

Lot Type Grading Description

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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.



Ex Lot 1609

1609 **/A B1 **BRITISH LEVANT:** 1902-12 KEVII issues 80pa on 5d to 12pi on 2/6d SG 9-11, 1909 unmounted set 30pa on 1½d to 5pi on 1/- SG 16-21 (with *BPA Certificate* for the set), and *Harrison or Somerset House* 12pi on 2/6d two shades (both unmounted), all with Horsehoe Overprint, mostly not listed in *Gibbons*. (10)

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Ex Lot 1610

1610 */** A - 1902-12 KEVII issues 80pa on 5d SG 9 (mounted), and *Somerset House* 12pi on 2/6d SG 33 (unmounted; *Ceremuga Certificate*) with different sans-serif overprints. Not listed in *Gibbons*. (2)

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Lot 1611

1611 ** A/A- - 1902-12 KEVII issues *Somerset House* 12pi on 2/6d SG 33 block of 4, excellent centring, minor perf-crimping, unmounted. Not listed in *Gibbons*. A rare multiple.

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BRITISH EMPIRE SPECIMEN STAMPS (continued)

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**Ex Lot 1612**

- 1612** Ω A/B - 1902-12 KEVII issues 40pa on 2½d SG 8 with no overprint, 80pa on 5d to 12pi on 2/6d SG 9-11 with Horseshoe Overprint, and 1909 30pa on 1½d to 5pi on 1/- SG 16-21 without 'SPECIMEN' each also with 'ULTRAMAR' handstamp in blue or violet & **twice** on 1pi30pa on 4d orange & 2pi20pa on 6d, affixed to four pieces from the archival ledger. *Ex Goa Postal Archives. (9)*

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**Ex Lot 1613**

- 1613** */** B1 - 1902-12 KEVII issues 40pa on 2½d SG 8 with no overprint & 12pi on 2/6d SG 11 with Horseshoe Overprint (unmounted), each with 'ULTRAMAR' handstamp in blue. *Ex Portuguese Colonies Archives. (2)*

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**Ex Lot 1614**

- 1614** * A B1 - 1905 'LEVANT' Overprint on British KEVII ½d to 1/- SG L1-10, very lightly mounted, Specimens not listed by *Gibbons. Chris Ceremuga Certificate (2012)* for the set states "extremely rare". **(10)**

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