# PRIVATE SHIP LETTER STAMP ISSUING COMPANIES up to 1900 

The Jan Berg Collection

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## THE GAUTHIER FRÈRES \& CIE 1856-1857

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The Gauthier Frères \& Cie 1856-1857:"Barcelone" red ship letter stamp, fresh colour and wide margins all around, used with clear "G.F. \& Co." manuscript cancel, a perfect and very attractive copy, a total of only 8 stamps are recorded and accordingly S. Ringström and H.E. Tester in their authoritative work "The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World - Part 2" describe the Gauthier Freres stamps as being "among the rarest in the world", signed and certificate BPA (1996)
Reference:"Encyclopedia of rare and famous stamps,The Biographies", (L.N.Williams, 1997)
Provenance: Denwood Kelly (Robson Lowe auction, 1985)
Golding collection


Lot-No.
6002
The Gauthier Frères \& Cie 1856-1857: "Barcelone" red ship letter stamp, touched at left, with parts of adjoining stamp on top, with clear "G.F. \& Co." manuscript cancel and additional vertical pen stroke, on complete folded lettersheet written by M. L. Seller on the 4th of February 1857, endorsed "par Franc Comtois franco Havre" with red "OUTREMER LA HAVRE 13 MARS 1857" alongside, taxed "12" decimes, a very fine entire and the only recorded
Reference: "The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World - Part 2", S. Ringström and H.E. Tester (1983) "Encyclopedia of rare and famous stamps, The Biographies", (L.N.Williams, 1997)

Provenance: Julius Steindler (Robson Lowe auction, 1972)
Denwood Kelly (Robson Lowe auction, 1985)
Walter C. Klein Collection
Renato Mondolfo (private treaty)
'Robus' Collection

## TURKISH STEAMSHIP COMPANIES 1857-1863



6004
Lot-No. Mi.-No.
The "Admiralty" stamp with manuscript " 3 3/4", fresh colour and good margins all around, used on folded lettersheet from Constantinople to Broussa with boxed "P. Anchor P." alongside, a fine and attractive cover, certificate du Vachat (2009)
Reference: "The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World - Part 2", S. Ringström and H.E. Tester (1983)

6004 | $\Delta d$ The "Admiralty" stamp with manuscript " $11 / 2$ ", good margins all around with large part of adjoining stamp at bottom, used on folded lettersheet from Constantinople to Broussa with oval "CONSTANTINOPOLI * POSTA DEI PIROSCAFI OTTOMANI P.P" alongside, a fine and attractive cover, certificate du Vachat (2009)
Reference: "The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World - Part 2", S. Ringström and H.E. Tester (1983)

Provenance: ‘Pasha’ (Spink auction, 2011)


Lot-No. Mi.-No.
6005 I,II

The "Admiralty" stamp with manuscript " 3 " in mixed franking with "Porto-Piastre" label with manuscript " $21 / 2$ " on folded letter from Constantinople to Chio (Kemlek) with black "POSTA DEI PIROSCAFI OTTOMANI COSTANTINOPOLI P.P." alongside, vertical fold affecting "Admiralty" stamp, some minor ageing, otherwise a fine and exceedingly rare entire with only one other "mixed" franking between "Admiralty" and "Porto-Piastre" recorded, certificate du Vachat (2009)
Reference: "The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World - Part 2", S. Ringström and H.E. Tester (1983)

Provenance: Robson Lowe auction (1977)


6006 | The "Admiralty" stamp with manuscript " 3 " amended in red crayon to " 2 ", somewhat irregularly cut with part of adjoining stamp at top, on folded lettersheet dated July 4. 1860 from Constantinople to Brousse with "P.P." anchor canceller alongside, minor ageing on reverse, a fine and attractive entire, certificate Scheller (2009)


6007 $\|$
"Porto-Piastre" with manuscript " 6 " on folded letter from Constantinople to Broussa with black "POSTA DEI PIROSCAFI OTTOMANI COSTANTINOPOLI P.P." alongside, fine and very scarce, signed Sorani and Calves
Provenance: Cengiz Arsman (Private Treaty)
 black boxed "P Anchor P" alongside, some ageing, otherwise fine, certificate Vachat (2009)

"Porto-Piastre" with manuscript " 2 " on folded letter from Constantinople to Broussa with black boxed "P Anchor P" alongside, some ageing and imperfections, certificate Vachat (2010)

# THE RUSSIAN COMPANY FOR STEAM NAVIGATION AND TRADE (R.O.P.I.T.) 1863-1868 

Issues by R. O. P.iT.

The Russian Company for Steam Navigation and Trade (R. O. P. i. T.) was established in 1856 by Nikolai Arcas and Nikolai Novoselski with help from the Imperial family. R. O. P.i.T. quickly established itself as the foremost Russian maritime concern, creating a wide connection of routes connecting Odessa with other Russian ports and foreign ports in the Levant.


Nikolai Arcas first director of R. O. P. i.T.


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Lot-No. Mi.-No.
6010 1-2

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1865, Steamer and Eagle 10 para brown/blue and 2 piastre red/blue, fresh colour and good margins all around, unused without gum, very fine, signed Romeko a.o., certificates RPSL (1957) and APS (1999)

1865, Steamer and Eagle 10 para brown/blue, fresh colour and good margins all around, used with blue dotted cancel, very fine, signed Mikulski and others
1865, Steamer and Eagle 10 para brown/blue, fresh colour and wide margins all around, lightly used with blue crayon, fine


1865, Steamer and Eagle 10 para brown/blue, wonderful fresh block of four from the bottom sheet margin with wide margins all around, used with two clear strikes of blue cds."XIOS 28 SEP 1868", minor thin and corner bend in the margin only, a very attractive multiple, being the only loose block of four recorded, signed Bolaffi with certificate (1970)
Provenance: Philipp von Ferrari (8th Gilbert auction, 1923)


1865, Steamer and Eagle 10 para brown/blue, vertical pair in fresh colour and wide margins all around with blue numeral "783" BEIRUT (applied upon arrival) on folded lettersheet from Mersina to Beirut with arrival mark "ПОРТЪ БЕЙРУТЪ 29 NOV" on reverse, a very rare and one of the most important covers from the Russian Levant with only 3 covers recorded bearing a pair of this stamp, certificate Mikulski (2000)

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Lot-No. Mi.-No.
Start price
$60151 \Delta$
1865, Steamer and Eagle 10 para brown/blue, block of four from the lower left sheet corner together with two horizontal pairs, one with large bottom sheet margin, all with good to huge margins in deep fresh shade, tied by two clear blue strikes of cds. "XIOSЪ 27 АВГ 1868 " to folded letter to Constantinople, a very fine and truly remarkable item, not only the most important item of Russian Levant, but one of the most beautiful covers in all of classic philately, signed Mavrogordato, detailed certificate Mikulski (1995 and 2006) as well as photo certificate RPSL (2003)
Only one other block of four is recorded of this stamp and is off cover, lot 6013 in this sale Provenance: Pierre Mavrogordato (IPosta 1930, Berlin)

John R. Boker, Jr. (Private Treaty)
Mertens Collection
Dr. Raymond Casey (David Feldman auction, 2016)
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Lot-No. Mi.-No.
1865, Steamer and Eagle 2 piastre red/blue, fresh colour and wide margins all around, unused with part original gum, scarce, fine, signed Mikulski and others with Mikulski (1975) and A. Diena (1974) certificates
1865, Steamer and Eagle 2 piastre red/blue, fresh colour and wide margins all around, tied by blue retta to small piece, very fine and attractive, signed Mikulski and others


1865, Steamer and Eagle 2 piastre red/blue, in nice deep shade from the upper right sheet corner, just touching outer frameline at lower right, tied by blue retta to folded letter from Smyrne to Taganrog, with blue senders cachet and Ropit Constantinople cds. alongside, a fine and attractive entire


6019


6020

Lot-No. Mi.-No.
Start price
6019 4P (*
1865, Steamer and Eagle 2 piastre plate proof in black on white paper with vertical network, without gum, scarce, fine, sign. Prof.Winterstein, Pohl

6020 4P (丸
1865, Steamer and Eagle 2 piastre plate proof in blue on white paper with vertical network, without gum, scarce, fine


1865, Steamer and Eagle 10 para red/blue, block of 12 in fresh and nice shade with sheet margins on three sides, without gum, an attractive multiple, signed Gilbert \& Köhler


Lot-No. Mi.-No.
$602241 \Delta$
$602341 \Delta$

## 6023

1866, Steamer and Eagle 2 piastre, single in a deep and fresh shade with wide, well balanced margins tied by blue double cds. "COMPAGNIE RUSSE DE NAVIGATION SMIRNE 1865 JUN 26" to folded lettersheet to Mersina, a fine and rare entire Provenance: Agathon Fabergé (Harmer's of Bond Street auction, 1940) David Feldman auction (1982)
1865, Steamer and Eagle 2 piastre, two singles in distinctively different shades from different printings, both with good margins all around, tied by blue cds. "COMPAGNIE RUSSE DE NAVIGATION SMIRNE 9.4" to envelope (reduced at right) to Tripoli, extremely fine and rare franking of the same value from two different printings, certificate Mikulski (1999)
Provenance: Alfred H. Caspary (H. R. Harmer auction, 1958)
Agathon Fabergé (Harmer's of Bond Street auction, 1940)
105th Corinphila auction (1998)

View of Samsun from the pier


Lot-No. Mi.-No.
Start price
$6024311 \Delta$ 1865, Steamer and Eagle 10 para horizontal strip of four in fresh colour and wide margins all around tied by black retta to folded lettersheet from Samsun to Trébizonde, the strip with tiny wrinkles of no importance, a fine and rare entire, certificate Mikulski (1999)


1865, Steamer and Eagle 2 piastre, three singles, mostly good margins, only one stamp touched at left, all tied by blue indistinct Smyrna cds. to folded lettersheet to Mersina, right stamp affected by vertical filing crease, a trifle stained, otherwise fine, an attractive and scarce cover, signed Alberto Diena and Holcombe with certificate (1993)
Provenance: Agathon Fabergé (Harmer's of Bond Street auction, 1940)


Lot-No. Mi.-No.
Start price
6026 4Il, Russ. 15

1865, Steamer and Eagle 2 piastre, deep and fresh shade with wide, well balanced margins in combination with Imperial Russia Coat of Arms 10k. brown/blue, tied by blue retta to folded letter from Messina to Taganrog with cds."РОПИТ КОНСТАНТИНОП. АГЕНТ. 27 II 68" on reverse, a very fine, rare and attractive combination cover, signed Faberge,A. Diena, Giulio Bolaffi and certificate Holcombe (1990)
Provenance: Agathon Fabergé (Harmer's of Bond Street auction, 1940)
Julius Steindler (Robson Lowe auction, 1972)
London 2015 Europhilex Rarities Auction (Global Philatelic Network, 2015)



Lot-No. Mi.-No.
Start price
6029 1b $\boxplus /(\star)$ SECOND PRINTING: 1863, For dispatch under Wrapper 6 kopeck gray-blue, complete sheet of four with wide margins all around, unused without gum as issued, few thins and horizontal crease through lower stamps, otherwise fine, a visually appealing and scarce multiple, in addition an unused single


6030 1b

6031 1c $\quad \star \star /$ / ${ }^{2}$
SECOND PRINTING: 1863, For dispatch under Wrapper 6 kopeck gray-blue, fresh colour and good margins on two sides, slightly touched at upper left and right, used with clear strike of cds. "КОНСТАНТИНОПОЛ 4 МАR 1864", absolutely insignificant corner crease at lower left, an attractive copy of this rare stamp in used condition, signed Pfenninger and Köhler
THIRD PRINTING: 1863, For dispatch under Wrapper 6 kopeck dark-blue on glaced paper, complete sheet of four with wide margins all around, mint never hinged, small corner crease at upper left, some small wrinkles, otherwise fine, a scarce sheet, signed Kosack and Richter
$\star / \odot /(\star) \quad 1863 / 65$, interesting group of 7 stamps and one phantasy stamp including ROPIT Mi.-Nr. 1 unused without gum and three Wrapper stamps 6 kopeck unused, some faults, some signed

## THE ASIA MINOR STEAMSHIP COMPANY 1868 - APPROX. 1884

The Asia Minor Steamship Company was established at Smyrna in 1868. The company's steamers sailed under the British flag from Smyrna and Adalia calling at the various ports of Chios, Chesme. Samos, Calymnos, Cos, Syris and Rhodos.

"BELL'S ASIA MINOR STEAMSHIP Co. SMYRNA AGENCY" perfectly struck blue four-line handstamp on folded letter to Triest with adjacent cds. "SMIRNE 4/2 71", once the cover was received by the companies agent in Izmir it was transferred to the Austrian Lloyd Company where the cover was charged with " 20 " (soldi) as postage due, reverse with arrival mark, a very fine entire showing a perfect strike of the very rare handstamp of which only two are recorded


Lot-No.
"THE ASIA MINOR SCREW STEAMSHIP Co. ADALIA AGENCY" three-line handstamp on folded letter from Adalia to Chios, an attractive entire with very rare blue strike of the three-line handstamp, certificate Vachat (2010)
Reference: "The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World - Part 2", S. Ringström and H.E. Tester (1983)

Provenance: 'Pasha' (Spink auction, 2011)

"THE ASIA MINOR SCREW STEAMSHIP Co. SMYRNA AGENCY" perfectly struck blue three-line handstamp on folded letter to Triest with adjacent cds. "SMIRNE $4 / 2$ 71", once the cover was received by the companies agent in Izmir it was transferred to the Austrian Lloyd Company where the cover was charged with " 20 " (soldi) as postage due, reverse with arrival mark, a very fine entire showing a perfect strike of the rare handstamp


Lot-No. Mi.-No
6035 III

6036 III ( ( )

1868 Lithographed 1 piastre black on green glazed paper, cut into at top, but showing part of adjoining stamp at bottom, used, an attractive example of this rarity, signed Schlesinger and certificate Scheller (2009)
1868 Lithographed 1 piastre black on green glazed paper, fresh colour close margins to slightly touched, unused without gum, small surface scratch at bottom, otherwise fine, believed to be the sole unused copy, certificate Scheller (2009)


6037 III
1868 Lithographed 1 piastre black on green glazed paper, fresh colour and good margins, used with four-line cancel, tiny and unimportant corner bend at lower left, a fine example of this rare stamp, signed Diena with certificate (1986) and certificate du Vachat (2010)


1868 Lithographed 2 piastre black on green glazed paper, fresh colour with superb large margins, used with part of well readable ,Joly' handstamp in blue, minor thin on reverse, otherwise a fine example of this rare stamp, signed Calves
1868 Lithographed 2 piastre black on green glazed paper, fresh colour with superb large margins, used on small piece with part of , Joly' handstamp in blue (Mr. Joly presided over the Company), a fine example of this rare stamp, certificate du Vachat (2010)


Lot-No. Mi.-No.

1868 Lithographed 2 piastre black on green glazed paper, fresh colour close margins to slightly touched, tied by four-line cancel "BELL'S ASIA MINOR STEAMSHIP CO. SMYRNA AGENCY" to large part of folded lettersheet to Makri-Fethiye, the stamp lifted for inspection, a very rare item with only 3 covers recorded, signed and certificate Scheller (2009)

## THE CARIBBEAN

## THE POST OF DAVID BRYCE - "THE LADY MCLEOD" 1847

The owner of "The Lady McLeod", David Bryce, had difficulties in collecting payments from nonsubscribers of regular delivered mail by his ship that he had come up with the idea to sell "Labels" to be bought from him or agents of his steamer at 5 cents each or 4 dollars per hundred. The Lady McLeod stamps have the distinction of being the first adhesive postage stamp in a British Colony.

60411 ( ( ) 1847, Lady McLeod (5 cents) blue, fresh colour and close to large margins, without gum, a fine copy of the most iconic of all private ship letter stamps and also the first adhesive stamp issued in a British Colony, certificates PF (1957), A. Diena (1973) and Brandon (1996) Reference: M11 of the census of all existing unused 24 Lady McLeod stamps.There described as "An especially desirable sound unused example"
Provenance: H. R. Harmer auction (1957)
David Melat (John W. Kaufmann Inc. auction, 1985)
Henry S. Schneider (Robert A. Siegel auction, 1996)
H. R. Harmer Inc. auction (2008)

## THE＂PACKET＂POST OF ST．THOMAS－LA GUAIRA－ PTO CABELLO 1864－1869

In 1864，Captain Robert Todd and the Venezuelan Government came upon agreement that Captain Todd would have the privilege to transport letters between this country and that of the island of St． Thomas．All of the letters carried by Captain Robert Todd＇s steamer will be franked by means of its own stamps．


Lot－No．Mi．－No．
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The 1st Centavo Issue－Steamer＂Robert Todd＂
（ $\star$ ） $1864,1 / 2$ centavo black，horizontal strip of four with good to large margins all around，printed from Stone II，positions 13－16，unused without gum，fine，signed Roumet
（ $\star$ ） 1 centavo on rose，horizontal pair with good margins，printed from Stone IA，positions 13－ 14，fine，signed Roumet


Captain Robert Todd

$60455 \quad \star \star / \star /$ 田 4 centavo on blue, complete sheet of 24 , showing all the 4 transfer types, good margins on three sides, touched at bottom, position 1 and 2 with small paper fault, first two stamps of second row somewhat discoloured, otherwise a fine and very rare sheet

## The 2nd Centavo Issue - Steamer "Robert Todd"

$1868,1 / 2$ centavo black on yellowish paper, complete sheet of 25 , showing all the 5 transfer types and the prominent variety "large flaw on hull of ship" on position 11, good margins on three sides, touched at left, position one with small hole, otherwise a fine and rare multiple

Lot-No. Mi.-No

60479 * 9 centavo black on brownish-orange paper, two singles with good margins, transfer types II and III, unused with original gum, type III small natural paper inclusion, scarce and fine copies of these difficult and desirable stamps
604810 * 4 centavo black on green paper, deep and fresh colour and four wide margins all around, transfer type A, unused with original gum, a very fine copy of this rare stamp, signed Koopman

$604910 \quad \star \quad 4$ centavo black on green paper, the famous pair showing transfer type $C$ (featuring extensive retouch in the top left corner) and D, deep and fresh colour and four wide margins all around, transfer type A, unused with original, characteristically cracked original gum. Light horizontal crease and pin hole at right, of absolutely no significance for this outstanding rarity. The only multiple available of this, the rarest stamp of Santo Tomás - La Guaira Puerto Cabello issues.
Provenance: Von Lind Collection
$6050 \quad \star / \odot /(\star) \quad$ 1864/69, interesting group of the 1st. and 2nd. Centavo Issue and later Issues, including 3 Centavo on brown-orange, type II and IV, unused, two horizontal pairs of 3 centavo on yellow and 4 centavo on blue, some later issues, mostly fine

## THE "PAQUETE" POST OF ST.THOMAS - LA GUAIRA PTO CABELLO 1864-1870



The premises of Waterlow \& Sons, London


Lot-No. Mi.-No.

View of St.Thomas



Lot-No. Mi.-No.
6052 171 $\Delta$
1866/67, $1 / 2$ real carmine-rose, horizontal strip of three tied by three strikes of" $1 / 4$ " to folded letter from Puerto Cabello via St. Thomas and London to Bordeaux with accountancy


1869, Jesurun Issue

$60551 \mathrm{~A} \quad \star \star / \star /$ 田 $1 / 2$ real green, perforated $121 / 2$, block of 15 with left sheet margin, mint never hinged resp. two outer stamps and sheet margin unused, some minor perf separations, a fine and attractive multiple

## Curaçao Harbour



Lot-No. Mi.-No. \& CO -St. THOMAS" to envelope to Curacao with arrival mark on front, minor ageing, a fine and very rare entire of which a similar one is shown in "The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World - Part 1, page 28"


Lot-No. Mi.-No.
Start price
6057 2A 2 real red, perforated $12 \frac{1}{2}$, used with double oval agent cancellation "CAMERON MACAULAY \& CO -St.THOMAS", small imperfections, scarce


1864/69, interesting unused collection, alle written up on pages with detailed descriptions, including some multiples and better items like Mi.-Nr. 6 as horizontal pair, good condition (Photo $=\square \mathrm{mw}$ )

1864, interesting unused/mint, used and pen-cancelled study-collection including $1 / 2$ reales rose(9), $1 / 2$ reales gray ( 21 including irregular block of 10 ), 2 reales green ( 24 ) and 2 reales yellow ( 22 including irregular mint block of 9 ), in addition some forgeries, all written up on pages, mostly good condition
(Photo $=\square \mathrm{mw}$ )
THE LA GUAIRA - SAN TOMAS SERVICE CA. 1870


La Guaira - San Tomas: 1870, Numerals 1 c. yellow-brown, $1 / 2$ r. green and 2 r. blue, unused without gum, few thins, otherwise fine, very rare stamps (Facit LG 23, 24, 26)

## ST.THOMAS - PORTO RICO, CLARA ROTHE


ex 6062

Charles Chastanet was appointed managing director of The St. Lucia Steam Conveyance Cy Ltd. During this time the company purchased their first ship "Aide" and she ran between Castries, Soufriere, Choiseul and Vieux Fort, generally twice a week.


1 penny blue, fresh colour and close to good margins, used with violet oval handstamp "St. Lucia Steam Conveyance Cy Ltd.", hardly perceptible bend at bottom, otherwise fine, very scarce with only about a dozen used examples known


1 penny blue, two singles (transfer types 1 and 9), fresh colour and mostly good margins, one example with left sheet margin, used with violet oval handstamp "St. Lucia Steam Conveyance Cy Ltd.", both with horizontal crease, otherwise fine, very scarce with only about a dozen used examples known, marginal copy signed E.F.H. Harpenden


Lot－No．

6066
$\star \star / \star / ⿴ 囗 十 1$ penny blue，intermediate stone，block of 30 with sheet margins on left and right，deep and fresh colour and with full characteristic brownish gum，four stamps unused，the others mint never hinged，small tear in the margin only，very minor ageing and a small surface scrap mentioned for full accuracy only，a very rare and attractive multiple


6067


6068

6 pence lilac（transfer type 4），fresh colour and close to good margins，used with black oval handstamp＂St．Lucia Steam Conveyance Cy Ltd．＂，hardly perceptible corner bend at lower right，otherwise fine，very scarce with only about half a dozen used examples known， certificate BPA（with no opinion on the cancellation）
6 pence lilac（transfer type 1），fresh colour and close to good margins，used with violet oval handstamp＂St．Lucia Steam Conveyance Cy Ltd．＂，a very fine and sound copy of this rare stamp with only about half a dozen used examples known


6 pence lilac（transfer type 3），fresh colour and good margins，used with violet oval handstamp＂St．Lucia Steam Conveyance Cy Ltd．＂，minor thin，otherwise a fine copy of this rare stamp with only about half a dozen used examples known
6 pence lilac（transfer type 3），fresh colour，somewhat irregular margins，used with violet oval handstamp＂St．Lucia Steam Conveyance Cy Ltd．＂，minor surface scratches，otherwise a fine copy of this rare stamp with only about half a dozen used examples known，signed E．F．H． Harpenden
6 pence lilac，horizontal pair，crease through one stamp，otherwise fine
1880 s，Second issue， 2 nd printing，Steamer 1－6 penny，each as complete sheet of 72 ，in addition another sheet 1－3 penny（some faults），some singles and multiples and single 1 penny and 3 pence block of four，first printing，mostly fine

## THE ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET COMPANY 1875-1880

The "Royal Mail Steam Packet Company" (R. M. S. P. Co ) was formed in 1839 by James McQueen. A contract was drawn up on 29th Nov. 1841, for a subsidised (by the British Government) mail boat fleet and operations began the following year. The R. M. S. P. Co, operated several main routes and in addition various subsidiary routes. Eventually, Royal Mail stamps were produced and available only in ports where there was no British Post Office.



10 cents rose-red, tied by oval agents cachet "JOH. KOCK \& CO LLOYD'S AGENTS PTO CABELLO" to folded lettersheet (sideflaps missing) endorsed "p. Essequibo" (the Vessel of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company) to Barcelona with instructional marking "VIA DE INGLATERRA" on reverse and red "SHIP-LETTER" and tax marks on front. One of only three recorded letters with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company stamp this being the only recorded usage from Venezuela and the only usage to an address outside of the Caribbean area, a great and attractive rarity of Venezuela and Private Ship letter stamps of the World, detailed certificate Heister BPP (2005) (Facit RMS 1)
$\star \star / \star / \odot 1875$, House flag 10 cents red, small group including a block of six mint never hinged and two used singles, mostly fine

## THE HAMBURG AMERICAN PACKET COMPANY (H.A.P.A.G.) 1875-1881

H.A.P.A.G. was founded in 1847 and sent its first sailing vessel, 'Deutschland', from Hamburg to New York. In 1856 its first steamship sailed the same route. Through the years, H.A.P.A.G. continued to expand and became friendly competitors with the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company by using their steamships to transport mail in a similiar manner. Both companies issued "postage stamps" in 1875 to pay for the delivery of mail on their steamships. By 1875, until 1880, H.A.P.A.G. was operating 6 different routes


Lot-No. Mi.-No.
60781 ネぇ


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10 cents black on greyish green-blue and dark-yellow, fresh colour and good perforation, straight edge at left, used with clear strike of blueish oval "Captain H. Milo, Superintendent, St. Thomas", fine
10 cents black on greyish green-blue and dark-yellow, fresh colour and good perforation, straight edge at left, used with clear of blueish straight-line "BUHRO(W, Schutt Co.Agents)", fine


Lot-No. Mi.-No.
60831 凶
10 cents black on greyish green-blue and dark-yellow, heavily shifted embossing, fresh colour and good perforation with blue cross cancel on folded letter from Cap Haitien, endorsed "per Steamer Allmand", to St.Thomas, minor wrinkles, otherwise a fine and attractive entire


60841

10 cents black on greyish green-blue and dark-yellow, two singles with blue cancellation on double weight folded lettersheet endorsed "par Lotharingia" and with oval cachet "P.G. Buhrow \& Co Cap Haitien" alongside to Ferd. Schultz in Port au Prince, reverse with small adhesives marks, a very fine and attractive entire, certificates Dr. Debo BPP (1975 \& 1996) (Facit HP1)

Provenance: Julius Steindler (Robson Lowe auction, 1972)


Lot-No. Mi.-No.
6085 1DD

6086 1K

10 cents black on greyish green-blue and dark-yellow, with clear double embossing, the second one shifted approx. 8 mm to the top, used with clear agents cachet of "Feddersen, Willink \& Co.", a fine and attractive example of this rare variety (Facit HP1 var)
10 cents black on greyish green-blue and dark-yellow, fresh colour and good perforation (two blunt perfs of no importance), with cleary inverted embossing, used with clear mute 5 -ring canceller, a very rare stamp with only one other copy known, signed Bolaffi and certificate Möller BPP (2002)


60872
1875, Second printing 10 cents black on green-blue and yellow, two singles, one upper marginal, both used with blue "P", one stamp with perfs added, otherwise fine (Facit HP2)


6088 2Us $\quad$ /田 10 cents black on green-blue and yellow, block of eight, imperforated vertically, mint never hinged, the outer right stamps hinged, minor perf separation at left and right, three stamps minor ageing spots, otherwise a spectacular, very attractive and the largest existing multiple with only one other known, certificate Scheller (2013) (Facit HP2 v2) Provenance: 292nd Heinrich Köhler Auction (1997)


Lot-No. Mi.-No.
60892 ( $\quad$ )
10 cents black on green-blue and yellow, right marginal, tied by red oval agents cachet "G. Keitel \& Cie, Port au Prince" to cover front endorsed "par Steamer Allemand" to Puerto Plata, Venezuela. There two-line "Affranchissement Obligatoire" and boxed "RETOUR" applied, a very fine and interesting coverfront, certificate Nielsen (1997) (Facit HP2) The Dominican Republic did not recognize the HAPAG stamp as having any franking power and returned the cover for "real" postage. some signed

## THE CORO－LAVELA POSTAL SERVICE 1867 －CA． 1891

Around 1867，a private postal service was established operating by rail between Coro and La Vela， Venezuela．Many users of this service paid a regular subscription，but those who did not，paid a fee on their letter which varied according to the sender＇s status as a private person or a merchant．Stamps were issued at this date to denote that postage had been paid on a letter．These stamps were mostly used by letters sent on the railway，but there is ample evidence to show that these stamps were also used to travel by sea from La Vela to Curacao


6091
（ $\star$ 1867， 1 st and 2 nd issue，black on white resp．black on yellow paper，good to large margins，unused without gum， 1 st．issue small stain，otherwise fine，signed and two certificates Heister BPP
$\boxplus ⿴ 囗 十(\star) \quad 1867$ ，2nd Issue，black on yellow paper，vertical strip of four with two tête－bêche pairs， without gum，diagonal paper irregularity，a very attractive and rare multiple Provenance：Von Lind Collection


1867，black on blue，fresh colour，close to slightly touched，on folded lettersheet from La Vela to Curacao with arrival mark on front，a very rare and attractive cover with only three covers in total recorded，signed Bloch and Holcombe with certificate（1991）
Provenance：Gebauer Collection


Lot－No．
1870，3rd issue，black on rose paper，fresh colour and good to large margins，unused without gum，tear at top，otherwise fine，scarce，signed and certificate Heister BPP

$\star \quad 1875,4$ th issue，black on rose paper，vertical strip of three with fresh colour and good margins，unused with large part original gum，a fine and attractive multiple Provenance：Von Lind Collection

## Correo de Caro a La lela

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1889, "Correo del Comercio/Entre Coro y La Vela", Bird carrying a letter $1 / 2$ real black on blue, large balanced margins all round, with violet three-line handstamp "Anotada/Correo Del/Komercio" on envelope to Bayonne City, New York with transit and arrival mark. Carried by sea from La Vela to Curaçao, where Curaçao 1873 Willem III 25 c. yellowish brown with cds. "CURAÇAO 301 1891" was added, paying the single weight up to 15 gr., an extremely rare, attractive and fascinating usage of which this is the only one with the Curaçao stamp overlapping the franking, signed Diena


## Señor



18 Broadway
P. O. Box 1956.

1889, "Correo del Comercio/Entre Coro y La Vela", "Port Libre - Bird carrying a letter" black on yellow, large balanced margins all round, with violet three-line handstamp "Anotada/Correo Del/Komercio" on envelope to New York with arrival mark. Carried by sea from La Vela to Curaçao, where Curaçao 1873 Willem III 25c. yellowish brown with cds. "CURAÇAO 259 1890" was added, paying the single weight up to 15 gr., the envelope and Curaçao stamp with faults, otherwise a fine, attractive, extremely rare and fascinating usage of which only three covers are recorded, signed Holcombe with certificate (1995)

## THE AMERICAS

## THE J.H. PRINCE LETTER DISPATCH 1861-1869

James H. Prince's supplemental mail service sold his stamps for 2 cents each (this represented a prepayment as well as having to pay the required U.S. Government stamps). Prince set up a letter box under the same roof as the Post Office in Portland (which closed each day at 3pm), to catch last minute letters (his letter box was emptied at 7pm every evening). The letters, instead of languishing in the Post Office overnight, would then be delivered on a night boat from Portland to Boston (a 118 mile journey) that Prince stated took $8 \frac{1}{2}$ hrs


Lot-No. Mi.-No.
6098 122L1
1861, Side-wheeler steamboat black, complete sheet of 40 , original gum, most stamps mint never hinged, couple slight creases in margin, still as very fine item, certificate PF (2000) Provenance: David Golden (Siegel Auction, 1999)


6099 122L1
1861, Side-wheeler steamboat black, good margins on three sides, just touched at bottom, used with blue company handstamp and part of Portland cds., small thins, otherwise fine, certificate PF (1999)


Lot-No. Mi.-No.
1861, Side-wheeler steamboat black, large margins all around, with manuscript cancel, together with Washington 3c. rose, both stamps tied by cds. "Boston Mass. Sep. 11" and quartered cork to cover to Albany N.Y., 1865 receipt docketing, sealed tear in 3c stamp, backflap removed, one of the rarest of all independent mail usages from the only steamboat carrier to issue stamps, this is one of the earliest covers of a total of 11 registered (see Penny Post, October 2002, "Cancels on Prince's Letter Dispatch" pages 47-53, by Larry Lyons), certificate PF (1982) (Scott\# 122L1, 65)

6101 122L1, ..... $\Delta \Delta$
U58

1861, Side-wheeler steamboat black, close to margins all around, tied by cork and by blue "Prince's Express 9 Milk St." in serrated oval to postal stationery envelope 3 cent pink to Hinsdale N.H., cds. "Boston Mass. Jun. 235 A.M." alongside, original June 21, 1869 datelined letter from Portland included, overall soiling. Fine appearance and the only recorded example of this rare stamp used on U.S. postal stationery, certificate PF (1982) (Scott\# 122L1, U58) Provenance: Gordon Stimmell (Siegel auction, 2015)


Lot-No. Mi.-No.
6102 122L1, 65 (■)
1861, Side-wheeler steamboat black, large margins all around, with manuscript cancel, together with Washington 3c. rose, both stamps tied by cds. "Boston Mass" and quartered cork to coverfront to RhinebeckN.Y., small part of cover front added, one of the rarest of all independent mail usages from the only steamboat carrier to issue stamps, a scarce item with only a total of 11 covers registered (see Penny Post, October 2002, "Cancels on Prince's Letter Dispatch" pages 47-53, by Larry Lyons) (Scott\# 122L1, 65)
Provenance: Sotheby's auction (1979)
Robert G. Kaufmann auction (1982)
Richard Frajola auction (1986)

"Forwarded by Prince's Boston and Portland Express.", black on red-surface coloured paper, label for forwarded items, and forwarding receipt for package at the value of $\$ 1142,62$ sent from Boston October 21, 1865 to Portland, the label some imperfections

## THE CAYE SERVICE, BRITISH HONDURAS 1895


$6104 \Delta 1895$ "Caye Service 3 Cents" violet three-line typed label, tied by "CUTHBERT BROS." straightline handstamp with adjacent matching "Sep. 18 1895" datestamp alongside to cover, a fine and rare entire of which only about a dozen are known to exist
Note:Around 1892 a Belize merchant named Cuthbert built a house on St. George's Cay. He also bought a steam yacht which sailed daily to and from Belize.After abuse of the free service by others on the caye, who expected their mails to be carried free of charge, he created this local typewritten stamp (the cost of producing dies and normal stamps was prohibitive).These labels are known used between July 28, 1894 and Sept. 27, 1895. Hurt and Williams record only 8 examples though a few others have appeared for sale.

## COMPANIA LAVADEROS DE ORO DEL SUD （TIERRA DEL FUEGO）1890－1891


ex 6105

Lot－No．
6105
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Tierra del Fuego 1891，Julio Popper‘s private mail stamp issue：Colour proofs 10 Centavos， two horizontal pairs in red and brown plus single in blue，also black plate proof with red circular handstamp and in addition the issued stamp as single and as block of six with double horizontal perforation，a fine and scarce group

$\star \star / \star / ⿴ 囗 十$ Tierra del Fuego 1891，Julio Popper＇s private mail stamp issue：Colour proofs 10 Centavos orange，miniature sheets of 4 ，perforated $111 / 2$ ，at top inscription＂PRUEBAS EN COLOR DE LAS PREMERAS ESTAMPILLAS DE LA TIERRA DEL FUEGO．．．＂，unused resp．the stamps mint never hinged，partly strengthened by hinges，small marginal imperfections，rare
$6107 \quad \star \star / \star$ Tierra del Fuego 1891，Julio Popper＇s private mail stamp issue： 10 Centavos red，corner marginal block of 20，position 68 with distinctive flaw and retouch to the area around the ＂E of FUEGO＂，in addition two blocks of four with upper sheet margin，one with inscription ＂KIDD y Cia LIm．Sn MARTIN 35I＂and a used example，the multiples mint never hinged， small part of margin missing，fine

THE CENTRALAMERICAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY 1886


Lot-No.
6108


1864, McRobish \& Co., Acapulcoto San Francisco, bogus issue, interesting written up collection on three pages starting with the "Original Issue", followed by different types of forgeries etc.

## UPPER COLUMBIA CO.



6110


6111

The 'Duchess' and 'Marion' on Northern Columbia Lake
( $\star$ ) Upper Columbia Co., 18985 cent local red, unused with original gum, rare as only 1,000 printed, fine
Upper Columbia Co., 18985 cent local red, used with clear cancel "BEAVER FE 2099 B.C.", few irregular perfs, small thin, otherwise fine, rare as only 1,000 printed

## EUROPE FINLAND

## THE COASTAL SHIPS - HELSINKI AREA

## The Skärgårds Trafik Aktie Bolaget 1872-1900

Skärgärds Trafik Aktiebolaget is the name of the company originally founded by Messrs. H. Lindroos and T. Sederholm and B. Howing and S. Tömudd, and for which shares could be had at 500 marks. The boats would be travelling from Bobäck to Helsingfors daily and would be available for use as a tugboat in their "down time"



Lot-No.
$6113 \quad \star \star / \star /$ 田 1873,10 penni deep reddish orange and deep blue, block of 25 with good margins all around, one vertical and one horizontal fold between stamps, few stamps unused, mostly mint never hinged, a fine and rare multiple, signed Faberge

ex 6114
$6114 \quad \star \star / \star / \odot 1872 / 1900$, interesting collection starting with 19 trial printings, followed by the first imperforate issue including a horizontal pair of 50 penni yellowish green/ deep dull blue, followed by the serpentine-rouletted stamps and the second issue including one card and one cover, in total 79 stamps including a pair and a block of four
(Photo $=\square \mathrm{mw}$ )

## The Paddle-Steamer "THYRA" 1884-1891

'hyra sailed into Helsingsfors South Harbour on August 1, 1874 and she was said to have luxuriious accomodations on board, but unfortunatley she was lacking speed.

'Thyra' at a landing-stage

Lot-No.
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1884, 10-25 penni dull vermilion and deep dull blue, fresh colour and good perforations, each unused and in addition 10 penni with blue grid-cancel, fine


1884, 10 penni dull vermilion with blue grid-cancel on envelope to Granholmen, fine
1884, 10 penni dull vermilion with left sheet margin, with blue grid-cancel on envelope to Granholmen, fine
1874/93, 10 and 25 penni, small group of four stamps and 10 penni large multiple of 32 , mostly fine

## The Steam Launch "Ellida" 1880-1881



Lot-No.
6119
1880, 5 penni violet-grey, two copies with close to good margins, unused without gum, one copy missing design parts at top, one stamp small stain at bottom, otherwise a fine and very rare ensemble with less than five copies recorded. The design of the stamps bears a clear family resemblance to the first of o stamps the Helsingfors Stadspost and to the Tammerfors local post stamps. It is unusual in showing the value 5 penni, at a time when the standard rate for letters and cards carried by the steamers was 10 penni.
Provenance: one stamp in "The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World - Part4", G.W. Connell (1993)

## The Granö Steam Launch Company 1890-1896

There are two islands called Granö in the vicinity of Helsingfors, one to the east of the city and the other to the west. On the latter were a number of villas, including one belonging to the Krogius family. Kapten Lars Krogius evidently saw the need for a regulär Service between Helsingfors and the Island, since in 1885 he had a little 8 h.p. steamlaunch, 15.3 m long and 3.7 m broad, built at Varkauden Konepaja, and named it Granö. In the same year, Captain Krogius, in partnership with his son Lars Krogius Jr. and Uno Kurten, founded Granö Angslups Aktiebolag.


1885, 10 penni red unused with full original gum, an attractive example of this rare stamp of which only few are recorded


1885, 10 penni red uncancelled on parcel-label from Sportmagasinet, Helsingfors to Mrs. Hanna Wiik in Ennäsudd, a little soiled at left yet very attractive and the only recorded example of the stamp on any kind of postal item
Provenance:"The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World - Part 4", G.W. Connell (1993

## The Steam Launches of J.J. AF LINDFORS - Thor

Lot-No.


6122


6123

10 penni black on green, type I "no damage inside of 0 ", fresh colour, used with pen strokes, fine and scarce
( $\star 10$ penni black on green, type II "damage inside of 0 ", fresh colour, unused without gum, vertical crease, otherwise fine, a scarce stamp
Provenance: Agathon Fabergé (with his pencil notes on reverse of the stamp)


10 penni black on green, type I "no damage inside of 0 " with pen stroke on envelope originating from "JÖNKÖPING 10788 " and there franked with Numerals 20 Öre to Helsingfors. The cover was evidently delivered to the address in Helsingfors, and sometime later, confided to the captain of Thor for delivery to the Archipelago Ennäsudd, where Mrs. Wiik was to be found, despite some opening faults and attractive and very rare entire being one of only two recorded
Reference:"The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World - Part 4", G.W. Connell (1993)
Provenance: Jacobus Sundman Collection

## Degerö

Between the early 1880s and 1898, Jakob Julius af Lindfors (1831-1903) bullt up and operated a fleet of small steamlaunches which sailed from the various harbours of the city to the offshore Islands both eastwards and westwards. He is accredited with the circular, punched-out ship 'Stamps of the Helsingfors area:


188?, 5 penni black on yellow on small piece, small part torn as cancellation as usual and only two copies in existence, a fine and rare stamp

## Östra Skärgården



1893, Numerals 10 penni black on pale rose-lilac paper, Type I, eight pointed star, overall diameter 27 mm , unused and used with blue grid cancellation, unused copy small imperfection at top left, otherwise fine and scarce


1893, Numerals 10 penni black on pale rose-lilac paper, type I, eight pointed star, in combination with two singles Finland Coat of Arms 10 penni red, tied by blue grid resp cds. to piece, small tear at bottom of shipmail stamp, otherwise fine Provenance: Hellmann auction (2009)


1893, Numerals 10 penni black on pale rose-lilac paper, type I, eight pointed star, in combination with two pairs Finland 1889 Coat of Arms 5 penni green, tied by blue grid resp cds. "HELSINGFORS 21 VI 93 " to cover to Ofverby poststation, a very fine and attractive entire being the earliest recorded usage of this stamp


1893, Numerals 10 penni black on pale rose-lilac paper, Type III, five pointed star, overall diameter $32,5 \mathrm{~mm}$, with blue grid on envelope addressed to Långviken with manuscript endorsement "Ångb Thor" which indicates that these stamps probably were used on all of the ships owned by J.J. af Lindfors, small part of envelope missing on reverse, very attractive and only two covers recorded with a ships name


1893, Numerals 10 penni black on pale rose-lilac paper, Type III, five pointed star, overall diameter $32,5 \mathrm{~mm}$, affixed on backflap of envelope endorsed "ång. Turholm" to Svalviken, stamp partly torn off as cancellation, an attractive entire with full contents Reference:"The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World - Part 4", G.W. Connell (1993)


Lot-No.
6132
1893, Numerals 10 penni black on pale rose-lilac paper, Type III, five pointed star, overall diameter $32,5 \mathrm{~mm}$, on cover with content dated July 3 (1896), addressed to Edeshem, small part of stamp torn as cancellation as usual, some minor bends, a scarce cover Provenance:Jacobus Sundman Collection


1893, Numerals 5 penni black on yellow paper, Type III, five pointed star, overall diameter $32,5 \mathrm{~mm}$, two singles tied by blue grid cancellation to piece, some gum adherence on front of stamps, a very fine, beautiful and attractive item
Reference:"The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World - Part 4", G.W. Connell (1993)

## The Steamship Company Sibbo 1892-1899

This company was founded in 1892. The vessel ,Sibbo' sailed from Helsingfors to Söderkulla, some 2 km up the Sibbo River, from 1892 until 1899, when the Company was dissolved.


1892/99, Type II, 10 penni black on pink paper, with straight edge at left, used with blue ribbon canceller, small thin at top, otherwise fine Provenance: Hellmann Auctions (2009)


1892/99, Type II, 10 penni black on pink paper, tied by blue ribbon canceller "SIBBO." to envelope to Botbrygga, some minor discolouration, horizontal fold through cover, a fine and rare entire
Provenance: Agathon Fabergé Collection
Bremer Collection
Hellmann Auction (2009)


Lot-No.
6136 1892/99, Type II, 10 penni black on pink paper, with straight edge at top, tied by blue ribbon canceller "SIBBO." to envelope to Simsalö, scarce and fine


1892/99, Type II, 10 penni black on pink paper, tied by blue ribbon canceller "SIBBO." to envelope to Wiksund, part of the backflap and small part of cover at upper left added, otherwise fine, scarce
Provenance: Jacobus Sundman Collection


1892/99, Type III, 10 penni black on yellow paper, used with blue ribbon canceller, Fabergé notes on reverse, the only known copy of this stamp, very fine
Reference:"The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World - Part 4", G.W. Connell (1993)

## The Steamers of M.W. Svensson 1896-1900

Mauritz Wilhelm Svensson (1836-1907) was a Helsingfors merchant who was also a member of the City Council. At age 60 he went into the shipping trade and purchased a steamlaunch and renamed her Långviken. He put her into Service between the place after which she had been named and Helsingfors.


Lot-No.
1896, 10 penni bright rose, fresh colour and good perforations, two singles, one without gum, the other used with part of three-line cancel "ÅNG. LÅNGVIKEN / 27 JUL 1898 / HELSINGFORS", the unused stamp with Fabergé notes, unused stamp thins, otherwise fine


1896, 10 penni bright rose, fresh colour and good perforations, tied by three-line cancel "ÅNGB. LÅNGVIKEN / 2 AUG 1899/ HELSINGFORS" to envelope addressed to Sökö, very fine and the only recorded cover cancelled on LÅNGVIKEN

## Nyländska Skärgårds Aktiebolag



Lot-No.

* 1899, Oval stamps 10-50 penni, fresh colour, unused with original gum resp. 10 penni without gum, fine and scarce

Start price

Frans Åkerman
Founder of the Nyländska Skärgårds Aktiebolag

$6142 \Delta$
$\Delta$
1899, 10 penni, Type I, tied by blue five line cachet to postcard, a fine and scarce item, certificate Sundman (1999)
6143
1899, 10 penni, Typ4e II, two singles, tied by blue five line cachet to cover to Tullandet, part of cover at top restored, one stamp with corner torn away, some other imperfections, but a scarce cover

## THE COASTAL SHIPS - BORGÅ AREA

## Borgå Ångslups Aktiebolag

The purpose of Borgå Ångslups Aktiebolag was to establish passenger-traffic with suitable steamers between Borgå city harbour and roadsteads and the nearby offshore Islands and private estates along Borgå River, as well as to undertake towing-work.


1890, 20 penni black on yellow paper, punched out individually, tied by pen strike to small piece, fine and scarce

The Borgå - Helsinki Steamship Company ca. 1884-1896

"RUNEBERG FRANKO" blue oval cachet on undated envelope send to Örnshamm, Borgå, small adhesive mark on upper right corner, scarce and attractive

"RUNEBERG FRANKO" blue oval cachet on Finland postal stationery 10 penni from "HELSINGFORS 27684 " to Herrenäs, corner crease at top left, otherwise fine

Lot-No.


6147


6148


1894, 25 penni brown, type II, fresh colour, used with central pen stroke, faults, scarce
1894, 50 penni yellow, fresh colour and mostly good perforation, used with clear oval "Ångaren 25 OCT. 94 RUNEBERG.", few thins, small tear and hardly perceptible corner crease, very attractive appearance, scarce

## LUNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE.

CARTE POSTALE.

## PINLANDR. <br> POSTKORT. POSTIKORTTH. <br> FISLASD. <br> SH 0 M <br> ОТКРЫТОЕ ПИСБМО.



BOK畐ARDA工 helsmgrons


## The Borgå Steamship Company 1891-1900

This Company was founded on April IOth 1891 by a group of Borgå businessmen who wished to provide a faster and more efficient ship-service to Helsingfors than that of Runeberg.


1893, 25 penni deep dull blue, fresh colour and good perforation, used with three-line cancel "ÅNGFARTYGET / 5 SEP 93 / BORGÅ", few thins, very fine appearance, the earliest recorded date with the three-line cancellation
Provenance: Agathon Fabergé Collection


1893, 25 penni deep dull blue and 50 penni red, fresh colour and good perforation, used with three-line cancel "ÅNGFARTYGET / 29 MAR 96 / BORGÅ", resp."ÅNGFARTYGET / 11 MAJ 96 / BORGÅ", fine and scarce
189 ?/1920s, interesting collection from first to last issue, with a total of 18 values including some multiples, including tête-bêche, mostly good condition

## THE COASTAL SHIPS - ÅBO AREA

## Åbo-Läns Kustångbåts Aktiebolag

Founded in Åbo on February 4th 1873, this firm was the widest-ranging of all the stamp-issuing companies, serving almost all the Finnish coast from Vasa in the north-west to Viborg in the south-east.


Lot-No.
6153
1903, 25 penni black on pink paper, perforated horizontally, vertical pair on reverse of cover from Helsingfors to Växär, a small islands in Åbo Skärgård. The only known stamps of 25 penni known, there exists only one other card franked with the 50 penni label, despite some imperfections an attractive and scarce entire with full content

## Ångslups Aktiebolaget Nådendal



1890, 25 penni orange-red on toned paper, type II, used with pen stroke, fine and scarce
THE LAKE STEAMERS - LOHJANJÄRVI
The Lohjan Steam Launch Company 1893-1896


6155 * 1893, 25 penni indigo, fresh colour and good perforation, unused, light corner crease at lower left, a fine copy of this rare stamp of which only a few are recorded

THE LAKE STEAMERS - TAVASTLAND
The Wanajavesi Steamship Company 1866-1875


* 1867, Steamer 10-25 penni red, punched out individually, unused with original gum, the 2025 penni with Fabergé notes on reverse, very fine and attractive set of the earliest of all ship letter stamps of Finland


## Kiuttu Brothers - Uhro



1886, Urho " 20 " penni colour-trial in brown, with missing denomination and bottom inscription, unused without gum, some imperfections including small cut at top, very rare with only a few known
Reference:"The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World - Part 4", G.W. Connell (1993)

## AUSTRIA

## NEUE SÄCHS. BÖHMISCHE D.S.E.G.

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Lot-No.
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Neue Sächs. Böhmische D.S.E.G., Steamer 5-15 kreuzer, without gum, in addition some forgeries
THE DANUBE STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY 1829-1880


1844, "D.D.S.G.-IBRAILA-P.P." struck in deep blue ink on entire folded letter from Brăila (Romania) to Constantinopel, some ageing spots, a superb entire with an outstanding impression of this very rare cancellation, signed Holcombe
Provenance: Emile Antonini (85th Corinphila auction, 1992)

## Steamer on the Danube



Lot-No. Mi.-No.
6160 1A $\Delta$
1866, First Issue 17 kreuzer red, perf. 12, with small blue date cancellation " $29 / 5$ " on folded letter, with adjacent, extremely rare blue steamship marking "PROPELLER SULINA-7", from Oltenitza to Galatz, on reverse with well struck arrival mark "GALATZ-31/V" in blue, an extraordinary beautiful and famous, very early entire, signed Ferchenbauer with certificate (2010)
Provenance: Franz See (62nd Corinphila auction, 1979)
Emil Capellaro (166th Corinphila auction, 2010)
Reference: "Austrian Post Offices Abroad - Part 3", S.D.Tchilinghiran \& W. S. E. Stephen (1962)

Lot-No. Mi.-No. 6161 1A $\Delta$


17 kreuzer red, tied by circular date marking " $25 / 7$ " and by oval, misspelled cancellation

Start price "AGENTIE-D.D.G.S-PIQUET" (Müller Nr. 7032a) to folded letter to Braila, very fine and attractive, signed Ferchenbauer with certificate (1990)


6162 1A
17 kreuzer red, perf. 12, tied by cds. "CALAFAT 2/ III" to folded letter to Braila, a fine and fresh entire

View of Pest



6163 1A, Aus- $\triangle \Delta$ 1866, First Issue 17 kreuzer red in combination with Austria 1863/64 Coat of Arms 5 tria 32 kreuzer rose, tied by circular date marking " $26 / 7$ " and by oval, misspelled cancellation "AGENTIE-D.D.G.S-PIQUET" (Müller Nr. 7032a) resp. by cds. "ALT-ORSOVA" (27/7) "to folded lettersheet to Pest with arrival mark"PEST 29/7 Früh" on reverse, the 17 kreuzer small marginal tear at right, the 5 kreuzer short perf at lower left and somewhat cleaned.A magnificent and famous combination cover, and certainly one of the most attractive of the very few recorded, in our opinion one of the greatest rarities of DDSG and Rumania. Signed A. Bolaffi, Edwin Müller and certificates G. Bolaffi (1967) and Ferchenbauer (2010). Provenance: Arthur Linz (Mercury Stamp Company auction, 1961)


Lot-No. Mi.-No.
6164 1B


1866, Second Issue 17 kreuzer red, perf. $91 / 2$, horizontal pair with the usual somewhat rough perfs, with neatly struck blue cds. "CALAFAT 17 / IX", in common with the entire D.D.S.G issue, all multiples of these stamps, in used condition, are rarities
Provenance: Emil Capellaro (163rd Corinphila auction, 2010)


1866, Second Issue 17 kreuzer red, perf. $91 / 2$, tied by blue cds. "RUSTZUK $30 / 6$ " to Galatz with arrival mark on reverse, few short perfs, otherwise fine, scarce


Lot-No. Mi.-No.
61662 凶

1866, Third Issue 10 kreuzer lilac horizontal pair tied by blue oval "AGENTIE / D.D.S.G. / WIDDIN" and blue crayon to folded lettersheet endorsed "Orsova" to Vienna with arrival mark on reverse, upon arrival charges 45 kr . due, with some imperfections including added perfs and small tear, despite imperfections an attractive and scarce usage with a rare multiple, signed with certificate Ferchenbauer (2010) Reference: Ferchenbauer (Volume IV)
Provenance: Franz See (62nd Corinphila auction, 1979) Emil Capellaro (166th Corinphila auction, 2010)
$6167 \quad 2,31 \Delta$


1866, Third Issue 10 kreuzer lilac in combination with fourth Issue 10 kreuzer green, type

Start price I, jointly tied by oval "AGENTIE GIURGEVO / SALDIRT / 9. AUG" to folded letter from Giurgevo to Theologo Brothers in Galatz, reverse with oval "GALAZ 10/8" arrival datestamp in blue.
Both stamps have been ,doodled' on with the , 10' enhanced on the 10 kr . lilac and Anchor added, the 10 kr . green with ,9‘ of date, the green stamp with cut perforation at right, an extraordinary combination usage and a famous cover of delightful visual appeal and a great rarity of the DDSG and Rumania, Certificate Ferchenbauer (2010)
Reference: Ferchenbauer (Volume IV)
Provenance: Emil Capellaro (166th Corinphila auction, 2010)


1866, Third Issue 10 kreuzer lilac in combination with Austria 1863/64 Coat of Arms 5 kreuzer rose, tied by oval, misspelled cancellation "AGENTIE-D.D.G.S-PIQUET" (Müller Nr. 7032a) resp. by cds. "ALT-ORSOVA" (9/7) "to folded lettersheet to Pest with arrival mark"PEST 14/7" on reverse. A magnificent and famous combination cover, and certainly one of the most attractive of the very few recorded, in our opinion one of the greatest rarities of DDSG and Rumania. Signed Ferchenbauer with certificate (2002)

Lot-No. Mi.-No.
6169 3I


Start price
10 kreuzer green, Type I, tied by unusual "double" cancellations (most probably applied in Sistov) with small circular dated " $8 / 5$ " in blue and larger Roman dated " $10 / \mathrm{V}$ " in blue to small piece, cut perforation at top, a attractive and unusual item Provenance: Emil Capellaro (166th Corinphila auction, 2010)


617031
1867, 10 kreuzer deep green,Type I, the remarkable piece with single and horizontal pair, all with circular date " $3 / 10$ " handstamps in blue applied at Sistov on piece, two stamps affected by negligible file folds but an extraordinary multiple usage of great rarity for this issue and a very attractive Exhibition piece
Provenance: Emile Antonini (85th Corinphila auction, 1992)
Emil Capellaro (166th Corinphila auction, 2010)


6171 3I, Russia $\triangle \quad$ 1867, Fourth Issue 10 kreuzer green, Type I, in an emerald shade, in combination with Russia 19x, 21x Coat of Arms 18653 kop. black \& green and 10 kop. blue \& brown, all tied by oval blue "D.D.S.G.-ODESSA-25/7" to piece with additional blue strike of Steamship handstamp "METTERNICH-19", sender's cachet on reverse flap. Despite some faults, a remarkable and very rare piece (Tchilinghirian states "no mixed frankings with Russia are known").
Reference:"Österreich 1850-1918 Special catalogue and handbook", Vol. IV,
Dr. Ulrich Ferchenbauer (2000)
Provenance: Emil Capellaro (166th Corinphila auction, 2010)


Lot-No. Mi.-No.
10 kreuzer green, Type I, tied by extremely scarce framed and dated Line number cancellation "6/VII-4.-Reise" to folded letter from Galatz to Braila, minor toned spots on stamp not distracting, a very attractive entire showing one of the scarcest of all cancellations on these issues, actually intended for the cancellation of baggage control stamps, signed Ferchenbauer with certificate (2010)
Provenance: Julius Steindler (Robson Lowe auction, 1972)


Lot-No. Mi.-No.
10 kreuzer green, Type I, crossed by light file fold, tied by oval, misspelled cancellation "AGENTIE-D.D.G.S-PIQUET" (Müller Nr. 7032a) to folded lettersheet to Braila, with oval framed "AGENTIE-PIQUET-SALDIRT" and very fine blue strike of oval Steamship handstamp "ALBRECHT-1" alongside. A famous and beautiful Exhibition item in very fine quality, signed Holcombe with certificate (1992)
Reference: "The Danube Steam Navigation Company", E.F. HURT and DENWOOD N. KELLY (1950) "The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World - Part 2", S. Ringström and H.E.Tester (1983) Provenance: Julius Steindler (Robson Lowe auction, 1972)

Emile Antonini (85th Corinphila auction, 1992)

$617431 \Delta$
10 kreuzer green, Type I, tied by blue oval "AGENTIE / D. D. S. G. / LOM PALANKA" to folded letter Lom Palanka to Vienna, with transit cds. "BAZIAS 274 76" and italic straightline "PER DAMPFSCHIFF" alongside, upon arrival charged " 10 " kreuzer in red crayon. A very similar entire is illustrated in Tchilinghirian on page 514, a fine and very rare entire in excellent quality.
Provenance: Emil Capellaro (163rd Corinphila auction, 2010)


Lot-No. Mi.-No.
6175 31 凶

10 kreuzer green, Type I, tied by blue oval "AGENTIE-D.D.S.G.-OREAVA" and red due marking " 20 " to folded letter from Oreava to Galatz, inside some staining, otherwise a fresh and fine entire, scarce
Provenance: Emil Capellaro (166th Corinphila auction, 2010)


61764
$4 \Delta$
10 kreuzer red, tied by clear blue cds. "SISTOV-24/III" to folded letter to Orsova, a superb example of this rare stamp on letter, Signed Matl and Ferchenbauer with certificate (2010) Provenance: Emil Capellaro (166th Corinphila auction, 2010)

Street scene in Sistov


1870, Fifth Issue 10 kreuzer red, the superb vertical pair with beautiful blue cds."SISTOV-10/ XII" on folded letter to Orsova, file fold runs beneath the pair with some minor ageing, small tear on top stamp, but this does not detract from the marvelous appearance of this rare multiple on a double rate entire which is probably the only recorded double rate cover, signed Ferchenbauer with certificate (2010)
Provenance: Julius Steindler (Robson Lowe auction, 1972)
Dr.Anton Jerger (Dorotheum auction, 2003)
Emil Capellaro (166th Corinphila auction, 2010)


Lot-No. Mi.-No.
1870, Sixth Issue 10 kreuzer green, type II, tied by blue oval "AGENTIE / D.D.S.G./ SISTOV" to envelope to Vienna, taxed in transit with "T" marking and cds. "ORSOVA $4 / 579$ " alongside, reverse with Vienna arrival mark and charged "10" kreuzer in blue crayon (as the DDSG stamps were not valid outside Bulgaria at this time), a magnificent and very attractive cover of great scarcity, signed Matl
Provenance: Julius Steindler (Robson Lowe auction, 1972)
Emil Capellaro (163rd Corinphila auction, 2010)


1870, Sixth Issue 10 kreuzer green, type II, tied by blue cds. "SILISTRIA 19/IV" to folded letter to Rustchuk, a magnificent entire showing a late usage of the D.D.S.G. issue, signed Raybaudi and Enzo Diena with certificate (1992)
Provenance: Julius Steindler (Robson Lowe auction, 1972)
Emil Capellaro (163rd Corinphila auction, 2010)
1866/78, interesting accumulation including 10 kreuzer green type I used on 1872 entire, in addition revenues, reprints etc.
(Photo $=\square \mathrm{mm}$ )
1866/78, interesting accumulation including 10 kreuzer green type I used on 1872 entire, a Way Bill of 1866, in addition a range of reprints and some revenues with baggage and carriage dues
(Photo $=\square \mathrm{mm}$ )

## FRANCE

## DELFOSSÉ ET CIE, PARIS, FRANCE CA. 1875



Lot-No.
6182
○/(ぇ)
1875, Steamer 5 "Via BORDEAUX" in red, 8 "Via St. NAZAIRE" in blue and 12 "Via SOUTHAMPTON" in green, all with manuscript entry of the transporting ship, some faults, but a very rare group with in total about 10 items recorded, with some numbers existing only once


1875, Steamer 9 "Via BRINDISI" with manuscript entry "Albanian" on folded lettersheet endorsed "per S.S.Albanian" originating from Malta with cds."MALTAAP 575 " alongside, to Constantinople with perfect red strike of cds."BRITISH POST OFFICE CONSTANTINOPLE AP 13 1875". The cover was sent unpaid by private ship, charged "4d" upon arrival, the stamp with some negligible imperfections, a great rarity with only two covers known, this one being by far the finer copy

## HUNGARY

## THE ZALA-SOMOGYI STEAMSHIP COMPANY 1872-1876

The Zala-Somogyi Steamship Company was formed in 1872 to operate on Lake Balaton. The steamship ,Balaton' was built in the same year. The steamship company serviced those who lived along the shores of the lake, fisherman and wine cultivators. The ,Balaton' could carry 50 passengers as well as a various cargo of stones, wine, lime, cattle, corn or timber. The steamship also carried the mail from Rèvfülöp to Boglár and in doing so they issued stamps for the prepayment of postal fees. Unfortunately, the Company soon encountered financial difficulties, and in 1876 became bankrupt and the ship was sold at auction.


1875, Ancre green, fresh colour and good embossing, used with black cds. "REV-FÜLÖP 11 8 ", a fine and very rare stamp with less than 15 copies recorded of which several reside in the Hungarian Postal Museum

## NORWAY

## VESTERAALENS DAMPSKIBSSELSKAB 1896

Later Issues Connected


Lot－No．
$6185 \quad \star \star / ⿴ 囗 十$ 1896， 10 øre chocolate and 20 øre red，each as block of four，the latter with left sheet margin，mint never hinged，very fine


A tourist hotel run by Vesteraalens Dampskibsselskab in Advent Bay Spitsbergen


Lot-No.
6187
$\Delta$
1896, 10 øre chocolate and 20 øre red, two singles each tied by cds. "ADVENT BAY SPITSBERGEN" to triple rate pre-printed HAPAG-envelope via Hammerfest, where a horizontal pair of $10 ø r e$ red was applied, to New York, upon arrival the cover was regarded as not fully paid thus "DUE 20 cents" cancellation and "T" were applied on front, then redirected within New York and charges 20 cents with postage due stamps, some wear as to be expected, a very attractive and scarce entire

1896, 20 øre red tied by cds. "ADVENT BAY" to somewhat faulty cover, in addition 10 øre chocolate and 20 øre red unused (Photo $=\square \mathrm{mw}$ )

Start price

## SWEDEN

## JEMTLANDS KOMMUNIKATIONS BOLAG 1866-1867

This Swedish steamship Company was established about 1860 by Anders Jakob Thomée for the conveyance of passengers and freight on the system of lakes near the town of Östersund. To accomplish this, the company purchased four small steamships, one of them being the 'Odin' which was the largest and most powerful.


Lot-No.
1866/67,"J.K.B. Local-post. 5 öre." and "J.K.B. Local-post. 10 öre." typographed label black on brownish horizontally laid paper, unused without gum and "J.K.B. Local-post. 10 öre." with the ships name "Odin" added in black ink, tied by manuscript to folded letter dated Oviken the ships name "Odin" added in black ink, tied by manuscript to folded letter dated Oviken
July 25,1867 and addressed to Kronofogden, Högädle, Herr N. Nilsson Östersund. The unused stamps with, on front, hardly perceptible vertical crease, otherwise fine, both being the only known unused copy of their denomination, the cover is the unique one available, the other known cover being in the Postal Museum of Stockholm, Sweden. An incredibly attractive trio and a unique opportunity to a aquire these Sweden- and Shipmail Rarities Reference:"The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World - Part 2", S. Ringström \& H.E.Tester (1983)

## TURKEY

## DANUBE \& BLACK SEA LINE OF STEAMERS T.B. MORTON \& CO. 1869-1872

## Lot-No.



6190 凶
1869, Thomas B. Morton \& Co. Letter Post, "FRANCO" handstamp seal in red adhering on large part of cover from Thessaloniki to Genova with two-line "SALONICH 31 AOUT" and red "D.A.a.L" handstamp alongside, reverse with SEMLIN Disinfection cachet and transitand arrival marks, an attractive and very rare cover being one of two known examples of this issue used on cover, signed Sloane
Reference: "The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World - Part 2", S. Ringström and H.E. Tester (1983)

Provenance: Julius Steindler (Robson Lowe auction, 1972)


1870, Third Issue Steamer $1 / 2-2$ piastre in green, red and blue, small group of 8 values including complete set with red diamond-shaped grid cancellation, mostly fine

On Board a Danube Steamer


1870/72, Third Issue Steamer 1 piastre red in combination with Sixth Issue 10 para black and red Journal stamp, each stamp neatly tied by red diamond grill handstamp, oval blue Company cachet underneath the 10 para. adhesive (Zarigrad = Constantinople), small manuscript " 5 " in red crayon alongside, possibly being a Ship's Captain's fee or representing 5 bani credit to the local Office in Braila. Slight cover tear at top and with flap missing on reverse but an extremely rare and most attractive franking. Only 8 covers bearing T. B. Morton adhesives are recorded and just 4 with the ,Letter' adhesive.A great rarity of Levant Postal History and to our knowledge the only known cover sent to Romania Reference:"The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World - Part 2", S. Ringström H.E. Tester (1983) Provenance: Robson Lowe auction (1977)


Lot-No. Mi.-No.
Start price

6193 XII, Greece
( ( 1869, interesting collection starting with two proofs of the First and Second Issue, than First Issue single deep greenish blue on blue paper and Second Issue three singles deep red on blue paper, red on yellow paper and red on greenish paper, all unused, fine and scarce (Photo $=\square \mathrm{mm}$ )
1869/70, Fourth to Sixt Issue, interesting unused and used collection of 7 values including a pair and "Letter" on Journal stamp as strip of three, mostly fine

## AUSTRALASIA

## THE AUSTRALASIAN NEW HEBRIDES COMPANY 1893-1900

James Burns, a man of great commercial power, took over The Australasian New Hebrides Company (ANHC) in 1893 after it went into liquidation the year before. The general managers of the ANHC (Burns, Philp \& Co) requested of the Postmaster General in New South Wales to allow them to add their own interisland postage stamp for purchase by users of their steamer to and from Sydney for 1d. up to half an ounce (Insterisland mail deliveries were free of charge up to this point so all one had to pay was $2 \frac{1}{2}$ d. for up to a half ounce letter). The Postmaster stated that he would rather leave the matter between ANHC and it's interisland postal users. So in the end, ANHC issued two stamps of denomination, the 1 d . and 2 d . which were used according to their postal rates.


Lot-No.
Start price
1897, 1 pence imperforated, marginal block of 30 , almost all mint never hinged, some wrinkles and small tears, mostly in the margins, the largest known multiple with only one sheet recorded
Provenance:"Santo" New Hebrides (82nd Macray Watson auction, 2000)

1897, 1 pence horizontal pair, paying for the 2 pence interisland postage, together with New South Wales 18882 pence blue and $18911 / 2$ penny slate, all tied by cds."PORTVILA 22 JUN 97 " to cover front to Sydney, some ageing, still fine and attractive usage showing the earliest date recorded from the Hambly correspondence
Provenance: Hubert Goron (David Feldman auction, 2011)


1897, 1 pence horizontal strip of three, paying for the 3 pence interisland registered postage, together with New South Wales 18971 pence red strip of three and single 2 pence blue, on cover with the "Compagnie Des Messageries Maritimes" crest on the reverse to Marseille, the cover was not registered in PortVila but in Sydney on December 8 1897. It is likely that the cover was posted on an island south of Port Vila on the Messageries Maritimes "Tanais" on its regular voyage from the New Hebrides to Sydney, a very rare and attractive cover with only three registered covers recorded
Provenance: Bill Holland (David Feldman auction, 2014)


Lot－No．
6199
ex 6199
Start price
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1897，small group of 5 values including 1 one block of four and two used 2 pence with the two different cancellations＂PORTVILA＂and＂TRAVELLING POST＂in use，fine

ex 6200
$\star \star / \star /$ 1897，interesting specialized collection，partly written up and in addition stockbookpages， $\odot / \Delta / \boxplus$ including many multiples，some with marginal inscriptions and plate numbers， 31 used examples including several from the Jersey collection，french＂SANDWICH＂cds．，varieties like displaced center etc．

## NEW HEBRIDES SYNDICAT FRANCAIS

๑／（ $\star)$
1903，small unused collection of four stamps 5－25 centimes，in addition 5 centimes with scarce cancellation＂Pt．HAVANNAH＂and a 15c．black forgery of the Bonnet Imitations，written up on two pages（Photo $=\square \mathrm{mmw})$

Offer

## THE MURRAY STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY


（ $\star$ ） $1864 / 73$ ，Steamer 1 penny green，proof from an engraved die on thin card（ $30 \times 29 \mathrm{~mm}$ ）， without gum，a very fine and unique item
Reference：＂The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World－Part 2＂，S．Ringström and H．E．Tester （1983）
Provenance：E．F．Hurt Collection
1／2－3 pence，interesting group with stamps on yellowish and white paper，including 1 penny red block of six with gutters and the error＂Half Pence＂（heavily damaged），total of 22 values， mostly good condition

## AFRICA INCL.THE SUEZ CANAL CO

## CANAL MARITIME DE SUEZ 1859-1868

Mohammed Said Pasha
Khedive of Egypt
granted Lesseps the concession to excavate the canal

View of Kantara


Steamer 5 centimes green, four singles (transfer types 4,2,3,2) all with good to clear margins, except corner of one stamp barely touched, with distinctive pen strokes on envelope with original letter datelined "Kantara, le 15 Aout, 1868, vertical filing fold, from Kantara to Monsieur Gérard, Agent d'Affaires, Port Said, reverse with cogwheel cancellation"PORT SAID 15 AUG EGYPTE" of the French Post Office, signed Ap. N. Gennaropoulo in red on reverse and certificate Holcombe (1991) and RPSL (2007). A truly magnificent franking of these rarities on cover, of which only two other similar frankings have been recorded, one of them is placed in the Ringström Philatelic Museum
Reference: shown among the World Rarities at Monaco 2009
"The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World - Part 3",
S. Ringström and H.E. Tester (1985)

Provenance: Royal Collection of Queen Elizabeth II
Emile Antonini (85th Corinphila auction, 1992)
'Cihangir' (121st Corinphila auction, 2000)
Samir Fikry (David Feldman auction, 2011)


Lot-No. Mi.-No.
Start price
62063 1868, Steamer 20 centimes blue, fresh colour with good margins all around, position 18 on the sheet of 120 , with extensive wear just above the baseline and large into lower numeral 20 , unused with large part original gum, a scarce and fine stamp, signed


20 centimes blue, block of 15 , positions 44-46, 56-58, 68-70, 80-82, 92-94, in fresh colour with well balanced margins all around, with completely visible manufacturer watermark "LA + F", mint never hinged, an attractive and rare multiple
$\triangle \quad 20$ centimes blue, two examples, each with small marginal imperfections, tied by lozenge of dots "5129" of Port Said to folded double-rate letter dated August 6, from Port Said to Ismailia. The letter contains the notification ,J'envoi trois documents...' confirming the double rate. An exceptional entire, number 6 in the 21 covers listed by Jean Boulad d'Humières, Ringström \& Tester. The unique and stunning example of a double weight cover bearing two 20 centimes adhesives. Signed N. Gennaropoulo on reverse in red ink. Signed Sorani, Todd and certificate RPSL (1947)
Note: 21 covers are recorded bearing the Suez Canal Company issue, of which 8 are cancelled by the 5129 gros chiffres, 7 bear stamps cancelled in manuscript, 3 cancelled at Ismailia, 2 at Suez.
Reference:"The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World - Part 3"
S. Ringström and H.E. Tester (1985)

Provenance: Ernest R.Ackerman (Belgium 1930, Antwerp)
Ibrahim Chaftar (Harmers of London auction, 1960)
Emile Antonini Collection
Baron J.Von Uexkull (private treaty)
L. Biolato Collection

Carmichael \& Todd dealer's list (2002)

View of Port Said


Lot-No. Mi.-No.
62093 a

20 centimes blue, fresh colour, with small marginal imperfections, tied by lozenge of dots " 5129 " of Port Said to folded letter dated July 22, from Port Said to Kantara, minor soiling, an attractive and rare cover, being one of the 8 covers cancelled by the " 5129 ", signed N . Gennaropoulo on reverse in red ink and certificate BPA (1976)
Reference: "The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World - Part 3", S. Ringström and H.E. Tester (1985)

Provenance: Stanley Gibbons auction (1977)
$6210 \quad \star \star / \star \quad 1868$, Steamer 1-40 centimes, interesting collection of all four values, showing the different Transfer types, colours and printings, some plated, total of 37 values, a fine and scarce assembly

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(\text { Photo }=\square \mathrm{mw})
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๑/(*) 1859/1868, interesting written up collection showing the different forgeries, total of 47 values

## THE SCHÜLKE \& MAYR'S AFRICAN LAKES POST 1891-1892

The German East Africa Company faced increased threats from Arab tribes who opposed Europeans coming into their territory so the company reached out to the German Government to help quell the uprising. Hermann von Wissmann, along with German troops, accomplished just that by 1891. Now there was the question of how to establish a postal service since this German colony was so vast and sparse? The government resorted to private measures and contracted with Schülke \& Mayr, a German firm with commercial interests in the colony, to provide that mail service. Under the terms of the contract, Schülke \& Mayr would provide, for a period of one year, monthly service from Dar-es-Salaam to the military stations of Muansa and Bukoba on Lake Victoria, via Kilossa-Mpapua-Tabora.

$1892,5-50$ cents and $1 \$$, except $1 \$$ all with sheet margin, mint never hinged, 10 cents and $1 \$$ unused, in addition the reprints two sets blocks of four and a single set, mint never hinged, the latter unused, mostly fine
๑/ $/ \boxed{\Delta} /(\star)$ Miscellaneous: Interesting group with some forgeries including the famous "Lady McLeod", some genuine single of other companies etc., mostly fine

## LITERATURE

Ringström/ Tester, The Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World, Part 1, The Carribean (including "priced catalogue"), Part 3, The Suez Canal Company and Part 4 by G.W. Connell The Letter- and Parcel Stamps of the Finnish Shipping-Companies, dust jacket some faults, otherwise good condition
Handbooks and Monographs etc: Interesting group with better books like "Private Ship Letter Stamps of the World" - Part 3 - The Suez Canal Company "by Hartmann,"'Tierra del Fuego "by Brian Moorhouse,"The Danube Steam Navigation Company "by Hurt and Kelly, also some issues of"'The Cinderella Philatelist "and"The Penny Post", good condition
Auction catalogues: 22 with many better like "The Agathon Faberé Collection Russian Levant", "The Stamps of the Shipping Companies Local Posts featuring the Denwood Kelly Collection" etc., some with list of prices realized, good condition


[^0]:    The Gauthier Frères \& Cie was founded by the Gauthier brothers of Lyons and was the second Transatlantic venture of French origin. Under contract with the French government, the steamship company operated 2 services from Havre, one to New York and one to Rio de Janeiro. Due to a collision of their ship 'Lyonnaise'with an American vessel, the company operated for just under a year.

[^1]:    Pierre Mavrogordato exhibited at IPOSTA Berlin in 1930

