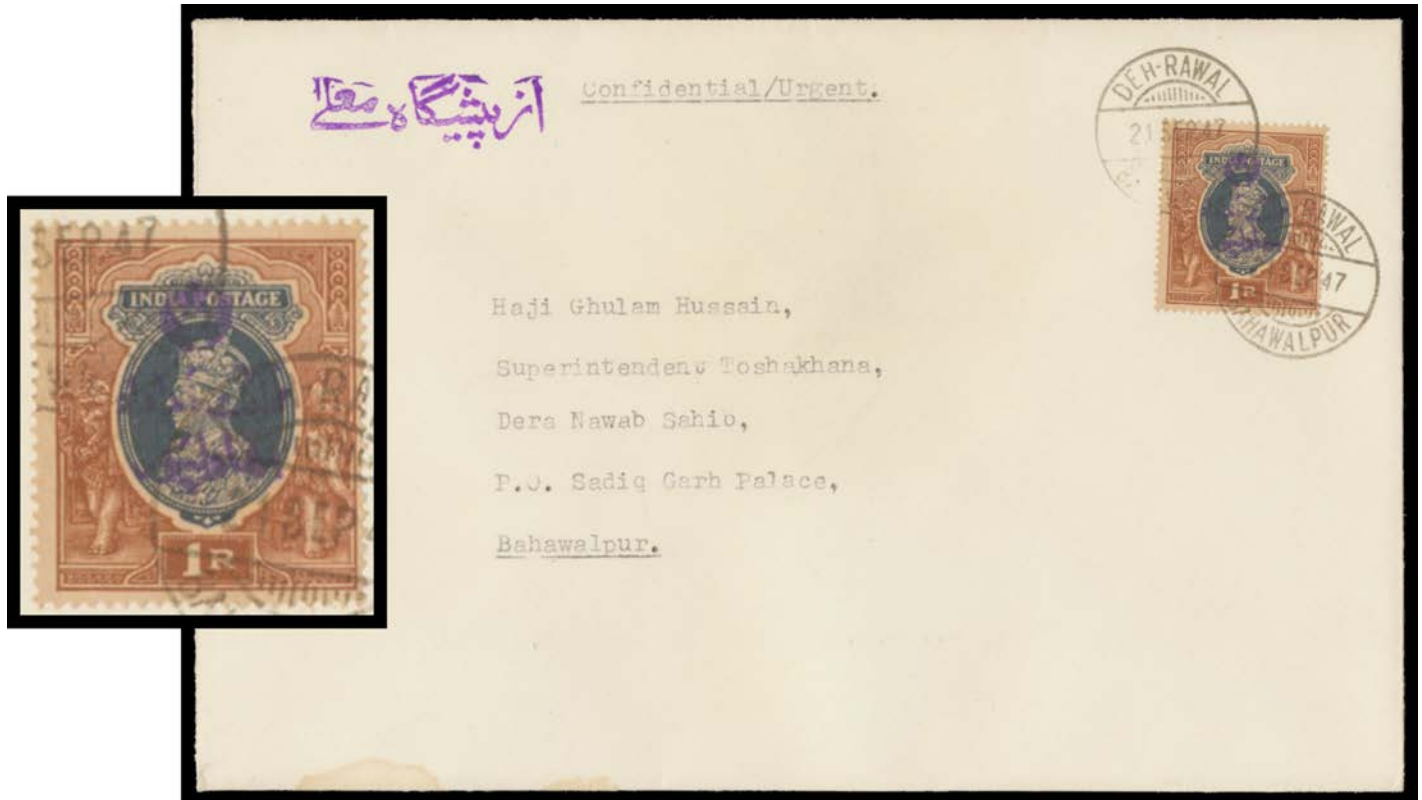


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640 C A **BAHAWALPUR:** 1947 cover with the Amir's multicoloured personal crest beautifully embossed on the flap & oval 'MUSHIR-I-TASRIFAT/TO HH OF BAHAWALPUR' cachet below, to the Sadiq Garh Palace with the rare Star & Crescent **handstamp in violet** on KGVI 1r tied by "bridge"-type 'DEH-RAWAL/21SEP47/BAHAWALPUR' cds, another strike ties part of a coupon to the reverse (the detached portion apparently returned as an Advice of Delivery), two very minor stains at the base otherwise in superb condition. *PPF Certificate* (2011) states "Isani & Abid do not record this stamp with overprint in purple colour".

The handstamped issues are unrecorded by *Gibbons*, and were denounced by *Ron Wood* as "dubious" and "spurious". However, *Isani & Abid* state at page 191 "This issue was investigated thoroughly in 1990 and found to be genuine...the sources from which the few known copies had emerged were impeccable..."

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