

Railway Philatelic Group - Notice to Members

Grosvenor Auctions, who have previously dealt with the sale of the Roger de Lacy Spencer collection of Railway Philately, are now offering for auction the collection of Stuart Phillips. Listed below is a brief description of what will be on offer. We will add further detail when it becomes available - watch this space!

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Specialised Great Britain Postage Stamps and Postal History

The collection comprises over 350 lots including railway letter and parcel stamps from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Included are rare essays for the stamps and scarce usage on covers. It is a comprehensive offering with covers carried by railway dating from 1834 (Liverpool & Manchester Railway) and continuing up to the 1930s

Highlights include:

- 1890 (July) *“RAILWAY/LETTER/POSTAGE” overprint essay on 1887-92 3d. purple on yellow, fine without gum, very rare. R.P.S. certificate (1973). Ex M. Jackson.*
- 1890 (Dec. 23) *printed document from the Railway Clearing House and headed “RAILWAY LETTER POST” showing the final agreed design of the 2d. Railway Letter Post printed in green, toned and stained but nevertheless a most important Railway document.*
- 1890 *De La Rue hand painted essay for a 3d. “RAILWAY LETTER POSTAGE” beautifully executed in green and white on buff tracing paper (60 x 65mm), marked “1A” and dated “APRIL 14”, Queen’s central portrait with light pen cross, extremely rare.*
- 1891 *Central Wales and Carmarthen Junction Railway 2d. yellow-green with control 3, unused, one of only two examples known (the other is used with control no.0, extremely rare 105, R. de Lacey-Spencer 1.*
- 1913 *Freshwater, Yarmouth and Newport Railway 2d. black on mauve in a complete mint sheet of twelve, two showing no hyphen under “D”, a few creases, otherwise fine and rare multiple. R. de Lacey-Spencer 1.*
- 1891 (Jan. 31) *Midland Railway - THE PRE-FIRST DAY COVER - cover to Bath, bearing 1881 1d. lilac and Midland 2d. with control no. 2165, both tied by large circular “MIDLAND RAILWAY/Via BATH” and Bath duplex, with “Posted the day before Railway letter stamps were issued to the public” on the reverse.*
- 1891 *Portpatrick & Wigtownshire Joint Railways 2d. green used with pencil and crayon crosses, London c.d.s. dated April 16th., rare, stated to be the only known used example. R. de Lacey-Spencer 1.*