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by Charles E Gordon Frazer (1863–1899)

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The Jim Crompton Collection of New Hebrides

This exceptional collection was formed over a period of 60 years by Jim Crompton, former Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, Past President and Chairman of the North West Federation of Philatelic Societies, Jim was a founder member of the Urmston Philatelic Society as well as being a founder member and study leader (New Hebrides) of the Pacific Islands Study Circle.

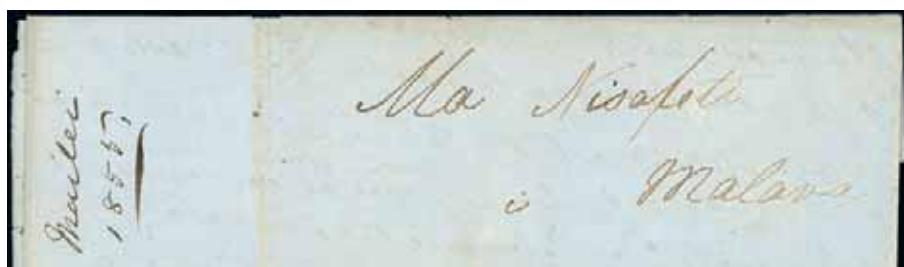
The collection has been exhibited in countries from Australia to Finland, achieving Large Vermeil status and and, after a visit to Vanuatu, was extended to also include the issues of the country post independence.

Early Mail



- 698 1839 entire written signed by missionary John Williams at "Upolu Nov. 5 1839" (Samoa) with request to the Treasurer of the London Missionary Society for £150 "for a schooner which he has built for the use of the Navigators Islands", with unframed "PAID SHIP LETTER/(crown)/MA 28/1840/SYDNEY" in red and endorsed "Per Samuel/March 23 1840/R.B.", rated "3" and "8" with framed "INDIA LETTER/HASTINGS" and Sept. 20 1840 arrival on reverse. Ex Howard-White. John Williams (1796-1839) had first travelled to the Pacific islands as a missionary in 1817. Fifteen days after writing this letter, whilst visiting an area of the New Hebrides where he was unknown, Williams and fellow missionary James Harris were killed and eaten by cannibals on the island of Erromanga, becoming the first Christian martyrs in the south Pacific. Photo. £400-£500
- 699 1842 incoming entire addressed to "Revd. Henry Nisbet/Tanna/Care of the Revd. Dr. Ross/Sydney", sent by Alexander Turner, junior from Glasgow Apr. 2 with unframed "PAID SHIP LETTER/(crown)/20AP20/1842/ LONDON" and tombstone mark in red, with July 29 Sydney Ship Letter on reverse, pre-paid at 8d. rate to Australia with further 3d. due on arrival, a little fragile. Rev. Henry Nisbet (1818-1876), missionary for the London Missionary Society, had left England for the Pacific Islands in Aug. 1840 and with Rev. Turner had reached Samoa from Sydney a year later. They continued to Tanna where they arrived in June 1842 but the only date mentioned in Nisbet's diary when the missionaries received mails was Dec. 9 1842 when a ship arrived which had met with the "Camden" on her way from Sydney to Rarotonga. Some 'Nisbet' letters may have reached him in Tanna during his time there from June 1842 until the end of Jan. 1843 when he, Rev. Turner and their families were picked up by the "Highlander" and brought to Samoa. Photo on page 102. £300-£400
- 700 1842 entire addressed to "Revd. Henry Nisbet/Island of Tanna/Polynesia" sent by Andrew Macfarlane from Glasgow with lengthy letter dated May 26, without postal markings having been carried amongst goods consigned, "written in great haste to catch your box". Photo on page 102. £300-£400
- 701 1842 (Sept.) outer lettersheet sent from Sydney addressed to "Mr Nisbet/Tanna" with added late note telling of a fatal accident that had just befallen a servant of Rev. Robert Ross (minister of the Pitt Street Congregational Church and the agent of the London Missionary Society), the receiving endorsement identifying sender as Lydia Crook, daughter of noted missionary, William Pascoe Crook. Photo on page 102. £250-£300
- 702 1842 entire addressed to "Rev. H. Nisbet/Tana", with interesting three page letter written by fellow missionary Rev. Mills at Samoa headed "Upolu Nov. 15th 1842". Rev. William Mills (1811-1876) was missionary at Apia from 1836 until forced to leave through ill-health in 1854. Photo on page 102. £300-£400

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New Hebrides: Early Mail continued

- 703 ☐ 1843, two incoming part entires, one from fellow missionary Thomas Heath, addressed to "The Rev. Geo. Turner/Care of the Rev. Dr. Ross" whilst at Tanna, both with unframed "PAID SHIP LETTER/(crown)/LONDON" and tombstone marks in red, showing Waltham Cross and Pontefract despatch datestamps respectively and Sydney Ship Letter on reverse, both pre-paid at 8d. rate to Australia with further 3d. due on arrival. *Rev. Thomas Heath had recently returned from Samoa. Dr. George Alexander Turner (1818-1891) had been ordained in 1840 and appointed by the London Missionary Society as missionary to Tanna. Turner and his fellow missionary, Henry Nisbet, were, however, forced by native aggression to return to the Samoan island of Upolu on the "Highlander".* Photo. £300-£400
- 704 ☐ 1855 entire sent by Mailei addressed to "Ma Nisafeti/i Malava" (Rev. Nisbet at Malua, Samoa), dated July 28 and carried on the *Jane*. Letter includes mention (large part transcription included) of the life of the church on Erromanga and Aneityum, and the attendance at church of Aueani, killer of Rev. Williams. *In Oct. 1854 the mission vessel "John Williams" carried four Samoan teachers, including Mailei, to the island of Erromanga. Dr Henry Nisbet died at Malua in 1876.* Photo. £300-£400
- 705 ☐ 1860 incoming envelope addressed to "Rev. G. Gordon/Missionary/Dillons Bay/Erromanga/Polynesia" franked by New South Wales 1860 6d. grey tied by fine "60/JY 4/D/SYDNEY" sideways duplex and directed to be carried by "Capt. Edwards/via New Caledonia," flap missing and other faults. *Canadian Presbyterian missionary Rev. George Nicol Gordon (1822-1861) was intended for the island of Tanna, but due to unrest there he proceeded to Erromanga, arriving in June 1857 to evangelise among the natives, at first with some success. However, after two children of one of the island's chiefs had died of measles whilst under his care, a group of warriors attacked and killed Gordon and his wife Ellen on May 20 1861.* Photo. £150-£200

Joint Naval Commission 1887-1908



- 706 ☐ 1889 envelope to Lincolnshire endorsed from "H.M.S. 'Swinger', New Hebrides" and sent from Havannah Harbour dated "15/7/89"; sent to his future wife by seaman John E. Young and countersigned by Lt. George W. Cornish as commanding officer, sent at concessionary rate paid by 1d. lilac cancelled "LONDON E.C./7/SP 23/89/K" with Boston same day arrival backstamp, a little roughly opened. Ex Gregson. *Illustrated as fig. 1-2 in "The New Hebrides: Their Postal History and Postage Stamps" by Hals & Collas (1967). The Ariel class gunboat "Swinger" had served on the Australia station since 1883 had been despatched to undertake a five month cruise in the south-west Pacific based in Nouméa. A most important item, only two "Swinger" covers being known sent from the New Hebrides.* Photo. £2,000-£2,500
- 707 ☐ 1907 (May 18) picture postcard ("Marchands de porcs") to Cornwall, apparently sent from H.M.S. *Psyché* during one of her alternate monthly visits, endorsed and dated from "Vila, New Hebrides" bearing G.B. 1902-10 1d. cancelled by London July 8 and next day Duloe arrival c.d.s.'s. Also card from Nouméa showing "Football. Match à l'Ause Vata avec Marins du Croiseur anglais 'Psyché'", sent to Alexandria dated Jan. 27 1907 with 5c. (2) on picture side, minor stain. Photo on pages 104 and 256. £200-£250
- 708 ☐ 1908 (June 9) picture postcard ("Navires de l'Union Calédonienne") sent from Nouméa to Wales bearing G.B. 1902-10 cancelled in transit by London July 20 c.d.s., "we arrived here from the New Hebrides Sunday and we are going back there again on Thursday". Photo also on page 255. £100-£120



New Hebrides: Early Mail continued

- 709 ☒ 1909 (Oct. 19) coloured picture postcard (Queen St., Brisbane) to Cheshire, endorsed and dated from "H.M.S. *Pegasus/Vila*" during one of the last joint Naval Commission inspections, bearing G.B. 1902-10 1d. tied by part Port-Vila c.d.s. and in transit by London Dec. 5 octagon. Also card depicting the "Arrivé du Croiseur Anglais "Pégasus" venant relever le Croiseur "Psyché"" used from Nouméa to Bath in 1906, slight faults. Photo also on page 255. £200-£250
- 710 ☒ 1907 picture postcard ("Un Chef Canaque à Santo, ...") addressed to gunner on *H.M.S. Blake* at Devonport, redirected to R.N. Hospital, Gillingham, returned to the *Blake* at Chatham, sent from Nouméa franked 5c. pair with Yokohama à Marseille No. 8 Aug. 4 octagonal transit, corner fault but unusual. *Apparently sent from H.M.S. "Cambrian" which had arrived at Nouméa on July 2 after a punitive expedition to Malicolo prior to being relieved that autumn.* Photo also on page 255. £80-£100

New South Wales used in New Hebrides 1892-1908



- 711 ☒ 1897 (Oct. 2) envelope franked at Empire rate by 1890 2½d. ultramarine tied by Vila and London Nov. 15 c.d.s.'s, having been locally redirected from Finsbury Park to Palmers Green, with Sydney Oct. 9 transit on reverse. Photo. £600-£700
- 712 ☒ 1903 (May 11) envelope to Sydney, locally redirected to Mines Depot, franked at Empire rate by 2½d. tied by Vila c.d.s. and Sydney May 29 duplex, some cover damage, the adhesive having been excised on piece and replaced, scarce nevertheless. Photo. £150-£180



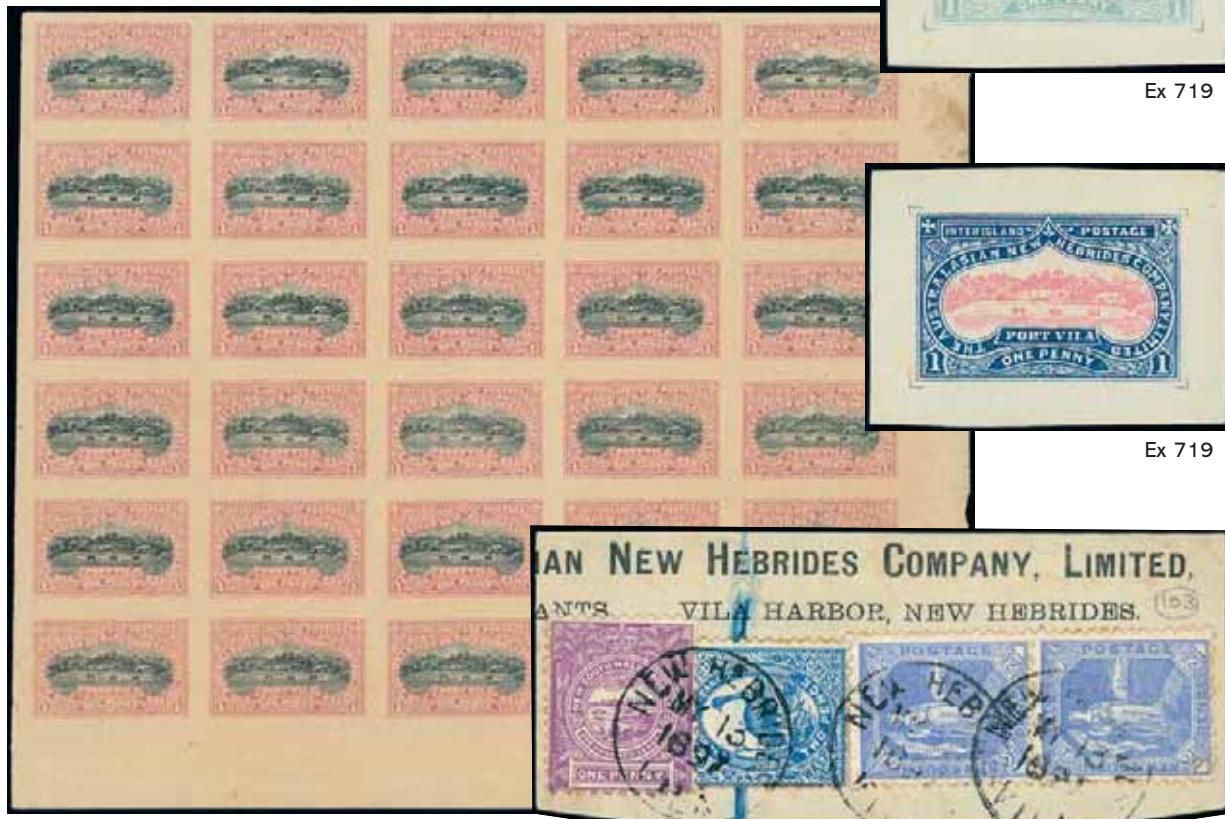
- 713 ☒ 1903 (Oct. 12) British Residency envelope to Surrey franked at Empire rate by 1902 ½d. and 2d. tied by fine Sydney Nov. 3 c.d.s. with Vila c.d.s. alongside (showing "12" day date inverted), backstamped Reigate Dec. 5 arrival. *Ex Baldwin and Illustrated as fig. 3-2 in "The New Hebrides: Their Postal History and Postage Stamps" by Hals & Collas (1967). Capt. Ernest Goldfinch Rason, R.N. (1851- 1915) served as the first British Resident Commissioner from 1902 to 1907 having previously acted as co-President of the Anglo-French Naval Commission whilst in command of H.M.S. "Royalist".* Photo. £600-£700
- 714 ☒ 1905 (Dec. 4), 1906 (Jan. 4) two picture postcards addressed to Miss Paterson in Dunedin, New Zealand, both franked 1905-10 1d. tied by Vila c.d.s., the first "Première habitation d'un colon" with seasonal greetings message and 1d. minor corner fault, the second a rare real photographic showing "Arthursleigh" at Undine Bay and with interesting longer message. The second card with R.P.S. certificate (1975). Photo. £500-£600



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IAN NEW HEBRIDES COMPANY, LIMITED,
ANTS VILA HARBOR, NEW HEBRIDES.



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New South Wales used in New Hebrides 1892 – 1908 continued

- 715 ☐ 1908 (Apr. 15) "SOCIETÉ FRANÇAISE/DES/NOUVELLES HÉBRIDES" envelope, slightly trimmed at top, to Sydney correctly franked by 1899 2d. tied by light Vila c.d.s. with Apr. 29 machine arrival on reverse. Illustrated as fig. 3-3 in "The New Hebrides: Their Postal History and Postage Stamps" by Hals & Collas (1967). Photo on page 104. £200-£250
- 716 ▲ 1908 (Nov. 25) two fine late strikes of "PORT-VILA/NELLES HEBRIDES/25/NOV/08" c.d.s. tying 1902 1d. (2) to piece. Ex Jersey. With the advent of the Condominium Post Office on Oct. 1 1908, New South Wales and New Caledonia stamps could be used concurrently with Condominium stamps until Nov. 30, when their usage was suspended. Photo. £200-£250
- 717 ☐ 1908 (Dec. 10) picture postcard ("Cueilleurs de Café") to New York franked by 1899 ½d. and 1902 1d. tied by fair Vila c.d.s's. The 1½d. rate applied to postcards carrying more than five words of correspondence. Late usage of New South Wales adhesives in contravention of the notice which had permitted continued use until Nov. 30 only. Photo. £600-£700
- 718 ○ Selection of adhesives each cancelled by the N.S.W. postal agency "NEW HEBRIDES/VILA" c.d.s., some on piece, comprising 1888-89 1d., 1890 2½d. (2), 1897-1910 2½d. die I (8) and die II (7) incl. a combination item, a few stains but mainly fair to fine. (13 items) £100-£120

Australasian New Hebrides Company 1897 Locals

- 719 ♀ Proofs, 1d. proofs (2) on wove paper in unissued colours with corner guide marks, one in pink and deep blue, the other in black and pale blue, also issued 1d. mint block of four (lower pair unmounted) and 2d. mint upper marginal horizontal pair with part inscription, hinged and creased in margin only. One other 1d. proof in the unissued combination of black and bright brown is known in the Luff Collection at the Philatelic Foundation, New York. Photo. £600-£700
- 720 Ⓛ 1d. black and pale magenta variety imperforate, lower right corner mint block of thirty (5 x 6), a few minor imperfections and adhesions but rare. A single sheet of 120 was discovered only in 1989. Photo. £200-£250



- 721 ☐ 1897 (Aug. 4) envelope addressed to John F. Hamblly at the Austral Cycle Company in Sydney bearing 2d. lightly cancelled by Port Vila c.d.s. with New South Wales 1890 2½d. cancelled by two fine strikes of "NEW HEBRIDES/VILA" c.d.s., with Aug. 13 arrival on reverse. Ex Jersey. Also 1897 (May 13) piece from company envelope bearing N.S.W. 1888 Centenary 1d., 2d. and 1890 2½d. pair with Vila c.d.s's, this being one of only two surviving pieces bearing a 8d. registered franking. Photo. £1,000-£1,200
- 722 ☐ 1897 (Sept. 27) envelope addressed to A.D. Peden, N.S.W. Mortgage, Loan & Agency Co. in Sydney bearing 1d. and 2d. at foot tied by type 1 Port Vila c.d.s's with N.S.W. 1890 2½d. cancelled by two strikes of "NEW HEBRIDES/OC 2/1897/VILA" c.d.s., with arrival backstamp. Also 1d. (3, one marginal) cancelled Vila c.d.s. Photo. £500-£600
- 723 Selection comprising 1d., 2d., mint, 1d. (3), 2d. (4) cancelled type 1 Port Vila c.d.s's, 1d. (3, one in 1896 outside period of validity), 2d. (4) cancelled type 2 Travelling P.O. c.d.s's, 1897 (June 22) 'Capt. Calder' cover bearing 1d. and 2d., and piece bearing 1f. with N.S.W. 1d. alongside (affixed before local) with May 30 1898 c.d.s. (18 items) Roland Klinger notes "there are relatively few used singles bearing cancellations dated prior to August 1897, and no commercial covers are known. Copies dated after 30 September 1897 are likely to be philatelically used." (<http://www.ro-klinger.de/NH/1-abp.htm>) Photo. £200-£250



New Hebrides: Australasian New Hebrides Company 1897 Locals continued

- 724 Specialised collection in an album, incl. 1892 Timetable for Steamers (G.P.O. Sydney, Dec. 16 1891), part plated study incl. 1d. and 2d. sheets of 120 both separated into corner blocks of thirty, mainly fair to fine. (approx. 340) £150-£200

Syndicat Français 1903 Locals

- 725 O 1903 5c. to 1f. set of four, each cancelled by "FRANCEVILLE/28 OCT 08/1908/NLLES HEBRIDES" c.d.s. in violet, only known with this date and considered bogus. *In Sept. 1903, the Syndicat Français des Nouvelles Hébrides re-established an inter-island postal system on similar lines to that previously maintained by the Australasian New Hebrides Co. Four values of adhesive postage stamps were produced but could be used only upon mail conveyed on board of the company's vessels within the group and were not accepted by the post office at Nouméa which considered the issue an infringement of their rights. After having been in circulation for slightly over one month, they were suppressed by order of the Governor of New Caledonia, and the existing stocks confiscated.* Photo. £100-£120
- 726 ☒ 1903 (Sept. 15) envelope to Nouméa bearing 5c. to 1f. set of four tied by fine individual "PORT-VILA/NELLES HEBRIDES" c.d.s.'s, some staining and vertical cover fold. Photo. £100-£120
- 727 ☒ 1903 (Sept. 15) unaddressed envelope bearing 25c. with New Caledonia 1903 Anniversary 25c. tied by "PORT-VILA/NELLES HEBRIDES" c.d.s.'s, faint staining. Photo. £100-£120
- 728 ☒ 1903 (Sept. 26) envelope locally addressed to M.E. Molache bearing 5c. to 1f. set of four tied by fine individual "PORT-VILA/NELLES HEBRIDES" c.d.s.'s, horizontal and vertical folds. *The Syndicat Français Locals were printed in France by order of Mr. Laubreux, an editor in Nouméa. He was the printer of the "Journal des Nelles Hébrides". Mr. Émile Morache was the representative of SFNH in Vate (Vila) and the owner of the newspaper Mr. Laubreux printed. (Hubert Goron).* Photo. £80-£100
- 729 1905 (ca.) Bonnet 15c. forgery, impression in black on gummed paper (59 x 59mm), also later modern reproductions in black on thin card, single impression (154 x 90mm) and block of four (95 x 70mm), issued 5c. (crease) and 15c. unused. £100-£120
- 730 Selection in slightly varied condition comprising 5c. to 1f. (4) unused, 5c. (2, one on picture postcard cancelled "NLLES HEBRIDES/PT SANDWICH" c.d.s.), 15c., used. (9 + 1 card) £100-£120

New Caledonia used in New Hebrides 1903-08

- 731 ☒ 1903 (July 4) picture postcard (undivided back, "POPINEE NEO-HEBRIDAISE" vignette, signed) to Paris franked 10c. tied by Port-Vila c.d.s. with superb additional strike at left. *A very early date.* Photo also on page 255. £200-£250
- 732 ☒ 1905 (Apr. 16) neat envelope, flap missing, to Nouméa bearing 1903 Anniversary 2c., 5c. and 15c. cancelled "NLLES HEBRIDES/PT SANDWICH" c.d.s.'s with fine additional strike alongside. *One of the earliest recorded dates of usage, this during the visit of the Messageries Maritimes vessel "Pacifique".* Photo. £200-£250
- 733 ☒ 1905 (Apr. 16) picture postcard to Choisy-le-Roi, France, franked by New Caledonia 1892 10c. tied by "NLLES HEBRIDES/PT SANDWICH" c.d.s. with additional fine strike at left. Photo. £120-£150
- 734 O 1907 picture postcard of Nouméa Cathedral addressed to France bearing (partly overlapping upper edge) 1901 5c. and 1905 5c. with "NLLES HEBRIDES/PT SANDWICH" c.d.s.'s, also 1900 15c. (rounded corner), 1901 5c. pair and single cancelled by the c.d.s. (4 items) Photo. £150-£180
- 735 ☒ 1907, unaddressed picture postcard ("Plusieurs Perogues Indigenes a l'abri dans une baie aux Nlle Hebrides") bearing 1901 5c. tied by "NLLES HEBRIDES/PT SANDWICH" c.d.s. Photo. £100-£120
- 736 ☒ 1907 (Aug. 31) picture postcard ("L'Habitation d'un cultivateur à Santo, Nlle. Hebrides") to Sydney overpaid by 1900 15c. tied by one of two "NLLES HEBRIDES/PT SANDWICH" c.d.s.'s showing month inverted. Photo. £120-£150
- 737 ☒ 1908 (Apr. 12) two picture postcards ("Un beau chou", "Un jour de tempête") bearing 1901 5c. tied to picture side by Port-Vila c.d.s., also two cards ("Les jeunes chefs de TOUHO et leurs conseillers" and "La Pêche dans la Rivière de Saint-Louis" by Bergeret et Cie. of Nancy) bearing 1892 2c. and 1903 Anniversary 4c. cancelled Port-Vila (year date unclear) on picture side with additional strike on reverse. (4 cards) Photo on page 256. £120-£150



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New Caledonia used in New Hebrides 1903-08 continued

- 738 ☒ 1908 (June 7) envelope addressed to Emil Lubke, editor of the Samoanische Zeitung in Samoa franked 1900 25c. tied by fine "PORT-VILA/NELLES HEBRIDES" c.d.s. with additional strike alongside, the cover roughly opened and trimmed at left but a scarce commercial item with Nouméa and Sydney transits on reverse. Photo. £300-£350
- 739 ☒ 1908 (Nov. 24, Nov. 28) two attractive locally addressed registered 'Rossi' covers, the former a New Caledonia 10c. stationery envelope bearing 1905 5c. and 1903 Anniversary 5c. used with British issue ½d., 1d., French issue 1908 5c. and 10c., the latter with New Caledonia 1892 30c. strip of four, 1903 Anniversary 30c. and 1905 40c. pair; good to fine "PORT-VILA/NELLES HEBRIDES" c.d.s.'s and "R" in octagon handstamps. *With the advent of the Condominium Post Office on Oct. 1 1908, New Caledonia stamps could be used only until Nov. 30, when their usage was suspended.* Photo. £400-£500
- 740 ☒ 1908 (Nov. 24, Nov. 28) two locally addressed registered 'Rossi' covers, the former bearing 1903 Anniversary 15c. and 1905 5c., 10c., used with British issue ½d., 1d., French issue 1908 5c. and 10c., the latter with New Caledonia 1892 25c. strip of five, 1903 Anniversary 40c. and 1904 type III "4" on 5c. yellow-green, good to fine "PORT-VILA/NELLES HEBRIDES" c.d.s.'s and "R" in octagon handstamps. Photo. £300-£400
- 741 ☒ Selection incl. three picture postcards bearing 1901 5c. (other adhesives removed) or 1905 5c. (2) cancelled "NLLS HEBRIDES/PT SANDWICH" c.d.s., 1904 card bearing Anniversary 4c. and 1908 card with 1900 10c. cancelled "PORT-VILA/NELLES HEBRIDES", also a range of adhesives similarly cancelled. Photo also on page 256. £200-£250

First British Provisional Issue 1908

- 742 ½d. (3) to 1s. 'set' each with diagonal serifed "SPECIMEN" apparently archival handstamp (9, origin not proven), mainly fine with gum, also ½d. to 1s. (Watermark Crown CA) first overprinting basic set of seven tied to piece by early Port Vila "10/NOV/08" c.d.s's. Photo. £200-£250
- 743 ★ ½d. (all) to 1s. (both) mint, the 1s. Watermark Crown CA with R.P.S. certificate (1976), also 1d. horizontal strip of four, upper marginal with plate no. (one portion of selvedge missing), with overprints misplaced and obliterated by wavy lines and purple ink (ex Baldwin). A single sheet with the top row in this condition arrived at the office of the Resident Commissioner from the printers at Suva, the printers having cancelled the offending row in this manner without removing it but having subtracted it from their invoice. Three surviving strips of four are recorded, see fig. 6-5, "The New Hebrides: Their Postal History and Postage Stamps" by Hals & Collas (1967). Photo. £200-£250
- 744 ☒ Two covers bearing ½d. to 1s. basic set of seven, the first with scarce 1s. Watermark Crown CA sent 1909 (Apr. 11) addressed to inter-island steamer *Pacifique* at Sydney with late use of former New Caledonian Pt. Sandwich c.d.s's, the second 1910 (Apr. 9) registered to Brussels with 1s. Watermark Mult. Crown CA with Vila first type Condominium c.d.s's. Photo on page 112. £200-£250



- 745 ★ 1d. red, the rare OVERPRINT OMITTED variety in a vertical strip of four with three normal, marginal from the top of the sheet, unmounted mint with usual climatically toned gum. A Crown Jewel of New Hebrides Philately. Twelve se-tenant items resulted from the single sheet that missed the overprint on row 4, eight surviving as pairs only. B.P.A. certificate (2002), S.G. 2a, cat. £10,000+. Photo also on front cover. £4,000-£5,000
- 746 ☒ 1909 (July 8) envelope registered to Paris (address partly erased) franked 1s. Watermark Mult. Crown CA with former New Caledonian Port-Vila c.d.s's, "R" in octagon and Sept. 4 arrival backstamp. Photo on page 112. £100-£120
- 747 ☒ 1909 (July 24) 'Reinhard' envelope to Switzerland franked 6d. (2) with former New Caledonian Port-Vila c.d.s's and "R" in octagon, backstamped Aug. 9 Sydney transit and Bern Sept. 12 arrival, tear at top and vertical fold clear of adhesives. Photo on page 112. £100-£120
- 748 ☒ 1910 (July 2) postcard to Sydney franked 1d., (Sept. 24) cover to London franked 1d. corner pair, both with Vila first type Condominium c.d.s's, also 1912 (Aug. 22) cover to Sydney franked 2½d. (Second Issue) and (Mar. 28) to Lancashire additional weight cover franked 2½d. with 1d., both with former New Caledonian Port-Vila c.d.s's showing inverted "2" in year date. (4 items) £120-£150



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New Hebrides: First British Provisional Issue 1908 continued

- 749 1910 (Nov. 20) registered cover to Sydney bearing ½d. and 1d. strips of three, 2d. pair and single cancelled by seven strikes of Service Maritime first Condominium c.d.s. with "R" in octagon, all in blue, showing Nouméa Nov. 25 transit and Nov. 27 arrival on reverse. Photo. £150-£180
- 750 Mint and used selection on leaves, incl. ½d. to 1s. (Watermark Crown CA) tied to piece by individual Port-Vila Nov. 10 1908 c.d.s's, also 1910 Second British Provisionals incl. 2d. on picture postcards (4), unoverprinted Fiji issues, etc., good to fine. (approx. 110) £150-£180
- 751 Selection comprising 2d. plate no. block of twelve (lower two rows of left pane), 2½d., 5d. and 6d. plate no. blocks of four, mint, range of transferred N.S.W. c.d.s. cancellations on values to 2½d. with a few French issues, 1d. franking 1908 postcard (Vaow canoe) to London and 1910 cover to Nouméa, 5d. pair and single with 6d. on 1909 registered 'Kiderlen' cover to Germany, 5d., 6d. and 1s. on 1910 registered cover to U.S.A. (38 + 4 covers) £150-£200

First French Provisional Issue 1908

- 752 1907 "NELLES/HEBRIDES" unadopted diagonal trial overprint on New Caledonia 1905 5c. (2), 10c. (2), 25c. (2) and 50c., with gum, also the issued set of five mint, odd trivial fault. (12) £100-£120
- 753 1909 (Mar.) two postcards, one ("Rade de Port-Vila") to Paris bearing 5c., the other ("Pirogue des NOUVELLES-HEBRIDES") to Nouméa with 10c., both on picture side cancelled former New Caledonia c.d.s. £100-£120
- 754 1909 (Apr.-May) three postcards, each bearing 5c. on picture side with former New Caledonia c.d.s's, the first ("Un Indigène de Sancto-Espiritu") to Lyon with Port Sandwich c.d.s., the others ("Entrée du Maewa Cone" and "Canaques travaillant sur une plantation"), some faults, to Nouméa cancelled Port-Vila. £100-£120
- 755 1909 (Apr. 27) envelope to Germany bearing 10c. pair cancelled by first Vila Condominium c.d.s's with "T" in triangle charge mark and ms. "0.10" having been underpaid by 5c., backstamped Sydney transit and Leipzig porto mark. Photo. £100-£120
- 756 1911 (Apr. 11) Burns Philp Line envelope registered to Sydney franked at 75c. rate by by 25c. strip of three tied by former New Caledonia Port-Vila c.d.s's with "R" in octagon and Apr. 24 arrival backstamp, repaired cuts from aborted attempt to cut away adhesives otherwise fine. £80-£100
- 757 Mint and used selection incl. set in mint blocks of four (10c. in pair), set used (2, one on 1909 registered cover to Belgium, "08" millésime marks, 25c. and 50c. on 1910 cover to Germany, etc. mainly good to fine. (34 + 2 covers) £150-£200

First Provisional Issue Combination Mail

- 758 1908 (Nov. 23) envelope to Paris bearing British issue ½d. with French issue full set of five and unoverprinted New Caledonia 5c. and 10c. cancelled by mainly fine individual, and late use, strikes of "PORT-VILA/NELLES HEBRIDES" c.d.s., vertical fold clear of adhesives. *With the advent of the Condominium Post Office on Oct. 1 1908, New Caledonia stamps could be used concurrently with Condominium stamps only until Nov. 30, when their usage was suspended.* Also 1909 (Aug. 23) cover (slightly trimmed at foot) registered to U.S.A. franked by British 2½d. with French 5c., 10c. (2) and 25c., cancelled by light strikes of "NEW HEBRIDES/VILA" c.d.s's in violet, with transit and Washington Oct. 27 arrival backstamps. Photo. £200-£250
- 759 1909 (Apr. 11) registered cover to Australia at 9d. rate franked by British 1d. and 2d. pair with French 10c. pairs (2, one with tear), with "R" in octagon and Sydney Apr. 19 arrival on reverse, also 1911 (Oct. 21) registered cover to Liverpool bearing British ½d. to 1s. basic set of seven, transit and arrival backstamps, both covers cancelled by former New Caledonian "PORT-VILA/NELLES" c.d.s's. Photo on page 114. £150-£180
- 760 1909 (May 6), (Aug. 10) two printed address envelopes at 2d. Empire rate to Lt. Col. W.C. Clements in Hampshire with mainly fine "VILA/NEW HEBRIDES" c.d.s's, the first franked by British ½d. with French 5c. and 10c., the second by British 1d. and French 10c., both with arrival backstamps. £100-£120
- 761 1911 (Jan. 23) registered cover to Paris franked at 3½d. rate by 1d. with French issue 25c., cancelled in blue-black by first Vila Condominium c.d.s's with "R" in octagon, vertical fold clear of adhesives, attractive. Photo on page 114. £150-£180



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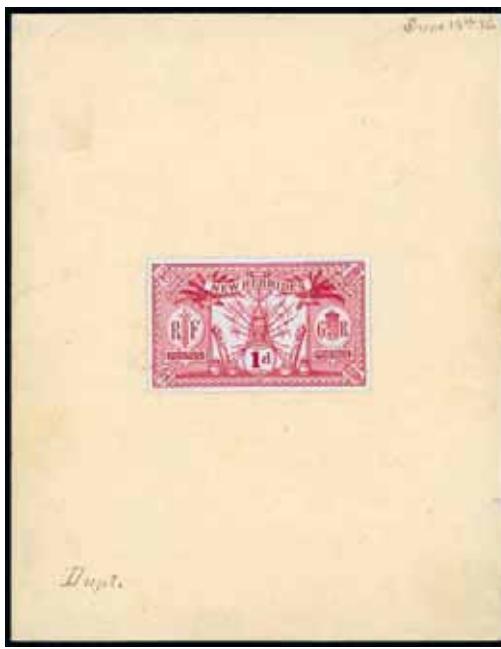
New Hebrides: Second British Provisional Issue 1910

- 762 p s 6d. imperf. plate proof in issued colours on gummed, watermarked paper, also ½d. to 1s. set overprinted "SPECIMEN" (Samuel type D12) with additional 5d. (2, one showing long "M" in "CONDOMINIUM" [Left pane, pos. 56], mainly fine with gum. (10) £200-£250
- 763 ☒ 1911 (Mar. 16) cover (flap missing) from the "MILICE/des/NOUVELLES-HÉBRIDES/BUREAU/du/COMMANDANT/de la/SECTION FRANÇAISE" to France, franked at rare military rate by ½d. pair with first Vila Condominium c.d.s.'s in blue, backstamped New Caledonia transit and Pau May 7 arrival. *Illustrated as fig. 8-1 in "The New Hebrides: Their Postal History and Postage Stamps" by Hals & Collas (1967).* Photo. £150-£180
- 764 ☒ 1911 (Apr. 6) to Sydney and 1912 (Apr. 7) to Ipswich, two registered covers, the first a Burns Philp Line envelope bearing 1d. (2) and 2½d. pairs with 6d. cancelled Port-Vila c.d.s.'s with Apr. 24 arrival, the second with full set less 1d., Vila cancellations, transit and June 3 arrival backstamps. Photo. £150-£180
- 765 ☒ 1918 (Sept. 27) large registered cover to Australia with double circle cachet "CONDOMINIUM/NEW/HEBRIDES/POSTMASTER" bearing 2d., 5d., 6d. and 1s. used in combination with 1908 5d., French issue 1908 25c. and 1910-11 25c., cancelled in red by Vila first Condominium type c.d.s.'s, with Melbourne Oct. 16 arrival on reverse, minor imperfections. Photo. £100-£120

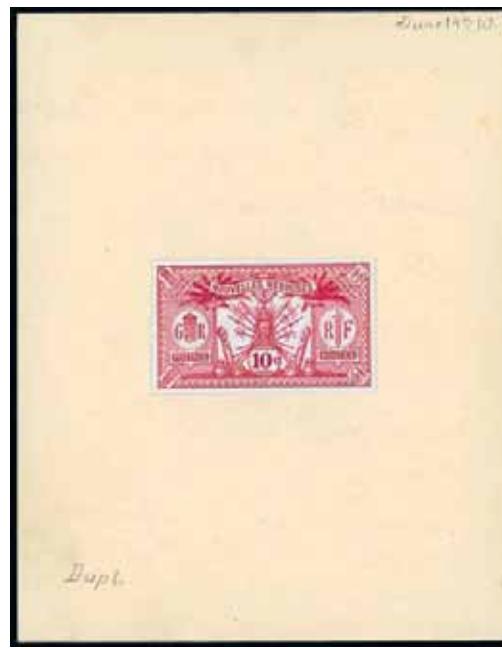
Second French Provisional Issue 1910-11

- 766 ☒ 1910 (Nov. 20) early use of 10c. franking New Caledonia postcard ("Canaques de la Tribu de Touho", with uncancelled 1c. and 4c.) to London, tied by one of two fair to good strikes of first Service Maritime c.d.s. in blue. Photo. £100-£120
- 767 Selection incl. set mint with multiples, setting varieties, used with cancellation interest and some British issues, set on 1910 cover registered to Paris, 1911 front registered to N.S.W. bearing 10c., 25c. pair and 50c., 1913 cover to Sydney (faults) franked 10c. pair, etc., mainly good to fine. £180-£200

1911 Definitive Issue



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- 768 p Die Proofs, British issues, Artist's proof from the original copper die, struck in carmine on thin glazed card, denominated 1d., affixed to board (88 x 114mm) ex De La Rue archives, endorsed "Dupl." and dated "June 14th 10". One of two known. Photo. £400-£500
- 769 p - French issues, Artist's proof from the original copper die, struck in carmine on thin glazed card, denominated 10c., affixed to board (88 x 114mm) ex De La Rue archives, endorsed "Dupl." and dated "June 14th 10". One of two known. Photo. £400-£500

New Hebrides: 1911 Definitive Issue continued



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- 770 P Die Proofs, Intermediate stage die proof from the master steel die with country name, value and other tablets blank, struck in black on thick, surfaced wove paper (57 x 44mm), initialled and dated "Aug. 11 1910". Photo.

£400-£500

- 771 P - Undenominated master die proofs for British and French issues, struck in black on thin card. Photo.

£400-£500

- 772 P Colour Trials/Printer's Samples, French issue 40c. in blue-green imperf. on thin card (2), one overprinted "SPECIMEN". Photo.

£150-£200

- 773 S Specimen Stamps, ½d. to 5s. set and 1921 1d. (2) to 6d. overprinted "SPECIMEN" (Samuel type D12x) with gum, a few minor gum adhesions otherwise mainly fine. (13) S.G. 18s-28s, 36s-39s, cat. £335+. Photo.

£100-£120

- 774 □ 1913 (Aug. 28) three printed 'Wilson' covers registered from Port Vila to Birmingham each franked by British ½d. and 1d. used with French 5c. and 10c., with arrival backstamps.

£80-£100

- 775 □ 1d. letter rate, four covers to Sydney comprising 1914 (Mar. 11) franked 1d. (creased and stained), 1913 (Oct. 21) and 1916 (Mar. 17) franked 10c., 1914 (June 26) franked 5c. (2, one torn).

£80-£100

- 776 □ 1921 (May 20) combined issue cover registered from Vila to Melbourne with Condominium Postmaster's cachet on reverse, bearing British issue ½d. strip of six used with French issue 1f., transit and arrival backstamps. Photo.

£100-£120

- 777 Collection in an album, mint and used with later surcharges, watermark and colour changes, etc. incl. 1911 set (both) mint, ½d. and 20c. (2) sheets of 30 and French 1913 watermark change set mint, British 1924 surcharges used, French 1924 50c. on 25c. mint sheet of 30, and a range of covers variously franked and addressed incl. 1921 registered to Germany bearing 5s., 1922 to Melbourne with 1920 2d. on 40c. strip of three, 1922 registered to U.S.A. bearing values to 2f., picture postcards (6), 1923 to South Africa bearing 1921 colour change 1d. to 6d., etc. mainly good to fine.

£300-£350



1920-21 Surcharges



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Ex 780

- 778 ☒ 1921 (June 13) envelope addressed to Melbourne bearing the original set of three 1920 values used with French issue 5c. on 50c. (2, one the rare first provisional without "CONDOMINIUM" - only 300 known surcharged) and 10c. on 25c. (2, one showing major horizontal displacement of surcharge resulting in "1" virtually omitted) tied by Vila c.d.s's. Illustrated on p. 97 of "The New Hebrides: Their Postal History and Postage Stamps" by Hals & Collas (1967). Photo. £200-£250
- 779 ★ 1d. on 5d. sage-green, variety surcharge inverted, marginal example from the left of the sheet, mint with climatically toned gum, collector/dealer handstamps on gum, also normal mint single and corner block of four (hinged in margin only). Rare, one of only fourteen recorded examples. B.P.A. certificate (2000), S.G. 30, a, cat. £4,555. Photo. £1,200-£1,500
- 780 ★ Small selection incl. British issue 2d. on 40c. (both) mint (S.G. F27 marginal and with R.P.S. certificate, 1976), French issue 5c. on 40c. unused left marginal block of six (2 x 3) with surcharge dramatically misplaced - See "The New Hebrides: Their Postal History and Postage Stamps" by Hals & Collas (1967), p. 101. Photo. £150-£200

1924 Surcharges



Ex 781

- 781 ★ 5d. on 2½d. ultramarine, variety surcharge inverted, marginal example from the right of the sheet, mint with gum showing usual light climatic toning, also normal unmouted mint marginal block of nine (minor bends). Rare, one of only twenty recorded examples. B.P.A. certificate (1974), S.G. 42, a, cat. £3,567. Photo. £1,200-£1,500

1925 Dual Currency Definitive Issues



- 782 e Essays, French postage due issue, in carmine on sunken board (112 x 102mm) with "2½D/25c" value tablets and "CHIFFRE-TAXE" handpainted, numbered "D" and dated "17th October 1924" with endorsement "Approved overprint/to be slightly lowered", initialled and further dated "20/X/24". Ex De La Rue archives with company handstamp on reverse. Ex Goron. Photo. £600-£800



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New Hebrides: 1925 Dual Currency Definitive Issues continued



- 783 P **Essays**, French postage due issue, in carmine affixed to board (115 x 102mm) with "2½D/25c" value tablets (partially erased) and "CHIFFRE-TAXE" handpainted, numbered "F" and dated "5-11-24" with endorsement "Appd as to position/of overprint", initialled and further dated "7/4/24". Ex De La Rue archives with company handstamp on reverse. Ex Goron. Photo. £600-£800
- 784 P **Die Proofs, British issue** ½d. (5c.) die proof in black on surfaced wove paper (77 x 55mm) endorsed "Value correct", initialled "F.R." and dated "13-11-24" below. Ex Goron. Photo. £400-£500
- 785 P - British issue 10d. (1fr.) die proof in black on surfaced wove paper (79 x 57mm) endorsed "Value correct", initialled "F.R." and dated "13-11-24" below. *This value issued only with "POSTAGE DUE" overprint.* Ex Goron. Photo. £400-£500
- 786 P - British issue 2s. (2f.50) die proof in black on surfaced wove paper (78 x 56mm) endorsed "Value correct" and dated "13-11-24" below. Ex Goron. Photo. £400-£500
- 787 P **Die Proofs, French issue** 25c. (2½d.) die proof in black on surfaced wove paper (79 x 55mm), dated "14-11-24" below. Ex Goron. Photo. £400-£500
- 788 P - 75c. (7½d.) die proof in black on surfaced wove paper (78 x 53mm), dated "14-11-24" below. Ex Goron. Photo. £400-£500
- 789 P - 1f. (10d.) die proof in black on surfaced wove paper (76 x 51mm), dated "14-11-24" below. Ex Goron. Photo. £400-£500
- 790 P - 2f. (1/8) die proof in black on surfaced wove paper (83 x 56mm) dated "14-11-24" below. Also issued stamp. Photo. £400-£500
- 791 P - 5f. (4/-) die proof in black on surfaced wove paper (84 x 54mm) dated "14-11-24" below. Also issued stamp. Photo. £400-£500
- 792 P **Plate Proofs** in blue on unwatermarked wove paper, French issue 5c. (½d.) block of six, 10c. (1d.) block of four, 20c. (2d.), 40c. (4d.), 75c. (7½d.), 1f. (10d.), 2f. (1/8) and 5f. (4/-) singles, chiefly fine. (16) Photo. £450-£500
- 793 P - British issue ½d. (50c.), 2½d. (25c.), 3d. (30c.), 5d. (50c.), 6d. (60c.), 10d. (1fr.), 1s. (1.25fr.), 2s. (2.50fr.) and 5s. (6.25fr.), the ½d. with vertical crease otherwise chiefly fine with most marginal. *Hals & Collas do not record the 2s. and 5s. values. The 3d. and 10d. were issued only with "POSTAGE DUE" overprint.* (9) Photo. £400-£450
- 794 P s **Colour Trials**, British issue 1d. perforated colour trials (9) in issued, or close to issued, colours on watermarked paper (subsequently gummed) in grey (two shades, one with blunt corner, the other slight perf. faults), black, purple (two shades), brown, black on emerald, purple on blue and green on yellow respectively, also set of nine overprinted "SPECIMEN" (Samuel type D16x), fine with gum. (18) Photo. £400-£500
- 795 - French issue 1d. perforated colour trials (8) in issued colours of 10c. (1d.) and (30c. (3d.) to 5f. (4s.) on watermarked paper (subsequently gummed), odd minor perf. imperfection, also set of eleven overprinted "SPECIMEN" (Samuel type D16x), fine with gum. (19) Photo. £400-£500



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Ex 807



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Ex 806



Ex 803

Ex 804

New Hebrides: 1925 Dual Currency Definitive Issues continued

- 796 s Specimen Stamps, Postage Due British and French Issue sets of five, each overprinted "SPECIMEN" (Samuel type D16x), the 50c. (5d.) with small fault at foot otherwise mainly fine with gum. (10) S.G. D1s-D5s, FD53s-FD57s, cat. £330. £80-£100
- 797 ☒ Postage Dues, 1932, two underpaid incoming covers from Indo-China to Port-Vila, one with 2c. and 4½c. pair cancelled fine Binhthuy Rural Post in blue and showing large "T" with British issue corner marginal 10d. (1f.) affixed, the other from Tinhbien with 1c., showing "T" in triangle with French issue 10c. (2d.) and 30c. (3d.) pairs, both with transit and arrival backstamps, scarce. £100-£120

Issues 1938 to 1980

- 798 s 1938 Gold Currency, British issue 5c. to 10f. and French issue 5c. to 10f. sets perforated "SPECIMEN" (Samuel B9) with gum (French issues small part), the French 10c. with rounded corner otherwise mainly fine. (24) S.G. 52s-63s, F53s-F64s, cat. £625. £100-£120
- 799 1941 "France Libre" Overprints, selection mint and used with a range of covers on leaves incl. set mint (less 25c.) and used (3, one on pieces, another on two covers, the other with "INTERINSULAIRE" c.d.s's), postage dues mint and used (2, one on cover), incl. f.d.c. bearing postage and postage due sets addressed to Sir Harry Luke at Suva, chiefly good to fine. (approx. 100 items) £400-£500
- 800 ✈ p 1968 Anglo-French Concorde Project, two sets of photographic proofs of accepted 25c. and 60c. designs, unaccepted 25c. (2) and 60c. (2) designs (similar to issued) and larger unaccepted design for official f.d.c. illustration. (14 items) £80-£100
- 801 New FNH Currency Surcharges, comprehensive study on leaves with Paris and Port Vila overprintings, British and French issues, with settings and varieties, multiples incl. Port Vila French 200f. on 5f. sheet of 25, unissued values, commercial mail and f.d.c's, aerogrammes, etc., mainly fine. £250-£300
- 802 ☒ 1977-78 Port Vila Local Surcharges, British issue 5f. on 5c. variety surcharge double, unmounted mint, fine. 25 examples known. S.G. 233a. Photo. £200-£250
- 803 ☒ - 15f. on 5c. variety surcharge inverted, trivial gum disturbance otherwise fine unmounted mint. S.G. 235a. Photo. £150-£180
- 804 ☐ - 25f. on 25c. block of four from the lower left corner of the upper pane, unmounted mint with the lower pair c.t.o., the lower left stamp showing variety "FHN" for "FNH" [R. 5/1], fine. S.G. F236, a. 45 examples possible. Photo. £300-£350
- 805 ☐ ☐ - 30f. on 30c. block of four from the lower left corner of the upper pane, unmounted mint with the lower pair c.t.o., the lower left stamp showing variety "FHN" for "FNH" [R. 5/1], fine. S.G. F237, a. 45 examples possible. Photo. £200-£250
- 806 ☐ 1977-78 Port Vila Local Surcharges, French issue 25f. on 25c. horizontal pair from the lower left corner of the upper pane, c.t.o., one showing variety "FHN" for "FNH" [R. 5/1], fine. S.G. F236, a. 45 examples possible. Photo. £250-£300
- 807 ☐ - 30f. on 30c. block of four from the lower left corner of the upper pane, unmounted mint with the lower pair c.t.o., the lower left stamp showing variety "FHN" for "FNH" [R. 5/1], fine. S.G. F251, a. 45 examples possible. Photo. £250-£300
- 808 ☐ - 35f. on 35c. Setting I block of four from the lower left corner of the upper pane, unmounted mint with the lower pair c.t.o., the upper right stamp showing variety "NH" for "FNH" [R. 4/2], fine. S.G. F252, a. Photo. £200-£250

Collections

- 809 Selection on leaves and loose, mainly French issues with 1908 to 1f. (3), 1910-11 to 1f. (2), used, an attractive range of picture postcards (23) used from 1914 onward incl. 'Campagne du "Kersaint"' cards, nine C.N.F.H. series cards unused (9), also Military Franchise special postcards (3) bearing 1911 issues, etc., poor to fine. Photo on page 256. £250-£300

New Hebrides: Collections continued

- 810 Specialised collection of issues from 1925 to 1964 in four albums mint and used with shades and printings, varieties etc., incl. 1925 sets (both) mint and used, postage dues mint and used, 1938 Gold Currency British set mint, postage dues (both) perforated "SPECIMEN" and mint, later definitives, commemoratives, postage dues, cancellation interest with many covers incl. f.d.c's, commercial with scarcer rates, official mail, postal stationery incl. Australian Territories formula aerogrammes, 'doctor' cards (7), etc. £400-£500
- 811 Comprehensive specialised collection of issues from 1965 to 1980 in twelve albums mint and used with photographic proofs of issued and unaccepted designs, varieties, cancellation interest with many covers incl. f.d.c's, commercial with scarcer rates, paquebot covers, official mail and letters, postal stationery with aerogrammes, etc. mostly fine. £500-£600

Covers and Cancellations

- 812 ○ **Cancellations**, a collection in an album with an extensive range of c.d.s. types on adhesives, some on pieces, incl. inverted slugs and other varieties, Interisland Service and other maritime marks, *Motau* seal in violet, with a range of commercial and philatelic covers, picture postcards, and an unusual range of bogus cancellations on adhesives and covers incl. three 'Alavoine' items, fair to fine. £250-£300
- 813 **Official Cachets**, a comprehensive collection of mainly 1970s covers in five albums, showing franks of the British and French Administrations and the Anglo-French Condominium with a range of departments, official and commercial mail, variously addressed with stampless and franked items. (approx. 500) *For further information on types see "New Hebrides Official Cachets 1908 - 1980" by W.R. Holland, (2000).* £300-£400
- 814 ☒ **The Coconut War**, 1980 (June 26) to Cheshire with typed endorsement "42nd R.M. Vila N.H." and (July 15) two covers to U.S.A. with dated cachet of Quartermaster, 42 Commando, R.M. on reverse, the former bearing G.B. 8p. and 2p. pair, the latter both with 5p. and 10p, all cancelled F.P.O. 941. *On June 8 1980, the New Hebrides government asked Britain and France to send troops to put down a rebellion on the island of Espiritu Santo. After much wrangling a contingent of 200 Royal Marines was despatched as a 'calming influence' upon natives armed mainly with spears and bows and arrows.* (3 covers) £100-£120

Maritime Cancellations

- 815 ☒ Selection from 1911 onward with range of markings incl. loose adhesives, and covers with 1911 to France with 1d. tied by light first ship mail c.d.s, three 1914 covers to Lancashire (2 with double oval "LOOSE SHIP/LETTER") franked ½d. pair or 10c. printed paper rate cancelled at Sydney, straight line "NOUMEA" mark on 1938 50c. on cover to London, etc. (32 items) £100-£120
- 816 ☒ Service Maritime c.d.s's, selection incl. 1928 postcard ("Entrée de la Sarrakata") to Paris bearing 10c. strip of three cancelled May 6 (italic date), 1925 5d. on 1928 and 1929 covers to France (the first with one adhesive removed, the second underpaid and bearing France 50c. postage due). Photo. £150-£180
- 817 ☒ 1934-39, selection of seven covers comprising 1934 to Dunedin bearing 2d. and 30c. cancelled "SYDNEY/20" on arrival, four 'Cutress' items to Surrey, one with 5d. cancelled Uturoa, two with "PAQUEBOT/SYDNEY" c.d.s's and 1939 from Wallis et Futuna via Vila, and two 1936 small 'Commander' covers bearing British ½d. and French 5c. respectively cancelled "PAQUEBOT/ADEN". £150-£180
- 818 ☒ 1934 (Apr. 7) envelope to Paris franked 1925 20c., 30c. cancelled good to fine "NEW HEBRIDES/INTER-ISLAND" c.d.s's with same day Vila transit on reverse and June 19 offset arrival. Photo. £100-£120
- 819 ☒ 1934 (July 31) to Paris bearing 1925 2f. and 1935 (July 22) to Clamart, France with 5d., endorsed from Père Guillaume at Melsisi, Pentecost Island, both cancelled "NEW HEBRIDES/INTER-ISLES", 1939 (July 8) to Nouméa franked 1938 10c. cancelled "NOUVELLES HEBRIDES/INTER-ISLES", all with arrival backstamps. *Father Louis Guillaume had gone to Melsisi as a missionary in 1934 but became involved in local conflict and was arrested in 1940 for his involvement in the 'Pentecost Murders', the Melsisi Catholic Mission temporarily shut down by British District Agent Adam.* Photo. £150-£180
- 820 ☒ Range on leaves and loose incl. four 'Lefranc' covers to Paris comprising "N-HEBRIDES/PAQUEBOT" c.d.s's on Oceania 60c. and 20c. with 30c. on two 1936 covers, New Caledonia 20c., 30c. on 1937 cover, two line "POSTED AT SEA/NEW-HEBRIDES" on Netherlands Indies 2c. with 12½c. on 1936 cover, all backstamped, also *M.V. Malaita* covers with cachets, range of covers and adhesives with "INTER-ISLAND" c.d.s's, Paquebot and Sydney arrival marks, mainly good to fine. (32 items) £250-£300



- 821 ☑ 1937 (Mar. 31) envelope to U.S.A. with violet circular cachet "SERVICE CONTRACTUELLE/ S/S BUCEPHALE/DES MESS. MAR." initialled and dated "Tanna/ 30/3/37" bearing 1925 British 6d., French 20c., 30c. and 40c., each left marginal, cancelled good to fine "NEW HEBRIDES/INTER-ISLES" c.d.s's with same day "SCE. INTERINSULAIRE DES NLLES HEBRIDES" and part framed "SERVICE MARITIME/NOUVELLES HEBRIDES" registration handstamp at left, the 30c. additionally tied by rare framed two line rectangular cachet "SERVICE INTERINSULAIRE NOUVELLES HEBRIDES". Photo. £200-£250
- 822 ☑ 1938, 1945, four covers comprising 1938 (June 28) and (Aug. 31) to Paris, the first franked 10c., the latter registered with 30c. and showing small framed "INTERISLAND SERVICE/NOUVELLES-HEBRIDES" registration handstamp, 1945 (Sept. 4) to Papua endorsed "AIRMAIL" and bearing 10c. (2), each with "NEW HEBRIDES/INTERISLAND SERVICE" cancellations, the last to New York franked 10c. (3) with c.d.s's in violet and indistinct. £150-£180
- 823 ☑ 1938 (June 29) Messageries Maritimes envelope posted from the S.S. *Pierre Loti* to Marseille bearing 1938 British 30c., 50c., French 1f. and 2f. tied by good to fine "NEW HEBRIDES/INTERISLAND SERVICE" c.d.s's with airmail etiquette, small framed "INTERISLAND SERVICE/NOUVELLES-HEBRIDES" registration handstamp (with ms. notations), Sydney transit and arrival backstamps, a scarce registered item. Photo. £150-£180
- 824 ☑ 1944 (Jan. 14), (Nov. 13) two censored envelopes to Australia franked 10c. or 5c. (2) cancelled "NEW HEBRIDES/INTER-ISLAND" c.d.s's (scarce wartime usage), with resealing labels and cachets (two different). £100-£120



Ex 826

Ex 833

New Hebrides: Airmails

825 1929 (July 17) Naval Catapult Attempt, cover to M. Auriot on board the *Tourville* at Nouméa bearing mixed franking of French issue 5c. pair, 10c., 30c. and 1f. with British issue 5s. each with "PAR AVION" handstamp and cancelled Vila July 16 c.d.s's, Nouméa July 20 backstamp. Also an unused photographic card of the *Tourville*. On the occasion of the French cruiser "Tourville" 's visit to Port-Vila, the opportunity for the first New Hebrides airmail arose as the cruiser carried planes, one of which arrived at Port Vila on July 15. The next day around 800 covers bearing 1925 issues were produced, the stamps overstruck by "PAR AVION" rubber handstamp. Only fifteen examples of some high values of can exist, this being the number of complete sets handstamped. The "Tourville" proceeded to Nouméa and it has been claimed that the plane was deployed en route, landing at Norsup on the island of Malekula, although this was denied in a 1931 letter from the Assistant Postmaster in Vila, asserting that the seaplane had broken down. An element of doubt remains. The covers were subsequently backstamped on arrival in Nouméa. Photo. £100-£120

826 - Envelope to Paris bearing mixed franking of French issue 5c. (2), 25c., 30c., 40c., 75c., 1f., 2f. with British issue 1d., 2d., 5d. (3, two sharing single handstamp), 1s. and 5s., each with "PAR AVION" handstamp and cancelled Vila July 16 c.d.s's, Nouméa July 20 and Paris Customs backstamp, minor creasing . Also an unused postcard of the *Tourville*. Ex Gregson. Illustrated as fig. 17-1 in "The New Hebrides: Their Postal History and Postage Stamps" by Hals & Collas (1967). Photo. £100-£120

827 1933 to 1949, interesting selection of five covers comprising 1933 and 1936 to England, the first at 5d. seamail rate, the other by airmail "VIA AUSTRALIA/LONDON" franked at overweight rate by 30c., 1f. and 2f. (corner fault), 1936 registered airmail to Paris bearing 2s. pair, 1940 incoming censored from France by seamail ("PAR AVION" overstamped) and 1949 (Sept. 26) Santo to France acceptance mail for first regular Nouméa-Paris flight with cachet. £120-£150

- 828 ✉️✈️ Selection of mainly later covers on leaves incl. incoming from U.K. 1938 and 1939 'All Up' covers, 1955 early use of boxed "AERIAL SERVICE/COMPLETED SYDNEY", 1948 Sydney-New Hebrides, also 1931 Nouméa-Voh cover bearing New Caledonia and New Hebrides issues, etc., good to fine. (28 items) £100-£120
- 829 ✉️✈️ 1940 (June 5) to France, 1941 (Aug. 25), two censored airmail envelopes from Port-Vila, the first registered but delayed, arriving in Valence only on Sept. 9, the second endorsed "By PANAIR" and twice censored, bearing "France Libre" 5c. and 15c. pairs, 10c. single (one 10c. detached), *one of only five known PAN-AM covers from the New Hebrides.* £100-£120
- 830 ✉️✈️ TRAPAS (Transports Aériens du Pacifique Sud) flights, 1947 (July 16, 19) Nouméa-Santo first flight cover and return, both with cachet, 1950 (Apr. 25) Port Vila-Paris first flight cover franked 65c. and card bearing 25c. (further adhesive detached, both with cachet. (4 items) £100-£120

World War II

- 831 ✉️ Uncensored Official Mail, 1939 (Dec. 19), 1940 (Sept. 17) two O.H.M.S. envelopes to Porter Bros, Liverpool, England, both stampless with Port-Vila c.d.s's and different H.B.M. Resident Commissioner's cachet, both enclosing receipts for Union Jacks, the second (opened for display) missent to Liverpool, N.S.W. £100-£120
- 832 ✉️ Uncensored Registered Mail, 1940 (Apr. 4, Dec. 24) two 'Baldwin' covers registered from Santo to Sydney at additional weight 50c. rate, with Santo cancellations, registration handstamp and label ("VILA" amended in ms.), transit and arrival backstamps. £100-£120
- 833 ✉️ Uncensored Mail, 1940 (ca.) "Personal" cover to Sir Harry Luke, Governor of Fiji, franked 10c. unusually cancelled by Resident Commissioner's cachet, 1951 two registered covers to Australia, one at ½oz. rate with "France Libre" 5c., 10c. and 15c., the other paid 90c. by "France Libre" 5c. (3), 10c. (3) and 15c. (3), 1942 underpaid incoming envelope from Sydney bearing French issue postage due 1938 5c., 10c., 20c. and 1941 "France Libre" set. (4 covers) Photo. £200-£250
- 834 ✉️ - Five covers comprising 1940 (May 24, English month in French c.d.s.) small lady's envelope to Nouméa and 1942 (Jan. 17) to Sydney, franked 10c., the latter with "RÉSIDENCE DE FRANCE" cachet (verifying censorship), 1945 (Feb. 27) to A.P.O. 502 (New Caledonia) franked 10c. (3), 1942 (Oct. 21) underpaid from Santo to California bearing French issue 10c. and postage due 10c., and 1945 (July 25) Santo to Maryland with 5c. single, 10c. and 15c. pairs paying international rate + 25c. overweight fee. £150-£200
- 835 ✉️ Censored at Vila, 1940-44 four covers, the first 1940 (July 17) to Tasmania franked 10c. with prototype brown resealing label and cachet, the others with white label only, comprising 1943 to Sydney franked 10c., 1943 registered to Melbourne bearing 10c. (4), the last to U.S.A. franked 30c. £100-£120
- 836 ✉️ Censored at Sydney, 1941-44 five covers comprising five to Australia at 10c. rate, the other to U.S.A. franked 30c., all with red on white Sydney resealing label, two affixed over Port-Vila label, slightly varied condition. £120-£150
- 837 ✉️ Incoming Mail, 1941-44, six covers comprising two from Australia or California to civilians, both censored in Sydney, the others from U.S.A. to servicemen via A.P.O. 708, one at 3c. rate containing Christmas card. £100-£120
- 838 ✉️ Registered Censored Mail, 1941-43, five covers variously addressed and franked, all with Sydney resealing label, comprising 1941 to N.S.W. bearing 1938 5c. to 30c., 1942 to Manchester with "France Libre" 5c., 10c., 15c., 1943 to London with 1938 15c. and 1f., also 1941 to Solomon Is. and 1942 to N.S.W., both from Santo bearing "France Libre" 5c., 10c. and 15c. £150-£180
- 839 ✉️ Australian Forces, 1941 (Sept. 10) cover to Australia with ms. endorsement "R.A.A.F./New Hebrides" on flap; 1942 (July 22) official envelope endorsed "From/H.E. Josselyn/British Residency/Vila/N.H." on reverse, addressed to his future wife Patricia Mills in England, censored with Australian resealing label affixed over New Hebrides label both sent from Vila franked 10c. (2 covers) *On this day R.A.N.V.R. lieutenant Henry Edward Josselyn (1913-1983), former assistant district officer in Guadalcanal had joined the U.S. 1st Marine Raider Battalion ('Edson's Raiders') as a guide and on Aug. 7 landed with the force on Tulagi. Josselyn subsequently volunteered as Coastwatcher on Vella Lavella.* Photo. £100-£120

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- 840 ☒ **Surface Mail**, 1942-44, four censored covers comprising 1942 to U.S.A., 1944 to Nouméa endorsed "By Polynesian" franked 10c. and two undated covers with 'dumb' cancellations and U.S. Army censor labels of type issued to A.P.O. 932 (Efate island), also two local uncensored covers franked 5c. (6 covers) £120-£150
- 841 ☒ **Espiritu Santo Island**, 1942-44, eight mainly servicemen's covers comprising three uncensored to U.S.A. sent contrary to regulations via civilian P.O., three from M.C.P.O. 1045 (one an item of civilian mail to Australia bearing Solomon Is. 2½d. pair, and two incoming items to R.N.Z.A.P.O. 361. £100-£120
- 842 ☒ **Coastwatcher period**, 1942 envelope from missionary Kenneth Griffiths at One Pusa, Malaita Island with ms. endorsement on reverse, addressed to his wife Ashfield, N.S.W. (redirected to Kew, Victoria) bearing Solomon Is. 1d. (2) cancelled by pencil lines with ms. "B.S.I.P" and violet datestamp "1 MAR 1942" above, censored in Sydney with resealing label and triangular mark "1394", slight staining. *Kenneth Griffiths was a missionary in the Solomon Islands with the SSEM (South Seas Evangelical Mission). Henry Josselyn conveyed the Government records and a small quantity of mail on the "Kombito" from Auki to Port Vila and thereafter on the "Malaita" to Sydney. One of four recorded "Kombito" covers. Photo.* £200-£250
- 843 ☒ 1942 underpaid large censored envelope to Santo bearing "France Libre" 10c. pair and 5c. cancelled "NEW HEBRIDES/-9 MAR 42/INTER-ISLAND", with "T" in triangle and French issue postage due 1938 5c. and 1941 5c. to 1f. set of five cancelled "NOUVELLES HEBRIDES/28 APR 42/SANTO", with white resealing label and violet cachet. Photo. £100-£120



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- 844 ☒ **U.S. Forces Mail**, an exceptional display collection in two binders and on leaves, with a comprehensive range of units and marks from Efate and Espiritu Santo, from Army, Navy and Marines, incl. Navy 140, A.P.O's 17, 708 and 932 (incl. number removed period), showing army and naval censors, self-censored, code name designations, official mail, registered, V-mail, War Ballot envelope, etc. with many scarcer incl. early and late dates, sent both surface and airmail at 6c. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. rate (one underfranked with added 3c. due pair). Many covers ex Jersey collection. (approx. 130 items) £400-£500
- 845 ☒ **U.S. Army Postal Service**, five soldier's covers (four being 'Gentile' items) sent from Espiritu Santo between June 2 and Sept. 1 1942 with ms. censor endorsements, the first with A.P.O. 502 duplex and bearing 3c. (2), others stampless with A.P.O. 932 duplex, each with A.P.O. 502 cited as return address. *Two covers illustrated on p. 123, "New Hebrides Islands - Military Postal History of the United States Forces 1942 - 1946 by Stanley C. Jersey (1994).* £120-£150
- 846 ☒ 1942 (July 19) large envelope underpaid from Santo to Vila bearing "France Libre" 5c., 15c. (with patriotic label on reverse), showing "T" in triangle (2), second type censor mark and white resealing label, with British issue 1938 postage due set of five cancelled Vila July 24, faint staining. Ex Baldwin. Photo. £100-£120
- 847 ☒ **U.S. Navy Postal Service**, 1942 (Oct. 20, Dec. 8) envelope and front to U.S.A. showing use of base "Roses" (Efate island) in sender's endorsement despite Navy order of Apr. 12 1943, (Jan. 26) airmail envelope franked 6c. endorsed from Navy 206 Fleet P.O., Circus #12 (earliest recorded use of this designation for mobile torpedo unit), incoming 6c. airmail envelope with added 9c. pair registered from New Orleans by seaplane to doctor with 18th Marine Regt. en route to Betio, Tarawa, backstamped Navy 156 Br. Nov. 15 (invasion began Nov. 20). (4 items) £100-£150
- 848 ☒ **U.S. Army Postal Service**, three censored covers from A.P.O. 708 on Espiritu Santo, 1942 (Oct. 29) stampless "soldier's mail" envelope to New York with unnumbered duplex, 1943 (July 6) to Australia sent by Lt. A.E. Gordon of the R.A.N.V.R., (July 30) to Wisconsin franked Air 6c. cancelled duplex with number "708" restored. On July 1 1942 the U.S. War Department ordered A.P.O. numbers to be removed from datestamps, the order being rescinded on Mar. 10 1943. £80-£100
- 849 ☒ **Censored Mail**, 1943 (Mar. 18) registered to Pennsylvania with mixed 70c. franking, unusually showing New Hebrides, Australian and U.S. resealing labels, 1944 (Feb. 20) to Iowa at 30c. rate, 1945 (May 1) to Nouméa franked 10c., each showing circular New Hebrides censor cachet. (3 covers) £100-£120
- 850 ☒ 1943 large commercial envelope from Ambrym Island with sender's endorsement, registered to Nouméa franked 30c. (2) cancelled by Inter-Island Dec. 2 and Port-Vila Dec. 6 c.d.s's, with Port-Vila white resealing label and New Caledonia censor cachet "6", horizontal fold. Photo. £100-£120
- 851 ☒ **New Zealand Forces**, 1944, 1945 (2) O.A.S. covers to New Zealand with large R.N.Z.A.F. N.Z.A.P.O. B c.d.s. of A.P.O. 361 at Palikulo, Espiritu Santo and signed boxed censor cachet (two self-censored, one bearing 3d., the others stampless, also 1944 Patriotic Fund cover and 1945 R.N.Z.A.F. 'honour' envelope posted through civilian post office on Santo. (5 covers) £100-£120

Vanuatu

- 852 ♦ 1980 First issue imperf. proofs for British issue 15f., 40f. and French issue 30f., each mounted on card (152 x 216mm) headed "JOHN WADDINGTON of Kirkstall LTD/RUNNING PROOF". £100-£120

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- 853 P 1985-88 selection of imperf. proofs in issued, or close to issued, colours affixed to six cards, comprising 1985 Traditional Costumes (4), Audubon (4), Queen Mother (5, incl. miniature sheet), Youth Year (4), 1986 International Peace Year (4) and 1988 F.A.O. (4), chiefly fine. £150-£200
- 854 Comprehensive specialised collection from 1980 first definitives in six albums and loose in two cartons, with sets mint and used, booklets, f.d.c's, aerogrammes, postcards, commercial mail variously franked, maritime, an extensive range of official franks (see "Vanuatu's Postal Service: The First Five Years" by Smith & Crompton) with some unlisted, etc. to 1989 with some later, chiefly fine. £250-£300

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- 855 ☒ 1896 to 1950, a group of covers and cards incl. 1907 postcard to England, franked by 1d. with "EXHIBITION/CHRISTCHURCH" c.d.s., postal stationery, etc. (23 items) £100-£120

- x856田 P 1915-33 K.G.V imperforate 3d. plate proofs in black, all in blocks of four on gummed watermarked paper, mainly fine. (137 blocks) £150-£200

- 857 1938-44 ½d. orange-brown, 1d. green, 1947 6d. carmine, 8d. violet, each in an imperf. pair, 1d. with gum, others without gum, 1d. with vertical crease, otherwise fine. (4) £100-£120

- 858 ☒ World War II Forces Mail, covers and cards with a range of units identified by endorsement, despatch or other markings incl. Bougainville Island, Nissan Island, New Caledonia incl. 1943 to Ireland with censor mark 83 and Irish receiving censor, (Mar. 10) from N.Z.E.F. P.O. "N" (Norfolk Island), New Hebrides incl. 1945 (Feb. 11) from N.Z. A.P.O. "B" with uncancelled Gilbert & Ellice Islands 1½d., 2d., mainly fair to fine. (29) £200-£250

- 859 ☒田 1948 Centenary of Nelson 3d. in an imperforate block of twelve, fine unmounted mint. Ex Bradbury, Wilkinson Archives. S.G. 767 var. Photo. £1,000-£1,200

- 860 ☒田 - 3d. in an imperforate block of four from the base of the sheet, fine unmounted mint. Ex Bradbury, Wilkinson Archives. S.G. 767 var. Photo. £400-£500

- 861 ☆田 1991 45c. Rock Wren self-adhesive, in an imperforate block of nine. S.G. 1589a, var. Photo. £250-£300