

Lot Type Grading Description

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POSTAL HISTORY

110	CPS	Registered mail including 1859 to GB, 1867 to NSW with <i>Laureate</i> 1/-, 1867 to Tasmania, 1873 to Scotland, 1881 usage to GB of first type 4d Registration Envelope, 1893 double-rate to Italy, 1891 to GB with <i>Naish</i> 4d pink pair & superb unframed 'R' cancel, 1900 to Transvaal during the <i>Boer War</i> , 1901 (June) with 1d olive x4 (on issue for one month only), 1900 front to NZ with Boer War Charity 1d (+1d & 3d), 1900 to Nova Scotia, 1903 to Prince Edward Island, etc, also two registration receipts & a few unused Registration Envelopes, condition variable. (60)	600
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**Ex Lot 111**

111	CPS	Advertising covers & Postal Stationery Envelopes with imprints including for <i>Horwood Bros Albion Foundry (Castlemaine)</i> (1870), <i>London & Lancashire...Insurance Cos</i> (1873), <i>Phillips Hotel Ballarat</i> x2 different and <i>China Traders' Insurance Co</i> ; embossed flaps for <i>Fergie & Harston Stationers</i> (1860), <i>Bank of Victoria</i> (1879), <i>Alfred Hospital</i> (1882), <i>Koroit Hotel</i> (1902) & <i>Goldsborough Mort Stock Agents</i> (1911); illustrated covers for "Milo" Bacon, "Robin" Starch, <i>Joubert & Joubert</i> (2 different) "Flo-Eesi" Inks and <i>Homells Granulated Wheat</i> ; illustrated PPC for 'ORIENT/LINE/TO AUSTRALIA'; others with various imprints or handstamped cachets; also 1907 illustrated envelope "Bendigo" in a style we haven't seen before; condition variable. (62)	500
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112	C	Early covers etc addressed to <i>Thomas Ham</i> including 1855 to "Quartz Works/Taradale" with <i>Half-Lengths</i> 1d & 3d, to "Quartz Works/Castlemaine" with <i>Half-Lengths</i> 3d pair & care of his father-in-law at Hawthorn with <i>Half-Lengths</i> 1d x4, 1856 to Hawthorn with manuscript "X" cancels & postmaster's endorsement "Taradale" on the flap, 1861 two covers from Brisbane to his wife in Melbourne, 1869 & 1875 covers from Brisbane to his wife at Sandgate or locally, etc, very mixed condition but presentable; also a piece with full "Thomas Ham" signature. [These items first came on the market only in 2011] <i>Thomas Ham</i> was the engraver & printer of Victoria's first stamps. He later tried his hand on the goldfields & in 1861 moved to Queensland. (12 items)	500
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**Ex Lot 113**

113	C	Miscellaneous Melbourne covers including 1873 OHMS lettersheet with tiny 'MOO/MELBOURNE' cds within, 1885 to Germany with <i>Bell</i> ½d & <i>Naish</i> 8d, 1880 to Castlemaine with superb 'NOT KNOWN BY/LETTER CARRIER', 1893 with boxed 'INSUFFICIENTLY/ADDRESSED', 1901 OHMS mourning cover to USA with 'REGISTERED/MELBOURNE - R' duplex, 1906 with boxed 'IRREGULARLY/POSTED', 1903 "The Advance Australia" wrapper with double-circle 'PAID AT MELBOURNE/-1-' cds, 1908 mangled PPC with boxed 'RECEIVED TORN/AT GPO', 1925 with extremely late usage of boxed 'RETURNED TO THE POST/OFFICE MELBOURNE FROM/...', etc, also Official postcards with various 'PAID AT/...' datestamps including 1903 with double-circle '8', 1912-16 'PAID AT/MELBOURNE VIC' '11' x2 & '12' each with '½D' slug, condition variable. (59)	500
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Ex Lot 114

- 114** C/CL Late Fee group including large piece with *Woodblocks* 6d orange & 6d 'TOO LATE' (very fine with large margins), 1882 & 1895 to GB at 6d rate + 2d late fee, 1900 to South Africa at 2½d rate x2 + 3d late fee for posting at GPO before 3pm, 1895 front only to Belgium & 1901 to Ireland both at 2½d rate + 6d late fee for posting on the English Mail TPO, etc, also 'TOO LATE' h/s on 1866 covers from Talbot & Warrnambool and on 1884 cover from Tungamah with 'UP TRAIN/MG6' transit b/s, condition variable. (27)

500



Ex Lot 115

- 115** CPS The balance of the covers with better items including 1858 with boxed 'PAID AT/CHEWTON', & 1875 to Wales with *Bell* 9d pair (creased), 1878 very fine outer to France with *Bell* ½d & 1/-, 1878 fragile Book Post wrapper to Hannover with *Bell* 2d (not in *Ben Palmer's* census), 1883 from France readdressed to Brisbane with *Naish* 2d brown added, 1884 Postal Card with 'Essendon Football Club' header on the reverse, 1884 *David Hill* wrapper with Stamp Statute ½d on 1d, 1882 with 'INVOICE ONLY' on embossed pink field & *Bell* 1d, 1886 underpaid to New Brunswick & taxed, 1889 & 1894 'ROYAL MINT' envelopes with light Governor franks, 1903 endorsed "Per Trolley [sic] Service/Via Tallarook", 1906 PPC with NSW stamps cancelled at 'WODONGA', 1908 glassine envelope for posting postcards with 1d pink, 1912 OHMS to USA with 2½d punctured 'OS', etc, also a large piece with complete black/white 'INLAND PARCEL POST' label, postmark interest including instructional handstamps, a few TPOs, an indecipherable crown seal & "knuckle-duster" cancels, condition rather mixed. (200 approx)

1,000

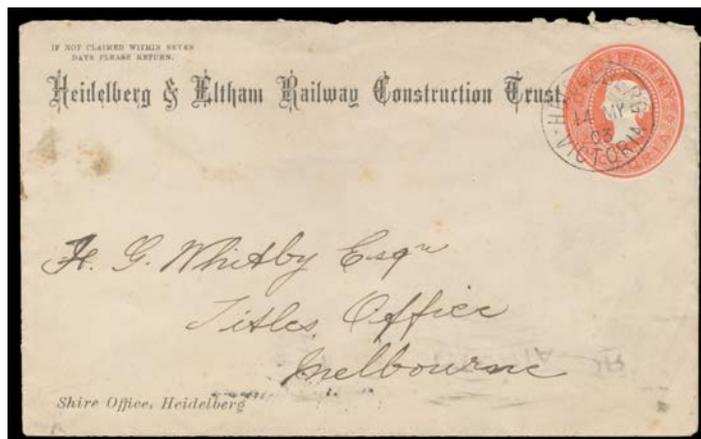
- 116** D Post Office ephemera including a series of twenty clippings re takings at the GPO in January 1850 (*Ex Purves*) that prove that the *Half-Lengths* - available at the GPO from 1.1.1850 - were actually not sold until 3.1.1850; also three pieces signed "A McCrae" as *Chief Postmaster of Victoria* (1851-53) & as *Postmaster-General* (1854-1857), four *Government Gazette* extracts re postal matters & defective 1852 'REGISTERED LETTER' receipt. (28 items)

200

POSTAL HISTORY (continued)

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Ex Lot 117

117 CPS

Municipal bundle of covers, Stamped-To-Order Envelopes, & postcards for mostly smaller municipalities including *Town of Brighton*, *Shire of Boroondara*, *Shire of Barrabool* (1871), *Shire of Tambo*, *Shire of Darebin*, *Heidelberg & Eltham Railway Construction Trust*, *Shire of Mount Franklin & Omeo Waterworks Trust* etc, also *Borough of Heathcote* (1863) & *Borough of St Arnaud* lettersheets, *Town of Northcote* postcard with statistics including height above sea level!, postcards with advices headed 'Municipal Association of Victoria' & 'MUNICIPAL RATING REFORM', 1863 outer to *Carngham & Beaufort Road Board* with very fine 'CARNGHAM' crowned-oval b/s (LRD), 1865 *Borough of Creswick* lettersheet with poor strike of the rare 'CRESWICK/VICTORIA - VICTORIA' duplex, 1871 *Shire of Ballarat* lettersheet, 1910 *real photo* PPC "Wimmera Shire Hall & Offices", & a few MMBW items, mostly pre-1913 but with a few KGV items including 1d violet Envelope for *Shire of Minhamite*, condition rather mixed. (59)

500



Ex Lot 118

118 C

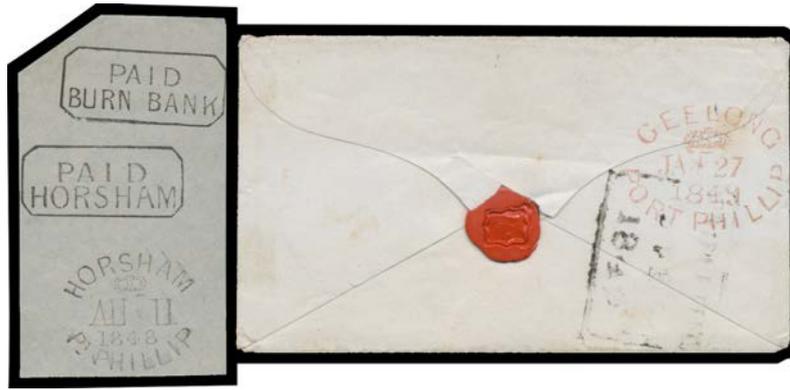
Bundle with Classic frankings including 1856 OHMS with *Half-Length* 3d & apparently signed at lower-left by the famous explorer *Robert O'Hara Burke* (?), 1857 with postmaster's endorsement "Raglan/22 10 57" on the flap, 1859 with very fine BN '89', 1859 to Switzerland with *Queen-on-Throne* 6d pair, 1860 part-insurance company outer "turned" with *Emblems* 2d on both sides, 1861 from GB with 'MALDON' Crowned-Oval b/s, 1863 with *Beaded Ovals* 3d blue, 1864-65 with Redrawn 6d black x5 (one with very fine 'M' - via Marseilles - h/s of Geelong, another with manuscript cross-hatching cancel), 1869 mourning cover to London with *Laureates* 10d brown/pink, 1873 with rare franking of *Laureates* ½d on 1d x4 (faults) with light strikes of First Type BN '51' (rated RR) of Horsham, 1876 to London with *Woodblocks* 2/- green/yellow (a bit spotty), (32)

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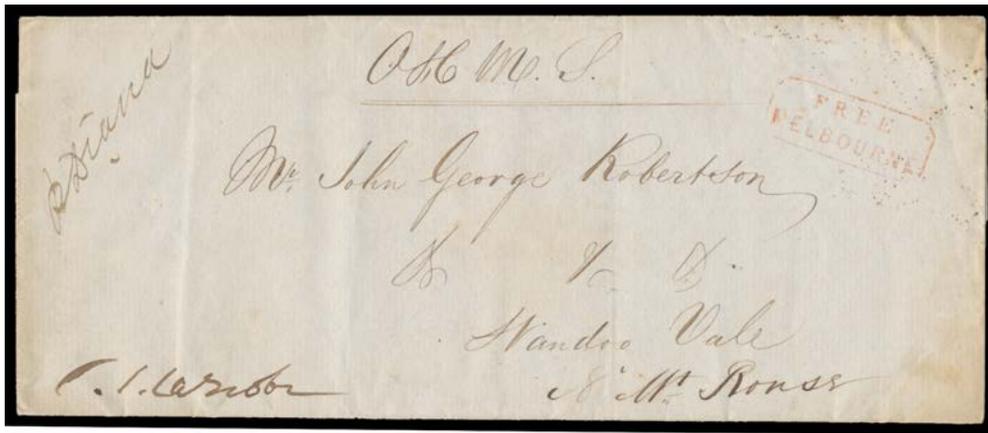
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Ex Lot 119

- 119** C **1843-51 Port Phillip District** group including 1843 very fine entire from England, 1843 entire to Scotland with 'SHIP LETTER/MELBOURNE' b/s in red, 1845 outer & 1847 entire both with 'GEE LONG/NEW S WALES' b/s, 1845 Wodonga-Melbourne with 'ALBURY/NEW S WALES' d/s & rated "11d", 1846 entire headed "Mustons Creek" (no d/s) to Sydney rated "1/5", 1848 piece with 'SEYMOUR/PORT PHILLIP' d/s, 1849 outer from England to "Portland/Port Phillip" with *JB Wilcocks Emigration Agent* cachet (*Ex JRW Purves*), 1849 cover with very fine 'GEE LONG/PORT PHILLIP' b/s in red, 1850 outer from India with boxed 'CALCUTTA' d/s in red & tiny 'COLVIN AINSLIE/COWIE/& Co' Forwarding Agents wafer on the flap, 1850 & 1851 consignees' letters "p Honduras" rated "1/8" & "p Admiral" rated "10", 1850 large piece with boxed 'PAID AT/PORT FAIRY' h/s, etc, also a small piece with proof strikes 'HORSHAM/AU*11/1848/PT PHILLIP' d/s plus boxed 'PAID/HORSHAM' & 'PAID/BURN BANK' h/s, condition rather mixed but generally good to very fine. **(24 items)**

1,500



Lot 120

- 120** CL B - 1843 OHMS outer to "Wandoo Vale/Mt Rouse" endorsed "pDiana" and signed at lower-left "CJ Latrobe", light but fine strike of the boxed 'FREE/MELBOURNE' h/s in red & 'MELBOURNE/OC25/-/NEW.S.WALES' b/s (no year), minor blemishes. [The addressee, *John George Robertson*, arrived at Melbourne in -.2.1840 & took up the Wando Vale run near present-day Casterton. The "Diana" departed Melbourne for Portland 26.10.1843. *Charles La Trobe* was appointed *Superintendent of the District of Port Phillip*. After Separation in 1850, he was named Victoria's first *Lieutenant-Governor*. Covers with his signature are rarely available]

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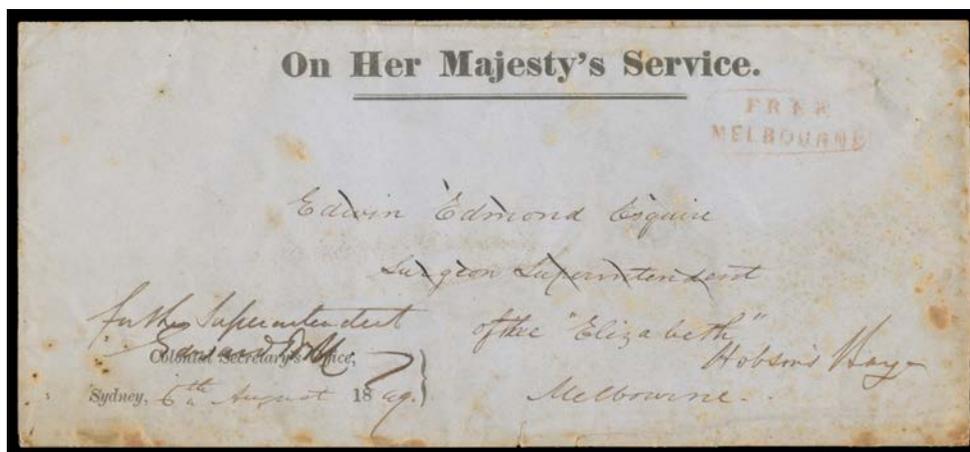


Lot 121

121 C B **1845** lengthy *Bunbury Correspondence* entire headed "William's Town December 10th 45" to Suffolk "Per Spartan" with boxed 'INDIA LETTER/DARTMOUTH' h/s & rated "8" in black, 'DARTMOUTH/MY15/1846' transit & 'BURY ST EDMUNDS' arrival b/s, redirected to "Poste restante/Venice" with rate calculation to "2/1" in red, 'PD'-in-oval h/s of London in red & superb boxed 'ShipLetter'-in-italics b/s, light 'JTALIEN'-in-oval h/s, then forwarded to "Cologne" (at the time, in France), red-ink stain on the address panel. *Ex Ray Kelly*. [This is the earliest recorded item from Victoria to France, and any of the Italian States. The earliest recorded by Ben Palmer are of 1850 & 1856 respectively]

The chatty contents include references to aborigines, political unrest & the need for Separation from New South Wales, and the discovery of gold, some five years before the first "official" finds! "...The practical importance of these Colonies appears to be overlooked and practical jokes one might almost suppose them to be are played upon the unfortunate colonists by each succeeding Minister...[One of the Port Phillip members of the Legislative Council] told the G-G that he would drive the people into a rebellion...another...has openly at public meetings and in the newspapers advocated armed rebellion to the measures of the FitzRoy Government...The sheep farmers are all getting disgustingly rich and have no means of investing their surplus money...Gold of the highest quality has been found on the Sydney side ..."

750



Lot 122

122 C B **1849** OHMS outer with 'Chief Secretary's Office/Sydney' imprint dated "6th August 1849" at lower-left, to the "Surgeon Superintendent/of the *Elizabeth*/Hobsons Bay/Melbourne", fine strike of the boxed 'FREE/MELBOURNE' h/s in red & 'MELBOURNE/AU16/--/PORT PHILLIP' b/s (no year), a bit soiled. [There is no Sydney postmark so this item was probably brought to Melbourne in a closed bag, where it was processed on arrival]

400

123 L/C B/A- **1853** page from a "Government Gazette" with notice of 25.10.1853 stating "...in consequence of the altered nomenclature of the positions of many of the Post Offices in Victoria, it is proposed from the 1st January [1854] to adopt the most recent names for each..." followed by a list of the 57 post offices then open - not including Melbourne Geelong & Williamstown - indicating name changes for 24 of them, and also Violet Town to "Voilet Town" which is probably how the locals pronounced it but that one didn't happen!, folded for display. A very important document. With 1854 (Aug 2) entire from Geelong to "Fiery Creek" with typically poor 'STREATHAM' arrival b/s (ERD), forwarded to Muston's Creek (Caramut). Both name changes had come into effect 7 months earlier but there was apparently some resistance. *Ex Rod Moreton*. (2 items)

500

124 C B **1854** entire from Geelong to Launceston "p Royal Stephen/via Melbourne" with irregular usage of oval 'PAID/DC8/1854/MELBOURNE' transit b/s in lieu of Ship Letter datestamp & irregularly struck in black, the stamps unfortunately lost.

200

POSTAL HISTORY (continued)

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**Lot 125**

125 CL A- **1855** part-entire with superb strikes of the octagonal 'PAID AT/MURCHISON' handstamp and 'MURCHISON/[crown]/FE*6/1855/VICTORIA' b/s. PO opened 19.1.1855; remarkably early usage. [The only recorded examples of both postmarks, the crowned-oval being the earliest datestamp by 15 years]

500

**Ex Lot 126**

126 C B/A- - outer to GB "Per True Briton" with *Woodblocks* 6d pair (full margins but creased) tied by BN '10' of Warrnambool, largely fine 'SHIP LETTER/FREE/SE*1/1855/WARNAMBOOL VICTORIA' cds (note spelling) & Melbourne transit b/s, Hull arrival b/s of DE9/1855 in blue, repaired opening tear; and part-entire from Sydney "pr steamer/Wonga Wonga" with *Laureates* 2d x3, to "Belfast/Port Fairy" with light but clear 'SHIP LETTER/FREE/DC27/1855/BELFAST VICTORIA' arrival b/s (2)

400

**Lot 127**

127 C B **1859** (June 17) large-part "Melbourne Commercial Report & Prices Current" to Plymouth with *Emblems* Perf 12 1d with part-imprint (damaged in the margin) tied by BN '1' of Melbourne, a bit stained. Very scarce.

250

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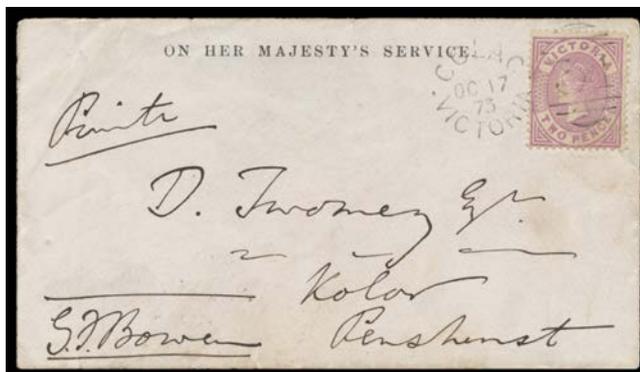
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**Ex Lot 128**

128	C		<p>1860s-1870s array of covers with <i>Laureate</i> frankings with values to 1/-, better usages including 1d printed matter rates x2, 1d + <i>De La Rue</i> 2d to NSW, 2d strip of 3 to NSW redirected with NSW 2d added, 2d strip of 3 on <i>Bailliere's Victorian Atlas</i> advertising lettersheet to Tasmania, 3d orange to Hobart, 3d orange + 6d to Ireland, 1d pair 3d orange & 6d plus <i>DLR</i> 2d pair to Belgium (the second-earliest recorded from Victoria; not in <i>Ben Palmer's Census</i>), 4d with part-marginal inscription 'in each sheet' (very rare on cover), 10d brown/pink on mourning cover to GB & on two covers with different 'VIA MARSEILLES' embossings, '½ ½/HALF' on 1d - a rare solo franking - on makeshift address label on 1873 part-entire, 1868 Beechworth to France, 1869 1d on Ballarat town letter, etc, a very good source for early Melbourne duplexes, condition very mixed but many are fine to superb & all those mentioned are at least presentable. (84)</p>	2,000
129	CL	A+	<p>1864 stampless OHMS entire endorsed "Post Office/Echuca 10-8-64" at lower-left with very fine BN '40' and 'ECHUCA' b/s. Superb! From 3.8.1864, OHMS mail was exempt of postage, provided a Frank stamp was impressed thereon. Probably no envelopes with PMG Frank had been received at Echuca at this early date.</p>	250

**Lot 130**

130	C	B	<p>1868 OHMS cover with 'POSTMASTER-GENERAL' frank h/s Die 1 (no fleuron below 'VICTORIA') very fine strike in blue & 'EDUCATION OFFICE/...' imprint at L/L with transits of 'SKIPTON', 'ROKEWOOD' (the earlier of only two recorded examples) & partial 'LEIGH ROAD' (on the face; used at Leigh Road R.S. & the later of only two recorded examples) & 'MT MERCER' arrival (the only recorded example) on the face, minor imperfections.</p>	300
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**Ex Lot 131**

131	C/CL	A/B	<p>1869-84 Governors' mail comprising 1) 1869 OHMS cover with 'PRIVATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE' imprint & 'THE GOVERNOR OF VICTORIA' colourless embossing on the flap; 2) 1873 OHMS cover & enclosed letter both with Governor embossing & both signed "GF Bowen"; 3) two 1884 covers to the <i>Governor of South Australia</i> both signed "MNormanby". [<i>Viscount Canterbury</i> was Governor in 1866-1873; <i>Sir George Ferguson Bowen</i> 1873-1879; and the <i>Marquess of Normanby</i> 1879-1884] (5 items)</p>	600
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POSTAL HISTORY (continued)

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Lot 132

132	C	B	1885 cover to Germany "p RMS Salsette" with rare franking of Stamp Duty 2/6d orange + Naish 1/2d & 1d tied by Melbourne duplex, Brindisi transit b/s & Hamburg arrival b/s of 7.9.1885, light stains. Absent from <i>Ben Palmer's Census</i> . [The rate was 8 1/2d x3 = 2 1/2d + 6d late fee]	600
133	PS	B	1889 1d Postal Card with superb Ballarat duplex, to Melbourne with oval 'LIST ROOM/NO 1' d/s overstruck with large-part strike of the rubber 'NOT KNOWN BY/LETTER CARRIERS/MELBOURNE' handstamp (the only recorded example), redirected to Sydney, minor faults.	100



Ex Lot 134

134	CPS		<p>1891 mini-display "1891: Victoria's UPU Year" with very early usage JA13/91 to GB at 2 1/2d rate, Feb 3 to GB at 2 1/2d rate + 6d late fee, Feb 10 usage of 2d "long sea route" Postal Card, Feb 10 to Germany paid 3d & taxed, Feb 16 very early use of reverted 6d rate to USA, July 21 at reverted 6d rate to Germany, Sep 7 to Italy at 2 1/2d but taxed with Italian Postage Dues added, Sep 14 usage of 3d red/green Postal Card uprated to reverted 6d rate to Germany (& a rare commercial usage to GB in 1890 at the 3d "Via Italy" rate), & a few others, generally fine to very fine.</p> <p>It is a little known fact that the Australian Colonies introduced a universal 2 1/2d letter rate on 1.1.1891 & asked other administrations to reciprocate. Britain objected to this pre-emptive action & by late-January Victoria (plus South Australia & Tasmania) had rescinded the new rate, except for mail to Britain. It's a complex story & postal articles that demonstrate the various actions are quite scarce. The 2 1/2d letter rate to all countries was re-introduced on 1.10.1891, the day the Australian Colonies joined the <i>Universal Postal Union</i>. (14)</p>	1,000
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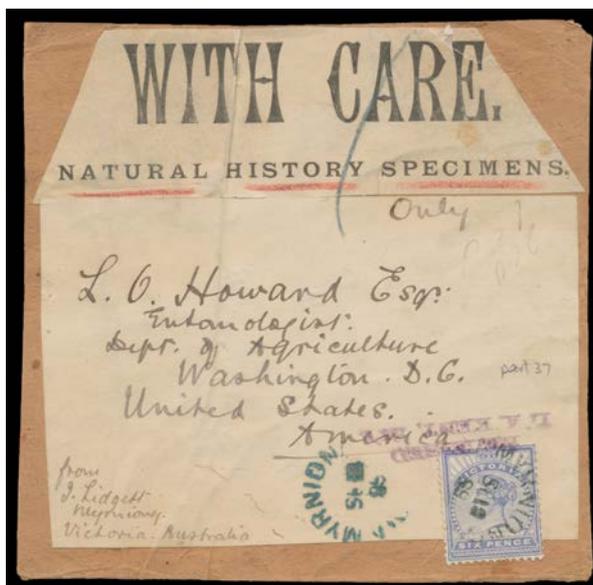
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135	PS	A	1895 OHMS cover with printed 'MINISTER OF LANDS AND SURVEY' Frank & endorsed "L Colony" at lower-left, to Melbourne with very fine 'LEONGATHA/MY8/95/VICTORIA - 1592' duplex. The "Labour Colonies" of the 1890s were a little-known social experiment during the major economic depression of the 1890s. Most were run along charitable lines but the largest & most successful of them, at Leongatha, was "intended to fit men for a social order in which they hadn't had enough spunk to succeed and to which they were, in consequence, a menace" (from a book on the subject by <i>REW Kennedy</i>). This is the only Labour Colony item we have seen.	400



Lot 136

136	C	B	1897 OHMS cover with PMG's frank & rare albeit <i>per favor</i> usage of the 1/6d orange tied by 'REGISTERED/MELBOURNE VIC' cds, to the USA with San Francisco transit & New York arrival b/s, minor overall soiling.	250
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Lot 137

137	C	A-	1899 large piece (120x120mm) from a parcel endorsed 'NATURAL HISTORY SPECIMENS' with complete address label, to a government entomologist in Washington DC with Astley 6d tied by 'MYRNIONG' cds in blue.	250
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Lot 138

138	PS	A	1900 penalty envelope with <i>Entomological Branch</i> imprint at lower-left, to "OT Supt [= Overland Telegraph Superintendent]/Barrow Creek/Central Australia" with 'OODNADATTA/SA' squared-circle b/s apparently where endorsed "Try GPO/Adelaide" & with 'PA RAILWAY/ 6 /SA' transit b/s, vertical-oval 'ADVERTISED UNCLAIMED/ADELAIDE SA' d/s plus DLO b/s of Adelaide & Melbourne.	200
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Lot 139

139 PS B - envelope with 'THE PRESIDENT/[arms]LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL VICTORIA' frank & 'THE PRESIDENT/...' crest on the flap both printed in red, to London with 'VICTORIA/[crown]/OFFICIAL PAID' h/s, forwarded three times including to the "House of Commons", minor blemishes.

250



Ex Lot 140

140 C B 1905 & 1908 complete black/white 'INLAND PARCEL POST' labels, the first with punctured 'OS' 3d 6d & 9d, the other with 9d, paying rates for parcels up to 6lb & 2lb respectively, minor defects. Very scarce. (2)

250



Ex Lot 141

141 CPS DEAD LETTER OFFICE: Returned Letter Envelopes Codes 'A' 'B' 'W' (with light 'DLB___/REGISTERED' h/s) & 'X', 1865 'Returned Free Letter' with 'Free' Barred-Out, three covers each with semi-circle 'RECEIVED OPEN/DLB/VICTORIA' h/s in rosine, 1875 & 1883 covers each resealed with 'DEAD LETTER BRANCH/[crown]/GPO/VICTORIA' seal impressed in red wax, 1869 with double-oval 'OPENED/ DLB /TO ASCERTAIN ADDRESS' b/s (not previously seen by us), 1872 piece from GB wrapper with superb boxed 'DLO/NO CONTENTS/MELBOURNE' h/s in green, and 1888 Postal Card for *St Kilda Cricket Club* with "shield" 'NO ADDRESS/DLB' h/s (the only example known to us), etc, condition rather mixed still a very desirable lot with a high degree of rarity. (18)

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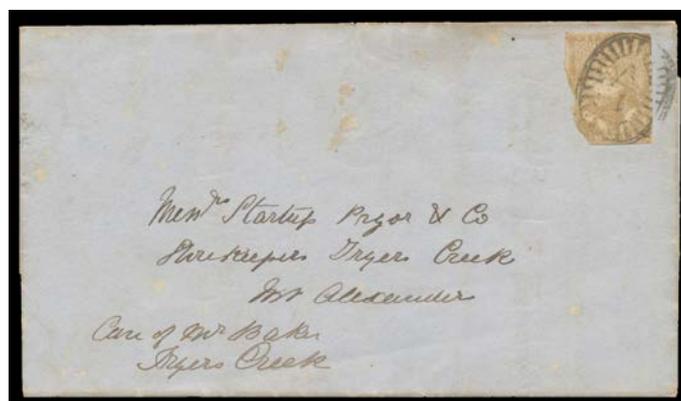
Ex Lot 142

142	PS		- Range of Returned Letter Envelopes inscribed 'Returned Free Letter' Code 'W' (1866; 'Free' barred-out), 'RETURNED PAID LETTER' (1853), 'Returned Paid Letter' Code 'X' (1865, 'Paid' barred-out), 'RETURNED LETTER' Code 'A' (1898), Code 'B' (1894 & 1909, different printings), Code 'C' (1893), Code 'E' (1895), Code 'U' (1879), Code 'W' (1876 & 1878, different printings) & Code 'X' (1879), 'RETURNED LETTER/REGISTERED' Code 'T' (1887), 'RETURNED MORE TO PAY LETTER' Code 'E' (1891, with Postage Due 2d & 4d) and Code 'G' (1898), and 'FOREIGN ENCLOSURE' Code 'R' (1887; not previously seen by us), condition variable. A very scarce, underrated and desirable group. (16)	2,000
143	PS	A-/B	- Returned Letter Envelopes Code 'W' (265x113mm, 1872 & 1883 printings with different settings) with light but clear strikes of the scarce boxed 'DLO__PB__/_REGISTERED' h/s in green (not previously seen by us & the only other example known to us is in Lot 281065) or purple (with 'PB' excised). A rare pair. (2)	400



Lot 144

144	C	B	GOLDFIELDS EXPRESS COVERS: 1852 part-entire with <i>Half-Length</i> 2d (almost full margins) tied by superb Barred Oval of Melbourne (b/s of DC*23/1852), to "Store Keeper Fryers Creek/Mt Alexander/Care of Mr Baker/Fryers Creek" with no transit or arrival backstamps indicating carriage by private express service. Rare. [Mostly mercantile content but includes "...[he] spoke to me about your applying for the post office..." Fryer's Creek PO opened 19.4.1854; renamed Fryerstown c.1856]	500
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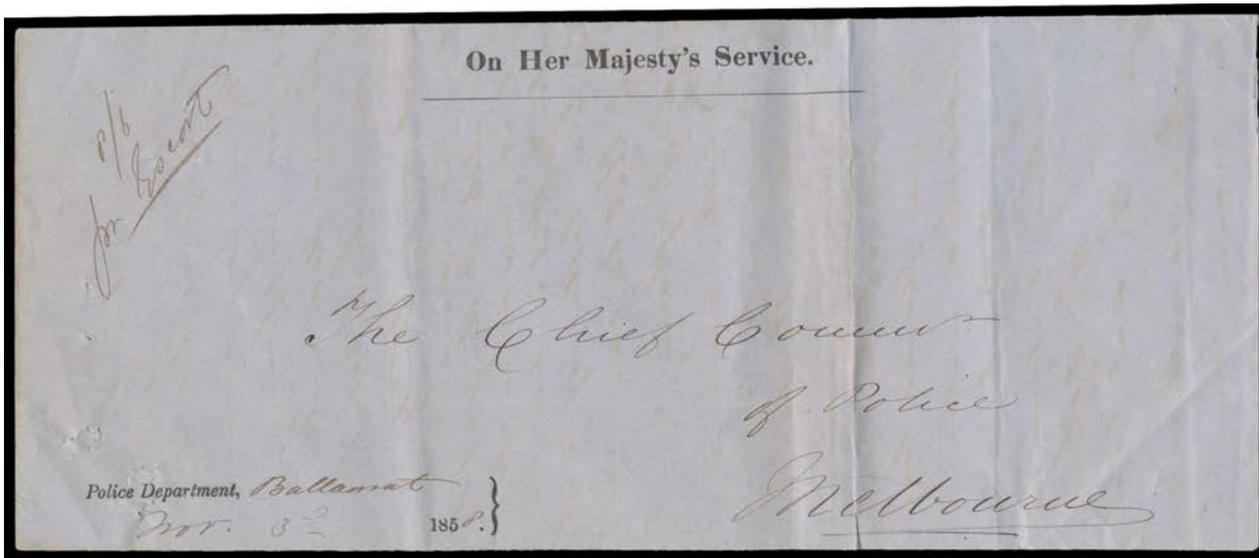
Lot 145

145	C	B	- a similar part-entire similarly addressed, defective 2d <i>Half-Length</i> & fine Melbourne b/s of JA*6/1853, light 'FORREST CK/JA*3/1853/VICTORIA' alongside indicates that this is the "reply-half" of a letter that originated at what was later Castlemaine (9km NNW of Fryers Creek). The writer states: "I have this day posted a registered letter contg £100 in notes...On Monday next I shall send you a further sum by private escort and the letter containing the receipt will also be sent by the Escort...I enclose a printed form of the Private Escort Arrangements for the coming year and also send you a few stamps as all letters sent by the Escort must be stamped as if sent by post". A very important letter providing information re this little-known but essential, if provisional, Goldfields service.	500
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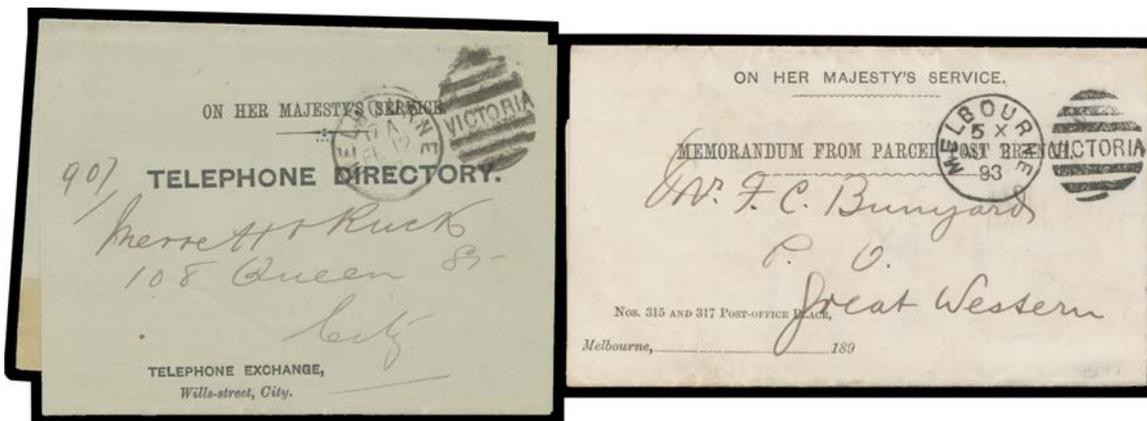
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Lot 146

146 CL B - 1858 stampless OHMS cover (267x115mm) with 'Police Department' imprint at lower-left & endorsed "Ballarat/Nov 3 1858" below, rated "8/6" & endorsed "pr Escort" in the same hand at upper-left, to the *Chief Commissioner of Police* at Melbourne, no postal markings, two vertical folds. *Ex Rod Moreton*. Nothing to look at but very rare.

500



Ex Lot 147

147 CPS **OFFICIAL MAIL:** An excellent selection of envelopes including with imprints of Attorney-General (1857), Treasury (1859) & Public Lands, 1889 for Royal Mint, 1890 for Board of Health headed 'FREE BY ACT No 1011 SEC 9' & another unused (rare thus), 1901 mourning envelope for GPO registered to France, 1908 for Money Order Office with 'MO OFFICE/MELBOURNE VIC' cds in blue, etc; lettersheets including 1867 for GPO to be 'turned', 1872 for Accounts Branch, 1893 'MEMORANDUM FROM PARCEL POST BRANCH', 1894 'Notice of Withdrawal' (from *Post Office Savings Bank*), 1902 for Registrar-General, etc; postcards including 1889 for Registrar-General headed 'Free by Act of Legislature', 1910 Mines Department 'Particulars in Tendering for Slack Coal' with the reply-half still attached (not previously seen by us), etc; & various wrappers for Government Printer & Telephone Exchange; a few franked items & a few *Government Gazette* wrappers with *John Ferres'* "frank", etc, some duplication, postmark interest especially Melbourne duplexes, condition variable but many are fine to very fine. A very interesting lot that could be the subject for a single-frame or multi-frame exhibit. **(150 approx)**

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