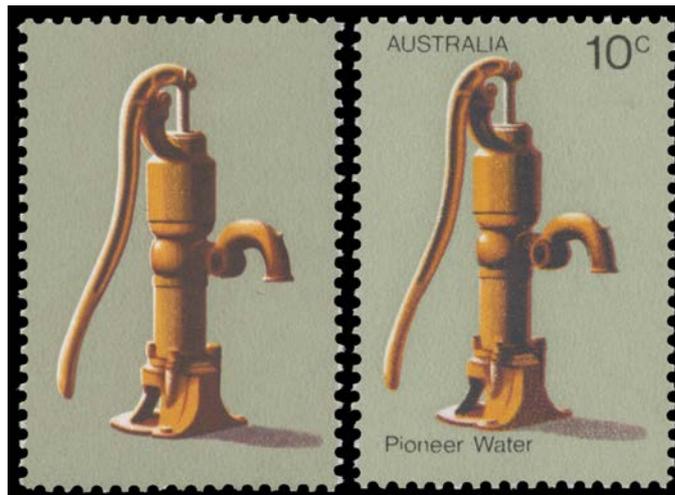


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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA - Decimal Issues**Lot 63**

63 ** A **1972-74 Pioneer Life 10c Water Pump with Black Printing (Inscriptions) Omitted** BW #608c (SG 524ab), unmounted, Cat \$2000 (£1800). With a normal stamp for comparison. [The ACSC states that a maximum of 20 examples exist. *Sir Gawaine Baillie's* example sold for \$3450]

2,000

**Lot 64**

64 ** A - 80c Paddle Steamer horizontal pair with *Black Printing (Inscriptions) Omitted* from the first unit & *Largely Omitted (only '80c' present)* from the second unit BW #618c (SG 529) unmounted, Cat \$1500++ (£1000++) for the first unit only. With a normal stamp for comparison. [The ACSC states that only 5 examples exist. *Sir Gawaine Baillie's* single stamp sold for \$1092]

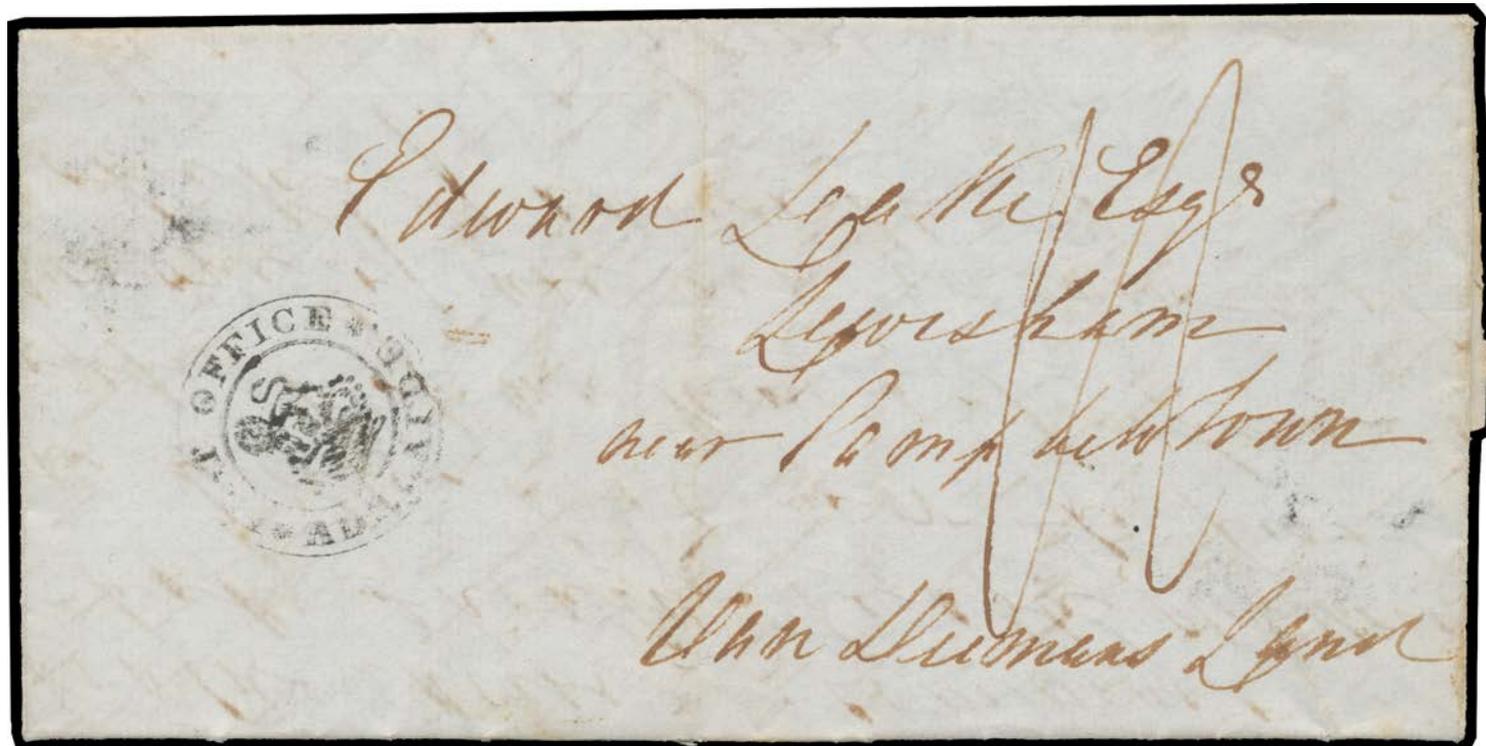
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Most of the taxed lots in this section are from the fine collection formed by Ralph McKenna from Boston Massachusetts. Included here are a number of important items not seen since the sale of John Griffiths' collection in 1992. References to Harry Lower's and Michael Blake's collections are to the *Prestige* auctions of 12.5.2007 and 7.2.2014 respectively.

**Lot 87**

87 C A- **1838** cross-written entire headed "Adelaide SA/October 31 1838" and signed "Robt Leake" to his brother *Edward Leake* at "Lewisham/near Campbelltown/Van Diemens Land" with a largely very fine strike of the undated double-circle 'POST OFFICE/[lion & crown]/ADELAIDE' h/s, very fine boxed 'SHIPLETTER/3DE3/1838' d/s of Hobart where rated "11" (4d inwards shipletter + 7d for delivery between 75 & 90 miles), light vertical fold. *Ex Michael Blake*. A very fine and very early postmarked letter from the Colony, which was founded only two years earlier.

Robert Rowland Leake was one of two sons of *John Leake* who settled in South Australia. *John Leake* was a prominent settler in Van Diemen's Land where he established the Italianate villa "Rosedale". Robert writes to his brother Edward - transcript included - "I have moved my flock to Coromandle village it is eight miles from Holdfast...you will want a weeks provisions...on first landing...walloughby (= wallaby) rugs...are excellent things in leaky huts...we have 22,000 sheep 2000 head of cattle and 200 horses in the Colony..." He gives numerous instructions on what to bring, what is procurable in South Australia, and prices relative to those in Van Diemen's Land.

Postal operations began on 10/4/1837. Very few pre-1840 letters survive in private hands. The sole postage rate was 1d regardless of destination or distance carried & this was paid to the ship's captain. *Harry Lower's* entire to London with a very fine strike sold at the *Prestige* auction of 12.5.2007 for \$5060. An April 1838 entire from the *Leake Correspondence* - with a lesser strike of the handstamp - sold at the *Prestige* auction of 27.7.2009 for \$7187.

5,000