

Lot Type Grading Description

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**CHRISTMAS ISLAND - Postal History**

We are pleased to present this range of scarce material from the collection formed by Colin Riddell from England. Colin's exceptional Cocos Islands collection will be included in our February 2019 auction.



Lot 973

- 973** C B **1904** (Apr 28) commercial cover from Wales to a forwarding agent in Calcutta with his cachet on the reverse, forwarded to Japan - a "foreign" destination - so taxed & with 'SINGAPORE TO HONG KONG/29MY/1904' transit b/s, Japanese 'DUE/SEN...' h/s applied in rosine but the fee not paid & forwarded "co Agents/Christmas Island" with 'VICTORIA/30JU/04/HONG-KONG' & 'TUTICORIN/15JL/04' transit b/s and 'CALCUTTA/20JL04' arrival b/s from where the agent *BK Roy* forwarded it to Christmas Island but it was apparently missent to Aden with 'SEA POST OFFICE/JL23/04' b/s, then apparently returned to Calcutta under cover then sent on with 'PENANG TO SINGAPORE/SE3/1904' transit b/s & largely very fine 'CHRISTMAS ISLAND/SE--/1904' arrival cds on the face, further endorsed "[ship] gone to S'pore or Batavia/for repairs", 'SINGAPORE/NO22/1904' arrival b/s, from here returned to the sender with boxed 'REEXPEDIE' h/s, minor soiling as one would expect. A truly remarkable cover that demonstrates the extraordinary lengths to which the Post Offices of this time went to attempt delivery, all for a 1d paid. [Colin Riddell states this is the **earliest recorded Christmas Island transit cover**, and offers a slightly different explanation of the chain of events, which is included for consideration]

2,000<sup>T</sup>

Lot 974

- 974** C A **1906** (Aug 2) Scottish PPC to "Mr W Russ Darling/Christmas Island/Via Singapore" with 1d tied by superb 'LARGS RSO AYRSHIRE/+==' cds, superb 'PENANG TO SINGAPORE' marine sorter cds & largely very fine 28mm 'CHRISTMAS ISLAND/SE12/06' arrival cds both on the address side. *Ex Derek Clayton*. [One of the finest cards from the *Darling Correspondence*]

600<sup>T</sup>

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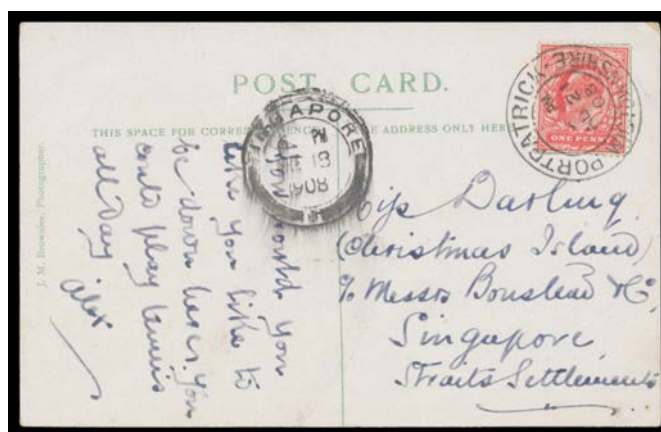
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**Lot 975**

**975** C A **1907** Australian PPC to "Mr Russell Darling/Christmas Island/Via Singapore" with South Australian 1d tied by Adelaide cds, 'SINGAPORE' transit & fair 28mm 'CHRISTMAS ISLAND/DE14/1907' arrival cds on the address side. [Only two other items from Australia have been recorded from this correspondence]

750<sup>T</sup>**Lot 976**

**976** F B - usage of Straits Settlements QV 25c - small faults - with fine part-strike of the first-type 'CHRISTMAS ISLAND/DE25/1907/-+' cds (Christmas Day; the month & day slugs are inverted), affixed to a photocopy of a complete strike to complete the impression.

200<sup>T</sup>**Lot 977**

**977** C A- **1908** PPC from Scotland to "Miss Darling/Christmas Island/co Messrs Bousteads & Co/Singapore" with KEVII 1d tied by very fine 'PORTPATRICK/WIGTOWNSHIRE' cds & Singapore transit of DE18/1908 on the address side. [Because this card was sent via a forwarding agent, it most likely went between Singapore & Christmas Island in a sealed bag]

250<sup>T</sup>

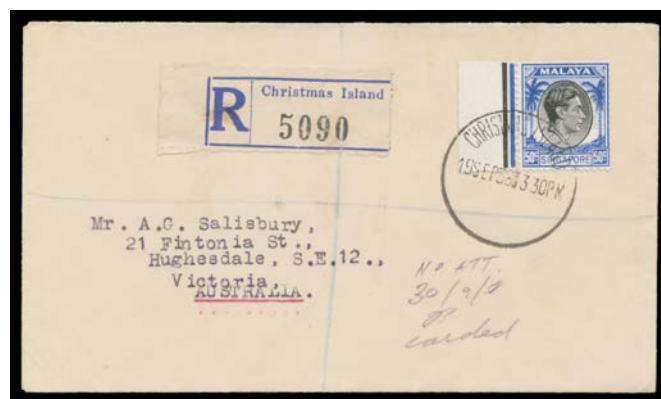
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**Lot 978**

**978** C A+ **1929** philatelic cover to USA with Straits 6c scarlet x2 tied by two very fine strikes of the 31mm 'CHRISTMAS ISLAND/DE25/1929/+-' cds (Christmas Day). Superb!

600<sup>T</sup>**Ex Lot 979**

**979** CPS A/A- **1952-58 Singapore Agency** philatelic covers **1)** 25c Air Letter with 26mm cds; **2)** with printed 'Christmas Greetings/via/Christmas Island' to USA with Boats 2c x4; **3)** registered to Australia with KGV1 50c & Malayan-pattern 'Christmas Island' registration label; & **4)** to USA with boxed 'TSS ISLANDER' h/s & Australian stamps cancelled at Christmas Island. **(4)**

300<sup>T</sup>**Ex Lot 980**

**980** C A/B **1959-64 Australian Postal Agency** Malayan Currency commercial covers with #2 cds **1)** airmail to Germany with QEII 5c 20c & 50c; **2)** usage of 30c Registration Envelope to Singapore from a child on the island; **3)** c.1963 to Singapore with Pictorials 10c, central fold; and **4)** 1964 with printed 'MS HERMION' to WA with Pictorials 2c & 8c. **(4)**

400<sup>T</sup>

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**Lot 981**

- 981** PS A - 1963 airmail usage of 30c Registration Envelope to Nyasaland via Sydney (!) with Pictorials 4c Flower, 6c Palms & 10c Crane tied by #1 cds, 'LILONGWE (1)' transit & 'KASUNGU' arrival b/s. A remarkable origin/destination cover. 200<sup>T</sup>

**Lot 982**

- 982** PS A - 1959 (Mar) usage of Australian Territories Aerogramme ACSC #FA3A to Indiana with QE 5c 6c 10c & 12c x2 tied by #2 cds, lengthy social message from a longtime female Chinese resident on the Island. Rare: the ACSC states "unstamped aerogrammes were introduced on Christmas Island 22.12.1958. **No example of this issue has been seen.**" [Posted contrary to regulations that allowed for no more than two stamps on a formular aerogramme] 750<sup>T</sup>

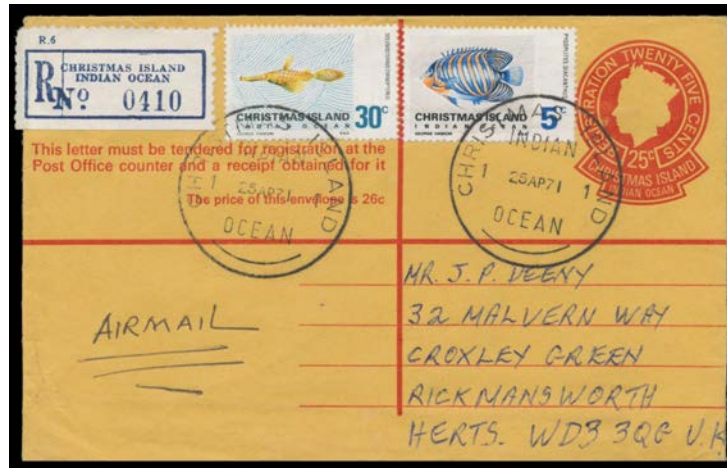
**Ex Lot 983**

- 983** C/CL A/A- **1970-2005 Australian Currency** mostly commercial covers with various Christmas Island or Australian issues & **one with combination franking**, noted 1970 to United Nations (Geneva) with Fish 10c & 20c, 1972 to Nigeria and 1973 registered with Ships 10c 25c 30c & 35c, postmark interest including 1981 with scarce 40mm #8 rubber cds, 1986 with Philatelic Bureau meter, 1988 airmail to GB at \$2.85 rate with registration h/s, etc, fine to very fine. (47) 400<sup>T</sup>

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**Lot 984**

**984** PS A - 1971 airmail usage of 25c Registration Envelope to GB with Fish 5c & 30c tied by 37mm #1 cds, 'CHRISTMAS ISLAND/INDIAN OCEAN' registration label, Singapore transit b/s. Very scarce.

400<sup>T</sup>