

POSTAL HISTORY OF CZECH LANDS FROM THE BEGINNING UNTIL 1867

The Vít Vaníček Collection



The Royal Residence in Prague

Stampless Mail

Thurn & Taxis Period 1526-1624



King Ferdinand I

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King's letter; 1545 (Feb 20): Entire Courier letter 'Kaiserbrief' from Prague Castle to the 'Statthalter, Kanzler, Regenten und Kammerräte der Niederösterreichische Lande' in Vienna, written in German and signed by autograph 'Ferdinand' of King **Ferdinand I of Bohemia**, the later Holy Roman Emperor Ferdinand I, two pages of text, closed by large paper-backed seal. In very good shape, a desirable item.

Note 1: Ferdinand (1503-1564) became King of Bohemia in 1526, the first belonging to the house of Habsburg. After the death of his brother-in-law Louis II of Hungary and Bohemia, at the Battle of Mohács on 29 August 1526, Ferdinand immediately applied to the parliaments of Hungary and Bohemia to participate as a candidate in the royal elections. On 24 October 1526 the Bohemian Diet elected Ferdinand king of Bohemia under conditions of confirming traditional privileges of the estates and also moving the Habsburg court to Prague. Ferdinand tried to reduce the influence of the privileged estates and the recatholicization of the lands of the Bohemian Crown resulting in the Estates Revolt of 1547. Following the abdication of his brother Charles V in 1556 he became Holy Roman Emperor and Archduke of Austria. After becoming King of Bohemia in 1526, the first postal route between Prague and Vienna was organized by the Thurn & Taxis family.

Note 2: This and the consecutive lots contain a complete series of letters signed primarily in the Hradschin in Prague in manuscript by the ruling Kings of Bohemia between 1526 and 1637, from Ferdinand I to Ferdinand II. Thus they are perfectly suited to document this moved period in the conflict between Czech reformation and Habsburg recatholicization leading finally to the Second Defenestration of Prague and the Thirty Year's War.



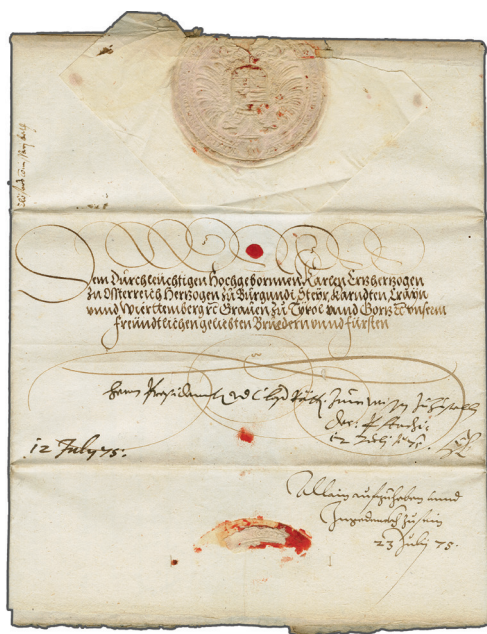
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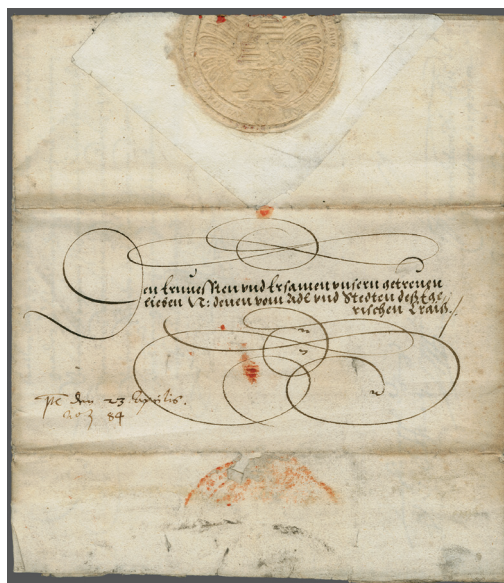
King Maximilian II



King Rudolf II



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- 7002** King's Mail - Kaiserbriefe; 1575 (July 5): Entire Courier letter from Prague Castle, written in German and signed by autograph 'Maximilian' of **Maximilian II** (1527 - 1576), King of Bohemia and Holy Roman Emperor directed to his brother Karl (1540-1590), Archduke of Austria, Duke of Burgundy, Steyr, Kärnten, Krain und Württemberg ..., one page of text, closed by large Imperial paper-backed seal.

Note: Maximilian II was Holy Roman Emperor from 1564 until his death in 1576, he succeeded his father Ferdinand I as Holy Roman Emperor. A member of the Austrian House of Habsburg, he was crowned King of Bohemia in Prague on 14 May 1562 and elected King of Germany (King of the Romans) on 24 November 1562. On 8 September 1563, he was crowned King of Hungary and Croatia in the Hungarian capital Pressburg.

- 7003** King's Mail - Kaiserbriefe; 1584 (April): Entire Courier letter from Prague Castle, written in German and signed by autograph 'Rudolf' of **Rudolf II**, King of Bohemia and Holy Roman Emperor, directed to the 'Adel und Stedter des Egerschen Kreises', sent to Loket / Elbogen with April 23, 1584 receiving note, two pages of text, closed by large Imperial paper-backed seal.

Note: Rudolf II (18 July 1552 – 20 January 1612) was Holy Roman Emperor (1576–1612), King of Hungary and Croatia (as Rudolf I, 1572–1608), King of Bohemia (1575–1608/1611) and Archduke of Austria (1576–1608).



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King Matthias II



King Frederick I



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- 7004** King's Mail - Kaiserbriefe; 1617 (Sept 1): Entire Courier letter from Prague Castle, written in Czech and signed by autograph 'Matthias' of **Matthias II**, King of Bohemia and Holy Roman Emperor, directed to Tabor with strike of the Arms handstamp of Tabor city inside, two pages of text, closed by large Imperial paper-backed seal.

Note: Matthias (24 February 1557 – 20 March 1619) was Holy Roman Emperor from 1612 to 1619, Archduke of Austria from 1608 to 1619, King of Hungary and Croatia from 1608 to 1618 and King of Bohemia from 1611 to 1617. As a consequence of his failed religious and administrative policies, the Bohemian Revolt, the initial theatre of the Thirty Years' War, began during the final year of Matthias' reign.



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- 7005** King's Mail; 1620 (Aug 7): Entire letter from Prague, written in Czech and signed by autograph 'Friedrich' of **Frederick V of the Palatinate**, elected King Frederick I of Bohemia, the entire directed to Tabor, two pages of text, closed by large Royal paper-backed seal. A rare and sought after document from this short lasting reign at the beginning of the Thirty Year's War.

Note: Frederick V (German: Friedrich V.; 26 August 1596 – 29 November 1632) was the Elector Palatine of the Rhine in the Holy Roman Empire from 1610 to 1623, elected by the states of the Bohemian Confederacy and reigned as King Frederick I of Bohemia from 1619 to 1620. He was forced to abdicate both roles after the lost battle on the White Mountain in November 1620; and the brevity of his reign in Bohemia earned him the derisive sobriquet "the Winter King" (Czech: Zimní král; German: Winterkönig).



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- 7006** Priority Mail; 1558/99; Selection two Entire letters showing 'Cito, Cito, Cito' manuscripts on front, incl. a 1558 (Jan 4) letter of Holy Roman Emperor Ferdinand I (1531-1556), King of Bohemia since 1526, signed by the Emperor, directed to his son in Vienna, the future King Maximilian I of Bohemia and Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian II, the letter dealing with hunting; also 1599 letter of Petr Vok z Rožmberka / Peter Vok of Rosenberg, a leading Czech protestant nobleman in these moved years, the letter signed in manuscript by Petr Vok and directed to Český Krumlov / Böhmisches Krumau. The King's letter with some folds, nevertheless two appealing entires documenting this early predecessor service of registered and express mail.

Provenance: The King's letter was sold in Corinthila sale 155 (October 2008), lot 2002.

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- 7007** 1565/1601: Selection of four Entire Letters including 1565 letter from Archduke Ferdinand, governor of Bohemia and son of Emperor Ferdinand I from Prague to Kutna Hora, 1581 letter from Prague to Archduke Ferdinand in Graz containing a reply to Emperor Rudolph's order concerning a dispute with the government of Venice, and a 1601 Entire to the mayor of Eger.

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- 7008** King's Mail - Kaiserbriefe; 1634/1705: Selection three Entire letters from Prague, incl. a 1634 letter of Holy Roman Emperor **Ferdinand II** (1578-1637), King of Bohemia since 1619 after the abdication of Frederick, the Winter King, directed during the Thirty Year's War to 'Jeremias Fladenstein, Marschall bey unserer N.Ö. Regierung'; 1694 letter of Holy Roman Emperor **Leopold I** (1640-1705), King of Bohemia since 1657, directed to 'Gottlieb Graf von Windisch-Grätz, geheimer Rath und Reichs Vice Kanzler, ...' (1630-1695); also 1705 letter of Holy Roman Emperor **Joseph I** (1678-1711), King of Bohemia since 1705, directed to Brünn; all with manuscript autographs of the Emperors.

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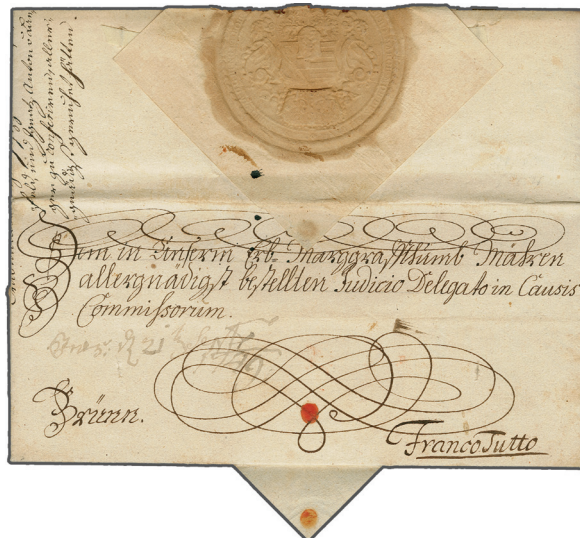
Paar Period 1624-1722

- 7009** 1635/1705: Selection of nine Entire letters from the period of Bohemian mail using the services of the General Postmaster of Johann Freiherr von Paar and his descendants with eight express letters with 'Cito Cito Cito', 'per Staffetam' or related handwritten notes, mostly sent from Prague, but also from Mikulov or Horšovský Týn. A group of letters from and to officials of the state, two of them sealed with wax and strings. An appealing group in pristine condition.

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Imperial Mail 1722-1789



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- 7010** Kaiserbriefe, 1724 (March): Entire letter written in German and signed by autograph 'Carl' of **Charles II**, King of Bohemia and Holy Roman Emperor Charles VI, directed to the 'Unter-Cammerer in Unserm Markgraffthum Mähren, Johann Christoph von Doberschitz' in Brno / Brünn, signed in addition by Franz Ferd. Comes Kinsky and Wilhelm Graf von Kolowarath, two pages of text dealing with administrative processes in Znaim, closed by large Imperial paper-backed seal, handwritten 'franco tutto' denoting full pre-payment and '27 Marz 1724' arrival note.

Note: Charles VI (1 October 1685 – 20 October 1740) was Holy Roman Emperor, ruler of the Austrian Habsburg monarchy, and thereby King of Bohemia from 1711 until his death. He unsuccessfully claimed the throne of Spain following the death of his relative, Charles II. Having no male offspring, his death led to the War of the Austrian Succession, which plagued his successor, Maria Theresa, for eight years.



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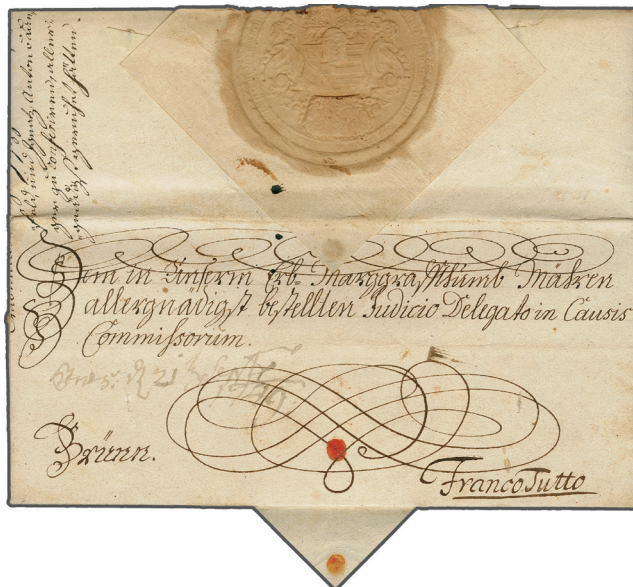
King Charles II



Queen MariaTheresia



King Joseph II



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- 7011** Kaiserbriefe, 1749 (Sept): Entire letter written in German and signed by autograph 'Maria Theresia' of Maria Theresa, Queen of Bohemia and Holy Roman Emperor, directed to the 'Judicio Delegato in Causis Commissorium in Unserem Erb-Markgraffthum Mähren' in Brno / Brünn, signed in addition by von Seilern and von Stanz, two pages of text, closed by large Imperial paper-backed seal, handwritten 'franco tutto' denoting full pre-payment and '21 Sept 49' arrival note. The inside edges of the entire with some toning and minute tear and wear, nevertheless a sought after document.

Note: Maria Theresa (13 May 1717 – 29 November 1780) was ruler of the Habsburg dominions from 1740 until her death in 1780, and the only woman to hold the position in her own right. She was the Queen of Bohemia, her husband Francis I and her son Joseph II being Holy Roman Emperors. Maria Theresa ruled as an autocratic sovereign. She promulgated institutional, financial, medical, and educational reforms, promoted commerce and the development of agriculture, and reorganised Austria's military, all of which strengthened Austria's international standing.

- 7012** Kaiserbriefe, 1788 (Aug 14): Entire letter written in German in Vienna and signed by autograph 'Joseph' of **Joseph II**, King of Bohemia since 1780 and Holy Roman Emperor since 1764, directed to 'Jakob Chmel, Abt des Stifts zu Brzenow in Braunau', two pages of text dealing with some church politics, closed by large Imperial paper-backed seal, handwritten '1 Loth' and '8' (kreuzer) due as well as Notabene NB registered mail note on front. Cert. Puschmann (2007).

Note: Joseph II (13 March 1741 – 20 February 1790) was Holy Roman Emperor from 18 August 1765 and sole ruler of the Habsburg monarchy from 29 November 1780 after the death of his mother, Maria Theresa. He was thus the first ruler in the Austrian dominions of the union of the Houses of Habsburg and Lorraine, styled Habsburg-Lorraine. This letter was written at the beginning of the unsuccessful war of Austria and Russia against the Ottoman Empire.



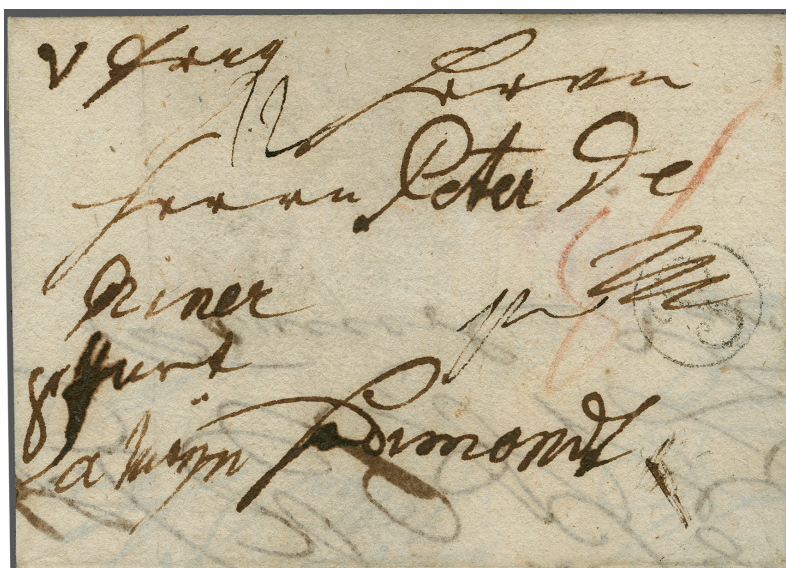
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View of Charles Bridge in Prague



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- 7014** 1791 (April 17): Entire letter posted in Prague, handwritten "v. Prag" at top left, directed as part of the Peter de Thier correspondence to Hodimont, Belgium, routed Prague - Reez - Regensburg - Augsburg - Frankfurt - Cologne - Hodimont. Struck on front by a fair "P" in Circle handstamp of the City Post (Votoček 1863.01 = 1'000 points / Müller 1945A = 600 points), '8' (kreuzer) in red crayon for the prepaid postage, '12' (kreuzer rheinisch) in manuscript for the tax of the German post to be collected from the receiver. Cert. Puschmann (2007).

Note: The "P" in circle handstamp of the City Mail in Prague was obviously further on used after the Imperial privilege was abolished on 21 September 1789 and the city post became part of the state post service until 1794.



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- 7015** 1769/82: Selection five Entire letters in the distance rate of November 1751, incl. 1770 entire from Přeštice / Pržestitz to Klatovy / Klattau in the first distance rayon with a weight up to two loth, both noted on front in red crayon, struck by an extremely early and clear use of straight-line "de Pržestitz" handstamp in red (Votoček 1914 = 800 points / Müller 1194A = 875 points) as the post office was opened the year before; 1772 entire from Cerhovice / Zerhowitz to Poděbrady / Podiebrad in the second distance rayon with a weight up to one loth, struck by very rare framed "V. CZERHOVITZ" in red (Votoček 313 A.15 / Müller 1757a = 750 points), 1782 entire from Prague to Joachimsthal with extremely early and crisp strike of the first "Von Prag" handstamp in red (Votoček 1863 A.7 = 200 points / Müller 1178A = 200 points), known in Müller not earlier than 1783, in Votoček from 1782; also two Nota Bene NB registered letters, both with '8' (kreuzer) due, one 1763 to Brno / Brünn, the other 1771 with handwritten "v. Vessely" to the agent of Prince Schwarzenberg & Duke of Crumow / Böhmisches Krumau. A superb group of very to extremely early covers presenting the first place handstamps in Bohemia in a superior quality, includes a contemporary printed rate table.

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- 7016** 1793/96: Selection three Entire letters in the new rate of November 1791, incl. 1793 entire from Prague to Neuhaus bei Kutná Hora / Kuttentberg struck by "Prag in Oval" in red (Votoček 313 / Müller 1178F = 300 points), 1793 entire from Klatovy / Klattau to Pisek struck by minuscule straight-line "de Klattau" in black (Votoček 1003 A.2 / Müller 657C = 500 points), and 1796 entire from Zditz to Sobieslav struck by extremely early intaglio "VON ZDITZ" handstamp (Votoček 2753 A.1 = 400 points / Müller 1750A = 500 points), in Votoček & Müller not known earlier than 1797. An exquisite group of fine entires with rare and clear strikes.


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- 7017** 'Postmark-free period': 1792/1801: Selection two Entire letters and a receipt, incl. 1792 decorative Franco cover from the town council of Reichenberg / Liberec to the town council of Eperies in Hungary, fully prepaid with cross and 'frey' in red crayon, sent registered with Notabene 'NB' abbreviation in red crayon, recepissee receipt mentioned on front, rate noted on reverse with '32' (kreuzer for the fourth weigh level and 6 kreuzer registration fee. Also 1801 entire from Svitavy / Zvittau in Moravia via Vienna to Botzen in Southern Tyrol, handwritten "v. Zvittau" at top left, '6' (kreuzer) due in red crayon noted on front and in addition receipt for a registered letter sent 1798 vom Strakonice / Strakonitz to Hamburg, also two registration receipts - Aufgabe-Recepissen.

Note: Between 1790 and 1817 the rates were based solely on the weight, regardless of the distance between the post offices of dispatch and delivery. Therefore it was not of primary importance to have the post office of dispatch indicated by a handstamp. However, one can find handwritten notes indicating this place. During the Napoleonic Wars, however, the rates changed several times.

Provenance: Both entires ex collection Puschmann.

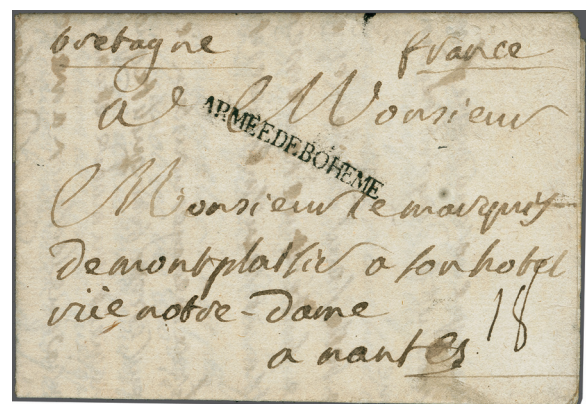
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Foreign Destinations of the 18th Century



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- 7018** **French Fieldpost during the War of Austrian Succession**, 1742 (Oct 3): Entire from the military camp of Libeň nearby Prague to Montpellier, endorsed "de Prague" and struck by straight-line "ARM. DE BAV." (Lenain SA3 & SA5), charged upon arrival. A fine group from the 1742 year when Prague was occupied by French troops.

Note: The War of the Austrian Succession was a European conflict fought between 1740 and 1748, primarily in Central Europe. Its pretext was the right of Maria Theresa to succeed her father, Emperor Charles VI, as ruler of the Habsburg monarchy. France, Prussia, and Bavaria saw it as an opportunity to challenge Habsburg power. Prussia occupied the Austrian province of Silesia in 1740 and Prussian, Saxonian, Bavarian and French troops conquered Pilsen in October 1741 and even Prague in November 1741. However, in 1742 the fortune of war changed and Austrian victories in Austria, Bavaria, and Bohemia led finally to the siege of French and Bavarian troops in Prague.



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- 7019** 1743 (Jan 1): Entire letter sent by the French Field Post from Mühlbach, today Pomezí nad Ohří in the Bohemian Forest, situated between Cheb and the Bavarian border, written by a French officer and directed to the 'Marquis de Montplaisir à son hôtel rue Notre-Dame à Nantes Bretagne France'. Struck by clear straight-line "ARMÉE DE BOHEME" handstamp (Votoček A.136 d-41 / Lenain SA4), rated '18' sols to be paid by the receiver. A rare and most attractive Field Post entire from that military conflict.
- Note: The letter describes episodes during the 1742 siege of Prague, an extended blockade of the Bohemian capital during the War of Austrian Succession. French forces under the command of general Belle-Isle were besieged in the Bohemian capital. On 16 December 1742, Belle-Isle led 14,000 troops out of the city on a ten-day march to the French-held city of Cheb, reaching the Bohemian Forest four days later.*





Provenance: Collection Dubus.





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- 7020** 1742: Selection three Entire letters sent by the French Field Post from Bohemia incl. 25 April 1742 entire from Rožmítal pod Třemšínem / Rožmítal to Paris, struck by fair straight-line "ARMÉE DE BOHEME" handstamp (Votoček A.136 d-27 / Lenain SA4) in black, rated '12' (sols) to be paid by the receiver; also 16 September 1742 entire from Prague to Nantes France, endorsed in manuscript "de Prague" (Lenain SA5), charged with '18' sols A fine group from the 1742 year when Prague was occupied by French troops displaying the different handstamps and endorsement in use for Field Post mail back home to France. (Photo =  www)  **400**
- 7021** Mail abroad in the 18th century, 1758/88: Selection four Entire letters to the Papal States, Belgium, and France incl. 1784 entire from Brno / Brünn via Vienna to Roma struck by straight-line "Von Brünn" handstamp (Müller 180A = 240 points / not in Votoček), with '8' (kreuzer) in red crayon and charged with '4' (bajocchi) upon receipt; 1788 entire from Žatec / Saaz via Prague to Brussels struck by straight-line "Von Saaz" handstamp (Votoček 2090 A.7 = 400 points / Müller 1283A = 375 points) with '6' (kreuzer) in red crayon and tax notes for the German and Thurn & Taxis postal systems in Belgium; 1758 Entire letter from Prague via Nürnberg to St. Dié-en-Vosges in Lorraine with arrival straight-line "D'ALLEMAGNE" handstamp struck in Strasbourg (van der Linden 881) in black and 1785 entire from Český Těšín / Teschen via Vienna and Strasbourg to Beaune in Burgundy struck in the Thurn & Taxis office in Ulm with straight-line "D'AUSTRICHE" handstamp (van der Linden 923) in black. (Photo =  www)  **300**

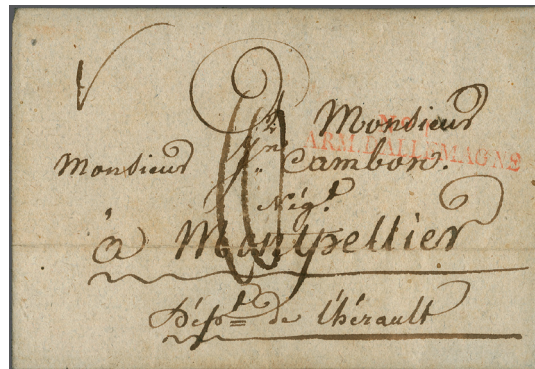
Mail Coach Services

- 7022** 1764/1847: Selection of ten receipts, confirmations, and tickets of the Fahrpost responsible for the transport of money, value letters, packages, and passengers incl. 1811 Estafette-Schein for the transport of cash, four 1764/1821 postmaster's receipts for the transport of money, 1835 investigative form for a value letter which did not reach the receiver - Laufzettel Fahrende Posten, also four 1812/47 stage-coach tickets. An interesting group. (Photo =  www)  **500**



Foreign Destinations 1800-1850



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- 7023** French Fieldpost during the **Napoleonic Wars** in the Aftermath of the Battle of Wagram, 1809 (Aug 4): Entire letter sent by the French Field Post from Vicemilice in Moravia nearby the 1805 battlefield of Austerlitz, written by a French lieutenant and directed to Ormeignies nearby Ath in the Department Conquis Jemappes, today in Belgium. Struck in Brno / Brünn by clear two-line "N° 26 / ARM. D'ALLEMAGNE" handstamp (Votoček 4095 A.137 / Reinhardt = 400 DM) in blue, rated '7' décimes to be paid by the receiver. A fine and fresh cover.
Note: In the aftermath of the battle of Wagram of 5. / 6. July 1809 and Znaim of 10 July, costly but decisive victories for Emperor Napoleon's French and allied army against the Austrian army the opponents agreed on a cease-fire which led to the peace treaty of Schönbrunn in October of that year. Between cease-fire and peace treaty French troops were still present in Southern Moravia and the Field Post Office no. 26 was located in Brno.  **300**
- 7024** French Fieldpost during the **Napoleonic Wars** in the Aftermath of the Battle of Aspern, 1809 (June 4): Entire letter sent by the French Field Post from Ebersdorf in Niederösterreich, written by a French lieutenant fighting at Aspern and directed to his father in Montpellier Hérault. Struck in Vienna by clear two-line "N° 1 / ARM. D'ALLEMAGNE" handstamp (Votoček not listed / Reinhardt = 400 DM) in red, rated '10' décimes to be paid by the receiver. A fine and fresh cover.
Note: Prior to the battle of Aspern, Napoleon had occupied Vienna on 13 May 1809 in addition to large parts of Southern Bohemia and Moravia. At Aspern, it was the first time Napoleon had been personally defeated in a major battle.  **200**



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- 7025** 1849 (Oct 25): Registered Cover from Znojmo / Znaim to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, endorsed "Via Havre", double-circle wreathed "ZNAIM 25/19" cds despatch, French "AUTR. .. NOV. 48 FORBACH" entry cds and British PAID cds on front as well as "FALMOUTH NOV 10 1848" transit cds on reverse, all in red, clear "RIO-JANEIRO FE 10 1849" arrival cds in black on obverse. Pen cross and FRANCO showing full pre-payment, the obverse was struck by three different registration handstamps, Austrian RECOMMANDIRT, French *Charge*, and British 'REGISTERED & Crown' in red. Reverse with private and four seals of the French postal administration. Lower left part of obverse missing, lower backflap torn during opening and partially missing, some usual edge wear, nevertheless a major rarity from Bohemia sent registered to Brazil, maybe unique.



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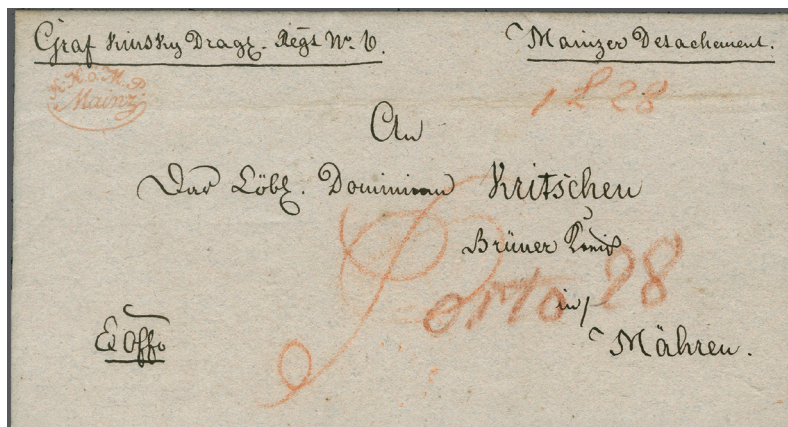
- 7026** 1824/50: Selection eight covers incl. 1850 Auscha to London with early framed GAPU "AUS SACHSEN" handstamp, 1826 Klattau via Novara to Turin, 1838 Teplitz to Naples with control handstamp, 1824 registered from Teplitz to Chur in Switzerland with manuscript Notabene 'NB' crayon note, 1836 Hayda via Paris & Madrid to Sevilla, taxed upon arrival with 10 reales, 1840 part paid Tetschen via Köln & Arnheim to La Hague, 1849 Prague to Waldenburg in Prussia, 1846 Hayda via Hamburg to Copenhagen Denmark. An interesting and diverse group of covers from Bohemia.

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Inland Mail 1817-1850



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- 7027** **Military mail** 1828 (Dec 26): Entire letter from the Graf Kinsky Dragoner Regiment N° 10 at the 'Bundesfestung Mainz' to Kritschen im Brünner Kreis / Podolí u Brna in Moravia, internally dated in manuscript, struck on obverse by superb "K.K.ö.M.P. Mainz" in oval (Müller 1953b = 850 points) in red, handwritten "Porto 28" (kreuzer) due in red crayon, indistinct "30 Dec" arrival datestamp on reverse. A most attractive entire with this sought-after military handstamp.



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Military mail 1833 (Dec 29): Entire letter from the K.K. Fürst Alois Liechtenstein 12. Infanterie-Regiment to Brünn / Brno, internally dated in manuscript, struck on obverse by straight-line PARMA handstamp, reverse with framed "BRÜNN / 7 JAN. 834" arrival datestamp. An appealing cover to Moravia sent by military mail during the occupation of northern Italy during the insurrection after the July Revolution of 1830 in France. In early 1831, the Austrian army began its march across the Italian peninsula, slowly crushing resistance in each province that had revolted.



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View of Troppau



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Disinfected Mail 1831 (Oct 12): Entire letter sent during the 1831/32 Cholera epidemic from Ratibor in Prussian Silesia to Brünn / Brno, closed with Prussian paper-covered wax seal, endorsed "Armensache / Porto notiert", struck on despatch with two-line "RATIBOR / 12 OCT." handstamp, opened at the middle sanitary cordon at the border to the Austrian Empire in Troppau / Opava in Austrian Silesia, cleaned, struck by two-line "Netto di fuori / e di dentro" handstamp (Cleaned from the inner and outer side, Müller and Meyer unlisted) and italics *Troppau* handstamp alongside, closed with matching red wax seal of the Comtumazamt Troppau (unlisted in Meyer), indistinct BRÜNN arrival on reverse.

Note: In 1831/32 Vienna like all large European cities was reached by the Cholera plague, a gastrointestinal disease coming from India via Russia to Western Europe which deadened the sick within days to weeks. The pathogen was unknown until 1883 and the means against the Cholera were therefore pretty powerless. Mail coming from outside the Austrian Empire were cleaned, i.e. treated with hot steam in hospitals in a sanitary cordon within Austria around Vienna, but also in two sanitary cordons at the borders of the Empire. The present letter reaching the Empire from Prussia was therefore also cleaned, a rare route which is not known for disinfected mail in the literature.



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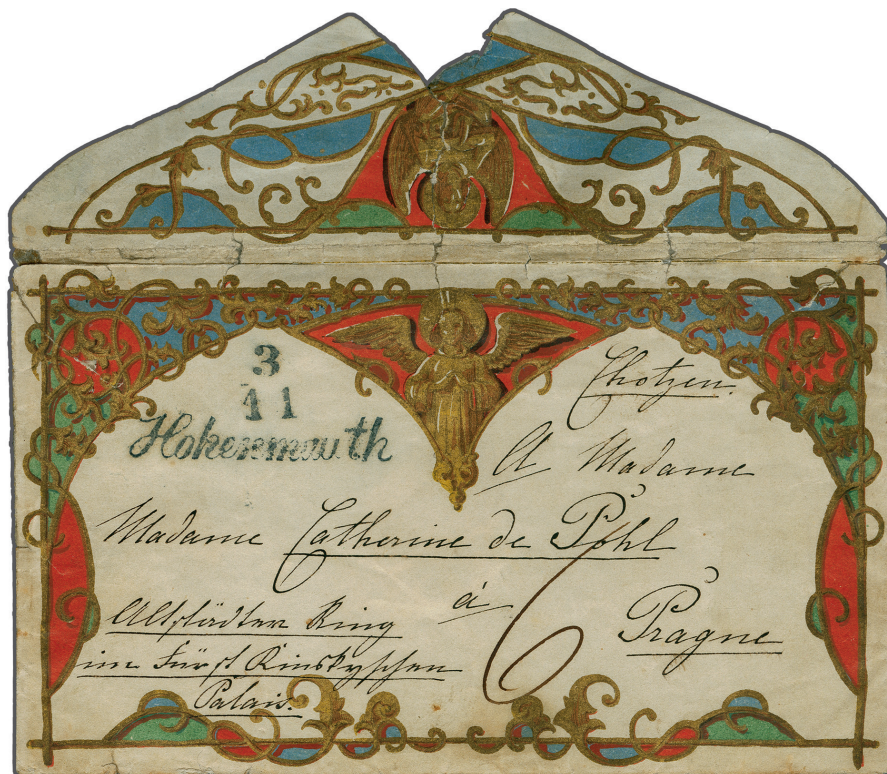
Disinfected Mail 1831 (Nov 5): Entire letter sent during the 1831/32 Cholera epidemic from Gitschin / Jičín to Bozen in South Tyrol, struck with straight-line "v. GITSCHIN" handstamp (Müller 414a / Votoček 914 A.1), rated '14' (kreuzer) in red crayon, opened when passing the Tyrolean sanitary cordon in Kitzbühl, punched for fumigation but not opened, struck by oval framed two-line "Netto di fuori / e di dentro" handstamp (Cleaned from the inner and outer side, Müller fig. 658 / Meyer p. 84/85), "13. Nov." arrival datestamp on reverse.



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Wilhelmina Maria Elisabeth Johanna
Baptista Gräfin von Colloredo-Mansfeld



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in CHF

- 7031 Pre-philatelic decorative envelope** 1843ca (Nov 3): Decorative envelope, written in Chotzen / Choceň and despatched at the post office in neighbouring Hohenmauth / Vysoké Mýto, directed to Catherine de Pohl in the Prince Kinsky - Palais in Prague. Struck with italics Hohenmauth handstamp in blue (Müller 530a = 80 points) and additional "3 11" datestamp in the same shade, reverse with indistinct arrival datestamp. Charged with '6' (kreuzer) for a letter up to 20 Austrian miles. A most attractive decorative cover / **Zierbrief** with a religious iconography which was typical for the Biedermeier period. Despite some corner wear, an exceptional piece of the greatest rarity, not only in Bohemia, but also in European pre-philately with its high-quality four-colour lithographic print.
- Note: A handwritten note on reverse gives Wilhelmina Maria Elisabeth Johanna Baptista Gräfin von Colloredo-Mansfeld (1804-1871), the widow of Fürst Rudolf Josef Anton Ferdinand Franz Leonhard Wilhelm Guido Kinsky von Vchinitz-Tettau (1802-1836) as sender. The Hohenmauth handstamp in blue is known since 1837, but the 6 kreuzer due speaks for a use after the rate change in 1843. The lithographic print is of excellent quality, the clarity and brightness of the print correspond well with the careful continuity without overlaps in all four colours. It is likely that the print was made for the exclusive use of the noble customer by a good but unknown printer in a small number of copies, of which only this one has apparently survived. It appears to be the only colour-decorated letter from the pre-stamp period. Its exceptionality certainly lies in the religious theme, its graphic expression and the corresponding choice of colors.*
- Provenance: Dorotheum sale (6 May 2015), lot 280.*



2'000



7032

Michel

Start price
in CHF

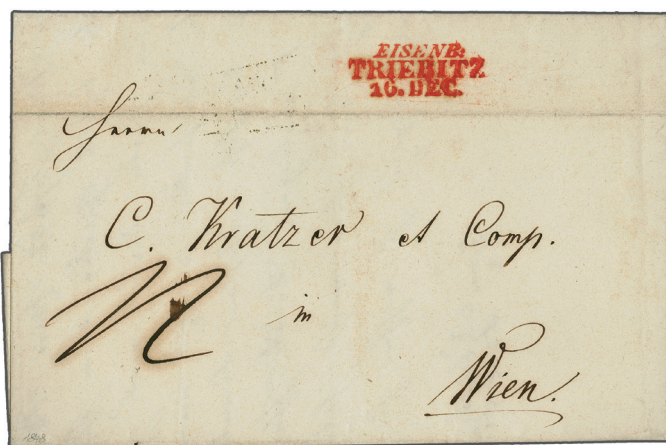
- 7032 Pre-philatelic decorative envelope in a Judaica correspondence** 1849ca (April 16): Decorative envelope, written in Prague and struck with two-line "PRAG. / 16 Aprl." handstamp in red (Müller 1178n) and directed to Auscha / Ústě. Full pre-payment shown by pen cros and handwritten "franco" on obverse, '3' (kreuzer) rate up to 10 Austrian miles noted on reverse. A most attractive decorative cover / *Zierbrief* with ornamental motifs on front and reverse, sent in the June 1848 rate presumably in the brief period until the introduction of stamps.

Note: This decorative cover is directed to Benjamin Schwarz (1802-1886), belonging to an old Jewish family in Ústě dealing with hop. The sender is mentioned on top of obverse as "C. Hennig", presumably Carl A. F. Hennig, an architect from Prague active in the 1840s. The Jewish community chairman Benjamin Schwarz had decided in 1849 to renovate the synagogue.

Provenance: Rapp sale (Nov. 2014), lot 1770.



1'500



17033



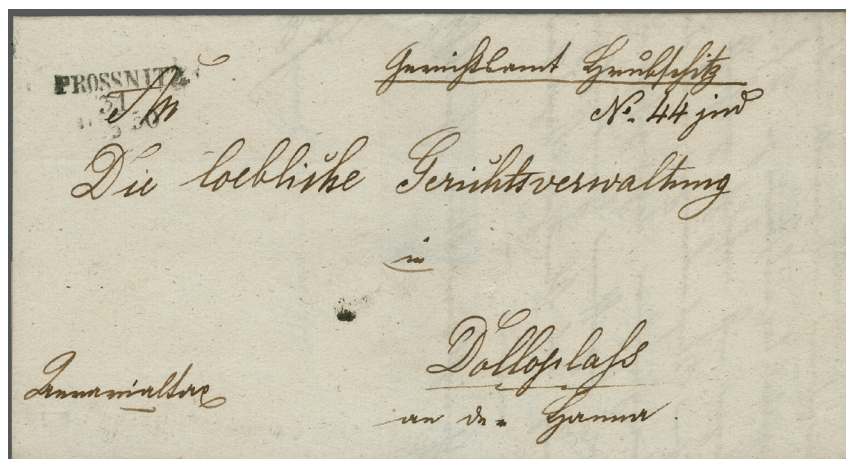
The train tunnel by Triebitz

- 7033 Pre-philatelic railway mail** 1848: Selection two Entire letters to Vienna, incl 1848 (Dec 14) entire written in Böhmisch-Tribau / Česká Třebová and despatched at the corresponding post office in the train station, struck with crisp two-line "EISENB. / TRIEBITZ / 16 DEC." in red (Müller 1572a = 300 points / Votoček A.3), reverse with boxed WIEN distribution handstamp of the next day, charged with '12' kreuzer for a letter of more than 20 Austrian miles. The post office is situated in a small village which was however the junction of the railway lines from Vienna via Brno and that via Olomouc to Prague, opened in September 1845 and closed already in 1849. In addition 1848 (Dec 14) entire from Hohenstadt / Zábřeh struck with clear three-line "EISENB. / HOHENSTADT / 13. SEP." in black (Müller 532a = 60 points / Votoček A.3), boxed WIEN distribution datestamp of the following day on reverse. A fine and most attractive duo from the early days of Bohemian railway mail.

Provenance: Collection Puschmann.



200



7034



View of Prossnitz

Michel

Start price
in CHF

- 7034 Last day of the prestamp period** 1850 (May 31): Entire letter despatched in Prossnitz / Prostějov and directed to Dolloplasz / Doloplazy nearby Olmütz, written on 28 May 1850, and struck by "PROSSNITZ 31 / 5 1850" datestamp, date of receipt noted internally as 1 June 1850. A fine use before adhesives came in use the next day.



100

- 7035 Letter collecting Agencies - Briefsammlungen**, 1818/32: Selection two entire letters to Prague incl. 1832 (June 20) ex offio entire struck by rare "SCHLAGGENWALTER / K.K. / BRIEF / SAML" double-circle handstamp (Müller 1344b = 300 points / Votoček G.0), a branch post office for Elbogen with oval framed ELBOGEN alongside; also 1818 ex offio entire struck by "Sant Joachimsthaler / K.K. / Brief / Saml." double-circle handstamp (Müller 1302e = 375 points, not known prior to the 2nd addition / Votoček G.0), a branch post office of Karlsbad. Two most attractive strikes from these elusive postal agencies.

Provenance: Puschmann collection, Classicphil sale 6 (Oct 2020), lots 40012 & 40013.

(Photo = www)



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- 7036** 1819/44: Selection 16 Entire letters within the Austrian Empire in the first rate after the Napoleonic Wars, either unpaid, partially paid or fully paid, four of them registered, with attractive strikes of rare prephilatelic handstamps, incl. 1822 "Von Brück" (Müller 184a) to Rokytzan, 1824 Horitz to Vienna struck by elusive oval intaglio "v. Horitz" handstamp (unlisted in Votoček or Müller), four fully prepaid 1837/40 entires with "Franco Wischau" (Müller 1718c = 210 points), PROSSNITZ FRANCO" (Müller 1190b = 120 points), "Pohrlitz Franco" (Müller 1155b = 240 points), and "FRANCO OLMÜTZ" (Müller 1058f = 300 points) handstamps in red, 1819 "von Zwodau.", 1839 LANDSKRON, and 1844 Hradisch sent fully prepaid, partially with additional FRANKO handstamp, part paid cover 1827 "v. Klentsch" (Müller 660a = 300 points), two porto entires from "MÜNCHENGRÄTZ / K.K.ÖST.BÖHM:BRIEF / U:FAHRPOST" (Müller 9246 = 240 points) and RAYGERN in decorative arrow postmark (Müller 1232b = 340 points); the four registered entires from "v. Böhmschbrod", TROPPAU, Sudomieritz with recepis and "Recomandirt Olmütz" (Müller 1058Ra = 150 points); also two receipts - Rezepissen. An impressive group.

(Photo = www)



1'500

- 7037** Cancellations of the Postal Administration 1836/45: Selection two Entire letters incl. 1836 from Brünn / Brno to Ingrowitz struck by clear oval framed "Von der K.K. Ober / Postverwaltung / IN BRÜNN" (Votoček 3960 C.27 = 200 points) dealing with the official messengers from Politschka to Ingrowitz; also 1845 registered from Prague to Leipzig struck by crisp oval framed "Von der / k.k. Ober-Post- / Verwaltung / in PRAG." (Votoček 3961 C.275 = 200 points), "NB" Notabene registration notes in red crayon alongside.

Provenance: Both entires ex collection Puschmann.

(Photo = www)



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- 7038** 1846/50: Selection seven Entire letter, four of them sent registered, incl. 1846 entire struck by "PROSSNITZ RECOMMANDIRT circular datestamp to Olmütz, 1846 entire with "BRÜNN Recommandirt" ornamental datestamp in blue with "BRÜNN / FRANCO" in reg alongside to Johannesberg bei Gablonz, 1848 entire directed to Butschowitz and struck by an attractive combination of wreathed OLMÜTZ cds and straight-line "RECOM:", both in blue and FRANCO in red; 1848 entire to Prague struck by a crisp "RECOMANDIRT / FRANCO / NEUERN. / 28 AUG." datestamp. Also two 1848 official letters with ornamental ZDITZ and oval IABUNKAU datestamps and 1850 entire with Quästitions-Schreiben searching for an undelivered value letter from Schüttenhofen to "Böhm. Krumau".

(Photo = www)



300

Philatelic Period 1850-1867

First Rate Period 1850-1858

First Distance



View of Prague Castle



7039

Michel

Start price
in CHF

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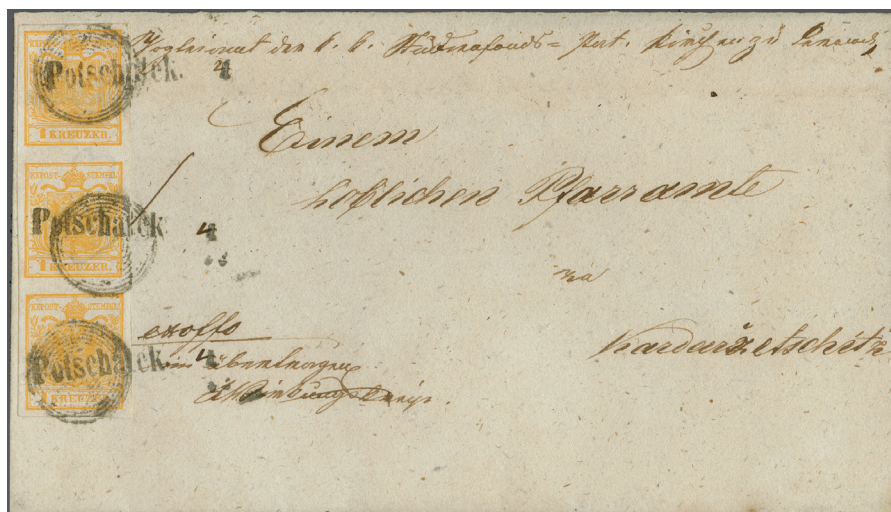
First Day Cover of the First Issue, 1850 (June 1): Lettersheet from Prague to Kuttenberg / Kutná Hora, bearing a **top left corner marginal example (10.5 x 10.5 mm)** of the 3 kr. deep vermillion type Ia1, large part of the marginal watermark, a fine and fresh adhesive in a vivid shade with some usual gum wrinkles, good margins at right, at base with huge margins including parts of the lower stamp, slightly tied by boxed Kastenstp. "PRAG 1 / 6 ..", reverse with two-line "KUTTENBERG / 1 Juni" arrival datestamp in blue, the archival note gives the year 1850. An exceptional item for a most advanced collection of classic Austria in general or Bohemia in particular, certs. Matl (1972), Puschmann (2009) Ferchenbauer = € 35'000 resp. LP due to the enormous corner margins.

Provenance: Collection Capellaro, Corinthila sale 134 (April 2003), lot 48
Collection Erivan, Corinthila sale 272 (June 2021), lot 7010.

3X



10'000



7043

Michel

Start price
in CHF

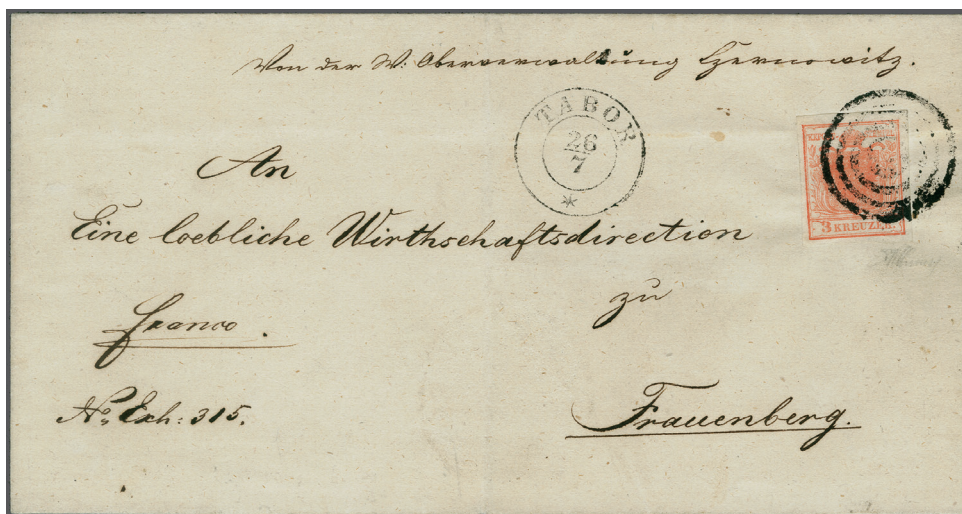
7043 Rare mute Potechatek obliteration of the First Issue, 1850ca (Dec 4): Lettersheet from Potechatek / Počátky to Kardasch Retschitz / Kardašova Řečice, bearing at left a vertical strip of 1 kr. yellow-orange type Ib on handmade paper, a fresh multiple in a deep shade with good to large margins all round, each adhesive tied by mute ring obliterator and straight-line "Potechatek" datestamp (Müller 2221d & f = 1'500+ points / Votoček 1814 A.2 & D.5 = 4'000 points). Upper backflap missing and nearly invisible file fold through the upper stamp, nevertheless one of two covers known with this elusive cancellation, the other shown in Müller on page H72, no cover with this cancellation in the Dr. Jerger collection.

Ferchenbauer = € 2'500 for the multiple on cover.

Note: Mute postmarks such as that for Potechatek are very rare, in the Czech lands only ten post offices used different designs between 1850 and 1858.

Provenance: Sylvain Wyler collection, Rapp sale (Dec. 1999), lot 3820.

1X

**3'000**

7044

7044 Mute Tabor cancellation 1851 (July 26): Cover from Tabor / Tábor to Frauenberg / Hluboká nad Vltavou bearing 3 kr. rose-red on handmade paper, type Ib, a fresh example with large margins all round, tied by light mute cancellation of Tabor in black (Müller 2861b = 1'800 points / Votoček 2393 D.3 = 2'400 points), double circle "TABOR 26 / 7" datestamp alongside, reverse with BUDWEIS and FRAUENBERG datestamps of the next day. Light ironed filing fold through the upper part of the adhesive, nevertheless a desirable presentation of this rare cancellation with only eleven covers known. Signed Wallner; cert. Ferchenbauer (2009).

Provenance: Köhler sale 192 (June 1969), lot 4040.

3X

**500**



View of Wischau



7045

Michel

Start price
in CHF

- 7045** Mute Wischau cancellation 1851ca (March 27): Cover from Vyškov / Wischau to Zábřeh / Hohenstadt bearing 3 kr. deep vermillion on handmade paper, type Ia3, a fresh and fine example in an intense shade with good margins at left and right and as always in this post office shaved at base and top, struck with a superb and attractive mute cancellation of Wischau in black (Müller 3529a = 3'750 points / Votoček 2649 G.28 = 4'200 points), wreathed double circle "WISCHAU 27 / 3" alongside, reverse with datestamps of HOHENSTADT railway station and post offices of the next day. Seal cut out from reverse, one back flap and both side flaps are missing, nevertheless a most expressive presentation of this extremely rare cancellation from Moravia with only five covers known, a connoisseur's piece. Signed Kolbe; cert. Ferchenbauer (2019).

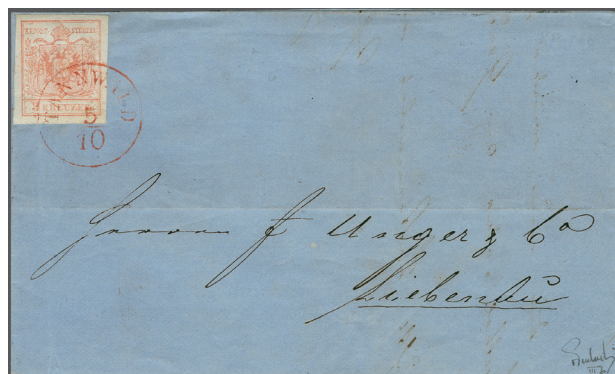
3X



4'000



7046



7048

Michel

Start price
in CHF

- 7046 Znaim beam mute cancellation** 1852 (May 12): Cover from Znaim / Znojmo to Vienna bearing 3 kr. rose on handmade paper, type I, a fresh example with large to enormous margins all round and parts of the upper neighbouring adhesive, tied by clear mute cancellation of the Tabor - Strahlenstempel '1576' in black (Müller 3356b = 900 points / Votoček 2393 D.7 = 1'800 points), wreathed double circle "ZNAIM 12 / 5" datestamp alongside, reverse with WIEN cds of the next day. Adhesive with light wrinkle in the upper margin, cover with file folds and minor toning away from stamp and cancellations, right sideflap missing and receiver's name made illisible, nevertheless an appealing combination of adhesive and this rare cancellation. Signed Wallner; cert. Ferchenbauer (2009).

Provenance: Collection Ing. Pietro Provera.

3X

**750**

7047



- 7047 Czimelitz mute cancellation** 1852 (May 12): Part newspaper wrapper from Prague to Czimelitz / Čimelice, bearing Newspaper stamp 'Blauer Merkur' (0.6 kr.) blue, type I, a fresh example shaved at left, narrow at right with large to enormous margins at top and base, tied by a clear cancellation of the mute Czimelitz handstamp in black (Müller 477b = 2'750 points on the first issue / Votoček 362 D.6 = 5'000 points). Wrapper part with minor wrinkles as to be expected, some toning aside the franking, the extremely rare cancellation struck completely and clean, rarely seen as such, a most appealing presentation especially as cancellation on arrival of the newspaper stamp, for a most advanced cancellation of classic Austria or Bohemia. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2025) Ferchenbauer RRR = LP.

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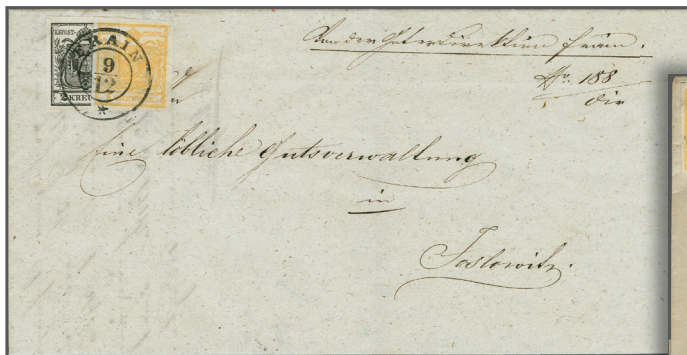
**2'000**

- 7048 Coloured cancellations** 1857 (Oct 5): Entire letter from Tannwald / Tanvald to Liebenau / Hodkovice nad Mohelkou, bearing on front 3 kr. bright red on machine paper in type IIb, a superb single example with large even margins all round, tied by light "TANNWALD 5 / 10" single circle datestamp (Müller 2869a = 560 Punkte / Votoček 2398 E.1 = 600 points) in red colour, reverse with LIEBENAU arrival cds of the same day. A minute filing fold below the adhesive, nevertheless a most attractive entire with this coloured datestamp which was used in Tannwald in black, red, and blue on the first issue. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2025).

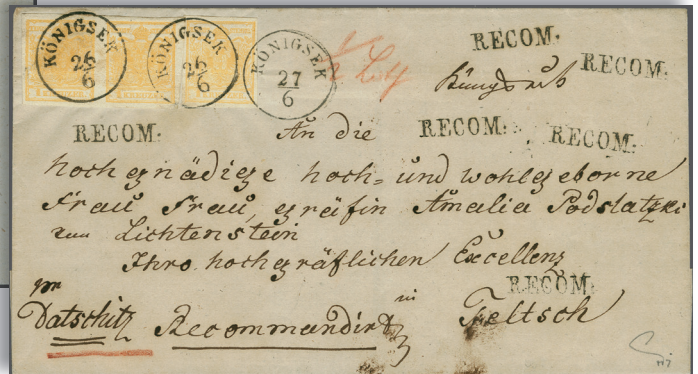
Provenance: Rapp sale (Nov. 2014), lot 1857.

3Y

**1'000**



7049



7050

Michel

Start price
in CHF

- 7049** **Patriotische Treppenfrankatur** 1852 (Dec 9): Entire letter from Frain / Vranovská Ves in Moravia to Joslowitz / Jaroslavice bearing 1 kr. orange-ochre and 2 kr. black, both on handmade paper in type Ib, two fresh adhesives with vivid colours and even large margins all round, tied together by double circle "FRAIN 9 / 12" datestamp (Müller 700a / Votoček G.18), reverse with JOSLOWITZ arrival cds of the next day. Stamps detached to iron out a horizontal filing fold, nevertheless an appealing item with a patriotic franking. Opinion Ferchenbauer (2002) Ferchenbauer = € 1'000 + 150.

1X+ 2X



200

- 7050** **Registered letter despatched twice** 1854 (June 26): Registered Cover from Königsek / Kunžak to Teltsch / Telč, bearing on front a single example and pair of 1 kr. orange-ochre and on reverse a pair of 3 kr. red, both on handmade paper in type III and IIIa, respectively, fair to huge margins all round, the 1 kreuzer adhesives on front tied by "KÖNIGSEK 26 / 7" cds, the rightmost single and the pair on reverse tied by KÖNIGSEK cds of the next day, the cover on front and on reverse with in total **twelve** strikes of the straight-line "RECOM:" handstamp, on reverse in addition NEUHAUS from 26 and 27 June and "IGLAU 27/6". The 1 kreuzer pair touched at the lower right corner, all adhesives on front crossed by a horizontal filing fold, the pair on reverse in immaculate condition, an impressive item full of postal history. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2018).

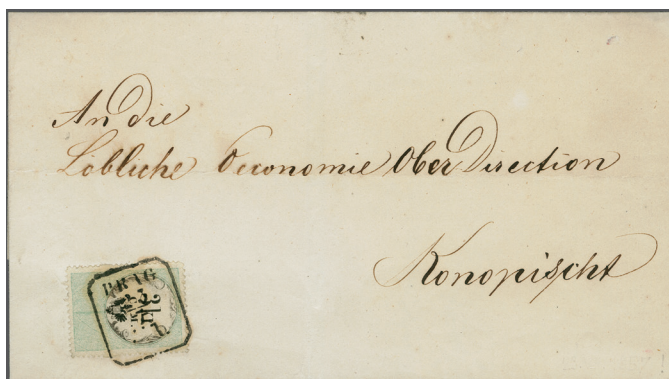
Note 1: The cover was first despatched and franked correctly for a cover of ½ loth as noted in red crayon on front, while it was not franked for the registration fee of 6 kreuzer. This was noticed lateron, presumably in Neuhaus / Jindřichův Hradec, and the letter returned to Königsek where the pair of 3 kr. red was added to the reverse and tied by the matching datestamp of 27 June. Thereafter the letter could make its way to its addressee, countess Amalia Podstatzky-Liechtenstein (1805 Vienna - 1864 Teltsch).

Note 2: In manuscript "Datschitz" (Dačice) is give as place of origin of this letter. Interestingly Datschitz is located more nearby the place of destination Teltsch than the place of despatch in Königsek.

1X+ 3X



750



7051



Castle Konopischt

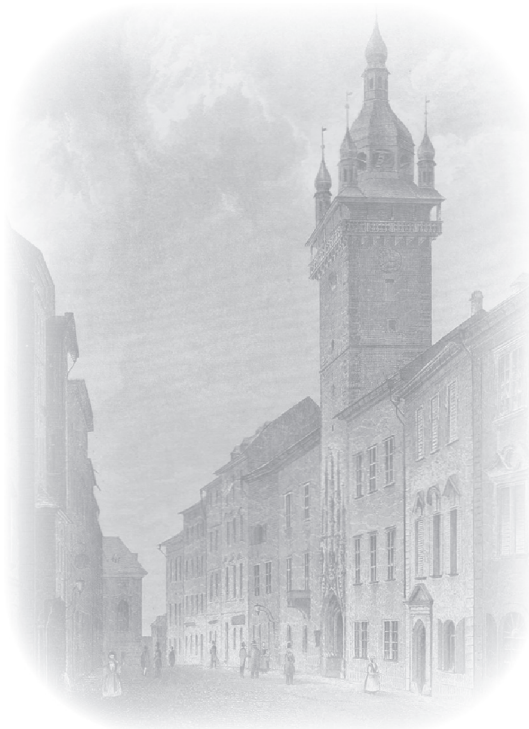
- 7051** **Revenue stamp used as postage stamp** 1857 (July 23): Cover from Prague to Konopischt / Konopiště, bearing a revenue stamp of 3 kr. black & green, a well perforated example, tied boxed "PRAG 23 / 7" datestamp, reverse with BENESCHAU arrival cds of the next day. Stamps detached, ironed out and cleaned, nevertheless an appealing usage. Opinion Ferchenbauer (2002) Ferchenbauer = € 1'000.

Note: The use of revenue stamps was illegal but tolerated until 9 July 1857, thus this cover was delivered after the use was forbidden but not taxed. Konopischt had no own post office until 1875, therefore the cover was delivered to the nearby Beneschau / Benešov office.



200

Second Distance



Town Hall in Brunn



7052

Michel

Start price
in CHF

7052

First Day Cover, 1850 (June 1): Entire letter from Brunn / Brno to Hohenmauth / Vysoké Mýto, bearing 6 kr. red-brown type Ia with distinct marginal print at right, a fresh adhesive, overall good to large margins, indiscernibly touched at lower left, slightly tied by "BRÜNN 1 JUN." single circle datestamp **in Blue**, reverse with "2 / 6" arrival datestamp, the archival note gives the year 1850. An **exceptional combination of a coloured cancellation from the first day of the First Issue**, item for a most advanced collection of classic Austria, cert. Ferchenbauer (1990) Ferchenbauer = € 40'000 for the First Day

Cover resp. LP for the combination with the blue cancellation.

Provenance: Collection Theimer, Corinthila sale 81 (March 1990), lot 2519.

4X



7'500



7053

Michel

Start price
in CHF

- 7053 Fifth Day Cover, 1850 (June 5):** Envelope from Prague to Goltsch-Jenikau / Golčův Jeníkov, bearing 6 kr. red-brown type Ia with partial St. Andrew's Cross at right, a fresh and fine example with even large margins, lightly tied by "Prag / 5. JUN." two-line datestamp, cancelled by pen stroke in addition, reverse with "G. JENIKAU / 5. Juni" arrival datestamp, there is an archival note from 1850. Front and reverse of the envelope had been completely separated, now rejoined at top, a fine early usage, opinion Ferchenbauer (1989) Ferchenbauer = € 2'000 for the 5th Day usage.

4X

**300**

7054

- 7054 Circular datestamp in Blue, 1856 (Aug 4):** Entire letter from Gross-Meseritsch / Velké Meziříčí to Prague bearing 6 kr. red-brown on machine paper, type III, a superb example with huge even margins all round, tied by clear two line "G. MESERITSCH / 4. AUG." datestamp in blue (Müller 876a / Votoček 1998 E.1), reverse with datestamps of BRÜNN and PRAG of the next day. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2017) Ferchenbauer = € 3'000.

4Y

**500**



View of Regens



7055

Michel

Start price
in CHF

7055

Circular datestamp in Green, 1850 (July 22): Cover from Regens / Řehořov to Brunn / Brno bearing 6 kr. red-brown on handmade paper, type 1a, a fresh and fine example with large margins all round, tied by superb and decorative single-circle "REGENS. 22 / 7" datestamp in green (Müller 2333b = 680 points / Votoček 1998 E.55 = 750 points for a blue cds), reverse with datestamp of BRÜNN of the next day. Green cancellations are extremely rare on the first issue, a major piece for a most advanced collection. Signed Seitz; cert. Ferchenbauer (2003).

Reference: Displayed and discussed in Dr. Jerger - *Allgemeine und besondere Frankaturen* on page 30.

Provenance: Collection Dr. Anton & Elisabeth Jerger, Corinthila sale 138 (Nov 2003), lot 563
Collection Erivan, Corinthila sale 254 (Sept 2020), lot 7021.

4X



3'000



7059

Church of Our Lady before Týn
in Prague

Michel

Start price
in CHF

7059

Three colour-franking for the fifth weight in the second rayon; 1857 (Oct 30): Entire letter from Prague to Böhmisches Kamnitz / Česká Kamenice bearing a three-colour franking of 3 kr. bright red, a single example and two pairs, 6 kr. brown, and 9 kr. bright blue, all on machine paper in type III or IIIb, overall fresh and fine adhesives with intense colours and large margins all round (one 3 kr. adhesive touched at top, the 6 kr. with marginal fold), cancelled / tied by oval "PRAG KLEINS. / 30/10, 3 U." datestamp in black. Horizontal and vertical file folds, one between the adhesives not impairing them, an appealing cover with an exceptional way to pay the 30 kreuzer franking in the second distance rayon. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2007) Ferchenbauer = LP, combination not listed.

3Y+ 4Y+ 5Y



1'000



7060

7060

Registered mail in the second rayon; 1856 (June 20): Registered lettersheet from Prague to Mühlhausen / Milevsko bearing on front and on reverse a horizontal strip of three 2 kr. black in type IIIa on handmade paper, overall fresh and fine multiples with deep colour and overall large margins, narrow at right, tied by oval "PRAG KLEINS." datestamp in black, "RECOM:" in red on obverse, reverse with MÜHLHAUSEN arrival cds of the following day. The lettersheet was used a second time as 'Wendebrief' and sent postage-free ex offio letter from MÜHLHAUSEN via TABOR to SELTSCHAN. Wax seal removed, refolded for presentation, file folds touches both multiples imperceptibly, nevertheless an appealing cover presentation with this rare franking. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2025) Ferchenbauer = € 5'000 for the strip of three 2 kr. adhesives to pay the registration.

2X



750



View of Pilgram



7061

Michel

Start price
in CHF

7061

Registered mail in the second rayon; 1855 (Jan 23): Registered envelope from Pilgram / Pelhřimov to Prague bearing on front 3 kr. red and three single examples of 9 kr. blue, on reverse 6 kr. brown, all on machine paper in type IIIa or III, respectively, five fresh and fine examples with intense colour and good to large margins, each adhesive tied by PILGRAM double circle datestamp in black, "RECOM:" on obverse, reverse with boxed PRAG arrival cds of the following day. The envelope with some edge wear and minor toning just mentioned for accuracy, an exceptional franking to pay correctly the 30 kreuzer for the fifth rate plus the 6 kreuzer registration fee. Cert. Ferchenbauer (1992) Ferchenbauer = € 5'000 for the franking on front.

3X+ 4X+
5X

750



7062

7062

Revenue stamp used as postage stamp 1856 (Feb 11): Envelope with full content from Winterberg / Vimperk to Pisek, bearing a revenue stamp of 6 kr. black & green, a well perforated example, tied by WINTERBERG cds (Müller 3257b), an appealing usage. Ferchenbauer = € 1'200.
Note: The use of revenue stamps was illegal but tolerated until 9 July 1857.



250

Third Distance



Old Town Square in Prague



7063

Michel

Start price
in CHF

7063

First Day Cover, 1850 (June 1): Lettersheet from Prague to Klagenfurt, bearing 9 kr. bright blue type 1, a fresh left marginal adhesive with margin print, large even margins, lightly tied by "PRAG 1 / 6" datestamp in black, reverse with "KLAGENFURT / 4 JUNY" arrival datestamp, the archival note gives "1 Juni 1850" as day of despatch. An indiscernible file fold passes the lower margin of the adhesive, nevertheless a most attractive usage from the first day of the First Issue, a cover for a most advanced collection of classic Austria, cert. Matl (1977) Ferchenbauer = € 35'000 for the First Day Cover.

Provenance: Corinphila sale 60 (April 1978), lot 45

Collection Theimer, Corinphila sale 81 (March 1990), lot 2520

Collection Capellaro, Corinphila sale 134 (April 2003), lot 49.

5X



6'000



Castle Löwenstein in Haid



7064

Michel

Start price
in CHF

7064

Spectacular Franking with Handwritten Cancellation showing Pen Cross, Date, and Place Name 1850 (Sept 11): Cover from Haid / Bor to the administration of the Prince Schwarzenberg estate in Schwarzbach / Černá v Pošumaví bearing six single examples of 1 kr. light brown-orange from the first print run, a so called 'Erstdruck' plus one single example of 3 kr. red, all on handmade paper in type Ia, seven fresh and fine examples in intense colour, the 1 kr. adhesives with large margins all round, the 3 kr. cut narrow. The adhesives were cancelled by the handwritten cancellation "Haid 11 / 9" at top left and in addition by pen crosses. Light horizontal filing fold through the 3 kreuzer adhesive, nevertheless a spectacular franking to pay correctly the 9 kreuzer rate in the third rayon. In addition, an exceptional combination of all the three handwritten ways known to obliterate stamps of the first issue, by pen cross, by place name, and by date. Cert. Ferchenbauer (1999) Ferchenbauer = € 20'000 for the franking and € 6'000++ for the handwritten cancellation.

Reference: Displayed and discussed in the Ferchenbauer handbook, vol. I on page 412.

1X+ 3X



7'500



7065



View of Jägerndorf

Michel

Start price
in CHF

- 7065** Rare mute Jägerndorf obliteration, 1851ca (Feb 25): Upper part of Lettersheet from Jägerndorf / Krnov, bearing 9 kr. blue type I on handmade paper, a fine example with good to large margins, tied by light mute obliterator of Jägerndorf (Müller 1103b = 2'550 Punkte / Votoček 884 D.9 = 3'500 points), "JAEGERNDORF / 25. FEB." datestamp alongside, reverse with WIEN arrival or transit cds in red of the following day. The lower part of the letter with the destination cut away, overall toned, nevertheless an appealing piece of postal history, signed Fieccchi; cert. Ferchenbauer (2003).
Provenance: Dr. Ing. Pietro Provera collection.

5X

△

750



View of Budweis



7066

- 7066** Rare mute Budweis obliteration, 1852 (Jan 7): Lettersheet from Budweis / České Budějovice to Pressburg / Bratislava, bearing at top left 9 kr. bright blue type II on handmade paper, a fine and fresh example with good to large margins, tied by lightly oily strike of mute obliterator of Budweis (Müller 360b = 1'500 points / Votoček 274 D.4 = 2'000 points), reverse with WIEN transit and PRESZBURG arrival cds's of the following day. Minor parts of the sideflaps missing, a desirable cover for a classic Austria or Bohemia collection.

Note: Mute postmarks such as that of Budweis are very rare, in the Czech lands only ten post offices used different designs between 1850 and 1858.

Reference: The describer knows four covers with this cancellation, one ex Jerger, one ex Capellaro, this one ex Wyler, and one cover shown in Votoček, vol. 13 on page 168; all were despatched in December 1851 or January 1852.

Provenance: Corinthila sale 107 (September 1998), lot 2168

Silvain Wyler Collection, Corinthila sale 166 (Dec 2010), lot 5357.

5X

✉

2'500



Post Office in Krelowitz



7067

Michel

Start price
in CHF

7067 **Rare mute Krelowitz obliteration**, 1852 (March 31): Lettersheet from Krelowitz / Křelovice u Pelhřimova to Vienna, bearing at top in the middle 9 kr. grey-blue type IIc on handmade paper, a fresh example with good to large margins, tied by mute obliterator of Krelowitz (Müller 1385c = 6'000 points / Votoček 1130 D.1 = 7'000 points), "KRELOWITZ 31 / 3" datestamp alongside, reverse with IGLAU transit cds of the same and WIEN arrival datestamp of the following day. Horizontal file folds through the lower part of the adhesive, nevertheless a rarity of classic Austrian or Bohemian postal history. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2025).

Reference: Displayed in Demuth - Abstempelungen Österreich on page 735.

Provenance: Collection Wilhelm Demuth.



3'000



7069

7068

Michel

Start price
in CHF

- 7068 Blue Cancellation;** 1850ca (July 1): Lettersheet from Lobnik / Dvorce u Bruntálu to Vienna, bearing 9 kr. bright blue, type I on handmade paper, a fine and fresh example in vivid colour, large to huge margins all round, tied by fair LOBNIG two line datestamp in the characteristic 'müllerblau' shade (Müller 1534a, listed only in black / Votoček 1296 A.1-f = 160 points) and by pen cross, reverse with framed WIEN distribution cds in red. Upper and lower backflap missing nearly completely, nevertheless an attractive cover with this cancellation in blue, cert. Ferchenbauer (2017) Ferchenbauer = € 1'500 for the blue cancellation.

Provenance: Capellaro Collection

5X

200

- 7069 Red Cancellation;** 1850 (July 15): Entire letter from Franzensbad / Františkovy Lázně to Vienna, bearing 9 kr. bright blue, type I on handmade paper, a superb example in vivid colour, large to enormous margins all round with parts of the neighbouring adhesive at right, tied by decorative ornamental FRANZENSBAD double circle datestamp with the 'Z' inverted in the characteristic orange-red shade (Müller 709a = 480 Punkte / Votoček C.35), reverse with framed WIEN distribution cds (Jan 20). A most attractive entire with this sought-after cancellation in red, cert. Puschmann (2006) Ferchenbauer = € 5'000 for the red cancellation.

5X

750

7070

- 7070 Exceptional Three-Colour Franking;** 1853 (May 3): Entire letter from the post office at the train station in Böhmisches Trübau / Česká Třebová to Vienna, bearing vertical pairs of 1 kr. orange-ochre type Ib and of 2 kr. black type IIIa, and a single example of 3 kr. bright rose, type IIIa, all on handmade paper, overall fresh and fine examples in intense colour, the 2 kr. multiple cut at right with a vertical filing fold passing the lower adhesive, each stamp tied by three line "EISENB. / B. TRÜBAU 5. MAI." datestamp, reverse with WIEN arrival cds of the next day. The entire with some aging and horizontal file fold well away from the adhesives, an exceptional combination to pay correctly the 9 keuzer rate in the third rayon, signed Matl Ferchenbauer = € 12'500.

Provenance: Corinthila sale 166 (Dec 2010), lot 5099

Corinthila sale 234 (June 2019), lot 1747.

1X+ 2X+
3X **600**



View of Brunn



7071

Michel

Start price
in CHF

- 7071** Exceptional 9 kreuzer franking; 1854 (March 7): Entire letter from Brunn / Brno to Prague bearing a single example of 1 kr. orange type III and four examples of 2 kr. black type IIIa, all on handmade paper, five fresh and overall fine examples in intense colour with good to large margins all round (the 1 kreuzer adhesive with repaired paper break due to vertical filing fold), each tied by single-circle "BRÜNN 7 / 3" datestamp, reverse with PRAG datestamp of the next day. In spite of the skillfully repaired imperfections, an impressive franking to pay correctly the 9 kreuzer rate in the third rayon. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2006) Ferchenbauer = € 6'000+.
Provenance: Corinthila sale 148 (Feb 2007), lot 2754.

1X+ 2X



1'000



7072



Wilhelm Haidinger

Michel

Start price
in CHF

7072

1855ca (Sept 6): Registered envelope from Oberleitensdorf / Horní Litvinov to Vienna, forwarded to Dornbach nearby Vienna, bearing on front 6 kr. brown type III and three single examples of 9 kr. blue type IIIb on machine paper, four fine and fresh examples with good to large margins, each adhesive tied by clear OBERLEITENDS DORF single circle datestamp (Müller 1966a / Votoček 1648 E.1), "RECOM:" handstamp alongside, reverse with TEPLITZ transit and WIEN arrival cds's. The cover shows the registration fee franked on obverse which is rarely seen and may be related to the fact, that the cover was first franked only for the third weight rate while the 6 kreuzer adhesive was added later on after the 9 kreuzer stamps had already been obliterated. The cover was opened in Vienna, but closed again, resealed, put back in the postal system and sent forward to Dornbach. For this second part of the journey it was taxed with '3' kreuzer, a rate which is not understandable for the desciber. A wonderful piece of postal history Ferchenbauer = € 6'000.

Note: The receiver was Wilhelm von Haidinger (1795 Wien - 1871 Dornbach), the most famous Austrian geologist and mineralogist of his time. The honorific address shows his titles, among others he was director of the „kaiserlich-königlichen geologischen Reichsanstalt“ in Vienna and member of the "k.k. Akademie der Wissenschaften".

4Y+ 5Y



1'000



7073



Castle Rochlitz

7073

Combination franking of postage and fiscal stamps; 1856 (March 1): Cover from Rochlitz / Rokytnice nad Jizerou to Vienna bearing a combination franking of a first issue 6 kr. brown on machine paper, type III plus a fiscal stamp 3 kr. black & green, the definitive with fair to large margins, the revenue stamp with good perforation, each tied by two line ROCHLITZ datestamp, reverse with "BAHNH: PADUBITZ" transit and WIEN arrival cds's. The revenue stamps show thins on reverse and some pre-use folds as it was presumably glued to another underlying prior to this use, the cover is torn at right for about 4 cm well away from the franking, nevertheless a rare combination cover. Cert. Puschmann (1996) Ferchenbauer = € 32'500.

4Y+ +

Revenue



2'000



View of Landskron



7074

Michel

Start price
in CHF

7074 **Combination franking of postage and fiscal stamps;** 1854ca (Sept 28): Cover from Landskron / Lanškroun to Klagenfurt bearing a combination franking of a first issue 3 kr. dull rose on machine paper, type IIIb plus a fiscal stamp 6 kr. black & green, two fresh adhesives, the definitive with shaved to large margins, the revenue stamp with good perforation, tied together by two strikes of a single circle "LANDSKRON 28 / 9" datestamp, reverse with KLAGENFURT arrival cds (March 30). An exceptional usage of a fiscal stamp used as a postage stamp to pay correctly the 9 kreuzer rate in the third rayon. Signed Matl; cert. Ferchenbauer (2011) Ferchenbauer = € 30'000.

Note: Until July 1857 the use of fiscal stamps to pay the postage was tolerated in Austria and Lombardo-Veneto.

*Provenance: Robson Lowe sale Basel (March 1965), lot 696
Collection Capellaro.*

3Y +

Revenue

**4'000**

7075

7075 **Use of fiscal stamps instead of definitives;** 1856 (Feb 16): Entire letter from Strakonitz / Strakonice to Vienna bearing revenue stamps 3 kr. and 6 kr. black & green, slightly glued one on to of the other, a so called 'Treppenfrankatur', both with good perforation, each tied by STRAKONITZ double circle datestamp, reverse with WIEN arrival cds (Feb 18). A desirable entire, cert. Ferchenbauer (2003) Ferchenbauer = € 3'250.

Provenance: Dr. Anton & Elisabeth Jerger Collection, Corinthila sale 138 (Nov. 2003), lot 1405.

Revenue

**400**

Dr. Anton Jerger



Elisabeth Jerger-Kramer

Local Letters



View of Karmelitská Street in Prague



7076

Michel

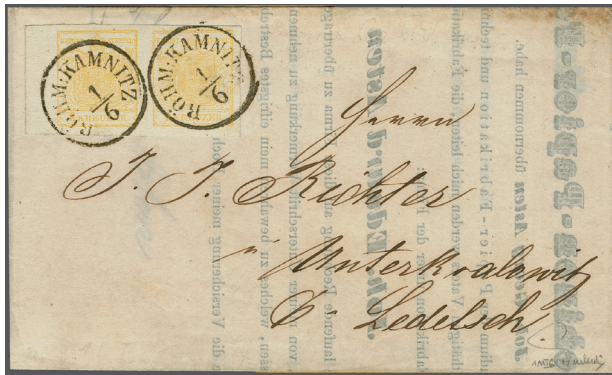
Start price
in CHF

- 7076** **First Day Cover**, 1850 (June 1): Local Entire letter within Prague, bearing 2 kr. black type I from the first print run, a so called 'Erstdruck', a fresh and fine example with large even margins, lightly tied by boxed "PRAG 1 / 6, 6 U." datestamp in black, reverse with three-line "E.B. PRAG / 2. JUN. / Nachmitt." arrival datestamp, the archival note gives "4 Juni 850" as day of receipt. Front with '2' due but crossed out. Horizontal file fold away from the franking, nevertheless a most desirable usage from the first day of the First Issue, **extremely rare on a local cover**, for a most advanced collection of classic Austria or Bohemia, cert. Ferchenbauer (2005) Ferchenbauer = € 125'000 for the First Day Cover.
Note: The letter is an anonymous report to the Israelite religious community in Prague.
Provenance: Gärtner sale 35 (October 2016), lot 6982.

2X



10'000



7077



7078

Michel

Start price
in CHF

- 7077** 1856 (June 1): Double rate printed matter Entire letter from Böhmisches Kamnitz / Česká Kamenice to Unterkralowitz / Dolní Kralovice, bearing a left marginal horizontal pair of 1 kr. yellow-ochre type Ib on machine paper, a fresh and fine multiple with large even margins, each stamp clearly tied by "BÖHM: KAMNITZ" cds in black, reverse with KOLIN transit cds of the same day. A most attractive franking, signed Ferchenbauer Ferchenbauer = € 1'750+ for the double rate printed matter item.

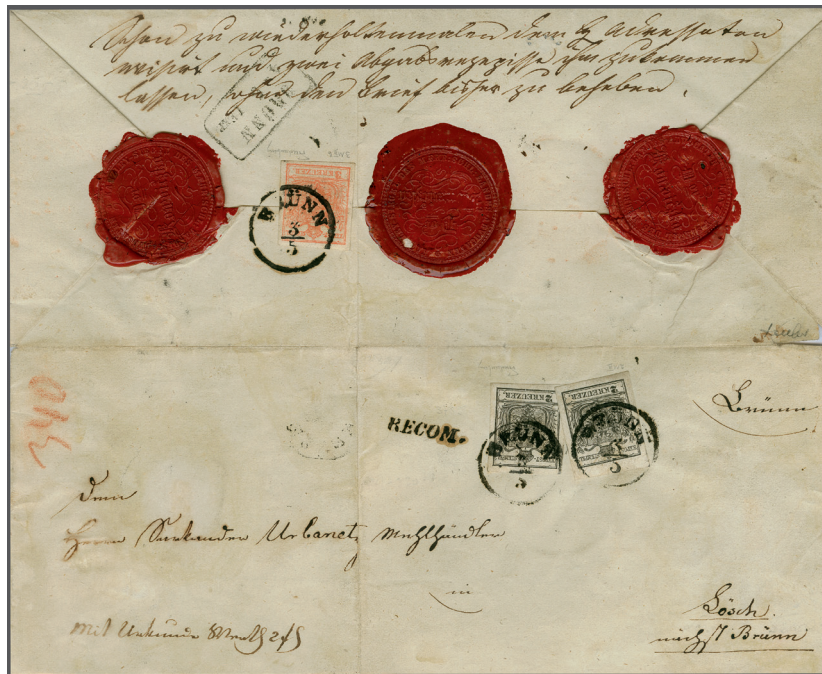
1Y

**200**

- 7078** 1858 (March 13): Local Entire letter within Nachod, bearing a right marginal horizontal pair of 1 kr. kadmium-yellow type III on handmade paper, a fresh and fine multiple with large even margins, pre-cut in the margin between the two adhesives, each stamp lightly tied by oval wreathed NACHOD datestamp in black. A most attractive entire, in addition with the adhesives in this sought-after shade, cert. Ferchenbauer (1994) Ferchenbauer = € 1'300 x 3 for the small city of Nachod.

Note: The receiver Isaac Schur (1792-1864) belonged to a family of entrepreneurs in the weaving industry of Nachod. An extremely late use of the handmade paper in 1858.

1X

**500**

7079

- 7079** 1855ca (May 3): Registered Double rate local Envelope from Brünn / Brno to Lösch / Lišeň, bearing on front two single examples of 2 kr. black type III, on reverse a single example of 3 kr. bright rose type IIIb, all on machine paper, three fresh and fine examples with good to huge margins, each stamp tied by BRÜNN cds in black, "RECOM." handstamp on front, reverse with another framed BRÜNN handstamp. Reverse with a handwritten note describing two attempts to deliver the letter without success. Cover opened up for presentation reasons, vertical file fold aside the franking, nevertheless a rare spectacular franking paying correctly twice 2 kreuzer for the double weight local letter plus the reduced local registration fee of 3 kreuzer. Signed Ferchenbauer Ferchenbauer = € 2'800 + 50% for a single rate registered local cover.

2Y+ 3Y

**750**

Railway Mail Cancellations



7080



7081

Michel Start price in CHF

- 7080

1853 (Oct 13): Entire letter from Ostrau / Ostrava to Pressburg / Bratislava, endorsed "Ostrau 13/10" bearing 9 kr. dark blue type IIIa on handmade paper, a superb example with good to large margins, tied by clear "K.K. FAHRENDES POSTAMT No. 1" two line datestamp (Müller 3401a = 48 points / Votoček A.100) in black, reverse with oval PRESSBURG arrival handstamp of the same day. Signed Ferchenbauer.

Provenance: Collection Dr. Anton & Elisabeth Jerger, Corinthila sale 138 (Nov. 2003), lot 1204; collection Erivan, Corinthila sale 254 (Sept. 2020), lot 7030.
- 7081

1851 (April 13): Entire letter from Sichdichfür / Hled'sebe to Prague, dated internally "Hledseb, 13. April 851", endorsed "Weltrus" (Veltrusy 25 km north of Prague) bearing 3 kr. dark vermillion type Ia on handmade paper, fresh and fine with good to large margins, tied by crisp "K.K. FAHRENDES POSTAMT No. 7" two line datestamp (Müller 3407a = 210 points / Votoček A.100) in black, reverse with boxed PRAG arrival handstamp (April 14). Cert. Ferchenbauer (2003).

Provenance: Collection Dr. Anton & Elisabeth Jerger, Corinthila sale 138 (Nov. 2003), lot 1214
Collection Erivan, Corinthila sale 254 (Sept. 2020), lot 7015.

5X	✉	100
3X	✉	250

Postal Documents



7082



Dr. Anton Jerger



Elisabeth Jerger-Kramer

- 7082

Postage stamps used as Revenue Stamps; 1854ca: Part of a receipt bearing a revenue stamp 6 kr. black & green in combination with a postal definitive 3 kr. rose-red type IIIb on machine paper, two fine and fresh examples tied by the handwritten text of the receipt. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2003)

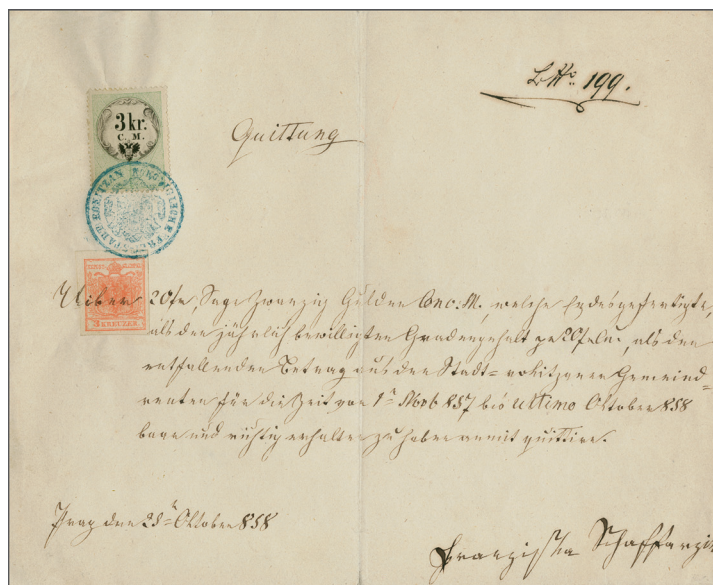
Ferchenbauer = € 4'000 for a piece.

Note: Like the use of revenue stamps to pay postage also the payment of revenue by postage stamps was illegal. One can, however, find rare cases.

Reference: Displayed and discussed in Jerger - Mischfrankaturen on p. 120.

Provenance: Collection Dr. Anton & Elisabeth Jerger, Corinthila sale 138 (Nov. 2003), lot 1394.

Revenue + 3Y	△	400
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7083

Michel

Start price
in CHF

- 7083 Postage stamps used as Revenue Stamps; 1858 (Oct 28):** Complete receipt bearing a revenue stamp 3 kr. black & green in combination with a postal definitive 3 kr. bright rose type IIIc on machine paper, two fine and fresh examples, the postage stamp tied by the handwritten text of the receipt and in addition by "KÖNIGLICHE FREISTADT ROKITZAN" fiscal handstamp in blue, the revenue adhesive by the handstamp alone. A most attractive combination document Ferchenbauer = € 7000.

Revenue
+ 3Y

1'000

Foreign Destinations



7084

- 7084 Hamburg; 1851 (April 3):** Registered Lettersheet from Prague to Hamburg, the weight given as "2 / 10 L." on front in manuscript, bearing on front two single examples of 9 kr. light grey-blue type I and on reverse two single examples of 3 kr. brick red type Ia3 on handmade paper, four fine and fresh examples in a vivid shade, all cut very narrow in a so called 'Liliput-Schnitt', tied together by a clear "B. H. PRAG 3 / 4" single circle datestamp of the railway station in black, the adhesives on front in addition by framed Prussian "Recomandirt." handstamp in red, Austrian "RECOM:" in black and framed German "Aus Oesterreich" in red alongside, reverse with framed "K. PR. POST-SPED. BUREAU / DER WILHELMS-BAHN / 4 1/4" datestamp in red and HAMBURG arrival cds (April 5), the year given inside. Horizontal and vertical filing folds well away from the franking, one 3 kr. adhesive cut into, an exceptional and extremely rare item full of postal history. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2025).

Note: The GAPU treaty between the founding members Austria, Prussia, Bavaria, Saxony and Mecklenburg-Strelitz came in force on 1 July 1850. The other German states joined the Union until 1854. The present item was mailed in the brief period after the foundation of the GAPU in July 1850 but before Hamburg joined in January 1852. Thus, the postal treaty of 1843 was still in force with 18 kreuzer for Austria and Thurn & Taxis up to 1/2 loth. In spite of the fact that this is a non-GAPU letter, the GAPU handstamp "Aus Oesterreich" was struck.

3X+ 5X



750



7085



7086

Michel

Start price
in CHF

- 7085 Saxony, GAPS; 1850 (July 6):** Cargo Arrival Notice blanko form - 'Fracht-Aviso' from the train station in Lobositz / Lovosice to Erlau, Sachsen bearing 3 kr. red type Ia1 on handmade paper, a superb example with large even margins in a vivid shade, tied by a crisp "B. H. LOBOSITZ 6 / 7" double circle datestamp of the railway station, "Lobositz" handstamp of the train station alongside, reverse with BODENBACH transit datestamp of the following day. A most attractive document from the first month of the Deutsch - Österreichischer Postverein / German - Austrian Postal Union in the first rayon up to ten miles.

Note: The GAPS treaty between the founding members Austria, Prussia, Bavaria, Saxony and Mecklenburg-Strelitz came in force on 1 July 1850. The other German states joined the Union until 1854. Provenance: Rapp sale (Nov. 2014), lot 1841.

- 7086 Saxony, GAPS; 1856 (Jan 2):** Lettersheet from Schönlinde / Krásná Lipa to Auerbach, Sachsen, bearing on front 2 kr. black type IIIa on handmade paper in combination with 1 kr. ochre-yellow type Ib and 6 kr. brown type III on machine paper, attached one of the other, a so called 'Treppenfrankatur', three overall fine and fresh examples with good to large margins, the 1 kreuzer adhesive shaved at top, tied by three strikes of SCHÖNLINDE single circle datestamp in black, reverse with BODENBACH transit and partial AUERBACH arrival cds's (4 JAN. 56). An offbeat franking on this cover over 20 miles, signed Rismondo & Starauschek; cert. Ferchenbauer (2004) Ferchenbauer = € 4'500+.

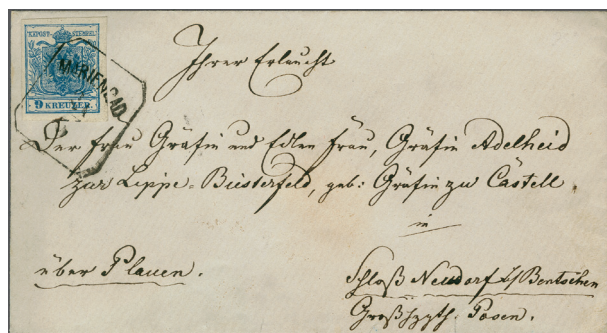
3X ☒

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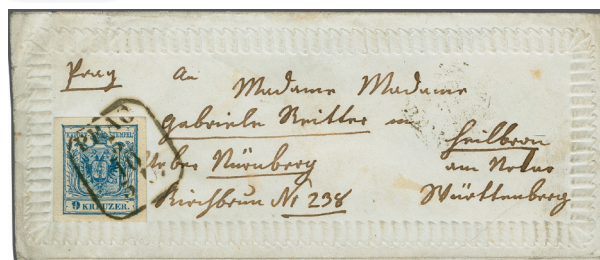
2X+1Y+4Y ☒

750

Adelheid zur Lippe-Biesterfeld



7087



7088

- 7087 Prussia, GAPS; 1856ca (Sept 21):** Envelope from Marienbad / Mariánské Lázně to Schloss Neudorf bei Bentschen / Zbąszyń in der Provinz Posen / Preussen, bearing on front 9 kr. blue type IIIb on machine paper, a superb example in a vivid shade with good to large margins, tied by boxed MARIENBAD datestamp in black, reverse with FRANZENSBAD transit and "AUSG." distribution cds's (Sept 25). Part of the lower backflap missing, nevertheless an appealing Spa cover.

Note: The cover is directed to Adelheid zur Lippe-Biesterfeld, born zu Castell-Castell (1818-1900).

5Y ☒

100

- 7088 Württemberg, GAPS; 1856ca (Oct 5):** Decorative Envelope - Zierbrief from Prague via Nürnberg to Heilbronn, bearing on front 9 kr. blue type IIIb on machine paper, a superb example in a vivid shade with even large margins, tied by boxed PRAG datestamp in black, reverse with HEILBRONN arrival cds (Oct 7). A most attractive cover.

5Y ☒

250



7089

Michel

Start price
in CHF

- 7089** **France;** 1852 (March 11): Fully prepaid envelope from Freywaldau / Jeseník to Paris, fully pre-paid in cash, struck on front by FREYWALDAU despatch cds, Austrian FRANCO, French framed "P.D." and "AUTR. VALnes 15 MARS 52" entry cds in red, reverse with PARIS arrival cds of the same day. Pre-paid postage noted on reverse with 12 kr. for France, 8 kr. for Prussia, and 9 kr. for Austria. Unusual item, a perfect match to the consecutive lot.



150



7090

- 7090** **France;** 1854 (Aug 27): Lettersheet from Prague to Paris, bearing 2 kr. black type Ib and a horizontal strip of three 9 kr. blue type IIIb, all on handmade paper, fine and fresh adhesives in intense colour with overall good to large margins, the strip at left with fair margin, tied by three strikes of boxed PRAG cds, "P.D." handstamp in black and French "AUTR. VALnes 29 AOÛT 54" entry cds in blue alongside, reverse with PARIS arrival cds of the same day. A most appealing cover paying the rate to $\frac{1}{2}$ loth to France, cert. Ferchenbauer (1994) Ferchenbauer = € 8'500.
Note: The 29 kreuzer rate comprised of 12 kr. for France, 8 kr. for Prussia, and 9 kr. for Austria. Unusual item, a perfect match to the previous lot.

2X+ 5X



1'500



7091

- 7091** **France;** 1858 (June 23): Envelope from Karlsbad / Karlovy Vary to Bordeaux, bearing 2 kr. grey-black type IIIb and two single examples of 6 kr. reddish brown type III, all on machine paper, three fresh adhesives in intense colour with overall good to large margins, each stamp tied by CARLSBAD cds, "P.D." handstamp in red and French "AUTRICHE-STRASBOURG ASB 25 JUIN 58" entry cds in black alongside, reverse with PARIS transit, ambulant, and BORDEAUX arrival cds (June 27). One 6 kreuzer adhesive touched at right, nevertheless an appealing cover showing the January 1858 rate up to 10 gram to France, cert. Puschmann (1980) Ferchenbauer = € 6'000.
Note: The 14 kreuzer rate comprised of seven kreuzer for France and for the GAPU.

2Y+ 4Y



750



Queen Street in Edinburgh



7092

Michel

Start price
in CHF

7092 Great Britain; 1855 (June 30): **Registered** Envelope from Prague to Edinburgh, Scotland, bearing on front two horizontal pairs of 9 kr. blue type IIIb and on reverse 6 kr. brown type III, all on machine paper, fresh and fine adhesives in intense colour with overall good to large margins, the 6 kr. narrow at top, each stamp tied by lightly oily boxed PRAG datestamp, one adhesive in addition by British "P." handstamp in red, Austrian "RECOM:" in black, London "PAID JY 3 1855" transit cds and "REGISTERED with Crown" handstamp, both in red alongside. Reverse with arrival cds (July 4), "27x" weiterfranko to the UK noted in manuscript. An exceptional registered cover in the August 1852 rate up to one loth, cert. Ferchenbauer (2005) Ferchenbauer = RR.

Note: For a registered letter up to one loth, the postage was 9 and 12 kreuzer rate for the GAPI and for Great Britain plus 15 and 6 kreuzer registration surcharge for the two parties, respectively. Only the Austrian registration fee was applied on the reverse.

4Y+ 5Y

**2'000**



7093

Michel

Start price
in CHF

7093

Great Britain; 1855 (Aug 13): Envelope from Karlsbad / Karlovy Vary to London, bearing 3 kr. carmine-red type IIIa and two single examples of 9 kr. blue type IIIb, all on machine paper, three fresh adhesives in intense colour with overall good to large margins, each stamp tied by CARLSBAD cds, British "P." handstamp and London "PAID AU 17 1855" arrival, both in red alongside, reverse with Prussian "LEIPZIG MAGDEB:" ambulant (Aug 14). Horizontal file fold through the 9 kreuzer adhesives, some wrinkles in the cover, nevertheless an appealing cover showing the August 1852 rate up to one loth to Great Britain, opinion Ferchenbauer (1997) Ferchenbauer = € 4'000.

Note: The 21 kreuzer rate comprised of nine kreuzer for the GAPS and twelve kreuzer for Great Britain.

3Y+ 5Y



400



7094

7094

Belgium; 1855 (Nov 3): Registered Envelope from Prague to Bruxelles, bearing on front 9 kr. blue type IIIa on handmade paper in combination with 6 kr. brown type III on machine paper, another example on reverse, the adhesives in intense colour with overall good to large margins, each stamp tied by lightly oily boxed PRAG datestamp, Austrian "RECOM:" in black, "P.D." and Belgian "Chargé" handstamp, both in red alongside. Reverse with BRUXELLES arrival cds (Nov 5), "6" weiterfranko to Belgium noted in manuscript. The cover damaged on front and toned, nevertheless an exceptional registered usage in the April 1852 rate up to one loth, opinion Ferchenbauer (1988).

Note: For a registered letter up to one loth, the postage was 9 and 6 kreuzer for the GAPS and for the other provinces of Belgium, respectively plus 6 kreuzer registration surcharge applied on the reverse.

5X+ 4Y



200



View of Amsterdam



7095

Michel

Start price
in CHF

7095 Bisected stamp on printed matter to Amsterdam; 1855 (Dec 7): Printed matter Cover from Prague to Amsterdam bearing two examples of 1 kr. orange on handmade paper, type III, two fresh adhesives in a deep shade, the right adhesive showing variety: "white dot in the eagle", with good to large margins, the left one bisected diagonally with both parts put on the cover, both halves slightly shifted against each other, tied by two strikes of a framed "PRAG 7 / 12 / 3 U." datestamp, reverse with "LEIPZIG 8 12 MAGEDEB:" TPO datestamp and "AMSTERDAM 9 / 12 1855" arrival cds in red. A most unusual franking to pay correctly the 2 kreuzer printed matter in the June 1851 rate to the Netherlands, presumably no postal fraud as all adhesives belong to the same sheet. Signed Ferchenbauer; cert. Puschmann (2003).

Reference: Displayed and discussed in Ferchenbauer - "Besondere Frankaturen im Kaisertum Österreich 1850-1864" on page 193.

Provenance: Collection Donau, Corinphila sale 134 (April 2003), lot 9; Praga 2018 Gärtner sale 41 (August 2018), lot 1802.

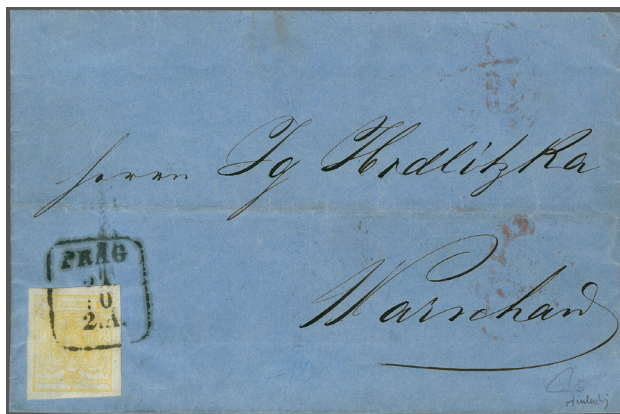
1X



2'000



7096



7097

Michel

Start price
in CHF

- 7096** **Denmark;** 1854 (July 11): Entire letter from Böhmisches Kamenitz / Česká Kamenice to Copenhagen, bearing 6 kr. brown type III and 9 kr. blue type IIIa, both on handmade paper, two fine and fresh examples in intense colour with good to large margins, each stamp tied by bold "BÖHM: KAMNITZ" single circle datestamp. Reverse with BODENBACH transit and HAGENOW - ROSTOCK ambulant cds's (July 13), "6" (kreuzer) weiterfranko to Denmark noted in manuscript, also noted as "f2" (silbergroschen) on front. A fine cover in the February 1854 rate up to one loth with 9 and 6 kreuzer for the GAPU and for the other provinces of Denmark, respectively.

4X+ 5X

**200**

- 7097** **Poland under Russian rule;** 1854 (July 11): **Printed matter** Lettersheet from Prague to Warsaw, bearing 1 kr. lemon yellow type III on machine paper, a superb example in intense colour with large even margins, tied by boxed PRAG datestamp, reverse with "SZCZAKOWA 2 / 11" cds of the Galician border station in black and WARSZAWA arrival cds (Nov 3). An unusual printed matter letter to Russia, underpaid by one kreuzer but neither taxed upon despatch or arrival. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2010) Ferchenbauer = € 1'000+ for a printed matter abroad.

1Y

**300**

7098

- 7098** **USA;** 1851 (Aug 26): Envelope from Freywaldau / Jeseník to New York, endorsed "Via Liverpool Steamer", bearing 9 kr. blue type IIb on handmade paper, a fresh example in intense colour with overall good to large margins, shaved at top left, tied by FREYWALDAU cds in black and London "PAID AU 30 1851" transit cds in red, FRANCO and framed "Aus Oesterreich" handstamps as well as US '5' c. internal due in black alongside. Reverse with NEISSE and AACHEN transit as well as three German ambulant datestamps. The adhesive paid the postage until the border of the GAPU, '40' kreuzer were paid in cash and noted on reverse to pay the postage until the US harbour, an unusual item full of postal history with part franking. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2003) Ferchenbauer = € 2'000+.
Note: The post office of Freywaldau had a 'weakness' for full or partial cash prepayments, see the cover to Belgium before. Other comparable items to the USA are displayed in the Ferchenbauer handbook, vol I on page 189 and in Ferchenbauer - "Besondere Frankaturen im Kaisertum Österreich 1850-1864" on page 30.

5X

**300**



7099



View of New York City

Michel

Start price
in CHF

7099 USA; 1856 (Nov 7): Entire letter from Prague to New York, endorsed "Via Liverpool", bearing 6 kr. brown type III and 9 kr. blue type IIb, all on machine paper, five fresh examples with overall good to large margins, the 6 kreuzer touched at top, one 9 kreuzer torn at right, each adhesive tied by boxed PRAG cds in black, AACHEN transit cds and "N. YORK / 30 / Am PKt PAID / NOV 26" arrival cds in red alongside. Reverse with German ambulant datestamp and 'f11' (silbergroschen) weiterfranko beyond the GAPU. Entire with vertical folds aside the adhesives, some traces of humidity, nevertheless an impressive item full of postal history. Cert. Ferchenbauer (1991) Ferchenbauer unlisted combination.

Note: The impressive franking pays correctly the rate up to one loth to the US harbor with 9 kreuzer for the GAPU and 33 kreuzer equal to 11 silbergroschen for the journey beyond.

4Y+ 5Y

**1'500**

Very Late Uses



7100

7100 1858 (Dec 21): Entire Printed matter letter of a company for coffee grinders from Schlan / Slaný to Würbenthal / Vrbno pod Pradědem in Austrian Silesia, bearing 1 kr. lemon yellow type III on machine paper, a superb example with even large margins, tied by two-line SCHLAN cds in black (Votoček A.1-h), reverse with "Troppau / 23 DEC:" transit (Votoček A.8-j) and "WÜRBENTHAL / 24 DEC." arrival (Votoček A.1-j) datestamps. A very late use in December 1858, most frankings in that month are combinations of the 1854 and 1858 issues. Ferchenbauer = € 3'500.

1Y

**500**



View of Gabel an der Adler



7101

Michel

Start price
in CHF

7101 **Last Day of the First Issue;** 1858 (Dec 31): Entire letter from Gabel an der Adler / Jablonné nad Orlicí to Grottau / Hrádek nad Nisou containing New Year's Wishes, bearing 3 kr. bright red type IIIb on machine paper, a fine example with even large margins, tied by ornamental GABEL cds in black (Votoček E.57) with the date perfectly visible, reverse with GROTTAU arrival cds (Votoček E.1) from the same day. An extremely rare usage of a First Issue adhesive on its last possible day, presumably unique for Bohemia, cert. Karl Huber (1978) Ferchenbauer = € 12'000.

Note: On 1 November 1858 the new kreuzer ö. W. currency had been introduced and the second issue came into use. Stamps of the First Issue in kreuzer C. M. could be used until the end of December 1858.

Provenance: David Feldman sale (June 2018), lot 30066.

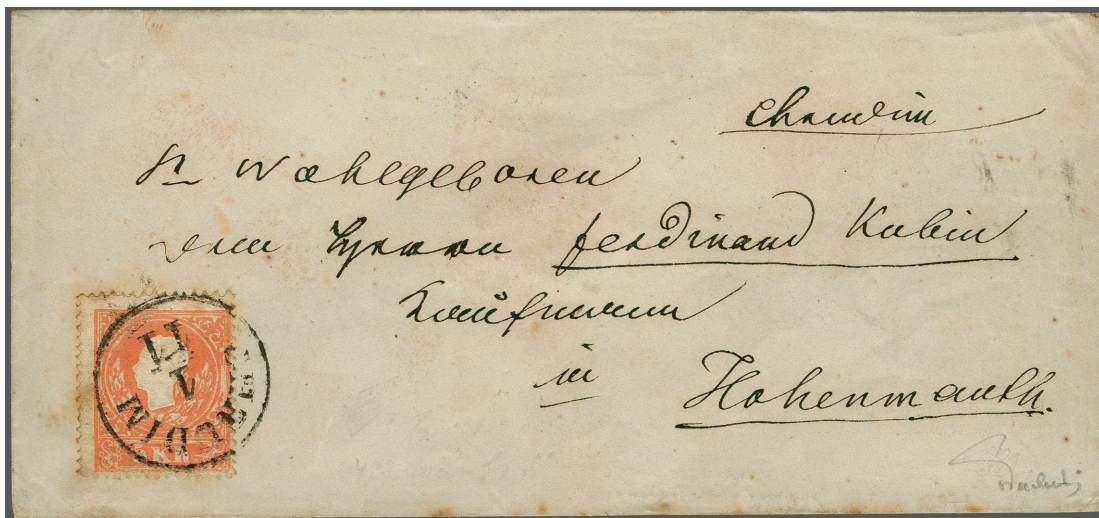
3Y

**2'500**

Second Rate Period 1858-1867 / First Distance



View of Chrudim



7102

Michel

Start price
in CHF

7102 **First Day of the Second Issue;** 1858 (Nov 1): Envelope from Chrudim to Hohenmauth / Vysoké Mýto, bearing 5 kr. red type I, tied by CHRUDIM single circle datestamp in black (Votoček E.1) with the date perfectly visible, reverse with HOHENMAUTH arrival cds (Votoček E.1) of the next day. Perforation of the adhesive stained, nevertheless a remarkable item as it is with high probability a very rare usage of a Second Issue adhesive on its first possible day, sent from a small post office, presumably unique for Bohemia. Cert. Ferchenbauer Ferchenbauer = € 15'000 for a first day cover.

Note: On 1 November 1858 the new kreuzer ö. W. currency had been introduced and the second issue came into use. The first plates were redone already in December 1858 and stamps from the first plate are nearly not found in November 1859 which speaks for a First Day Usage of type I on this cover.

13/1



2'000



View of Pilsen

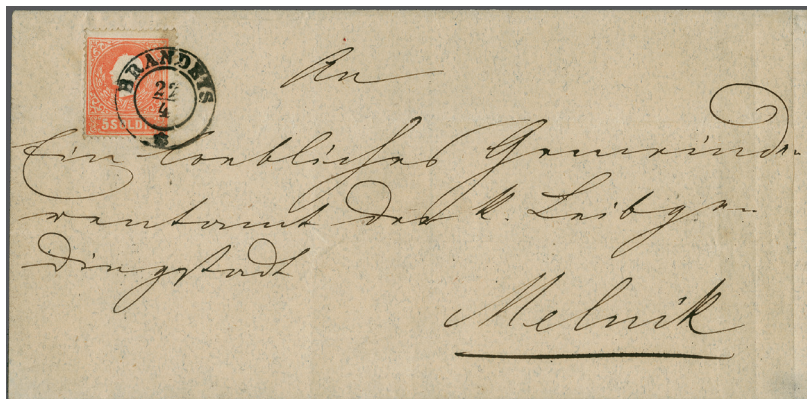


7103

Michel

Start price
in CHF

- 7103** **Abusive usage of a St. Andrew's Cross instead of a postal stamp;** 1860 (Oct 7): Entire letter from Pilsen to Prague bearing a small St. Andrew's Cross - Andreaskreuz red with four plate markings at right, taken from the sheet of 1858 5 kr. red, a fine and fresh adhesive, tied by clear framed "PILSEN / 7. OCT." datestamp, reverse with PRAG arrival cds of the following day. A most attractive abusive usage of the St. Andrew's Cross on an appealing cover, not taxed, only few known to the describer, this one a unique usage in Bohemia. Cert. Ferchenbauer (1999) Ferchenbauer = € 8'500+.
Provenance: Rapp sale (Nov. 2014), lot 1807.

13 St.
Andrew's
Cross**2'500**

7104

- 7104** **Use of adhesives of Lombardo-Veneto in Bohemia;** 1859ca (April 22): Lettersheet from Brandeis / Brandýs nad Labem to Melnik / Mělník bearing Lombardo-Veneto 1858 (Feb.) 5 soldi red (Sassone 30), tied by crisp BRANDEIS cds, reverse with boxed PRAG transit and MELNIK arrival datestamps of the following day. The adhesive with corner fault and perforation staining, nevertheless a very rare usage of a soldi definitive in Bohemia, presumably unique. Cert. Kopriva (2018) Ferchenbauer = € 2'000.
Note: The use of Austrian kreuzer adhesives in Lombardo-Veneto was forbidden, the use of Lombardo-Veneto soldi adhesives in Austria, in contrast, was tolerated.

Sassone 30

**200**



7105



7106

Michel

Start price
in CHF

- 7105 FRANCO handstamp used as adhesive obliterator;** 1860 (Nov 12): Cover from Bräusau / Březová nad Svitavou to Brunn / Brno bearing 1858 5 kr. bright red, type II, a fine and fresh adhesive, well perforated and embossed, tied by perfect strike of FRANCO handstamp (Müller 3701a = 510 points), handwritten despatch note "Bräusau 12 / 11" on top of cover, reverse with BRÜNN arrival datestamp. An attractive and exceptional usage of this handstamp to obliterate the adhesive in the absence of a datestamp, this one a unique use in Bohemia. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2003).

Provenance: Dr. Anton & Elisabeth Jerger collection, Corinphila sale 138 (Nov 2003), lot 1304.

13/II

**250**

- 7106** 1864ca (Jan 18): Registered Cover from Czimelitz / Čimelice to Datschitz / Dačice bearing 1864 5 kr. rose perf. 9½, one example on front, two on reverse, three fine and fresh adhesives, the adhesive on front tied by combined Town and decorative Registration handstamp "Czimelitz / RECOMMANDIRT" with posthorn (Müller 477Ra = 2'250 points / Votoček 3068a C.195 = 2'000 points), the stamps on reverse by two line "Czimelitz / 18 Jan." datestamp (Müller 477a / Votoček A.8-j), which was struck also struck on front. An attractive cover, opened for display on three sides.

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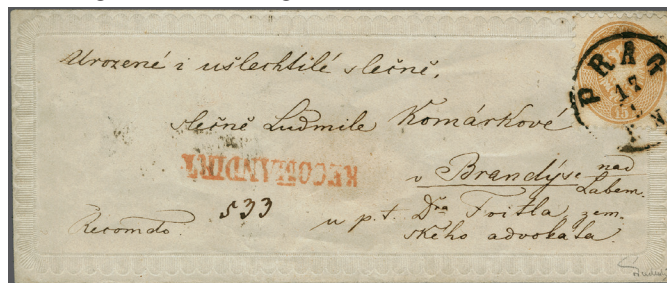
**200**

7107



Dr. Anton Jerger

Elisabeth Jerger-Kramer



7108

- 7107** 1867 (Sept 28): Entire letter from Blansko to Brunn / Brno bearing 1864 2 kr. yellow and 3 kr. green, both perf. 9½, two fresh and fine examples with vibrant colour, well perforated and embossed, most attractively and full of contrast tied by BLANSKO single circle datestamp in a brilliant blue (Müller 241b, listed only in blue), reverse with framed BRÜNN arrival datestamp of the same day. What a beauty, cert. Ferchenbauer (2003).

Provenance: Dr. Anton & Elisabeth Jerger collection, Corinphila sale 138 (Nov. 2003), lot 477
Erivan collection, Corinphila sale 254 (September 2020), lot 7060.

30+ 31

**400**

- 7108** 1864ca (Sept 19): Registered Decorative Envelope from Prague to Brandeis / Brandýs nad Labem bearing 1864 15 kr. brown perf. 9½, fresh and fine with good colour and well perforated, tied by PRAG single circle datestamp, reverse with BRANDEIS double circle arrival datestamp of the same day. Postage and registration fee paid by the franking on obverse, cert. Ferchenbauer (2004).

34

**200**

Second Distance



View of Reichenberg



7109

Michel

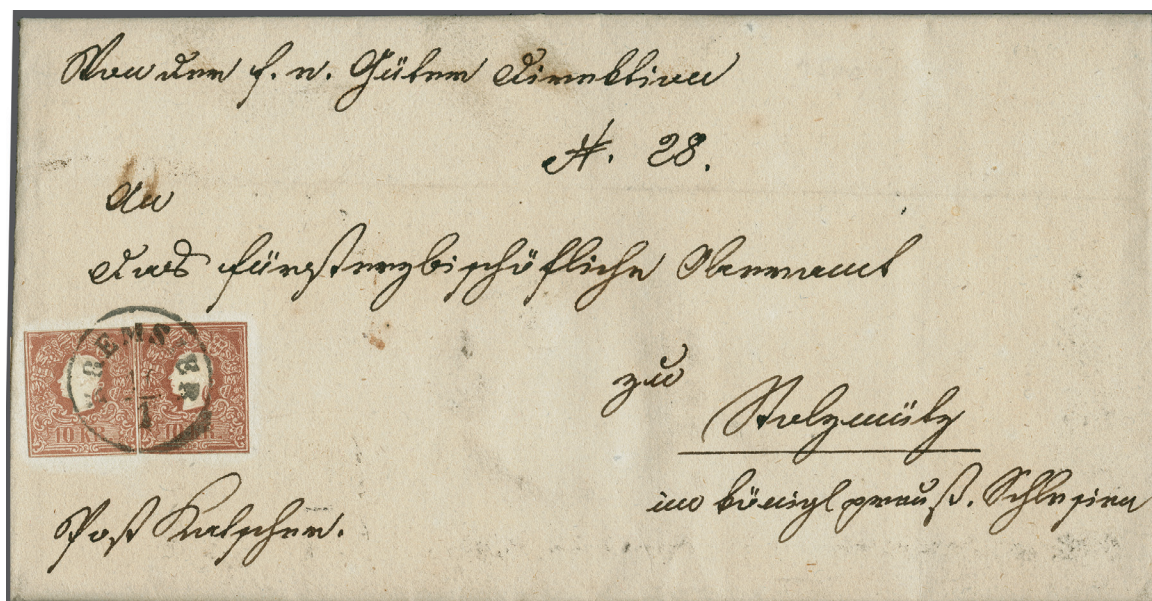
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in CHF

- 7109** **Combination franking of the first and second issue; 1858 (Dec 14):** Registered Cover from Reichenberg / Liberec to Prague bearing on front 1854 9 kr. C.M. blue type IIIb on machine paper in combination with 1858 5 kr. red type I, two additional examples on reverse paying the registration surcharge, the adhesives on front overall fresh and fine, those on reverse torn during opening of the letter, one stamp with missing corner, all tied by REICHENBERG single circle datestamp (Müller 2336b / Votoček E.1), RECOMMANDIRT handstamp alongside on obverse, reverse with boxed PRAG arrival datestamp of the following day. Horizontal file folds well away from the franking, in spite of its imperfections a most interesting combination usage which was possible only in November and December 1858. During that period, the 9 kreuzer C.M. stamp was used as being equal to the new 15 kreuzer ö.W. adhesive with the 1850/54 colour code used furthermore. The franking pays therefore correctly 20 kreuzer ö.W. for a double-rate cover within the second rayon with additional 10 kreuzer ö.W. added for registration on reverse. A desirable combination, signed A. Diena & Grioni; cert. Ferchenbauer (2014) Ferchenbauer = € 55'000+.
- Provenance John Simon collection, Corinthila sale 194 (November 2014), lot 5060.*

5+ 13/1



3'000



7110

Michel

Start price
in CHF

- 7110** 1858 adhesives with perforation cut away; 1860 (Jan 11): Double rate Entire letter from Kremsier / Kroměříž to Stolzmutz in Prussian Silesia bearing 1858 10 kr. brown type II, two examples with their perforation cut away, tied together by KREMSIER single circle datestamp, reverse with boxed "KANDRZIN - ODERBERG" ambulant and "AUSG." distribution datestamp of the same day. An interesting and attractive usage, the franking paying correctly the double rate in the second rayon. *Note: In Kremsier, the 1858 issue was obviously regularly used with the perforation cut away, see Ferchenbauer handbook, vol 1 on page 501.*

14/II



150



View of Tepl



7111

- 7111** 1858 & 1861 combination franking; 1860 (Aug 21): Entire letter from Tepl / Teplá to Prague bearing 1858 5 kr. red type II in a **combination franking of same colours but different issues** with 1861 5 kr. red, two fine and fresh examples, each adhesive tied by TEPL single circle datestamp, reverse with boxed PRAG arrival datestamp (Aug 23). An attractive usage, the franking paying the single rate in the second rayon. Cert. Sorani (2006) Ferchenbauer = € 2'500.

13/II+ 20



400

Third Distance



View of Znaim



7112

Michel

Start price
in CHF

- 7112** **Combination franking of the first and second issue;** 1858 (Dec 16): Lettersheet from Znaim / Znojmo to Pest bearing 1854 6 kr. C.M. brown type III on machine paper in combination with 1858 5 kr. dark red type I, two fresh and fine examples with fair to huge margins and normal to ideal perforation, respectively, each adhesive tied by ZNAIM single circle datestamp, reverse with WIEN transit and PESTH arrival cds's (Dec 18). A rare combination usage which was possible only in November and December 1858. During that period, the 6 kreuzer C.M. stamp was used as being equal to the new 10 kreuzer ö.W. adhesive with the 1850/54 colour code used furthermore. The franking pays therefore correctly 15 kreuzer ö.W. for a cover within the third rayon over 20 miles. A perfect match to the next lot, cert. Ferchenbauer (2025) Ferchenbauer = € 11'000.

4Y + 13/I



2'000



View of Olmütz



7113

Michel

Start price
in CHF

7113

Combination franking of the first and second issue; 1858 (Nov 13): Entire letter from Olmütz / Olmouc to Zdice bearing 1854 3 kr. C.M. bright red type IIIc on machine paper in combination with 1858 10 kr. brown type I, two fresh and fine examples with good to large margins and good perforation, respectively, the 10 kr. adhesive well embossed, each adhesive tied by light OLLMÜTZ single circle datestamp, reverse with boxed PRAG transit and ornamental ZDITZ arrival datestamps (Nov 16). A rare combination usage which was possible only in November and December 1858. During that period, the 3 kreuzer C.M. stamp was used as being equal to the new 5 kreuzer ö.W. adhesive with the 1850/54 colour code used furthermore. The franking pays therefore correctly 15 kreuzer ö.W. for a cover within the third rayon over 20 miles. A perfect match to the lot before, cert. Ferchenbauer (1999) Ferchenbauer = € 22'500.

3Y + 14/I



4'000



7114



7115

Michel

Start price
in CHF

- 7114** **Combination franking of the second and third issue;** 1861 (March 19): Lettersheet from Friedeberg / Frýdberk in Austrian Silesia to Vienna bearing 1858 10 kr. brown type II in combination with 1861 5 kr. red, two superb examples with good perforation, fresh colour and well embossed, tied together by crisp FRIEDEBERG double circle datestamp (Müller 728a / Votoček G.18), reverse with WIEN arrival cds (March 21). A most attractive combination usage for a connoisseur, signed Ferchenbauer.

14/II + 20

**100**

- 7115** **Combination franking of the first and second type of the 1858 issue;** 1859ca (April 28): Registered Envelope from Prag - Kleinseite to Vienna bearing on front 3 kr. black type Ib in a type combination with 2 kr. yellow and 10 kr. brown, both in type II and on reverse two single examples of 3 kr. black type Ib in a type combination with a pair of 2 kr. yellow in type II, fine and fresh examples with good perforation, fresh colour and well embossed, tied by clear oval "PRAG KLEINS." datestamp, "RECOM." handstamp on obverse, reverse with indistinct boxed arrival cds. A stunning combination cover for a dedicated collection of the 1858 issue or classic Austria or Bohemia in general, cert. Ferchenbauer (2015) Ferchenbauer = € 5'500+.

11/Ib + 10/

IIb + 14/IIb

**1'500**

Provenance: Dr. Ladislav Fischmeister collection; Corinthila sale 202 (Nov. 2015), lot 1496.



7116



- 7116** 1861 (Nov 28): Registered Entire letter from Cerhowitz / Cerhovice to Tischnowitz / Tišnov bearing on front 1861 2 kr. yellow, five examples and one single example of 5 kr. red, and on reverse again five examples 2 kr. yellow, the 2 kreuzer adhesives partially in multiples, fine and fresh examples with good perforation, fresh colour and well embossed, tied by seven strikes of wreathed ZERHOWITZ double circle datestamp (Müller 3340a / Votoček 313 G.28), decorative "Recomandirt / ZERHOWITZ" handstamp (not in Müller / Schubert = II6!! points / Votoček 3111 = 600 points) on obverse, reverse with boxed PRAG and circular BRÜNN transit as well as ornamental TISCHNOWITZ arrival cds (Nov 30). One 2 kr. adhesive with corrected perforation, minute patina of the cover, nevertheless a phantastic combination and mass franking to pay correctly 15 kreuzer for the third rayon over 20 miles plus the 10 kreuzer registration fee. Ferchenbauer = € 4'300 for the franking on obverse + € 2'000 for the registration franking.

Provenance: Köhler sale 268 (May 1990), lot 5198

Silvain Wyler collection; Corinthila sale 155 (October 2008), lot 2050.

18 + 20

**1'000**

Postal Documents



View of Leipa



7117

Michel

Start price
in CHF

7117 Usage of a revenue stamp instead of a newspaper signette; 1858 (Dec 16): Frontpage of the 'Böhm. Leipaer Wochenblatt.' no. 50 of 16 December 1858 bearing on front 1858 (Nov) revenue stamp - Ankündigungsstempelmarke 2 kr. light blue & black, a fine and fresh example, tied by fiscal obliterator and newspaper print. A very rare usage of which are only four newspapers from December 1858 are known, cert. Puschnann (2009) Ferchenbauer = LP.

Note: In November and December 1858 in very rare cases Ankündigungsstempelmarken - Announcement revenue stamps were used instead of so called Zeitungssignetten. The describer knows of four examples of the 'Böhmisch Leipaer Wochenblatt' issued in Böhmisch Leipa / Česká Lípa where this irregular substitute was done. Two usages from 16 December 1858 (the present item & the example shown in the Ferchenbauer handbook, vol 2 on page 591) and two usages from 23 December 1858 (one ex Rothschild, mentioned in Glaube on page 200, sold in Köhler sale 210 (Dec 1973), lot 3070; the other ex Ludlow C. Grosse collection, sold in Köhler sale 313 (Sept 2001), lot 258).



2'000



7118

Michel

Start price
in CHF

- 7118 Usage of a newspaper tax stamp instead of a revenue stamp;** 1859 (June 24): Document bearing aside revenue stamps of 5 kr. & 30 kr. black & green an 1859 newspaper revenue stamp - Zeitungsstempelmarke 1 kr. blue type I, cut narrow or touched at left, showing black cancellation traces of a previous usage and therefore used to defraud the revenue system, all three adhesives tied by oval "GEMEINDERATH DER K. HAUPTSTADT OLMÜTZ" handstamp in blue. A rare combination usage Ferchenbauer = LP.
Provenance: Rapp sale (Nov. 2014), lot 1942.

Zeitungs-
stempel-
marke

1'000

Foreign Destinations



Aglaë Maria Leopoldina Sophia
Kotz von Dobrz



7119

- 7119 Saxony-Weimar-Eisenach;** 1860 (March 26): Triple rate Printed matter Wrapper from Prague to Weimar, Grand Duchy Sachsen-Weimar-Eisenach bearing 1859 3 kr. black type II in a vertical pair, fresh and fine with good colour and perforation, well embossed, tied by boxed PRAG datestamp, reverse with Leipzig - Magdeburg ambulant and WEIMAR single circle arrival datestamp of the following day. Horizontal and vertical file folds, nevertheless a fine wrapper in the third weight rate of three times 2 kreuzer; xerox of cert. Ferchenbauer (2013) Ferchenbauer = € 3'100 + 50% for the wrapper.
Note: Directed to "S.M. Hoheit, dem regierenden Grossherzog von Sachsen Weimar", i.e. the Grandduke of Weimar and sent by the "Baroness Kotz aus Prag", presumably Aglaë Maria Leopoldina Sophia Kotz von Dobrz, born von Auersperg (1812-1899).



Charles Alexander
Grand Duke of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach

11/IIa



400



7120

Michel

Start price
in CHF

- 7120** **Saxony, GAPU;** 1863 (May 20): Envelope from Karlsbad / Karlovy Vary to Leipzig Sachsen, forwarded to Kötzensbroda nearby Dresden, bearing in the middle Austria 1861 10 kr. brown, a fine and fresh example with good perforation, fresh colour and well embossed, tied by CARLSBAD single circle datestamp, reverse with LEIPZIG arrival cds (May 23). Redirected there and franked with two single examples of King Johann 1/2 ngr. black on grey in type II, overall fine and fresh, partially shaved, tied by 'Nummerngitterstempel' numeral '2' of Leipzig, the left adhesive also by Leipzig STADTPOST despatch cds (May 23). The receiver was obviously not found immediately and three AUSGABE distribution cds's were struck on reverse. A most appealing country combination franking paying correctly the postage for the second rayon to Leipzig and for a letter of more than 5 miles within Saxonia. Signed Knapp; cert. Steiner (2011).

Provenance: Horst & Arnim Knapp collection, Köhler sale 344 (March 2011), lot 77.

21 +
Sachsen 8/II

**1'200**

7121

- 7121** **France;** 1867 (May 19): Registered Envelope from Prag - Kleinseite to Paris, bearing on front 1864 10 kr. blue, two single examples and pair of 15 kr. brown, on reverse 1864 two single examples of 3 kr. green and single 15 kr. brown, seven fine and fresh examples with good perforation, all perforated 9 1/2, tied by oval "PRAG KLEINS: / RECOMMANDIRT" datestamp, boxed "P.D." in red and French "AUTRICHE ERQUELINES 21 MAI 67" entry cds in blue alongside, reverse with PARIS arrival cds of the same day. The cover was opened for display on three sides and shows three wax seals of the sender, two by the French PO following the regulations and one seal covering partially the franking on reverse. Most attractive double rate cover to France with twice 25 kr. for the postage and 21 kr. registration fee on reverse, receiver is the genre and portrait painter Viktor Schubert-Soldern from Prague who lived between 1866 and 1870 in Paris. Signed Seitz; cert. Ferchenbauer (2014).

Provenance: Corinthila sale 191 (November 2014), lot 1016.

31+ 33+ 34

**1'000**

View of the Lesser Town in Prague



7122

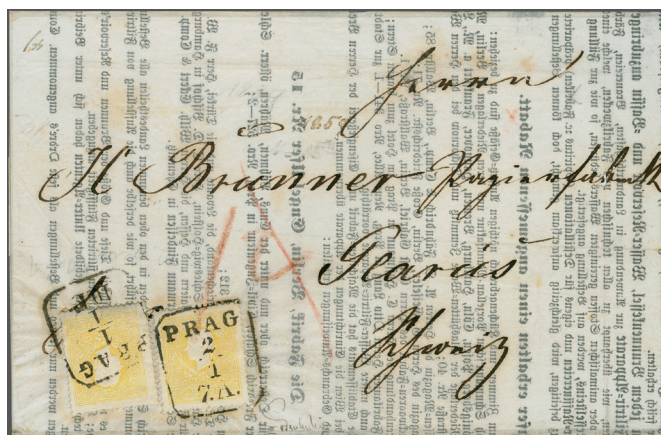


The main building of
Exposition Universelle of 1867

Michel

Start price
in CHF

- 7122** France; 1867 (Sept 9): Registered Envelope from Nikolsburg / Mikulov to the office of the **World exposition in Paris**, an 1867 Franz-Joseph stationery envelope 5 kr. red bearing on front pair 1864 10 kr. blue, on reverse 1864 pair 3 kr. green and single 15 kr. brown, all adhesives perf. 9½, five fine and fresh examples with good perforation, tied by NIKOLSBURG single circle datestamp, light figurative "Nikolsburg / Recomandirt" handstamp in black as well as boxed "P.D." and French "AUTR. STRASBOURG 12 SEPT 67" entry cds, both in red alongside, reverse with PARIS arrival cds in red and indistinct "EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE" cds in black (Sept 12). The cover was opened on three sides for display and shows five wax seals of the sender on reverse following the regulations. Stationery slightly reduced, nevertheless a most attractive single rate cover to France with 25 kr. for the postage and 21 kr. registration fee on reverse. Cert. Goller (2020).

U17+ 31+
33+ 34**1'000**

7123

- 7123** Switzerland; 1860 (Jan 1): Printed matter Entire letter from Prague to Glarus Schweiz, bearing two single examples of 1858 2 kr. light yellow type II, two fine and fresh examples with good perforation, well embossed, tied by boxed PRAG datestamp from 1st and 2nd January, respectively. On 1 November 1858 the printed matter rate to Switzerland was newly adjusted to 4 nkr., erroneously the inland rate of 2 nkr was franked on this entire, an error corrected the day thereafter. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2025) Ferchenbauer = € 1'700.

10/II

**250**



7124

Michel

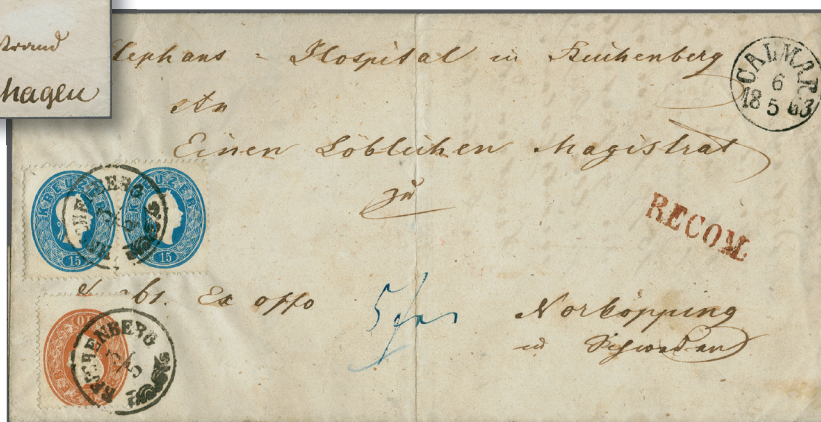
Start price
in CHF

- 7124** **Belgium;** 1863 (April 6): Registered Envelope with full contents from Prague to Antwerp, bearing 1861 5 kr. red and vertical pair 10 kr. brown, on reverse another single example, fresh examples with overall good perforation and embossing, tied by "NEUE ALLEE PRAG" single circle datestamp of the postal agency, boxed PRAG datestamp in black as well as "P.D." and Belgian "Chargé" handstamps, both in red alongside, reverse with "ALLEMAGNE PAR EST" T.P.O. and ANVERS arrival cds's (April 8). The adhesives on front are glued nearby the edge of the cover resulting in some wrinkles and perforation irregularities, the stamp on reverse with some toning, nevertheless a rare usage to Belgium with 25 kr. for the postage in the second Belgian rayon plus 10 kr. registration fee on reverse, receiver is again the genre and portrait painter Viktor Schubert-Soldern from Prague. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2014).

20+ 21

**250**

7125



7126

- 7125** **Denmark;** 1864ca (June 5): Envelope from Karlsbad / Karlovy Vary to Copenhagen Denmark, bearing 1864 10 kr. brown and 15 kr. blue perf. 9½, two fine and fresh adhesives, well perforated and embossed, tied together by wreathed CARLSBAD double circle datestamp. Reverse with "LÜBECK St. P. A 7 / 6" transit and COPENHAGEN arrival (June 8) cds's. Total postage is calculated with 15 kr. for the Postverein and 10 kr. for the second Danish rayon. Back flap partially missing, nevertheless an appealing cover to a rare destination. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2009).
- 7126** **Sweden;** 1863 (May 3): Registered Entire letter from Reichenberg / Liberec to Norköpping, bearing 1861 10 kr. brown and two single examples of 15 kr. blue, on reverse another single 10 kr. brown, fresh examples with overall good perforation and fresh colours, tied by ornamental REICHENBERG single circle datestamp, "RECOM:" handstamp in red and Swedish "CALMAR 6 5 1863" transit cds in black alongside, reverse with "ZITTAU BAHNH." transit and GÖRLITZ T.P.O. datestamps. One 15 kr. adhesive with corner fold, the stamp on reverse torn, nevertheless a rare usage to Sweden via Warnemünde in Prussia with 15 kr. for Austria and 25 kr. beyond the GAPU plus 10 kr. registration fee on reverse, the weiterfranko of '25' kr. is noted in manuscript on reverse. Cert. Kopriva (2015).

33+ 34

**200**

21+ 22

**200**



7127



Prince Joseph of Windisch-Graetz

Michel

Start price
in CHF

- 7127 Three colour franking to Spain;** 1863 (June 28): Envelope from Kolin to a member of the house of Windisch-Graetz in Madrid, bearing a three-colour franking of 1861 3 kr. green (2), 10 kr. brown, and 15 kr. blue, four overall fine and fresh adhesives, well perforated and embossed, each tied by framed "KOLLIN 28 / 6" datestamp. "P.P." in red, French "AUTRICHE 30 JUIN 63 ERQUELINES 2" entry cds in blue, and Spanish "8 Rs" due in red alongside. The 10 kreuzer adhesive with minor irregularities at left, nevertheless a most attractive franking paying the single rate to the French - Spanish border with 13 Kr. for Austria and 18 kr. for France. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2014) Ferchenbauer = € 3'200+.
- Note: In contrast to Austria and France, the letter was in Spain already in the second weight rate and was therefore taxed with eight, not four reales.*
- Provenance: Corinthila sale 191 (Nov 2014), lot 1013.*

19+ 21+ 22

**1'000**

7128

- 7128 Printed matter to Russia;** 1859ca (June 15): Wrapper from Karlsbad to Kalisch / Kalisz in Poland under Russian rule, bearing 1859 2 kr. dark yellow (4), four overall fine and fresh adhesives, well perforated and embossed, the leftmost stamp tied by "CARLSBAD 15 / 6" single circle datestamp, the other three examples tied by wreathed "CARLSBAD 17 / 6" double circle datestamp. Reverse with GOERLIZU T.P.O. and "BRESLAU 19 / 6" transit cds. One adhesive lightly impaired by filing fold, a rare and impressive printed matter item to Russia, first underpaid, the error corrected two days later with 3 kr. for Austria and 5 kr. for Russia noted in manuscript on front. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2013) Ferchenbauer not listed.

10/II

**750**





View of Karlsbad



7129

Michel

Start price
in CHF

- 7129** 1858 issue three colour franking to the United States; 1859 (Aug 3): Envelope from Karlsbad / Karlovy Vary to New York, endorsed "per Prussian closed mail & Liverpool", bearing a three colour franking of 1858 5 kr. light red, 10 kr. brown (2) and 15 kr. blue (3), all in type II, six fine and fresh adhesives, well perforated, tied by decent strikes of CARLSBAD single circle datestamp. "AACHEN 6 / 8" transit and "NEW YORK PAID AUG 22 30" arrival cds's, both in red alongside, reverse with "BODENBACH 5 / 8" transit cds in black. Total postage is calculated with 15 kr. for the GAPU and 54 kr. for the services beyond and noted on front. A most appealing cover to the United States, overpaid by 1 kreuzer. Cert. Ferchenbauer (1982).

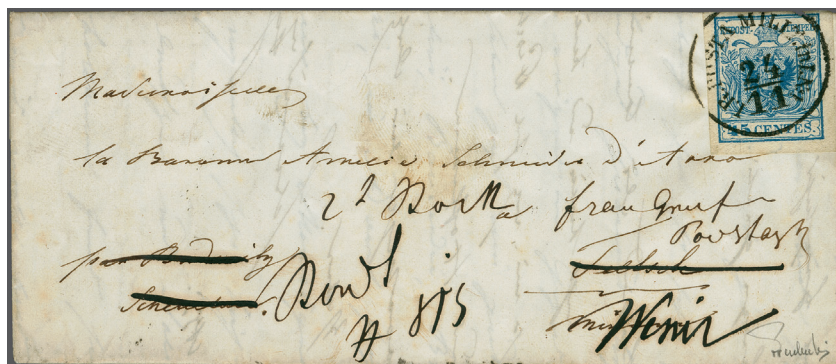
Note: The cover is directed to Ebenezer Alfred Johnson (1813-1891), professor of Greek and Latin Literature at the University of the City of New York (1839-1891). It was written by Messieurs Hottinguer & Cie, banquiers à Paris, at that time obviously at spa, following a handwritten note on reverse.

Provenance: Collection Henry C. Gibson, E. Klein sale USA (March 1944).

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15/II

**2'000**

Military and Field Post



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Michel

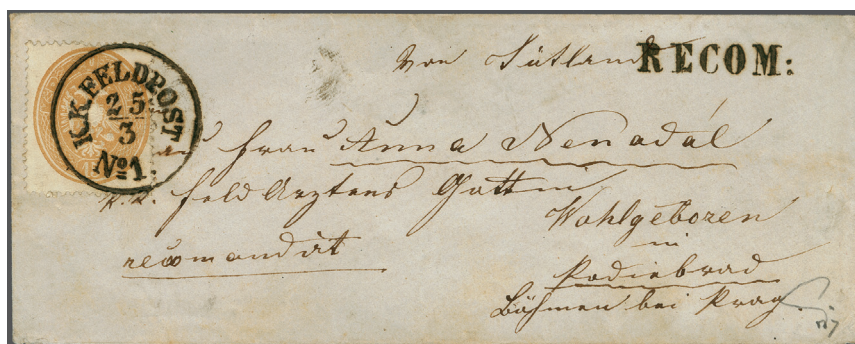
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- 7130 Occupation of the Papal States; 1855 (Nov 24):** Entire letter from the troops in Italy to Teltsch / Telč, forwarded to Vienna, bearing 1850 45 c. blue type III (Sassone 12), a fine and fresh adhesive with good to large margins and in a deep shade, tied by clear "I.R. POSTA MILIT. in I. N° 1" single circle Field Post datestamp (Müller 325a = 180 points / Sassone 13 points = € 11'000). Reverse with "TELTSCHE / 29 NOV." two line and "WIEN 4 DEC." single circle arrival datestamps in black. A most appealing entire from the occupation of Bologna by Austrian troops during the uprisings against the pope. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2020).

Sassone 12

**300**

The Danish - Prussian War

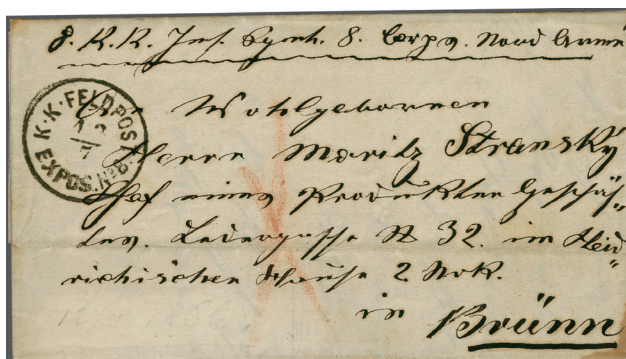


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- 7131 Danish War; 1864 (March 25):** Registered Envelope from the troops in Kolding to Podiebrad / Poděbrady, endorsed "von Jütland", bearing 1863 10 kr. blue on reverse, torn during opening, and 15 kr. brown on front, both perf. 14, two fresh adhesives with good perforation and colours, with distinct embossing, tied by perfect "K.K. FELDPPOST N° 1" single circle Field Post datestamp (Müller 3451a = 600 points), "RECOM:" handstamp alongside, reverse with SEMLIN transit datestamp. A most appealing cover and extremely rare Field Post cover despatched during the war of Austria and Prussia against Denmark at the F.P.O. at Kolding. The war commenced at 1 February 1864 and until 20 May 1864 the rates of the German-Austrian Postal Union had been valid, thereafter postal franchise came into force. Due to the short duration of this regulation of less than four months only few franked covers from the War against Denmark are known. A great item for the collector of Austrian Fieldpost and Austrian postal history in general. Cert. Ferchenbauer (2025) Ferchenbauer = RR.

27b+ 28a

**500**



7132

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- 7132** **Austro-Prussian War; 1866 (July 12):** Entire letter from the retreating troops in the fortress Olmütz / Olomouc to Brunn / Brno, endorsed "8. K.K. Inf. Regm Nord-Armé", written by a serviceman Johann Bielek on "12/7 866" in Olmütz and describing the battle of Königgrätz, struck by "K.K. FELDPOST / EXPOS. N° 8 12 / 7" (Müller 3465 = 2'625 points), reverse with boxed "BRÜNN 4-8 .." arrival datestamp. An interesting entire with this very rare Field Post datestamp which was in use only from June - August 1866.

Note: The only and decisive battle on the northern theatre of the Austro-Prussian War was that of Königgrätz / Hradec Králové, lost by the Austrian troops on 3 July 1866. The defeated troops were retreating to the south-east meeting in Olmütz. The Prussian victory established its leading role in Northern Germany and with the unification in 1871 in Germany in general while Austria did not play any role any more in the new Germany after centuries of Austrian supremacy. Receiver of the entire is the entrepreneur Moritz Stransky from Brunn.



400



A Ballon Monté departing Paris



7133

- 7133** **Ballon Monté mail during the Austro-Prussian War; 1870 (Oct 7):** Small Entire letter from Paris with an indefinite balloon, directed to Prague, bearing Napoleon laureated 20 c. blue type II & 40 c. orange (Yvert 29+31), two fresh and fine adhesives, tied by an indistinct Étoile de Paris with "PARIS St. LAZARE" cds in black and boxed PD in red alongside, reverse with Paris à Bale (Oct 16), Paris à Lyon, and Macon à Montcenis ambulant cds's as well as "PRAG 20 / 10 70" single circle datestamp. An exceptionally rare destination with the first Airmail of the world, opinion Calves & Jacquart (2018) Maury = € 10'000 for Bohemia as destination.

Yvert 29B+

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2'500

Balance of the Collection

		Michel	Start price in CHF
7134	1788/1848: Selection nine covers sent abroad incl. 1788 entire from Prague to Hodimont Belgium, 1846 Trebitsch to London, 1836 Hayda to Nürnberg, 1848 porto entire to Cologne, 1818 Carlsbad to Paris, 1833 Zerhowitz to Paris, 1835 registered entire from Prague to Tonerre France, 1846 Niemes / Mimoň with straight line NIMES in blue to Strasbourg France, also 1802 incoming Dublin via London & Hamburg to Prague. (Photo = www)		150
7135	1850/58: Selection 18 covers with adhesives of the First Issue incl. among others 1850 corner marginal example of HP 9 kr. on entire letter, 9 mm top marginal example of HP 3 kr. red on cover from Steinitz, large marginal example of HP 3 kr. red from WARNSDORF, two entires with pre-cancellation with the business cachet, double rate franking with three examples of HP 6 kr. brown from Klattau, printed matter cover from Prague with MP 1 kr. yellow, Nachfrageschreiben with 9 kr. blue, entire from Pardubitz bearing 3 kr. red with TPO handstamp "FAHRENDES POSTAMT", retour recepisse bearing HP 9 kr. brown tied by datestamps of PRAG and LANDSKRON, registered letter from Melnik, the large marginal example of MP 9 kr. blue tied by ornamental cds, registered double rate letter from SCHÜTTENHOFEN with the registration fee unpaid, taxed with the missing 6 kreuzer plus 5 kreuzer zutaxe, early usage on 6 June 1850 from Prague, Treppenfrankatur of 3 & 6 kreuzer from Chrudim, blue cds of HABERN on HP 6 kr. brown, the adhesive touched at top, and three examples of 1 kr. yellow in lilliput cut to cover the first rayon rate. One opinion & two certs., an impressive group. (Photo = www)	1/5	500
7136	1858/64: Selection 13 inland covers with adhesives of the Second to Fifth Issue incl. among others 1858 2 kr. yellow on printed matter letter from Olmütz to Prerau with pre-cancellation of the adhesive by a business cachet, triple weight cover franked only with 30 kreuzer for the second weight rate and taxed with 30 kreuzer, 10 kr. brown used as revenue, registered entire bearing 5 & 15 kr. on obverse, 10 kr. in addition on reverse; 1861 three colour franking ex Provera with 2 & 3 & 10 kr to pay the rate over 20 miles, registered cover from Prague to Graslitz with two examples of 15 kr. blue in combination of same colours but different denominations with 1863 10 kr. blue, also on reverse for the registration fee, thus underpaid by 5 kreuzer as a triple rate cover over 20 miles but not taxed; 1864 stationery envelope with additional franking of stationery cut-out of 5 kreuzer, combination franking of 1864 3 kr green and 1867 2 kreuzer yellow, sent from DNESPEK, 15 kreuzer cut to shape and used on registered letter from POLLERSKIRCHEN, also one Nachfrageschreiben and two Recepissen. Must be studied to be fully appreciated, two opinions, one certificate. (Photo = www)	10/34	400
7137	1858/64: Selection nine covers sent abroad with adhesives of the Second to Fifth Issue incl. among others 1858 "BOEHM: LEIPA" registered to Cottbus and 10 & 15 kr. from PRAG to CARBON BLANC; 1861 CARLSBAD to Paris forwarded to Montpellier with 10 & 15 kr; 1863 PRAG to Geneva bearing three examples 15 kr in combination with 1864 5 kr; 1864 LIEBENAU to London as well as GABLONZ to Lyon with 10 & 15 kreuzer; also 1857 stampless porto letter from NIXDORF to Wohlen, 1858 stampless franco letter from ZDAUNEK to London, and 1863 stampless cover from ZBRASLAWITZ to Jonas Karl Slavie in Racine Wisconsin, being a politician of Czech origin. (Photo = www)	13/34	250