 0.21 oz = 1.25 misqals
English	0.25 oz £ = 7.09 gm = 0.60 tola = 1.54 nusqaks

Since mail going from Afghanistan to India was charged Indian postal rates for delivery in India, it would also be useful to cite those rates for two periods :

1852-69

up to 0.25 tola half anna
up to 0.5 tola one anna

1869-98

up to 0.5 tola half anna
up to 1.0 tola one anna
each additional tola or fraction would be 1 anna



Based on the above, it can be said that :

1. Just prior to the first Afghan stamps, the Indian Post Offices was using very small units, as small as one tenth ounce for weighing mail.
2. Indian postal rates were substantially lowered between the two periods.
3. The more useful correlational rates for our purposes are those of the 1869-1898 period.

If the proper Indian postal rates were not prepaid on Afghan mail for delivery in India, a double rate was collected as postage due, e.g. one anna for a half anna item.

As part of our analytical process, we might assume that the Afghans would look toward India for guidance or hints as to what rates to charge, and that they would use their lowest denominated stamp for the same distance and weight.

Winthrop Boggs suggested in his article in *The Collector's Club* (1971) that based on his research there was one basic rate of one abasi (4 shahi) for one mis+qal from 1871 to 1920 except that during the first part of Sher Ali's reign it was 1 shahi for .25 misqal for a letter between any two post offices, i.e. between Kabul and Tashkurghan, Kabul and Peshawar. It would take two shahi for a .25 misqal letter from Tashkurghan to Peshawar. He believed this rate was lowered around 1876 to one shahi for .25 misqal between Peshawar and Tashkurghan.

On the other hand, Horst Dietrich based on his research concluded that there was one rate during the Sher Ali period, 1871-78 : one shahi for one misqal for a letter sent between two post offices, e.g. Tashkurghan and Kabul, Peshawar and Kabul. Based on this rate it would cost two shahi to send the same letter from Tashkurghan to Peshawar. He maintains that there is no

evidence that a post office existed in Jalalabad prior to 1293 (1876-77) ; even after a post office was created in Jalalabad it did not affect this postal rate.

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1871-1878 SHER ALI KHAN PERIOD
1288 (1871-72) TIGER'S HEAD ISSUE
STAMPS

10083	(*)	39	Plate A: Shahi (1), (6) & (11) unused, defects, very rare	300
10084	(*)	39	Plate A: Shahi (4) unused, very fine & very rare	400
10085	(*)	39	Plate A: Shahi (5) unused, thins, very rare	300
10086	(*)	39	Plate A: Shahi (10) unused, thins, very rare	300
10087	(*)	39	Plate A: Shahi (13) unused, thins, very rare	300
10088	(*)	39	Plate A: Shahi (14) unused, superb & very rare	500
10089	△ ⊙	39	Plate A: Complete used reconstruction of 15 Shahi values, with vertical pair (1, 4) & horizontal pair (5, 6), nine examples without bite , some usual faults, generally v.fine & a rare reconstruction in this quality	600
10090	(*)	39	Plate B: Sanar unused vertical strip of five , crease & paper adherence, v.fine for this very rare multiple of plate B	800
10091	(*)	39	Plate B: Shahi (3) unused, fine & rare	300
10092	(*)	39	Plate B: Shahi (4, 6, 12) unused, thins & faults, rare	500
10093	△ ⊙	41	Plate B: Complete used reconstruction of 10 Shahi & 5 Sanar values, approx. nine examples without bite, some usual faults, generally fine & rare in this complete form	400
10094	(*)	41	Plate C: Complete unused reconstruction of 5 Abasi, 5 Sanar & 5 Shahi values, with vertical strips of five of the Abasi & Sanar values, reconstructed vertical strip of four of the Shahi value & one single, usual faults, generally v.fine & a rare unused reconstruction	1'000



10095	⊙		Plate C: Abasi (1), Sanar (2) & Shahi (3) mixed values in used horizontal strip of three , extremely rare as the Afghan Post Office cut the sheets into vertical strips, hence horizontal multiple are very unusual, an important rarity	1'500
10096	⊙	41	Plate C: Complete used reconstruction of 5 Abasi, 5 Sanar & 5 Shahi values, with vertical pairs (1, 4) & (3, 6), twelve examples without bite , some usual faults, generally v.fine & rare reconstruction in this quality	400



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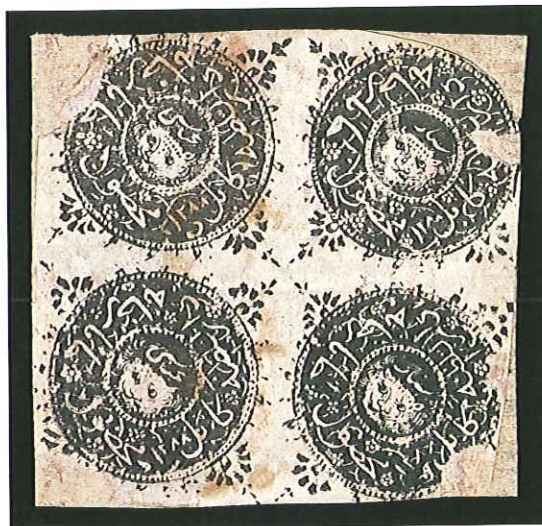
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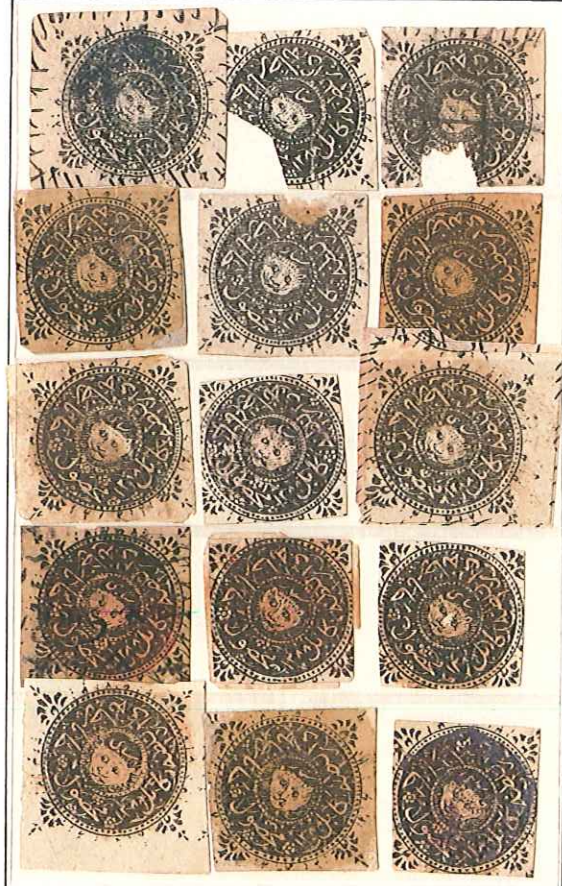


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1288 (1871-72) TIGER'S HEAD ISSUE

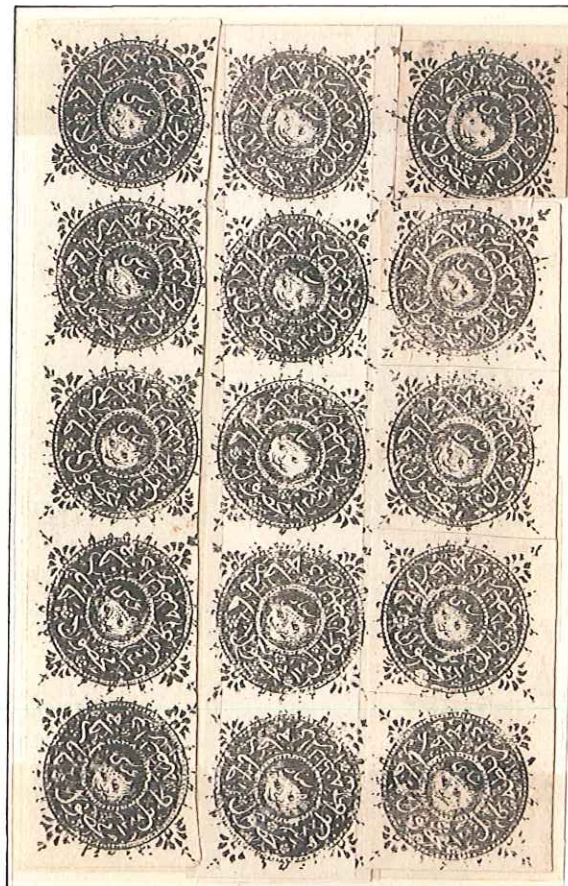


10097	⊙		Plate C: Abasi (10, 13) & Sanar (11, 14) mixed values in a used block of four , extremely rare as the Afghan Post Office cut the sheets into vertical strips, hence horizontal multiples are very unusual, an important rarity	2'000
10098	(*)	39	Plate D: Abasi unused vertical strip of five , fine & scarce	400
10099	⊙	43	Plate D: Shahi (6) unused, thins, very rare	300
10100	(*)	43	Plate D: Sanar (8) & Shahi (12) unused, some defects, very rare	300
10101	⊙	41	Plate D: Complete used reconstruction of 5 Abasi, 5 Sanar & 5 Shahi values, with vertical pair (1, 4), (8, 11) & (10, 13), eleven examples without bite , some usual faults, generally fine & rare in this complete form	400
10102	⊙	39	Attractive balance group of 13 used pairs in all three values & from all four plates, plus single, two singles on covers, strip of three used & fragment with a single & a pairs, a fine & scarce assembly	1'500
COVERS				
10103	✉	43	Plate A: Shahi (2, 5) vertical pair on large part cover, fine	300
10104	✉	43	Plate A: Shahi (3, 6) large margin pair, with usual bite & tied pen cross on undated cover Tashkurghan to Peshawar, v.fine	400
10105	✉	43	Plate A: Shahi (4) on 1871 cover from Kabul to Bhera, lightly tied BHERA/JU.22.71 cds in black & JHELUM/JU.21.71 cds in red, plus scarce triangular due mkg alongside, fine	300



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3. 1 Abasi 2. 1 Senar 1. 1 Schahi

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3. 1 Abasi 2. 1 Senar 1. 1 Schahi

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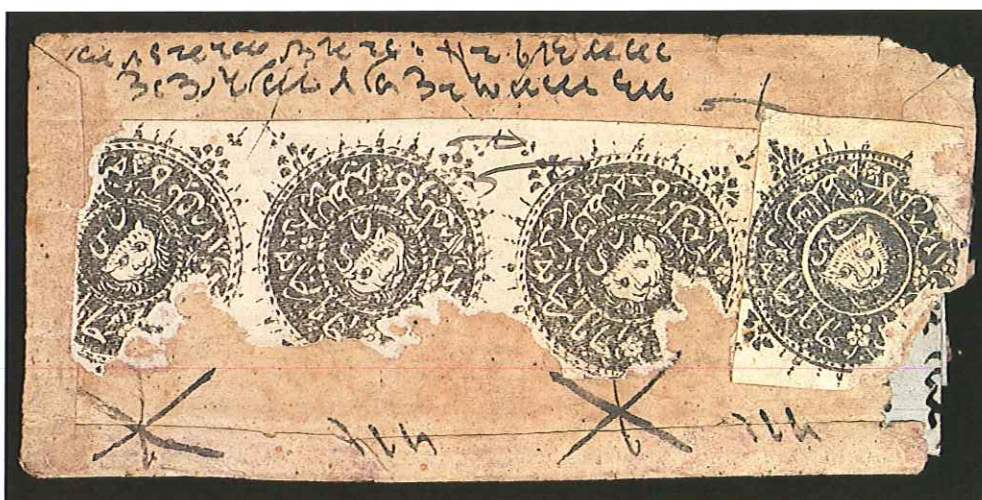
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1288 (1871-72) TIGER'S HEAD ISSUE



- 10106** (✉) Plate A: Shahi (4, 5, 6) horizontal strip of three & Shahi (7) with India 1/2a pair on 1872 cover front, with Nowshera & Khanpore cds alongside, **rare quadruple rate** & an extremely rare usage of the horizontal strip **1'500**
- 10107** ✉ 43 Plate A: Shahi (6, 9) vertical pair with good margins on cover, fine **300**



- 10108** ✉ Plate A: Shahi (7, 10, 13) **vertical strip of three** & Plate C Shahi (5) on cover from Tushkurghan to Kabul, plus complete contents, paying the rare quadruple rate **1'000**
- 10109** ✉ 45 Plate A: Shahi (7, 10) vertical pair & India 1/2a used on cover from Makhud via Peshawar to Tashkurghan, fine **600**
- 10110** ✉ 45 Plate A: Shahi (10) cut round single without bite on 1871 cover Kabul to Amritsar, transit & arrival mkgs alongside, fine **300**
- 10111** ✉ 45 Plate A: Shahi (14) large margins single & India 1/2a on cover from Nowshera to Kabul, fine **400**
- 10112** ✉ 45 Plate A: Shahi (15) single cut round on cover to Tashkurghan, sender placed a hopeful annotation "urgent urgent urgent" but has no postal significance, fine & unusual **300**



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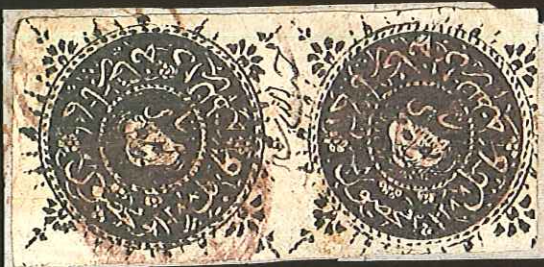
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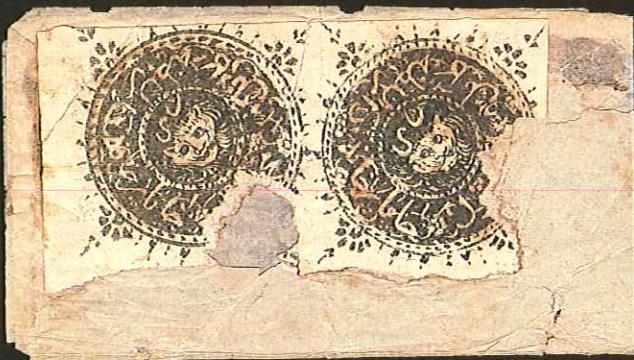
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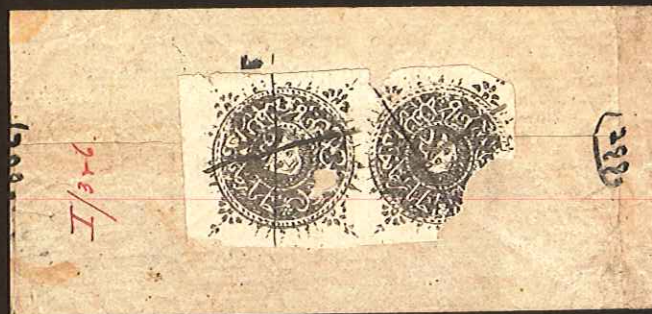
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1288 (1871-72) TIGER'S HEAD ISSUE

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| 10113 | ☒ | 45 | Plate B: Shahi (3, 6) top right vertical sheet marginal pair with usual bite, on cover to Cholm, plus original contents, extremely fine | 500 |
| 10114 | ☒ | 45 | Plate B: Sanar (8, 11) vertical pair with good margins & usual bite, on cover to Cholm, plus original contents, fine | 400 |
| 10115 | ☒ | 45 | Plate B: Shahi (10, 13) vertical pair with good to large margins & usual bite, on cover Tashkurghan to Kabul, v.fine | 400 |
| 10116 | ☒ | 45 | Plate B: Shahi (12, 15) vertical pair with touched to large margins & pen cancelled without bite, on 1873 (16.9) cover to Kabul, v.fine cover showing stamps without bite | 500 |



- 10117** ☒ **The Famous Eight Abasi Cover**

6'000

Plate C: Abasi (4, 7, 10, 13) vertical strip of four, (1, 4, 7) vertical strip of three & (1) single, all on undated cover from Tashkurghan to Peshawar, a stunning showpiece paying 8 Abasi (32 Shahi) rate, possibly a registered usage, **the largest known franking of the first issue**. One of the most important covers of Afghanistan



- 10118** ☒ **The Famous Seven Abasi Cover**

4'000

Plate C: Abasi (1) single, vertical pair (10, 13) & vertical strip of four (4, 7, 10, 13), tied by unclear red cancels without bite, all on undated cover from Peshawar to Cholm, a stunning showpiece paying 7 Abasi (28 Shahi) rate, **the second largest known franking of the first issue**.

One of the most important covers of Afghanistan



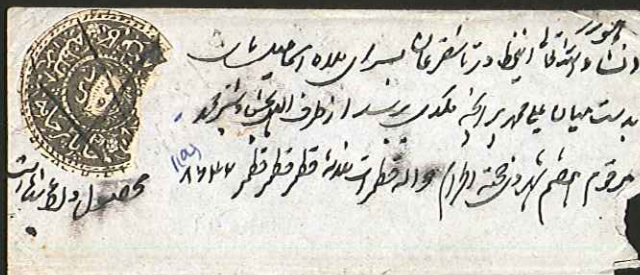
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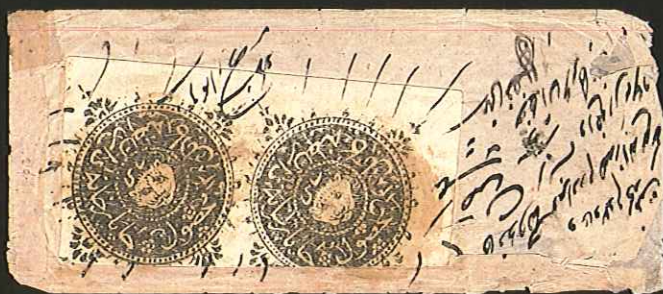
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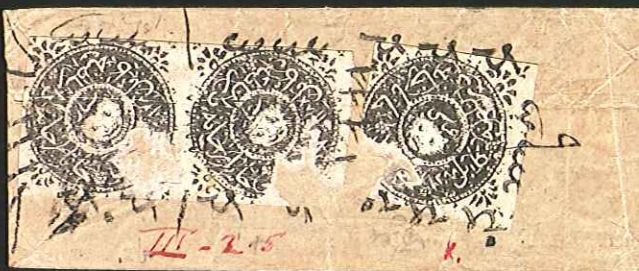
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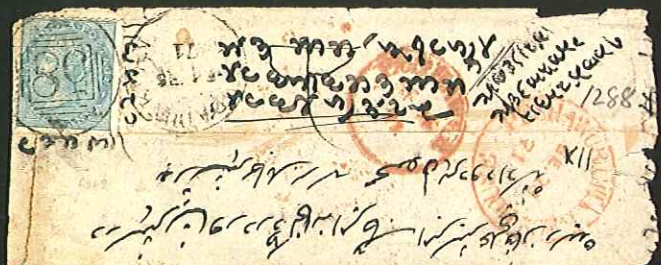
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| 10119 | ✉ | 45 | Plate C: Abasi (1) & Sanar vertical pair (2, 5) with bite & unusual pen cancels, on cover Tashkurghan to Peshawar, fine & a scarce franking | 500 |
| 10120 | ✉ | 45 | Plate C: Abasi (4) & Sanar vertical pair (5, 8) all with large margins & usual bite, on cover to Cholm, somewhat tatty but a scarce franking | 500 |



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| 10121 | ✉ | | Plate C: Sanar (5) with India 1/2a pair on 1874 cover from Peshawar to Tashkurghan | 300 |
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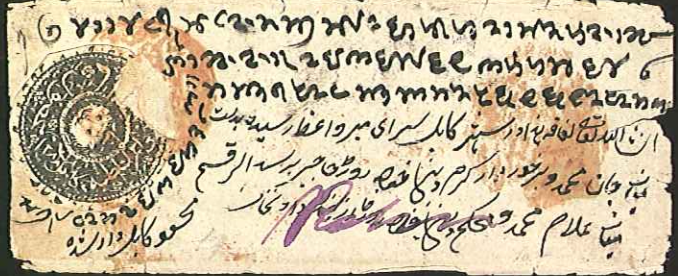
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| 10122 | ✉ | | Plate C: Shahi (6) large margins showing portions of adjoining stamp & India 1/2a on 1873 cover from Nowshera to Peshawar, v.fine | 500 |
| 10123 | ✉ | 47 | Plate C: Sanar (8) single cut round with usual bite, plus India 1/2a tied scarce PIND DADAN KHAN/23.2.1871 duplex showing scarce usage of the year slug, on opened out cover Pind Dadan Khan via Peshawar to Cholm, fine & the earliest usage of Plate C on February 1, 1871, cert. Dietrich | 600 |
| 10124 | ✉ | 47 | Plate C: Shahi (12, 15) vertical pair with large margins on undated cover from Peshawar to Cholm, fine | 400 |
| 10125 | ✉ | 47 | Plate D: Abasi (1, 4) & Shahi (6, 9) both in vertical pairs, one pair with bite & one without which is cancelled by faint red pmk, on cover Peshawar to Cholm, scarce franking paying 10 Shahi rate | 700 |
| 10126 | ✉ | 47 | Plate D: Sanar (2, 5) vertical pair with good margins & usual bite, on cover Cholm to Peshawar, v.fine 4 shahi franking | 400 |



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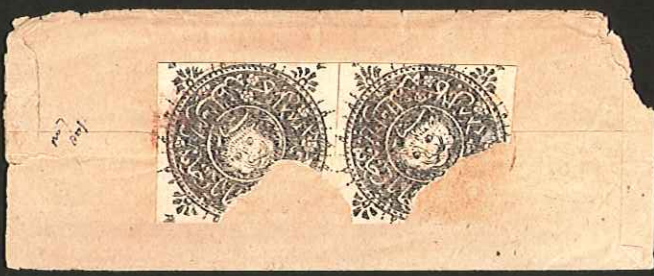
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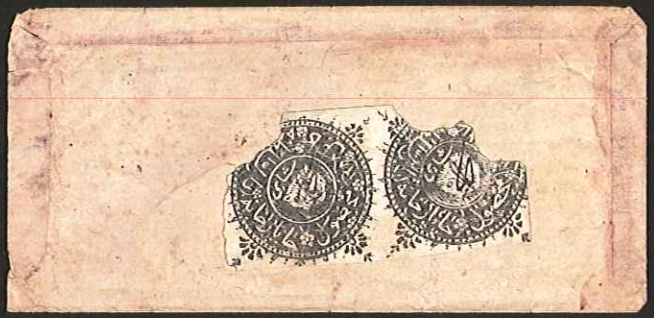
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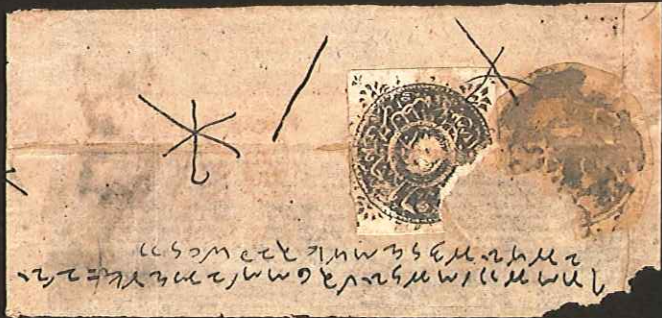
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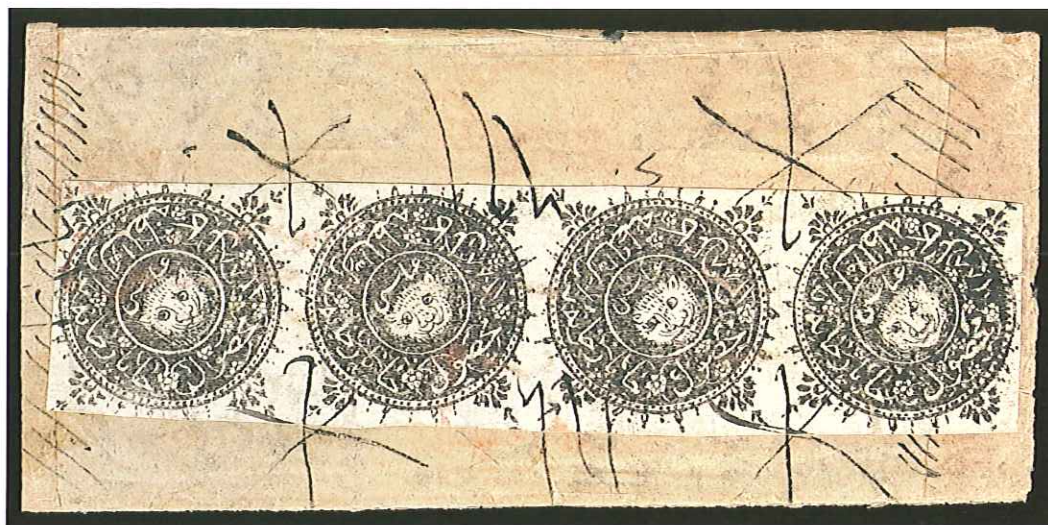


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1288 (1871-72) TIGER'S HEAD ISSUE



- 10127** Plate D: Abasi (4, 7, 10, 13) vertical strip of four with large even margins & pen cancels only, on cover Peshawar to Cholm, plus original contents. **4'000**

A stunning showpiece & one of the finest first issue covers known

- 10128** 47 Plate D: Sanar (5, 8) vertical pair with usual bite, on cover Peshawar to Cholm, fine **300**

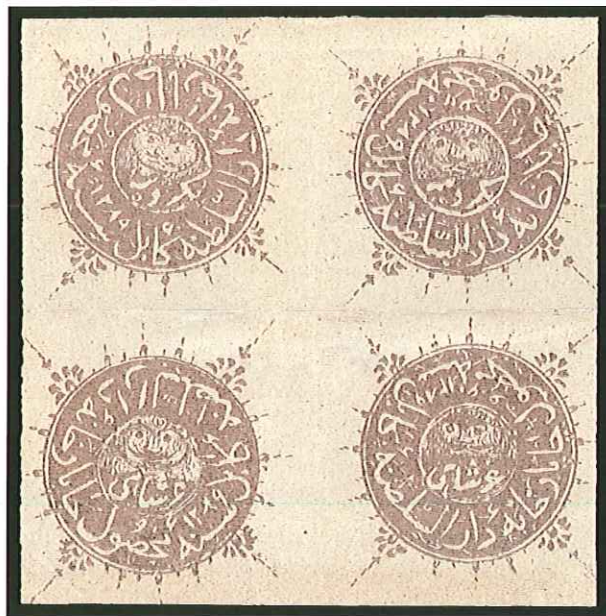


- 10129** Plate D: Shahi (6, 9, 12, 15) **vertical strip of four** with good margins & usual bites, on cover to Kabul, plus original contents, fine and scarce usage in a strip of four 1 Shahi stamps as the normal rate would have been 1 Abasi. **1'500**

Showpiece

- 10130** 47 Plate D: Sanar (11, 14) vertical pair with red cancel only & unusually no bite, on cover from Peshawar to Tashkurghan, fine **400**

- 10131** 47 Plate D: Shahi (12, 15) vertical pair with usual bite, on cover Tashkurghan to Kabul, fine **300**

1289 (1872-73) TIGER'S HEAD ISSUE**SIX SHAHI****10132** (*)**The Famous Ferrary Sheet****8'000**

A unused reconstructed sheet of four, comprising 1 rupa horizontal pair (1, 2) and 6 Shahi (3, 4) horizontal pair, both with very large even margins, both in a similar shade of mauve, some usual small faults including faint staining, light creases, thin spots mainly clear of the designs.

An outstanding showpiece of the greatest rarity

Provenance: Ferrary 1923, lot 32 & 36
Hopkins 1988, lot 3413

Note: The 6 shahi is the only pair existing in private hands as the other pair is in the Tapling collection, there exists five pairs of the 1 Rupa in private hands & one in the Tapling collection

SIX SHAHI



10133



(3), lilac shade, used with singles & pair of 1871-72 Plate C 1 Abasi (1, 10, 13), on cover to Cholm, all with bite cancels & 6 Shahi with addition cancel by black daub.

3'000

An outstanding combination & possibly unique, showpiece



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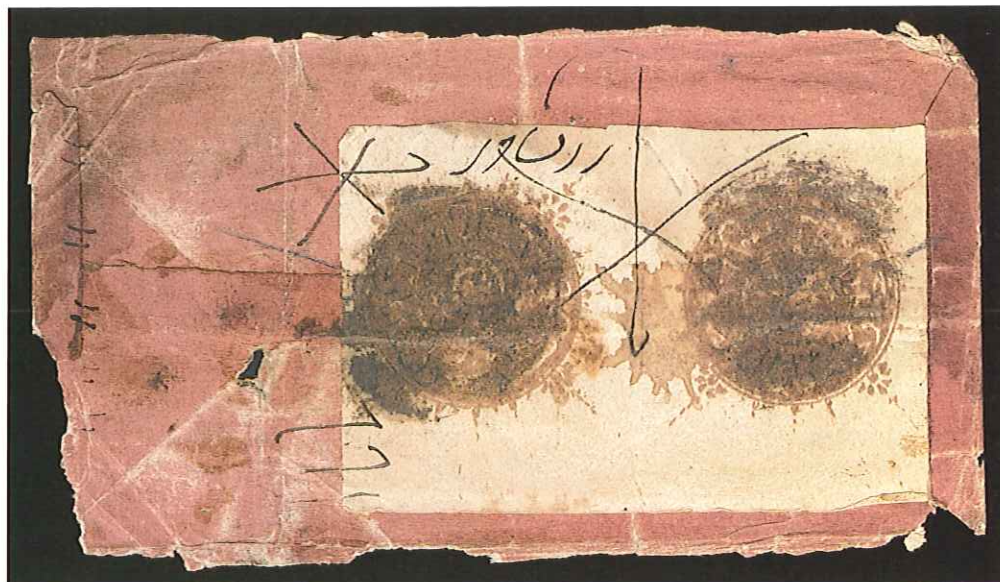


(3), mauve with good even margins, cancelled superb clear negative of Peshawar in black, on reverse of cover "To Khulm to the Serai of Mellah Ismail to be delivered to Mullah Farid Moher-on-din paranjeh and from there to Bokhara Postage paid from Mian Mohammad Amin and Mian Abdul Hamid Sahaf", an exceptional item of great rarity

3'000

Provenance: Hopkins 1988, lot 3418

SIX SHAHI



10135	(☒)		(3, 4), mauve horizontal pair with large to huge margins without bite , used on reverse side of cover, cancelled with oily brown daub made from mud & rifle oil which was perfectly normal for this issue, plus pen cancels with "Peshawar" in native script alongside, position 4 has a small hole.	4'000
An extremely fine showpiece & of the greatest rarity, believed to be the only known used pair				
Provenance: Hopkins 1988, lot 3419				
10136	(☒)	47	(3), lilac shade, used with 1871-72 Plate C 1 Shahi (6) & 1873-74 1 Shahi (2), on cover front, all with bite cancels & 6 Shahi with additional cancel by black daub, an outstanding combination of three issues	1'000
10137	(☒)	47	(3), cut round single, in combination 1871-72 Plate C 1 Sanar, both with bite & pen cancels, on reverse of cover, an extremely rare usage	1'000
10138	△ ◎	53	(3, 4) lilac shades, both positions used with Peshawar negative seals, some defects, scarce	400
10139	△	53	(4), lilac shade, large to huge margins, cancelled indistinct heavy pmk on part cover, some defects, v.fine for this	600
10140	◎	53	(4), lilac shade, good to large even margins, cancelled Peshawar negative, v.fine for this	500
10141	◎	53	(4), lilac shade, large to very large margins, indistinct cancel, some thins & creases, v.fine for this	500
10142	◎	53	(4), lilac shade, touched to good margins, cancelled with clear Peshawar negative, some thins, fine for this	500
ONE RUPEE				
10143	◎	53	(2), reddish purple shade, close to good margins, cancelled, extremely fine for this, plus (1) defective	800

1290 (1873-74) TIGER'S HEAD ISSUE, PLATE A WITH OUTER ORNAMENTS

STAMPS

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| 10144 | (*) | 53 | Shahi three complete unused sheets Plate A I, A II & A III (3 x 5), each showing different retouches, some faults & toning, fine for this & a scarce lot for the student (45) | 1'000 |
| 10145 | (*) | 55 | Shahi complete unused sheet of 15 (3 x 5) on Pro Bono Publico wmk paper, with later state of impression showing weaker retouched ornament position (6), fine & fresh | 600 |
| 10146 | (*) | 55 | Shahi complete unused sheet of 15 (3 x 5) on Leschallas wmk paper, showing an early state of the retouched position (6), fine & fresh | 600 |
| 10147 | (*) | 53 | Shahi (5, 6) two unused pairs with good margins, showing "ornament missing" & "ornament roughly restored", plus (10) single unused, fine & scarce | 500 |
| 10148 | (*)
△ | 53 | Shahi (6) unused single (sl. thinning) & used single on fragment both showing "ornament missing" plate flaw, scarce | 400 |

COVERS

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| 10149 | ☒ | 53 | Shahi (1, 4) vertical pair good margins, usual bites, on cover to Cholm, cvr faults, fine | 300 |
| 10150 | ☒ | 55 | Shahi (3, 6) vertical pair, good margins, (9, 12) cut round singles, usual bites, on cover Kabul to Bhera, in combination with India 1/2a, cvr faults, scarce | 800 |



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| 10151 | ☒ | | Shahi (4, 7, 10, 13), vertical strip of four, all with bite, on cover Tashkurghan via Kabul & Peshawar to Nowshera.
A stunning franking paying the 4 Shahi (2 Sanar) double rate, the cover should have had India 1/2a applied, but proof of entry in to India is the Nowshera arrival. A great showpiece ! | 1'500 |
| 10152 | ☒
(☒) | 55 | Shahi (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (10) & (13), used as three singles, pair, strip of three & single, on five covers & one cover front, four in combination with India 1/2a blue, a scarce group (6 items) | 2'000 |



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| 10153 | ☒ | | Shahi (6) two used singles & two singles on covers, all with bites, showing one of each "ornament missing" & "ornament roughly restored", fine & a very rare group.

The cover with the single showing "ornament missing" is a rarity & possibly unique | 2'000 |
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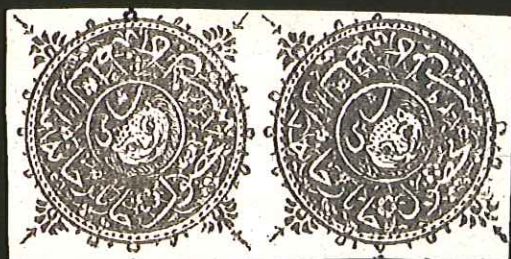
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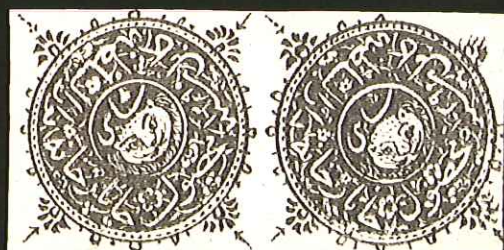
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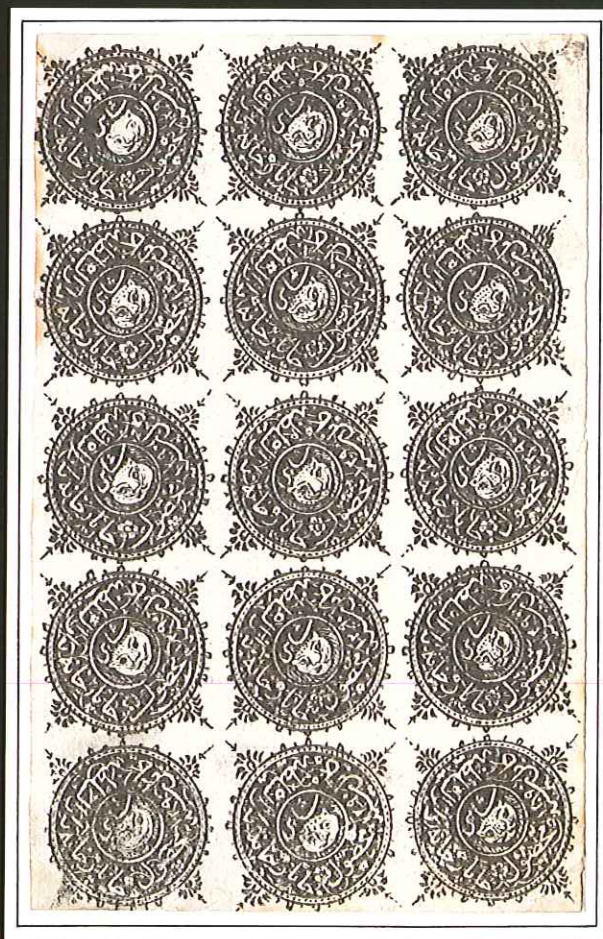
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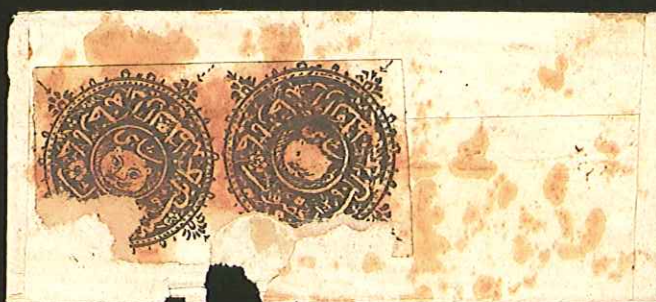
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10149

1290 (1873-74) TIGER'S HEAD ISSUE, PLATE A WITH OUTER ORNAMENTS

10154 ☒ 55 Shahi (13), good to large margins, on 1/2a stationery envelope from Rawalpindi via Peshawar to Kabul, with Afghan adhesive applied on arrival, fine & rare incoming usage **500**

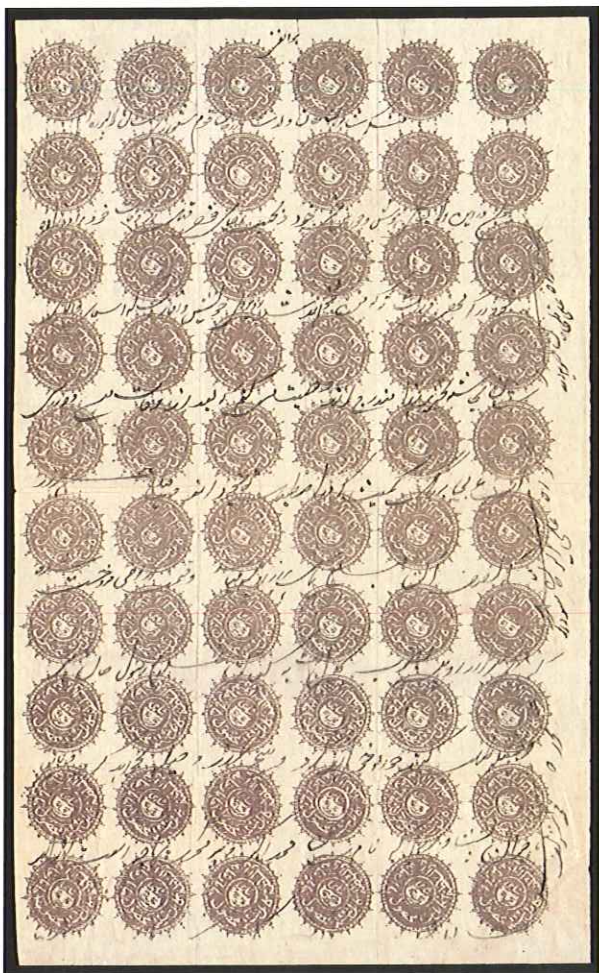
10155 (☒) 55 Triple Combination: Reverse side of cover from Kashmir to Peshawar, franked Kashmir 1867 1/2a blue, India 1873 1/2a blue & Shahi (2) cut square with bite, all tied by CASHMERE/325 duplex, with Rawalpindie and Peshawar transit & arrival mks alongside, fine. **2'000**

An extremely rare combination

1290 (1873-74) TIGER'S HEAD ISSUE, PLATE B WITHOUT OUTER ORNAMENTS

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10156 (*) 57 Shahi (28), unused good to large margin single, plus three used, one with part manuscript at top & two with bites, plus single cut round on forged cover, a rare group **2'000**

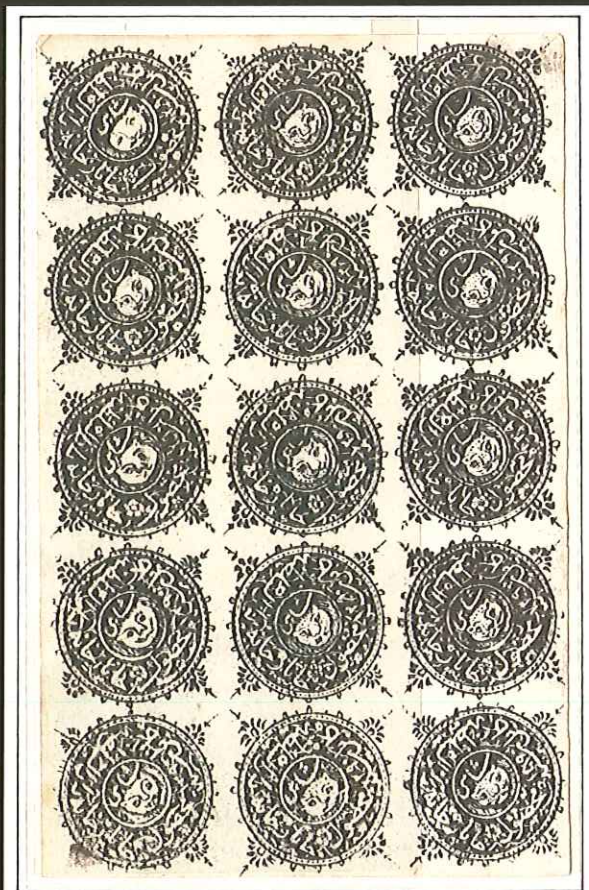


10157 (*) The Famous Ferrary Sheet of Sixty **15'000 - 20'000**

Shahi complete unused **sheet of sixty** of the rare unissued value. The sheet was used at the time as paper to record "a last will & testament". Usual thins, creases & minor defects, perfectly acceptable for this unique sheet

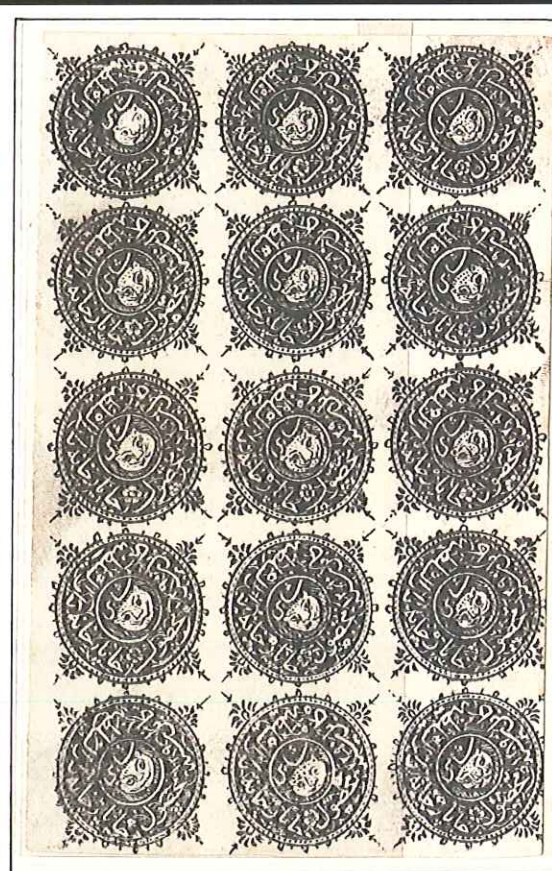
Provenance: Ferrary 1923, lot 42, sold for 5'500 gold francs

(Note: a similar sheet of 50 only is in the Tapling collection)



6 1 Schahi
Wasserzeichen: 16 Linien auf 2 cm
gestäubt 27 mm

10145



6 1 Schahi
Wasserzeichen: 15 Linien auf 2 cm
gestäubt 26 mm
LESCHALLAS

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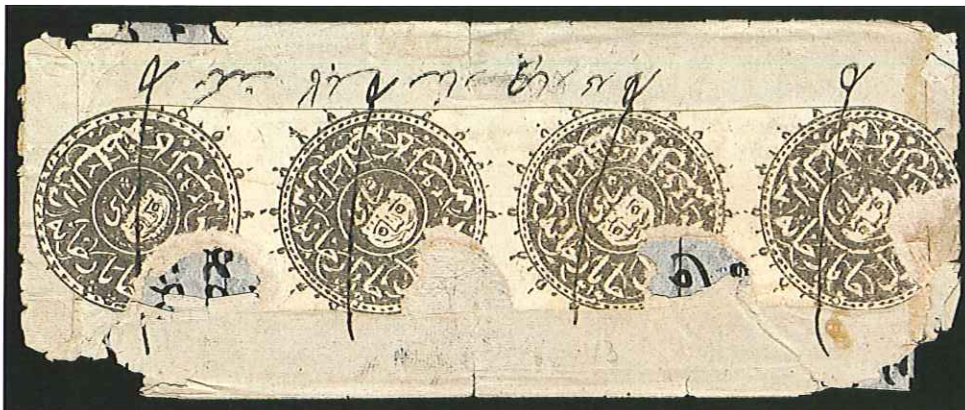
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- 10158** (*) 57 Shahi, three complete unused sheets of sixty, two on white paper with different paper wmk's & one on yellow paper, a v.fine & valuable lot of sheets **2'000**
- 10159** (*) F Specialised study of the complete unused sheets of sixty: Attractive group of seven complete sheets showing different wmk's, one sheet from the retouched stone & forged sheet, a fine & scarce assembly (420) **800**

COVERS

- 10160** ☒ 57 Shahi, vertical pair with bite, tied on reverse of 1/2a envelope with additional 1/2a applied also on reverse, from Peshawar to Kabul, showing a fine array of transit & arrival bs, attractive & scarce **500**
- 10161** ☒ 57 Shahi (21) on 1873 cover with India 1/2a Kabul via Peshawar to Amritsar, (50) single on cover Kabul to Phugwara with boxed Postage Due hs, two covers to Cholm each franked pairs (5, 11) & (53, 59), plus two unused singles in both white & yellow paper, a fine & scarce group (5) **1'200**
- 10162** ☒ 57 Shahi (27) on cover with India 1/2a Kabul to Phugwara, (41) single on 1874 cover Kabul to Amritsar, three covers to Cholm each franked pairs (35, 36), (49, 55) & (53, 59), a fine & scarce group (5) **1'500**



- 10163** ☒ Shahi (33, 39, 45, 51) **vertical strip of four**, cut round, on reverse of cover from Kabul to Tashkurghan, all with bite & pen cancel, cvr somewhat tatty with contents, a rare franking paying the 1 Abasi rate **1'000**

1291 (1874-75) TIGER'S HEAD ISSUE

STAMPS

- 10164** (*) 57 A complete unused reconstruction of 15 comprising Abasi, 1/2 rupee & 1 rupee, two vertical strips of four & one of five, plus a horizontal pair, some creases & minor faults, fine for these & rare **1'000**

COVERS

- 10165** ☒ 57 1/2 rupee (4) used in combination with 1873-74 without ornaments Shahi vertical pair (54, 60), each with bite & red blur cancels, on cover to Cholm, plus contents, fine and a scarce franking **800**
- 10166** ☒ 57 1/2 rupee (7) used in combination with 1871-72 Sanar (11) on cover, plus two singles on separate covers (7) & (13), all to Cholm & each with bite & red blur cancels, cvr faults, fine and scarce group (3) **700**



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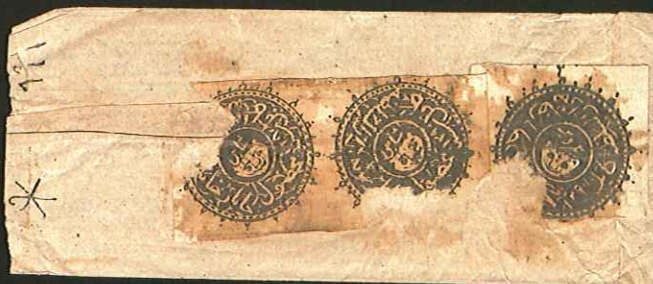
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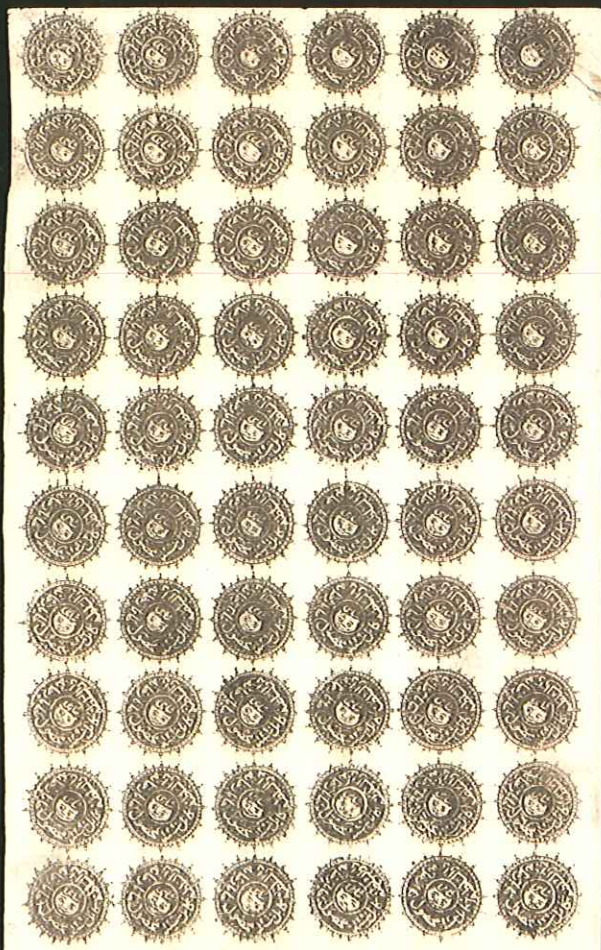
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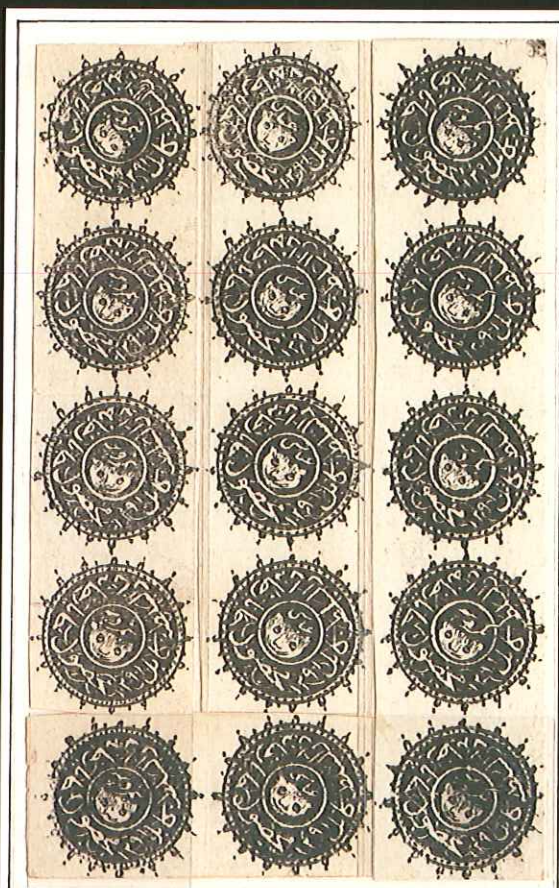
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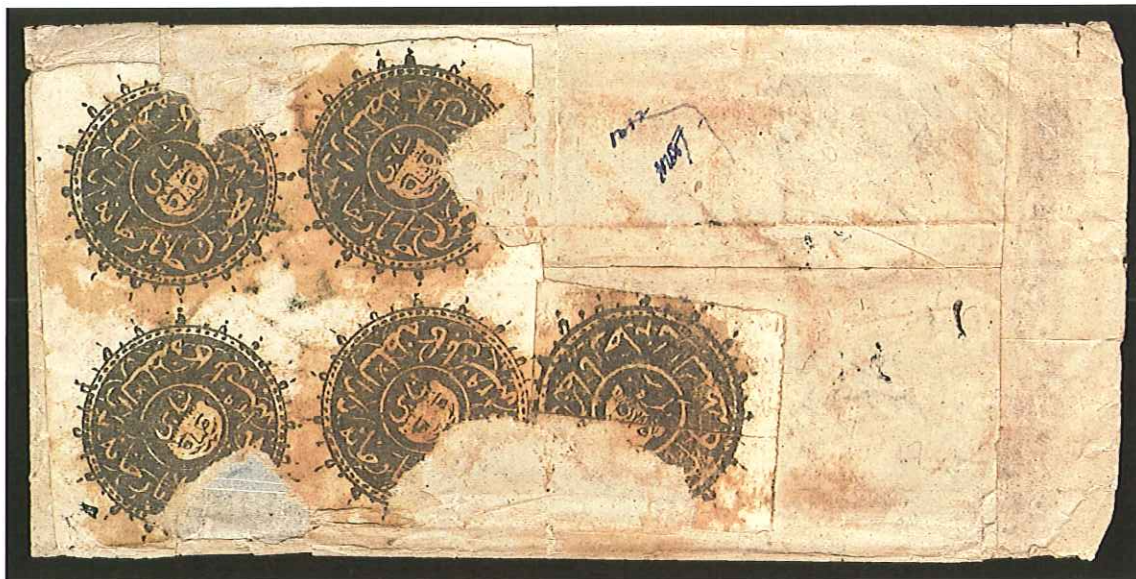
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10. $\frac{1}{2}$ Rupie 9. 1 Abasi 11. 1 Rupie

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1291 (1874-75) TIGER'S HEAD ISSUE



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| 10167 | ✉ | 1/2 rupee (15) used in combination with 1873-74 without ornaments Shahi block of four (4, 5, 10, 11), each with bite & red blur cancels, on cover Peshawar to Cholm, plus contents, cvr faults, fine and possibly unique, an exceptional showpiece | 1'500 |
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1292 (1875-76) TIGER'S HEAD ISSUE

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| 10168 | (*) | 59 A complete unused reconstructed sheet of 15 comprising Abasi strip of five & Sanar block of ten with wide circle (15) touched at bottom, plus a horizontal pair, fine to v.fine, a rare & valuable sheet | 3'000 |
| 10169 | ✉ | 59 Sanar (6) cut square single on cover Peshawar via Rawulpindee, Jhelum, to Shapore, cvr faults, fine & scarce usage of this rare stamp | 800 |
| 10170 | ✉ | 59 Sanar (6) cut round single on cover Kabul to Peshawar, fine & scarce usage of this rare stamp | 800 |
| 10171 | ✉ | 59 Revenue: Document bearing 1875-76 revenue in black cut round & not cancelled & India 3a brown tied by embossed seal, unusual & scarce | 300 |

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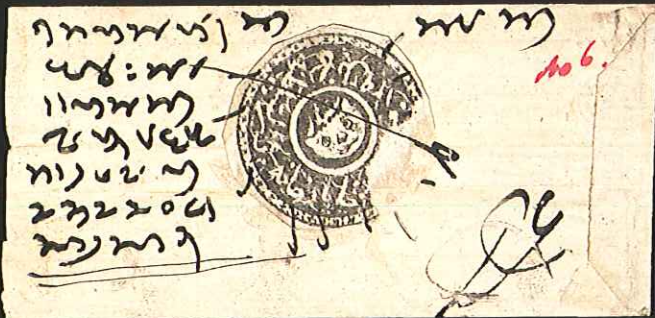
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| 10172 | (*) | 59 A complete unused reconstructed sheet of 15 of greyish shades, comprising Abasi strip of five & Sanar block of ten with wide circle (15) with good to large margins, fine to v.fine, a rare & valuable sheet | 800 |
| 10173 | ✉ | 59 Sanar (6) & (8) cut round & cut square singles on covers, plus (8) on tatty combination cover with India 1/2a from Bera via Peshawar to Tashkurghan, plus (10, 13) vertical pair on tatty cvr, a scarce lot | 1'200 |
| 10174 | ✉ | 61 Sanar (11, 14) vertical pair, with usual bite on cover from Buchara to Peshawar, fine & scarce | 500 |



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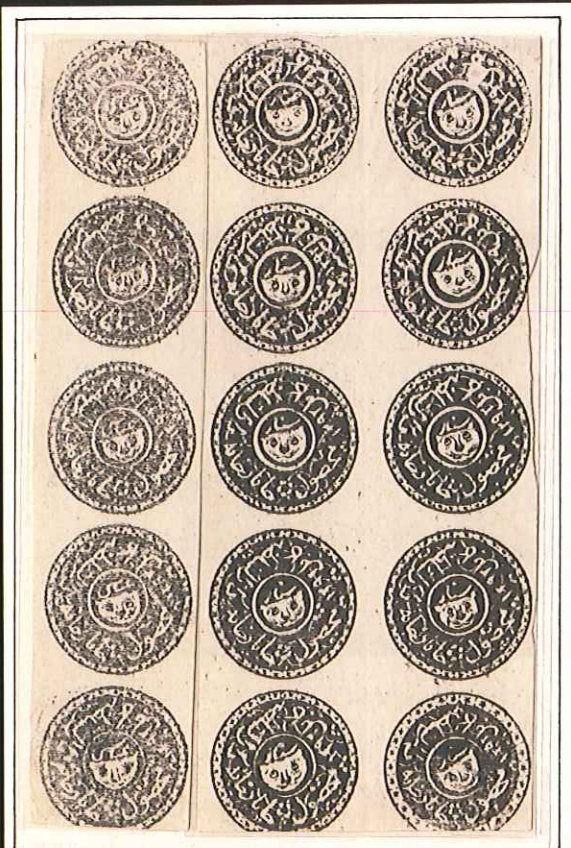
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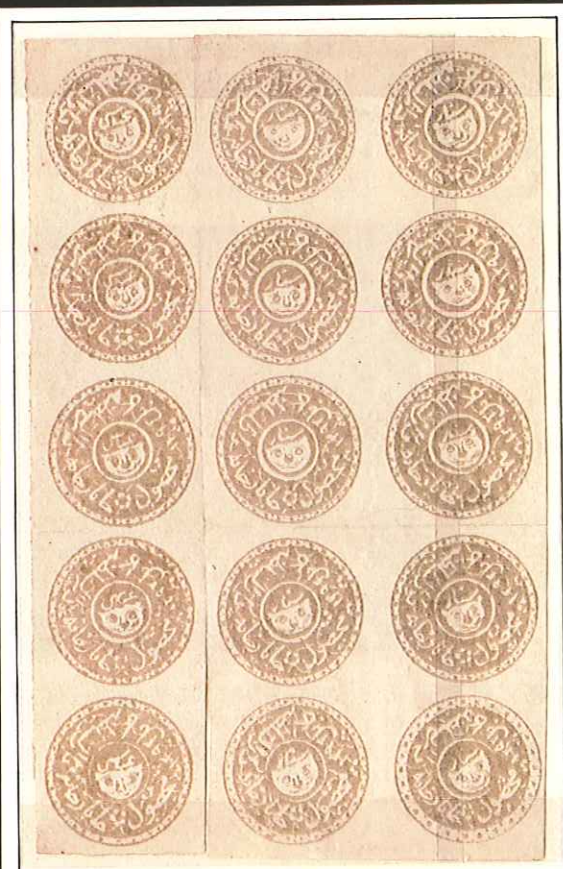


13. 1 Abasi

12. 1 Senar

Wasserzeichen: 15 Linien auf 2 cm.
gestabt 26 mm
UNIVERSAL FOOLSCAP

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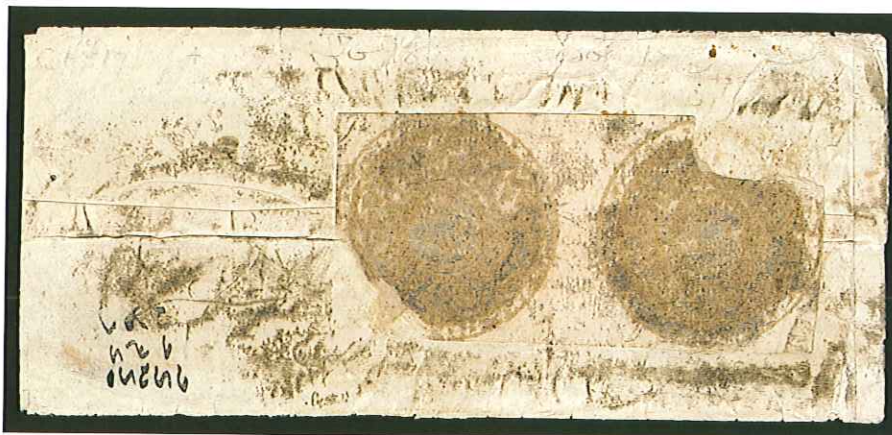


15. 1 Abasi

14. 1 Senar

Wasserzeichen: 13 Linien auf 2 cm
gestabt 27 mm

10172

1292 (1875-76) TIGER'S HEAD ISSUE**10175**

Sanar (14, 15) horizontal pair, (15) showing the rare "wide outer circle" variety, on cover to Cholm & each with bite & black blur cancels, cover includes contents, cvr faults, fine for this unique example of position 15 on cover

2'000

Provenance (somewhat unsure): Jal Cooper

Watts

Charles Jewell

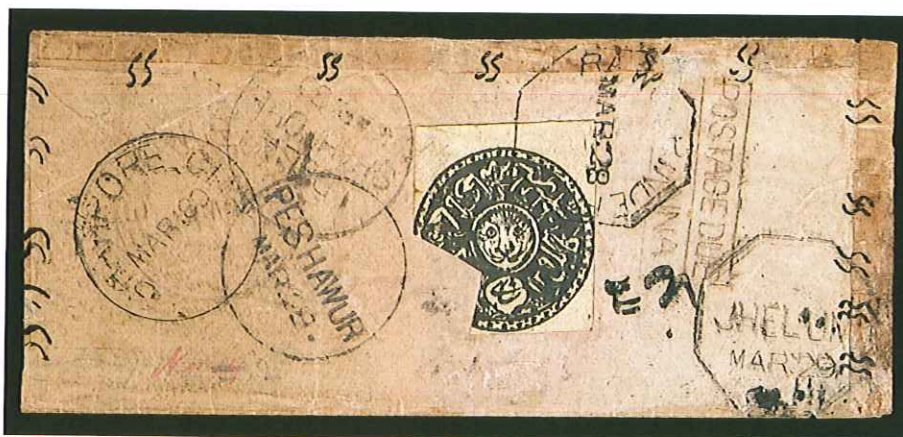
Adrian Hopkins

10176

Used part reconstruction of Sanar in black incl. four singles (4), (6), (11), (13), Sanar in purple incl. ten singles (3), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11), (12), (13), (14) & the rare (15) with "wide outer circle", plus pair (4, 5), a scarce assembly (16)

400**1293 (1876-77) THE "TABLET" ISSUE****PRINTED IN BLACK****10177** 61

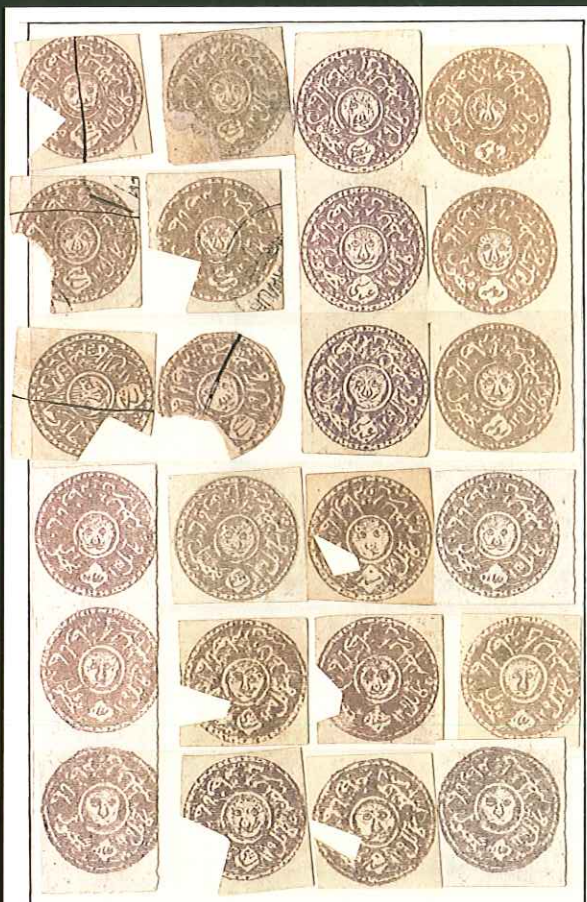
A complete mixed unused & used reconstructed sheet of 24, comprising Shahi ten used singles & one used pair, Sanar three unused singles, Abasi unused & two used, 1/2 rupee unused single & pair, 1 rupee two unused & one used including the rare Rupee in black (SG 29), very fine for this rare issue & exceptional in this reconstructed form

3'000**10178**

Shahi (2), close to large margins, intense shade, cancelled by neat bite & tied by Rawulpinddee octagonal ds, on reverse of neat cover Kabul via Peshawar, Rawulpinddee & Jhelum to Shapore, showing fine array of transit & arrival mks & boxed POSTAGE DUE/ONE ANNA, extremely fine & exceptionally rare.

2'000

Very few covers of the Tablet issue are known



21. 1 Schahi
die oberen 3 Marken
23. 1 Abasi 25. 1 Rupa

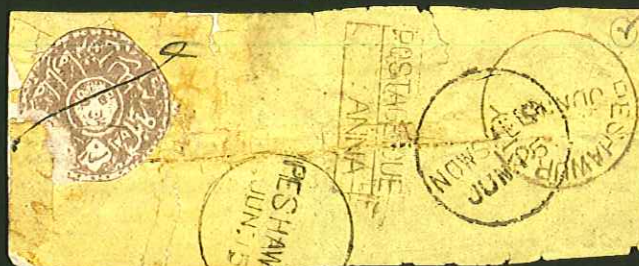
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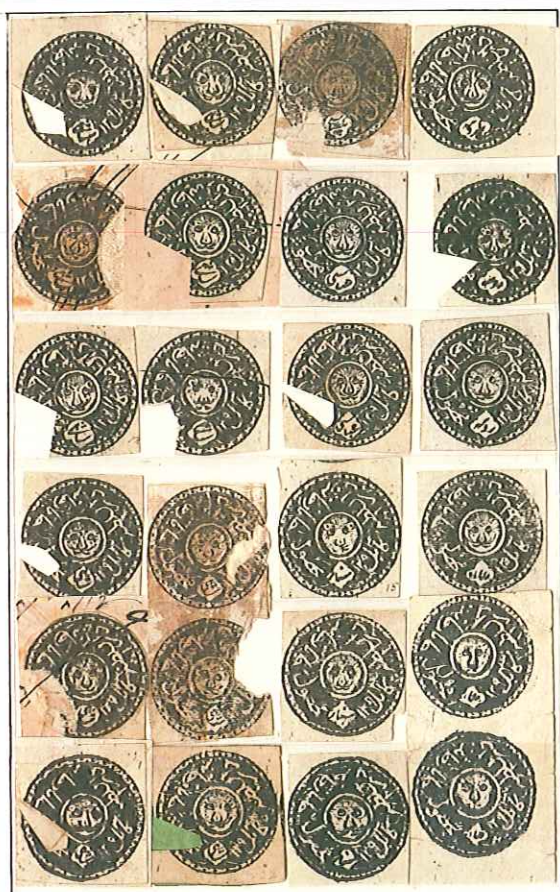
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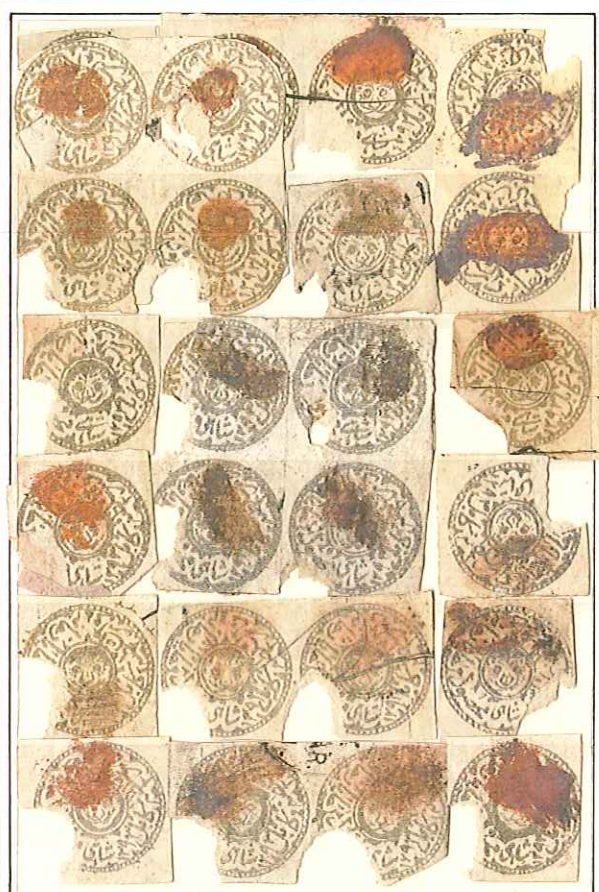


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16. 1 Schahi
die oberen 3 Marken
18. 1 Abasi 20. 1 Rupa

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26. 1 Schahi

10188

1293 (1876-77) THE "TABLET" ISSUE



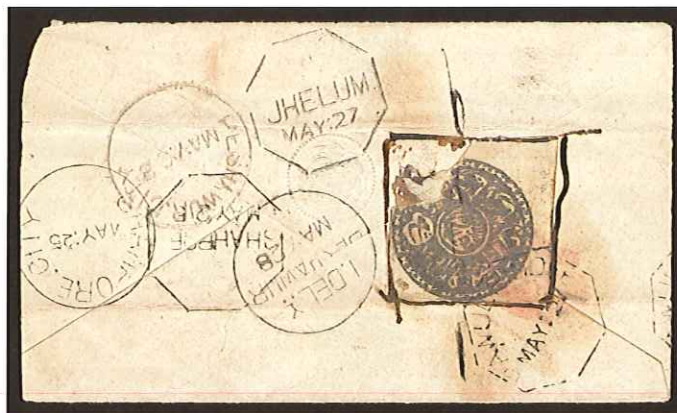
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Shahi (18), cut round, cancelled by bite & tied by pen cancel & Bhera cds, on reverse of neat cover Kabul via Peshawar, Rawulpindee & Jhelum to Bhera, showing fine array of transit & arrival mkgs, fine & exceptionally rare.

1'500

Very few covers of the Tablet issue are known



10180



Shahi (19), touched to large margins, cancelled by bite & tied by Rawulpindee octagonal ds, on reverse of India 1/2a envelope Shapore via Peshawar, Rawulpindee & Jhelum to Kabul, showing fine array of transit & arrival mkgs, cvr faults, fine & exceptionally rare.

1'500

Very few covers of the Tablet issue are known



10181



Sanar (19), touched to good margins, intense shade, cancelled by neat bite & tied by Shapore cds, on reverse of neat cover Kabul via Peshawar, Rawulpindee & Jhelum to Shapore, showing fine array of transit & arrival mks, cvr faults, fine & exceptionally rare.

1'500

Very few covers of the Tablet issue are known

10182



61

Sanar (19), touched to close margins, cancelled by neat bite & red blur cancels, on reverse of cover with contents, Peshawar to Tashkurghan, cvr faults, exceptionally rare.

1'000

Very few covers of the Tablet issue are known

PRINTED IN PURPLE

10183



61

A complete mixed unused & used reconstructed sheet of 24, comprising Shahi eight used singles & unused single & strip of three, Sanar three used singles, Abasi unused vertical strip of three including the rare 1 Abasi purple (SG 34), 1/2 rupee three unused singles, 1 rupee unused vertical strip of three.

3'000

Very fine for this rare issue & exceptional in this reconstructed form



10184



Sanar (15), cut round, cancelled by bite & tied by Rawulpindee cds plus attractive pen cancels, on reverse of cover, in combination with India 1/2a on front also tied by similar pen cancels, Kabul to Rawulpindee, showing array of transit & arrival mks, cvr faults, fine & exceptionally rare.

1'500

Very few covers of the Tablet issue are known

10185



61

Sanar (15), cut round, cancelled by bite & tied pen cancel, on reverse of cover Tashkurghan via Kabul to Nowshera, showing fine array of transit & arrival mks, faults, rare

500

PRINTED IN PURPLE



10186



TRIPLE COMBINATION COVER KASHMIR TO KABUL

15'000

Kashmir 1867 1/2a ultramarine (torn) tied Srinagar negative in red on India 1/2a envelope cancelled in transit at Sealkote, via Rawulpindee & Peshawur to Kabul, Afghanistan Shahi (21) clear to large margins was applied & cancelled by bite & tied by red blur cancel.

A spectacular triple combination & exceptionally rare with the usage of the Tablet issue, undoubtedly one of the most important of all the combination covers



10187



Sanar (23), touched to good margins, cancelled by neat bite & tied by pen cancel, on reverse of cover Kabul to Peshawar, cvr faults, fine & exceptionally rare, very few covers of the Tablet issue are known

1'500

1293 (1876-77) THE FIRST "POST OFFICE" ISSUE**ISSUED AT PESHAWAR****10188** (*) 61

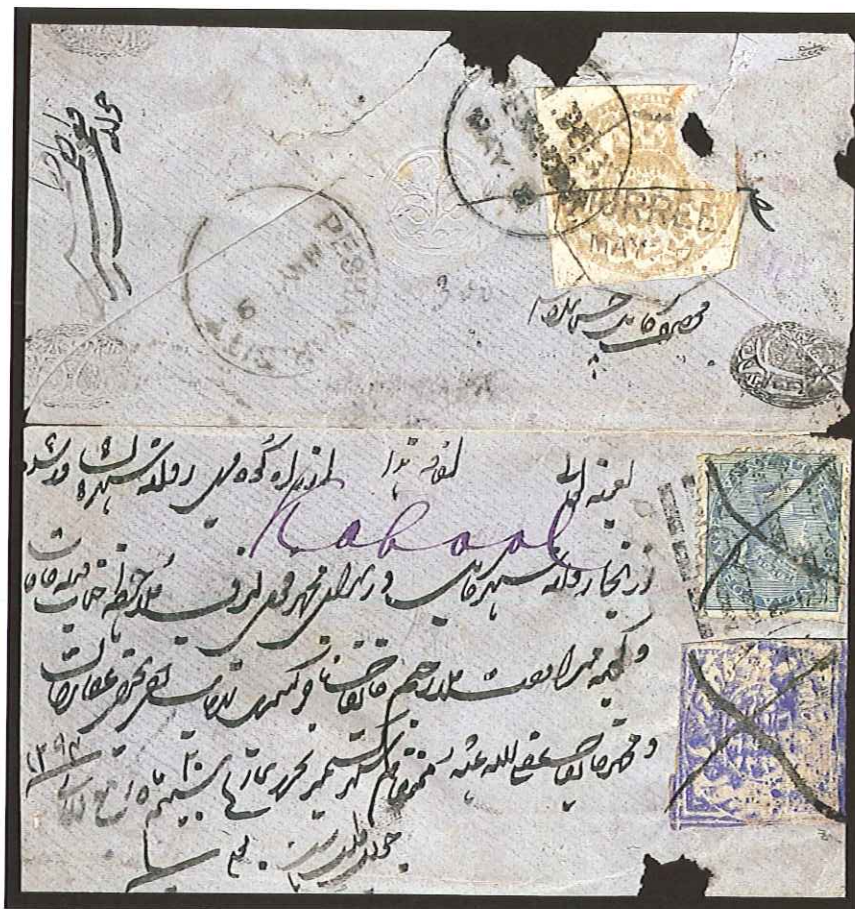
Complete unused sheet of 24 from the Shahi value plate I & combination sheet comprising Sanar twelve values, Abasi six values, 1/2 rupee & 1 rupee three values each, plus reconstructed used sheets of the same format, second format with three stamps missing, a fine & scarce assembly

500**10189** ☒

Spectacular group of ten covers: Shahi frankings incl. stunning usage of six singles & Sanar from Peshawar to Cholm, pair from Peshawar to Cholm, single on reverse of India 1/2a envelope Kabul to Amritsar, Sanar frankings incl. two covers franked pairs Peshawar to Cholm, Abasi frankings incl. attractive usage of two strips of three Peshawar to Cholm, single & pair Peshawar to Cholm, 1/2 rupee frankings, two covers with singles & additional Abasi both Peshawar to Cholm, single from Peshawar to Tashkurghan, a wonderful & unique assembly

3'000

ISSUED AT PESHAWAR



10190

TRIPLE COMBINATION COVER KASHMIR TO KABUL

8'000

Kashmir 1867 1/2a ultramarine cancelled pen cross on 1877 cover in combination with India 1/2a with similar pen cross cancelled duplex, from Srinagar via Murree & Peshawar to Kabul, Afghanistan Shahi (10) clear to large margins was applied on reverse & cancelled by bite & tied by various transit mkgs, cvr faults, a spectacular triple combination & exceptionally rare

ISSUED AT PESHAWAR



10191

TRIPLE COMBINATION COVER KASHMIR TO KABUL

8'000

Kashmir 1867 1/2a ultramarine cancelled pen cross on 1877 cover in combination with India 1/2a cancelled duplex, from Srinagar via Murree, Rawalpindi & Peshawur to Kabul, Afghanistan Shahi (10) touched to good margins was applied on reverse & cancelled by bite & tied by red blur cancel & manuscript, array of transit & arrival bs, small cvr faults, a spectacular triple combination & exceptionally rare

10192 69

ISSUED AT JALALABAD

2'000

Specialised collection of this scarce issue neatly mounted & written up on five album pages showing part used reconstructed sheets of 24 with plate I Shahi brownish black value with 20 positions present all in singles, plus an attractive group of seven covers: Shahi showing four single frankings & one with pair, plus Sanar & the rare Abasi singles frankings, some with interesting transit & due mkgs, a scarce assembly

ISSUED AT KABUL

10193



69

Specialised collection of this issue neatly mounted & written up on seven album pages showing complete used reconstructed sheets of 24 with plate I Shahi greenish grey value with all 24 positions present in singles & additional vertical strip of four, plus an attractive group of ten covers: Shahi showing nine single frankings two in combination with India 1/2a, plus Sanar on large part cover to Shikarpore, many with interesting transit, instructional & due mks, a scarce assembly

1'500



10194



TRIPLE COMBINATION COVER KASHMIR TO KABUL

8'000

Kashmir 1867 1/2a ultramarine cancelled pen cross on 1877 cover in combination with India 1/2a cancelled duplex, from Srinagar via Murree, Rawalpindi & Peshawur to Kabul, Afghanistan Shahi (21) touched to good margins was applied on reverse & cancelled by bite & tied by red blur cancel & Rawalpindi ds, array of transit & arrival bs, small cvr faults, a spectacular triple combination & exceptionally rare

ISSUED AT TASHKURGHAN

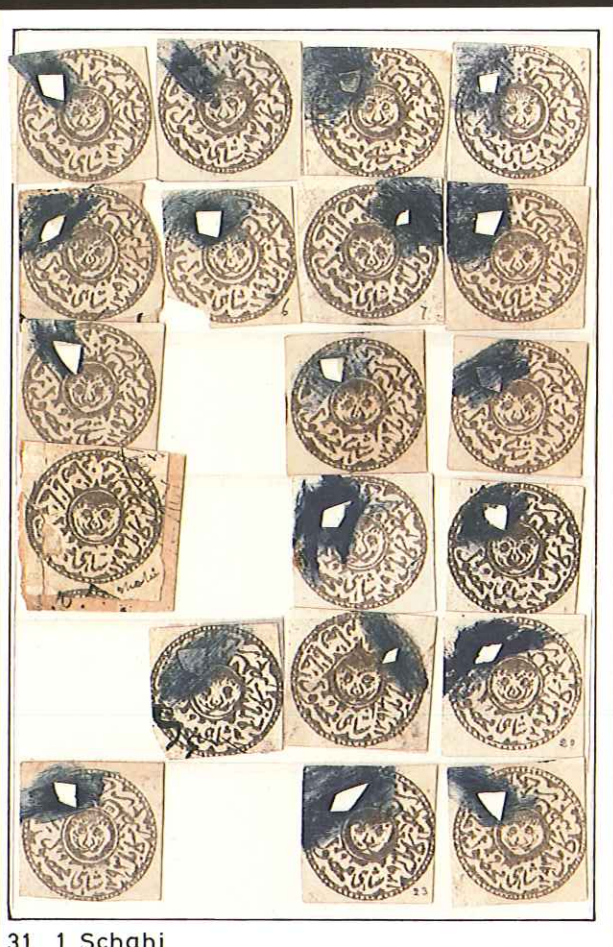
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Specialised collection of this difficult issue neatly mounted & written up on seven album pages showing almost complete used reconstructed sheets of 24 with plate I Shahi violet value with all 24 positions present incl. three pairs & a block of four, the rest singles & combination sheet comprising Sanar eleven values (one missing), Abasi six values, 1/2 rupee & 1 rupee three values each, plus an attractive group of seven covers: Shahi frankings incl. two singles in combination with India 1/2a to Rawalpindi & single to Kabul, Sanar frankings three singles one in combination with India 1/2a, 1/2 rupee & 1 rupee in pair to Peshawar, single 1 rupee also to Peshawar, a wonderful assembly

2'000



31. 1 Schahi

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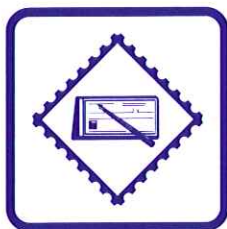
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ISSUED AT TASHKURGHAN

10196 [X] [O] 69 Group of five used singles with distinctive brown shade, plus two covers with singles & a Sanar complete used sheet of 12, a fine & rare group **500**

1294 (1877-78) THE SECOND "POST OFFICE" ISSUE

10197 (*) 71 Spectacular specialised collection of this issue neatly mounted & written up on seventeen album pages showing seven unused complete sheets of 40 with values presented issued in Peshawar, Jalalabad, Kabul & Tashkurghan, plus an attractive group of sixteen covers highlights of which incl. a stunning Shahi (1-12) block of twelve pen cancelled only to Kabul, Sanar in combination with 1876-77 1/2 rupee, Abasi & 1 rupee in a pair to Peshawar, Abasi pair, single & Sanar on extremely rare registered cover with registration slip, Abasi single & in block of five with four Sanar in combination with 1876-77 1 rupee to Peshawar. **5'000**

An amazing assembly, impossible to duplicate today

1295 (1878) THE THIRD "POST OFFICE" ISSUE

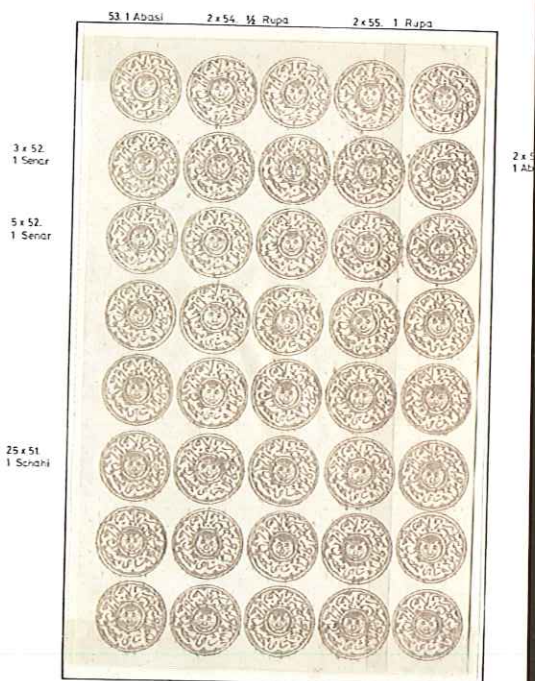
10198 (*) 72 Spectacular specialised collection of this issue neatly mounted & written up on twenty album pages showing seven unused complete sheets of 40 with values presented issued in Peshawar, Jalalabad, Kabul & Tashkurghan, also complete used reconstruction issued from Peshawar, plus an attractive group of twenty four covers highlights of which incl. a stunning Sanar vertical strip of five Peshawar to Cholm, Sanar & 1 Rupee on registered cover Peshawar to Cholm, Sanar & Abasi pair & single on registered cover Peshawar to Cholm, an incredible registered cover with 1/2 rupee pair & single plus Sanar & Abasi in combination with India 1/2a strip of four & pair from Shikapore to Peshawar. **6'000**

An amazing assembly, impossible to duplicate today

COLLECTIONS, LOTS ETC.

10199 (*) 1871-1909 An interesting collection of forgeries & reprints neatly mounted & written up in two albums, showing a fine array of unused in singles, blocks & complete sheets, part reconstructions, used & some covers, an excellent lot for the student, researcher & expert (100's)(Est.SFr. 300/500) **Offer**

10200 (*) 1871-90 Large attractive & specialised balance collection of the classic issues neatly mounted in five albums, showing an excellent basis for study with many part reconstructions of mostly used, some covers, later issues in complete unused sheets, mixed to fine, an interesting lot for study purposes being a good basis for expansion (100's)(Est.SFr. 2'000/4'000) **Offer**



Wasserzeichen: 16 Linien auf 2 cm.
gestalt alle 24-25 mm
ohne Bild

AUSGABE 1293
PESHAWAR
kompletter
Bogen

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103. 1 Schahi, Type 8
Brief von KABUL nach
PESHAWAR, kompletter Br.



104. 1 Schahi, Type 14
Brief nach KABUL mit typischer
TASHKURGHAN - Entwertung.



103. 1 Schahi, Typen 1 bis 12 in Zwölferblock
Brief nach TASHKURGHAN mit typischer KABUL-Entwertung.
Das Porto bezahlt einen Brief der 12. Gewichtstufe in der
1. Entfernungstufe. Einschreibebrief ist ausgeschlossen.

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87. 1 Senar, Type 33 (links)
88. 1 Abasi, Typen 6 und 7 im Paar (Mitte), Type 1 (rechts)
Einschreibebrief von PESHAWAR nach CHOLM aus dem Monat Mizan, dem
7. Monat = Rajab im Mondkalender 1295 = Mai 1878. Adressat ist Mohammad
Gul aus der Familie Hajjeh (kein Hadji), der Leiter der Transit-
Niederlassung CHOLM des "Peshawar Handelshaus" auf dem Weg nach
BUCHARA. Die Namen sind aus Korrespondenz dieser Firma bekannt.

Mit dem besonderen Versandhinweis "dar tiket" ist auf den Ein-
schreiben-Slip hingewiesen. Es handelt sich um den einzuliegenden, bekannten,
irrtümlich nicht abgerissenen Einschreiben-Slip.

Rajosteri rawane Cholm
as mekam Peshawar

Fehrastende reside, Illahibaksh
Mohammad Gul Sur
maureche, djem, jak tschambh
29 Mizan 1295

Einschreiben gesendet nach Cholm
von dem Ort Peshawar. Adressat
(der Angegebene) angekommen,
Illahibaksh Mohammad Gul, Datum,
Tag, Sonntag +/- 29. Mai 1878

Frankatur: Briefporto der 1. Gewichtstufe von 1 Misqual = 4.6 Gramm
Peshawar - Kabul - Tashkurghan/Cholm = 1 Senar
Einschreiben: 1 Rupie = 3 Abasi

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68. 1 Abasi, Type 10 (unten)
70. 1 Rupie, Type 5 (im senkrechten Paar mit 10)
Brief nach PESHAWAR. Angegeben ist nur das Jahr 1294.



45. 1 Rupie, Type 4, Ausgabe 1293
67. 1 Senar, Typen 8, 13, 14, 15 in Fünferblock
mit 1 Abasi, Type 9
Type 8 nochmals als Einzelstück
in obigem Block
68. 1 Abasi, Type 9
Brief nach PESHAWAR mit einer seltenen Mischfrankatur
der Ausgaben 1293 und 1294 und einer sehr hohen Frankatur
von 26 Schahi mit folgenden Möglichkeiten
a.) 26 Schahi = 13. Gewichtstufe der 2. Entfernungstufe
b.) 12 Schahi = 1 Rupie für das Einschreiben +
14 Schahi = 7. Gewichtstufe

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53 1 Abasi 2x54 1/2 Rupa 2x55 1 Rupa



3x52
1 Senar

5x52
1 Senar

25x51
1 Schahi

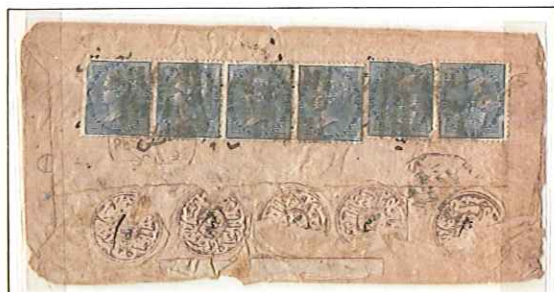
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1 Abasi

AUSGABE 1294
PESHAWAR
gebraucht

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92. 1 Senar , Typen 24 und 29 im Paar
Brief nach KABUL . 2.Gewichtstufe
Eine der typischen TASHKURGHAN-Entwertungen.



92. 1 Senar , Type 26
93. 1 Abasi , Type 7
94. 1/2 Rupi , Typen 2 und 3 im Paar und 2 (links)

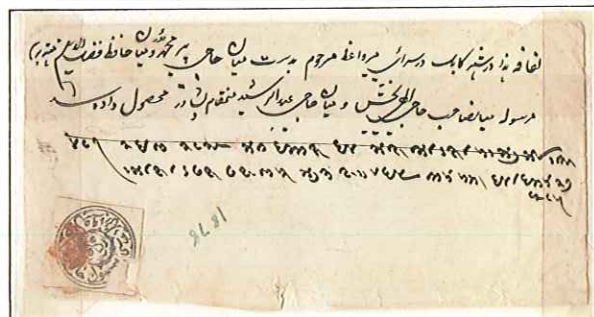
Brief nach SHIKAPORE mit einer für TASHKURGHAN typischen Entwertung, die oft an Stelle des Ringsiegels verwendet wird. Dieser Brief ist ein glücklicher Zufall für die Porto- und Abwicklungsforschung. Die Kaufleute vertrauen offensichtlich der Indischen Post aber nicht der afghanischen. Die Reste eines EINSCHREIBENS in Verbindung mit dem Porto belegen ein EINSCHREIBEN bis PESHAWAR aber kein Einschreiben in Indien.

Porto: 6 Misqual = 27.6 g Tashkurghan 12 Shahi
Einschreiben 1 Rupi = 12 Shahi
Porto in Indien: gezahlt 6 x 1/2 a = 3 as. Erforderlich wären für 27.6 g nur 2 1/2 as

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77. 1 Senar , Typen 15 , 20 , 25 , 30 und 35
(senkrechter Fünferstreifen)
Brief von PESHAWAR (1t.Entwertung) nach CHOLM .
Porto: 5 Senar = 10 Schahi für einen Brief in der
2.Entfernungs- und 5.Gewichtstufe
PESHAWAR - CHOLM



78. 1 Abasi , Type 1
Brief von PESHAWAR nach KABUL .
Porto: 1 Abasi = 4 Schahi für einen Brief in der
1.Entfernungs- und 4.Gewichtstufe
PESHAWAR - KABUL

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87. 1 Senar , Typen 14 und 15 im Paar - 1295/I
103. 1 Schahi , Typen 8 und 15 einzeln - Skelett
Brief nach CHOLM der 6.Gewichtstufe, auf Grund
der Markenfarbe zweifelsfrei von KABUL.



77. 1 Senar , Typen 31 und 32 im Paar 1295/I
79. 1/2 Rupi , Type 3 links 1295/I
101. 1 Schahi , Typen 26, 27 und 28 im Streifen - Skelett
Brief nach CHOLM mit Mischfrankatur 1295 / I und Skelett.
Der Brief zeigt keine Merkmale eines R.-Briefes, es fehlt
1 x 1 Schahi rechts in der oberen Reihe. Die Gesamtfrankatur
beträgt damit 14 Schahi, damit sind zwei Möglichkeiten
gegeben a.) R.-Brief der 1.Gewichtstufe = 4.6 Gramm, nach
dem Erscheinungsbild unwahrscheinlich
b.) Brief der 7.Gewichtstufe nach CHOLM = 32.2 g.
Der Brief zeigt die typische PESHAWAR - Entwertung.

10198ex4

1880-1901 ABDUR RAHMAN PERIOD

- 10201**  1893-1903 Group 10 covers, mostly stampless, showing array of due mkgs & unusual diamond in bars cancels, three covers with stamps, one in combination with India, mixed **300**

1298 (1880-90) HANDSTAMPED ISSUE

- 10202** (*) 75 Spectacular specialised collection of this issue neatly mounted & written up on thirty nine album pages showing numerous unused singles & blocks with an excellent representation of papers, colours & types, plus an attractive group of thirty three covers, highlights of which incl. 1a red block of four & single to Mazar-i-Sharif, 1a violet block of eight, 1a purple strip of three & pair on registered cover. **3'000**



An amazing assembly, impossible to duplicate today (236 stamps & 33 covers)


1309-11 (1891-95) GENERAL ISSUE & REGISTRATION STAMPS

- 10203** E (*) 75 Spectacular specialised collection of these issues neatly mounted & written up on sixty one album pages, with proofs, showing numerous unused & used singles with special colour cancels in violet, green & red, blocks & reconstructions, plus an attractive group of forty seven covers, highlights of which incl. 1894-95 1r black on green marginal block of six on registered cover. A remarkable & unique assembly (277 stamps & 47 covers) **2'000**



- 10204** E (*) Complete sheets: Seven different complete or part sheets incl. 1a proof in black in sheet of 182 & sheet of 56 used with fiscal cancel, a fine & scarce lot (692) **700**

**1901-19 AMIR HABIBULLAH KHAN PERIOD**

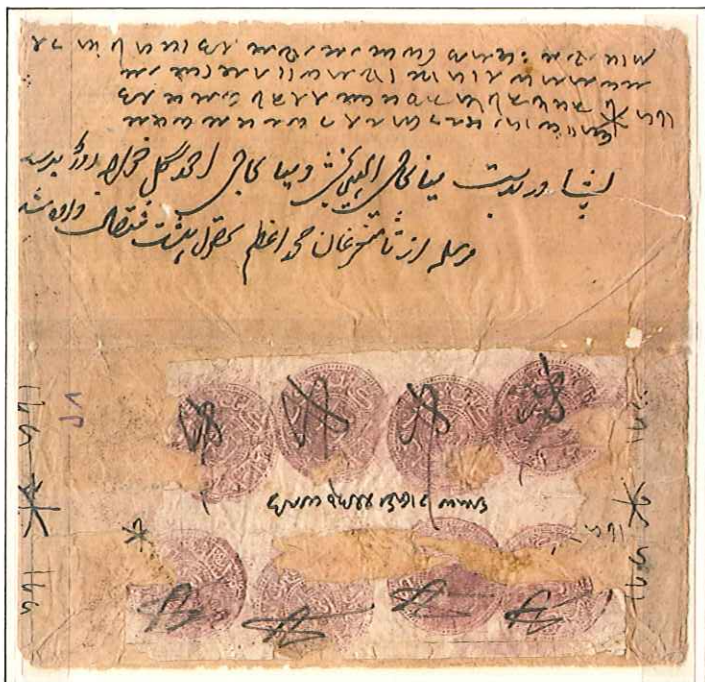
- 10205**  1903-05 Seisten Arbitration Commission: 1905 Envelope to Bombay, franked India 1/2a tied extremely rare thimble CAMP PO No.4/20.MAR.05 cds, Bombay arrival bs, only a few covers recorded **2'000**

Note: The Commission was called to arbitrate and demarcate the boundary between Persia and Afghanistan

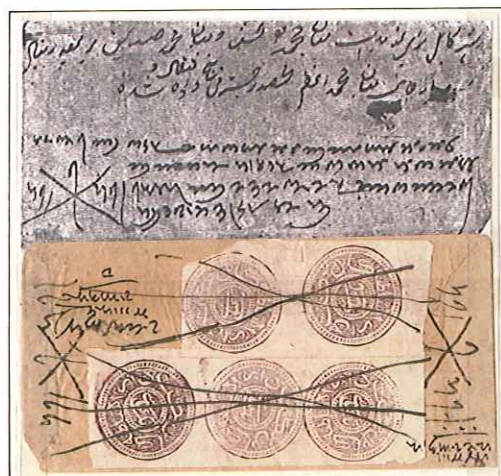
- 10206** * (*) 77 1907-08 Issue: Small specialised study neatly mounted & written up on eighteen album pages, showing fine array of blocks, complete sheets with gutters, cancels, plus attractive range of sixteen covers two in combinations with India 1/2a green, plus many colour cancels & interesting due mkgs, attractive assembly (109 stamps & 16 covers) **500**



10207	** * (*) ☒ △ ⊙		1909-19 Issue: Small specialised study neatly mounted & written up on twenty three album pages, showing fine array of singles, blocks & eight complete sheets of 50, plus attractive range of twenty one covers four in combinations with India 1/2a green & one on 1/2a envelope, plus interesting due & unpaid mkgs, plus registered & censor usages, attractive assembly (498 stamps & 21 covers)	800
1901-19 AMIR HABIBULLAH KHAN PERIOD				
10208	** * ⊙		1909-18 Parcel Post Issue: Small specialised study neatly mounted & written up on twenty six album pages, showing fine array of singles, blocks & seven complete sheets of 25, with a fine array of shades & cancels, plus imperf mint & used singles, pairs & blocks, imperf between pairs, attractive assembly (292 stamps)	500
10209	** * (*) ☒ (☒) △ ⊙	77	1909-22 Official Issue: Small specialised study of both shades neatly mounted & written up on fourteen album pages, showing fine array of singles mint & used some with useful cancels, one complete sheet of 20, plus attractive range of 14 part or complete covers, two in combinations with India, attractive assembly (40 stamps & 14 covers/part covers)	300
10210	* △	77	1912 Pastiche with 1909-19 issue 3 "letter stamps" & 4 "parcel stamps" affixed to board indicating in ms English the denominations of each value, their conversion into Indian currency & their usage + 1 service stamp with a warning that improper usage can lead to a 500 rupee fine, presumably sent as a sample to Post Offices, dated 19th July 1912 Jellalabad, signed A.W.Darby	500
10211	⊙		Small attractive lot of 40 town cancels in black, green, blue & violet, mostly of the oval type showing 19 different towns, a scarce group	300
1919-29 KING AMANULLAH PERIOD				
10212	** * (*) ☒ (☒) △ ⊙		1920-27 "Royal Star" Issues: Specialised study neatly mounted & written up on forty-four album pages, showing fine array of singles mint & used some useful negative seals, complete sheets of 2 for the large format & complete sheets of 16 for the small format, plus attractive range of sixteen covers, three in combinations with India adhesives, the highlight of the collection is 1930 30p green sheet of two on reverse of registered cover only one other cover known being a single only (ex. Hopkins), plus interesting due mkgs, plus registered usages, outstanding & unrepeatable assembly (283 stamps & 16 covers)	1'000
10213	** * (*) ☒ △ ⊙		1921 Parcel Post Issue: Small specialised study neatly mounted & written up on twenty five album pages, showing fine array of singles mint & used, shades, vertical & horizontal tete-beche pairs, complete sheetlets of two & four, types, laid paper, plus single 10p on cover, rare assembly (60 stamps & 1 cover)	300
10214	** * (*) ☒ △ ⊙	77	1923-27 Independence Day Issues: Small specialised study neatly mounted & written up on thirteen album pages, showing fine array of singles mint & used imperf & perf, some complete sheetlets of 4 & 8, plus scarce 10p tete-beche pair on cover, one in combinations with India, very scarce group, impossible to duplicate today (64 stamps & 5 covers)	400
10215	** * (*) ☒ (☒) △ ⊙		1927-28 Issues: Specialised study of both shades neatly mounted & written up on thirty seven album pages, showing fine array of singles mint, practically all values in complete sheetlets of 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 16, 18 or 20 & some imperf sheets & some sheets showing tete-beche, plus attractive range of eleven covers, one in combinations with India, a attractive assembly (341 stamps & 11 covers)	500
10216	☒	77+81	Extensive & specialised postal history study of the Amanullah period which is neatly mounted and knowledgeably written up on 106 album pages, presented in four safe albums, showing extensive historical documentation and much original research, the collection shows some 101 covers & cards on pages with a variety of different pmks & usages incl. Kabul City Post, the scarce usages from provinces of Quataghan & Badakshan few covers known from these regions, Turkestan regions west of Mazar-i-Sharif, region of Mazar-i-Sharif, Peshawar region during April to August 1925 when stamps were not available, FPO 145 & FPO 148, censored mkgs, plus a wonderful array of combination usages with Afghanistan & Germany, Italy, France, India, an amazing lot for the student & an excellent basis for expansion (Est.Sfr. 2'000/4'000)	Offer



115 / I . 1 Abasi
8 x 1 Abasi in einem Teil eines Slips auf portogerechtem
Brief von Tashkurghan nach Peshawar im Gewicht zwischen
14 und 19 Gramm.
4 Gewichtstufen x 2 Wegstrecken zu je 1 Abasi = 8 Abasi
(= 2 Rupien und 2 Abasi). Links in der Mitte der pos-
talische Vermerk " 8 mal " .

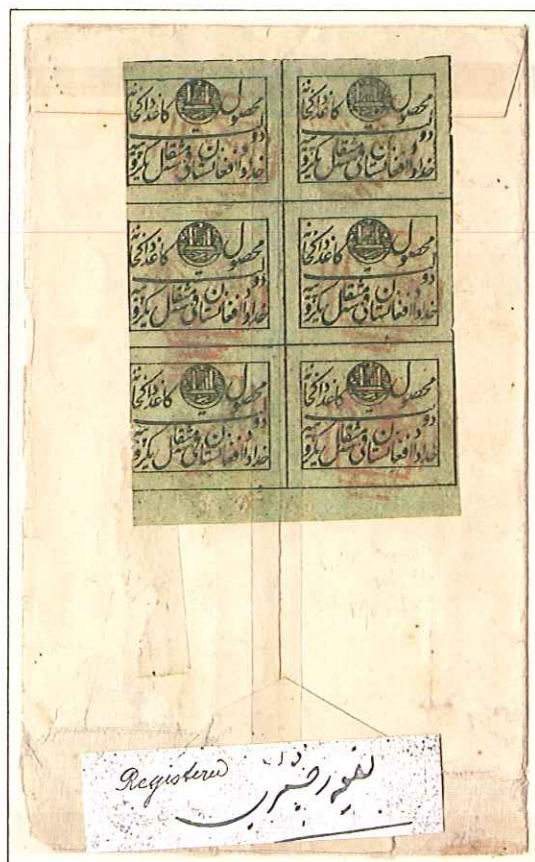


5 x 1 Abasi 2. Druckstempel
Brief nach Kabul. Einschreiben.
Djaneb Mian Mohammad Asam fiſat rajosteri panch
Misqal dade shute.
Absender Mian Mohammad Asam Anteil (die Gebühr für)
Einschreiben fünf Misqal abgegeben ist.



10202ex1

10202ex2



164. 1 Rupa, die untere Hälfte des 1 Rupa Bogenteils
Einschreiben-Brief von Peshawar nach Kabul an F.A. Martin
aus dem Jahre 1897 mit Resten des Einschreiben-Anhängers.



174 a. 2 Abasi
Einschreiben-Brief von Peshawar nach Kabul.
Adresse: F. Martin, Kabul.

10203ex1

10203ex2

1929-33 KING MOHAMED NADIR SHAH PERIOD

10217 E **
* (*)
✉ △
⊙

1929-33 Nadir Shah Issues: Large specialised study neatly mounted & written up on 75 album pages, showing fine array of singles mint, many values in mint complete sheets incl. 1932 National Council set of six in complete set of proof sheets, plus attractive range of 36 covers & some interesting essays, an amazing assembly, impossible to duplicate today (663 stamps & 36 covers)

1'000

1933-73 KING MOHAMED ZAHIR SHAH PERIOD

10218 * * *

1933-51 Zahir Shah Issues: Large specialised study neatly mounted & written up on 159 albums pages, showing a fine array of singles mint, many values in mint complete sheets incl. imperf sheets, plus attractive range of 78 covers, a fine assembly (1189 stamps & 78 covers)

1'000

10219 E 78+81

The Waterlow & Sons archive collection of sheets

Offer

1951 Definitive set with most values present, plus value in unissued colours, printed in sheets of 100 by Waterlow & Sons, Ltd. London.

This unique offering shows examples of 14 values in sheets of 100 as follows all with security punches, plus mostly all dated with order numbers, some annotated "File Copy" or "Pattern Copy", plus some signed for approval, some usual creases, gum faults & generally ageing & defects normal with archives.

- 10 pl value: perf sheet of 99, imperf sheet of 100 showing frame only (199)
- 15 pl value: perf sheets of 99 & 100, horizontally perf. only sheet of 100 showing frame only (299)
- 20 pl value: perf sheets of 99 & 100 (199)
- 30 pl brown value: two perf sheets of 100 & three imperf sheets of 100 (500)
- 30 pl rose value: perf sheet of 99 & two imperf sheets of 100 (299)
- 35 pl value: perf sheet of 99, two imperf sheets of 100 & imperf sheet of central vignette only (399)
- 40 pl value in brown: perf sheet of 99 & two of 100, two imperf sheets (499)
- 40 pl value in red: perf sheet of 100 (100)
- 45 pl value: perf sheet of 99, three of 100 & two imperf sheets of 100 (599)
- 50 pl value in olive black: perf sheet of 99, three of 100 & two imperf sheets of 100 (599)
- 50 pl value in yellow: three perf sheets of 100 & imperf sheet of 100 (400)
- 60 pl value in black: perf sheet of 99, two of 100 & three imperf sheets of 100 (599)
- 60 pl value in blue: two perf sheets of 100 & three imperf sheets of 100 (500)
- 70 pl light & dark green, black & red: perf sheet of 99, two imperf sheets of 100 & nineteen imperf sheets of 100 of various different parts of the central vignette (2199)
- 75 pl value in red: perf sheets of 99 & 100 (199)
- 75 pl value in violet: two perf sheets of 100 & one imperf sheet of 100 (300)
- 80 pl value in violet & brown: two perf sheets of 100, two imperf sheets of 100 & one imperf sheet of 100 of central vignette (500)
- 80 pl value in red & black: perf sheet of 99, two imperf sheets of 100 & two imperf sheets of 100 of central vignette (499)
- 1 af value in deep green & violet: perf sheet of 99, imperf sheet of 100 & imperf sheet of 100 of central vignette (299)
- 1 af value in red & blue: perf sheet of 100, imperf sheet of 100 & imperf sheet of 100 of central vignette (300)
- 3 af value: two imperf sheets of 100 & imperf sheet of 100 of central vignette (300)

An amazing, unique & very valuable assembly

(9787 archive proofs)(Est.SFr. 10'000/15'000)



10206ex



10209ex



10210



10214ex

Das Stempelprovisorium von Haibak

Auf Briefen aus dem Jahre 1304 (1924/25) ist ein Stempelprovisorium in violetter, grüner und roter Farbe bekannt. Der Transitstempel von Kabul in Richtung von Peshawar beweist, daß der Ort in Richtung Turkestan liegen muß. Soweit die Inschrift zu entziffern ist, lautet sie:



"Dak Khana Haibak 1303"

Haibak oder Aibak ist identisch mit den heutigen Sarikia südlich von Tashkurghan.



193 b I. 10 Peisa
Brief von Haibak über Kabul nach Peshawar
HAIBAK 1303
KABUL ... 1304
PESHAWAR 8. Shawal 1304

Im Stempel von Peshawar ist eine häufig vorkommende Mischung von Mond- und Sonnenkalender.

10216ex1

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Peter Brown
 1/3
 9-2-5

\$230
400,000
= 4,000 fulls

burnt ending covered
lay a shade to right at
John
A. 2. 56

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St. J. A. C.

10219ex3

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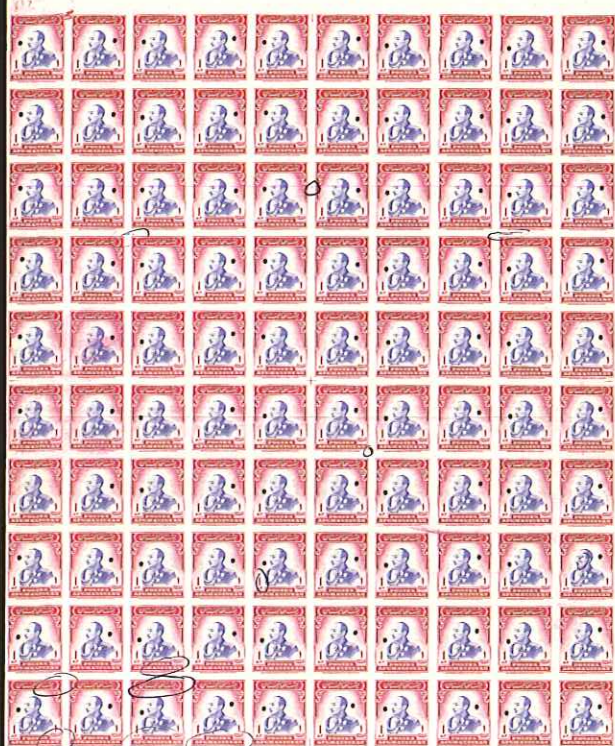


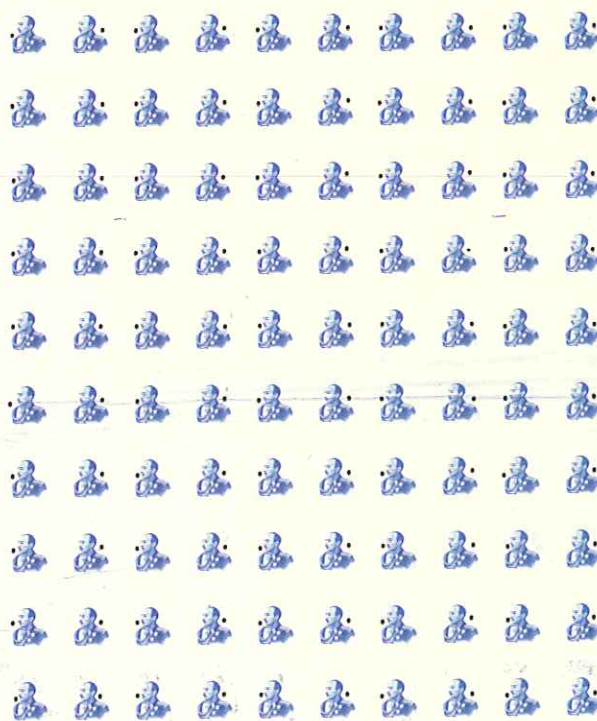
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COLOUR CORRECT

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Sapros. ussuriensis and printing (red)
Correct plate for 200,000 stamps
= 2000 plates.

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COLOUR CORRECT

Plate and log correct
for 200,000 stamp
= 2000 pulls
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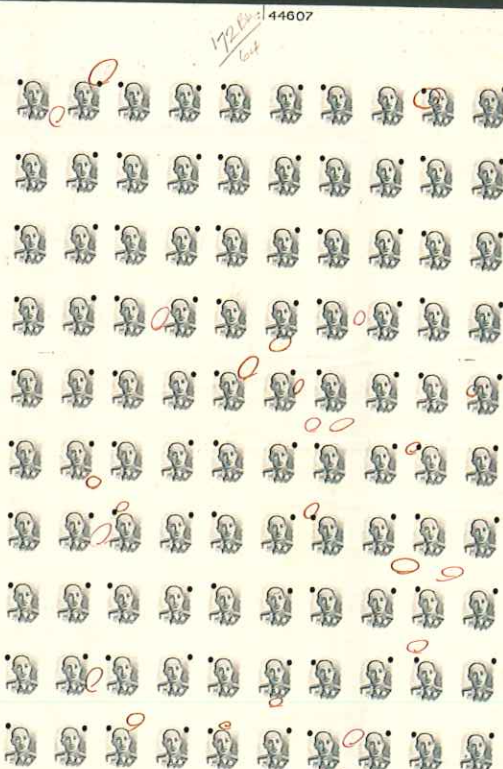
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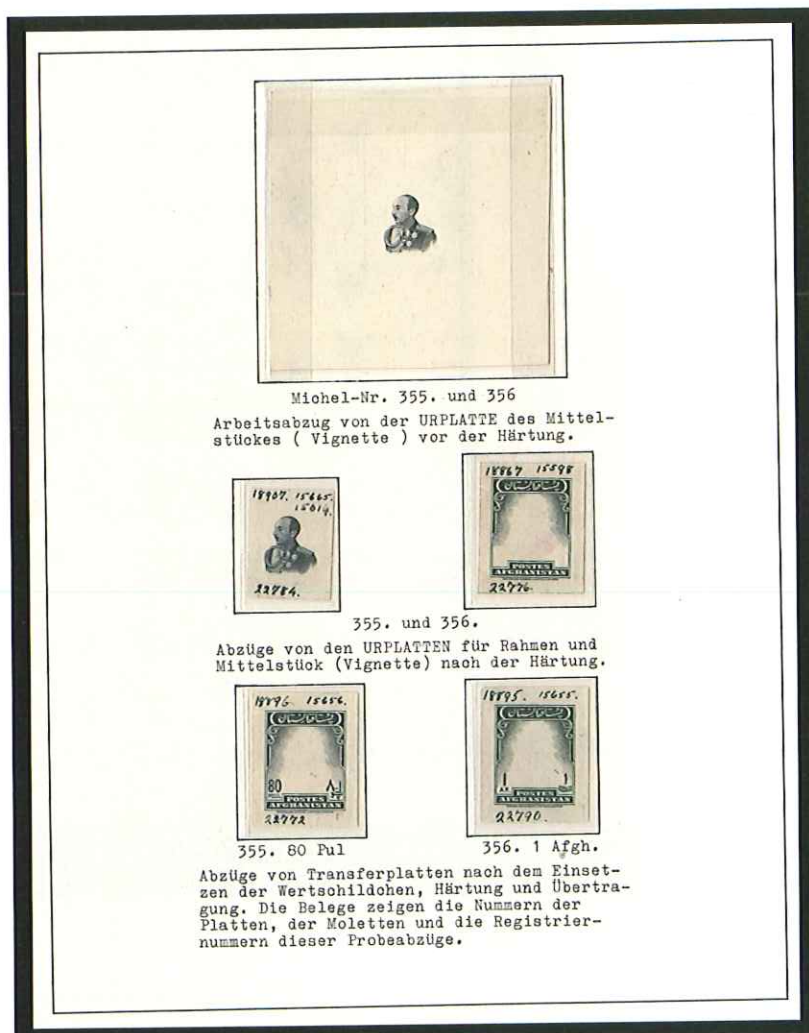
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1933-73 KING MOHAMED ZAHIR SHAH PERIOD



10220

E **
* ☒

1951-62 The Waterlow & Sons issues: Specialised study neatly mounted & written up on 47 album pages, showing 1951 set complete mint, plus a fine & valuable group of 17 die proofs showing four with centre only, six frame only with value, two frame only without value, two frame & centre without value & three frame, centre & value, mostly with manuscript order numbers, plus nine complete sheets from the archives with value from 25p to 3a all with security punches, plus mostly all dated with order numbers, some annotated "File Copy", a fine assembly (1189 stamps & 78 covers)

6'000

AIRMAILS

10221

→ **
* ☒

1925-78 Large specialised collection of airmail covers neatly mounted & written up in four albums, incl. First Flights with the scarce 1929 Military Flight Kabul to Peshawar, showing a number of combination frankings, three crash covers etc., plus many useful registered airmail usages, array of airmails stamps etc., generally fine to v.fine (115 covers (Est.SFr. 2'000/3'000)

Offer

10222

→ **

1928 "POSTE AERIENNE 7 1/2Af." ovpt on 50p red, nh complete sheet of 20, some stains & perf. seps., important plating item, fine & scarce

300



Einschreibenbrief aus Jahre 1303 / 1924 von LAGHMAN über Kabul nach Peshawar. Soweit bekannt befand sich das nur gelegentlich amtierende Postamt in oben abgebildeten Kasse. Der Brief wurde im Pak zunächst nach Kabul gebracht und dort der zu stellenden Post übergeben.

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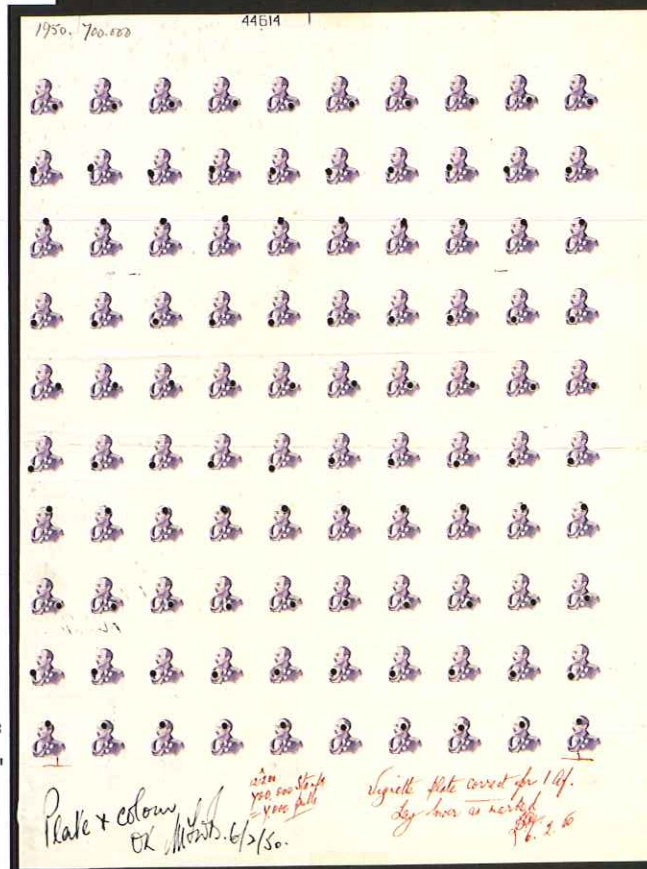


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Einschreibenbrief von LAGHMAN über JELLALABAD nach PESHAWAR vom 27. Dalwa 1300 = 15. FEBRUAR 1922 +/- 1 Tag.
Transitstempel: JELLALABAD 23. Jamadi II 1290 (1340!) Das ist der 22. Februar 1922. Eine typische Mischung von Mond-Sonnenkalender. Das Jahr "1290" ist ein Irrtum, es muß "1340" heißen. Derartige Kombinationen sind leider häufig.
Briefmarken sind keine vorhanden. Das Porto wurde bar erhoben: "Machsul dade shut - motaleh eh shawad sapt" "Gebühr gegeben ist - nachlesen kann man, daß bezahlt wurde"
Deutliche Reste des Einschreiben-Slip sind vorhanden. Es kann nicht behauptet werden, daß die grünliche Stempelfarbe für Einschreibenbriefe vorgesehen war, ein oder zwei Belegstücke reichen als Beweis nach meiner Ansicht nicht aus.

10216ex3



10219ex1

AIRMAILS



- 10223** E →
** *
☒ 1951-62 The Waterlow & Sons airmail issues: Specialised study neatly mounted & written up on 17 albums pages, showing 1951 set of three, plus three die proofs mostly with manuscript order numbers, plus thirteen complete sheets from the archives incl. 1951 5p red, 10p slate & 20p ultramarine, 1954 5p green, 1957 5a blue & 10a violet all with security punches, plus mostly all dated with order numbers, some annotated "File Copy", a fine & rare assembly (4 die proofs, 647 archive proofs) **3'000**
- COLLECTIONS, LOTS ETC.**
- 10224** (*) ⊙
R c1871-1900 Revenues: An unusual lot of 120+ mostly unused revenue issues, plus eight documents, scarce (Est.SFr. 200/400) **Offer**
- 10225** ** *
☒ 1873-1920 Attractive lot of odds & ends, mostly covers & cards, showing some early Tiger Head frankings, later issues with colour cancels & mixed frankings with India, some useful loose stamps, an interesting lot (150+ stamps & 76 covers/part covers)(Est.SFr. 1'000/1'500) **Offer**
- 10226** ☒
(☒) 1873-1942 Lot of 110+ covers & cards, showing a few useful Tiger Head frankings, some later with colour cancels & a few in combination with India, interesting 1935 cover with s/l 'QUETTA EARTHQUAKE POSTAGE FREE', plus some covers from other countries, mixed to fine (Est.SFr. 400/600) **Offer**
- 10227** ☒
(☒) 1876-1937 ca. Group of 36 native covers/fronts, half prior to 1900, few early stat. cards, reg. combination covers etc., mixed (Est.SFr. 700/1'000) **Offer**
- 10228** ** *
⊙ 1876-1965 ca. Duplicated ranges mint & used incl. multiples, mostly fine (650) (Est.SFr. 300/500) **Offer**
- 10229** ☒ Δ
⊙ 1892-1966 Specialised collection of Kabul cancels neatly mounted & written up on 43 album pages, show a fine array of registered mkgs, mixed to fine (Est.SFr. 300/500) **Offer**
- 10230** → **
* (*)
☒
(☒)
Δ ⊙ 1892-1970 Large balance accumulation neatly mounted in nine Safe albums & eight stockbooks etc., mostly modern mint with a good deal of completion 1952-70, two shoe boxes of modern covers, plus some earlier covers with India combinations, a small specialised duplicated assembly of the 1892-93 issues on coloured papers with shades, cancels, unused blocks, covers etc., 1909-19 "Star" issue with shades, multiples, cancels & covers. A wonderful & very scarce group (1000's)(Est.SFr. 2'000/3'000) **Offer**
- 10231** ☒ 1909-40 Specialised collection of Postal Stationery neatly mounted & written up on 43 album pages, showing strength in 1909-21 postcards in types I to III unused & used, five used with Indian franking, small sel'n of 1913 postcards stamps incl. complete mint sheet of 25 & block of six top pair imperf between, plus some later stationery & two banknotes, some faults, a scarce assembly (50 stationery items, plus 33 postcards stamps)(Est.SFr. 300/500) **Offer**
- 10232** ☒ 1910-40 Collection of Liebig cards, ppcs & photos mounted on leaves incl. Royalty, interesting assembly (27 items) (Est.SFr. 200/400) **Offer**
- 10233** ☒ 1918-47 Specialised collection of censor mail neatly mounted & written up on 28 album pages, showing an array of censor mkgs & censor tape, two dated 1918 the rest mostly from the WWII period, mixed to v.fine (28 covers)(Est.SFr. 400/600) **Offer**



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Auction Bids

The auction bidding steps are as follows:

SFr. 50-100	SFr. 5	SFr. 500-1000	SFr. 50	SFr. 5000-10 000	SFr. 500
SFr. 100-200	SFr. 10	SFr. 1000-2000	SFr. 100	SFr. 10 000-20 000	SFr. 1000
SFr. 200-500	SFr. 20	SFr. 2000-5000	SFr. 200	SFr. 20 000-50 000	SFr. 2000

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



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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 upto 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 "BUY" 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 whosoever. 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 "H" 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.

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