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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA - Postal History

295	CO	A-/B	1934 KGV ½d large stationery envelope (245x165mm) STO for <i>McMillan & Co, London</i> sent to Victoria with Australia-London Customs Duty 'ONE/CENT' on ½d red & brown overprint pair on face tied 'CANCELLED' cachet, plus <i>Royal Institute of International Affairs</i> cover with 'TWO/CENTS' on 1d gold & blue and un-overprinted ¼d 'mixed franking', 1935 with 'THREE/CENTS' on 2d green & orange and 1937 with 1d gold & blue all similarly tied on face of large covers, a few minor blemishes. Apparently stamps overprinted in US currency were surplus to requirements and were sent back to London to be used up there. (4)	400
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OFFICIAL STAMPS - DEPARTMENTAL OVERPRINTS

This is the tenth significant offering of these fascinating stamps that we have been privileged to present, including the collections of Les Munn (15.5.2004), "Sir Humphrey" (Brian Farmer, 8.10.2005), Harry Lower (12.5.2007), Victor Bullock (1.9.2007), Frederick Hall (9.2.2008), Rodney Attwood (23.9.2011) and 'Novocastrian' (unnamed, 14.11.2014). All of these sales are available for your inspection on our website. The 'Tamiami' Collection is the best of them all, with many mint stamps including from the Rev James Mursell Collection sold in London in 1964, & so offered for the first time in more than half a century. Those stamps were acquired by F Houston Wynn, longtime editor of the SAS/Oceania journal 'The Informer'. 'Tamiami' acquired Hugh Wynn's collection intact. However, only where we are certain of that provenance have we stated 'Ex Houston Wynn'. Bidders should be mindful that defective sheets were often used for overprinting, resulting in many Departmentals being poorly centred, often exhibiting separation faults, irregular or trimmed perforations, etc. Fine examples are thus the exception rather than the rule: those graded 'B' or even 'C' are generally at least average quality for the particular type. It should also be noted that Butler's rarity ratings are severely compromised by his inclusion of unspecified numbers of stamps from the Royal Collection & other institutionalised holdings. Until Stanley Gibbons properly lists and prices these stamps, they will remain grossly undervalued. Our estimates are conservative, based on previous results - including the 2018 sale in Switzerland of the exceptional 'Besancon' Collection - to which attention is drawn where appropriate. NB: this offering includes many stamps that are at least the equal of the 'Besancon' examples, and many others that were absent from 'Besancon'.



Lot 584

584	F	A-	CUSTOMS: Red 'C.' on Rouletted 6d ultramarine, GPO cds of AP30/68. Rated RR.	100 ^T
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Lot 585

585	*	A	- Blue 'C.' on Rouletted 1/- red-brown, part-o.g. Rated RRRRR. Ex Paul Melmeth. RPSofV Certificate (1981). [The similar 'Besancon' example sold for SFr2662]	1,500 ^T
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Lot 586

586	F	A	- Black 'C.' on Perf 10 6d Prussian blue, light cds. Rated RR.	100 ^T
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Lot 587

587	Ω	A-	- Black 'C.' on Rouletted 2/- rose-carmine, a little aged, unused. Rated RRRR. Ex Houston Wynn. RPSofL Certificate (1984). [The mint 'Besancon' example - small fault - sold for SFr1089]	500 ^T
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