

Tristan da Cunha

Including Postal History, Documents and Ephemera

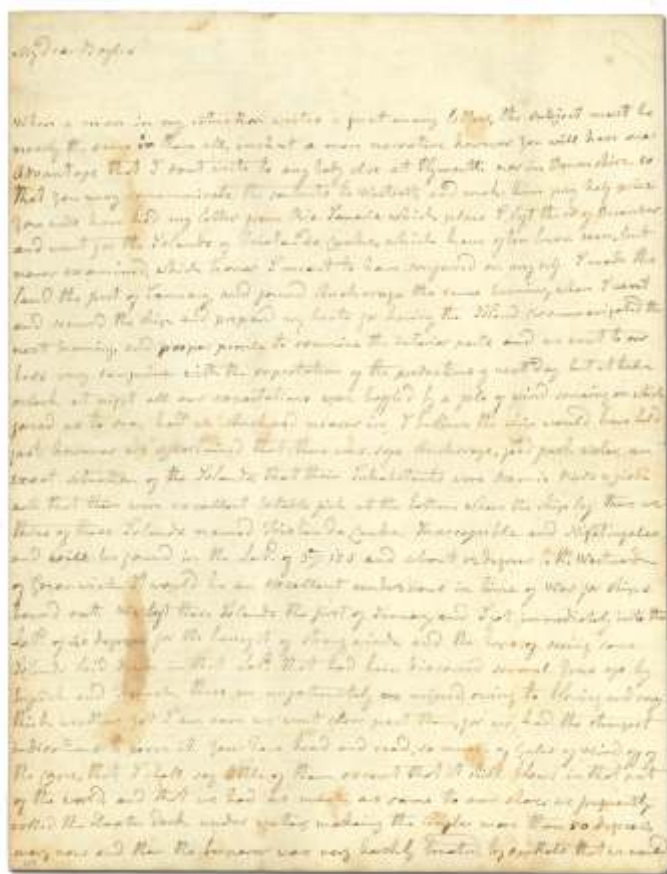
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Early Postal History

Early Artifacts Relating to Tristan da Cunha



2501

- 2501 ✉ 1793, Tristan da Cunha letter by Admiral Sir Erasmus Gower, endorsed at Chusan Harbor off the coast of China, autographed letter (no outer wrapper or postal markings but consisting of two closely written double sheets and complete) signed by Admiral Sir Erasmus Gower during his pioneering voyage to China to escort Earl Macartney to Peking (the Earl was the first English Ambassador to China), the letter includes a detailed and **very early description of "the Islands of Tristan da Cunha**, which have often been seen but never examined, which honor I meant to have conferred on myself ...", the expedition anchored at Tristan, but the proposed thorough investigation was prevented by bad weather, not however before they had done a survey of the place, "... we ascertained that there was a safe Anchorage, good fresh-water, an exact situation of the Islands, that their Inhabitants were Oceanic Birds & fish, and that there were excellent eatable fish at the bottom where the ship lay, there are three of these Islands, named Tristan de Cunha, Inaccessible and Nightingale ...", Very Fine.

Tristan da Cunha was first explored by Portuguese and Dutch in the 17th Century and their accounts are preserved in various archives, this is a most important early description of these rarely visited islands and **the earliest artifact relating to Tristan in private hands**. The remainder of this long letter includes a fascinating outline of visits to the tiny islands of St. Paul and Amsterdam in the south Indian Ocean, and the voyage past the coasts of Sumatra, Cambodia, Formosa and China, the writer took his ship north of Chusan into the Yellow Sea, to which he says that no European had ever been before.

Estimate \$3,000 - 4,000

- 2502 1817 (Cape of Good Hope April 15 dateline), **four page botanical excursion on "Tristan d' Acunha" letter**, four page autographed letter from Army botanist D. Carmichael concerning a four month botanical excursion on "Tristan d' Acunha". The island was first settled in 1816 by a British garrison to prevent its use as a base for liberating Napoleon, then on St. Helena. It was withdrawn in 1817, but six people stayed behind under the leadership of William Glass, the nucleus of the future settlement. Some water staining, Fine and rare document (no photo).

Estimate \$200 - 300

Pre-Cachet Covers & Postal History



2503 **1836 (Jan 2), pre-cachet folded whaling letter to Shelton Island, New York**, showing manuscript "20 3/4" rate marking, along with red "SHIP" handstamp and matching "New Bedford Mar 17 MS" receiver. Lengthy, literate contents from Mr George Cartwright to his father, dated Jan 2, 1836 ... "We are now around the Trusteen Islands. We went ashore New Year's day ...". Minor edge wear and tears, F-VF, a remarkable and historically significant letter, being the earliest known surviving letter from *Tristan da Cunha in private hands* (see introductory paragraph in Gibbons, referring to this 1836 cover as well as the 1843 example, which follows this lot).

Estimate \$4,000 - 6,000

A unique opportunity to acquire perhaps the most important item in Tristan philately.



2504 **1843 (Oct 29), pre-cachet folded whaling letter to Southampton, NY**, showing manuscript "20 3/4" rate marking, along with red "SHIP" handstamp and matching "New London Mar 1 Conn" arrival marking. Splendid, insightful content offered in this highly literate letter, from a John Rose to his wife, offering keen insights to the lives of the whalers. He writes "I shall stop hereabouts until Dec, when if I do not get 1,000 or 2,000 bls, I shall go to the Crossetts or to desolation as that's the place of resort for ships which whale hereabouts." Minor water stains, F-VF, a magnificent, rare and exceptionally important item of Tristan postal history, long considered to be the earliest known surviving letter from Tristan, now taking its place as the second earliest example. (See introductory paragraph in Gibbons referencing the previous lot, the 1836 cover, as well as this one). A cornerstone exhibition piece.

Estimate \$3,000 - 4,000

Select Items From the Peter Green Correspondence



2505 **1892, pre-cachet cover front from the Peter Green correspondence**, good size cover front, carried from Tristan in Feb 1892 by the HMS Raleigh, showing "Simons Town 7 MR 92" transit and "T" handstamp along with "New York Ap 6" receiver and "Due 10 Cents" marking, and endorsed "Posted at Sea". Addressed to Charles E. Murtha in Brooklyn. Pieter Groen was a Dutch sailor who ship wrecked at Tristan in 1836 and remained there till his death in 1902 at the age of 94, serving as the governor of the island. Estimate \$1,500 - 2,000

This is believed to be the earliest cover (front) originating from an islander at a time when the population of the island was 50.



2506 **1896, pre-cachet cover fragment from the Peter Green correspondence**, addressed by Green to his poet friend George Newman in London, believed to have been carried from Tristan by the HMS Magpie in 1896. "T" marking most likely applied at London, F-VF.

Estimate \$300 - 400



- 2509 (☒) 1900, pre-cachet cover front from the Peter Green correspondence, a splendid, relatively late example from this noted correspondence, addressed to Charles E. Murtha, Brooklyn NY, showing 3 strikes of "T 25c" handstamps, along with "New York May 5 1900 and Due 10 Cents" opera glasses arrival markings. Carried by the SS "Dulwich", the only vessel to call there before November of that year, F-VF, rare. Estimate \$500 - 750

- 2507 (☒) 1896, the very rare cover front written and sent by Governor Peter Green to Holland, and endorsed in his handwriting "We have no stamps on Tristan", with octagonal "T/25c" due handstamp applied in route, possibly at the Cape, with original four page letter dated "Mai 1896", written to a relative reminiscing about his family etc. Carried on board the HMS "Magpie" some age spots and minor edge tears, F-VF, aside from the 1836, the 1843, and the 1895 Cartwright whaling covers which begin this sale, this item represents one of the earliest known covers originating at Tristan. Illustrated and discussed in Crabb, page 152. Estimate \$2,000 - 3,000

The Famous "Cartwright" Cover



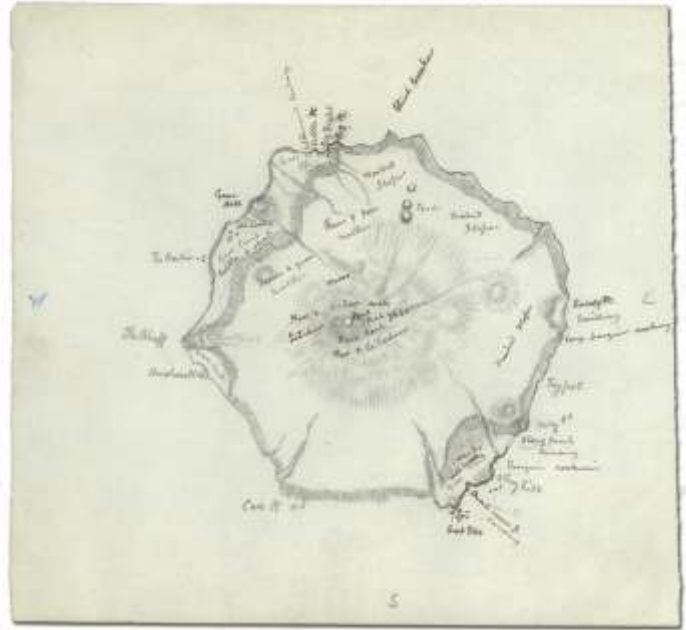
- 2510 (☒) 1895 (April), the famous "Cartwright" pre-cachet cover and letter, illustrated on page 150 of the "History and Postal history of Tristan da Cunha" 1980 edition, by George Crabb. This cover was carried by HMS Widgeon to Simons-Town, South Africa, where it received, an 29 AP 95 transit, with cover also showing "T 25c" and "5" due marking. Addressed to Cornwall, England, this letter was penned by a shipwrecked sailor, George Cartwright, and in itself, tells a most fascinating story. Grampound Road May 20 95 receiver on reverse, corner of cover missing at bottom right, still F-VF; the earliest recorded cover with contents from Tristan da Cunha. Estimate \$2,000 - 3,000



- 2508 (☒) 1898 (Nov), pre-cachet cover front from the Peter Green correspondence, addressed to Charles E. Murtha, Brooklyn, NY, showing manuscript "We have no stamps on Tristan D' Acunha", along with Simons-Town 15 NO 98" transit, "St. Helena NO 27 98" transit, various "T" markings, plus "New York Dec 24" arrival and matching "Due 10 Cents". Carried by the HMS Thrush, F-VF, another rare example from the Green correspondence. Estimate \$500 - 750



1894 H.M.S. "Raleigh" Collateral Items



- 2511 ☒ **1898, pre-cachet cover to London**, showing "From Tristan d' Acunha/No Stamps Precurable" manuscript endorsement in red. Cover departed Tristan on 3 Nov 1898 and entered the mails with "Simons Town/15 NO 98" (Cape of Good Hope) hooded datestamp with matching "T/25c" postage due handstamp. Large "5d/FB" due marking applied at London, with "London WC/DE 2 98" arrival backstamp. Fresh and Very Fine; carried on board the HMS "Thrush" which took away survivors of the "Glenhuntly" shipwreck who had been marooned on Tristan for five months. Illustrated and discussed in Crabb, page 154. Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500

- 2513 **1894, HMS "Raleigh" Visit, officers map of Tristan**, a splendid, hand-drawn map prepared by a ship's officer showing wonderful detail, even including the location of penguin rookeries and landing areas. Very Fine and choice, many place names would continue well into the next century. Estimate \$150 - 200



- 2514 **1894, HMS "Raleigh" Visit, April census**, written on official stationery, prepared by the ship's chaplain, H. Collis, listing 57 inhabitants, including fifteen under 14 years of age. Some aging, Fine and unique; the population had been greatly reduced due to losses of islander's ships in the previous decade. A marvelous collateral piece (no photo). Estimate \$250 - 350

- 2512 ☒ **1909, pre-cachet cover used to England**, an exceptionally rare cover, most likely carried by the HMS Greyhound to Capetown, where a transit marking of JU 12 09 was applied, endorsed "From the island of Tristan da Cunha". Postage due "T" marking applied, and subsequently obliterated, and an "Official Paid" mark added on arrival in London on July 3rd, 1909. Couple punched file holes, F-VF, rare, pre-cachet usage addressed to the Post Master General, England. Estimate \$400 - 600

The Cachet Period

Type I Cachets



2515 ✉ **1912, outbound cover to Todmorden, England bearing Type I cachet**, a particularly well struck strike of the type I cachet, franked by Cape of Good Hope 1/2d KEVII issue, which is tied by an exceptionally choice strike of rectangular boxed "Paquebot" handstamp. Cover was carried on board the "Michelet", and shows Adelaide Aus OC 25.17 transit. Opened for display, F-VF, a rare and delightful usage; 2000 BPA certificate.

Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500



2516 ✉ **ca 1914, outbound cover to England bearing Type I cachet**, a nice mostly, clear strike on an islanders cover to England, delivered without franking or postage due charges, nor any other postal marking. Includes a short letter from Susanne Hagen indicative of both the islanders literacy and local conditions at the time as it reads "...I have ask you please four to fish in lines for to go on the Bokes it his very heard times on the island ..." etc. Very Fine, rare and choice.

Estimate \$750 - 1,000



2517 ✉ **1919 (August 1), large size registered outbound cover to London bearing Type I cachets**, carried aboard the HMS "Yarmouth", franked by six 1/2d green KGV postal stationery cut squares and bearing 4 clean strikes of the scarce type I cachet. Entered the mails at London with no back stamps, but docketed by Victor Marsh "Rec's/10 Oct 1919". Fresh and Very Fine. Marsh reportedly sent packets of covers down to Tristan to receive the cachet and they were returned to him under cover.

Estimate \$500 - 750



2518 ✉ **1917 (Sept 11), outbound cover to London bearing Type I cachet**, a splendid cover bearing a nice strike of the type I cachet franked by 6d KEVII entire cut square, tied by bold, boxed "PAQUEBOT" handstamp. Cover entered the mails at Adelaide, Australia with 28 Oct backstamp, carried by the barque "Michelet", and is addressed to Edgar Weston, a stamp dealer, whose activities in Tristan philately continued to the 1950's, with this cover being one of the few Weston items showing evidence of postal handling other than the cachet. Very Fine, attractive cover.

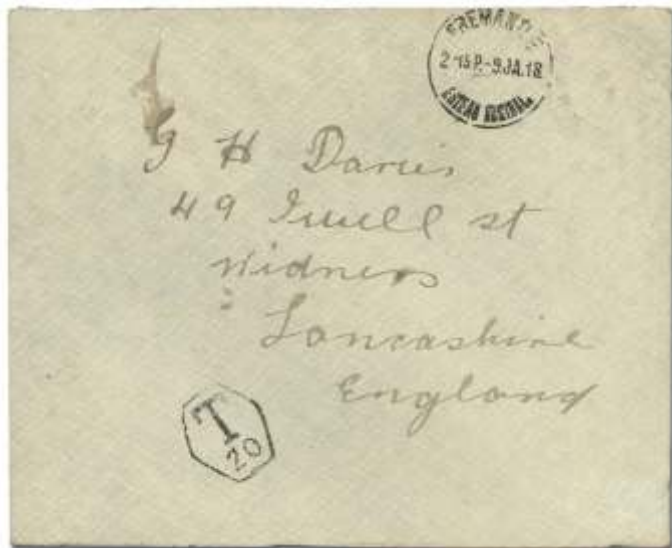
Estimate \$750 - 1,000



2519 ☒ 1917 (Sept), outbound WWI era cover to London with Type I cachet, a lovely, neat "opened" small cover bearing 1d KGV adhesive tied by strong strike of boxed "paquebot" handstamp, along with an exceptionally bold strike of the type I cachet. Reverse shows Adelaide OC 25 17 Aus transit, with approximately 60% of back removed, causing no postmark damage, etc. An interesting WWI period cover without any wartime markings, Very Fine. Estimate \$400 - 600



2521 ☒ 1918 (Nov), cover from Tristan to Guildford, England with Type I cachet, a splendid, neat cover, franked by two 1/2d British KGV adhesives cancelled and tied by London 27 JA 19 cds. Front additionally shows a magnificent, bold strike of the type I "Tristan da Cunha" violet handstamp. Carried by the "Southern Sea", which called at Tristan on 13 Nov 1918, fresh and Very Fine, a rare, Gem cover. Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500



2520 ☒ 1917 (Dec 11), outbound cover to Lancashire, England with Type I cachet, carried by the Norwegian Whaler "Trio", bearing usual light type I cachet, entering the mails at Fremantle, Australia, with (JA 1918) postmark, where it was rated "T20". docketed as received on 8 March, Very Fine with original enclosure from Sarah Rogers thanking the addressee for a box of candies - the first in ten years! Estimate \$750 - 1,000



2522 ☒ 1918, outbound cover to London bearing Type I cachet, carried by the "Southern Sea" showing usual light strike of type I cachet. Ship departed Tristan on 13 November 1918, arriving London with 28 JA 1919 cds tying 1d postage due. F-VF, addressed to Douglas Gane, a lifelong advocate for improved treatment of Tristan and founder of the Tristan da Cunha Fund in 1916, and as early as 1921 lobbied for the issuance of postage stamps. rare early cover. Estimate \$500 - 750

Type II Cachets



2523 ✉ **1919 (Dec), outbound cover to Liverpool bearing Types I and II cachets**, carried aboard the SS "Clan Macmillan", showing faint type I cachet overstruck by bold violet type II cachet departed Tristan with "Clan Macmillan/Dec 13 1919" ships cachet on reverse, straightline "PAQUEBOT" handstamp, "London/30JA 20" arrival cds. Additionally we note "1d/F.B." handstamp and 2d postage due tied by Liverpool arrival postmark. Cover "opened" for display with original enclosure written on board the "Yarmouth" on 31 July and left for posting on the next ship. Very Fine; *the last known use of the type I cachet and one of only two known covers with both the types I and II cachets in combination; in addition, this was the first Tristan mail bearing a ship cachet.* A remarkable and rare cover.
 Estimate \$1,500 - 2,000

2524 ✉ **1918 (Oct), outbound cover to England bearing Types I and II cachets**, the former light struck, the latter perfectly struck, with the type I cachet overstruck with large boxed "Received from H. M. Ships / No Charge to be Rendered / London 9.19" paquebot marking. Includes original four page enclosure from Susannah Hagen describing her tough life, hopes for the end to the war in Europe etc. Carried aboard the HMS Yarmouth, which departed Tristan 31 July 1919, F-VF one of only two known examples of the types I and II cachets used together, in addition to being the earliest known usage of the type II cachet.
 Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500



2525 ✉ **1919, outbound registered cover to England with violet Type II cachet**, a neat and lovely cover, carrying 5d KEVII upper right corner margin single, cancelled by a magnificent strike in violet of "Tristan da Cunha South Atlantic" type II cachet. Front shows straight-line "Paquebot" and "Posted Out of Course" handstamps. Reverse shows and example of the first ships cachet, "Clan MacMillan" to be applied at Tristan, attractive and Very Fine.
 Estimate \$250 - 350



2526 ☒ ca 1920's, outbound cover to Devon, England bearing cut-out of Type II cachet, a light strike of the cachet cut to shape and affixed to cover to Devon in lieu of franking. *Believed to be a unique usage*; the islander who prepared this cover may have reused the strike from a spoiled envelope in the mistaken belief that this cachet had franking value. The addressee, Mrs. C.H. Dent aided the islanders by means of gift parcels. Estimate \$400 - 600



2528 ☒ 1922, outbound cover to England via South Georgia with Type II cachet, neat, small cover, showing bold "Tristan da Cunha South Atlantic" type II cachet, with 1½d British postage due added and cancelled Dorchester 19 DE 22. Cover was carried by a Norwegian ship to South Georgia (NO 10 22 backstamp) and front shows unusual "Postage Not Paid" handstamp applied in England. Very Fine, scarce and attractive combination.

Estimate \$200 - 300



2527 ☒ 1920 (May 25), International Mail Routing cover from Tristan to England, a lovely, attractive cover, showing nice strike of type II cachet, carried to South Georgia, where JU 4 20 transit was applied. Two 1d and two ½d dues applied at London, cancelled 23 JY 20 arrivals. Neat, well-marked cover with great eye-appeal, Very Fine, scarce. Estimate \$300 - 400



2529 ☒ 1922, cover from Tristan to Kent, England, collected at Tristan by HMS "Dublin", showing type II cachet. Cover received at Durban, South Africa, where a transit date stamp of 26 March 1923 was applied en route to England. 1d and ½d postage dues added and cancelled at Ramsgate on 17 AP 23, very interesting, local letter enclosed, F-VF, scarce. Estimate \$250 - 350



2530 1926 (Feb 1), outbound cover to Westminister, England bearing Types II and III cachets, departed Tristan on the "Discovery", arriving in London with paquebot cds over which a 2d postage due was affixed and tied by 13 AP 1926 datestamp. Fresh and Very Fine, the only known usage of the types II and III cachets used together. Estimate \$750 - 1,000



2532 1927, outbound taxed cover used to England with Type II cachet, a choice cover showing magnificent strike of Tristan da Cunha South Atlantic Type II cachet, along with London 14 MR 27 paquebot cds. British 1d and 1/2d postage dues added, Very Fine, scarce cachet. Estimate \$250 - 350



2531 1926 Outbound Cover to Cape Town, South Africa Bearing Type II Cachets, carried on board the Norwegian Barque "Asalea", showing 4 mostly clear strikes of the type II cachets. Entered the mails with "Port Elizabeth/3 MY 26" backstamp, "T/2d" handstamp and 2d postage due added and tied by "Cape Town/6 MY 26" postmark. Very Fine and choice, included a note from sender, a member of the Royal Research Ship "Discovery" crew, indicating letter was "posted" on Tristan on February 1, but had to wait for the "Asalea" to call on April 17. Estimate \$200 - 300



2533 1928 (Feb 25), outbound registered cover to England bearing Types II and IV cachets, a lovely registered cover franked by 1/2d KGV horizontal pair (light foxing), tied by type II cachet, plus 1 1/2d and 2d KGV issues tied by type IV cachet. Cover entered the mails with Capetown 1 Mar 28 cds and bilingual, boxed "Posted Out of Course / Capetown to Pay" handstamp with further manuscript reference "Ex Tristan da Cunha" below. Very Fine and rare, the only cover known showing the types II and IV cachets used together. Estimate \$500 - 750



- 2534 ☒ 1928, outbound homemade "Union Jack" card to England with Type II cachets, a handsome card franked with 6d KGV control number single and ½d Victoria each tied by type II cachets. Cover departed 15 March 1928 aboard the SS "Author" and entered the mails at Montevideo by 24 March datestamp also tying stamps, Montevideo slogan machine backstamp dated 24 MAR 1928, a Very Fine and striking item prepared by the enterprising Captain Smye. Estimate \$300 - 400



- 2535 ☒ 1934, outbound cover to London via Shanghai bearing Type II cachet, a fascinating cover with clear strike of type II cachet, entered the mail at Shanghai with 26.3.34 bilingual cds. Cover shows "Shanghai T" due marking, violet boxed "T 50 Ctmes" due handstamp, which was struck out upon arrival at London, where large "1½d/ FB" due marking was added and satisfied by ½d and 1d British dues on reverse cancelled "London 2 MY 34" datestamps. Opened for display, Very Fine, carried aboard an unidentified ship, though thought at one time to be the "Ponape", and in either case the latest known usage of the type II cachet, illustrated and discussed by Crabb on page 215, a remarkable cover. Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500

Type III Cachets



- 2536 ☒ 1922, International Mail Routing cover from Tristan to London, franked by four 1d KEVII indicias cut out from postal cards, tied by two type III cachets to forwarded cover via Rio de Janeiro which shows Apr 9, 1922 transit. Carried from Tristan by Japanese vessel SS "Tacoma Maru", attractive, scarce usage, Very Fine. Estimate \$200 - 300



- 2537 ☒ 1923 (May 19), outgoing cover to England, forwarded to France, bearing Type III cachet, somewhat smudged strike of the type III cachet, entering the mails with Dorchester 22 JU 23 cds and "T" due marking. Cover forwarded to France with two 50c French dues added, and tied by Puy de Dome cdss. Cover carried aboard the whaler "Herkules", expected usage wear, F-VF, illustrated and described in Crabb, page 176. Estimate \$150 - 200



2538 1925, International Mail Routing cover from Tristan to Ireland, showing Tristan type III cachet and a rectangular boxed "Loose Ship Letter" marking, along with a Melbourne, Australia transit dated 11 Dec 1925, en route to Ireland. Front additionally shows "T 1½d" oval handstamp due marking, satisfied by British ½d and Ireland 1d dues, cancelled at Cork on 29 Jan. Splendid, scarce combination, F-VF. Estimate \$300 - 400



2540 1931 (April 20), outbound cover forwarded to London, bearing Type III cachet, a delightful, attractive cover carried aboard the HMS "Carlisle" showing clear type III cachet, which has clear "20/4/31" manuscript cachet, 9 months prior to ships departure on 7 January 1932. Arrived at Devon 9 February 1932 and forwarded to London, portion of flap missing, Very Fine, the latest known usage of the type III cachet; the "Carlisle" was the first warship to call at Tristan since the "Dublin" in 1923, and the first ship of any kind to call since March 1931. Estimate \$200 - 300

Type IV Cachets



2539 1928, outbound taxed cover to Cheshire, England, with Type III cachet, showing bold Type III cachet in black with 1d and ½d British dues added, minor stain at bottom, Very Fine, scarce. Estimate \$150 - 200



2541 1927, outbound cover to England with Type IV cachet in violet, ½d and 1d adhesives tied by bold strike of the scarce type IV cachet, with manuscript signature of assistant minister Philip Lindsay and the year indicated, 1927. Fresh and Very Fine, a splendid example of the personal use of the island's handstamp. Estimate \$300 - 400



2542 ☒ 1928 (Feb 29), outbound folded letter to Liverpool bearing Type IV cachet, written by Rev. Poole with cachet clearly struck and manuscript date written within. Cover entered the mails, with "1 1/2d/To Pay 446" handstamp, satisfied by 1/2d and 1d postage dues which are tied by "Wavertree Liverpool/20 MR28" datestamp. Poole writes "from the loneliest spot known" and mentions "no ship for a year". Carried aboard the SS "Empress of France", lovely, unusual usage, F-VF. Estimate \$300 - 400



2544 ☒ 1929 (Feb 24), outbound cover to Boston, Mass bearing Type IV cachet, interesting cover showing bold strike of type IV cachet, carried by the Dutchess of Atholl on Feb 24, showing London Mar 18 1929 transit. No postage due markings were applied en route to Boston, and none collected at the destination. Minor edge tears, Very Fine, scarce thus. Estimate \$400 - 600



2543 ☒ 1928 (Mar 20), outbound Type IV cachet used on US 3c reply card to Pennsylvania, showing perfect strike of the scarce Type IV cachet, carried by SS "Author", which arrived at Tristan on 15 March, 1928. On reverse, Philip Lindsay, missionary assistant to Rev. Poole, supplied interesting information regarding Tristan's postal system, rare combination, Very Fine. Estimate \$400 - 600



2545 ☒ 1929 (Feb 24), outbound cover to New York City, bearing Type IV cachet, a wonderful cover carried by the "Dutchess of Atholl" displaying bold strike of the type IV cachet without bandeau, along with London Mar 18 paquebot machine cancel transit and New York GPO and Due 6 cents handstamp, which was satisfied by the addition of 1c and 5c US postage dues. A rare and attractive cover, Very Fine and choice. Estimate \$400 - 600



2546 ✘ **1929 (Feb 29), outbound cover to London bearing Type IV cachet**, carried aboard the SS "Dutchess of Athol" which departed on Feb 29, and philatelically franked by GB 1d 1924 Wembley issue and South Africa 4p "Hope" triangle tied by a beautiful strike of the type IV cachet in magenta. Entered the mails with "London FS/Mar 18 1929" machine cancel, also tying the adhesives. Attractive and Very Fine, probably a passengers cover prepared as a souvenir of the visit. Estimate \$250 - 350



2548 ✘ **1931, Outbound cover to Bath, England bearing Type IV and V cachets**, a lovely cover carried aboard the SS "Franconia" calling on Tristan in March 1931. Cover shows lovely, bold strike of the scarce, magenta type IV cachet, entering the mails with "London/ FS72/24 AP 31" datestamp, and arrived with ½d and 1d postage dues tied by "Bath/29 AP 31" cdss. Very Fine, rare and choice, *one of only five known cachet type IV and V combination covers*. Estimate \$500 - 750



2547 ✘ **1931 (March 6), outbound cover to Leith, Scotland bearing Types IV and V cachets**, a clean and attractive cover carried aboard the whaler "Seringa" entering the mails in South Georgia, with 6 March 1931 backstamp, delivered free of charge with no resulting postmarks. Opened for display, Very Fine and rare, *one of only five known covers bearing both types IV and V cachets*. The "Seringa" mail consisted of only 38 letters and was sent by closed bag. Estimate \$400 - 600



2549 ✘ **1932 (Aug 1), outbound cover to England with Type IV cachet in black**, a clean cover showing bold type IV cachet in black with manuscript "8/1/32 AGP", being the initials of Rev. Partridge. The scarce type IV cachet in black was used only for his personal mail to distinguish it from the others. Carried on the HMS "Carlisle". A splendid and rare example of the Tristan minister using the island's handstamp as personal property. Estimate \$400 - 600

The Rare Type IVa Cachets



2551 ☒ 1929 (May), outbound cover to England with cachet Types IVa and Va, a spectacular combination, bearing bold strikes of both rare cachet types, the type IVa with bandeau and the type Va with unbroken inner ring, showing 1½d postage due chop with three ½d British due stamps added and cancelled at Twickenham 27 JU 29, with front also showing London 26JU 29 Paquebot receiver, carried on the SS "Helesius", which called on Tristan 14 May, 1929, some minor foxing spots, largely irrelevant, as *this cover, along with the following lot, represent the only two recorded examples of these 2 incredibly rare cachets in combination.* (Gibbons catalog value for these two cachets totals £12,000). Estimate \$2,000 - 3,000



2552 ☒ 1929 (May), outbound cover to Massachusetts bearing cachet Types IVa and Va, a lovely, neat cover, with 1½d KGV adhesive tied by nice strike of type Va cachet in violet, with clean type IVa to left carried on the SS "Helesius", which called on Tristan 14 May, 1929, couple small tears etc, all of little consequence, as *this cover, along with the preceding, represent the only two examples of these exceedingly rare cachets used in combination.* (Gibbons catalog value for these two cachets totals £12,000). Estimate \$1,500 - 2,000

2550 ☒ 1929, pair of outbound covers to Leicester, England with rare Type IVa cachets, an interesting pair of covers addressed to the same addressee, though in a different hand, the first delivered to England with no postage paid, the second taxed 1½d and showing "London 26 JU 29 Paquebot" cdss. Each shows a choice strike in red of the rare type IVa cachet with bandeau, the second cover certainly carried on the SS "Halesius" sailing of 15 May 1929. Very Fine, rare pair, with the cachet cataloging £5,500 in Gibbons. Estimate \$1,500 - 2,000



2553 ✉ **1929 (May 14), outbound cover to England bearing the rare Types IVa and Va cachets**, a splendidly struck cachet tying a 1d KGV adhesive to cover, carried on board the SS "Halesius" to Twickenham, England, used in combination with the Tristan da Cunha" violet type Va cachet boldly struck on reverse. Cover entered the mails, with "London/Paquebot/26 JU 29" cds, along with "1/2d/F.B." handstamp, with 1/2d postage due added and tied by "Twickenham/27 JU 29" cds. Some age spotting, otherwise F-VF, a fantastic combination usage of the two rarest Tristan cachets, being one of only three recorded examples. In addition, this represents the earliest known use of the type Va cachet and the last known use of the type IVa cachet. A show piece! Estimate \$2,000 - 3,000



2555 ✉ **1929, outbound cover to Durban, South Africa bearing Types IVa and V cachets**, franked by 1/2d, 1d 1 1/2d and 2d KGV issues, tied by four of 5 strikes of clean, red type IVa cachets with bandeau. Front also shows nice strike in violet of type V cachet at upper left, along with "London FB/Paquebot/26 JU 29" cds. Traveled aboard the SS "Halesius" departing Tristan 15 May 1927, some age spots and a bit reduced at left, F-VF and rare, only two combination covers are known bearing the types IVa and V used in combination. Estimate \$1,500 - 2,000



2554 ✉ **1929, splendid outbound cover to Great Barrington, Mass bearing Type IVa cachet**, carried by the SS "Halesius", showing perfect strike of the type IVa cachet. Cover entered the mails with "London FS/Paquebot/26 JU 29" cds and "T" in circle along with "opera glasses" cancels, "New York/NY" and "Due 10 cents" entry postmarks. Fresh and Extremely Fine, the latest known usage of the type IVa cachet, a showpiece! Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500



2556 ✉ **1929, outbound opened cover to London bearing Type IVa cachets**, showing three perfect strikes, the first tying KGV 1/2d and 1d adhesives, the second repeated at left, and the third on back showing the bandeau portion struck separately outside the cachet, which is dated "10.2.29". Entered the mails with "London FS/Paquebot/26 JU 29" cds. Cover "opened" with some mended tears, otherwise F-VF and exceedingly rare, the latest known usage of the type IVa cachet, carried on board the SS "Halesius" departing on 14 May 1929. Estimate \$1,500 - 2,000

Type V Cachets



2557 ☒ 1930, outbound cover to Sutton Coldfield, England, via Buenos Aires, franked by the uncommon usage of two 1d British Empire Exhibition stamps, on bisected to create the proper rate of 1½d, tied by 1 of two type V cachets. Front shows nice strike of Buenos Aires Feb 27 30 transit, most likely carried by the SS Tymeric, as 1930 was a lean year for mail at Tristan, Very Fine.

Estimate \$300 - 400



2559 ☒ 1934, outbound International Mail Routing cover to England via Singapore, a lovely cover, showing blue type V cachet, along with violet hexagon "T centimes 45" (manuscript) due marking, apparently uncollected as no postage due stamps affixed. Reverse shows bold Singapore 24 SE 1934 transit, fresh and Very Fine.

Estimate \$250 - 350



2558 ☒ 1934 (Feb 19), outbound cover to Scotland with Type V cachet, a splendid, neat cover carried aboard the RMS "Atlantis" on its winter cruise, which included a port-o-call at Tristan. Cover bears 1½d KGV adhesive, which is tied by London 18 MR 34 transit CDS, plus nice strike of type V cachet, Paquebot Posted at Sea cancel and bold, violet "RMSP Atlantis 19 FEB 1934 Posted on the High Seas" oval handstamp. Fresh and Very Fine, a delightful cover.

Estimate \$250 - 350



2560 ☒ 1934, outbound International Mail Routing cover to England via Singapore, an attractive cover, showing type V cachet in blue, along with two postage due markings, satisfied by ½d and 1d British dues added and cancelled Axminster 22 OC 34 cdss. Cover shows manuscript "Tristan da Cunha and bold Singapore 24 SE 1934" transit backstamp. Carried on the vessel "Ponape", fresh and Very Fine.

Estimate \$250 - 350



2561 ☒ 1935, outbound mail carried aboard the Dutch submarine "K XVIII", a nice picture postcard of the submarine, which left Holland for the Dutch Indies, a record 23,000 miles, on Nov. 14, 1934 with a stop at Tristan. Card bears a strike of type V cachet along with appropriate Dutch marine handstamp and bears "Capetown 2 Apr 35" receiver. Pristine and Very Fine, rare with reportedly only a dozen cards and envelopes carried to Capetown. Estimate \$500 - 750



2562 ☒ 1935 (March 21), outbound cover to Germany with Type V cachet carried on the Dutch submarine K XVIII, nice cover showing type V cachet at upper right and illustration of the submarine on the backflap. Cover entered the mails at Durban on 7 April, where the franking consisting of 12 1d S. African adhesives were added. Roughly opened at right resulting in a small piece missing, otherwise F-VF, a rare envelope usage from the submarine K XVIII, with only a dozen items carried, most of these being cards. Estimate \$400 - 600



2563 ☒ 1940, outbound cover to Ireland bearing Type V cachet, an attractive cover franked by pair of 1/2d KGV Jubilee along with 1/2d KGV Jubilee, tied by 2 strikes of type V cachet. Reverse shows clear magenta "SS President Roosevelt" ship's cachet; ship called in early 1940 and represents an unrecorded visit of a cruise liner after 1939 as Crabb states "Carinthia" was the last prior to the end of WWII. Opened for display, Very Fine. Estimate \$200 - 300



2564 ☒ 1940 (Aug 24), outbound cover to London bearing Types V and VII cachets, a delightful cover carried aboard the AMS "Queen of Bermuda" franked by pair of 1 1/2d Coronation issue, tied by exceptionally strong strikes of both cachets, departing Tristan on 24 Aug 1940 and is thus the last known use of the type V cachet. Tape across top reads "Found open or damaged/and officially secured", and tied by "New Southgate/19 Oct 40" datestamps. Tiny tone spots, otherwise F-VF, the only recorded wartime combination cover. Rev. Wilde took the type V cachet way with him when he left Tristan for good. Estimate \$400 - 600

Type VI Cachets



2565 ☒ 1940 (Aug 24), outbound WWII era cover to London, a neat envelope showing bold strike of type V cachet, along with tombstone style censor marking dated Aug 24, 1940, with the initials of Surgeon Lieutenant Stride. This cover bears the dual distinction as being the earliest WWII censored cover at Tristan as well as displaying the last day of usage for the type V cachet, F-VF, choice. Estimate \$300 - 400

2567 ☒ 1935 (dateline Nov 13), cover and letter carried on the Norwegian Steamer "Maddie", a lovely blue envelope with enclosure showing blue type VI cachet used to Oslo, with dual Oslo backstamps dated 30 Jan, 1936. Enclosure reads "I hope you can use this stamp..." F-VF and exceedingly rare, believed to be the only cover in existence carried on the "Maddie". Estimate \$400 - 600

The Rare Type Va Cachet



2566 ☒ 1929, outbound cover to Great Barrington, Mass bearing the rare Type Va cachet, a superb cover bearing 2 incredibly choice strikes of the extraordinarily rare type Va cachet, entering the mails with "London 26 JU 29 Paquebot" datestamp, plus "T" in circle and "New York NY" and "Due 10 Cents" entry markings. This cachet was brought to Tristan by Reverend Partridge on "Dutchess of Atholl" on 24 Feb, 1929 along with the type V cachet, but it was not used on cover until May. Extremely Fine and choice, the cover offered here is the earliest of the only six covers recorded with this cachet. Illustrated and discussed in Crabb, page 195. Estimate \$2,000 - 3,000

2568 ☒ 1937, spectacular large registered cover to England, bearing 19 strikes of Type VI cachet, an amazing cover franked by 1/2d to 10s KGV issues, plus 1/2d to 2 1/2d KEVII issues, all cancelled by type VI cachets to large registered cover to Northampton, England. Cover shows "posted out of Course F.S." handstamp and oval "Registered/Northampton/30 May 37" arrival backstamp. Some minor faults as expected, still a Very Fine and incredible franking; carried on board the "Carlisle". Estimate \$400 - 600



2569 ☒ 1937, outbound forwarded cover to Stonehouse, England, an interesting cover showing bold type VI cachet, along with 1½d due marking, with ½d and 1d dues added and cancelled at Plymouth on 14 JA 38. Stamps also cancelled by large boxed violet "Charge not collected ..." etc handstamp. Unusual, nicely marked cover, F-VF. Estimate \$300 - 400



2571 ☒ 1942, outbound American WWII patriotic cover to Portuguese East Africa with Type VII cachet, franked by ½d KEVII and 1½d KGVII mixed reign combo, tied by 2 of three strikes of type VII cachets. Reverse shows South African censor label and "Correio/Beira/11 MAR 42" arrival postmark. Very Fine and rare; during WWII there was little mail from Tristan as its function as a meteorological station was cloaked in secrecy, this cover possibly sent by an American pausing on the island on an American warship and is one of the few uses of the type VII cachet after 1942. Estimate \$250 - 350

Type VII Cachets



2570 ☒ 1938, outbound cover to Malvern, England with Type VII cachet, carrying 1½d KGVII adhesive which is tied by one of two strikes of the type VII cachet. Cover assessed 1½d postage due, which was satisfied by three ½d dues, cancelled at Malvern, Worcester on 10 OC 38. Very interesting letter included from the British PO dated 19 Oct 1938, stating the letter was surcharged postage due in error, and rebating the Reverend 1½d in the form of a postage stamp. Fresh and Very fine, interesting rate problem item. Estimate \$250 - 350



2572 ☒ 1948 (March 7), outbound cover to London bearing Type VII cachet, an attractive cover, carried aboard the MV "Pequena", bearing a nice strike of the type VII cachet as well as a 1d Penguin local adhesive entered the mails with "Capetown / Paquebot / 15 MAR 48" datestamp and "1½d" due. Cover was treated "compassionately" on arrival, with no postage due collected, Very Fine, the "Pequena" was one of two ships calling on Tristan in 1948, this is the latest recorded usage of the type VII cachet. Estimate \$200 - 300



2573 ✕ **1948, outbound cover to Cheltenham, England bearing Types VII and VIII cachets**, franked by 2½d KGV adhesive, which is tied by a sharp strike of the violet type VII cachet, with a nice strike of the type VIII cachet alongside. Very Fine and rare, *one of only three recorded covers with types VII and VIII cachets used together.*
Estimate \$200 - 300



2575 ✕ **1948 (Feb 29), outbound cover to South Africa with Types VIII and X cachets**, carrying a 1d "Penguin" label tied by the type VII cachet additionally struck with the first known use of the type X cachet, dated 29/2/48 by hand. Departed 7 March 1948 and entered the mails with "Capetown/Paquebot/15 MAR 48" cds and "1½d" due handstamp, satisfied by strip of three ½d postage dues. Very Fine, a use of a cachet to "cancel" the Penguin label was illegal, only about a dozen covers are recorded with combination.
Estimate \$200 - 300

Types VIII Through X Cachets



2574 ✕ **1948, outbound cover to Capetown bearing cachets VIII, IX and X**, a splendid cover sent from marine biologist W. MacNae, member of the "Tristan Venture" expedition delivered without any charges, showing bold strikes of cachets VII, IX and X. Some mounting remnants on reverse, otherwise Very Fine and *unique, not only the only known use with types VIII, IX and X cachets together, but also the only known Tristan cover with three different cachets.*
Estimate \$400 - 600



2576 ✕ **1951, two outbound covers to the US and England bearing Type X cachets**, two lovely covers, the first dated 9 FEB 1951 to Washington, showing large, bold, negative "T 15c" due handstamp in black, the second dated 29-9-1951 with 5d postage due added at Bromley, dated 19 NO 51, along with boxed "To Pay Posted Unpaid 5" handstamp. Attractive and scarce pair, Very Fine.
Estimate \$150 - 200

Outbound Mail Markings



- 2577** ✉ **1917 (Dec 11), outbound islanders cover to London**, carried on board the Norwegian Whaler "Trio", entering the mails at Fremantle, Australia, with their 9 Jan 1918 datestamp and "T/20" due handstamp, rated "2d" on arrival in London where 2d postage due was added and tied by "London/11 MR 18" cds (3 months in transit). Fresh and Very Fine, *mail sent during the cachet period without cachet is highly unusual*; the "Trio" was only the second (and final) ship to call at Tristan during all of 1917.

Estimate \$300 - 400

The Rare Typewritten Overprints



- 2578** ✉ **1929 (Feb 24), 1/2¢ and 1 1/2¢ US issues with typewritten "Tristan da Cunha" overprints on outbound cover to the US**, addressed to Holyoke, Mass., with manuscript endorsement "R. Poole 24.2.29" in his capacity as postmaster general on his last day in Tristan. Front shows London MAR 18 1929 machine cancel transit; it is stated that Poole created 6 such covers in defiance of British postal officials who refused Tristan permission to issue their own stamps, Very Fine and choice, a magnificent showpiece.

Estimate \$500 - 750



- 2579** ✉ **1929 (Feb 24), unique pair of outbound covers to the US**, each franked by US 5¢ Beacon issue airmail issue which bears a typewritten overprint "Tristan da Cunha" on each, signed by Rev. Poole in his capacity as postmaster on his last day in Tristan. The overprint represented a timely defiance of British postal officials who refused Tristan permission to issue its own stamps. London Mar 18 1929 machine cancel also ties. *A marvelous pair, the only two recorded examples.* Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500



2584 ☒ 1934 (Feb), outbound cover addressed by Headman William Repetto to the Bishop of St. Helena, uncacheted, and endorsed "Tristan da Cunha" in manuscript, and posted in the era when only the type V handstamp was in use. The handstamp was carried away by Rev Partridge and was returned too late to be used on this cover. Front shows "Capetown 24 Feb 34 Paquebot" handstamp, with no tax collected from His Lordship at St. Helena, Very Fine, a splendid cover, illustrated in Crabb, page 212. Estimate \$300 - 400



2586 ☒ 1935, outbound cover to Devonshire, England, showing 20 Apr 1935 violet, unofficial cachet of unknown origin applied instead of type V cachet on reverse of stampless islander's cover. Departed on unknown ship, and entered the mails with "Durban/2.V.35" cds and oval "T 10c" due handstamp. Arrived in England with 1d postage due stamp affixed and cancelled "Axminster 26 MY 35" datestamp. Fresh and Very Fine, rare. Estimate \$250 - 350



2585 ☒ ca 1934-1935, outbound cover to Surrey, England, a most unusual cover showing straight line "Tristan da Cunha" handstamp in violet, a marking usually seen only in combination with adhesives or other standard island cachets, cover additionally shows violet "T centimes" with manuscript 45 handstamp, and British "Trade Follows the Phone" slogan cancel, which dates this cover to the 1934-1935 era. Highly unusual combination of markings, Very Fine. Estimate \$300 - 400



2587 ✉ **1940, outbound cover to Surrey, England Carried by AMC "Carnavon Castle", showing tombstone censor handstamp dated "15 Nov 1940" and mute "Paquebot" double circle marking, along with 8 Dec 41 commercial backstamp. Fresh and Very Fine, the earliest known use of the Naval censor handstamp from Tristan as Crabb recorded no such handstamp until November 1943. Includes original enclosure from a sailor who has called on Tristan twice before, in one case taking Rev. Roger off in 1925. Estimate \$200 - 300**



2588 ✉ **1944, rare airgraph used to Tristan, a choice quality airgraph complete with enclosure, written in England and processed at Johannesburg, addressed to "Atlantic Isle", which was the code name for Tristan during the war. Fresh and Very Fine, an exceedingly rare item, one of only 3 known airgraphs used to Tristan. Estimate \$300 - 400**



2589 **1946 (May 10), petition for postage stamps with proposed designs, a fascinating, 6 page legal size typed petition, the sixth page which contains a sheet of photographic essays for the 9 stamp set designed by Allan Crawford and annotated in the order of preference. Page 5 shows a strip of 5 of the red 1d Penguin "souvenir" stamp along with the signatures of the petitioners along with a perfect strike of Type VIII cachet. Of the 3 copies of this petition that were prepared and signed, one went to the authorities at Capetown, one was retained by Allan Crawford, and the third example is offered here. Very Fine, a showpiece. ex Cole. Estimate \$1,500 - 2,000**

PROPAGANDA LABEL & PETITION FOR POSTAGE STAMPS

20,000 printed in sheets of 35 by Hirters of Johannesburg, to the order of Allan Crawford. First affixed to islanders' petition for postage stamps (shown later herein), sent to Capetown in May 1946. Crawford had enclosed designs for nine different values from 1/2d to 2/6 with the petition. The "propaganda label" (the intended 1d stamp), has "Local Value 4 Potatoes."



Original essay drawing showing the propaganda label design had been intended for a 3d value.



The labels were sometimes "tied" by the cachets, which was against regulations.



Block autographed by the designer.



2591 ✉ **1948, "The Tristan Venture" exhibition cover**, printed stationery envelope, bearing a copy of the original "potato stamp", which was printed for propaganda efforts to secure Tristan the right to issue its own stamps. Cover shows bold "Tristan da Cunha Settlement of 5 Mar 1948 (in manuscript) Edinburgh South Atlantic" handstamp. Fresh and Very Fine, a great rarity, *one of only 3 recorded examples*. Estimate \$400 - 600



2592 E **1949, large double circle cachet essay**, a bold strike on fresh cover, Very Fine and choice, unreported by Crabb, and believed sent to Rev. David I. Luard while he was resident missionary, January to April 1949, and found among his effects in 1996. Wonderful, unique item, ex - Cole. Estimate \$300 - 400

2593 ✉ **Outbound mail markings**, diverse group of 4 covers, each selected for interest, including a 1935 unidentified ship calling, with crude, dated cachet, a 1932 cover to England, with manuscript "Tristan da Cunha" and no cachet, carried on board the MV "King William", an unlisted, rectangular boxed cachet prepared by Allan Crawford on type VII cachet cover etc. Great study group, F-VF (no photo). Estimate \$200 - 300

2590 ★ **Magnificent unique holding of the 1d Penguin "Potato" Stamp**, a fascinating compilation assembled on 7 exhibition pages, beginning with original, hand-drawn essays by A. B. Crawford, 9 different photographic essays for the proposed stamp issue, various sketches later incorporated for issued stamps, Photographic composites drawn by artist Jimmy Barrow of Pretoria from the rough sketches produced by Crawford, plus a complete mint pane of 35 of this famous stamp, a lovely cover with type VII cacheted and "Penguin" stamp used to London, etc. A superb holding, Very Fine, specialist's delight.

Estimate \$1,500 - 2,000

1922 Shackleton-Rowett Expedition



- 2594 ▲ 1922, ½d to 10s British stamps with boxed "Tristan da Cunha" cachet for the Shackleton Expedition, the set complete, all in singles, including the 2sh6d to 10s Seahorses, each tied to separate piece by "Tristan da Cunha" cachet and "S-R Antarctic Expedition/May 25, 22" datestamps, the day the "Quest" departed Tristan. A handsome and rare set, *believed to be the only such set in existence.* ex - Cole. Estimate \$1,500 - 2,000



- 2595 ▲ 1922, 1d//5s British stamps with boxed "Tristan da Cunha" cachet for the Shackleton Expedition, lovely group of 6 items comprised of 1d, 1½d, 2d, 3d and 1sh horizontal pairs, plus a 5s single, all cancelled by Expedition cds's. These were prepared as souvenirs to members of the crew of the "Quest". Quantities limited from 40 copies of the 5s to 1002 copies of the 1d. Fresh and Very Fine, scarce group. Estimate \$300 - 400

The Unique Gough Island St Helena Cover



- 2596 ☒ 1922 (May 25), Shackleton-Rowett Antarctic Expedition, The magnificent and unique Gough Island cachet cover. After a 5 day visit at Tristan, the "Quest" departed for Gough Island of the Tristan group, where this cover was posted with the Gough Island cachet, the Expedition date stamp, along with an incredible, bold strike of the "Quest" cachet handstamp. St. Helena was the next port-of-call, where the 2d KGV adhesive was added before the continuation of the journey back to England. Fresh and Very Fine, Unique, a remarkable item, worthy of the finest collection. Estimate \$3,000 - 4,000



- 2597 ☒ 1922, Shackleton-Rowett Expedition cover, franked by Falkland Islands 2d KGV adhesive, tied by South Georgia 16 JA 22 cds, with front also showing violet, boxed "Quest R.Y.S." handstamp. Tristan was the next stop, and the Quest departed South Georgia with this cover from an expedition member to his mother. Minor edge tears, etc, F-VF, one of 5 known covers with the "Quest" boxed cachet. Estimate \$400 - 600



2598 ☒ 1922 (May 25), Shackleton-Rowett Expedition cover, outbound to New London with Type II cachet, a lovely, neat envelope showing type II cachet, along with "paquebot" boxed handstamp and 3 different postage due charges handstamped on this cover, though no postage was collected at New London, Connecticut. A scarce and attractive combination, Very Fine and choice.

Estimate \$250 - 350



2600 ☒ 1922 (May 25), Shackleton-Rowett Expedition, outbound cover to England with Type II cachet, attractive cover showing nice strike of "Tristan da Cunha South Atlantic" type II cachet, along with "S-R Antarctic MY 25 22 Expedition 1921" cds, with 1½d British postage due affixed and cancelled at Dorchester, 11JY 22. Fresh and Very Fine scarce. Estimate \$200 - 300



2599 ☒ 1922 (May 25), Shackleton-Rowett Expedition, redirected outbound cover with Type II cachet, an attractive small cover showing bold strike of "Tristan da Cunha South Atlantic" type II cachet, along with "S-R Antarctic MY 25 22 Expedition 1921" cds. No postage was charged, as this was addressed to His Holiness, the Archbishop of Capetown, F-VF, nice combo.

Estimate \$250 - 350



2601 ☒ 1921 (May 25), Shackleton-Rowett Expedition cover to England, a lovely and attractive cover from the schooner "Quest" to Dorchester showing type II cachet along with "S-R Antarctic Expedition" cds, arriving in England with Dorchester 11 JY 22 cds tying ½d and 1d postage dues. Flap missing otherwise Very Fine, a nice cover from the Shackleton Expedition. Estimate \$400 - 600



2602 ☒ **1922 (May 25), Shackleton-Rowett Expedition, outbound cover to England bearing Type III cachet, a splendid cover, boasting a choice strike of the type III cachet, along with "S-R Antarctic Expedition MY 25 22" cds, and 1½d British postage dues added and cancelled at Corchester 11 JY 22. Very Fine and choice, a tremendous Rarity, one of only two known expedition covers bearing the type II cachet.** Estimate \$500 - 750



2604 ☒ **1901, incoming cover from Norwich CT to "Tristan da Cunha", franked by a 5¢ US Bureau print, tied by Norwich FEB 21 1901 Conn Flag machine cancel, addressed to Mr. Thomas Beetham Governor of St. Helena, with front showing St. Helena OC 13 01 transit marking. This cover is one of four letters carried by the HMS "Beagle", which arrived at Tristan 19 Nov, 1901, and subsequently is believed to be among the earliest incoming entire cover to Tristan da Cunha. Minor edge tears, F-VF, a showpiece.** Estimate \$750 - 1,000

Incoming Mail Covers



2603 ☒ **1928 (Feb 1), incoming cover from Penang to Tristan, franked by 6¢ Straits Settlements KGV issue, tied by Penang cds, addressed to "Revd R. A. C. Poole (or successor)" and "via Capetown S.A.", Very Fine and scarce.** Estimate \$200 - 300



2605 ☒ **1928 (May 10), incoming cover from Malacca to Tristan, franked by 2¢ and 4¢ Straits Settlements KGV issues, tied by Malacca 10 MY 28 cds. Reverse shows Bombay GPO 19 May 28 transit, scarce combination, Very Fine.** Estimate \$200 - 300



- 2606 ☒ 1929 (Jan 29), incoming cover from London, Ontario to Tristan, franked by a vertical pair of 3¢ Canadian KGV issues, tied by London JAN 9 29 Ontario cds, addressed to Rev. R. A. C. Pooly. Front shows "Exterior 14.12.29 Montevideo transit, while reverse shows Montevideo machine cancel, scarce inbound usage, Very Fine. Estimate \$250 - 350



- 2608 ☒ 1935, incoming registered cover from Durban, South Africa to Tristan, a splendid registered cover franked 2d and 3d South African pictorials tied by registered cds, along with Tristan type V cachet in blue, plus "Received without endorsement from Tristan da Cunha" 3 line handstamp in violet, and "undeliverable-return to address" etc violet handstamp on reverse. Colorful, attractive cover, Very Fine, scarce. Estimate \$250 - 350



- 2607 ☒ 1933 (April 15), incoming first official airmail cover to Tristan, bearing blue Type V cachet, well struck tying Croydon registry etiquette to cover, franked by KGV 2½d, 5d and 9p issues, tied by "Croydon Aerodrome 5 AP 33" cds and endorsed "by Air to Cape Town/Then by SS Carinthia" could not call on Tristan, and the cover was delivered on the RMS "Atlantis" in Feb 1934, sent back to England on the "Ponape" and re-entered the mails with "Paquebot/Singapore/24 SP 1934" backstamp, and boxed "Returned to England without reason for non-delivery" handstamp, reaching London in Oct 1934, 18 months after it started. One of only two known examples of the first official airmail to Tristan, illustrated front and back in Crabb, page 321 and 325. Estimate \$400 - 600

- 2609 ☒ Incoming mail covers, interesting and diverse assemblage comprised of 10 covers, including a 1928 Irish Free State Official usage, a pair of 1928 covers from England, on incorrectly addressed to "Tristan da Cunha, Pacific Ocean", various covers addressed to the various Reverends, i.e. Poole, Partridge etc, a lovely 1918 cover registered to England via Mauritius etc. Lovely specialist group, mostly F-VF, examine (no photo). Estimate \$500 - 750

Miscellaneous Lots & Groupings



- 2610 ▲ ca 1910 (?), ½d to 1s KEVII private-order postal stationery cutouts with Type I cachets, horizontal cutout gutter pairs of each value, 9 in all, affixed to piece and cancelled by type I cachets, with all but the 1s value with cachet repeated at left. Fresh and Very Fine, one of only two complete sets recorded. Estimate \$500 - 750



2611 ▲ ca 1915 (?), ½d to 1s KGV private order postal stationery cutouts with Type I cachets, vertical cutout tête-bêche gutter of each value, 8 items in all, each cancelled by type I cachet struck in center. One of only two known sets of pairs, additional 1½d, 9d and 10d were prepared and reportedly destroyed by a fire on Tristan.
Estimate \$500 - 750



2613 ☒ Ship mail covers, lovely selection comprised of 4 covers and 3 picture post cards circa 1920-1939, including examples from the Dublin, Franconia, Asturias, the famous Cap Pilar round the world sailing, which included a stop at Tristan, Viceroy of India, Carlisle, etc. We also note a lovely circa 1920 cover, with type II cachet, treated "compassionately" on Colmans advertising cover, etc. Attractive group, mostly F-VF.
Estimate \$300 - 400



2612 ☒ Interesting selection of five "rate problem" covers, Fantastic and diverse group of 5 items, including a lovely 1918 cover without cachet and pre-paid by 1d St Helena stamp with manuscript "Tristan da Cunha" still charged postage due in England, a nice, circa 1925 cover with postage due charge obliterated by official thumbprint, an example of "compassionate mail" sympathy marking, a 1928 forwarded cover with no postage due levied, a 1938 cover with Belgian stamps accepted as franking without postage due charged etc. Wonderful specialist group, F-VF or better.
Estimate \$500 - 750



2614 ☒ 1941-1945, wartime mail covers, a lovely group of 6 covers, each selected for interest, including a 1941 wartime South African paquebot handstamp with original enclosure dated Oct 4, several nice Tristan "tombstone" censor chops, a lovely wrapper used from Brazil to New Guinea, undeliverable due to the Japanese Occupation and delivered to Tristan in Jun 1943 in error, with medical officers handstamp, an undated cover with 5d St. Helena KGV issue etc. Attractive, diverse specialist group, F-VF, examine.
Estimate \$400 - 600

2615 ☒ Tristan da Cunha & Gough Island ephemera, 1930's to 1970's, incredible grouping of ephemera includes 43 b/w photos of Tristan da Cunha, several newspapers with articles on the volcanic eruption, b/w photos of the Gough Island Expedition with lettersheet reading "Gough Island Scientific Survey", radio cards, local Tristan da Cunha stamps, photos of several visiting submarines, 13 ship picture post cards, 8 b/w National Maritime Museum photos, and page on Shackelford's last expedition, this is a collection that would be impossible to duplicate at any price, leave enough time to investigate, Very Good-Very Fine (no photo).
Estimate \$500 - 750

Philatelic Literature

- 2616** **Bishop of Capetown, *Three Months Visitation***
By The Bishop of Capetown 1855, with an account of his voyage to the island of Tristan da Cunha, published by Bell and Daldy, London, c1856, HB, 156dp, including beautiful original colored sketches by Mrs. Gray, discoloration on back of pages with sketch, Fine (no photo).
 Estimate \$100 - 150
- 2617** **Mackay, James A. & Crabb, George F.,**
Tristan da Cunha, Its Postal History and Philately, published by the authors, c1965, comb binding, signed by both authors, vertical bend, Fine (no photo).
 Estimate \$100 - 150
- 2618** **Milner, The Rev. John & Brierly, Oswald W.,**
The Cruise of H.M.S. Galatea, Captain H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, K.G. in 1867-1868, published by Wm. H. Allen and Co., London, c1869, HB, 487pp + foldout map, some foxing on few pages at front and back of book, cover worn, Fine (no photo).
 Estimate \$400 - 600
- 2619** **Murray George, *The Antarctic Manual***, for the use of the Expedition of 1901, published by Royal Geographical Society, London, c1901, HB, 586dp + 2 maps in pocket on back cover, light soiling of few pages at front & back, cover worn, Fine (no photo). Estimate \$250 - 350
- 2620** **Original Draft Of HMS Dublin's 1923 Visit**, eleven pages, typewritten by the commanding officer, includes lists of mails and passing ships, condition of people and buildings, stock and trade, education and clothing, and four page detailed census, paper clip stain on a few pages, unique and historical, a rare opportunity, F.-V.F. (no photo).
 Estimate \$300 - 400
- 2621** **Spry, W.J.J., *The Cruise of Her Majesty's Ship "Challenger"***, voyages over many seas, scenes in many lands, published by Bedford Brothers, Toronto, c1877, HB, 358pp + 26dp, illustrated catalogue of books, including fold out map, Fine (no photo). Estimate \$100 - 150
- 2622** ***The Tristan Times 1943-1946***, 29 copies and one supplement of this rare island periodical, including #1 and the last issue Vol VII No2, this paper was published to inform the "outsiders" on the island of the war news of the world, the paper itself was priced at "3 cigarettes,/2 potatoes or 1/2d.", each issue includes foreign news and island news, fascinating reading, owner paid up to 350£ for individual issues, a chance to own historical periodicals from the WWII era, inspection recommended, F.-V.F. (no photo).
 Estimate \$100 - 150
- 2623** **Definitive Reference Library & Notes of Dr. Gene Scott for Tristan da Cunha**, in four cartons, mostly 1950's to 1980's, three cartons contain hundreds of maps, newspaper and magazine articles including Ice Cap News both original and photocopied, lists of ship arrivals and departures, correspondence, photos and copies of stamps, covers and cancels, auction catalogs and invoices, two Schaubek albums with hand written notations, everything one would want to know about the philatelic, social and historical aspects of Tristan da Cunha, also includes one carton of 20th century book and magazines about the area, in short, a tremendous reference source for the specialist, please leave plenty of time to peruse this fascinating lot, Very Good-Very Fine (no photo). Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500
- 2624** **Tristan Da Cunha Literature**, large group of ten books including: *Tristan Da Cunha* by J. Brander; *Tristan Da Cunha* by Douglas M. Gane; *Tristan Da Cunha* by Erling Christophersen; *The Glass Island & Corporal Glass's Island* both by Nancy Hosegood; *I Went To Tristan* by Allan B. Crawford; *Mountains in the Sea* by Martin Holdgate; *Three Years in Tristan Da Cunha* by Katherine Mary Barrow; *Journal of a Residence in Tristan Da Cunha* by E.H. McCormick; and Stanley Gibbons 1998 Auction-Tristan Da Cunha, *The Jack Cole Collection*, F.-V.F. (no photo).
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