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### Expert Certification

Individual items offered without a PF or PSE certificate dated within the past five years may be purchased subject to independent certification of genuineness and our description. **Please refer to the Conditions of Sale and Grading Terms for policies governing certification.**

### Shipping and Delivery

Procedures and charges for shipping lots are printed on the back of the Bid Form. **Bidders are responsible for all prescribed shipping charges and any applicable sales tax or customs duties.**

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I've never bid with Siegel, nor registered with SAN.

Go to [stampauctionnetwork.com/siegel](http://stampauctionnetwork.com/siegel) and click on "Register" at the top. Check the box for Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries (under "R") and submit the form **with your trade references** (please, no family members or credit card companies as references). Once registered at SAN and approved by Siegel for bidding, you're ready for internet bidding.

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- Retracting a bid is usually not acceptable, so please bid carefully.
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1. The highest bidder acknowledged by the auctioneer shall be the buyer. The term "final bid" means the last bid acknowledged by the auctioneer, which is normally the highest bid offered. **The purchase price payable by the buyer will be the sum of the final bid and a commission of 15% of the final bid ("buyer's premium"), together with any sales tax, use tax or customs duties due on the sale.**
2. The auctioneer has the right to reject any bid, to advance the bidding at his discretion and, in the event of a dispute, to determine the successful bidder, to continue the bidding or to reoffer and resell the lot in dispute. The Galleries' record of the final sale shall be conclusive.
3. All bids are per numbered lot in the catalogue unless otherwise announced by the auctioneer at the time of sale. The right is reserved to group two or more lots, to withdraw any lot or lots from the sale, or to act on behalf of the seller. The Galleries will execute bidding instructions on behalf of clients, but will not be responsible for the failure to execute such bids or for any errors in the execution of such bids.
4. **Lots with numbers followed by the symbol ° are offered subject to a confidential minimum bid ("reserve"), below which the lot will not be sold. The absence of the symbol ° means that the lot is offered without a reserve. If there is no reserve, the auctioneer has sole discretion to establish a minimum opening bid and may refuse an offer of less than half of the published estimate. Any lot that does not reach its reserve or opening bid requested by the auctioneer will be announced as "passed" and excluded from the prices realized lists after the sale. The Galleries may have a direct or indirect ownership interest in any or all lots in the sale resulting from an advance of monies or goods-in-trade or a guarantee of minimum net proceeds made by the Galleries to the seller.**
5. Subject to the exclusions listed in 5(A), the Galleries will accept the return of lots which have been misidentified or which have obvious faults that were present when the lot was in the Galleries' custody, but not so noted in the lot description. **All disputed lots must be received by the Galleries intact with the original packing material within 5 days of delivery to the buyer but no later than 30 days from the sale date.** (5A) **EXCLUSIONS:** The following lots may not be returned for any reason, or may not be returned for the reasons stated: i) lots containing 10 or more items; ii) lots from buyers who registered for the pre-sale exhibition or received lots by postal viewing, thereby having had the opportunity to inspect them before the sale; iii) any lot described with "faults," "defects" or a specific fault may not be returned because of any secondary fault; iv) photographed lots may not be returned because of centering, margins, short/nibbed perforations or other factors shown in the illustrations; v) the color of the item does not match the color reproduction in the sale catalogue or website listing; vi) the description contains inaccurate information about the quantity known or reported; or vii) a certification service grades a stamp lower than the grade stated in the description.
6. Successful bidders, unless they have established credit with the Galleries prior to the sale, must make payment in full before the lots will be delivered. Buyers not known to the Galleries must make payment in full within 3 days from the date of sale. **The Galleries retains the right to demand a cash deposit from anyone prior to bidder registration and/or to demand payment at the time the lot is knocked down to the highest bidder, for any reason whatsoever.** In the event that any buyer refuses or fails to make payment in cash for any lot at the time it is knocked down to him, the auctioneer reserves the right to reoffer the lot immediately for sale to the highest bidder. **Credit cards (Visa, Mastercard and Discover only) can be accepted as payment but will be subject to a 3% Convenience Fee, which will be added to the total of the entire invoice (including hammer price, buyer's premium, shipping and transit insurance charges and any applicable taxes).**

7. If the purchase price has not been paid within the time limit specified above, nor lots taken up within 7 days from the date of sale, the lots will be resold by whatever means deemed appropriate by the Galleries, and any loss incurred from resale will be charged to the defaulting buyer. **Any account more than 30 days in arrears will be subject to a late payment charge of 1½% per month as long as the account remains in arrears. Any expenses incurred in securing payment from delinquent accounts will be charged to the defaulter.** A fee of \$250.00 per check will be charged for each check returned for insufficient funds.

8. All lots are sold as genuine. **Any lot accompanied by a certificate issued by The Philatelic Foundation or by Professional Stamp Experts within 5 years of the sale date is sold "as is" and in accordance with the description on the certificate. Such lots may not be returned for any reason, including but not limited to a contrary certificate of opinion.** Buyers who wish to obtain a certificate for any item that does not have a P.F. or P.S.E. certificate (dated as above) may do so, provided that the following conditions are met: (1) the purchase price must be paid in full, (2) the item must be submitted to an acceptable expertizing committee with a properly executed application form within 21 days of the sale, (3) a copy of the application form must be given to the Galleries, (4) in the event that an adverse opinion is received, the Galleries retain the right to resubmit the item on the buyer's behalf for reconsideration, without time limit or other restrictions, (5) unless written notification to the contrary is received, items submitted for certification will be considered cleared 90 days from the date of sale, and (6) in the event any item is determined to be "not as described", the buyer will be refunded the purchase price and the certification fee up to \$800.00 unless otherwise agreed to in writing.

9. Until paid for in full, all lots remain the property of the Galleries on behalf of the seller.

10. Agents executing bids on behalf of clients will be held responsible for all purchases made on behalf of clients unless otherwise arranged prior to the sale.

11. The buyer assumes all risk for delivery of purchased lots and agrees to pay for prescribed shipping costs. **Buyers who receive lots in the U.S. are obligated to pay whatever sales tax or compensating use tax might be due, and buyers outside the U.S. are responsible for all customs duties.**

12. **The bidder consents that any action or proceeding against it may be commenced and maintained in any court within the State of New York or in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, that the courts of the State of New York and United States District Court for the Southern District of New York shall have jurisdiction with respect to the subject matter hereof and the person of the bidder. The bidder agrees not to assert any defense to any action or proceeding initiated by Galleries based upon improper venue or inconvenient forum. The bidder agrees that any action brought by the bidder shall be commenced and maintained only in a Federal Court in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York or the State Court in the county in which Galleries has its principal place of business in New York. The bidder agrees not to use a public conflict resolution service and not to use any form of social media to publish comments or information about the Galleries and its employees which might harm the Galleries' reputation or business. These Conditions of Sale shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the substantive laws of the State of New York, and shall constitute an agreement that shall be binding on the parties, and their respective heirs, administrators, distributees, successors and assignees.**

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## Grades, Abbreviations and Values Used in Descriptions

### Grades and Centering

Our descriptions contain detailed information and observations about each item's condition. We have also assigned grades to stamps and covers, which reflect our subjective assessment. For stamps, the margin width, centering and gum are described and graded according to generally-accepted standards (an approximate correlation to numeric grades is provided at right). Although we believe our grades are accurate, they are not always exactly aligned with third-party grading terms or standards for all issues. **A lot may not be returned because a certification service grades a stamp lower than the grade stated in the description. Information from the P.S.E. Stamp Market Quarterly and P.S.E. Population Report<sup>SM</sup> is the most current available, but lots may not be returned due to errors or changes in statistics or data.**

**Extremely Fine Gem (90-100):** The term "Gem" describes condition that is the finest possible for the issue. This term is equivalent to "Superb" used by grading services.







**Extremely Fine (80-90):** Exceptionally large/wide margins or near perfect centering.

**Very Fine (70-85):** Normal-size margins for the issue and well-centered with the design a bit closer to one side. "Very Fine and choice" applies to stamps that have desirable traits such as rich color, sharp impression, freshness or clarity of cancel.

**Fine (60-70):** Smaller than usual margins or noticeably off center. Pre-1890 issues may have the design touched in places.

**Very Good (below 60):** Attractive appearance, but margins or perforations cut into the design.

### Guide to Gum Condition

Gum Categories:	MINT N.H.	ORIGINAL GUM (O.G.)				NO GUM
	 <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
1890-1935 ISSUES	Scott “Never Hinged” Values for Nos. 219-771	Scott Value for “O.G.” (Actual value will be affected by the degree of hinging)		<b>Disturbed Original Gum:</b> Gum showing noticeable effects of humidity, climate or hinging over more than half of the gum. The significance of gum disturbance in valuing a stamp in any of the Original Gum categories depends on the degree of disturbance, the rarity and normal gum condition of the issue and other variables affecting quality. For example, stamps issued in tropical climates are expected to have some		
1935 TO DATE	Scott Value for “Unused”					

### Covers

Minor nicks, short edge tears, flap tears and slight reduction at one side are normal conditions for 19th century envelopes. Folded letters should be expected to have at least one file fold. Light cleaning of covers and small mends along the edges are accepted forms of conservation. Unusual covers may have a common stamp with a slight crease or tiny tear. **These flaws exist in virtually all 19th century covers and are not always described. They are not grounds for return.**

### Catalogue Values and Estimates

Unless otherwise noted, the currently available *Scott Catalogue* values are quoted in dollars with a decimal point. Other catalogues are often used for foreign countries or specialized areas and are referred to by their common name: *Stanley Gibbons* (SG), *Dietz*, *American Air Mail Catalogue* (AAMC), *Michel*, *Zumstein*, *Facit*, etc. Estimates are indicated with an "E." and reflect our conservative valuation in dollars. Reserves will never exceed the low end of the estimate range; they will sometimes exceed Scott Catalogue value for stamps in Extremely Fine condition.

Because of certain pricing inconsistencies in the *Scott Catalogue*—for example, blocks that have no gum, the absence of premiums for Mint N.H. items, etc.—we cannot guarantee the accuracy of values quoted for multiples, specialized items and collection lots. We generally try to be conservative, but buyers may not return a lot because of a discrepancy in catalogue value due to Scott pricing inconsistencies.

### 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	Fancy Cancel	TC	Trial Color Proof	var.	Variety	ms.	Manuscript

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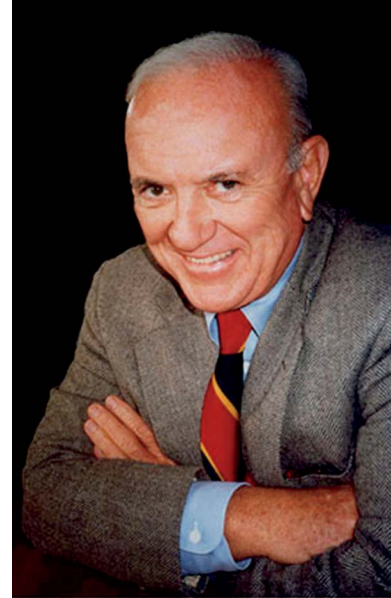
ALTHOUGH THE OFFICIAL ISSUES REPRESENT only a small fraction of the value of the multi-million-dollar Curtis collection, they are presented in this special sale catalogue, because in the field of Officials this specialized collection ranks among the most important offerings ever made at auction.

The Curtis Collection was started 70 years ago with a hand-me-down 1912 Scott album. It continued with plate blocks purchased at the post office in the 1940's, which are still part of the collection. Today it is one of the most extensive and important United States collections in existence.

Daniel B. Curtis, who passed away on January 7, 2014, was an enthusiastic and well-respected philatelist. Dan was a long-time member of the American Philatelic Society, the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society and the American Revenue Association. He was a trustee of the Philatelic Foundation and served on the Smithsonian National Postal Museum's Council of Philatelists. He was the recipient of several awards for his online Revenue Census ([www.thecurtiscollection.com](http://www.thecurtiscollection.com)), which is the most important census research tool for Revenue stamps and multiples. The Siegel firm will continue to maintain and update the Curtis on-line census.

Dan lived in Tampa, Florida, and spent 60 years in construction, development, power generation and banking in Florida and the Caribbean, while sandwiching in a 40-year career in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve.

Philately has lost a great collector and contributor to the hobby. His collections will be documented in a series of sales held by Siegel Auction Galleries, and the provenance "ex Curtis" will become a lasting tribute to the sharp eye and profound knowledge Dan used to build his philately legacy.



— SCOTT R. TREPEL



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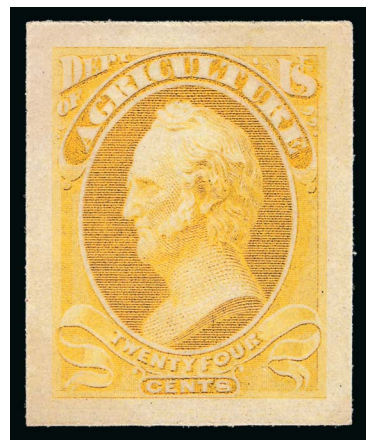
## PANAMA-PACIFIC DIE PROOFS

In 1915 the Bureau of Engraving and Printing used the Continental dies to prepare a display for the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco. Four sets were pulled; the Government kept one and gave three to H. M. Southgate in return for Pan-American inverses missing from its collection.

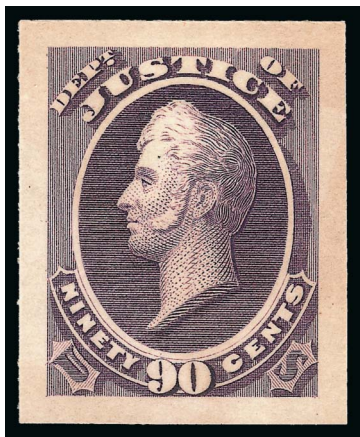
4001 P **1c-30c Agriculture, Panama-Pacific Small Die Proofs (O1P2a-O9P2a).** Complete set of nine, bright and vivid colors, a few with typical slight toning and faint translucencies at top from prior hinging

VERY FINE AND RARE COMPLETE SET OF THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT PANAMA-PACIFIC SMALL DIE PROOFS.

This is the only Agriculture set we have located in our sales using Power Search....(Photo Ex) 4,500.00



4001EX



4002EX

4002 P **1c-90c Justice, Panama-Pacific Small Die Proofs (O25P2a-O34P2a).** Complete set of ten, deep rich colors, some with minor toning as normal

VERY FINE. A DESIRABLE AND RARE COMPLETE SET OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT PANAMA-PACIFIC SMALL DIE PROOFS.

This is the only Justice set we have located in our sales using Power Search.

Each accompanied by clear 2006 P.F. certificate .....  
.....(Photo Ex) 5,000.00

4003 P **1c-90c War, Panama-Pacific Small Die Proofs (O83P2a-O93P2a).** Light toning as always with genuine examples and a couple with light translucencies, each with nice margins

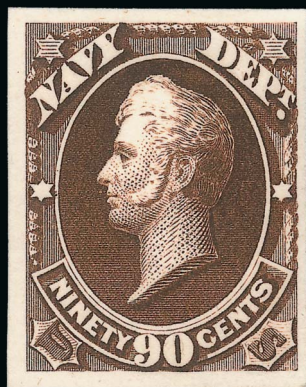
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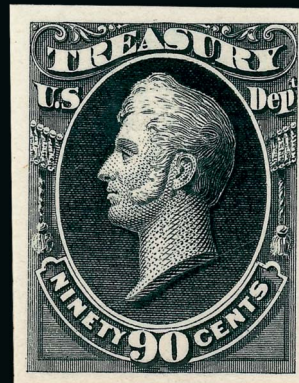
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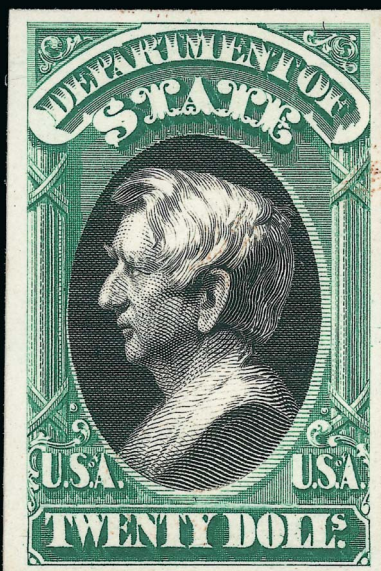
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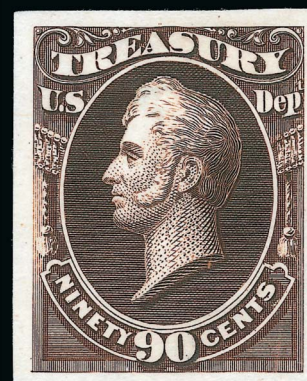
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- 4004 TC **1c-90c Navy, Atlanta Trial Color Plate Proofs (O35TC4-O45TC4).** Set of eleven proofs in Brown, large to full margins, Very Fine.....(Photo Ex) 438.00
- 4005 TC **1c-90c State, Atlanta Trial Color Plate Proofs (O57TC4-O67TC4).** Set of eleven in Green, complete thru 90c value, large margins, 12c and 15c with minute thin at top, Very Fine ..... 438.00
- 4006 TC **1c-90c Treasury, Atlanta Trial Color Plate Proofs (O72TC4-O82TC4).** Complete set of 55 proofs in the five different colors attractively mounted on pages, large even margins, wonderful colors, Very Fine.....(Photo Ex) 2,254.00
- 4007 P **1c-90c Officials, Plate Proofs on Card (O1P4-O93P4).** Complete set of 92, all with full to large margins, fresh colors, Very Fine .....(Photo Ex) 878.00
- 4008 P **1c-\$20.00 State, Plate Proofs on India (O57P3-O71P3).** Complete set, bright colors, full margins on each value, several with small India paper flaws as usual, accompanied by **original 1873 envelope**, Very Fine.....(Photo Ex) 625.00
- 4009 P **1c-10c Executive, Plate Proofs on Card, 1c-90c Treasury, Plate Proofs on India (O10P4-O14P4, O72P3-O82P3).** Executive card proofs accompanied by **original 1873 envelope**, Treasury set on India with typical small flaws, all with full to large margins, Very Fine.....(Photo Ex) 270.00



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- 4010 ★田 **1c-30c Agriculture (O1-O9).** Blocks of four, original gum, 24c with h.r. and small gum loss on bottom pair, 30c with selvage at right, few with trivial small faults but overall attractive and exhibit-worthy

FINE-VERY FINE. A SCARCE OFFERING OF BLOCKS OF THE AGRICULTURE ISSUE.

Scott Retail as blocks ..(Photo Ex) 15,200.00



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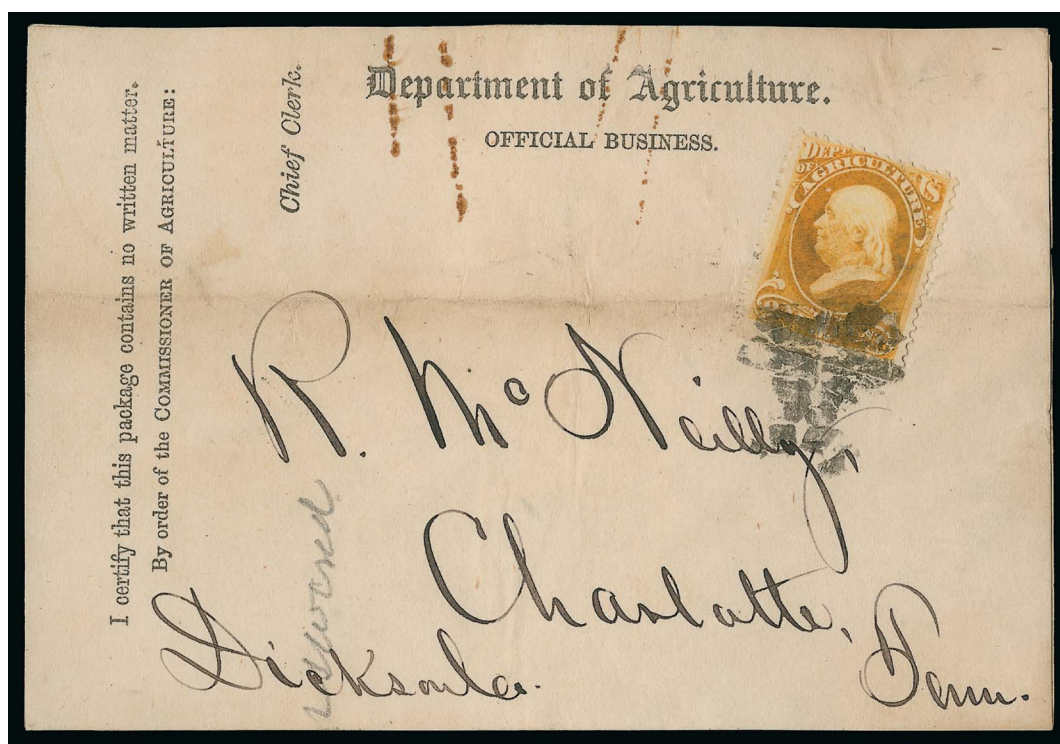
- 4011 ★★ **3c Agriculture (O3).** Mint N.H., vivid color, wonderfully well-centered, Very Fine and choice ..... 460.00
- 4012 ★ **6c Agriculture (O4).** Original gum, Jumbo margins all around, wonderfully fresh, Very Fine and choice, a huge stamp, with 1986 P.F. certificate..... 260.00
- 4013 ★ **10c Agriculture (O5).** Original gum, lightly hinged, incredibly fresh color, Very Fine and choice, with 1997 P.F. certificate ..... 525.00
- 4014 ★ **12c Agriculture (O6).** Original gum, radiant color, wide margins, Very Fine and choice, with 2013 P.F. certificate (VF-XF 85)..... 450.00
- 4015 ★ **15c Agriculture (O7).** Original gum, bright color, wide margins, Very Fine and choice, with 2012 P.S.E. certificate (OGh, VF 80 Jumbo; SMQ \$485.00), only two others have graded higher..... 425.00
- 4016 ★ **24c Agriculture (O8).** Original gum, vibrant and rich color, fresh and Very Fine 425.00
- 4017 ★ **30c Agriculture (O9).** Original gum, h.r., brilliant color, almost perfectly centered, a few nibbed perfs, otherwise Very Fine and choice ..... 550.00





4018

- 4018 ★田 **30c Agriculture (O9)**. Block of nine with selvage at left, radiant color, original gum, **center horizontal row of three Mint N.H.**, Very Good, quite possibly the largest block known in either unused or used condition, Scott Retail as three Mint N.H. singles and six hinged singles ..... 6,900.00



4019

- 4019 ☒ **1c Agriculture (O1)**. Single with natural s.e. at bottom, tied by segmented cork cancel on "Department of Agriculture., Official Business" imprint wrapper to Charlotte Tenn, file fold through stamp and a small facial abrasion on head, wrapper with minor paperclip rust at top, Fine, this paid the domestic circular rate of 1c per 2 oz, this is No. 4 in the Campbell census (*Chronicle* 194, May 2002) which lists one cover and seven wrappers (the 2004 Markovits sale catalogue reported ten covers or wrappers), ex Markovits ..... E. 500-750



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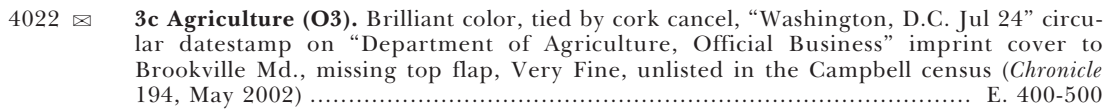
- 4020 ☒ **2c Agriculture (O2).** Tied by cork cancel on "Department of Agriculture, Official Business" imprint and obsolete free frank wrapper to Forestville Md., signed by Commissioner Frederick Watts, Very Fine, this paid the double circular rate of 1c per 2 oz, this is No. 10 in the Campbell census (*Chronicle* 194, May 2002), which lists six covers and four wrappers with the 2c Agriculture (the 2004 Markovits sale catalogue reports twelve examples), ex Markovits ..... E. 1,000-1,500



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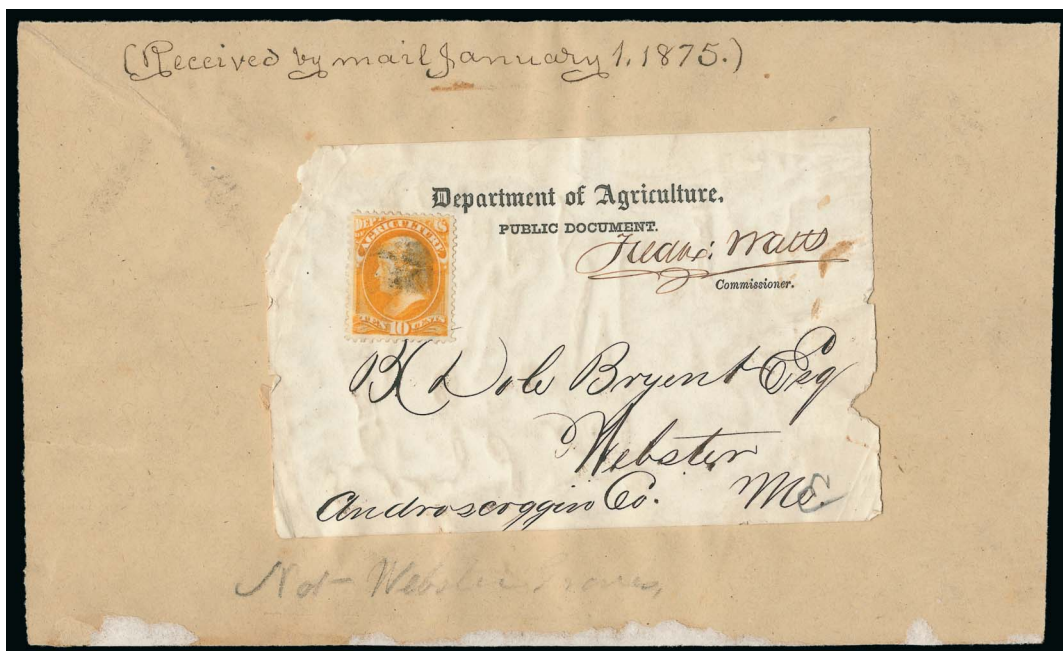
- 4021 ☒ **2c Agriculture (O2).** Single with selvage at left tied by cork cancel on "Department of Agriculture, Official Business" imprint label on **complete folded wrapper** to Sugar Grove, Pa., with manuscript "*Return April 1, 1874*" on reverse, file fold thru stamp, still Fine, this example is unlisted in the Campbell census (*Chronicle* 194, May 2002) ..... E. 1,000-1,500





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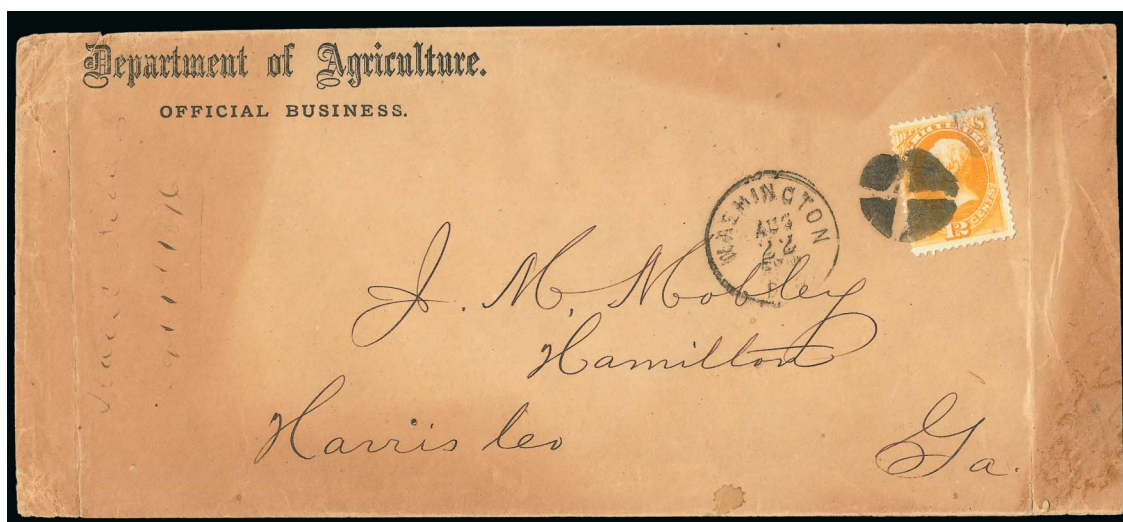


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4024 **10c Agriculture (O5).** Incredibly well-centered, fresh color, lightly struck with cork cancel and used on "Department of Agriculture, Public Document" imprint label affixed to **large part of folded package wrapper**, signed by Frederick Watts (Commissioner), addressed to Webster, Me. but missent and sent to Webster Groves Mo. first, manuscript "Received by mail January 1, 1875"

FINE. THE FINEST OF THE MERE THREE RECORDED USES OF THE 10-CENT AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT STAMP, ALL OF WHICH ARE ON "PUBLIC DOCUMENT" LABELS SIGNED BY FREDERICK WATTS, AND ONLY TWO OF WHICH ARE FULL LABELS.

This is No. 1 in the Campbell census (*Chronicle* 194, May 2002) which is also illustrated in the article on Page 141. No. 2 in the Campbell census is from the Charles J. Starnes Collection (Siegel 2007). No. 3, which is only a "piece", is from the Robert L. Markovits Collection (Bennett 2004). All examples paid the 10c "public document" rate for a single bound volume. .... E. 3,000-4,000

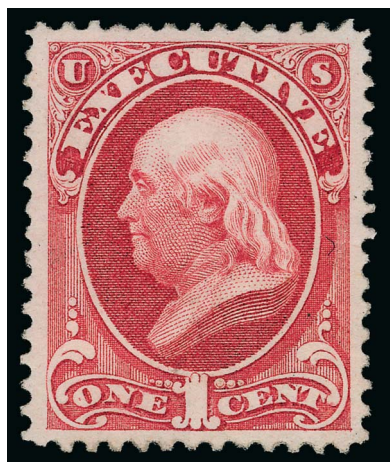


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4025 ☒ **12c Agriculture (O6).** Brilliant color, tied by quartered cork cancel, "Washington D.C. Aug. 22" circular date stamp on legal-size official imprint cover to Hamilton Ga., stamp with small tear at top, cover with some toning, vertical file folds and minor edgewear VERY FINE APPEARANCE. ONE OF ONLY TWO RECORDED 12-CENT AGRICULTURE COVERS. A GREAT RARITY.

The 12c stamp pays the quadruple 3c domestic rate. The other recorded use is on a label. Ex Hughes, Waud and Markovits ..... E. 5,000-7,500

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



4026

- 4026 ★ **1c Executive (O10).** Original gum, fresh color on bright paper, incredibly choice centering with balanced margins all around

EXTREMELY FINE GEM. A STRIKING ORIGINAL-GUM EXAMPLE OF THE ONE-CENT EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT ISSUE.

With 2009 P.S.E. certificate (OGh, XF-Superb 95; SMQ \$3,350.00). This is the highest grade awarded and only one other shares this grade..... 850.00



- 4027 **1c Executive (O10).** Neat quartered cork cancel, wonderful rich color, wide margins, Extremely Fine, a scarce and rarely encountered used stamp in this quality and condition.... 475.00
- 4028 ★ **2c Executive (O11).** Original gum, lightly hinged, perfectly centered, marvelous color, single nibbed perf at left, otherwise Extremely Fine, with 1992 P.F. and 2008 P.S.E. certificates (VF-XF 85; SMQ \$715.00)..... 550.00
- 4029 ★田 **3c Executive (O12).** Block of four, original gum, multiple h.r.'s and hinge reinforcements, few creases, appears Fine, a scarce block in any condition ..... 3,250.00
- 4030 ★ **6c Executive (O13).** Original gum, h.r., rich color, Very Fine, with 2006 P.F. certificate ..... 900.00





4031

- 4031 ★ **6c Executive (O13).** Horizontal strip of four, original gum, strong color, slight gum soaks, light thin in outer stamps and light crease in middle pair  
FINE APPEARANCE. THIS IS THE LARGEST RECORDED MULTIPLE OF THE 6-CENT EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

One other strip of four is known, but no intact blocks have been recorded.

Ex Markovits. Scott Retail as singles..... 3,600.00



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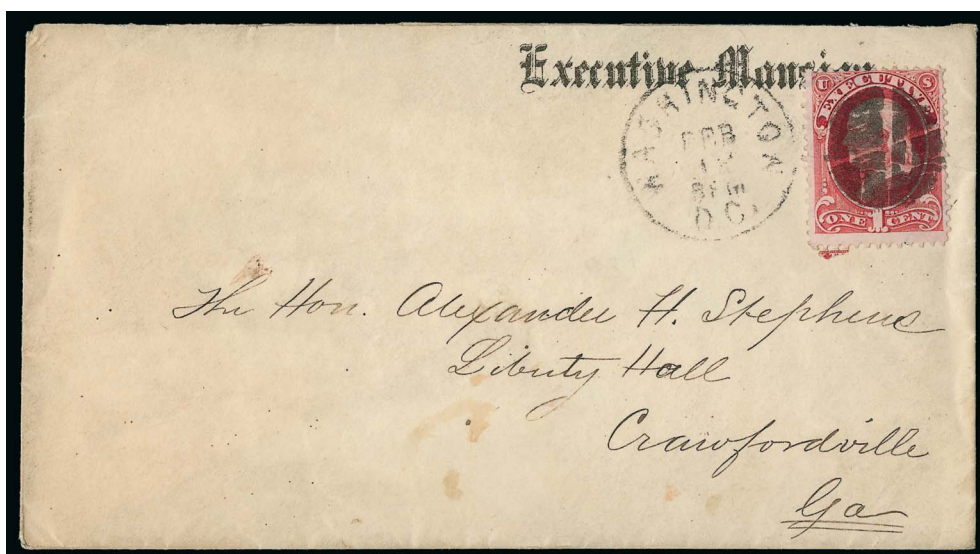
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- 4032 ★ **10c Executive (O14).** Original gum with slight disturbance from previous hinge, well-centered, fresh color, Very Fine ..... 1,200.00
- 4033 ★田 **10c Executive (O14).** Block of four, large part disturbed original gum, hinge reinforcements and some perf separations, Fine, an exceedingly scarce block ..... 5,500.00
- 4034 **10c Executive (O14).** Unusually light bars cancel, deep shade, fresh and Very Fine, with 2005 P.F. certificate which harshly mentions "with perforations scissors separated at right" — the perf teeth are complete ..... 650.00





4035

- 4035 ☒ **1c Executive (O10).** Cancelled by quartered cork with matching "Washington, D.C. Feb 12" circular datestamp on "Executive Mansion" imprint cover addressed to Alexander H. Stephens, the former Vice President of the Confederate States of America and then current U.S. Representative from Georgia

VERY FINE. BELIEVED TO BE THE ONLY KNOWN SOLO USE OF THE ONE-CENT EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

According to the Markovits sale (Bennett 2004), there have been no other recorded single franking covers.

Ex Ehrenberg and Markovits. Signed by Stanley Gibbons in 1927 stating that this was an "original find." With 1981 P.F. certificate. .... E. 2,000-3,000

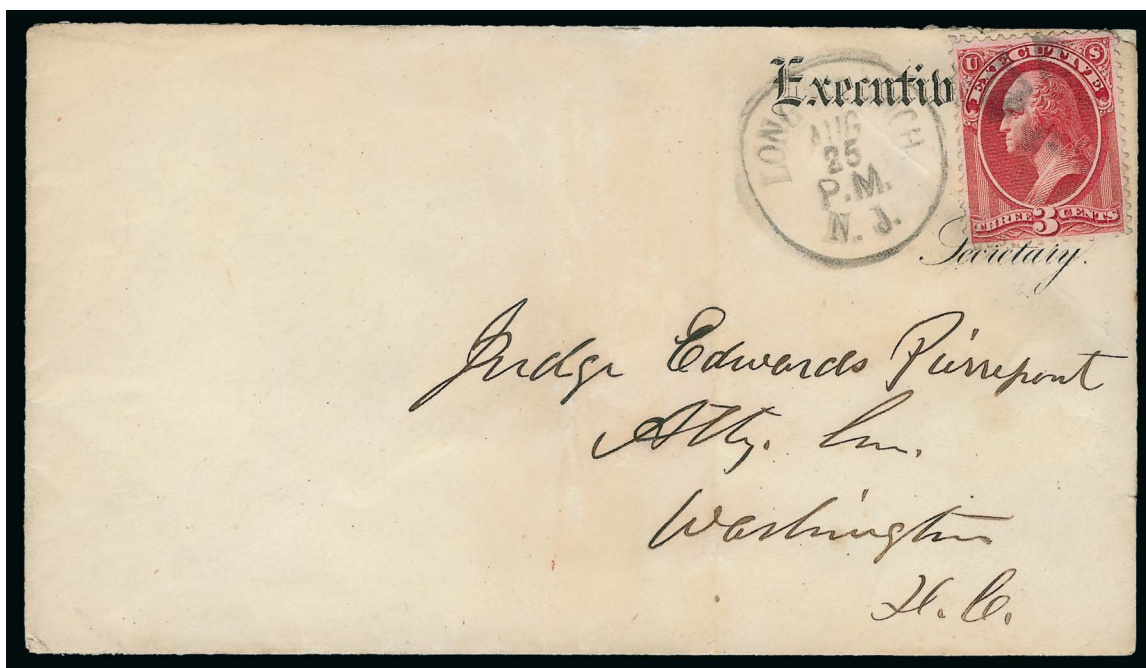


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- 4036 ☒ **1c and 2c Executive (O10, O11).** Singles of each, both with intense color, light cork cancels, matching "Washington, D.C. May 23" circular datestamp on "Executive Mansion" imprint cover to John Jacob Astor (famous German-American businessman and first multimillionaire in the United States) in New York City, **addressed in the hand of President Rutherford B. Hayes**, New York backstamp, cover with minute pinhole and 2c with single pulled perf

VERY FINE. ONE OF FIVE RECORDED COMBINATION FRANKINGS OF THE ONE-CENT AND 2-CENT EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, ACCORDING TO THE MARKOVITS CATALOGUE. THIS IS THE ONLY EXAMPLE ADDRESSED IN THE PRESIDENT'S HAND.

Ex Ehrenberg and Markovits. With 1981 P.F. certificate. .... E. 2,000-3,000



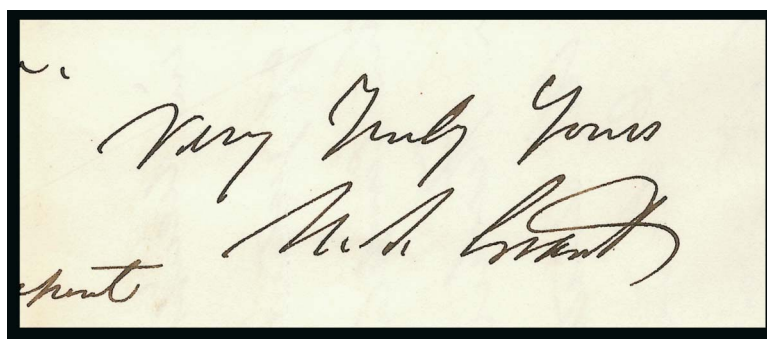
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- 4037 ☒ **3c Executive (O12).** Cancelled by circle of wedges with matching “Long Branch, N.J. Aug. 25 P.M.” (1875) circular datestamp on “Executive, Secretary” imprint cover to Judge Edwards Pierpont, who was the United States Attorney General (1875-76), addressed in the hand of President Ulysses S. Grant, and accompanied by a three-page autograph letter signed by Grant, cover with diagonal crease which passes thru stamp

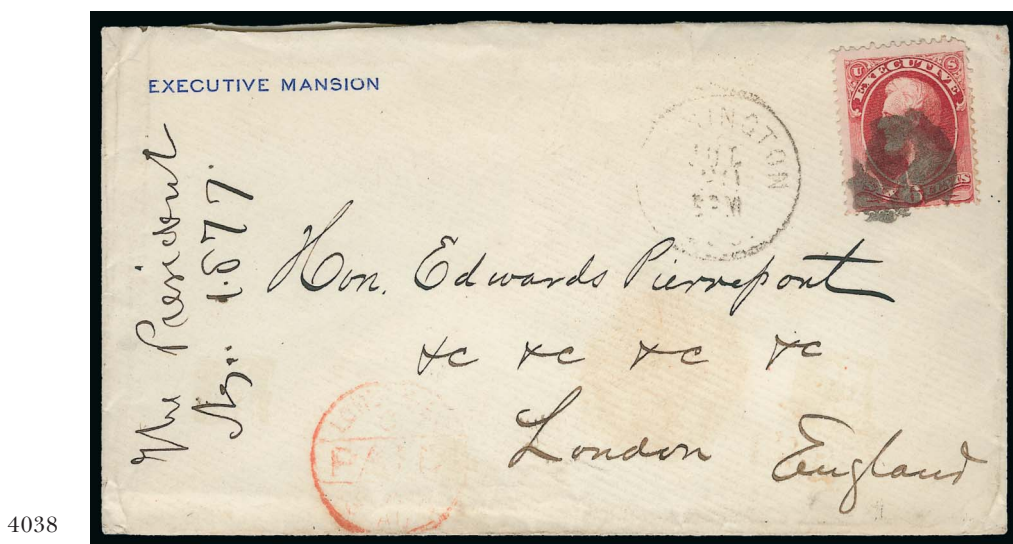
FINE. ONE OF ONLY SIX 3-CENT EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT COVERS KNOWN ORIGINATING IN LONG BRANCH, WHICH WAS PRESIDENT GRANT'S SUMMER RESIDENCE. ACCOMPANIED BY A FASCINATING LETTER TO JUDGE PIERPONT REGARDING JUDGE GEORGE P. FISHER.

While it is impossible say with certainty, we believe the letter and the cover belong together. The letter is datelined July 8, 1875, and goes on to say, in part, “I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday speaking of the complaints against Judge Fisher, Dist. Atty. for the district of Columbia. I have no doubt but the good of the service demands a change. You may notify Judge Fisher of the fact and give him an opportunity to resign. The change will be made whether he resigns or not.” Judge Pierpont had issues with Judge Fisher dating back to the trial of John H. Surratt, a former Confederate spy who was accused of being involved in the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. Judge Fisher ultimately set Surratt free as a result of a hung jury, despite Judge Pierpont's efforts in having him convicted. ....

..... E. 4,000-5,000



4037 detail of Grant's signature



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- 4038 ☒ **6c Executive (O13).** Tied by cork cancel, "Washington D.C. Jul. 20" circular datestamp on "Executive Mansion" imprint cover addressed to "Hon. Edwards Pierrepont, &c &c &c, London England", red "London AU 13, 1877" backstamp and additional London datestamp at bottom left, docketed at left

VERY FINE. ONE OF THE FINEST OF THE SEVEN RECORDED COVERS BEARING THE 6-CENT EXECUTIVE ISSUE. ONE OF THE GREAT RARITIES OF OFFICIALS COLLECTING.

Judge Edwards Pierrepont was a former Attorney General under President Grant.

Ex Ward, Ehrenberg, Markovits, Robertson and Ainsworth. With 1981 P.F. certificate ....  
..... E. 3,000-4,000



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- 4039 ☒ **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, AND THE ONLY EXAMPLE FROM PRESIDENT GRANT'S SUMMER HOME IN LONG BRANCH, NEW JERSEY.

In *Chronicle* 232, Les Lanphear records only seven Executive Department covers bearing stamps sent from President Grant's summer home in Long Branch, New Jersey — six bearing a 3c stamp and this cover bearing a 6c stamp.

Ex Starnes. .... E. 4,000-5,000



INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

- 4040 ★田 **1c-2c, 6c-90c Interior (O15-O16, O18-O24).** Blocks of four, nearly complete (less 3c), original gum, some with h.r.'s and sensible hinge reinforcements, 30c with part imprint selvage at bottom, 90c **Mint N.H.** and in surprisingly fresh condition, few small faults, otherwise Fine-Very Fine.....(Photo Ex) 6,300.00

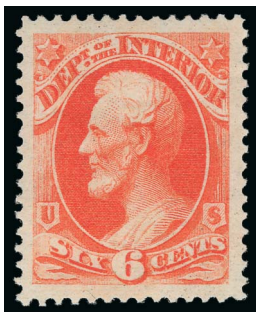


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- 4041 ★田 **1c Interior (O15).** Block of ten with plate no. 52 and partial imprint at bottom, **Mint N.H.**, rich color, couple stamps with light fingerprint mark, Fine, Scott Retail as Mint N.H. singles ..... 1,700.00



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- 4042 ★ **6c Interior (O18).** Original gum, vivid color on fresh paper, Jumbo margins, Extremely Fine, with 2008 P.S.E. certificate (OGh, XF-Superb 95 Jumbo; SMQ \$380.00), this is the highest graded unused example with only one other sharing this grade ..... 70.00

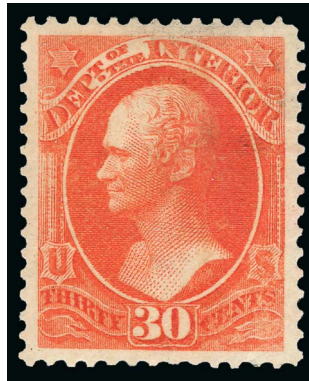
- 4043 **10c Interior (O19).** Magnificent color on bright white paper, Jumbo margins which are balanced all around, bold cross cancel, Extremely Fine Gem, a striking stamp, ex Kirke, with 2011 P.F. and 2008 P.S.E. certificates (XF-Superb 95 Jumbo; SMQ \$160.00), this is the highest grade awarded and no other examples have achieved this grade ..... 20.00



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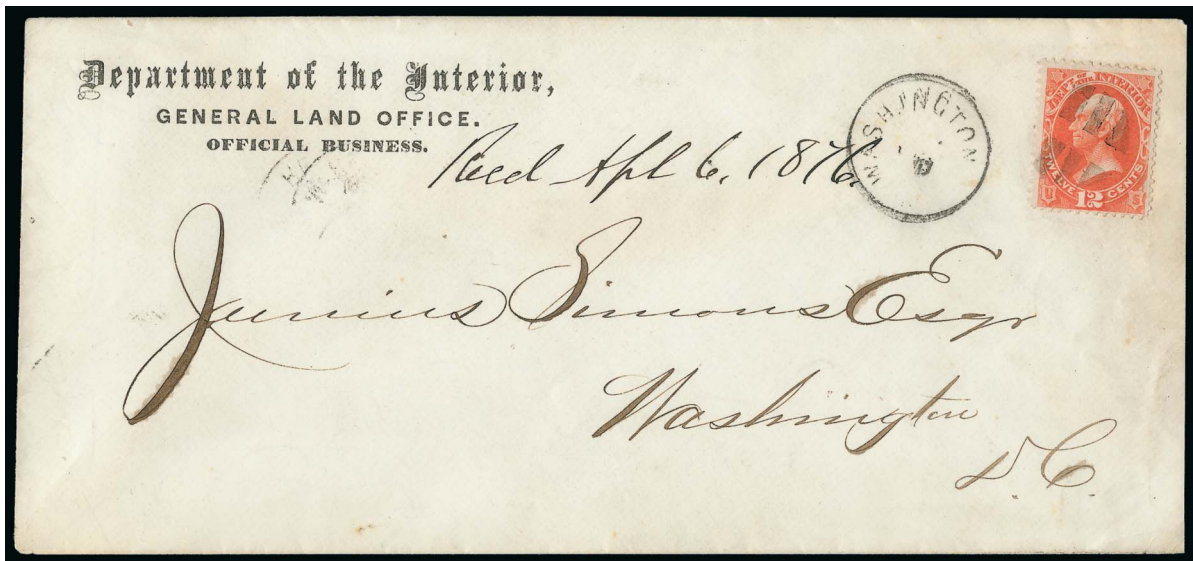


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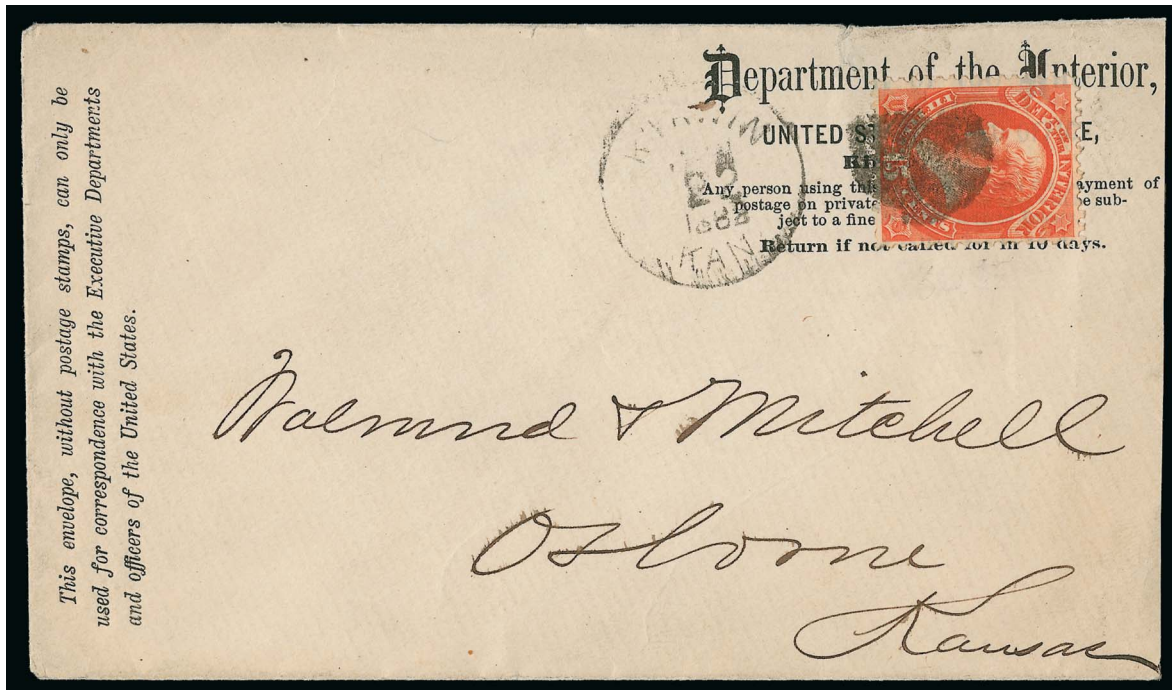
- 4044 田 **12c Interior (O20).** Block of four, **blue target** cancels, small reinforcement, Very Good-Fine ..... 575.00
- 4045 ★ **30c Interior (O23).** Original gum, lightly hinged, gorgeous Jumbo margins and almost perfect centering, deep rich color, "extended" perf at bottom, still Extremely Fine, with 2009 P.S.E. certificate (OGph, XF 90 Jumbo; SMQ \$825.00), no doubt would have graded higher had the original perf been intact, despite this and, according to the P.S.E. Population Report, this is the only one to have been awarded this grade with none higher ..... 290.00
- 4046 ★ **90c Interior (O24).** Original gum, h.r., incredibly wide margins, attractive color and a crisp impression, Very Fine, with 1999 P.F. certificate ..... 325.00



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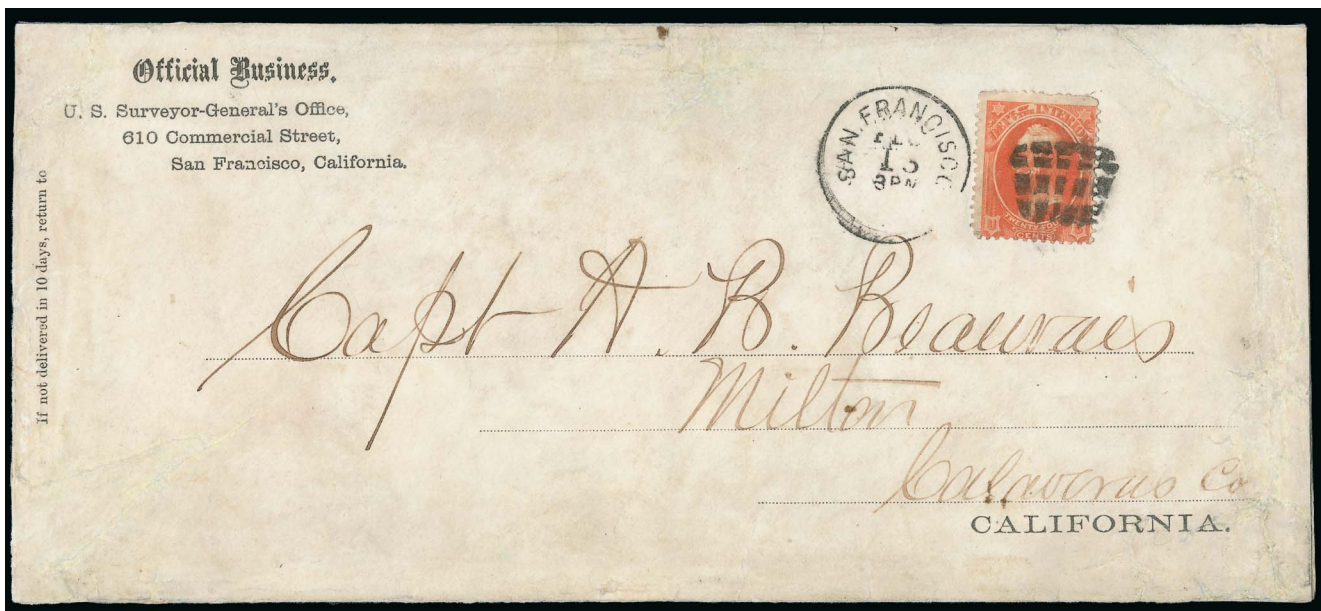
- 4047 ☒ **12c Interior (O20).** Bold color, light cork cancel with partly clear Washington, D.C. circular datestamp on "Department of the Interior, General Land Office, Official Business" imprint cover addressed locally, Washington Apr. 6 and Carrier backstamps, Very Fine ..... E. 200-300





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- 4048 ☒ **15c Interior (O21).** Intense color, tied by quartered cork cancel, "Kirnin Kan. Jun. 22, 1882" circular datestamp on "Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Kirnin, Kansas" penalty imprint cover to Osborn Kan., docketed on back, small opening tear at top, Very Fine, scarce, ex Starnes..... E. 400-500

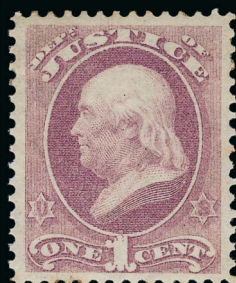


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- 4049 ☒ **24c Interior (O22).** Tied by segmented cork cancel with "San Francisco Feb 1?" circular datestamp on "Official Business., U.S. Surveyor-General's Office" imprint legal-size cover to Milton Cal, stamp with small faults and reattached with hinge, cover being tastefully restored especially along edges and backflap reattached, still Fine and presentable, this example is unrecorded in the Campbell census (*Chronicle* 188, November 2000) which records eight covers (one of which is cut down significantly)..... E. 500-750



JUSTICE DEPARTMENT



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- 4050 ★ **1c Justice (O25).** Original gum, well-centered amid balanced margins, small purple handstamp on reverse, Extremely Fine, with 2009 P.S.E. certificate (OGph, XF 90; SMQ \$555.00) ..... 250.00
- 4051 ★★田 **1c Justice (O25).** Block of four, **Mint N.H.**, bright color, Fine-Very Fine, Scott Retail as singles ..... 2,200.00
- 4052 (★)田 **1c Justice (O25).** Horizontal block of ten, unused (no gum), couple sensible hinge reinforcements, Fine, a scarce block which we believe to be the largest known multiple of the 1c Justice, Scott Retail as unused singles ..... 1,000.00
- 4053 ★田 **2c Justice (O26).** Horizontal block of eight, original gum, some slight perf separation, bottom middle pair Mint N.H. with light fingerprint marks, one stamp with minute thin at top, still Fine-Very Fine, believed to be the largest known block of the 2c Justice, Scott Retail as two blocks of four ..... 2,800.00
- 4054 **3c Justice (O27).** Horizontal strip of three, bold grid cancels, Fine, believed to be the largest known used multiple of the 3-cent Justice Department ..... E. 200-300



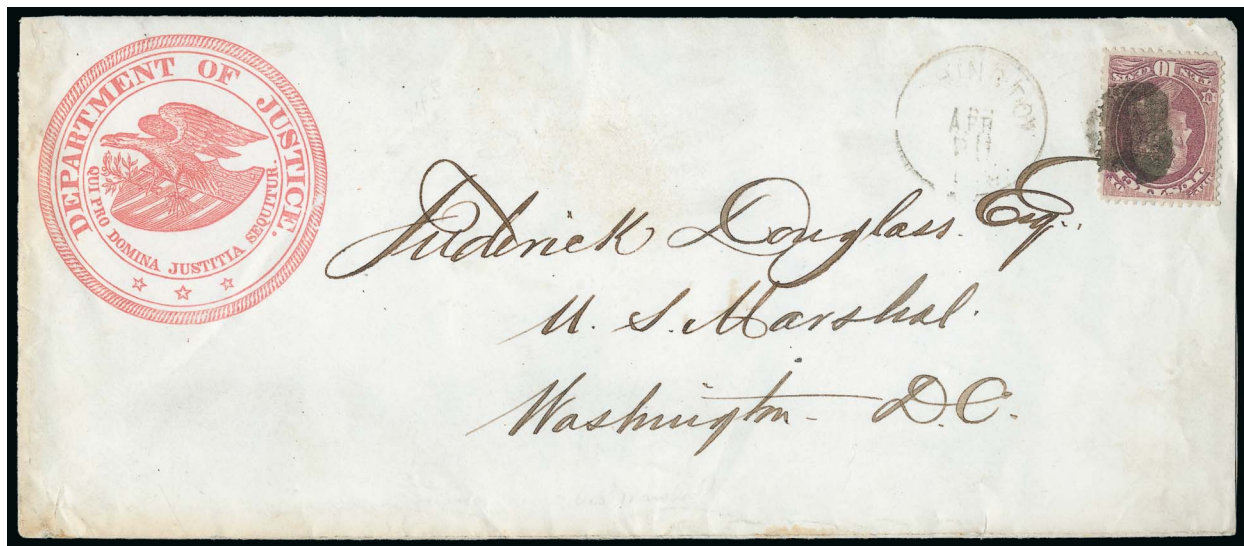


- 4055 ★田 **10c Justice (O29).** Block of six, original gum, multiple h.r.'s, fresh color, few light fingerprint marks, Fine-Very Fine, a scarce unused block, Scott Retail as block of four and two singles ..... 2,020.00
- 4056 ★ **15c Justice (O31).** Original gum, wonderfully well-centered, fresh color on bright paper, Very Fine and choice, with 2004 P.F. certificate ..... 475.00
- 4057 ★ **24c Justice (O32).** Original gum, well-centered, couple short perfs at top, Fine, with 2013 P.S.E. certificate (OGh, Fine 70; SMQ \$660.00) ..... 1,250.00
- 4058 ★ **90c Justice (O34).** Original gum, h.r., well-centered, incredibly wide margins, fresh color, Very Fine ..... 1,900.00
- 4059 **90c Justice (O34).** Clear strike of **Star in Circle fancy cancel**, fresh color, small pinpoint thin, still Very Fine, a rare example of the 90c Justice with a fancy cancel ..... 900.00



- 4060 ☒ **2c Justice (O26).** Tied by cork cancel on “Department of Justice” imprint and large crimson seal legal-size cover with Acting Chief Clerk’s signature certifying that no written matter was enclosed, thus the 2c printed matter double rate, addressed to Clarksburgh West Va., stamp with small nick at bottom right and cover with some aesthetic restoration work, still Fine, ex Ackerman and Lockyear, listed as No. 13 in Campbell census (*Chronicle* 200, November 2003) where he records only nine uses of the 2c Justice Department ..... E. 400-500
- 4061 ☒ **6c Justice (O28).** Cancelled by quartered cork with matching “Washington, D.C. Feb. 15” circular datestamp on Department of Justice crimson seal legal-size cover **addressed to Frederick Douglass** in his position as U.S. Marshal, stamp with trivial faults and paying the triple local rate, still Very Fine, ex Lockyear, No. 38 in the Campbell census (*Chronicle* 200, November 2003)..... E. 300-400
- 4062 ☒ **6c Justice (O28).** Tied by cork cancel with “Washington, D.C. May 16” circular datestamp on “Department of Justice, Ass’t Attorney General” imprint cover to Saginaw Mich., 1876 manuscript docketing on reverse, stamp with nick at top left, pays double 3c rate, Fine, unlisted in the Campbell census (*Chronicle* 200, November 2003)..... E. 300-400





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4063 ☒ **10c Justice (O29).** Well-centered, tied by cork cancel with “Washington, D.C. Apr. 20” circular datestamp on Department of Justice crimson seal legal-size cover **addressed to Frederick Douglass** as U.S. Marshal in Washington D.C., five-times 2c local rate

VERY FINE. ONE OF ONLY FOUR COVERS KNOWN WITH THE 10-CENT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, OF WHICH THREE ARE IN PRIVATE HANDS — THE FOURTH IS IN THE NATIONAL POSTAL MUSEUM COLLECTION.

Listed as No. 46 in the Campbell census (*Chronicle* 200, November 2003). Ex Waud and Markovits. With 2011 P.F. certificate..... E. 2,000-3,000

## NAVY DEPARTMENT



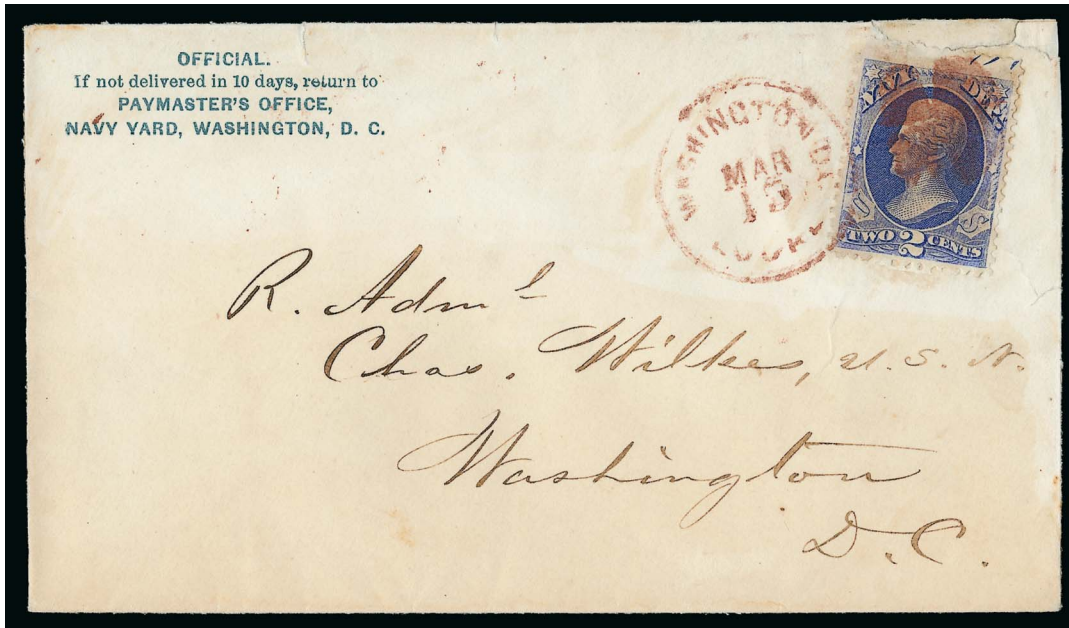
- 4064 ★田 **1c Navy (O35)**. Block of four, original gum, h.r.'s, each stamp with choice centering, one with natural inclusion, Extremely Fine, ex Markovits..... 750.00
- 4065 ★田 **3c Navy, Dull Blue (O37a)**. Block of four, original gum, h.r., lovely pastel color, Fine-Very Fine, Scott Retail as singles..... 680.00
- 4066 **7c Navy (O39)**. Balanced wide margins, rich color, light strike of **purple** cancel leaves design completely visible, Extremely Fine, a lovely stamp, ex Kirke, with 2009 P.S.E. certificate (XF 90; SMQ \$440.00), this is the highest grade awarded and no other examples have achieved this grade..... 230.00
- 4067 ★田 **10c Navy (O40)**. Block of four, original gum with light toned spots, one stamp with some gum loss due to hinge removal, otherwise lightly hinged, stunning centering, bright color, Extremely Fine appearance, ex Markovits..... 1,000.00
- 4068 ★ **15c Navy (O42)**. Original gum, lightly hinged, exceedingly well-centered within wide margins, bright color, Extremely Fine..... 375.00
- 4069 ★ **24c Navy (O43)**. Original gum, well-centered, balanced wide margins, bold color, Very Fine, with 2008 P.S.E. certificate (OGph, VF 80 Jumbo; SMQ \$455.00) ..... 400.00





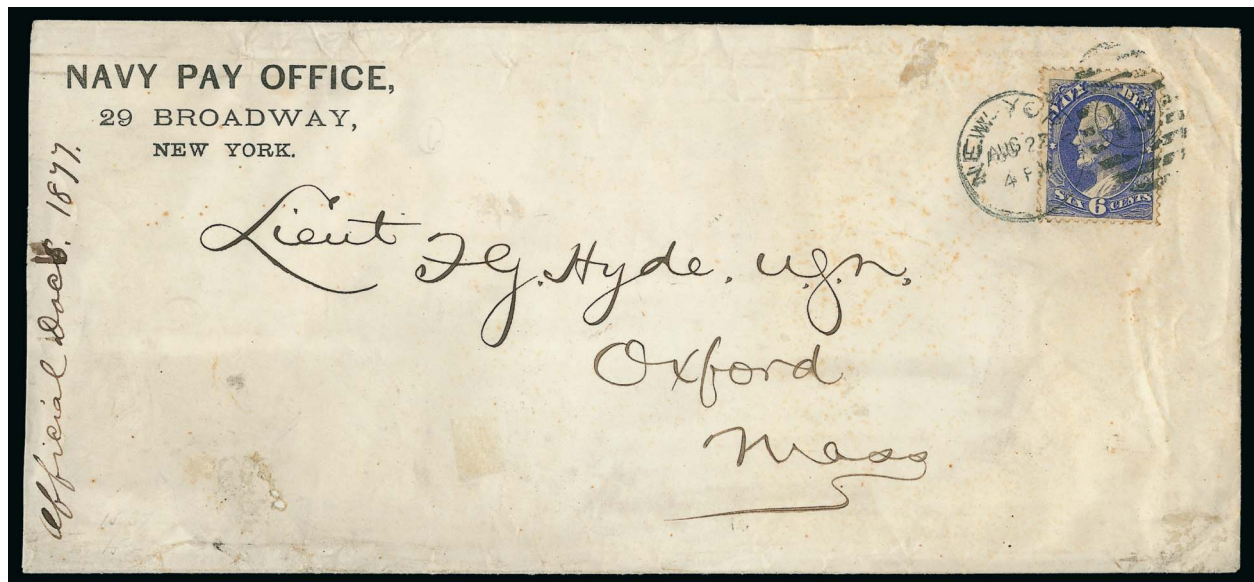
- 4070 ★田 **24c Navy (O43)**. Horizontal block of six, slightly glazed original gum, incredibly fresh color, well-centered throughout, sensible perf reinforcements, Very Fine, blocks of this value are incredibly scarce and are rarely offered with this block possibly being the largest ..... 2,800.00
- 4071 ★ **30c Navy (O44)**. Original gum, lightly hinged, marvelously well-centered within wide margins, deep color on fresh paper, Extremely Fine, with 2009 P.F. certificate (XF 90 XQ) ..... 325.00
- 4072 ★田 **30c Navy (O44)**. Block of four, original gum, deep rich shade on bright paper, Fine-Very Fine, with 2001 P.S.E. certificate ..... 1,600.00
- 4073 **30c Navy (O44)**. Choice wide margins, well-centered, bold cork cancel, Extremely Fine, ex Kirke, with 2011 P.F. and 2009 P.S.E. certificates (XF 90; SMQ \$115.00), this is the highest grade awarded and it is shared by only one other ..... 50.00
- 4074 ★田 **90c Navy (O45)**. Block of four, original gum, slight gum loss from hinge removal, well-centered for a multiple of this high value, bright color, light crease along bottom pair, small hinge reinforcement and couple perf separations, Fine-Very Fine, blocks of the 90c Navy Department are rarely encountered ..... 6,250.00





4075

- 4075 ☒ **2c Navy (O36).** Well-centered with wide top margin showing trace of **plate number**, 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* 193), ex Ackerman and Starnes..... E. 500-750



4076

- 4076 ☒ **6c Navy (O38).** Tied by "New-York Aug. 22 4PM" duplex datestamp and oval grid cancel 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), ex Starnes..... E. 500-750





4077

4077 ☒ **12c Navy (O41).** Bright color and well-centered, tied by quartered cork cancel on "Official Business" Bureau of Ordinance corner card label for printed matter only and signed by chief clerk Samuel Ellis, label pasted on **complete** cloth-lined envelope, addressed to Rear Admiral A. A. Harwood in Marion Mass.

VERY FINE. AN INCREDIBLY RARE 12-CENT NAVY DEPARTMENT USE, BEING ONE OF ONLY FIVE RECORDED. THIS IS ONE OF TWO SOLO FRANKINGS KNOWN. AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF OFFICIAL POSTAL HISTORY.

Unlisted in the Campbell census (*Chronicle* 193, February 2002) which only lists two examples known. No. 51 (used with 3c) in his census is ex Lockyear and Hughes, No. 56 (used with 30c) is ex Starnes (Siegel Sale 945, realized \$37,500 hammer), and the other unlisted cover (also used with 30c) is the newly-discovered Commodore Caldwell cover (Siegel Sale 1048, realized \$15,000 hammer). We have reports that one other solo use is in private hands.

According to the Stanford Archives, the recipient of this package was Rear Admiral Andrew Allen Harwood (1802-1884), who was a great grandson of Benjamin Franklin. He began his career in the Navy as Midshipman on the USS *Saranac* in 1818 and ultimately retired in 1874 as Rear Admiral.

With 2013 P.F. certificate ..... E. 3,000-4,000



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- 4078 ☒ **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, Commd'g U.S. Naval Force So. Atlantic Station, Montevideo, Uruguay", red "New York 1.10 Sep. 27" (110 centimes=22c) 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 ONE OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING OFFICIAL COVERS EXTANT.



Commodore Charles H. B. Caldwell  
(1823-1877)

In an article on Navy Department covers, Alan C. Campbell wrote: "Despite the obvious need for regular communication with station squadrons in foreign waters, little foreign mail from the Navy Department has survived. I record only six covers, of which three were in the Starnes collection stolen in 1983 and may have been lost to philately forever. These were the celebrated pair to Commodore Caldwell (24c to Uruguay, 12c, 30c combination to Brazil) and a 2c, 3c combination on an 1875 cover to Italy." ("Usages of Navy Department Stamps", Alan C. Campbell, *Chronicle* 193, Feb. 2002, pp. 44-58). This cover was also listed as No. 20 in Campbell's census of high-value Official stamps on cover (*Chronicle* 188, Nov. 2000, pp. 287-299). Campbell's article was published before the recovery of the Starnes collection and the emergence of other covers from the Caldwell correspondence.

Commodore Charles H. B. Caldwell was the commander of the U.S. Navy's South Atlantic Station (the flagship was the U.S.S. *Richmond*). As a lieutenant during the Civil War, commanding the U.S.S. *Itasca*, Caldwell captured the Confederate schooner *Lizzie Weston* off Florida en route to Jamaica with a cargo of cotton. The following year, the Union Mortar Flotilla under his command opened the bombardment of the Confederate works at Port Hudson, Louisiana.

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.

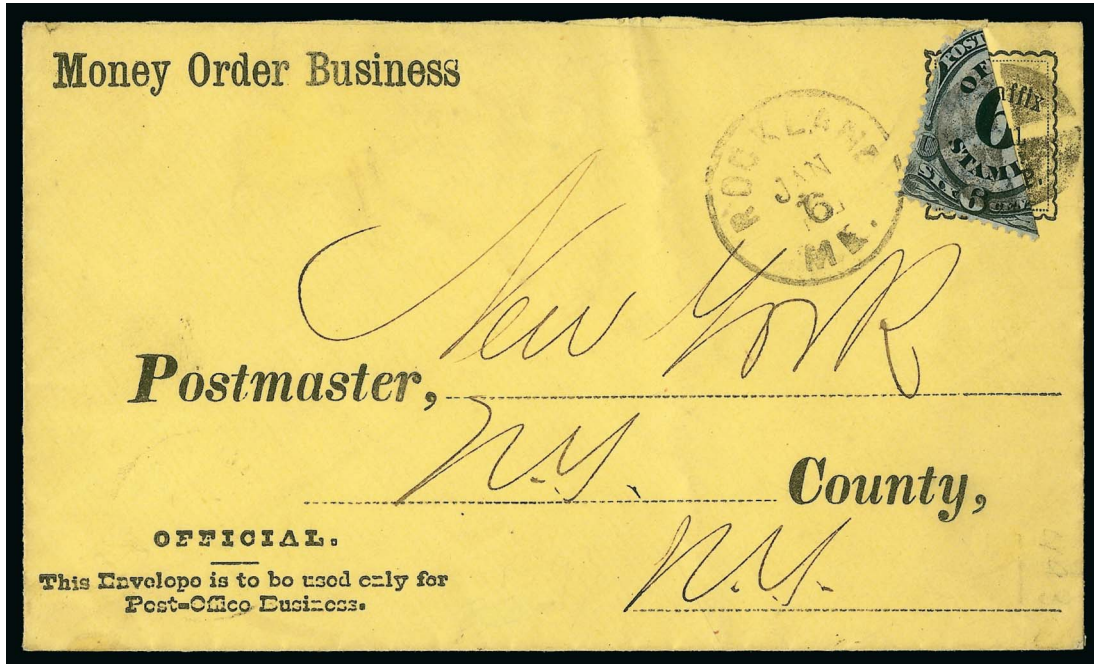
Ex Starnes..... E. 15,000-20,000



## POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT



- 4079 ★ **15c Post Office (O53).** Original gum, strong color, well-balanced Jumbo margins, Extremely Fine, with 2007 P.S.E. certificate (OGph, XF 90 Jumbo; SMQ \$405.00) ..... 140.00
- 4080 ★田 **15c Post Office (O53).** Block of four, bottom stamps Mint N.H., top pair lightly hinged, well-balanced margins, Very Fine, Scott Retail as singles ..... 675.00
- 4081 **24c Post Office (O54).** Perfect centering with wide margins, large target cancel, Extremely Fine Gem, ex Kirke, with 2011 P.F. and 2008 P.S.E. certificates (Superb 98; unpriced in SMQ above the grade of 95), this is the only used example contained in the P.S.E. Population Report ..... 25.00
- 4082 田 **30c Post Office (O55).** Block of four, intense shade, each cancelled by well-struck target, fresh and Fine, scarce used multiple of which only four are known, ex Starnes ... 750.00
- 4083 ★ **90c Post Office (O56).** Original gum, h.r., intense shade on bright white paper, large margins, Extremely Fine ..... 220.00

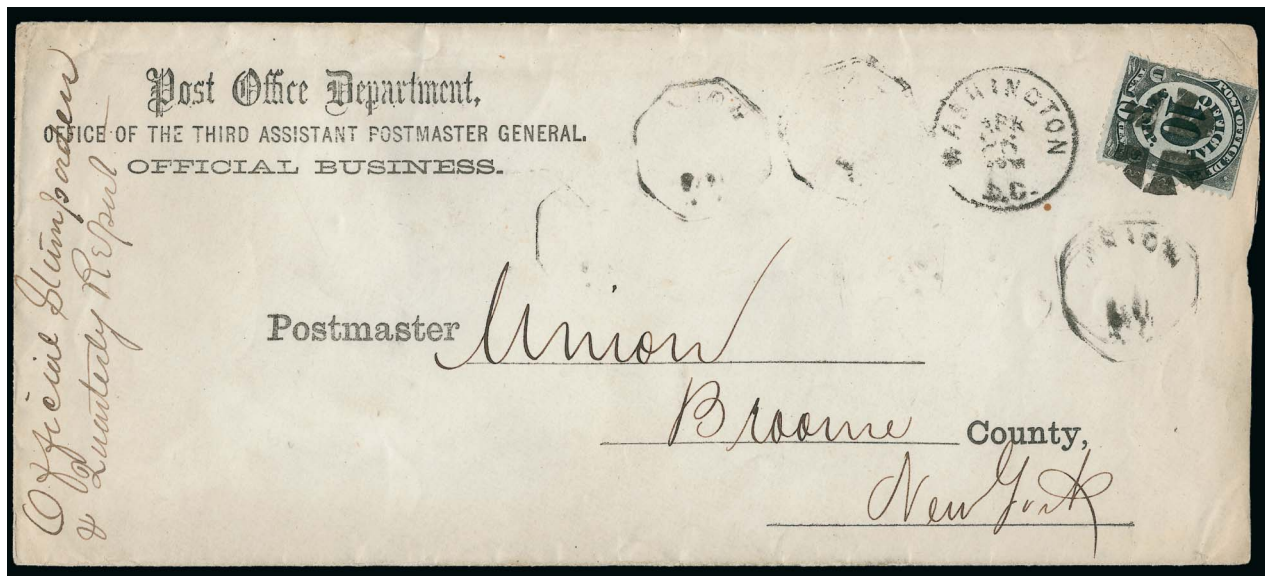


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- 4084 ☒ **6c Post Office, Diagonal Half Used as 3c on Cover (O50a).** Bottom left diagonal half well-tied across the cut by quartered cork cancel, "Rockland Me. Jan 6" circular datestamp on yellow "Money Order Business" cover to postmaster of New York City, piece missing from tip of stamp at upper left

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

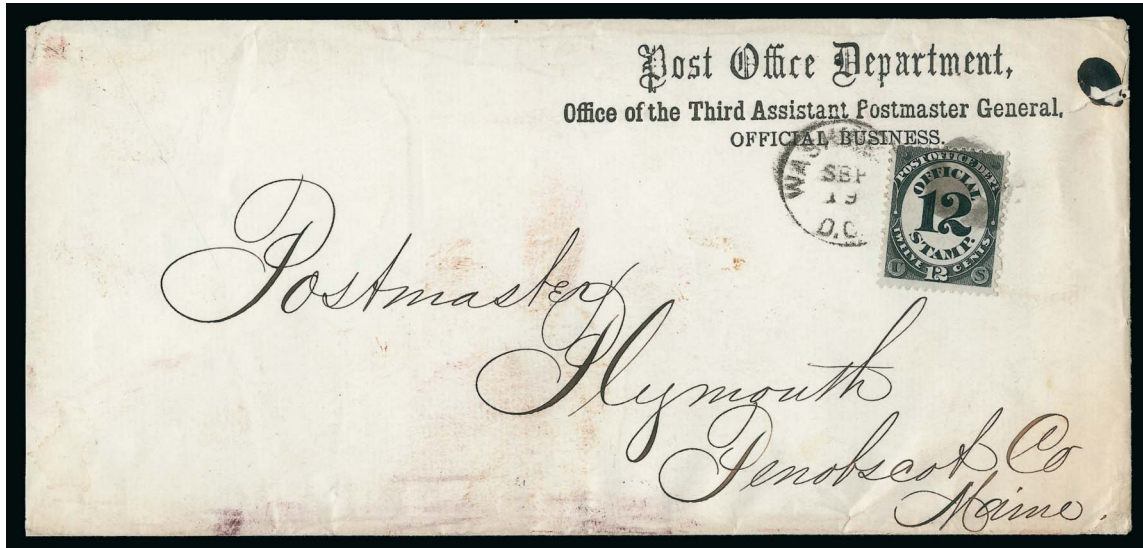
We record ten covers with the 6c Post Office bisect (all diagonal halves). Three are in the Miller collection at The New York Public Library, leaving seven available to collectors.... E. 1,500-2,000



4085

- 4085 ☒ **10c Post Office (O51).** Trimmed at top, tied by quartered cork cancel, "Washington, D.C. Apr. 26" circular datestamp on "Post Office Department, Office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Official Business" imprint legal-size cover to postmaster in Union N.Y., manuscript "Official Stamp orders & Quarterly Report" docketing, multiple light Union arrival markings, stamp with several faults, still Fine, a scarce use..... E. 200-300





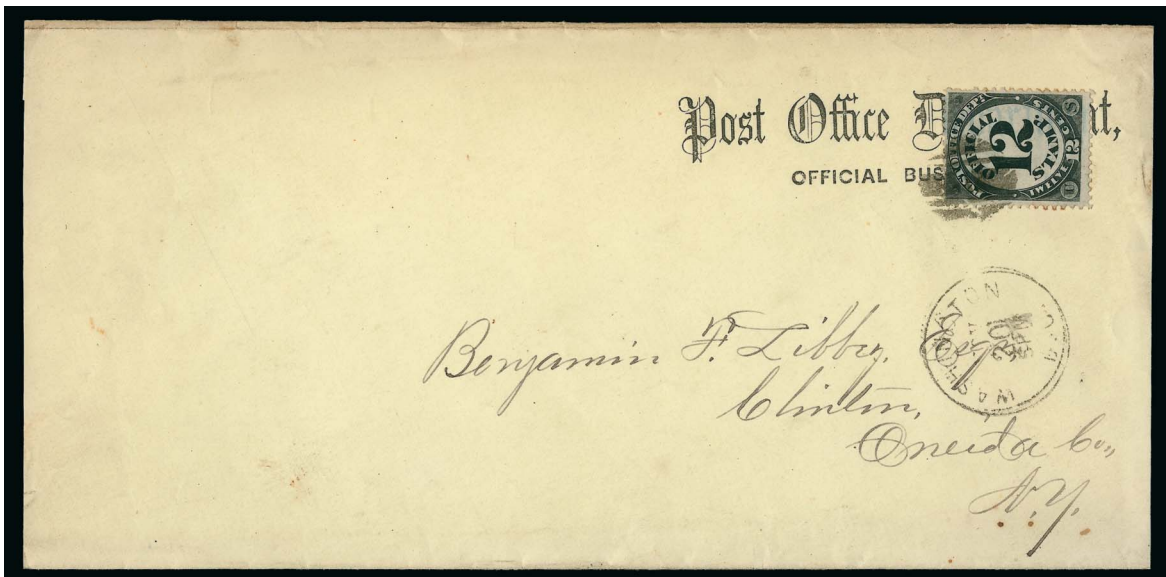
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- 4086 ☒ **12c Post Office (O52).** Tied by cork cancel and "Washington, D.C. Sept. 19" circular datestamp on "Post Office Department, Office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General, Official Business" imprint legal-size cover to the Postmaster at Plymouth Me., reduced slightly at left and other trivial cover flaws

FINE. THIS IS THE EARLIEST DOCUMENTED USE OF THE 12-CENT POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

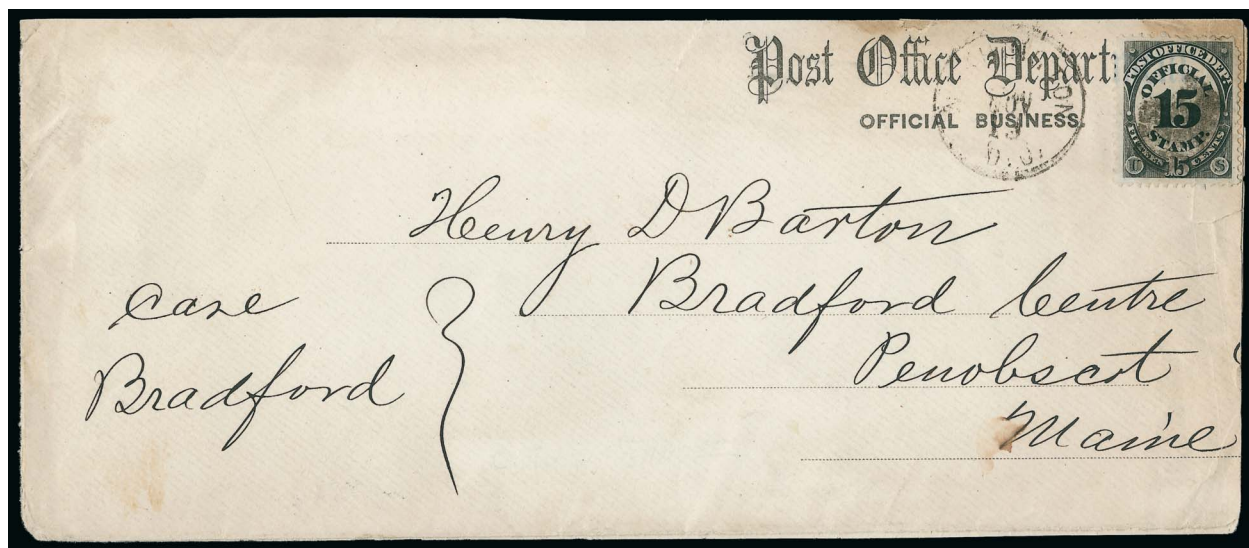
According to the Markovits sale (Bennett 2004), the year can be established as 1873 from the small Washington D.C. circular datestamp, which was only used in that year.

Ex Markovits ..... E. 1,500-2,000



4087

- 4087 ☒ **12c Post Office (O52).** Tied by indistinct cork cancel and "Washington, D.C. Nov 20" circular datestamp on "Post Office Department, Official Business" imprint legal-size cover to Clinton N.Y., paying the quadruple domestic rate, slightly reduced at sides, Very Fine, ex Turner ..... E. 300-400



4088

4088 ☒ **15c Post Office (O53).** Cancelled by circular cork, matching “Washington, D.C. Nov 13” circular datestamp on “Post Office Department, Official Business” imprint legal-size cover addressed to Penobscot Me., slightly reduced at top and right and with minor peripheral tears, stamp with crease and some perforation flaws

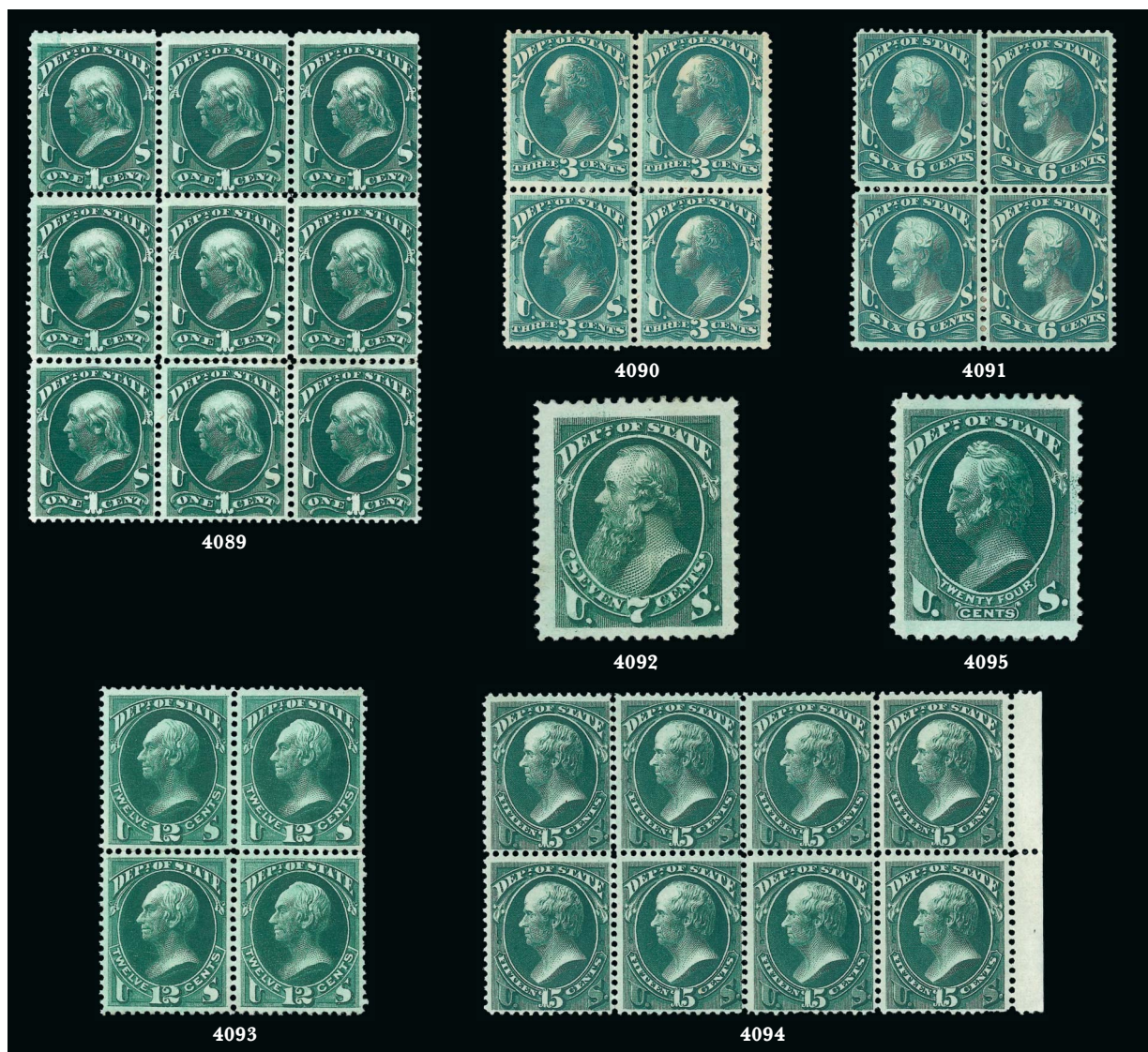
FINE AND RARE. ONLY FOUR COVERS HAVE BEEN RECORDED WITH THE 15-CENT POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT. THIS IS ALSO BELIEVED TO BE THE EARLIEST USE.

The 15c stamp pays the five-times 3c domestic rate. According to the Markovits catalogue (Bennett 2004), this is an 1873 use, but we are not so sure.

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



## STATE DEPARTMENT



- 4089 ★田 **1c State (O57)**. Block of nine, original gum, striking color, attractive centering especially along the bottom row, some perf separation along bottom two horizontal rows, Fine-Very Fine, this is the largest known multiple of the 1c State Department, ex Lilly, Waud and Markovits, Scott Retail as a block of four and five singles..... 2,550.00
- 4090 ★田 **3c State (O59)**. Block of four, original gum, minor h.r., bright fresh color, well-centered, Fine-Very Fine, ex Markovits ..... 1,100.00
- 4091 ★田 **6c State (O60)**. Block of four, original gum, h.r., wonderfully deep rich color, well-centered, Very Fine and fresh, with 2005 P.F. certificate ..... 1,100.00
- 4092 ★ **7c State (O61)**. Original gum that the certificate harshly calls "slightly disturbed", well-centered, phenomenal Jumbo margins, bold color on bright paper, Extremely Fine, with 2002 P.S.E. certificate ..... 290.00
- 4093 ★田 **12c State (O63)**. Block of four, original gum, marvelously well-centered, deep rich shade, Extremely Fine, a spectacular multiple which might be the finest extant, ex Markovits ..... 1,650.00
- 4094 ★田 **15c State (O64)**. Horizontal block of eight with selvage at right, original gum, three bottom stamps **Mint N.H.**, rich color, trivial perf separation, Fine, scarce multiple of this size, ex Lilly, Waud and Markovits, Scott Retail as two blocks of four ..... 3,500.00
- 4095 ★ **24c State (O65)**. Original gum, h.r., intense shade and impression on bright paper, Jumbo margins all around, Extremely Fine, a stamp for the connoisseur, with 1987 P.F. and 2002 P.S.E. certificates (OGph, XF-Superb 95 Jumbo; SMQ \$2,350.00), this is the sole example to achieve this grade with no other examples graded higher in any condition ..... 525.00





4096

- 4096 ★田 **24c State (O65)**. Block of four, original gum with minor disturbance from hinge removal, nicely centered, strong color, Very Fine, an incredibly rare multiple as only three blocks have been recorded, ex Lilly, Waud and Markovits..... 3,100.00



4097

- 4097 ★田 **30c State (O66)**. Block of four, original gum, exceedingly well-centered, vibrant deep color, trivial toning on gum

VERY FINE. A CHOICE AND RARE MULTIPLE OF THE 30-CENT STATE DEPARTMENT. ONE OF ONLY TWO RECORDED BLOCKS.

Ex Ward, Weill and Markovits. With 1990 P.F. certificate..... 4,500.00



4098



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4100

- 4098 **30c State (O66)**. Jumbo margins which are especially wide at left and bottom, rich color and detailed impression, neat strike of **blue** oval datestamp, Very Fine and choice, a stamp of great visual appeal, ex Kirke, with 2011 P.F. and 2010 P.S.E. certificates (VF-XF 85 Jumbo; SMQ \$260.00), this is the highest grade awarded and it is shared by no others..... 180.00
- 4099 ★ **90c State (O67)**. Disturbed original gum with h.r. and small paper remnants, balanced margins, attractive soft color, Very Fine and choice, with 1994 P.F. certificate simply as "part o.g." and 2008 P.S.E. certificate (DOG, VF-XF 85; SMQ \$1,375.00) ..... 1,050.00
- 4100 **90c State (O67)**. Light cancel, wide top and bottom margins and deep rich color, Very Fine.. ..... 325.00



- 4101 ★ **\$2.00 State (O68).** Original gum, lightly hinged, wide balanced margins, fresh colors, Very Fine and choice, with 1997 and 2012 P.F. certificates (VF 80) ... 1,800.00



4101



4102

- 4102 **\$2.00 State (O68).** Clear strike of New York City "6" oval grid with vertical bars — this type of grid is part of the Type F Supplementary Mail duplex datestamp used on foreign-bound mail — well-centered with bold colors, couple short perfs and a small pinhole, Very Fine, ex Markovits, with 1985 P.F. certificate..... 3,000.00

- 4103 ★ **\$5.00 State (O69).** Disturbed original gum, well-centered, Very Fine, with 1928 B.P.A. and 1985 P.F. certificates just stating original gum ..... 8,000.00



4103



4104

- 4104 **\$5.00 State (O69).** Quartered cork cancel as usually seen, remarkably well-centered but reperforated at top  
VERY FINE APPEARANCE. AN EXTREMELY RARE GENUINELY USED EXAMPLE OF THE 5-DOLLAR STATE DEPARTMENT ISSUE.  
Ex Markovits. With 2004 P.F. and 2008 P.S.E. certificates.  
..... 13,000.00



4105

- 4105 ★ **\$10.00 State (O70).** Original gum, lightly hinged, beautiful centering, rich colors on fresh paper

VERY FINE ORIGINAL-GUM EXAMPLE OF THE \$10.00 STATE DEPARTMENT.

With 1992 and 2004 P.F. certificates and a 2007 P.S.E. certificate (F-VF 75; SMQ \$3,800.00) ..... 5,000.00

- 4106 **\$10.00 State (O70).** Bright color, light strike of magenta "Received" cancel

VERY FINE. THE \$10.00 STATE DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERABLY SCARCER USED THAN UNUSED, ESPECIALLY IN SOUND CONDITION WITH A MAGENTA CANCEL.

Ex Lake Shore. With 2005 P.F. certificate. .... 7,500.00



4106



4107

- 4107 ★ **\$20.00 State (O71).** Original gum, strong colors and a clear impression, minute magenta ink mark at top left, Fine, with 2000 P.F. certificate ..... 5,500.00

- 4108 **\$20.00 State (O71).** Light cork and manuscript cancels, well-centered, wonderful strong colors

VERY FINE. A RARE SOUND USED EXAMPLE OF THE \$20.00 STATE DEPARTMENT ISSUE.

With 1990 and 2007 P.F. certificates (VF 80) ..... 5,500.00



4108





- 4109 ☒ **2c State (O58).** Tied by "New York Dec 18" Station E duplex cancel on "Department of State, U.S.A." imprint cover to Muscatine Ia., manuscript "*Husband, Washington, D.C., Dec. 1883*" docketing at left, stamp with trivial corner crease, Very Fine, a fascinating **illegal use** from a diplomat sending a letter back home to his wife, ex Waud and Markovits..... E. 500-750
- 4110 ☒ **2c State (O58).** Rich color, tied by quartered cork cancel and "Washington D.C." circular datestamp on cover to Office of the Congressional Printer, August 31 Carrier backstamp, opened for display, Very Fine, ex Burrows..... E. 300-400
- 4111 ☒ **6c State (O60).** Well-centered, tied by cork cancel, "Washington D.C. Jan. 6" circular datestamp on legal-size "Department of State, U.S.A." imprint cover to Camden Ala., 1876 docketing at left, few edge tears at top from opening, otherwise Very Fine ..... E. 200-300
- 4112 ☒ **6c State (O60).** Rich color, cancelled by purple quartered cork, matching "Washington D.C. Feb. 23" circular datestamp on legal-size "Department of State, U.S.A." imprint cover to Boston, receiving backstamp, light vertical file folds clear of stamp, slightly reduced at right, some edgewear, still Fine..... E. 200-300

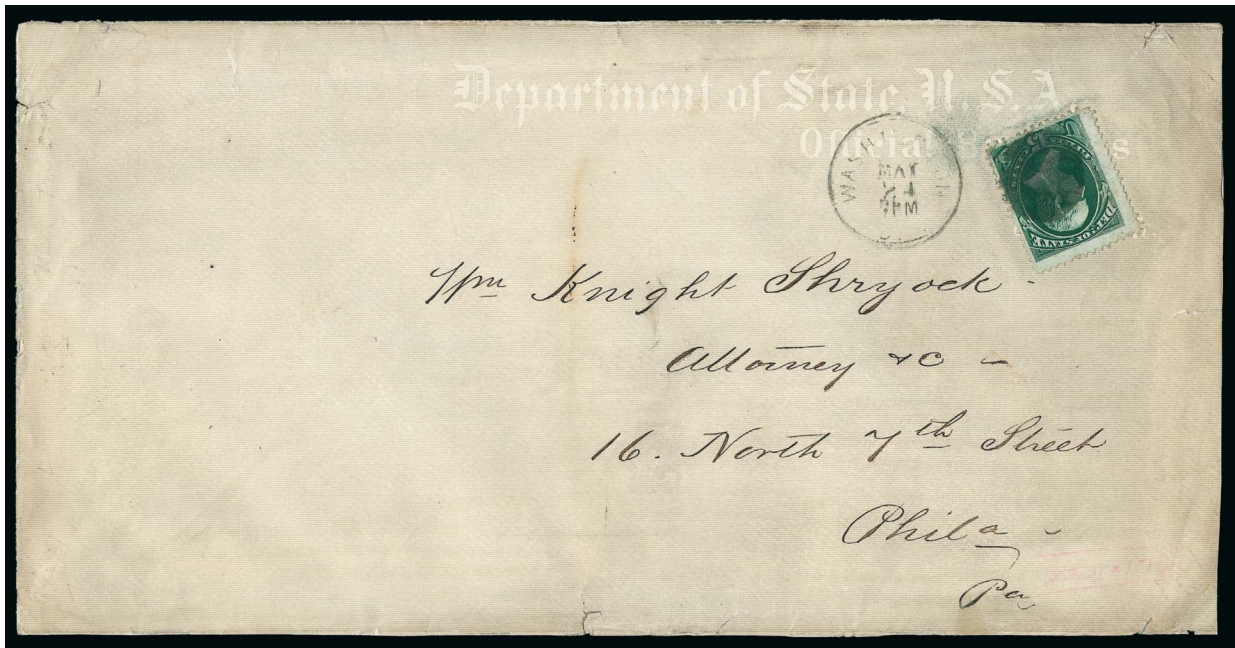


4113

- 4113 ☒ **7c State (O61).** Tied by quartered cork cancel, "Washington, D.C., Nov 17" circular datestamp on cover **from Guatemala** to Shreveport La., manuscript "U.S. Legation at Central America, Geo. Williamston, U.S. Minister" at top left, blue "DEPARTMENT OF STATE" straightline handstamp, small part of backflap missing, stamp overpaying the 6c domestic double rate by 1c

FINE. ACCORDING TO THE MARKOVITS CATALOGUE, ONLY THREE CONSULAR COVERS ARE KNOWN FROM GUATEMALA.

Ex Hughes, Waud and Markovits ..... E. 1,500-2,000



4114

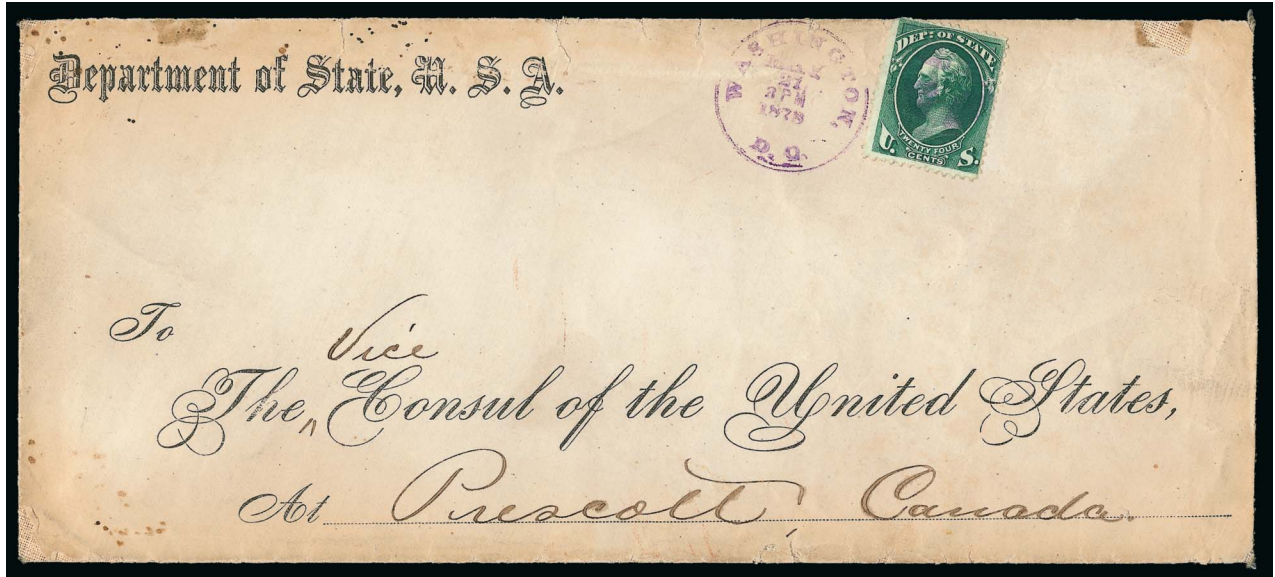
- 4114 ☒ **15c State (O64).** Just tied along perfs by circular cork cancel, "Washington D.C. May 24 7PM" circular datestamp on legal-size **overall lithographed "Department of State, U.S. Official Business, Chief Clerk" imprint** cover to Philadelphia Pa., receiving backstamp, very minor edgewear

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.

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





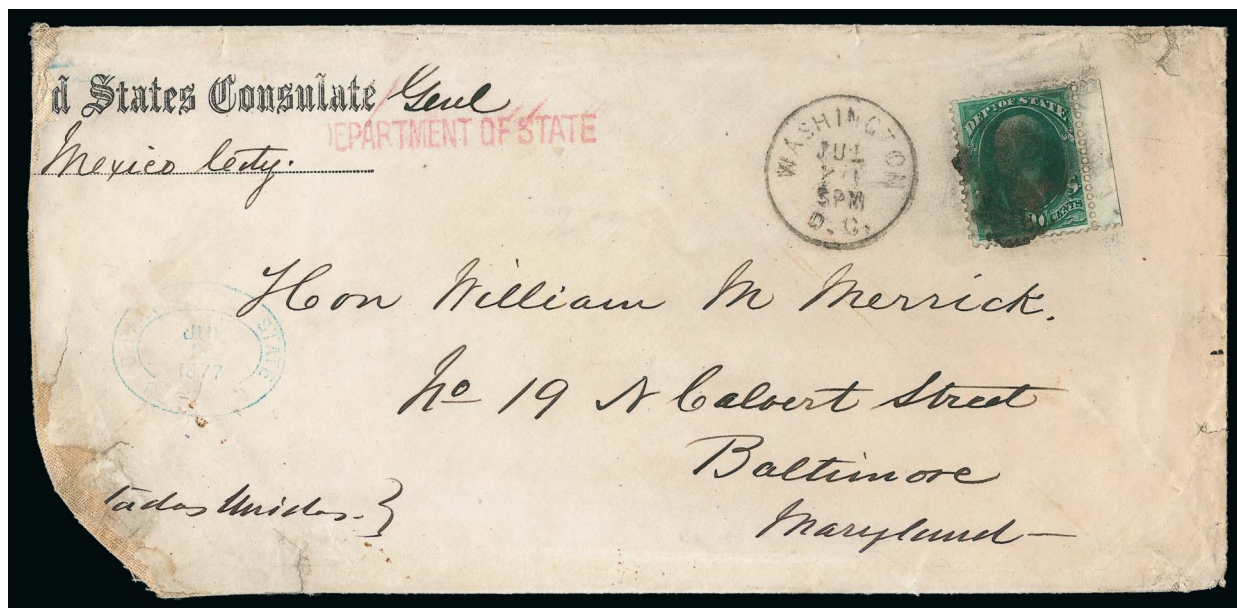
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4115 ☒ **24c State (O65).** Deep shade, small tear at top, canceled by purple quartered cork cancel, matching "Washington D.C. May 27 3PM 1878" circular datestamp on legal-size linen-lined cover with "Department of State, U.S.A." imprint and part-printed 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* 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 eight-times 3c rate to Canada (4 oz.).

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



4116

4116 ☒ **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 and 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* 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 and Starnes. With 2007 P.F. certificate. .... E. 7,500-10,000



## TREASURY DEPARTMENT



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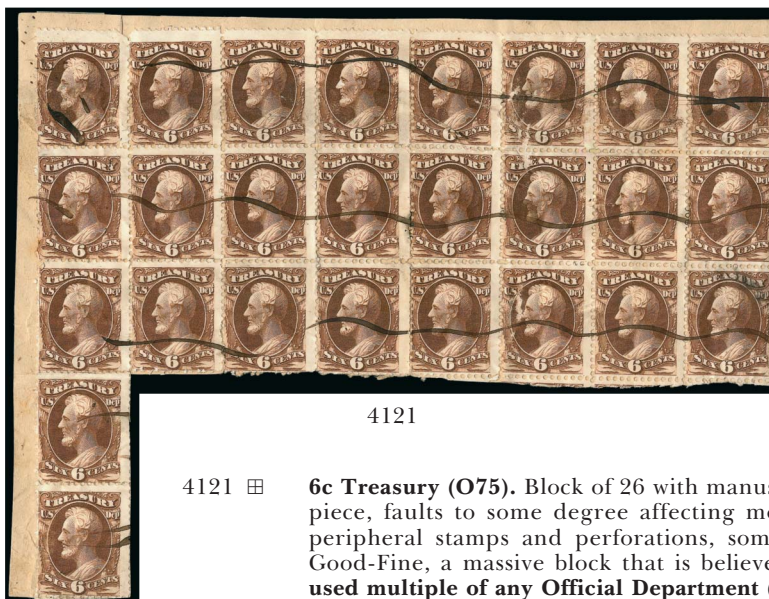


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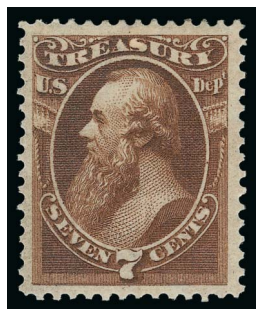
4120

- 4117 ★田 **2c Treasury (O73)**. Block of eight with **full imprint** in top selvage, original gum, strong color, single hinge reinforcement, Fine, a scarce imprint block, Scott Retail simply as two blocks of four ..... 1,100.00
- 4118 ★ **3c Treasury (O74)**. Original gum, lightly hinged, Jumbo margins, pleasing shade, light vertical gum bend at right, otherwise Extremely Fine, Jumbo examples of Official Issues are seldom encountered, with 1993 P.S.E. certificate ..... 110.00
- 4119 田 **6c Treasury (O75)**. Block of four, segmented cork cancels, Fine-Very Fine ..... 500.00
- 4120 田 **6c Treasury (O75)**. Horizontal block of eight, segmented cork cancels, strong color, some perf flaws along bottom stamps, Very Good-Fine, a scarce used multiple, Scott Retail as two used blocks ..... 1,000.00



4121

- 4121 田 **6c Treasury (O75)**. Block of 26 with manuscript line cancels, affixed to piece, faults to some degree affecting most examples especially the peripheral stamps and perforations, some with facial scrapes, Very Good-Fine, a massive block that is believed to be the **second largest used multiple of any Official Department** (see lot 4133).... E. 300-400



4122



4123



4124



4125

- 4122 ★ **7c Treasury (O76).** Original gum, wide margins, dark shade, Very Fine and choice, with 1995 P.F. certificate ..... 250.00
- 4123 ★田 **7c Treasury (O76).** Block of four, original gum, attractively centered, fresh, attractive color, Fine-Very Fine, scarce and desirable block of four ..... 1,100.00
- 4124 田 **7c Treasury (O76).** Block of four, large grids of small squares cancels, small tear and crease at bottom of bottom left stamp, otherwise Fine, very scarce, ex Stone ..... 1,000.00
- 4125 ★田 **10c Treasury (O77).** Block of four, original gum, h.r.'s, bold color, Fine ..... 1,075.00



4126

- 4126 田 **10c Treasury (O77).** Block of 16, relatively light roller cancel, some sensible hinge reinforcements, Fine-Very Fine, an attractive multiple which is the largest known block of this value, Scott Retail as four used blocks of four ..... 1,300.00



- 4127 ★★田 **15c Treasury (O79)**. Block of nine with **plate no. 84** in bottom selvage, all stamps **Mint N.H.**, rich color and proof-like impression on fresh white paper, bottom row with particularly large margins

FINE-VERY FINE. AN OUTSTANDING AND VERY RARE BLOCK OF THE 15-CENT TREASURY DEPARTMENT WITH PLATE NUMBER SELVAGE.

Scott Retail as Mint N.H. singles ..... 5,850.00

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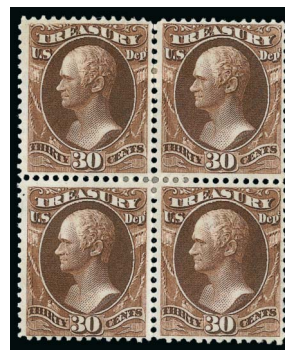


- 4128 ★田 **15c Treasury (O79)**. Block of four, original gum, couple h.r.'s, unusually well-centered, bold color, trivial tone spot on gum, otherwise Very Fine, a scarce multiple in this quality ..... 1,400.00
- 4129 ★田 **24c Treasury (O80)**. Block of four, slightly disturbed original gum, rich color, slight perf separation, Fine-Very Fine, a scarce block, with 1990 P.F. certificate ..... 3,250.00
- 4130 **24c Treasury (O80)**. Horizontal strip of four, lightly cancelled, Fine-Very Fine, other than a block of 14 this is the only other used multiple of the 24c Treasury, ex Stone, Scott Retail for used singles ..... 400.00
- 4131 ★ **30c Treasury (O81)**. Original gum, lightly hinged, wonderfully well-centered, rich color, Very Fine and choice, with 2002 P.F. certificate ..... 400.00





4133



4132



4134

- 4132 (★)田 **30c Treasury (O81)**. Block of four, unused (no gum), deep rich color, attractive centering, some perf separations, Fine-Very Fine, ex Markovits, Scott Retail as unused singles . . . . . 560.00
- 4133 田 **30c Treasury (O81)**. Block of 30, cancels lighter than normally seen, sensible hinge reinforcement and some perf separation, top left corner trimmed, Fine-Very Fine, this is believed to be the **largest used multiple of any Official Department stamp** . . . . . E. 1,500-2,000
- 4134 ★ **90c Treasury (O82)**. Original gum, nicely centered, strong color, Very Fine, with 2007 P.S.E. certificate (OGh, VF 80; SMQ \$415.00) . . . . . 400.00



4135

- 4135 ★田 **90c Treasury (O82)**. Top margin block of ten with **plate no. 61** and part imprint, original gum, five stamps Mint N.H., other five lightly hinged, dark shade on fresh crisp paper  
FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE PLATE NUMBER MULTIPLE OF THE 90-CENT TREASURY ISSUE ON HARD PAPER.  
Ex Wampler. Scott Retail as two blocks of four and two singles . . . . . 4,800.00



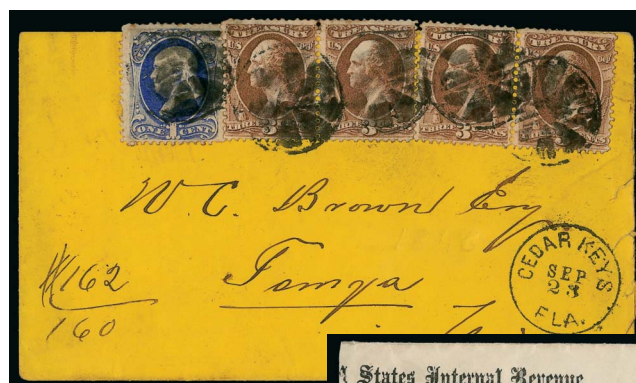


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4137

- 4136 ★田 **90c Treasury (O82)**. Block of four, original gum, bold color, hinge reinforcement and a couple perf separations, fresh and Fine, ex Markovits ..... 2,000.00
- 4137 田 **90c Treasury (O82)**. Block of six, deep rich color, neat strikes of cork cancels, fresh and Very Fine-Extremely Fine, an exceedingly scarce block, especially in such choice condition, ex Twigg-Smith..... E. 300-400



4138



4139



4140

- 4138 ☒ **3c Treasury (O74)**. Two horizontal pairs, used with 1c Ultramarine (156), tied by circle of wedges cancels, "Cedar Keys, Fla. Sep. 23" circular datestamp on **registered** buff cover to Tampa, stamps with small faults from placement over the edge of cover, Fine, interesting cover with Treasury Department stamps used to make up the 3c rate plus 10c registration fee..... E. 400-500
- 4139 ☒ **3c, 7c Treasury (O74, O76)**. Tied by segmented cork cancels, "Washington, D.C., Dec 1?" circular datestamp on cover to **London, England**, blue printed "Treasury Department, Washington" imprint on backflap, red London Paid datestamp (Dec. 31, 1877), 7c with two small tears and opening tear touching imprint, Fine, according to the Lanphear census (*Chronicle* 239, August 2013) this is one of two 7c Treasury stamps used to a foreign destination (the other example is ex Markovits and is very similar), ex Ehrenberg, with 1981 P.F. certificate ..... E. 400-500
- 4140 ☒ **3c, 10c Treasury (O74, O77)**. Each tied by **violet** target cancel (3c target very light) with matching "Post Office, Owensboro, Ky., Dec 21, 77" double-line circular datestamp on **registered** "United States Internal Revenue" imprint cover to Mud Lick, Ky., reduced at left and tear at top, Fine, pays the 3c plus 10c registration fee, ex Markovits. E. 200-300

4141



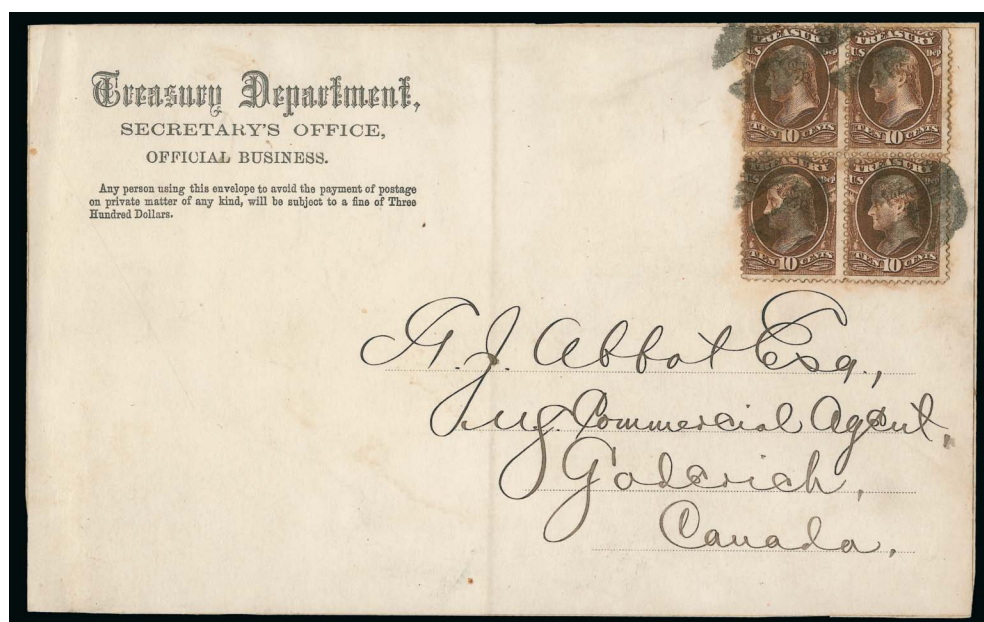
- 4141 ☒ **2c, 3c, 10c Treasury (O73-O74, O77).** Pair of 10c and singles of 2c and 3c, tied by quartered cork cancels, "Washington, D.C., Mar 7" circular datestamp on "Treasury Department, Office of the Secretary, Official Business" imprint legal-size penalty clause cover **to London, England**, red London Paid datestamp at left, cover slightly reduced at left, couple stamps with inconsequential small flaws

FINE APPEARANCE. A RARE USE OF THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT ISSUE ON A COVER TO A FOREIGN DESTINATION.

According to the Markovits catalogue (Bennett 2004), this is the latest recorded legitimate use of Official stamps on U.P.U. mail. Beginning April 1, 1879, only regular issue stamps were valid for postage.

Ex Ehrenberg and Markovits ..... E. 2,000-3,000

4142



- 4142 **10c Treasury (O77).** Block of four tied by multiple strikes of cork cancel on "Treasury Department, Secretary's Office, Official Business" penalty clause imprint label from large parcel **to Goderich, Canada**, vertical file fold, stamps with some toning mostly around perforations

FINE. AN IMPORTANT OFFICIAL COVER. ONE OF FIVE RECORDED WITH A BLOCK OF ANY DEPARTMENTAL STAMP.

The block of 10c stamps paid the 40c third-class rate for a 5-pound parcel. According to the Markovits catalogue (Bennett 2004) this is one of only five blocks of any Official stamp still on cover.

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





- 4143 ☒ **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, ex Starnes ..... E. 200-300
- 4144 ☒ **3c, 12c Treasury (O74, O78).** Each tied by cork cancel, "Washington, D.C., Dec 21" circular datestamp on "Treasury Department, Comptroller's Office., Official Business" imprint and obsolete free frank cover to Doylestown Pa., reduced at left, trivial light stains, Fine, pays the five-times 3c domestic rate, ex Ehrenberg and Markovits..... E. 400-500
- 4145 ☒ **15c Treasury (O79).** Tied by quartered cork cancel and "Washington, D.C." circular datestamp on "Treasury Department, Comptroller's Office., Official Business." imprint and obsolete free frank legal-size cover to Doylestown Pa., reduced at left, Fine, pays the five-times 3c domestic rate, ex Waud and Markovits ..... E. 400-500
- 4146 ☒ **6c, 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, ex Starnes..... E. 200-300



4147

- 4147 ☒ **2c, 6c, 10c, 30c Treasury (O73, O75, O77, O81).** Four different values with cork cancels and Boston circular datestamp on "Official Business." imprint and cloth-lined legal-size cover to Farmington Falls, Me., all over toning affecting stamps, 2c with s.e. and others with minor faults, cover with corner missing at top right and peripheral faults

FINE APPEARANCE. AN INCREDIBLY RARE FOUR-DENOMINATION COVER AND ONE OF ONLY TWO KNOWN USES OF THE 30-CENT TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

According to the Markovits sale catalogue (Bennett 2004), this franking pays the 16-times 3c per ½ oz domestic rate. As to its rarity, the other known 30c Treasury cover was part of the Senator Ernest R. Ackerman collection and has not been seen in many years.

Ex Lehto and Markovits. .... E. 3,000-4,000



## WAR DEPARTMENT



4148

- 4148 ★田 **1c War (O83)**. Bottom left imprint and plate no. 48 block of twelve, original gum, all but one stamp **Mint N.H.**, other stamp lightly hinged, vivid color and remarkably fresh, trivial small perf separation at bottom and light crease in bottom left selvage

FINE. AN INCREDIBLY SCARCE PLATE NUMBER BLOCK OF THE ONE-CENT WAR DEPARTMENT.

The 1c War Department was not extensively remaindered after Officials were discontinued, and plate number blocks are extremely rare..... 3,750.00



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- 4149 ★田 **1c War (O83)**. Block of four with selvage at left, bright color, few minor perf separations, otherwise Fine ..... 1,050.00

- 4150 **1c War (O83)**. Incredibly strong strike of **Fort Leavenworth Honeycomb fancy cancel** remarkably well-centered amid Jumbo margins, trivial corner perf tip creases, still an Extremely Fine stamp and beautiful strike of this desirable cancel ..... E. 500-750

- 4151 ★田 **2c War (O84)**. Block of four, original gum, h.r. at top, small hinge reinforcement between right vertical pair, leaving the bottom left stamp **Mint N.H.** with Jumbo margins, soft pastel shade, Very Fine and choice..... 1,025.00



4152

- 4152 ★田 **2c War (O84)**. Bottom margin imprint and plate no. 35 block of fourteen, natural s.e. and guide arrow at left, six stamps **Mint N.H.** (one with natural gum skip), fresh color, some perf separations reinforced incl. small piece of scotch tape in selvage

FINE-VERY FINE. A VERY SCARCE PLATE NUMBER BLOCK OF THE 2-CENT WAR DEPARTMENT.

Plate blocks of the 2c and 3c consist of fourteen stamps, whereas other denominations are ten or twelve. The 2c War Department was not extensively remaindered after the discontinuance of Officials; therefore, plate blocks are rare..... 3,750.00



- 4153 2c War (O84). Horizontal strip of three cancelled by "Fort Totten, Dakota, Sept 25, 1883" double-circle circular datestamp with two bold strikes of a **Star fancy cancel**, also a violet manuscript cancel over two stamps, Very Fine and scarce, ex Markovits..... E. 200-300
- 4154 2c War (O84). Horizontal strip of three cancelled by two strikes of "Fort Buford, D.T., Apr 7, 1880" circular datestamp and **negative Star in Circle fancy cancel**, fresh color, Very Fine and attractive, ex Markovits..... E. 200-300
- 4155 ★田 3c War (O85). Block of four, original gum, lightly hinged (if at all), soft shade, well-centered and choice, Fine-Very Fine, with 2003 P.F. certificate..... 1,025.00
- 4156 ★田 6c War (O86). Block of four with **partial imprint** in bottom selvage, original gum, fresh color, multiple hinge reinforcements, Fine, a scarce unused block not often encountered..... 3,000.00
- 4157 ★田 6c War (O86). Bottom imprint and plate no. 60 irregular block of eleven, selvage at left folded back, heavily reinforced with hinges, faults, a desirable block regardless of condition, as we have been unable to locate a complete plate block..... 6,875.00
- 4158 ★★ 7c War (O87). Mint N.H., deep rich color, almost perfectly centered with Jumbo margins, Extremely Fine Gem, a huge stamp, ex Silver Lake, with copy of 1992 P.F. certificate for plate no. block of fourteen from which this came and 2004 P.F. certificate..... 360.00
- 4159 ★田 7c-12c, 24c-30c War (O87-O89, O91-O92). Blocks of four, original gum, h.r., 12c **Mint N.H.**, fresh colors, Fine, an attractive set of blocks .....(Photo Ex) 3,475.00
- 4160 ★田 10c War (O88). Bottom left imprint and plate no. 79 block of sixteen, original gum, hinge reinforcements in the selvage only with stamps being **Mint N.H.**, bottom left stamp and selvage with blind perfs (really partly imperforate), bright color, small cut at bottom left corner in selvage, minor perf separation, Fine, Scott Retail as plate block and block of four..... 2,600.00





- 4161     **10c War (O88).** Horizontal pair cancelled by well-struck and nearly complete “**Fort Washakie, Wyoming Terr.**” double-line circular datestamp, hinge reinforcement and trivial small stamp faults, Fine, ex Markovits..... E. 200-300
- 4162     **10c War (O88).** Horizontal strip of three cancelled by bold **Fort McKinney, Wyoming Terr.** circular datestamp and duplex target cancel, trivial fault on right stamp, Fine, ex Markovits ..... E. 200-300
- 4163     **10c War (O88).** Horizontal strip of three cancelled by clear **Fort Bridger, Wyoming Terr.** duplex cancel, Fine strike of this scarce cancel, ex Markovits ..... E. 200-300
- 4164     **12c War (O89).** Horizontal block of eight, bottom four with quartered cork cancels, top four uncanceled except for trace at bottom of pos. 2, rich color, some hinge reinforcement, pos. 4 right perfs trimmed, couple others small faults, otherwise Fine, only two larger blocks known, Scott Retail as two used blocks of four ..... 1,100.00
- 4165     **15c War (O90).** Block of four, original gum, top pair lightly hinged, **bottom pair Mint N.H.** and particularly well-centered, rich color, choice centering, Extremely Fine, with 2002 P.F. certificate ..... 375.00
- 4166     **15c War (O90).** Bottom margin imprint and plate no. 87 block of 20, the bottom two rows of the sheet, original gum, at least twelve Mint N.H., few h.r. reinforcing perf separations, Fine-Very Fine, Scott Retail as plate block and two blocks of four ..... 1,850.00





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- 4167 ★★ **24c War (O91)**. Mint N.H., handsomely centered with lovely bright color, Very Fine, with 1991 P.F. and 2008 P.S.E. certificates (VF 80; unpriced in SMQ in Mint N.H. condition, SMQ \$90.00 as hinged), only two stamps grade higher ..... 190.00
- 4168 ★田 **24c War (O91)**. Top margin imprint and plate no. 86 block of ten, slightly disturbed original gum, warm pastel color, Fine ..... 1,300.00
- 4169 ★田 **24c War (O91)**. Bottom left corner imprint and plate no. 86 block of twelve, original gum, few h.r., bright color, attractive centering, Very Fine, ex Wampler, Scott Retail for a plate block and two singles..... 1,470.00
- 4170 田 **24c War (O91)**. Block of four, beautiful strong color, bold circle of wedges cancels, Fine and handsome, **this is the only recorded used block of this denomination**, with 1993 P.F. certificate, ex Mainberger..... 2,250.00
- 4171 ★田 **30c War (O92)**. Bottom imprint and plate no. 81 block of twelve, original gum, three Mint N.H., few h.r., rich color, Very Good ..... 1,850.00





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- 4172 田 **30c War (O92)**. Used vertical block of six, quartered cork cancels, bright color, pos. 1 few trivial perf flaws, otherwise Fine-Very Fine, this is the second largest known used multiple of this denomination..... E. 500-750
- 4173 ★田 **90c War (O93)**. Block of four, original gum, lightly hinged, fresh color and fairly well-centered, small hinge reinforcement, Fine-Very Fine..... 975.00



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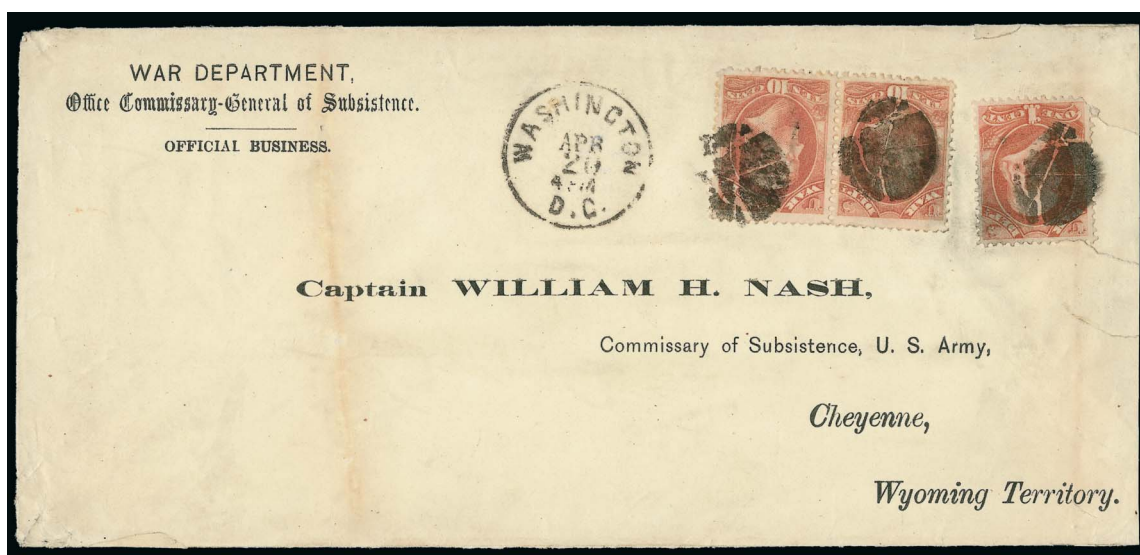
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- 4174 ★田 **90c War (O93)**. Block of six, original gum, lightly hinged except for two stamps which are Mint N.H., deep shade and strong impression, Fine, Scott Retail as singles..... 1,900.00
- 4175 田 **90c War (O93)**. Block of four, wide exterior margins, especially right and bottom suggesting this is from a corner position in the sheet, light cork cancels, top right few short perfs, some minor staining between left pair due to strengthening, otherwise Fine-Very Fine, **this is the second known used block of the 90c War**, the other is ex Lobdell (Siegel Sale 1003), ex Diamond..... 1,400.00



- 4176 ☒ **3c War (O85).** Circular cork cancel and "Fort Leavenworth, Kan., Aug 9" circular datestamp on legal-size "War Department, Headquarters Department of the Missouri" imprint cover with penalty clause, printed "Army and Navy Journal" address, couple light cover file folds, Very Fine, with 2011 P.F. certificate ..... E. 200-300
- 4177 ☒ **6c War (O86).** Tied by well-struck oval grid cancel, "Saint Paul, Minn., Jul 27" circular datestamp on "Headquarters, Department of Dakota, Saint Paul, Minn." imprint cover to **Fort Keough, Montana Territory**, slightly reduced at right, Very Fine and attractive, ex Markovits ..... E. 300-400
- 4178 ☒ **6c War (O86).** Horizontal strip of four tied by segmented cork cancels and "Washington, D.C., Sep. 17" circular datestamp on "Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Official Business" imprint legal-size cover to Lake View, N.Y., reduced at left, part of backflap missing and some edge faults, Fine, paying the eight-times 3c domestic rate, ex Markovits ..... E. 300-400
- 4179 ☒ **12c War (O89).** Tied by cork cancel, lightly struck "St. Paul, Minn. Jun. 21 7AM" circular datestamp on "Headquarters, Department of Dakota, St. Paul, Minn." imprint cover to **Fort Totten, Dakota Territory**, some light soiling, Fine, ex Markovits ..... E. 300-400





4180

- 4180 ☒ **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.

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



4181

- 4181 ☒ **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 2004) reports three 15c War covers, but it is uncertain if this is one of the three (some of the census figures exclude Starnes covers) or if this is the only solo use.

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

## 1879 AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY PRINTING ON SOFT PAPER



4182

- 4182 ★田 **1c Agriculture, Soft Paper (O94).** Without gum as issued, block of four, incredibly radiant color and strong impression on bright paper, exceedingly choice centering, tiny natural inclusion on one stamp

VERY FINE AND CHOICE BLOCK OF THE 1879 ONE-CENT AGRICULTURE AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY PRINTING ON SOFT PAPER. ONE OF A MERE FOUR BLOCKS RECORDED.

The Agriculture Officials were printed from sheets of 100 consisting of one pane. In December 1878 Continental merged with American Bank Note Company, which assumed production for United States stamps early in 1879, including the Officials. As with the regular Bank Note issues, the Officials printed by American can be distinguished by the use of soft, porous paper. Philip Ward recorded only four blocks of four of this stamp.

Ex Markovits. .... 30,000.00

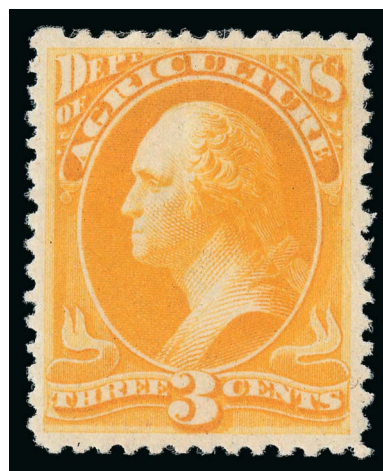




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- 4183 ★ **1c Agriculture, Soft Paper (O94).** Without gum as issued, incredibly bright color, trivial light thin, Fine, an attractive collectible example of this rare Official Soft Paper issue, with 2001 P.F. certificate . 6,000.00

- 4184 ★ **3c Agriculture, Soft Paper (O95).** Original gum, bright fresh color, single unpunched perf at top left, Very Fine, with 2008 P.S.E. certificate (OGH, VF 80; SMQ \$570.00) ..... 550.00



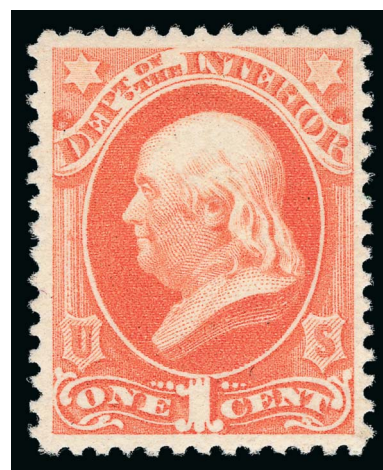
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- 4185 ★田 **3c Agriculture, Soft Paper (O95).** Block of four, original gum, lightly hinged, wonderful centering, brilliant color, Very Fine and choice, ex Markovits, with 2011 P.F. certificate ..... 2,750.00

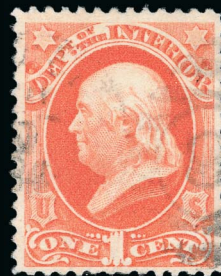
- 4186 ★ **1c Interior, Soft Paper (O96).** Original gum, lightly hinged and attractively centered, classic soft pastel shade of the Interior Department Soft Paper issue, Extremely Fine, with 1990 P.F. certificate for block from which this came and 2008 P.S.E. certificate (VF-XF 85; SMQ \$390.00)..... 300.00



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- 4187 ★田 **1c Interior, Soft Paper (O96).** Top left margin imprint and plate no. 52 block of twelve, original gum, multiple h.r. and reinforcements, bright fresh color, some separation and trimmed top selvage, couple small thins, Fine-Very Fine appearing, a rare plate block..... 4,500.00
- 4188 **1c Interior, Soft Paper (O96).** Bright color, nice margins and centering, light cancel, Very Fine and choice, ex Kirke, with 2011 P.F. certificate ..... 275.00
- 4189 ★田 **3c Interior, Soft Paper (O98).** Top margin imprint and plate no. 27 block of 20, the top two rows of the sheet, original gum, gum loss on the left three vertical pairs, **signed "Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, Feb 19, 1938,"** some small faults incl. some selvage missing and separation, Fine, an interesting collateral item ..... E. 400-500
- 4190 ★田 **6c Interior, Soft Paper (O99).** Half sheet of 50 comprising of the top half incl. plate no. 56 and complete imprint, original gum, five stamps lightly hinged (incl. plate no. block) with the rest being Mint N.H., bright colors, some perf separations, pencil marking in top selvage and a trivial selvage crease at top left, Very Fine-Extremely Fine, we notice some superb examples in the block..... 860.00



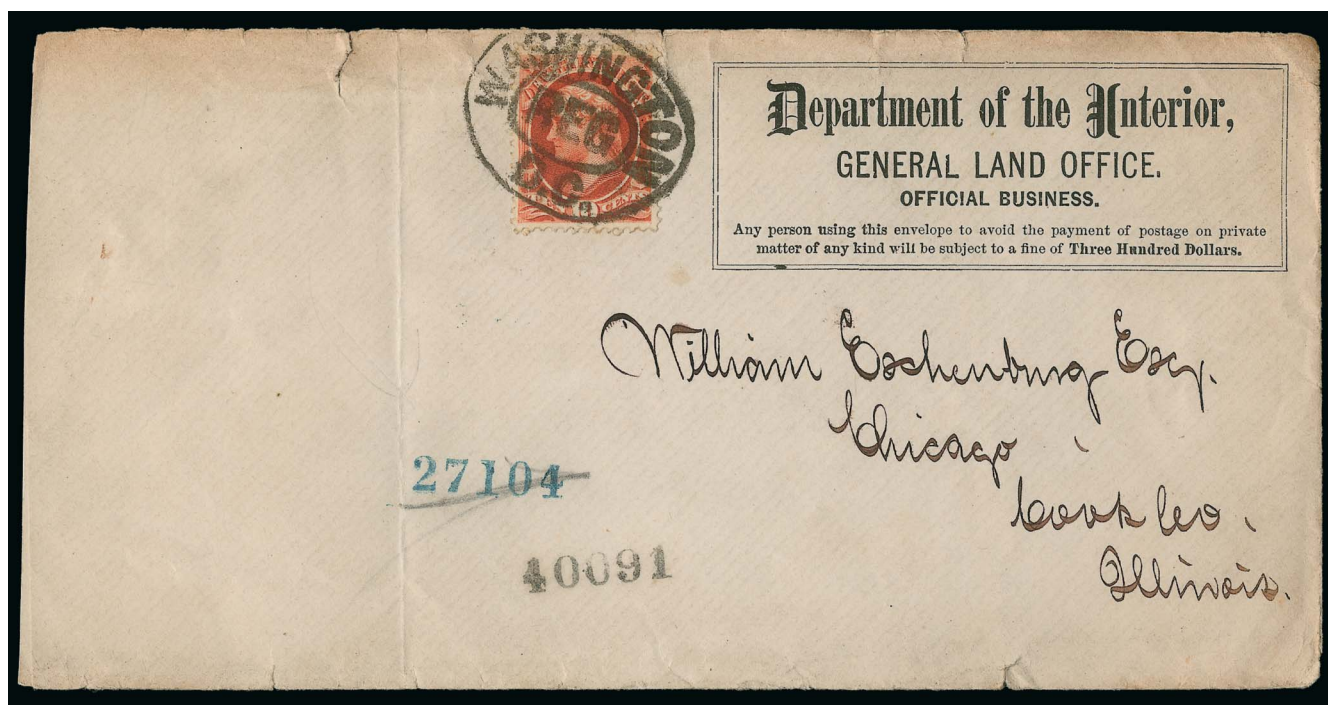


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- 4191 ★ **10c Interior, Soft Paper (O100).** Original gum, lightly hinged, stunning Jumbo margins all around, fresh color, Extremely Fine, a massive stamp, with 2000 P.F. certificate ..... 110.00
- 4192 ★★田 **10c Interior, Soft Paper (O100).** Mint N.H. block of four, bright color on fresh white paper, Fine, Scott Retail as Mint N.H. singles ..... 1,000.00



4193

- 4193 ☒ **10c Interior, Soft Paper (O100).** Tied by well-struck Washington, D.C. oval registry handstamp on "Department of the Interior, General Land Office, Official Business" imprint with penalty clause legal-size cover to Chicago, received backstamp, slightly reduced at right, file fold (away from adhesive) and small peripheral tears, stamp with light crease, Fine ..... E. 300-400



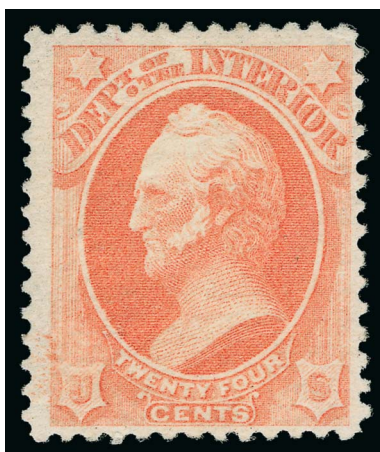
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- 4194 ★田 **12c Interior, Soft Paper (O101).** Block of four, original gum, h.r., exceedingly well-centered block, vivid color, small natural inclusion on top right stamp, Very Fine, with 2011 P.F. certificate ..... 1,075.00
- 4195 ★ **15c Interior, Soft Paper (O102).** Original gum, well-centered, incredibly wide margins, Very Fine ..... 400.00
- 4196 ★田 **15c Interior, Soft Paper (O102).** Block of four, original gum, couple hinge reinforcements, Fine ..... 1,750.00
- 4197 **15c Interior, Soft Paper (O102).** Unusually intense color, neat cancel, Very Fine and choice, with 2001 P.F. certificate ..... 260.00



4198

- 4198 ★ **24c Interior, Soft Paper (O103).** Original gum, characteristic pastel shade, wide margins VERY FINE AND CHOICE EXAMPLE OF THE SCARCE 24-CENT INTERIOR AMERICAN BANK NOTE PRINTING.  
Blue pen notation on back. .... 4,500.00





4199

- 4199 ★ **24c Interior, Soft Paper (O103).** Bottom margin horizontal imprint and plate no. 104 strip of five, mostly lightly hinged with two being small h.r., selvage with small natural gum bend and single hinge reinforcement

FINE. AN EXCEEDINGLY RARE IMPRINT AND PLATE NUMBER STRIP OF THE 24-CENT INTERIOR DEPARTMENT ON SOFT PAPER.

Scott Retail for a block of four is \$25,000.00 and they list, but do not price, a plate number and imprint strip of six (from our 1982 Rarities sale, Sale 596, lot 385). There are no reported plate blocks of the 24c Interior on soft paper.

With 1974 P.F. certificate ..... 22,500.00



- 4200 ★ **6c Justice, Soft Paper (O107).** Original gum, Jumbo margins all around, strong color and impression, Extremely Fine, with 2007 P.F. certificate (VF-XF 85 Jumbo)..... 475.00
- 4201 ★田 **6c Justice, Soft Paper (O107).** Block of four, original gum, h.r., two stamps with light crease and minor perf separation, Fine ..... 2,250.00
- 4202 田 **3c Treasury, Soft Paper (O109).** Block of four with traces of plate no. and half arrow at top, natural s.e. at right, **Star** fancy cancels, some hinge reinforcement, small nick and some creasing, well-centered, very scarce block of which only three are believed to be known..... 900.00
- 4203 ★ **10c Treasury, Soft Paper (O111).** Original gum, well-centered, warm color, Very Fine and choice ..... 260.00
- 4204 (★) **30c Treasury, Soft Paper (O112).** Unused (no gum), well-centered amid incredible Jumbo margins, deep rich color on fresh paper, Extremely Fine, a stunning stamp with wonderful eye-appeal, with 1989 P.F. certificate..... 875.00



- 4205 ★田 **30c Treasury, Soft Paper (O112).** Block of four, original gum, deep shade, small thin on top two stamps, a minute crease on bottom right stamp and some clipped perfs on bottom left stamp
- DESPITE ITS FAULTS, THIS FINE-CENTERED BLOCK IS EXTREMELY DESIRABLE AS ONE OF THE FEW KNOWN MULTIPLES OF THE 30-CENT TREASURY DEPARTMENT ON SOFT PAPER.
- With 2011 P.F. certificate..... 12,000.00

4205

- 4206 **30c Treasury, Soft Paper (O112).** Neat cancels, rich color, small corner crease ending in a tear at top right, appears Extremely Fine, scarce in used condition, with 2003 P.F. certificate ..... 425.00



- 4207 ★★ **90c Treasury, Soft Paper (O113).** Mint N.H., wide margins, rich color and strong impression, stamp with just the faintest trace of paper clip marks, Fine, much better condition than typically seen and we have never encountered another Mint N.H. example of the 90c Treasury on soft paper ..... 5,500.00



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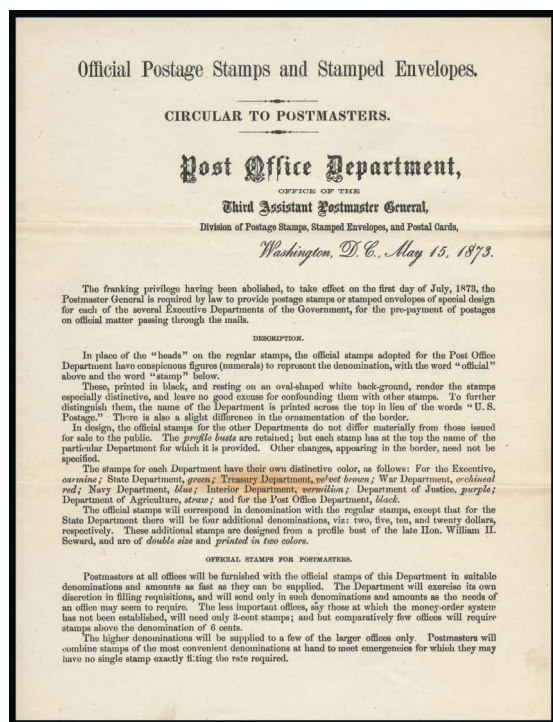
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- 4208 **3c War, Soft Paper (O116).** Horizontal strip of three cancelled by light **violet Fort Custer, Montana Terr.** circular datestamp and accompanying target cancel, Fine, ex Markovits ..... E. 150-200
- 4209 **3c War, Soft Paper (O116).** Tied on piece by "Fort Snelling, Minn., Feb 28, 1884" circular datestamp, Very Fine strike ..... E. 150-200
- 4210 **6c War, Soft Paper (O117).** Cancelled by **blue Indian Head fancy cancel** and part of box of Fort Keough, Montana Terr., single short perf at left, Very Fine, ex Markovits ... E. 400-500

## BALANCE LOTS

- 4211 ★ **Unused Officials Balance.** Comprising singles from the various Departments incl. 1879 American Bank Note Soft Paper issue, some high-value denominations, fresh colors and particularly well-centered throughout, original gum with just a couple no gum, a quick glance through the pages will reveal that this balance is not your average Officials balance, with each stamp individually selected for appearance, quality, and often wide margins, much Very Fine, ten P.F., P.S.E., or P.S.A.G. certificates accompany including a few graded..... E. 4,000-5,000
- 4212 **Used Officials Balance.** Singles, most with cork cancels including different colors such as blue, red and violet, also with the 1879 American Bank Note Soft Paper issue, surprisingly fresh balance collection with strong colors, well-centered and large margins seen on most stamps, with a number of better items include \$2.00 State and some high denominations, mostly Very Fine, some ex Kirke, this collection complements the unused balance offered in lot 4211, 17 certificates including some graded ..... E. 3,000-4,000
- 4213 **Fort Cancels on War Department Stamps.** Comprising 118 stamps neatly arranged and mounted on oversized pages, various different usages and denominations on both Continental and American Bank Note Printings of the War Department, including some very bold strikes of numerous Forts and Territories such as Apache (AZ), Bowie (AZ), Thomas (AZ), Grant (AZ), Lewis (CO), Meeker (CO), Buford (DAK), Totten (DAK), Sill (IND), Snelling (MINN), Maginnis (MONT), Wingate (N MEX), Davis (TX), Fred Steele (WYO), and others, particularly nice multiple strikes of the fancy Honeycomb and "E" in Wreath from Fort Leavenworth (KAN) and the "U" in "S" of Jefferson Barracks, generally Fine or better, an exciting group of these scarce cancels in better quality than normally seen, a fantastic basis from which to expand, a few are ex Markovits ..... E. 3,000-4,000

- 4214 田 **Officials Multiples Balance.** Pairs, strips, blocks, plate no. blocks, and part sheets in unused and used condition, many Departments from both 1873 Continental Bank Note Hard Paper and 1879 American Bank Note Soft Paper issues thru to the later issues from the 1980s, many scarce and rare blocks which catalogue as much as \$1,700.00 incl. items which are seldom offered, condition is overall Fine-Very Fine but we note a number of items which have some sensible reinforcements, minor perf separations, and the typical small faults which occur on multiples of any size, a desirable balance collection which would be difficult to replicate, three P.F. certificates accompany ..... E. 5,000-7,500
- 4215 ☒ **Officials Postal History Balance.** About 70 covers neatly arranged on pages with write-ups, incl. various uses from different Departments on both Soft and Hard Paper and later issues, with numerous better covers such as a 3c Agriculture (O3) illegal use, 24c Interior (O22) on largely reduced cover, 1c, 3c (2), 12c and 15c Justice (O25, O27, O30-O31) covers with the 1c the earliest known use (Jul. 31), 3c, 6c, 7c, 10c, 12c State (O59-O63) covers, various penalty clause mail, a couple "O.R.R." return covers, 1817 William Crawford free frank who was the Secretary of the Treasury under Presidents Madison and Monroe, and much more, general condition is Fine or better with some having typical faults for these Official covers, some peripheral edgewear, toning, etc., Official postal history collections of this size are rarely offered ..... E. 4,000-5,000



4216

**"Official Postage Stamps and Stamped Envelopes." Post Office Department Circular.** First version of the two-page circular dated May 15, 1873, and sent to postmasters announcing the abolition of the franking privilege, "on the first day of July, 1873, the Postmaster General is required by law to provide postage stamps or stamped envelopes of special design for each of the several Executive Departments of Government, for the pre-payment of postages on official matter passing through the mails", minor toning along one file fold, otherwise Very Fine, this scarce first version circular states at the beginning of paragraph three under "Official Stamps for Postmasters" that stamped envelopes will be furnished to "first-class offices only", this was corrected in subsequent versions to state "Presidential" offices, which were first, second and third-class offices with postmaster salary of \$1,000 or higher..... E. 500-750

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END OF SALE — THANK YOU



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Thurs., November 6, 2014

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

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

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Non-U.S.	Fedex/Courier	\$50.00**
Bulk Lots	UPS Preferred	By weight and value
<p><b>These fees reflect additional FedEx charges for residential delivery, signature and fuel surcharge.</b></p> <p><b>*Higher fees will be charged on packages weighing more than 5 lbs. or insured for more than \$75,000.</b></p> <p><b>**Buyers are liable for all customs duties and clearance charges. An accurate declaration of value will be made on all import/export documents.</b></p>		

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Up to \$50	\$5	\$3,000-7,000	\$250
\$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
4001	5,000	4046	225	4088	2,000	4131	600	4175	850
4002	6,250	4047	350	4089	1,300	4132	225	4176	170
4003	6,750	4048	475	4090	1,200	4133	1,800	4177	325
4004	170	4049	550	4091	550	4134	550	4178	225
4005	200	4050	700	4092	350	4135	3,750	4179	160
4006	1,300	4051	500	4093	1,500	4136	400	4180	1,200
4007	1,000	4052	325	4094	1,900	4137	375	4181	1,500
4008	500	4053	650	4095	2,300	4138	325	4182	15,500
4009	170	4054	150	4096	2,700	4139	375	4183	1,200
4010	3,250	4055	650	4097	3,250	4140	225	4184	750
4011	650	4056	425	4098	425	4141	1,300	4185	1,300
4012	450	4057	600	4099	400	4142	1,300	4186	325
4013	425	4058	1,200	4100	650	4143	275	4187	1,200
4014	450	4059	550	4101	1,300	4144	325	4188	1,500
4015	350	4060	650	4102	700	4145	400	4189	300
4016	450	4061	400	4103	3,500	4146	130	4190	450
4017	275	4062	350	4104	3,750	4147	2,100	4191	300
4018	1,300	4063	4,000	4105	2,600	4148	2,400	4192	130
4019	450	4064	500	4106	3,750	4149	130	4193	250
4020	550	4065	160	4107	1,300	4150	1,700	4194	325
4022	325	4066	1,200	4108	18,500	4152	2,700	4195	325
4024	1,900	4067	950	4109	600	4153	110	4196	160
4026	2,200	4068	700	4110	275	4154	110	4197	1,300
4027	1,600	4069	450	4111	130	4155	225	4198	2,200
4028	700	4070	2,000	4112	120	4157	2,900	4199	13,500
4029	1,800	4071	1,400	4113	1,000	4158	450	4200	600
4030	475	4072	900	4114	1,000	4159	550	4201	275
4031	950	4073	600	4115	16,500	4160	1,100	4202	650
4032	700	4074	1,200	4117	650	4161	225	4203	450
4033	1,400	4075	1,300	4118	450	4162	300	4204	1,300
4034	1,600	4076	375	4119	160	4163	300	4205	1,300
4035	2,700	4077	2,100	4120	160	4164	250	4206	110
4036	2,800	4078	15,000	4121	350	4165	300	4207	1,700
4037	6,500	4079	350	4122	400	4166	500	4208	110
4038	5,250	4080	325	4123	400	4167	130	4209	80
4039	4,000	4081	950	4124	400	4168	170	4210	300
4040	1,100	4082	450	4125	160	4169	600	4211	6,000
4041	750	4083	600	4126	800	4170	1,700	4212	5,250
4042	350	4084	1,300	4127	3,750	4171	1,100	4213	2,700
4043	650	4085	250	4128	550	4172	550	4214	5,500
4044	225	4086	1,100	4129	475	4173	150	4215	5,250
4045	750	4087	550	4130	350	4174	170	4216	1,400