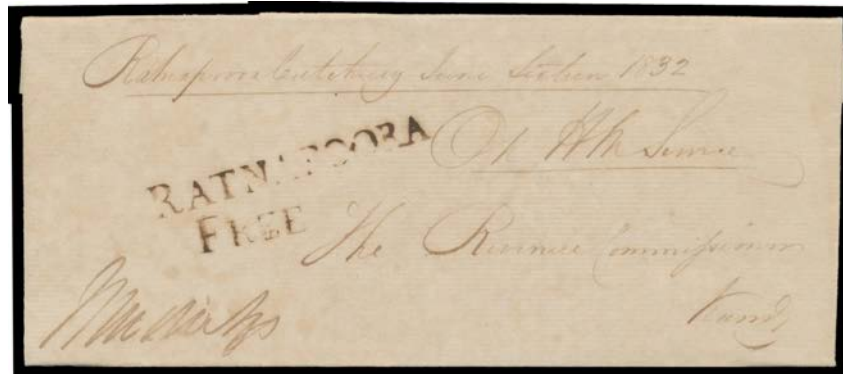


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**VICTORIA - Postal History****Lot 1111**

**1111** C B **1874** unusual style of mourning cover to Carmathenshire (Wales) with *Laureates* 6d only tied by 'EMERALD HILL/VICTORIA - 148' duplex, Melbourne b/s where a very fine strike of the small boxed 'INSUFFICIENTLY PAID/VIA BRINDISI' h/s applied, minor blemishes & unfortunate docketing on the face.

750<sup>T</sup>**CEYLON****Lot 1171**

**1171** C C **1832** large-part OHMS entire endorsed "Ratnapoora Catchery June Sixteen 1832" & signed at lower-left, to Kandy with largely very fine strikes of the previously unrecorded 'RATNAPOORA' & 'FREE' handstamps, overall damp-spotting that is not unattractive. **An exciting new discovery of a significant rarity.** *Ted Proud* states Ratnapura opened only in 1861, while *Geoff Oxley's* ERD for any Ratnapura marking is 1858. Here is proof that there was a post office at Ratnapura as early as 1832. [The strikes are superior to those on a similar outer only of three months later that sold in our auction of 6.3.2015 for \$1228]

Four similar covers were found. On one, the strikes are poor. The finder has retained the fourth example.

1,400<sup>T</sup>