

Session 2

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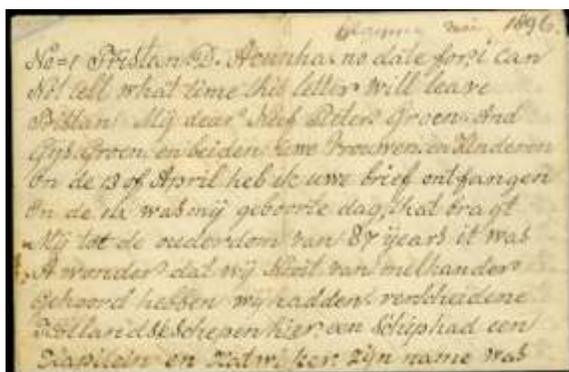
Tristan da Cunha

Early Map of the Island



- 201 **1836, small colored map**, published in England by Baldwin & Gradock mounted on gray card, inscribed "Recently inhabited by a few Americans and English", Very Fine, ex Mayo. Estimate \$300 - 400

Postal History



- 202 ✉ **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 ...", Fine to Very Fine.

Estimate \$2,000 - 3,000

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.



- 203** ✉ **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, datelined Jan 2, 1836 ... “We are now around the Trusteen Islands. We went ashore New Year’s day ...”; minor edge wear and tears, Fine to Very Fine. Estimate \$1,500 - 2,000

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



- 204** ✉ **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 Crosetts or to desolation as thats the place of resort for ships which whale hereabouts”; minor water stains, Fine to Very Fine. Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500

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.



- 205 (✉) **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 \$600 - 800

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



- 206 ✉ **1896, very rare cover front written and sent by Governor Peter Green to Holland**, 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, Fine to Very Fine. Estimate \$1,500 - 2,000

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.

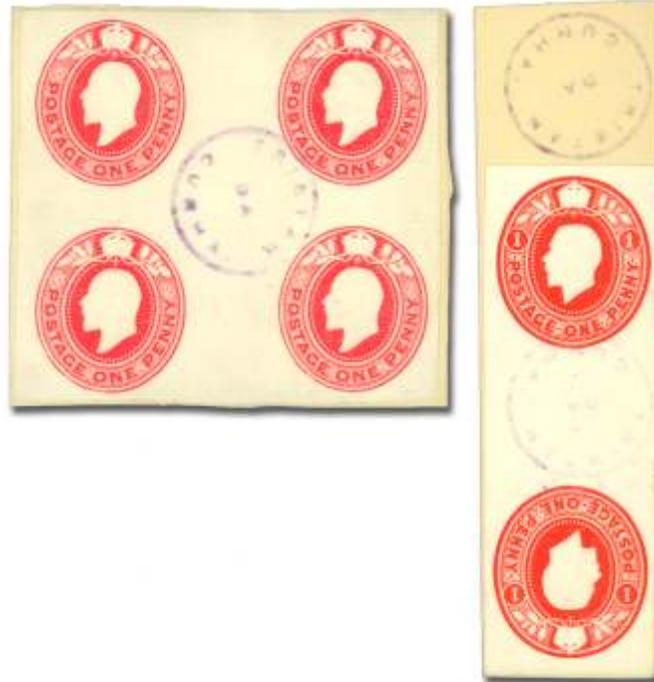


- 207 ✉ **1901, incoming cover from Norwich CT to “Tristan d ‘Acunha”**, franked by a 5¢ US Bureau print, tied by Norwich FEB 21 1901 Conn Flag machine cancel, addressed to Mr. Thomas Beetham Governor of St. Helena, with front showing St. Helena OC 13 01 transit marking. This cover is one of four letters 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. A showpiece; minor edge tears, Fine to Very Fine.* Estimate \$250 - 350



- 208 ✉ **1906, pre-cachet period picture postcard to Cape Town**, with a plethora of postmarks that deserve a detailed description in chronological order: 24 mm circle with manuscript inscription inside the circumference “TRISTAN DA CUNHA”, Townsville, Queensland September 17 circular datestamp, and above this postmark is the “570” numeral cancellation surrounded by the oval of radial bars, “LOOSE/ SHIP/ LETTER” oval handstamp also applied in Townsville, as was the three-line “10/ CTMS/ T” handstamp. There is an inverted manuscript “4” hidden beneath a black “2d” postage due marking applied in South Africa, two Cape Town Oct. 20, 1906 receiving circular datestamps, plus “CAPE TOWN/ POSTE RESTANTE” datestamp applied on Oct. 22, 1906. Accompanied by an article titled “I have Printed-Manuscript or Handstamp?” by Davidson, that appeared in the *Ice Cap News* (American Society of Polar Philatelists) Volume 28, Whole No. 157, and strictly related to this great piece of postal history. The postcard was sent to “R. Henderson Esq./ General Post Office/ Cape Town”, and the writer titled his address as “S.S. Surrey/ Is. of Tristan da Cunha/ 1566 miles from C. Town”, and wrote the following message: “This card may reach you before the end of next year. Treasure it! There is no Postal Administration here/ Sincerely yrs/ J. Rowley.”; small repair at bottom, Fine to Very Fine. Estimate \$750 - 1,000

Extremely Rare; according to the author of the article, only about 30 pieces were entrusted to Mr. & Mrs. Barrow aboard the “SS Surrey” in order to be posted from Tristan. However only this one has been discovered to date.



- 209** **1910-15, 1d King Edward VII private-order postal stationery cutouts**, comprising block of four and vertical tête-bêche gutter pair stuck on sheets, and cancelled with type I cachets, Fine to Very Fine. Estimate \$100 - 150

Stamp dealer Victor Marsh obtained postal stationery cut-outs, and sent them on covers and stuck on sheets of paper to Tristan for postmarking. Considered by many collectors as contemporary souvenirs, and in consequence part of the postal history of the island.



- 210** ✉ **1912, postcard to Jersey, Channel Islands**, datelined on Dec. 28, 1912, showing type I cachet in violet, taxed on arrival at Cape Town, and showing "T/ 10c" postage due marking. Additional "2d/ 723" British postage due handstamp, and Christmas greeting message on reverse; minor creases along the top, Fine to Very Fine. SG C1; £5,500 (\$8,800). Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500



- 211 ✉ **1918, mixed franking cover to London**, front franked with **Brazil** Fonseca 200r and **Great Britain** King George V 1d, each tied by “Rio de Janeiro/ 3a Seccão” Apr. 29, 1918 circular datestamp, latter stamp also tied by wavy lines cancel, adjacent type I cachet, Fine to Very Fine. SG C1; £5,500 (\$8,800). Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500
Type I cachet was used for about eleven years (December 1908 to December 1919). This piece represents a late usage of such marking.



- 212 ✉ **1918, cover to Drogheda, Ireland**, franked with 1/2d King George V vertical pair, tied by London Jan. 27, 1919 circular datestamps, adjacent type I cachet and London inspector's mark rarely found on obverse. Carried by the ship “Southern Sea”, which called at Tristan on November 13, 1918; cover has been repaired along the top, Fine to Very Fine; 1980 RPS certificate. Estimate \$500 - 750



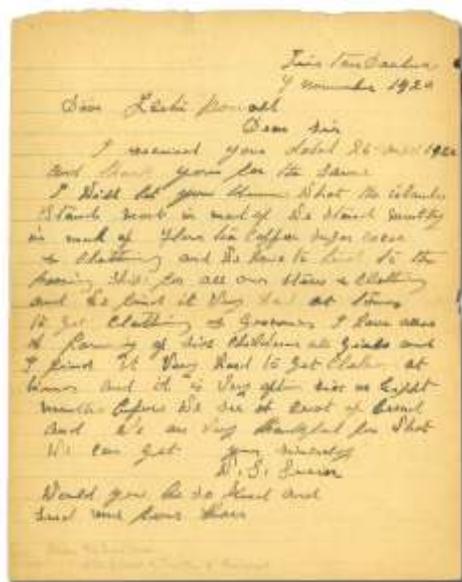
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213 ✕ **1918, stampless cover to Kenilworth, South Africa**, showing faint type I cachet, and backstamped in South Georgia on May 11, 1918, probably carried by the “SS *Perth*”, which called at Tristan on Apr. 24, 1918; small faults on reverse from rough opening, Fine to Very Fine. SG C1; £5,500 (\$8,800). Estimate \$500 - 750

214 ✕ **1919, “Marsh” covers with type I cachet**, one large-size registered cover to London, carried aboard the H.M.S. *Yarmouth*, franked with six ½d green King George V postal stationery cut squares, showing four strikes of the scarce type I cachet, and docketed by Victor Marsh; other similar cover presumably carried aboard the same steamship but docketing of receipt erased, and also showing four strikes of the same cachet, Fine to Very Fine. Estimate \$600 - 800

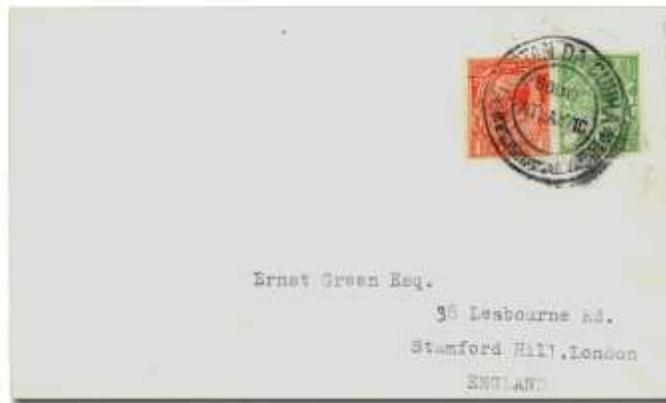


215 **1920, Sam Swain manuscript letter**, datelined on Tristan on November 4, 1920, to Leslie Powall, and reads in part “... I will let you know what the islanders stand most in need of...”, “...We stand most in need of flour, tea, coffee, sugar, cocoa and clothing...”, “...I have also a family of six children all girls and I find it very hard to get clothing at times...” & “...Would you be so kind and send me some leather shoes”. Estimate \$200 - 300

Sam Swain was the island patriarch, and a notable figure with his dark face and long beard. George Crabb (The Postal History of Tristan da Cunha, page 50) shows a picture of a group of the men on the island in 1906, and Mr. Swain is the first standing at left.



- 216  **1920, cover to Singapore**, showing a nice strike of type II cachet in violet, adjacent “SINGAPORE/ TO PAY 16 CENTS” postage due rectangular handstamp, backstamped with **South Georgia** Nov. 25, 1920 and **Singapore** receiving February 5, 1921 postmarks. Accompanied with full manuscript letter, datelined on Oct. 30, 1920, informing that the writer has two kids, and in his own words “one are a dummy and the other are 8 years of age”; cover and letter with punctures from letter holder, Fine to Very Fine. Estimate \$500 - 750



- 217  **1920's, cover to England**, franked with 1/2d & 1d King George V stamps, tied by a nice strike of Tristan da Cunha/ South Atlantic type II cachet in black, Very Fine. Estimate \$200 - 300



- 218  **1922, Schackleton-Rowett Expedition**, Great Britain 2s6d stamp with black boxed Tristan da Cunha handstamp, dated May 30, 1922 after the Quest had left, presumably a favor but rare, Very Fine. Estimate \$300 - 400



- 219 ✉ **1922, Shackleton-Rowett Antarctic Expedition.** Cover franked with 1d King George V pair, tied by "Tristan da Cunha" boxed cachet and "S-R Antarctic Expedition" May 25, 1922 circular datestamp, addressed to Surrey, England; vertical crease not affecting stamps or markings, Fine to Very Fine; 1989 BPA certificate. Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500

The "Quest" arrived at Tristan on May 20, 1922 and stayed five days. Before they left they took aboard the mail for dispatch to England. This cover was prepared as a souvenir for the crew. George Crabb states in his book (The Postal History of Tristan da Cunha): "No examples are known to me of the Tristan cachet used on cover".



- 220 ✉ **1922, Shackleton-Rowett Antarctic Expedition,** front franked with St. Helena 2d King George V stamp tied by St. Helena Aug. 9, 1922 circular datestamp, and showing black boxed "Quest R.Y.S." handstamp. The ship returned to England calling at St. Helena, Ascension, Cape Verde and Azores to arrive at Plymouth on September 16, 1922, Fine to Very Fine. Estimate \$750 - 1,000

The "Quest" arrived at South Georgia on January 4, 1922. At 2:50AM on January 5, Schackleton suffered a fatal heart attack. The expedition was taken over by the second-in-command, Captain Frank Wild, and carried on a programme of exploration in the Antarctic, returning to England and calling at St. Helena, Ascension, Cape Verde and Azores to arrive at Plymouth, England on September 16, 1922.



- 221 ✉ **1922-30, 3 covers with type III cachet**, each in sleeve with detailed description, comprising 1922 cover to London, franked by four 1d KEVII cut out from postal cards, showing Rio De Janeiro transit, and transported by Japanese vessel S.S. *Tacoma Maru*; 1930 incoming registered cover from Italy, addressed to the Governor of the island, and carried on HMS *Carlisle*; stampless cover with bold strike of type III cachet, and addressed to the widow of Rev. Henry Rogers at Westminster, Fine to Very Fine. Estimate \$300 - 400



- 222 ✉ **1926, cover to London**, showing a strike of type II cachet in violet, adjacent Great Britain 2d postage due stamp affixed and cancelled on arrival, plus several postage due markings, backstamped with Port Elizabeth, South Africa transit postmark. Accompanied by manuscript letter datelined on Febr. 11, 1926, informing 140 people live on the island and that there was no Reverend available, Fine to Very Fine. Estimate \$300 - 400
A cover transported in the "RRS Discovery", which called at Tristan on January 30-February 1, 1926.



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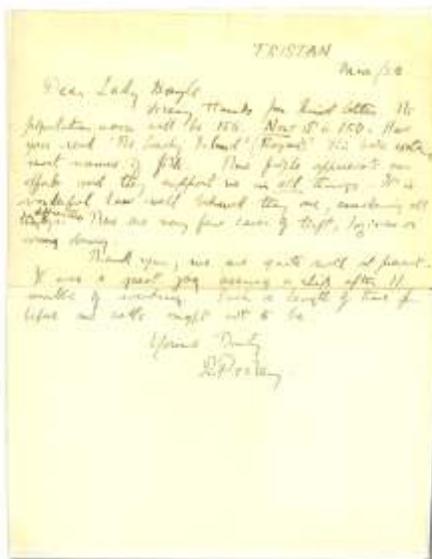
- 223 ✉ **1926, cover to Cape Town, South Africa**, showing clear strike of type III cachet in black, "T/2d" and "T" handstamps, South Africa postage due stamp affixed on arrival and tied by Cape Town May 6, 1926 circular datestamp, and backstamped with Port Elizabeth postmark; horizontal fold not affecting stamp, Very Fine.

Estimate \$200 - 300

Transported by the Norwegian ship "Asalea" that called at Tristan on Apr. 17, 1926. The cover entered the mails in Port Elizabeth at 12 noon on May 3, 1926.

- 224 ✉ **1927, cover to England**, franked with 1½d King George V definitive, tied by a nice strike of Tristan da Cunha/ South Atlantic type II cachet in black, plus adjacent London Mar. 14, 1927 paquebot circular datestamp. Transported probably by the "R.M.S. Asturias" which called at Tristan on Febr. 15, 1927, Very Fine.

Estimate \$300 - 400



- 225 **1928, Reverend Pooley manuscript letter**, datelined on Tristan on March 28, 1928, to Lady Boyle, who regularly sent gifts to the islanders during this time period. The Reverend Pooley and Philip Lindsay arrived to Tristan on March 27, 1927 in the S.S. *Suveric*, and the next ship to call at the island was eleven months later. The *Empress of France* arrived on February 26, 1928 probably bringing the letter referred in this correspondence. That probably was carried from Tristan by the SS *Author* on March 15, 1928. The letter has been affixed to a magazine page as a stiffener. Great collateral piece.

Estimate \$200 - 300



- 226 **1928, cover to Formosa (Taiwan), China**, showing type IV cachet in violet, forwarded to Glasgow, Scotland using a pre-printed label, and then redirected to North Berwick, Scotland, adjacent “CtMS/ T” handstamp & manuscript “50¢”, **Japan** 10s adhesive tied by “TAIWAN/ TAIWAN JAPAN” Jun. 30, 1928 circular datestamp. Backstamped with receiving postmark, Fine to Very Fine. Estimate \$500 - 750

Formosa was a dependency of the Empire of Japan between 1895 and 1945. During 1928 only three ships called at Tristan: “RMS Empress of France” (Feb. 26); “SS Author” (Mar. 15) and “SS Baron Tweedmouth” (Oct. 28). It is probable that the postage due handstamp, as well as the 50¢ endorsement were applied in Formosa on arrival.



- 227 **1928, cover and manuscript letter to Transvaal, South Africa**, cover with type III cachet in violet & “T/1d” handstamp applied at Durban on arrival, missing stamp affixed as postage due in South Africa, and originally tied by circular datestamp; manuscript letter datelined on May 4, 1928 and signed by Mrs. Francis Repetto, thanking a lady for the parcel post that she sent him by the S.S. *Author* that called Tristan on March 15, 1928, Very Fine. Estimate \$250 - 350

The cover and letter were carried to South Africa in the “SS Baron Tweedmouth” that called Tristan on Oct. 28, 1928. An interesting letter written by one of the most respected women on the island. George Crabb (The Postal History of Tristan, page 53) contains a picture circa 1906 showing Andrea Repetto and his wife Francis Repetto with their kids.



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- 228** ✉ **1929, Reverend Pooley Provisional Overprints.** Cover addressed to Holyoke, MA, franked with two Great Britain King George V stamps with typewritten “TRISTAN DA CUNHA” overprints which are tied by manuscript endorsement “R. Pooley 24.2.29” in his capacity as postmaster general on his last day in Tristan da Cunha, Very Fine. Estimate \$750 - 1,000

Extremely rare; George Crabb states in his book (The Postal History of Tristan da Cunha) that Poole created six such covers in defiance of British postal officials who refused Tristan permission to issue their own stamps.

- 229** ✉ **1929, Reverend Pooley Provisional Overprints.** Cover addressed to Holyoke, MA, franked with U.S. 5¢ Lexington-Concorde stamp with typewritten “TRISTAN DA CUNHA” overprint, and tied by London Mar. 18, 1929 wavy-line machine cancel, manuscript endorsement below the stamp “R. Pooley” in his capacity as postmaster general on his last day in Tristan da Cunha., Very Fine, extremely rare, and probably unique. Estimate \$750 - 1,000



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- 230** ✉ **1929, Reverend Pooley Provisional Overprints.** Cover addressed to Orange, NJ, franked with U.S. ½¢ Nathan Hale block of four with typewritten “TRISTAN DA CUNHA” overprints, and tied by London Mar. 18, 1929 wavy-line machine cancel, manuscript endorsement below the stamp “R. Pooley 24.2.29” in his capacity as postmaster general on his last day in Tristan da Cunha; envelope opened irregularly at left, Fine to Very Fine, extremely rare franking, and probably unique. Estimate \$750 - 1,000

- 231** ✉ **1929, S.S. Halesius Mail.** Cover to New York showing mostly clear “Tristan de Cunha / South Atlantic” Ty. II cachet, departed 14 May 1929 and entered the mails with “London / Paquebot / 26 Ju 29” entry datestamp, not rated postage due by the office of origin or transit and no charge was assessed at destination, Very Fine. SG C2; £425 (\$680). Estimate \$100 - 150



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- 232** ✉ **1930, Type Va cachet to England (SG C7)**, lightly struck postmark tying King George V 1½d brown to cover to Liverpool, with second strike repeated at left, Pooley's manuscript notation at left; light file fold at center, Very Fine. SG £6,500 (\$10,400). Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500

One of only six known covers with the Ty. Va cachet, most of which are "Halesius" mail; this cover was carried on board the S.S. "Tymeric" departing Tristan on 12 February, 1930.

- 233** ✉ **1930, 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 Febr. 27, 1930 transit, most likely carried by the SS *Tymeric*, as 1930 was a lean year for mail at Tristan, Very Fine; and accompanied with 1958 letter of authenticity from Francis Field Ltd. Estimate \$150 - 200



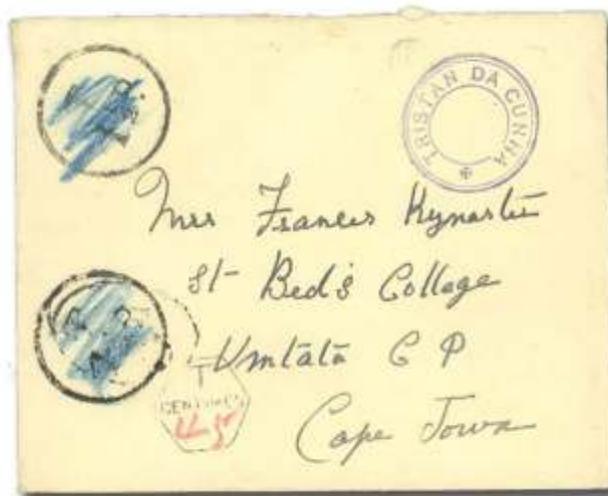
- 234** ✉ **1930s-50s, Tristan da Cunha cachets.** Useful group of eleven covers, including two with U.S. stamps, three with British stamps, one with U.S. & British franking, 1936 cover with South Africa 6d stamp tied by Tristan type V cachet, 1948 cover with Aden 3As stamp tied by Tristan undistinct cachet, and backstamped with Aden receiving postmarks. We also noted 1963 paquebot cover to Cape Town with 1¢ & 2¢ postage dues affixed on arrival, plus a couple of 1929 Tristan cachets individually stamp on paper pieces (type IVa & V), Fine to Very Fine (more photos on web site). Estimate \$300 - 400



- 235 ✉ **1932-34, three paquebot covers to England**, 1932 outbound cover with manuscript indication of origin, franked by Great Britain 1d King George V, which is tied by bold "London FS / Paquebot / 27 AP 32" circular datestamp, adjacent postage due marking, and carried by the M.V. *King William*, which called on Febr. 14, 1932 enroute from Buenos Aires to Shanghai, where about **300 pieces of mail were routed via Siberia to London** in a closed bag; 1934 outbound cover with manuscript indication of origin, franked by Great Britain 1½d King George V, which is tied by "Capetown/ Paquebot / 24 FEB 34" circular datestamp, and carried on the R.M.S. *Atlantis*; 1934 cover docketed as having left Tristan to Capetown and placed aboard the R.M.L. *Highland Monarch*, Great Britain 1½ King George V tied on arrival by "Paquebot/ Posted at Sea" two-line handstamp, Very Fine. Estimate \$500 - 750



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- 236 ✉ **1934, cover to Paris**, with "CAPE TOWN/ PAQUEBOT Febr. 24, 1934" circular datestamp, adjacent **France** 50c & 1fr postage due stamps applied on arrival, and tied by Paris Mar. 29, 1934 postmark. There is also a "T/ 25¢" postage due handstamp applied in Capetown, and partially hidden beneath the franking, Very Fine. Estimate \$200 - 300

A cover posted in the era when only the type V cachet was in use, but the handstamp was carried away by Reverend Patridge and was returned too late to be used on this cover. This cover was in fact carried in the "RMS Atlantis" mail most of which has the type V cachet.

- 237 ✉ **1934, Sailing Ship Ponape Mail**. Islanders' cover with clear violet Ty. V cachet to Capetown from Frances Repetto with original enclosure datelined March 22 giving the population on Tristan as 160, "the largest population ever been", entered the mails with partial "Singapore / 24 Sp 1934" backstamp and postage due handstamps, treated compassionately in London with due charges obliterated, Very Fine. SG C6. Estimate \$100 - 150



- 238  **1935, Dutch Submarine K XVIII Mail.** Envelope sent from Argentina, originally addressed to Tristan da Cunha but forwarded to Capetown, bearing a very fine strike of “Met Hr. Ms. K XVIII/ Veroerd van Tristan da Cunha/ Naar Kaapstad” and “Met Hr. Ms. K XVIII/ Veroerd van Buenos Aires/ Naar Tristan da Cunha” handstamps, type V cachet in blue, along with appropriate Dutch negative marine handstamp, **Argentina** 5c and 10c San Martin stamps tied by Buenos Aires Mar. 2, 1935 circular datestamps, backstamped with Netherlands Legation handstamp, Very Fine. Estimate \$1,500 - 2,000

Dutch submarine K XVIII visited several ports in South America & Tristan da Cunha, where these three line handstamps were used in small quantities, most being used on postcards, with covers such as this being particularly rare.



- 239  **1935, Dutch Submarine K XVIII Mail.** Envelope addressed to Tristan da Cunha, and franked with Argentina, Portugal and Uruguay stamps, which are tied by a strike of “Met Hr. Ms. K XVIII/ Veroerd van Buenos Aires/ Naar Tristan da Cunha” handstamp, adjacent type V cachet in blue; small faults, including some toning affecting stamps, Fine to Very Fine, rare and not reported in the postal history literature. SG C5; £5,500+ (\$8,800). Estimate \$1,500 - 2,000



- 240 ✉ **1935, Dutch Submarine K XVIII Mail.** Registered envelope showing image of the submarine on the backflap, addressed to Amsterdam, bearing a very fine strike of "Met Hr. Ms. K XVIII/Vervoerd van Tristan da Cunha/ Naar Kaapstad" handstamp, type V cachet in blue, along with appropriate Dutch negative marine handstamp, **South Africa** 6d bilingual pair & 4d single stamp tied by Cape Town Paquebot Apr. 2, 1935 circular datestamps, which is repaired alongside; cover with vertical crease not affecting stamps or markings, Fine to Very Fine.

Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500



- 241 ✉ **1935, Dutch Submarine K XVIII Mail.** Stampless envelope showing image of the submarine on the backflap, addressed to Hillegerberg, Holland, bearing a very fine strike of "Met Hr. Ms. K XVIII/Vervoerd van Tristan da Cunha/ Naar Kaapstad" handstamp, type V cachet in light blue and Capetown Paquebot Apr. 2, 1935 circular datestamp, sender's name on reverse, accompanied with original letter in Dutch sent by Cornelis van der Linde, Head Machinist in the submarine, to his parents in law, and including the translation of the letter into English, Very Fine.

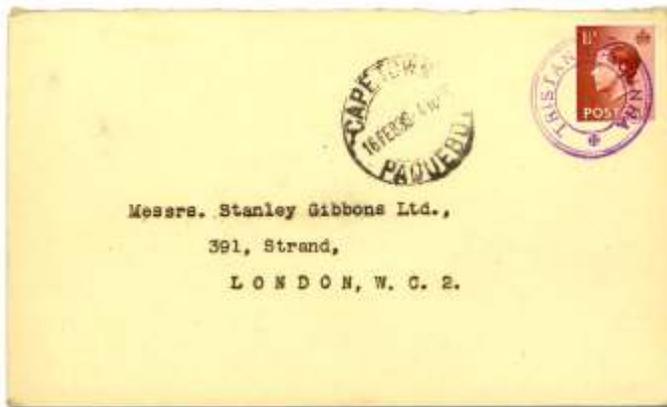
Estimate \$750 - 1,000

Dutch submarine K XVIII arrived at Tristan on Mar. 21, 1935, stayed there for two days, where this three line handstamp was used in a small quantity, most being used on postcards, with covers such as this being particularly rare. The submarine then left for Cape Town, arriving there on April 1.



- 242 ☒ **1937, cover to Shanghai**, showing type V cachet in blue, Cape Town/ Paquebot Mar. 8, 1937 circular datestamp, "T/ 25c" and "1d" postage due handstamps, latter obliterated by mute cancel, indicating that it was treated as "compassionate mail". **China 20c & 30c** postage dues affixed on arrival and tied by Apr. 15, 1937 circular datestamp. Backstamped with auxiliary marking related to the first and second notices sent to the recipient. Accompanied by funny manuscript letter written on the "HMS Carlisle", datelined on Mar. 2, 1937, and reading "No stamps here, old son - so you pay for your souvenir"; cover with faults along top, and backflap missing, Fine to Very Fine, a rare destination. Estimate \$750 - 1,000

The ship arrived to Tristan on February 28, 1937. About 500 commemorative covers were produced by the ship's Mail Officer (C.H.C. Adams), but we know about very few posted by other crew members.



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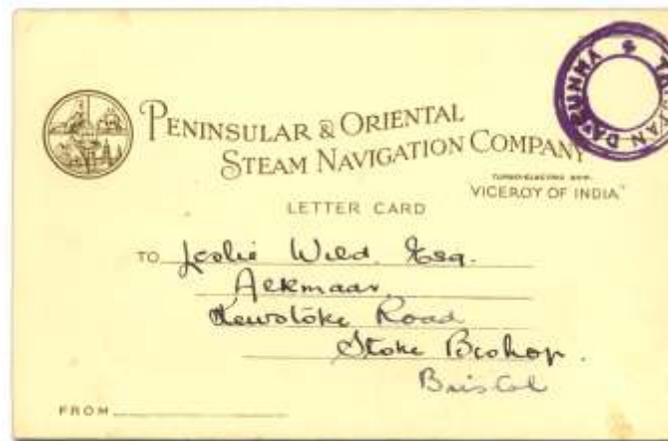
- 243 ☒ **1938, cover to Stanley Gibbons in London**, with Great Britain 1½d King George VI stamp tied by type V cachet in violet, adjacent "CAPE TOWN PAQUEBOT" Febr. 16, 1938 circular datestamp, violet "K/L SUOMEN JOUTSEN" ship datestamp on reverse of the Finnish vessel that called at Tristan on Febr. 2, 1938 and carried the cover, Very Fine, ex Mayo. Estimate \$200 - 300

- 244 ☒ **1938, M.V. Innesmoor Mail**. Uncommon usage to the Netherlands with clear strike of Ty. VII cachet, departed 7 June 1938 to England, then forwarded to Holland arriving with 25c postage due tied by "Rotterdam / 20.VII.1938" c.d.s., forwarded within Holland with pair of 10c postage dues tied by Vlissingen c.d.s.; age spotting mostly on reverse, Fine usage. Estimate \$100 - 150



- 245 ✉ **1938, pictorial cover to Simonsig, Capetown**, showing the Finnish schoolship *Suomen Joutsen*, bearing **Finland** 1.25m adhesive tied by ship's cachet in violet (normally only seen as a backstamp on Tristan covers) and **South Africa** 1d adhesive affixed on arrival, and tied by Capetown Feb. 24, 1938 circular datestamp; cover with creases, Fine to Very Fine. Estimate \$200 - 300

In 1930, the ship was acquired by the Government of Finland, refitted to serve as a school ship for the Finnish Navy and given her current name. "Suomen Joutsen" made eight long international voyages before the Second World War and later served in various support and supply roles during the war. The seventh voyage of "Suomen Joutsen" began on 20 October 1937 and took the ship first across the Atlantic to South America. After calling Montevideo, she continued east to Cape Town, stopping at Tristan da Cunha along the way. The seventh voyage has often been called the "unluckiest one" as three crew members were lost before the ship arrived back in Finland on 12 May 1938. A remarkable postal history piece used on the next stage of the ship's voyage after leaving Tristan.

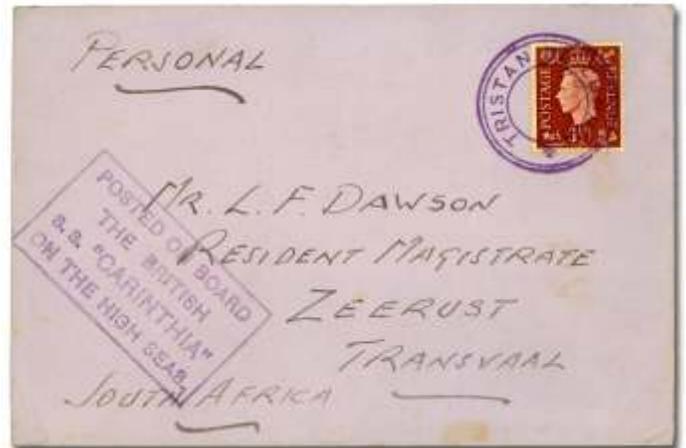


- 246 ✉ **1939, fold out letter card to Bristol, England**, showing type VII cachet in black, manuscript message datelined Aug. 14, 1939, five photo panels inside depicting the "SS *Viceroy of India*" and its interiors, Very Fine. Estimate \$200 - 300

The ship was owned by the P. & O. Steam Navigation Company, and arrived at Tristan on February 12, 1939. There is an interesting account in Crabb's book (The Postal History of Tristan da Cunha) about the efforts of the shipping company to obtain a handstamp in order to be used on mail posted by passengers, during the visit of the ship to the island. Unfortunately no handstamp was provided by the Post Office in England. This was the first time that passengers from a cruise ship landed on the island.



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- 247 ✉ **1939, cover posted on the high seas (SS *Carinthia*)**, franked with 1½d King George VI stamp, and tied by type VII cachet in blue, adjacent rectangular cachet reading “POSTED ON BOARD/ THE BRITISH/ S.S. CARINTHIA/ ON THE HIGH SEAS”, addressed to England, Very Fine, George Crabb states in his book (*The Postal History of Tristan da Cunha*): “this is an uncommon cachet and seldom seen”. Estimate \$200 - 300

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- 249 ✉ **1939, outbound cover to Lundy Island**, franked with **Great Britain** 1½d adhesive, and tied by type VII cachet, sent to Devon for forwarding via airmail to Lundy, adjacent Lundy Island ½ puffin (ordinary mail) & ½s Lacadal Plane (airmail) tied by pictorial cancel, latter also tied by “LACAL” (Atlantic Coast Airlines) circular handstamp. We also noted Lundy Mar. 25, 1939 receiving datestamp, Fine to Very Fine, an unusual postal history item that deserves your attention. Estimate \$200 - 300

Transported by the S.S. Carinthia that called at Tristan on March 5, 1939.



- 250 ✉ **1939, S.S. Viceroy of India** Mail. Passenger's cover to England with Ty. VII cachet, departed Tristan 12 February, 1939 and dropped at Cape Town receiving the bilingual paquebot machine cancel (the only known example on Tristan mail) and rated "T / 15c" due, arrived in England with "1½d / I.S.N." due handstamp and paid at destination with ½d and 1d postage dues; with original enclosure on ship's letterhead and picture post card of the ship, Extremely Fine. Estimate \$100 - 150



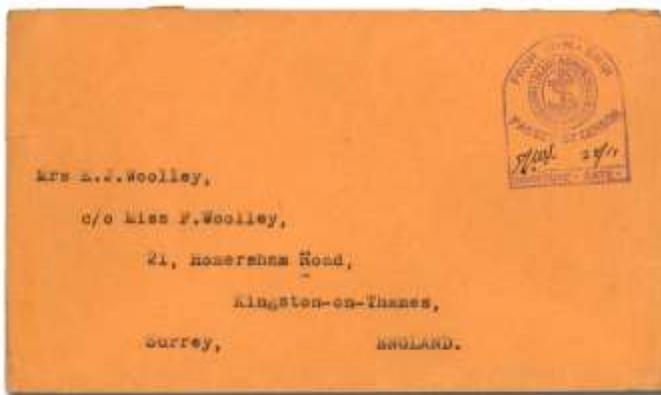
- 251 ✉ **1940, registered censored cover to London, England**, showing tombstone shaped handstamp in carmine, and signed by "RAS" on August 24, 1940, adjacent **Gibraltar** 2s King George VI definitive tied by "FIELD POST OFFICE 475 Aug 19, 1941" circular datestamp, which is repeated multiple times on reverse, plus type V cachet (last day of use) in violet and British censor handstamp, endorsement at top reading "delayed by enemy action", Very Fine, an exceedingly rare piece of postal history, and shown in George Crabb book (The Postal History of Tristan da Cunha) page 238. Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500

When "HMS Queen of Bermuda" anchored off Tristan on August 24, 1940 with the order to Rev. Wilde to embark as fast as possible, the clergyman removed the Type V handstamp. There was not much time for the Reverend to prepare any covers because he was urged by the ship captain to hurry up. But once on board the warship, Rev. Wilde struck a few covers (of which only four are known) with the Type V handstamp which were censored by an unknown censor officer.



- 252 **1940, censored cover to Lee-on-Solent, England**, showing tombstone shaped censor handstamp dated Nov. 15, 1940 and mute “Paquebot” double circle marking, manuscript at top reading “on active service”; faults at top from rough opening, Fine to Very Fine, the earliest known use of the naval censor handstamp from Tristan da Cunha as mentioned by George Crabb in his book about the postal history of the island.

Estimate \$300 - 400



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- 253 **1943, censored cover to Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey, England**, showing tombstone shaped handstamp in black, and signed by “EJW” (Dr. E.J. Woolley) on November 23, 1943, plus red “POST OFFICE/MARITIME MAIL” marking on reverse applied in London, Very Fine, only a few censored covers signed by Comm. Woolley are known until he and Rev. Lawrence left the island aboard the ship “Empire Friendship” on the 1st July 1944.

Estimate \$300 - 400

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- 255 ✉ **1943, censored cover to Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey, England**, redirected to Nottingham, showing tombstone shaped handstamp in violet, and signed by “EJW” (Dr. E.J. Woolley) on November 10, 1943, plus Kingston on Thames Christmas slogan postmark; cover with some faults, including backflap partly missing, Fine to Very Fine, only a few censored covers signed by Comm. Woolley are known until he and Rev. Lawrence left the island aboard the ship “Empire Friendship” on the 1st July 1944. Estimate \$300 - 400

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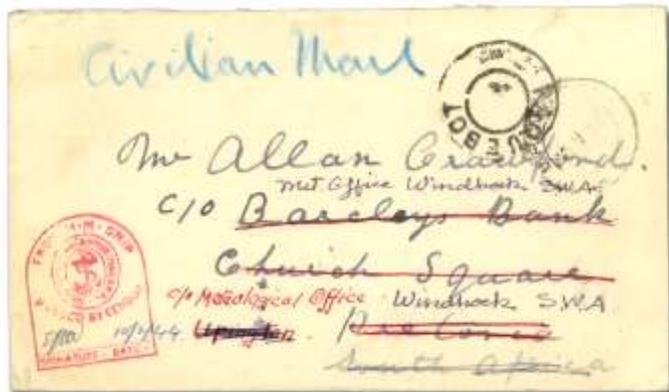
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- 257 ✉ **1943, censored cover to Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey, England**, showing tombstone shaped handstamp in violet, and signed “EJW” (Dr. E.J. Woolley) on June 11, 1943, plus red “POST OFFICE/ MARITIME MAIL” marking applied in London; backflap small faults from rough opening, Fine to Very Fine, only a few censored covers signed by Comm. Woolley are known until he and Rev. Lawrence left the island aboard the ship “Empire Friendship” on 1st July 1944. Estimate \$200 - 300

- 258 ✉ **1944, airgraph used to Tristan**, with enclosure, written in England and processed at Johannesburg, addressed to Durban, South Africa but redirected to “Job 9”, which was the code name for Tristan during part of the war; small faults from rough opening, Fine to Very Fine, rare, one of only three or four airgraphs used to Tristan. Estimate \$500 - 750



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- 259 ☒ **1944, censored cover to Pretoria, South Africa**, redirected to Upington and then to Windhoek in South West Africa, showing tombstone shaped handstamp in red, and signed by "EJW" (Dr. E.J. Woolley) on February 10, 1944, adjacent mute Paquebot double circle marking and Upington May 19, 1944 receiving postmark, which is repeated on reverse. Blue crayon inscription at top reading "Civilian Mail", Very Fine, only a few censored covers signed by Comm. Woolley are known until he and Rev. Lawrence left the island aboard the ship "Empire Friendship" on the 1st July 1944. Estimate \$400 - 600
- 260 ☒ **1944, censored cover to Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey, England**, redirected to Nottingham, showing tombstone shaped handstamp in red, and signed by "EJW" (Dr. E.J. Woolley) on February 12, 1944, plus Kingston on Thames, Surrey May 28, 1944 receiving postmark and part of circular datestamp, Very Fine, only a few censored covers signed by Comm. Woolley are known until he and Rev. Lawrence left the island aboard the ship "Empire Friendship" on the 1st July 1944. Estimate \$300 - 400



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- 261 ☒ **1944, Active Service Censored Privilege envelope**, originally addressed to Cape Town but forwarded to Tristan da Cunha, showing "FIELD POST OFFICE" Dec. 15, 1944 circular datestamp and crowned censor handstamp in violet. Accompanied by full letter about personal business, Fine to Very Fine. Estimate \$200 - 300
- 262 ☒ **1945, censored cover to Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England**, showing tombstone shaped handstamp in violet-blue, and signed by "HC" (Dr. Corfield) on June 1945, and red "POST OFFICE/ MARITIME MAIL" marking applied in London; cover with some faults, including backflap partly missing, Fine to Very Fine. Estimate \$200 - 300

Dr. Woolley & Rev. Lawrence were replaced by Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander H.S.A. Dr. Corfield and Rev. D.I. Luard. Only one cover is known censored by Rev. Luard. The most common censor of all existing mail was Dr. Corfield, even if all censored covers are very rare!



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- 263 ☒ **1948, registered cover to South Africa**, with four South Africa adhesives & 1d “potato” label tied by multiple type VIII cachets in violet, rectangular bilingual cachet “POSTED OUT OF COURSE/ TO PAY/ BUITEN DE KOERS DE POST/ TE BETALEN”, plus “T/4d” marking. Also South Africa 2d x2 postage dues affixed on arrival and tied by Johannesburg January 21, 1948 circular datestamp. The cover was carried by the “HMS *Good Hope*” that called Tristan on Jan. 11, 1948, Very Fine, ex Mayo. Estimate \$400 - 600

The use of a cachet to cancel the “potato” label was illegal, only about a dozen covers are recorded with combination.

- 264 ☒ **1948, cover to Ligonier, PA**, showing type IX cachet “TRISTAN DA CUNHA / SETTLEMENT OF / EDINBURGH / SOUTH ATLANTIC” in violet, adjacent New York 4¢ postage due, along with 10¢ octagonal postage due handstamp; backflap minor faults from rough opening, Very Fine. Estimate \$200 - 300

A cachet used in conjunction with the “Tristan Venture” expedition, which main objectives were the establishment of a fishing factory on the island and the regular passage of the fishing vessels between Cape Town and Tristan da Cunha with the consequential improvement in the island’s economy. The expedition vessel was the “MV Pequena”.



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- 265 ☒ **1948, cover to Derby, England**, showing a strike of type VIII in violet and “1½d” mark in black, not collected, docketed as received February 1948, carried by the “HMSAS *Good Hope*” that called at Tristan on Jan. 11, 1948, and addressed to Mrs. Wooley, Very Fine. Estimate \$150 - 200

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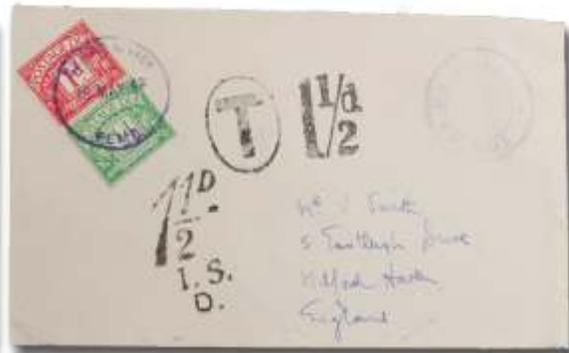
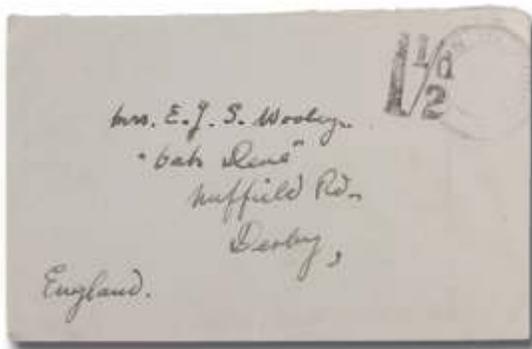


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- 268 ☒ **1948, cover to Derby, England**, showing a strike of type VIII in violet, “1½d” and “T” markings in black, not collected, docketed as received February 1948, carried by the “HMSAS *Good Hope*” that called at Tristan on Jan. 11, 1948, and addressed to Mrs. Wooley, Very Fine. Estimate \$100 - 150



- 269 ☒ **1948-49, two covers with type VIII cachet, 1948-49**, comprising 1948 stampless cover rated “1½d” due in South Africa but treated compassionately on arrival to England, and transported by the H.M.S.A.S. *Good Hope*; other 1949 cover with Great Britain ½d & 1d postage due adhesives tied on arrival to Milford Haven, England, and transported by the M.V. *Pequena*, Fine to Very Fine. Estimate \$150 - 200



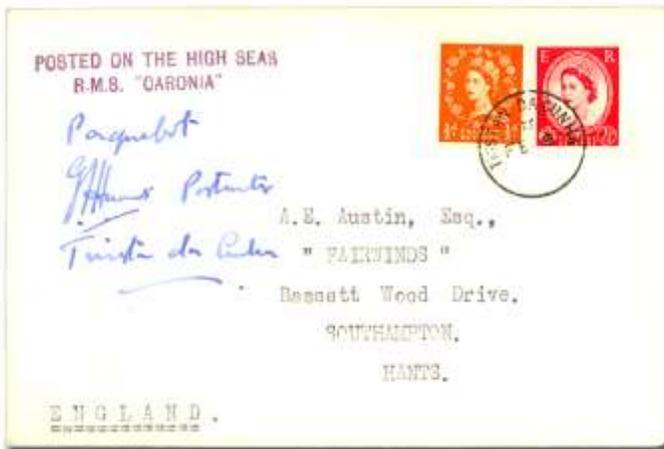
- 270 ✉ **1949, cover to Twickenham, England**, with Great Britain ½d cut square from wrapper tied by type IX cachet in violet, Great Britain ½d postage due affixed on arrival, and tied by Oct. 31, 1949 circular datestamp. Also “Cape Town Paquebot Oct. 14, 1949” postmark partially hidden beneath the franking, plus several postage due handstamps, including “1½d” obliterated by mute cancel, indicating that the cover was treated as “Compassionate Mail”. A cover transported by the “MFV *Pequena*”, which called at Tristan several times during 1949, Very Fine. Estimate \$200 - 300



- 271 ✉ **1955-64, Gough Island Survey**. Group of seven covers, including three with “GOUGH ISLAND/ SCIENTIFIC SURVEY/ 1955-1956” cachets, and with Queen Elizabeth II stamps tied by December 14, 1955 circular datestamps, other with rectangular “INSUFFICIENT POSTAGE” handstamp and postage due stamp, plus other cover with stamp tied by paquebot 1964 postmark, and adjacent type XII cachet, Fine to Very Fine (more photos on web site). Estimate \$150 - 200



- 272 ☒ **1957, cover from U.S. to Tristan da Cunha**, 5¢ postal envelope uprated with 3¢ adhesive, and cancelled or tied by Detroit June 3, 1957 postmarks, adjacent Tristan da Cunha postage due complete set affixed on arrival, and tied by multiple Sep. 1, 1957 circular datestamps, also several “Not in Air Mail” straight-line handstamps; U.S. 3¢ stamp small tear, Very Fine. Estimate \$200 - 300
- 273 ☒ **1957-63, incoming mail from the U.S.**, group of eighteen covers from, California, Chicago, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon, Virginia & Washington, Fine to Very Fine (photos on web site). Estimate \$100 - 150
- 274 ☒ **1957, First Postage Due Issue (J1-5)**, set of five covers franked with Queen Elizabeth II stamps, and prepared to receive a rectangular marking and appropriate postage due stamps in blocks of four, all tied on Febr. 6, 1958, five days after issued, Very Fine (no photo). Estimate \$150 - 200



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- 275 ☒ **1958, SS Caronia**, cover with ½d & 2½d Queen Elizabeth II stamps tied by “TRISTAN DA CUNHA” Feb. 8 circular datestamp, which is repeated on reverse, adjacent “POSTED ON THE HIGH SEAS/ R.M.S. CARONIA” handstamp and manuscript reading “Paquebot/ G. F. Harris Postmaster/ Tristan da Cunha”, Very Fine. Estimate \$200 - 300

On January 20, 1958 “HMS Burghead” visited Tristan and left due to a gale developing, and taking the normally used datestamp away. On February 8, 1958 the “RMS Caronia” arrived for a short call to collect mail but it was reported that the only mail broken away were twenty covers as this one. These were made up on board using the spare (wide lettered datestamp) handstamp without the year slug.

- 276 ☒ **1960, two covers with Fourth Issue**, first day cover franked with complete set tied by Febr. 1, 1960 circular datestamps, adjacent black boxed “Tristan da Cunha Island / South Atlantic Ocean / First Day of Postal Issue” handstamp; other with 4d tied by Apr. 20 circular datestamp on S.S. Brazil commemorative cover imprinted for air mail but franked at surface rate, Fine to Very Fine. Estimate \$100 - 150



- 277 ✉ **1961, St. Helena / Tristan Relief complete (B1-B4)**, tied on picture postcard by Oct. 12, 1961 first day circular datestamps, and addressed to St. Helena, Very Fine, rare, as these stamps were only on sale for seven days. Scott \$3,250 off cover. SG 172/5; £3,250 (\$5,200). Estimate \$2,000 - 3,000



- 278 ✉ **1961, St. Helena / Tristan Relief 3d + 2½c (B1)**, tied on cover by St. Helena Oct. 12, 1961 first day circular datestamp, addressed to Mombasa, Kenya, and showing Union-Castle Line imprint on backflap; envelope opened irregularly at left, Fine to Very Fine, rare commercial usage, as this stamp was only on sale for seven days. Scott \$600 off cover. SG St Helena 172; £650 off cover (\$1,040). Estimate \$750 - 1,000



- 279 ✉ **1961, three evacuation covers**, one incoming registered cover from U.S. with A.R. posted on Oct. 30, forwarded to Pretoria where the advice of receipt was canceled on Nov. 4, and the British oval handstamp applied; cover with Tristan da Cunha 1s6d Queen Elizabeth II stamp tied by Oct. 26 circular datestamp, addressed to Calshot (islanders were housed first at Pendell Camp, and then at Calshot near Southampton); other cover with Great Britain 3d Queen Elizabeth II stamp tied by Southampton machine cancel, addressed to Fareham, and sent by head man Joe Repetto, Very Fine (more photos on web site). Estimate \$200 - 300



- 280 ✉ **1962, Resettlement Survey, registered cover to England**, with three Great Britain Queen Elizabeth II stamps & 1d "potato" label tied by large "POST OFFICE/ MARITIME MAIL/ 2" (London) handstamp, 1d label also tied by type XI cachet in violet, adjacent "SHIPS OFFICE/ H.M.S./ PROTECTOR" Mar. 20, 1962 dated cachet, backstamped with Allan Crawford's personal boxed cachet "TRISTAN DA CUNHA/ SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN", Very Fine. Estimate \$300 - 400

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- 281 ✉ **1962, Resettlement Survey, registered cover to England**, with three Great Britain Queen Elizabeth II stamps tied by large "POST OFFICE/ MARITIME MAIL/ 11" (London) handstamp, which is repeated on reverse, adjacent type XI cachet in black and "SHIPS OFFICE/ H.M.S./ PROTECTOR" Mar. 20, 1962 dated cachet, backstamped with Allan Crawford's personal boxed cachet "TRISTAN DA CUNHA/ SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN", Very Fine. Estimate \$200 - 300

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- 282 ✉ **1962, First Resettlement Survey Mail**. Cover to England with **South Africa 2 1/2c** stamp tied by "CAPE TOWN PAQUEBOT" Oct. 9, 1962 circular datestamp & 1d "potato" label tied by type XIII cachet in violet, adjacent type XII cachet in violet, Very Fine. Estimate \$150 - 200

HMS Puma called Tristan on October 3, 1962. Mail bearing South African and British stamps was dropped off at Cape Town and received the paquebot datestamp. Very few had been reported with the "potato" label.



- 283 ✉ **1962, First Resettlement Survey Mail**. Cover addressed to the United States with **South Africa 3c** stamp tied by "CAPE TOWN PAQUEBOT" Oct. 9, 1962 circular datestamp and Ann Arbor, Michigan receiving postmark, 1d "potato" label tied by type XII cachet in violet, adjacent type XIII cachet in violet, Very Fine, ex Mayo. Estimate \$150 - 200

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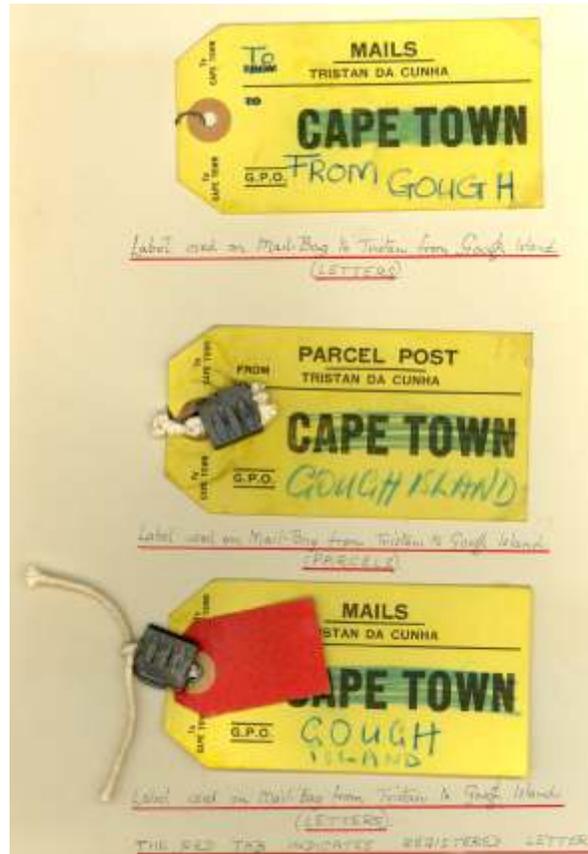


- 284 ☒ **1962-63, 4 stampless covers with type XII & XIII cachets**, group of four, each in sleeve with detailed description, comprising 1962 cover transported by the H.M.S. *Tristania*, corresponding to the second resettlement and with type XII & XIII cachets; 1963 cover transported by the H.M.S. *Puma*, corresponding to the third survey, and with type XII & XIII cachets; 1963 two covers transported by the M.V. *Boissevain*, addressed to England, and with type XII cachets, Fine to Very Fine. Estimate \$350 - 500



- 285 ☒ **1962-63, Resettlement Survey**. Group of six covers, comprising three first day covers with stamps, two stampless with type XII cachets, plus one posted on board of the SS *Brasil* in 1964, Very Fine (more photos on web site). Estimate \$100 - 150
- 286 ☒ **1963, Final Return of the Islanders**, four covers: "last day" at Calshot, Great Britain October 24, the day of the embarking on the M.V. *Bornholm* for the trip home, franked Great Britain 3d to the U.S., and signed Joe Repetto on reverse; cover from Repetto stop at Sierra Leone franked with two 1s adhesives, tied by Nov. 11; and two covers with special commemorative cachets, one signed by the captain, the other by seven of the returnees, Very Fine (photo on web site). Estimate \$150 - 200

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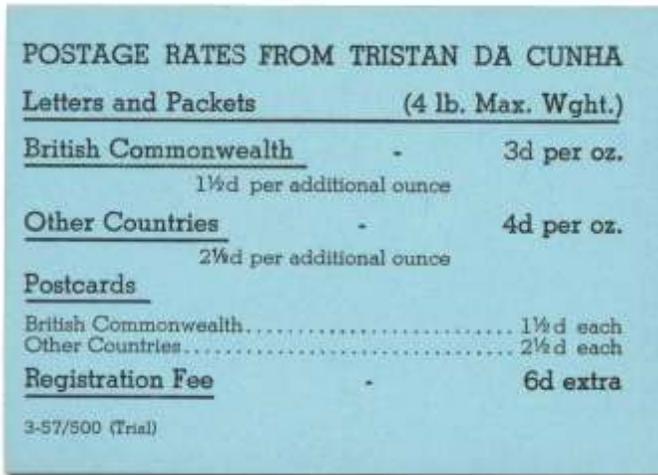
- 287** **Tags used on mailbags to Tristan da Cunha from Gough Island**, three similar items; comprising one for sack of regular letters, other for a sack of registered letters, and exhibiting a red tab, plus tag for a sack of parcels, two items with security clips made from a soft metal, interesting and rarely offered (more photos on web site). Estimate \$750 - 1,000

- 288** **1867-1955, Collateral Material.** Group of six items, comprising 1867 "Tristan da Cunha" engraving (185 x 140 mm); 1904 "A Week's Run to Holland and What Led to It" by George Newman, being reminiscences of the late "Gran Old Man" of Tristan, Mr. Peter Green; 1913 registration slip Ireland to the postmaster in Tristan; 1953 manuscript letter regarding postal rates, from postmaster R. Allen to E. A. Bossom in Great Britain; 1955 map of Tristan da Cunha and unused engraved invitation to a Government House Reception, Fine to Very Fine (photos on web site). Estimate \$300 - 400

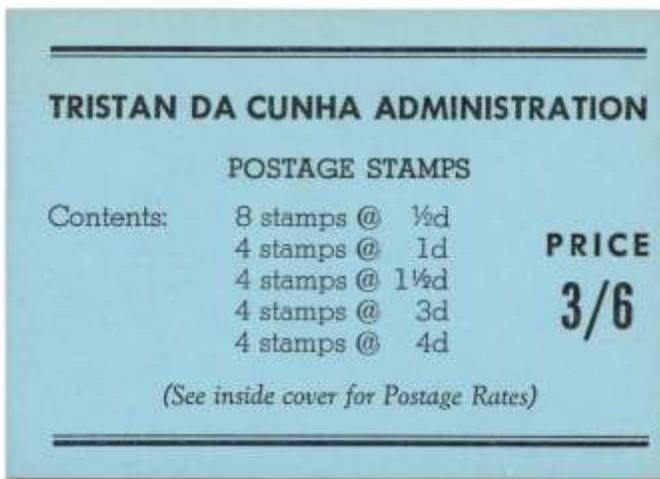


- 289** **1950s, tags used on mailbags to Tristan da Cunha from Cape Town**, two items: one in yellow with "TRISTAN DA CUNHA" straight-line handstamp, other in green with "CAPE TOWN" straight-line handstamp, interesting collateral material (more photos on web site). Estimate \$300 - 400

Booklets



290 ★ 1957, 3s6d Booklet Cover Proofs, separated front and back covers in blue as issued, inside of the front cover with postage rates and printed at the bottom "3-57/ 500 (Trial)", Very Fine. SG SB1. Estimate \$500 - 750



291 ★ 1957, 3s6d Booklet Cover Proofs, separated front and back covers in blue as issued, inside of the front cover with postage rates and printed at the bottom "3-57/ 500 (Trial)", Very Fine. SG SB1. Estimate \$500 - 750



292 ★ 1958, 3s6d Booklet Cover Proof, full unfolded cover on red stock as issued, front cover depicting face value contained in detail and back cover with postage rates; diagonal discoloration on front cover that does not deter from overall appearance, Fine to Very Fine. Estimate \$500 - 750

Assortments, Group Lots and Collections



- 293 ✉ **1896-1958, assortment of covers.** Group of ten, each in sleeve with detailed description, including 1896 pre-cachet cover fragment from the Peter Green correspondence, addressed to his poet friend George Newman in London, 1934-35 stampless outbound cover to England, showing an unusual straight-line “Tristan da Cunha” handstamp, 1954-58 five covers with Tristan da Cunha third issue stamps, mostly to England, and transported by several ships such as H.M.S. *Burghed Bay*, S.S. *Caronia*, M.V. *Tjispana* & M.S. *Ruys*. Also a 1951 air-mail cover with South African postage tied by “Capetown / Paquebot / 31.X.51” postmarks, and transported by the M.V. *Isolda*, Fine to Very Fine (more photos on web site). Estimate \$750 - 1,000



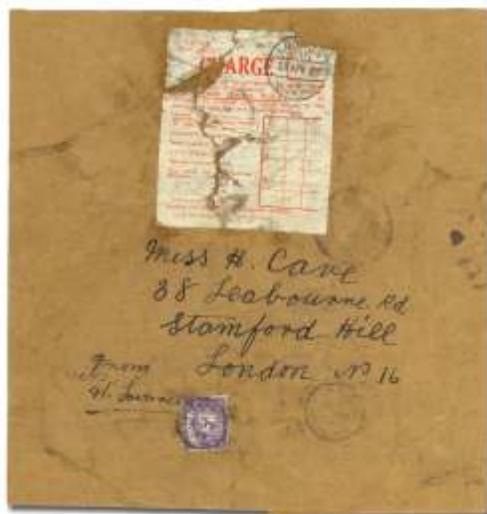
- 294 ✉ **1922-27, assortment of covers & private order postal stationery with type III cachet,** comprising a stampless cover to the widow of Reverend Henry Rogers in England; two cover fragments with blocks of four of the ½d & 1d private order postal stationery, backstamped on Apr. 9, 1922 at Rio de Janeiro, and representing two of the very few Weston covers to actually have passed through the mails; 1929 stampless cover, accompanied with full manuscript letter, and carried on the S.S. *Halesius*; set of eleven pairs of the private order postal stationery cutouts (**one of two such sets known**), tied on paper fragments by type II cachets. We also noted 35 singles, two blocks of four & three pairs of different postal stationery cutouts, tied on paper fragments by type III cachets, Fine to Very Fine. Estimate \$800 - 1,200



- 295 ✉ **1926-30, assortment of covers with type II cachet.** Group of six, each in sleeve with detailed description, comprising cover to Westminster forwarded to Leicester, and carried on board the S.S. *Suveric*; cover to London with “Paquebot” and “T/2d” handstamps; cover to England with “T” & octagonal “T/20c” due handstamps applied in Port Elizabeth (South Africa); portion of parcel wrapping to England with 3d postage due adhesive tied by “Thongbridge” Dec. 20, 1928 circular datestamp, and carried on board the S.S. *Baron Tweedmouth*; 1929 cover to Devon with adjacent Great Britain 1½d stamp tied by London by Mar. 8, 1929 machine cancel, and accompanied with picture postcard of the ship S.S. *Duchess of Atholl*, Fine to Very Fine. Estimate \$800 - 1,200



- 296 ✉ **1928-34, assortment of covers with type IV cachet.** Group of five, including 1928 cover with Great Britain 1d King George V control strip of three & 1½d King George V tied by faint type IV cachet & Montevideo arrivals; 1928 letter card to England with same cachet, and representing an early usage; 1934 photo of the church on the island, showing a perfect black strike of the cachet on the back, and signed by Reverend Patridge; stampless cover to Mrs. Rogers in England; 1928 cover showing **earliest recorded use of type IV cachet**, carried on the S.S. *Empress of France*, initials within the cachet are Reverend Poole, who carefully inserted a slip of paper where the upper right corner was missing, Fine to Very Fine (more photos on web site). Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500



- 297 ✉ 1928-29, four covers & parcel wrapper with type II cachet, comprising two undated stampless covers to England, and including one addressed in Reverend Poole's hand, plus 1929 stampless cover to the U.S., and also addressed in Reverend Poole's hand, 1928 cover franked with three ½d King George V stamps tied by type II cachet handstamps, and carried by the R.M.S. *Empress of France*. The lot also includes a 1928 parcel wrapper to London (one of five known) with faint type II cachet, COD label, and carried on the S.S. *Author*, Fine to Very Fine (more photos on web site). Estimate \$500 - 750



- 298 ✉ 1930-39, assortment of covers with type V cachet. Extraordinary group of 12, each in sleeve with detailed description, including covers carried on several ships such as R.M.S. *Atlantis*, S.S. *Carinthia*, H.M.S. *Carlisle*, S.S. *Empress of Australia*, S.S. *Franconia*, S.S. *Harmala*, S.S. *Tymeric*, Sailing ship *Ponape* & Training ship *Suomen Joutsen*. We noted a cover to Capetown with South African franking tied by type V cachet, and considered illegal; islander's cover with Great Britain 1½d Jubilee; cover to South Africa with postage due affixed and tied on arrival; cover to Scotland with Great Britain 1½d tied by "Paquebot / Posted at Sea" machine cancel; 1d postal card with Great Britain ½d adhesive affixed and tied on arrival to England; picture postcard to England with Great Britain 1d postage due adhesive tied on arrival; 1931 stampless cover with violet type V cachet; 1934 stampless cover with choice type V cachet to England, plus an interesting cover to New York with Great Britain 1½d pair tied by bold type V cachet, and accompanied by illustrated letterhead enclosure datelined on May 26, 1933, Fine to Very Fine (more photos on web site). Estimate \$1,500 - 2,000



- 299 ✉ **1934-38, assortment of covers with type V cachet.** Group of nineteen covers, including 1934 cover with Great Britain 1½d King George V stamp tied by perfect strike of type V cachet; 1936 cover to England with ½d & 1d postage dues affixed and tied on arrival, plus 1983 watercolor of the S.S. *Harmala* by artist A. Stainsby; 1937 special commemorative envelope for H.M.S. *Carlisle* visit, and addressed to New Zealand where it received several postmarks; 1937 three covers carried by the H.M.S. *Carlisle* to Great Britain, including two with Great Britain postage dues affixed and tied on arrival; 1937 cover to South Africa with regular postage affixed and tied on arrival by Capetown Paquebot circular datestamps; 1937 cover to Lundy franked with both regular and airmail Lundy stamps appropriately tied with dated cancels; 1937 cover carried by the S.S. *Anatolia* and showing a rare "Isle of Man Air Services Ltd" straight-line handstamp; 1938 cover with Great Britain 1½d King George VI stamp tied by perfect strike of type V cachet. We also noted a 1938 cover with Great Britain King George VI stamps tied by **unusual conjunction of type V & VI cachets**, carried by the Finish training ship *Suomen Joutsen*, Fine to Very Fine (more photos on web site). Estimate \$1,500 - 2,000



- 300 ✉ **1935-50, assortment of taxed covers.** Group of eight, each in a plastic sleeve with detailed description, comprising two covers sent to in England in the 1935-39 period, and with Great Britain ½d & 1d postage dues affixed and tied on arrival; 1948 stampless cover with two strikes of type VIII cachet, and carried to England by H.M.S.A.S. *Good Hope*; 1949-50 three covers with South Africa stamps tied on arrival as postage dues; one with types VIII & IX cachets; other with type VII & IX cachets; other with type X cachet; 1950 cover with U.S. 2¢ x2 affixed on arrival, **and type IX cachet used on the last day of known use**; 1950 fascinating cover from England with 2½ King George VI stamp tied by Mar. 17, 1950 machine cancel, forwarded from Tristan to Cape Town using the M.V. *Pequena*, Fine to Very Fine. Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500



Ex 301



Reduced photo of miniature "Union Jack," showing nine strikes of Type VII cachet.

Ex 302

- 301** ✉ **1937, assortment of covers with type VI cachet.** Group of eight covers, including three with "Certified Posted on the / Island on Coronation Day/ 12th May 1937" handstamps, including two to South Africa and one to London with postage dues affixed on arrival and signed by William Repetto; 1937 commemorative cover for H.M.S. *Carlisle* visit, showing type VI cachet, and forwarded within Great Britain; cover to England with Great Britain ½d & 1d King George VI stamps tied by type VI cachet and London arrival postmark; two covers to Great Britain, one with postage due marking and stamps affixed on arrival, other not charged with "No stamps available / at Tristan Da Cunha", Fine to Very Fine (more photos on web site). Estimate \$400 - 600
- 302** ✉ **1938-48, assortment of covers with type VII cachet.** Group of 22, including: 1938 parcel wrapper to South Africa with customs slip, and carried by H.M.S. *Milford*; 1939 Smye cover with Australia 1d Queen Mary cross gutter Ash imprint block tied by multiple type VII cachet; 1939 three covers to England with postage dues affixed and tied on arrival; 1939 picture postcard with Great Britain 1½d King George VI tied by type VII cachet; 1945 miniature flag with nine strikes of type VII cachet; 1947 two picture postcards with 19th century reproductions created by Victor Marsh, and carried on H.M.S. *Good Hope*; 1948 part of parcel wrapper franked with Great Britain 2½d King George VI, addressed to Tristan da Cunha but forwarded to South Africa, plus twelve philatelic covers, including three with Coronation issues from various colonies, Fine to Very Fine (more photos on web site). Estimate \$750 - 1,000



- 303** ✉ **1938-47, assortment of covers with type VII cachet.** Group of six, each in sleeve with detailed description, comprising covers transported by the M.V. *Innesmoor*, S.S. *Clunebark*, H.M.S.A.S. *Natal* & S.S. *Franconia*. We noted 1938 islander's cover with Great Britain 1½d adhesive tied by type VII cachet, original enclosure date-lined May 1, 1938 from Sam Swain, and accompanied by a photo of him; 1938 islander's cover with Great Britain ½d & 1d postage dues tied on arrival to Devon, England; 1938 islander's cover with Great Britain ½d & 1d postage dues tied on arrival to Hull; 1938 cover with Great Britain EVII set tied by three strikes of type V cachet & single strike of type VII cachet; 1939 picture postcard franked with Great Britain 1d adhesive, and tied by type VII cachet from a surprise visit of the S.S. *Franconia*; 1947 stampless cover with original enclosure, and treated compassionately with 4d postage due charge, Fine to Very Fine. Estimate \$600 - 800



- 304** ✉ **1943-51, assortment of covers with type X cachet.** Group of 24, including 1943 issue of the "*Tristan Times*" with a prototype of type X cachet, and signed by Allan Crawford; 1950 two covers to Great Britain & eight pieces with stamps created by Victor Marsh; 1950 cover to England with Great Britain stamps tied by Capetown Paquebot postmarks, carried on M.V. *Pequena* and then flown to Great Britain; 1950 two covers with Great Britain stamps & 1d "potato" labels tied by Capetown Paquebot postmarks; 1950-51 thirteen philatelic covers, including several with Great Britain, Tangier & Falkland Islands stamps; **1951 two covers carried on the last trip of the M.V. *Pequena***, leaving December 20, and arriving Capetown on December 27, Fine to Very Fine (more photos on web site). Estimate \$1,200 - 1,800



- 305** ✉ **1948-49, assortment of covers with type VIII cachet.** Group of sixteen covers, including 1948 three covers to Great Britain from South Africa, franked with South Africa stamps and tied by type VIII cachet; 1948 two covers with Great Britain stamps tied by type VIII cachet, and carried on H.M.S.A.S. *Good Hope*; 1948 cover franked with **Morocco Agencies** 4d King George V, "1½d" postage due marking and **Great Britain** 3d postage dues affixed and tied on arrival to England; 1948 stampless commercial cover with "1½d" not collected, and backstamped in South Africa; 1948 cover to **Bechuanaland Protectorate** with receiving postmark, plus seven 1949 philatelic covers mostly franked with stamps of Great Britain, Barbados & St. Helena, and depicting postage due markings, Fine to Very Fine (more photos on web site). Estimate \$600 - 800



- 306** ✉ **1949-51, assortment of covers with type X cachet.** Group of twelve, each in sleeve with detailed description, including eight transported by the M.V. *Pequena* and two by the H.M.S.A.S. *Transvaal*. We noted 1949 islander's cover with Great Britain 1d postage due affixed and tied on arrival to Manchester; 1950 cover to Bournemouth franked with 2½d, and tied on arrival to Cape Town; 1950 M.V. *Pequena* visit cover with Great Britain 1½d x4 tied on arrival to England; 1950 cover with South African franking affixed and tied on transit by Capetown Paquebot circular datestamp; 1950 stampless cover with "T" & "1½d" postage due handstamps but treated compassionately on arrival to England; 1951 airmail cover with South African franking & 1d "potato" label; 1951 two covers to Cape Town with 2d postage dues affixed and tied on arrival, plus **scarce 1949 postcard and envelope with type VIII & X cachets (only a dozen items are recorded with the combination use of both cachets)**, Fine to Very Fine (more photos on web site). Estimate \$800 - 1,200



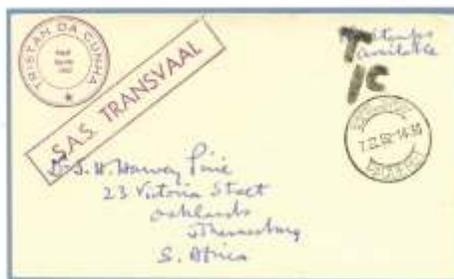
- 307** ✉ **1949-50, assortment of covers with type IX cachet.** Group of 23 covers and many Great Britain stamps individually tied on cover fragments, including two picture postcards sent in 1949 to Victor Marsh; 1950 cover franked with Gibraltar stamps, adjacent type IX cachet, sent to Great Britain on the latest known day of use of the cachet; 1950 stampless cover with type IX cachet, sent to South Africa on the latest known day of use of the cachet, plus nineteen Victor Marsh creations franked with various Great Britain stamps, carried on M.V. *Pequena*, and with Cape Town Paquebot postmarks. Truly an unrepeatable lot, Fine to Very Fine (more photos on web site). Estimate \$600 - 800



- 308** ✉ **1951-54, assortment of covers with first issue (1-12).** Group of twenty, including; 1952 three philatelic covers with stamps used as postage dues on arrival; 1952 two covers to South Africa, including air letter sheet with 6d tied by Feb. 4 circular datestamp; 1952 parcel piece with 1d, 4d & 1s; 1953 three covers to Great Britain: 1d & 1 1/2d tied Jul. 14 on souvenir card, 6d tied Nov 17 circular datestamp & 8d on registered cover dated Dec. 31; 1954 complete set on registered cover to NY, plus five first day covers, Fine to Very Fine (more photos on web site). Estimate \$750 - 1,000



- 309** ✉ **1954-59, assortment of covers with third issue.** Group of 30, including 1954 exploded cover with Edinburgh Settlement cachet on reverse; 1955-56 Gough Island Expedition fifteen philatelic covers, including eight used on the first day of official mail and one commercial registered to Great Britain; 1955 Queen Elizabeth II short set on air cover from "Caronia World Cruise 1955 / Tristan da Cunha"; 1956 registered cover with unofficial purple boxed "Tristan da Cunha / South Atlantic" handstamp; 1957 two covers to South Africa; 1958 cover to Miami with Queen Elizabeth II 1d x2 and U.S. 10¢ postage due affixed and tied on arrival; **1958 cover franked with Queen Elizabeth II 3d tied by Febr. 4 datestamp with error omitting the year date (about 25 covers are known with this error)**, and transported by the S.S. *Caronia*; 1957 cover with Royal Visit cachet; plus three first day covers, Fine to Very Fine. Estimate \$1,000 - 1,500

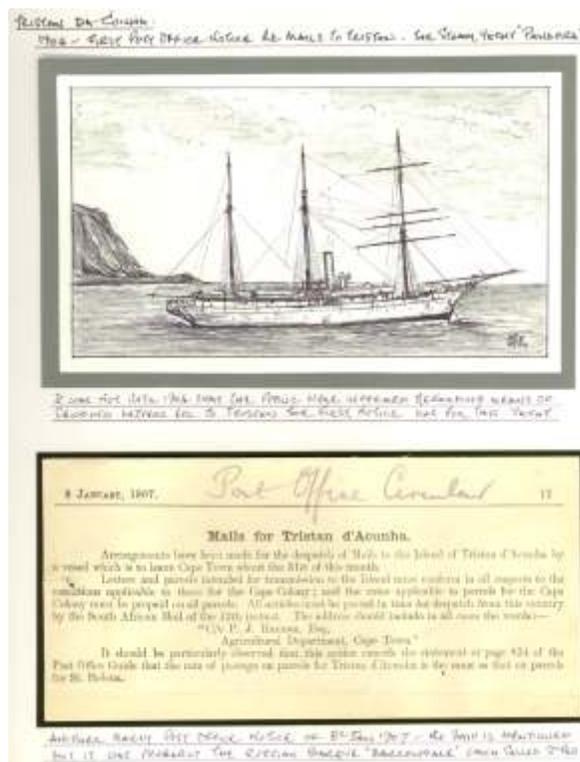


S.A.S. "Transvaal" Mail
 First Royal Society mailing, leaving 30 January 1962. 525 letters carried. Processed at the Capetown Paquebot office on February 7th.
 Addressed to long-time Tristan collector Dr. Pine of Johannesburg by Alan Crawford (deputy leader of the expedition).

- 310** ✉ **1962, assortment of covers with type XI, XII & XIII cachet,** Group of five, including stampless cover with type XI cachet, and corresponding to the First Royal Society Expedition; other large cover with South Africa stamps tied by Capetown Paquebot circular datestamp, and also corresponding to the Royal Society Expedition; three covers with South Africa postage tied by Capetown postmarks, and corresponding to the Resettlement Survey. We also noted a cover with types XII & XIII cachets, corresponding to the Resettlement Survey, carried to Tristan by the S.S. *Argentina*, and then taken to Capetown by the *Tristania* via Gough Island, Very Fine (more photos on web site). Estimate \$300 - 400



- 311** ✉ **1963-64, assortment of covers with sixth issue.** Group of ten, including two covers to South Africa carried by helicopter to the U.S.S. *Spiegel Grove*; other similar cover with 6d Queen Elizabeth II stamp tied by Apr. 12, 1963 circular datestamp, and also carried by helicopter to the same ship; 1964 two covers carried on H.M.S. *Protector*, including one with contents mentioning that the volcano had stopped smoking, plus five first day covers, including three with complete sets and two signed by Chief Willie Repetto, Fine to Very Fine (more photos on web site). Estimate \$300 - 400



- 312** **Balance lot.** Including 1907 printed notice in English with arrangements about the dispatch of mails to the island, 1924 Tristan da Cunha handbook prepared for the British Empire Exhibition in London, photograph of the original essays of the "potato" labels, 1951 printed notice in French informing "I have the honor to inform you that a postal service in the Island of Tristan da Cunha will operate from Jan. 1, 1952 ...", 1905 The Illustrated London News, page with Tristan da Cunha views, 1944 envelope with Medical Officer in Charge handstamp, plus some photocopies of letters sent by famous islanders related to the postal service. An interesting lot that deserves your attention, Fine to Very Fine (more photos on web site). Estimate \$200 - 300



- 313** ✉ **1949-65, postal history.** Group of eleven covers & three picture postcards, including 1949 Taxed cover to South Africa, 1952 Registered cover to London with 2s6d, 5s & 10s King George VI stamps (SG 10-12), 1957 FDC with Queen Elizabeth II stamps, 1965 Air Letter with islander's letter, two covers to England showing Edinburg Settlement cachets, 1958 cover to Texas but returned to writer, and showing interesting postmarks, plus one post-card depicting RMS *Caronia*, other the *Empress of France*, Fine to Very Fine (more photos on web site).
Estimate \$300 - 400

Literature

- 314** **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 the book, cover worn, Fine (no photo). Estimate \$200 - 300
- 315** **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

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