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1881 (5 Dec.) envelope from New York to Commodore Shufeldt, U.S. Navy, care of the American Consulate in Tientsin via San Francisco (12.12) bearing 5c., showing framed "To Pay" h.s. for mail arriving in North China, and on reverse "U.S. Consulate General Shanghai, China" large c.d.s. (26.1.82), "Customs/Shanghai" (27.1.82) and "Customs/Chinkiang" (29.1) double-ring d.s. on reverse, the top right corner of the cover around the stamps has been torn and poorly patched, but is still intact. Photo

HK\$ 2,000 - 2,500

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1885 (11 Sept.) envelope (opening tears at top) to Gibraltar (2.10) showing on reverse very fine strike of "Customs/Canton" double-ring origin d.s. and bearing Hong Kong 10c. cancelled "B62", with its index "C" c.d.s. adjacent, fine example of Customs mail from Canton. Photo

HK\$ 2,500 - 3,000

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1890 (c.) Bavaria 10pf. stationery card from Neustadt to Peking, showing framed "To Pay" h.s. in red for mail sent to North China, light strike, fine. Photo

HK\$ 4,000 - 5,000

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1892 (8 Dec.) registered envelope (opened out for display) to Germany (13.1.93) showing on reverse "Customs/Chinkiang" origin c.d.s. denoting payment in cash as well as "Customs/Shanghai" c.d.s. (9.12) in blue and bearing on front France Peace and Commerce 25c. strip of three cancelled by "Shanghai/Chine" c.d.s. (9.12), showing framed "R" h.s. in red and "Ligne N/Paq. Fr....." octagonal d.s. (10.12) adjacent. Photo

HK\$ 3,000 - 4,000

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1895 (22 May) envelope (roughly opened at top) from Manchester to Peking bearing Great Britain 1/2d. and 1d. pair cancelled by "498" duplex, showing "Customs/Tientsin" double-ring d.s. (7.7) in red adjacent, with "Singapore/to Hong Kong/B" marine sorter c.d.s. (24.6) on reverse, fine with the incoming c.d.s. in red serving as instructional marking of how to handle the mail arriving in North China from overseas. Photo

HK\$ 4,000 - 5,000

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1897 (23 Apr.) envelope (a little roughly opened at top) to London (25.5) via Hong Kong (27.4) showing "Customs/Ningpo" double-ring d.s. in brownish and bearing Hong Kong 5c. blue pair (left stamp has tear at foot), cancelled by "Shanghai/C" c.d.s. (23.4). Ex Ryohei Ishikawa. Photo

HK\$ 4,000 - 5,000

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1897 (30 June) red band envelope to Austria (9.8) "via Brindisi" showing "Customs/Chinkiang" double-ring origin d.s. in brown and bearing France "Chine" 25c. (small faults) cancelled by "Shang-hai/Chine" c.d.s. (2.7), with "Ligne N/Paq. Fr. No. 8" c.d.s. (3.7) on reverse. Photo

HK\$ 3,000 - 4,000



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1897 (25 Oct.) envelope (opened out for display) to the Great Northern Telegraph Co. in Shanghai (16.11 British P.O. arrival) via Yenbai (31.10), Hanoi (3.11), Haiphong (4.11), and Hong Kong (11.11), showing on reverse "Customs/Mengtzu" double-ring origin d.s. and bearing on front France Indo-Chine 25c. cancelled by "Laokay/Tonkin" c.d.s. (29.10), fine and rare. Photo

HK\$ 25,000 - 30,000



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1896 (2 Dec.) Q.V. 1c. + 1c. reply paid card (both halves intact) to Austria (4.1.97) showing "Customs/Kowloon" double-ring d.s. and bearing Small Dragons 1c. (2, another stamp, possibly Large Dragon, has been torn away) cancelled by brush strokes, indicia cancelled by "Hong Kong/D" c.d.s. (2.12), card soiled, very rare combination usage. Photo

HK\$ 7,000 - 9,000

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**Kowloon** : 1902 (Feb.) "C. Sachau, I.M.C. Kowloon, Hong Kong" corner card envelope to Chicago (8.3) bearing Hong Kong 10c., cancelled by "Customs/Kowloon" double-ring d.s. and "Victoria/Hong Kong" c.d.s. (12.2), fine. Photo

HK\$ 4,000 - 5,000

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1902 (7 Mar.) postcard to Austria (9.4) bearing Hong Kong 2c. vertical pair, cancelled by "Customs/Kowloon" c.d.s. and additionally tied by "Victoria/Hong Kong" c.d.s. (8.3), showing "Yokohama a Marseilles/L.N. No. 1" octagonal d.s. (10.3) adjacent, fine and attractive usage. Photo

HK\$ 5,000 - 6,000

#### Customs Mail Matter

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**Shanghai** : 1897 (1 Mar.) "The Eastern Extension Australasia & China Telegraph Company Ltd." telegram envelope used locally, showing "Shanghai Customs/Mail Matter" oval h.s. in red and "Customs/Shanghai" double-ring d.s. in blue, very fine strikes, the envelope roughly opened across dotted line and tatty at top not affecting postal markings, extraordinary and probably unique usage. Photo

HK\$ 15,000 - 20,000

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**Tientsin** : 1895 (6 Feb.) envelope to Germany (1.4) showing "Tientsin/Customs Mail Matter" oval d.s. in blue, matching "Customs/Tientsin" double-ring d.s., as well as "Customs/Shanghai" double-ring d.s. (19.2) on reverse, and bearing France "Chine" 25c. cancelled by "Shang-hai/Chine" c.d.s. (22.2), fine. Photo

HK\$ 12,000 - 15,000

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**Wenchow** : 1892 (15 May) envelope (flap at back missing) to France (26.6) showing "Wenchow Customs/Mail Matter" oval h.s. in red, matching "Customs/Wenchow" origin d.s. on reverse, and bearing France 25c. cancelled by "Shang-hai/Chine" c.d.s., with "Modane a Paris" c.d.s. (25.6) in red adjacent, minor age spot, fine. Photo

HK\$ 10,000 - 12,000