

NEW GUINEA

The largest Island of the Southern Hemisphere and Oceania

- 1828** Netherlands formally claimed the western half of the island as Netherlands New Guinea 1
- 1883** The British colony of Queensland annexed south-eastern New Guinea in the name of the British Government 2
- 1884** Germany claimed north-eastern New Guinea as German New Guinea (or Kaiser-Wilhelms-Land) 3
- 1884** The south-eastern territory became a British protectorate
- 1888** Annexed by Britain as a British Colony named British New Guinea
- 1902/06** British government transferred responsibility over south-east New Guinea to Australia re-naming the area "Territory of Papua"
- 1914** Australian Forces seized German New Guinea
- 1920** Seized German New Guinea became the Territory of New Guinea to be administered by Australia under a League of Nations mandate
- until 1942** The territories under Australian administration became collectively known as The Territories of Papua and New Guinea



Reading the proclamation of annexation, Port Moresby, New Guinea



1914, G.R.I. and Value 6 mm apart



3892



3894



3893

Gibbons

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

3892 1 d. on 3 pf. brown, Setting 12, position 5A, a fine unused example of good colour from this rare Setting, with variety "1" with straight serif: "I" for "1" in "1 d.", fresh and very fine with large part og. A rarity of which Gibbs recorded just 5 unused examples. Cert. Holcombe (1998) Gi = £ 3'500.

1d * **750** (€ 675)

3893 1 d. on 3 pf. brown, Setting 12, position D, a fine unused example of good colour from this rare Setting, with variety "1" with straight serif: "I" for "1" in "1 d.", tiny hinge thin at top not detracting from appearance, fresh and very fine with large part og. A rarity of which Gibbs recorded just 5 unused examples. Signed Kilian. Cert. Holcombe (1990) which has been further annotated in pencil by Hoffman Giesecke Gi = £ 3'500.

1d * **500** (€ 450)

3894 1 d. on 5 pf. green, Setting 1, positions 1-2/1-2, a splendid unused block of four, the two left hand stamps in the block showing the "Short 1" variety, fresh and very fine, large part og. with the lower pair unmounted og. Rare and most appealing multiple Gi = £ 870+.
Provenance: Collection Tim Rybak, Belgrave, Melbourne, 26 April 2008, lot 79.

2+ 2b 田*/** **350** (€ 315)



3895

3895 1 d. on 5 pf. green, a fine used example on 1914 cover addressed to Colonel E. F. Wallack in Sydney, tied by RABAUL / NOV 14 1914 datestamp in violet (Gibbs type 3). The reverse of the cover with typed "I hereby certify that the stamp attached to this envelope is one of the original sixteen sets surcharged by the Military Government on the Occupation of German New Guinea (signed) Walter Fry, Captain, Treasurer". Fresh and fine, a scarce and attractive cover.

Provenance: Corinphila sale 143, May 2005, lot 4750.

2 ✉ **500** (€ 450)



3896

Gibbons

Start price	Start price
in CHF	approx. €

- 3896** 1 d. on 5 pf. green, Setting 1, positions 5/5 repeated, a used vertical pair on registered cover addressed to Carl Weller (the German Postal Secretary in Rabaul prior to the surrender) with the 1 d. pair cancelled by RABAU / *Oct 17 1914* datestamp in violet (Gibbs type 2) of First Day of Issue; with, added at a later date at left, Rabaul 3 d. Registration label (Gibbs 33, Setting A, position 1) cancelled by "Rabaul" handstamp in violet (Gibbs type 5). See Gibbs page 95 for a similar philatelic cover.

Provenance: Corinphila sale 143, May 2005, lot 4751.

2+ 33

**200**

(€ 180)



3897

- 3897** 2 d. on 10 pf. carmine, Setting 1, positions 3-10, a fine unused horizontal strip of eight, marginal from top of sheet, with position 10 showing variety "1" for "I" in GRI, creased through perfs. in two columns and some separation but superb og. or unmounted og. A very fine reference strip and an extremely scarce multiple. Signed Kosack Gi = £ 1'000+.

*Provenance: Collection Robert M. Gibbs, Corinphila sale 78, 27 Sept 1988, lot 1754.
Corinphila sale 137, May 2003, lot 2376.*

3+ 3a

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350

(€ 315)



3898



German New Guinea Post Office

Gibbons

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 3898** 2½ d. on 10 pf. carmine, Setting 1, positions 8-9/8-9, a fine unused block of four, marginal from top of sheet, superb og. with left hand vertical pair unmounted og. A fine and scarce multiple Gi = £ 380+.

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150 (€ 135)

3899



3900



3901

- 3899** 2½ d. on 10 pf. carmine, Setting 9, position 3, a fine used example, cancelled by late usage of 'Rabaul' cds (Gibbs type 10) in black, showing the major variety "Missing Fraction Bar in ½" which only exists on this setting. Holcombe recorded less than 10 examples of the 10 pf. Illustrated in Gibbs GRI handbook on page 66 - he records just 2 used examples known. An extremely rare and fine stamp. Cert. Holcombe (1998) Gibbs 5a/Gi = £ 3'500.
Provenance: Collection Robert M. Gibbs, Corinthila sale 78, Sept 1988, lot 1758.

5a

500 (€ 450)

- 3900** 2½ d. on 20 pf. ultramarine, Setting 12, position 1C, a fine unused example of good colour with the characteristic "I" in GRI similar to the lower case "l" found in position 10 of the Setting 1 and "Small stop after "I" in GRI", fresh and fine, large part og. Very few recorded examples exist, this stamp illustrated in Gibbs on page 40 and discussed on page 41 of the handbook. Signed Champion. Cert. Holcombe (1990) Gi = £ 110+.

6 var

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200 (€ 180)

- 3901** 3 d. on 25 pf. black & red on yellow, Setting I, position 8, a fine used example cancelled on First Day of Issue by 'RABAUL / Oct 17 1914' datestamp in violet. Scarce, this describer believes the stamp to be position 8, Holcombe attributes it to position 6 or 7; nevertheless an unusual usage in superb quality. Signed Holcombe Gi = £ 450.

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200 (€ 180)

3902



3903

- 3902** 3 d. on 30 pf. black & orange on buff, Setting I, positions 2-3, a fine unused horizontal pair with position 2 showing "Large Stop after "I" in "GRI" and position 3 showing Beard of "G" in "GRI" broken, fresh colour and superb og. A fine positional pair Gi = £ 950+.

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200 (€ 180)

- 3903** 3 d. on 30 pf. black & orange on buff, Setting 12, position D, a fine unused example of good colour from this rare Setting, with variety "Break at top of "G" in GRI, "R" with broken cross-bar at top", fresh and very fine with large part og. See Gibbs page 40, a rarity, especially so on this value. Signed Holcombe. Opinion Holcombe (1990) Gi = £ 475+.

8 var

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300 (€ 270)



3904



3905



3906

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
3904	4 d. on 40 pf. black & carmine, Setting 6, position 2, a fine unused example, with characteristic "R with weak base to leg and top half of "I" in GRI leaning to left", fresh and fine with large part og. A scarce Setting of five positions. Signed Holcombe $G_i = £ 475$.	9	*	200	(€ 180)
3905	4 d. on 40 pf. black & carmine, Setting 1, position 6, a fine unused example, showing variety "Surcharge Double", both are strong impressions, fresh and very fine, merest hint of a natural gum bend, large part og. A very rare stamp with just 20 examples possible. Cert. Ceremuga (2018) $G_i = £ 4'000$. <i>Provenance: Collection Tim Rybak, Belgrave, Melbourne, 26 April 2008, lot 87.</i>	9e	*	1'200	(€ 1'080)
3906	5 d. on 50 pf. black & purple on buff, Setting 12, position C, a fine unused example of good colour from this rare Setting, with variety "R in GRI with broken serif at lower right and distended "I" almost doubled at base", fresh and very fine with large part og. See Gibbs page 40, a rarity, especially so on this value. Cert. Holcombe (1997) $G_i = £ 850+$.	10 var	*	500	(€ 450)



3907



3908

3907	8 d. on 80 pf. black & carmine-rose, 6 mm. spacing, Setting 8A, a fine unused example with good colour, well centred and small part og. A very rare Setting. Signed Holcombe, Opinion Holcombe (1995) $G_i = £ 1'000$.	11	*	250	(€ 225)
3908	8 d. on 80 pf. black & carmine on rose, Setting 12, position B (diagonally sliced "I" in "GRI" in it's final worn State), fresh and fine unused example with superb og. A rare stamp. Signed Holcombe, Richter. Opinion Holcombe (1991) $G_i = £ 1'000+$. <i>Note: Stamps from Setting 12 are very rare, Gibbs apportions a value of 25 times normal to this Setting.</i>	11	*	200	(€ 180)



3909

3909	8 d. on 80 pf. black & carmine on rose, 6.5 mm. spacing, rare setting 9B, a fine used (cancelled to order) example tied to small piece by BUKA / DEUTSCH NEUGUINEA datestamp (Gibbs type 13, "few known") well struck in black (16.11.14). Rare and very fine usage. Signed Jakubek. Cert. Ceremuga (2018) $G_i = £ 1'500+$. <i>Provenance: Corinphila sale 143, May 2005, lot 4760.</i>	11	△	750	(€ 675)
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1914, G.R.I. and Value 3 ½ mm - 4 mm apart



Native houses in New Guinea



3910

Gibbons

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 3910** 1 s. on 1 m. carmine, Setting 4 position types 1-2/1-2, a fine unused corner block of four from top left of the sheet of 20 subjects (sheet positions 1-2/5-6), with full margins but somewhat tropicalised and a couple of ironed bends, some reinforcement and second stamp with tiny thin not apparent on front, but with lower two stamps unmounted og. A remarkable and extremely rare multiple: only 128 of the 1 mark value (Gi 12 and Gi 27) were surcharged, consequently all multiples are very seldom encountered. Signed Holcombe. Cert. Holcombe (1991) Gi = £ 14'000.

Provenance: Harmers, London, 29 Jan 1997, lot 913.

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4'000 (€ 3'600)



3911



3912

- 3911** 2 s. on 2 m. blue, Setting 3, position type 2, a fine unused example with "Stop replaced by a large round stop at the close of the print-run", a fine unused example of excellent centering and colour, minimal aging, fresh and fine, large part og. An extremely rare stamp, stamps from Setting 3 being rarities. Signed Champion, A. Diena. Cert. Holcombe (1990) Gi = £ 3'250.

Provenance: Corinphila sale 83, Sept 1991, lot 7984.

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1'000 (€ 900)

- 3912** 2 s. on 2 m. blue, Setting 1, position type 4, a fine unused example with "Large S after 2", a fine unused example of excellent centering and colour, one blunt perf. at base, fresh and fine, large part og. An extremely rare stamp. Signed Champion, A. Diena. Cert. Holcombe (1998) Gi = £ 3'250.

13a

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1'000 (€ 900)



German Imperial Post Office in Rabaul



3913

Gibbons

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 3913** 2 s. on 2 m. blue, Setting 1, position type 3, a fine used example on 1915 cover addressed to the Assistant Postmaster in Rabaul, neatly tied by RABAU / NEW BRITAIN datestamp (Jan 20, 1915) in violet (Gibbs type 13). The cover with file fold well away from the superb adhesive. Philatelic but a delightful and extremely rare cover. Signed Hoffman Giesecke. Cert. Gibbs (2002) Gi = £ 4'000 off cover.

Provenance: Corinphila sale 133. June 2002, lot 547.

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**2'000** (€ 1'800)

3914



3915

- 3914** 3 s. on 3 m. violet-black, Setting 3, position 4 with 4 mm. spacing, a fine unused example of excellent centering and colour, fresh and fine appearance, large part og. Just 87 of the 3 mark value were surcharged (Gi 14 and 29). A rare stamp. Signed Holcombe. Cert. Ceremuga (2018) Gi = £ 5'500.

Provenance: Corinphila sale 83, Sept 1991, lot 7988.

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1'200 (€ 1'080)

- 3915** 3 s. on 3 m. violet-black, Setting 7, position type unknown, an unused example of good colour and centering, 'clean cut' overprint corresponding to this late setting, fresh and fine but for small gum skip on top perforation, with large part og. A rare stamp with just 87 examples of the 3 mark overprinted, stamps from this Setting are extraordinarily unusual. Cert. Holcombe (1995) Gi = £ 5'500.

Provenance: Corinphila sale 91, March 1996, lot 8458.

Harmers, London, 24 July 1997, lot 207.

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1'500 (€ 1'350)



German Headquarters after capture by the Australian Navy and Military Expeditionary Force



3916

Gibbons

Start price in CHF Start price approx. €

3916 5 s. on 5 m. carmine & black, Setting 3, position type 3, a fine used example, marginal from base of sheet, paper slightly aged, cancelled by 'Stephansort' datestamp in blue (Gibbs type 6). Only 102 of the 5 mark values (Gi 15 and 30) were overprinted. A most attractive example of an exceedingly rare stamp, especially so in used condition. Cert. Holcombe Gi = £ 16'000.
Provenance: Corinthila sale 84, Oct 1992, lot 6324.
Harmers, London, 10 March 1998, lot 1392.

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5'000 (€ 4'500)

1914, G.R.I. and Value 5 mm apart



3917

3917 1 d. on 3 pf. brown, Setting 11, position 1-5, a fine unused horizontal strip of five showing all the types from this Setting, with position 1 showing "I" for "1" variety and position 5 with "1" showing straight serif at top, fresh and very fine with superb unmounted og. A rare multiple from the final State of the Setting with stops very weak and breaking up, especially on positions 1 and 2. This strip illustrated and discussed in the Gibbs handbook on page 38. Signed Holcombe Gi = £ 1'130+.

16+ 16a

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400 (€ 360)



3918



3919

Gibbons

Start price
in CHFStart price
approx. €

- 3918** 1 d. on 3 pf. brown, Setting 11, position 5, an unused example with variety "Straight serif to the top of 1" and "Double Surcharge" variety, the second inverted surcharge being Setting 10, position 1. Fresh and very fine, of excellent colour and superb og. A wonderful example of this (much under-catalogued) stamp, which is unique (Gibbs 16fc) and in superb condition. No example in the collection of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. A great rarity of British Commonwealth philately. Cert. Holcombe (1990) Gi = £ 8'000.
Provenance: Bonhams, London, 12-13 Feb 2003, lot 1057.

16f

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1'500 (€ 1'350)

- 3919** 1 d. on 3 pf. brown, Setting 10, position 2, a fine unused example of good colour and centering, variety "**Surcharge Inverted**", fresh and fine with large part og. Gibbs records, on page 72 of the handbook, a maximum of just 10 examples in existence. An extremely rare stamp in excellent condition. Cert. BPA (1991) Gi = £ 6'000.
Provenance: Corinphila sale 84, Oct 1992, lot 6330.

16g

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2'000 (€ 1'800)

3920

- 3920** 1 d. on 5 pf. green, Setting 5, positions 1-5, a used horizontal strip of five, corner marginal from lower left of sheet and showing the first five positions of this Setting, cancelled by scarce KIETA datestamps in black. The multiple with some creasing of no great significance as multiples of this Setting are extremely scarce, this strip being illustrated in the Gibbs handbook on page 31. Rare and appealing.

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250 (€ 225)

John Crichton-Stuart,
4th Marquess of Bute
1881-1947



3921

- 3921** 1 d. on 5 pf. green, a used example with variety "**No Stops between the letters GRI**", tied to small piece by part 'Stephansort' cds in blue leaving the variety clear. Small surface blemish at lower right but an extremely rare variety - see Gibbs 17e on page 76 of the handbook where he records just the one unused example in the collection of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and two used examples, however, it is now believed that four are known. A rarity. Cert. BPA (2017) Gi = £ 11'000.
Provenance: Collection Marquess of Bute, RL, April 1959.

17ga

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2'500 (€ 2'250)



3922

Gibbons

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 3922** 1 d. on 5 pf. green, Setting 2, position 1, a fine used example with variety **"Surcharge Double"** with the second surcharge shifted somewhat to right, tied to small piece by complete strike of oval RABAU / NEW BRITAIN datestamp (Jan 6 1915) in violet (Gibbs type 8). A rare stamp, especially so in used condition, not recorded by Gibbs in used condition (see page 73). Rare and most unusual piece. Cert. BPA (2003) Gi = 5'000 for unused.

17i

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1'500 (€ 1'350)

3923

- 3923** 2 d. on 10 pf. carmine, the famous unused example with **error of surcharge ".G.R.I. / 1d."**, surcharged with wrong value and with stop before "G" and no stop after the "G", well centred, of good colour, without gum. Just 2 unused examples recorded (Gibbs 18e, see page 77), this being the Bute example. A major rarity of British Commonwealth philately. Cert. Gibbs (2002) Gi = £ 12'000.

Provenance: Collection Marquess of Bute, RL, London, 29 April 1959, lot 97.

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4'000 (€ 3'600)

3924

- 3924** 2 d. on 20 pf. ultramarine, Setting 11, position 4/4, the unused vertical pair, showing variety **"Surcharge Double in pair with normal"**, fresh and very fine, superb large part og. with lower stamp unmounted og. Exceptionally rare variety (Gibbs records, on page 78, that possibly 20 examples can exist) however, in pair with a normal stamp the variety is of quite exceptional rarity. Signed David Field. Cert. BPA (1983) Gi = £ 3'500+.

Provenance: Collection Robert M. Gibbs, Corinthila sale 78, 27 Sept 1988, lot 1845.

19+ 19h

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1'500 (€ 1'350)

Robert Martin Gibbs



3925



Vessels in the Harbour off Rabaul

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
3925	2 d. on 20 pf. ultramarine, Setting 2, positions 5-6, a horizontal pair used on small piece, creased between the stamps, showing variety "Surcharge Double, One Inverted", the inverted surcharge being Setting 2, positions 9-10, the pair neatly tied by oval RABAU / NEW BRITAIN datestamp (Jan 6 1915) in violet (Gibbs type 8). Gibbs (19e, page 79) states a possibility of 15 examples but with a question mark and records no used specimens. An exceptional and extremely rare pair in superb quality. Signed Bartels. Cert. Holcombe (1991) Gi = £ 12'000. Provenance: Corinphila sale 143, May 2005, lot 4770.				
		19i	△	4'000	(€ 3'600)



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3926	2½ d. on 10 pf. carmine, Setting 5, position 5, a used example showing variety "1 for "I" in G.R.I.", neatly cancelled by large part RABAU / NEW BRITAIN oval datestamp in violet (Gibbs type 8). Scarce and fine stamp. Signed Herbert Bloch Gi = £ 350+.	20		150	(€ 135)
3927	3 d. on 25 pf. black & red on yellow, 3 d. on 30 pf. black & orange on buff, 4 d. on 40 pf. black & carmine; all in unused blocks of four, fresh and fine, large part og. Scarce multiples Gi = £ 2'150+. Provenance: Corinphila sale 118, October 1999, lot 7154.	22+ 23+ 24	田*	350	(€ 315)
3928	3 d. on 25 pf. black & red on yellow, Setting 2, position 1, an unused example showing variety "Thick "3" in 3 d.", fresh and very fine, large part og. Just 20 examples can exist. A very scarce, somewhat under-catalogued stamp in superb quality. Signed Holcombe Gi = £ 600. Provenance: Collection Robert M. Gibbs, Corinphila sale 78, 27 Sept 1988, lot 1856.	22e	*	250	(€ 225)



Robert Martin Gibbs



3929

John Crichton-Stuart,
4th Marquess of Bute
1881-1947

Gibbons

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 3929** 3 d. on 30 pf. black & orange on buff, Setting 11, positions 4-5, the remarkable unused strip of three from lower right corner of the sheet with 'New-Guinea' imprint in margin, the first stamp from pos. 4, the second from pos. 5 and the third stamp with **"Missing Surcharge"** error, heavily reinforced on reverse but with part og., this of no great significance as this is the strip illustrated in the Gibbs handbook on page 84 and is unique. A spectacular rarity. Signed Hoffman Giesecke. Cert. BPA (2017) Gi = £ 13'000.

Provenance: Collection Marquess of Bute, RL, London, 29 April 1959, lot 130

Collection Lt. Col. J. R. Danson MC., RL, London, 7 Oct 1959, lot 254;

Collection Robert M. Gibbs, Corinphila sale 78, 27 Sept 1988, lot 1861;

Collection Tim Rybak, Prestige, Belgrave, April 2008, lot 107.

22h * **1'200** (€ 1'080)



3930

- 3930** 3 d. on 30 pf. black & orange-buff, Setting 2, positions 9-10, an unused single example marginal from right of sheet, showing position 9 on the stamp and position 10 overprint on the margin at right; fresh and fine, large part og. Superb appearance and most unusual.

23 * **250** (€ 225)



3931

- 3931** 3 d. on 30 pf. black & orange on buff, Setting 2, position 5, an unused example of good colour and centering showing variety **"No Stop After 3d."**, one blunted perf. at right otherwise fresh and very fine, large part og. A rare stamp. Cert. Gibbs (2004) Gi = £ 800.

23e * **250** (€ 225)



3932

Gibbons

Start price	Start price
in CHF	approx. €

- 3932** 3 d. on 30 pf. black & orange on buff, Setting 11, position 1, an unused example showing variety "**Surcharge Inverted**", of good colour and centering, fresh and very fine, natural gum bend of no importance, superb large part og. Gibbs records (page 82) just four unused examples with no used known to exist. An exceedingly rare stamp. Cert. BPA (1991) Gi = £ 10'000.

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3'000 (€ 2'700)

3934

- 3933** 4 d. on 40 pf. black & carmine, Setting 11, position 4, an unused example with **error of surcharge "1 d." instead of "4 d."**, well centred example of this rare variety, fresh and fine, large part og. Gibbs records, on page 86 that 10 unused examples are believed to exist. Rare and very fine stamp. Signed David Field. Cert. BPA (1985) Gi = £ 9'000.

24i

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2'500 (€ 2'250)

3933

- 3934** 4 d. on 40 pf. black & carmine, Setting 10, position 5, an unused example with **error of value "1 d." instead of "4 d."** and "**Surcharge Inverted**", a fine appearing example of good colour, with large part og. Slight thin at top of no great significance as this is the sole example of this error recorded (Gibbs #24gd, see page 87 in the handbook). A great rarity for the connoisseur. Unique. Cert. BPA (1991) Gi = £ 19'000.

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5'000 (€ 4'500)



3936



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- 3935** 5 d. on 50 pf. black & purple on buff, Setting 2, position 7, a used example of excellent colour and centering, variety "**Thin 5 in 5 d.**", the "5" being from a different font with straight top, tied to piece by oval RABAU / NEW BRITAIN datestamp (9 Jan 1915) in violet (Gibbs type 8), leaving the variety clear. Holcombe in his certificate records five examples, Gibbs states, on page 89 of the handbook, that just three examples are recorded in used condition and thus the stamp could be deemed a tad under-catalogued. Extremely rare and most attractive. Signed David Field. Cert. Holcombe (1989) Gi = £ 2'500.
Provenance: Collection Marquess of Bute, RL, London, 29 April 1959, lot 138.
Corinthila sale 80, March 1990, lot 6712.

- 3936** 5 d. on 50 pf. black & purple on buff, Setting 11, position 4, an unused example, variety "**Surcharge Double**", of good colour and centering, fresh and very fine, large part og. A very scarce stamp, Gibbs records, on page 88, a possible 20 unused examples from three different settings. Signed Herbert Bloch. Cert. BPA (1976) Gi = £ 4'500.

- 3937** 8 d. on 80 pf. black & carmine on rose, 5mm. spacing, a fine unused example of fresh colour, overprint with apparent 'small triangle' at base of 'd' of '8 d.'. Fresh and fine, superb og. An unusual stamp. Gibbs 26 var. Gi = £ 425.

Gibbons

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

25e △ **1'000** (€ 900)

25f * **1'200** (€ 1'080)

26 * **150** (€ 135)



3938



3939



John Crichton-Stuart,
4th Marquess of Bute
1881-1947

- 3938** 8 d. on 80 pf. black & carmine on rose, Setting 6, position 3, an unused example, variety "**Surcharge Double**", of good colour and centred slightly to top, fresh and very fine, large part og. A very scarce stamp, Gibbs records, on page 89, a possible 15 unused examples from two different settings. Signed Bothe. Cert. BPA (1987) Gi = £ 7'000.

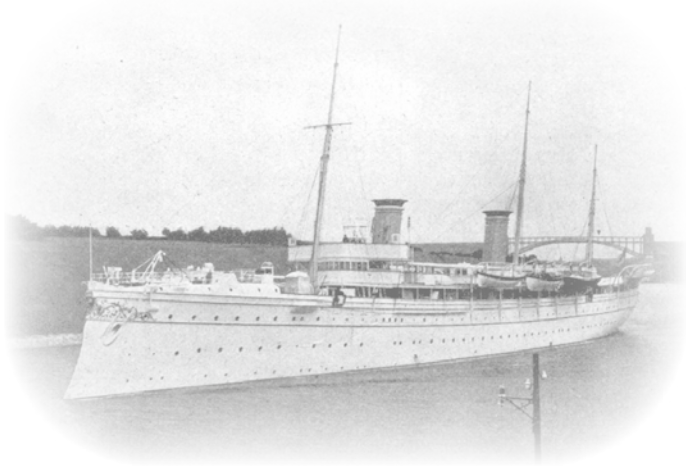
- 3939** 8 d. on 80 pf. black & carmine on rose, Setting 10, position 2, an unused example, marginal from top of sheet, variety "**Surcharge Triple**", of good colour and reasonable centering, all three surcharges being the same setting and position, fresh and fine, superb og. An extremely scarce stamp especially so with the sheet margin, Gibbs records, on page 89, a possible 15 unused examples from two different settings. Signed Herbert Bloch. Cert. Holcombe (1989) Gi = £ 9'500.

Provenance: Collection Marquess of Bute, RL, London, 29 April 1959, lot 139 (right hand stamp of the corner pair).

26e * **2'000** (€ 1'800)

26g **3'000** (€ 2'700)

1914, High Values



SMS 'Hohenzollern'



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3941

			Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
3940	1 s. on 1 m. carmine, Setting 2, position 1, an unused example, centred to lower right, of rich colour and fine, large part og., tiny hinge thin at top not detracting from appearance. Just 128 examples of both 1 mark stamps (Gi 12 and 27) were surcharged. A rare stamp. Cert. BPA (1980) Gi = £ 5'000. Provenance: Collection Robert M. Gibbs, Corinphila sale 78, 27 Sept 1988, lot 1902.		27	*	1'500	(€ 1'350)
3941	3 s. on 3 m. violet-black, Setting 7, probably position 4, an unused example, well centred and of excellent strong colour, fresh and very fine appearance, slightest of corner gum loss on reverse, otherwise superb og. Just 87 of the 3 mark value were surcharged (Gi 14 and 29). An exceedingly rare stamp. Cert. Holcombe (1996) Gi = £ 10'000. Provenance: Corinphila sale 83, Sept 1991, lot 7989. Harmers, London, 29 Jan 1997, lot 924.		29	*	2'000	(€ 1'800)

1915, Provisional Issue



Australian Naval & Military Expeditionary Forces



3942

Gibbons Start price in CHF Start price approx. €

3942 1 d. on 2 d. on 10 pf. carmine, Setting 1 position 9, a fine unused example of excellent colour and centering with "**Large 1 superimposed over 2 of 2 d.**", an unrecorded example from this position of the Setting. Gibbs, page 92, recorded four examples (two unused from positions 3 and 7, positions 8 and 10 on cover, ex Bute), and it is likely that this is the final 'missing' example from the Setting and that just the five stamps were actually surcharged. Fresh and very fine with superb large part og. A great rarity in wonderful condition. Cert. RPS (1966), BPA (1996) Gi = £ 28'000.

31 * 10'000 (€ 9'000)

1915, Registration Labels Surcharged for Postage



3943



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- 3943** 'GRI / 3d.' on Rabaul label (#773), Setting E, position 3, a fine used example cancelled by 'Stephansort' cds in black (Gibbs type 6), fresh and fine with some gum intact on reverse, illustrated in Gibbs on page 56. Scarce stamp Gi = £ 325.

Gibbons

Start price
in CHF

Start price
approx. €

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120

(€ 110)



3944

- 3944** 'GRI / 3d.' on Rabaul labels (# 816/811), Setting C, positions 5/5, the fine unused vertical pair, with no hyphen in Deutsch Neuguinea, upper stamp with variety "**GRI / 3 d., Surcharge Double**", with the second 3 d. surcharge struck between both stamps, the lower label with normal surcharge; fresh and very fine with large part og. Corner bend on no real significance, an extremely rare and attractive variety. Cert. Holcombe (1992) Gi = £ 5'275+.

Provenance: Corinphila sale 84, Oct 1992, lot 6376.

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1'500

(€ 1'350)

- 3945** 'GRI / 3d.' on Rabaul label, (#848), Setting E, position 4, a fine unused example, trimmed at top, showing variety "**No bracket after Deutsch-Neuguinea**", fresh and fine with large part og. Gi = £ 1'500.

Provenance: Corinphila sale 118, Oct 1999, lot 7157.

33de

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400

(€ 360)



3946

- 3946** 'GRI / 3d.' on Rabaul label (#162), variety "No bracket after Neuguinea", with further variety: 'GRI / 3d.' overprint in black double, an unused example with minor crease on top left corner perforation, otherwise fresh and very fine, unused without gum. An exceedingly rare stamp: just two unused examples of the "Double Overprint" variety are recorded, this stamp certainly unique with the 'missing bracket' variety. A rarity for the specialist. Cert. Ceremuga (2018) Gi = £ 16'000+.

33da/de var

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5'000

(€ 4'500)



*Fred Hagen
Stamp Importer and
Philatelic Publisher in
Sydney*

3947

Gibbons

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 3947** Registered cover to Fred Hagen in Sydney, trimmed at right, franked by January 1915 3 d. "Rabaul" registration stamp, Australia Kangaroo 2 d. grey perforated 'O.S.' and North West Pacific Islands 1 d. and 2 d. all tied by oval framed RABAU datestamps (June 8, 1915) in violet with PASSED BY CENSOR below. Central file fold just away from adhesives but a rare franking.

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300 (€ 270)



3948

- 3948** 'GRI / 3d.' on Friedrich-Wilhelmshafen labels (#380-379 / 375-374), Setting B, positions 1-2 / 1-2, (Deutsch Neuguinea), a fine unused block of four, without gum, very minor wrinkles but a rare and extremely fine multiple GI = £ 1'000+.

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350 (€ 315)



3949

- 3949** 'GRI / 3d.' on Herbertshöhe label (#689), Setting A, position 2, an unused example with '(Deutsch - Neuguinea)' with hyphen, fresh and fine, unused without gum. Signed Holcombe GI = £ 500.

36e



180 (€ 160)

- 3950** 'GRI / 3d.' on Herbertshöhe labels (#467 / 462), Setting B, positions 4/4, a fine unused vertical pair, without gum and minor diagonal crease that does not detract from appearance, both stamps with variety "No Stop 3 d.". Rare and attractive multiple. Signed Holcombe GI = £ 1'000.

36a



350 (€ 315)



3950



Surrender of German troops in Herbertshöhe



3951

Gibbons
Start price in CHF Start price approx. €

3951 'GRI / 3d.' on Herbertshöhe labels (#592-591), Setting HB, position 10, the famous unused horizontal pair with variety **"Surcharge Omitted in pair with Normal"**, with left hand example normal and right hand example with surcharge entirely omitted, the pair with minor corner crease at lower left of 592 and sensible reinforcement hinge and without gum. However, this is the pair mentioned in the Gibbs handbook on pages 60 and 100, and is entirely unique. A great rarity and a stunning variety. Cert. BPA (2017) Gi = £ 18'000.

36+ 36d (*) **10'000** (€ 9'000)



3952

3952 'GRI / 3d.' on Kawieng labels (#47-46 / 42-41) on thicker paper, Setting B, positions 4-5/4-5, a fine unused block of four with 'Deutsch Neu-Guinea', the left hand vertical pair each with surcharge variety "No Stop after d.", fresh and very fine, without gum. A scarce and most attractive multiple. Cert. BPA (1991) Gi = £ 1'750+.

37b+ 37ba 田(*) **500** (€ 450)



Commonwealth Bank of Australia opened its first branch in Kāwieng mainly to serve the needs of the military administration and the Australian soldiers



3953



John Crichton-Stuart,
4th Marquess of Bute
1881-1947

	Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
3953	'GRI / 3d.' on Kāwieng labels (#967-966 / 962-961 / 957-956 / 952-951), Setting A, positions 5-6 repeated, an unused block of eight 'Deutsch Neu-Guinea', with the varieties "Double Surcharge - "3d." Only Doubled", on stamps 967 and 966, together with stamp 966 showing "No Hyphen between Neu and Guinea" (this being mentioned in Gibbs on page 101 as unique if located, and as yet unlisted by Stanley Gibbons), a splendid multiple, some blunting of the perforations at right, otherwise fresh and fine, unused without gum. Just five stamps with the "Double Surcharge" variety exist and label 966 is entirely unique. A splendid and very rare multiple for the connoisseur. Cert. Holcombe (1999) Gi = £ 17'950+.		
	37+ 37b+ 37bc+ 37 var	田(*) 10'000	(€ 9'000)
Provenance: Collection Marquess of Bute, RL, London, 29 April 1959, lot 256.			



3954



3955

Gibbons

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 3954** 'GRI / 3d.' on Kieta labels (#27-26 / 22-21), Setting B, positions 4-5/4-5, an unused block of four 'Deutsch - Neuguinea', left hand stamps both showing the variety **"No Stop after d."**, fresh and fine, with large part og. A rare and attractive positional multiple in the foremost quality. Signed Holcombe Gi = £ 2'600.

38+ 38b

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750 (€ 675)

- 3955** 'GRI / 3d.' on Kieta labels (#286 / 282), Setting B, positions 4/4, an unused vertical pair 'Deutsch - Neuguinea', both stamps with variety **"No Stop after d."**, the upper stamp also showing **"Broken leg to K" of "Kieta"**, fresh and very fine unused, without gum. Scarce and fine pair. Cert. RPSL (1962) Gi = £ 1'700+.

38b var +
38b

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500 (€ 450)

3956



3957

- 3956** 'GRI / 3d.' on Kieta labels (#200/195), Setting H, positions 1/6, an unused vertical pair 'Deutsch - Neuguinea', upper stamp with manuscript pen mark across the value, lower stamp with variety **"G of G.R.I. Omitted"**, and also part of the 'stop' after 'G', fresh and very fine with one pulled perf at left, a famous pair, mentioned in the Gibbs handbook on page 102, this being the sole example recorded with this error. Exceptional and of extreme importance to GRI philately. Unique. Cert. BPA (2017) Gi = £ 8'450.

Provenance: Collection Tim Rybak, Belgrave, Melbourne, 26 April 2008, lot 129.

38+ 38f

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4'000 (€ 3'600)

- 3957** 'GRI / 3d.' on Stephansort labels (#958 / 953), Setting G, positions 3/8, a used vertical pair 'Deutsch Neu-Guinea', cancelled by central strike of 'Stephansort' datestamp (Gibbs type 6) in black. Note also the dropped 'e' in 'Deutsch' on the lower stamp. Scarce and very fine multiple, just 50 labels were overprinted for postage from this setting (numbered between 951 and 1000), Gibbs stating on page 103 of the handbook, that no unused examples are recorded, this being one of just three known multiples. Cert. Holcombe (1993) Gi = £ 8'500.

Provenance: Corinphila sale 87, Oct 1993, lot 2496.

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2'500 (€ 2'250)

3958



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- 3958** 'GRI / 3d.' on Friedrich Wilhelmshafen (with serifs) label (#862), Setting B, position 4, an unused example, 'Deutsch - Neuguinea', showing variety **"No stop after d."**, and further breaks under "De" of "Deutsch", perfs. somewhat blunted all round, fresh and very fine, with large part og. A scarce stamp. Opinion Holcombe (1995) Gi = £ 450.

41b

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150 (€ 135)

- 3959** 'GRI / 3d.' on Kāwieng (with serifs) label (#77), Setting B, position 4, a fine unused example showing variety **"No Stop after d."**, fresh and fine, without gum. A scarce stamp. Cert. BPA (1998) Gi = £ 475.

42a

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200 (€ 180)

Stamps of Marshall Islands surcharged
1914, G.R.I. and Value 5 mm apart



3960



3961



Robert Martin Gibbs

- 3960

1 d. on 5 pf. green, a used horizontal pair on small piece, cancelled by MOROBE / 31 MRZ 1915 datestamp in brownish ink, cancellation unrecorded by Gibbs. Rare and most unusual piece.
- 3961

2 d. on 10 pf. carmine, Setting 2, position 1, an unused example showing variety "No Stop after "G" in G.R.I.", a fresh and fine example with large part og. Gibbs states, on page 115 of the handbook that this variety is 'comparatively rare' as the flaw only came about during the final stages of Setting 2. Illustrated in the handbook on page 115. A rare and most appealing stamp. Signed Holcombe $G_i = £ 850$.
Provenance: Collection Robert M. Gibbs, Corinthila sale 78, 27 Sept 1988, lot 1981.

Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
51	△	200	(€ 180)
52e	*	300	(€ 270)



3962

- 3962

2 d. on 10 pf. carmine, Setting 2, a used horizontal pair on 1915 philatelic cover addressed to Victoria, neatly tied by RABAUL / NEW BRITAIN oval datestamp (Jan 4, 1915) struck in violet (Gibbs type 8), with manuscript Censor at lower left "Passed C.W.C." in red ink. Slight closed tear in envelope at upper left and the cover probably never travelled, however a very rare issue on letter.
Provenance: Corinthila sale 143, May 2005, lot 4775.



Government House in Rabaul

52	✉	200	(€ 180)
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3963



3964



3965

Gibbons

Start price
in CHFStart price
approx. €

- 3963** 2 d. on 20 pf. ultramarine, Setting 2, positions 9-10, a used horizontal pair with the right hand stamp showing variety "**Surcharge Double**" running diagonally across the upper right corner, fresh and very fine, large part og. A scarce variety, Gibbs estimates that just 20 examples exist. Illustrated in Gibbs handbook on page 118. Signed Holcombe. Cert. BPA (2017) Gi = £ 4'000+.

Provenance: Collection Robert M. Gibbs, Corinphila sale 78, 27 Sept 1988, lot 1992.

53+ 53g

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1'200 (€ 1'080)

- 3964** 3 d. on 25 pf. black & red on yellow, Setting 2, position 2, a used example of good colour, fresh and fine, cancelled by large part RABAU / NEW BRITAIN oval datestamp (Gibbs type 8) in violet. A scarce stamp. Signed A. Diena, David Field. Cert. BPA (2018). Gi = £ 550.

Provenance: Collection Marquess of Bute, RL, London, 29 April 1959

Collection Mathew Bennett, New York, 12 Nov 2004, lot 163.

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150

(€ 135)

- 3965** 3 d. on 25 pf. black & red on yellow, an unused example, well centred and of good colour, showing variety "**Surcharge Double**", fresh and fine, slight corner crease not affecting appearance, large part og. A scarce stamp, Gibbs, on page 117 of the handbook estimates that only 20 unused examples can exist. Signed Herbert Bloch, David Field. Cert. BPA (2017) Gi = £ 4'250.

Provenance: Collection Marquess of Bute, RL, London, 29 April 1959, lot 166.

Spink, London, 9-10 March 2005, lot 1102.

54g

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1'000

(€ 900)



3966



3967



3968



3969

- 3966** 3 d. on 30 pf. black & orange on buff, Setting 10, position 1, an unused example with variety "**Surcharge Inverted**", of good colour and centering, fresh and fine, large part og. Gibbs estimates, on page 119 of the handbook, that just 5 unused examples can exist. An extremely rare stamp. Cert. BPA (2017) Gi = £ 9'000.

Provenance: Spink, London, 14 Dec 2004, lot 795.

55g

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2'500 (€ 2'250)

- 3967** 4 d. on Marshall Islands 40 pf. black & carmine, Setting II with variety 'No Stop after "d" in 4 d.', fresh and fine unused example with full unmounted og. A scarce stamp. Gibbs 7a, Gi = £ 425.

56e

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180

(€ 160)

- 3968** 4 d. on 40 pf. black & carmine, Setting 10, position 4/4, an unused vertical pair, showing variety "**Surcharge Double**" on the upper stamp with lower stamp normal, fresh and fine, large part og. A very attractive and scarce multiple, Gibbs, on page 119 of the handbook estimates that only 10 unused examples can exist, this example illustrated in the handbook on page 118. Signed Holcombe, Kilian. Cert. BPA (2017) Gi = £ 7'000+.

Provenance: Collection Marquess of Bute, RL, London, 29 April 1959, lot 168.

Collection Robert M. Gibbs, Corinphila sale 78, 27 Sept 1988, lot 2014.

56+ 56g

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2'500

(€ 2'250)

- 3969** 5 d. on 50 pf. black & purple on buff, Setting 2, position 5, an unused example of good colour, showing variety "**d. in 5d. Omitted**", fresh and fine, superb large part og. A very rare stamp and a most appealing variety. Signed Bühler. Cert. RPSL (1976) Gi = £ 2'000.

Provenance: Spink, London, 6 June 2003, lot 220.

57f

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750

(€ 675)



3970



3971

Gibbons

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 3970** 5 d. on 50 pf. black & purple on buff, Setting 10, position 4, an unused example with variety "**Surcharge Double**", both surcharges from the same position, of good colour and centering, light natural gum bend, fresh and fine, large part og. Gibbs records, on page 120 of the handbook, just 3 unused examples. An extremely rare stamp. Cert. BPA (2017) Gi = £ 10'000.

Provenance: Harmers, London, 24 Aug 1998, lot 3371.

57g * **3'000** (€ 2'700)

- 3971** 8 d. on 80 pf. black & carmine on rose, Setting 11, position 5, an unused example with variety "**Surcharge Inverted**", of good colour and centering, fresh and fine, large part og. Gibbs records, on page 120 of the handbook, just 4 unused examples. An immensely rare stamp. Cert. BPA (2017) Gi = £ 11'000.

Provenance: Spink, London, 14 Dec 2004, lot 802.

58h * **3'000** (€ 2'700)

1914, High Values G.R.I. and Value 3½ - 4mm apart



3972



Robert Martin Gibbs



3973

- 3972** 1 s. on 1 m. carmine, Setting 3, position 2, a fine used example, well centred, on small piece, tied by RABAU / NEW BRITAIN datestamp (Jan 4, 1915) in violet (Gibbs type 8). The stamp of fresh colour and superb. Only 133 stamps were surcharged. Illustrated in the Gibbs handbook on page 121. A wonderful example of a very rare stamp. Signed Holcombe. Cert. BPA (2017) Gi = £ 5'000.

Provenance: Collection Robert M. Gibbs, Corinthila, sale 78, 27 Sept 1988, lot 2032.

Harmers, London, 21 Sept 1994, lot 1598.

59 △ **1'000** (€ 900)

- 3973** 2 s. on 2 m. blue, Setting 3, position 3, a fine used example, well centred and of good rich colour, tied to small piece by complete strike of RABAU / NEW BRITAIN datestamp (Jan 1, 1915) struck in violet (Gibbs type 8). A scarce stamp, just 245 of this value were surcharged and much rarer used than unused. Signed Holcombe Gi = £ 4'000.

Provenance: Collection Robert M. Gibbs, Corinthila, sale 78, 27 Sept 1988, lot 2035.

Harmers, London, 28 Jan 1998, lot 1535.

60 △ **1'200** (€ 1'080)



3974



3975

- 3974** 2 s. on 2 m. blue, Setting 3, positions 1-2, an unused horizontal pair, marginal from the lower left corner of the sheet, diagonal crease in margin only, well centred and of vibrant rich colour, fresh and very fine with large part og. Second stamp showing variety "**No Stop after 'I' in G.R.I.**". Just 245 stamps surcharged, a wonderful and extremely scarce multiple. Cert. Holcombe (1991) Gi = £ 5'400+.

Provenance: Corinphila sale 84, Oct 1992, lot 6412.

- 3975** 3 s. on 3 m. violet-black, Setting 3, position 1, an unused example centred to left, of good rich colour, without gum. A very rare stamp with only 87 examples surcharged. Signed Brun, Champion, Holcombe Gi = £ 6'500.

Provenance: Corinphila sale 83, Sept 1991, lot 8055.

Gibbons

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

60+ 60b * **2'000** (€ 1'800)

61 (*) **1'000** (€ 900)



3976

- 3976** 5 s. on 5 m. carmine & black, Setting 3, position 2, a fine unused example of good strong colour, centred to lower right with variety "**No Stop after 'I' in G.R.I. Replaced**", fine large part og. Just 72 stamps were surcharged and the 'Replaced Stop' presumably can be found on only 18 examples. Rare and most unusual stamp. Certs. BPA (1935 and 1958), Holcombe (1997) Gi = £ 14'000.

62 var * **4'000** (€ 3'600)



3977

- 3977** 5 s. on 5 m. carmine & black, Setting 3, position 1, a fine used example of good strong colour, well centred, used on small part piece and cancelled by complete RABAUL / NEW BRITAIN datestamp (Jan 22, 1915) in violet (Gibbs type 8). Fine and attractive usage of this exceedingly rare stamp. Cert. BPA (2017) Gi = £ 15'000.

62 △ **4'000** (€ 3'600)

1915, Provisional Issue G.R.I. and Value 5 - 6 mm apart



3978



3979



3980



Robert Martin Gibbs

3978 1 d. on 2 d. on 20 pf. ultramarine, Setting 2, position 1, a fine unused example with sheet margin at left, slightest of diagonal bends at top and the sheet margin reinforced with hinge, a fine og. example of an extremely rare stamp. Signed Herbert Bloch. Cert. BPA (2017) Gi = £ 4'000.

3979 1 d. on 3 pf. brown, Setting 7, position 4, a fine unused example but for slight surface scuff on 'M' of 'Marshall', fresh and fine, large part og. A very rare Setting and stamp: supplies of the 3 pf. ran out during the printing of the last Provisional issue. Signed Holcombe. Cert. BPA (2017) Gi = £ 3'500.

Provenance: Collection Robert M. Gibbs, Corinthia sale 78, 27 Sept 1988, lot 2057.

3980 1 d. on 5 pf. green, Setting 12, position E, a fine used example showing **variety "I" for "1" in value**, cancelled by oval RABAU / NEW BRITAIN datestamp in violet (Gibbs type 8). An extremely rare stamp. Cert. BPA (1960) Gi = £ 4'250.

Provenance: Collection Marquess of Bute, RL, London, 29 April 1959.

Collection Robert M. Gibbs, Corinthia sale 78, 27 Sept 1988, lot 2061.

Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
64	*	800	(€ 720)
64c	*	1'000	(€ 900)
64dd		1'000	(€ 900)



3981

3981 2 d. on 10 pf. carmine, Setting 12, position E, an unused example of good colour, centred to lower right, with surcharge error **"G.R.I. / 2 d. struck Sideways and Reading up"**, fresh and very fine with large part og. An extremely scarce stamp with very few known examples. Cert. BPA (2017) Gi = £ 16'000.

Provenance: Spink, London, 12 Dec 2004, lot 806.

64ea * 5'000 (€ 4'500)



John Crichton-Stuart,
4th Marquess of Bute
1881-1947



3982



3983

3982 2 d. on 20 pf. ultramarine, Setting 12, position E (with defective "I" in G.R.I.), a fine unused example of excellent colour and centering, fresh and fine appearance, one light tone spot on large part og. A rare stamp, Gibbs states 'a few copies have been recorded'. Signed David Field, Holcombe. Cert. BPA (2017) Gi = £ 4'000.

Provenance: Collection Marquess of Bute, RL, London, 29 April 1959.

Corinthia sale 118, Oct 1999, lot 7204.

3983 8 d. on 80 pf. black & carmine, a fresh unused example of excellent colour and centering from a late setting, superb large part og. An extremely rare stamp. Ex Holcombe. Cert. Ceremuga (2018) Gi = £ 7'500.

64f * 1'000 (€ 900)
64m * 2'000 (€ 1'800)



Post Office in Jaluit



3984



Robert Martin Gibbs

Gibbons
Start price in CHF Start price approx. €

3984 1 s. on 1 m. carmine, Setting 5B, a fine unused example centred slightly to left, of excellent fresh colour and large part og. Illustrated in the Gibbs handbook on page 126. A superb example of this extremely rare stamp in the foremost quality. Signed Holcombe. Cert. BPA (2017) Gi = £ 17'000.
Provenance: Collection Robert M. Gibbs, Corinphila sale 78, 27 Sept 1988, lot 2078.

64n * **7'500** (€ 6'750)



3985

3985 2 s. on 2 m. blue, Setting 5B, a fine unused example with variety "Large "S" in 5 s.", the "S" from a different font, centred slightly to right, of superb appearance with vivid colour and superb large part og. A wonderfully fresh example of this great rarity: Gibbs states, on page 127 of the 1987 handbook "the Large "S" variety may exist but it has not been recorded to date". This being the first and only example recorded. Unique. Cert. BPA (2000) Gi = £ 19'000.

64oa * **7'500** (€ 6'750)



*John Chrichton-Stuart
(1881-1947)
4th Marquis of Bute*



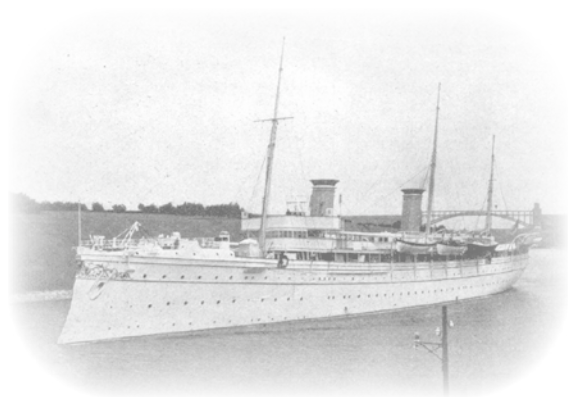
3986

Gibbons

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

3986 3 s. on 3 m. violet-black, clearly from Setting 7 as this is a very clean-cut surcharge, a fine unused example showing variety **"Surcharge Inverted"**, centred to left and with excellent colour, minor natural aging and gum bend with large part og. A magnificent stamp, illustrated in Gibbons on page 125 who states 'One unused example has been recorded to date, it is ex Bute'. A splendid and unique variety. Signed David Field. Cert. BPA (2017) Gi = £ 65'000.
*Provenance: Collection Marquess of Bute, RL, London, 29 April 1959, lot 229.
Collection Tim Rybak, Belgrave, Melbourne, 26 April 2008, lot 170.*

64pe * **25'000** (€ 22'500)



SMS 'Hohenzollern'



3987

3987 5 s. on 5 m. carmine & black, Setting 5B, a fine unused example of good centering and fresh colour, paper perhaps a tad aged, large part somewhat browned og. Illustrated in Gibbs on page 126. A magnificent example of this rare stamp, just 30 examples surcharged. Signed Herbert Bloch, A. Diena, Holcombe, Kilian. Cert. BPA (2017) $G_i = \pounds 38'000$.
Provenance: Collection Robert M. Gibbs, Corinphila sale 78, 27 Sept 1988, lot 2081. Harmers, London, 24 July 1997, lot 225.

Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
64q	* 10'000	(€ 9'000)

1915, Official Issue G.R.I. and Value 3½ mm apart



3988

3988 'O.S. / GRI' 1 d. on 3 pf. brown, Setting 3, a fine unused block of six (3 x 2) from upper right corner of the sheet, positions 8-10/18-20, showing variety "1 and "d." spaced" on the left hand vertical pair, fresh and fine, trivial gum bend on first stamp and slightest of aging on unmounted og. A fine and scarce positional multiple Gi = £ 300+.

Gibbons			Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
O1+ O1a	田**	150	(€ 135)	



3989

3989 'O.S. / GRI' 1 d. on 3 pf. brown, Setting 3, the famous vertical pair, marginal from base of sheet with "Guinea" imprint, upper stamp with variety "**Surcharge Double**", lower stamp normal, fresh and very fine with superb og. Gibbs states that the double surcharges were all found on the same sheet in vertical pairs from horizontal row 9 (page 106-107 in the handbook) and traces 9 existing examples. Illustrated in Gibbs on page 106. A wonderful and rare pair, in the foremost quality. Signed Herbert Bloch, Hermann-Giesecke. Cert. BPA (1981) Gi = £ 5'500+.
*Provenance: Collection Colonel E. H. R. Green, Harmer Rooke, New York, 25-29 March 1946, lot 869.
Corinthila sale 80, March 1990, lot 6731.*



Col. E. H. R. Green

O1+ O1b	*	2'000	(€ 1'800)
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3990



3991

- 3990** 'O.S. / GRI' 1 d. on 3 pf. brown and 1 d. on 5 pf. green, each in unused horizontal pairs, fresh and fine og., together with 1 d. on 3 pf. used on piece tied by 'Rabaul / New Britain' datestamp in violet, and 1 d. on 5 pf. green tied to small piece by 'Rabaul' cds in black Gi = £ 475+.
- 3991** 'O.S. / GRI' 1 d. on 5 pf. green, Setting 3, an unused strip of five from top right corner of the sheet positions 6-10, showing on position 8 the variety "1 and "d." spaced", fresh and fine but for splitting between second and third stamp, unmounted og. Scarce positional multiple Gi = £ 600.

Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
O1+ O2	△*	100	(€ 90)
O2+ O2a	**	200	(€ 180)



Mess Hall in Rabaul



3992

- 3992** 'O.S. / GRI' 1 d. on 3 pf. brown, Setting 3, position 6 (with surcharge shifted to left), used on local envelope written by Captain Fry and mailed within Rabaul, tied by RABAUL / NEW BRITAIN datestamp (17 Oct 1915) in violet (Gibbs type 8). Straight line CENSORED at left also in violet. An extremely scarce issue on letter. Signed Holcombe. Cert. BPA (1980).
- 3993** The collection with October 1914 1 d. on 3 pf. to 8 d. on 80 pf. unused, 2 d. on 20 pf. pair on small piece used on first day of issue in Rabaul, December 1914 1 d. on 3 pf. unused (one with Holcombe opinion), 1 d. on 5 pf. green unused (5), 2 d. on 10 pf. carmine unused, 2½ d. on 10 pf. carmine unused (4) and used (2); overprinted on Marshall Islands Dec 1914 set of nine values from 1 d. on 3 pf. to 8 d. on 80 pf. (ex Harmers, November 1994) fine unused, 1 d. on 5 pf. green with unused (4, one with BPA cert.) and used, 2 d. on 20 pf. ultramarine unused (Opinion Holcombe), 3 d. on 25 pf. used (signed Kilian), provisional Jan 1915 1 d. on 2 d. on 10 pf. carmine unused and used. Generally fine, a scarce assembly (48 items).

O1	✉	500	(€ 450)
1-63		750	(€ 675)

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Lakatoi - Essays & Proofs



Lakatoi of Papua New Guinea

3994

Gibbons

Start price
in CHF

Start price
approx. €

3994 1901: De La Rue working Die Proof in deep black of the vignette only inset on surfaced paper (63 x 61 mm.), with manuscript at top "*British New Guinea*", dated on the Proof "*11 - 21 Jan 1901*" and again dated at base "*19 Jan*" in pencil, with small blue crayon tick of approval at right in blue crayon. Cleaned from necessity at lower right but a beautiful and extremely rare Proof for the connoisseur of the issue.
Provenance: Collection Tom Belknap (1987);
Collection Peter Troy, Prestige, Belgrave, 28 July 2009, lot 2034.

1 Proof

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1'500

(€ 1'350)



3995

3995 1900/05: De La Rue engraved Plate Proofs (7), imperforate on ungummed unwatermarked paper without value tablet, with completed central Lakatoi vignette in black on each, the near complete set of seven in the adopted colours of yellow-green (½ d.), violet (2 d.), ultramarine (2½ d.), sepia (4 d.), myrtle-green (6 d.), orange (1 s.) and brown (2 s. 6 d.); largely fresh and very fine, a scarce and attractive assembly of great scarcity.

1/8 Proofs

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3'000

(€ 2'700)

Lakatoi - Issued Stamps



3996



Gibbons

Start price
in CHFStart price
approx. €

- 3996** 1901/05: Lakatoi first issue, the complete set of eight values in unused blocks of four, all except the 2 s. 6 d. value in matching top right hand corner blocks, slight scuff on the 1 s. block but largely fresh and fine, large part or unmounted og. A scarce set Gi = £ 3'400+.

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750

(€ 675)



3997

- 3997** Lakatoi 2½ d. black & dull blue, wmk. horizontal, thick paper, line perf. 14, a fine unused example of this rare shade, well centred, large part og. Gi = £ 900.
Provenance: Collection 'Dr. Gyp' (Ettore Pedrazzo), Adriano Landini, Milan, 14 Feb 1992, lot 2411.

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200

(€ 180)



3998

- 3998** 1902: Registered cover to USA franked by 1901 ½ d. black & yellow-green (2), 1 d. black & carmine (2), 2 d. black & violet and 2½ d. black & ultramarine cancelled by "BNG" obliterations and by 'Port Moresby' cds (July 31). Reverse with Cooktown cds, Brisbane (Aug 12) transit, and re-addressed on arrival from Tacoma to Boston via Springfield (Sept 11). A rare and attractive first issue cover, together with a 1933 registered Iremonger cover with 1932 OS Official 9 d. lilac and violet (Gi 032) cancelled at Buna Bay.

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250

(€ 225)



3999



4000



4001

Gibbons

Start price
in CHFStart price
approx. €

- 3999** 1901/05: Lakatoi 4 d. black & sepia, wmk. vertical, thick paper, a fine unused example of excellent centering and colour, showing variety **"Deformed d" at left**, from position 18 on the sheet, pencil annotations on large part og. A scarce stamp Gi = £ 600.
- 4000** Lakatoi 4 d. black & sepia, wmk. vertical on thin paper, comb perf., an unused example with variety **"Deformed d" at left**, fresh and very fine with superb og. A rare stamp Gi = £ 3'250.
- 4001** Lakatoi 2 s. 6 d. black & brown on thin paper with vertical wmk., comb perf. 14, a fine unused example with large part og. A scarce stamp. Signed A. Diena.

13a	*	120	(€ 110)
13ba	*	750	(€ 675)
16a	*	200	(€ 180)



4002



4003



4005

- 4002** 1907: Lakatoi 1/2 d. black & yellow-green, overprinted small **"Papua"** in black, wmk. vertical, comb perf. 14 on thin paper, a fine unused example showing variety **"Overprint Double"**. Overprints close together but clearly doubled, fresh and very fine, large part og. Cert. G. Bühler (1986) Gi = £ 3'500.
- 4003** Lakatoi 1 d. black & carmine, overprinted small **"Papua"** in black, wmk. vertical, comb perf. 14 on thin paper, a used example with sheet margin at right showing the variety **"Overprint Reading Upwards"**, neatly cancelled by Port Moresby datestamp in black. A rare and most appealing stamp. Cert. BPA (1998) Gi = £ 4'500.
- 4004** No Lot
- 4005** 1907/10: 2 d. black & purple, Jan 1910 printing, perf. compound 11 and 12 1/2, a fine unused example, marginal from left of sheet, position 11 with Retouch on top of Hill at right, fresh and very fine, large part og. A superb example of this very scarce stamp Gi = £ 1'700+.
Provenance: Collection 'Dr. Gyp' (Ettore Pedrazzo), Adriano Landini, Milan, 14 November 1992, lot 2452.
- 4006** 1901/39: Unused collection with vertical watermark values to 1 s., 1906 values (Gi 17/26) fine unused including duplication and 'White Leaves' varieties, 1907 issue with line perf. 2 s. 6 d. pair with one stamp showing inverted 'd' for 'p' in 'Papua' opt., 1907/10 with 2 s. 6 d. (4), perf. 11 with values to 12 s. incl. varieties with some ex Dr. Gyp (Pedrazzo) collection; perf. 12 1/2 set of four incl. 4 d. with Deformed "d" variety; 1909/10 perf. 11 complete set with additional varieties, 1909/10 perf. 12 1/2 complete set with additional varieties incl. 2 1/2 d. with thin 'd'; 1910 large Papua set of nine complete and additional varieties (most ex 'Gyp'); 1911/15 set complete and additional shades and varieties; 1916/31 extensive selection with many multiples and varieties including a sheet of 40 of the 1 d. grey-black & red, 3 d. error of colour but with toned perf. at right, 6 d. in marginal block with one stamp showing POSTAGE variety, further imprint strips etc.; 1931/32 Official set complete etc. Generally fine to very fine, an exceptional collection.
- 4007** 1916/31: 4 d. light brown & orange, a complete sheet of 40 subjects (5 x 8), with full JOHN ASH imprint perforated through at base, position 2 with 'rift in sky' flaw, fresh and fine, large part or unmounted og. Gi = £ 800+.
- 4008** No Lot

38a	*	750	(€ 675)
39a		1'000	(€ 900)
73	*	300	(€ 270)
9-167	田*/**	2'000	(€ 1'800)
99a	*/**	180	(€ 160)

Later Issues



4009

Gibbons

Start price in CHF Start price approx. €

4009→ 1929/30: Ash Airmail 3 d. black & blue-green on white paper, an unused horizontal pair with large part JOHN ASH imprint, showing variety: "Air Mail overprint Omitted in Horizontal Pair with Normal". Diagonal pre-printing paper fold which probably caused the variety, fresh and fine, large part og. A very rare pair. Cert. BPA (1998) Gi = £ 8'000.

114a

2'000 (€ 1'800)



4010

4010→ Ash Airmail 3 d. black & blue-green on white paper, an unused block of four with lower pair showing variety: "Air Mail overprint Omitted in Vertical Pair with Normal", positions 9-10/14-15 on the sheet of 30 subjects. Fresh and very fine, with superb large part og. A remarkable and extremely rare multiple. Cert. Ceremuga (2018) Gi = £ 15'000+.

114b

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4'000 (€ 3'600)



4011

- 4011→** 1930: Harrison printing 3 d. sepia-black & bright blue-green on yellowish paper, overprinted 'Plane & Air Mail' in carmine, an unused sheet marginal block of four from the J. G. Spychiger sheet, positions 21-22/26-27, one light age spot in margin, fresh and fine somewhat browned gum, with lower pair unmounted og. Extremely rare and attractive multiple. Cert. Ceremuga (2018) Gi = £ 15'000+.
- 4012→** Airmail 6 d. dull & pale purple optd. in carmine, a fine unused sheet of 40 subjects, with full T. S. HARRISON imprint at base, showing position 32 with POSTAGE for POSTAGE error, position 38 showing 'Dot in first 'P' of Papua', fresh and fine, large part or unmounted og.

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approx. €

115 田*/**

4'000 (€ 3'600)

116+ 116a 田*/**

150 (€ 135)



4013

- 4013→** Airmail 1 s. sepia & olive, overprint in carmine, a fine unused example, variety "**Overprint Inverted**", fresh and very fine colour, superb large part og. A superb example of an extremely rare stamp. Signed Kessler, Sanabria. Cert. Ceremuga (2018) Gi = £ 15'000.

117a

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5'000 (€ 4'500)