

Lot Type Grading Description

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA - Postal History

724	C	A-	1860 cover-front to Scotland "Via Southampton" with very scarce franking of Hillman Lithographs 6d grey-black SG 19 (apparently from the base of the sheet with margins just shaved - at right - to very large), very fine 15-bar '6' cancel & 'ALBANY/NO1/1860/=WESTERN-AUSTRALIA=' cds at L/L.	1,000
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BRITISH EMPIRE SPECIMEN STAMPS

In recent years, 'SPECIMEN' and CTO stamps have become ever more popular. The relatively low numbers produced means that such material is generally very scarce. And a lack of care on the part of the UPU and/or the postal agencies means that defects - especially perforation problems - should be expected. Much of the material released by various receiving authorities is far from pristine: often the stamps have been soaked off ledger pages & in many cases fugitive inks have faded. The collection offered here, with strength in the Reign of KEVII, is by far the most extensive we have handled: note that further extensive selections are included in the 'Eureka' Australian Colonies catalogue. The quality generally is at least as fine as can be expected. Much of this material, from an unknown source, has full unmounted gum but also exhibits some tropicalisation. There is also some material that is truly superb! Such matters have been taken into account in our gradings. References are to the pioneering work by Marcus Samuel (1976), James Bendon's monumental "UPU Specimen Stamps 1878-1961" (2015) & "The De La Rue Collection" edited by Frank Walton.



Lot 1666

1666	**	B B1	GREAT BRITAIN: 1902-10 KEVII ½d pane of 5 + St Andrew's Cross on U/L unit with full selvedge each unit with Type 17 Horseshoe Overprint SG Spec #MB2as, rust around the staple-holes just impinges on the L/H units but otherwise the stamps are superb, unmounted, Specialised Cat £2600+ (mounted). <i>Chris Ceremuga Certificate</i> (2011),	1,000
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