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INDIAN FEUDATORY STATES - Bahawalpur

Some time ago we began receiving occasional consignments of Bahawalpur including a number of covers. This was quite startling as the remarkable "Hyphasis" Collection - sold by us on 8.10.2005 - had very little cover material. To say that eyebrows were raised by the new "discoveries" would be an understatement. However, many of the items were recorded and in some cases illustrated in the monumental work "The Amirate of Bahawalpur" by Isani & Abid (2006). Our enquiries have revealed that all of the "new" material - including specimen stamps, proofs and revenues - is from the personal collection of the Amir of Bahawalpur. After his death in 1966, the Amir's estate was sequestered as legal battles raged within his family. These matters were finally resolved only a few years ago, resulting in the philatelic material being acquired by two Pakistani collectors, who are our vendors. Apparently fearing that this material is either not genuine, or that a great quantity exists, some collectors have decided not to participate in our recent sales. We have sought to allay these fears. We have requested the vendors to obtain certificates of authenticity before sending material to us and this they have done: many of the certificates are signed by Dr Isani. We have also been assured that there is no huge hoard of material lurking in Pakistan. Some of the covers, especially those with high values or with handstamped Star & Crescent devices, were almost certainly philatelically contrived. However, if it weren't for the Amir having organised the return to him of such covers, most of this material would simply not exist. At least it has passed through the postal system. And many of the covers have all the attributes of being undoubtedly commercial or official mail. Our expectation is that once this source is exhausted, we will return to the days when Bahawalpur covers were rarely seen. And then we expect that many collectors will express their regret at not having participated in our auctions when the Amir's covers first came onto the market.

716	CX	C	1938 newspaper "The Sadiq-Ul-Akhbar Bahawalpur" with square free post label and 'BUY POST OFFICE/CASH CERTIFICATES//BAGHDAD-UL-JADID' cachet in black and 'SADIQ GARH PALACE/DELY/BAHAWALPUR' arrival cds.	Offer
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Ex Lot 723

723	CX	C	REVENUES: 1958 wage register documents with 1947 Pakistan Revenue 2a x2 & 'West Pakistan' receipt stamps x68 tied by pen or thumb cancellations. (70)	Offer
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Ex Lot 998

998	C		<p>REVENUES: 1890s-1960s array with 950 revenues on 62 documents including 1899 Court Fee bi-colours and in green including surcharges, Elephant types plus lots of wartime issues. Later documents feature Charity, Military and provisional usage. Many of the documents have multiple frankings, others with annotated varieties or rare types, condition variable. (62 items)</p>	400T
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