

Lot Type Grading Description

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VICTORIA - Postal History**Ex Lot 824**

824 CPS Covers & postal stationery including two very scruffy *Half-Length* covers to Wales, 1866 stampless entire from Prussia with Anglo-French Postal Convention h/s & '(1/8)/MORE TO PAY' h/s applied on arrival at Melbourne, some postmark interest especially in the Melbourne duplexes, etc, condition rather mixed. **(60 approx)** 500

**Lot 825**

825 C B **1850** part-entire to Melbourne with rare franking of *Ham Half-Lengths Original State of the Dies* 2d lilac-mauve SG 2 (margins just clear to large) unusually tied by a single pen-stroke (a bit smudged), oval 'MELBOURNE/AP4/1850/PORT PHILLIP' arrival b/s, minor blemishes. *Ex Dr Wawn & "Capri Estate". RPSofV Certificate (2006).* In *John Barwis's Census*, this is #9 of only 13 covers bearing SG 2. *Gary Diffen's* very fine cover sold for £4560.

Internal docketing "John Atkins/30th March 1850/Particulars of Sheep Stn" indicates that this is an up-country item. John Atkins was the Fyansford innkeeper so that may well be the origin of the cover. John Barwis & others have attributed the manuscript marking to Fyansford, near Geelong on the road to Ballarat. The post office there opened only in 1859. However, Atkins also had pastoral interests at Tooradin, Bolwarra, Bacchus Marsh & Charlton. The part-letter states "...the Station was originally selected & taken up by James McArthur for his fine sheep..." This identifies the property as Bolwarra, on the Moorabool River east of Ballarat. In either event, our expectation is that the letter was irregularly posted, not at a post office, but placed aboard a passing mail coach, at which time the manuscript cancel was applied.

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Lot 826

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1860 (Aug 21) entire letter to Melbourne (b/s) with almost superb strike of the large & impressive 'VICTORIA EXPRESS/S.COLLOU & Co/STATIONERS/News & Letter Agents/&c/INGLEWOOD' h/s & mss "1" (signifying that the express fee of 1/- had been paid; partly obscured by the flap) in red both on the reverse, placed into the postal system at 'NEW INGLEWOOD' (oval b/s) where *Beaded Oval 4d* was tied by an indistinct numeral cancel, ironed-out filing creases are less prominent on the reverse. *Ex Michael Silvasich*: acquired at the *Prestige* auction of 22/4/2006 for \$6900. [The Goldfields Expresses operated without official sanction and were suppressed late in 1860 to protect the postal monopoly. This is the later of only two recorded examples of the Victoria Express handstamp]]

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Ex Lot 827

- 827** C 1901-20 group of PPCs all with commercial perfins including 'BR/Co' of Brooks Robinson, 'HB' of Hawkes Bros (tied), 'LBS' of Levy Bros (tied; not recognised by John Mathews), 'McP' of McPherson's Pty Ltd on illustrated advertising card, 'RH&Co/PTY LTD' of Robert Harper & Co, 'RR/Co' of Robert Reid & Co, 'W/Co' (unknown user), etc, some duplication & some not deciphered by us; also a group of 12 mostly (possibly all) from the one correspondence each with the messages in code!, all the stamps with commercial perfins 'BS/Co' (one partly doubled) of Beath Schiess & Co or 'ODV' of Ostermeyer Dewez & van Rompaey; condition variable but generally fine to very fine. A most unusual group. (27)

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