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COCOS ISLANDS POSTAL HISTORY - Ad Hoc Postal Arrangements 1904 to 1933

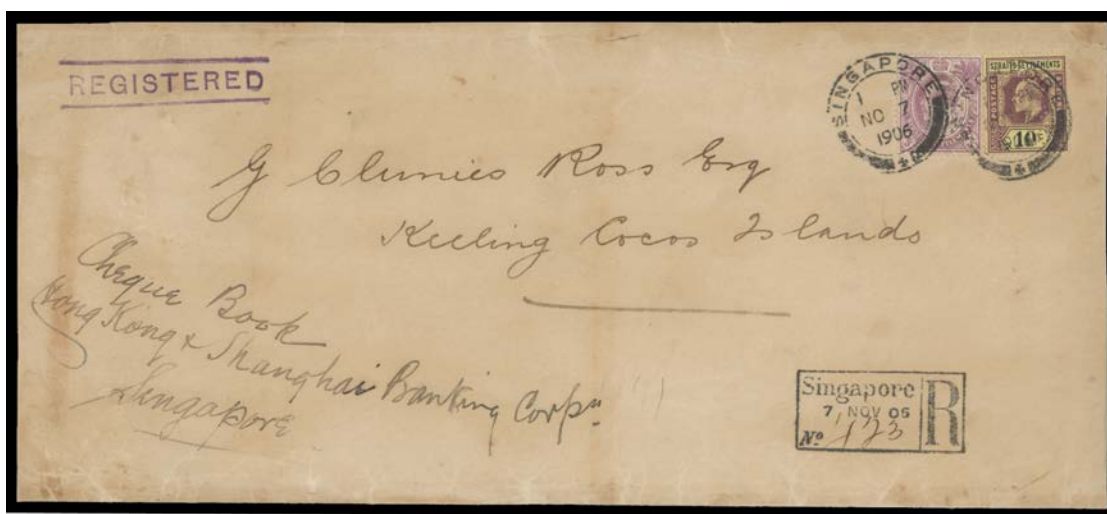
Despite being annexed by the British in 1857, Cocos remained in essence the personal fiefdom of the Clunies-Ross family, which status was formalised in 1886. A submarine cable station was established in 1901 and two years later administrative responsibility for the islands passed to the Straits Settlements. Prior to establishment & operation of a Postal Agency from 1933 to 1937, mail was processed through various unofficial channels.



Lot 2318

2318 CL A- 1906 (Oct 12) GB cover with KEVII 2½d & 5d x2 tied by London cds, to "George Clunies-Ross/of Keeling-Cocos Islands/co Messrs Campbell MacColl & Co/Batavia/Java", 'BATAVIA/8/11/1906' squared-circle arrival b/s. Believed to be the earliest inwards cover to Cocos & one of the finest of the early inwards covers. [The rate was 2½d x5 for an article weighing between 4 & 5oz]

2,000^T



Lot 2319

2319 CL B - (Nov 7) long cover with Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank (Singapore) embossing on flap endorsed "Cheque Book/...", Straits KEVII 3c & 10c both with perfins and superb registration d/s at lower-right, to "G Clunies-Ross/Keeling Cocos Islands", opened-out & rejoined and slightly reduced at left, minor aging. [The rate was 3c printed matter rate + 10c registration]

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Lot 2320

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2320	C	A-	1908 (Nov 12) GB picture postcard to "JT Stavers/Eastern Extension Telegraph Co/Singapore" with 'PENANG TO SINGAPORE' marine sorter cds on the face, minor blemishes. [In 1901, the <i>Eastern Extension, Australasia & China Telegraph Co</i> extended its submarine cable across the Indian Ocean via Rodrigues & Cocos. <i>JT Stavers</i> commenced duties on Cocos 23.12.1908, soon after the arrival of this card in Singapore]	500 ^T



Lot 2321

2321	C	A-	1909 (May 11) GB picture postcard to "JT Stavers/Eastern Ext Telegraph Co/Cocos Islands" with 'PENANG TO SINGAPORE/ JU4/1909' marine sorter cds on the face & forwarded from Cocos by first available ship, minor blemishes. [A 1909 <i>Stavers</i> PPC sold at the <i>Prestige</i> auction of 24.6.2006 for \$977]	1,000 ^T
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2322	C	A	- (Aug 31) GB picture postcard to "JT Stavers/Eastern Ext Telegraph Co/Cocos Islands" with very fine 'PENANG TO SINGAPORE/ SE24/1909' marine sorter cds on the face & forwarded from Cocos by first available ship.	1,000 ^T
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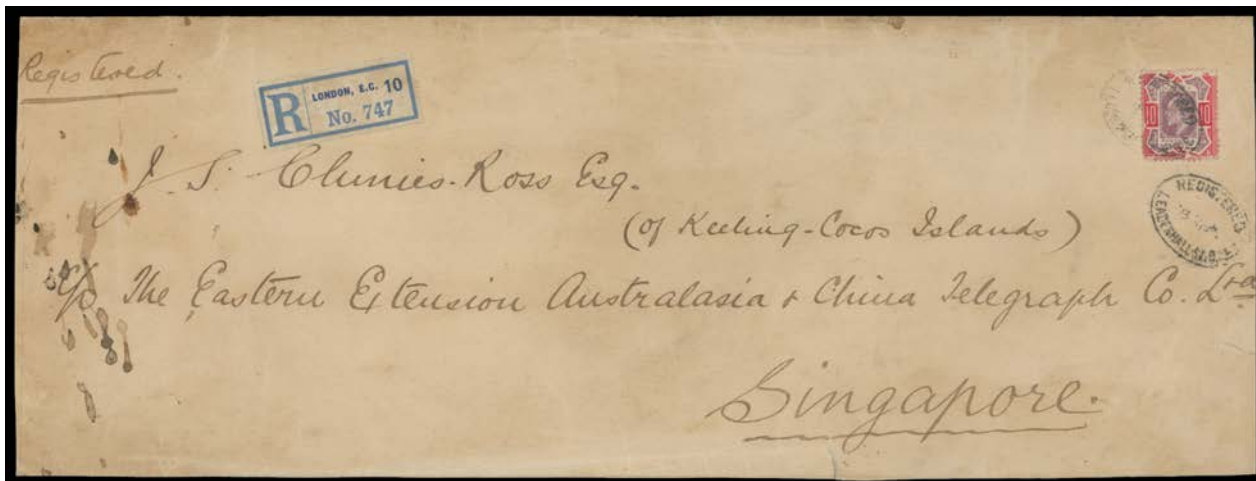
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2323	C	B	- (c.) cover with uncanceled Straits KEVII 4c pair to "G Clunies-Ross/Keeling Cocos Islands" endorsed "c/- Capt Welsh/SS Magnet", docketed "Singapore/Hugh Clunies-Ross", minor blemishes. [The <i>Magnet</i> made regular voyages to Cocos to exchange staff and reprovision the Cable Station. <i>George Clunies-Ross</i> died 7.7.1910 during a visit to England]	500 ^T
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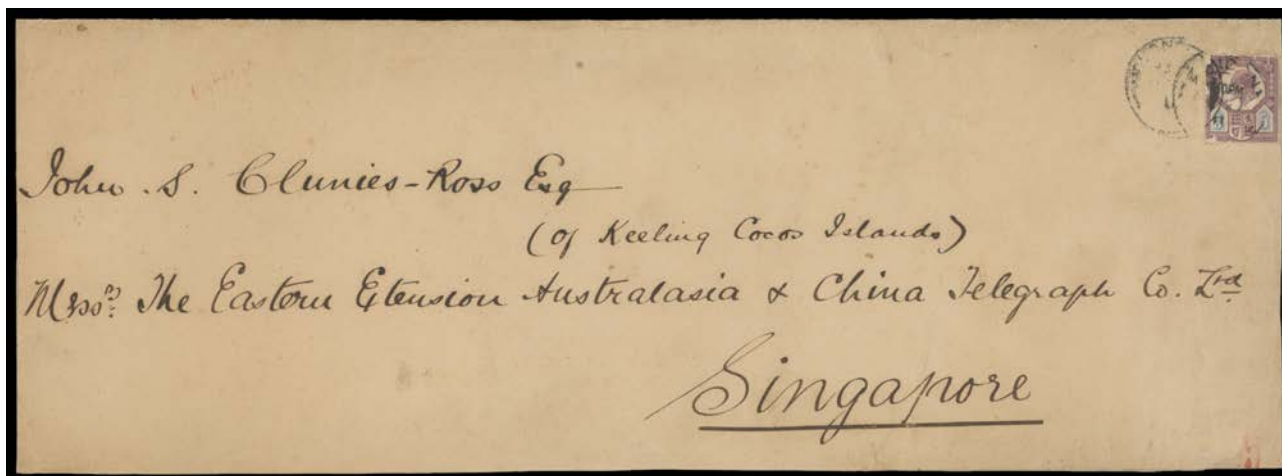
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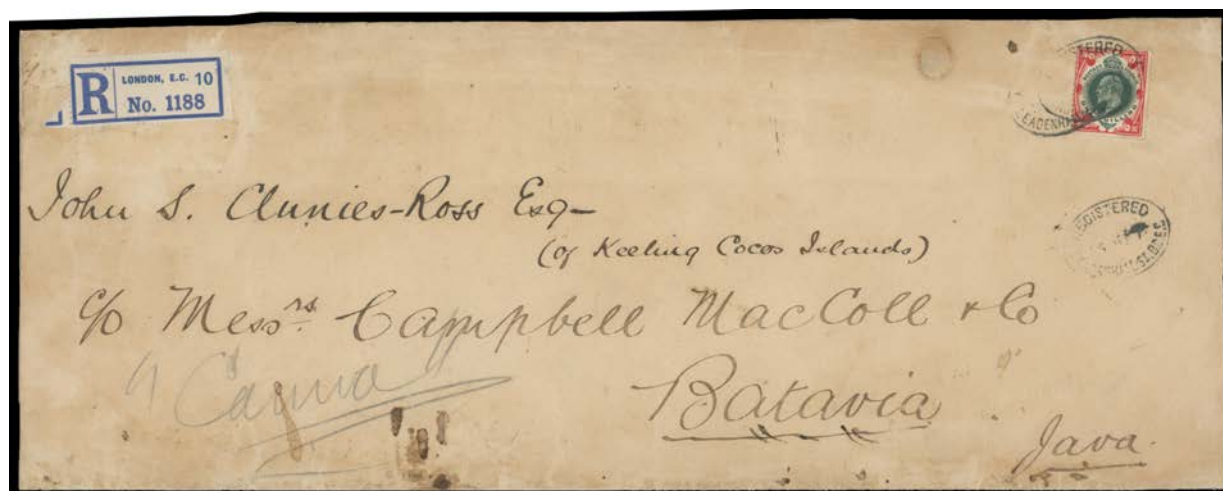
Lot 2324

- 2324** CO C 1911 (Apr 18) large GB registered cover (328x122mm) with KEVII 10d (surface abrasions) to "JS Clunies-Ross/Keeling Cocos Islands/Eastern Extension.../Singapore", 'SINGAPORE/19MY/1911' arrival b/s from where forwarded by the first available ship, overall soiling & a little truncated at both ends.

750^T

Lot 2325

- 2325** CO B - (July 2) large GB cover (334x120mm) with KEVII 5d (surface abrasions) to "JS Clunies-Ross/Keeling Cocos Islands/Eastern Extension.../Singapore", 'PENANG TO SINGAPORE/AU19/1911' marine sorter b/s, forwarded by the first available ship, a little soiled & a slightly truncated at left.

600^T

Lot 2326

- 2326** CO C - (Aug 25) large registered GB cover (318x125mm) with KEVII 1/- (damaged) to "JS Clunies-Ross/of Keeling Cocos Islands/co Campbell MacColl & Co/Batavia" from where forwarded by the first available ship, overall soiling & a little truncated at both ends.
- 2327** C B - (Oct 19) Singapore picture postcard to GB with KEVII 4c, message from sailor aboard HMS *Tamar* states "...we have called at Cocos Is, Xmas Is...our next place is Hong Kong", a few blemishes.

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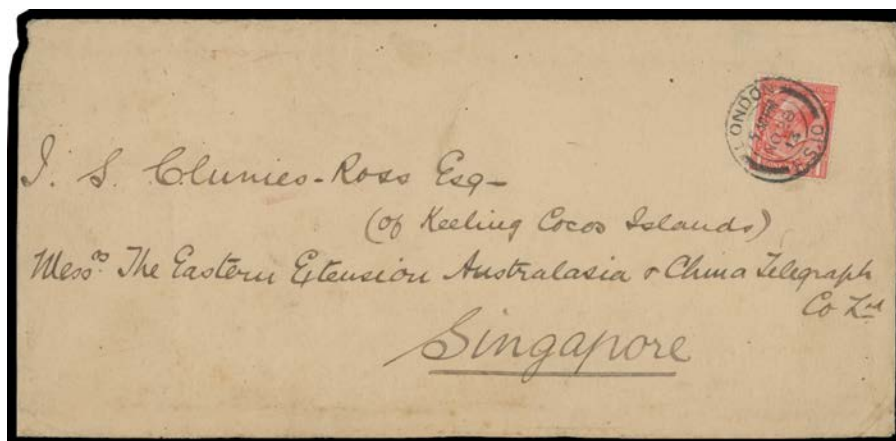
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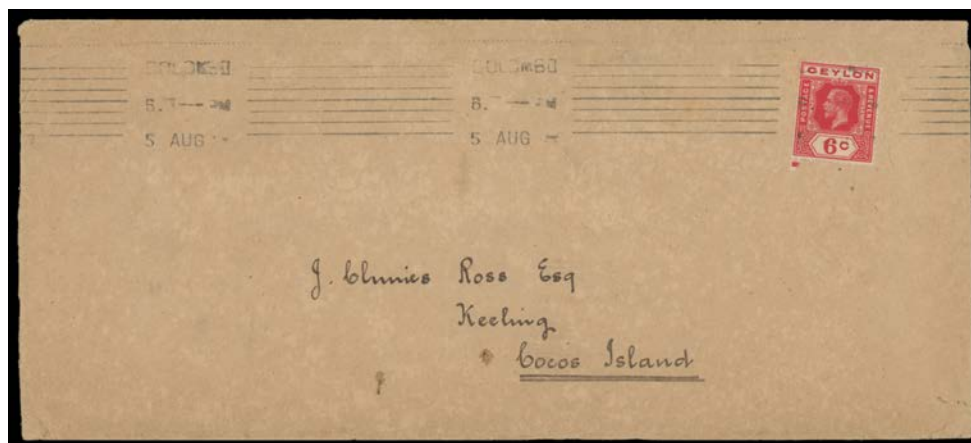
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| 2328 | CO | C | 1912 (Mar 12) large registered GB cover (334x128mm) with KEVII 7d pair (surface abrasions) to "JS Clunies-Ross/of Keeling Cocos Islands/Eastern Extension.../Singapore", 'SINGAPORE/22MR/1912' arrival b/s from where forwarded by the first available ship, overall soiling & a little truncated at both ends. | 750 ^T |
| 2329 | C | A | 1913 (June 3) Ceylon picture postcard ('Perehera') to GB, 'Cable Ship <i>Faraday</i> ' h/s in violet & message "...Called to see Mr <i>Farrant</i> today..." [The ' <i>Faraday</i> ' was owned by the Cable Company. <i>Farrant</i> was Cocos Superintendent from 8.7.1913 & likely went to the islands on the next voyage of the ' <i>Faraday</i> '] | 100 ^T |



Lot 2330

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| 2330 | CL | B | - (Nov 28) GB cover to "JS Clunies-Ross/of Keeling Cocos Islands/Eastern Extension.../Singapore", 'PENANG TO SINGAPORE/DE20/1913' marine sorter b/s, forwarded from Singapore by the first available ship, overall soiling & a little truncated at left. | 500 ^T |
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| 2331 | CL | B | 1915 (Aug 5) cover from Ceylon to "J Clunies Ross/Keeling/Cocos Islands" with 6c tied by Colombo machine cancel, Singapore transit b/s of 17AU/1915, light overall aging. [Handwriting has been identified as that of the captain of the <i>Rainbow</i> , the replacement yacht for the <i>Ayesha</i> which had been stolen by the <i>Emden</i> escapees. At Colombo awaiting the relief crew from Cocos] | 500 ^T |
| 2332 | C | A- | - (c.) <i>Ribeiro & Co (Singapore)</i> real photo picture postcards '4. View of the <i>Emden</i> wreck...' & '6. The Schooner <i>Ayesha</i> , commandeered by the German landing party for their escape', minor blemishes, unused. (2) | 100 ^T |

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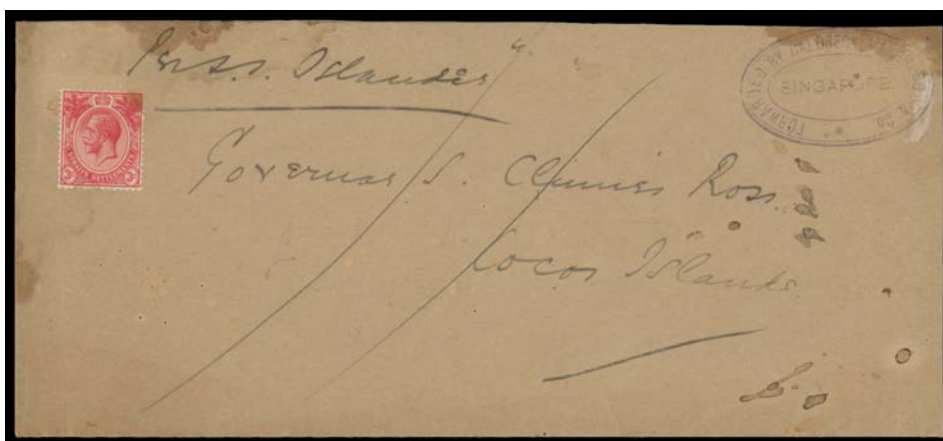
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| 2333 | C | C | - (Oct 8) <i>Fraser & Co Brokers</i> cover to Cocos "per SS Islander" with Straits 3c tied by Singapore cds, staining has been reduced. [The <i>Islander</i> was owned by the <i>Christmas Island Phosphate Co</i> . Three times each year she made calls under charter to Cocos. Costs were paid two-thirds by the family & one-third by the Cable Company] | 500 ^T |
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| 2334 | C | C | 1916 (Jan 8) GB cover to "Sidney Ross/The Palace/Cocos-Keeling Islands" (!) with 1d tied by Edinburgh machine cancel, opened a bit roughly at left, minor overall soiling. | 500 ^T |
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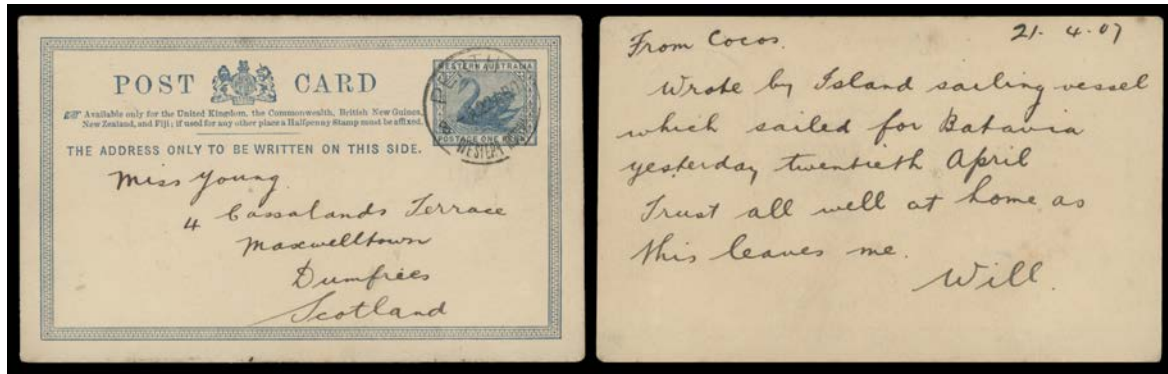
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| 2335 | CL | B | 1920 (c.) cover to "Governor J Clunies Ross/Cocos Islands" with uncanceled Straits 3c & oval 'FORWARDED BY CALDBECK MACGREGOR & Co/SINGAPORE' cachet in violet at U/R, minor staining. [About this time, <i>John Sidney</i> moved his trading interests away from Batavia & thereafter was represented by <i>Caldbeck Macgregor</i>] | 500 ^T |
| 2336 | C | C | 1922 (Oct 22) cover from GB to "JS Clunies Ross/co Caldbeck Macgregor & Co/Singapore", a few faults. | 250 ^T |
| 2337 | CO | B | 1929 (Mar 13) registered cover (224x150mm) from GB to "John S Clunies Ross/of Keeling Cocos Islands/co Caldbeck Macgregor & Co/Singapore", defective 'R' label, small tear at the top & light overall soiling. | 500 ^T |

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**Lot 2338**

2338 PS A- **TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGES ON POSTAL CARDS:** 1907 (Apr 21) use of Western Australia 1d with Two-Line Instructions, to Scotland with Perth WA cds of 22AP07. Message: "From Cocos. Wrote by Island sailing vessel which sailed for Batavia yesterday...". Acquired at a Perth auction in 2008 for \$2420. [Believed to be **the earliest such Cocos cable message card**]

Brief messages were cabled to Perth where they were transcribed onto Postal Cards for onforwarding. Most such cards are from the period 1907-11 and addressed to Malta. **Any other usages are rare.** We note that *Kim Dwyer* had only two such cards, both from the Malta correspondence, as did *David Flaar* (one of them *Ex Kim Dwyer*).

1,000^T**Lot 2339**

2339 PS B - 1911 (Jan 2) use of Western Australia 1d with No Frame on Unsurfaced Stock, to Scotland with Perth cds of 2JAN11, minor aging.

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2340 PS B - 1911 (May 14) use of Western Australia 1d with No Frame on Surfaced Stock, to Malta with Perth machine cancel of 15MAY11, Valletta arrival cds of 10JU11 & '25'-in-circle postman's h/s, light soiling.

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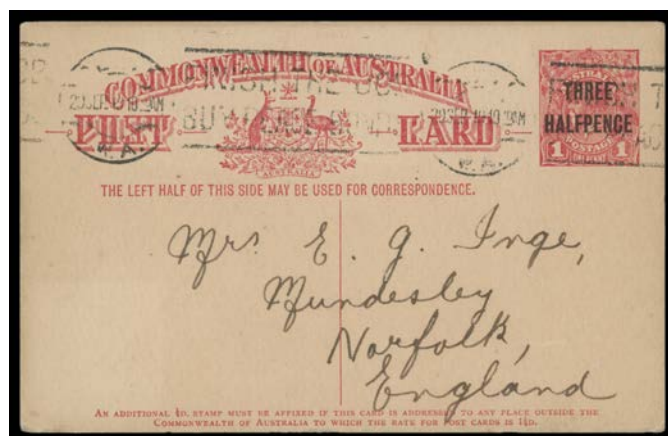
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2341 PS B - 1912 (Jan 7) use of Australian 1d Fullface to Malta with Perth cds of 8JAN12, Valletta arrival cds of FE4/12 & '25'-in-circle postman's h/s, light soiling.

500^T

Lot 2342

2342 PS A- - 1915 (Oct 23) use of Australian 1d Sideface to China with Perth machine cancel of 25OCT15, private 'SHANGHAI/NOV 27 1915/CLUB' cachet in violet. Message: "Your two letters received this boat answering by Nov mail/Kerr". [Acquired at a Perth auction in 2008 for \$2990]

1,000^T

Lot 2343

2343 PS A - 1919 (Sep 28) use of Australian 1 1/2d on 1d to GB with Perth machine cancel of 29SEP19. Message: "...looking out for next mail...Jack". This is the next known cable card after a break from December 1916. [Jack Inge was an employee of the Cable Company]

500^T

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**Lot 2344**

2344 PS C - 1921 (Dec 12) use of Australian 1½d brown with Perth machine cancel of 5DEC21, light overall soiling. Message: "Your pc 26.10.21 arrived today..." **[This is the latest recorded cable card via Perth.** During the Straits Postal Agency period of the mid-1930s, the service was reinstated but via Singapore]

400^T