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# The Charles J. Starnes Collection



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	 <b>Mint Never Hinged</b> <i>Free from any disturbance</i>	 <b>Lightly Hinged</b> <i>Faint impression of a removed hinge over a small area</i>	 <b>Hinge Mark or Remnant</b> <i>Prominent hinged spot with part or all of the hinge remaining</i>	 <b>Part o.g.</b> <i>Approximately half or more of the gum intact</i>	 <b>Small part o.g.</b> <i>Approximately less than half of the gum intact</i>	 <b>No gum</b> <i>Only if issued with gum</i>
Catalogue Symbol:	★ ★	★	★	★	★	(★)
PRE-1890 ISSUES	<i>Pre-1890 stamps in these categories trade at a premium over Scott value</i>			Scott Value for “O.G.”		Scott “No Gum” Values thru No. 218
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## Symbols and Abbreviations (see chart above for gum symbols)

Block	E	Essay	pmk.	Postmark	No.	Scott Catalogue Number
Cover	P	Proof	cds	Circular Datestamp	hs	Handstamp
FC	TC	Trial Color Proof	var.	Variety	ms.	Manuscript

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## Loss and Recovery—The Charles J. Starnes Collection

“Nine high value official covers were lost when the Charles J. Starnes collection was stolen in 1983. Even though I have severe reservations as to whether they still exist, I have included them in this census because most have a famous provenance. Collectors who scour the auction catalogues of the great official cover collections of earlier generations are entitled to know what measure of hope to hold out that long-missing covers will resurface.”

—ALAN C. CAMPBELL  
*Chronicle*, November 2000

THE THEFT OF THE STARNES COLLECTION IN 1983 LEFT A LARGE VOID IN THE collecting world, which is reflected in the words above, written by the well-respected and widely-published specialist in Officials, Alan C. Campbell. In virtually every reference to the stolen Starnes collection, writers showed little hope for recovery. Even as recently as the 2004 sale of the Robert L. Markovits Officials collection, important covers known to have existed as part of the Starnes collection were described in the sale catalogue as “presumed lost to philately.”

Pessimism turned to astonishment in May 2005 when several stolen covers from the Starnes Foreign Destinations collection were spotted on eBay by a sharp-eyed collector in Florida. The FBI was called, and soon after the eBay seller produced a cache of Starnes material, including the complete Officials collection and a large portion (but not all) of the Foreign Destinations and Classic U.S. collections. After 22 years, philately reclaimed the stolen Starnes covers.

John Starnes, a nephew of Charles and the appointed executor for the re-opened estate, describes the decision to auction the collection in this statement:

“The Estate is proud to have chosen Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries to conduct a public auction of all covers and stamps recovered and returned by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Charles Starnes’ foreign destination covers and departmental covers and stamps were stolen in 1983. Although a private sale of the Starnes Collection was seriously considered, when the unique circumstances that surrounded the Charles J. Starnes Collection were factored, it was decided that the philatelic community deserved to know what has been recovered and what is still missing. It is believed that a public auction will provide the broad philatelic community a record of what has been recovered and returned to the Estate, and what prized stolen covers are still missing.”

Many of today’s collectors know about Charles J. Starnes from the valuable contributions he made to published literature on postal history. The “Starnes Book”—shorthand for *United States Letter Rates to Foreign Destinations: 1847 to GPU-UPU*—is still the desktop reference for collectors and students of U.S. covers to foreign countries. Starnes’ achievements earned him several honors from the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society: the Ashbrook Cup in 1977 and 1982, the Brookman Cup in 1985, and induction into the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists in 1990. The American Philatelic Society awarded him the Luff Award for distinguished research and added his name to the APS Hall of Fame in 1995. When Charles J. Starnes passed away in 1993, Richard F. Winter wrote a memorial tribute in the *Chronicle* (February 1994), accurately prophesizing, “Many future generations of collectors and students will benefit directly from the essential information that he compiled.”

The Starnes Officials collection is legendary. In the 1950’s and 1960’s, when Starnes was most active in collecting Officials, it was possible to acquire rare stamps and covers for prices which today seem ludicrously low. The Steinmetz, Ackerman and Knapp collections had been dispersed prior to World War II. In 1953 the James E. Hughes collection was sold through Bruce G. Daniels, and in 1963 the H. G. Duckworth collection was sold through Harmer, Rooke. By the time the Ehrenberg (“Crystal”) collection came up for sale in 1981 (Siegel Sale 577), Starnes had already formed one of the most significant collections in the field. At this point other collectors, such as Bob Markovits, Les Lanphear, Ted Lockyear, Alan Campbell and David Lobdell had moved to the forefront of Officials collecting and research. The only other significant “old-time” holding of Officials was the Morrison Waud collection, which Robert A. Siegel had purchased intact in the 1960’s. In 1982 the Waud collection was sold to Bob Markovits, providing him with the foundation for his award-winning exhibit collection.

The entire Starnes Officials collection was recovered by the FBI and is offered in this sale. A large portion of the Foreign Destinations collection was recovered, but many items are still unrecovered. In the interest of promoting the recovery of more stolen Starnes covers, the Siegel firm will maintain a visual record of the unrecovered covers on the Siegel Encyclopedia section of its website at <http://siegelauctions.com/enc/StarnesTheft.pdf>

We are proud to become part of the remarkable story of the Starnes collection, and we are confident that the still-missing covers will turn up one day.

—SCOTT R. TREPEL

FIRST SESSION (LOTS 3501-3688)  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2007, AT 1:30 P.M.

THE CHARLES J. STARNES COLLECTION  
STAMPLESS, 1847 AND 1851-60 ISSUES



- 3501 ☒ **(Oregon Territory) "Portland O.T. Nov. 30".** Clear strike of circular datestamp with matching "Paid 6" in circle on 1852 folded letter to Ky., some overall age toning and wear, still Very Fine strike of this scarce territorial marking, ASCC value \$850..... E. 300-400
- 3502 ☒ **5c Red Brown (1).** Large even margins, tied by red grid, matching "Boston 5cts. 24 Jan." integral-rate circular datestamp on blue 1848 folded letter to Springfield Mass., light file folds incl. one barely affecting top right corner of stamp, Very Fine ..... 675.00
- 3503 ☒ **10c Black (2).** Large margins to just in at bottom right, engraver's slip along right frameline, tied by **blue numeral "10"** and matching "Baltimore Md. Aug. 2" circular datestamp on blue 1849 folded letter to Maysville Ky., some stain spots on stamp and cover, otherwise Fine ..... 2,000.00
- 3504 ☒ **1c Blue, Ty. II (7).** Large margins to just in, tied by "**St. Louis Paid 1ct**" circular-rate hand-stamp on blue folded printed Prices Current to Augusta Ill., stamp with small tears and light soiling at top left, still Very Fine use of this scarce St. Louis marking..... E. 200-300
- 3505 ☒ **1c Blue, Ty. II (7).** Margins to in, rich color, tied by "Boston Paid Sep. 11" circular datestamp on **illustrated California Packet Office** printed circular datelined in Boston on Sep. 7, 1852 and advertising passage to California and Australia, fresh and Fine, beautiful usage ..... E. 300-400



3506

- 3506 ☒ **1c Blue, Ty. III (8).** Plate 4, large margins to mostly ample at top showing wide breaks, tied by "Warsaw NY. Jun. 22" circular datestamp on cover to Castele N.Y., minor edgewear, some slight toning around stamp

VERY FINE. A HANDSOME COVER WITH THE SCARCE 1851 ONE-CENT TYPE III IMPERFORATE.

Ex Caspary. Signed Ashbrook and with his note on back ..... 3,500.00



3507

- 3507 ☒ **1c Blue, Ty. IV, 3c Dull Red (9, 11).** Large margins to in, tied by "Savannah Ga. 3 Mar. 25" circular datestamp on buff cover to Norton Mass., well-struck "MAIL ROUTE" straight-line handstamp, endorsed "Pr. N. York Steamer", 1c tiny corner crease, some slight edgewear

VERY FINE. AN OUTSTANDING 1851 ISSUE COVER WITH THE RARE SAVANNAH "MAIL ROUTE" STRAIGHTLINE AND A ONE-CENT PLUS THREE-CENT COMBINATION.

The rare "Mail Route" marking was applied to mail picked up by contract mail steamers near Savannah and was used instead of a "Way" marking (Simpson-Alexander rarity 9). The combination of this marking and a 1c plus 3c franking is ideal. .... E. 1,500-2,000



- 3508 ✉ **3c Orange Brown (10).** Large margins to just in, tied by **blue "Way 6"** circular datestamp on blue folded letter datelined "*Richmond Octo. 22nd 1851*" to Lynchburg Va., first page is bill of lading, second is letter, vertical file fold well clear of stamp, Very Fine, carried on the freighter *Landonia* from Richmond to Lynchburg via the James River and Kanawha Canal where struck with the obsolete "Way 6" handstamp..... E. 300-400
- 3509 ✉ **3c Orange Brown (10).** Large margins to clear, brilliant color, tied by grid, **red "Steam/Boat"** two-line handstamp on blue folded letter datelined "*New York Aug. 14, 1851*" to Aurora N.Y., light vertical file folds do not affect stamp, Very Fine steamboat usage, ex Peltz .. E. 300-400
- 3510 ✉ **3c Orange Brown (10).** Large margins to clear incl. part of adjoining stamp at right, tied by **blue "Battle Creek Mich. Oct. 31"** circular datestamp on orange cover to Ann Arbor Mich., 1851 docketing at bottom left, fresh and Very Fine..... E. 200-300
- 3511 ✉ **3c Orange Brown (10).** Large margins to just in incl. **top left corner sheet margins with guideline**, tied by **blue grid**, matching "Elizabethtown N.J. Oct. 18" circular datestamp on blue 1851 folded letter to Morrisville Pa., light bend at top, Very Fine, attractive and scarce corner copy... E. 400-500
- 3512 ✉ **3c Orange Brown (10).** Two, margins to in, rich color beautifully complemented by **blue grid** cancels, matching "Chillicothe Ohio 30 Aug." circular datestamp on orange cover to Delaware O., fresh and Very Fine double-rate usage ..... E. 200-300
- 3513 ✉ **3c Dull Red (11).** Large margins to just incl. **top left corner sheet margins**, brilliant color, tied by light strike of "Gardner Ms." circular datestamp on buff cover to Groton Centre Mass., light diagonal crease affects stamp, appears Very Fine, scarce and attractive corner margin single ..... E. 500-750
- 3514 ✉ **3c Dull Red (11).** One of the "Three Rows" positions, margins to in, tied by **green "Hampton Ct."** boxed datestamp on blue folded cover to Hartford Conn., light vertical file folds, Fine ..... E. 200-300



3515



3516



3517

- 3515 ☒ **3c Dull Red (11).** Ample margins to slightly in, tied by black grid, blue "Buffalo N.Y. Sep. 28" circular datestamp and matching "Steamboat" in ornate frame handstamp on cover to Masena Springs N.Y. with **Detroit Mich. forwarding and commission merchants, millers and vessel owners' cameo corner card with illustration of three-masted ship**, brilliantly executed woodcut without an imprint to identify its maker, couple faint stains at top, Extremely Fine, a wonderful cameo design with the added attraction of a scarce "Steamboat" marking indicating this travelled by a Lake Erie contract steamer from Detroit to Buffalo, where it entered the mails ..... E. 750-1,000
- 3516 ☒ **3c Dull Red (11).** Margins to in, stamp defective, tied by well-struck grid, two strikes of "MAIL ROUTE" straightline handstamp on cover to Savannah Ga., red crayon "Due 1", missing top flap, some wear, appears Fine, scarce auxiliary marking which was applied to mail picked up by contract mail steamers near Savannah and was used instead of a "Way" marking, Simpson-Alexander rarity 9..... E. 200-300
- 3517 ☒ **3c Dull Red (11).** Margins to in, tied by mostly clear strike of **blue Running Stag in Circle fancy cancel**, red "Shelbourne Falls Mass. Jan. 14" circular datestamp on yellow cover to North Pownal Vt., horizontal file fold affects stamp which also has a corner crease, still a Very Fine and well-defined strike of this scarce cancel, which usually appears as nothing more than a blob..... E. 750-1,000



- 3518 ☒ **3c Dull Red (11).** Margins to in, tied by **Christian Cross fancy cancel**, "Canton Mi. Apr. 12" circular datestamp on cover to New Orleans La., some slight wear, Very Fine strike of this scarce Canton marking ..... E. 300-400
- 3519 ☒ **3c Dull Red (11).** Position 60L2L, large margins to just touched at top left, cancelled by **Outline 6-Point Star fancy cancel**, "Chicopee Ms. Aug. 27" circular datestamp on cover to Boston, Very Fine strike of the Chicopee Star ..... E. 300-400
- 3520 ☒ **3c Dull Red (11).** Position 80L3, huge margins to in incl. **straddle-pane** margin at right with full guideline, tied by "Lewiston Me. Aug. 29" circular datestamp on yellow cover with **Three-Quarter Portrait Fremont Campaign design**, which has been embellished with ms. "Fremont be Damd", to Richmond Me., some wear incl. small piece out of cover at top left, appears Fine ..... E. 200-300
- 3521 ☒ **3c Dull Red (11).** Margins to in, radiant color, tied by large "Paid" grid, red "Boston Jan. 24" circular datestamp on **American House hotel blue embossed cameo corner card** cover to Rochester N.Y., light wear barely affects stamp, Very Fine appearance..... E. 200-300
- 3522 ☒ **3c Dull Red (11).** Large margins to just in at top, tied by bold strike of "Philadelphia Pa. Nov. 29" circular datestamp on buff cover with **umbrella and parasol manufacturer's blue illustrated cameo corner card** to Lewisville Pa., fresh and Very Fine, a pretty cover .. E. 200-300
- 3523 ☒ **3c Dull Red (11).** Large margins to just in, nick at top right, cancelled by segmented grid and with matching **small "Steam"** handstamp on cover to Selma Ala., Very Fine example of this rare "Steam" marking which was only used on the Alabama River..... E. 300-400
- 3524 ☒ **3c Dull Red (11).** Horizontal pair, bright shade, tied by well-struck "New-York Ship Oct. 9" circular datestamp on cover to Woburn Mass., blue **"Stmr. Sierra Nevada, Via Nicaragua, In Advance of the Mail"** handstamp, some edgewear, Very Fine ..... E. 400-500



- 3525 ☒ **12c Black (17).** Large margins to barely touched, tied by neat strike of "San Francisco Cal. May 16" circular datestamp on cover to Cleveland O., endorsed "per 'John L. Stephens'" at bottom left, some slight edgewear barely affects stamp, Very Fine and attractive double-rate usage, carried on the Pacific Mail Steamship Co.'s *John L. Stephens* to Panama and from there by the steamer to New York..... 1,500.00
- 3526 ☒ **1c Blue, Ty. III (21).** Position 15L4, deep rich color, tied by "Hartford Ct. Mar. 6, 1858" circular datestamp on printed notice to East Middlebury Vt., some slight overall cover toning, Fine, scarce usage paying the 1c circular rate ..... 3,250.00
- 3527 ☒ **1c Blue, Ty. IIIa (22).** Horizontal strip of three, Positions 15-17R4, tied by "Mentor O. Mar. 22" circular datestamps on buff cover to Jonesville N.Y., slightly reduced at right, few gum soaked perf tips, still Very Fine, rare multiple on cover and unpriced as such, Scott Retail as used strip of three off cover ..... 1,900.00
- 3528 ☒ **1c Blue, Ty. II (20).** Wildly mis-perforated with significantly more height than usual, tied by "Fredericksburg Va. Apr. 9" circular datestamp on locally used orange cover, light crease affects stamp, some waterstaining at top of cover, otherwise Very Fine, a stamp of dramatic appearance ..... E. 150-200
- 3529 ☒ **1c Blue, Ty. IV (23).** Remarkably choice centering for the difficult perforated issue, tied by "Boston Mass. 22 Oct." circular datestamp on folded printed notice for Young Men's Democratic Club to Marion Mass., minor edge toning, Extremely Fine, the perforated 1c stamps from Plate 1 Late are rarely encountered with such superb centering... 1,000.00



- 3530 ☒ **3c Rose, Ty. I (25).** Position 41L4 with **wide left sheet selvage and part of imprint and “N” of “No. 4”**, tied by “Hillsboro N.H. Mar. 23” circular datestamp on orange cover to Goshen N.H., slightly reduced at right and top right corner, few minor perf flaws at bottom and light gum soak in selvage, still Very Fine, exceedingly scarce imprint single of the 3c Type I on cover..... E. 300-400
- 3531 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26).** Position 71L18 which clearly shows **large plate crack**, tied by neat “New Haven Conn. Jan. 27, 1858” circular datestamp on light yellow cover to Southbury Conn., slightly reduced at left, some cover wear incl. scuff at bottom left removing ballpoint notation, still Very Fine and scarce usage of this dramatic plate variety ..... E. 300-400
- 3532 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26).** Two, one tied by grid, other by large “**Minesota Mine, Ontonagon Co., Mich., 27 June**” circular datestamp on light yellow cover to Haddam Conn., trivial cover toning, Very Fine, scarce county-name marking ..... E. 300-400
- 3533 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26).** S.e. at left, cancelled by grid, red “**Morningville, Westchester Co. N.Y.**” framed handstamp with matching “Feb. 23” on cover, cover tears at top, Very Fine appearance, scarce town marking ..... E. 100-150
- 3534 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26).** Horizontal strip of four, Positions 7-10R9L, tied by two clear strikes of “**Steamboat**” straightline handstamp on legal-size blue cover to Mobile Ala., stamps with trivial soiling, Very Fine, attractive quadruple-rate usage, the “Steamboat” marking was applied on incoming mail at Mobile carried on non-contract boats plying the inland waterways... E. 400-500
- 3535 **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26).** Two cover fronts only, each with Canton Miss. circular datestamp, one with **Lyre** fancy cancel and another with **Star in Circle of Rope** fancy cancel, few flaws, still Very Fine strikes of these desirable cancels.....(Photo Ex) E. 200-300
- 3536 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26).** Three folded covers and three large pieces, all from Canton Miss. and each with different cancel, incl. grids, Odd Fellows, triangle, few flaws, Fine-Very Fine .....  
.....Not illustrated E. 200-300



- 3537 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26).** Tied by well-struck "Sacramento City Cal. Oct. 24, 1860" circular datestamp on cover to Montrose P.O., Iowa, with **blue "Overland via Los Angeles" four-horse stagecoach design**, stamp also tied by docketing, slightly reduced at left, trivial soiling, Very Fine, stagecoach covers seldom have single 3c frankings..... E. 500-750
- 3538 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26).** Straddle-pane margin at left, ms. cancel, "Cherry Valley O. Oct. 11" (1860) ms. postmark on **Lincoln-Hamlin Railsplitter Campaign** cover to Austinburg O., extremely rare woodcut design with Tibbits imprint, cover minor edgewear and small rounded corner at bottom right, Very Fine, this Railsplitter design is much rarer than the version usually scene, an outstanding Lincoln campaign cover..... E. 750-1,000
- 3539 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26).** Cancelled by ms., matching Sep. 25 Ohio pmk., on **Lincoln Campaign cover with hand-drawn railsplitter cartoon** to Franklin Mills O., missing part of backflap, cover tear at top, stamp slightly affected from placement at edge of cover, still Very Fine, very unusual and rare..... E. 1,000-1,500



- 3540 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26).** Brilliant color, tied by **blue** "Cincinnati O. Feb. 25" circular datestamp on **Phonography** advertising cover to Jacksonville Ill., fresh and Very Fine, a pretty cover ..... E. 300-400
- 3541 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26).** Brilliant color, scissors-separated with intact perfs at sides and s.e. at bottom, tied by "Hartford Ct. 17 Mar. 1859" circular datestamp on **Charter Oak Life Insurance Co. blue illustrated cameo corner card** cover to Wells River Vt., barely reduced at right, trivial wear, Very Fine ..... E. 300-400
- 3542 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26).** Brilliant color, tied by "Hartford Ct. May 4, 1858" circular datestamp on **Charter Oak Life Insurance Co. blue illustrated cameo corner card** cover to Rockford Ill., stamp with trivial corner creases, appears Very Fine ..... E. 300-400
- 3543 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26).** Bright color, tied by grid, red "Charleston Ms. Jun. 21, 1861" double-circle datestamp on **"By Golly Massa Butler" Civil War caricature** cover, slightly reduced at right, trivial perf flaw at bottom left, Very Fine, rare design ..... E. 300-400
- 3544 **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26).** Tied by light strike of June 22 circular datestamp on cover front only with red and blue **Herald on Horse with Trumpet Patriotic** with "Maine to Texas" slogan, to Oswego N.Y., Very Fine, very unusual design ..... E. 100-150
- 3545 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26).** Cancelled by grid, "Rossie N.Y. Aug. 14" circular datestamp on purple **Standing Liberty with Shield and Flag Patriotic** cover to Washington D.C., slightly reduced at right, tiny perf flaw at right, Very Fine example of this unusual design ..... E. 200-300
- 3546 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26).** Bright color, **used with 1c Blue, Eagle Carrier (LO2)** and tied by blue "Cincinnati O. Jun. 14" circular datestamp on orange cover to Fort Madison Iowa, cover scuffed at center, Very Fine ..... 600.00

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- 3547 ☒ **5c Red Brown (28).** Used with **1c Blue, Ty. V (24)**, scissors-separated into design at top but with intact perfs at bottom, tied by "New Orleans La. Jan. 19, 1858" circular datestamp on folded letter datelined "Campeche 3 de Enero de 1858" **from Mexico to New York via New Orleans**, horizontal file fold well away from stamps, tiny cover edge tear at top, Very Fine, scarce bootlegged usage from Mexico, ex Seybold ..... E. 500-750
- 3548 ☒ **5c Red Brown (28).** Used with **1c Blue, Ty. V (24)**, tied by grids, "Mount Pleasant O. Aug. 2, 1860" circular datestamp on small cover to Martin's Ferry O., slightly reduced at right, some slight edgewear incl. small piece out at top right, Very Fine appearing double-rate usage ..... E. 200-300
- 3549 ☒ **10c Green, Ty. II, III (32, 33).** Two horizontal strips of three and single, strips of each type and single of Ty. II, tied by "Lyons N.Y. May 30, 1859" circular datestamps on over-size cover to Nevada City Cal., ms. "Due 10" at bottom, court docketing at left, slightly reduced at right, some wear to be expected in an oversize cover, some soiling, Very Fine, scarce 8-times 10c rate usage ..... E. 1,000-1,500

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- 3550 ☒ **10c Green, Ty. IV (34).** Position 74L1, recut at top, tied by "San Francisco Cal. Aug. 20, 1859" circular datestamp on yellow cover to Cambridge Mass., endorsed "per steamer 'Sonora'", fresh and Very Fine, a beautiful cover bearing the scarce 10c recut ..... E. 1,000-1,500



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- 3551 ☒ **10c Green, Ty. V (35).** Tied by well-struck "San Francisco Cal. Jun. 21, 1861" circular datestamp on red and blue **Waving Flag and Verse Patriotic** cover with Commercial Printing Office imprint, to Sowville N.Y., endorsed "Via Panama" at top left, minor edge toning on cover and at top left of stamp, otherwise Very Fine, attractive and scarce patriotic used from California early in the conflict ..... E. 300-400
- 3552 ☒ **10c Green, Ty. V (35).** Bright color, nicely complemented by **blue segmented cork** and matching "Marysville Cal. Paid by Stamps Feb. 19" circular datestamp on cover to Brooklyn N.Y., insignificant toning around edges of stamp from gum, Very Fine, an attractive cover ..... E. 300-400
- 3553 ☒ **30c Orange (38).** Used with 3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26) and tied by **blue grids**, matching "Cincinnati O. Feb. 8" circular datestamp on yellow legal-size cover to Peoria Ill., docketing at left, some edgewear, negligible perf flaws, Very Fine..... E. 1,000-1,500

## 1861-68 AND LATER ISSUES

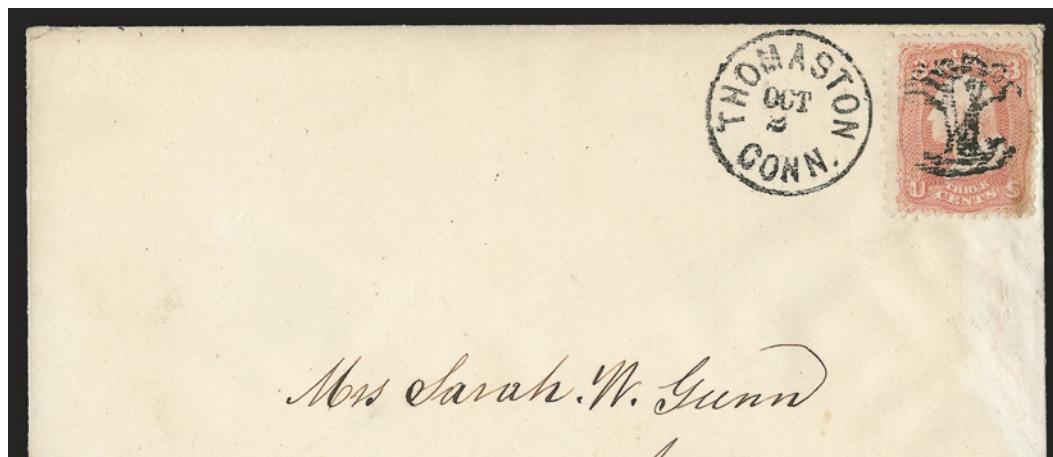


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- 3554 ☒ **10c Dark Green, First Design (62B).** Two, each with one row of double vertical perfs, tied by "Benicia Cal. Apr. 21" circular datestamps on **10c Green entire (U41)** to Neponsett Mass., 1862 docketing at left, some slight edgewear, right stamp with picked-out inclusion, some slight toning around perfs
- VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE COMBINATION OF TWO 1861 10-CENT TYPE I "FIRST DESIGN" STAMPS ON A 10-CENT 1861 NESBITT ENTIRE FOR THE TRIPLE TRANSCONTINENTAL RATE.
- Although the 10c 1861 was used extensively on transcontinental mail, multiple rates are scarce, and multiple frankings with the short-production 10c Type I are rare. .... E. 2,000-3,000



- 3555 ☒ **1c Blue (63)**. Two, used with **1c Blue, Ty. I (18)**, tied by grids, "Middlebury Ind. Jun. 6" circular datestamp on red and blue **Standing Liberty and Flag Patriotic** cover to Walnut Creek P.O. O., some toning around stamps, stamps with flaws incl. left 1c torn in half prior to use, otherwise Fine, unusual use of a demonetized stamp—the sender must have been short one stamp, found an old demonetized stamp, and attempted to "hide" it between two valid stamps, a ploy that evidently worked..... E. 500-750
- 3556 ☒ **3c Pink (64)**. Radiant color, used with 1c Blue (63), each tied by **blue** "Baltimore Md. Sep. 3" circular datestamp on cover to Washington D.C., fresh and Very Fine, a pretty cover ..... E. 750-1,000
- 3557 ☒ **3c Pink (64)**. Bright color, tied by grid, "Portland Me. 4 Sep. 1861" double-circle datestamp on yellow cover to Litchfield Conn., with **illustrated Preble House hotel design** on back, also with original enclosure which is similarly illustrated, backflap with few tears but intact, perfs at right affected from placement at edge of cover, Very Fine ..... 1,050.00
- 3558 ☒ **3c Pink (64)**. Radiant color, tied by cork, "Brattleboro Vt. Aug. 22, 1861" double-circle datestamp on cover to Providence R.I., slightly rounded corner at bottom right, few tape stains on back only, Very Fine appearance ..... 1,050.00
- 3559 ☒ **3c Rose Pink (64b)**. Bright shade, tied by **blue target**, matching "Kenosha Wis. Feb. 28" double-circle datestamp on orange cover with **S. W. Truesdell photographer's lithographed corner card** to Benton Centre N.Y., minor cover wrinkling, small central ink spot on cover, Very Fine, a beautiful cover, Truesdell was a well-known photographer and maker of daguerreotypes in Kenosha, Wisconsin..... E. 150-200
- 3560 ☒ **3c Rose (65)**. Cancelled by target, "San Francisco Cal. Feb. 5" double-circle datestamp and cancelled on arrival on orange cover to San Francisco, bold strikes of "**DUE 7**" and "**PURSER**" straightline handstamps, some edgewear, stamp defective at top right, still Very Fine, scarce usage, the origin is unknown but the 10c rate was valid from either Mexico, Guatemala or Costa Rica at the treaty rate, this was also the blanket rate on incoming mails carried by American Packet from non-treaty countries..... E. 300-400



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- 3561 ☒ **3c Rose (65).** Cancelled by well-struck **Charter Oak fancy cancel**, "Thomaston Conn. Oct. 2" circular datestamp on cover to Avon N.Y., stamp with small perf flaws and minor soiling at bottom right, Extremely Fine strike of this distinctive fancy cancel... E. 750-1,000
- 3562 ☒ **3c Rose (65).** Tied by well-impressed **2-Cent Coin fancy cancel**, "Marshall Mich. Feb. 13" circular datestamp on cover to Rochester N.Y., 1867 docketing at left, some slight toning around perfs from gum, Very Fine, unusual, the postmaster used a 2c coin as a cancelling device, which he inked and impressed on the stamp and cover..... E. 500-750
- 3563 ☒ **3c Rose (65).** Bright color, tied by **blue negative "L" cork cancel**, matching "Lebanon Ohio Jun. 25" circular datestamp on cover with ribbon address panel to St. Johnsbury Vt., slightly reduced at left, Very Fine..... E. 200-300



- 3564 ☒ **3c Rose (65)**. Cancelled by perfect strike of **Star fancy cancel**, "Paper Mill Village N.H. May 2" circular datestamp on cover to Mason Mich., slightly reduced at right, stamp with small flaws, Very Fine strike of this attractive fancy cancel ..... E. 200-300
- 3565 ☒ **3c Rose (65)**. Two covers, first cancelled by target, "Columbus O. Aug. 26" double-circle datestamp on cover to "4th Street Navy Yard, Washington City D.C.", also with clear strike of "**Examined, Camp Chase O.**" handstamp, second also with single tied by target, "Sandusky O. Nov. 5, 1864" double-circle datestamp on orange cover to Baltimore and with "**Prisoner's Letter Examined CSB Johnson's Island O.**" handstamp, both with few flaws, Fine-Very Fine.....(Photo Ex) E. 300-400
- 3566 ☒ **5c Buff (67)**. Horizontal pair, tied by "Preston Conn. Sep. 9" with day in ms. on orange cover to Sacramento City Cal., 1861 docketing at left, some slight cover wear, right stamp minor corner crease at top right, Very Fine, scarce early usage of the 5c Buff..... E. 750-1,000
- 3567 ☒ **10c Yellow Green (68)**. Rich color, tied by "Newark N.J. Dec. 20, 1862" double-circle datestamps on **10c Green entire (U41)** to San Francisco Cal., missing most of top flap, some slight edgewear, Very Fine double-rate usage ..... E. 200-300
- 3568 ☒ **10c Yellow Green (68)**. Horizontal pair, s.e. at left, used with 3c Rose (65) and cancelled by corks, "New York Registered Dec. 20" circular datestamp on folded cover to San Francisco, cover with some slight wear incl. soiling and scuffs, still Very Fine and scarce usage paying the 20c registry fee ..... E. 300-400
- 3569 ☒ **5c Red Brown (75)**. Two in an unusual fire red shade, used with **1c Blue (63)** and **10c Yellow Green (68)**, tied by **blue grids** and matching "Cincinnati O. Jul. 23" double-circle datestamps on orange courthouse cover to Logansport Ind., 1863 docketing at left, stamps with few faults, appears Very Fine, colorful franking for the 7x 3c rate ..... E. 750-1,000
- 3570 ☒ **15c Black (77)**. Natural s.e. at right, used with horizontal pair of 3c Rose (65), perfs trimmed at top, tied by crossroads, "**San Francisco Cal. Registered May 25**" circular datestamp on blue cover to Cold Spring Harbor N.Y., registry nos. at top left, few small flaws, appears Very Fine, attractive usage..... E. 300-400



- 3571 ☒ **3c Rose, A. Grill (79).** Clear grill, rich color, tied by segmented cork and by "New York Dec. 19" circular datestamp on orange cover to local address, Very Fine, scarce with the perfs in such intact condition ..... 2,000.00
- 3572 ☒ **2c Black, Z. Grill (85B).** Clear grill, tied by cork on orange cover with printed address to Brooklyn Mich., stamp lifted and hinged in place to confirm grill, minor perf flaws at top, Fine, scarce used on cover ..... 1,400.00
- 3573 ☒ **3c Rose, Z. Grill (85C).** Clearly-defined grill, tied by target, "Chad's Ford Pa. Mar. 9" circular datestamp on cover to "Deaf and Dumb Institution" in Philadelphia, stamp with few faults, cover with small piece repaired at right, otherwise Fine, scarce used on cover, with 1956 P.F. certificate..... 4,250.00
- 3574 ☒ **1c Blue, F. Grill (92).** Horizontal pair, tied by **blue** cork, matching "Charlottesville Va. Aug. 1" circular datestamp on orange cover with red illustrated **Albemarle Insurance Company** illustrated corner card to Middleburg Va., some slight wear, Fine circular rate usage ..... E. 200-300
- 3575 ☒ **1c Blue, 2c Black, F. Grill (92, 93).** Cancelled by **blue** cork, matching "Philad'a Pa. Dec. 31" circular datestamp on orange cover with **advertisement for The Saturday Evening Post** to Black Lick O., stamps with faults, appears Fine..... E. 200-300



- 3576 ☒ **3c Red, F. Grill, Very Thin Paper (94 var).** S.e. at sides and with unusually wide margins, tied by **negative blue "MH"**, matching "Mount Holly N.J. Apr. 24" circular datestamp on orange cover with attorney's corner card to Georgetown Md., stamp lifted and hinged in place, Very Fine..... E. 300-400
- 3577 ☒ **3c Red, 10c Yellow Green, F. Grill (94, 96).** Horizontal pair of 10c, rich colors, tied by targets, "Pilatka Fla. 28 Dec." circular datestamp on yellow **registered** cover to Stone Mountain Ga., registry nos. at top left, slightly reduced at left, Fine ..... E. 200-300
- 3578 ☒ **3c Ultramarine (114).** Used with **15c Black, F. Grill (98)**, tied by corks, "Milwaukee Wis. Oct. 19" circular datestamp on orange **registered** cover to Chester Mass., barely reduced at left, Very Fine..... E. 300-400
- 3579 ☒ **3c Green (158).** Enormous margins, deep rich color, tied by cork, "Pontiac Mich. Sep. 13" circular datestamp on cover to Lansing Mich., slightly reduced at right, Extremely Fine Gem, a gargantuan stamp and a prime candidate for soaking..... E. 300-400
- 3580 ☒ **(Confederate States)** "Smithville Va. Dec. 5". Light strike of **red** circular datestamp with matching "Paid" and "V" in circle handstamps on **11-Star Confederate Flag and Verse Patriotic** cover with J.W. Randolph imprint, to Farmington N.C., ms. "Paid 5cts" and also "Due 5", slightly reduced at left, some slight soiling, Very Fine ..... E. 200-300

## GROUP LOTS AND BALANCES

- 3581 ☒ **1851-56 Issue Covers.** 30 covers mounted on pages, incl. No. 7 on circular and drop rate, No. 9 (2), outstanding selection of 3c with some plate varieties such as defective "C" of "Cents", double and triple transfers, nice group of shades, some faults, some Fine-Very Fine..... E. 500-750
- 3582 ☒ **1851-57 Issue Covers.** 118 covers, three stamps and two pieces, majority are 3c with some interesting cancels incl. numerals, various grids, star, few patriotics and advertising covers, some faults, some Fine-Very Fine..... E. 2,000-3,000
- 3583 ☒ **1857-60 Issue Cover Balance.** 20 covers nicely mounted on pages, incl. Nos. 18 (2), 25 (2 incl. one tied by "Way"), nice group of No. 26 incl. Dead Letter Office handstamp, Advertised and "Steamer", No. 32, 33, 36, some faults, many appear Fine-Very Fine, a worthwhile group..... E. 750-1,000
- 3584 ☒ **1857-60 Issue on Patriotics.** Four covers each with single of 3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26), all blue and red, incl. Remember Ellsworth, Stand by the Flag (two different designs) and The Constitution with shaking hands, various originations incl. Adrian Mich., some faults, some appear Fine-Very Fine..... E. 300-400
- 3585 ☒ **1861-66 Issue Covers.** 24 covers mounted on exhibition pages, incl. 12 with No. 63 incl. single frankings, strip of three, some used on 1c wrappers or entires, three used to pay carrier fee, 3 Black Jack covers, one with No. 69, others with 3c incl. some fancy cancels such as blue negative "C.V.", stars, Thomaston Conn. Charter Oak, some faults, most appear Fine-Very Fine ..... E. 400-500
- 3586 ☒ **1867-68 Grilled Issue Covers.** Three covers and one piece, incl. piece of No. 87, covers of Nos. 88, 92 and 93, clear grills, few flaws to be expected, overall Fine-Very Fine ..... E. 200-300
- 3587 ☒ **Cover Balance.** 61 covers from 19th and 20th Century, some stampless, nice group of Pan-Americans incl. 10c on registered cover, 8c and four 1c, few others, few foreign stamps on covers incl. German States, Canada, Penny Black, mixed condition, few Fine-Very Fine ..... E. 300-400
- 3588 ☒ **First Flight Covers.** Approximately 670 cacheted covers from the 1930's, nice range of stamps and flights, majority are U.S. but also with few foreign originations incl. Philippines, Hong Kong, Ireland, notable for the clarity of markings and condition, fresh and Very Fine, a worthwhile group for the specialist..... E. 750-1,000

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## FOREIGN DESTINATIONS (ARRANGED BY COUNTRY)

Many of the covers offered here are pictured in the Starnes book on foreign-mail rates.



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- 3589 ☒ **12c Black (36).** Horizontal pair, used with strip of three of 3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26) and tied by grids, red "New York N.Y. May 27" circular datestamp on blue 1860 folded cover **to Buenos Aires, Argentina**, red "12" credit handstamp, red London transit, right 3c stamp pre-printing paperfold, 12c barely affected from placement near edge of cover, Very Fine, carried on the N.Y. & Havre's Fulton ..... E. 750-1,000
- 3590 ☒ **12c Blackish Violet (162).** Horizontal pair, used with 3c Green (158), tied by corks and by "Richmond Va. Dec. 27, 1875" circular datestamp on cover **to Buenos Aires, Argentina**, red "New York 1.10 Dec. 29" credit datestamp, red London transit also ties stamps, blue crayon "10" for Argentine centavos due, right 12c pulled perf at top, missing top flap, trivial edge toning, otherwise Very Fine, Argentina did not join the U.P.U. until April 1, 1878, the "1.10" in the U.S. marking states the credit in centimes (equivalent to 22c), ex Gibson ..... E. 500-750
- 3591 ☒ **1c Blue, Ty. V (24).** Horizontal pair with s.e. at right, rich color, tied by indistinct "New Orleans La. May 2" circular datestamp on folded printed Prices Current dated May 1, 1858 **to Vienna, Austria**, well-struck blue "Printed Circular" handstamp, French transit, blue "5" rate for Austrian postage due, light horizontal file fold, some light age spotting around stamps, Very Fine ..... E. 500-750
- 3592 ☒ **1c Blue, Ty. V (24).** Horizontal pair with **straddle pane and guide line at right**, tied by "New Orleans La. Aug. 12" circular datestamp on blue folded printed Prices Current of Aug. 10, 1858 **to Vienna, Austria**, blue framed "Printed Circular" handstamp, ms. "2" crossed out with ms. "7" for Austrian postage due, transit and receiving backstamps, Very Fine, unusual usage ..... E. 500-750



- 3593 ☒ **12c Black (36).** Vertical pair, used with 3c Rose, Ty. I (25), no inner framelines, tied by "Newport R.I. Oct. 13, 1857" circular datestamps on cover to **Vienna, Austria**, red "Paid 27" handstamp, red "New-York Am. Pkt. Oct. 17" backstamp, French transits incl. red boxed "P.D." handstamp, magenta "15" credit, receiving backstamp, carried on the N.Y. & Havre Line's *Fulton*, horizontal file folds affect stamps which also have a few other flaws, appears Very Fine, unusual, the "Paid 27" was applied in Newport and followed postal regulations which required the total rate paid to be marked in red ink, this regulation seems to have been followed more frequently on stampless covers, the regulation was often ignored or the marking crossed out on covers with stamps ..... E. 400-500
- 3594 ☒ **3c Rose (65).** Block of four and single, bright colors, tied by circle of wedges, red "N. York Brem. Pkt. Paid 12 Oct. 10" credit datestamp on yellow cover to **Trieste, Italy**, blue "America/Uber Bremen/Franco" three-line handstamp, receiving backstamp, stamps with few small flaws, Very Fine, unusual franking to pay the 15c rate, carried on the NGL's *America* ..... E. 300-400
- 3595 ☒ **30c Orange (71).** Bright color, small flaws, tied by unusual bold "L", "Lockport N.Y. May 31" circular datestamp on 1863 cover to **Vienna, Austria**, red "N. York Brem. Pkt. Paid 24 Jun. 6" credit datestamp, blue "America/Uber Bremen/Franco" three-line handstamp, receiving backstamp, barely reduced at top, small repair at top edge, otherwise Fine, carried on the NGL's *Hansa* ..... E. 500-750
- 3596 ☒ **Austria to Rhode Island.** Cover bearing **Austria, 1863-64, 3kr Green and 15kr Yellow Brown (23, 26)**, horizontal pair of 15kr, tied by neat strikes of "Wien 6 6 2A" circular datestamps on cover to Valley Falls R.I., endorsed "via Hamburg and Bremen", Bremen transit backstamps, red "Paid 10" in oval handstamp, red crayon "23" rate, barely reduced at left, Very Fine ..... E. 150-200
- 3597 ☒ **Batavia N.Y. to Belgium.** Cover with red "Batavia N.Y. Jan. 1" circular datestamp and matching "Paid" and "5" handstamps to Brussels, Belgium, endorsed "Via Boston", unusual backstamps incl. "Boston Am. Pkt. Jan. 9" and "Boston Br. Pkt. Jan. 17" circular datestamps, 1855 London and receiving backstamps, framed exchange office handstamp showing division of rate, ms. 1sh debit, minor wear, Very Fine, unusual usage, the sender paid 5c (3c domestic postage plus 2c shore-to-ship fee), mistakenly backstamped in Boston to go via American packet, they realized their mistake (which would have deprived the U.S. of the postage for transit) and held it for the next British Packet, carried on the Cunarder *Asia* ..... E. 200-300



- 3598 ☒ **1c Blue, Ty. IV (9).** Vertical pair, huge margins to in at bottom incl. part of adjoining stamp at top, tied by "New Orleans La. Jul. 3" circular datestamp on blue folded printed circular of July 1, 1855 **to Anvers, Belgium**, red French transit, receiving backstamp, ms. "15" centimes due, trivial edgewear, Very Fine, carried via American Packet on the Ocean Line to Southampton and then routed thru Le Havre..... E. 500-750
- 3599 ☒ **5c Red Brown (28).** Scissors-separated with perfs intact at left and trimmed at top and right, tied by "New Orleans La. Nov. 28, 1857" circular datestamp on orange cover **to Mons, Belgium**, red "New-York Br. Pkt. Dec. 9" circular datestamp, endorsed "Collins steamer" but carried on the Cunarder *Africa*, transit and receiving backstamps, some wear, Fine..... E. 200-300
- 3600 ☒ **24c Brown Lilac (70a).** Used with 3c Rose (65) and tied by target and small "Erie Pa. Aug. 31" circular datestamp on small 1865 cover **to Antwerp, Belgium and forwarded to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**, red "N. York Am. Pkt. Paid 7 Sep. 2" circular datestamp, six backstamps (mostly Belgian and French), ms. "240" for Brazilian postage due, stamps with small flaws, some cover wear, still Very Fine and scarce usage, sent on the Inman Line's *City of Baltimore* and then forwarded to destination via Belgian and French Mail..... E. 500-750
- 3601 ☒ **1c Ultramarine, 3c Green (156, 158).** Two of 1c and horizontal pair of 3c, cancelled by blue handstamps, light strike of matching circular datestamp, on 1874 cover **to Brussels, Belgium**, red "New York Paid All Br. Pkt. Mar. 10" transit datestamp, receiving backstamp, missing part of top flap, cover expertly restored at top left, stamps with minor flaws, still Very Fine usage paying the 8c Closed Mail rate, carried on the Guion's *Idaho*..... E. 200-300



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- 3602 ☒ **24c Grayish Lilac (78a).** Two, used with horizontal pair of **5c Brown (76)** and **10c Yellow Green (68)**, cancelled by penstrokes, "Oakland Cal. Dec. 12" circular datestamp on yellow cover with printed address to **Mejillones, Bolivia**, red "San Francisco Cal. Paid Dec. 14" transit datestamp and matching "48" credit handstamp, 1868 Panama transit, reduced at right, one 24c defective, some staining at top, otherwise Very Fine, colorful and scarce usage paying double the 34c rate ..... E. 2,000-3,000



3603

- 3603 ☒ **7c Orange Vermilion, 15c Yellow Orange (160, 163).** 7c s.e. at right, cancelled by **ultramarine Star fancy cancels**, matching "Baltimore Md. Mar. 25" circular datestamp on orange 1874 cover to **Mejillones, Bolivia**, red "New York 12 Mar. 28" circular datestamp, Cobija transit, slightly reduced at left, some edgewear, 15c light corner crease at top right, appears Very Fine, colorful and scarce usage ..... E. 500-750

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- 3604 ☒ **24c Lilac (78).** Used with **1c Blue** and **two 10c Yellow Green (63, 68)**, tied by fancy cork cancels, red "N. York Am. Pkt. Paid May 22" circular datestamp on 1865 cover **to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**, endorsed "Via England", red "24" credit and London transit, carried on the Inman Line's *City of Boston*, some edgewear affects stamps, otherwise Very Fine, colorful usage sent via British Mail ..... E. 1,000-1,500
- 3605 ☒ **30c Orange (71).** Two, used with two 3c Rose (65) and tied by large segmented corks, red "Boston Br. Pkt. Paid 8 Aug." circular datestamp on 1865 cover **to Bahia, Brazil**, red crayon "60" credit also ties one stamp, red "Fr. Service" handstamp and boxed "P.D." handstamp, some toning around stamps, few perf flaws, reduced at top and expertly repaired, otherwise Fine, very scarce double-rate usage via French Mail to Brazil, carried on the Cunarder *Scotia*, then on the French Brazil Line's *Guienne*, the red "Fr. Service" was applied in Boston and was usually applied in blue on incoming mail, it is rarely seen on outgoing mails..... E. 750-1,000
- 3606 ☒ **1c Ultramarine, 12c Dull Violet, 15c Bright Orange (145, 151, 152).** Bright colors, tied by quartered corks, small "Boston Mass. Apr. 20" circular datestamp on 1871 cover addressed to Schooner *Enterprise* **at Para, Brazil**, red "New York 24 Apr. 22" circular datestamp, red London transit also ties 1c, neat Pernambuco backstamp, blue crayon "240" for Brazil reis collect, expertly repaired along top edge where roughly opened, stamps with minor flaws, still Very Fine, carried on the NGL's *Rhein*, scarce usage paying the 28c rate via Southampton, it was much less expensive (and faster) to send it via American Packet from N.Y., which was only 15c..... E. 750-1,000



3607

3607 ☒ **10c Green, Ty. III (15).** Ample margins to clear, very faint gum toning, tied by grid cancel, red "New-York May 10, 1856" circular datestamp on folded letter **to Demerara, British Guiana**, sender's routing "**per Steamer 'Tennessee'**", ms. "4" pence due, "**St. Thomas MY 19 1856**" transit datestamp and "Demerara JU 11 1856" receiving datestamp on back, ink in "4" has eroded paper, file fold

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE USE OF THE 10-CENT 1855 ISSUE ON A COVER TO BRITISH GUIANA.

10c rate covers from the United States to the British West Indies were usually carried by American Packet via Kingston or Havana. This letter was carried by the steamer *Tennessee* from New York to the St. Thomas, where it entered the British Post Office. From St. Thomas it was carried on a Royal Mail feeder line packet to Demerara. The *Tennessee* was owned by Messrs. S. de Agreda, Jove & Co. It made only six trips on the New York-St. Thomas-Puerto Rico route from January to August 1856. It was sold to the Nicaragua Transit Company in September 1856 (source: *United States Incoming Steamship Mail 1847-1875*, Theron J. Wierenga, pp. 387-388)..... E. 4,000-5,000



- 3608 ☒ **British Guiana to Conn.** Blue folded printed "Mercantile Intelligencer" of "Demerara, City of Georgetown, July 5, 1850" and addressed to Fair Haven Conn., red "New-York Ship 7cts. Aug. 3" circular datestamp, ship's designation at bottom left, fresh and Very Fine, scarce usage, carried privately on non-contract ship to New York where charged 7c (2c ship fee plus 5c domestic postage)..... E. 300-400
- 3609 ☒ **Morristown N.Y. to Brockville, Canada.** Blue 1853 folded letter with "Morristown N.Y. Oct. 11" circular datestamp with matching "U. States" in arc and "Paid" handstamps, also with matching "Paid 3" handstamp crossed out and downrated with ms "2 cents", receiving backstamp of the same day, light horizontal file fold, Very Fine, exceedingly rare usage, the rate of 2c pays postage, irrespective of weight, between two adjacent U.S. and Canada exchange offices ..... E. 750-1,000
- 3610 ☒ **10c Green, Ty. I (13).** Position 98L1, large margins to just in at top right, tied by blue "Schoolcraft Mich. Mar. 7" circular datestamp on cover to **Union, Canada West**, red "United States 6d" oval handstamp, neat strikes of "London, Canada Mar. 20, 1857" and Windsor backstamps, some slight toning specks, otherwise Fine ..... E. 300-400
- 3611 ☒ **10c Green, Ty. III (15).** Large margins to full, bright color, tied by "Washington D.C. Aug. 16, 1856" circular datestamp on buff cover to **Toronto, Canada**, receiving backstamp, minor edgewear incl. top right corner clipped, Very Fine ..... E. 200-300
- 3612 ☒ **10c Green, Ty. I (31).** Choice centering with intact perfs at top, tied by large "Paid" grid, red "Boston Ms. Dec. 22, 1858" circular datestamp on cover to **Gananoque, Canada West**, red "Ogdensburgh N.Y. 10 Paid Dec. 24, 1858" exchange office circular datestamp, red "U. States" handstamp, receiving backstamp, fresh and Very Fine, a beautiful cover ..... E. 500-750
- 3613 ☒ **30c Orange (71).** Bright color, choice centering, tied by "Buffalo N.Y. Oct. 2, 1861" circular datestamp on cover to **Oil Springs, Canada West**, blind embossed grocer's corner card, some slight overall wear, Extremely Fine, scarce triple-rate franking ..... E. 500-750
- 3614 ☒ **5c Brown (76).** Horizontal strip of three, few trivial perf flaws at top, tied by cogwheel cancels, neat "San Francisco Cal. Feb. 4, 1864" double-circle datestamp on light yellow cover to **Cambleford, Canada West**, blue Belleville and receiving backstamps, with original contents, small tear at bottom, Very Fine example of 15c West Coast rate to Canada ..... E. 500-750



3615

3615 ☒ **5c Buff (67)**. Used with **10c Yellow Green (68)** and **30c Orange (71)**, tied by **red grids**, matching "N. York Am. Pkt. Paid Nov. 9" circular datestamp on 1861 folded cover to **Palmas, Grand Canary Islands**, red London transit datestamp, red oval "PD" handstamp, unusual small cross in circle handstamp also struck in red, magenta "24" rate, light vertical file folds incl. one affecting 10c stamp, the 10c small toned spot at top

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. AN EXCEEDINGLY RARE AND BEAUTIFUL THREE-COLOR FRANKING WITH THE 5-CENT BUFF TO TO THE GRAND CANARY ISLANDS. A MAGNIFICENT EXHIBITION ITEM.

A review of 1857-60 and 1861-66 Issues in our database failed to find another usage with the 1861 Issue to the Canary Islands. A cover with a combination of Nos. 30, 35 and 38 realized \$7,500 hammer in our sale of the Blake Myers collection (Sale 882, lot 2175).  
..... E. 7,500-10,000



3616

- 3616 ☒ **Boston to Cape of Good Hope.** Blue 1858 folded letter with well-struck red “Boston Paid B. Pkt. Dec. 15” circular datestamp and pencil “33” rate **to Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope**, red “28” credit and crayon “1” for Colonial rate, red London transit, blue Devonport transit and receiving backstamps, light file folds, Very Fine stampless cover from the Howland correspondence ..... E. 300-400



3617

- 3617 ☒ **30c Orange (71).** S.e. at right, used with 3c Rose (65) and tied by well-struck large “Paid” grid, red “Boston Am. Pkt. Paid Dec. 20” backstamp on blue 1863 folded letter **to Port Elizabeth, Cape of Good Hope**, red London transit, neat red “1d” Colonial rate handstamp, red crayon “12” credit to England, 30c tear at top, otherwise Very Fine cover from the Howland correspondence, carried on the Allan Line’s *North American* ..... E. 1,500-2,000



3618

- 3618 ☒ **3c Green, 10c Brown, 15c Yellow Orange (158, 161, 163).** Bright colors, tied by segmented corks, "Batavia N.Y. Nov. 6" circular datestamp on 1874 cover to **Cape Colony, Cape of Good Hope**, red "New York 24 Nov. 7" credit datestamp, endorsed "via Southampton", red London transit and "1d" handstamp for Colonial rate, Dec. 22 receiving datestamp at top left, missing small part of top flap, cover tears at right, otherwise Very Fine, colorful usage ..... E. 750-1,000



3619

- 3619 ☒ **10c Brown, 15c Yellow Orange, 2c Vermilion (161, 163, 178).** Each cancelled by neat "Paid 3" in circle, "Norfolk Ct. Aug. 22, 1876" circular datestamp on cover to **Wellington, Cape of Good Hope**, red "New York 50 Aug. 22" credit datestamp with date crossed out, 1876 London transit, stamps also tied by "Cape Town, Cape Colony SP. 29, 1876" receiving datestamp, red 3d", slightly reduced at right, 2c affected from placement at edge of cover, otherwise Fine, overpaid at the old 27c rate which had been reduced to 15c, New York credited England with 10c (50 centimes) ..... E. 750-1,000



3620



3621

- 3620 ☒ **Cape of Good Hope to Connecticut.** Blue cover bearing **Cape of Good Hope, 1865, 1p Rose, 1sh Yellow Green (16, 19; SG 23, 26)**, horizontal pair of 1p, tied by well-struck "1" in barred oval and "Cape Town, Cape-Colony JA 4, 1871" circular datestamps to Stonington Conn., red London transit and "2 Cents" credit handstamp to the U.S., red "Boston Paid Feb. 25" circular datestamp, slightly reduced at left, some edge flaws, otherwise Very Fine usage paying the 1sh2p rate (equivalent to U.S. 28c), carried on the Cunarder *Siberia* ..... E. 300-400
- 3621 ☒ **Philadelphia to Cape Verde Islands.** 1855 cover with red "Philadelphia Pa. Jan. 2?" circular datestamp and red "Paid" handstamp to **Porto Grande, St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands**, ms. "65" crossed out and with magenta "44" ms. credit, red "New York Am. Pkt. Jan. 24" backstamp, minor edgewear, Very Fine usage paying the 65c rate by British mails via England ..... E. 200-300



3622

- 3622 ☒ **24c Grayish Lilac (78a).** Used with **1c Blue, 3c Red, F. Grills (92, 94)**, tied by corks, "Milwaukee Wis. Jan. 24" circular datestamp on small cover to **Jaffna, Ceylon**, red "Chicago Il. Paid 18" credit, large "20 Cents" handstamp, 1869 London transit, red Kandy and receiving backstamps, stamps with flaws, otherwise Fine and extremely scarce to this destination, also scarce routed thru the Chicago exchange office .. E. 1,000-1,500



- 3623 ☒ **30c Orange (71).** Tied by grid, red "Philadelphia Paid Jun. 12" circular datestamp struck mostly off 1866 cover **to Pointe de Galle, Ceylon**, red French transits, Marseilles and red receiving backstamps, small magenta "27" credit, stamp with light bends, some slight cover wear, still Very Fine usage to a scarce destination, carried on the Cunarder *Persia* ..... E. 500-750
- 3624 ☒ **10c Yellow Green, 12c Black (68, 69).** Pair of 12c, tied by corks, red "Springfield Mass. Dec. 21" double-circle datestamp and matching "Paid" handstamp on yellow 1867 cover **to Valparaiso, Chile**, red "24" and "25" handstamps, Panama transit, slightly reduced at left, few perf flaws and slight toning, otherwise Very Fine, carried out of New York on the *Rising Star* to Panama and from there by British Packet ..... E. 500-750
- 3625 ☒ **30c Black (154).** Used with **2c Red Brown (146)** and **12c Dull Violet (151)**, cancelled by corks, "New Bedford Mass. Dec. 14" circular datestamp on cover **to Talcahuano, Chile**, light strike of red New York 24c credit datestamp, red "45" handstamp, slightly reduced at left affecting stamps, 2c wrapped around edge of cover, otherwise Fine, colorful usage paying double the 22c rate ..... E. 1,000-1,500
- 3626 ☒ **Santiago, Chile to U.S., 1854-58, 5c Rose Red, 25c Deep Blue, Santiago Prints (5, 9).** 5c large margins to touched, 10c horizontal pair, large margins to just barely in, tied by target cancels, red "Santiago Chile 17 Novbre 60" circular datestamp on blue folded letter to Lanman & Kemp in New York City, "Panama De 6 1860 A" transit datestamp, New York "Steamship 10" in circle due handstamp, file folds clear of stamps, Very Fine, covers from Chile to the U.S. in this period rarely have adhesive frankings, the 25c in stamps prepaid internal postage and British Packet transit to Panama, from Colon it was carried by American Packet and charged 10c due on arrival ..... E. 750-1,000
- 3627 ☒ **Valparaiso, Chile to Mass.** Cover bearing **Great Britain, 1873, 6p Gray (60; SG 125)**, tied by "C30" oval, "Valparaiso JU 12, 1874" circular datestamp on cover to Mass., neat strike of Panama transit, also "New York Due 10 U.S. Currency Jul. 13" circular datestamp, blue crayon "10", slightly reduced at right, Very Fine ..... E. 300-400

## MAIL TO CHINA—BRITISH MAIL VIA SOUTHAMPTON



- 3628 ☒ **Brunswick Me. to Hong Kong.** Buff cover with well-struck "Brunswick Me. 3 Paid Oct. 16" circular datestamp with matching "Paid" handstamp and ms. "45" addressed to "U.S. Ship *Saratoga*, East India Squadron, Hong Kong, China", endorsed at bottom left "Via New York & Southampton. overland Mail", red 1852 London transit datestamp with matching "British Packet" two-line handstamp, ms. "40" credit, receiving backstamp, some waterstaining and edgewear, otherwise Very Fine, scarce with the "British Packet" handstamp, carried on the Cunarder *Asia* ..... E. 500-750
- 3629 ☒ **New York to Canton, China.** Blue 1855 folded letter with red "New-York Am. Pkt. Apr. 21" circular datestamp to Augustine Heard & Co. in Canton, China, endorsed "per overland mail" and with London transit, Hong Kong backstamp, pencil "65" rate and magenta "44" credit to Britain, light file folds, Very Fine, unusual sent via American Packet to Southampton ..... E. 300-400
- 3630 ☒ **10c Green, Ty. II (14).** Horizontal pair, large margins to in, used with 1c Blue, Ty. IV (9) and tied by "Trenton N.J. Jun. 6, 1856" circular datestamps on orange cover **to Hong Kong**, endorsed "Via Southampton" and with red "New-York Am. Pkt. Jun. 7" circular datestamp, ms. "6" pence due (12c equivalent) to make up the 33c rate, transit and receiving backstamps, missing part of top flap, cover expertly repaired at top right, left 10c scissors-cut at bottom right, otherwise Fine, unusual usage, franked to pay the 21c Open Mail rate but charged 33c for the rate via Southampton, the 21c would no doubt have been sufficient to deliver this to destination if the sender had not specified instructions for the route with a higher rate ..... E. 500-750
- 3631 ☒ **10c Green, Ty. III (15).** Three singles, margins to in, used with 3c Dull Red (11) and tied by grids, light strike of "Springfield Mass. Oct. 21" circular datestamp on 1856 cover **to Shanghai, China**, neat "Boston Br. Pkt. 22 Oct." transit backstamp, red London transit, red crayon "28" credit and magenta "33" rate, Hong Kong backstamp, stamps with small flaws, still Very Fine, attractive usage, carried on the Cunarder *Niagara* ..... E. 750-1,000



3632

- 3632 ✉ **5c Buff, 10c Green, 30c Orange (67, 68, 71).** Beautiful bright rich colors, 5c and 10c choice centering, 30c natural s.e. at left, tied by two clear strikes of **blue** "Baltimore Md. Feb. 25" (1862) circular datestamp on cover **to Canton, China**, addressed to Reverend Rosewell H. Graves care of Russell & Co., red "N. York Br. Pkt Paid Feb. 6" transit datestamp on back, magenta "40" credit, red "London Paid HY MR 11 62" transit and "1d" Colonial rate handstamp, "Hong-Kong C MY 4 62" receiving backstamp, neat receipt docketing, light horizontal bend or fold at bottom

VERY FINE. A SPECTACULAR THREE-COLOR COMBINATION OF 1861 ISSUES IN EARLY SHADES, USED TO PAY THE 45-CENT RATE TO CHINA BY BRITISH MAIL VIA SOUTHAMPTON.

This cover was carried on Cunarder *Asia*, departing New York on Feb. 26, 1862, arriving in Queenstown on Mar. 10.

Ex Seybold..... E. 10,000-15,000



- 3633 ☒ **2c Black (73).** Used with **3c Rose (65)** and **30c Orange (71)** on **10c Green entire (U41)**, each cancelled by two neat penstrokes, matching "Scarsmont Me. Mar. 17" ms. postmark and addressed to Olyphant & Co. in **Shanghai, China**, red "Boston Br. Pkt. 40 Mar. 15" circular datestamp, red "London Mar. 28, 1863" transit ties two stamps, "1d" Colonial rate handstamp, blue Shanghai backstamp, slightly reduced at left, 30c defective, appears Very Fine, colorful and unusual franking ..... E. 1,000-1,500

#### MAIL TO CHINA—BRITISH MAIL VIA MARSEILLES

- 3634 ☒ **Boston to Canton, China.** Gray 1855 folded letter with large red "Boston Paid May 23 Br. Pkt." circular datestamp and matching "48" credit handstamp to Augustine, Heard & Co. in Canton, China, red London transit, Hong Kong backstamp, pencil "53" for total amount paid from sender, light horizontal file fold, fresh and Very Fine ..... E. 300-400
- 3635 ☒ **Boston to Canton, China.** Gray 1855 folded letter with large red "Boston Paid Nov. 21 Br. Pkt." circular datestamp to Augustine, Heard & Co. in Canton, China, pencil "1.40" and red crayon "1.30", black "Boston Br. Pkt. Nov. 21" backstamp, red London transit, Hong Kong backstamp, light horizontal file fold, tape stain at top, otherwise Very Fine, charged the old triple rate of \$1.40 instead of the new rate of 96c ..... E. 200-300
- 3636 ☒ **Boston to Canton, China.** Blue 1856 folded letter with large red "Boston Paid Sep. 24 Br. Pkt." circular datestamp and matching "38" credit to Great Britain, red London transit datestamp, Hong Kong backstamp, endorsed "*pr overland and via Marseilles*" and also "*pr Arabia*" and carried on that Cunarder, light horizontal file fold, some erosion of ink, Very Fine ..... E. 300-400
- 3637 ☒ **Hong Kong to Conn.** Folded cover with "Hong Kong ? SE 1857" backstamp to South Manchester Conn., red "London OC 22, 1857" transit backstamp, endorsed "*Via Marseilles*", bold "84" debit and "New-York Br. Bkt. Nov. 13" circular datestamp, ms. "74" (for 2 x 12c Colonial plus 2 x 16c sea postage plus 3 x 6c French transit), carried on the Cunarder *Arabia*, fresh and Very Fine, unusual triple-rate usage which was sent completely unpaid ..... E. 400-500
- 3638 ☒ **Hong Kong to Newport R.I.** Folded cover with "Hong Kong Nov. 30, 1862" backstamp, additional red Hong Kong circular datestamp of same date on front, red London transit and red "32 Cents" handstamp, red crayon "4/1" shilling rates, bold "10" due handstamp, neat "Boston Am. Pkt. Feb. 2" backstamp, Very Fine triple-rate cover sent via Marseilles, scarce carried by American Packet on that leg of the journey ..... E. 200-300



3639

- 3639 ☒ **5c Red Brown (12).** Three large margins, slightly in at bottom, rich color, tied by "Washington City D.C. Feb. 22" (1858) circular datestamp on cover **to Hong Kong**, addressed to "1st Asst. Engr. Richard C. Potts, U.S. Frigate Powhatan, care U.S. Naval Storekeeper, Hong Kong, China", sender's routing "Open mail via London", "Boston Br. Pkt. 24 Feb." and red "London F1 MR 10 58" transit backstamps, "Hong-Kong 7 MY 1858" receiving backstamp, ms. "1/8" due marking, slightly reduced at left, receipt docketing at top

VERY FINE. ONE OF SEVEN RECORDED 5-CENT 1856 ISSUE COVERS TO HONG KONG.

This cover was carried on the Cunarder *Niagara*, which departed Boston on Feb. 24, 1858, arriving in Liverpool on Mar. 9. The 5c stamp prepaid the shore-to-ship rate, and 1sh8p was collected from the addressee for the rate to Hong Kong by British Mail via Marseilles. Our census of 5c 1856 covers includes seven covers to Hong Kong..... E. 2,000-3,000



3640

- 3640 ☒ **5c Brown, Ty. II (30A).** Bright color, tied by **red grid** and also by matching "New York Br. Pkt. Dec. 25" circular datestamp on blue 1860 folded letter **to Hong Kong, China**, endorsed "via Marseilles" and with ship's designation changed from *Fulton* to *New York*, neat London and receiving backstamps, ms. "1/7" rate due from recipient, fresh and Fine, carried on the Cunarder *Europa* (and so both ship's designations are incorrect!), an excellent *Christmas Day* usage ..... E. 500-750



3641

- 3641 ☒ **24c Gray Lilac (37).** Used with **3c Dull Red, Ty. II, 12c Black, Pl. 3 (26, 36b)**, well-centered, tied by three clear strike of Boston large "Paid" grid on blue folded cover to **Hong Kong**, from the Augustine Heard & Co. correspondence, red "New York Am. Pkt. Sep. 8" transit datestamp on back, magenta ms. "18" credit, red "London Paid EM SP 19 60" transit, ms. "2d" Colonial rate, "Hong-Kong NO 4 60" receiving backstamp, horizontal file fold thru 3c stamp, bleached spots in cover

A COLORFUL AND EXTREMELY RARE FRANKING FOR THE 39-CENT RATE TO HONG KONG BY BRITISH MAIL VIA MARSEILLES.

This cover was carried on the Vanderbilt Line's *Vanderbilt*, departing New York on Sep. 8, 1860, arriving in Southampton on Sep. 19. .... E. 2,000-3,000



3642

- 3642 ☒ **24c Red Lilac (70).** Used with **3c Rose (65) and 30c Orange (71)**, cancelled by grids, red "N. York Br. Pkt. Paid Nov. 11" circular datestamp on blue 1863 folded letter to **Shanghai, China**, red London transit, magenta ms. "52" credit and red "1d" for Colonial rate, Hong Kong transit backstamp, light horizontal file fold well away from stamps

VERY FINE. A COLORFUL 1861 ISSUE FRANKING FOR THE 57-CENT RATE TO CHINA BY BRITISH MAIL VIA MARSEILLES.

From the Augustine, Heard & Co. correspondence ..... E. 3,000-4,000



3643

- 3643 ☒ **5c Brown, 24c Gray Lilac (76, 78a).** Horizontal pair of 24c, bright colors, tied by **New York Foreign Mail Star in Circle**, light strike of red N. York Br. Pkt. Paid Oct. 12" circular datestamp on 1864 folded letter **to Shanghai, China**, red "London OC 27, 1864" transit datestamp, endorsed "*pr. Asia*" and also "*Via Marseilles*", red "1d" Colonial rate, magenta "48" credit to Britain, blue Dec. 24 Hong Kong backstamp, magenta ink also ties stamps, light file folds do not affect stamps, right 24c tiny corner perf crease, Very Fine, attractive usage..... E. 1,000-1,500

## MAIL TO CHINA—OTHER ROUTES

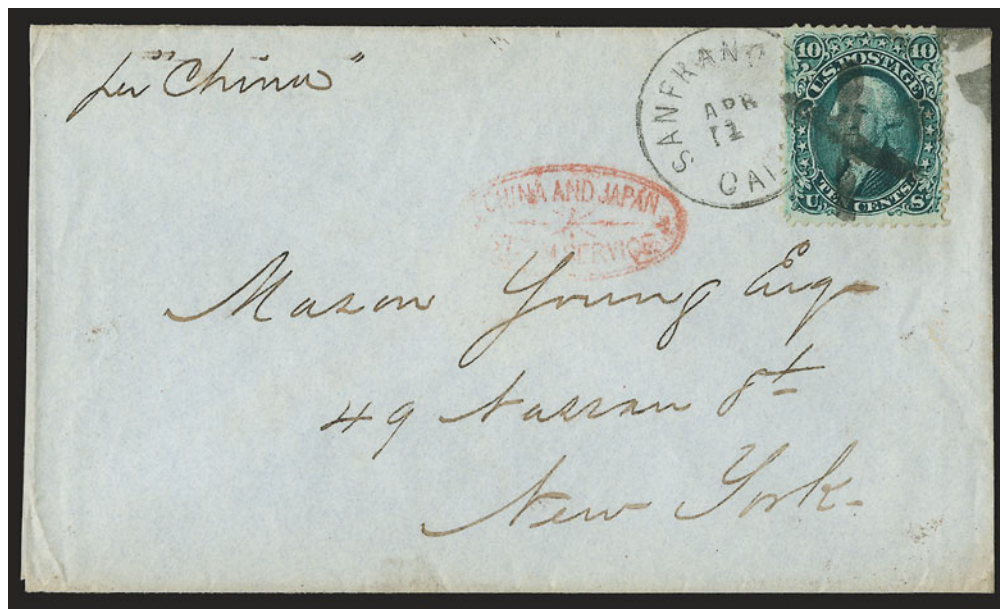


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- 3644 ☒ **30c Orange (71).** Tied by large open grid, red "Boston Br. Pkt. Paid 27 Jan. 10" circular datestamp on cover **to Shanghai, China**, 1865 French transit and boxed "P.D." handstamp, Paris and receiving backstamps, slightly reduced at left, stamp with single short perf at right, cover with trivial soiling at top, Very Fine, this letter left New York on the January 11 sailing of the *Australasian* which ran aground and finally sailed on Jan. 13 for Liverpool, although France had established a packet line from Suez to Hong Kong with an annex to Shanghai starting in October of 1862, sailing schedules do not match any dates on this cover and so this was likely carried by the British P & O Line even though it is franked to be sent via French mails..... E. 750-1,000
- 3645 ☒ **10c Yellow Green (68).** Bright shade, tied by target, light strike of "Stafford N.H. Jul. 2" circular datestamp on 1868 cover **to Swatow, China**, endorsed "*Via California*", red "New York Paid All Direct Jul. 9" circular datestamp, neat Hong Kong (Sep. 7) and Swatow (Sep. 10) backstamps, stamp with trivial crease at top left, barely reduced at right, Very Fine, carried on the PMSS *Japan* which left San Francisco for Yokohama and arrived in Hong Kong on Sep. 7..... E. 750-1,000

## INBOUND MAIL FROM CHINA AND JAPAN



3646

- 3646 ☒ **10c Yellow Green (68).** Deep rich color, choice centering, tied by quartered cork, also cancelled by large “X” chop cancel (probably applied in Japan) and tied by “San Francisco Cal. Apr. 1” circular datestamp on blue 1868 cover to New York, clear strike of red “China and Japan Steam Service” handstamp, tiny perf flaw at top from placement at edge of cover

VERY FINE. AN ATTRACTIVE “CHINA AND JAPAN STEAM SERVICE” COVER AND RARE WITH THE JAPANESE “X” CHOP CANCEL.

This cover was carried on the Pacific Mail Steam Ship Co.’s *China* which arrived in San Francisco on March 31. .... E. 2,000-3,000



3647



3648

- 3647 ☒ **Shanghai to New York.** Blue folded letter datelined “Shanghai 15th Decr. 1853”, light strike of Hong Kong and London backstamps, endorsed “Via Marseilles” and with various rates incl. ms. “2/11” for 2sh11 pence (equivalent to 70c, which is total postage to U.S. port) ms. “54” for London debit to U.S., and bold “75” handstamp for total amount due from recipient, neat “New-York Am. Pkt. Mar. 6” circular datestamp, Very Fine, unusual usage carried by American Packet and sent unpaid ..... E. 200-300
- 3648 ☒ **Shanghai to New York.** Gray folded letter datelined “Shanghai, Dec. 7, 1855” to New York, neat “Hong Kong 13 DE 1855” and London backstamps, ms. “54” debit to U.S. and “96” due handstamp, neat “New-York Am. Pkt. Feb. 24” circular datestamp, light horizontal file fold, Very Fine triple-rate usage sent completely unpaid ..... E. 200-300



- 3649 ☒ **Shanghai to New York.** Blue cover bearing horizontal pair of **France, 1862, 80c Carmine Rose**, tied by "5104" in diamond of dots, well-struck "Shang-Hai Bau Francais 8 Nov. 1864" double-circle datestamp to New York, small "P.D." handstamp, red "N. York Am. Pkt. Paid Jan. 14, 1863" circular datestamp (with wrong yeardate), ms. "9" credit to U.S. (6c American packet from England plus 3c inland postage), barely reduced at right, trivial soiling, Very Fine ..... E. 400-500
- 3650 ☒ **Hong Kong to Boston.** Cover bearing **Hong Kong, 1866, 8c Bright Orange (13a; SG 11b)** tied by well-struck "B62" in barred oval handstamp, red "Hong Kong Oct. 26, 1872" circular datestamp to Boston, purple "San Francisco Paid All Nov. 30" transit datestamp, magenta ms. "4" rate, cover tear at top from opening (missing small part of top flap), stamp with faint crease at top right, Very Fine, carried on the PMSS *Alaska* which arrived in San Francisco on Nov. 30 ..... E. 200-300
- 3651 ☒ **Mobile to Havana, Cuba.** Folded letter with paint-red "Mobile Ala. Apr. 12" circular datestamp and matching "Paid" handstamp on printed *Prices Current* dated April 6, 1850, ms. "12½" and "Charge 3s", orange "**Empresa N. America, 6 Abr. 1850**" circular datestamp and matching "1" handstamp some sight edgewear, Very Fine, scarce usage, the Empresa de Correos Maritimos was the Spanish mail transport system for Cuba and other Spanish and foreign possessions in the Caribbean and Gulf areas ..... E. 200-300
- 3652 ☒ **1c Blue, Ty. II, 3c Dull Red (7, 11).** Horizontal strip of 3c, margins to in, tied by open grids, "South Deerfield Mass. ? Apr." circular datestamp on cover to **Cuba**, red "New-York Apr. 9" circular datestamp, blue Havana backstamp, blue "NA1" also ties stamps, stamps with few minor flaws, Very Fine, scarce franking which was usually paid by a 10c stamp ..... E. 500-750
- 3653 ☒ **10c Green, Ty. II (32).** Deep rich color, choice centering, tied by well-struck "**Steam/Ship**" handstamp on immaculate cover to Troy N.Y., with original enclosure datelined "*Havana, Dec. 4th 1857*", Very Fine and choice, the origin of many of these covers is usually only known by the presence of contents or docketing, which is scarce, it is likely the 10c stamp was applied in Havana (they were known to have received a supply) ..... E. 400-500
- 3654 ☒ **Mexico to Portland Me. via Cuba.** Blue folded letter datelined "*Matanzas 25 April 1855*" to Portland, Me., endorsed "*Pr. U.S. Mail Steamer Isabel*", blue "Charleston S.C. Havana 10 Apr. 28" circular datestamp, fresh and Very Fine, the *Isabel* was under U.S. contract at the exorbitant rate of \$60,000 per year for semi-monthly trips on the Charleston-Savannah-Key West-Havana route ..... E. 200-300
- 3655 ☒ **Cuba to New York.** Blue folded letter datelined "*Remedios 31 Enero de 1854*" to New York, blue "Remedios, Isla de Cuba, 1 Feb. 1854" circular datestamp, blue "1½" handstamp, bold "Steamship 10" in circle handstamp, light vertical file folds, Very Fine ..... E. 200-300
- 3656 ☒ **Denmark to Minnesota.** Cover with neat "Naksov 2 Ost. 3/12" circular datestamp addressed to Goodhue Centre Minn., bold "**U.S. Currency/12**" handstamp, boxed "Via Tydskland" and Copenhagen backstamps, some cover staining, otherwise Very Fine, sent completely unpaid, this was subject to the 7c postage rate plus a fine of 4c (11c gold or 12c depreciated coins or notes) ..... E. 200-300



3657

- 3657 ☒ **30c Orange (38)**. Intense color, used with **5c Brown, Ty. II (30A)**, tied by "Sacramento City Cal. Jan. 31, 1861" circular datestamp on cover to **Aabenraa, Denmark**, red boxed "Aachen Franco" and "12" credit handstamps, red "New York Br. Pkt. Feb. 27" and three transit backstamps, 30c diagonal crease at top right, 5c s.e. at left, sealed cover tear at left and some overall wear, still scarce usage, carried on the Cunarder *Asia* and arriving in Aachen on March 12, it was turned over to the Royal Danish Post Office in Hamburg on March 14..... E. 1,000-1,500



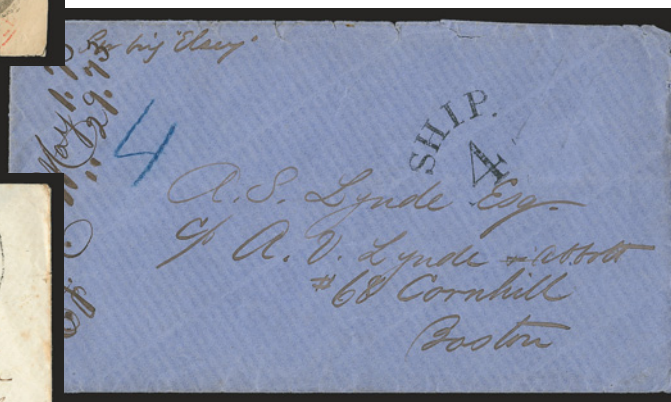
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- 3658 ☒ **3c Ultramarine (114)**. Two, used with **10c Green, F Grill (96)**, tied by unusual Maltese Cross cancel, faint "Hartford Ct. Apr. 26" (1870) circular datestamp on cover with printed address to **Copenhagen, Denmark**, from the Warner correspondence, sender's routing "Via N. German Union", red "New York Paid All Direct Apr. 30" circular datestamp on back, matching "2½" (cents) credit handstamp on front, red framed Bremen transit datestamp and "Wieterfr. 1 Sgr." framed handstamp, Copenhagen receiving backstamp (May 15), neat pencil docketing, small nick in top edge VERY FINE. A SCARCE MIXED-ISSUE FRANKING ON A NORTH GERMAN UNION COVER TO DENMARK. The rates to Denmark by NGU mails listed in the *U.S. Postal Guide* were 13c prepaid and 16c unpaid. Evidently the sender confused the two and prepaid this cover with 16c. ... E. 2,000-3,000

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- 3659 ☒ **10c Yellow Green (68).** Natural s.e. at left, deep rich color, cancelled by cork and tied by "Hartford Ct. Mar. 22" circular datestamp on cover **to Copenhagen, Denmark**, bold "New York Direct Mar. 22" circular datestamp and also "**Insufficiently Paid**" handstamp, red crayon "29" rate, blue "5" crayon, 1870 transit and receiving backstamps, Very Fine, carried on the HAPAG *Cimbria*, the 10c stamp paid neither the 13c direct or 18c closed mail rates and so was sent at the 16c unpaid direct rate, the charge to recipient was 29 skillings (equal to 16c) ..... E. 500-750
- 3660 ☒ **3c Green, 15c Bright Orange (147, 152).** Bright colors, tied by circle of wedges, red "New York Paid All Oct. 12" circular datestamp on cover **to Dominican Republic** addressed "for first Lieutenant, U.S.S. Nantasket, St. Domingo, W. I. Island or elsewhere", sender's routing "By the Steamer Yybec, Pier No. 4, Northriver N.Y.", blue 1871 receiving datestamp, neat "St. Thomas OC 29, 1871" transit backstamp, red "8" credit, slightly reduced at right, some edgewear, stamps with sight gum toning around edges, otherwise Fine, unusual usage, sent via N.Y. & Brazil Steam Ship Co. packet to the British post office at St. Thomas and then carried by British inter-island packet to Santo Domingo ..... E. 400-500
- 3661 ☒ **Paramaribo (Suriname, Danish West Indies) to Boston.** Blue 1873 cover with neat strike of large "Ship 4" handstamp, endorsed "per brig 'Elsey'", with original contents datelined "Paramaribo May 1" and with fascinating contents regarding trade and living conditions: "There are a number of Indian women who have children with white fathers — According to a custom of the tribe these children are at once sent away into the interior and the father is never allowed to see them again.", missing small part of top flap, some edge tears, Very Fine usage sent collect ..... E. 200-300
- 3662 ☒ **Mass. to Egypt.** Cover with bold "Pigeon Cove Mass. Mar. 29" circular datestamp with matching "Free" handstamp addressed to the American Consul in Alexandria, Egypt, endorsed "by French mail" and with "Boston 24 Mar. 29" circular datestamp, ms. "32" decimes due marking, octagonal 1861 French transit datestamp, missing top flap and part of left flap, some slight toning, Very Fine, scarce usage, the originating post office attempted to avoid all postage charges with the "Free" handstamp but it was charged double the 30c rate and was marked for 32 decimes due from the recipient, carried on the N.Y. & Havre Line's *Arago* ..... E. 400-500



3663

- 3663 ☒ **10c Yellow Green, F. Grill (96).** Horizontal pair, tied by unusual circle of dashes cancel on cover to **Cairo, Egypt**, red "New York Paid All Br. Transit Jan. 6" circular datestamp on back and matching "5" in circle credit handstamp on front, red Verviers-Coeln transit datestamp, "Poste Vice-Real Egiziane Alessandria 29 Gen. 69 3T" receiving backstamp, blue "f2" silbergroschen rate, the NGU rate to Cairo was 25c, thus the "Aff. Insuff" (Insufficiently Prepaid) straightline and "1½" (piastres) due handstamps were applied

VERY FINE. A RARE 1868 10-CENT F GRILL USAGE TO EGYPT, FRANKED FOR THE 20-CENT NORTH GERMAN UNION RATE TO ALEXANDRIA, BUT CHARGED 7 CENTS DUE BECAUSE THE RATE TO CAIRO WAS 25 CENTS.

Ex Gibson ..... E. 2,000-3,000



3664

- 3664 ☒ **15c Yellow Orange (163).** Used with 1c Ultramarine (156), canceled by cork and tied by "Clarksburgh W. Va. May 18" circular datestamp on 1874 cover to **Cairo, Egypt**, red "New York Paid All May 18" circular datestamp, red crayon "10" crossed out, red "w f 4" credit, endorsed "Via Brindisi, Italy", neat Trieste, Alexandria and receiving backstamps, slightly reduced at right, 15c defective, still appears Very Fine, interesting usage paying the 16c NGU Direct rate to Egypt (Alexandria was excluded from this rate, as only 11c was charged to Alexandria) ..... E. 500-750



- 3665 ☒ **Egypt to Boston.** Cover bearing **Great Britain, 1864-65, 1p Rose Red, 1sh Green (33, 48; SG 43, 101)**, two 1p, tied by "B02" in barred oval, matching "Suez, JY 6, 1866" circular datestamp on cover to Boston, red "London Paid JY 17, 1865" transit datestamp, neat "Boston Am. Pkt. 5 31 Jul." circular datestamp, red "16 cents" credit, cover reduced at right affecting 1sh, trivial soiling at bottom, Very Fine, scarce usage from Suez to Boston via Southampton ..... E. 200-300
- 3666 ☒ **Egypt to New York.** Cover bearing **Great Britain, 1865-67, 4p Vermilion, 6p Red Violet (43, 51; SG 94, 97)**, 4p wing margin at right, tied by "B01" in barred oval handstamps of Alexandria, to Customs House in New York, neat "Cairo JA 20, 1871" circular datestamp, endorsed "Via Brindisi" and with red "2 Cents" credit handstamp to the U.S., indistinct red New York receiving datestamp, with original contents datelined "Horusko, Nubia/100 miles above Cataract, January 1st 1871", interesting contents incl. "Part of the last day was very exciting, more than 200 men were tugging at four long ropes & slowly dragging the boat up the last and greatest descent of water. . .several times she got on the rocks, once the water rushed in thru the hole for the rudder post", missing part of top flap, minor cover wear, Very Fine, attractive and fascinating usage which must have been hand-carried from the expedition to enter the mails in Cairo ..... E. 400-500
- 3667 ☒ **3c Dull Red (11).** Position 14L3, large margins all around, tied by well-struck "Highland Ill. Oct. 13" circular datestamp on blue 1853 folded letter to **Havre, France**, addressed to the Swiss Consul, red "New-York Br. Pkt. Act. 19" circular datestamp, French due marking, Very Fine, unusual usage, the sender would normally have to pay 5c in postage for 3c domestic postage plus 2c shore-to-ship fee, this evidently slipped by without notice..... E. 400-500
- 3668 ☒ **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26).** Block of six and pair, the block natural s.e. at left, rich colors, few small flaws, tied by large "Paid" grids, "Boston Br. Pkt. Dec. 14" backstamp on buff 1859 cover to **Birmingham, England**, red "19" credit to England, receiving backstamp, some sight wear, still Very Fine, unusual franking to pay the 24c rate to England, carried on the Cunarder *Europa* ..... E. 750-1,000
- 3669 ☒ **10c Green, Ty. II (32).** Vertical pair, used with **1c Blue, Ty. V (24)** and **3c Dull Red, Ty. II (26)**, tied by "Syracuse N.Y. Dec. 10, 1858" circular datestamp on cover to **Cardiff, England**, red "3" credit, red "London DE 23, 1858" circular datestamp, Cardiff backstamp, 1c tear at bottom right, stamps with some toning mostly from gum, Very Fine appearance, carried on the N.Y. & Havre Line's *Arago* ..... E. 300-400
- 3670 ☒ **10c Green, Ty. V (35).** Three, defective, tied by "Yreka Cal. Aug. 1, 1859" circular datestamps on cover to **London, England**, neat "Paid" handstamp with magenta "29" rate, red "3" credit handstamp struck over red "London SP 7, 1859 Paid" datestamp, top flap replaced, edge faults, appears Fine, carried on the Vanderbilt Line's *Vanderbilt*, the stamps overpay by 1c the 29c rate from the West Coast (10c U.S. inland postage, 16c sea postage and 3c for delivery to destination) ..... E. 500-750

## GREAT BRITAIN



- 3671 ☒ **1668, Yarmouth to London.** Folded letter datelined "Yarmoth 20 sber 1668" and charged 3d, marked "Post Paid to London", neat "OC 2" Bishop's mark on back, light file folds, Very Fine early folded letter, accompanied by typed transcript..... E. 300-400
- 3672 ☒ **1840, 1p Black (1; SG 2).** R-L, large margins to clear, tied by red Maltese Cross, matching "Exeter PY Post, OC 29, 1840" three-line handstamp on folded letter to Plymouth, light vertical file folds incl. one affecting stamp, appears Very Fine, an uncommon usage with the local post handstamp..... E. 200-300
- 3673 ☒ **1840, 1p Black (1; SG 2).** Five folded covers, each has four margins, incl. Plate 5 R-F used on Aug. 18, 1840 from Bath Matlock to Birmingham, Plate 4 N-C used on July 3, 1840 from Birmingham, one used Sep. 2, 1840 from London, one used Feb. 4, 1841 from Godalmin to Middlesbrough, last used in July 1840, few flaws incl. some slight toning, overall appear Fine-Very Fine, an excellent group of usages of the world's first postage stamp.....(Photo Ex) E. 1,000-1,500
- 3674 ☒ **1840, 2p Blue (2; SG 4).** O-G, large margins to just in, tied by red Maltese Cross, "Lowestoff NO 16, 1840" backstamp on large folded letter to Yarmouth, endorsed "prepaid" at bottom left, light vertical file fold affects stamp which is also lightly toned, appears Very Fine, unpriced as on cover in Scott, SG value..... £ 1,700.00
- 3675 ☒ **1840, 2p Blue (2; SG 4).** M-J, large margins to in at right, tied by red Maltese Cross, neat "L S 6 JU 1840" Maltese-Cross style backstamp, on folded letter to West Wiveliscombe in Somerset, horizontal file fold thru address, still Very Fine, unpriced as on cover in Scott, SG value.. £ 1,700.00
- 3676 ☒ **1840, 2p Blue (2; SG 4).** P-E, large margins to barely touched at top right, brilliant color, tied by red Maltese Cross, red "Castle Douglas NO 19, 1840" boxed backstamp on oversize folded cover to Edinburgh, receiving backstamp, vertical file folds well away from stamp, some soiling, otherwise Very Fine, unpriced in Scott as on cover, SG value ..... £ 1,700.00
- 3677 ☒ **1840, 2p Blue (2; SG 4).** Two, Plate 1, A-H and A-D, former with **major re-entry** which can be clearly seen in "C" of "PENCE", large margins to just in, tied by red Maltese Cross, "U JU 3, 1840" backstamp on oversize folded cover to Great Yarmouth, vertical file folds incl. one affecting right stamp (not the variety), few tears, otherwise Very Fine, scarce with the major re-entry ..... E. 500-750



3678

3678 ✉ **1840, 1p Mulready Lettersheet (U3).** A50, cancelled by red Maltese Cross, also with readable strike of “**Hereford MY 10, 1840**” (**Sunday**) circular datestamp and addressed to London, clear strike of red “**B H MY 11, 1840**” receiving backstamp, faint vertical file fold and faint overall toning

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE ONE-PENNY MULREADY LETTERSHEET USED ON THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER ISSUE.

The first official day of issue, May 6, was a Wednesday. Covers used on the first Sunday are scarce, because very few post offices were open. .... E. 5,000-7,500



- 3679 ☒ **1840, 1p Mulready Lettersheet (U3).** A63, cancelled by Maltese Cross, "Monk Warmouth/Penny Post" two-line handstamp and addressed to London, neat "Sunderland MY 11, 1841" and red 12 May receiving backstamps, some slight edgewear, vertical file folds, still Very Fine, unusual with the Penny Post handstamp..... 350.00
- 3680 ☒ **1840, 1p Black, Mulready (U1, U3).** One of first and two of latter, A155, A21 and A22, first to Cheltenham with red receiving datestamp of June 3, 1840 on front, lettersheets incl. usages from Lynn (28 Sep. 1840) and London (8 April 1841), some wear incl. scuffs in second, appear Fine-Very Fine, SG £1,000 ..... 1,075.00
- 3681 ☒ **1840, 1p, 2p Mulready Lettersheets (U3, U4).** Unused, A57 and a94 respectively, bright colors, some wrinkling, otherwise ,Very Fine, SG £525 .....(Photo Ex) 625.00
- 3682 ☒ **1840, 2p Blue (U2).** a200, cancelled by bold Maltese Cross and two-line handstamp to Chiswell Street, red "JY 12, 1841" backstamp, central stain from wax seal, light edgewear, Very Fine, attractive usage, SG £1,200 ..... 1,100.00
- 3683 ☒ **Mulready Caricatures and Forgeries.** Two of each, incl. Fores and Southgate caricatures and forgery of 2p in black and blue, overall Fine-Very Fine.....Not illustrated E. 300-400
- 3684 ☒ **Italy to Georgia.** Folded letter datelined "Buonconvento Tuscany, June 22nd 853" to Savannah Ga., red two-line "Venezia 30 Guigno" handstamp, also with red "Franca" handstamp, "Aachen" and "Paid 25cts" handstamps, , red "Boston Br. Pkt. Paid Paid 30 Jul. 21" circular datestamp, various backstamps incl. Berlin and Verviers, light wear, Very Fine, scarce usage, carried outside of the mails to Venice and charged the 30c rate by U.S.-Prussian convention, routed thru Magdeburg and Minden, processed at Aachen and/or Coeln-Verviers traveling office, thence thru Belgium to Liverpool and then on the Cunarder *Europa* ..... E. 1,000-1,500

### GROUP LOTS AND BALANCE OF FOREIGN DESTINATIONS

- 3685 ☒ **U.S. Stamps Used to Foreign Destinations.** 11 covers, incl. No. 31 to Cuba, No. 35 to Cuba, No. 68 on inbound cover to Philadelphia endorsed "via Habana", No. 68 to Bahamas, No. 68 to Brazil, 1c and 6c Bank Notes to Vienna, 15c Bank Note to Cape of Good Hope, six 3c Bank Notes to Argentina, some faults, most appear Fine-Very Fine, a worthwhile group..... E. 750-1,000
- 3686 ☒ **Outbound Stampless Covers.** Six covers, incl. three to England (two from San Francisco, one on printed circular, two to Belgium and one to Toronto, mostly 1850's with two from early 1860's, mostly Fine-Very Fine ..... E. 200-300
- 3687 ☒ **Inbound Steamship Covers.** 22 covers, almost all with "Steamship", "Ship" or other transit marking, rates incl. 10c, 20c, 12½c, 5c, 7c, nice range of markings incl. "Paid to Panama", originations incl. Canton, China, Cuba, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, most Fine-Very Fine, a wonderful group..... E. 1,000-1,500
- 3688 ☒ **Foreign Covers With Stamps.** 12 covers, incl. four with Penny Blacks used domestically, another with strip of six of 2p perforated used with 1p on 1855 cover to San Francisco, cover from Vienna to N.Y., six from Belgium incl. one with "U.S. Notes" handstamp, one each from France and Brazil, some faults, some Fine-Very Fine ..... E. 500-750

### END OF FIRST SESSION

SECOND SESSION (LOTS 3689-3865)  
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2007, AT 1:30 P.M.

UNITED STATES OFFICIALS  
PROOFS AND STAMPS



- 3689 P **1c-90c Official, Plate Proof on Card (O1P4-O93P4).** Complete set, large margins, bright colors, Very Fine and choice, attractive complete set .....*Not illustrated* 883.00
- 3690 **3c Agriculture (O3).** Vibrant color, cancelled by purple “Fort Grant Arizona Apr. 29” circular datestamps, few perf flaws, otherwise Very Fine, this cancel is very scarce on the 3c Agriculture, War Dept. issues were more frequently used from Fort Grant ..... E. 100-150
- 3691 **1c-10c Executive (O10-O14).** Complete set of used stamps, last three unusually well-centered, cork cancels, 1c small perf stains, few others with minor flaws, Fine-Very Fine appearance .....**(Photo Ex)** 2,125.00
- 3692 **6c Interior (O18).** Rich color, cancelled by clear strike of “Used Up” fancy cancel of Traverse City Mich., few short perfs at bottom left, Very Fine strike..... E. 200-300
- 3693 ★ **15c Interior, Major Double Transfer (O21 var).** Slightly disturbed original gum, showing clear double transfer at left, bright color, Fine example of this variety ..... 275.00
- 3694 ★ **6c Navy (O38).** Top left corner imprint and plate no. 53 strip of eight, original gum, some perf separations sensibly reinforced, bright color, positions 2 nd 6 with vertical line thru “N” of “Navy”, Fine, attractive multiple, Scott Retail as eight singles with no premium for the imprint and plate no. .... 1,250.00
- 3695 ★ **30c Navy (O44).** Original gum, h.r., radiant color, unusually choice centering, fresh and Extremely Fine ..... 325.00
- 3696 **3c Post Office (O49).** Bright shade, well-struck **blue Masonic Square and Compass** fancy cancel, faint corner crease at top right and faint soiling at top, Extremely Fine strike of this attractive cancel ..... E. 100-150



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- 3697 ★ **12c Post Office (O52).** Bottom imprint and plate no. 71 strip of seven, original gum, lightly hinged with few stamps Mint N.H., intense shade, Fine-Very Fine, Scott Retail as singles with no premium for the imprint and plate no. .... 840.00
- 3698 ★ **15c Post Office (O53).** Top imprint and plate no. 66 strip of five, original gum, bright shade, few sensibly (and expertly) reinforced perf separations in selvage, otherwise Fine, Scott Retail as singles with no premium for the imprint and plate no. .... 700.00



3699

- 3699 田 **30c Post Office (O55).** Block of four, intense shade, each cancelled by well-struck target, fresh and Fine, scarce used multiple. .... 750.00



- 3700 ★ **2c State (O58).** Original gum, lightly hinged, deep rich color on bright paper, huge margins, fresh and Extremely Fine ..... 310.00
- 3701 ★ **90c State (O67).** Part original gum, deep rich color except for slight soiling at bottom, otherwise Very Fine ..... 1,050.00
- 3702 **\$2.00 State (O68).** Deep rich colors, neat strike of **blue** cancellation, wide and balanced margins, single short perf at left, Extremely Fine appearance, woefully undercatalogued in Scott in used condition..... 1,500.00
- 3703 (★) **\$2.00 State (O68).** Unused (regummed), bright colors, reperfed at left, Very Fine appearance ..... 650.00
- 3704 ★ **\$5.00 State (O69).** Part disturbed original gum, h.r., rich colors, single short perf at bottom left, otherwise Fine ..... 6,500.00
- 3705 ★ **\$10.00 State (O70).** Disturbed original gum, h.r., deep rich colors, Fine, owner's backstamp..... 4,750.00
- 3706 ★ **\$20.00 State (O71).** Disturbed original gum, deep rich colors, unusually choice centering for this difficult issue, slightly rounded corner at bottom left, otherwise Extremely Fine, owner's backstamp ..... 4,500.00
- 3707 **\$2.00-\$20.00 State, Fakes and Facsimiles.** 15, incl. shaved card proofs, "Falsch" and "Facsimile" handstamps, few lithos, an interesting group.....*Not illustrated* E. 200-300
- 3708 **3c Treasury (O74).** Rich color, full sharp strike of **blue 3-Leaf Clover** fancy cancel of Chicago, Extremely Fine strike ..... E. 150-200
- 3709 田 **3c Treasury (O74).** Block of four with **straddle margin** at right, intact arrow at bottom, rich color, bold segmented cork cancels, bottom left stamp small tear at bottom, appears Fine-Very Fine, scarce used multiple..... 250.00
- 3710 **6c Treasury (O75).** Bright shade, cancelled by bold strike of **purple Masonic Square and Compass**, Very Fine and choice, small red backstamp ..... E. 100-150
- 3711 FC **12c Treasury (O78).** Rich color, bold strike of **negative Anchor** fancy cancel, tiny thin speck at center, Very Fine strike..... E. 150-200



3712

- 3712 田 **90c Treasury (O82).** Block of fourteen and horizontal strip of five, deep rich colors, tied by corks on piece, usual flaws to be expected in such a large multiple, appears Fine-Very Fine, scarce, a total of \$17.10 in postage, **the block of fourteen is the largest recorded used multiple**, signed Colman..... E. 1,500-2,000



- 3713 **7c War (O87)**. Choice centering with wide and balanced margins, bright color nicely complemented by **purple grid of diamonds** cancel, Extremely Fine Gem, a superb stamp in every respect ..... 90.00
- 3714 **10c War (O88)**. Bright shade, cancelled by **blue “Dragboat, Feb. 1, 1880”** double-circle datestamp, choice centering with wide and balanced margins, Extremely Fine, unusual cancel, possibly from a dredging unit of the Army Corps of Engineers..... E. 200-300
- 3715 **12c War (O89)**. Bright shade, neat strike of **Indian Head fancy cancel** of Fort Keough, Montana Terr., single short perf at top left, Very Fine strike of this distinctive fancy cancel ..... E. 150-200
- 3716 **24c War (O91)**. Deep rich color, clear strike of unusual **monogram or seal in six-sided ring** fancy cancel, stamp with few faults, Very Fine strike of this unusual fancy cancel..... E. 100-150
- 3717 **24c War (O91)**. Radiant color, cancelled by purple **“Fort Grant Arizona, Jul. 3, 1881”** circular datestamp, couple short perfs at top, Very Fine, used two days before to the last day the Officials were valid ..... E. 100-150
- 3718 **90c War (O93)**. Unusually choice centering, rich color on bright paper, well-struck segmented cork cancel, Extremely Fine, a gorgeous stamp ..... 50.00
- 3719 ★ **1c Agriculture, Soft Paper (O94)**. Without gum as issued, radiant color, small thin spot at right, appears Fine, small owner's backstamp..... 6,000.00
- 3720 ★ **2c-6c Interior, Soft Paper (O97-O99)**. Four imprint and plate no. strips of ten with selvage at sides, incl. two 2c (top and bottom), 3c top and 6c bottom, original gum, some faults incl. usual perf separations and bends/creases, appear Fine, scarce and desirable multiples, Scott Retail as singles .....*Not illustrated* 450.00
- 3721 **3c Interior, Soft Paper (O98)**. Radiant color, neat strike of **Skull and Crossbones** fancy cancel, centered to right, Very Fine strike ..... E. 100-150
- 3722 **3c Interior, Soft Paper (O98)**. Radiant color, well-struck **“MB”** fancy cancel of Mystic Bridge Conn., fresh and Extremely Fine strike..... E. 100-150
- 3723 **3c Interior, Soft Paper (O98)**. Three, each **cancelled solely by different French circular datestamp**, 1882 and 1883, from Pont-Aven, Chamborg and Dijon, one with selvage at left, few small imperfections, Very Fine strikes.....**(Photo Ex)** E. 200-300



3724

- 3724 ★ **10c Interior, Soft Paper (O100).** Bottom imprint and plate no. 109 strip of five, original gum, lightly hinged, brilliant color, natural gum wrinkles, few small thin spots in margin only, appears Fine-Very Fine, Scott Retail as five singles with no premium for the imprint and plate no..... 550.00

- 3725 (★) **24c Interior, Soft Paper (O103).** Unused (no gum), brilliant color on bright paper, small thin spot at top, appears Fine ..... 2,100.00



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3726

- 3726 **90c Treasury, Soft Paper (O113).** Choice centering with Jumbo margins, deep rich color nicely complemented by **blue cork** cancel, Extremely Fine Gem, a huge stamp..... 525.00



- 3727 ★ **1c, 2c War, Soft Paper (O114, O115).** Top imprint and plate no. block of 20 of 1c and top block of ten with plate no. and part imprint of 2c, original gum, bright colors, few small imperfections, Fine-Very Fine, attractive multiples.....*Not illustrated* 334.00
- 3728 **1c War, Soft Paper (O114).** Bright shade, cancelled by well-struck “(Salt) Lake City Utah, Jul. 5, 1884” circular datestamp, thinned at top, still Very Fine, **used on the last day Officials were valid** ..... E. 100-150
- 3729 **1c War, Soft Paper (O114).** Horizontal pair, right stamp cancelled by neat strike of **Indian Head** fancy cancel and left stamp cancelled by “**Fort Smith Ark. 1882**” circular datestamp, thin spots, right stamp with light creases, still Very Fine strike..... E. 100-150
- 3730 **3c War, Soft Paper (O116).** Bright color, cancelled by **Man’s Profile** fancy cancel, centered to top left, faint corner perf crease at top right, Very Fine strike of this whimsical fancy cancel..... E. 150-200
- 3731 **12c War, Soft Paper (O119).** Horizontal strip of four, cancelled by **purple Star in Circle** and matching “**Fort Grant Arizona, Jul. 8, 1881**” circular datestamp, s.e. at right, some perf separations sensibly reinforced, otherwise Fine, scarce Arizona territorial usage of the 12c War Dept. .... E. 300-400

## GROUP LOTS—OFFICIALS OFF COVER

- 3732 **Fancy Cancels on Officials.** 362 stamps on oversize quadrille exhibition pages, arranged by design of the cancel with every department represented, cancels incl. wide range of different radial designs, crossroads, grids, bars, stars, triangles, crosses, three Masonic, letters, heads incl. skull and crossbones, anchors, etc., some colored cancels, some faults to be expected but most with Very Fine-Extremely Fine strikes, an exceedingly difficult collection to duplicate E. 2,000-3,000
- 3733 **Fort Cancels on Officials.** 43 stamps and two covers mounted on oversize quadrille exhibition pages, all are War Dept. except for one Post Office used from Fort Lyon, incl. cancels from Ariz., Col., Kans., Minn., Mo., Mont., Indian Terr., Nebr., Nev., Tex. and Wyo., few faults to be expected, overall Very Fine strikes..... E. 2,000-3,000
- 3734 **Shield Cancels on Officials.** Four stamps, incl. 2c Interior and Treasury and 3c Agriculture and War, each with different Shield fancy cancel, incl. one struck in Blue on Treasury and another in Blue on Agriculture, stamps with faults, Very Fine strikes..... E. 200-250
- 3735 ★ **Officials Stamps Balance.** Stock page of 52 unused stamps, many part or full original gum, 48 different incl. Agriculture complete less 15c, some faults, some appear Fine-Very Fine, also incl. 3c Justice perforated proof..... 9,850.00
- 3736 **Used Officials Balance.** Stock pages of over 80 used stamps, virtually all different, incl. four 6c Navy with line thru “N” of “Navy”, 30c State, Justice complete, Treasury complete less 24c, Navy mostly complete incl. two 90c, faults to be expected on used Officials, many appear Fine-Very Fine, scarce holding..... 6,728.00

## SPECIMEN OVERPRINTS



3737EX

- 3737 S **1c-30c Agriculture, Specimen Ovpt. (O1S-O9S).** Without gum as issued, radiant color, few flaws incl. few small thin spots and 1c with pencil on head, appear Fine-Very Fine .....(Photo Ex) 2,150.00

- 3738 S **1c Agriculture, “Sepcimen” Error (O1Sa).** Without gum as issued, brilliant color, wide margins, Very Fine, scarce, about 20 are known ..... 2,250.00



3738



3739

- 3739 S **2c Agriculture, “Sepcimen” Error (O2Sa).** Without gum as issued, radiant color, central thin spot, appears Very Fine, scarce about 10 are known..... 2,750.00

- 3740 S **1c Executive, Navy, State, Soft Porous, Specimen Ovpt. (O10xS, O35xS, O57xS).** Without gum as issued, bright colors, State with purple ms. on back, few minor paper flaws as often found on this porous paper, Fine-Very Fine .....(Photo Ex) 500.00



3740EX



3741EX

- 3741 S **1c Executive, Justice, Specimen Ovpt., Ribbed Paper (O10Sb, O25Sc).** Without gum as issued, the Executive with small dotted “i”, repair in top margin, otherwise Fine .....(Photo Ex) 900.00

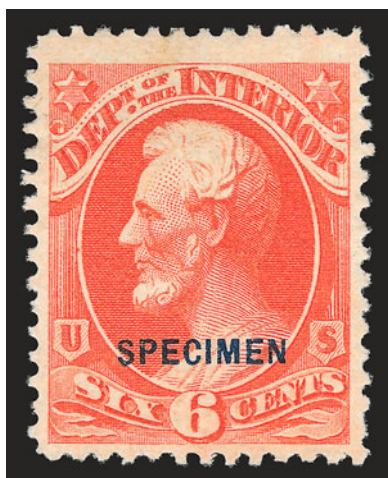


3742

3742 田 **1c Executive, Specimen Ovpt. (O10S).** Bottom left corner imprint and plate no. 82 block of fourteen, plate no. 81 scored out below, without gum as issued, brilliant color, few perf separations sensibly reinforced

FINE-VERY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL AND RARE IMPRINT AND PLATE NUMBER BLOCK OF FOURTEEN OF THE ONE-CENT EXECUTIVE WITH "SPECIMEN" OVERPRINT. A MAGNIFICENT SHOWPIECE.

After the plate number "81" was engraved on the 1c plate, it was realized that No. 31 had already been assigned to the 30c War plate. The number was scratched out and replaced with "82" above Position 7 and below Position 97. .... 5,000.00



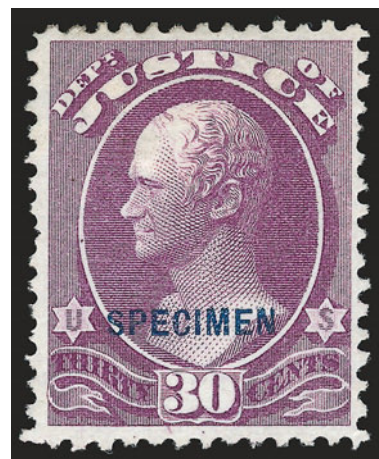
3743EX

3743 S **1c-90c Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O15S-O24S).** Without gum as issued, several with perfs scissors-separated causing some short perfs or s.e., bright colors, few flaws

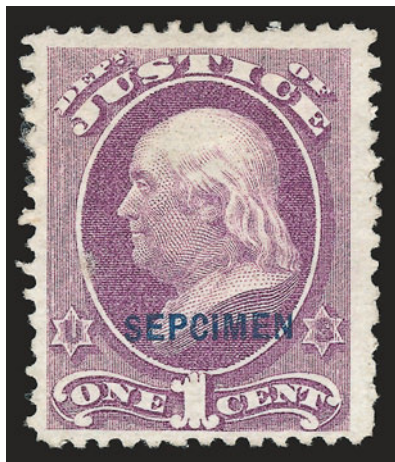
FINE. A RARE COMPLETE SET OF THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WITH SPECIMEN OVERPRINTS.

Less than 90 were produced for all denominations 3c and above. .... (Photo Ex) 10,115.00

3744 S **1c-90c Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O25S-O34S).** Without gum as issued, rich colors, few with perfs scissors-separated causing few s.e. or short, few small faults, appear Fine-Very Fine, only 150 sets produced. .... (Photo Ex) 6,470.00



3744EX



3745

- 3745 S **1c Justice, "Sepcimen" Error (O25Sa).** Without gum as issued, bright color, wide margins, Very Fine and choice, owner's backstamp ..... 1,750.00

- 3746 S **1c-90c Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O35S-O45S).** Without gum as issued, brilliant colors, few perfs scissors-separated causing some s.e., few small faults, overall Fine-Very Fine, only 102 sets are possible.....  
.....(Photo Ex) 7,885.00



3746EX



3747

- 3747 S **1c Navy, "Sepcimen" Error (O35Sa).** Without gum as issued, bright color on crisp paper, choice centering  
VERY FINE AND CHOICE. A DIFFICULT STAMP TO FIND IN SUCH CHOICE CONDITION.  
We have only offered six in the past 14 years.....  
..... 2,250.00



3748

- 3748 S **1c Navy, Soft Porous, Specimen Ovpt. (O35xS).** Top left corner imprint and plate no. 80 strip of six, without gum as issued, intense shade and impression, fresh and Fine, an attractive multiple, Scott Retail as singles..... 540.00

- 3749 S **1c-90c Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O47S-O56S).** Without gum as issued, complete set, most scissors separated, essentially all perfs intact, couple tiny perf flaws of no great consequence

FINE-VERY FINE APPEARANCE. A RARE COMPLETE SET OF THE POST OFFICE OFFICIALS WITH SPECIMEN OVERPRINTS.

Only 81 of the 30c were produced, and so this is one of the most difficult sets to assemble. We sold a set in similar condition for \$6,000 hammer in our Sale 914. ....(Photo Ex) 8,037.50



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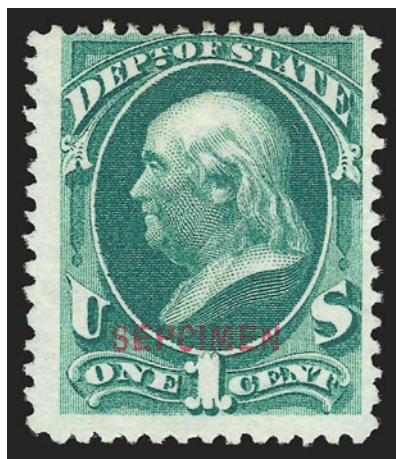
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- 3750 S **1c Post Office, Inverted Specimen Ovpt. (O47Sb).** Without gum as issued, wide margins including huge natural s.e. at right, fresh and Very Fine, only 100 issued ..... 2,500.00

- 3751 S **1c-90c State, Specimen Ovpt. (O57S-O67S).** Bright colors, few faults incl. 1c defective and 30c with pencil marks, few short perfs, appear Fine-Very Fine, a presentable group of the non-dollar value State Dept. specimens .....(Photo Ex) 3,520.00



3751EX



3752

- 3752 S **1c State, "Specimen" Error (O57Sa).** Without gum as issued, bright color, fresh and Fine ..... 1,750.00



3753

- 3753 S **\$2.00 State, Specimen Ovpt. (O68S).** Without gum as issued, wonderfully fresh and crisp, small perf flaws at bottom left and bottom right

FINE. A VERY DESIRABLE EXAMPLE OF THIS RARE \$2.00 STATE SPECIMEN.

Although the Scott Specialized states that 32 \$2.00 State "Specimen" stamps were issued, the description for the Markovits example states "only about twenty are recorded", presumably based on Markovits's original research. .... 17,500.00

- 3754 S **1c-90c Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O72S-O82S).** Without gum as issued, deep rich colors, few small flaws but overall in better condition than many

FINE-VERY FINE APPEARANCE. A SCARCE COMPLETE SET OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WITH SPECIMEN OVERPRINTS.

Only 72 of the 90c were produced, and less than 100 were produced of six other denominations. .... (Photo Ex) 9,490.00



3754EX



3755EX

- 3755 S **1c-90c War, Specimen Ovpt. (O83S-O93S).** Without gum as issued, bright colors, few small faults incl. 3c defective, otherwise Fine, scarce complete set as only 104 of the 30c were produced ..... (Photo Ex) 7,595.00

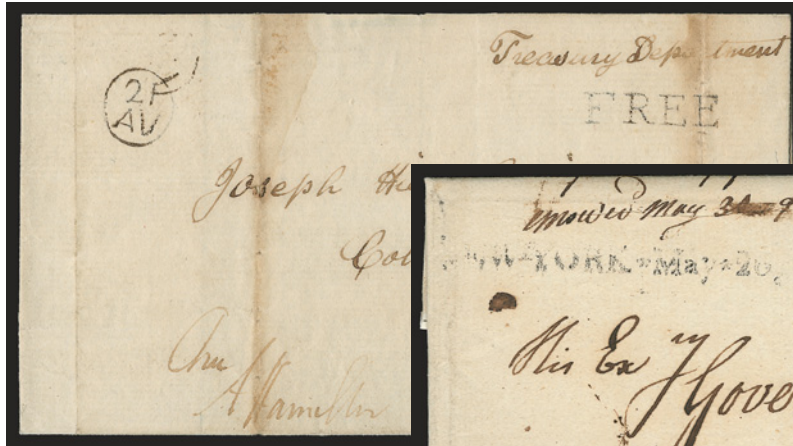


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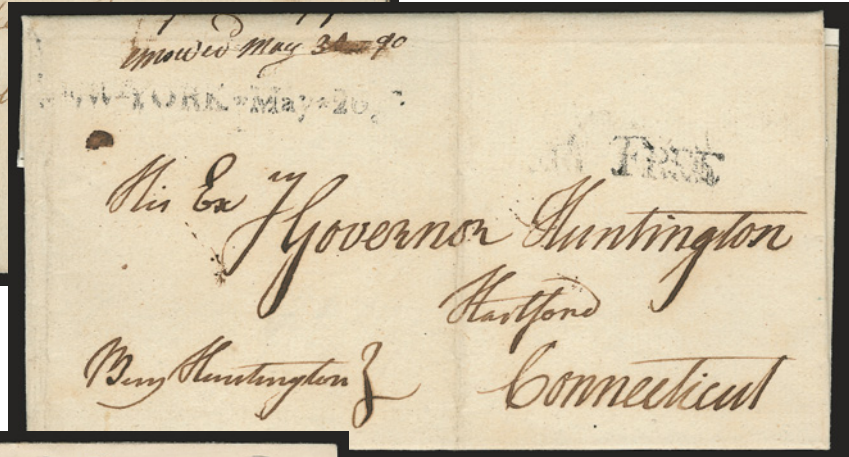
- 3756 S **1c War, "Sepcimen" Error (O83Sa).** Without gum as issued, bright color, choice centering, light corner crease at top left, appears Very Fine ..... 1,250.00

- 3757 S **1c-10c Official Specimens (O10S-O14S, O1Sb, O10Sb, O25Sb, O57Sb).** Without gum as issued, rich colors, the four ribbed papers are complete for the variety, few flaws, appear almost Fine, also incl. O36TC4..... *Not illustrated* 560.00

## FREE FRANKS AND PENALTY ENVELOPES



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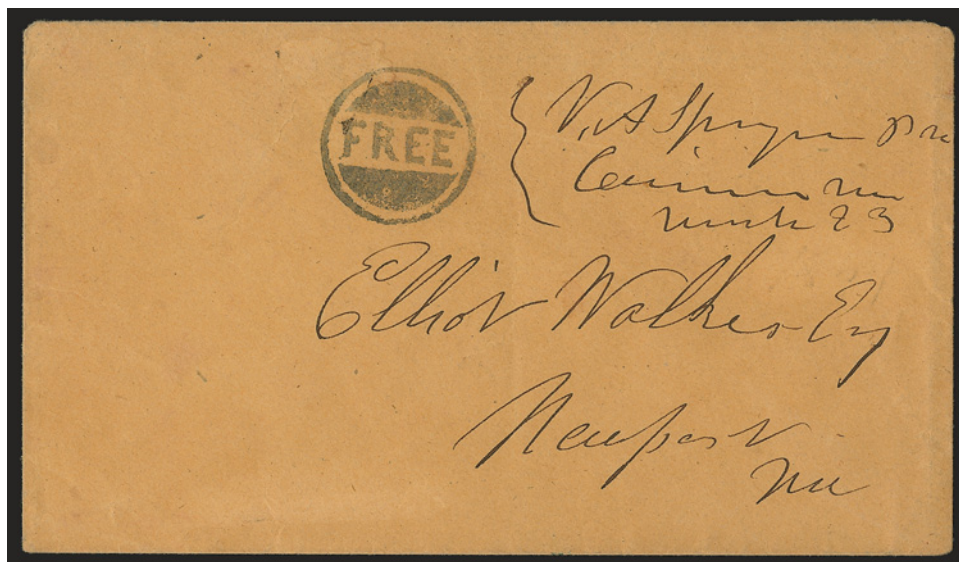
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- 3758 ☒ **Alexander Hamilton.** Free frank "Free A Hamilton" as Secretary of the Treasury on folded cover to Joseph Hills, Collector of Customs at Salem Mass., with "Treasury Department" endorsement, "21/AU" (Aug. 21) Franklin mark and "Free" handstamp, 1792 docketing, stained and slight erosion along file folds, otherwise Fine ..... E. 750-1,000
- 3759 ☒ **Benjamin Huntington.** Revolutionary War General, delegate from Connecticut (Continental Congresses of 1780-84, 1787-88), free frank "Benj. Huntington" on autograph letter signed to Governor Huntington in Hartford Conn., partly clear strike of "NEW-YORK \* May \* 26" straightline datestamp and matching "Free" handstamp, letter dated May 26, 1790, discusses a vote in the House of Representatives to accept Continental Bills "at Seventy five for one", Very Fine ..... E. 750-1,000
- 3760 ☒ **Gideon Welles.** Secretary of Navy (1861-69), free frank "G Welles" on "Navy Department" imprint cover to Philadelphia Pa., "Washington D.C. Free Apr. 22 '64" double-circle datestamp, Very Fine ..... E. 200-300
- 3761 ☒ **Elisha Whittlesey.** Free frank as Comptroller on Treasury Department imprint cover to **Quebec, Canada**, addressed to "Hon. H. S. Conger (of Wisconsin), Passenger on the 'Anglo-Saxon'", "Washington City D.C. Free Jun. 27, 1861" circular datestamp, blue crayon "10", large red "ADV." Advertised handstamp applied at Quebec (scarce marking), Montreal and Quebec receiving backstamps, Very Fine, extremely unusual usage ..... E. 200-300



3762

- 3762 ☒ **Adrian Mich. Large Bee.** Beautiful strike of the Large Bee cancel and clear “Adrian Mich Apr. 22” circular datestamp on yellow cover with “Official Business” imprint and “Wm. A. Whitney PM” postmaster’s free frank, to the late postmaster of Ida Mich., slightly reduced at left, Very Fine, an exceptionally clear strike and unusual use of the Adrian Large Bee cancel on a cover franked by the postmaster, who may well have been responsible for carving this distinctive fancy cancel ..... E. 1,000-1,500



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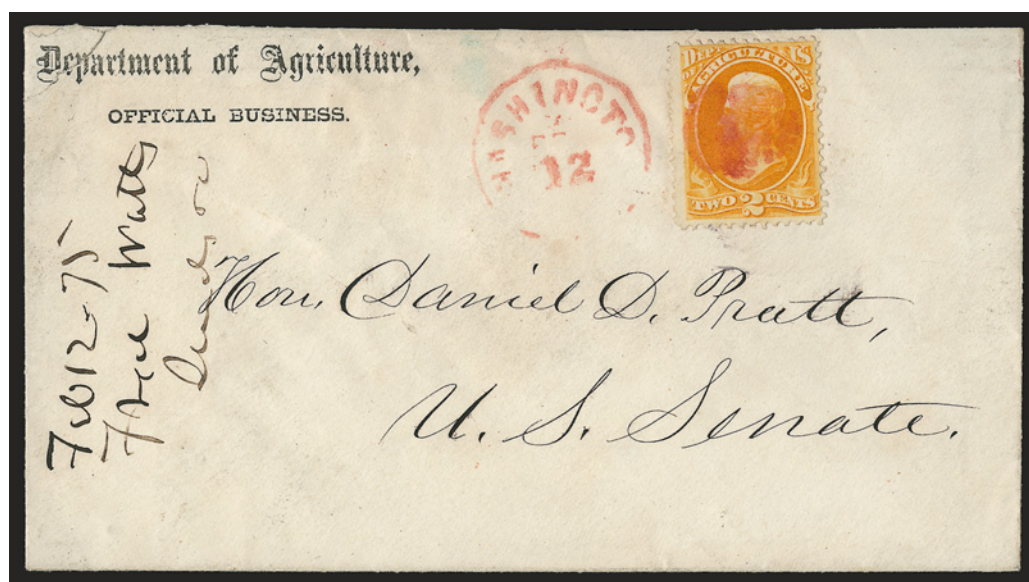
- 3763 ☒ **“V. A. Sprague PM, Corinna Me. March 23”.** Ms. postmark and “FREE” in Circle fancy cancel on buff cover to Newport Me., Extremely Fine, unusual combination of postmaster’s frank and fancy cancel (Sprague also used a “V.A. Sprague” cancel) .... E. 200-300
- 3764 ☒ **Free Franks.** 57 covers mounted on oversize quadrille exhibition pages, incl. various “Free” handstamps, many free franked by various postmasters, also Post Office Dept. imprint covers such as Dead Letter Office with printed “Due 6 Cents”, franks from some other Departments incl. Executive (Richard M. Johnson), Interior, Treasury, State, Navy, War, nine from Congress, few faults to be expected, many Fine-Very Fine, fascinating group.....Not illustrated E. 2,000-3,000
- 3765 ☒ **Penalty Envelopes Collection.** Beautifully mounted collection consisting of 58 covers on homemade exhibition pages, covering the period from 1877-84, incl. State (2), Treasury (8), Post Office (26), War (4), Justice (4), Executive (2), Navy (4), Interior (7) and Agriculture (1), impressive range of imprints and markings, incl. perforated label with “War Dept., Signal Service, U.S. Army”, two with Signal Service Weather Report imprints, another from U.S. Civil Service Commission, Navy Dept. Marine Barracks, few faults to be expected, overall appear Fine-Very Fine.....Not illustrated E. 4,000-5,000

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT



3766

- 3766 ☒ **1c Agriculture (O1).** Well-centered, vivid color, few short perfs at top, tied by cork cancel on “Department of Agriculture Official Business” label on **complete folded wrapper** to Westover Md., with original printed livestock form dated Nov. 15, 1873 (returnable Jan. 1, 1874), very faintly toned, Very Fine, this is No. 6 in the Campbell census (*Chronicle* No. 194, May 2002), which listed one cover and seven labels with the 1c Agriculture (the 2004 Markovits sale catalogue reported ten covers or labels) ..... E. 1,000-1,500



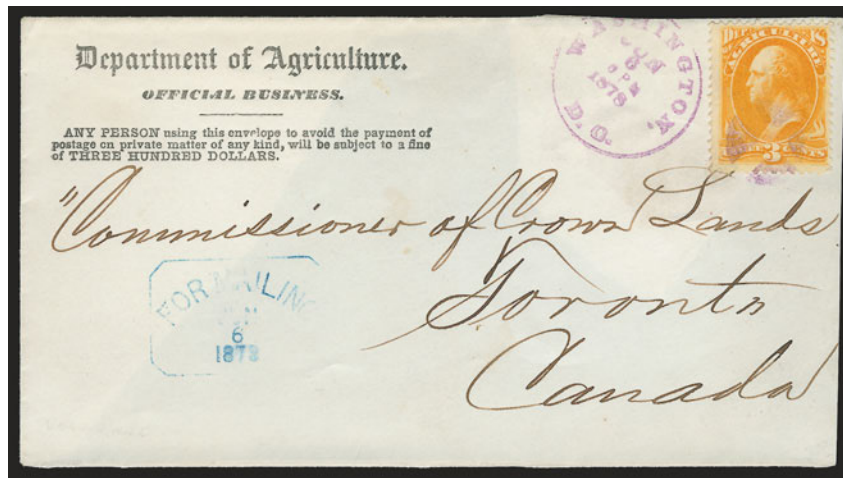
3767

- 3767 ☒ **2c Agriculture (O2).** Cancelled by **bright red** circular cork cancel, matching “Washington D.C. Feb. 12” (1875) circular datestamp on “Department of Agriculture, Official Business” imprint cover to Indiana Senator Daniel D. Pratt at the Capitol, neat receipt docketing, refolded around edges (flap inside and sealed shut), small sealed tear at top left

VERY FINE APPEARANCE AND BEAUTIFULLY CANCELLED IN RED. ONE OF SEVEN RECORDED COVERS (AND FIVE WRAPPERS) WITH THE 2-CENT AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT STAMP.

Alan C. Campbell reported six 2c covers and four wrappers in his 2002 census of Agriculture covers (*Chronicle* No. 194), but the 2004 Bennett catalogue of the Markovits collection raised the numbers to seven and five. Based on the data in the Campbell census, this is the only 2c Agriculture cover postmarked in red.

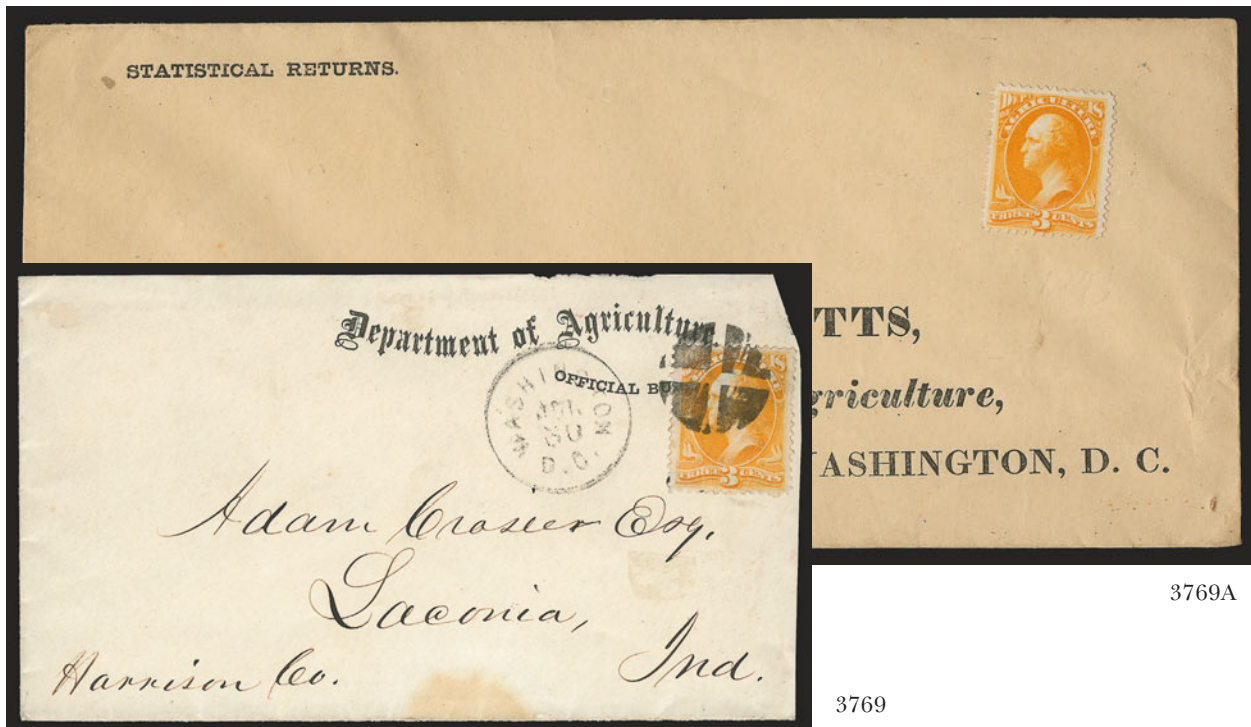
Ex Hughes ..... E. 2,500-3,500



3768

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**3c Agriculture (O3).** Vivid color, trivial corner crease, tied by **purple** small quartered cork cancel, matching "Washington D.C. Jun. 6 6PM 1878" circular datestamp on cover front with **Department of Agriculture penalty imprint** (very early use), addressed to the Commissioner of Crown Lands in **Toronto, Canada**, "For Mailing Jun. 6, 1878" blue ribbon-marker datestamp, "Toronto Ont. AM JU 8 78" receiving backstamp on part of flap which remains (most of back removed), Very Fine appearance, this is the only 3c Agriculture cover to Canada in Campbell's 2002 census (*Chronicle* No. 194), but the 2004 Markovits catalog reported additional covers, the use of the Official stamp on a penalty entire is very unusual, presumably it was necessary to pay the 3c rate to Canada..... E. 750-1,000



3769A

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3769 ☒

**3c Agriculture (O3).** Superbly centered, tied by quartered cork cancel, "Washington D.C. Jul. 30" circular datestamp on "Department of Agriculture, Official Business" imprint cover to Laconia Ind., upper right corner slightly clipped, otherwise Very Fine, Campbell reported 11 covers (2002) but Markovits catalog (2004) reports 21 covers with the 3c Agriculture ..... E. 500-750

3769A ☒

**3c Agriculture (O3).** Uncancelled and affixed to legal-size cover with printed address to Commissioner of Agriculture in Washington D.C., "Statistical Returns" imprint, minor wrinkling, Very Fine, Scott value for a mailed cover is \$900.00..... E. 300-400

3770 ☒ **6c Agriculture (O4).** Well-centered, lightly cancelled by circle of wedges, used on large part of wrapper with half of “Department of Agriculture, Official Business” label intact and an 1874 printed agricultural report listing quantities of livestock in Westover Md., stamp slightly creased, an exhibit-worthy and extremely rare use of the 6c Agriculture stamp, this is not one of the four covers listed in the Campbell census of Agriculture Department covers, thus it becomes a fifth known usage, Scott value for a cover is \$7,500.00 ..... E. 1,500-2,000



3771

3771 **10c Agriculture (O5).** Bright color, tied by bold circular cork cancel on complete “Department of Agriculture, Public Document” imprint label affixed to large part of folded package wrapper, signed by Frederick Watts (Commissioner), addressed to Rutledge, Grainger Co., Tenn., minor stains

ONE OF THREE RECORDED USAGES OF THE 10-CENT AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT STAMP, ALL OF WHICH ARE ON “PUBLIC DEPARTMENT” LABELS SIGNED BY FREDERICK WATTS, AND ONLY TWO OF WHICH ARE FULL LABELS.

This is No. 2 of only three 10c Agriculture usages listed in the Campbell census (*Chronicle* No. 194, May 2002). Campbell incorrectly reported the destination as Rutledge, Virginia, but Grainger County is, in fact, in Eastern Tennessee. The third 10c Agriculture usage listed by Campbell is a portion of the label (essentially a “piece” and offered as such in the Markovits sale). In all three cases the stamp paid the 10c “public document” rate for a single bound volume..... E. 3,000-4,000

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



3772

3773

- 3772 ☒ **1c and 2c Executive (O10, O11).** Defective stamps tied by quartered cork and "Washington D.C. Aug. 3 7PM" circular datestamp on "Executive Mansion" imprint cover to Caldwell O., docketed "Grant" and annoated on back, bottom right corner repaired, still presentable despite faults, five 1c and 2c combination covers reported in Markovits sale catalogue, our very conservative estimate reflects condition of this cover, ex Hughes ..... E. 400-500
- 3773 ☒ **3c Executive (O12).** Three on two covers and one front only, each with "Executive Mansion" imprint, one addressed in the hand of President Rutherford B. Hayes to the Hon. James Monroe in Oberlin O. (stamp creased), one with stamp scissors-trimmed at right, last on a front, scarce usages ..... E. 1,000-1,500



3774

- 3774 ☒ **6c Executive (O13).** Cancelled by quartered cork, "Long Branch N.J. Aug. 12 A.M." circular datestamp on legal-size cover with "Executive/Secretary" imprint, addressed in the hand of President Ulysses S. Grant to Secretary of State Hamilton Fish in Washington D.C., "Department of State Received Aug. 13, 1875" double-oval ribbon-marker datestamp, folds all around, one lightly creasing stamp, small hole at top right corner

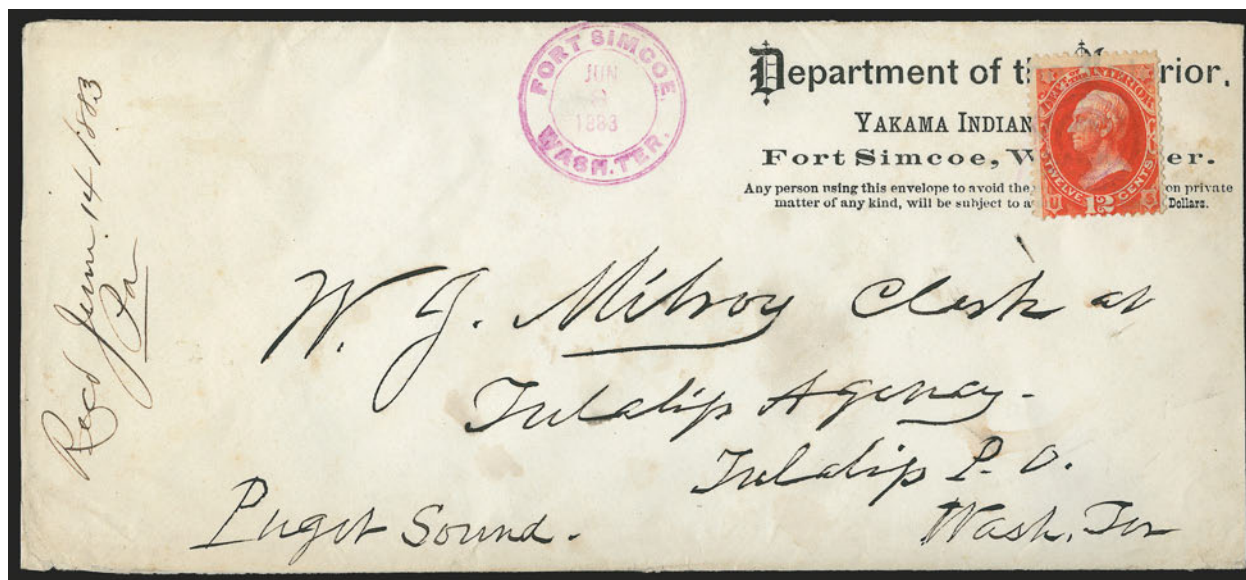
ONE OF SEVEN RECORDED COVERS BEARING THE 6-CENT EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STAMP. MARKOVITS REPORTS ONLY SIX EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT COVERS FROM PRESIDENT GRANT'S SUMMER HOME IN LONG BRANCH, NEW JERSEY.

Robert L. Markovits reports six Executive Department covers posted from President Grant's summer home in Long Branch N.J. (<http://www.franadams.com/exhibits/executive.html>). This is probably the only 6c Executive cover addressed in Grant's hand (seven reported 6c covers in Markovits sale catalogue). ..... E. 4,000-5,000

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

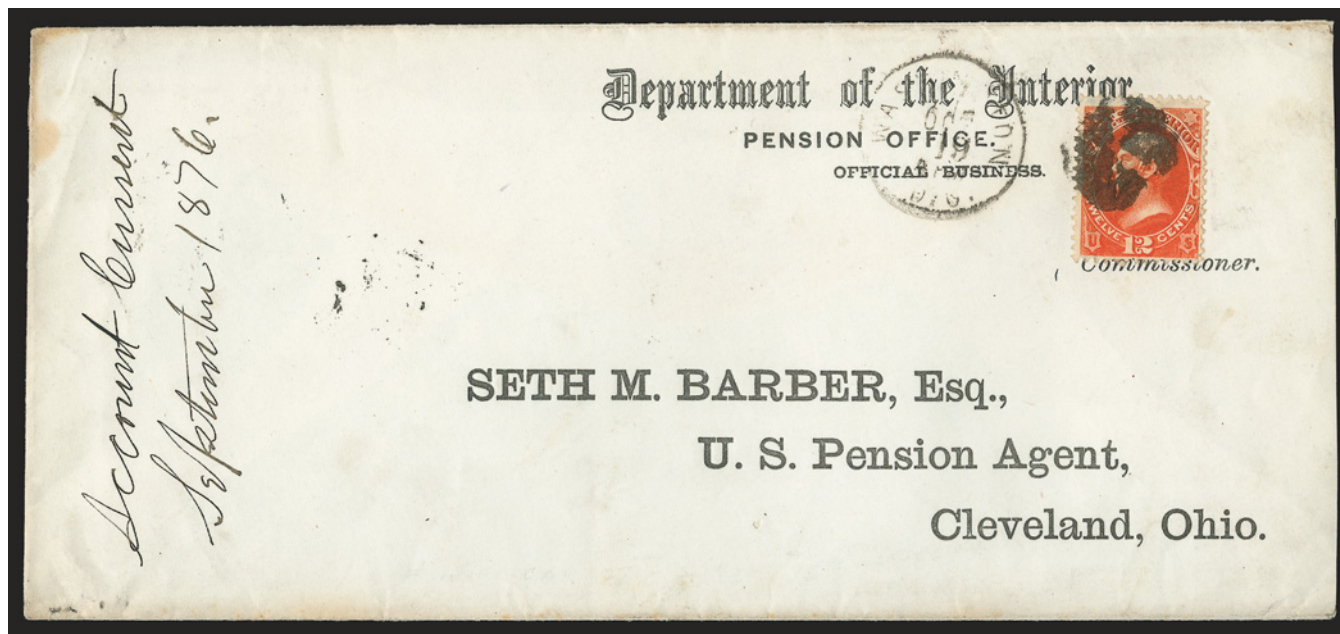


- 3775 ☒ **2c Interior (O16).** Tied by target cancel, "Fort Berthold Dak. Mar. 17" Dakota Terr. circular datestamp on cover to Washington D.C. with "Department of Interior, Fort Bethold, Indian Agency" penalty imprint, a bit worn along edges, styill Very Fine..... E. 200-300
- 3776 ☒ **3c Interior (O17).** Tiny perf tear, tied by target cancel, "New Haven Conn. Sep. 18 2PM" (1876) circular datestamp on "International Exhibition 1876, U.S. Government Building, Department of the Interior Exhibit" imprint cover with return card of "John Eaton, Representative of the Department of the Interior", addressed to a post office box at the "Centennial Branch P.O." in Philadelphia, receiving backstamp, neatly docketed, Very Fine ..... E. 200-300
- 3777 ☒ **10c Interior (O19).** Tied by "Washington D.C. Reg" registry oval on legal-size cover to New York City, purple **Smithsonian Institution** penalty handstamp, purple "Registered/Jun. 28 1882/Washington, D.C." three-line datestamp, registry numbers on front and purple backstamp, vertical fold, Very Fine ..... E. 300-400
- 3778 ☒ **10c Interior (O19).** Tied by bold "Washington D.C. Reg" registry oval on legal-size Department of the Interior, Patent Office, penalty imprint cover to Wellington O., purple "Registered/May 9 1883/Washington D.C." three-line datestamp, blue crayon registry number, Chief Clerk's backstamp, vertical fold and reduced at right, still Fine..... E. 300-400



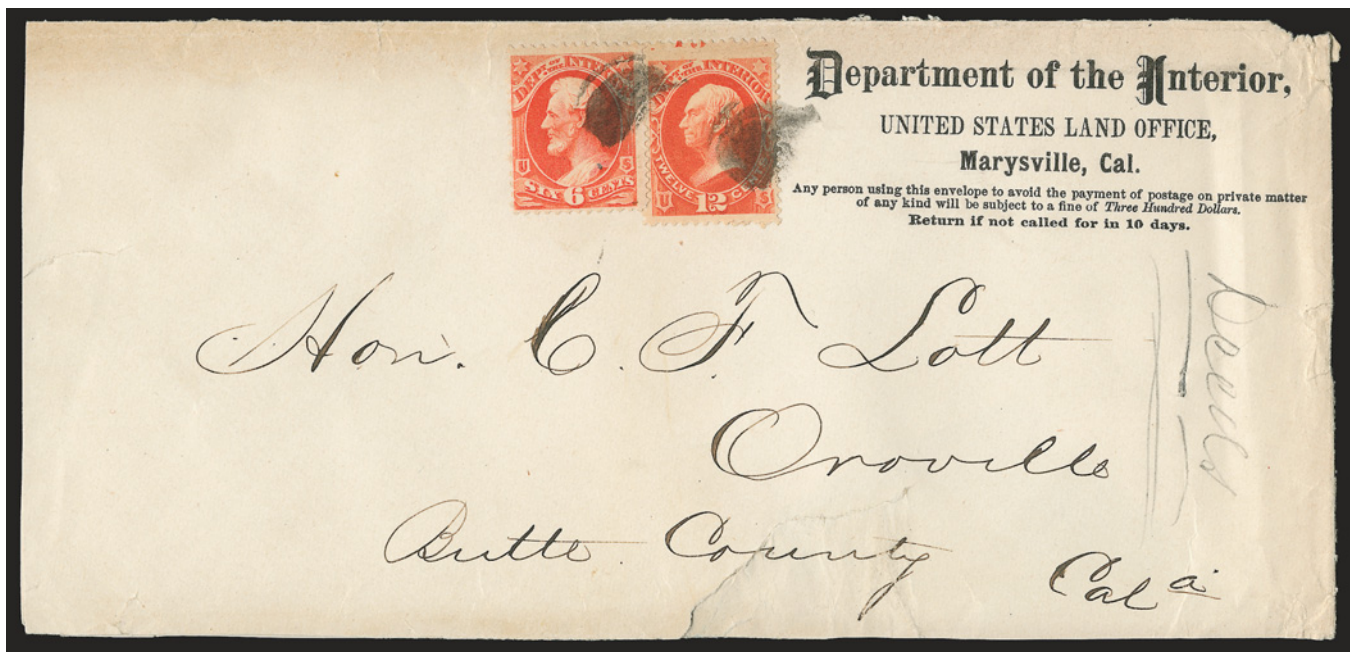
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- 3779 ☒ **12c Interior (O20).** Purple target cancel, matching "Fort Simcoe Wash. Terr. Jun. 8, 1883" Washington Territory double-circle datestamp on legal-size cover to Tulalip Agency in Washington Terr., with "Department of the Interior, Yakama Indian Agency, Fort Simcoe, Wash. Ter." penalty imprint, slightly reduced at right, Very Fine, scarce usage ..... E. 750-1,000



3780

- 3780 ☒ **12c Interior (O20).** Tied by quartered cork cancel, "Washington D.C. Oct. 19 4PM" circular datestamp on legal-size "Department of the Interior, Pension Office, Official Business" imprint cover with printed address to Cleveland O., 1876 docketing, Very Fine ..... E. 400-500



3781

- 3781 ☒ **6c and 12c Interior (O18, O20).** Vibrant color, tied by target cancels on legal-size "Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Marysville, Cal." penalty imprint cover to Oroville Cal., tear at bottom, slightly reduced and minor edge faults, still Fine and a scarce Interior Department combination..... E. 400-500



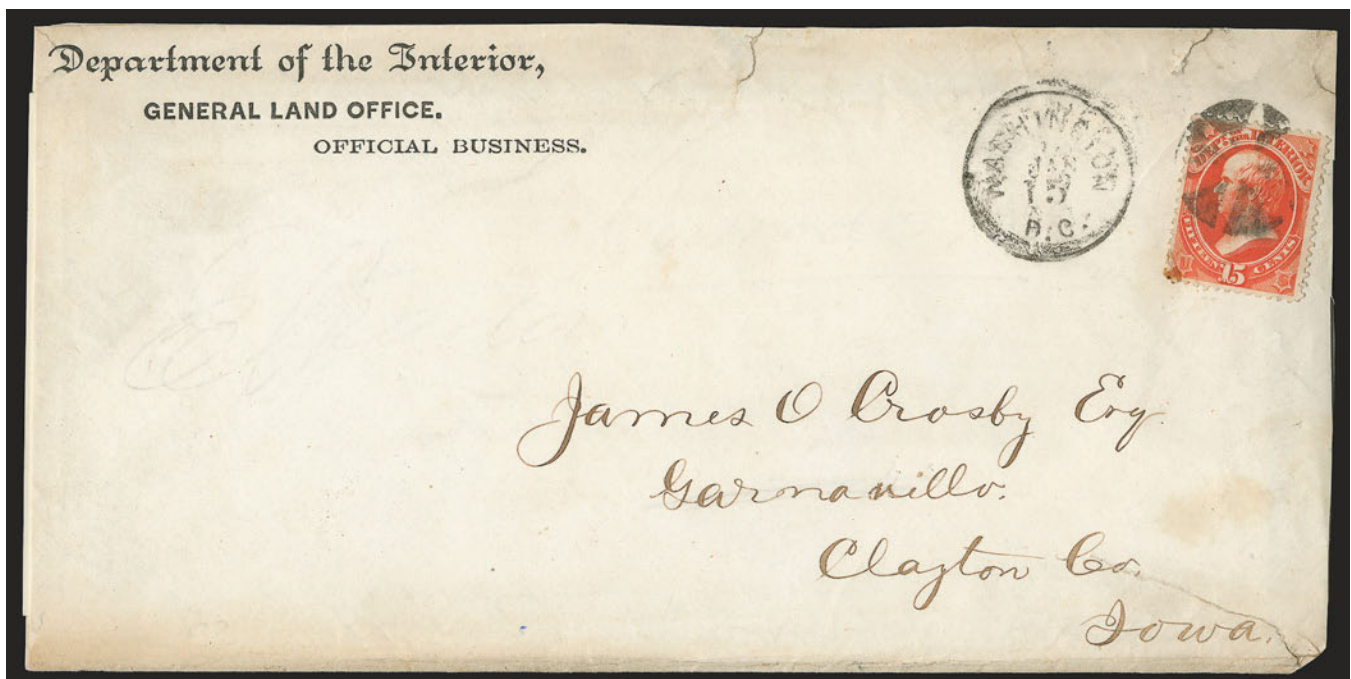
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- 3782 ☒ **15c Interior, Soft Paper (O102).** Distinctive American Bank Note Co. shade, tied by quartered cork cancel, "Olympia Wash. May 13, 1884" circular datestamp on **registered** "Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Olympia, Wash. Terr." **penalty imprint** cover to Edison, Washington Terr., marked "Returned to Writer", "Edison Wash. Feb. 9, 1885" circular datestamp, couple tiny edge tears at top
- VERY FINE. STARNES RECORDED THIS AS THE ONLY COVER KNOWN WITH THE 15-CENT INTERIOR 1879 AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY PRINTING ON SOFT PAPER.
- The 15c stamp presumably paid for the 10c registration fee and 3c postage (overpaid 2c)..... E. 4,000-5,000



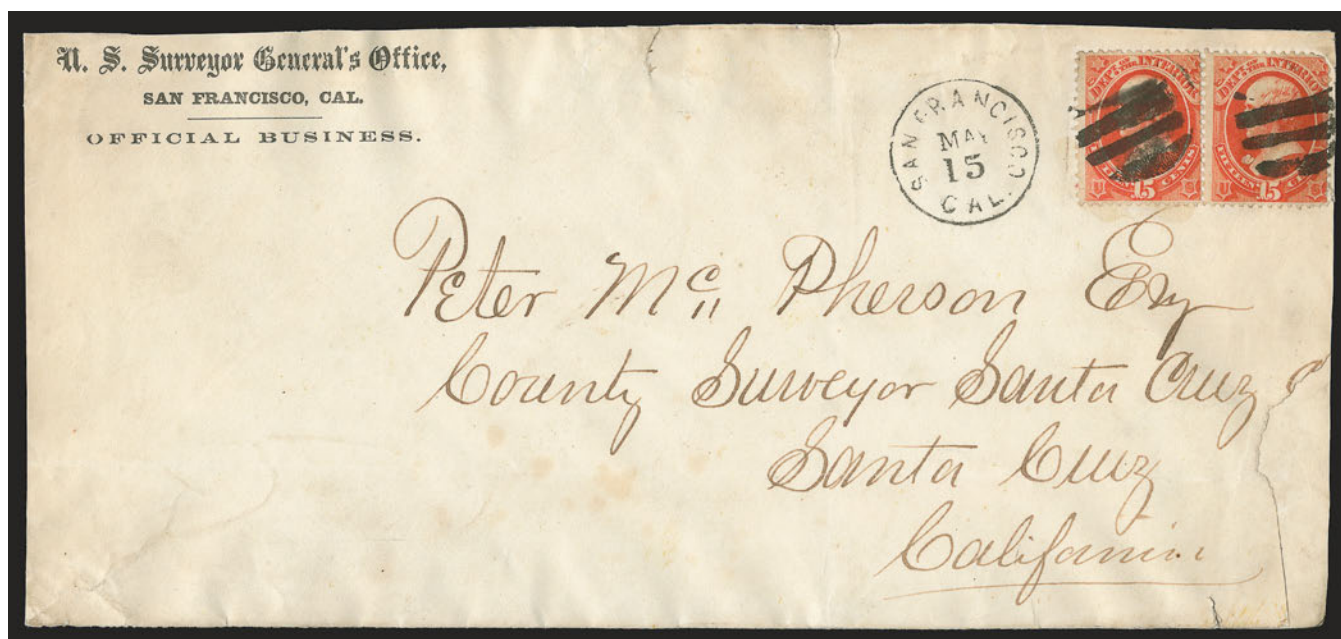
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- 3783 ☒ **15c Interior (O21).** Intense color, tied by quartered cork, "Kirnin Kans. Jun. 22, 1882" circular datestamp on "Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Kirnin, Kansas" penalty imprint cover to Osborne Kan., docketed on back, small opening tear at top, Very Fine, scarce..... E. 500-750



3784

- 3784 ☒ **15c Interior (O21).** Minor faults, tied by circle of wedges cancel, "Washington D.C. Jan. 15" circular datestamp on legal-size "Department of the Interior, General Land Office, Official Business" imprint cover to Garmanillo, Iowa, couple small edge tears and a slightly longer sealed tear at bottom right, otherwise Fine ..... E. 300-400



3785

- 3785 ☒ **15c Interior (O21).** Horizontal pair, tied by four-bar grid cancels, "San Francisco Cal. May 15" circular datestamp on legal-size "U.S. Surveyor General's Office, San Francisco, Cal., Official Business" imprint cover to Santa Cruz, reduced and repaired at lower right, still Fine and presentable, very scarce multiple usage of the 15c Interior..... E. 300-400



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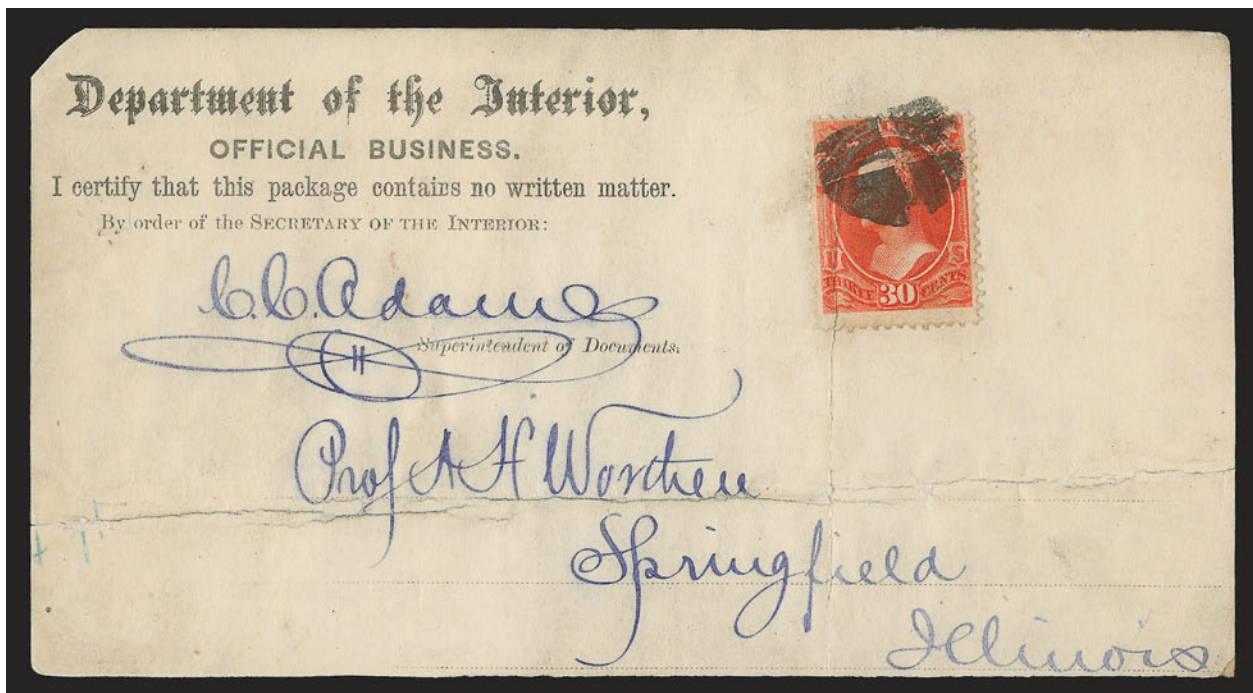
- 3786 ☒ **24c Interior (O22).** Vibrant color, well-centered, tied by quartered cork cancel and "Carson City Nev. Apr. 28" circular datestamp on "U.S. Land Office, Carson City, Nevada. } Official" imprint cover to Virginia City Nev., neatly docketed with 1874 year-date, with original enclosure on U.S. Land Office letterhead, very slightly reduced at left  
VERY FINE. ONE OF THE FINEST OF EIGHT RECORDED 24-CENT INTERIOR DEPARTMENT COVERS IN THE CAMPBELL CENSUS.

This cover is No. 9 in the census of high-value Official stamps on cover by Alan C. Campbell (*Chronicle* No. 188, November 2000, pp. 287-299). The use of a 24c stamp on a small non-registered cover with one letter enclosed is enigmatic, but it is without doubt genuine and extremely desirable. .... E. 2,000-3,000



3787

- 3787 ☒ **24c Interior (O22).** Few tiny perf flaws, tied by quartered cork cancel, "Washington D.C. (Nov?) 10, 5PM" circular datestamp on legal-size "U.S. Patent Office, Official Business, Chief Clerk" imprint cover to Boston, repaired at right, some other faults, still presentable
- ONE OF EIGHT RECORDED 24-CENT INTERIOR DEPARTMENT COVERS IN THE CAMPBELL CENSUS.
- This cover is No. 8 in the Campbell census (*Chronicle* No. 188, November 2000). Ex Hughes .....  
 ..... E. 1,500-2,000



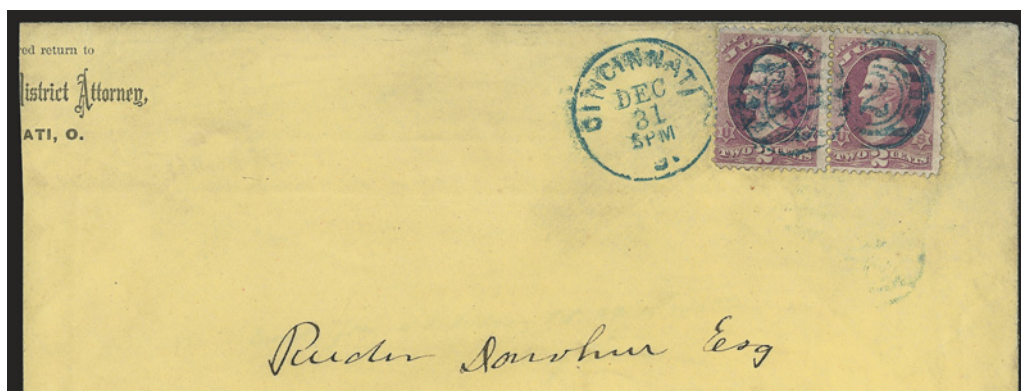
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- 3788 ☒ **30c Interior (O23).** Intense shade, tied by quartered cork cancel on package label with "Department of the Interior, Official Business, I certify that this package contains no written matter. . ." with signature of Superintendent of Documents, addressed to Springfield Ill., creased in two directions, one thru stamp
- ONE OF TWO RECORDED USAGES OF THE 30-CENT INTERIOR DEPARTMENT, BOTH PACKAGE LABELS.
- This package label is No. 12 in the Campbell census of high-value Officials on cover (*Chronicle* No. 188, November 2000). The other recorded 30c Interior usage is not tied (ex Markovits). In both cases the stamp paid the 10c per bound volume public document rate..... E. 2,000-3,000

- 3789 ☒ **Department of Interior Covers.** Six covers, incl. block of four of 2c with 1c on Patent Office cover to Philadelphia, 3c on Bureau of Education corner card cover, 6c on Pension Office corner card cover, 2c and 3c on Interior illustrated corner card cover to France, some faults, most appear Fine-Very Fine ..... E. 300-400
- 3790 ☒ **Department of Interior—Indian Agency Route Agent.** Two covers, one with 3c used from Tuscogee Ind. Terr. to Tahlequah, other with 3c and 6c on Quapaw Indian Agency corner card cover to president of the University at Notre Dame Ind., few flaws to be expected, overall appear Fine-Very Fine ..... E. 200-300
- 3791 ☒ **Department of Interior—Land Office.** 20 covers, range of frankings incl. strip of three of 1c, single 2c (3), single 3c (11), pair of 3c, 12c (defective), range of imprints incl. two territorial usages, some faults, overall appear Fine-Very Fine..... E. 400-500
- 3792 ☒ **Department of Interior—Smithsonian Institution Corner Cards.** Four, each different incl. one with label and one with illustration of James Smithson, frankings incl. two with 3c, one with 1c and one with pair of 1c, some flaws, overall appear Fine-Very Fine ..... E. 150-200
- 3793 ☒ **Department of Interior—Surveyor General's Office.** Two covers with San Francisco Surveyor General's Office imprints, one with 3c Interior to Sacramento, one with vertical pair of 6c to Washington D.C., Fine-Very Fine..... E. 100-150

# JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

3795



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- 3794 ☒ **1c Justice (O25).** Bright fresh color, tied by quartered cork cancel, "Washington D.C. Mar. 2 5PM" circular datestamp on legal-size cover to Nathan Goff, District Attorney in Clarksburgh West Va., magenta "Department of Justice Blanks" imprint cover with Chief Clerk's signed statement that no written matter was enclosed, thus the 1c printed matter rate, Very Fine, scarce 1c Justice usage ..... E. 1,500-2,000
- 3795 ☒ **2c Justice (O26).** Horizontal pair, small faults, tied by two strikes of blue "2" numeral grid and duplex "Cincinnati O. Dec. 31 5PM" circular datestamp on yellow cover to local street address, reduced at left leaving only a small part of District Attorney's corner card, otherwise Fine, colorful and extremely rare multiple use of the 2c Justice stamp for the double intra-city rate, only nine 2c Justice covers are reported by Lockyear (<http://www.franadams.com/synopsis/dojsynop.pdf>) and very few of any Justice value are known used outside Washington D.C. .... E. 1,500-2,000

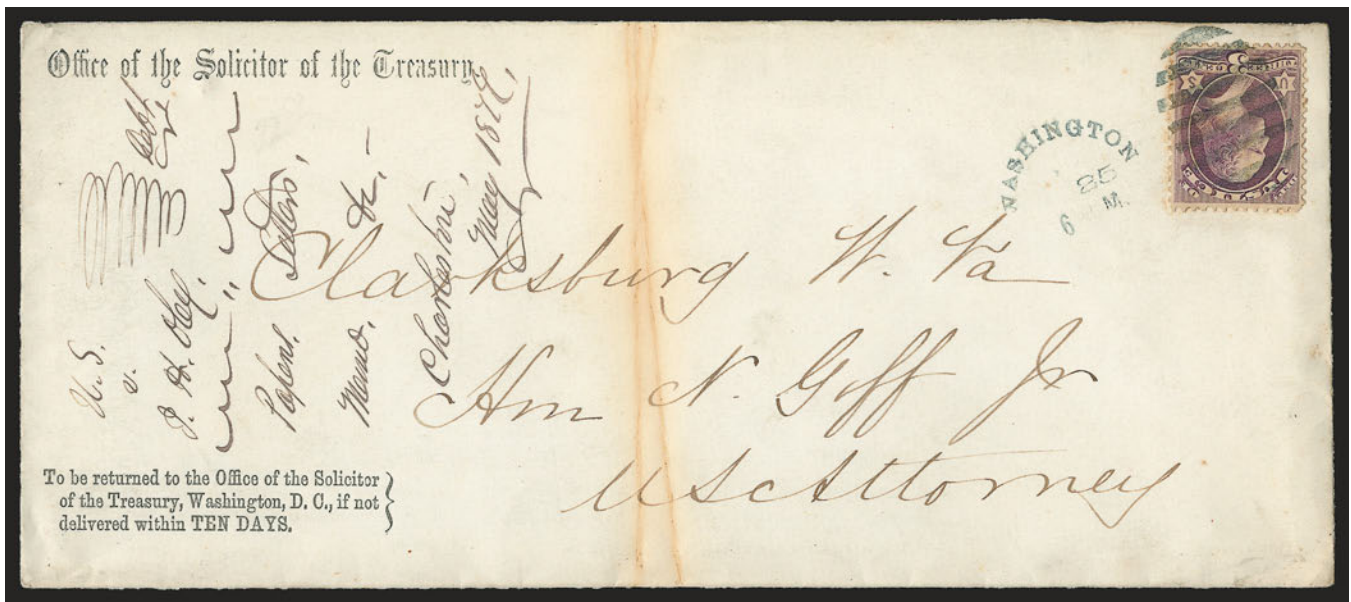


- 3796 ☒ **2c Justice (O26).** Tied by quartered cork cancel, no datestamp, on legal-size cover to court clerk in Clarksburgh West Va., magenta “**Department of Justice Blanks**” imprint cover with Acting Chief Clerk’s signed statement that no written matter was enclosed, thus the 2c printed matter double rate, rough opening at right and minor stamp faults, very scarce, only nine 2c Justice covers are reported by Lockyear (<http://www.franadams.com/synopsis/dojsynop.pdf>), the Lockyear sale catalogue (Bennett) stated that his cover was the only printed-matter rate, so the cover offered here becomes the second recorded printed-matter rate (and possibly a tenth 2c Justice cover)..... E. 500-750
- 3797 ☒ **3c Justice (O27).** Insect nibbling at right, tied by quartered cork cancel, “Washington D.C. Mar. 16 PM” circular datestamp on legal-size cover to U.S. Circuit Court in New Orleans, with “Office of the Solicitor of the Treasury” imprint, a bit toned, paper clip mark at top center, otherwise Fine, scarce ..... E. 200-300
- 3798 ☒ **3c Justice (O27).** Bright color, tied by circular cork cancel, “Washington D.C. Jun. 1 7PM” circular datestamp on “Department of Justice” imprint cover to Boston Mass., horizontal fold in cover, otherwise Very Fine ..... E. 300-400
- 3799 ☒ **3c Justice (O27).** Small rubbed spot at top, tied by circle of wedges and “Washington D.C. May 10 6PM” circular datestamp on cover to Nathan Goff, U.S. District Attorney in Clarksburgh West Va., crimson Department of Justice seal, slightly reduced at right, Very Fine..... E. 300-400



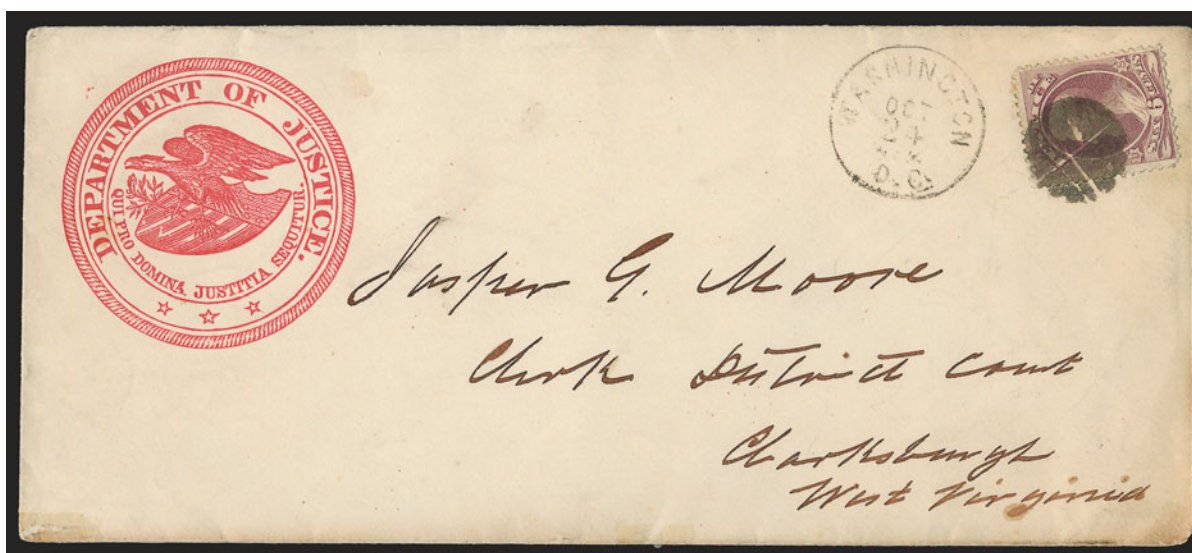
3800

- 3800 ☒ **3c Justice, Soft Paper (O106).** Tied by indigo oval grid, partly clear matching "Washington D.C. 1879 Jul. 3, 6 P.M." circular datestamp on legal-size cover to Nathan Goff, U.S. Attorney in Clarksburgh West Va., with "Office of the Solicitor of the Treasury" imprint, neat court docketing, stamp partly lifted to check paper, Extremely Fine, there were two deliveries of 3c Soft Paper stamps: one in March 1879 and the other in August 1883; this cover is identical (same date) to the ex-Lockyear cover with the 3c Soft Paper also cancelled by the steel duplex device..... E. 1,000-1,500



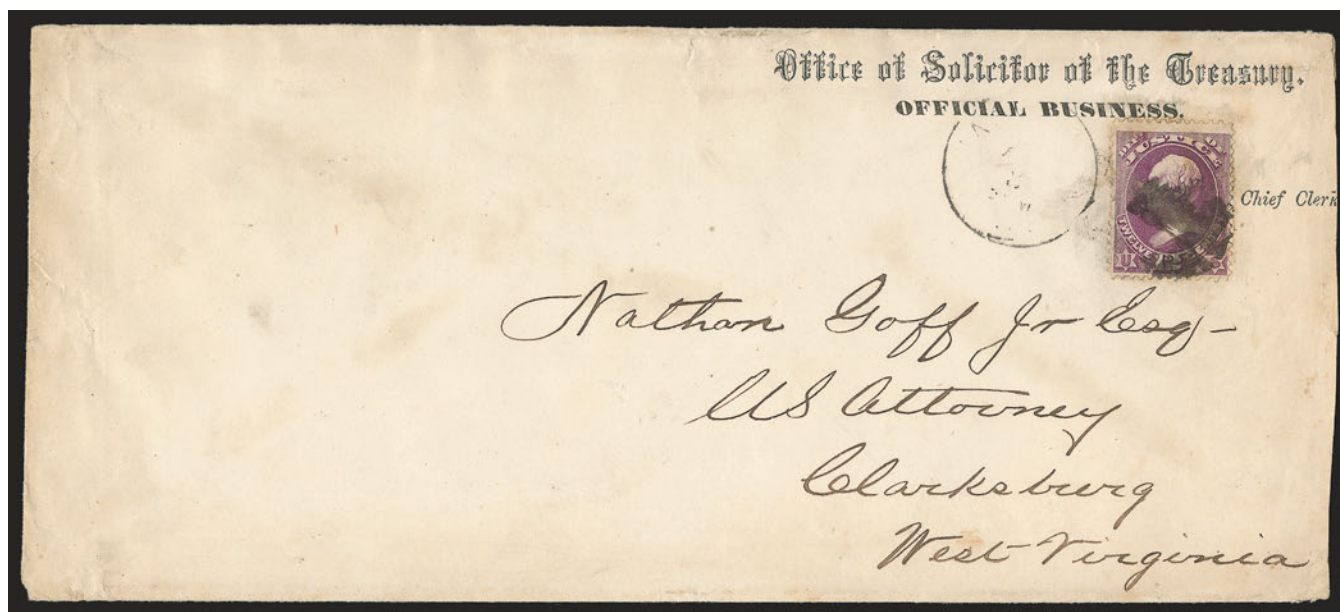
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- 3801 ☒ **3c Justice, Soft Paper (O106).** Well-centered, tied by indigo oval grid, partly clear matching "Washington D.C. (1879 May?) 25, 6 P.M." duplex circular datestamp on legal-size cover to Nathan Goff, U.S. Attorney in Clarksburgh West Va., with "Office of the Solicitor of the Treasury" imprint, neat court docketing with May 1879 date, stamp partly lifted at lower left corner to check paper, toned vertical bands from bundling, otherwise Very Fine, there were two deliveries of 3c Soft Paper stamps: one in March 1879 and the other in August 1883; this cover is similar to the ex-Lockyear cover with the 3c Soft Paper also cancelled by the steel duplex device in July 1879..... E. 750-1,000



3802

- 3802 ☒ **6c Justice (O28).** Tied by quartered cork cancel, "Washington D.C. Oct. 24 (time)" circular datestamp on legal-size cover to U.S. District Court clerk in Clarksburg West Va., crimson Department of Justice seal, stamp and corner of cover creased, slight toning, otherwise Very Fine, scarce..... E. 1,000-1,500



3803

- 3803 ☒ **12c Justice (O30).** Cancelled by circular cork, faint Washington D.C. circular datestamp on legal-size cover to Nathan Goff, U.S. Attorney in Clarksburg West Va., "Office of the Solicitor of the Treasury, Official Business" imprint, reduced at right, soiling around stamp and not tied, but probably a genuine 12c Justice usage based on the correspondence ..... E. 500-750



3804

- 3804 ☒ **6c and 15c Justice (O30, O31).** 6c rounded corner, each tied by circular cork cancel, "Washington D.C. Jul. 12 5PM" circular datestamp on legal-size cover to U.S. Attorney in San Francisco, purple docketing, reduced at left, soiling and some faults, still presentable and rare, the Markovits and Lockyear covers were each described in their respective sale catalogues as "one of two" 6c/15c Justice combination covers, but this is a third.. E. 1,000-1,500



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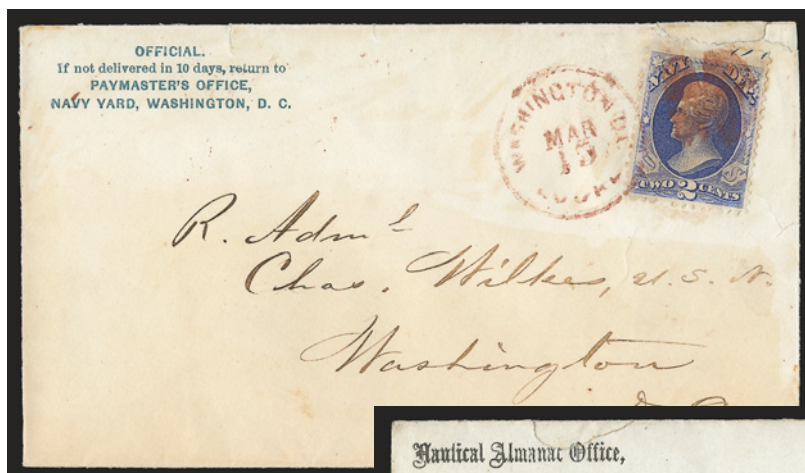
- 3805 ☒ **30c Justice (O33).** Part of right sheet selvage, tied by segmented circular cork cancel, "Washington D.C. Dec. 9 5PM" circular datestamp on legal-size cover to U.S. Attorney in Little Rock Ark., manuscript "Office of the Solicitor of the Treasury" endorsement, receipt docketing "Sloan, Recd. Dec. 13/76", reduced at right and left, tear goes halfway into stamp and other minor stamp faults, could and should be restored, but still presentable for exhibition as it now appears

ONE OF THREE RECORDED 30-CENT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT COVERS.

There are three recorded covers bearing the 30c Justice high value. In addition to this single on cover (paying the 10x 3c rate), there are two covers to Nathan Goff, U.S. Attorney in Clarksburgh West Va., one with a 3c, 6c and 30c Justice (13x rate) and the other with three 90c and four 30c stamps (130x rate for a large bundle of documents). Both of the other covers were in the Lockyear collection (sold by Bennett). All three covers have comparable faults.

Ex Ackerman and Hughes..... E. 2,000-3,000

## NAVY DEPARTMENT



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3808

- 3806 ☒ **2c Navy (O36).** Well-centered with wide top margin showing trace of **plate no.**, tied by **red** quartered cork cancel and "Washington D.C. Local Mar. 15" circular datestamp on Paymaster's Office corner card cover to Rear Admiral Charles Wilkes in the city, red "Carrier 15 Mar. 7PM" backstamp, opening tears on back and small repair at top right not affecting stamp, otherwise Very Fine, only a few 2c Navy covers cancelled in red are known (there are four listed in the 2002 Campbell census in *Chronicle* No. 193), ex Ackerman..... E. 500-750
- 3807 ☒ **2c Navy (O36).** Well-centered with extra wide top margin, tied by indigo oval grid, matching "Washington D.C. 1879 May 17 5 P.M." circular datestamp on "**Nautical Almanac Office, Navy Department, Washington**" **imprint** cover to Government Printing Office in the city, purple "Carrier May 17 7 P.M." backstamp, small sealed opening tear at top left, otherwise Very Fine, ex Ackerman and Knapp ..... E. 400-500
- 3808 ☒ **2c Navy (O36).** Pair tied by "Newport R.I. Jul. 23 5PM" duplex datestamp and oval on cover to Milan Mich. with "**Navy Department, Captain's Office, U.S. Training Ship New Hampshire, Newport R.I.**" **penalty imprint**, reduced at right into imprint, small repair at bottom right corner, toning around perfs, still Fine, only a few double-rate 2c Navy covers are known ..... E. 400-500

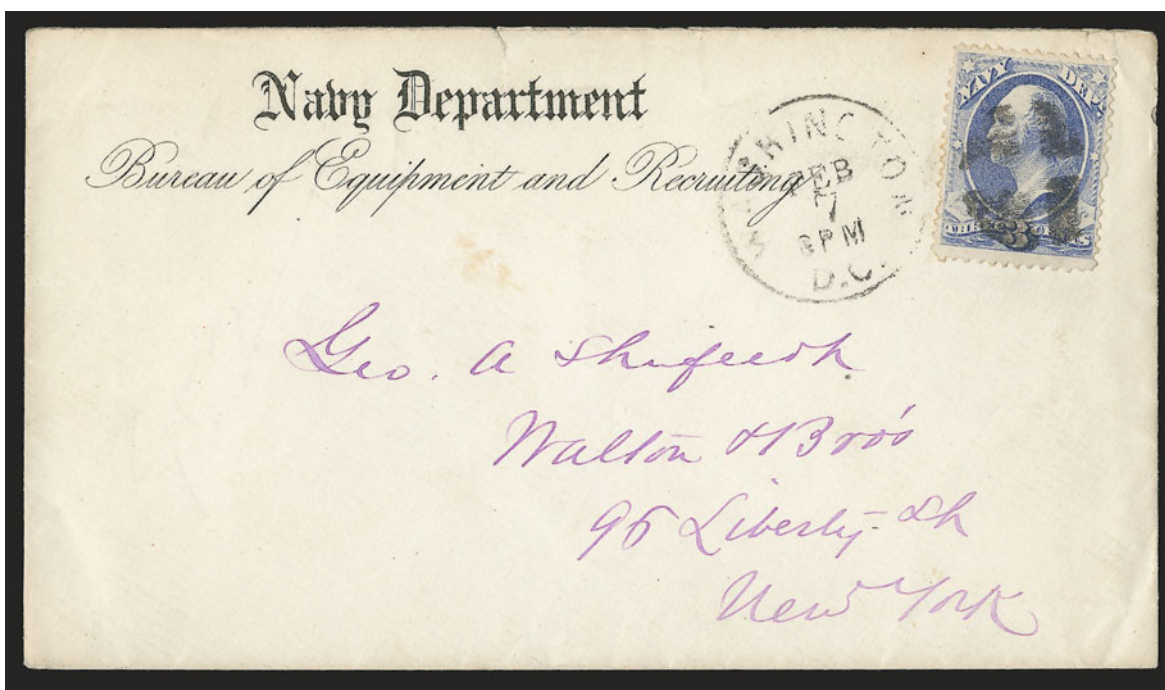


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- 3809 ✉ **2c and 3c Navy (O36, O37).** Tied by bold quartered cork cancels, "Washington D.C. Nov. 24 5PM" (1875) circular datestamp on legal-size "Navy Department, Official Business" imprint cover to Commodore Louis C. Sartori in **Leghorn, Italy**, red "New York Nov. 25" transit datestamp, "Livorno 10 Dic 75 2 M" receiving backstamp, pressed vertical folds, minor toning, stamps slightly toned and rubbed in spots

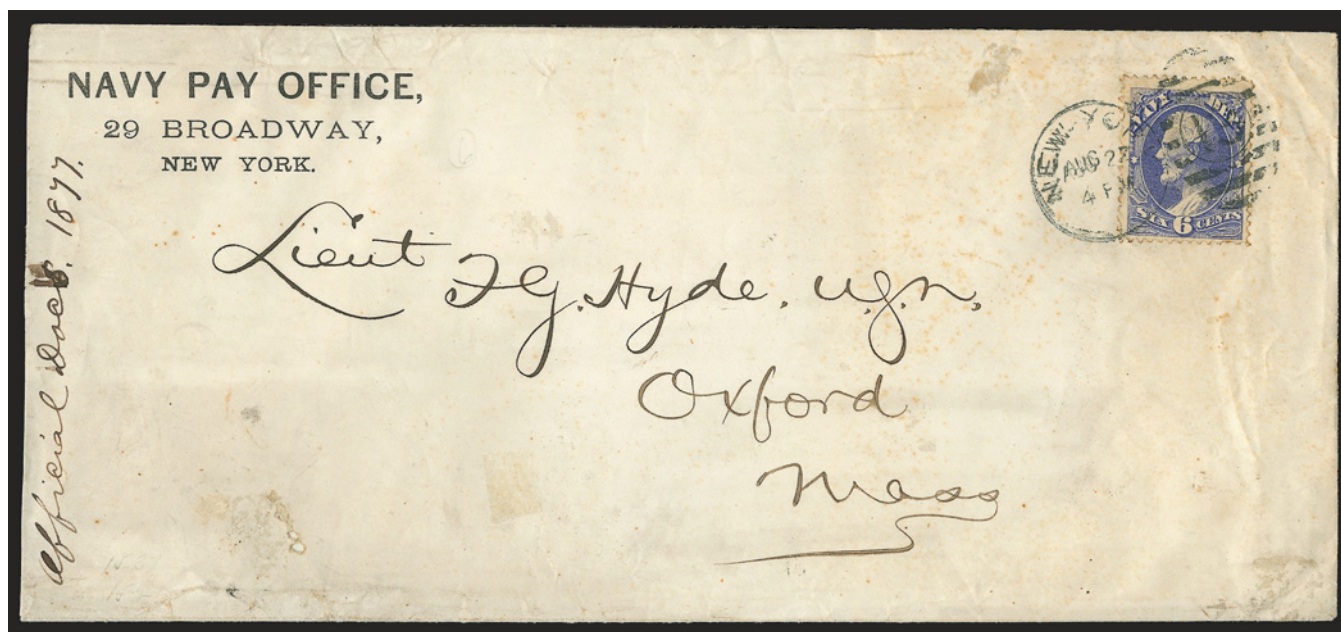
ONE OF SIX NAVY DEPARTMENT COVERS TO FOREIGN DESTINATIONS RECORDED IN THE CAMPBELL CENSUS, THIS BEING THE ONLY ONE TO ITALY. AN OUTSTANDING OFFICIAL COVER.

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3810

- 3810 ☒ **3c Navy (O37)**. Short perf at left, quartered cork cancel, "Washington D.C. Feb. 7 6PM" circular datestamp on "Navy Department, Bureau of Equipment and Recruiting" imprint cover addressed in violet to New York City, small tear at top, Very Fine..... E. 150-200



3811

- 3811 ☒ **6c Navy (O38)**. Tied by "New-York Aug. 22 4PM" duplex datestamp and oval grid on legal-size Navy Pay Office imprint cover to Oxford Mass., neat 1877 docketing, slightly wrinkled around edges, small holes in cover at lower left (very minor), Very Fine, 2002 Campbell census reported 16 6c Navy covers (updated to 21 in 2004 Markovits sale catalogue)..... E. 500-750



3812

3812 ☒ **15c Navy (O42).** Tied by segmented circular cork cancel, "Washington D.C. Mar. 17 3PM" circular datestamp on legal-size "Navy Department, Official Business" imprint cover to George H. Newton in Norfolk Va., paying five-times domestic rate, slightly reduced at right, folded in two directions clear of stamp, minor reinforcing inside

THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED 15-CENT NAVY DEPARTMENT STAMP ON COVER. ONE OF THE "KEYS" TO A REPRESENTATIVE COLLECTION OF OFFICIALS ON COVER.

In the 1880's George H. Newton was a promoter of whale attractions and "Captain Commanding" of the Pioneer Inland Whaling Association. His papers are located in digital form at <http://www.mysticseaport.org/Library/initiative/CRegister.cfm?BibID=35302>

In the 2002 Campbell census (*Chronicle* No. 193) this is identified as the only 15c Navy cover. The Scott Catalogue does not list the 15c on cover, presumably because it was believed unrecoverable and lost to philately..... E. 10,000-15,000



3813

- 3813 ☒ **24c Navy (O43).** Well-centered with sheet selvage at left, rich color, tiny margin tear between perfs at right, tied by quartered cork cancel, "Washington D.C. Sep. 11 4PM" circular datestamp on legal-size cover with "Navy Department, Official Business" imprint, addressed to "Commo. C. H. B. Caldwell, Comm'd'g U.S. Naval Force So. Atlantic Station, Montevideo, Uruguay", red "New York 110 Sep. 27" (110 centimes) credit datestamp, red "London Paid 7 Oct. (76?)" transit datestamp, "20" in circle due handstamp, toned along bottom edge and sealed tear at bottom left

ONE OF THREE RECORDED COVERS BEARING THE 24-CENT NAVY DEPARTMENT STAMP, INCLUDING TWO TO URUGUAY. THIS COVER FROM THE COMMODORE CALDWELL CORRESPONDENCE IS REGARDED AS ONE OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING OFFICIAL COVERS EXTANT.

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At the time of mailing, Uruguay was not a U.P.U. member. There were two rates to Uruguay: 23c by U.S. Packet via Brazil and 27c by British mail (effective 7/1/1875 to 7/1/1880). The April 1877 *U.S. Postal Guide* only lists the 27c rate with a note that U.S. Packet service was infrequent and unreliable. The 27c rate via G.B. included 5c for the U.S. and a 22c credit to G.B. for carrying the letter to Uruguay (the credit is expressed in centimes, as per the U.P.U. regulations). Although underpaid 3c for the 27c rate, this Navy Department cover was treated as fully prepaid

E. 20,000-30,000



3814

- 3814 ☒ **12c and 30c Navy (O41, O44).** Bright fresh colors, tied by segmented circular cork cancels, "Washington D.C. Jan. 3 5PM" circular datestamp on legal-size cover with "Navy Department, Official Business" imprint, addressed to "Commodore C. H. B. Caldwell, Comm'd'g U.S. Naval Force, South Atlantic Station, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil", signed on back "A. J. Lathrop Esq.", red "New York Jan. 10" and "London Paid 22 JA 77" transit datestamps, red crayon "160/2" (160 centimes) credit, "Rio de Janeiro 15 Fev 77" receiving datestamp on back, pencil notation is illegible to us, slight diagonal crease in 12c stamp and cover, small sealed edge tear at top above stamps (but does not affect them)

THIS MAGNIFICENT "COMMODORE CALDWELL" COVER IS THE ONLY RECORDED EXAMPLE OF THE 30-CENT NAVY DEPARTMENT STAMP ON COVER AND ONE OF TWO 12-CENT NAVY COVERS. WIDELY REGARDED AS ONE OF THE "TOP TEN" OFFICIAL COVERS EXTANT AND CERTAINLY THE UNDISPUTED HIGHLIGHT OF THE STARNES COLLECTION.

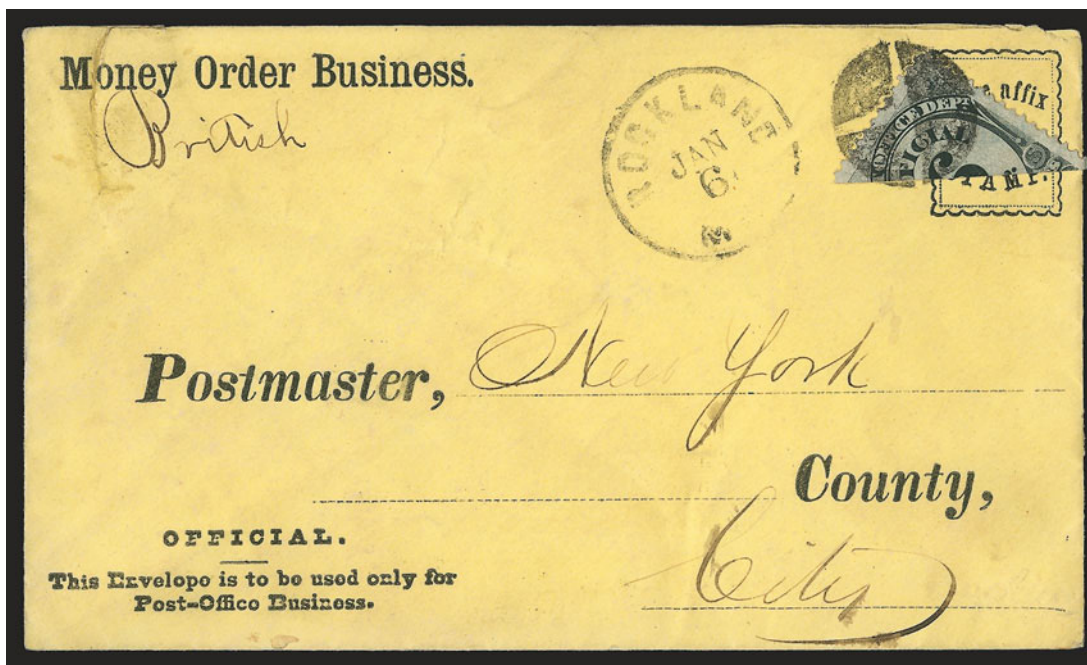
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The 42c postage pays the double 21c rate to Brazil via Great Britain. At this time Brazil was not a member of the U.P.U. Therefore, the U.S. retained 5c of the 21c postage and credited G.B. with 16c for carrying the letter to Brazil. The double credit (32c) is expressed in centimes, as required by the U.P.U. regulations. .... E. 20,000-30,000

- 3815 ☒ **Navy Department Covers.** 11 covers, incl. 1c, 3c (9, incl. one with pair) and 6c, range of imprints incl. U.S. Coast Survey, Paymaster, U.S. Naval Asylum, Naval Academy, some faults, some appear Fine-Very Fine ..... E. 750-1,000

## POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT



3816

- 3816 ☒ **6c Post Office, Diagonal Half Used as 3c (O50a).** Top right diagonal half well-tied across the cut by quartered cork cancel, "Rockland Me. Jan. 6" circular datestamp on yellow "Money Order Business" cover to the postmaster of New York City, notation "British" indicates the enclosed money order was British, sealed tear at upper left, tip of bisected stamp extends over edge and a tiny bit creased

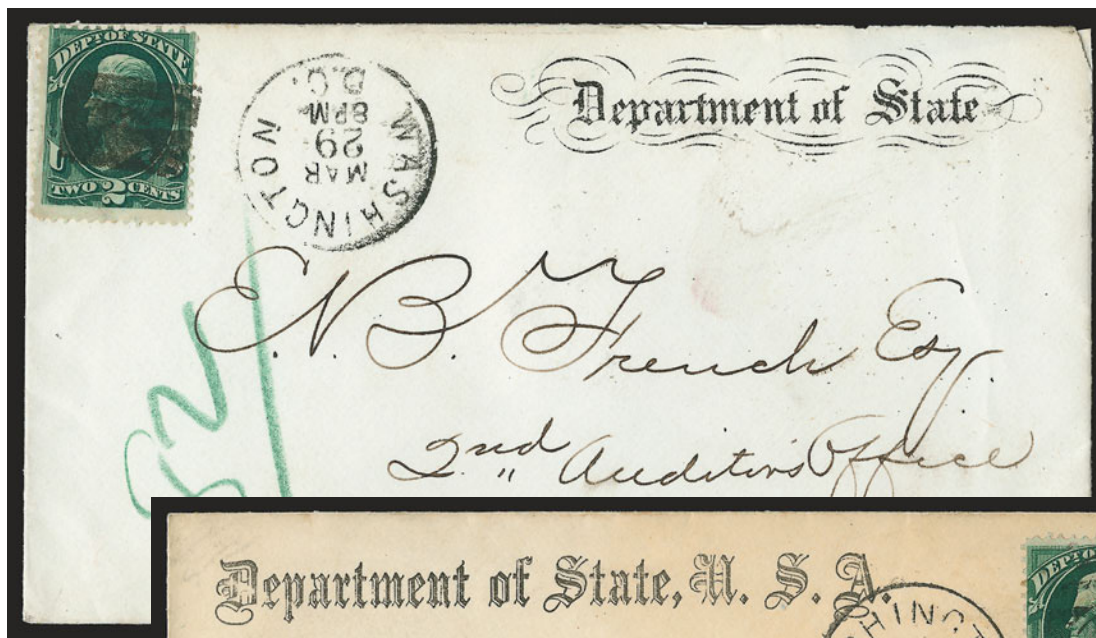
VERY FINE. ONE OF NINE RECORDED 6-CENT POST OFFICE BISECTS ON FULL COVERS, OF WHICH ONLY SIX ARE AVAILABLE TO COLLECTORS.

We record the following nine covers with the 6c Post Office bisect (all diagonal halves, as noted): C1) **TR**, Rockland Me. Jan. 6, to NYC, marked "British", ex Gibson, Starnes, the cover offered here; C2) **TR**, Rockland Me. Jan. 10, to NYC, marked "British", 1953 PFC, ex Ackerman, Ehrenberg, Markovits; C3) **BL**, Rockland Me. Jan. 10, to NYC, marked "British", 2003 PFC, ex Markovits; C4) **BR**, New York Mills NY Apr. 10, to Concord Mass, 1993 PFC, ex Hughes, Ward, Markovits; C5) **TL**, Galveston Tex. May 19 (1883?), intra-city address, 1978 PFC, ex Markovits; C6) **TR**, Rockland Me. Jan. 10, to NYC, Miller collection NYPL; C7) **BR**, Lockport NY Sep. 30, on 3c UO7 entire to Elmira NY, Miller collection NYPL; C8) **TR**, Shenandoah Va. Apr. 2, to NYC, Miller collection NYPL; and C9) **BL**, Rockland Me. Jan. 7, to NYC, ex Ehrenberg. In addition to complete covers, there are two pieces: P1) **TL** (see No. P2 for other half), Niagara Falls NY, Jun. 18, on 3c UO7 cut square, ex Markovits; P2) **BR** (see No. P1 for other half), Niagara Falls NY, Jun. 18, with 3c O49 on 6c UO12 cut square, ex Markovits. The Miller collection at The New York Public Library also contains two 3c UO7 cut squares with bisects of the 12c Post Office (both used from Lockport N.Y. on Nov. 28)..... E. 4,000-5,000



- 3817 ✉ **6c Post Office (O50).** Well-centered, tied by **magenta Negative 5-Point Star in Circle** fancy cancel, matching **"Washington D.C. Reg'd Sep. 9"** circular datestamp on legal-size yellow cover to Holyoke Mass. with "Post-Office Department, Return Letter Office" imprint, minor edgewear, Very Fine ..... E. 150-200
- 3818 ✉ **10c Post Office (O51).** With left sheet selvage, cancelled by quartered cork with matching strike and "Washington D.C. Reg'd Oct. 22, 1878" circular datestamp on legal-size blue **Post Office Department, Third Assistant Postmaster General's Office penalty entire** to St. Louis, vertical fold and slight edgewear, otherwise Very Fine..... E. 400-500
- 3819 ✉ **12c Post Office (O52).** Tied by oval grid cancel, bluish-purple "Registered/Oct. 22 1879/Washington, D.C." three-line datestamp on Post Office Department, Third Assistant Postmaster General's Office imprint cover to Galveston Tex., receiving backstamp, small tear at top center and perf tip toning, still Very Fine, scarce 12c Post Office usage ..... E. 1,000-1,500
- 3820 ✉ **6c and 12c Post Office (O50, O52).** Tied by segmented cork cancels, "Washington D.C. Feb. 1 2PM" circular datestamp on legal-size Post Office Department Official Business imprint cover to Bridgeport Conn., edgewear and tear at bottom, reduced at left, still Fine, scarce combination ..... E. 750-1,000
- 3821 ✉ **Post Office Department Covers.** 19 covers, incl. 1c (3), 2c (4, one with red cancel and two pairs), 3c (7), 6c (4) and 10c, nice range of imprints, some faults, overall appear Fine-Very Fine .....*Not illustrated* E. 1,000-1,500

## STATE DEPARTMENT



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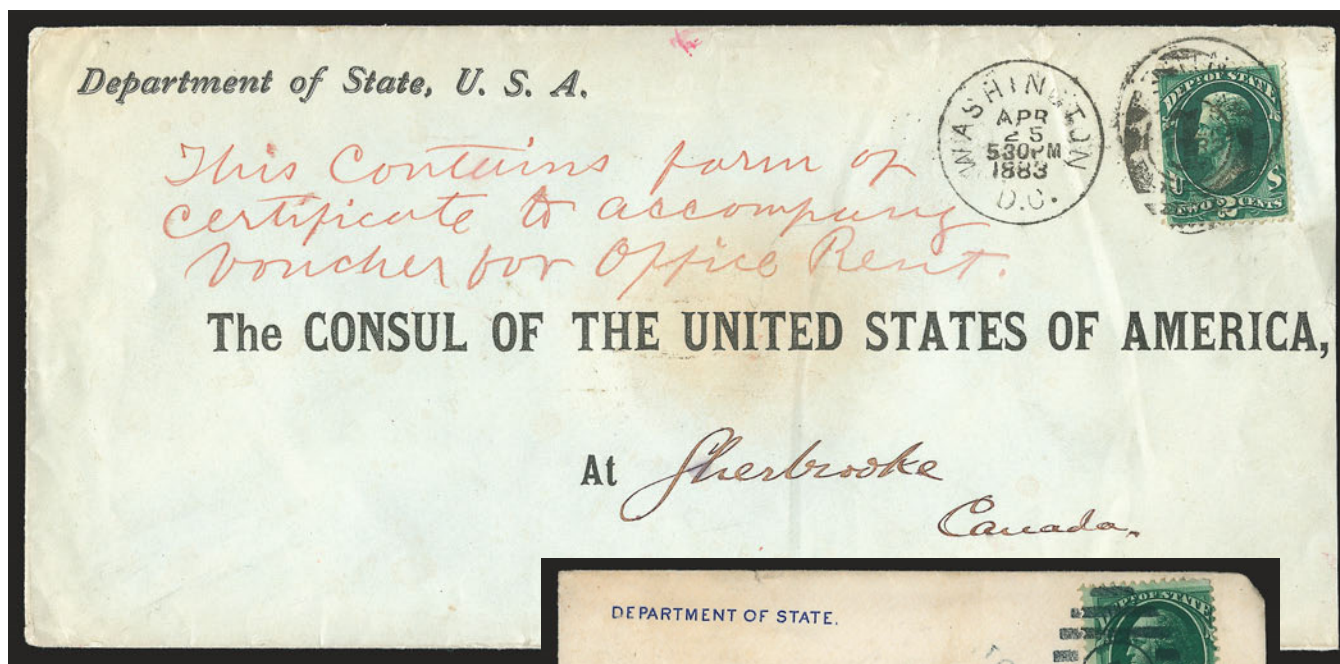


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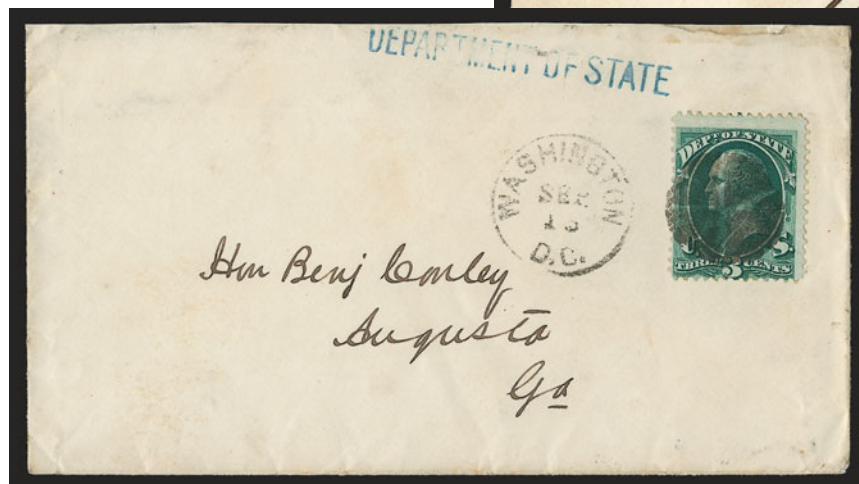
- 3822 ☒ **2c State (O58).** Deep rich color, tied by rectangular cork cancel, "Washington D.C. Mar. 29 8PM" circular datestamp on "Department of State" imprint cover to Second Auditor's Office at the Treasury Department, green crayon number, fresh and Very Fine, a beautiful cover..... E. 750-1,000
- 3823 ☒ **2c State (O58).** Tied by oval grid and "Washington D.C. Dec. 18, 9PM, 1883" duplex datestamp on "Department of State, U.S.A." imprint cover to New York City, receiving backstamp, Very Fine ..... E. 750-1,000
- 3824 ☒ **2c State (O58).** Defective, cancelled by **purple** quartered cork, matching "Washington D.C. Nov. 8 8PM 1878" circular datestamp on "Department of State" imprint cover to local address, "Carrier" backstamp, repaired at top, presentable..... E. 150-200



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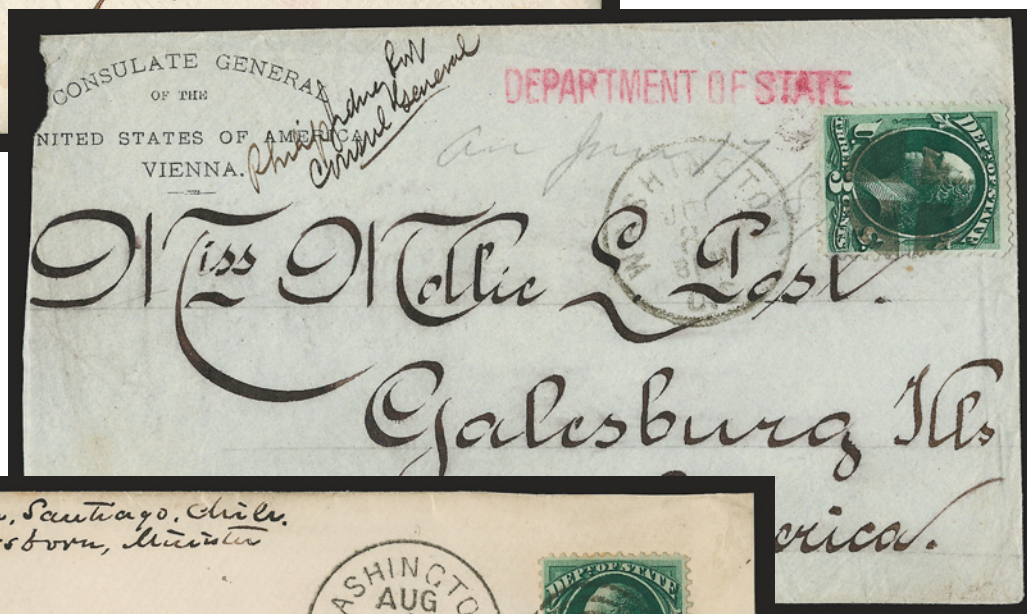


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- 3825 ☒ **2c State (O58).** Well-centered, tied by oval grid and "Washington D.C. Apr. 25 530PM 1883" duplex datestamp on legal-size "Department of State, U.S.A." imprint cover with part-printed address to U.S. Consulate in **Sherbrooke, Canada**, intact red wax seal, receiving backstamp, red docketing, reduced at right, still Very Fine, scarce usage to Canada ..... E. 500-750
- 3826 ☒ **3c State (O59).** Tied by indigo oval grid, matching "Washington D.C. 1879 Nov. 18 8 P.M." duplex datestamp on "Department of State" imprint cover to Windsor Vt., slightly reduced at right, Very Fine, accompanied by old Morgenthau auction lot sheet..... E. 300-400
- 3827 ☒ **3c State (O59).** Tied by circle of wedges cancel, "Washington D.C. Sep. 13" circular datestamp on cover to Augusta Ga., blue "DEPARTMENT OF STATE" straightline handstamp, Very Fine..... E. 300-400



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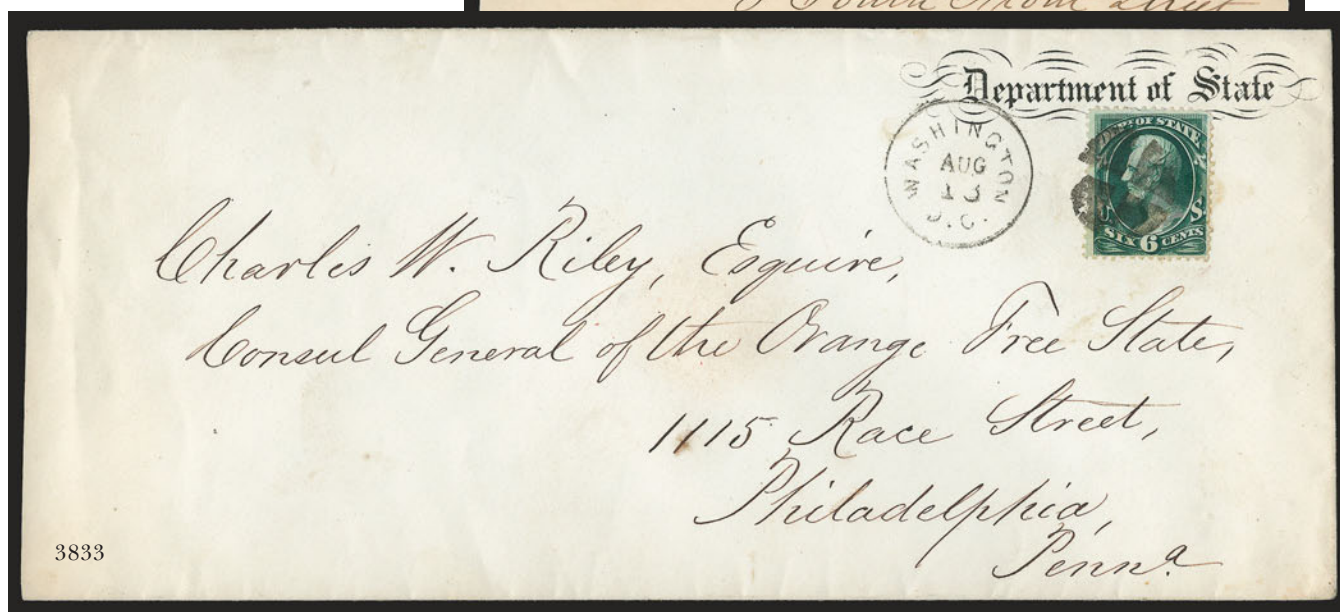


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- 3828 ☒ **3c State (O59).** Tied by cork cancel, "Washington D.C. Apr. 17 7PM" (1879) circular datestamp on small "Department of State" imprint cover to New York City, with original enclosure, reduced at top, otherwise Fine ..... E. 200-300
- 3829 ☒ **3c State (O59).** Dark shade, well-centered, tied by quartered cork cancel, "Washington D.C. Jul. 8 8PM" circular datestamp on cover with calligraphic address to Galesburg Ill., "Consulate General of the United States of America, Vienna" imprint and signed by U.S. Consul, red "DEPARTMENT OF STATE" straightline handstamp, reduced at left, otherwise Very Fine and attractive ..... E. 300-400
- 3830 ☒ **3c State (O59).** Dark shade, tied by numeral target, "Washington D.C. Aug. 4 3PM 1880" duplex datestamp on cover to Lynchburg Va., manuscript "U.S. Legation, Santiago, Chile, T. A. Osborn, Minister" endorsement, small red "DEPARTMENT OF STATE" straightline handstamp, slightly reduced at bottom, Very Fine, scarce usage from U.S. Minister in Chile..... E. 400-500



- 3831 ☒ **3c State (O59).** Tied by oval grid, "Washington D.C. May 7 730PM 1884" duplex datestamp on cover to Cleveland O., purple "United States Consulate, Copenhagen" and "Department of State" straightline handstamps, receiving backstamp, Very Fine..... E. 300-400
- 3832 ☒ **3c State (O59).** Perfs trimmed along wide left margin, tied by indigo oval grid, matching "Washington D.C. 1879 Jun. 4 6 P.M." circular datestamp on cover to Philadelphia Pa., printed "U.S. Consulate General, Paris, France" corner card and signature of U.S. Vice Consul, red "DEPARTMENT OF STATE" straightline handstamp, receiving backstamps, sell tear at top center, otherwise Very Fine, ex Hughes..... E. 400-500
- 3833 ☒ **6c State (O60).** Deep rich color and proof-like impression, some excess gum on stamp, tied by quartered cork cancel, "Washington D.C. Aug. 13" circular datestamp on legal-size "Department of State" imprint cover to Charles W. Riley, Consul General of the Orange Free State, in Philadelphia Pa., intact red wax seal, receiving backstamp, Extremely Fine, outstanding quality for this scarce 6c State usage, ex Ackerman..... E. 750-1,000

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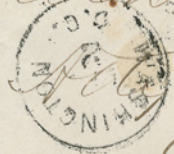


To

The CONSUL OF THE UNITED STATES,

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*USMR to Ecuador*

*Canada.*



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*New Jersey*

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- 3834 ☒ **6c State (O60).** Short perfs and slight creasing at upper right, tied by numeral target, "Washington D.C. Sep. 9 2PM 1880" duplex datestamp on legal-size blue "Department of State, U.S.A." imprint cover to Philadelphia Pa., some minor faults incl. repaired tear at upper left and pressed creases, still Fine and attractive ..... E. 300-400
- 3835 ☒ **6c State (O60).** Crease and small tear at upper right, tied by oval grid, "Washington D.C. Aug. 24 6PM 1883" duplex datestamp on legal-size linen-lined cover to **U.S. Consulate in Sherbrooke, Canada**, "Department of State, U.S.A." imprint and part printed address, intact red wax seal, receiving backstamp, minor edge faults, Fine appearance, scarce use of 6c State to pay double 3c rate to Canada, ex Hughes ..... E. 400-500
- 3836 ☒ **6c State (O60).** Well-centered, tied by segmented cork cancel, "Washington D.C." circular datestamp (date unclear) on cover to Caldwell N.J., ms. "**Rumsey Wing, USMR to Ecuador**" endorsement, blue "DEPARTMENT OF STATE" straightline handstamp, vertical folds clear of stamp, reduced at right, otherwise Fine, Edward Rumsey Wing was the U.S. Minister to Ecuador up until his death in 1874..... E. 750-1,000



3837

- 3837 ✉ **6c State (O60).** Tied by "Washington D.C. Jan. 2 2PM 1884" duplex datestamp and oval grid on "Consulate-General of the United States at London" imprint cover to Cray Mills N.Y., purple "**Department of State**" straightline and matching "**United States Despatch Agent, B.F. Stevens, London, 18 Dec. 83**" double-oval datestamp, with original enclosure on Consulate General letterhead, belated Christmas greetings from Gen. E. A. Merritt to his brother, slightly reduced at right, slight toning and small tear at bottom, still Very Fine, scarce 6c State Department cover handled by B. F. Stevens, the official U.S. forwarding agent in London..... E. 1,000-1,500



3838

- 3838 ✉ **6c State (O60).** Tied by cork cancel, "Washington D.C. Nov. 14 7PM" (1877) circular datestamp on cover to Cambridge Mass. with blue "**United States Consulate \* Madrid \***" and red "**United States Despatch Agent, B.F. Stevens, London, Oct. 30, 1877**" double ovals, red "DEPARTMENT OF STATE" straightline handstamp, trivial toned spots around perfs

VERY FINE. A COLORFUL AND RARE USE OF THE 6-CENT STATE DEPARTMENT STAMP ON A COVER FROM THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE IN MADRID, SPAIN, CARRIED BY B. F. STEVENS, THE OFFICIAL U.S. FORWARDING AGENT.

This cover was carried by diplomatic pouch from Madrid to London, where it was turned over to B. F. Stevens, the official U.S. forwarding agent. He arranged to send it to the U.S. by the next available steamer. At the State Department in Washington D.C., it was stamped and put into the mails for Cambridge Mass. .... E. 1,500-2,000



3839

- 3839 ☒ **7c State (O61).** Deep shade, tied by purple quartered cork cancel, matching "Washington D.C. Jun. 13 6P.M. 1878" circular datestamp on legal-size cover with "United States Consulate General Shanghai" imprint and "U.S. Consulate General, Shanghai, China" two-line ribbon-marker backstamp, addressed to John G. Thompson, Sergeant-at-Arms in the House of Representatives, red "DEPARTMENT OF STATE" straightline handstamp, part of back-flap removed (not affecting backstamp), minor stains and small piece out of top which has been crudely repaired (deserving of some minor but expert restoration)

AN EXTREMELY RARE USE OF AN OFFICIAL STAMP ON MAIL ORIGINATING FROM THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE IN SHANGHAI, CHINA.

The addressee, John G. Thompson, is recorded in the annals of history as the defendant in a Supreme Court case (*Kilbourn v. Thompson*, 1881), which arose after Thompson, the House sergeant-at-arms, arrested and jailed Hallett Kilbourn, an uncooperative witness brought before a congressional committee investigating the bankruptcy of Jay Cooke & Co. in 1876. The ruling in favor of Kilbourn held that "Congress had exceeded its powers in subpoenaing and imprisoning Kilbourn, because the congressional investigation for which he had been called did not actually concern legislation; however, because of congressional immunity, only Thompson could be punished for the improper action." (<http://law.jrank.org/pages/13571/Kilbourn-v-Thompson.html>)

A scandal involving the U.S. Consulate and Postal Agency in Shanghai was also occurring at the time this cover was mailed to Thompson in June 1878: "This was also a period replete with scandals and accusations within the consulate general itself. The first occurred in 1877, when the vice consul general in charge, Mr. Oliver Bradford, was charged with having made fictitious vouchers among the expenses to be paid by the Post Office Department, having kept his postal agency books so as to gain an advantage from the exchange between silver and gold, and having opened and copied a letter passing through the agency from the surgeon of the consular jail to General W. Myers of the United States Army, in San Francisco. Bradford was tried and convicted on the latter charge. Testimony revealed that the former Consul General John C. Myers had mistrusted Bradford when, as vice consul general, the latter had been responsible for the postal agency. Myers, however, had been suspended by Minister Seward before he could act against Bradford. It was also learned that Bradford had lived alone in the consular building, and that a number of letters had been received by the addressees marked 'opened by mistake, O. B. B.' The ultimate disposition of this remarkable case is not made clear in the consular records." (*The Consul General's Shanghai Postal Agency 1867-1907*, by Peter L. Koffsky, Smithsonian Institution Press, 1972).

The cover offered here was carried by diplomatic pouch from the U.S. Consulate General in Shanghai to the Department of State in Washington D.C., where it was posted to Thompson at the House of Representatives. The single rate for mail addressed within the city limits was 2c; therefore, this is evidently overpaid 1c for a triple rate (1 to 1½ oz.). The purple Washington D.C. datestamp and small quartered cork cancel are found on other covers from this period in 1878. Diplomatic mail from the U.S. Consulate General in Shanghai is rare in any form, but the use of an Official stamp — in this case, the 7c State Department — is truly remarkable (three other Official stamps on covers from the U.S. Legation in Peking are reported in the Markovits sale catalogue) ..... E. 10,000-15,000

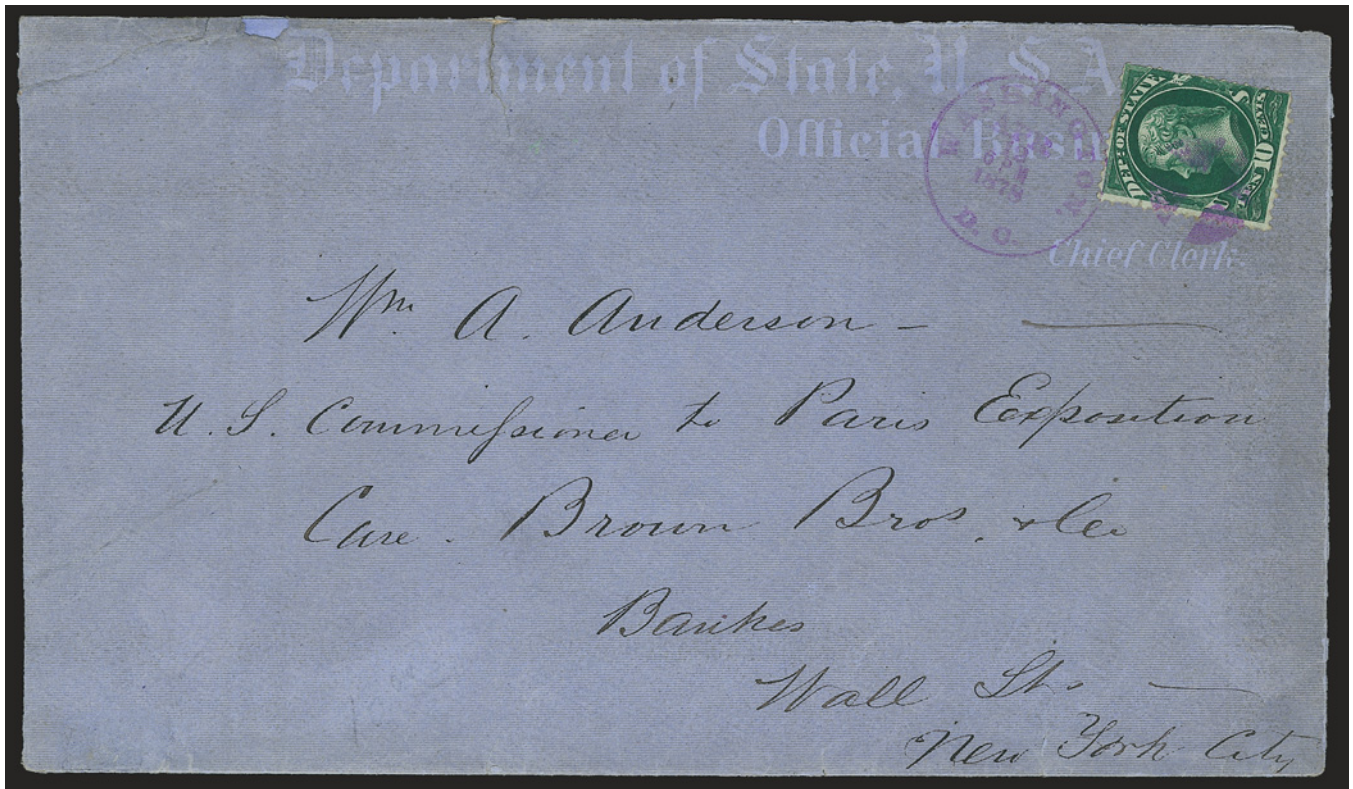


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3840 ☒ **10c State (O62).** Beautiful dark shade, cancelled by **purple** quartered cork cancel and tied by matching "Washington D.C. Sep. 27 7PM 1878" circular datestamp on small blue cover to St. Louis Mo. with **"United States Consulate at Sonneberg"** imprint ("Sonneberg" in manuscript and signed by U.S. consul), red "DEPARTMENT OF STATE" straightline handstamp, blue St. Louis receiving backstamp

VERY FINE. A SMALL AND ATTRACTIVE COVER CARRIED BY DIPLOMATIC POUCH FROM THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE IN SONNEBERG, GERMANY, WITH THE 10-CENT STATE DEPARTMENT STAMP PAYING THE DOMESTIC POSTAGE.

This evidently weighed 1 to 1½ oz, requiring three-times 3c domestic postage. ....  
 ..... E. 2,000-3,000



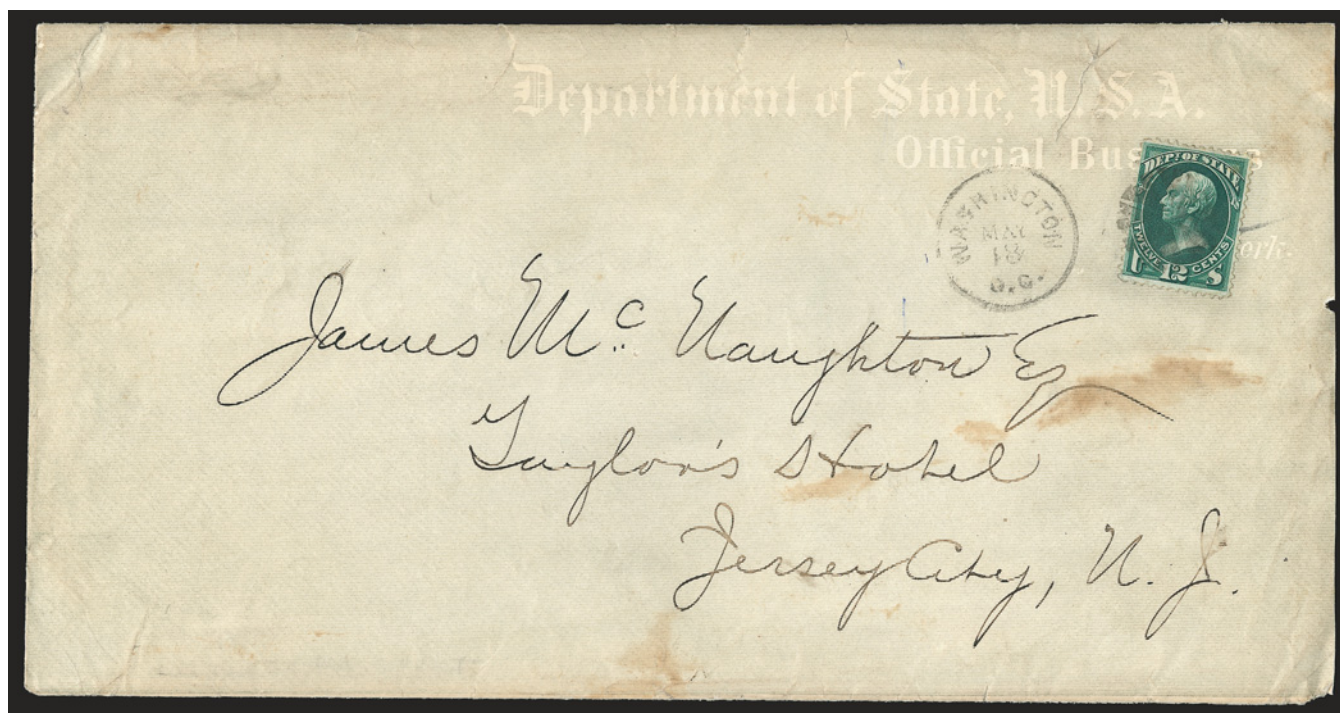
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- 3841 ☒ **10c State (O62).** Deep shade, perf short and torn away on two sides (not immediately noticeable), tied by **purple** quartered cork and matching "Washington D.C. Apr. 12 6 P.M. 1878" circular datestamp on legal-size cover with **overall lithographed "Department of State, U.S.A., Official Business, Chief Clerk" imprint**, addressed to U.S. Commissioner to Paris Exposition, in care of Brown Brothers in New York City, receiving backstamp, minor edge faults, Fine appearance, scarce ..... E. 1,000-1,500



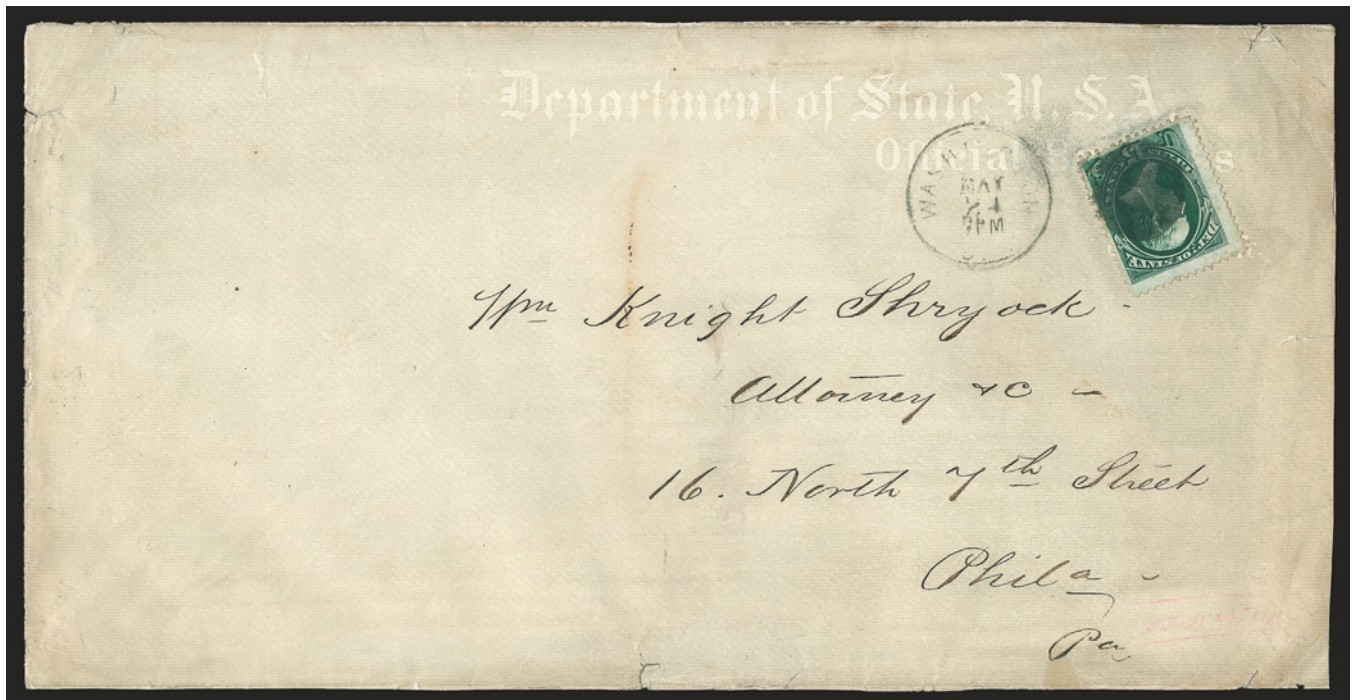
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- 3842 ☒ **2c and 10c State (O59, O62).** Two of each, cancelled or tied by **purple** cork cancels and matching "Washington D.C. Feb. 7 6 P.M." circular datestamp on "Department of State, U.S.A." linen-lined cover to Elizabeth N.J., stamps and cover have faults, yet a presentable and very rare combination ..... E. 750-1,000



3843

- 3843 ☒ **12c State (O63).** Well-centered, deep shade, tiny corner crease, tied by circle of V's cancel, "Washington D.C. May 18" (1874) circular datestamp on legal-size **overall lithographed** "Department of State, U.S. Official Business, Chief Clerk" imprint cover to Jersey City N.J., with original enclosure, a large part-printed U.S. passport dated May 18, 1874, and signed by Secretary of State Hamilton Fish, red wax seal, slightly reduced at right, minor stain spots and edgewear, still Very Fine, scarce ..... E. 1,000-1,500

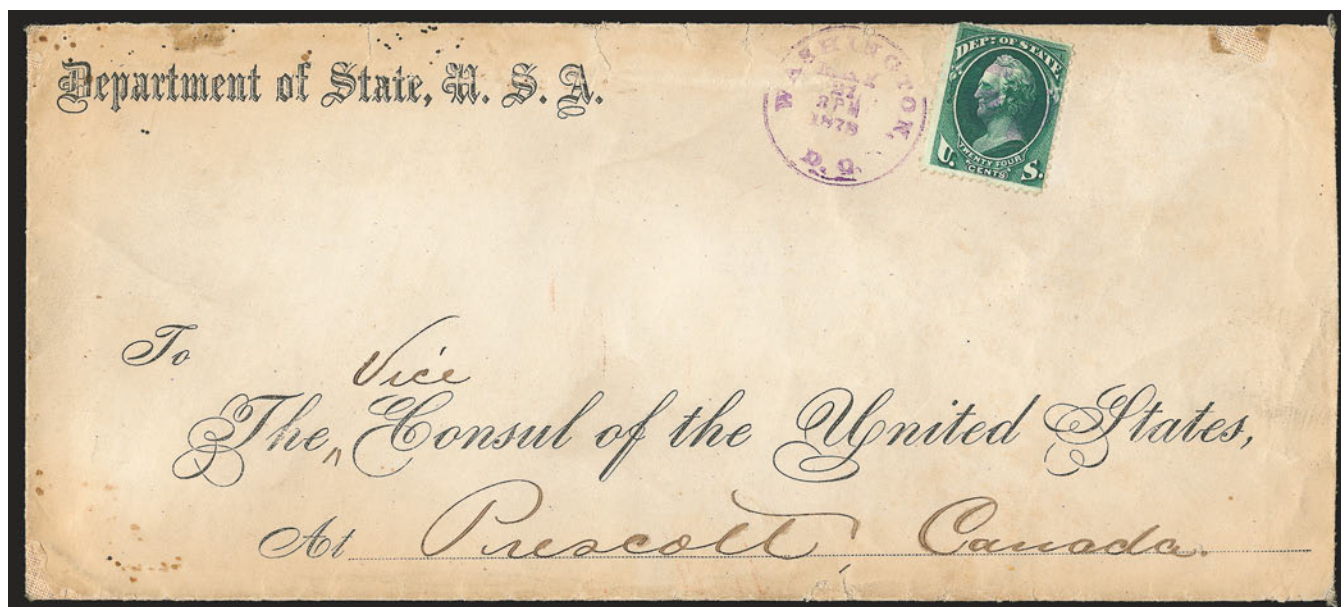


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3844 ☒ **15c State (O64).** Just tied along perfs by circular cork cancel, "Washington D.C. May 24 7PM" circular datestamp on legal-size **overall lithographed "Department of State, U.S. Official Business, Chief Clerk" imprint** cover to Philadelphia Pa., receiving backstamp, very minor edgewear

VERY FINE. ONE OF THE FINEST OF SIX RECORDED COVERS BEARING THE 15-CENT STATE DEPARTMENT STAMP.

The 2004 Markovits sale catalogue (Bennett) reported six 15c State Department covers. It is possible this is the ex-Hughes cover. .... E. 3,000-4,000



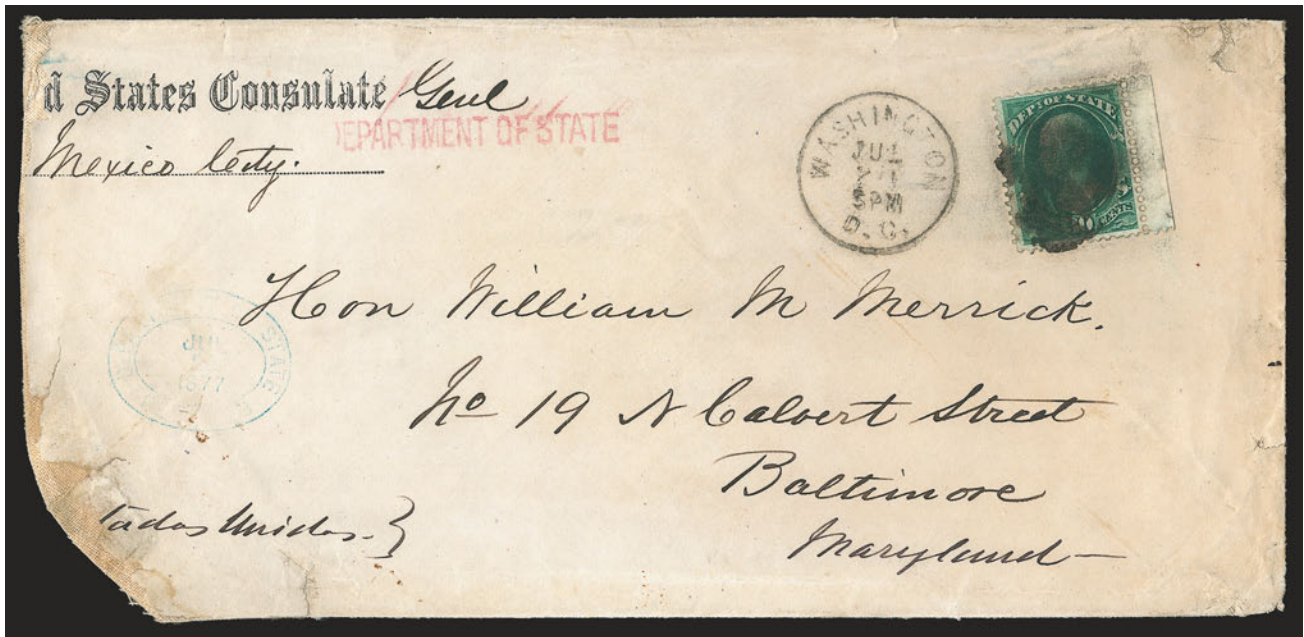
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3845 ✉ **24c State (O65).** Deep shade, small tear at top, canceled by purple quartered cork cancel, matching "Washington D.C. May 27 3PM 1878" circular datestamp on legal-size linen-lined cover with "Department of State, U.S.A." imprint and part-printed address to the **Vice Consul of the United States at Prescott, Canada**, red wax seal, "Prescott Ont. My 29 78" receiving backstamp, a bit age toned and some chipping away of paper along edges

ONE OF TWO UNDISPUTED GENUINE COVERS BEARING THE 24-CENT STATE DEPARTMENT STAMP. AN IMPORTANT ARTIFACT OF OFFICIAL-STAMP POSTAL HISTORY.

In his article "High Value Official Stamps on Cover" (*Chronicle* No. 188, Nov. 2000, pp. 287-299), Alan C. Campbell lists two 24c State covers as positively genuine, and he tentatively includes a third cover as possibly genuine, although it is repaired and reduced. The cover offered here is No. 26 in the Campbell census. The 24c stamp pays the 8x 3c rate to Canada (4 oz.).

Ex Hughes ..... E. 10,000-15,000



3846

- 3846 ✉ **30c State (O66).** Well-centered with right sheet selvage, tied by large cork cancel, "Washington D.C. Jul. 20 5PM" (1877) circular datestamp on legal-size linen-lined cover to the Hon. William M. Merrick in Baltimore Md., "**(Unite)d States Consulate Genl., Mexico City**" imprint ("Genl" and "Mexico City" in manuscript), red "DEPARTMENT OF STATE" straightline handstamp and blue oval Jul. 20, 1877 datestamp, large green "U.S. Consulate General, City of Mexico" seal on back, Baltimore receiving backstamp, reduced at faulty at left, some other edge faults, still quite presentable

ONE OF EIGHT RECORDED COVERS BEARING THE 30-CENT STATE DEPARTMENT STAMP, OF WHICH ONLY TWO ARE USED ALONE. ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING HIGH-VALUE OFFICIAL COVERS.

In his article "High Value Official Stamps on Cover" (*Chronicle* No. 188, Nov. 2000, pp. 287-299), Alan C. Campbell lists seven 30c State Department covers, including five bearing other values. This cover is No. 29 in the Campbell census. The 2004 Markovits sale catalogue raised the number to eight.

Ex Hughes..... E. 10,000-15,000

## TREASURY DEPARTMENT



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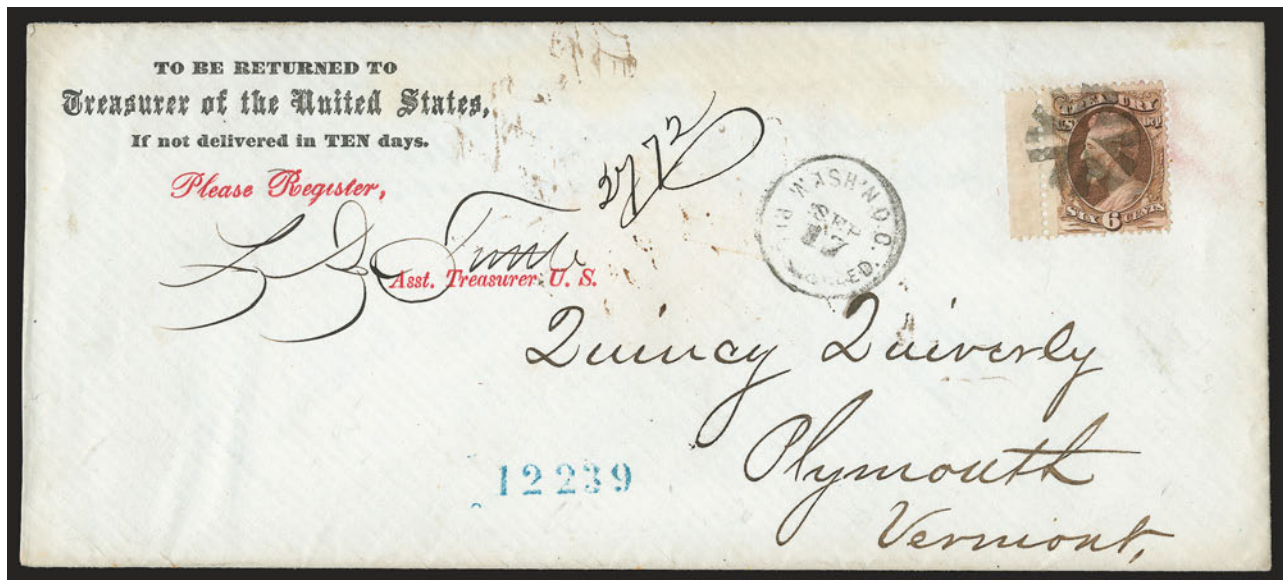


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- 3847 ☒ **2c Treasury (O73).** Horizontal strip of four, superbly centered which is quite remarkable for a multiple of this size, tied by segmented cork cancels and "New York P.O. Sep. 18 5 P.M." circular datestamp on legal-size "Custom House, New York, Collector's Office" imprint cover to local street address, 4x intra-city rate, Extremely Fine..... E. 400-500
- 3848 ☒ **3c Treasury (O74).** Tied by quartered cork cancel, "Washington D.C. Apr. 10 8PM" circular datestamp on "Treasury Department, Second Auditor's Office" imprint cover to Bedford Ia., "Unclaimed" and "Advertised" handstamps, "Dead Letter Office U.S. Jun. 7, 1875" backstamp, "Second Auditor's Office June 8, 1875" blue oval datestamp, red and green recording numbers, Very Fine..... E. 200-300
- 3849 ☒ **3c Treasury (O74).** Rich color, tied by blue circle of diamonds cancel and matching "Athens O. Jul. 12" circular datestamp on United States Internal Revenue Collector's Office imprint cover to Clarington O., slightly reduced at left, Very Fine.... E. 150-200



3850

- 3850 ☒ **6c Treasury (O75).** With left sheet selvage, tied by circle of V's cancel, "Wash'n D.C. Registered Sep. 17" circular datestamp on legal-size cover to "Quincy Quiverly" (the nom de plume of Warren R. Taylor, a collector) in Plymouth Vt., black "Treasurer of the United States" imprint and red "Please Register, [signed] L. D. Tuttle, Asst. Treasurer U.S." imprint, blue registry number handstamp, small part of return receipt attached to back, with original letter on Treasury Department letterhead dated Sep. 17, 1874, enclosing \$4.50 in new gold coins in exchange for coin coupons, Extremely Fine, the 6c stamp paid for double domestic postage, the registry fee was free in accordance with a postal law that required the Washington D.C. postmaster to register without charge mail containing new currency (or coin) returned for currency redeemed..... E. 500-750



3851

- 3851 ☒ **1c, 3c, 6c Treasury (O72, O74, O75).** Unusual three-value combination tied by Philadelphia oval cancels, purple "Philadelphia, Pa./May 5, 1883/Registered" framed registry datestamp on cover to Lincoln Neb., endorsed "Register from Mint", purple Treasury Department penalty handstamp (very scarce), blue Treasury Department label on back, intact U.S. Mint red wax seal, Philadelphia registry backstamp, vertical fold at right, a few minor perf flaws in stamps, still Very Fine, Starnes note indicates rubber stamp with penalty clause is "quite rare"..... E. 750-1,000



3852

3852 ☒ **6c Treasury (O75).** Rich color and choice centering, top right corner rounded from placement near edge, **used in combination with 6c War (O86)**, well-centered, bright shade, 6c Treasury tied by "Chicago Ill. Jul. 9 3PM" circular datestamp and duplex oval, 6c War tied by target cancel, "Charleston S.C. Jul. 23 1PM" circular datestamp and "Forwarded" in oval frame on "Office of Assistant Treasurer U.S., Chicago, Illinois." imprint cover to Capt. J. H. Belcher, Assistant Quartermaster in Santa Fe N.M., forwarded to Charleston S.C. and again to Salem Mass., evidently the Charleston Quartermaster's office was obliged to pay a second postage rate with their War Department stamp

THE ONLY RECORDED COMBINATION OF TWO DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS' STAMPS ON ONE COVER.

Both Fort Union and Fort Marcy were located at Santa Fe, New Mexico, but we think it is more likely this was sent to Fort Union, where there was a large supply depot run by the Quartermaster's Department. From there the cover was redirected to the Quartermaster's office in Charleston without incurring a secondary postage charge. However, upon forwarding to Salem, the 6c War stamp was required to pay the double domestic rate..... E. 3,000-4,000



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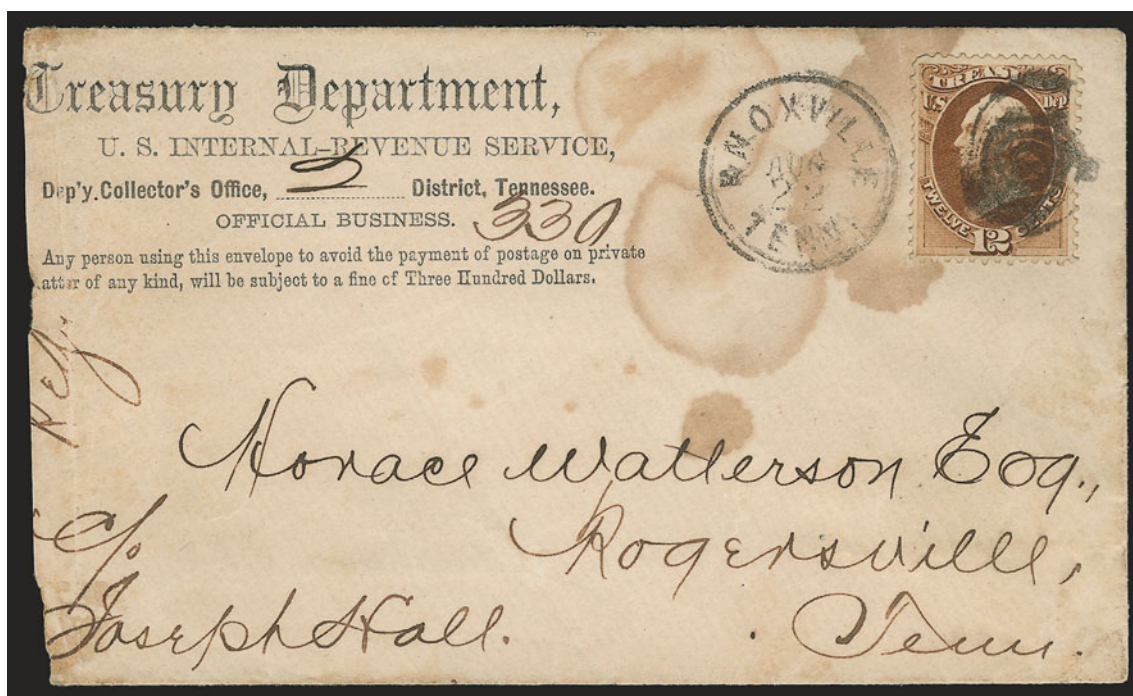


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- 3853 ☒ **10c Treasury (O77).** Perfs partly torn away at upper right, tied by Maltese Cross cancel on legal-size Treasury Department penalty imprint cover to the postmaster of **Nugget, Arizona Territory**, purple "San Francisco/Cal./Mar. 23 1882/Registered" four-line datestamp and backstamp, blue registry number handstamp, vertical fold, small edge faults and toning, still Fine, scarce usage..... E. 300-400
- 3854 ☒ **10c Treasury (O77).** Tied by circular cork cancel on large "Treasury Department, Register's Office, Official Business" penalty imprint cover to Saugerties N.Y., purple "Registered/Jun. 20, 1881/Washington, D.C." three-line datestamp, blue registry number handstamp, bright red docketing (bonds were enclosed), creased in two directions away from stamp, Fine ..... E. 300-400
- 3855 ☒ **10c and 12c Treasury (O77, O78).** Single 10c and three 12c tied by cork cancels, "Philada. Pa. Registered Nv. 16" circular datestamp on United States Mint imprint cover to Southbridge Mass., purple ornately framed Philadelphia registry datestamp on back, cut away at left and repaired around edges, a very rare combination, ex Hughes..... E. 500-750



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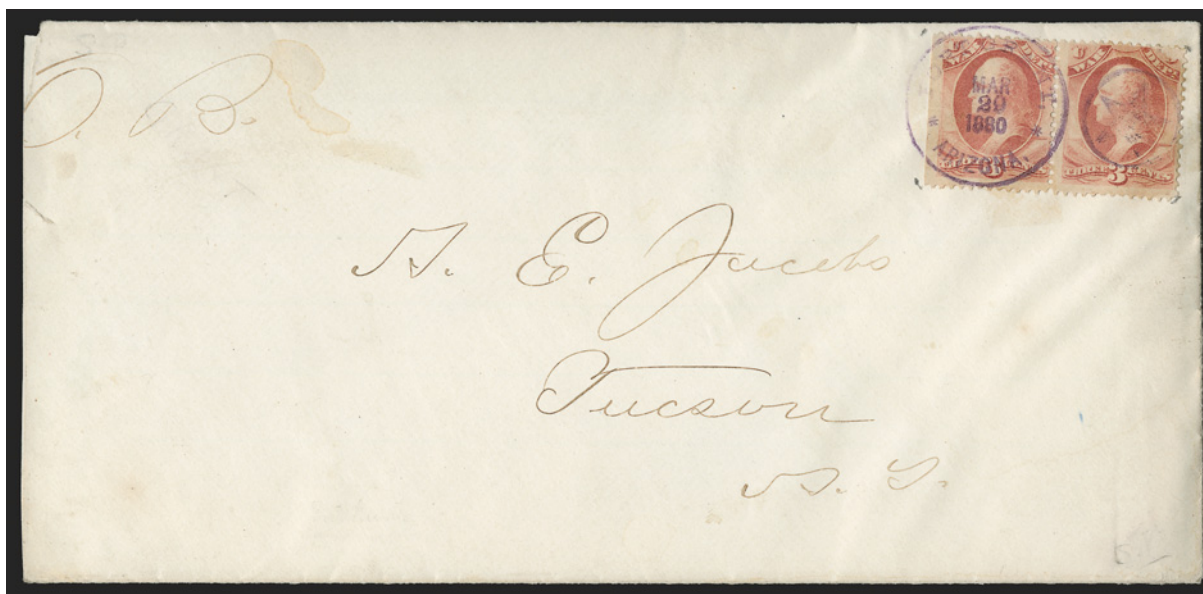
- 3856 ☒ **12c Treasury (O78).** Tied by target cancel, "Knoxville Tenn. Aug. 22" circular datestamp on Treasury Dept. Collector's Office penalty imprint cover to Rogersville Tenn., reduced at left and stained, still presentable and scarce ..... E. 200-300



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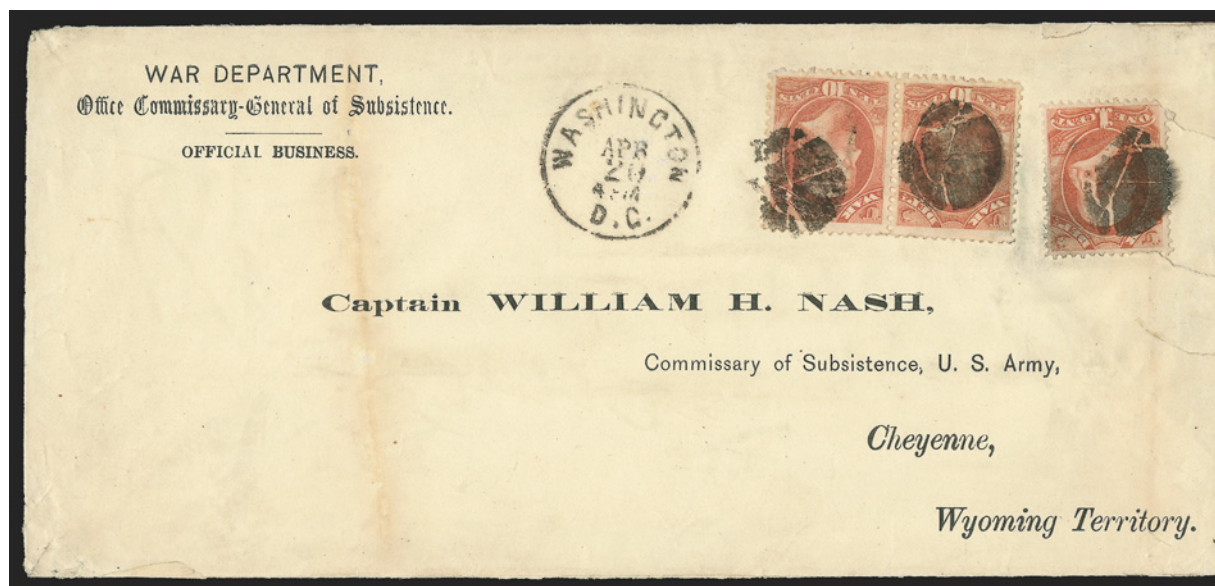
- 3857 ☒ **6c and 15c Treasury (O75, O79).** 15c has a large pre-use tear, tied by segmented cork cancels, "Plattsburgh N.Y. Mar. 21" circular datestamp on legal-size "Custom House, Plattsburgh, N.Y., Collector's Office, Official Business" imprint cover to Jay N.Y., crease, tear at bottom and stain and lower left, still very presentable, scarce Treasury Department combination ..... E. 500-750
- 3858 ☒ **Treasury Department Covers.** 28 covers, incl. 1c (5, incl. three single frankings, pair and triple franking), 2c (2), 3c (18), 6c (3 incl. one with two), range of usages and imprints, mixed condition, few appear Fine-Very Fine.....*Not illustrated* E. 500-750

## WAR DEPARTMENT



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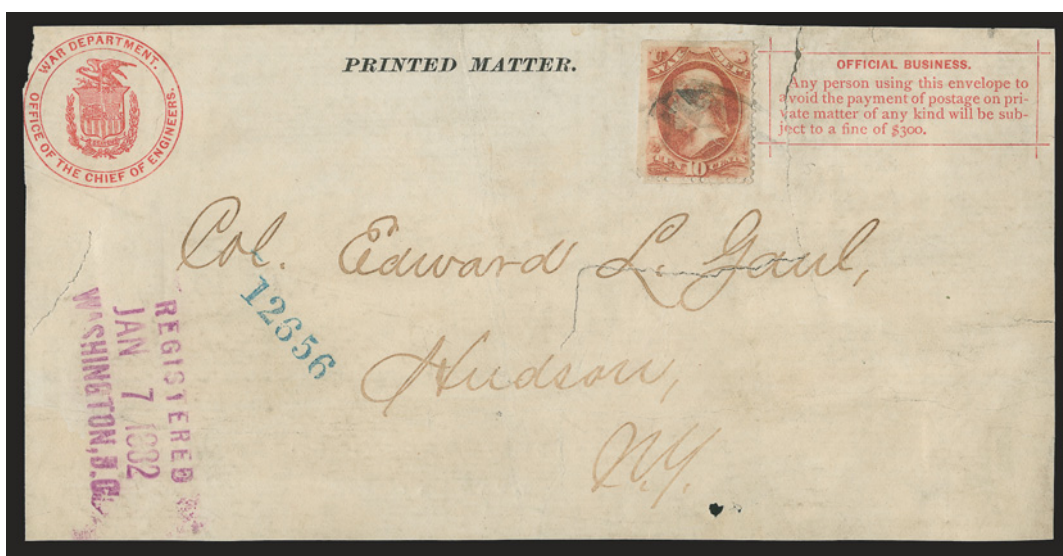
- 3859 ☒ **3c War (O85).** Horizontal pair, s.e. at left, scuffed corner at top right, tied by purplish-black “Fort Grant \* Arizona \* Mar. 29, 1880” duplex datestamp and Star in Circle cancel on legal-size cover to Tucson, reduced at left, otherwise Fine, scarce use from this territorial fort in Arizona ..... E. 400-500



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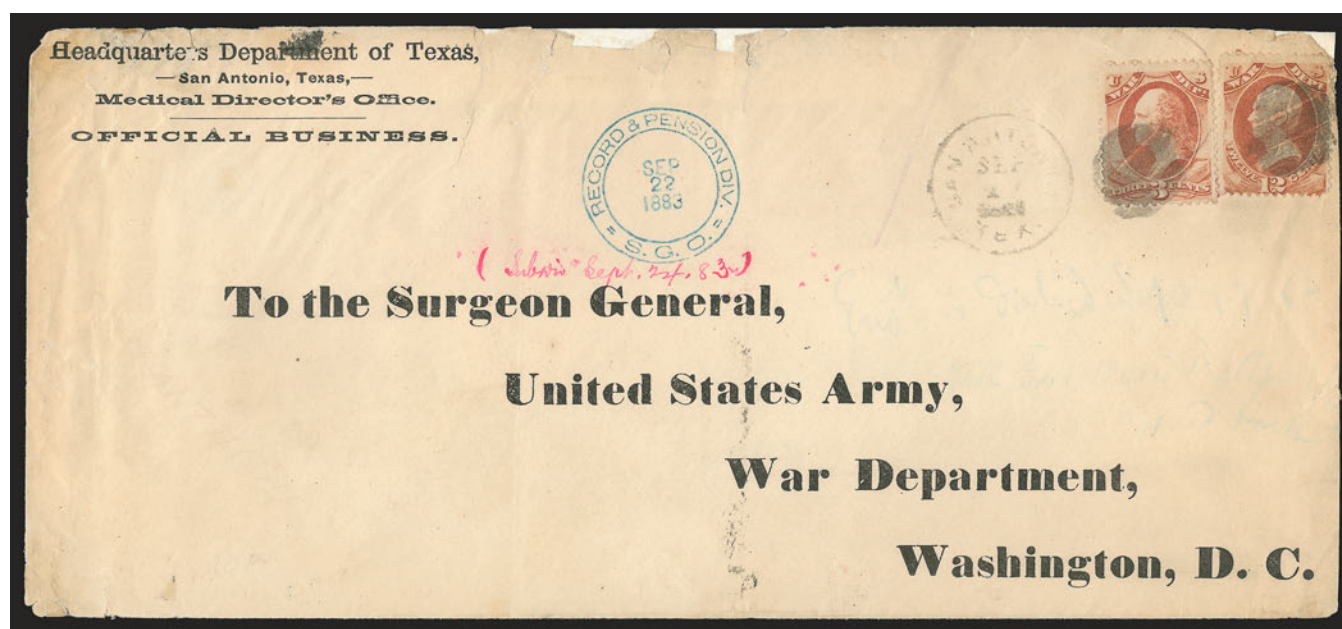
- 3860 ☒ **1c and 10c War (O83, O88).** 10c horizontal pair, wide margins, used with single 1c (few pulled perfs at top), all tied by segmented circular cork cancels, “Washington D.C. Apr. 20 4PM” circular datestamp on legal-size cover with “War Department, Office Commissary-General of Subsistence, Official Business” imprint and printed address to “**Captain William H. Nash, Commissary of Subsistence, U.S. Army, Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory**”, slightly reduced and couple small tears at right, light toning band at left  
VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY SCARCE WAR DEPARTMENT FRANKING FOR THE SEVEN-TIMES DOMESTIC RATE.

The supply depot in Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory, was one of the country's largest until the removal of Native Americans from surrounding areas eliminated the need for many of the territorial forts..... E. 2,000-3,000



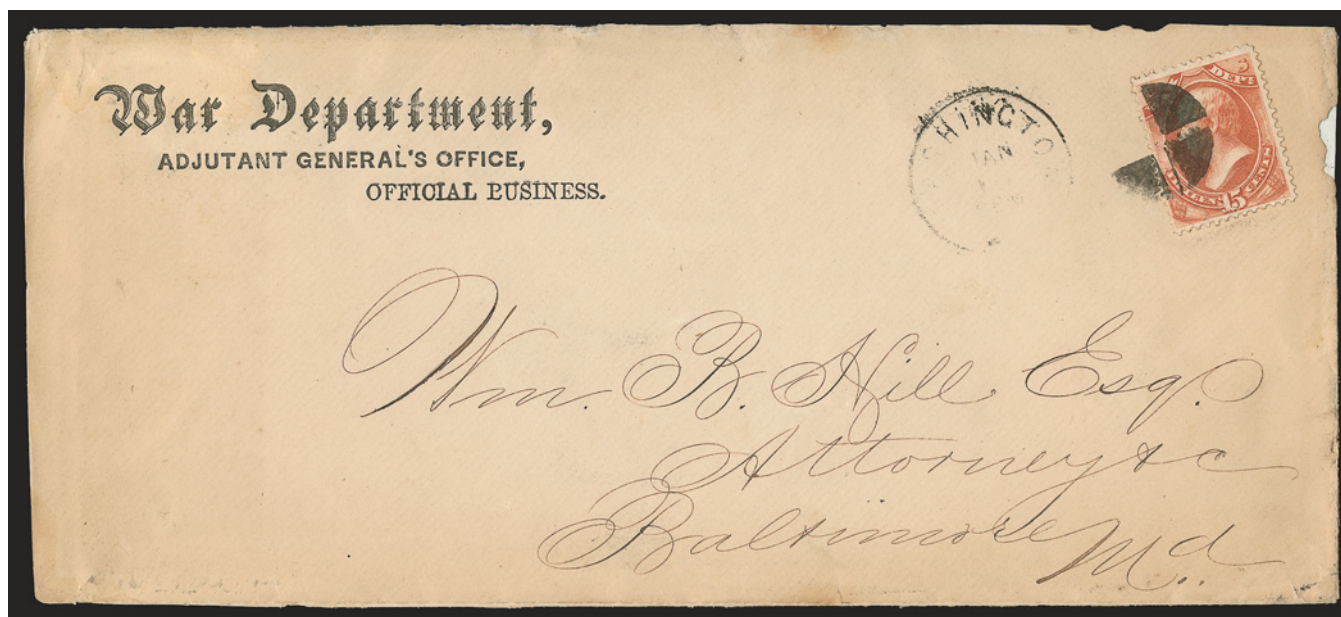
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- 3861      **10c War (O88).** Scissors-trimmed perfs, tied by lightly struck oval cancel on registered front only to Hudson N.Y. with red and black imprints of "War Department, Office of the Chief of Engineers", "Printed Matter" and penalty clause, purple "Registered/Jan. 7, 1882/Washington D.C." three-line datestamp, large tear, soiled, an unusual wrapper usage..... E. 150-200



3862

- 3862      **3c and 12c War (O85, O89).** Tied by segmented circular cork cancels, "San Antonio Tex. Sep. 17" circular datestamp on legal-size cover with "Headquarters Department of Texas, San Antonio, Texas, Medical Director's Office, Official Business" imprint and printed address to the Surgeon General, U.S. Army, in Washington D.C., blue receiving datestamp, faults but still presentable and scarce, the stamps might possibly be 1879 printings on soft paper..... E. 300-400



3863

3863 ☒ **15c War (O90).** Rich color and proof-like impression, tied by quartered cork cancel, partly struck "Washington D.C. Jan. (?)" circular datestamp on legal-size "War Department, Adjutant General's Office, Official Business" imprint cover to Baltimore, receiving backstamp, a bit aged and brittle around edges, reinforced in places

ONE OF THREE REPORTED 15-CENT WAR DEPARTMENT COVERS.

The Markovits sale catalogue (Bennett) reports three 15c War covers, but it is uncertain if this is one of the three (some of the census figures exclude Starnes covers). Ex Hughes.  
 ..... E. 2,000-3,000



3864

- 3864 **30c War (O92).** Two horizontal pairs, a few minor perf flaws along top, tied between perfs by circle of wedges cancel on cover-size package label with “**Jefferson Depot of the Quartermaster’s Department, Jeffersonville, Ind., Official Business**” imprint, addressed in violet and red Spencerian script to John W. Kline, care of John Wanamaker, in Philadelphia Pa.

ONE OF FOUR RECORDED 30-CENT WAR DEPARTMENT COVERS, AND THE ONLY 30-CENT WAR MULTIPLE FRANKING AMONG THEM. AN OUTSTANDING OFFICIAL STAMP USAGE.

John W. Kline was a well-known collector of coins, medals and numismatic literature. John Wanamaker, in whose care this package to Kline was directed, is known as the “Father” of the modern department store and commercial advertising (he was appointed Postmaster General in 1889).

The census by Alan C. Campbell (“High Value Official Stamps on Cover”, *Chronicle* No. 188, Nov. 2000, pp. 287-299) lists four 30c War Dept. covers, including three with singles and the 6c War. This is No. 42 in the census, and it is the only 30c War multiple known on cover. The \$1.20 postage evidently paid the 40x domestic 3c rate for 20 ounces.

Ex Hughes ..... E. 7,500-10,000

- 3865 ☒ **War Department Covers.** 17 covers, nice range of frankings incl. 1c, 1c and 2c combination (2), 2c (3), 2c and 3c combination, 3c (3 incl. one with two), 6c (2), 3c and 6c combination (5), range of imprints incl. illustrated Rock Island Arsenal, Quartermaster at Fort Snelling Minn., Engineer Office in Cleveland, Signal Service, some faults, many appear Fine-Very Fine .....Not illustrated E. 500-750

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SIGNED..... TODAY'S DATE .....

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## Additional Bids

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Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid	Lot	Bid
	\$		\$		\$

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Transit insurance is provided in all cases, except when the buyer has furnished us with proof that insurance coverage is effective under another policy. Proof, in such cases, will be accepted in the form of a written certificate from the insurance carrier.

You are responsible for insurance charges, which will be added to your invoice. This coverage is provided for our mutual protection against theft or loss in transit.

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\$50-200	\$10	\$7,000-20,000	\$500
\$200-500	\$25	\$20,000-30,000	\$1,000
\$500-1,000	\$50	\$30,000-75,000	\$2,500
\$1,000-3,000	\$100	\$75,000 up	\$5,000

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Lot#	Realized	Lot#	Realized	Lot#	Realized	Lot#	Realized	Lot#	Realized
3501	225	3537	2,200	3573	1,700	3609	2,700	3645	1,900
3502	400	3538	4,000	3574	425	3610	600	3646	11,000
3503	450	3539	1,500	3575	150	3611	150	3647	950
3504	250	3540	200	3576	325	3612	850	3648	1,300
3505	650	3541	200	3577	325	3613	300	3649	3,500
3506	2,700	3542	600	3578	200	3614	500	3650	225
3507	8,000	3543	1,100	3579	500	3615	18,000	3651	325
3508	225	3544	140	3580	275	3616	200	3652	325
3509	275	3545	450	3581	1,200	3617	1,200	3653	850
3510	325	3546	220	3582	2,600	3618	450	3654	300
3511	325	3547	600	3583	900	3619	1,300	3655	150
3512	190	3548	150	3584	350	3620	450	3656	120
3513	325	3549	950	3585	1,900	3621	1,200	3657	1,100
3514	225	3550	2,600	3586	275	3622	1,500	3658	2,100
3515	1,700	3551	2,200	3587	1,600	3623	3,500	3659	475
3516	2,200	3552	600	3588	750	3624	950	3660	600
3517	800	3553	750	3589	1,300	3625	600	3661	225
3518	650	3554	5,250	3590	600	3626	900	3662	650
3519	325	3555	1,000	3591	500	3627	200	3663	4,750
3520	180	3556	650	3592	700	3628	1,300	3664	550
3521	225	3557	225	3593	850	3629	900	3665	140
3522	500	3558	225	3594	475	3630	1,400	3666	300
3523	300	3559	225	3595	550	3631	1,100	3667	350
3524	550	3560	375	3596	800	3632	18,500	3668	500
3525	750	3561	1,900	3597	140	3633	3,250	3669	900
3526	1,600	3562	1,900	3598	1,900	3634	1,200	3670	700
3527	800	3563	800	3599	250	3635	500	3671	225
3528	130	3564	200	3600	1,200	3636	1,300	3672	200
3529	1,100	3565	225	3601	275	3637	750	3673	950
3530	450	3566	1,200	3602	6,000	3638	1,300	3674	225
3531	450	3567	150	3603	2,000	3639	10,500	3675	275
3532	765	3568	700	3604	1,100	3640	3,250	3676	225
3533	275	3569	600	3605	750	3641	9,000	3677	325
3534	700	3570	400	3606	400	3642	5,500	3678	3,000
3535	350	3571	1,100	3607	4,000	3643	1,600	3679	300
3536	180	3572	400	3608	200	3644	1,600	3680	250

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3681	200	3717	180	3753	8,500	3788	5,250	3824	90
3682	325	3718	130	3754	5,000	3789	2,700	3825	1,300
3683	170	3719	950	3755	3,750	3790	550	3826	200
3684	600	3720	425	3756	1,500	3791	1,600	3827	550
3685	1,100	3721	190	3757	400	3792	325	3828	170
3686	275	3722	170	3758	750	3793	250	3829	1,200
3687	1,100	3723	325	3759	1,200	3794	3,250	3830	950
3688	900	3724	650	3760	300	3795	1,200	3831	600
3689	800	3725	750	3761	475	3796	250	3832	650
3690	550	3726	1,100	3762	2,600	3797	120	3833	900
3691	1,700	3727	325	3763	850	3798	500	3834	150
3692	275	3728	350	3764	1,500	3799	600	3835	2,200
3693	150	3729	400	3765	5,250	3800	1,200	3836	650
3694	1,700	3730	350	3766	2,200	3801	600	3837	1,300
3695	900	3731	850	3767	2,700	3802	550	3838	3,250
3696	225	3732	11,000	3768	4,750	3803	250	3839	15,500
3697	850	3733	3,250	3769	800	3804	850	3840	5,250
3698	550	3734	375	3769A	225	3805	3,750	3841	600
3699	550	3735	1,900	3770	1,800	3806	550	3842	1,200
3700	350	3736	2,100	3771	5,250	3807	650	3843	1,300
3701	200	3737	1,300	3772	500	3808	500	3844	2,500
3702	500	3738	2,100	3773	1,500	3809	4,000	3845	11,000
3703	120	3739	1,600	3774	5,000	3810	300	3846	12,000
3704	1,000	3740	160	3775	350	3811	550	3847	425
3705	1,000	3741	275	3776	600	3812	18,500	3848	375
3706	1,300	3742	16,000	3777	750	3813	26,000	3849	120
3707	170	3743	4,750	3778	325	3814	37,500	3850	800
3708	425	3744	3,000	3779	1,300	3815	1,400	3851	1,900
3709	225	3745	1,500	3780	500	3816	3,500	3852	10,500
3710	170	3746	4,500	3781	450	3817	375	3853	400
3711	275	3747	2,300	3782	5,750	3818	1,300	3854	375
3712	2,900	3748	3,500	3783	550	3819	1,600	3855	550
3713	450	3749	5,000	3784	200	3820	550	3856	150
3714	550	3750	1,300	3785	550	3821	800	3857	200
3715	250	3751	1,500	3786	4,000	3822	850	3858	1,500
3716	120	3752	1,000	3787	1,200	3823	750	3859	1,000

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Lot#	Realized
3860	3,250
3861	900
3862	325
3863	2,700
3864	13,500
3865	3,500