

Lot Type Grading Description

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VICTORIA - Postal History**Lot 494**

494 CL A **1857** double-rate mercantile cover to London "Per Simla & Overland" with *Emblems* 4d brown-vermilion SG 42a x2 (one an apparently enormous upper-left corner stamp, the other with 3 good to large margins) plus No Watermark 2d grey-lilac SG 45a x2 (both with margins at places) all overlapped & tied by BN '2' of Geelong (b/s of MY*27/1857), superb London arrival cds of 3AU3/1857 in red on the face. A very pretty cover. Carried "Simla", departed Melbourne 31/5/1857, arrived Suez 12/7/1857; then per "Scamander", departed Alexandria 14/7/1857, arrived Southampton 1/8/1857. *Ex Rodney Perry & Ken Barelli.* [The writer speaks of a decline in demand for gin but "...we have no doubt we shall soon see an improvement"]

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