

POSTAL HISTORY OF NEPAL

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View of the Kathmandu Valley

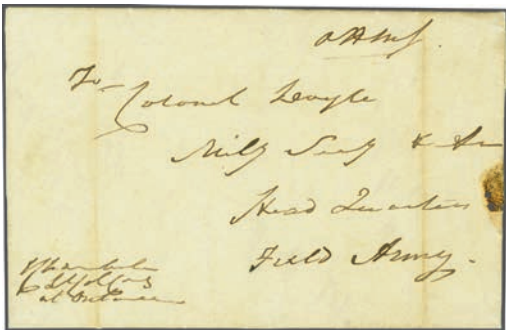
Nepal: Royal Documents



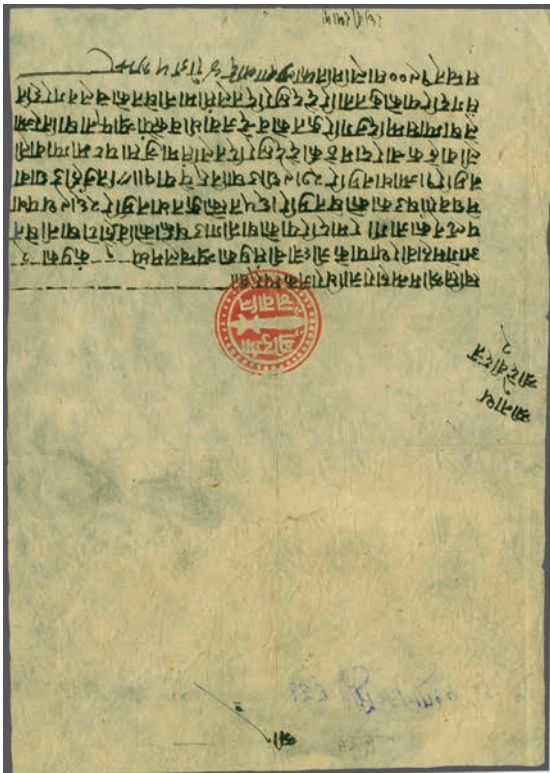
King Rana Bahadur Shaw



1189



1191



1190

		Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
1189	1777/99: King Rana Bahadur Shaw, cover bearing the Royal Seal of Nepal (first united by the King's grandfather), beautifully struck in bright red reading in Devanagari script "Shreed Nathasya Nayab shree 5 Maharje Rana Bahadoor Sama Sher Jung" and addressed in Persian, the court language of most Asian countries at this date, on obverse. Some minor imperfections as to be expected due to age but of great rarity.	✉	350	(€ 355)
1190	1872: Royal document bearing the circular red "Lal Mohur" seal handstamp reading in Devanagari "Shri Durga" (Goddess Durga, the destroyer) and "Bawani" (female) and double edged sword. The earliest document bearing this seal is dated 1794 - for a similar but earlier example see the Hellrigl sale (Corinthila sale 206, June 2016, lot 3001).	✉	150	(€ 150)

Anglo-Nepalese War 1814-1816

1191	1814 (Dec 29): Entire letter from Ontaree endorsed "OHMS" at top and signed at lower left "Lt. Col. Chamberlain at Ontaree" (Commander of the 24th regiment South Wales Borderers), addressed to Colonel C. Doyle, Head Quarters, Field Army and carried by courier or as enclosure; with contents stating "All here is still & stupid. The Gen'l (Marley) still on tour of his outposts". A salient letter - the Nepalese successfully attacked three days later on January 1st and inflicted 125 casualties in the ensuing battle. Provenance: Grosvenor; London, Nov 2005, lot 3233.	✉	200	(€ 200)
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1192



British Camp at Moradabad

Gibbons

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approx. €

- 1192** 1815 (March 29): Entire letter endorsed "Service" at top, addressed to Major C. Doyle, Military Secretary at Headquarters, and countersigned at lower left from Lt. H. Dwyer, ADC of the 21st Bengal Native Infantry Regiment at Kashapore, struck with oval framed "MORADABAD / POST FREE" handstamp in black and manuscript dated (March 30). Interesting contents regarding the Campaign (Dwyer was part of Col. Jasper Nicholls' force sent to support Col. Gardner before the key fort of Almora) "*we can do nothing by joining Gardner until we get the heavy guns, of which we have not heard anything since we left HQ. but Col. N(icholls) wishes personally to inspect the road... to hasten their passage to Almora*" and continues "*we hope to induce the Kumaonas to enter the service - they are as averse to clearing their hills as the lowlanders were to enter them...*". Almora was taken in April and the whole of Kumaon surrendered to the British. A rare entire that displays well. *Note: The Nepalese had overrun Kumaon in 1791 and taken Almora. The Kumaon area was ceded to the British as part of the Treaty of Sugauli in 1816. It is now part of the state of Uttarakhand in India.*

Provenance: Grosvenor, London, Nov 2005, lot 3234.

✉ **500** (€ 505)

ex 1193



Bhimsen Thapa

- 1193** Covers (2) with first cover showing well struck rectangular seal in black on reverse of cover from Butwal addressed to the King of Nepal in Kantipur from General Amir Singh Thapa, commander-in-chief of the King's forces with much docketing in red script, the second cover with superb impression of square seal in black of Aachal Singh Thapa addressed to the Prime Minister, Bhimsen Thapa. Fresh and very fine for these early covers.

Note: Bhimsen Thapa (1775-1839), was Prime Minister of Nepal when the British East India Company invaded Nepal in 1814. Eventually subdued with heavy losses by the British, the Gorkha forces have fought alongside the British Army ever since. Bhimsen Thapa committed suicide whilst under arrest in British custody in 1839.

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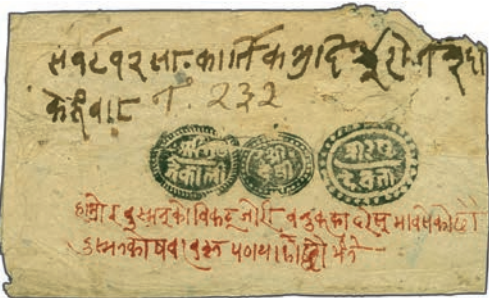
- 1194** **Anglo-Nepalese War 1814-1816:** Covers (3) with first cover showing three well struck seals in black on reverse of cover from Salyana, second cover with superb impression of rectangular seal in black of an Officer in General Amar Singh Thapa's forces sent circa 1814 to the King of Nepal in Nuwakot and a third cover with fine full wax seal in black of Shri Kamini addressed to the Prime Minister of Nepal, Bhimsen Thapa. A scarce group.

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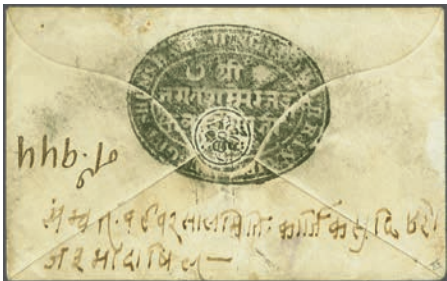
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✉ **300** (€ 305)

Third Nepal-Tibet War 1854/56



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1196

Gibbons

Start price in CHF Start price approx. €

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1855 (Nov 2): Cover from Kerong, Tibet to Kathmandu with three oval negative seals of Capt. Singh, Capt. Shankar and Lieutenant Kashiram well struck on reverse in black. Notations of contents "Enemy is within our firing range - we are keeping a close watch on their activities". The dated receipt "1912 Kartik Sudi 4" = 2 November 1855). A very rare cover from this War.

Note: In March 1855 Nepal attacked and occupied Kuti and Kerong (which they had lost in 1792) and Jhunga. The hostilities ended in March 1856, the Nepalese withdrawing from the occupied areas but receiving trading rights in Lhasa.

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(€ 255)
- 1196

1855 (Nov 2): Cover from Kerong, Tibet (indicated on obverse of cover in violet ink) to General Jung Bahadur in Kathmandu with the oval negative seal (45 mm.) of General Jagat Shamser superbly struck on reverse in black. Notations of contents "The troops which arrived at Ramgoan are not very strong". The dated receipt "1912 Kartik Sudi 4" = 2 November 1855). A very rare cover from this War.

Note: In March 1855 Nepal attacked and occupied Kuti and Kerong (which they had lost in 1792) and Jhunga. The hostilities ended in March 1856, the Nepalese withdrawing from the occupied areas but receiving trading rights in Lhasa.

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Stampless official mail

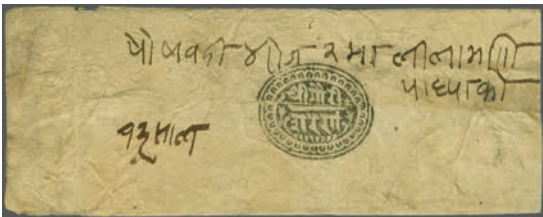
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1846/72: Official covers (2), each bearing negative seal handstamps, with smaller 1846/47 cover showing brilliant impression of trilingual (Devanagari, English and Urdu) seal of "Jung Bahad Dower, Prime Minister, Commander in Chief, Nepal" in black (6 cm. diameter); large cover with "Maharajah Jung Bahadur Rana / GCB Prime Minister and Com / mander in Chief of Nepal 1859", again in black (10.8 cms.) with manuscript notation of receipt (BS 1928 / 1872). Usual slight glue staining but a rare and most attractive pair

✉

250

(€ 255)



1198



1199

- 1198

1856 (Dec): Official cover to Kathmandu with, on reverse, superb oval negative seal of sender in black, and recipient's note of date of receipt "1913-9-4-2" (2nd weekday, 4th day of month "Sarwan" of 1913 BS) = 17 Dec 1856. A most attractive and early cover.

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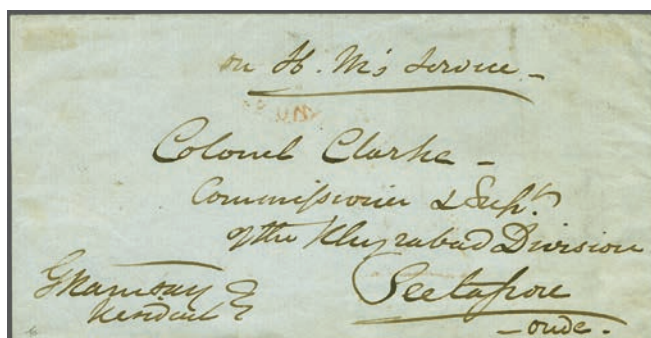
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- 1199

1859 (Dec): Official cover with full original contents to Kathmandu with, on reverse, with rectangular and superb oval negative seal of senders in black, and recipient's note of date of receipt "1916-9-5-7" (7th weekday, 5th day of month "Sarwan" of 1916 BS) = 18 Dec 1859. A most attractive and early cover.

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180

(€ 180)



1200



King of Nepal with Lt. Col. George Ramsay (left) in Durbar

Gibbons

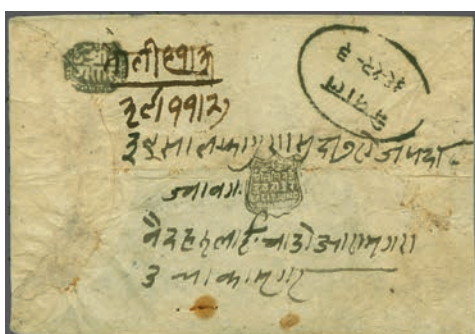
Start price
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approx. €

- 1200** 1861: Official stampless cover and contents from Lt. Col. George Ramsay mailed to Seetapore endorsed at top 'On H. M's. Service', and signed at left 'G. Ramsay, Resident', treated as fully paid and struck on reverse with NEPAUL / G.P.O. datestamp (Nov 3), Lucknow transit cds (Nov 9) and Seetapore arrival cds (Nov 11) in red. A fine and scarce cover, the earliest recorded Official cover mailed from the Residency Post Office in Nepal. Note: Contents state that Ramsay was about to take a week's tour of the District by pony, and "Jung Bahadur intends to cross the Urrah Muddee on about the 20th December...after a short tour of the lately ceded territory...his object in crossing a portion of the Northern Oude is merely to avoid the difficulty of moving through the mountains as the Nepalese have no terrace in that quarter - he will give you no trouble and his people will pay promptly for everything provided you don't make too much of him. He is very vain and very weak...". Provenance: Collection Hellrigl, Corinthila sale 206, 15 June 2016, lot 3017.



600 (€ 605)



1201



1202

- 1201** 1883: Stampless Official cover from Banke to Kathmandu, struck in lieu of stamps with octagonal framed BANKE negative seal handstamp in black (as Hepper page 26, fig. 2) and manuscript "Taulihawa 39/11/27" of 10th March 1883, with shield shaped handstamp of Lalit Jung. Scarce oval arrival of Kathmandu at right (March 16) in black. Rare.
- 1202** 1891: Stampless Official cover from Taulihawa on the Indian border in West Nepal to Kathmandu, struck in lieu of stamps with octagonal framed TAULIHAWA negative seal Postmaster's handstamp in black (Hepper page 26, fig. 7) and manuscript alongside (June 28). Circular arrival of Kathmandu above. Scarce.



160 (€ 160)



140 (€ 140)



1203

Gibbons

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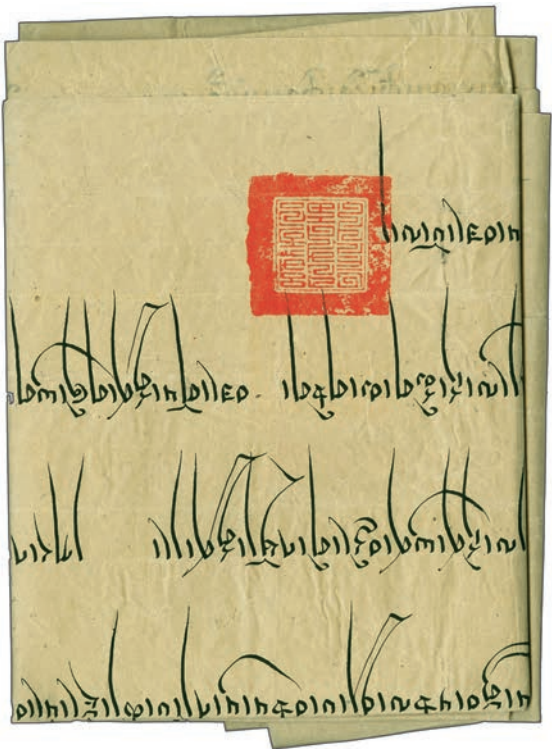
1203

1827: Cover from the Amban (Chinese Governor) of Tibet to the King of Nepal bearing large chop (65 x 100 mm.) in red dated as introduced in 1814 and notation on reverse of receipt of the cover "2 Baisakh 1884" by the Bikram Sambat (BS) calendar of Nepal. Rare. Note: The 'BS' calendar commences on the coronation of King Vikramaditya in India and is 56 years, 8 months and 17 days ahead of the Gregorian calendar.

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(€ 305)



1204



Thubten Gyatso
the 13th Dalai Lama

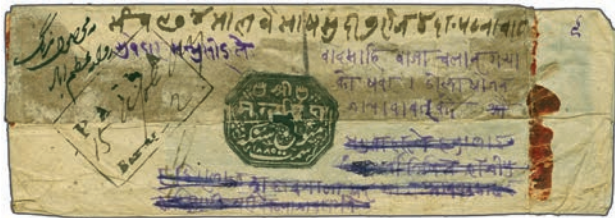
1204

Dalai Lama Letter 1895/1904: 'Shirt' Letter from the 13th Dalai Lama (Thubten Gyatso) to the King of Nepal addressed "To His Excellency Highly Glorified Wang Gurkha King", folded for Exhibit display to show the Dalai Lama's square official red seal with blank surround (Dawson type 4) with the Dalai Lama's personal seal in red (Dawson type 7) below the honorific address. In the main text there are traditional greetings with the Dalai Lama referring to himself as "Gandhen Throne Holder" and stating that he is working hard on behalf of his Government and "I am serving the Emperor who is our religious patron with my loyalty" - an important reference as Tibetans viewed the Dalai Lama and Emperor as spiritual teacher and lay patron rather than subject and lord. The letter continues for the need "to maintain cordial relations with the King and ministers of the Gurkha" and refers to the Tibetan delegation's desire "to make offerings to the two holy stupas and other scared places" in Nepal. The letter requests assistance in acquiring herbs and medicines and refers to Tibetan gifts of silver ingots, brocaded cloth and tea. Whilst the letter is undated, it has to belong to the period between 1895 and 1904, when the Dalai Lama fled to Urga in advance of the Younghusband Expedition to Tibet. A rare and fascinating document of great importance.

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(€ 3'030)



1205



1206

Gibbons

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- 1205** 1847: Cover from a member of the Nepalese Royal Family in exile in India, struck on reverse with sender's octagonal framed negative seal handstamp in black, alongside framed "PATNA / Bearing" handstamp with manuscript rate "2 annas" and dated "15th April 47". Small hole in sender's cachet but a scarce usage.
- 1206** 1904: Official stampless cover and complete original contents from Lhasa to Kathmandu, mailed by the Nepalese Ambassador to Tibet, Jit Bahadur. The reverse of the cover with oval negative seal of the Ambassador in black. The cover was mailed during the British Military Mission to Tibet led by Younghusband who describes Jit Bahadur, in his book "India & Tibet" as one of "the two men who were eventually to be the greatest help to me as intermediaries... Captain Jit Bahadur has been many years in Tibet and is much respected". A rare and historical entire.

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Stampless mail via the Indian Post Office



1207



Brian Houghton Hodgson

- 1207** 1836 (Jan 16): Entire letter from Kathmandu to Calcutta written by the British Resident in Nepal, Brian H. Hodgson to Calcutta brilliantly struck on reverse with octagonal framed "NIPAUL / POST OFFICE / POST FREE" handstamp in brown with manuscript rate (9 annas) alongside and date (Jan 17) below. "Calcutta / GPO" arrival cds (Jan 24) in red below. Despite the period of use of this handstamp (1816-1836), examples are exceedingly rare. A magnificent entire - the latest recorded date of use of the first handstamp.
- Note: Brian Houghton Hodgson (1801-1894) was initially the Postmaster (1824) and assistant British Resident in Nepal (1825) and British Resident from 1833-1843. An outstanding linguist, naturalist and scholar with many species of birds named after him, he also wrote at length on Buddhism of which there is a mention in this letter and authored "Essays on Language, Literature, and Religion of Nepal and Tibet" published in 1874.*
- Provenance: Cavendish, Derby, 31 Oct 1995, lot 340.*

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- 1208** 1843 (July 17): Cover and contents from Nepal written and countersigned by the British Resident in Nepal, Brian H. Hodgson, to T. H. Maddock (the previous British Resident to Hodgson) in Calcutta, struck on reverse with oval framed "NEPAUL / FREE" handstamp in magenta with manuscript date "18th July 43" inserted, with Calcutta arrival (July 26) in red below. Fascinating content "Lord E(llenborough) wants my place for some pet soldier, of late he has shown it rather broadly so that I shall cease to cross him and go home" - Hodgson resigned in 1843 due to Ellenborough's interference and was posted to Simla. Ellenborough's 'pet', Henry Montgomery Lawrence (1806-1857) was installed in his place (he was to die at Lucknow during the Mutiny). Just five examples of the Resident's "Nepaul / Free" handstamp are recorded, all used between April and August 1843.

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✉ **1'500** (€1'515)



The Residency in Nepal



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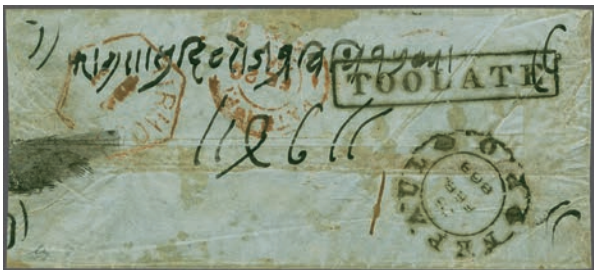
- 1209** 1845 (Nov 15): Small envelope from Nepal to a Capt. Marshall of the Madras Native Infantry in Wallajabad and sent on to Madras, struck on the reverse with fine strike of rectangular framed "NEPAUL / Paid" manuscript rated "1 rupee" and manuscript dated ("15th Nov 45") handstamp in magenta. Two boxed Wallajabad datestamps (Dec 4) of arrival (one 'Paid' one 'Bearing') alongside. Just nine examples of this handstamp are recorded from the pre-philatelic period. Arricator in red but a remarkable and extremely rare cover.

*Reference: Illustrated in "India Used Abroad" by J.A.L. Cooper (1972) on page 62
Illustrated in "India Used Abroad" by (Vispi S. Dastur) on page 107.*



A mode of travel through Nepal

✉ **1'000** (€1'010)



1210



1211

- 1210

1868: Unpaid cover from Kathmandu to Patna struck with superb strike of "NEPAUL / PO" despatch cds in black with rare framed "TOO LATE" handstamp applied on despatch in black alongside. Hexagonal Trihoot transit and "Patna PO" arrival cds (Feb 29) alongside. A scarce cover.
- 1211

Incoming Mail 1868: Unpaid cover to Kathmandu struck with "Tirhoot" despatch cds in black (Aug 7) and fine strike of "NEPAUL / PO" arrival cds (Aug 11) in black.

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	in CHF	approx. €
✉	200	(€ 200)
✉	150	(€ 150)



1212

- 1212

Incoming Mail 1870: Unpaid cover to Kathmandu struck with "Tirhoot" despatch cds in blue (March 3) and fine strike of "NEPAUL" triangular datestamp (more normally used as a despatch marking but seldom encountered) dated "6/3" of arrival. Fresh and fine, a scarce usage.

✉	200	(€ 200)
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1213



View of Benares

- 1213

Incoming Mail 1873: Unpaid cover from Benares to Kathmandu struck with "Benares" cds in black (April 8), Bankipore and Tirhoot hexagonal transit datestamps in black and blue (April 10) respectively and fine "NEPAUL" single ring arrival cds (April 12) in black. Edge wear to envelope but less than ten examples recorded: a fine strike of a rare marking.

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India adhesives used in Nepal



1214

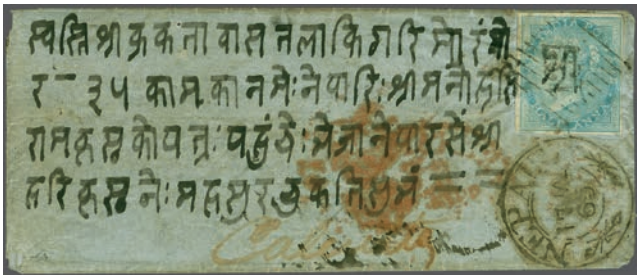


A market in Kathmandu

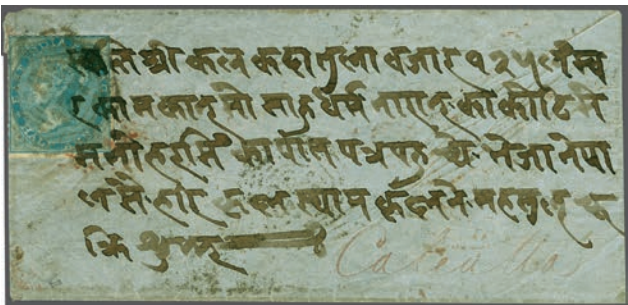


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1214	1854: ½ a. blue, Die I, a used example on piece, margins at top and at base, close on other two sides, tied by "B / 137" obliterator of Kathmandu / Nepal Residency Post Office in black and by private 'Dated / Received / Replied' handstamp in red; double ring "NEPAUL * P.O." cs in magenta alongside (Feb 1, 1856) and part red Calcutta arrival. Creased but not unattractive and rare.	1	△	150	(€ 150)
1215	1854/55: 4 a. blue & red, Die II, Head Die III, a used cut-to-shape example cancelled by bold strike of "B / 137" obliterator of Kathmandu / Nepal Residency Post Office in black and by part transit datestamp in red. Small thin but very rare. <i>Provenance: Collection E.A. Smythies.</i>	23		175	(€ 175)

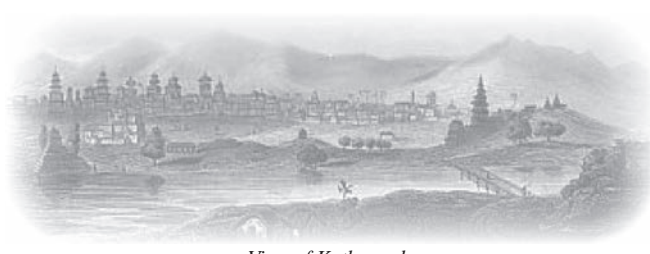


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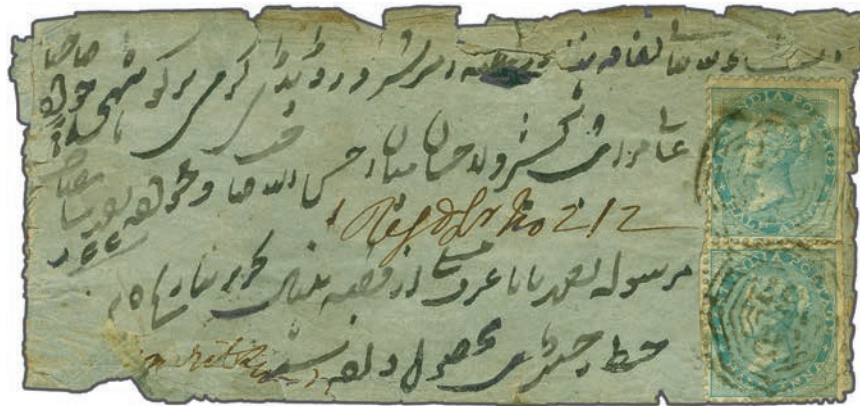


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1216	1856: ½ a. blue, a used example on 1865 cover with original contents to Calcutta tied by 'Shri' in manuscript and by newly introduced "137 / NEPAL" wreathed duplex of Kathmandu / Nepal Residency Post Office (Jan 17). Reverse with sadly illegible Tirhoot transit and Calcutta arrival in red but a rare and very early usage.	37	⊠	500	(€ 505)
1217	1856: ½ a. blue, a used example on 1863 cover to Calcutta tied by both the address and "B / 137" obliterator of Kathmandu / Nepal Residency Post Office in black. Reverse with double arc "NEPAUL * P.O." datestamp (Jan 22) in red, hexagonal transits of Motahhari (Jan 23) and Tirhoot (Jan 24) and Calcutta arrival cds (Jan 26) all in red. A rare cover.	37	⊠	750	(€ 760)



View of Kathmandu



1218

Gibbons

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approx. €

- 1218** 1860: Small thin paper cover sent registered from Kathmandu to Amritsar, franked on front by India 1856/64 ½ a. blue in a vertical pair and, on reverse single 4 a. black tied by Bengal Circle octagonal 'B/137' obliterations. Circular NEPAUL / G.P.O. datestamp in red (Nov 9) alongside and Umritsar arrival cds and front with manuscript 'Regd.Lr. No. 2/2'. Faults as usual but very rare, the 4 annas adhesive being the only high value from the India 1855/64 issue known used from Nepal: this cover also being the earliest recorded registered cover from Nepal.

Provenance: Collection W. Renouf

Collection Hellrigl, Corinthila sale 206, 15 June 2016, lot 3035.

37+ 45



1'200 (€1'210)



1219

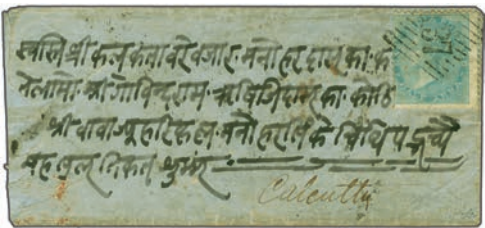
- 1219** 1856/64: 4 a. black, a used example on 1862 cover from Kathmandu to London endorsed "via Southampton" tied by "B / 137" obliterator in black with reverse showing rare framed "TOO LATE" applied on despatch and "NEPAUL * P.O." despatch cds (Nov 26). Calcutta duplex of transit (Dec 6) and 'London / Paid' arrival cds (Jan 19, 1863) in red on obverse with transits of Tirhoot and Motehari in red on reverse of a remarkable and rare cover.

Provenance: Carmichael & Todd (2006).

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1'000 (€1'010)



1220



1221

- 12201856: ½ a. blue, a used example on 1867 cover to Calcutta tied by "137 / NEPAL" duplex of Kathmandu / Nepal Residency Post Office. Reverse with superb strike of framed "TOO LATE" applied on despatch in black (rare), Tirhoot hexagonal transit in red and Calcutta arrival (Jan 6). Less than a dozen examples of the "Too Late" marking are recorded. Cert. Hellrigl (1984).
- 1221**Incoming Mail** 1865: ½ a. blue in a block of four and single 1869 4 a. green used on refolded 1870 registered cover from Tirhoot to Kathmandu tied by '130' numeral obliterations in blue with corresponding Tirhoot cds (Sept 3) alongside and framed registration handstamp in red. Struck on arrival with "NEPAUL" cds (Sept 8) struck in red - in "Nepal Postal History" Hellrigl states *"Red strikes are particularly rare: only two faint impressions have been seen so far"*, this however is particularly clearly struck and predates the Hellrigl recorded examples by some 20 months. Imperfections but an important and rare cover that displays well.

Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
37	✉	400	(€ 405)
54+ 69	✉田	750	(€ 760)



1222



1223

- 12221873: India ½ a. blue used on reverse of 1884 cover from Kathmandu to Motahari tied by fine strike of "D" in bars obliterator in black. "NEPAL" despatch cds at left (April 19) and "Motaharee" arrival alongside (April 21). Scarce and attractive usage.
- 1223**Incoming Mail** 1873: ½ a. blue, three single examples and a vertical strip of four used on 1882 registered cover to Nepal all tied by "C-16" barred obliterations with framed registration cachet at right and "Adapur" despatch cds (Feb 19) below. "NEPAL" arrival cds (Feb 21) alongside. Refolded at left for display, an attractive cover.
- 12241901/05: Covers (3) with 1901 underpaid cover franked by India 882 ½ a. blue-green tied by NEPAL squared circle datestamp (Jan 13) to Calcutta with framed POSTAGE DUE / ONE ANNA above, 1903 incoming cover with India 1900 ½ a. yellow-green taxed on arrival with half-round NEPAL / DUE (1) AS in black, and a stampless 1905 cover to Bombay with same half-round handstamp also charged 1 anna Postage Due. A fine and scarce group.

(Photo =  www) 85+ 114 ✉ 150 (€ 150)



ex 1225



ex 1226

Gibbons

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approx. €

- 1225** 1882: Registered usages (2) with 2 a. pale blue used on trimmed 2 a. registered envelope to Bombay tied by "NEPAL" squared circle datestamp (Oct 30, 1896) and attractive 1897 registered cover to Cawnpore franked by 1 a. plum and 3 a. brown-orange similarly tied by "NEPAL" squared circle (Dec 7) with bold "REGISTERED / NEPAL" at base - this last with engraved crest on reverse ""Nisi Dominus Frustra / Deb Shum Bahadur Rana Shere Jung / Nepal" in red and countersigned by the Commander in Chief at left.

89+ 91+ 94

**120**

(€ 120)

- 1226** 1895: India 2 a. registered stationery envelope used to Rangoon franked on reverse with 1 a. plum and, on front perfinned 'MB / Co. Ltd.' 2 a. pale blue (Mohr Bros and Co. Ltd.) tied by NEPAL squared circle datestamps (Aug 26) with framed REGISTERED / NEPAL handstamp at left. Also an off cover 3 p. aniline carmine on piece perfinned 'D.R.R.' tied by 'Nepal' cds. Unusual perfins from Nepal.

Provenance: Collection Hellrigl, Corinphila sale 206, 15 June 2016, lot 3056.

89+ 91+ 111

**250**

(€ 255)



1227



1228

- 1227** 1882: 1 a. 6 p. sepia, six examples with 1865 1 a. brown (2), all used on reverse of cover only to Lodhiana all tied by scarce "D" in bars obliterators in black and by framed "REGISTERED / NEPAL" handstamp paying 11 anna rate. "NEPAL" cds of despatch (Oct 9) and Lodhiana arrival (Oct 15) both in black. A rare piece.

Note: Illustrated in "India Used Abroad" by J.A.L. Cooper on page.....

The rate breakdown - postage 5 annas for 5 tolas, 2 annas for registration and 4 annas for insurance of 50-100 rupees. The piece is believed to be the largest 19th Century franking from Nepal.

90+ 59

**150**

(€ 150)

- 1228** 1892: 1 rupee green & aniline carmine, a single example used on reverse of 1903 registered & insured cover to Calcutta endorsed "Registered and Insured for Rs. 300 (three hundred)" and tied by "NEPAL" cds (Aug 26) in black with Calcutta arrival (Aug 29) alongside. Obverse with framed "REGISTERED / NEPAL" registration cachet in black. A superb and rare commercial franking.

Note: The rate breakdown - postage 2 annas for between 1 and 2 tolas, registration 2 annas and Insurance 12 annas = 1 rupee.

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**300**

(€ 305)



1229



Chandra Shamsher



1230

Gibbons

Start price in CHF

Start price approx. €

1229 1900/02: India 2 a. violet, a horizontal pair used on reverse of 1903 registered envelope sent from the Maharaja and Prime Minister of Nepal, Chandra Shamser to his brother Khadga Shamser in Dehra Dun, India with the adhesives tied by "NEPAL" cds's (Sept 26) with arrival cds (Oct 2) adjacent. Superb Nepal gold crest with Kukri's displaying well on reverse and obverse with fine strike of framed NEPAL registration cachet. A fine cover.
Provenance: Collection Hellrigl, Corinthila sale 206, 15 June 2016, lot 3044.

1230 1909: Registered cover to Raxaul franked by India 1902 2 a. mauve and 1907 1 a. carmine (2) tied by NEPAL datestamps (Oct 9) in black, with earliest recorded usage of the white handstamped 'R / NEPAL' registration label above. Cover arrived in 'Raksal' (Oct 11) and returned to sender with 'Nepal' single ring cds adjacent (Oct 16). Some creasing to flimsy envelope but scarce: the earliest recorded usage of a registration label in Nepal.
Provenance: Collection Hellrigl, Corinthila sale 206, 15 June 2016, lot 3045.

116

✉

150

(€ 150)

125+ 150

✉

150

(€ 150)



1231



1232

1231 **Field Post Office** 1906: India ½ a. green, a used exsample tied to reverse of 1909 advertising envelope (Jewellers) mailed from Kathmandu to Gyantse, Tibet tied by NEPAL cds (Oct 14) with "BASE OFFICE" transit cds (Oct 18) and "FIELD P.O. 81" cds (Oct 20) applied in Pharijong, Tibet; with blurred arrival "Gyantse Tibet / Siliguri Base" in black. An unusual and very scarce usage.

1232 **Incoming Mail** 1911/23: India ½ a. green and 3 a. dull orange used on 1918 registered cover from ILAM, Eastern Nepal to His Highness the Maharaja of Nepal, through Moonshikhana Office, Singha Durbar, Nepal; mailed from and adhesives tied by "Sukhia-Pokhri / Darjeeling" (Oct 19, 1918) with framed "Sukia-Pokhri / Branch Office / Darjeeling District" reg'd label at left. Nepal arrival cds (Oct 24). An attractive and unusual usage for internal Nepalese mail.

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(€ 200)

155+ 173

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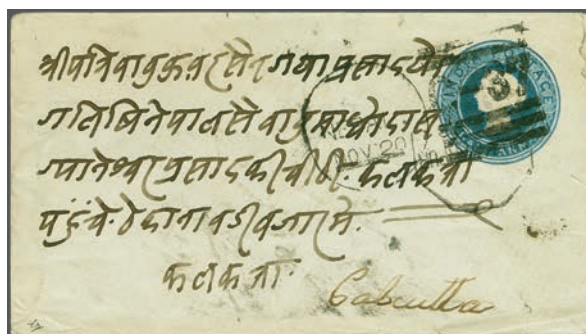
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India Postal Stationery used in Nepal



1233



1234

Gibbons

Start price
in CHFStart price
approx. €

- 1233** **Indian Post Office** 1862: India ½ a. blue postal stationery envelope used to Calcutta (to a member of the Bahadur family), cancelled by Bengal Circle 'B / 137' obliterator in black. Reverse with Calcutta arrival cds in red (March 21) and NEPAUL / fleuron datestamp in red (MA.16.62) without the 'P.O.' at top. The sole recorded usage of this cancellation which is very similar to the left hand side of the 137 duplex cancellation introduced three years later in 1865. Unique.

Provenance: Collection Hellrigl, Corinphila sale 206, 15 June 2016, lot 3047.

✉ **750** (€ 760)

- 1234** **Indian Post Office** 1878: India ½ a. blue postal stationery envelope used from Kathmandu via Motahari to Calcutta cancelled by very scarce "NEPAL / C-137" duplex in black (Nov 20) and by Muzaraipur transit. Reverse with hexagonal 'Motaharee' transit (Nov 22) and Calcutta arrival cds (Nov 25) in black. Closed corner tear but a very scarce duplex.

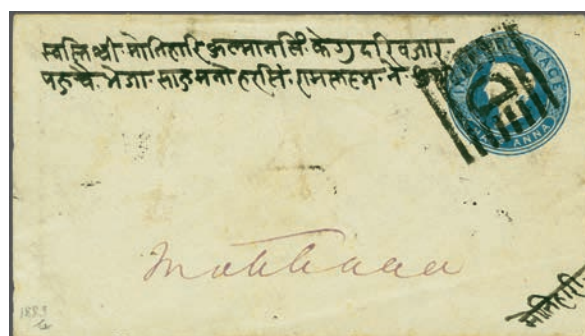
✉ **200** (€ 200)



Hugo Griebert



1235



1236

- 1235** **Indian Post Office** 1879: 1 a. on ½ a. blue postal stationery card, a used example addressed to the philatelist Hugo Griebert in London cancelled by "NEPAL" squared circle datestamp (April 9, 1892) via Segowlie (April 11) and Bombay, with message thanking him for his requests and stating "I am also a stamp collector and would prefer to send you used Indian and Nepal stamps...Kishen Lal, Postmaster".

Note: Hugo Griebert was also a stamp dealer, specialist in the stamps of Spain and who was entered on the Roll of Distinguished Philatelists in 1921. He was awarded the Crawford Medal by the Royal Philatelic Society London for his work "The Stamps of Spain 1850-1854".

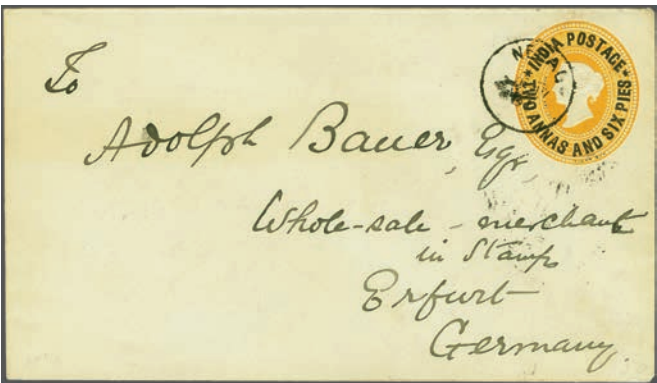
✉ **75** (€ 75)

- 1236** **Indian Post Office** 1883: India ½ a. blue postal stationery envelope used from Kathmandu to Motahari superbly struck with scarce "D" in bars obliterator in black. Reverse with single ring "NEPAL" cds (Aug 31) and "First Dely. / Motiharee" arrival cds (Sept 3) with date of receipt also in Devanagari script (1883). A fine cover. Cert. Hellrigl AIEP (1984).

✉ **160** (€ 160)



1237



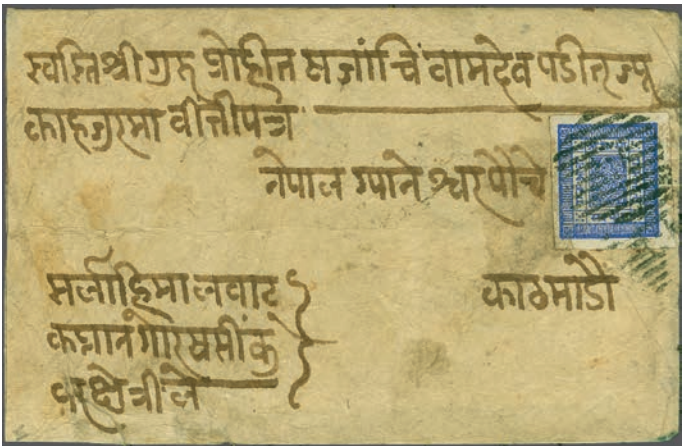
ex 1238

	Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
1237	Indian Post Office 1888: India 4 a. 6 p. orange-yellow postal stationery envelope used to London, superbly cancelled by "NEPAL" cds (Jan 22, 1888) with London arrival cds in red below (Feb 13). Reverse with Segowlie transit cds (Jan 24), Bombay cds (Jan 27). A fine usage, both the stationery envelope used in Nepal and the canceller are uncommon.	✉ 120	(€ 120)
1238	Indian Post Office 1891/92: India 2 a. 6 p. orange-yellow postal stationery envelopes (2), each used to the stamp dealer Adolph Bauer in Erfurt, Germany, one neatly cancelled by "NEPAL" thimble datestamp (very rare used as a cancellation device (see the Corinthila 'Hellrigl' sale, lot 3054, for one of the other two examples recorded), and a further 1892 usage cancelled by poor NEPAL squared circle datestamp to the same address. Both covers mailed by Kishen Lal, the Residency Postmaster in Kathmandhu. Rare.	✉ 180	(€ 180)

Classic Issues of Nepal - The first Issue 1881-1885



ex 1239



1240



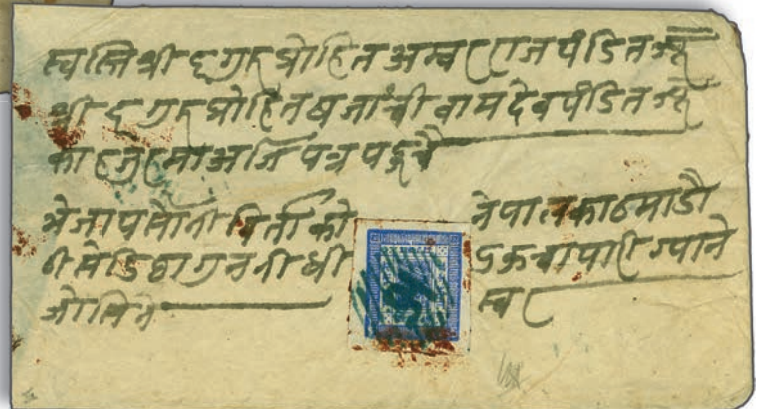
1239	1881 (June): 1 a. blue, 2 a. purple and 4 a. green, imperforate on European white wove paper, the set of three values unused, good margins all round, the 2 a. with thin spot at base, slight wrinkles otherwise fine for this extremely scarce set Gi = £ 800.	4/6 (*)	180	(€ 180)
1240	1881: 1 a. ultramarine, imperforate on European paper, a used example of excellent colour on 1882 cover from Sarlahi tied by hexagonal "Sa" handstamp of SARLAHI in black (Hepper page 11 / fig. 5). Reverse with Sarlahi despatch cds (May 15) and Kathmandu arrival (May 17). A fine and rare first issue cover.	4 ✉	500	(€ 505)



1241



Kathmandu Square



1242

Gibbons

Start price
in CHFStart price
approx. €

- 1241** 1881: 1 a. ultramarine, Setting 1, imperforate on European paper, a used example on November 1881 cover to Palpa tied by KATHMANDU I handstamp in black (Hellrigl C65 / Hepper page 7, fig. 1). Reverse with Kathmandu despatch cds (Nov 18) and Palpa arrival (Nov 23). A fine and rare first issue cover. Signed Holcombe. Cert. Hellrigl AIEP (1995).
- 1242** 1881: 1 a. ultramarine, Setting 1, imperforate on European paper (pos. 48), a used example of the "Split Cliché" variety (large vertical white patch at top right of stamp) on April 1882 cover from Kalaiya to Kathmandu tied by "Ka" hexagonal barred handstamp of KALAIYA in blue (Hepper page 11, fig. 10). Reverse with Kalaiya despatch cds (April 24) in blue and Kathmandu arrival cds in black. A fine and very rare first issue cover. Cert. Hellrigl AIEP (1997).

4	✉	750	(€ 760)
4	✉	1'000	(€ 1'010)



1243



- 1243** 1881: 1 a. blue, 2 a. violet and 4 a. green, used on 1885 double rate registered cover (up to 2 tolas) from Dhankuta, all tied by fine strikes of circular barred "Dha" handstamps of DHANKUTA (Hepper page 9, fig. 9) in black. Reverse with Dhankuta despatch cds (Sept). Some insect holes affect the franking (only three such are recorded) but an extraordinary first issue three colour franking of great rarity.

4+ 5+ 6 ✉ **1'000** (€ 1'010)

Issues 1886-1907 - Adhesives



1244



1245



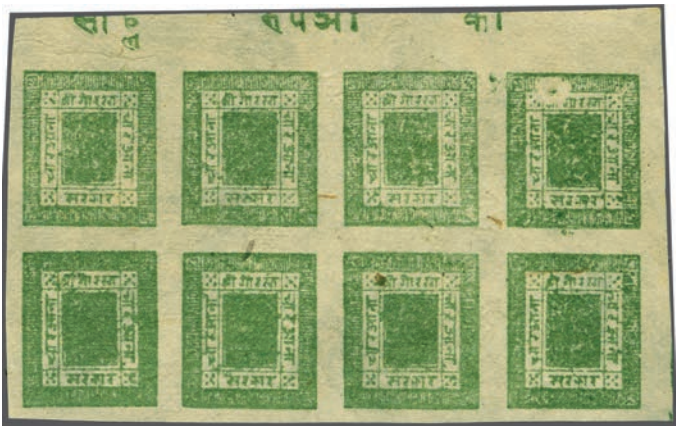
1246



1247

- 1244** 1886/90: 4 a. yellow-green, imperforate on good quality native paper, Setting 4, position 22, an unused example with large margins all round, showing the characteristic white horizontal line below the top frame line. Scarce *Gi* = £ 140+.
- 1245** 1886/89: 4 a. deep yellow-green, an unused example, marginal from base of sheet, very clear impression on medium thick native paper, the margin at base showing part of the horizontal sheet surround. Scarce *Gi* = £ 140+.
- 1246** 1886/89: 2 a. blue, **error of colour**, printed in the blue ink of the first issue, Setting 5, a used example of clear impression on medium native paper cancelled in black. See Hellrigl "Stamps of Nepal" page 127, with this stamp seemingly being the used discovery example. Small natural fibre fault at base but a major rarity.
- 1247** 1886/89: 2 a. violet-blue (almost deep full blue), an unused horizontal pair of medium thick native paper, of clear impression, probably Setting 5 or 7, position 21-22, showing the tête-bêche variety; note also the indentation flaw at base of position 22, slight surface graze but very scarce.

Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
9	(*)	100	(€ 100)
11	(*)	85	(€ 85)
11 var		200	(€ 200)
11a var	(*)	120	(€ 120)



1248

- 1248** 1898/1900: 4 a. deep yellow-green, Setting 8, an unused block of eight (4 x 2) corner marginal from top right of sheet, on thickish native paper, positions 5-8/13-16, showing part sheet marginal imprint at top, fine unused. a rare and attractive multiple *Gi* = £ 560+.

17	田(*)	200	(€ 200)
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1249

- 1249** 1898/1903: 1 a. grey-green, on medium native paper, pin-perforated, a marginal strip of three from right of sheet, positions 22-24 with central stamp tête-bêche, fresh and fine unused. A very rare multiple *Gi* = £ 400+.

19a	(*)	200	(€ 200)
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Issues 1886-1907 - Covers



1250

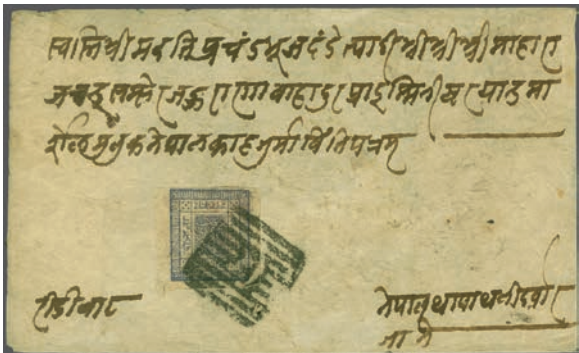


1251

			Gibbons	Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
1250	1886/89: 1 a. blue, 2 a. violet and 4 a. green, medium native paper of good quality, fine impressions, used on 1893 philatelic cover each cancelled by bold strikes of the heptagonal "Ne" handstamp of Kathmandu II in black (Hepper page 7, fig. 2). Kathmandu cds below (Nov 22). Signed Holcombe.	10+ 11+ 12	✉	300	(€ 305)
1251	1886/89: 1 a. blue, 2 a. violet and 4 a. green, medium native paper of good quality, used on 1894 double rate registered cover (up to 2 tolas) from Kalaiya to Kathmandu, all tied by two fine strikes of "Ka" (KALAIYA III) negative handstamps (Hepper page 10, fig. 8) in black. Reverse with Kalaiya half negative despatch cds (Feb 10) and Kathmandu manuscript arrival of the following day. Damaged at left but a very rare three colour franking. Cert. Hellrigl AIEP (2005).	10+ 11+ 12	✉	500	(€ 505)

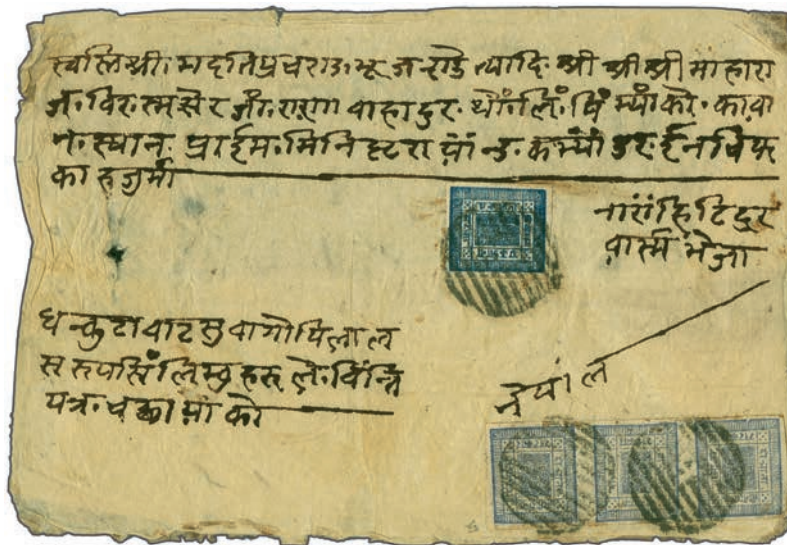


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1253

1252	1898/99: 2 a. bluish violet, imperforate on native paper, a used example on 1898 cover from Dhankua to Kathmandu, cancelled by circular barred "Dha" handstamp of DHANKUTA in black (Hepper page 9, fig 9) with reverse showing half negative Dhankuta despatch ((Oct 15) in black and faint arrival. The envelope with faults but fine strikes.	11	✉	150	(€ 150)
1253	1886/89: 2 a. violet, imperforate on native paper, a used example on 1891 double rate cover from Ridi, neatly tied by square barred "Ri" handstamp of RIDI (Hepper page 12, fig. 6) in black. Reverse with fine private seal handstamp and Ridi half negative despatch cds. A scarce and most attractive cover.	11	✉	200	(€ 200)



1254



A Temple in Kathmandu



1255

- 1254** 1886/89: 2 a. pale violet in a horizontal strip of three of fine colour and impression, with 1 a. deep blue used on 1890 registered cover at single rate plus 1 a. acknowledgement of receipt, from DHANKUTA to Kathmandu tied by circular "Dha" handstamps (Hepper page 9, fig 9) in black. Reverse with Dhankuta despatch cds and Kathmandu arrival (June 13). A very scarce and most attractive franking.
- 1255** 1898/99: 1 a. blue, a used example on slightly trimmed 1908 cover tied by "Bho" handstamp (Hepper page 9, fig. 5) of BHOJPUR well struck in black, with half negative cds of Bhojpur despatch (Hepper page 27, fig 5) in black.

Gibbons

Start price
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approx. €

11+ 13

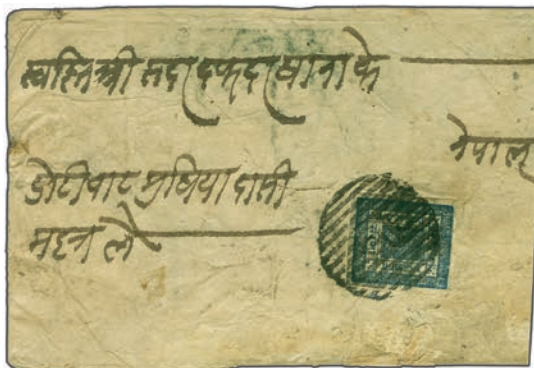
**300**

(€ 305)

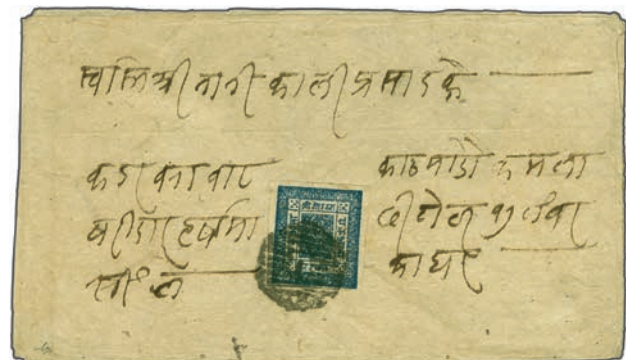
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**100**

(€ 100)



1256



1257

- 1256** 1898/99: 1 a. deep blue, imperforate on native paper, a used example on 1892 cover from Doti to Kathmandu, cancelled by circular barred "Do" handstamp of DOTI in black (Hepper page 9, fig 11) with reverse showing manuscript Doti despatch (April 13) and Kathmandu arrival (April 24). A fine strike of the obliterator.
- 1257** 1898/99: 1 a. deep blue, imperforate, a used example on 1892 cover from Kardoban (Rautahat) to Kathmandu tied by hexagonal barred "Rau" handstamp of RAUTAHAT in black (Hepper page 11, fig. 4) with reverse showing Rautahat despatch cds (March 26) and Kathmandu (March 27) arrival cds in black. A very fine cover. Cert. Hellrigl (1998).

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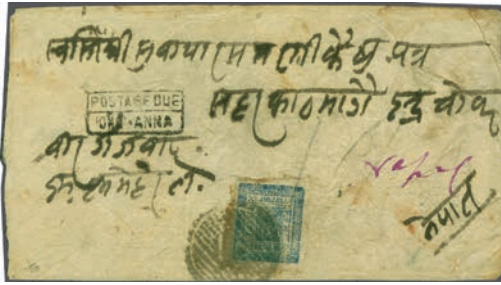
**120**

(€ 120)

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**180**

(€ 180)



1258



1259

Gibbons

Start price
in CHFStart price
approx. €

- 1258** 1901: Cover from Birganj to Kathmandu bearing correct postage of 1898 1 a. blue imperf. tied by circular BIRGANJ negative handstamp (Hepper page 10, fig. 5) in black. Indian handstruck POSTAGE DUE / 1 ANNA in black at left applied as the cover transmitted through Raxaul and thus India treated the item as unpaid. Reverse with British P.O. NEPAL cds (June 26) in black and released to Nepal P.O. in Kathmandu. Scarce.

Provenance: Collection Hellrigl, Corinphila sale 206, June 2016, lot 3131.

13 ☐

400 (€ 405)

- 1259** 1898/99: 1 a. blue, imperforate, blurred impression, a single example (marginal), a vertical strip of three and a further vertical strip of three (on reverse) used on 1905/07 registered / AR cover tied by KATHMANDU IV handstamps (Hepper page 7, fig. 4) in black. Circular datestamp on reverse (Jan 13) with unclear year date but a remarkable and attractive franking.

13 ☐

200 (€ 200)

1260



1261

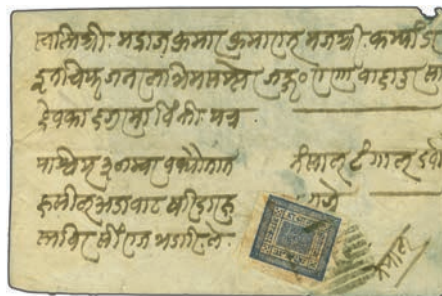
- 1260** 1898/99: 1 a. greenish-grey, imperforate, a used example on 1899 cover from Baglung to Banke tied by circular barred "Ba" handstamp of BAGLUNG in black (Hepper page 9, fig. 1) with reverse showing half negative Baglung despatch cds (Dec 24) and Kathmandu arrival cds. Small cover paper imperfections but a near perfect despatch handstamp.

14 ☐

180 (€ 180)

- 1261** 1898/99: 2 a. grey-lilac, a vertical strip of three (positions 8/16/24) with position 8 inverted (tête-bêche) and a single 1898/99 1 a. deep blue used on 1903 registered cover at single rate plus 1 a. acknowledgement of receipt, from Lyanglyang to Kathmandu tied by circular barred "Lya" handstamp of LYANGLYANG (Hepper page 9, fig. 16) in black and by half negative Lyanglyang despatch cds's (Dec 27 and Dec 28). The 1 a. tied by Kathmandu arrival cds (Dec 31). A remarkable and rare cover.

15a+ 13 ☐

300 (€ 305)

1262

- 1262** 1898/03: 2 a. lavender, imperforate, a used example on 1904 double rate cover from Parewadanda to Kathmandu tied by square barred "Pare" handstamp of PAREWADANDA in black (Hepper page 12, fig. 2) with half negative despatch cds (Oct 20). A fine and scarce cover.

16b ☐

200 (€ 200)



1263



1264

- 1263** 1898/99: 2 a. grey-lilac, three examples, imperforate on native paper, used with single 1901/07 recut 1 a. deep blue on 1905 single rate registered cover (additional 1 anna for 'AR'), from Gahawa (Birganj) to Kathmandu, all tied by circular barred "Ga" of GAHAWA handstamps (Hepper page 10, fig. 6) somewhat over-inked in black. Birganj despatch datestamps (Feb 1 and Feb 2) and obverse with Kathmandu arrival (Feb 3). Some minor imperfections but a rare rate and franking.

- 1264** 1901/07: 1 a. blue, imperforate, a horizontal pair used together with a single 1898 4 a. green, imperforate, on reverse of 1907 single rate registered cover from Dhankuta to Kathmandu tied by circular barred "Dha" handstamp of DHANKUTA (Hepper page 9, fig. 9) in black, with half negative despatch (Nov 17) and obverse with Kathmandu arrival (Nov 22). Minor imperfections but a rare cover.

Gibbons

Start price
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approx. €

16+ 26

**200**

(€ 200)

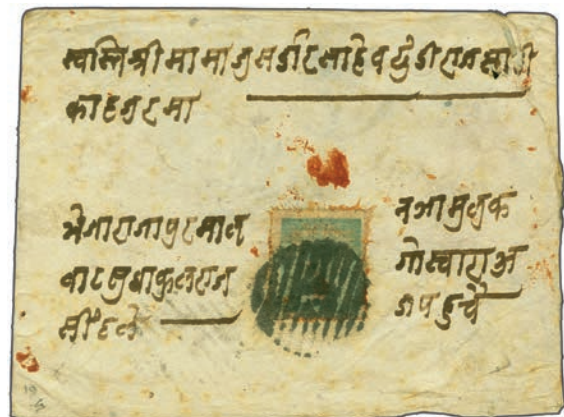
17+ 26

**250**

(€ 255)



1265



1266

- 1265** 1898/99: 4 a. green and vertical strip of three 1901/07 recut 1 a. blue, used on 1907 registered / AR cover from Bhojpur to Kathmandu tied by "Bho" handstamps (Hepper page 9, fig. 5) of BHOJPUR well struck in black, with half negative cds of Bhojpur despatch (Hepper page 27, fig 5) in black on reverse (April 26). Kathmandu arrival below. Some typical aging but a fine and unusual franking.

- 1266** 1898/99: 1 a. greenish-grey, pin-perforated, a used example on 1899 cover from Bardiya to Banke tied by barred "Ta" handstamp presumably of BARDIYA (with "Ta" possibly used to differentiate from "Ba" of Banke and Baglung) struck in black (cancellation unrecorded) with reverse showing fine strikes of half negative Bardiya despatch cds (May 18) and Banke arrival cds of the following day. A rare and well struck cancel and a very scarce stamp on letter.

17+ 26

**250**

(€ 255)

19

**200**

(€ 200)



1268



1267

- 1267** 1898/99: 1 a. green and 2 a. grey-violet, both pin-perforated, used on probably philatelic cover tied by hexagonal framed "Ne" handstamps of Kathmandu (III) in black (Hepper page 7, fig. 3). Reverse with Kathmandu arrival cds (June 10). Scarce and attractive cover. Signed Heddergott BPP.

- 1268** **Bow & Two Kukri's Issue** 1899 (Jan): ½ a. black, used horizontal pair, right hand stamp a tad crushed, used on reverse of June 1911 single rate cover, affixed by red sealant which shows through on the stamps and tied by BIRGANJ I Pashupati datestamp in black. A very rare stamp on letter.

Provenance: Collection Hellrigl, Corinphila sale 206, June 2016, lot 3162.

Gibbons

Start price
in CHF

Start price
approx. €

19+ 20

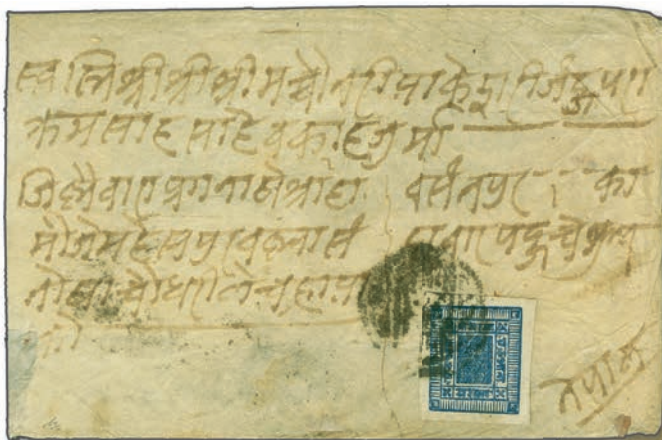
**200**

(€ 200)

22

**750**

(€ 760)



1269



1270

- 1269** 1901: European wove paper, 1 a. deep grey-blue, Setting 26, a fine large margined example in a deep shade for this setting, tied to October 1902 cover by circular barred BIRGANJ obliterator (Hepper page 10, fig. 5) in black. Half negative datestamp on reverse and arrival cds. An exceptionally rare stamp on letter.

Provenance: Collection Hellrigl, Corinphila sale 206, June 2016, lot 3169.

- 1270** 1907/07: Recut 1 a. ultramarine, imperforate, a used example on 1908 cover from Dailekh to Kathmandu tied by circular barred "Dai" handstamp of DAILEKH in black (Hepper page 9, fig. 7) with half negative Dailekh despatch cds (Nov 5) and Kathmandu arrival cds below. A fine cover.

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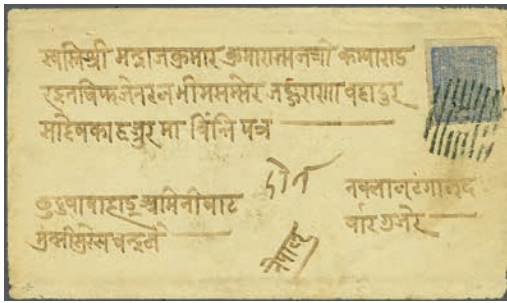
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(€ 255)

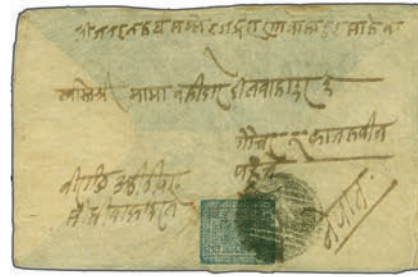
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**120**

(€ 120)



1271



1272

Gibbons

Start price
in CHFStart price
approx. €

- 1271** 1907/07: Recut 1 a. ultramarine, imperforate, a used example on 1908 cover from Pyuthan to Kathmandu tied by square barred "Pyu" handstamp of GORKHA in black (Hepper page 12, fig. 4) with Pyuthan half negative despatch cds (March 14) and Kathmandu arrival cds (March 20). A fine and scarce cover.

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**150**

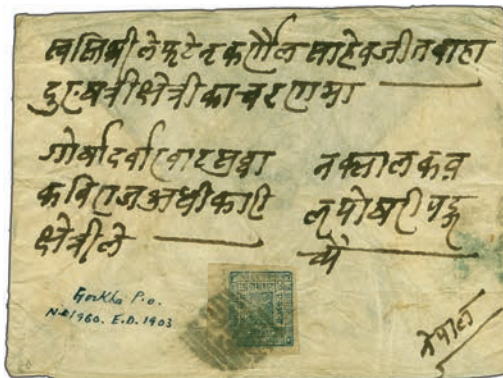
(€ 150)

- 1272** 1907/07: Recut 1 a. ultramarine, imperforate, a used example on 1905 cover from Gahawa to Kathmandu tied by circular barred "Ga" handstamp of GAHAWA (Birganj II) in black (Hepper page 10, fig. 6) with Birganj transit cds (Feb 8) and Kathmandu arrival cds of the following day. A fine strike of a scarce handstamp and a scarce cover.

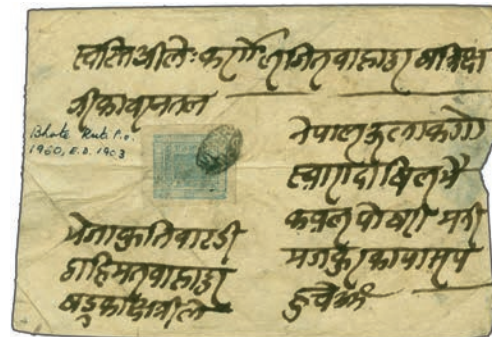
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**175**

(€ 175)



1273



1274

- 1273** 1907/07: Recut 1 a. ultramarine, imperforate, a used example on 1903 cover from Gorkha to Kathmandu tied by square barred "Go" handstamp of GORKHA in black (Hepper page 12, fig. 5) with Gorkha despatch cds (May 13 - only recorded in 1903) and Kathmandu arrival cds of the following day. A fine and scarce cover.

26

**200**

(€ 200)

- 1274** 1907/07: Recut 1 a. pale ultramarine, imperforate, a used example on 1903 cover from Kuti in Tibet to Kathmandu via Tatpani tied by oval negative Postmaster's personal handstamp in black with date '58', reverse with Tatapani (May 18) cds, Chautara (May 18, in manuscript) and Kathmandu arrival (May 22) in black. An exceptional and rare cover.

Note: This handstamp is discussed in the "Native Postmarks of Nepal" by Wolfgang Hellrigl & Colin Hepper on page 15. The strike shown on this cover is considerably clearer than that shown in the book.

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**250**

(€ 255)



1275

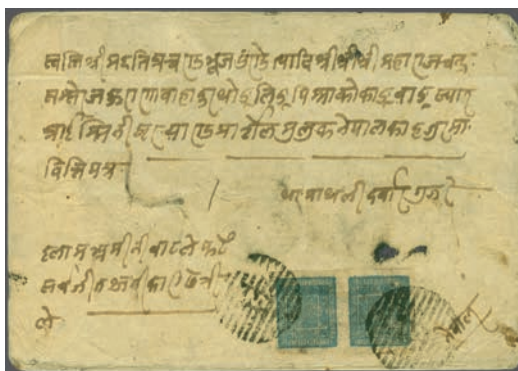
- 1275** 1901/07: Native medium wove paper, 1 a. grey blue, Setting 27, First State, a fine large margined example used on February 1906 cover, slight trim at right, tied by DAHABAN small negative Postmaster's seal handstamp in black (Hellrigl / Hepper unlisted). A superb and extremely rare cover, this being the sole recorded usage of this cancellation on cover.

Provenance: Collection Hellrigl, Corinphila sale 206, June 2016, lot 3179.

26

**300**

(€ 305)



1276



1277

Gibbons

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 1276** 1901/07: Recut 1 a. blue, imperforate, a used horizontal pair tied to 1904 double rate cover from Danheldhura to Dailekh tied by circular barred "Da" handstamp of DANDELHDHURA (Hepper page 9, fig. 8) in black. Reverse with half negative Dailekh cds (Oct 17) in black. A fine cover.

26

**150** (€ 150)

- 1277** 1901/07: 1 a. deep blue, imperforate on native paper, a used horizontal pair tied to reverse of 1907 cloth envelope from Palpa to Kathmandu, tied by square barred "Pa" handstamp of PALPA (Hepper page 12, fig. 1) in black. Half-negative datestamp at left and Kathmandu arrival below in black. An attractive usage.

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**160** (€ 160)

1278



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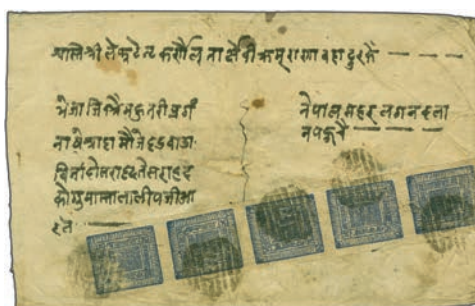
- 1278** 1901/07: Recut 1 a. blue, imperforate on native thin paper, a single example, a horizontal strip of four and, on reverse a horizontal strip of three, all used on 1908 registered / AR cover from Pokhara to tied by bold strikes of square barred "Po" handstamps (Hepper page 12, fig. 3) of POKHARA in black. Half-negative Pokhara datestamp above (April 29) in black. A few typical minor impecions but a very rare 8 annas rate.

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**250** (€ 255)

- 1279** 1901/07: Recut 1 a. blue, imperforate, a vertical strip of three and an irregularly cut block of four, used on reverse of 1909 registered / AR cover from OKHALDUNGA to Kathmandu tied by six strikes of half negative Okhaldunga datestamps on despatch (Hepper page 27, fig 24) in black (Jan 9). Kathmandhu arrival cds (Jan 11) in black - the newly introduced type (Hepper page 34, fig. 4). Edge wear as ever but a rare franking.

26

**200** (€ 200)

1280

- 1280** 1898/99: Recut 1 a. blue, imperforate, blurred impression, two single examples on reverse and a vertical strip of five on obverse of 1907 registered / AR cover cover tied by small hexagonal barred SIRAHA handstamps (Hepper page 11, fig. 6), in black with partial half negative despatch datestamp (May 20) and Kathmandu arrival on reverse.

26

**200** (€ 200)



1281



1282

- 1281
- 1901/07: Recut 1 a. blue, imperforate, two single examples, a vertical pair (on obverse) and a horizontal strip of three used on 1903 single rate registered cover (additional 1 anna for 'AR'), from Palpa to Kathmandu tied by square barred "Pa" handstamps of PALPA (Hepper page 12, fig. 1) in black. Half negative Palpa despatch cds (June 4) and Ridi transit (June 5) and Kathmandu arrival (June 7). A rare and most appealing cover.
- 1282
- 1901/07: Recut 1 a. dull blue, Setting 27, imperforate, a used vertical tête-bêche pair (positions 54/64, pos. 64 with NW corner missing) on 1904 cover from Pokhara to Kathmandu tied by square barred "Po" handstamp of POKHARA in black (Hepper page 12, fig. 3) with Pokhara half negative despatch cds (Oct 22) above. A fine and rare usage with a tête-bêche pair on an attractive cover. Cert. Hellrigl AIEP (1985).

Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
26	✉	250	(€ 255)
26a	✉	300	(€ 305)



1283



1284



General Bhim Shamshere Jung Bahadur Rana

- 1283
- Combination Cover 1901/07: Recut 1 a. blue, a used example on 1904 cover cancelled by SALYAN circular barred obliterator in black on despatch for payment to the border (half negative despatch (July 30) verso, also franked by India 1902 ½ a. green for Indian onward transmission to Dehra Dun, India and cancelled in manuscript on despatch and by "Jamnaha" cds (Aug 6) in transit. Missent East to Kathmandu rather than West and the reverse with NEPAL cds (Aug 9), returned to Jamnaha, thence via Naipalganj to Dehra Dun. A remarkable and rare cover.
- 1284
- 1901/07: Recut 1 a. grey-ultramarine, imperforate, a single example, tied to reverse of 1909 cover from Kadarban to General Bhim Shamshere Jung Bahadur Rana at the Palace in Kathmandu by half negative square (mechanically dated) handstamp (Sept 30) in black (Hepper page 34, fig. 2) with repeated strike alongside and Kathmandu arrival cds below (Oct 4). Some edge wear to envelope but the Kadarban despatch marking is rare - only recorded between 1909 and 1910.

26+ (122)	✉	250	(€ 255)
27	✉	200	(€ 200)



1285



1286

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
27	✉			200	(€ 200)
27	✉			250	(€ 255)

- 1285

1901/07: Recut 1 a. grey-ultramarine, imperforate, a single example (Setting 27, position 58 on the sheet of 64 subjects), tied to reverse of 1910 cover from Kadarban to General Bhim Shamshere Jung Bahadur Rana at the Palace in Kathmandu by half negative square (mechanically dated) handstamp (March 7) in black (Hepper page 34, fig. 2) with Kathmandu arrival below (March 10). The Kadarban despatch marking is rare - only recorded between 1909 and 1910. Cert. Hellrigl AIEP (1990).
- 1286

1901/07: 1 a. ultramarine, imperforate, six examples used on 1908 single rate registered cover from Pyuthan to Kathmandu, second stamp from left is position 24 on the sheet, after the re-engraving; all tied by square barred "Pyu" handstamps of PYUTHAN (Hepper page 12, fig 4) in black with one stamp also cancelled in manuscript. Reverse with Pyuhan despatch cds (Jan 20) and Kathmandu arrival. Minor opening fault at right not affecting the adhesive; a rare usage.

Later Issues



1287



1288

- 1287

Bow & Two Kukri's Issue 1917/30: ½ a. bright orange-vermilion, Setting 6 on thin native paper, a used horizontal pair, of fresh colour with large margins all round, cancelled by Telegraphic handstamp of Birganj in black. Rare. Cert. Hellrigl AIEP (1995) Gi = £ 700+.

35

200

(€ 200)
- 1288

1917/30: 2 a. chestnut-brown, an unused irregular block of fifteen, imperforate on medium thin native paper, circa Setting 23, with good margins all round and of fine appearance Gi = £ 340+.

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(€ 100)



King Mahendra



1289



1290

Gibbons

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 1289 1956 (May 2): Coronation of King Mahendra, illustrated First Day Cover to Calcutta franked by 6 p. rosine & yellow and rare 1 r. Venetian red tied by framed "First Day of Issue" caschet (2nd May) in black, with arrival on reverse Gi = £ 150+.

98+ 101



100 (€ 100)

Postal Stationery

- 1290 1891: 2 pice (½ anna) orange & black on thick buff postal stationery card (Wa Type 8), a superb used example cancelled by bold strike of heptagonal "Ne" handstamp of Kathmandu II (Hepper page 7, fig. 2) in black. Kathmandu cds below (May 22). Scarce.



100 (€ 100)



1291



1292

- 1291 1891: 2 pice (½ anna) orange & black on medium thick buff postal stationery card, an example used as a formula card written from Darjeeling to Germany, franked by India 1 a. plum cancelled by manuscript line and "GHUM" squared circle datestamps with "SEA POST OFFICE / C" datestamp at left (Jan 28) and carried on the "Caledonia" to Aden. A most unusual usage.



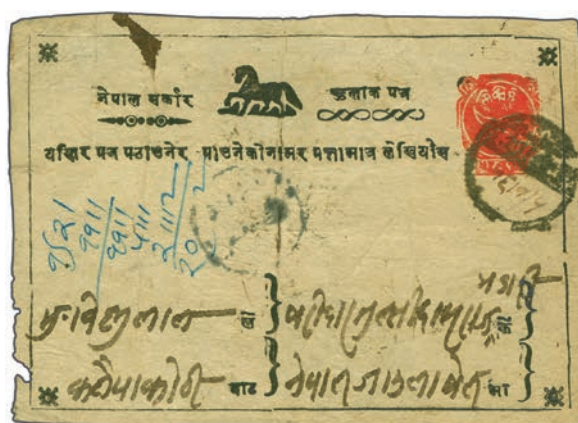
150 (€ 150)

- 1292 Indian Post Office 1894: 2 pice (½ a.) orange on buff postal stationery card (Wa Type 12), a used example, two worm holes, to Basel, Switzerland up-rated with 1882 ½ a. blue-green vertical pair tied by "NEPAL" squared circle datestamps (April 25, 1901) and by "Sea Post Office / A" datestamps (May 4) and carried on the "Caledonia" from Bombay. Basel arrival (May 17) also on obverse of card to a most unusual destination at this date.

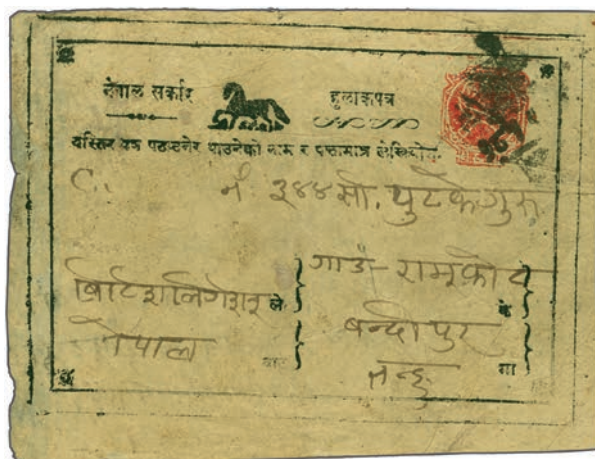
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100 (€ 100)



1293



1294

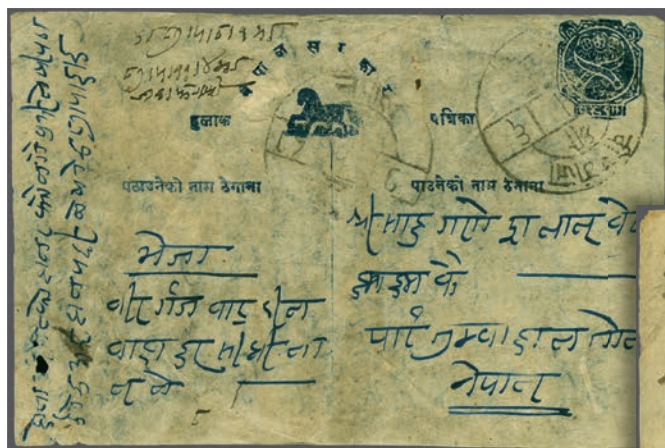
Gibbons

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

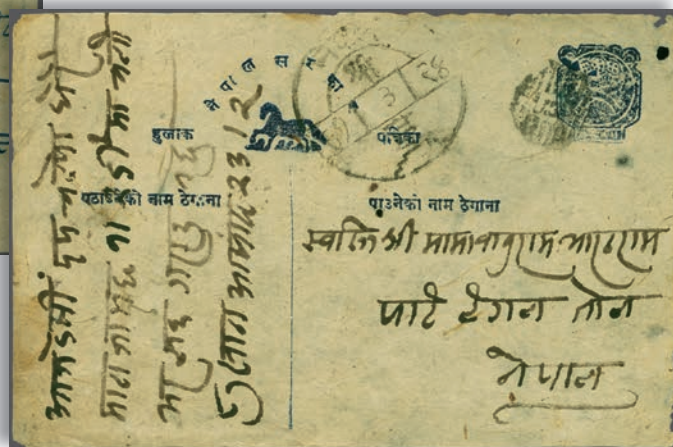
- 1293** 1899: 2 pice (½ anna) orange & black on thin buff postal stationery card (Wa Type 15), a used example cancelled by half negative "Gahawa" (Birganj) cds (19 April, 1899) in black (Hepper page 27, fig. 15). Kathmandu cds below. Crease and slight edge fault at left but very scarce. Cert. Hellrigl AIEP (1985).

✉ **120** (€ 120)

- 1294** 1920/21: ½ a. orange postal stationery card with double lined frame (Wa Type 21), a used example from Kathmandu from the Head Clerk at the Court of Nepal, R. Hodson, cancelled in black, dated on reverse 15th August 1921. H&G unlisted, fine and rare.

✉ **200** (€ 200)

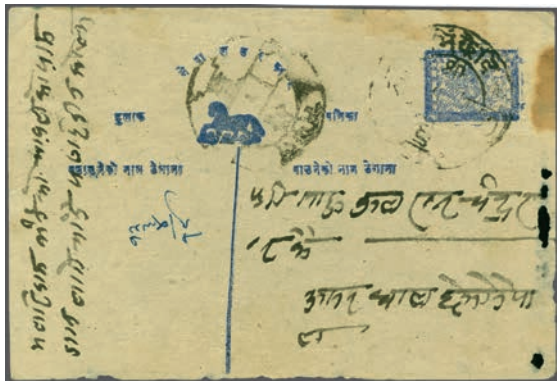
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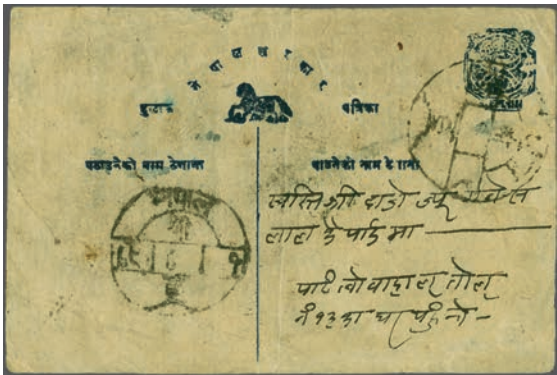
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- 1295** 1930: 2 pice deep blue postal stationery card, a used example cancelled by step pyramid circular BIRGANJ(A) datestamp with second 'A' error struck in black (Hepper/Hellrigl page 39, fig. 2) with Kathmandu arrival adjacent (Aug 20, 1930). One or two small holes at lower left but scarce.
- 1296** 1930/33: 2 pice deep blue postal stationery card (Wa Type 24), a used example cancelled by late usage (re-introduced 1929-31) of hexagonal barred obliterator of CHISAPANI handstamp (Hepper page 11, fig. 1) in black with Kathmandu arrival adjacent (July 7, 1930). One or two small worm holes but rare.

✉ **100** (€ 100)(H&G 20) ✉ **200** (€ 200)



1297



1298

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1933/35: 2 paisa blue Lord Shiwa postal stationery card, a used example cancelled by circular BHIMPEDI step pyramid datestamp (Hepper/Hellrigl page 39, fig. 5) in black (April 20, 1936). with unclear Kathmandu arrival at left. Wormholes at right but very scarce.

Gibbons

Start price in CHF

Start price approx. €

✉

100

(€ 100)
- 1298

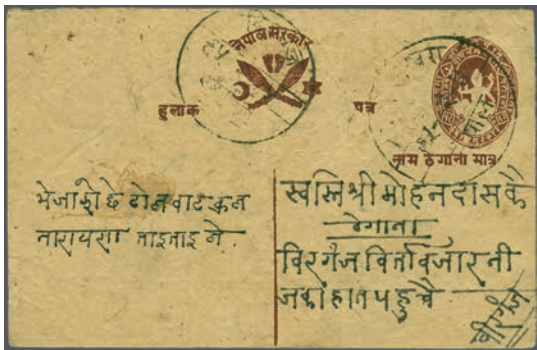
1930: 2 pice deep blue postal stationery card, a slightly over-inked used example cancelled by step pyramid circular BIRGANJ II datestamp with second 'A' error struck in black (Hepper/Hellrigl page 39, fig. 3) with Kathmandu arrival adjacent (Nov 14, 1932) in black. Minor bends but scarce.

(H&G 21)

✉

120

(€ 120)



1299



1300

- 1299

1937: Shiwa oval 2 pice brown on thick native stock (Wa Type 31), a locally used example cancelled on despatch by 'Nepal' datestamp of Kathmandu (May 17, 1938) in black with Birganj (Exchnage) arrival cds at left (May 18) in black. A very card.

(H&G 27)

✉

250

(€ 255)
- 1300

1937: Shiwa oval 2 pice brown on thick native stock (Wa Type 31), a used example to Srinigar, Kashmir up-rated with 1941 2 p. brown (2) tied by Kashmir (Exchange) cds with Srinigar arrival cds (Feb 23, 1942) at left. A scarce card.

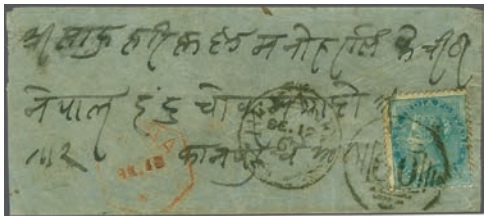
(H&G 27)

✉

250

(€ 255)

Incoming stamped mail from or via India



1301



View of Benares

- 1301

1854: India ½ a. blue used on 1867 cover from Vranasi to Nepal tied by "Benares / 60" duplex in black (Sept 12). Calcutta transit in red and reverse with double arc "NEPAUL / P.O." arrival cds unusually struck in red (Sept 17).

54

✉

100

(€ 100)



James Broun-Ramsay,
1st Marquess of Dalhousie



Lt. Col. George Ramsay



1302

Gibbons

Start price in CHF Start price approx. €

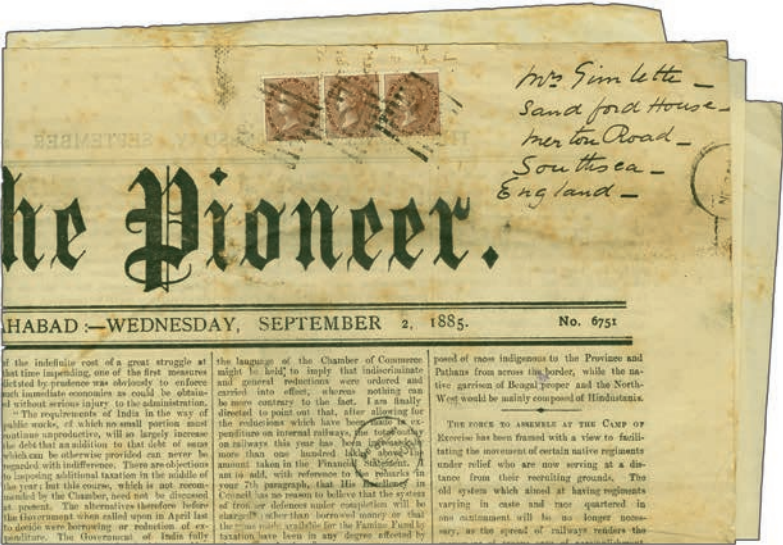
- 1302** 1858: Cover from Malta to Lieutenant Col. William Ramsay, British Resident in Nepal (1852-1867), countersigned at left "*Dalhousie*" and endorsed "*via Calcutta*", franked by Great Britain 1855/57 4 d. pale rose-carmine tied by bold strike of the "M" obliterator in black. Reverse with Malta despatch cds in red (May 7, 1858) and carried by steamer to Alexandria and thence overland to Suez and by ship to Bombay (May 26) in red and blurred probably Benares datestamp in blue (June 2). As with incoming letters from India of the period there is no Nepal backstamp. Docketing by William Ramsay on the reverse "*Respecting the employment of the Goorkha's in the plains of India*" (due to the Indian Mutiny of the previous year). The envelope with back flap missing, adhesive with slight crease and envelope with closed tears not greatly detracting from the appearance of a quite extraordinary cover: the earliest stamped cover from Europe - the next known being some thirty years later. Unique.

Note: The contents of this letter are housed in the National Records of Scotland. Their website states "*Letter from the Marquis of Dalhousie at Malta to Lt. Col. George Ramsay in Nepal. Is worried about the potential consequences of using Nepalese and Sikh troops to help suppress the Mutiny. Their aid was needed and properly accepted by the Government but the Jung (Bahadur, ruler of Nepal) and the Sikhs are not doing all this for nothing. And the troops who have seen us in need of their help and calling for it are not unlikely to conclude that they may be as formidable to us tomorrow as they are to our enemies today, and may act on this conclusion. People at home think only of the fact that they are on the British side*". The Gurkhas have, of course, fought in the British Army ever since.

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2'000 (€ 2'020)



The Residency in Kathmandu

Gibbons

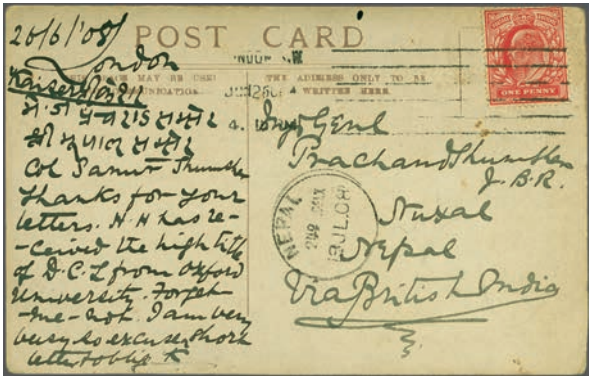
Start price in CHF

Start price approx. €

- 1303
- 1865: India 1 a. chocolate-brown, a horizontal strip of three, all used on 1885 "The Pioneer" twenty page Newspaper printed in Allahabad, tied by "D" in bars obliterators with "NEPAL" despatch cds at right. Mailed from Dr. Gimlette, the Surgeon at the Residency in Kathmandu to Southsea, Hampshire; the additional 1½ anna franking showing the Newspaper to be over 4 ounces, with Bombay transit cds (Sept 14). Some minor aging and sensibly folded for Exhibit display with the remaining pages of this fascinating Newspaper included with the lot. Rare.
- 60
- ✉
- 300
- (€ 305)



General Kaiser Shamsar

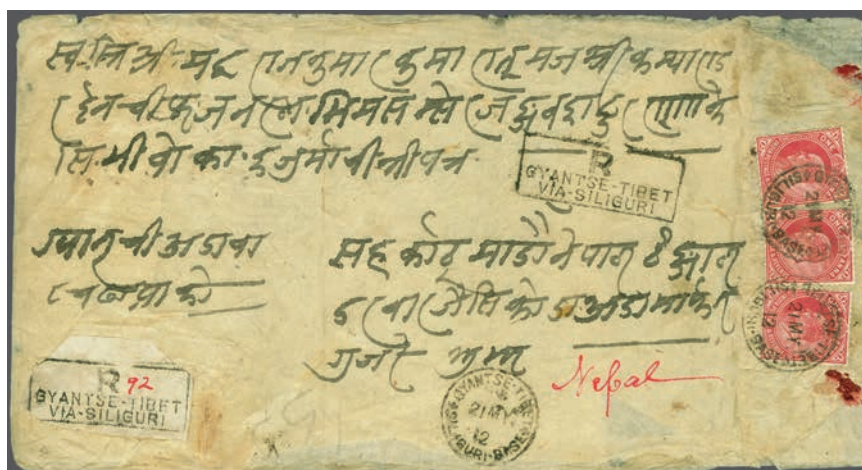


- 1304
- 1902/10: Great Britain 1 d. red used on postcard (HMS Hyacinth) from London to Nepal with message in English from General Kaiser Shamsar who had accompanied the Maharajah Chandra Shamsar on his visit to England (only the second Nepalese to visit Britain), the message reading "Col. Shamsar thanks you for his letters. H.H. (His Highness) has received the high title of D.C.L. (Doctor of Civil Law) from Oxford University...". NEPAL arrival cds (July 18) alongside. A most unusual card.
- 1305
- 1905: India Chinese Expeditionary Force CEF 1 a. carmine, ten examples with two sadly defective, used on 1908 cover from Peking addressed to "His Highness The Maharaja of Nepaul, via Calcutta", all tied by "F.P.O. No. 1" datestamps of the Peking Legation (May 8, 1908) in black with "Base Office / B" cds (May 10) below and "NEPAL" arrival (June 10). Obverse with framed "F.P.O. No.1" handstamp in black. Despite imperfections a remarkable cover.
- 100
- ✉
- (€ 100)
- C13
- ✉
- 250
- (€ 255)

Incoming stamped mail from Tibet



1306



1307

Gibbons

Start price
in CHF Start price
approx. €

- 1306** 1907: 4 p. green, a single example, tied to reverse of 1909 cover from Kadarban to General Bhim Shamshere Jung Bahadur Rana at the Palace in Kathmandu by half negative square (mechanically dated) handstamp (Oct 8) in black (Hepper page 34, fig. 2) with repeated strike adjacent and Kathmandu arrival alongside (Oct 17). The Kadarban despatch marking is rare - only recorded between 1909 and 1910.

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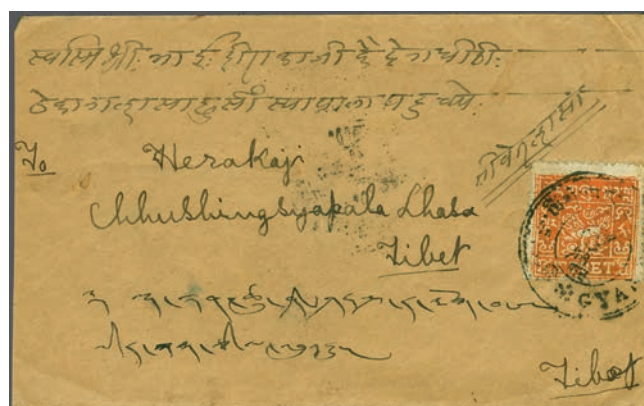
**100** (€ 100)

- 1307** 1906/07: India 1 a. carmine, three single examples used on 1912 registered cover to Nepal, all tied by "GYANTSE-TIBET / SILIGURI BASE" cds's (May 21) in black with framed "R / GYANTSE-TIBET / VIA-SILIGURI" registration label and cachets at left in black. Reverse with "Nepal / Dely." cds of receipt. A fine and scarce cover. Signed Dr. Orth BPP.

150

**250** (€ 255)

1308



1309

- 1308** 1911/23: India 1/2 a. bright green and 1 a. rose-carmine in a horizontal pair, used on 1920 registered cover to Nepal tied by "GYANTSE / TIBET" datestamps (July 6) in black. Registration label at left and (Nepalese) sender's seal in black with 'Nepal' cds of receipt and oval "Katmandu" handstamp. Minor scuff particularly attractive

157+ 159

**100** (€ 100)

- 1309** 1932: India 1 a. 3 p. mauve used on reverse of cover to Lhasa, Tibet tied by "NEPAL" cds (Dec 4) with oval "Katmandu" handstamp adjacent in black. "Gyantse / Tibet" cds (Dec 12) adjacent and obverse with Tibet 1933 1/2 tr. orange, perf., tied by "Gyantse" cds.

9A+ 235

**120** (€ 120)

- 1310** 1933: Tibet 1 tr. scarlet and 2 tr. scarlet used on reverse of 1942 cover from Kathmandu to Pharijong with Nepal 1941 8 p. scarlet tied on reverse, "Opened by Censor" Reseal label and tied with "Opened by Censor" handstamp in black, adhesives tied by PHARI datestamp with Exchange Office "Pharijong" cds on reverse (Nov 30). Sensibly opened for display, a fine and unusual cover; matched with a similar 1943 cover but without the Tibetan adhesives applied.

(Photo = www) 11Bab+ 12B

**140** (€ 140)



ex 1311

- 1311
- 1940/42: Covers (2) both to Kathmandu, earlier cover with India 1 a. brown tied by PHARIJONG cds (Aug 15) and struck with framed "NOT OPENED BY / CENSOR" in black on obverse; 1942 cover with India 3 p. slate and 1 a. 3 p. bistre similarly tied at Pharijong, with palin paper Reseal Censor at left. A fine matched pair.
- 234+ 265+
269
- ✉
- Gibbons
- Start price
in CHF
- Start price
approx. €
- 100
- (€ 100)



1312



View of Pharijong

- 1312
- 1943: Cover from Pharijong to Kathmandu, Nepal struck on obverse with very fine half-round "PHARIJONG F.P.O. No. 81 / DUE" Postage Due marking and a second in Tibetan script with charges in manuscript. Reseal Censor at side with italic "Opened by Censor" in black and reverse with PHARIJONG cds (March 18) and Kathmandu arrival. A most unusual cover.
- ✉
- 200
- (€ 200)



1313

- 1313
- 1933/: 4 tr. green tied by Lhasa cds used in combination with India 1948 Gandhi 1 1/2 a. brown pair and 1949 1 a. turquoise and 2 a. carmine tied by "Gyantse / Tibet" cds's (Aug 19) on reverse of 1950 registered cover to Kathmandu, with "Indian Embassy / Nepal" arrival (Aug 30) alongside. Gyantse registered label on obverse, imperfections but unusual.
- 13B+ 305+
312+ 313
- ✉
- 100
- (€ 100)

Nepal: Lots and collections

		Gibbons		Start price in CHF	Start price approx. €
1314	1949/83: Unused collection on leaves with 1949 litho pictorial definitive set of nine, 1954 New Currency set of twelve to 2 r. brown-orange, 1954 Map set of twelve, 1956 Coronation set of five (2 sets) plus the scarce 1 r. venetian red used (Gi = £ 500+), 1957 definitive set of twelve, 1959 'Pheasant' set of fourteen values in blocks of four (Gi = £ 720), thereafter seemingly complete with a few imperf. varieties to 1983. A useful lot with most unmounted og. (Photo = www)	64/430	田*/**	250	(€ 255)
1315	Bow & Two Kukri's Issue 1899/1907: ½ a. black, early impression, imperforate, the album page with two used examples cancelled in manuscript, together with a fine 1901/02 (circa) cover from the Sawari Camp (the Maharaja's Hunting Camp) to the Landowner's and Land Tax Office, with ½ a. black, a large margined example cancelled by pen cross in black ink. An extremely rare stamp on letter. Cert. Hellrigl AIEP (1995). (Photo = www)	22	✉	750	(€ 760)
1316	Mount Everest Expedition 1924/2002: Covers/cards (25), with 1924 illustrated 'Noel' card with blue label franked by 3 p. grey (2) and 1 a. brown cancelled at Darjeeling, six covers in variable condition with "DAILY MAIL / Himalayan Expedition 1954" cachets in red, 1958 (3) & 1960 cards (3) for Swiss Expedition (signed), 1963 Austrian Expedition card (signed), 1970 Annapurna Expedition card (signed), 1972 Lhotse German expedition cover, 1972 'Tiroler-Himalaya-Expedition' card (signed), 1976 Mt. Tukuhe illustrated cover (signed), 1978 cover for 25th Anniversary of the first ascent used from Namche Bazar with embedded silver coin cancelled Namche Bazar and signed by Sherpa Tensing Norgay and Sir Edmund Hillary. (Photo = www)		✉	100	(€ 100)
1317→	1930/1990c.: The cover collection of covers (210+) with range from Sri Pashupati issues onwards, incl. 1949 1 r. orange on cover, 1959 Map set on FDC, 1956 1 r. Venetian red on FDC, 1959/60 'Pheasant' issue with range of interesting frankings and top value 5 rupee on FDC, and later issues etc. (Photo = www)		✉	200	(€ 200)
1318→	Postal Stationery 1887/1986c.: ½ a. orange cards unused (4) and used (2) both cancelled in Kathmandu, 2 p. brown card unused (4) and used with one up-rated, 4 p. green envelopes unused (3), and used with one up-rated with 1941 4 p., scarce 8 p. carmine envelope unused (4) and used from Kathmandu to India with "Raxaul" arrival cds on reverse (Sept 7, 1938) and a further four used; scarce 24 p. orange registered envelope (3½ mm. gap between words at top) used from Syuraj (May 26, 1952) and another not quite as fine; scarce 1959 6 p. red envelope used (2) - just 300 printed and many less now exist (Wateren only had two examples, neither as fine as these), Airletters with the first two 8 p. blue envelopes (with and without swastikas) - both up-rated usages, later issues unused and used with more modern 15 p. airletter with misprinted stamp etc. A generally fine lot (87). (Photo = www)		✉	500	(€ 505)

Nepal: Various consignors

1319	1934 (Aug.): Document with the red Zodiac seal (Lal Mohar) of King Tribhuban Bir Bikram Sjah describing the Transfer of land witnessed by the Prime Minister and Commander in Chief, Juddha Shum Sher Jung Bahadur Rana, and four Generals, struck by their seals. Dated 1991 BS, Srawan 5, a Friday, corresponding to a date in August 1934. Total length of the document is 150 cm. (Photo = www)		✉	150	(€ 150)
1320	1886: 1 a. grey-blue, Setting 6, a fine unused top marginal pair, positions 3-4, on medium native paper. Lovely multiple with the top of the marginal characters directed toward the adhesives which is characteristic for setting 6. Gi 7 = £ 280+ / Mi 4 = € 240+. <i>Provenance: Richard Frajola collection.</i> (Photo = 281)	7	(*)	120	(€ 120)
1321	1886: 1 a. blue, Setting 6, a fine unused vertical block of six, positions 37-38/45-46/53-54, on medium native paper. Appealing multiple, rare Gi 7 = £ 840+ / Mi 4 = € 720+. <i>Provenance: Richard Frajola collection.</i> (Photo = 241)	7	田(*)	300	(€ 305)
1322	1886: 1 a. deep steel blue, Setting 8, a fine unused top corner marginal block of eight, marginal inscription at top, positions 5-8/13-16, on good quality native paper. A lovely multiple Gi 7 = £ 1'120+ / Mi 4K = € 960+. <i>Provenance: Richard Frajola collection.</i> (Photo = 281)	7	田(*)	500	(€ 505)
1323	1886/98: 1 a. blue, a fine used block of six, positions 33-35/41-43 with prominent 'disk' flaw in pos. 33, cancelled by DANDELHDHURA circular barred obliterator, on thick native paper. A very attractive commercially used multiple with a cancellation from a small town Gi 7 = £ 960+ / Mi 4 = € 900+. <i>Provenance: Richard Frajola collection.</i> (Photo = 281)	7	田	400	(€ 405)