

Private Treaty Sale · Price on request

This outstanding collection was originally held in an archive by the printer's Perkins, Bacon & Co. of London in their Chancery Lane safe deposit. The safe deposit also held the Perkins, Bacon records as well as Proofs and Essays for stamps and banknotes printed by the Company.

1907 'Siva Mahadeva' issue begins with a 1906 pen and ink drawing sent from Nepal to the British Agents, Keyes & Sons of Whitefriars Lane in London, showing the inscriptions desired for a 16 pice value (similar to the first issues of 1881) and a sample USA adhesive in purple for the colour to be used. The second unique Essay is in rectangular format and dated 1907, with manuscript at base, bottom / wording for the sixteen pice stamps showing also / the bottom corners filled with required figures / required 150'000 stamps / colour blue'.

Thereafter with Master Die Proof of 2 pice without corner denominations, struck in brown and an imperforate example in red, Die Proofs in green and black for 2 pice and full size Die Proofs in green on wove paper and a unique example on watermarked paper, 2 pice in an imperforate sheet of 100 on partially watermarked paper in brown (1) and in green (unissued), issued 2 pice blocks of 60 and 12 from left of sheet showing mirrored '2 Brown' at lower left margin, followed by Proofs of the 1907/08 issue (in blue and two in black) used to make up the central vignette of the 1930 5 rupee black & red-brown with two Proofs of same. 1907 Imperforate Proof for 4 pice green in a sheet of 200 divided by interpanneau margin leaving 10 tête-bêche pairs - unique, also a defaced sheet with the two halves rejoined, three imperforate sheets of 4 pice in green, perforated sheets close to the issued stamp in green (2), 1907/08 8 pice lake-red in an Imperforate sheet of 100 with '8 Lake' at lower left corner - unique; and a further perforated sheet of 100 with same imprint at lower left, again unique; 8 pice in deep red in an imperforate sheet on medium thick partially watermarked paper - unique; 16 pice purple in a partially watermarked block of 48 from top of sheet, Imperforate sheet of 100 and further blocks of 40, 20, 16 and 10 in differing shades; imperforate pairs on thin wove paper in a bluish shade (unique), 16 pice in a large part sheet of 93 stamps with imprint 16 Ame.st (Amethyst) at lower left and two further large blocks.



Nepal - The 'Siva Mahadeva' Issues of 1907 - 1930 - 1935

1930 'Siva Mahadeva' issue, with unfinished Die Proof of vignette in carmine, vignette and unfinished frame Die Proof in same colour, 24 pice Die Proof dated January 1929 in same colour (unissued thus), 32 pice Die Proof in blue (some fire damage), completed design for 1 rupee printed in green dated January 1930, Die / Plate Proofs for all 'pice' values in accepted colours (11), 1 rupee Die Proofs in carmine and in issued orange shade, 2 pice Imperforate sheet and in blocks of 4, 8 (two), 12 and 20 and fragile perforated sheets (2), 4 pice green Imperforate, '2 pice' imprint block of six and a block of 12; 4 pice perforated sheet of 100 with imprint '4 pice' (2), 8 pice perforated sheet in red, 16 pice perforated sheet and a large block with water damage discoloration, 24 pice orange perforated full sheet, 32 pice blue perforated full sheet, 1 rupee orange perforated full sheet, 5 rupee black & red-brown large part sheet of 99, and a further completed Die Proof.

1935 'Siva Mahadeva' issue, with State I, II, III, IV and V Die Proofs of the 2 pice brown including 'Final Proof', imperforate Plate Proofs blocks on colour of five values (the 8 pice was never found thus), 2 pice brown (shades) Imperforate block of 60 and unique sheets of 100 in very differing shades, 2 pice brown perforated sheet and a mis-perforated block of six, 4 pice green Imperforate sheet and large blocks with faulty 'dry' printings from Plate 1 and perforated sheets (2) also 2 mis-perforated sheets, 4 pice green Plate 2 imperforate sheets (4) and a large Imperforate block on pink toned paper (unique), mis-perforated sheet from Plate 2, 8 pice scarlet perforated sheet and a dramatically mis-perforated sheet (similar to a King Farouk production), 16 pice purple perforated sheet and a unique mis-perforated sheet, 24 pice orange in a perforated sheet and a Die Proof in issued colour, 32 pice blue perforated sheet.

During the 'Blitz' on London in 1940, the Luftwaffe scored a direct hit on the building, resulting initially in a fire on the premises or what remained of them, followed by a soaking from London's firemen. This has affected much of the material in the volumes described below. However, much of the material remains unique and, as such, could even be termed as unique reference collection, which will be offered as Private Treaty by Corinphila Auctions Zurich.

