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1871-74 (c.) envelopes (2, one mourning has small tears and flap missing) to U.S.A. each bearing 10c. (one has straight edge) neatly tied by cork types, showing "P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl./Shanghai" and "U.S. Postal Ag'cy/Shanghai" c.d.s. respectively, fine strikes. Photo

HK\$ 2,000 - 2,500

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1871-79 (c.) envelopes (2) to U.S.A. bearing 10c. and 5c. respectively, neatly tied by cork types, showing "P.O.D. U.S. Con. Genl./Shanghai" and "U.S. Postal Ag'cy/Shanghai" c.d.s. respectively, fine strikes, Philatelic Foundation certificate (1984) for 5c. cover; also 1875 letter only datelined "Hangchow Dec. 11 1875" in which writer mentions: "N.B. The postage has been changed to 5cts. for half oz. for letters." Photo

HK\$ 2,000 - 2,500

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1874 (13 May) envelope from Chefoo to Morgantown, West Virginia via San Francisco (28.6) bearing 10c. brown cancelled by P segmented cork cancellation, matching "U.S. Postal Ag'cy/Shanghai" c.d.s. (27.5), datelined enclosed letter "Chefoo China, 13th May 1874", envelope with red Holmes Wadman & Co. wax seal, cover faults. Photo

HK\$ 2,000 - 2,500

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1887 (c.) envelope to Massachusetts via San Francisco (11.6) bearing 5c. brown cancelled by cork type in red, with matching "U.S. Postal Ag'cy/Shanghai" c.d.s. Photo

HK\$ 1,500 - 2,000

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1890 (19 Dec.) envelope to New York via San Francisco (14.1.92) bearing 2c. green vertical strip of three cancelled by cork type and showing "U.S. Postal Agency/Shanghai" oval d.s. in violet, very fine, believed by some to be 6 cents private ship letter rate sent outside the normal contract mails, but most probably a simple overpayment of 1 cent. Signed Holcombe. Photo

HK\$ 1,500 - 2,000

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1903 (10 Sept.) ICP 1c. stationery card to Germany (21.10) via San Francisco (7.10) and New York (12.10) bearing U.S.A. 5c. and 10c. cancelled by "U.S. Postal Agency Reg.-Div./Shanghai China" type 13 oval d.s. (10.9) in blue, with "Shanghai, China/U.S. Post Agency" duplex (12.9) and registration labels for Shanghai and New York, very fine and rare - in the handbook section of the Fischer sale (21.3.98) only four examples of this cancellation were recorded, and the dates of use were during the relatively short period 24 October 1903 - 27 November 1903. This predates that by six weeks. Photo

HK\$ 15,000 - 20,000

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1883-87 envelopes (3) comprising 1873 10c. and 1887 5c. on separate covers cancelled by cork types with "U.S. Postal Agency Shanghai" c.d.s., the latter in red, and 1886 1c. stationery envelope to Saigon with Hong Kong origin (?) c.d.s., fine.

HK\$ 2,500 - 3,000

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1900-1920 envelopes (5), four sent through U.S.P.O. in Shanghai or Military Station No.1 China, the other from Nagasaki, with different corner card origins including Tai Ming-fu and Ngankin, both with original enclosures, interesting group.

HK\$ 1,500 - 2,000



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The Tibetan Frontier Commission : 1903 (7 Oct.) K.G.V 1/4a. stationery advertising card (“The Mount Everest Tea Supply Association”) from Nagri-Spur to Lieutenant F.M. Bailey in Rawalpindi (11.10) redirected (17.10), showing very rare “32nd Pioneers Sikh” c.d.s. (23.10) with accompanying manuscript endorsement for redirection, “Temporary P.O. B” c.d.s. (25.10, attributed to Tongu) and “Khamba-Jong/Tibet” c.d.s. (26.10), rare inward usage during the five month period the Frontier Commission was in Khamba-Jong waiting to meet the representatives of the Dalai Lama. Photo

HK\$ 25,000 - 30,000

Lieutenant Bailey was transferred from the 17th Bengal Lancers to the 32nd Sikh Pioneers at Jhelumin in 1903. They then went to Sikkim and its capital Gangtok, from there to Tongu, and eventually arrived in Khamba Jonga on 7 July where Lieutenant Bailey stayed until the Frontier Commission withdrew on 11 December 1903.

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Military Mission/The Tibetan Expedition : 1904 (6 Feb.) India “on H.M.S.” 1/4a. postal stationery card from D. Hooke, Captain Adjutant of the 32nd Pioneers in Gautsa to “Lieutenant F.M. Bailey, 32nd Pioneers, Phari” cancelled by “F.P.O. No.25” c.d.s. Photo

HK\$ 2,000 - 2,500

By the time this card was posted, Lieutenant Bailey had already left Phari, arriving in Tuna on 5 February where he remained until his return to Phari on 10 March.

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1904 (11 Aug.) envelope (badly damaged at top left) to Bath, England (12.9) bearing on reverse India QV 3p. grey block of four, cancelled by “Lahssa” c.d.s. and additionally tied by “Base Office” c.d.s. (22.8), fine strikes, the block has slight wrinkling and some foxed perfs. Photo

HK\$ 1,000 - 1,200

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British and Indian Post Office : 1907 (20 Nov.) registered envelope to Colonel Bailey’s wife in Edinburgh (14.12) bearing India 1a. pair and 4a., cancelled by “Gyantse Tibet/Siliguri” segmented c.d.s., showing framed “R./Temporary P.O. Y” h.s. (deleted), printed London registration label, the cover found opened in Great Britain and resealed with British G.P.O. Official Labels cancelled by registered arrival c.d.s., usual faults for such an item; also 1913 (21 Jan.) envelope (“Bengal Lancers” crest) to Col. F. Bailey in Scotland (9.2) bearing India 1/2a. pair indistinctly cancelled. Photo

HK\$ 2,000 - 2,500

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1908 (11 June) 1d. stationery card (small hole) from London to the British Trade Agent, Gyantse, Tibet, showing “Base Office” c.d.s. (1.7). Photo

HK\$ 1,000 - 1,200



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1910 (8 Jan.) "O.H.M.S." envelope (crossed out) to Lady Harper Crewe, Cowes, Isle of Wight (28.1) via Kalinpong (8.1) and Ghum (9.1) bearing India 1a., cancelled by "C" circular barred obliterator, with matching "Gantak/B.O./Sikkim" origin c.d.s. on reverse, very fine and a great postal history rarity for this area. Photo

HK\$ 30,000 - 40,000

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1913 (14 Aug.) registered envelope (address crossed out) to England (6.9) bearing India K.G.V 3p. pair and 2a.6p., cancelled by "Pharijong F.P.O. No.81" c.d.s., with printed "R 30" registration label handstamped "Pharijong/F.P.O. No.81" in red, fine. Photo

HK\$ 1,500 - 2,000

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1924 (6 Sept.) K.G.V 1/2a. stationery card from Calcutta to Gangtok, Sikkim, redirected to Yatung, then to Gyantse, showing "Yatung-Tibet/via Siliguri" c.d.s. (9.9) and "Gyantse/Tibet" double-ring d.s. (14.9), fine. Photo

HK\$ 1,000 - 1,200

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Chinese Post Office : 1911 surcharges on Waterlow issue 2r. on \$2 claret and bright yellow, the magnificent block of four, top left stamp shows the re-entry of the Chinese "Two", brilliantly fresh unused with large part to much original gum, a great rarity in optimum quality. Ex Ackerman, Major James Starr and Beckeman. Chan T11a. Photo

HK\$ 40,000 - 50,000

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Sikang Province : 1941 censored envelope from "Yaan, Sikong, West China" to U.S.A. via Chungking bearing Thrift Movement 50c. cancelled by c.d.s., fine and rare. Photo

HK\$ 4,000 - 5,000

Kham (Chinese Sikang) was the Eastern Province of Tibet, a province which existed from 1939-1945. The western part of Kham was controlled by Lhasa, while the eastern part was ruled by warlords and dominated by China. The Khampa people, though fiercely independent, considered themselves Tibetans loyal to the Dalai Lama.

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People's Republic of China : 1955-73, a fine well presented collection of envelopes or cards written up to exhibition standard on album pages bearing an excellent range of issues from Lhasa, Pharijong, Shigatse, and Yatung to Nepal with different cancellation types and usages, fine (27 covers or cards).

HK\$ 5,000 - 6,000



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