

Lot Type Grading Description

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POSTAL HISTORY - PROVISIONAL POSTMARKS

As a class, these markings are very scarce: individual examples are almost all rare. Of many, only one or two examples are recorded. Manuscript cancellations were usually used when a datestamp was unavailable, sometimes before the "furniture" had been supplied. This was sometimes also the case with manuscript endorsements of the office name, although most such markings date from the Dec/Jan period each year when datestamps were returned to the GPO to have the old year removed & the new year added. These markings are therefore highly important & significantly underrated.



Ex Lot 148

- 148** C B **MANUSCRIPT CANCELLATIONS USED AT NEWLY OPENED OFFICES: 1)** Cross-hatching on *Laureates* 1d pair & large-part postmaster's manuscript endorsement "(A)vooca Forest/Dec 26th/72" on the flap, very fine 'BERLIN' transit & 'WEHLA' arrival b/s, part flap missing. A very rare combination of Goldfields markings & almost certainly the earliest cover from this office. According to *Watson Webster & Wood*, the Avoca Forest PO opened only on 1.1.1873. This cover is 5 days earlier & suggests an earlier opening date. Closed 1.7.1894. Berlin PO 15.2.1869; renamed Rheola c. -.11.1876 and Wehla PO renamed from Jericho 17.9.1867; **2)** " - " on *Beaded Ovals* 4d with postmaster's endorsement "McArthur/19 1 62" on the flap, oval 'BELFAST' transit & oval 'WARRNAMBOOL' arrival b/s. Macarthur PO opened 1.1.1862; and **3)** "squiggle" - thought to be the initials of Postmaster Pitkethly - on *Emblems* 4d with postmaster's endorsement "Pitfield/Dec 7th 57" on the flap, crowned-oval 'GEELONG' transit & 'BALLARAT' arrival b/s, minor faults. Pitfield PO opened c. -.10.1857; closed 1.6.1893. **(3)**

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Ex Lot 149

- 149** C A-/B **POSTMASTERS' MANUSCRIPT ENDORSEMENTS DURING ANNUAL DECEMBER/JANUARY "CHANGEOVER" PERIOD:** "Broadford PO/Dec 29th 1854" on reverse of cover with *Queen-on-Throne* 2d pair (full margins, minor stain) tied by First Type BN '20'; "Bunninyong/31 1 54" on reverse of superb stampless OHMS outer, Melbourne b/s of FE1/1854; "Carngham/Jan 1st 1861" on reverse of cover with *Beaded Ovals* 4d tied by BN '122' (rated R); "Colac/20 1 57" on reverse of outer with *Emblems* 4d tied by BN '31'; "Donnybrook/4th Decr 1854" unusually on the face of entire to Tasmania with defective 1/- tied by Barred Oval '77' (RRR), the addressee's name stupidly obliterated; "Hexham/12 1 61" on reverse of cover with *Beaded Oval* 4d tied by light BN '138'; "Janefield/12 1 59" unusually as an arrival on reverse of stampless cover from London "By Steamer Salsette"; "Kilmore/24 Dec 1853" on reverse of entire headed "Mclvor Inn", vertical fold & stamp removed; "Plenty/Decr 2 60" on reverse of cover with *Beaded Oval* 4d tied by BN '68'; "Queenscliff/Decr 18 1856" on flap of cover - affected by repaired tear - with 'PAID/GEELONG' arrival b/s in black; and "Worringal Dec 19 54" on flap of mourning cover to GB with defective 1/-; condition variable still a very desirable lot illustrating this little known element of Victoria's postal history. **(11)**

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**Ex Lot 150**

150	C	B	OTHER MANUSCRIPT MARKINGS: 1) "X" on <i>Emblems</i> 2d with tiny 'FITZROY/AU2/62/VICTORIA' b/s mof Fitzroy (1), Melbourne transit & part South Yarra arrival b/s, flap damage; 2) "Big Hill/17 10 62" unusually as an arrival on reverse of cover from Melbourne with poor oval 'LOCKWOOD' transit d/s unusually on the face; 3) "PO Maidens Punt/20 2 52" on reverse of part-entire to GB with <i>Half-Lengths</i> 1d & 2d pair (all with clipped corners) cancelled in transit at Melbourne with b/s of FE*23/1852; and 4) "Tallarook/12 8 71" unusually on the face of cover with <i>DLR</i> 2d tied by recut BN '343'. (4)	750
151	C	A	BOXED OFFICE HANDSTAMPS: 'GREAT WESTERN' & mss "23.1.06" on 1d pink on PPC to GB, 'T/10c' h/s.	100