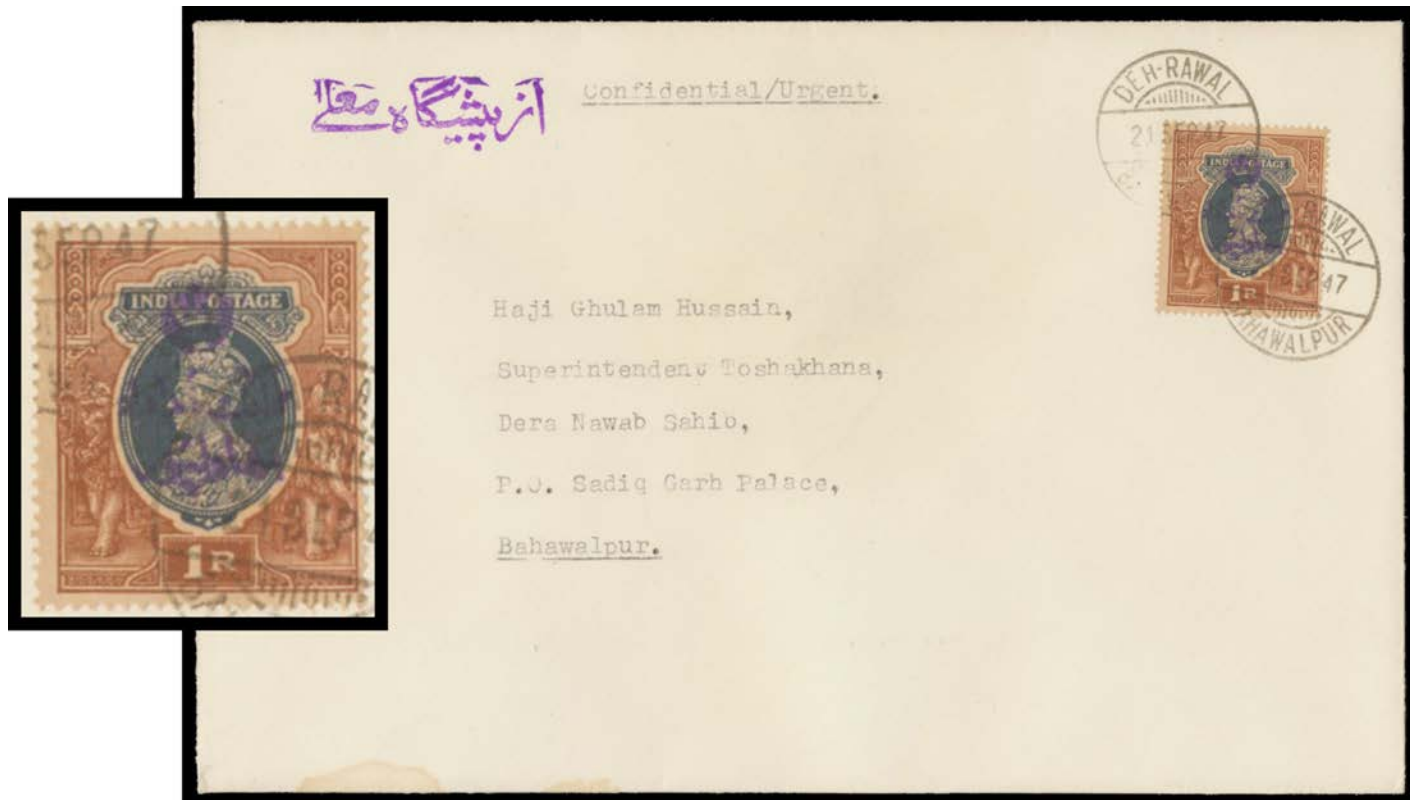


Lot Type Grading Description

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640	C	A	<p>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. <i>PFPC Certificate</i> (2011) states "Isani & Abid do not record this stamp with overprint in purple colour".</p> <p>The handstamped issues are unrecorded by <i>Gibbons</i>, and were denounced by <i>Ron Wood</i> as "dubious" and "spurious". However, <i>Isani & Abid</i> 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..."</p>	2,000 ^T
641	C	A	- 1949 cover with fancy embossed Arabic monogram on the flap, to "Fort Abbas/Bahawalnagar" with ½a Amir SG 20 pair tied by superb 'SADIQ-GARH' cds, <i>Isani & Abid</i> Cat £400 on cover (for a single only). <i>PFPC Certificate</i> (2011).	100 ^T
642	C	B	- 1949 cover with embossed Coat-of-Arms on the flap, to "Old Depot/Bahawalpur Cantt" with rare franking of UPU Perf 17½x17 9p & Perf 13 1a tied by an indistinct cds of --NOV49, small opening fault at the base & a little aged, <i>Isani & Abid</i> Cat £2000+ on cover (for the 9p only). <i>PFPC Certificate</i> (2011).	300 ^T