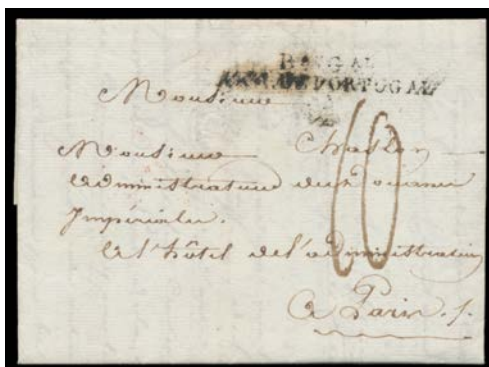


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**PORTUGAL - PRE-STAMP POSTAL HISTORY**

We are pleased to offer the international award-winning exhibit formed by our good friend, the late John Bell, from Adelaide. Collections of such material are rarely available in the English-speaking market so this is a most unusual opportunity. We have referred extensively to 'Pre-Filatelia Portuguesa' by Luis Britao Frazao (2012) and his price supplement (2013). Attention has also been given to the catalogue for the David Weeden 'Portugal', sold in London in November 2005.

**Lot 1000**

**1000** C A **1808** (June 6) lengthy entire in French headed "Lisbonne ce 6 Juin 1808" to Paris with partly very fine strike of the rare 'BAU GAL/ARM DE PORTUGAL' h/s (Frazao #Armée 2; rated 9), superb 'October/29/1808' transit b/s of London & French "10" (decimes) endorsement. [Refusal by the Portuguese to place an embargo on the UK resulted in Napoleon Bonaparte's troops invading Portugal. Lisbon was captured on 8.12.1807, causing the royal family to flee to Brazil where a government-in-exile was established at Rio de Janeiro. Mail from the first French Invasion period is rare, & unpriced by Luis Frazao]

750

**Ex Lot 1001**

**1001** C B **1810** (Nov 4) *Peninsular War* entire to Devon with very fine strike of the scarce 'LISBON/ F' transit d/s in blue applied at Falmouth (Cornwall), rated "2/1", internal repairs & wax seal-stain still most presentable; 1812 (May) entire from Ciudad Rodrigo (Spain) to Lancashire with the same d/s of MY22/1812 (LRD by two years) in blue, rated "2/5"; and 1841 to Wiltshire with the same marking - with the date removed - on the reverse, rated "2/9". David Weeden's 1810 usage of the 'LISBON/ F' cds sold for £345. His 1842 usage with the date removed sold for £161. [The first written at Malveira, 30km N of Lisbon, by a British soldier who states "...I certainly now see no end to the war campaigns... What a mess up that scoundrel Bonaparte makes in the world...People in [Lisbon] have recovered from their fright and all trade is back again..."] (3)

400

**Lot 1003**

**1003** C D **1811** (Jan 10) lengthy entire in French headed "thomao le 10 Janvier 1811" (= Tomar, 110km NE of Lisbon) to Caen with a very fine strike of the rare 'BAU GAL/ARM DE PORTUGAL' h/s (Frazao #Armée 2var; rated 9), disinfection slit at right & heavily stained from being fumigated but, as our friends in real estate would say, 'full of character'. [Luis Frazao notes only the one handstamp of this type: see the previous lot, it measures 52x8mm. The h/s on this & the next lot measures 53x10mm & is unrecorded]

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**PORTUGAL - PRE-STAMP POSTAL HISTORY (continued)**

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**Lot 1004**

**1004** C C - (Jan 13) lengthy entire in French headed "Le Punhette le 13 janvier 1811" (= Punhete, 120km NE of Lisbon) to the Loire with a very fine strike of the rare 'BAU GAL/ARM DE PORTUGAL' h/s (Frazao #Armée 2var; rated 9), two 37mm disinfection slits, rated "9" (decimes), the address-panel soiled, *Pothion* guarantee h/s on the reverse. [In response to the second French invasion of Portugal in 1809, the *Duke of Wellington's* forces intervened & defeated the French. A third invasion was launched in September 1810 but the British-lead forces contained the offensive & drove out the French in March 1811. French forces mail from this brief third invasion period is extremely rare] 750



**Lot 1005**

**1005** C A- - (Jan 29) entire in French headed "Thomarle 29 Janvier 1810" (= Tomar, 110km NE of Lisbon: the year date is an error) to Montargis with a light but fine strike of the rare 'No 6/ARM DE PORTUGAL' h/s overstruck with very fine 'BAU CENTRAL/ARM D'ESPAGNE' h/s in use at Valladolid (Spain), small disinfection slit, rated "9" (decimes), redirected with very fine 'DEB 43/MONTARGIS' b/s, *Pothion* guarantee h/s on the reverse. [The No 6 Army h/s is not recorded by *Luis Frazao* so it would be rated 10] 750



**Lot 1006**

**1006** C B - (Feb 16) entire in French headed "Santarem le 16 fevrier 1811" (70km NE of Lisbon) to "Monaco/Dept des alpes Maritimes" with a very fine strike of the 'No 9/ARM FRANCAISE/EN ESPAGNE' h/s believed to be in use at Salamanca (Spain), 25mm disinfection slit, rated "10" (decimes) corrected to "15", a bit soiled. A wonderful item for a Monaco collection. [Monaco was absorbed into France in 1793 until 17.5.1814 only. **NB:** *David Weeden* had no Napoleonic War covers] 500