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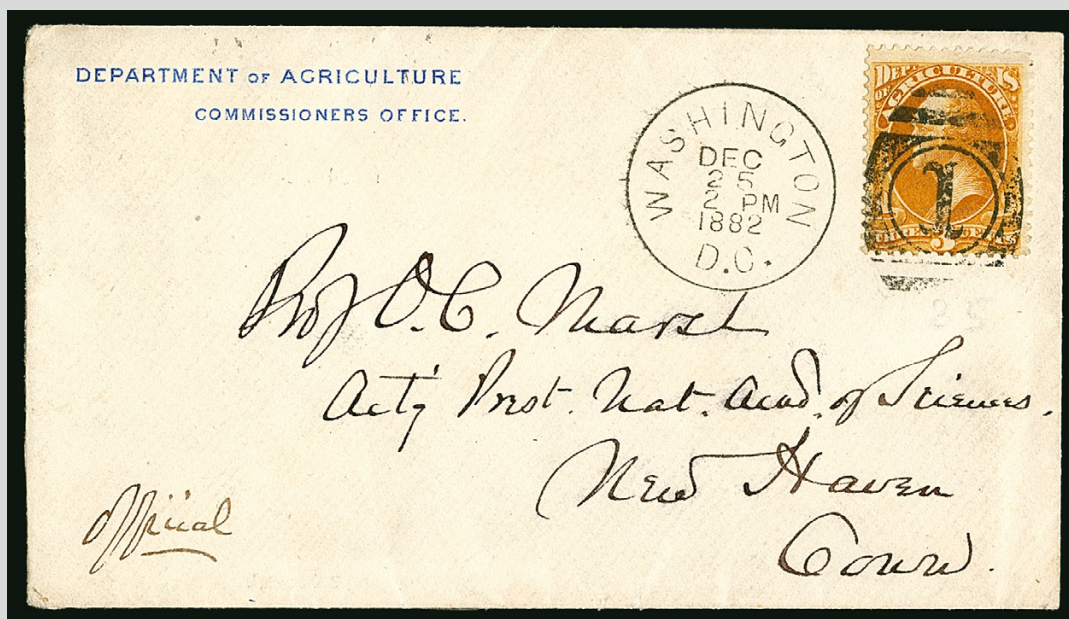
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Live auction at 60 East 56th Street (Park/Madison), 4th Floor, New York City

All lots sold subject to a 15% buyer's premium and
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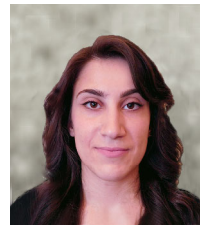
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Bidding

The following means are available for placing bids:

- 1) Attending the Live Auction in Person:** All bidders must register for a paddle, and new bidders must provide references at least three business days in advance of the sale.
- 2) Live Internet Bidding:** Instructions for participating as a Live Internet Bidder are provided on the page opposite.
- 3) Phone Bidding:** Bidders can be connected to the sale by phone and bid through a member of staff. Requests for phone bidding are subject to approval (please contact our office at least 24 hours before the sale). A signed Bid Form is required.
- 4) Absentee Bids.** All bids received in advance of the sale, either by mail, fax, phone, e-mail or internet, are Absentee Bids, which instruct the auctioneer to bid up to a specific amount on one or more lots in the sale. Absentee Bids sent by phone, fax or e-mail should arrive at least one hour prior to the start of the sale session. Bids entered through Live Internet Bidding will be visible to the auctioneer during the sale. Written bids should be entered legibly on the Bid Form in the sale catalogue. E-mail and internet bids should be carefully typed and double-checked. All new bidders must provide references. We recommend calling or e-mailing to confirm that Absentee Bids sent by mail, fax or e-mail have been received and entered.

Pre-Sale Viewing

Subject to availability, certain lots (except group lots) can be sent to known clients for examination. Requests must be made no later than 7 days prior to the sale. Lots must be returned on the day received. Postage/insurance costs will be invoiced.

In addition to regular viewing, clients may view lots by appointment. Our staff will be pleased to answer questions or provide additional information about lots.

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.**

Price Realized

Prices realized are sent with each invoice. Bidders with e-mail will receive a Bid Results report after the sale. Session results are posted immediately to siegelauctions.com

Live Internet Bidding at Siegel Auctions

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I've bid through SAN before, but this is the first time I've bid in a Siegel sale.

Then you just need to be approved by Siegel. Go to stampauctionnetwork.com/siegel and click on "Update Registration" at the top. Your SAN account information will be sent to us for approval (you might be asked for other trade references). Once approved by Siegel for bidding, you're ready for internet bidding.

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

Go to 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.

Live Internet Bidding works by allowing registered bidders to observe and place bids.

Live Internet Bidding will work with any browser on both PC and Mac operating systems.

Before bidding by internet for the first time, we recommend finding a sale in progress and listening to the public broadcast or logging in as a registered bidder. This will help you develop a feel for the sale tempo and bidding interface.

Log on to the auction at stampauctionnetwork.com/siegel.

You can also log on at siegelauctions.com

When you're logged on as a Live Internet Bidder, the bidding interface shows a photo and description of the lot, the current bid (and your bidding status), options for placing competitive bids and buttons with bid increments.

- After you click on a bid amount, the auctioneer is immediately notified of your bid.
- Retracting a bid is usually not acceptable, so please bid carefully.
- If you bid and then decide to stop, the "Pass" button will tell the auctioneer you are no longer bidding.
- You can send messages to the auctioneer (for example, a request for extension).
- You can track prior realizations from the bidding screen.



"System Down" or "Lost Connection" events do occasionally happen.

If you have any problems with Live Internet Bidding please call **212-753-6421** for immediate assistance.

Conditions of Sale (please read carefully before bidding)

THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS CATALOGUE WILL BE OFFERED AT PUBLIC AUCTION BY ROBERT A. SIEGEL AUCTION GALLERIES, INC. ("GALLERIES") ON BEHALF OF VARIOUS CONSIGNORS AND ITSELF OR AFFILIATED COMPANIES. BY BIDDING ON ANY LOT, WHETHER DIRECTLY OR BY OR THROUGH AN AGENT, IN PERSON, OR BY TELEPHONE, FACSIMILE OR ANY OTHER MEANS, THE BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS OF SALE.

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 ReportSM 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
	 Mint Never Hinged <i>Free from any disturbance</i>	 Lightly Hinged <i>Faint impression of a removed hinge over a small area</i>	 Hinge Mark or Remnant <i>Prominent hinged spot with part or all of the hinge remaining</i>	 Part o.g. <i>Approximately half or more of the gum intact</i>	 Small part o.g. <i>Approximately less than half of the gum intact</i>	 No gum <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)		Disturbed Original Gum: 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

Official Postage Stamps and Stamped Envelopes.

CIRCULAR TO POSTMASTERS.

Post Office Department,

OFFICE OF THE
Third Assistant Postmaster General,
Division of Postage Stamps, Stamped Envelopes, and Postal Cards.

Washington, D. C., May 15, 1873.

The franking privilege having been abolished, to take effect 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 the Government, for the prepayment of postage on official matter passing through the mails.

DESCRIPTION.

In place of the "heads" on the regular stamps, the official stamps adopted for the Post Office Department have conspicuous figures (numerals) to represent the denomination, with the word "official" above and the word "stamp" below.

These, printed in black, and resting on an oval-shaped white background, render the stamps especially distinctive, and leave no good excuse for confounding them with other stamps. To further distinguish them, the name of the Department is printed across the top in line of the words "U. S. Postage." There is also a slight difference in the ornamentation of the border.

In design, the official stamps for the other Departments do not differ materially from those issued for sale to the public. The profile heads are retained; but each stamp has at the top the name of the particular Department for which it is provided. Other changes, appearing in the border, need not be specified.

The stamps for each Department have their own distinctive color, as follows: For the Executive, *orange*; State Department, *green*; Treasury Department, *rust brown*; War Department, *crimson red*; Navy Department, *blue*; Interior Department, *vermillion*; Department of Justice, *purple*; Department of Agriculture, *straw*; and for the Post Office Department, *black*.

The official stamps will correspond in denomination with the regular stamps, except that for the State Department there will be four additional denominations, viz: two, five, ten, and twenty dollars, respectively. These additional stamps are designed from a profile bust of the late Hon. William H. Seward, and are of double size and printed in two colors.

OFFICIAL STAMPS FOR POSTMASTERS.

Postmasters at all offices will be furnished with the official stamps of this Department in suitable denominations and amounts as fast as they can be supplied. The Department will exercise its own discretion in filling requisitions, and will send only in such denominations and amounts as the needs of an office may seem to require. The less important offices, say those at which the money-order system has not been established, will be furnished only with small stamps; and but comparatively few offices will require stamps above the denomination of 6 cents.

The higher denominations will be supplied to a few of the larger offices only. Postmasters will combine stamps of the most convenient denominations at hand to meet emergencies for which they may have no single stamp exactly fitting the rate required.

(FORM NO. 3283.—CIRCULAR TO POSTMASTERS.)

Post Office Department,

Office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General,

Division of Postage Stamps, Stamped Envelopes, and Postal Cards,

Washington, D. C., April 22, 1879.

USE OF FREE ENVELOPES—DISCONTINUANCE OF OFFICIAL POSTAGE STAMPS.

Under the provisions of Sections 5 and 6 of the Act of Congress "establishing post-routes, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1877, and Section 29 of the "Act making appropriations for the Post Office Department," do, approved March 3, 1879, the Department will begin the issue, on May 1st next, of envelopes for official business, which will secure the free transmission through the mails of all official matter, and which are intended to supersede the post office envelopes now in use, as well as official postage stamps and official stamped envelopes. Accordingly, the issue of official stamps and official stamped envelopes will be discontinued on and after the date named.

These free envelopes will be of the same size as the present post office envelopes, will be of the same color, (country) and will contain the same general forms of printing. Each envelope, however, will bear, in addition, the words "Post Office Department, Post Office of —, Official Business," and the penalty imposed by law for its misuse, as follows: "A penalty of \$300 is fixed by law for using this envelope for other than official business." When 500 of these free envelopes are ordered at one time, of either the Nos. 1, 2, or 3 size, the name of the post office will be printed in; also when 250 of the No. 4 size. In all other cases, a blank will be left for the name of the post office, which must be written in by the postmaster before using the envelope.

The name of the office, it must be understood, is required by law to appear on the envelopes, and, when not in print, must be in writing.

POST OFFICE ENVELOPES, AND OFFICIAL STAMPS AND STAMPED ENVELOPES NOW ON HAND.

The stock of post office envelopes now in the hands of postmasters will, until exhausted, continue to be used, as heretofore, by the attachment of official postage stamps; so, also, official stamped envelopes now in the hands of postmasters at Presidential offices will be used, as heretofore, until exhausted.

As soon, however, as such envelopes or the official stamps on hand are about to become exhausted, requisition must be made for a supply of the free envelopes, and the official postage stamps remaining on hand must be returned, registered, to the Department. If the official postage stamps now on hand should become exhausted before the post office envelopes, then the remaining envelopes should be returned to the Department and a supply of free envelopes ordered.

REQUISITIONS FOR FREE ENVELOPES.

In ordering free envelopes, postmasters will make use of the blank form No. 3282, (copies of which are enclosed), and will be careful, whenever their requisitions are renewed, to fill up the blanks at the bottom of the form.

It is expected that postmasters will use these envelopes without waste, and never permit them to be used on other than strictly official business. Any violation of this instruction will be regarded as good ground for dismissal from office, besides subjecting the offender to the penalty of the law.

A. D. Hazen
Third Asst Postmaster Gen'l.

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FORM NO. 3337.

TWO-CENT POSTAGE ON AND AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1883.

CIRCULAR TO POSTMASTERS.

Post Office Department,

OFFICE OF THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,

Washington, D. C., July 19, 1883.

On and after the first day of October, 1883, the rate of postage on domestic mail matter of the first class will be reduced from three cents to two cents per half ounce or fraction thereof, as provided by the act of Congress approved March 3, 1883.

CURTAILING SUPPLIES OF THREE-CENT STAMPS AND ENVELOPES.

After this reduction goes into effect the three-cent denomination of postage stamps and stamped envelopes will be but little used, and it is desirable to have as small a stock of them outstanding at that time as possible.

All postmasters are therefore, instructed to limit their requisitions for three-cent stamps and envelopes to quantities that, upon a careful estimate, may be deemed sufficient to last until the first day of October. To the same end, the Department will, whenever it is deemed proper, curtail the requisitions for that denomination, or substitute a suitable amount of the one and two-cent denominations. In either case it will be unnecessary for postmasters to address the Department unless the supply of stamps or envelopes sent them is clearly insufficient for the needs of their offices. Postmasters will take all available means—without incurring any expense to the Department—of calling public attention to the coming reduction of postage, so that purchasers may not accumulate an unnecessary supply of three-cent stamps or stamped envelopes.

NEW DESIGNS OF TWO AND FOUR-CENT STAMPS AND ENVELOPES.

The Department has adopted a new design for the two-cent stamp—the head of Washington in profile, from Hamilton's bust, being placed on a plain tablet; above the oval surrounding the head are the words "United States Postage," and underneath the tablet are the words "Two Cents." The stamps will be printed in metallic red. The embossed stamps on the two-cent stamped envelopes will also bear the head of Washington.

A four-cent denomination of postage stamp and stamped envelope, to cover double postage under the new rate, will also be issued. The design embraces the head of Jackson, similar to that on the present two-cent stamps and envelopes.

The Department will revise the schedule of prices of stamped envelopes by discontinuing the three-cent envelopes, and substituting two-cent and four-cent envelopes as may be necessary. The price of the envelopes, however, exclusive of the postage, will remain the same as on the existing schedule for like size and quality. A copy of the new schedule will accompany this circular.

No change will be made in the postage-due stamps.

OUTSTANDING STOCK OF THREE-CENT STAMPS AND ENVELOPES.

No arrangements have yet been made for the redemption of three-cent stamps and envelopes in the hands of postmasters, or for the exchange by postmasters of such stamps and envelopes in the hands of private holders. Until further notice, therefore, postmasters will not make exchanges for the public, nor will they return to the Department the stock remaining in their own hands on and after the first of October. Stamped envelopes spoiled in directing will, however, continue to be redeemed at postage value as provided by existing regulations.

PRESENT DESIGNS OF STAMPS AND ENVELOPES TO REMAIN VALID.

The two and three-cent stamps and stamped envelopes of the present designs will continue to be valid after the first of October, and must be accepted in payment of postage whenever offered in appropriate amounts. The three-cent stamps may be used in combination with other denominations on letters requiring more than one rate of postage, and on parcels of third and fourth-class matter.

ISSUE OF STAMPS AND ENVELOPES OF NEW DESIGN.

The Department will be ready to issue two-cent adhesive stamps on the fifteenth of September, and stamped envelopes on the first of September, in anticipation of their use on the first of October. No three-cent adhesive stamps will be issued after the fourteenth of September unless the requisition is accompanied with a statement from the postmaster that the stamps are needed for immediate use, and that the full supply called for will become exhausted by the first of October. No three-cent stamped envelopes, either plain or special request, will be issued after the thirty-first of August unless accompanied with a statement similar to the foregoing.

Requisitions for stamped envelopes may be made after the first of September under the new schedule, which takes effect the first of October.

STAMPS AND ENVELOPES OF NEW DESIGN NOT TO BE SOLD BEFORE OCTOBER FIRST.

The new two-cent stamps and stamped envelopes must not be placed on sale by postmasters or used before the first day of October, 1883. Special request envelopes of the new design, supplied before October 1st, will be charged and accounted for under existing regulations; but such envelopes must not be used prior to that date.

NO OTHER CHANGES IN RATES OF POSTAGE.

The drop-letter rate of postage will remain the same as now—that is, two cents per half ounce, or fraction thereof, at free-delivery offices, and one cent at all other offices; and no changes are made in the rates of postage on second, third, and fourth-class matter.

A. D. Hazen
Third Asst Postmaster Gen'l.

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THE ROLLIN C. HUGGINS JR. COLLECTION of UNITED STATES OFFICIAL ISSUES

AFTERNOON SESSION (LOTS 501-732)

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016, AT 1:30 P.M.

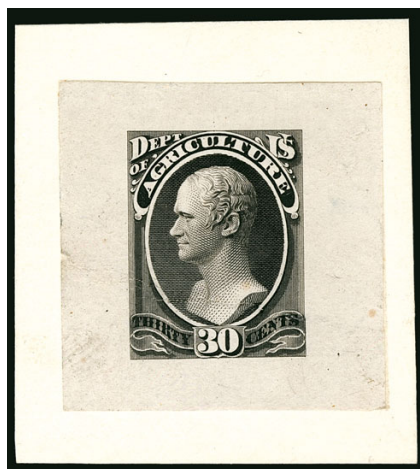
OFFICIAL CIRCULARS, FREE FRANK

- 501 **“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 and **the creation of the Official stamps**, “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”, tiny bit of toning along edge does not affect any text, 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. 750-1,000
- 502 **“Use of Free Envelopes — Discontinuance of Official Postage Stamps.”** Single page Post Office Department notice (form 3283) from Third Assistant Postmaster General, dated April 22, 1879, states that the act of Congress approved on Mar. 3, 1877 provided for the issuance of new penalty envelopes for official business and the discontinuance of Official postage stamps, further states that all stocks on hand of Post Office Department stamps and entires should be used until exhausted (Official stamps were abolished on July 5, 1884), printed signature of A. D. Hazen, Very Fine and nice collateral item, accompanied by an example of a penalty cover from the Executive Department, postmarked Washington D.C. and addressed to Tennessee**(Photo Ex)** E. 400-500
- 503 ☒ **“Two-Cent Postage On and After October 1, 1883.”** Single page notice (form 3337) dated July 18, 1883 with printed signature of Third Assistant Postmaster General A.D. Hazen, states that on and after Oct. 1, the first class postage rate will be decreased from 3c to 2c, seven sections follow which address the status of old postage stamps and envelopes, new designs for stamps and envelopes, and when the new issues will become available, accompanied by original Post Office Department penalty entire (UO14) that contained the notice, with Washington D.C. datestamp and addressed to Richmond Corner, Maine, entire with small edge tear, Very Fine and nice collateral items for an Officials or Bank Note Issues collection E. 400-500



- 504 ☒ **Ulysses S. Grant. Free frank “U.S. Grant” as President** on Executive Mansion imprint cover addressed in his hand to the Hon. A. E. Borie in Philadelphia, “Washington D.C. Free Nov. 24” circular datestamp, Very Fine, most official mail was signed by Grant’s secretary, here Grant crossed out the “Secretary” designation to indicate that he had signed it, Grant’s executive free franks ended with the Act of March 3, 1873, which abolished the franking privilege and approved the Official stamps, the addressee, Adolph E. Borie, served President Grant as Secretary of the Navy for only a few months (March 9-June 25, 1869), during which time he changed the names of several U.S. Navy ships with Native American names, which he disliked, to English names that conveyed power and strength E. 750-1,000
- 505 P **1c-90c Officials, Plate Proofs on Card (O1P4-O93P4).** Complete set of 92 plus an extra block of four of 2c Executive in a much darker shade — appears to be Lake but only the normal Carmine is listed — all with full to large margins, fresh colors, Very Fine**(Photo Ex)** 878.00

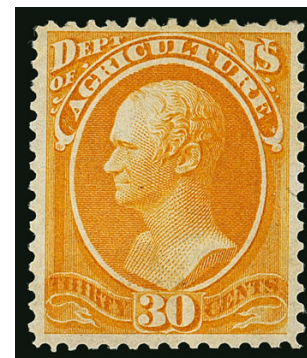
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT



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- 506 TC **1c-30c Agriculture, Black, Goodall Trial Color Small Die Proofs on India (O1TC2c-O9TC2c).** Complete set on approx. 45 x 50mm cards, Very Fine.....(Photo Ex) 2,700.00

- 507 ★ **1c-30c Agriculture (O1-O9).** Original gum, few h.r., 3c barely hinged (if at all), bright colors, few minor imperfections, Fine-Very Fine, better quality than normally seen in a group.....(Photo Ex) 3,235.00



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- 508 ★田 **2c Agriculture (O2).** Block of four with right selvage, original gum, lightly hinged, intense shade, right stamps unusually wide side margins, Very Fine and choice, ex Markovits..... 1,050.00
- 509 ★田 **2c, 3c Agriculture (O2, O3).** Blocks of four, original gum, 2c bottom stamps h.r. and top stamps barely hinged, 3c top left stamp h.r. and others lightly hinged, radiant color, fresh and Fine-Very Fine 2,050.00
- 510 ★ **3c Agriculture (O3).** Bottom left corner imprint and plate no. 57 strip of six, original gum, h.r. where some perf separations reinforced, right stamp reattached, rich color, trivial crease in selvage at left, otherwise Fine and scarce, only five imprint and plate number strips are known, ex Markovits, Scott Retail as singles..... 1,320.00



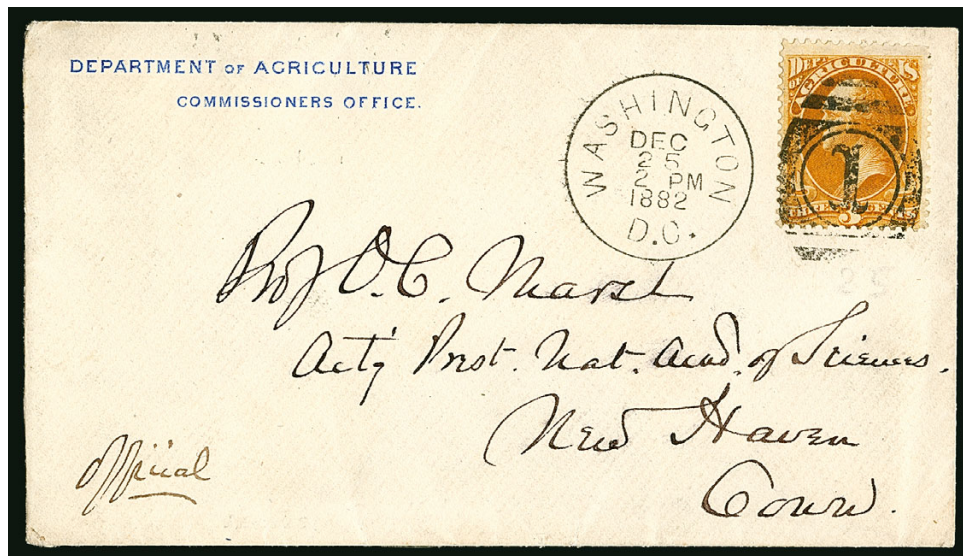
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- 511 ☒ **2c Agriculture (O2).** Deep rich color, tied by fancy segmented cork cancel, "Washington D.C. Mar. 3" (1875) circular datestamp on Official Business cover to "Hon. D. D. Pratt, U.S. Senate", docketing at left

VERY FINE. A CHOICE AND RARE USE OF THE 2-CENT AGRICULTURE ON A LOCALLY ADDRESSED COVER.

The Campbell census in *Chronicle* 194 (May 2002) lists only six 2c Agriculture covers among 23 intact covers in total for the department (this total does not include wrappers or labels). Daniel Darwin Pratt was a United States Senator from Indiana, serving from 1869 to 1875.

Ex Ackerman, Waud and Markovits E. 3,000-4,000



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- 512 ☒ **3c Agriculture (O3).** Rich color, tied by "Washington, D.C. Dec. 25 2 PM 1882" Christmas day duplex datestamp on "Department of Agriculture, Commissioner's Office" imprint cover to paleontologist Othniel Charles Marsh at Yale College in New Haven Conn., receiving back-stamp, stamp partly lifted to ascertain hard or soft paper

EXTREMELY FINE. PERHAPS THE FINEST OF THE ELEVEN RECORDED 3-CENT AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT COVERS AND THE LATEST USE OF ANY DENOMINATION.

The Campbell census in *Chronicle* 194 (May 2002) lists only eleven 3c Agriculture covers among 23 intact covers in total for the department (this total does not include wrappers or labels). Illustrated in *Chronicle* 184 on p. 287 where it is described as a soft paper stamp.

Signed Knapp. Ex Ackerman, Waud and Markovits E. 3,000-4,000



- 513 ☒ **3c Agriculture (O3).** Cancelled by bold quartered cork, "Washington D.C. Nov. 25" circular datestamp on official imprint cover to Steltzer's Store Pa., slightly reduced at right, Very Fine, the Campbell census in *Chronicle* 194 (May 2002) lists only eleven 3c Agriculture covers among 23 intact covers in total for the department (this total does not include wrappers or labels)... 900.00

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

- 514 P **1c-10c Executive, Large Die Proofs on India (O10P1-O14P1).** Die sunk on 141 x 215mm full-size cards, with gold edging on three sides from a presentation album, very fresh, 2c India paper with hint of even toning, still Very Fine and desirable set(Photo Ex) 500.00
- 515 ★ **1c-10c Executive (O10-O14).** Including 3c in Violet Rose shade from later printing (Scott O12a), original gum, O12a slightly disturbed, O11 few adherences on gum, few shortish perfs but overall Fine-Very Fine and better than normally seen in a group lot, also including 3c block of four with traces of gum and faulty, not counted in total Scott Retail(Photo Ex) 5,200.00
- 516 ★ **1c Executive (O10).** Horizontal strip of four, original gum, deep rich color on bright paper, centered to top left, Fine and rare, this is **the second largest recorded multiple**, the largest is a block of six with similar centering, Scott Retail as singles 3,400.00



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- 517 ★田 **2c Executive (O11).** Block of six with left selvage, original gum, few trivial adherences, deep rich color on bright paper, choice centering for this difficult issue, few perf separations expertly reinforced
- VERY FINE APPEARANCE. A RARE BLOCK OF SIX OF THE 2-CENT EXECUTIVE OFFICIAL ISSUE.
- Ex Waud and Markovits. Scott Retail as block of four and two singles..... 3,800.00



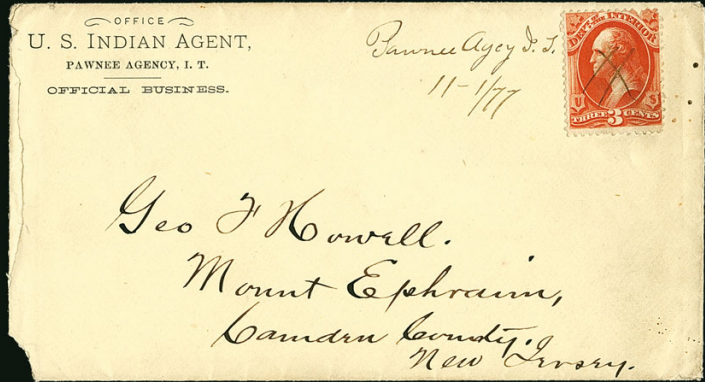
- 518 ☒ **3c Executive (O12).** Tied by purple cork cancel and matching "Washington D.C. Jan. 23 5PM 1878" circular datestamp on Executive Mansion imprint cover to Saco Maine, from the office of President Rutherford B. Hayes (addressed in another hand), stamp with small tear at top left, otherwise Very Fine, ex Knapp and Burrus 1,200.00
- 519 ☒ **3c Executive (O12).** Cancelled by cork, "Washington D.C. Jun. 8 9AM" circular datestamp on Executive Mansion imprint cover **addressed in the hand of President Rutherford B. Hayes** to Mr. W. D. Howells in Cambridge Mass. and **forwarded** to Newport R.I., appropriate forwarding markings including "Forwarded" in circle handstamp, some slight wear and soiling, still Very Fine, the recipient was owner of the *Atlantic Monthly*, this was reportedly purchased from the grandson of the person the Howells were vacationing with in Newport, the recipient left the letter there (copy of 1877 enclosure accompanies), Very Fine, Scott Retail with no premium for the Hayes handwriting..... 1,200.00
- 520 ☒ **3c Executive (O12).** Tied by segmented cork cancel, "Washington D.C. Aug. 13 5PM" circular datestamp on Executive Mansion imprint cover to Salem Mass., **addressed by Webb Hayes, son of Rutherford B. Hayes**, accompanied by Executive Mansion enclosure written by Webb asking about an escutcheon he asked to have made for his father and signed "Webb C. Hayes", stamp with slight toning and slightly affected from placement near edge of cover, otherwise Very Fine and attractive, accompanied by extensive background information from the Hayes Presidential Center on the escutcheon including photographs of various designs and correspondence related to it 1,200.00
- 521 ☒ **3c Executive (O12).** Rich color, bold strike of **clamshell handstamp**, "Washington D.C. Feb. 28" (1874) circular datestamp on Executive Mansion imprint cover to West Brookfield Mass., sent during Grant administration, slightly reduced at left and some slight wear, Very Fine, with 1986 P.F. certificate..... 1,200.00



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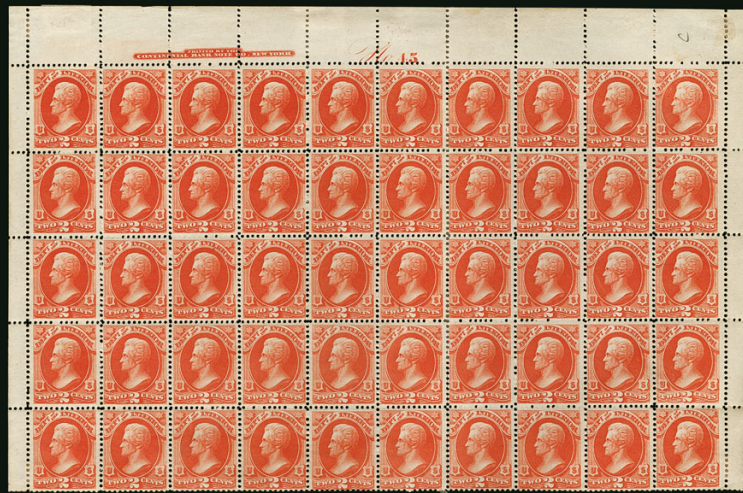
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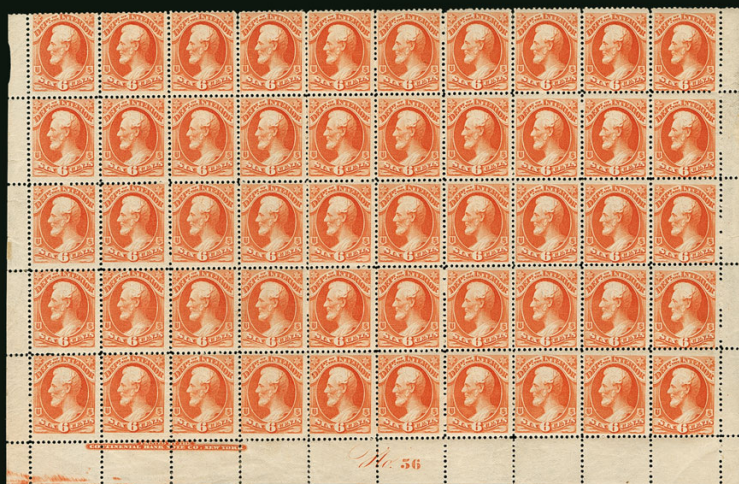
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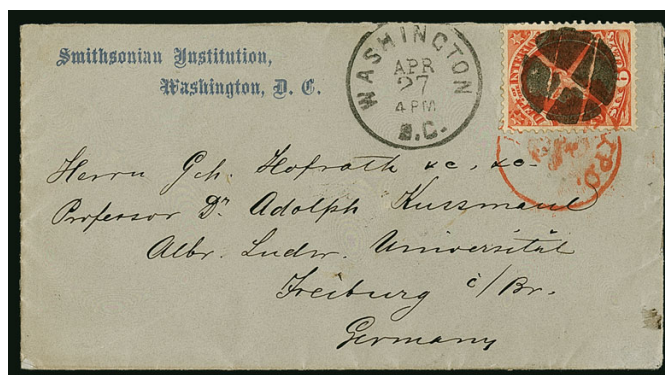
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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

- 522 ★ **1c-90c Interior (O15-O24).** Original gum, 10c Mint N.H., few h.r., 3c disturbed, vibrant colors and better centering than normally seen in a group, 12c horizontal crease, Fine-Very Fine with a few Extremely Fine(Photo Ex) 1,380.00
- 523 ★田 **1c-30c Interior (O15-O23).** Blocks of four, original gum, bottom pair of 1c Mint N.H., few h.r., many lightly hinged, radiant color, overall fresh and Fine-Very Fine blocks...(Photo Ex) 5,455.00
- 524 ★田 **2c Interior (O16).** Block of 50 from the top half of the sheet with imprint and plate no. 45 at top and selva at sides, original gum, we conservatively estimate that approximately half are Mint N.H., some h.r. including where some perf separations sensibly reinforced, almost split between 6th and 7th rows (does not affect plate block), radiant color, Fine-Very Fine, a scarce half sheet, Scott Retail as plate block, 20 Mint N.H. and 18 hinged singles 5,410.00
- 525 ★田 **2c-12c Interior (O16, O20, O97).** Imprint and plate no. blocks of twelve, 2c top left corner position from plate 45 for both Continental and American printings, 12c bottom left corner position from plate 49, original gum, few h.r., some perf separations sensibly reinforced including 12c right vertical pair mostly separated, otherwise Fine-Very Fine and attractive group of plate blocks(Photo Ex/Website PDF) 2,605.00
- 526 ☒ **3c Interior (O17).** Manuscript and "Pawnee Agcy. I.T. 11-1/77" manuscript postmark on "Office, U.S. Indian Agent, Pawnee Agency, I.T. Official Business" imprint cover to Mount Ephraim N.J., opened bit roughly at left, stamp with small nick at top, otherwise Very Fine, scarce Indian Agency use, ex Markovits E. 300-400
- 527 ★田 **6c Interior (O18).** Bottom left corner imprint and plate no. 56 block of twelve, original gum, lightly hinged, brilliant color, pos. 8 natural inclusion at top, Very Fine and attractive plate block, Scott Catalogue does not list this as a plate block of twelve (which is necessary to include the full imprint and plate number), Scott Retail as plate block of ten and two singles 1,090.00
- 528 ★田 **6c Interior (O18).** Block of 50 comprising the bottom half of the sheet, imprint and plate no. 56 at bottom and selva at sides, original gum, approximately 40 Mint N.H., others lightly hinged, radiant color, few trivial natural gum bends, few perf separations, Fine-Very Fine, a rare half sheet, Scott Retail as singles with no premium for the plate block 7,100.00



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- 529 ☒ **6c Interior (O18).** Bold quartered cork cancel, tied by indistinct strike of red New York exchange office circular datestamp with "Washington D.C. Apr. 27 4 PM" circular datestamp on "Smithsonian Institution Washington D.C." imprint cover to **Freiburg, Germany**, receiving backstamp (unclear date)
- VERY FINE AND RARE USE OF THE 6-CENT INTERIOR DEPARTMENT ISSUE ON COVER TO GERMANY.
- Lester C. Lanphear, in his comprehensive study of Official covers to foreign destinations in *Chronicle* 239 (Aug. 2013), records only 126 covers to any foreign destination. For the Interior Department he records 21 covers, mostly franked with 2c or 3c stamps. This is one of **only two covers franked with a 6c stamp**, the other is addressed to Italy E. 2,000-3,000
- 530 ☒ **10c Interior (O19).** Centered to left, cancelled by purple quartered cork, bold "Washington D.C. Jun. 3 12PM 1878" circular datestamp on oversize cover to **Göttingen, Germany**, reduced at left, vertical file fold well away from stamp, Fine and an extremely rare use, **one of only two 10c Interior covers to a foreign destination** according to Lester C. Lanphear in *Chronicle* 239 (Aug. 2013) E. 750-1,000
- 531 ★ **1c-90c Interior, Multiples (O21/O24, O96-O101).** Group of multiples, mostly bottom or top imprint and/or plate no. pieces, including hard paper 15c bottom block of 10 with plate no. and all but a small portion of imprint, most stamps in the block Mint N.H., another 15c block of 10 with full imprint and part plate no., 30c plate no. and imprint strip of six, 90c strip of five with plate no. and part imprint, another 90c corner margin block of 10 with full imprint and part plate no., soft paper complete in blocks of four except 1c in top strip of five with plate no. and most of imprint, some h.r. and disturbed gum, perf separations and other small problems to be found, centering includes much Fine, Scott Retail as singles or blocks without regard to the positions(Photo Ex) 18,082.50



- 532 **15c Interior (O21).** Exhibit page containing four used singles and an original-gum block of four, the page illustrates different types of **double transfers** including Types IA, IB, IIA and IIB, the block has Types IA and IB at left, fresh and Very Fine group, the block catalogues \$900.00 with no premium for the double transfers(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. 300-400
- 533 ★★田 **24c Interior (O22).** Mint N.H. bottom left corner imprint and plate no. 104 block of 12, bright color, centered to right, one stamp short gum and some gum residue on front affecting small portion of pos. 7 and selvage below, perf separations lower right, Very Good-Fine, a rare plate block in any condition, Power Search does not contain any others, Scott Retail as singles. 4,800.00
- 534 ☒ **1c-12c Interior (O15-O18, O20, O97-O99).** Group of 22 covers on exhibit pages, both hard and soft paper printings, nice range of uses including post card, drop, single, double and quadruple domestic rates, variety of corner cards including Smithsonian Institution, Patent Office, Office of Indian Affairs, Land Office and others, mixed condition with some stamp and cover flaws, overall Fine and worthwhile group(Website PDF) E. 1,000-1,500

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

- 535 ★ **1c-90c Justice (O25-O34).** 1c-3c and 24c unused (no gum), 90c disturbed original gum, others original gum, h.r., rich colors on bright paper, few small flaws, appear Fine-Very Fine, an attractive set.....(Photo Ex) 5,435.00
- 536 ★田 **1c Justice (O25).** Block of four, original gum, h.r., radiant color on bright paper, choice centering, top left stamp single short perf at lower left, otherwise Very Fine-Extremely Fine.. 1,100.00
- 537 ☒ **1c Justice (O25).** Bright color, tied by cork cancel, "Washington D.C. Mar. 6 5PM" circular date-stamp on legal-size magenta eagle and shield illustrated "Department of Justice Blanks" imprint cover with Chief Clerk's signed statement that no written matter was enclosed, thus the 1c printed matter rate, to Clarksburgh W. Va., slightly reduced at right, some slight soiling, still Very Fine, scarce use of the 1c Justice on cover..... 1,750.00
- 538 ☒ **3c Justice (O27).** Three covers, first with U.S. Attorney for Eastern District of Missouri corner card, second with Department straightline corner card and cancelled in magenta ink, third legal size with eagle and shield illustrated seal and stamp tied by fancy star cancel, first two with edge nicks, overall Fine trio of covers(Photo Ex) 1,725.00
- 539 ☒ **6c Justice (O28).** Tied by cork cancel, "Washington D.C. Nov. 13?" circular datestamp on legal-size magenta eagle and shield illustrated "Department of Justice" imprint cover to Clarksburg West Virginia, some toning at lower right has been cleaned, tear at left and nicked corner, otherwise Fine..... 1,200.00



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- 540 ★田 **10c Justice (O29)**. Top left corner imprint and plate no. 97 block of 12, original gum which is slightly disturbed from prior hinging, vivid color, well-centered, two small closed tears in selvage at left, a few perfs reinforced

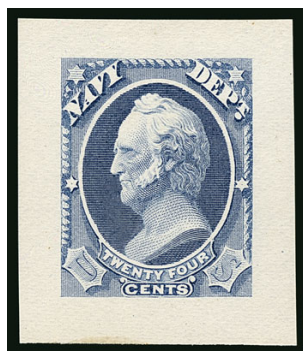
VERY FINE APPEARANCE. AN EXCEPTIONALLY RARE PLATE BLOCK OF THE 10-CENT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL ISSUE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED FULL PLATE BLOCK OF ANY OF THE TEN JUSTICE DENOMINATIONS.

Both the Scott and Durland catalogues list only this 10c plate block among the entire Justice Department series. No plate number examples of any size are listed in Durland for the 1c-3c and 12c-90c values. A block of four with plate number is listed for the 6c and a strip of four with plate number for the 10c, in addition to this unique 10c plate block of 12.

Ex Weill Brothers..... 6,620.00



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- 541 ★田 **12c Justice (O30)**. Block of four, original gum, top left stamp h.r., bottom left possibly Mint N.H., radiant color, well-balanced margins, Very Fine and choice..... 1,200.00

NAVY DEPARTMENT

- 542 P **1c-90c Navy, Small Die Proofs on Wove (O35P2-O45P2)**. Removed from (or possibly were never on) gray card from a Roosevelt presentation album, 24c and 30c each with small thin spot, 12c, 15c and 90c small stain at bottom edge, otherwise Very Fine(Photo Ex) 1,100.00
- 543 田 **1c-90c Navy, Plate Proofs on India (O35P3-O45P3)**. Blocks of four, each from the **top left corner position** on the sheet and on original card backing (therefore free of the usual flaws), each card extending 18mm outside the India paper at top and left, 6c Pos. 2 with line through "N" of "Navy", 90c Pos. 1 showing short transfer at left, gorgeous colors, Extremely Fine Gem set, while the India paper proofs have a modest catalogue value, one would be hard pressed to locate a finer set of blocks(Photo Ex) 880.00



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- 544 ★ **1c-90c Navy (O35-O45).** 7c and 90c unused (no gum), 24c part original gum, few with disturbed original gum, rich colors, overall Fine-Very Fine(Photo Ex) 2,870.00
- 545 ★田 **1c-10c Navy, Multiples (O35-O37, O40).** 1c top left corner imprint strip of four, also two blocks of six, 2c blocks of four and nine, 10c block of four, original gum, some h.r., a few small flaws and some perf separations, mostly Fine.....(Photo Ex) 6,440.00



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- 546 ☒ **1c-2c Navy (O35-O36).** Singles of each, tied by bold cork cancels, "Washington D.C. May 5 5PM" circular datestamp on **illustrated United States Navy Bureau of Ordnance** Official Business corner card cover to Commandant of the Navy Yard in New York, illustration depicts the Bureau's crest of crossed cannons and anchor with rope, May 6 receiving backstamp

VERY FINE AND RARE USE OF THE ONE-CENT AND 2-CENT NAVY DEPARTMENT ISSUES ON AN ILLUSTRATED ORDNANCE BUREAU COVER.

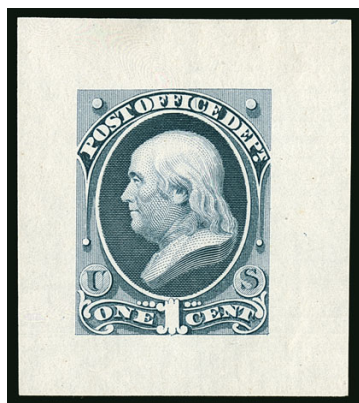
Alan C. Campbell, in his article on Navy Department stamps on cover (*Chronicle* 193, Feb. 2002), records only four 1c and 2c combination Navy covers, each paying the 3c domestic rate. Very few covers are known with this Ordnance Bureau design.

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

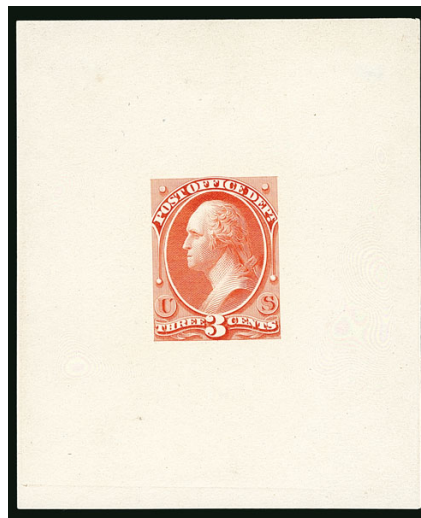


- 547 ★ **2c Navy (O36).** Matching top and bottom imprint and plate no. 50 strips of ten with selvage at sides, original gum, few appear to be Mint N.H., bright color, top position tear in selvage above "No.", few perf separations, Fine and attractive matched pair, Scott Retail as hinged singles without regard to the positions.....(Photo Ex) 3,200.00
- 548 ★田 **2c, 6c, 12c Navy (O36, O38, O41).** Blocks of four, original gum, 2c and 12c in distinctly darker shade than 6c, 2c few perf separations, 6c single short perf at top left, 12c light gum soak along a few perfs at bottom left, still Fine-Very Fine and attractive blocks.....(Photo Ex) 2,550.00
- 549 ☒ **3c Navy (O37).** Four covers, originations including U.S. Naval Asylum Philadelphia, two from Navy Yard Philadelphia, fourth cover is from U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis with an original **cadet report card** for Mr. A. W. Stahl for the 1879 academic year, showing an impressive top of the class standing in two subjects, second place standing in two others, but with a worrisome 67 demerits for the semester, Very Fine and fascinating group, despite his disciplinary record, A. W. Stahl would have a successful career, including serving as superintending constructor of a number of battle ships and armored cruisers before and after the Spanish-American War (source: Annual Reports of the Navy Department), for an article by him on activities of the Navy Yard during the 1898 war see *The New York Times* April 23, 1899(Photo Ex/Website PDF) 1,000.00
- 550 ★ **6c Navy, Line thru "N" of "NAVY" (O38 var).** Exhibit page displaying three unused and one used single and a top imprint and plate no. 53 strip of five, from Positions 2, 6, 46 and 66, original gum except one single unused (no gum), the used single with part of captured imprint at top, Very Fine study of this unusual plate variety, Scott Retail as singles...(Photo Ex/Website PDF) 1,360.00
- 551 ★田 **10c Navy (O40).** Top imprint block of eight, original gum, lightly hinged with bottom stamps possibly Mint N.H., deep rich color and proof-like impression on bright paper, **position 3 with plate scratch** thru portrait, Fine-Very Fine and rare block, the plate scratch is listed in Scott with a \$125.00 premium, Scott Retail as two blocks of four with no premium for the better position or the imprint selvage..... 2,000.00
- 552 ★ **Navy Department Plate Varieties.** Five unused singles and a bottom selvage block of four of 6c with part imprint, including 10c pos. 3 with plate scratch, three 12c from Positions 50, 60 and 70 showing double transfers, 24c with line thru "N" of "NAVY", 6c not really a variety except labelled on page as short transfer of imprint (probably just underinked), few small faults, overall Fine-Very Fine and interesting group, the 24c position is unlisted in Scott even though it is listed for the 6c(Photo Ex/Website PDF) E. 500-750

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

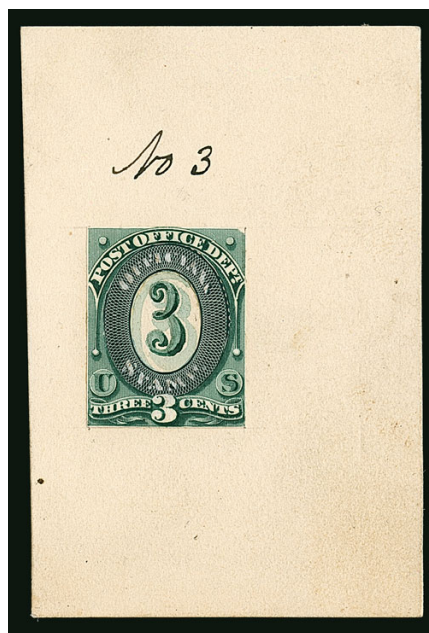


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- 553 E **1c Post Office, Die Essay on Proof Paper (O47-E1b).** Complete set of **all five listed colors**, each approx. 34 x 38mm or slightly larger, brilliant colors, Very Fine set rarely found complete**(Photo Ex)** 6,250.00
- 554 E **3c Orange Red, Post Office, Large Die Essay on Ivory Glazed Paper (O49-E4c).** 64 x 77mm, vivid color, small corner thin spots at top as nearly always found on the ivory glazed paper essays and proofs, Very Fine 1,750.00



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- 555 E **3c Green, Post Office, Model Essay on Stiff White Card (O49-E8).** 50 x 75mm card, model of engraved frame for No. O49-E4 affixed with central oval cut out, engraved lathework similar to early Postage Due issues pasted inside model with "Official Stamp" drawn in wash, "3" numeral also drawn in green pencil and wash, manuscript "No. 3" above, beautiful bright shade
- VERY FINE. A UNIQUE ESSAY FOR THE 3-CENT POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT ISSUE. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL PRODUCTION ESSAYS FOR THE 1873 OFFICIAL ISSUE.
- This is listed in Scott, but erroneously stated to be in black. With 1988 P.F. certificate 7,500.00



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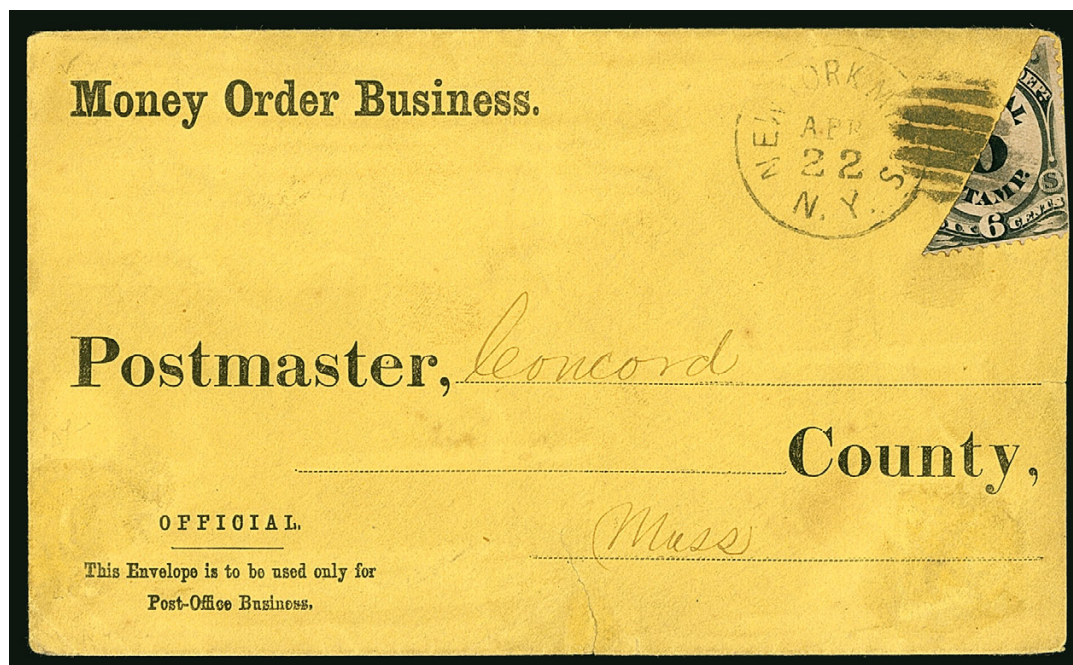


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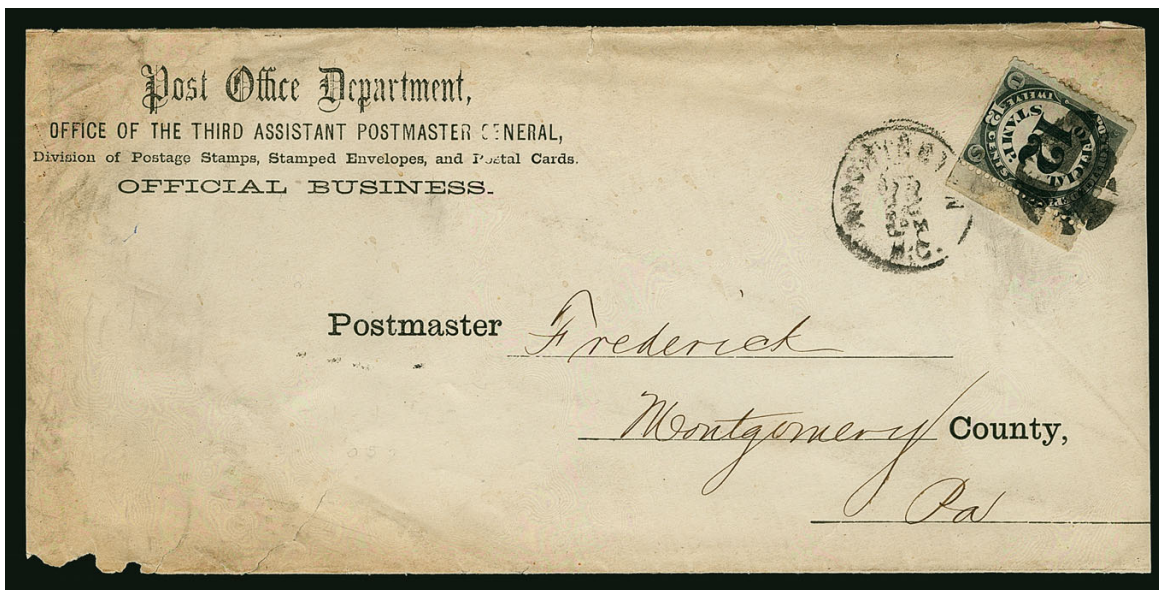
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- 556 ★ **1c-90c Post Office (O47-O56).** Original gum, few h.r. or light adherences, better centering than normally seen, Very Fine-Extremely Fine set.....(Photo Ex) 1,140.00
- 557 ★田 **1c-90c Post Office (O47-O56).** Blocks of four, original gum, few h.r., 12c Mint N.H., 15c three Mint N.H., few faults including 24c and 90c two stamps creased, still Fine-Very Fine and scarce set of blocks of four.....(Photo Ex) 6,110.00
- 558 ★ **2c-90c Post Office, Multiples (O48-O56, O108).** Group of multiples, hard paper complete less the 10c and 12c values, including 2c top plate no. and imprint block of 12, 3c matching top and bottom imprint and plate no. blocks of 14, 6c wide top selvage strip of five with part imprint and full plate no., 15c and 24c bottom imprint and plate no. strips of six, 30c bottom selvage strip of five with part imprint and full plate no., 90c bottom imprint and plate no. strip of five, soft paper 3c in block of four and bottom selvage strip of six with part imprint and plate no., many Mint N.H. stamps and some h.r., a few minor flaws or separations but overall a Fine and attractive group, Scott Retail as singles without regard to the positions for those pieces that are not complete plate blocks(Photo Ex) 7,930.00



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- 559 ☒ **6c Post Office, Diagonal Half Used as 3c on Cover (O50a).** Bottom right diagonal half, tied across the cut by grid, "New York Mills N.Y. Apr. 22" circular datestamp on yellow Money Order Business part printed cover to Concord Mass., slightly reduced at right affecting a few perfs, some soiling and cover edge tears, still Fine and rare bisect used to pay the 3c rate, only ten are recorded, ex Hughes, Waud and Markovits, with 1993 P.F. certificate, Scott Retail \$5,000.00..... E. 1,000-1,500



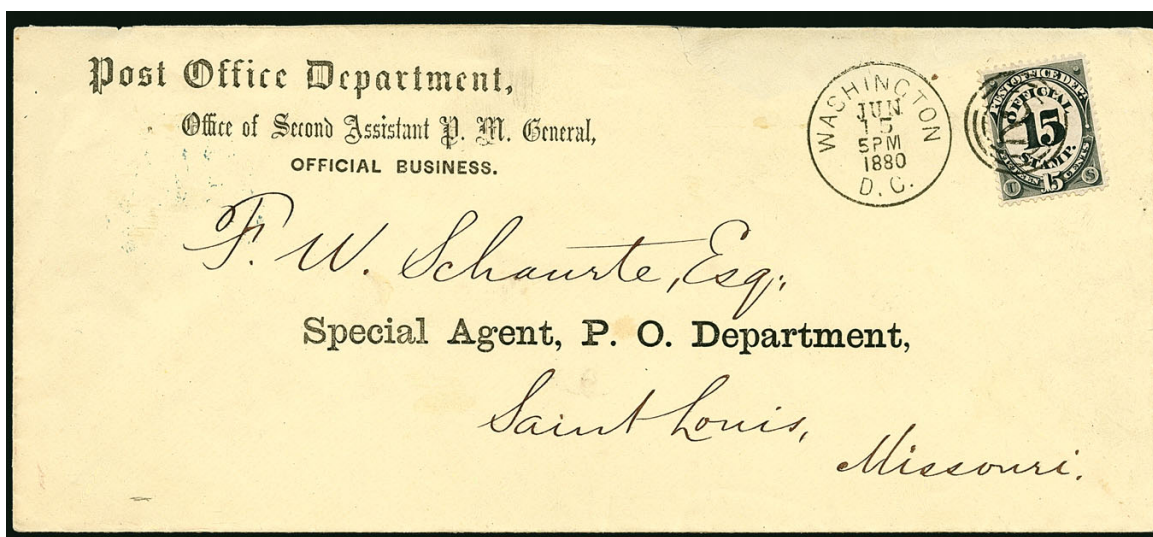
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- 560 ☒ **12c Post Office (O52).** Salvage at right, tied by cork and by Washington D.C. circular datestamp on Post Office Department, Third Assistant Postmaster General's Office imprint cover to Frederick Md., two enclosures, one form no. 53 addressing postage stamp, stamped envelope and postal card regulations, second enclosure a postage stamp order from the Frederick postmaster, stamp with blunted perfs at bottom and scrape in selvage, cover with corner flaws and slightly reduced at sides, still Fine and very scarce 12c Post Office use with good contents E. 1,000-1,500



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- 561 ★田 **15c Post Office (O53).** Top left corner imprint and plate no. 66 block of 12, original gum, h.r. reinforcing some perf separations, intense shade, selvage crease above pos. 1, Fine, a very scarce plate block, Power Search does not list even one other, for some reason Scott lists this as a plate block of 14 (which is the correct format for the 3c plate block which Scott lists as a block of 12), in any event the correct size for this is a block of twelve..... 2,250.00



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- 562 ☒ **15c Post Office (O53).** Well-centered, intense shade, tied by "Washington, D.C. Jun. 15, 1880 5 PM" target duplex datestamp on "Post Office Department, Office of Second Assistant P.M. General, Official Business" imprint legal-size buff cover to St. Louis Mo., Jun. 17 receiving backstamp, part of backflap missing

VERY FINE AND RARE. ONLY FOUR COVERS HAVE BEEN RECORDED WITH THE 15-CENT POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

The 15c stamp pays the five-times 3c domestic rate. Robert Markovits recorded only four covers in total (2004 Bennett sale). This cover with a sound and fresh stamp is exceptional 5,000.00



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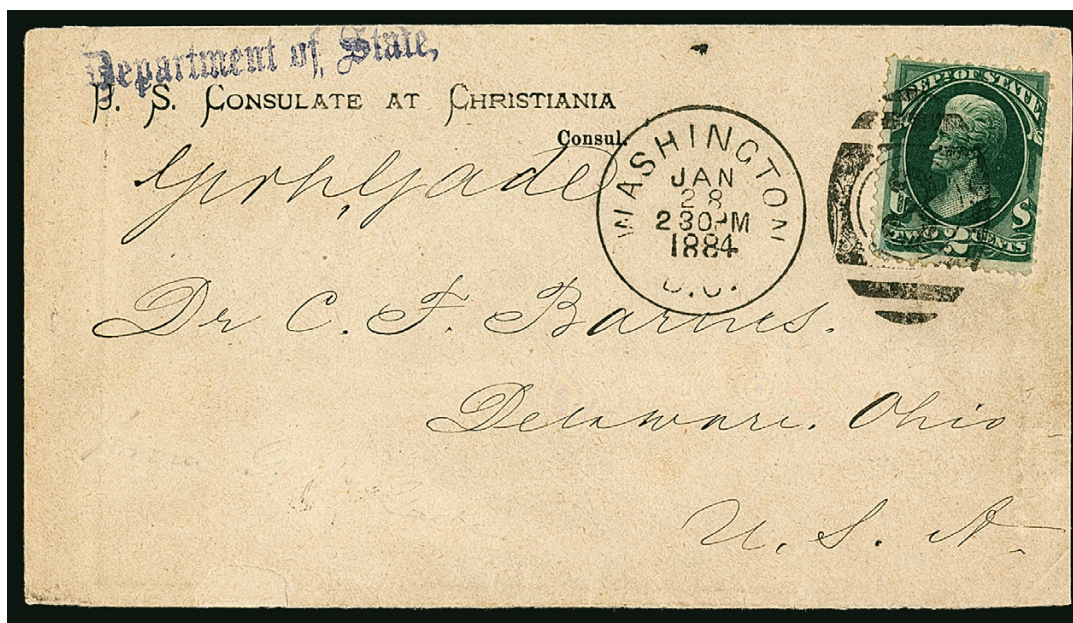
- 563 ★田 **1c-30c Post Office Department Multiples.** 16 items, mostly 1c and 2c but also including 30c top imprint and plate no. strip of ten with side selvage, 12c imprint and plate no. 71 block of twelve (plate no. column mostly separated and top right stamp tear), matching pair of 1c top and bottom imprint and plate no. 43 blocks of 14, few other better, few faults to be expected including some perf separations, overall a Fine-Very Fine and worthwhile group, Scott Retail with no premium for several better positions.....(Photo Ex/Website PDF) 6,925.00

- 564 ☒ **1c-10c Post Office, Cover Balance (O47-O51).** 12 covers with single stamps, each value through 10c represented with only half the more common 3c, uses including circular, double-weight circular, drop rate and domestic with double and quadruple rates, registered (which was free to the Post Office Dept.), also one entire (UO17), several styles of Post Office Department corner cards, several with form enclosures, some flaws to be expected but overall a Fine and interesting group(Website PDF) E. 400-500

STATE DEPARTMENT



- 565 TC **1c-90c State, Dull Gray Blue, Goodall Trial Color Small Die Proofs on India (O57TC2c-O66TC2c).** Complete set on approx. 50 x 50mm cards, brilliant colors, 1c India paper slight puckering, Very Fine and scarce set.....(Photo Ex) 3,300.00
- 566 TC **1c-90c State, Deep Green, Goodall Trial Color Small Die Proofs on India (O57TC2c-O66TC2c).** Complete set off card, each approx. 27 x 34mm, rich colors, only a couple with minor India paper irregularities, Very Fine and scarce set(Photo Ex) 3,300.00
- 567 **1c-90c State (O57-O67).** 16 used stamps, including complete set with 1c-30c red cancels and 90c purple cancel, additional five stamps with town cancels including 90c with New York registry oval, few small faults, Fine-Very Fine and interesting group....(Photo Ex) 2,300.00
- 568 ★ **1c-15c State (O57-O64).** Original gum, most h.r., deep rich colors, better centering than normally seen in a group, Very Fine-Extremely Fine, also including 3c block of four with left selvage, original gum, h.r., couple small stains, otherwise Fine...(Photo Ex) 4,260.00



- 569 ☒ **2c State (O58).** Rich color, tied by "3" oval grid cancel with "Washington D.C. Jan. 28 2:30PM 1884" duplex datestamp on cover to Delaware O., with printed "**U.S. Consulate at Christiania, Consul**" imprint and purple "Department of State" handstamp, receiving backstamp, slightly reduced at right, Very Fine and attractive use from Norway, with 1981 P.F. certificate E. 500-750



- 570 ☒ **3c State (O59).** Rich color, tied by “3” in target cancel and “Washington D.C. Dec. 3 7PM 1881” duplex datestamp on light gray cover to Cleveland O., ms. **“Legation to Bolivia, Chas. Adams Minister”** at top left, violet “Department of State” handstamp, receiving backstamp, slight edgewear, Fine, scarce use from Bolivia, with 1980 P.F. certificate E. 400-500
- 571 ☒ **3c State (O59).** Tied by unusual segmented cork, “Washington D.C. Mar. 16” circular datestamp on cover addressed to General Eli H. Murray at Louisville Ky., red “Department of State” handstamp applied prior to use, endorsed **“Ramsey Whig US Mr to Ecuador”** at top left, virtually intact red embossed label on back from U.S. Legation to Ecuador, some edgewear and overall soiling, otherwise Fine and attractive use, ex Ackerman E. 400-500
- 572 ☒ **3c State (O59).** Tied by cork cancel and “Washington D.C. Apr. 28” circular datestamp on cover to New York, purple “Department of State” handstamp, docketing at left **“1874 April 25 Hamilton Fish about President’s veto of currency bill”**, intact wax seal on back, gently cleaned, Fine use from Secretary of State Hamilton Fish E. 300-400
- 573 ☒ **3c State (O59).** Tied by well-struck purple quartered cork cancel, matching “Washington D.C. Dec. 3 7PM 1878” circular datestamp on Department of State imprint cover to New York, receiving backstamp, missing top flap, few small tears at top, still Very Fine and attractive E. 300-400
- 574 ☒ **3c, 6c State (O59, O60).** Two covers, both sent from the **U.S. Legation in Santiago, Chile**, 3c tied by blue grid cancel, matching “Washington D.C. Jun. 3 3PM 1879” circular datestamp to Lynchburg Va., 6c cancelled by purple quartered cork, matching “Washington D.C. Sep. 14 5PM 1877” circular datestamp to same recipient, latter with few cover tears at top, Very Fine and attractive use paying single and double rate, also with enclosure datelined **“Santiago Chile Aug. 7, 1878”** and signed by Osborn (minister of the legation) E. 500-750



- 575 ★田 6c, 12c State (O60, O63). Blocks of four, original gum, h.r., rich color, fresh and Fine-Very Fine(Photo Ex) 2,750.00
- 576 ☒ 7c State (O61). Tied by cork cancel, "Washington D.C. Nov. 5 8PM" circular datestamp on mourning cover to St. Louis Mo., red "Department of State" handstamp, missing top flap, few edge tears at top including small piece out sensibly repaired, still Very Fine and scarce use representing a 1c overpayment of double the 3c rate E. 750-1,000
- 577 ★田 10c State (O62). Block of four, original gum, bottom stamps Mint N.H., deep rich color and proof-like impression, especially choice centering, Very Fine-Extremely Fine, the bottom stamps are particularly desirable with such choice centering in Mint N.H. condition, Scott Retail as singles 1,510.00
- 578 ☒ 10c State (O62). Tied by hollow triangle cancel, "Washington D.C. Sep. 14 7PM" circular datestamp on large blue overall lithographed "Department of State, U.S.A., Official Business" imprint cover to New York, receiving backstamp of the following day, mostly intact red wax State Dept. seal on back, vertical file folds and some cover wear well away from stamp, stamp with light corner crease at bottom right, Very Fine appearance, scarce, with 1983 P.F. certificate E. 750-1,000
- 579 ★田 15c State (O64). Block of four, original gum, hinge sliver at top where few perf separations sensibly reinforced, bottom right stamp Mint N.H., intense shade and impression, fresh and Very Fine, from the Weill Brothers sale, Scott Retail as singles 1,685.00
- 580 ★ 24c State (O65). Original gum, lightly hinged, deep shade and detailed impression on bright paper, wide and balanced margins, Extremely Fine 525.00
- 581 ★ 30c State (O66). Original gum, lightly hinged, deep shade, wide margins, Very Fine and choice, with 1987 P.F. certificate 500.00
- 582 ★ 90c State (O67). Original gum, lightly hinged, wonderful color and crisp impression, Very Fine and choice, with 1982 P.F. certificate 1,050.00



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- 583 ㊦ **\$2.00 State, Plate Proof on India (O68P3).** Complete sheet of ten with imprints and double plate nos. 121 and 123, bright colors, free of the usual India paper faults normally encountered, just a slight bit of wrinkling in bottom margin which is detectable only when held up to light

VERY FINE. A RARE SHEET OF TEN OF THE \$2.00 STATE DEPARTMENT PLATE PROOF ON INDIA.

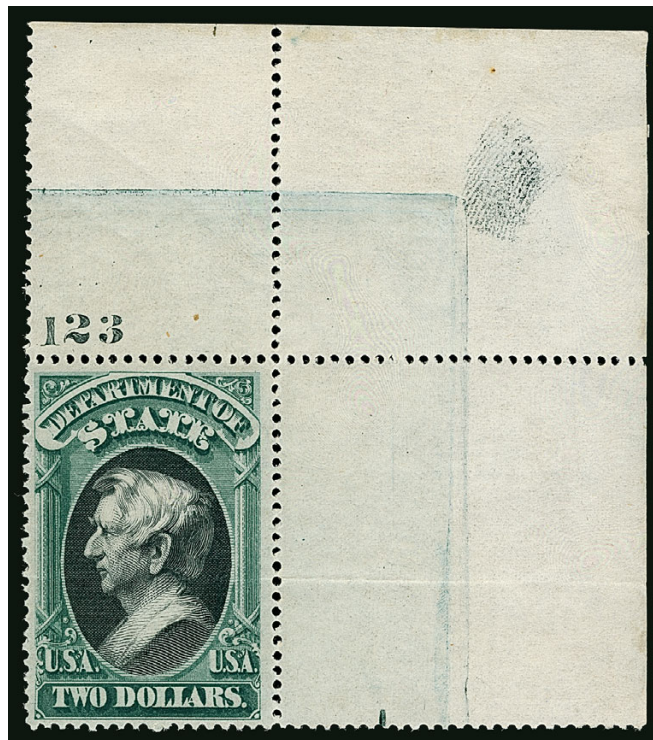
The dollar-value State Department issues were printed in sheets of ten with black imprint and both color plate numbers at top and with green imprint at bottom. This India paper proof is the only way to collect the complete \$2.00 sheet, as none are known intact for the issued stamp ... 4,000.00

- 584 ★★ **\$2.00 State (O68).** Mint N.H. with enormous top right corner sheet margins and **black vignette plate no. 123 at top**, clear outline of corner of plate with a full 20mm of selvage beyond, h.r. at edge of selvage, deep rich colors and well centered, horizontal crease thru portrait and right selvage

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. AN OUTSTANDING AND EXTREMELY RARE MINT NEVER HINGED CORNER SHEET-MARGIN EXAMPLE OF THE \$2.00 STATE DEPARTMENT. ESPECIALLY RARE WITH THE PLATE NUMBER.

This is the *only* \$2.00 State we located using Power Search with the attached plate number selvage or in Mint N.H. condition. The Markovits collection contained a bottom right corner margin single with similar size selvage, described as one of two recorded untrimmed margin singles (the other presumably the lot offered here), but the Markovits copy was without the plate number.

Scott Retail without regard to the plate number..... 3,300.00



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585 ★ **\$2.00 State (O68).** Original gum, lightly hinged, radiant color, detailed impression, choice centering with wide margins

EXTREMELY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL ORIGINAL-GUM EXAMPLE OF THE \$2.00 STATE DEPARTMENT.

With 1981 P.F. certificate 1,600.00



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586 ★田 **\$2.00 State (O68). Block of four,** disturbed original gum from hinge removal, bright colors, nice centering, couple tiny natural inclusions, minor stain over small sealed tear on top left stamp

FINE-VERY FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED BLOCK OF THE \$2.00 STATE DEPARTMENT ISSUE. A GREAT RARITY OF THE 1873 OFFICIALS.

There are no recorded complete sheets of the \$2.00 State Department. This block of four is the largest known multiple and only recorded block.

Ex Worthington, Ackerman, Weill Brothers and Markovits. 19,000.00

- 587 **\$2.00 State (O68).** Wide margins and well-centered, light strike of **red cancel**

VERY FINE USED EXAMPLE OF THE \$2.00 STATE DEPARTMENT WITH A COLORED CANCEL.

This is one of two \$2.00 State Department stamps with a red cancel we located using Power Search. With 2004 P.F. certificate 3,175.00



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- 588 **\$2.00 State (O68).** Rich colors and detailed impressions, bold strike of "New York U.S.A. 2-14 1883" registry oval cancel

VERY FINE AND CHOICE. A SCARCE SOUND USED EXAMPLE OF THE \$2.00 STATE DEPARTMENT.

This dollar-value issue is nearly always found with varying degrees of faults and poor centering. Collectors seeking sound well-centered used Officials will appreciate just how rare this stamp is in such condition. A Power Search review found only two others in sound condition among the 28 we have offered. 3,000.00



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- 589 **\$2.00 State (O68).** Bright colors nicely complemented by **purple cork cancel**, choice centering, small thin spot top left

VERY FINE APPEARANCE. A RARE USED EXAMPLE OF THE \$2.00 STATE DEPARTMENT WITH A COLORED CANCEL.

This is the only example with a purple (or violet) colored cancel listed in Power Search.. 3,025.00

- 590 **\$2.00 State (O68).** Crisp impressions, bold strike of unusual segmented cork cancel, slightly shortish perfs at top left and bottom left, Fine appearance, this is an extremely difficult issue to obtain in basically sound condition, most were used on heavy parcels or overseas and were damaged 3,000.00

- 591 **\$2.00 State (O68).** Bright colors, blue "Received" favor cancel with clear 1879 yeardate, fresh and Fine 3,025.00

\$5.00 STATE DEPARTMENT WITH ORIGINAL GUM
GRADED XF-SUPERB 95 JUMBO BY P.S.E.



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592 ★ **\$5.00 State (O69).** Original gum, incredible Jumbo margins and outstanding centering, deep rich colors

EXTREMELY FINE GEM. A TRULY SUPERB ORIGINAL-GUM EXAMPLE OF THE \$5.00 STATE DEPARTMENT AND LIKELY THE FINEST EXTANT. THIS STAMP HAS BEEN GRADED XF-SUPERB 95 JUMBO BY P.S.E. THIS IS THE HIGHEST GRADED AND ONLY EXAMPLE TO ACHIEVE A 95 GRADE AMONG ALL FOUR OF THE DOLLAR-VALUE STATE DEPARTMENT ISSUES.

A Power Search review, as well as a survey of major named Officials sales, failed to find an example even approaching the margins and centering of the stamp offered here. The P.S.E. Population Report also bears this out. This stamp is the highest graded of *any* of the bicolor dollar-value State Department issues. To find the \$5.00, which is rarest stamp of the series, in this grade is even more remarkable. One must go back to the 30c before finding a stamp graded higher than 90J. In fact, only the far more common 1c, 12c and 30c State denominations have received grades higher than this 95J among the 15 stamps in the series. The highest grades awarded by P.S.E. for the dollar-value States are as follows:

- \$2.00 (Scott O68) OG 90 Jumbo
- \$5.00 (Scott O69) OG XF-Superb 95J, the example offered here, the next best is OG F 70
- \$10.00 (Scott O70) OG XF 90
- \$20.00 (Scott O71) OG VF 80

With 1983 P.F. and 2016 P.S.E. certificates (OGh, XF-Superb 95 Jumbo; unpriced in SMQ above the grade of 90, SMQ \$18,000.00 as 90)..... 7,500.00

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\$5.00 State (O69). Wide margins, fresh colors, blue 1879 State Department double oval “favor” receiving datestamp

VERY FINE EXAMPLE OF THE \$5.00 STATE DEPARTMENT ISSUE CANCELLED IN BLUE.

From our 1976 Rarities of the World sale
..... 13,250.00



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594 ★ **\$10.00 State (O70).** Original gum, detailed impressions

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

With 1979 P.F. certificate..... 4,500.00



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595 ★田 **\$10.00 State (O70). Complete sheet of ten** with top and bottom imprint, top green "No. 122" and black "No. 123" plate numbers, seven stamps Mint N.H., others lightly hinged, well-centered, top left stamp and selvage to left small staple holes

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE COMPLETE SHEET OF TEN OF THE \$10.00 STATE DEPARTMENT ISSUE. A REMARKABLE SHOWPIECE.

Of the four State Department dollar values, only the \$10.00 and \$20.00 are known in complete sheets of ten. The only recorded multiple of the \$2.00 is the block of four offered in this sale as lot 586. The \$5.00 only recorded multiple is an irregular block of six with double imprint and green plate no. (ex Weill Brothers and Markovits). For the \$10.00 and \$20.00 there are perhaps three full sheets still in existence.

From our 1981 and 1986 Rarities of the World sales..... 62,500.00



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596 **\$10.00 State (O70).** Bright shade, light strike of blue “Received” favor cancel, unusually choice centering

EXTREMELY FINE. A BEAUFIFUL AND RARE USED EXAMPLE OF THE \$10.00 STATE DEPARTMENT.

Power Search contains only three used examples of the \$10.00 State, including two with the “Received” favor cancel (one in magenta, one in blue) and one with a magenta manuscript cancel. The Markovits collection contained one, with perfs close or touching at top. The on-line records of the Philatelic Foundation contain three others (two with magenta manuscript cancels, the third defective). None are as well-centered as the example offered here.

With 1980 P.F. certificate 7,700.00



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597 ★ **\$20.00 State (O71).** Original gum, deep rich color and proof-like impression, choice centering with well-proportioned margins

EXTREMELY FINE. A BEAUTIFUL ORIGINAL-GUM EXAMPLE OF THE \$20.00 STATE DEPARTMENT.

This issue is difficult to obtain in such pristine condition. 5,000.00



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- 598°★ **\$20.00 State (O71).** Original gum, deep rich color and detailed impression
 VERY FINE AND CHOICE ORIGINAL-GUM EXAMPLE OF THE \$20.00 STATE DEPARTMENT.
 Ex Hoffman. With 1991 and 2005 P.F. certificates 5,000.00

- 599 **\$20.00 State (O71).** Fresh colors, neat strike of blue "Received" favor cancel with clear May 2, 1877 date
 FINE AND VERY SCARCE SOUND USED EXAMPLE OF THE \$20.00 STATE DEPARTMENT ISSUE.
 This is a very difficult issue to obtain in used condition. Outside of this sale we have offered only five others since keeping computerized records.
 With 1988 P.F. certificate. Scott Catalog states "No. O71 used is valued with a blue or red handstamp favor cancel" 5,500.00



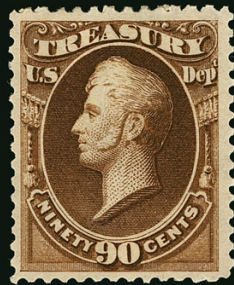
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- 600 **\$20.00 State (O71).** Bright colors, wide margins, neat strike of blue "Received" favor cancel, faults including few sealed tears, otherwise Very Fine, a very difficult issue to obtain in used condition, we have offered only five others since keeping computerized records, Scott Catalog states "No. O71 used is valued with a blue or red handstamp favor cancel" 5,500.00

TREASURY DEPARTMENT



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- 601 ★ **1c-90c Treasury (O72-O82, O109-O111).** Original gum except 12c unused (no gum), 15c Mint N.H., rich colors, overall Fine-Very Fine and a nice group(Photo Ex) 3,805.00
- 602 ★田 **1c-90c Treasury, Multiples (O72-O74, O77-O79, O82, O109-O110).** Group of multiples including hard paper blocks of four of 1c-3c, 10c and 15c (no gum), 12c top imprint block of eight (badly disturbed gum), 90c used block of eight, soft paper including four 3c blocks of four (one no gum), 6c top selvage block of four, the original gum with some h.r., a few small flaws or perf separations, Fine with some Very Fine, Scott Retail counting the no gum blocks as singles.....(Photo Ex) 8,550.00
- 603 ★★田 **1c Treasury (O72).** Mint N.H. top imprint and plate no. 44 block of 20 with part arrow and natural s.e. at left, bright shade, faint vertical crease affects eighth row (so plate block not affected), Fine appearance, Scott Retail as plate block of 14 and singles..... 5,500.00
- 604 ★★田 **2c Treasury (O73).** Mint N.H. top imprint and plate no. 42 block of 14 with part arrow and natural s.e. at right, rich color, right stamps vertical crease at right, Fine appearance and a scarce plate block, Scott Retail as singles..... 3,850.00



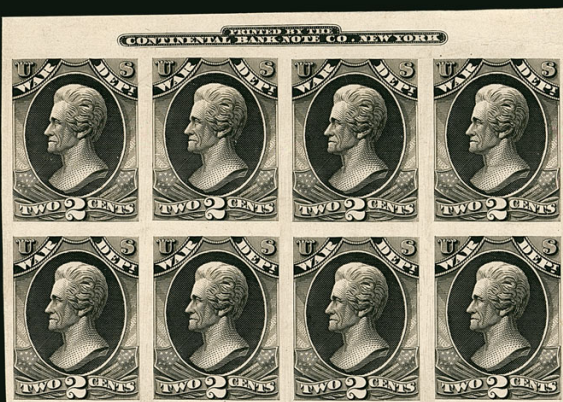
- 605 ☒ **2c, 7c Treasury (O73, O76).** Tied by bold strikes of quartered corks, "Philadelphia Pa. Dec. 26 6PM" circular datestamp on "The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia" imprint cover to Newburyport Mass., few edge tears, Very Fine and scarce use paying three-times the 3c rate, Scott Retail for single 7c on cover \$1,000.00..... E. 750-1,000
- 606 ☒ **10c Treasury (O77).** Horizontal pair, cancelled by purple quartered corks, "Washington D.C. Jan. 28 5PM 1878" circular datestamp on legal-size "Treasury Department, Office of the Secretary, Official Business" imprint cover to **London, England**, red receiving datestamp, with original enclosure of Treasury Dept. stationery signed by John Sherman discussing the sale of bonds and commissions and notes "it is likely silver will be remonetized in this country upon the substantial basis of the old law", missing part of top flap, barely reduced at right, minor edgewear, Very Fine, scarce use to a foreign destination paying four-times the 5c U.P.U. rate E. 500-750
- 607 ☒ **12c Treasury (O78).** Used with **1c Treasury (O72)**, tied by circle of V's, "San Francisco Cal. Registered Dec. 2" circular datestamp on legal-size cover with "United States Internal Revenue, Collector's Office, ___ District, California" imprint to Antioch Cal., remnant of registered letter receipt on back, Very Fine use paying the 10c registry fee plus 3c postage, ex Markovits where described as "the only recorded cover with this particular franking" (2004 Bennett sale) E. 750-1,000
- 608 ★★田 **15c Treasury (O79).** Mint N.H. bottom imprint and plate no. 84 block of 20 with selvage at sides, bright color, crisp impression, light natural gum bends, Fine, a rare large Mint N.H. plate block of the 15c Treasury, Scott Retail as Mint N.H. plate block of twelve and eight singles 11,200.00
- 609 ★ **30c Treasury (O81).** Exhibit page showing a study of **short transfers**, including three blocks of four, two unused singles and one used single, labelled as Positions 26, 41, 45 and 95, the unused singles without gum, the blocks original gum, few h.r., a Fine-Very Fine and desirable group.....(Photo Ex) 5,757.00



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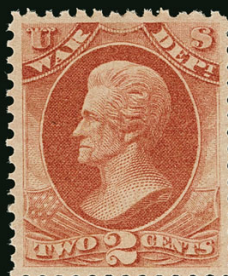
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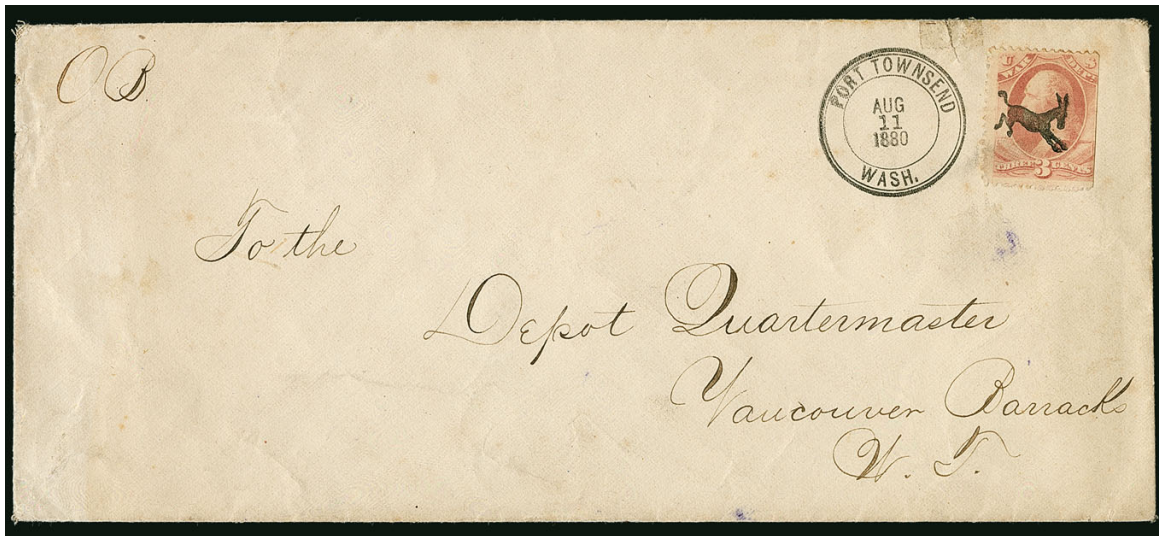


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- 610 ★ **90c Treasury (O82).** Bottom left corner imprint and plate no. 61 strip of six, original gum, four h.r., bright shade, some gum soaks in bottom of selvage, Fine and scarce plate number multiple, Scott Retail as singles..... 2,850.00
- 611 ☒ **Treasury Department Covers.** Twelve, mostly on old-style exhibit pages, including 1c with printed enclosure from 1879 directing that revenue stamps on cigar boxes be "utterly destroyed" to comply with the law, two other 1c single frankings, 1c used with 2c with original enclosure of return for special tax, five with 3c, one with 6c, also 10c single franking on oversize registered cover, few faults to be expected, overall a Fine-Very Fine and desirable group(Website PDF) E. 500-750

WAR DEPARTMENT

- 612 TC **1c-90c War, Atlanta Trial Color Plate Proofs (O83TC4-O93TC4).** Complete set in each of the five listed colors, 55 proofs in total, fresh colors, nearly all with ample to large margins, none are touching, Very Fine set(Photo Ex) 2,254.00
- 613 TC **1c-2c War, Black, Trial Color Plate Proofs on India and Card (O83TC3, O84TC4).** 1c pair on India paper, 2c block of four on card and top imprint block of eight on card, intense shades, Very Fine, Scott Retail as singles(Photo Ex) 1,060.00
- 614 ★ **1c-90c War (O83, O85, O87-O93, O114-O120).** Original gum, few h.r., 10c hard paper Mint N.H., soft paper with two 2c but missing 10c, bright colors, fresh and Fine-Very Fine group(Photo Ex) 2,088.00
- 615 ★★ **2c War (O84).** Mint N.H., brilliant color, wide and balanced margins, Extremely Fine Gem, a beautiful stamp 525.00
- 616 ★田 **2c War (O84).** Block of four, original gum, lightly hinged, rich color and well-centered, small natural inking flaw top right stamp, Very Fine..... 1,025.00



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- 617 ☒ **3c War (O85).** S.e. at right, cancelled by perfect strike of **Kicking Mule** cancel with "Port Townsend Wash. Aug. 11, 1880" double-circle datestamp on legal-size cover to Vancouver Barrack, W.T., ms. "O.B." at top left, with original enclosure dated Aug. 4, small cover tear at top above postmark, minor edgewear, Very Fine strike, **only three Departmental covers are recorded with the Kicking Mule cancel**, the other two were offered in our Sale 1003, with 1988 P.F. certificate E. 750-1,000



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- 618 ★ **6c War (O86).** Original gum, lightly hinged, radiant color on bright paper, wide margins, Extremely Fine Gem, a beautiful stamp..... 625.00
- 619 ★田 **10c War (O88).** Block of four, three stamps Mint N.H., top left stamp lightly hinged, rich color and detailed impression, Very Fine-Extremely Fine, an attractive block, Scott Retail as singles 1,040.00
- 620 ★ **10c War (O88).** Matching top and bottom imprint and plate no. 79 strips of ten with side selvage, ten stamps Mint N.H. including seven in the top strip, bright color, fresh and Fine(Photo Ex) 4,400.00

- 621 ★田 **15c War (O90)**. Complete sheet of 100 with top and bottom imprint and plate no. 87 and selvage at sides, original gum, approximately half Mint N.H., some h.r. where perf separations reinforced, missing small pieces of side selvage, few faults to be expected in such a large multiple, appears Fine-Very Fine, scarce sheet, Scott Retail as hinged plate blocks of ten, half Mint N.H. singles and half hinged singles.....

..... 13,200.00



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- 622 ★田 **15c, 90c War (O90, O93)**. Blocks of four, original gum, fresh and Very Fine blocks(Photo Ex) 1,350.00
- 623 ★ **1c-90c War, Multiples (O89, O91-O93, O114, O117-O119)**. Group of multiples including hard paper original-gum 24c and 30c blocks of four, 24c top imprint and plate no. strip of five, 90c top left corner imprint strip of four, soft paper original gum 1c imprint and plate no. block of 12, 10c and 12c blocks of four, also used blocks of 12c hard paper and 6c soft paper, the latter with blue cancels, some h.r. on the unused, a couple minor flaws and or perf separations, overall Fine-Very Fine.....(Photo Ex) 4,072.00
- 624 ☒ **War Department Covers**. 15 single-franking covers, including 1c-6c with three 6c, soft paper 1c-6c with three each of 2c and 3c and two 6c, range of imprints including Office of National Cemeteries, War Dept., Washington Arsenal, Headquarters District of New Mexico, Rock Island Arsenal, Medical Dept., range of cancels including 5-point Star on 6c soft paper, few territorial uses, some faults, most appear Fine-Very Fine, a diverse group(Website PDF) E. 300-400

1879 AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY PRINTING ON SOFT PAPER



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- 625 ★ **1c Agriculture, Soft Paper (O94).** Top plate "No. 65" horizontal pair, without gum as issued, glowing color on bright white paper FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY REPORTED PLATE NUMBER MULTIPLE OF THE 1879 ONE-CENT AGRICULTURE AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY PRINTING ON SOFT PAPER.

The Durland catalogue lists only two recorded plate number singles, one each from the top and bottom of the sheet, and only this plate number multiple.

Ex Markovits. Scott Retail as singles with no premium for the plate number 12,000.00



- 626 ★ **1c Agriculture, Soft Paper (O94).** Without gum as issued, brilliant color, small thin spot, horizontal crease, Very Fine appearance 6,000.00
- 627 ★ **1c Agriculture, Soft Paper (O94).** Without gum as issued, vivid color, centered to bottom right, thin spots, otherwise Fine 6,000.00
- 628 ★ **1c-15c Interior, Soft Paper (O96-O102).** 2c and 10c Mint N.H., 1c barely hinged, others original gum, range of shades, overall Fine-Very Fine (Photo Ex) 1,217.50
- 629 ★田 **10c Interior, Soft Paper (O100).** Bottom left corner imprint and plate no. 109 block of 12, original gum, most stamps Mint N.H., couple small h.r., vivid color, production crease in selvage, also an extra part row of perfs in selvage at bottom left, Fine and scarce, Power Search lists only a complete sheet of 100 and no plate blocks outside of that 1,650.00
- 630 ★田 **10c Interior, Soft Paper (O100).** Top left corner imprint and plate no. 109 block of twelve, original gum, small hinge slivers where some perf separations sensibly reinforced, brilliant color, small natural gum crease at bottom right, Fine-Very Fine 1,650.00



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- 631 ★ **15c Interior, Soft Paper (O102).** Bottom imprint and plate no. 93 strip of ten with side selvage, eight stamps Mint N.H., side stamps and some selvage previously hinged including paper h.r. in selvage where few perf separations at plate no. position reinforced, right stamp thin spot, Fine appearance, a scarce multiple, Scott Retail as singles..... 8,000.00



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- 632 ★ **24c Interior, Soft Paper (O103).** Original gum, h.r., bright color, couple gum wrinkles visible from front under cross-lighting, short perf at left, otherwise Fine, scarce, with 1980 P.F. certificate 4,500.00

- 633 (★) **24c Interior, Soft Paper (O103).** Unused (no gum), vibrant color, trivial natural inclusion, small thin spot, Fine appearance, with 1986 P.F. certificate..... 2,100.00



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- 634 **24c Interior, Soft Paper (O103).** Brilliant color, blue cancel is clearly visible at left, light corner creasing, few tiny margin tears, Very Fine appearance, extremely rare in used condition, only one other in the P.F. on-line records has a certificate as genuine, but it was recently re-certified as intermediate paper and so is not a Scott O103, with 1975 P.F. certificate, listed but unpriced in Scott E. 1,000-1,500

1879 24-CENT INTERIOR DEPARTMENT ON SOFT PAPER
THE ONLY RECORDED BLOCK



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635 ★田 **24c Interior, Soft Paper (O103).** Block of four, original gum, vibrant color, well-centered
VERY FINE. THIS IS THE ONLY RECORDED BLOCK OF THE 24-CENT INTERIOR DEPARTMENT AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY PRINTING ON SOFT PAPER.

The 24c Interior on soft paper is very difficult to find in sound and centered original gum condition. Many copies submitted as the soft paper are actually intermediate paper and are therefore the Continental printing, Scott O22. This is the only recorded block. An imprint and plate number strip of five is also known, last offered in the Curtis Collection (Siegel Sale 1085, lot 4199).

Ex Lilly, Waud and Markovits. With 1973 P.F. certificate..... 25,000.00

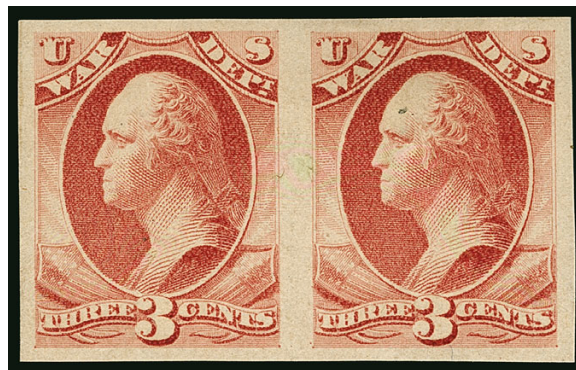


- 636 ★田 **3c-6c Justice, Soft Paper (O106)**. Blocks of four, original gum, h.r., rich colors, 3c with some perf separations, Fine.....(Photo Ex) 3,050.00
- 637 ★田 **6c Treasury, Soft Paper (O110)**. Top left imprint and plate no. 51 block of 12, original gum, h.r., rich color, some gum residue on selvage at left, about Fine, a very scarce plate block, Power Search lists only one other from a sale 16 years ago 2,900.00
- 638 ★ **30c Treasury, Soft Paper (O112)**. Original gum, rich color, choice centering, thin spot from hinge removal, Very Fine appearance..... 2,400.00
- 639 (★) **90c Treasury, Soft Paper (O113)**. Unused (regummed) over small thin spots, rich color, Very Fine, with 1979 P.F. certificate as original gum..... 3,000.00
- 640 ★ **1c-30c War, Soft Paper (O114-O120)**. 22 items, including set of singles and blocks of four, imprint and plate no. strips of five, six or seven of 1c-10c, 3c top and bottom imprint and plate no. blocks of 20, last item is imprint and plate no. block of twelve of 1c, mostly original gum, few Mint N.H., few h.r., few small faults but overall fresh and Fine-Very Fine, Scott Retail as all hinged with no premium for the many better positions such as strips \$3,700.00(Website PDF) E. 1,000-1,500
- 641 ★★田 **2c War, Soft Paper (O115)**. Mint N.H. top and bottom half-panes of 50 which originally formed a pane of 100, natural s.e. at left, rich color, top half with diagonal crease affecting three stamps at lower left, Fine-Very Fine and impressive multiples, the 2c War Issue was one of eight printed from plates of 200 subjects 2,360.00

- 642 ★ **3c War, Soft Paper, Imperforate Horizontal Pair (O116a).** Original gum, h.r. over a tiny thin spot, large even margins, fresh color, natural inclusion in forehead on right stamp

VERY FINE APPEARING EXAMPLE OF THE RARE 3-CENT WAR DEPARTMENT IMPERFORATE ERROR PAIR.

Some of the 3c War Imperforate pairs are found in a vertical format and/or without gum. This horizontal format with original gum is more desirable..... 5,000.00



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- 643 ★ **30c War, Soft Paper (O120).** Top and bottom imprint and plate no. 81 strips of six, top with five stamps Mint N.H., bottom center two stamps Mint N.H. (one with a natural wrinkle), brilliant color, one top position natural inclusion, Fine-Very Fine and scarce position strips.....(Photo Ex) 4,275.00

REGULAR OFFICIAL ISSUE BALANCES

- 644 P **Officials Proofs Balance.** Substantial group on album pages, including 3c Agriculture large die trial color proof, 1c Post Office large die proof on full size card, \$2.00-\$20.00 State hybrid large die proofs (these only come as hybrids), Interior nice complete set of India paper plate proofs on original card backing with wide left card margins, India plate proofs for several Departments, Agriculture and Justice Atlanta proofs (one color of former, two colors of latter), **Panama Pacific proof for 3c State**, Roosevelt proof for 3c Treasury, perforated 2c Navy Green trial color, a few others, overall a Very Fine group with much useful material.....(Website PDF) E. 1,000-1,500
- 645 ★ **Officials Balance.** 46 items, including 20 3c Agriculture on exhibit page with a range of interesting cancels, 20 Navy Dept. on exhibit page from 1c-90c also with some interesting cancels, others including O27, O28, O29 block of four (no gum) and O95, few faults to be expected, overall Fine-Very Fine, Scott Retail with no premium for the better cancels.....(Website PDF) 3,312.50
- 646 **Officials, Cancellation Study (O1/O125).** More than 1,500 stamps in a stock book, values to 90c, wide and diverse range of cancels to be found, including geometric designs, letters, many colored, a few stamps showing part imprint or plate number, selected for the cancel so virtually every stamp has a fault (most of which are not obvious), Fine appearing collection, 11 P.F. certificates accompany(Website PDF) E. 1,500-2,000
- 647 **Officials with Colored Cancels.** 28 used stamps, including blue, red and purple cancels, few interesting including negative "W" in blue on 6c War, negative Star on 3c Agriculture, few faults to be expected, overall Fine-Very Fine group(Website PDF) E. 300-400
- 648 **Fort Cancels on Official Stamps.** 88 items on exhibit pages, including few pairs and strips of three, nice range including Fort Huachuca, Fort Grant, Fort Lewis, nice group from Fort Leavenworth including several different styles of honeycomb, Port Townsend Kicking Mule on 3c War, few other better, some faults to be expected but overall Fine-Very Fine and interesting group(Website PDF) E. 1,000-1,500

OFFICIAL SPECIAL PRINTINGS
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT



- 649 S **1c-30c Agriculture, Specimen Ovpt. (O1S-O9S).** Complete set, without gum as issued, vibrant colors, 12c natural s.e. at left, a couple minor flaws (30c bit of margin soiling), Fine and attractive set, of the 3c to 30c values a range of 352 to 390 each were sold(Photo Ex) 2,887.50
- 650 田 **1c Agriculture, Specimen Ovpt. (O1S).** Block of 20 in vertical format, without gum as issued, vivid color, nice centering and margins throughout, Very Fine, a pretty multiple, Scott Retail as blocks and singles..... 1,530.00
- 651 S **1c Agriculture, “Sepcimen” Error (O1Sa).** Without gum as issued, vivid color, well-centered, Very Fine, only approximately 20 are known, ex Lewenthal..... 2,500.00
- 652 S **2c Agriculture, “Sepcimen” Error (O2Sa).** Without gum as issued, radiant color, light horizontal bend or crease is visible in cross-lighting but does not flash while drying, appears Fine, rare with only approximately 10 known, curiously several are centered to lower right with a wide left margin, ex Lewenthal 3,000.00



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- 653 S **12c Agriculture, “Sepcimen” Error (O6Sa).** Without gum as issued, vivid color, small slightly soiled thin spot at top left


FINE APPEARANCE. AN EXTREMELY RARE EXAMPLE OF THE 12-CENT AGRICULTURE “SEPCIMEN” ERROR. FEWER THAN FIVE ARE KNOWN.

Robert Markovits recorded only three examples of the 12c Agriculture “Sepcimen” error (2004 Bennett sale). There are probably one or two outside of his census, including one offered in our Sale 1017 that had a large stained repair. Only 379 of the 12c Agriculture Special Printing were sold, but it is not known how the stamps were taken from the sheets or if full sheets were exhausted before breaking a subsequent sheet. The famed Golden collection, sold by the Siegel firm in 2015, did not have a copy. 12,500.00

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING



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654  **1c Executive, Specimen Ovpt. (O10S).** Bottom left corner imprint and plate no. 82 block of 14, plate no. 81 scored out below, without gum as issued, brilliant color, well-centered stamps nearly throughout

VERY FINE AND CHOICE. A RARE AND OUTSTANDING IMPRINT AND PLATE NUMBER BLOCK OF 14 OF THE ONE-CENT EXECUTIVE WITH "SPECIMEN" OVERPRINT. A WONDERFUL SHOWPIECE.

After the plate number "81" was engraved on the 1c plate, it was realized that No. 81 had already been assigned to the 30c War plate. The number was scratched out and replaced with "82" above Position 7 and below Position 97..... 18,000.00



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- 655 田 **1c Executive, Specimen Ovpt. (O10S).** Block of 16 in vertical format with narrow left selvage, without gum as issued, rich color, well-centered, Very Fine, Scott Retail as blocks of four..... 1,400.00



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- 656 S **1c Executive on Soft Porous Paper, Specimen Ovpt. (O10xS).** American Bank Note Co. printing, top imprint and plate no. 82 strip of ten with plate no. 81 etched out, without gum as issued, bright color, tiny hinge slivers reinforcing perfs but only preventively as there are few separations

VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE TOP IMPRINT AND PLATE NUMBER STRIP OF TEN OF THE ONE-CENT EXECUTIVE SPECIAL PRINTING ON SOFT PAPER.

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

Imprint and plate number multiples are unlisted in Scott on soft paper. By way of comparison, Scott Retail for an imprint strip of seven on ribbed paper is \$3,250.00 (versus \$280.00 for seven singles). The soft paper printing is more than twice as scarce as the ribbed paper printing (4,652 soft paper sold versus 10,000 for ribbed paper). Therefore this complete top row, were it to be priced in Scott, should be at least \$7,000.00..... E. 4,000-5,000



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- 657 S **1c Executive on Soft Porous Paper, Specimen Ovpt. (O10xS).** American Bank Note Co. printing, horizontal block of 12, without gum as issued, vibrant color, well-centered nearly throughout, pos. 4 light horizontal crease, pos. 9 two small stain spots, Very Fine-Extremely Fine, reported by Mr. Huggins to be **the largest known multiple**, Scott Retail as three blocks of four 3,300.00

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING



- 658 S **3c Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O17S).** Without gum as issued, brilliant color, blunted perfs from scissors-trimming at top left and upper right, Fine and very scarce, only 88 sold 2,500.00
- 659 S **6c Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O18S).** Without gum as issued, radiant color, perfs trimmed at bottom, Fine, very scarce, only 83 sold 2,500.00
- 660 S **10c Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O19S).** Without gum as issued, brilliant color, wide margins and well-centered, Very Fine and choice, scarce and seldom encountered in this quality, only 82 sold 2,500.00
- 661 S **12c Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O20S).** Without gum as issued, vivid color, perfs slightly blunted at bottom from scissors-separation, Fine and very scarce, only 75 sold 2,500.00
- 662 S **15c Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O21S).** Without gum as issued, intense shade and impression, perfs slightly blunted at upper right from scissors-separation, still Fine, very scarce, only 78 sold 2,500.00
- 663 S **24c Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O22S).** Without gum as issued, radiant color, nicely centered with perfs complete on all sides, fresh and Very Fine example of this scarce Special Printing, only 77 sold 2,500.00
- 664 S **30c Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O23S).** Without gum as issued, bright color, reperfed (on more than one side), Fine appearance, very scarce with only 75 sold 2,500.00
- 665 S **90c Interior, Specimen Ovpt. (O24S).** Without gum as issued, vibrant color, reperfed (on more than one side), Fine appearance, very scarce with only 75 sold, ex Crystal 2,500.00

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING



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666 S 1c Justice, Specimen Ovpt., Ribbed Paper, Small Dotted "i" in Specimen (O25S, O25Sc). Top imprint and plate no. 85 block of 50 with selvage at sides, representing the top half of the sheet of 100, Positions 7 and 26 with small dotted "i" in "Specimen", without gum as issued, brilliant color, many well-centered stamps, perf separations as would be expected in such a large multiple as well as some "pinched" perfs between 8th and 9th vertical rows, Pos. 15 small stain

FINE-VERY FINE. A RARE HALF-SHEET OF THE ONE-CENT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING ON RIBBED PAPER, SHOWING BOTH OF THE SMALL DOTTED "i" VARIETIES.

The 1c Justice Department was printed from sheets of 100 subjects. The Special Printing small dotted "i" occurs only on the second printing on ribbed paper and is found on Positions 7 and 26. This half sheet beautifully illustrates the two positions that furnished the variety.

Scott Retail as plate block of 12, two small dotted "i" singles and normal singles.... 5,420.00



Detail of Positions 7 and 26



- 667 S **1c Justice, "Specimen" Error (O25Sa).** Without gum as issued, wide margins and choice centering, Extremely Fine, an outstanding example of this error, small red backstamp.... 1,900.00
- 668 S **2c Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O26S).** Block of four, without gum as issued, gorgeous fresh color, natural s.e. at right, Very Fine 650.00
- 669 S **3c Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O27S).** Without gum as issued, four margins with complete perfs, rich color, Very Fine, only 178 sold 1,250.00
- 670 S **6c Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O28S).** Without gum as issued, three wide margins, full perfs all around, bright color, Very Fine, only 163 sold..... 1,250.00
- 671 S **10c Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O29S).** Without gum as issued, close at left but full perfs all around, rich color, short perf at bottom, still Fine, only 163 sold 1,250.00
- 672 S **12c Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O30S).** Without gum as issued, rich color, reperfed on at least two sides, otherwise Very Fine, only 154 sold 1,250.00
- 673 S **15c Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O31S).** Without gum as issued, outstanding centering, fresh color and paper, Extremely Fine, select quality for this issue, only 157 sold 1,250.00
- 674 S **24c Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O32S).** Without gum as issued, bright shade, wide margins, Very Fine, only 150 sold..... 1,250.00
- 675 S **30c Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O33S).** Without gum as issued, deep rich color, choice centering, slightly shortish perf at upper right, still Very Fine, only 150 sold ... 1,250.00
- 676 S **90c Justice, Specimen Ovpt. (O34S).** Without gum as issued, bright color, fresh and Fine, ex Admiral Combs, only 152 sold..... 1,250.00

NAVY DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING



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- 677 田 **1c Navy on Soft Porous Paper, Specimen Ovpt. (O35xS). Complete sheet of 100** with top and bottom imprint and plate no. 80, full selvage on all sides, without gum as issued, rich color, some expected perf separations but overall strong and intact, a few positions show plate varieties, Position 66 with small dotted "i" (which is a printing flaw and not the listed constant variety found on the ribbed paper)

FINE-VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE FULL SHEET OF 100 OF THE NAVY DEPARTMENT 1881 AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY SPECIAL PRINTING ON SOFT PAPER.

The 1c Navy Department on soft paper is found only with the "Specimen" ovpt. of the 1881 American Bank Note Co. Special Printing. 4,182 were sold, which represents just under 42 sheets. We have not encountered another complete sheet and it is doubtful that many remain intact.

The plate block of 12 is not listed in Scott, which does list and value a plate strip of six (at more than six-times the value of singles). Scott Retail as two plate strips of six, blocks of four and singles 31,050.00

- 678 S **1c Navy, "Specimen" Error (O35Sa).** Without gum as issued, bright color on crisp paper, wide margins, couple shortish perfs at lower left, still Extremely Fine, a lovely example of this error and the first single we have offered in nine years (the Golden collection contained an example in a block of 30), signed Sloane in pencil 2,750.00



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- 679 S **1c Navy on Soft Porous Paper, Specimen Ovpt. (O35xS).** American Bank Note Co. printing, two multiples, without gum as issued, first is a block of nine with bottom right corner selvage, bottom row faint toning, Fine-Very Fine, second is a block of four, rich color, h.r. reinforcing some perf separations at top, Fine-Very Fine, ex Crystal (Photo Ex) 2,800.00
- 680 S **2c Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O36S).** Top left corner imprint and plate no. 50 strip of six, without gum as issued, rich color on bright paper, wonderfully well-centered, small thin spot in selvage which has some h.r. perf reinforcements, minor selvage corner crease, right stamp small soiled spot, still Very Fine and scarce position piece, unlisted in Scott in this format, Scott prices blocks at more than double the price of four singles, Scott Retail as singles \$450.00 E. 500-750



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- 681 S **2c Navy, "Specimen" Error (O36Sa).** Without gum as issued, bright color, four margins with complete perfs all around

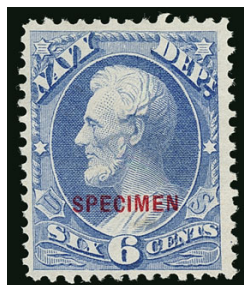
VERY FINE. AN EXTREMELY RARE SOUND EXAMPLE OF THE 2-CENT NAVY DEPARTMENT "SPECIMEN" ERROR.

Although the sold quantity of the 2c Navy Special Printing would suggest a fair number of "Specimen" errors were sold (1,748 stamps, or 18 sheets), the truth is this error is very rare. Most of the handful of copies available to collectors have faults to varying degrees (two additional copies are in the Miller collection on extended loan by The New York Public Library to the Smithsonian National Postal Museum). Admiral Combs observed its rarity in his book and commented that "there should be some more copies around some place" (page 39) — apparently not.

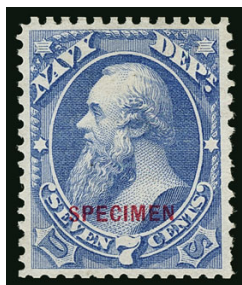
With 1983 P.F. certificate 3,250.00



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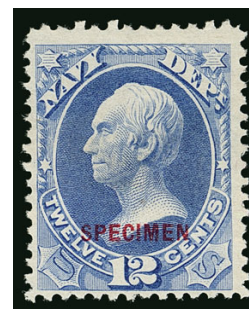
682 S **3c Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O37S).** Without gum as issued, brilliant color, fresh and Fine, only 126 sold 1,400.00

683 S **6c Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O38S).** Without gum as issued, brilliant color, well-centered with complete perfs all around, Very Fine, scarce in sound condition without scissors-separation, only 116 sold. 1,400.00

684 S **7c Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O39S).** Without gum as issued, vivid color, beautiful centering, Extremely Fine 550.00

685 S **10c Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O40S).** Without gum as issued, bright color, outstanding centering, perfs scissors-separated at bottom but intact, Extremely Fine, rare in this choice condition, only 112 sold 1,400.00

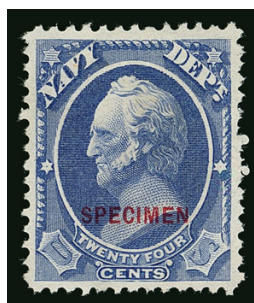
686 S **12c Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O41S).** Without gum as issued, radiant color, full margins and perforations, Very Fine, only 107 sold 1,400.00



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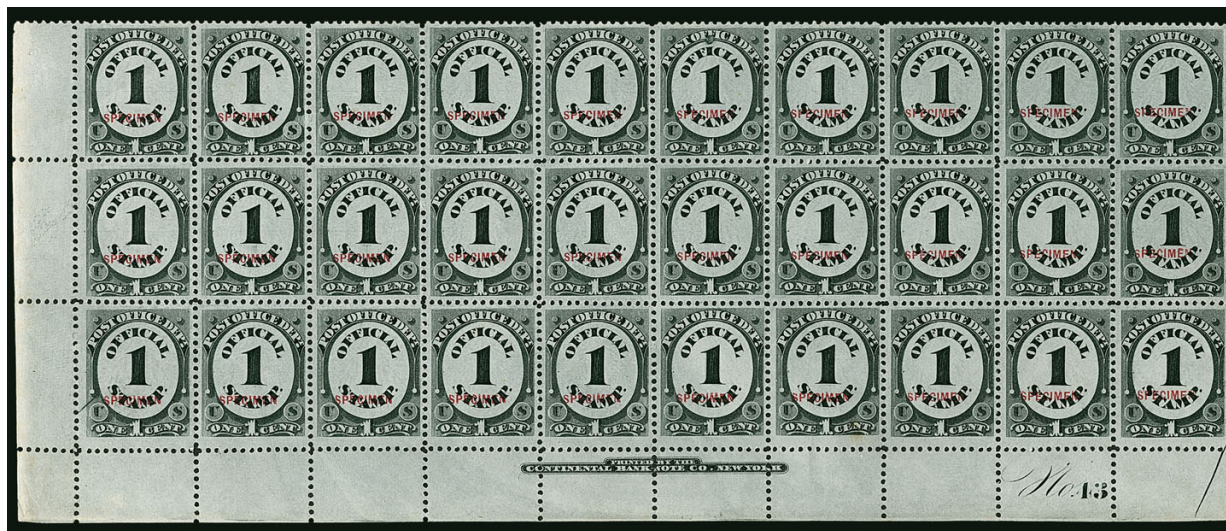
687 S **15c Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O42S).** Without gum as issued, rich color on bright paper, margins at least clear all around with full perforations, fresh and Fine, only 107 sold 1,400.00

688 S **24c Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O43S).** Without gum as issued, exceptional centering, intense color which is deeper than others in this section, detailed impression on bright paper, Extremely Fine example of this scarce Specimen overprint and very rare in this quality, only 106 sold 1,400.00

689 S **30c Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O44S).** Without gum as issued, radiant color, outstanding centering with wide margins, Extremely Fine, very rare in sound condition with such choice centering, only 104 sold 1,400.00

690 S **90c Navy, Specimen Ovpt. (O45S).** Without gum as issued, rich color, beautifully balanced margins, single shortish perf at bottom right, still Very Fine, this is the scarcest value of the Navy Department Special Printing, only 102 sold 1,400.00

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING



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- 691 田 **1c Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O47S).** Bottom left corner imprint and plate no. 43 block of 30 with half arrow natural s.e. at right, comprising the bottom three rows from the left pane of the 200 subject sheet, very well centered for such a large multiple, minor bend top left corner

VERY FINE. A MOST IMPRESSIVE PLATE BLOCK OF 30 OF THE ONE-CENT POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING.

Most Officials were printed from 100-subject sheets. The 1c Post Office was one of eight denominations across all departments printed from 200-subject sheets. This piece nicely demonstrates the format of the 200-subject sheet, which was divided by a knife between the left and right panes of 100.

The plate block is unpriced in Scott. In the few instances where Scott prices plate blocks for other 1c or 2c Special Printings, they generally apply a multiplier of 6-8 times the price of 12 singles. Applying that multiplier to this piece would yield a Scott Retail value of approximately \$4,600.00
 E. 2,000-3,000

- 692 S **1c Post Office, Specimen Ovpt., Inverted Ovpt. (O47Sb).** Without gum as issued, nicely centered, Very Fine example of the only invert error among the Officials Special Printings, although the 1c Post Office stamps were printed from a 200-subject plate, the sheets were divided into panes of 100 before overprinting, therefore, only 100 of the inverted "Specimen" overprints could have been produced, and we do not know how many were sold, only a small fraction of the number printed has been located 2,750.00



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- 693 田 **2c Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O48S).** Block of four, without gum as issued, bright shade, fresh and Very Fine 3,250.00



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- 694 S **3c Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O49S).** Without gum as issued, bright shade, slightly rough perfs at right, otherwise Fine, a scarce Special Printing with only 91 sold..... 1,600.00
- 695 S **6c Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O50S).** Without gum as issued, wide top margin and full perforations all around, fresh and Fine example of this scarce Special Printing, only 87 sold..... 1,600.00
- 696 S **10c Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O51S).** Without gum as issued, intense shade and impression, well-centered, Very Fine and choice, 177 sold..... 1,100.00
- 697 S **12c Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O52S).** Without gum as issued, deep shade, three wide margins, Fine, a scarce issue with only 93 sold 1,600.00
- 698 S **15c Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O53S).** Without gum as issued, full perforations all around, Fine and quite scarce, only 82 were sold..... 1,600.00
- 699 S **24c Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O54S).** Without gum as issued, fresh and Fine, scarce with only 84 sold 1,600.00
- 700 S **30c Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O55S).** Without gum as issued, deep shade, attractive margins with full perforations, Fine, this value has the lowest sale quantity of the Post Office Department Special Printings with only 81 sold 1,600.00
- 701 S **90c Post Office, Specimen Ovpt. (O56S).** Without gum as issued, crisp impression, extra wide margins, Very Fine and choice, a premium example of this scarce Special Printing, only 82 sold 1,600.00

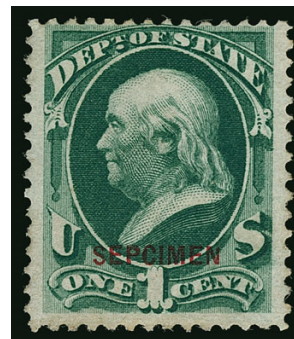
STATE DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING



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1c-90c State, Specimen Ovpt. (O57S-O67S). Complete for the "Cents" values, without gum as issued, bright colors, a couple with minor short perfs, Fine-Very Fine, the 90c value has the lowest sold quantity of the "Cents" State Department Special Printing set, at 245.....(Photo Ex) 4,252.50



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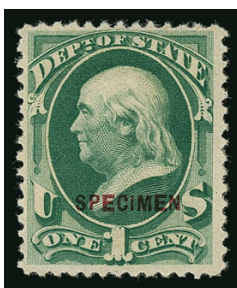
1c State, "Specimen" Error (O57Sa). Without gum as issued, deep rich color, three wide margins, fresh and Fine, with 1974 P.F. certificate 1,900.00



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1c State on Soft Porous Paper, Specimen Ovpt. (O57xS). American Bank Note Co. printing, top left corner imprint block of eight, without gum as issued, rich color, well-centered essentially throughout, couple small h.r. reinforcements, bottom right stamp faint corner bend, Very Fine and choice, an extremely rare imprint block and **the largest known multiple** (an imprint and plate number strip of eight is also recorded), Scott Retail as two blocks of four with no premium for the imprint... 5,000.00



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1c State on Soft Porous Paper, Specimen Ovpt. (O57xS). American Bank Note Co. printing, without gum as issued, study group of six singles mounted on an album page, showing varieties in the thickness of the letters of the overprint, including "P", "E" and "I", Fine-Very Fine, an interesting group.....(Photo Ex) 1,080.00

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2c State, Specimen Ovpt. (O58S). Block of four with narrow left selvage, without gum as issued, bright and fresh, Very Fine 850.00



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- 707 S **2c State, “Sepcimen” Error (O58Sa).** Without gum as issued, rich color, four margins with complete perfs all around, Very Fine and scarce in sound condition, Markovits estimated only 7 to 10 extant (2004 Bennett sale), which probably does not include two copies in the Miller collection, most of the copies in Power Search have at least a small flaw, ex Lewenthal and Kharasch 2,500.00



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708

- 708 田 **7c State, “Sepcimen” Error (O61Sa).** Bottom left stamp in a block of four with three normal stamps, Positions 11-12/21-22 with selvage at left, without gum as issued, deep rich color

FINE AND EXTREMELY RARE EXAMPLE OF THE 7-CENT STATE DEPARTMENT “SEPCIMEN” ERROR IN A BLOCK OF FOUR. FEWER THAN SEVEN SINGLES ARE KNOWN.

This is only the second example we have offered in more than 20 years of auctions and all Rarities sales since 1964. Robert Markovits recorded only six known (2004 Bennett sale). We are aware of only three other privately-owned examples: the Lewenthal/Sheriff, Markovits and Golden copies and there is one in the Miller collection (on extended loan by The New York Public Library to the Smithsonian National Postal Museum), although other collections no doubt contain a couple more examples.

With 1981 P.F. certificate..... 9,420.00

TREASURY DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING



- 709 S **2c Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O73S).** Without gum as issued, outstanding centering, deep rich color, Extremely Fine 450.00
- 710 S **3c Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O74S).** Without gum as issued, rich color on bright paper, three wide margins, fresh and Fine, only 84 sold, we have offered only one outside a complete set in more than 20 years..... 1,600.00
- 711 S **6c Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O75S).** Without gum as issued, bright shade, three wide margins, small indentation near top, appears Fine, scarce with only 85 sold 1,600.00
- 712 S **1c-2c, 7c Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O72S-O73S, O76S).** Without gum as issued, 1c particularly well-centered, Extremely Fine, 2c with extra wide top margin, Very Fine, 7c well-centered with small thin spots near top, appears Very Fine, 2,185, 309 and 198 were sold of the 1c 2c and 7c respectively, all three represent the fewest sold for these denominations among all the departments.....**(Photo Ex)** 1,480.00
- 713 S **10c Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O77S).** Without gum as issued, deep rich color, nicely balanced margins, Very Fine and choice, scarce with only 82 sold 1,600.00
- 714 S **12c Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O78S).** Without gum as issued, rich color, thin spot and some short perfs at right, otherwise Fine, very scarce with only 75 sold 1,600.00
- 715 S **15c Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O79S).** Without gum as issued, deep rich color, scissors-separated with full perfs, Very Fine, scarce with only 75 sold 1,600.00
- 716 S **24c Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O80S).** Without gum as issued, intense shade and impression, scissors-separated at top but perfs are mostly formed, Fine, only 99 sold..... 1,600.00
- 717 S **30c Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O81S).** Without gum as issued, warm color, Very Fine, scarce with only 74 sold 1,600.00
- 718 S **30c Treasury, Specimen Ovpt., Short Transfer (O81S var).** Without gum as issued, clear short transfer at top right, rich color, Fine, only 74 sold, ex Admiral Combs, listed but unpriced in Scott... 1,600.00
- 719 S **90c Treasury, Specimen Ovpt. (O82S).** Without gum as issued, deep rich color, scissors-separated at top but perfs fully formed, Fine, scarce with only 72 sold, ex Admiral Combs..... 1,650.00

WAR DEPARTMENT SPECIAL PRINTING



720

- 720 S **1c War, "Specimen" Error (O83Sa).** Without gum as issued, bright color and attractive centering, Very Fine 2,750.00

- 721 田 **2c War, Specimen Ovpt. (O84S).** Block of 12, without gum as issued, rich color, fresh and Fine, a scarce large multiple, Scott Retail as blocks of four and singles 3,300.00



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722

- 722 田 **2c War, Specimen Ovpt. (O84S).** Block of four, without gum as issued, pretty pastel color, choice centering, some perf separations at top, Very Fine, ex Lewenthal 1,400.00



- 723 S **3c War, Specimen Ovpt. (O85S).** Without gum as issued, rich color, Fine, only 118 sold.. 1,300.00
- 724 S **6c War, Specimen Ovpt. (O86S).** Without gum as issued, bright color, choice centering, fresh and Extremely Fine, very scarce particularly in this condition, only 111 sold 1,300.00
- 725 S **10c War, Specimen Ovpt. (O88S).** Without gum as issued, rich color, beautifully balanced margins, Extremely Fine Gem, one of the finest examples extant, only 119 sold 1,400.00
- 726 S **12c War, Specimen Ovpt. (O89S).** Without gum as issued, rich color, attractive margins and centering, Very Fine, only 105 sold 1,400.00
- 727 S **15c War, Specimen Ovpt. (O90S).** Without gum as issued, pretty pastel color, outstanding centering with wide margins, single slightly nibbed perf at left, still Extremely Fine, rare with this choice centering, only 105 sold 1,400.00
- 728 S **24c War, Specimen Ovpt. (O91S).** Without gum as issued, radiant color, Fine, only 106 sold 1,400.00
- 729 S **30c War, Specimen Ovpt. (O92S).** Without gum as issued, fresh color, a few slightly nibbed perfs, otherwise Fine, the 104 sold represents the fewest of any State Department denomination 1,400.00
- 730 S **90c War, Specimen Ovpt. (O93S).** Without gum as issued, bright color, three wide margins, perfs well clear at bottom, Very Fine, only 106 sold, ex Crystal 1,400.00

SPECIAL PRINTING BALANCES

- 731 S **1c Official Special Printings, Specimen Ovpt., Horizontally Ribbed Paper, Small Dotted “i” (O1Sc, O10Sb, O25Sc, O57Sc).** Complete set of all four of the 1c stamps from the 2nd Printing that come with small dotted “i”, including Agriculture, Executive, Justice and State, without gum as issued, bright colors, Fine and scarce, these varieties come only from the 2nd Printing on ribbed paper, they are found on Positions 7 and 26, No. O10Sb with 1974 P.F. certificate (Photo Ex) 2,050.00
- 732 S **Official Special Printings, Specimen Ovpt. Balance (O1S/O87S).** 49 stamps on album pages and stock cards, without gum as issued, all departments represented with 1c-2c values (missing only 2c Treasury), several departments with 7c value and complete values for Executive Department, also some duplication and a few later printings on ribbed and soft paper, bright colors throughout, a few flaws will be encountered but the overall quality is quite high, Fine-Very Fine balance, Scott Retail approximately (Website PDF) 6,000.00

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506	1400	O1TC2		550	450	O38		594	1800	O70		638	500	O112	
507	900	O1-O9		551	1400	O40		595	45000	O70		639	300	O113	
508	350	O2		552	1100	Navy D		596	2600	O70		640	0	O114-	
509	450	O2-O3		553	1100	O47-E		597	6250	O71		641	275	O115	
510	600	O3		554	800	O49-E		598	3000	O71		642	1300	O116a	
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514	300	O10P1		558	2200	O48-O		602	400	O72-O		646	3000	Cancel	
515	900	O10-O		559	1600	O50a		603	1100	O72		647	750	Colore	
516	750	O10		560	550	O52		604	400	O73		648	2700	Fort C	
517	1900	O11		561	1000	O53		605	550	O73, O		649	1000	O1S-O	
518	950	O12		562	3250	O53		606	800	O77		650	2600	O1S	
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521	375	O12		565	1300	O57TC		609	1100	O81		653	12000	O6Sa	
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