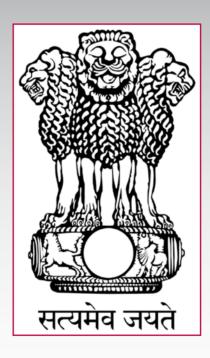


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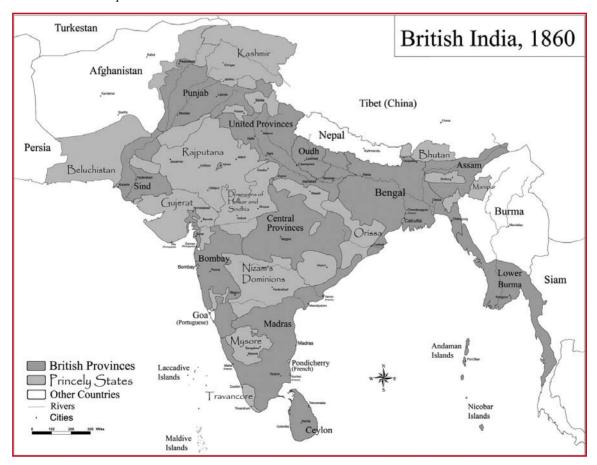
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Section A: The Grand Prix Collection of India Used in Burma

The country known today as Myanmar, and in our youth as Burma, was until 1937 one of many provinces of British India. The British had started to add Burmese territory to India beginning in 1824; by 1860, they had added the coastal regions, and with them the most important population centres. The India post office supplied Indian postage stamps and cancelling devices, and the rates from Burma to England or France, for example, paralleled the rates from Bengal or Bombay. Thus, Classic India Used from Burma is a perfect microcosm of Indian philately in the Classic period, and especially the 1854 Issue.

The following ten lots constitute **the entire Grand Prix winning collection** of India Used in Burma. Because a comprehensive traditional or postal history exhibit of India as a whole is difficult to create or successfully show at exposition, the "filter" of India Used in Burma is highly useful to allow the scope and depth of the issues to be demonstrated together with a comprehensive range of postmarks, both from Burma proper and from other Indian cities or ports, struck in transit.

In order to permit (or perhaps tempt) someone to reassemble the entire collection, we are **presenting it below in order by valuation** – if someone is interested, and they are able to acquire the first (and most valuable) lot, they have the key to the entire collection and the subsequent lots could be added as well.





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One of three covers known with the FIRST PRINTING of the 4 annas from Burma, used from Shoaygyeen to England



Uncommon vertical pair used from Aykab to Bordeaux (France)





Aykab to Amsterdam (Holland) via Suez & Trieste



Two 2nd printing 4 annas + 1 anna, used from Rangoon to England





Pair of 4th printing used from Akyab to Bremen (Germany)



4th printing pair, Akyab to Bordeaux





Earliest cover known with the B/156 cancellation, from Rangoon to England



Uncommon registered usage from Rangoon to Calcutta







4 annas 4th printing plus 2 annas, Akyab via Rangoon to England



Only known cover with 5th printing used from Burma, sent to England and handled there as registered mail before forwarding to Switzerland.





4th printing used from Toungnoo (one of three covers recorded) to England



Mixed issues franking with 4 annas and the largest strip known on cover of the 1 anna used from Burma, sent from Moulmein to France via Calcutta

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4th printing used from Toungnoo with GB 1d added for redirection there.



4th printing used from Shoagyeen to Wales



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Uncommon three-colour franking, Akyab to London, including 4 anna 4th printing

10000 ₪ (☎) The Collection of 30 Covers with the Four Annas Value

1854 Four Anna red & blue, being part of the famous India Used in Burma Grand Prix exhibition collection of envelopes & entires with a variety of 4a stamp frankings, neatly mounted & written up on 28 album pages. The collection includes the following:

- 4a single frankings paying the steamship rate via Southampton: six covers, all from the 4th printing, from a variety of Burmese towns and showing a variety of postmarks incl. cover from Shoagygeen tied by octagonal B/171; four 4a on covers from Toungnoo being the only ones known from this town franked with 4a, all tied by octagonal B/181, one redirected within England with additional GB 1d (defective) applied; plus the unique usage of a 4a fifth printing cut square on registered cover to London & redirected to Switzerland, the being a unique usage of a 5th ptg used in Burma
- 6a frankings: 4a (4th ptg) & 2a green, tied by octagonal B/5 of Akyab on cover to London paying the new steamship rate via Marseille up to 1/4oz; 4a (4th ptg) & 2a green, tied by octagonal B/156 of Rangoon on registered cover to Calcutta with red boxed registration marking alongside, paying the Indian inland rate up to 3 tolas; and 4a (4th ptg) & 1/2a blue, die I, strip of four, tied by octagonal B/179 of Thayetmyo on cover (partly repaired) to England, largest known strip of the 1/2a used from Thayetmyo
- 7a franking (inland rate up to 1/2 tola plus 6a steamship rate via Marseille): 4a (4th ptg), 2a green & 1a red, all neatly cancelled by octagonal B/5 of Akyab on cover to London
- 8a frankings: six covers each with two examples of the 4a from a variety of printings, all from Burmese towns and showing a variety of postmarks incl. two 4a (1st ptg) tied by diamond of dots from Shoaygyeen with red cds on cover to England paying the 8a steamship rate via Marseille (one of three known uses of the 1st ptg from Burma); two similar covers franked by two 4a (2nd ptg) tied by diamond of dots from Rangoon with red cds on cover to Calcutta, paying the Indian inland rate up to 4 tolas; and four covers each franked by two 4a (4th ptg), three with pairs, three used from Akyab & the one from Rangoon is the earliest usage of the B/156 cancel (continued on next page)







Unique combination franking, Rangoon to Calcutta

- 9a frankings: 4a (4th ptg), 2a green & three 1a red paying the Indian inland rate to 4 1/2 tolas, all neatly tied by diamond of dots on registered cover to Calcutta, with the 4a registration fee paid in cash, apparently unique combination used in Burma; plus 4a (4th ptg) pair & 1a red tied by octagonal B/5 on cover from Akyab to Bordeaux; 4a (4th ptg) pair & 1a red tied by octagonal B/5 on cover from Akyab to Amsterdam; two 4a (2nd ptg) plus 1a red tied by diamond of dots on cover from Rangoon to England; & two covers franked by two 4a (1st ptg) plus 1a red, both tied by diamond of dots on cover from Shoaygyeen to England
- 10a franking paying double Indian inland rate (up to 1 tola) plus 8 anna double steamship rate via Southampton: 4a (4th ptg) pair & 1a two singles tied by diamond of dots on cover from Meeaday to England
- 12a franking paying quadruple Indian inland rate (up to 2 tola) plus 8 anna double steamship rate via Marseille: 4a (4th ptg) single & 1a die I, strip of eight, all tied by diamond of dots on cover from Moulmein to France, the largest strip of the one anna known on cover from Burma
- 16a double steamship rate via Marseille: four 4a (4th ptg) singles, tied by B/127 of Moulmein on part cover to France
- 22a franking paying six-fold Indian inland rate to Calcutta plus 16 anna double steamship rate via Marseille: 4a (4th ptg) single, 2a green & two East India 8a singles (one defective), all tied by octagonal B/5 from Akyab to Rotterdam

A wonderful assembly, impossible to duplicate and an excellent basis for further expansion and exhibition (30 covers)

Start Price: € **150'000**





Lot 10001: The Collection of 30 Covers with the One Anna Value



Unique block of 1 anna on cover used from Burma, from Rangoon to Calcutta



Three-colour franking including 1a postal entire, Shoaygyeen to England





Single franking used within Burma, Bassein to Rangoon; the only known example of the $\rm B/12$ in blue on cover



Pegu to England, forwarded to Switzerland (and the only known 1 anna cover to there)

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Forwarder's cover from Akyab to Rangoon



Largest known multiple of the 1 anna Die III on cover, Shoaygyeen to England







Registered letter (quite rare from Burma) sent from Rangoon to Calcutta



Unique destination from Burma: Cape of Good Hope, from Moulmein via Mauritius Provenance: Christie's 1993, realised £5'500

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Lot 10001: The Collection of 30 Covers with the One Anna Value (continued)



Die II strip of four plus Die III single, used from Moulmein to Calcutta



Akyab to England via Trieste (one of two known), ex Caspary



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Toungnoo to England, one showing only known use of the "diamond of dots" on 1 anna / 8 annas East India combination usage



Largest strip known on cover from Burma, Rangoon to Calcutta

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Pair and strips of 3 & 4 (all Die I) used from Rangoon to Ireland. An extraordinary franking and destination Provenance: Christie's 1993, realised £4'000

10001 ₪ The Collection of 30 Covers with the One Anna Value

1854 One Anna red portion of the famous India Used in Burma Grand Prix exhibition collection of envelopes & entires, with a variety of 1a red frankings, neatly mounted & written up on 29 album pages. The collection includes the following 1 anna frankings:

- 1a paying the Indian inland rate up to 1/2 tola: six covers each with single frankings from a variety of Burmese towns and showing a variety of postmarks incl. Akyab cds in red on cover to London, Bassein octagonal B/12 in BLUE & apparently the only one known in this colour, Rangoon cds in red, Sarawah octagonal B/165 in black, and two covers to England from the Backer Correspondence, both with Toungnoo cds in red
- 2a frankings paying the Indian inland rate up to 1 tola: six covers each with two examples of the 1a from a variety of Burmese towns and showing a variety of postmarks incl. Akyab cds in red on cover to Rangoon, Moulmein cds in red on cover to Calcutta, Moulmein Bearing in black wrongly applied on cover to Reading, England, one of the two recorded Pegue cds on reverse of cover to London, Pegu octagonal B/146 and "Pegue" cds on apparently the only known 1a franked cover to Switzerland, with Rangoon cds applied on arrival
- 3a frankings paying the Indian inland rate up to 1 1/2 tola: cover fron Akyab to Rangoon with pair & single tied by octagonal B/5 with blue boxed Rangoon Ship Letter marking alongside; cover from Rangoon to Inverness, Scotland with pair & single tied by diamond of dots
- 4a frankings paying various different types of 4a rates including; two 1s stationery envelopes with additional franking, both from Shoaygyeen and tied by B/171 cancels, addressed to England; 1a strip of four on registered cover from Moulmein via Rangoon to Calcutta; and entire from Moulmein to Port Elizabeth, South Africa, apparently being a unique usage to that destination
- 5a franking paying the Indian inland rate up to 2 1/2 tolas: 1a strip of four, die II, stone C, position 84-87 plus single 1a die III, all tied by octagonal B/127 on registered envelope from Moulmein to Calcutta; registration fee was 4 annas which was paid in cash, a great showpiece
- 6a franking paying the Indian inland rate up to 3 tolas: 1a block of six tied by octagonal B156 cancels on reverse of envelope Rangoon to Calcutta, being the unique block of six used from Burma, important showpiece and a great rarity

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The most important 1 anna franking known, with pair and strips of 3 & 5

The Collection of 30 Covers with the One Anna Value (continued) Lot 10001:

- 7a franking paying the Indian inland rate up to 3 1/2 tolas: 1a strip of seven, die II, stone C, position 42-48, all neatly tied by diamond of dots on reverse of envelope from Rangoon to Calcutta, apparently the largest known strip used from Burma
- 9a franking paying 1a Indian inland rate up to 1/2 tola plus 8a steam postage: six combination issue frankings, with 1854 1a + 8a rose, to various destinations with four to England, one to France & one to Denmark
- Two spectacular 1a frankings (illustrated on this page and page opposite) from Rangoon to Miss C. Sandwith, Fort View, Wexford, Ireland, paying 9a & 10a rates, made up with pairs and strips of three, four or five, these being two of the most stunning items of this issue and important showpieces for Classic India

A wonderful assembly and an excellent basis for expansion (30 covers)

Start Price: € 80'000

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Lot 10002: The Collection of 15 Covers with the Two Annas Value



Used with East India 1 anna on UNIQUE PRINTED MATTER to USA from Rangoon to the USA via Calcutta and London





Used with East India 4 annas from Akyab via Toungnoo to England



Pair and two singles plus 1 anna Die I, "diamond of dots" cancels, from Toungnoo to England





Pair and strip of 3 used from Toungnoo to England; "diamond of dots" cancels



Rare strip of 5 with "diamond of dots" cancels, Meeaday to England





Rare strip of 5 with "diamond of dots" cancels, Shoaygyeen to England

10002 ₪ The Collection of 15 Covers with the Two Annas Value

1854 Two Annas Green cover portion from the famous India Used in Burma exhibition collection of envelopes & entires with a variety of 2a green frankings, neatly mounted and written up on 15 album pages. The collection includes the following 2 anna frankings:

- 2a paying the Indian inland rate up to 1 tola: seven 2a single frankings from a variety of Burmese towns and showing a variety of postmarks incl. Akyab to Calcutta, Akyab to Rangoon, Akyab to Germany, Moulmein to Calcutta, Rangoon to Ireland & Toungnoo to Rangoon, plus cover from Shoaygeen to England & redirected with GB 1d red, apparently a unique combination used from Burma
- 3a franking paying the Indian inland rate up to 1 1/2 tola: 2a green & East India 1a brown tied by octagonal B/156 of Rangoon on folded printed circular to Boston, USA, showing a fine array of markings, only recorded printed matter addressed to the United States
- 4a franking paying the steamship rate via Southampton up to 1/2oz: cover from Shoaygeen to Wales franked by two 2a singles tied by B/171 of Shoaygeen with despatch cds of the same on reverse
- 6a frankings for steamship rate via Marseille: two covers with different frankings incl. one with 2a green & East India 4a black on blue, tied by octagonal B/181 of Toungnoo on cover to England; other with 2a green strip of three tied by octagonal B/5 of Akyab on cover to England
- 9a franking paying the Indian inland rate up to 1/2 tola plus 8a steamship rate via Southampton: 2a green pair & two singles, plus 1a red, all tied by "diamond of dots" cancels on cover from Toungnoo to England
- 10a franking paying the 2a Indian inland rate up to 1 tola plus 8a steamship rate to England: three covers each franked with five examples of the 2a green, made up by singles, pairs or strips (two with rare strips of 5), each originating from different Burmese towns incl. Meeaday, Shoaygeen & Toungnoo

A wonderful assembly and an excellent basis for expansion (15 covers)

Start Price: € 20'000





Lot 10003: The Collection of 27 Covers with the Half Anna Value



Die II used from Sarawah to Calcutta



Die II used from Rangoon to Calcutta





Pair of Die I, "A" Stone, unusual blue "B / 156" cancel from Rangoon



One of four covers recorded with the Meeaday circular date stamp



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From Rangoon with dark blue "B / 156" cancels, to Madras



Internal cover with pair of Die I used from Shoaygyeen to Moulmein







Pair from Die I plus East India 8 annas, used from Akyab to London



Strip of four from Die I, "diamond of dots" cancels, used from Akyab to Calcutta and showing rare use of pre-adhesive boxed red "AKYAB" despatch on reverse





Largest vertical strip of the ½ anna known on cover, and rare registered usage (note ms endorsement and number on reverse) from Moulmein to Calcutta





Largest strip of this value used from Burma, from Prome to Calcutta

10003 ₪ The Collection of 27 Covers with the Half Anna Value

1854 Half Anna blue portion of the famous India used in Burma Grand Prix exhibition comprising envelopes & entires with a variety of 1/2a blue frankings, neatly mounted & written up on 27 album pages. The collection includes the following 1/2 anna frankings:

- Single (1/2a) frankings incl. twelve covers from a variety of Burmese towns and mostly addressed to Calcutta showing a variety of postmarks incl. Akyab with octagonal B/5, Meeaday with octagonal B/111, Moulmein with octagonal B/127, Prome cds in red & black (one being used in the first month of use of the 1/2a stamp), Rangoon cds in red with octagonal B/156, Sarawah cds in red, Sittang, Thayetmyo with octagonal B/179, Toungnoo with octagonal B/181
- Double (1a) frankings incl. eight covers each franked with 1/2a pairs from a variety of Burmese towns and showing a variety of pmks incl. Akyab cds in red, Moulmein Paid boxed ds in red, Meeaday cds in red, Rangoon cds in black & two covers with octagonal B/156 in blue
- Triple (1 1/2a) franking showing three 1/2a singles tied by octagonal B/12 of Bassein to Rangoon
- 2a rate with 1/2a die I, strip of four tied diamond of dots with Akyab Paid in red alongside on reverse of envelope to Calcutta- 3a rate with 1/2a die I, strip of six tied diamond of dots on reverse of envelope to Calcutta with Prome cds in red on front, the largest half anna strip known used from Burma
- 3a rate with 1/2a die I vertical strip of four plus 1a red tied by diamond of dots on envelope to Calcutta with Moulmein cds in red on reverse, the largest vertical strip on cover used in Burma
- 9a rate to London franked by two 1/2a two singles plus 8a rose tied by octagonal B5 of Akyab to London

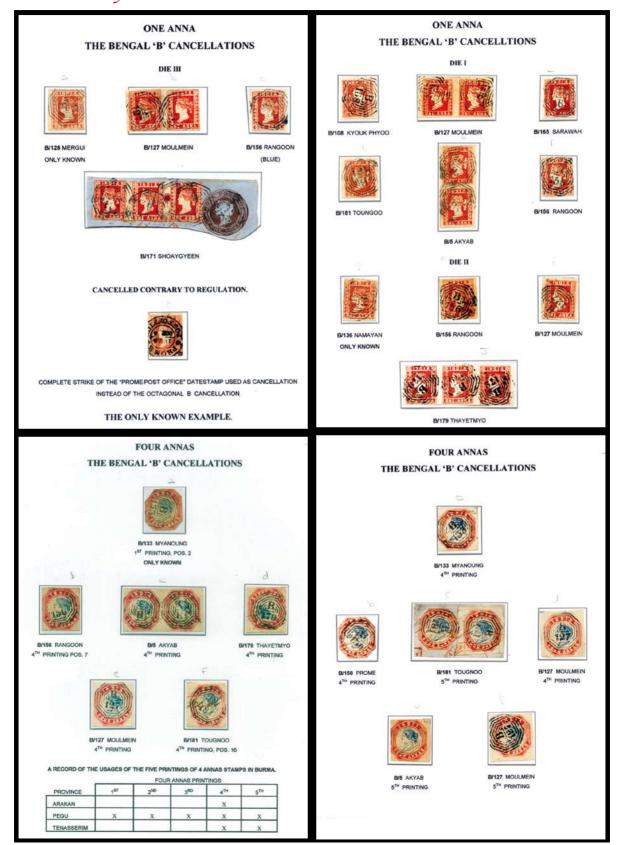
A wonderful assembly and an excellent basis for expansion (27 covers)

Start Price: € 12'000



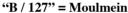


Lot 10004: Half Anna to Four Annas "Used in Burma" Collection











"B / 181" = Toungnoo

10004 • Half Anna to Four Annas "Used in Burma" Collection

Attractive and valuable collection of Burmese cancels on 1/2a blue, 1a red and 4a blue & red values, comprising:

- 1/2a blue, die I & II, seven singles with octagonal numeral cancels from Meeaday, Thayetmyo, Shoaygyeen, Sarawah, Kyouk Phyoo & Moulmein, two pairs cancelled by octagonal numerals of Rangoon & Akyab, block of four cancelled by octagonal numeral of Moulmein and apparently unique from this post office (15)
- 1a red, dies I, II & III, ten singles with octagonal numeral cancels from Kyouk Phyoo, Sarawah, Toungnoo, Rangoon in black & blue, Moulmein and the unique cancels from Mergui & Namayan, plus unique cds from Prome Post Office, with two pairs cancelled by octagonal numerals of Akyab & Moulmein, and strips of three cancelled by octagonal numeral of Shoaygyeen & Thayetmyo (22)
- 4a red & blue, single from the 1st printing with the unique use of the octagonal cancel from Myanoung; 4th printings incl. pair with octagonal numeral cancel from Akyab plus singles from Myanoung, Prome, Moulmein and Thayetmyo, and finally Toungnoo single & block of four, being the largest known multiple of the 4 anna value used from Burma & originating from the Jatia & Tay collections; 5th printings with octagonal numeral cancels from Akyab, Moulmein & two singles on fragment with Toungnoo cancels (18)

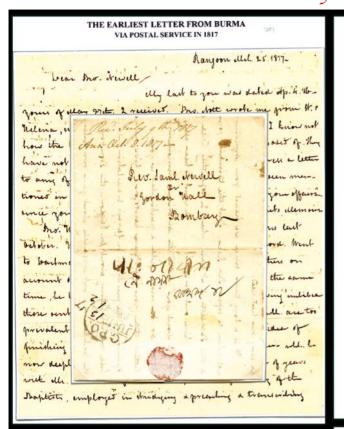
A important collection for the collector of classic India (55)

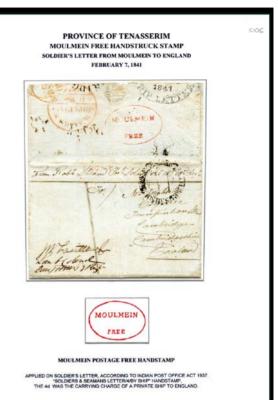
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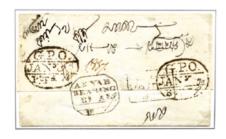


Lot 10005: The Burma Pre-Stamp Cover Collection











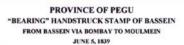


"POST PAID" AND "BEARING" HANDSTRUCK STAMPS OF AKYAB

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ONLY FOUR EXAMPLES RECORDED.

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"BEARING" HANDSTRUCK STAMP OF BASSEIN

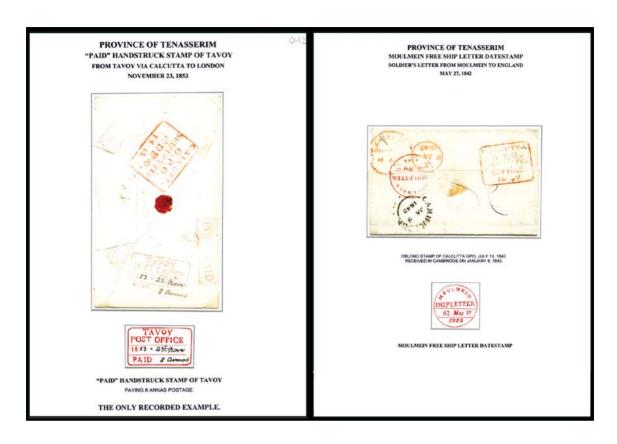
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THE ONLY KNOWN PRE-ADHESIVE ENTIRE WITH BASSEIN HANDSTRUCK STAMP.

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10005 ₪ The Burma Pre-Stamp Cover Collection

1817-56 Pre-adhesive covers from this famous India Used in Burma exhibition collection, showing early stampless mail from Burma, neatly mounted & written up on 15 album pages.

The collection includes the following items: one of the earliest recorded letters from Burma, dated "Rangoon March 25 1817"; 1825 entire from the Anglo-Burmese War, apparently one of only two recorded Naval letters of this campaign; 1828 entire from Calcutta to Rangoon, possibly being one of the earliest incoming letters; plus a fine array of rare town markings incl. octagonal Akyab Bearing, boxed Akyab Bearing in two different types, Akyab Paid in red, Kyuk Phyoo Paid, Moulein Free oval in red on soldier's letter bearing SOLDIERS & SEAMANS hs, Moulmein Shipletter Free cds in red, Moulmein Paid in red, Moulmein Bearing in black, Bassein Bearing in black, apparently unique Tavoy Post Office Paid in red, apparently unique Prome Post Office cds in red and apparently unique soldier's letter from Thayetmyo.

A wonderful assembly and an excellent basis for expansion (15 covers)

Start Price: € 8'000



Lot 10006: Half Anna Used Before Official Issue Date

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10006 🗷 Half Anna Usage Before Official Date of Issue

Cover Sent on August 17, 1854 from the Toungnoo Post Office in Burma

1854 1/2a Blue, die I, two well margined singles, both cancelled by diamond of dots and jointly tied by red boxed INDIA PAID and LONDON PAID cds, on small neat envelope from Toungnoo to Devon, England, paying the double Indian inland rate up to 1/2 tola, showing dispatch TONGNOO / 1854 AU 17 cds & boxed transit CALCUTTA / G.P.O. / SHIPLETTER / 9 SEP 1854 on reverse, both in red

This is the unique and certainly the earliest usage of Indian stamps prior to the offical date of use. Accompanying two letters verify the fact that stamps were available at the Toungnoo post office in August 1854; the two copies of letters number "No.210" & "No.549" were written by "J.R.B.Bennett, Postmaster General" to "The Director General of the Post Office in India" dated "Calcutta, General Post Office, the 28th August 1854," and by "The Postmaster General of Bengal" datelined "Rangoon 19th August, 1854"

Letter No. 210 states:"I have the honor to submit herewith copy of a letter No.549 dated 19th instant, from the Postmaster of Rangoon, from which it appears, that the authorities of Tongnoo through some unaccountable misapprehension have been vending the Stamp Labels supplied to that station and that the Tongnoo mail of the 10th instant which came in on Saturday last, contained several letters bearing the new Indian postage stamps"

Letter No. 549 states: "I have the honor to acquant you, that in the mail despatched from the Tongnoo Post Office on the 10th instant, received today, were enclosed several letters for delivery at this place and for transmission to the General Post Office, bearing the new India Postage Stamps..."

Note: The official date of issue was October 1, 1854

This is the unique earliest known usage of an Indian stamp prior to the offical date of use. We are not aware of any comparable item. A spectacular exhibition showpiece and one of the most important items of Indian postal history

Estimate: € 100'000 - € 150'000



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The Unique Usage of a Block of Six 2a from Burma 10007 ⊠

1854 2 annas Green, block of six, tied by octagonal B/156 cancel on large cover from Rangoon to Calcutta. The 12 annas franking paid the Indian inland rate up to 6 tolas; with Rangoon despatch & Calcutta receiver datestamps on reverse, an important showpiece

The largest block of the 2 annas used on cover

Estimate: € 6'000 - € 10'000







10008 ₪ Sixteen Annas Franking from Akyab, Burma to Amsterdam

1854 4a Blue & Red, 3rd Printing, head Die III & frame Die I, four singles from positions 9-12 of the closely-spaced 3rd printing, all cut square and neatly tied by diamond of dots on folded cover from Akyab, Burma to Amsterdam, Netherlands.

The 16 annas paid double the steamship rate via Marseille; the "21" decimes was applied in Marseille and paid the French internal rate & the "200" represented the total amount the recipient had to pay in Dutch cents upon delivery. A stunning exhibition showpiece

One of the only recorded Third Printing usages from Burma

Provenence: Christie's 1993, Lot 116 (realised £24'000)

Estimate: € 40'000 - € 60'000



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10009 🗷 Great Britain Stamp used in Burma

Soldiers' Outward Concession Rate

1860 Small neat envelope from Private Jonas Bell of the 68th Light Infantry in Rangoon, sent via Calcutta to Leeds, England, and franked by GB 1d red (defective) tied by clear crisp octagonal B / 156 cancel, with boxed INDIA UNPAID alongside and countersigned by commanding officer, with departure, transit & arrival bs, small cover tears, rare and important showpiece

One of only two recorded soldier's rate usages from Burma

Estimate € 4'000 - € 6'000





Section B: India Lots by Period & Issues

POSTAL HISTORY



10010 \triangleright Printed wrapper "Returned Letter" from the "Madras Dead Letter Office" addressed locally within Madras, showing on reverse oval RETURNED FOR POSTAGE (unrecorded) in black, with red Dead Letter Office Madras cds alongside, very fine & very rare

Estimate: € 2'000 - € 3'000

1852 SCINDE DAWK



10011 Rare Unused Dawk (*)

1/2 anna Blue, a very rare unused example with excellent embossing and large margins, natural inclusion spot at second N of "ANNA" and trace of slight red mark on face, exceptional example of an extremely rare stamp

Expertise: cert. RPS (1949), Sismondo (2008)

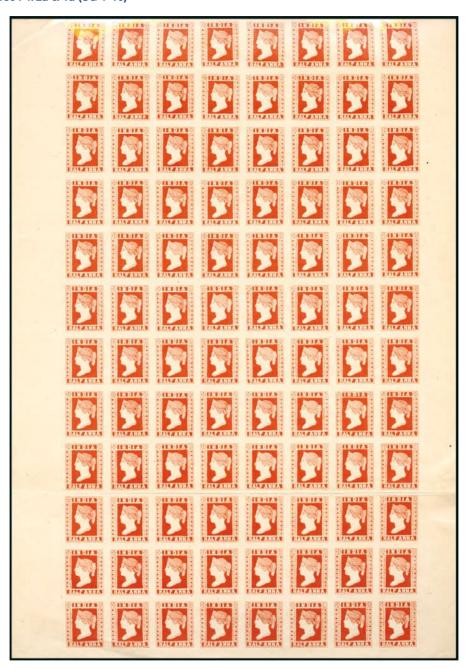
Estimate: € 20'000 - € 26'000





GENERAL ISSUES UNDER QUEEN VICTORIA

1854 1/2a & 1a (SG 1-16)



10012 E ⊞ Half Anna Essay in Complete Sheet

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1854 1/2a essay in brownish-red with crosses in upper corner, on thin yellowish paper, complete sheet of 96 subjects with large sheet margins, without ornaments or inscription, horizontal crease, a rare sheet

Estimate: € 7'000 - € 10'000







10013 (*) ⊞ Half Anna Complete Unused Sheet

1854 1/2a blue, die II, stone "C," complete unused sheet of 96 showing full marginal inscriptions with ornaments in each corner complete, overall toning & vertical crease through the centre of the sheet (resulting in a tear affecting three stamps at the bottom), plus a number of other creases & tears, hinge remnants in margins & ink stain affects one, nonetheless a rare and important sheet for the connoisseur

Estimate: € 15'000 - € 20'000







10014 (*) ⊞ Half Anna Block of Twenty-Four

1854 1/2a Blue, die II, complete unused central inscriptional sheet marginal block of twenty-four, good to large margins top & bottom

A wonderful exhibition showpiece and an important unused multiple

Estimate: $\in 5'000 - \in 7'000$



10015 (*) ⊞ Half Anna Block of Sixteen

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1854 1/2a Blue, from the rare Stone B, complete unused bottom inscriptional sheet marginal block of sixteen, showing a wealth of retouches including the prominent plate flaw between positions 81 & 89, retouched chignon on position 87, plus a group of retouches to the eye on positions 82, 84, 85, 89, 90, 91, 93 & 94

A wonderful exhibition showpiece and an important retouched multiple

Provenance: Dawson

Estimate € 4'000 - € 6'000



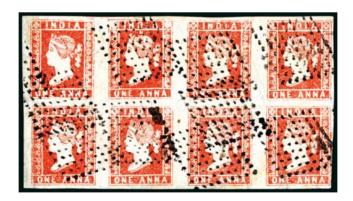




10016 One Anna Corner Marginal Block of Six (∗) ⊞

1854 1a Red die II, lower left corner block of 6, positions 79/96 of Stone "C" showing part marginal inscription plus corner ornament, fresh colour and a rare showpiece

Estimate: € 3'000 - € 5'000



10017 ⊙⊞ One Anna Used Block of Eight

1854 1a Red, die I, horizontal used block of eight, clear to large margins, all neatly cancelled by diamond of dots, excellent colour & appearance, showpiece

Estimate: € 1'000 - € 2'000







10018 **区** Eight 1a Paying Double Rate To England

1854 1a Red, die I, two strips of three & a pair, all neatly tied by diamond of dots of Rawulpindi, on reverse of small neat envelope addressed to London. The 8 anna franking pays the double steamship rate via Southampton; cover tear & wrinkles, an attractive & rare usage of the strip of five, a spectacular cover & an exhibition showpiece, cert. BPA (1991)

Estimate: € 3'000 - € 5'000



10019 ⊙ One Anna Used Strip Of Eight

1854 1a Red, die I, horizontal used strip of eight, clear to large margins all around, a couple with small faults, all neatly cancelled by diamond of dots, a rare used multiple and an important showpiece

Estimate: € 1'000 - € 2'000





10020 **▼** Four Die I Paying Steamship Rate to England

1854 1a Red, die I, strip of three & a single, all neatly tied by diamond of dots, on small neat envelope addressed to London, England, paying the 4 anna steamship rate via Southampton up to 1/2 oz, cover tears, attractive & rare usage

Estimate: € 1'000 - € 2'000



10021 ☑ One Anna Block of Eight on Cover

1854 1a Red, die I, block of eight, large to very large even margins, all neatly tied by diamond of dots of Madras, on reverse of small neat envelope addressed to Edinburgh. The 8 anna franking pays the 8 anna double steamship rate via Southampton, cover tear

Attractive & extremely rare block of eight, a spectacular usage & an exhibition showpiece, cert. Scheller (2007)

Estimate: € 3'000 - € 5'000









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10022 **⋈** One Anna Paying Five Times Local Rate

1854 1a Red, die II, strip of four and single, all neatly tied by "1" in diamond of bars on envelope addressed to Lahore, paying the 5 anna Indian rate up to 2 1/2 tolas, part cover flap missing & cover tears, attractive & rare

Estimate: € 1'000 - € 2'000

10023 ☑ One Anna Die III Strip of Four on Cover

1854 1a Red, die III strip of four, good to large uneven margins, all neatly tied by diamond numeral "245" on small neat envelope addressed to Brighton, England, paying the 4 anna steamship rate via Southampton up to 1/2 oz, cover tears, attractive & rare usage of the die III in a strip

Estimate: € 1'000 - € 2'000

1854 4a BLUE & RED (SG 17-26)



10024 ⋈ Four Annas Among Mixed Values Combination Franking

1854 4a Blue & Red, **first printing**, head die I, frame die I, plus four 1a Red die I singles and 2a Green, all cancelled by barred "85" of Belgaum on 1855 cover to Edinburgh with BELGAUM 1855 NOV 11 despatch datestamp. The 10 anna total franking pays the 2 anna inland India rate up to 1 tola plus the 8 anna double steamship rate via Southampton. Cover with edge faults, a colourful and rare franking

Estimate: € 6'000 - € 8'000







10024A ⊠ **Important Mixed Franking with Great Britain**

1858 Cover from Bangalore to London franked by two 4a values (head die III, frame die II) cancelled by C10 diamond grills, red crescent India Paid and showing London Paid cds of Feb. 26; reverse with Bangalore (25 Jan.) and Madras (26 Jan.) bs. On arrival, it was readdressed to Devon and franked with GB 1856 1d value to pay for redirection, and with blue bs of Feb. 27.

A magnificent showpiece of the highest quality.

Provenance: this was the front cover item (lot 20726) of the 1997 David Feldman auction of the Baron von Uexkull Collection of Combination Covers of the World; it realised CHF 16'100

Estimate: € 15'000 - € 20'000





10025 Massive 48 Annas Franking

1854 4a Blue & Red, first printing, head die I, frame die I, twelve cut-to-shape examples showing all twelve sheet positions, incl. retouched chignon, touched in places & defects, applied on reverse of envelope addressed to Canton, China, with red BOMBAY/BPP/Paid on front and with manuscript "Steamer Singapore" alongside, small portion of cover as well as flap missing. Spectacular franking and probably the **largest known 4 annas usage**

Estimate: € 20'000 - € 30'000



10026 ⊙ Four Anna Spectacular Used Pair

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1854 4a Indigo & Red, second printing, head die I & frame die I used horizontal pair showing almost complete wavy lines & partial rosettes, each neatly cancelled by centrally struck "1" in diamond of bars from Bombay, some usual staining & overall toning, a stunning showpiece. Provenance: "Rajah"

Estimate: € 5'000 - € 8'000







10027 ⊙ Wonderful Used Pair

1854 4a Indigo & Red, second printing, head die I & frame die I, used horizontal pair showing almost complete wavy lines & partial rosettes, each cancelled by centrally struck diamond of dots, some usual staining & overall toning, a showpiece

Estimate: € 3'000 - € 5'000



10028 ➤ Pair On Cover From Aden To Reunion

 $1854\,4a$ Blue & Red, second printing, horizontal pair cancelled by the 9 x 9 dotted diamond of Aden on August 1855 cover to Reunion via Galle, showing red ADEN / BPP / PAID on face, also tied by PACKET LETTER MAURITIUS ds for AU 12 1855 and with St. Denis arrival (17.8.55), stamps affixed by thick homemade glue and with some wrinkling, a rare and attractive usage

Provenance: ex Jatia

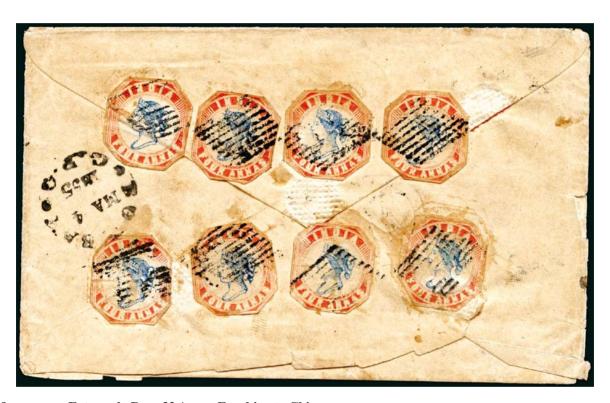
Estimate: € 6'000 - € 9'000



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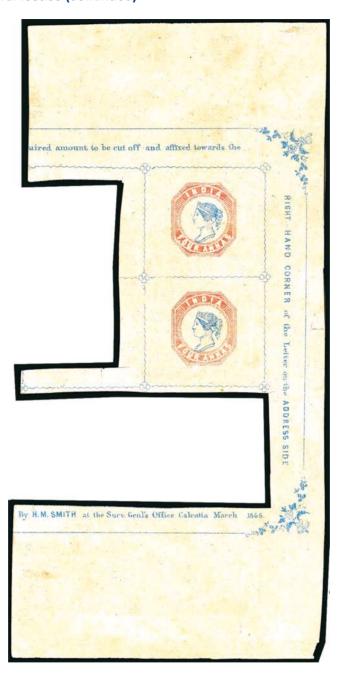
10029 🗷 Extremely Rare 32 Annas Franking to China

1854 4a Blue & Red, second printing, eight examples used on reverse of opened-out cover from Bombay to Canton by the P+O steamer "Norna," red Packet Postage Paid hs on face, some faults but a remarkable franking.

Provenance: ex Koh-i-nor, lot 205

Estimate: € 8'000 - € 12'000





10030 ** * Four Annas - The Koh-i-nor Unused Pair

1854 4a Blue & Red, third printing, head die III & frame die I, from Stone F, the phenomenal irregular unused without gum as issued, vertical pair from postition 4 showing the upper lip retouch & position 8 showing upper lip & nostril retouches, complete wavy-line and rosettes present with maximum sheet margins with corner ornaments & inscriptions on three sides, some minor climatic toning, cert. BPA (2008). A stunning showpiece from the rarest of the 4 anna settings

Expertise: cert. RPS (1969); Provenance: "Koh-i-Nor"

Estimate € 80'000 - € 100'000







10031 ** * Unused Corner Marginal Strip of Three

1854 4a Blue & Red, fourth printing, head die III & frame die II, unused bottom left corner marginal inscription strip of three from positions 19-21 of the closely-spaced 4th printing, showing partial corner ornaments & lines, a stunning exhibition showpiece

Expertise: cert. RPS (1969); Provenance: "Koh-i-Nor"

Estimate: € 20'000 - € 30'000



10032 ⊙ Used Vertical Strip of Three

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1854 4a Blue & Red, fourth printing, head die III, frame die III, vertical strip of three pos. 6/12/18, clear to large margins, each neatly cancelled by "1" in diamond of bars, horizontal crease through pos. 12, some light soiling, a scarce used multiple

Estimate: € 2'000 - € 3'000







10033 ⊙ ⊞ The Remarkable & Famous Used Block of Ten

1854 4a Blue & Red, fourth printing, head die II, Frame Die II, positions 2-6/8-12, the unbelievable block of ten with margins in places, each cancelled "B/30," with additional ink cancels. Some creasing and other defects, nevertheless in a remarkable state of preservation, especially the deep colour.

The finer of the two known blocks from this printing. An exhibition showpiece

Provenence: Christie's 1993, Lot 102

Estimate: € 20'000 - € 30'000



1854 2a GREEN (SG 31, 34)



10034 (*) Two Annas Unused Corner Pair

1854 2a green, unused corner margins pair, good to large margins and showing part inscription, fresh, very fine & a scarce unused multiple

Estimate: $\in 500 - \in 800$



10035 (*) ⊞ Unused Block of Four

1854 2a Green, unused block of four, good to large even margins showing right sheet marginal, fresh, very fine & scarce unused multiple

Estimate: € 800 - € 1'200







10036 **⋈** Combination Usage With Great Britain

1854 2 annas Green used on cover from Scotland to Bombay, originally franked by GB 1855 1s embossed (cut to shape) & tied by Scottish boxed ds, with boxed TOO LATE hs at left. On arrival in Bombay the cover was redirected to Ahmorah and the onward postage was paid by the 2a green tied by diamond of bars with Ahmorah arrival alongside. An attractive & rare combination usage showpiece

Estimate € 3'000 - € 5'000



10037 **⋈** Horizontal Strip of Five on Cover

1854 2a Green, horizontal strip of five cancelled by diamond of dots & tied by red London Paid on 1855 envelope to Edinburgh, Scotland, showing two types of boxed INDIA PAID alongside. The 10 annas franking paid the 2 annas inland rate up to 1 tola and the 8 annas streamship rate to Scotland. Cover tear & wrinkles, an attractive & rare usage of the strip of five

Estimate: € 2'000 - € 3'000







10038 **⊠** Strip of Six on Cover

1854 2a Green, horizontal strip of six (removed for inspection & hinged back in place) tied by octagonal numeral cancel on large native cover. The 12 annas paid the Indian inland rate up to 6 Tolas; cover creases & some faults & wrinkles, important showpiece. One of the largest multiples of the 2 annas used on cover

Estimate: € 3'000 - € 5'000



10039 Rare Sixteen Annas Franking

1854 2a Green, strip of three, two pairs & single, all tied by "diamond of dots" on large cover from Madras to Edinburgh. The 16 annas paid double the steamship rate via Southampton, with INDIA PAID in crescent moon hs alongside.

An attractive & rare franking showpiece

Estimate € 8'000 - € 12'000





India General Issues (continued) BALANCE OF LITHOGRAPHED ISSUES









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- A wonderful accumulation of Lithographed Issues neatly mounted & presented on pages,
- used with multiples incl. pairs, strips & blocks.

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1854 1/2a Blue, attractive selection of more than 237 singles, a pair, strip of three & block of four, showing complete sheet reconstruction of 96, shades & a variety of numeral cancels

1854 1a Red, attractive selection of used singles (39), pairs (5), strips of 3 (6), strip of four, blocks of 4 (2), strips of 6, with a fine array of shades & a variety of numeral cancels

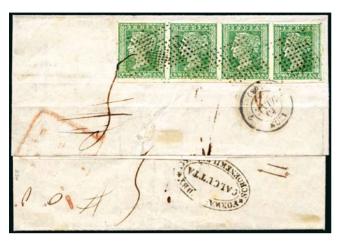
1854 2a Green, attractive selection of used with singles (40), pairs (3), strips of 3 (3), block of 4 (1), strip of 5 (1)

1854 4a Red & blue, four used singles

Generally very fine and an excellent basis for expansion (100s of stamps)

Estimate: € 3'000 - € 5'000







10041 A fine array of Lithographed Issues covers on album pages, as described in detail below:

1854 1/2a Blue, attractive selection of twenty-four singles on covers, seven pairs on covers and two vertical strips of four both applied on reverse of covers

1854 1a Red, attractive selection of seven singles on covers and five pairs on covers

1854 2a Green, attractive selection with three singles on covers, single & 1a on cover, single & East India 4a on cover to Scotland, two pairs on cover to Marseille and strip of four on reverse of cover

1854 4a Red & blue, four used singles, three singles on covers, single & 2a (2) on cover to London, pair & 1a pair on part cover and pair on cover to Italy

Generally very fine and an excellent basis for expansion (58 covers)

Estimate: € 20'000 - € 30'000







10042 * (*) 1882-90 Empire issue mint set (less 4a) all overprinted SPECIMEN, 2 shades of 8a (one unused), 1a with thin, also 1895 high value set of 3 overprinted CANCELLED

Estimate: € 400 - € 500





Section C: Mahatma Gandhi







10043 **Gandhi Service Unmounted Mint**

1948 Mahatma Gandhi Official set of the three low values unmounted mint with the following values present: 1 1/2a brown, 3 1/2a violet and 12a grey-green. A stunningly fresh set & possibly the finest recorded. Each value with cert. BPA (2011)

Estimate: € 3'000 - € 5'000



10044 **Gandhi 10 Rupee Service Unmounted Mint**

1948 Mahatma Gandhi Official, the extremely rare 10r purple-brown & lake unmounted mint, thought to be the only such example in existence today. A stunningly fresh example of the high value & undoubtedly the finest recorded of only 18 examples known

Apparently the only know unmounted mint example

Expertise: cert. BPA (2011)

Estimate: € 26'000 - € 30'000

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Section D: Service, Revenues & Used Abroad

OFFICIAL



10045 (*) 1866 8a Purple on thick blue glazed paper, unused without gum, fine & very rare (SG O18, £4'000), cert, Brandon (2003)

Estimate: € 1'800 - € 2'000

REVENUES & FISCALS







10046 PR COURT FEE: Queen Victoria Government of India set of twelve proofs in black from 4r to 1000r, each in marginal inscription pairs and bearing CANCELLED ovpts, a fine & rare set (24)

Estimate: € 2'000 - € 4'000





India Service, Revenues & Used Abroad (continued)







10047 ★ ⊞ R 1923 George V set of sixteen values from 1a to 9R8a all in unmounted mint bottom marginal blocks of six, all bearing CANCELLED overprint (Samuel Type 19) except three lower values, plus additional endorsements in margin "approved for colour" and signed "Percy Green / for controller" and dated "8 Dec 23," some usual faults consistent with archival provenance, a wonderful & unique assembly, unlisted in Barefoot (78 stamps bearing Cancelled ovpts & endorsed)

Estimate: € 5'000 - € 9'000





India Service, Revenues & Used Abroad (continued)

INDIA USED ABROAD: PHILIPPINES



10048 🗷 Philippines Islands - India Used Abroad

1863 Entire from "Yloilo Island of Panay Philippines 8 October" to London, with India 8p, 2a and 4a pair tied in transit by Singapore "B/172" obliterators, light archive fold, interesting contents regarding establishing a line of Steam Packets to the Philippines, a very rare usage

Estimate: $\in 6'000 - \in 9'000$





India Service, Revenues & Used Abroad (continued)





10049 ☑ India Five Colour Franking Used from PENANG to USA

1863 Entire from Penang via Marseille to Boston, franked by 1856-64 1/2a blue, 1a brown, 2a yellow-buff, 4a black and 8a carmine, each cancelled or tied by "B/147" octagonal cancels with Penang "147" duplex at left, red crayon "1/1" ms rate, London Paid and Boston arrival cds plus USA "16 / CENTS" accountancy (ties 1a blue), trivial creasing, an exceptional franking full of character, rare and dramatic showpiece

Provenance: Seybold (1910)

Estimate: € 12'000 - € 16'000

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