

POSTAL HISTORY



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 Trolly [*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)**

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Lot 121

121 C

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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 ..."

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POSTAL HISTORY (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

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Lot 138

138 PS A 1900 penalty envelope with Entomological Branch 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.

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OFFICIAL MAIL - FRANK STAMPS

We are pleased to present the most extensive collection ever formed of this interesting material. Max Watson is the first collector ever to assemble examples of every frank stamp recorded on cover. His collection incorporates Carl Stieg's extensive reference holdings & collection, key items from Hans Karman's and Guy Linfield's collections, plus several important recent discoveries. The collection is offered alphabetically by "department" (an expression that is used rather loosely as it includes many officials as distinct from departments or ministries). Unless stated otherwise, impressions are printed, in black. Die patterns & rarity ratings are from the definitive study "Franked! The Official Mail of Victoria 1864-1902" by Carl Stieg & Max Watson (2008). The book includes a census of all items recorded until that time: items offered here are shown as "S&W #--". Note that items from the 1860s are rare, and from the 1870s are scarce: this collection includes more than twice as many as were in the Karman and Linfield collections combined. It should be noted that handstruck franks are often incomplete or badly worn: the quality of such strikes here is generally above-average, with many being quite exceptional. Probably 95% of all franked items are envelopes: this collection includes many postcards, plus very elusive wrappers, parcel tags, address labels & even a lettercard.



Ex Lot 185

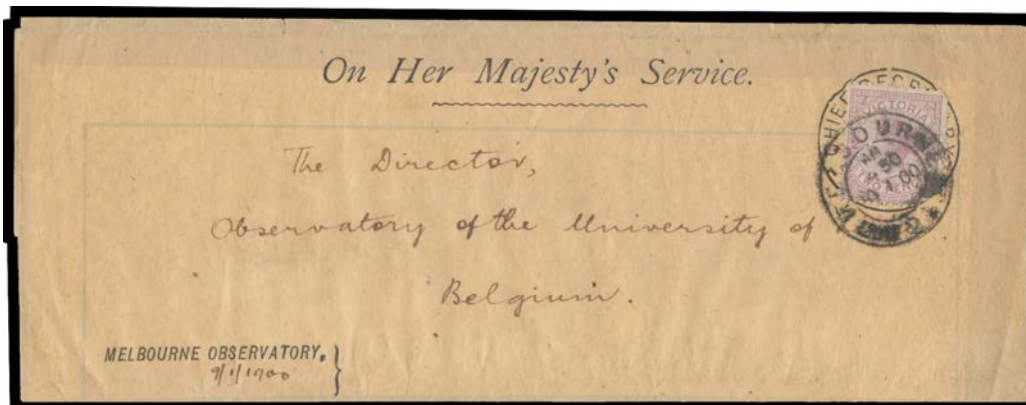
185 PS Unusual usages to overseas destinations comprising 1) 'CHIEF SECRETARY' envelope front endorsed "Book only" & used as an address label to Germany in 1891 with 3d & 1/- (& another stamp fallen-off); 2) ditto, wrapper to German Samoa in 1891 but neither uprated nor fined; 3) 'POSTMASTER-GENERAL' envelopes x4 a) to USA in 1897 with 2½d red/yellow, b) registered to USA in 1898 with ½d pink x3 & 1d orange-brown x4, c) "penalty" type - front only - registered to USA in 1901 with 5d pair, and d) to Scotland in 1896 with 2½d red/yellow redirected & registered with GB 3d & large registration label added; 4) 'DEPARTMENT OF TRADE & CUSTOMS' envelope to Singapore in 1900 with 2½d blue; and 5) '...AGRICULTURE' envelope - truncated at left - to Washington DC in 1903 with 2½d blue; condition variable. A very scarce group. (8)

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OFFICIAL MAIL - FRANK STAMPS (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

Est \$A



Lot 205

205 PS A **CHIEF SECRETARY:** Die 5 printed on 220mm-wide wrapper with 'MELBOURNE OBSERVATROY' imprint at L/L, to Belgium with the frank unusually obscured by 2d violet tied by Melbourne cds. Only two other examples recorded. [The foreign printed matter rate was 1d per 2oz]

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Lot 234

234 C A- **GOVERNOR OF VICTORIA:** 1881 envelope with largely superb Die 2 ('OF' same size as 'GOVERNOR') h/s in red & 'MELBOURNE CLUB' embossing on the flap (S&W #E130), remarkably posted in South Australia to the Governor of Western Australia with SA 2d tied by 'GPO ADELAIDE/FE18/81/S-A' cds, minor blemishes on the reverse. A rare & desirable "out of Colony" usage.

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Lot 235

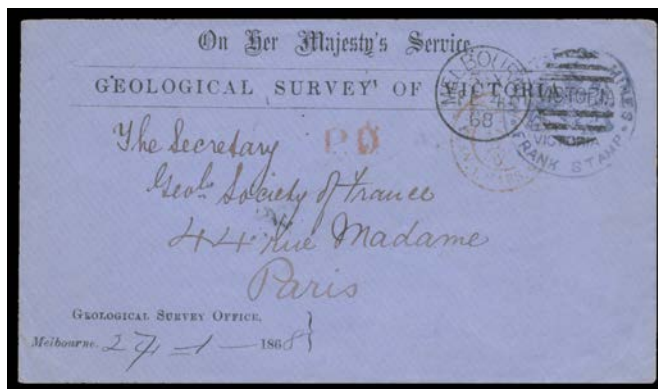
235 C A- - 1902 envelope with largely very fine Die 5 (29mm double-circle) h/s in violet & 'VICTORIA/[crown]/OFFICIAL PAID' h/s (S&W unlisted), to London where redirected to France & 'T' h/s applied, 'VEULES-DES-ROSES' arrival b/s, flap removed. [From about 1896, Franks no longer had validity on overseas mail & required an 'OFFICIAL PAID' marking to be added. The Post Office in France probably understood the handstamp to mean "Paid to Destination" so no fine was collected]

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OFFICIAL MAIL - FRANK STAMPS (continued)

Lot Type Grading Description

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**Lot 250**

250 C A **MINES, MINISTER OF:** Die 1 ('[arms]/FRANK STAMP') handstamp in blue on 1868 envelope with *Geological Survey Office* imprint at L/L & 'GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF VICTORIA' header (S&W #E180), to France carried per *Messageries Maritimes* with light mail sorter cds & 'PD' (Paid to Destination) h/s both in red, Paris arrival b/s. The only example listed in the census but we have recorded one other, of 22.5.1868. This is **one of the earliest franked items to a foreign destination**. [Absent from *Ben Palmer's Census*]

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TPOs: MELBOURNE-WODONGA 1873-1932**Lot 384**

384 PS A-A1 **UP TRAIN 5:** Type 2 (Duplex) very fine cancel of MR27/89 on 3d red/green Postal Card with message in Swedish, to Sweden but not uprated or taxed until arrival with manuscript "80" in blue & superb 'T'-in-inverted-triangle, largely very fine Swedish 'PXP No 2 A...U' TPO cds, faint bends. Illustrated at page 66. [An excellent example of a relatively common postmark in uncommon circumstances: these cards paid the rate to the UK only via Italy. Additional postage was required to European destinations. Pre-1891 commercial usages are very scarce]

250^T**TPOs: MELBOURNE-SALE 1878-1921****Lot 414**

414 C B B2- **DOWN TRAIN 9:** Type 1 (Octagon) light & partly indistinct strike of JE15/80 unusually on the face of cover from Austria "Via Brindisi" with 10kr x3 (one with a corner fault) tied by 'MERAN/29.4/80' cds, Brindisi & Melbourne transit & 'SALE' arrival b/s, minor soiling.

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VICTORIAN PHILATELIC LITERATURE

The books in this and the next section are from Max Watson's library. He has retained working copies of the key titles.

474	L	A	POSTAL HISTORY: "The pre-UPU Destination Mail of Victoria" by Ben Palmer (2009), 325pp hardbound with dj. As new. A very important book.	100
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