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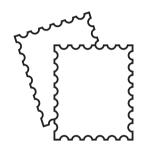




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Πριν από την έναρξη της πωλήσεως ή την ημέρα της δημοπρασίας (για γραπτές προσφορές), η Εταιρία έχει το δικαίωμα να αποσύρει λαχνούς, να διαχωρίσει λαχνούς σε δύο ή περισσότερα μέρη ή να συνενώσει δύο ή περισσότερους λαχνούς.

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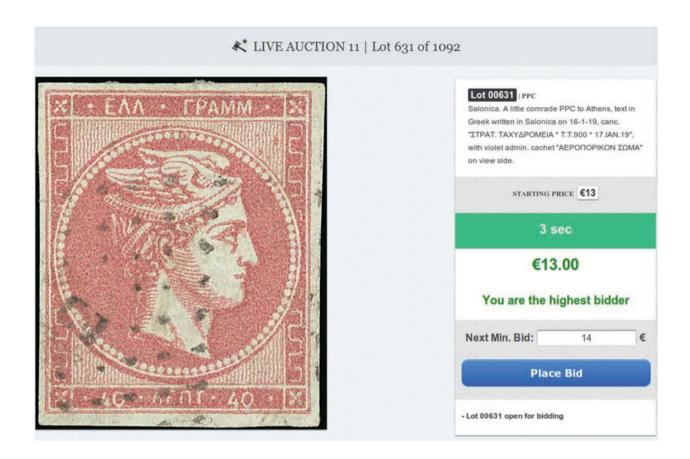
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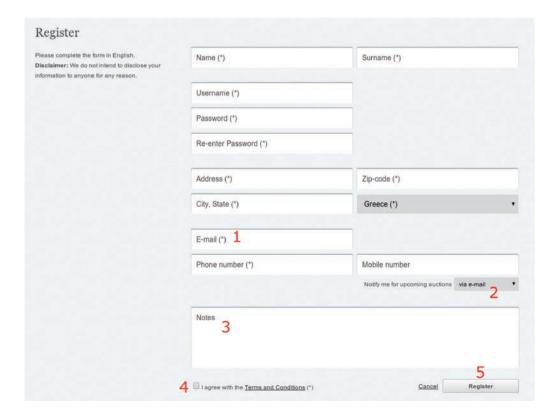
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Below you can see our registration form that you have to fill in. Please fill in all the fields (Name, Surname, Username - Password - choose easy to remember username and password, Address, Zip-code, City, State, Country, E-mail, Phone number).

Please fill in your primary email (1) in order to get all our notifications! You can choose, if you like, to get notifications for upcoming auctions (2), you can write down any special notes (3), agree with our Terms and Conditions (4) and finally register by pressing the "Register" button (5).



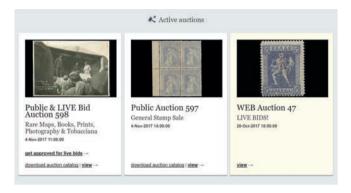
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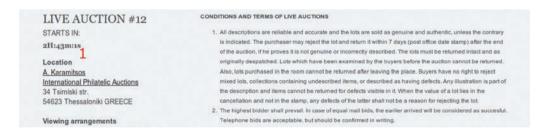
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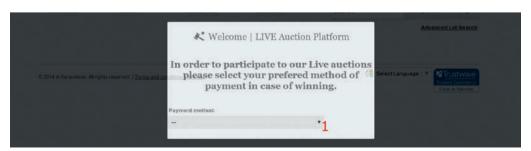
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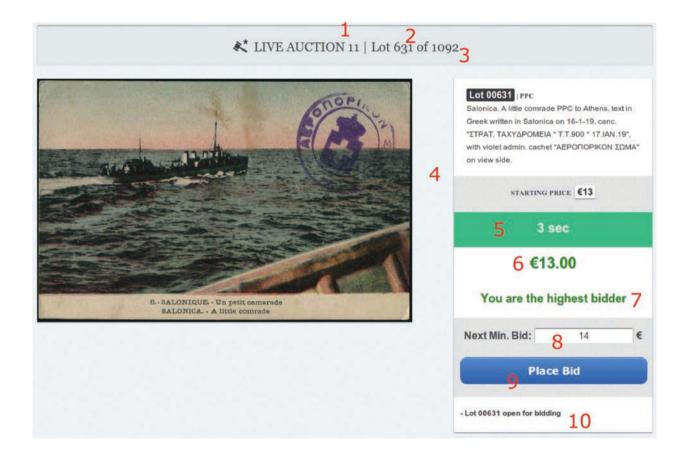


The first time you participate in our **LIVE** Auctions a popup will open asking you to select your prefered method of payment in case of winning any lots. Please click at the arrow (1) and choose your prefered method.



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PAPER COLOUR AND PRINTING METHOD PROOFS. Deep blue essay on French stamp "CERES" with inscription "ESSAI 1858" in pair. Control figure "10" on reverse. Excellent condition. (Konst. ΔΟΚ. Va).



Die proof in red-brown on rosy China paper (37X63mm), complete except for value tablets, signed Hulot. First wavy line at the left upper spandrel intact. MAYBE UNIQUE. A VERY IMPORTANT ITEM FOR GREEK PHILATELY. (Konst. ΔΟΚ.ΙV.dvar).

E 8000€

300€

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3 I lepton plate proof, printing on both sides. One side in blackish brown with strong white contour due to poor "decoupage", the other side printed inverted and in double impression, in blackish brown and in yellowish brown. A light thin spot at lower margin, mentioned just for accuracy. A case not mentioned in Konstantinidis study. Very fine and rare.

E 100 €



4 Proof of 1l. deep brown on thin paper (Final colour proof), marginal. Signed by Orestis Vlastos. (Konst. 1  $\Delta$ OK. III 2).

E 100 €



1 lepton final colour proof in red-brown on thin semi transparent white brownish paper in upper marginal bl.4. Superb and rare. (Konst. 1.ΔOK.III.3).

E 240 €



5 lepta proof in pink colour on pelure paper (pos.72), plate flaw dotted cheek lines, unusual for these proofs. Light ironed out crease. A unique item. Plate varieties are extremely rare on proofs as very few sheets were printed.

E 1300€



7 Proof of 10l. red-orange on thin blueish paper without "C.F.". VF. (Konst. 4ΔΟΚ.Ι.1).

300 €



8 Final proof of 10l. orange marginal on thin greenish blue paper with "C.F.". Superb. (Konst. 4ΔOK.II).

E 200€



**9** 20l. proof in deep ultramarine with excellent margins, normal print inverted at the back. Small thin otherwise fine and extremely rare.

E 550€



PAPER COLOUR AND PRINTING METHOD PROOFS. 20l. blue printed on both sides on bluish paper. On reverse, double print, one inverted. VF. Certificate by Holcombe. (Konst. 5 ΔOK.II.7).

E 150 €



11 Proof of 20l. blue on bluish paper. VF. (Konst. 5 ΔOK.IV).

E 80€



12 30l. Die proof, black on white thin paper. Ex GUIRE LEA collection. (Konst.  $56.\Delta OK.I.1$ ).

E 1700 €



13 30l. Die proof, grey-brown on white paper. (Konst. 56.ΔOK.II.1).

E 150€



14 PAPER COLOUR AND PRINTING METHOD PROOFS. 40l. black on white paper marginal copy. VF. (Konst. 6 ΔΟΚ.Ι).

E 150 €

#### 1861 Paris Print



29 September 1861, 2 days before the issue of the stamps, an unpai d cover posted from Constantinople to Spetsai, cancelled with preadhesive "ΚΩΝΣΤΑΝΤΙΝΟΥΠΟΛΙΣ ΤΟΥΡΚΙΑ\*29 ΣΕΠΤΕΜ 1861" with manuscript postage rate to be paid "80", via "ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ (2)\*2 OKT. 61" and "AΘΗΝΑΙ (1)\*2 OKT. 1861", arr. "ΣΠΕΤΣΑΙ (66)\*5 OKT. 61". On arrival, according to article 95 of the 15 September 1861, taxed with 80l. rose-carmine with plate flaw "line on the Greek border" (pos.69) and cancelled with dot. "66". Article 95:Letters and printed matter, if any, that happened to be in the post offices on September 30 1861, upon payment of the postages in cash, would have a stamp affixed equal to the postage paid. Thus, these letters and printed matter, postmarked with the date canceller of the day were received, must be forwarded to their destination by first postal dispatch. (Philotelia N.323, 1954) A COVER OF GREAT IMPORTANCE CONNECTING THE PRE-ADHESIVE ERA WITH THE STAMP PERIOD.

EL 4000€



16 Il. brown with vertically laid background in bl.8 canc. "67" (=ΣΥΡΟΣ). Touched at upper part and with several creases as expected for this multiple (practically one stamp without faults) but still a great rarity. It is quite uncommon in a used bl.8 (ratherly seen in strips of 4 or 5 canc. "67"), one of the largest used blocks, perhaps second to a used bl.12 known. (Hellas 1a).

o 3000€



17 Il brown, mint. Full original gum. Very fine. (Hellas 1a).

150 €



- 18 Il brown strip of five, used. Last stamp with small faults, very fine for such an extremely rare multiple. (Hellas 1a).
  - o 1500€



19 1l. brown used copy. Superb. (Hellas 1a).

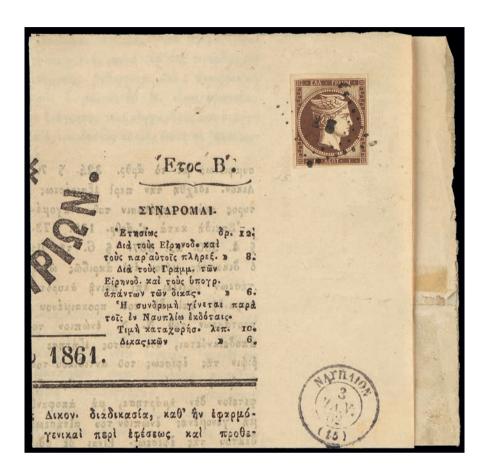




- 21 Il red-brown in pair tied by "26" (Pylos) cds. Faint vertical lines in the medallion. Very fine and scarce. (Hellas 1b).
- o 450€



22 1l red-brown (pos.120), plate flaw mark on the Greek border, used. Superb and rare. o 180 € (Hellas 1b).



20 1l. brown used on newspaper from Nafplion (3/1/1862). A clean and rare usage. Very PRESS 1450 € fine. (Hellas 1a).



23 1l. chocolate used copy on vertically laid paper. Fresh colour. Very Fine. (Hellas 1c). o 200 €



24 2l. bistre used copy. Very Fine. (Hellas 2a).

18 €



25 2l. olive-bistre mint block of 40, very fine. Certificate by Holcombe. (Hellas 2b).

2600€



26 5l. green mint marginal block of 4, very fine and rare. (Hellas 3a).





27 5l yellow-green on thin paper  $(0.57\mu)$  in used strip of 3. Large margins all around. Very fine and rare. (Hellas 3aPa).

300€

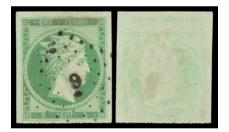


29 5l. green used strip of 4, small cut on 3rd stamp, otherwise very fine and rare. (Hellas 3b).

o 700€



28 5l. strip of 4 for a single weight letter from Karpenision (15/02/1863) to Patras, a EL 1350 € few faults, still rare. (Hellas 3a).



30 5l. green printed both sides, one inverted, only three known (Phil. Journ. GB Sept. o 1750 € 1934), article included. Very fine and extremely rare. (Hellas 3b).



31 5l. green used with Thessaloniki "98" pmk in RED, ironed crease and small cut. A o 1300 € unique and beautiful item. (Hellas 3b).



32 10l yellowish-orange on blue, used. Very large-enormous margins all around. A gem. o 280 € (Hellas 4a).



33 10l. yellow-orange used pair with "inverted 0" at the back (pos.87-88), variety o 2700 € stamp just touched, otherwise fine and extremely rare. (Hellas 4aNb).



34 10l. orange on blue in used strip of 5 (pos.105-109), clear to large margins all around for this master piece. Plate flaw "Greek border connected to the circle" (type II, pos.107). Extremely rare. Superb. (Hellas 4b).



35 10l. orange on blue used copy, good to large margins, Superb. (Hellas 4b). o 120 €

2200€



36 10l. orange mint with "inverted 1" at the back (pos.86), some imprerfections but most possibly unique in mint copy. (Hellas 4bNa).



37 10l orange on blue (pos.14), broken "1" on control number (Kound. 4.5), used.
 Good-large margins. Very fine. Very rare in this quality. (Hellas 4b).



38 20l blue, mint. Large/even margins all around and full original gum. Signed \* 350 € O.Vlastos. Very fine. (Hellas 5a).



39 20l. blue used copy cancelled with red dot. "98" (=Thessaloniki), clear to very large o 700 € margins, very nice appearance. Extremely rare cancellation in red colour. (Hellas 5a).



20l. blue used upon arrival in Syra on Oct. 9th 1861 cover from Chania, showing a very fine blue strike of the oval Hellenic steamship Company (Chania, Crete Agency) adjacent. A very fine postal history item of the greatest rarity. (Hellas 5a).





41 20l. blue on thin paper used copy, plate flaw "white spot at the right of 20" (pos.77), o 100 € good margins. Very Fine. (Hellas 5aPa).



42 20l. light blue in used vertical pair (pos.130-140), plate flaws "thin circle " and o 300 € "broken frame" (pos.130) and "white spot on the Greek border" (pos.140). Upper stamp with large to very large margins all around, bottom stamp touched at bottom margin. Still a very nice vertical pair. (Hellas 5b).



Cover cancelled with Municipal postal canc. "ΔT/32" (Direction: Fthiotidos, Rural Municipality of Irakleion, Itinerary: Moschohori-Lamia),fr. with 20l. prussian blue, cancelled with dot. "45", via "ΑΜΦΙΣΣΑ (45)\*4 NOEM. 61", arr. "ΑΘΗΝΑΙ (1)\*6 NOEM. 61". Very rare. (Hellas 5b).



43 20l. light blue used copy, good margins. Very Fine. (Hellas 5b).

70€



45 20l. light blue in mint copy, good to large margins, thin spot, otherwise a SUPERB copy. Signed by Orestis Vlastos. (Hellas 5bPa).

200€



- 20l. dark deep blue used copy, dot. "9" (=ΠΑΤΡΑΙ), nice margins, fresh colour. Very fine and extremely rare. (Hellas 5d).
- 600€



47 40l mauve on blue, used. Superb. (Hellas 6a).

o 40€



48 40l. mauve on blue on thin paper (5.7 $\mu\mu$ ) used. Very fine and Extremely rare. (Hellas 6aPa).

650 €



49 40l. dull mauve on blue tied by Patras losange cds. At top French arrival cancellation in red "....OCT.61" (first days of issue, take under consideration the calendar difference). Narrow-clear to good margins. Nice and impressive. (Hellas 6b).

90 €



40l. mauve on green and thick paper, used. Nice margins, light thin spot. Still fine and very rare. (Hellas 6cPb).

300€



80l. rose-carmine in left marginal mint bl.4. Very fresh colour with full original gum. \*/\*\*
 680 €
 Lower pair never hinged. Good/large margins all around, a superb multiple.
 (Hellas 7a).



52 80l. rose-carmine in used strip of 3, good to large margins all around, minor faults in the upper part of the strip, otherwise Very Fine. (Hellas 7a). 350 €



54 80l. carmine, used. SUPERB margins. An excellent item. (Hellas 7b). o 40 €



53 80l. carmine, vertical strip of 4 tied on a piece by "67" pmk of Syros and boxed "PD", Δ 700 € bottom stamp cut otherwise fine and very rare. (Hellas 7b).



55 10l. red-orange without C.F., unused. Superb. (Hellas 4Bb). (\*) 500 €



EL with Paris print 5l. and 20l. single and vertical pair paying one and a half normal rate. All stamps very fine. A most beautiful and extremely rare item. (Hellas 3a+5a).



57 Cover from Coelleda (Prussia) Oct. 29 1861 to the Special Ambassador of Prussia in Athens via Triest No. 2, taxed in Athens Oct. 26 with 110 lepta (all Paris print). One of the most appealing covers with LHH. This is unquestionably considered to be among the 2 or 3 most beautiful postal history piece of the LHH. Certificate by Hocombe. (Hellas 4b+5a+7b)

C 9000€

2200€



58 A most extraordinary usage of 1l. red-brown (3 - very rare on cover) together C 9000 € with 2,5 and 10l. to make up single domestic rate on cover from Sparti to Syros (2/12/1861). A beautiful and extremely rare exhibition piece. Certificate Holcombe. (Hellas 1b+2b+3b+4b).



Letter from the Greek P.O. Thessaloniki in Turkey Dec. 12 1861 to Argos, as always without arrival cancel, franked with a pair of 5l., strip of 3 of 10l. and a single 40l. to make up 80 lepta rate (cover with internal repair). A unique postal history item with amazing combination of Paris print values, unique. Opinion by Holcombe. (Hellas 3b+4b+6b).

EL 2700 €



60 2l. bistre (5) used together with 1st Athens 10l. orange on 1862 domestic cover, very fine and rare. A pair of the 2l. was fixed on backside, not to harm the address and cancelled in transit in Athens. (Hellas 2a+12Ia).



61 1864 cover franked with Paris print 1l. 2l. pair and 5l. in combination with 1862-1867 10l. and 20l.. A unique combination and a very late use of Paris stamp making up an exquisite rarity, very fine and impressive. (Hellas 1c+2c+3a+18b+19b).

EL 7200 €



Prepaid entire letter fr. with 10l. orange on blue, 40l. dull mauve on blue, 5l. green and 20l. blue to pay 55l. (3+15Kr) for Austrian and Lloyd rate plus 20l. Greek domestic postage tied by "67" cds and canc. "ΣΥΡΟΣ\*12.ΝΟΕΜ.61", arr, "TRIEST\*28/11". A superb and extremely rare 4-color Paris issue franking entire of the finest appearance. (Hellas 4b+6b+3b+5a).

EL 1900 €

### 1861/1862 Athens Provisional Printings



63 20l. prussian blue (quadrille background) used with "1" pmk of Athens, Plate flaw "wide margins" (pos.62), a very fine example of this great rarity. Orestis Vlastos (1975) certificate. (Hellas 8Ia).

o 5000€



64 20l. deep blue provisional without CF with quadrille background bearing Athens cds. o 4500 € Good margins all around. Ex. Ferrari (lot N.5878) collection. Certificate by E.Diena (1987). A very fine example of this important rarity. (Hellas 8Ib).



20l. deep ultramarine without CF with quadrille background bearing Pyrgos cds.
 large margins all around. Certificate by "The Royal Philatelic society London" (1955).
 A very fine example of this extremely important rarity. (Hellas 8Ic).



67 20l. deep ultramarine provisional without CF with solid background bearing Pyrgos cds. Clear to good margins all around, just touched at bottom right corner. Thin spot, despite this a fine example of this important rarity. (Hellas 8IIb).



1861 EL fr. with 20l. deep blue (solid background) without C.F. cancelled with dot. "1" and posted from "AΘHNAI (1)\*4 ΔΕΚΕ. 61", via "NAYΠΛΙΟΝ (15)\*6 ΔΕΚΕ. 61" and "ΠΑΤΡΑΙ (9)\*8 ΔΕΚΕ. 61" to Nafpaktos. Certificate by A.Diena (1963). A MAJOR IMPORTANT PIECE FOR GREEK PHILATELY IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. (Hellas 8IIa).

EL 18000€



1l. deep chocolate (coarse impression) with contour behind the head (from the top of the helmet almost to neck), unused. Clear to good even margins all around and fresh colour. 2 thin spots, otherwise superb for this extremely rare basic stamp. (Hellas 9Ia)

500€



2l. brown on straw (coarse impression), unused. Good to large/even margins all around and fresh colour. Large part of original gum. Certificate by M.Tseriotis (1996). Superb for this extremely rare stamp. (Hellas 10Ia)

2000€



70 2l. brown-bistre (coarse impression), used. Large margins all around. Very Fine. (Hellas 10Ib).

40€



71 2l. bistre, used. Large-very large/even margins all around. Superb. (Hellas 10Ic).

60€



72 2l. pale bistre, used. Large margins all around. Superb. (Hellas 10Id).

70 €



73 5l. green in used pair. Heavily coarse printed stamps. Large margins all around. Very 6 fine. (Hellas 11Ib). 110 €



74 5l. yellow-green used with French star-cancellation touched at points, but probably o 100 € unique. (Hellas 11Ib).



75 Entire letter from "ΠΥΡΓΟΣ (13)\*5.ΙΟΥΛ.63" fr. with 5l. green, with intense yellow cast in strip of 4, arr. "ΠΑΤΡΑΙ (9)\*6.ΙΟΥΛ.63". Upper margin narrow at places, touches frame line at left stamp and at right corner but still fine and rare. (Hellas 11Ib).

EL 400€



5l. deep olive green (coarse impression) used. Clear to good margins all around. Var.o 400 € "partial double print of C.F.". A Fine copy of rare variety for this stamp. (Hellas 11IcNoI).

140 €



77 10l. ochre-orange, used. Large margins all around. Superb. Very hard to find in this quality. (Hellas 12Ia). 6 80 €



78 10l. ochre-orange in used pair (pos.135-136), "1" inverted on control number (Kound. o 11.1/pos.136). Faults but still extremely rare in pair (this is the pair mentioned by Koundouros in his study). (Hellas 12Ia+12IaNa).



79 10l. orange in used vertical pair (pos.133-143). Plate flaw thin circle (pos.143).

Pos.133 stamp creased horizontally while in pos.143 stamp left corner slightly creased. Still fine for this scarce pair. (Hellas 12Ib+12IbCF2).



10l. orange (coarse impression) used, Large margins all around, fresh colour. Superb.o 70 € (Hellas 12Ib).



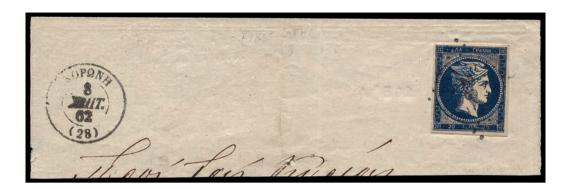
81 10l. orange, used. Good to large margins all around but light vertical crease.o 90 € (Hellas 12Ib).



83 20l. prussian blue (coarse impression) used with quadrille background in the medalion and control figures. The stamp is cut into top right and bottom left corner, but is the ONLY RECORDED stamp with this variety. A UNIQUE item. (Hellas 13Ic).



84 20l. prussian blue with yellowish cast and full original gum, mint. Two narrow \* 1200 € margins but very rare. (Hellas 13Ic).





- 85 Coarse print of the 20L. in two shades of Dec 18th, 1861. The stamp on the right is cancelled in Piraeus, the origin of the cover, and has the white double contour of the imperfect finish behind the head, the left stamp the same contour before the head. Both stamps are again cancelled in Tripolis, where the cover was sent to. A very fine postal history item of the greatest impression. Very rare. Certificate P.Holcombe (1990). (Hellas 13Ic+13Id).
- 2700€



86 20l. deep blue (coarse impression) on thick paper (>9μμ) used, clear to good on argins all around, fresh colour, nice appearance and extremely Rare. Probably the ONLY known. (Hellas 13IdPb).



20l. deep blue (pos.89), inverted "0" on control number (Kound. 12.2), used. Largevery large/even margins all around. Superb. Very rare in this quality. (Hellas 13IdNb).



88 20l. deep dull chalky blue (coarse impression) used, good margins all around, nice o 150 € appearance. (Hellas 13Ie).



- 40l. mauve blue (coarse impression) on thick paper (>9mm) used, clear to good margins all around, without faults, nice appearance and extremely Rare. (Hellas 14IaPb).
- o 1500€



- 90 40l. dull mauve on blue in a most coarse impression, unused. Very fine and of the highest rarity. (Hellas 14Ib).
- (\*) 1500 €



- 91 Il. deep chocolate in right marginal copy, mint. Very fine. (Hellas 9IIa).
- \* 550€



92 1l. bistre-brown, used. Very fine. (Hellas 9IIb).

o 180 €



93 Nespaper fragment "Η ΕΛΠΙΣ/ΑΘΗΝΑΙ THN 24 ΙΟΥΛΙΟΥ 1862" fr. with 5l. deep green and 1l. bistre-brown, both fine provisionals, tied by "1" Athens cds. 1 lepton Provisional stamps are very rare on letters or newspapers. Both stamps very fine. Signed O.Vlastos. (Hellas 11IIb+9IIb).





94 1l. bistre in mint right marginal bl.4. Full original gum and good-large margins all around. Lower pair mint never hinged. Very fine and extremely rare. (Hellas 9IIc).

\*/\*\* 2800 €



95 1l. brown, used on wrapper piece together with 2l. yellow-bistre. Fine and rare. (Hellas 9IIc+10IIb).

Δ 450€



96 1l. brown, used. Very fine. (Hellas 9IIc).

170 €



97 2l. bistre in vertically used pair, very large margins all around. A Superb pair. (Hellas 10IIa).

o 150€



98 2l. yellow-bistre in mint right marginal bl.6. Full original gum and good-large margins all around. Five stamps mint never hinged. Very fine. Signed Holcombe. (Hellas 10IIb).

\*\*/\* 600 €



99 5l. yellow green unused (mint no gum) copy, plate flaw "thin circle" (pos.143), good (\*) 150 € margins all around. Very Fine. (Hellas 11IIaCF2).



100 5l. green, used. Good-large margins all around. Very fine. (Hellas 11IIa).

250 €

90€



101 10l. orange with slight double printing of the control number, unused. One clear-good/three large margins. Fine and rare. (Hellas 12IIa).



102 10l. orange tied by Nafpaktos "48" cds. Very fine. (Hellas 12IIa).



- 103 10l. reddish flesh (Salmon) used copy, clear to large margins all around, without faults, fresh colour. EXTREMELY RARE. ONLY 2 known untill now. (Hellas 12IIc).
  - o 2700€



20l. deep blue unused, very fine and very rare with excellent deep colour.(\*)(Hellas 13IIa)



20l. blue with quadrille background impression, used. Signed Orestis Vlastos. Very unusual. (Hellas 13IIb).



20l. blue tied by Filiatra "86" cds and part of municipal triangle cancellation. Superb o 300 € and rare. (Hellas 13IIb).



107 20l. blue in right marginal copy, used. Very fine. (Hellas 13IIb).

90€



20l. prussian blue (fine impression) used, very narrow to good margins, fresh colour. o 50 € Classification certificate by M.Tseriotis. (Hellas 13IIc).



40l. mauve on blue, used. Spandrels very fine printed but contour behind the head.Good margins all around. Very fine. (Hellas 14IIa).



40l. mauve on blue (coarse impression) used on thick paper, clear to large margins. o 1000 € Small cut at bottom margin, otherwise an extremelly rare stamp. The ONLY KNOWN until now. (Hellas 14IIaPb).



40l. dull mauve on blue in used pair. Both stamps with contour. Upper margin closing at left. Fine and scarce. (Hellas 14IIb).



Unpaid entire letter form "TRIEST" to Nision. Handwritten "3/15" (Kr.) and "75" (lepta), taxed on arrival with 3x5l. yellow-green (pair and single) Paris issue, 20l. deep blue fine provisional and 2x20l. sky-blue consecutive Athens printings all tied by "29" Nision cds and canc. "NHΣION\*15.ΣΕΠΤ.62". Also Athens transit cancellation. All stamps superb. A very impressive and rare cover. (Hellas 5a+13IIa+19a).

EL 1600€



113 Mourning cover from Athens May 24, 1862 to London with 170L. and 2 different 80L. Paris and Provisional (therefore May 24 is the earliest known date-Kohl mentions June 5). This stamp was classified under Provisional Athens Printings but following its impression and the way of soft printing with a distinct and clear foulage it belongs in my opinion undoubtedly to the following issue of the Definitive Athens. Very fine and very rare item for the specialist.

EL 3000€





114 Domestic rate by French ship: Cover A: double rate letter from Syros 24.6.1862 with French ship to Athens 25.6 franked with a very coarse 40l. Provisional and a 20l. Definitive Printing, Cover B: double rate letter from Patras 14.3.1863 to Syros 17.3 even with French ship franked with a very Fine Provisional 40l. and a 20l. Definitive printing.

EL 700€



Unpaid letter from Triest 20.12.1862 to Syros 12.12.1862 taxed upon arrival as double weight with 150 lepta consisting of 10l. Provisional and 20l., 40l. and 80l. (with orange C.F.) Consecutive prints. Fine franking. (Hellas 12Ia+19b+20Ib+21a).

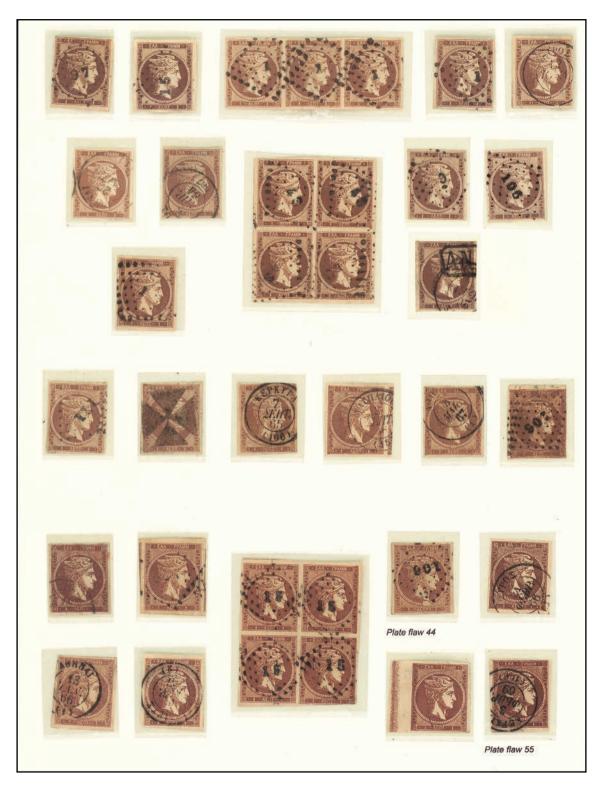
EL 1000€



Front cover of prepaid letter from Athens to Herault, France, fr. with 80l. carmine with vertically laid background (with carmine CF) in pair early consecutive Athens stamp, 20l. deep blue and 5l. deep green fine provisionals, 1l. chocolate-brown with vertically laid background and 2l. brown-bistre coarse provisional stamps to make the 188 lepta rate (1 1/2 ship rate = 168l + 20l. Greek domestic rate). Very rare. (Hellas 22A+13IIa+11IIb+15a+10Ib)

Δ 750 €

## 1862/1867 Consecutive Athens Printings



117 1 Lepton: The excellent selection on original exhibition page comprising 24 singles, strip of three and two blocks of four with an abundance of shades, varieties and usages an amazing group to be examined. (Hellas 15A+15a+15b+15c+15d).



118 1l. chocolate-brown in mint right marginal bl.20. One stamp hinged, all the rest mint \*\*/\* 750 € never hinged. Good margins all around. A very fine large multiple. (Hellas 15a).



119 1l. brown with horizontally laid background with double impression, used. Large/ o 350 € even margins all around. Superb and very rare. (Hellas 15bVb).



120 1l. red-brown used copy, good to large margins all around and fresh colour. Plate flaw "broken plate" (pos.44). Very nice appearrance. Superb. Rare. (Hellas 15cFa).



21. bistre in used bl.4. Good/even margins all around. Very fine. (Hellas 16b). o 50 €



2l. brown-bistre in oily impression in mint right marginal strip of 4. Two stamps mint \*/\*\* 80 € never hinged. Very fine. (Hellas 16c).



Printed matter- a pricelist for iron and coal- from the Newcastle-on-Tyne Mar 2, 1867 paid to the Greek border "PP" taxed in Patras with the inland rate for Printed Matters of 4l. Definitive Athens Printings. (Hellas 16c).



125 1862-67 5 Lepta bisect: Two fragments depicting a unique usage of a bisected 5l. as a 2l. stamp. The pieces are mounted on original exhibition page with the following description: Two pieces from Nauplion to the same address in London. The single rate to Great Britain from 1870 to 1875 was 92 Lepta. The piece on the left was franked normally with two pairs of 20l. of the 1870 Special Issue, 2l. Definitive Athens and 10l. Cleaned plates. The piece on the right was franked with 10 and 4x20l. 1871/72 issue and a bisected 5l. Definitive Athens. This is the only known bisected 5l. correctly used which can be proved herewith! (Hellas 17a).

Δ 4500 €



124 5l. green, unused. Early prints (end of 1862 but in use much later in 1868 up to (\*) 250 € 1871). One clear, three good to large margins. (Hellas 17a).



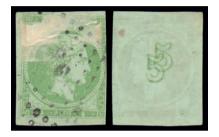
5l. yellow-green, mint. Full original gum. Vertical gum crease, still very fine.(Hellas 17b).



127 5l. yellow-green in left marginal block of four. Very fine and very rare. (Hellas 17b). o 1600 €



128 5l. yellow-green in used copy on thick paper (over 9μμ), clear to large margins, very of fine and extremely rare. (Hellas 17bPb).



5l. yellow-green with double control figures (Kound. 29.2.b), used. Touched at right but very rare. This stamp is mentioned by Koundouros under 29.2.b case. (Hellas 17bNoI).



Cover from Zakynthos Dec 23, 1880 via Kerkyra to Venezia with a strip of 6 of the 5l.
 Definitive Athens. These stamps were printed in 1863, 17 years earlier-very late use.
 A most exquisite and unique UPU usage. (Hellas 17b).



131 5l. deep olive green in left marginal copy, used. Very fine copy. (Hellas 17c). o 17 €



132 10l. orange (pos.1) with Grooms characteristic "0" No.15, used. Good-large margins.o 70 € Very limited printing. Very fine and very rare. (Hellas 18A).



133 10l. yellow-orange (pos.53) used copy, enormous margings all around. Superb. o 30 € (Hellas 18a)



Letter sheet from Syros 17.4.1863 with French ship to Tripolis paid with a strip of 3
 Δ 350 € of 10l. Definitive Athens. Very fine and scarce. (Hellas 18a).



135 10l. orange, unused. Nice copy. (Hellas 18b).

(\*) 270 €



136 10l. orange, used. Large margins all around. Very fine. (Hellas 18b).

12 €



137 10l. orange on thick paper (paper thickness more than 9μμ), used. Rare and superb.o 400 € (Hellas 18bPb).



138 10l. red-orange in mint corner (pos.1) copy. Enormous margins, full original gum. Certificate by P.Holcombe (1999). Superb. (Hellas 18ba).



139 10l. reddish flesh (salmon), mint. Full original gum, clear-good margins all around.

\* 5000 €

Very fine for this very rare stamp, especially in mint. Certificate Tseriotis (2011).

(Hellas 18c).



140 10l. orange on blue on thick paer (paper thickness over 9μμ), used. Large/even margins all around. Superb and very rare. (Hellas 18dPb).

800€



141 10l. orange on blue with double control figures (Kound. 30.3.f). Long tear but very rare, an elusive stamp. (Hellas 18dNoI). 6 700 €



142 10l. red-orange on blue, unused. Superb and scarce. (Hellas 18e). (\*) 150 €



143 10l. reddish flesh (salmon) on blue, used. Very rare stamp, one of the most impressive color shades. Certificate Holcombe (1992). (Hellas 18g).

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20l. blue used copy. Control numbers similar to provisional fine printings. Very fine printing outcome, no contour, strong relief and vertically laid background. Very fine for this rare stamp. (Hellas 19A).



20l. sky-blue (pos.82) on thick paper (paper thickness over 8.8μμ), mint no gum. (\*) 2500 € Plate flaw thin circle. THE ONLY KNOWN UNUSED COPY. (Hellas 19aPbCF2).



20l. sky-blue with partial incomplete printing, used. Very fine, rare and impressive. o 100 € (Hellas 19a).



20l. sky-blue tied by municipal triangle cancellation. Torn at bottom but rare. o 180 € (Hellas 19a).



20l. blue (pos.25), plate flaw white line at the upper inscription. Full original gum, \*\* 300 € mint never hinged. Very rare. (Hellas 19b20F6).



20l. blue (pos.17), plate flaw white spot on the Greek border, unused. Nice copy and (\*) 160 € scarce in unused. (Hellas 19b).



20l. blue in deep shade with horizontally laid background, used. A 1865 stamp. Less o 80 € than 10 copies known. Very fine and very rare. (Hellas 19b).



20l. light grey-blue (oxid. corners), mint- large part of the original gum. A gum

\* 380 €
crease at right results in small marginal splitting not affecting the stamp. There are
hinge remainders. Certificate Tseriotis (1990). Rare in mint. (Hellas 19d).



Prepaid entire letter fr. with 20l. blue and 40l. grey-mauve on blue canc. "ΠΑΤΡΑΙ\*8. EL 5000 € OKT.67", arr. "TRIEST". 20 lepta stamp with clear double impression. Left margin narrow cuts frame line at top but MAYBE THE ONLY KNOWN. A GREAT RARITY. (Hellas 19b+20Id).



20l. blue on green in right marginal copy, mint. Full original gum. One closing \* 800 € corner but rare in mint. (Hellas 19e).



20l. deep dark blue (pos.24), plate flaw white line at the upper inscription, used.Very fine and rare. (Hellas 19g20F6).

o 50€



Dot. "104" (PREVEZA) struck on 40l. light mauve on blue. Fine and extremely rare.o 1300 € (Hellas 20Ia).



40l. mauve on blue, "4" instead of "40" on control figures, used. Small faults. Sold o 200 € as is. (Hellas 20Ib).



157 "KEΦΑΛΛΗΝΙΑ (110)" (KEFALLINIA) a good strike of the II cds on 40l. mauve on blue. o 800 € A great rarity. (Hellas 20lb).



40l. grey-mauve on blue mint copy, clear margins without faults.Rare in mint \* 300 € condition. (Hellas 20Id).



40l. grey-mauve on blue cancelled linear "ΕΠΛΗΡΩΘΗ" (paid) and handwritten obliteration also. Fiscal use. Rare. (Hellas 20Id).



40l. greyish rose on grey-lilac on thick paper, used. One narrow margin but very rare. (Hellas 20IIaPb). 250 €



80l. cherry-red with orange CF and tied by Patras cds. Clear-good/even margins all o 500 € around. Very fine for this. A very rare stamp. (Hellas 21ab).



80l. carmine, CF in rose-carmine, traces of vertically laid background in front of the head, traces of contour behind the neck, no relief, used. Superb and very interesting. Rare. (Hellas 22A).

o 50 €



80l. rose-carmine in mint upper marginal bl.4 perf. 11 1/2 imperforate between. \* 200 € Very fine. (Hellas 22a).



80l. carmine in used strip of six. Scissors cut between the stamps, pre-cut by the P.O.. Fine and rare. (Hellas 22b).



INVERTED CONTROL FIGURE "80" USED ON FRONT. 80l. deep carmine with inverted control figure used on front of printed form together with 1871/76 redorange (touched at right). The 80l. is in absolutely immaculate condition with good to excellent margins and good cancel. Only two known (see Koundouros 33.1 p.90). A most important rarity and a marvelous postal history exhibition item. (Hellas 22bNm+40b).

10500€



166 Letter sheet (large part) from Messina (Italy) Dec 15th, 1864 via Piraeus and Athens to Patras, there taxed Dec 5th as single weight from Italy with 112 L. The 80l. is the only one on cover with the double print of the control figure (Kound. 33.2/see case with Patras Dec 5, 1864 cds). Fine and rare. (Hellas 16b+18b+22bNoI+19b).



Entire letter fr. with 2x2l. bistre, 5l. yellow-green, 1l. brown with horizontally laid background and 10l. orange on blue tied by "110" (Argostolion) cds, arr. "ΠΑΤΡΑΙ\*11. ΜΑΡΤ.65". Handwritten "Δια του Ελλ. ατμοπλοιου". Very fine 4 color franking. Scarce. (Hellas 16b+17b+15b+18d).



Double weight cover fr. with 40l. mauve on blue, 2x5l. green and 2x1l. brown with horizontally laid background to pay the double inter-Ionian rate of 52 lepta, canc. "ΑΡΓΟΣΤΟΛΙΟΝ (ΚΕΦΑΛΛ)\*4.ΜΑΙΟΣ.65", arr. "ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ\*4.ΜΑΙΟΣ.65". Very rare and very fine. (Hellas 20Ib+17b+15b).

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Unpaid entire letter from "MANCHESTER\*14.MR.66" to Syra. Handwritten "245", taxed on arrival with 80l. rose-carmine in strip of 3 and 5l. green to pay the rate of 245 lepta (1 1/2 rate =225l. from England via France + 20l. Greek inland fee), canc. " $\Sigma YPO\Sigma$ \*11.MAPT.66". A very fine entire. (Hellas 22a+17a).

EL 480€



Unpaid letter sheet from Triest Sept 8, 1866 to Kalamai Sept 4, 1866 taxed with the normal rate of 75 Lepta, but the stamps are a strip of 3 of 20l. on greenish paper, a 5l. and instead of 10l. there is a 2l. of nearly the same colour as fraud pretending to be a 10l. Result: 8 Lepta in favour of the postman! Very fine and rare. (Hellas 16b+17c+19e).

EL 900€

# 1867/1869 Cleaned Plates



171 1l. red-brown in left marginal bl.10 on fragment canc. "ATAΛANTH\*16.IOYN.94" (very late use). Lower right stamp just touched at bottom but still a very fine and impressive used large multiple. Rare. (Hellas 23a).

Δ 400€



172 5l. yellow-green in used strip of 3. Middle stamp torn at top, still very fine and scarce. (Hellas 25a).

160€



173 5l. grey-green, used. Very fine. (Hellas 25b).

o 40€



174 10l. red-orange (pos.4), inverted "0" on control number (Kound. 37.4), mint. Full \* 450 € original gum. Superb and rare. (Hellas 26aNb).



175 10l. red-orange in used pair (pos.91-92/1st setting). Enormous margins all around. o 60 € Superb. (Hellas 26a).



176 10l. red-orange on thick paper (over 9μμ) used copy, good margins all around, fresh colour. Superb and very Rare. (Hellas 26aPb). 500 €



101. reddish flesh (Salmon) in mint copy, good margins all around, plate flaw "indentation of the top frame line" (pos.84), full original gum. Certificates by F.E.C. (1951), O.Vlastos (1989) and M.Tseriotis (2003). Fine and extremely rare. (Hellas 26b)





178 10l. orange ON BLUE, used copy, good margins all around, var. "inverted 0", fresh colour. Very fine and rare. (Hellas 26cNb).



179 20l. sky-blue canc. "KEPKYPA\*7.MAIOΣ.6(9)". STAMP BELONGS TO POS.31 BUT BEARS POS.32 CF WITH "0" INVERTED. This happened because the CF plate printed on a sheet placed leftwards by one stamp position. THIS STAMPS PROVES THAT AT LEAST ONE SHEET PRINTED WITHOUT CF IN RIGHT MARGINAL COPIES. Stamp intact with four margins with light crease in upper left corner (in margin). A VERY IMPORTANT ERROR AND UNIQUE SO FAR. (Hellas 27aNbvar).

3500€



**180** 40l. grey-mauve on blue (pos.5), inverted "0" on control number (Kound. 39.3), used. **o 100** € Superb. (Hellas 28aNb).



Table 181 Cover from Marseille fr. with 40c French stamp to Ydra. Boxed C 500 €
"AFFRANCHISSEMENT INSUFFISANT", via "ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ\*8.IAN.70", taxed on arrival with 5l. green and 40l. mauve on green. 40 lepta stamp superb and very rare, especially on a cover like this one. Very fine item. (Hellas 25a+28ca).



**182** 80l. rose-carmine, used. Large-very large margins all around. Superb. (Hellas 29a).





183 80l. carmine in mint bl.4 (pos.138-139/148-149). Very fine. (Hellas 29b).

#### 280€

### 1870 Special Athens Printing



184 Il light reddish brown in right marginal pair.On one stamp short cheek lines (typical impression) but on the right stamp cheek lines are normal (complete different "non shaved" impression).Metioned on Etude sur les Timbres de Grece-1933 and on Naltsas specialized cataloque-1965 (page 149-No.B στ, priced 3000dr as additional price), used. Superb and extremely rare item. (Hellas 30a).



20l sky-blue (pos.21), "02" on control number with "0" inverted (Kound. 42.6) on entire letter canc. "ΚΑΛΑΜΑΙ\*21.ΑΥΓ.70", arr. "ΠΑΤΡΑΙ\*24.ΑΥΓ.70". Very fine and rare on cover. (Hellas 31bNdII).



20l blue on thin semi-transparent paper. In addition plate flaw thin circle, used. o 450 €
Bottom margin closing at left but not touch frame line. Rare. (Hellas 31cPaCF2).



**187** 20l. vivid blue, inverted "20" on CF (Kound.42.3), used. Large - very large/even margins all around. Superb and rare, especially in this quality. (Hellas 31dNm).

# 1871/1872 Printings



Prepaid EL from "ΜΕΣΟΛΟΓΓΙΟΝ\*28.IAN.72" fr. with 15X1l. red-brown (in three marginal strips of 5) and a pair of 20l. sky-blue, via "KEPKYPA\*29.IAN.72", arr. "TRIEST". EXTREMELY RARE. (Hellas 32a+27a).

3000€

EL



188 1l. red-brown used pair. Very fine and very rare. (Hellas 32a).

o 250 €



190 5l. yellow-green, mint. Original gum but a vertical gum crease. Very rare in mint. (Hellas 34a).

2000€



191 5l. green used vertical pair (pos.129-139), plate flaw broken circle (Pos. 129/type III). o 120 € Very fine and scarce. (Hellas 34a).



20l. blue in vertical strip of 3 (pos.113-123-133/2nd setting) canc. " $\Pi$ EIPAIEY $\Sigma$ \*9. NOEM.72). Plate flaw thin circle (pos.123). Grooms "0" No.15 (pos.113) and No.3 (pos.123). Pos.113 lightly fold horizontally, otherwise superb. Rare and very important for classifying the 1871/72 20 lepta settings. (Hellas 35c).



500€



20l. steel blue used pair (pos.78-79), inverted "0" on control number (Kound. 47.5/ pos.79). Fine and scarce in pair. (Hellas 35d+35dNb).



194 40l. bistre on greenish, mint. Full original gum. Very fine. (Hellas 36b).

220€



195 40l. yellow-bistre on greenish, very dry impression, used. Very fine. (Hellas 36c).

30 €

# 1871/1876 Meshed Paper



196 1l. brown in mint never hinged bl.8 (pos.53-56/63-66) perf. 11 1/2. Plate flaw broken plate (pos.55). Superb. (Hellas 37b+37bFb).



2l. grey-bistre in mint pair. Left stamp of 2nd choice while right stamp very fine. Rare. (Hellas 38a).



198 5l. green used pair (pos.36-37), plate flaw white spot on the Greek border (pos.37).o 50 €Very large/enormous margins all around. Superb. (Hellas 39b).



199 2x5l. green and greyish green, used. Both superb copies. (Hellas 39b+39c). o 16 €



**200** 5l. yellow-green, mint block of 4 perf. 7. Fine and rare. (Hellas 39b).



5l. emerald in used vertical pair. Control numbers not aligned. Touched at left and top, practically two margins but very rare. (Hellas 39d).

15€

50€



202 10l. orange, used. Large to enormous margins all around. Superb. (Hellas 40a).



203 10l. red-orange used pair. Superb. (Hellas 40b).





204 10l. orange-vermilion on levander mint copy, 2 small thin spots, clear margins very fresh colour. Rare. Ex. Rothschild collection. (Hellas 40d). \* 1600 €



205 10l. orange-vermilion on lavender with clear partial double impression, used. Very of fine, rare and impressive. (Hellas 40d).



206 10l. red-orange on dark blue paper (pos.147-148) with plate flaw "line connecting pearls" pos.147. Small thin (pos.148) and torn (pos.147) but still very attractive. This pair was used in Syra while pos.145-146 pair (mentioned in Koundouros study) in Zante. A great rarity for Large Hermes Heads. An absolute exhibitional item. (Hellas 40e).



207 1875 Double weight EL fr. with 3x20l. steel-blue, posted from "ΜΕΣΟΛΟΓΓΙΟΝ" (blue), via "AΘΗΝΑΙ (1)\*13 ΔΕΚΕ. 75" and "ΚΕΡΚΥΡΑ (106)\*16 ΔΕΚΕ. 75", arr. "TRIEST30/12/75". Very fine and rare. (Hellas 41g).

EL 100 €



208 20 blue on blue, only part of gum exists, practically mint no gum. Large/even margins all around. Rare in mint, especially in this quality. (Hellas 41h).





40l. dull olive-green on blue, used. Upper inscription practically ilegible while only trace of lower inscription, due to the extremely heavy oily print (linseed oil). Very fine. (Hellas 42Ia).

30€



210 40l. bistre on blue, used. Very large/even margins all around. Superb and scarce in o 30 € this quality. (Hellas 42Ib).



211 40l. greyish magenta on blue, used. Superb. (Hellas 42IIa).

o 30 €



40l. deep bright purple on blue (Groseille), used. Large-very large margins all around but a clear spot. Superb for this rare stamp. (Hellas 42IId). 420 €



213 Unpaid entire letter from Messina, via Brindisi to Corfou. Handwritten "65", taxed on arrival with 5l. yellow-green (stamp creased), 20l. steel blue and 40l. deep bright purple on blue (Groseille) (stamp very fine), all tied by "106" cds and canc. "KEPKYPA\*?.MAPT.74". 40 lepta Groseille stamp very rare on cover. (Hellas 39b+41g+42IId).

EL 780 €



214 1873 EL posted from Genova with manuscript "Via Brindisi", via "KEPKYPA (106)\*30 EL 400 € IOYΛ. 73" and "ΣΥΡΑ (67)\*1 ΑΥΓ. 73". On arrival to Santorini taxed with 5l. sagegreen in strip of 4 + 10l. orange in pair and cancelled with "ΘΗΡΑ (77)\*3 ΑΥΓ. 73". Disinfection slits. Signed by D.Spanos. Rare. (Hellas 39a+40a).

### 1876/1877 Athens Printing



30l. brown in used strip of 5. Good-large margins all around. Very fine and rare. o 150 € (Hellas 45b).



30l. sepia on thin paper in mint pair perf. 11 1/2, imperforate between. Scarce and impressive. (Hellas 45dPa).



30l. yellowish-brown (never issued) in mint pair. Ex Ferrari collection (lot 5544). 
\* 1000 €
Superb and very rare. (Hellas 45f).



218 60l. dark green in corner copy with printing error at lower left, mint. Superb, rare \* 200 € and impressive. (Hellas 46b).



219 60l. dark green on thin paper on used bl.4. Two closing parts. Very rare used multiple. (Hellas 46bPa).

600€

### 1875/1880 Cream Paper



220 2l. olive-yellow (never issued), mint. Full original gum, large/even margins all around. Superb and very rare. (Hellas 48b).

500€



222 5l. emerald, mint. Large margins all around. Very fine and rare. (Hellas 49e).



5l. deep green (same color as the 60 lepta stamp), used. Touches frame line at top. ONLY THREE COPIES KNOWN, ALL WITH FAULTS. A GREAT RARITY. (Hellas 49d).

o 32000€



223 10l. red-orange in pair with clear double impression, mailed properly and canc. "ΣΥΡΑ\*19.NOEM.80". Signed Spanos. Left margin touched. MAYBE THE ONLY KNOWN IN PAIR. (Hellas 50cVb).

o 700€



224 10l. orange on yellowish, mint. Superb. (Hellas 50d).

100 €



201. blue, mint. Full original gum, good margins all around. Very fine. (Hellas 51b).



20l. royal-blue in strip of 3 (pos.137-139) canc. "ΛΑΥΡΙΟΝ\*11.ΦΕΒΡ.78" in blue. Grooms characteristic "2" No.14 (pos.139) not mentioned in Koundouros study. Very fine and important for the correct sequense of the printings. (Hellas 51c).

#### 50€

#### 1880/1886 Athens Printing



1l. deep red-brown on yellowish in bl.6 (pos.1-3/11-13) canc. "KEPKYPA\*8.?.1883". Paper thickness 6.3μμ as usual for this hard to find stamp. Upper strip with light diagonal crease and a small cut in margin (pos.3) while lower strip superb. A very rare used multiple. (Hellas 53a).

o 350 €



228 5l. emerald, mint. Full original gum, good to large margins all around. Very fine and very rare. Signed ZEIS. (Hellas 55a). 

\* 500 €



229 5l. green in mint bl.4, double impression, one inverted (never issued). Lower pair mint never hinged. Very fine and scarce. (Hellas 55cVb).



5l. deep green on thin paper in mint bl.4 (pos.51-52/61-62), plate flaw thin circle (pos.51). Very fine, especially for this kind of paper. (Hellas 55dPa+55dPaCF2).

\* 300€



231 5l. yellow-green (pos.4) with printing error, used. Certificate Tseriotis (2014). Very o 50 € impressive item. (Hellas 55f).



POSTAL FRAUD: Entire letter fr. with 10l. orange canc. "ΦΙΛΙΑΤΡΑ" in lilac and 10l. EL 80 € orange (used again) with black cancellation. Very fine and scarce. (Hellas 56d).



233 10l. yellow-orange on thin paper in used pair. Upper left corner creased but still fine of this. (Hellas 56cPa).



234 10l. orange on yellow (pos.136), plate flaw line intersecting the neck, mint. Very fine \* 800 € and very rare. (Hellas 56e10F29).



235 20l. ultramarine unused block of 6 (pos.11-13/21-23), plate flaw thin circle (pos.22). (\*) 1700 € Large margins all around. One stamp torn and repaired. Still very fine and a very rare large multiple of this scarce stamp. (Hellas 57a).



236 20l. carmine in mint pair. Very fine for this. (Hellas 59Ia).





237 2x20l. bright rosine and dull rosine, used. Very large margins all around. Both copies o 5 € superb. (Hellas 59IIa+59IIb).



30l. grey-ultramarine (pos.10R), plate flaw broken plate (in front of the nose), used. o 150 € Superb. (Hellas 60aFa).



239 1l. grey-brown, 2l. grey-bistre, 5l. green, 10l. orange, 20l. bright rosine and 40l. dull violet-brown, all ovpt "SPECIMEN". In addition 40l. stamp with pos.19 plate flaw missing frame line. Fine- very fine and scarce. (Hellas 53e+54a+55c+56d+59lla+58b).

S 100 €

# Entire Letters & Covers Bearing Large Hermes Heads



240 Letter from Prevesa 9.6.1866 with the famous 9 Soldi franking to Kerkyra 29.5 (normal Levant-rate 10 Sdi but 1 Sdo discount for the use of the ferry to Kerkyra) taxed with the local 20l. for Greece. Very fine and very rare.



241 EL from Jerusalem (Palestine) 12.2.1875 paid with 15Sdi (no harbour) via Lloyd Agenzie Smirne to Athens. A very fine and very rare postal history document of great importance.

EL 8800€

EL



242 Letter sheet from Odessa 2.11.1874 paid with 20Kop. to the Russian P.O. in Constantinople (rare) 4.11 to the Greek P.O. 5.11 and to Syra there taxed with 45l. for French ship (single rate). Very fine.

EL 1100€



243 Letter sheet from Constantinople (Turquie) 18.9.1867 underpaid with 40cts instead of 50cts "Affranchissement Insuffisant" to Athens 8.11 taxed with the reduced amount of 50 lepta. Fine and rare.

EL 1000€





244 Mail between Greece and Italy: Cover A: Underpaid letter from Naples 4.3.1871 paid with 20cmi instead of 60cmi marked "Francobollo Insufficiente" the missing amount of 40 cmi was paid with 45l. in Corfu for transport with Italian ship-paid and unpaid letters cost the same. Cover B: Underpaid letter from Catania 27.11.1869 paid with 40cmi instead of 80cmi the missing amount of 40cmi was paid with 45l. in Patras 23.11 transport with French ship, which was more expensive as the Italian. A beautiful and rare duo.

EL 1350 €



245 Letter from Vienna 23.6.1866 underpaid with 15 Kreuzer instead of 30Kr because of the Convention between the Austrian Lloyd and Greece regarding the former Ionian Islands the missing amount noted with 15 (Kr) and taxed in Corfu with 65l. Rate 15x3=45+20 local = 65 lepta. Very fine and very rare impressive item. Certificate Guy de Vachat.

EL 1600€



246 Letter from Trieste 26.8.1871 underpaid with 15 Kr instead of 20Kr the missing 5 were doubled to 10 and transferred to 45l. this amount is much too high -correct rate should be 27l. nobody neither in Austria nor in Greece can explain this amountso it is called "the mystery 45l.". A clean and beautiful combination cover.

EL 1000€



247 Letter from Hienberg 23.4.1870 underpaid with 15Kr instead of 25Kr (10 missing + 5 fine) via Vienna and Trieste "Affr. Insuff." to Athens 23.4 tranferred to 58l. A very fine and unique postal history document.



248 Entire letter fr. with 5sld+15sld Lomardo-Venetto stamps canc. "CONSTANTINOPEL LLOYD AGENZIE\*8/1" to Syros. Handwritten "20", taxed on arrival with 20l. blue and canc. "ΣΥΡΟΣ\*31.ΔΕΚΕ.68" to pay the Greek inland rate. Very fine and rare mixed franking cover. (Hellas 19b).

EL 1200€



249 Cover from London 24.10.1872 underpaid with 3d instead of 8d marked
"Insufficiently Prepaid" taxed in Athens with 80l. Rate 3dx11.5=34 1/2l. unpaid costs
115l.-34 1/2=80l. Fine combination.



EL 500 €

Handwritten "20", taxed on arrival with 5l. deep green in strip of 4 to pay the Greek internal rate, tied by "67" Syros cds, canc. "ΣΥΡΑ\*8.ΜΑΡΤ.74". Very fine and rare. (Hellas 39e).



251 Letter from Lyon 8.2.1872 franked with 50cts instead of 60cts "Affranchissement Insuffisant" unpaid letter costs 90l. french tax figure 40 with ship "Tanais U4" to Athens 4.2.1872. Rate unpaid 90l.-50=40l. (earliest use of 40l. Meshed paper). Fine and rare.

L 900€

#### SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS / ΣΥΜΒΟΛΑ ΚΑΙ ΣΥΝΤΜΗΣΕΙΣ

FC See color photo / Βλέπε έγχρωμη φωτογραφία \*\*, u/m. Unmounted mint / Ασφράγιστο χωρίς σαρνιέρα

\*, m. Mounted mint / Ασφράγιστο με σαρνιέρα ή ίχνος σαρνιέρας

(\*), mng. Mint without gum / Ασφράγιστο χωρίς γόμμα

**o, u.** Used, cancelled / Σφραγισμένο

P Forgery, fake / Πλαστό

**pu** Postally used / Ταχυδρομημένο κανονικά

o. g. Original gum / Γνήσια γόμμα
 E Essay of proof / Δοκίμιο
 S Specimen / Δείγμα

W Wrapper / Περιτύλιγμα (ράπερ)

**EL** Entire letter / Επιστολή αναδιπλούμενη (χωρίς φάκελο)

**C, cov.** Cover, envelope / Φάκελος

PPC Picture postcard / Εικονογραφημένη κάρτα
Hellas HELLAS Greek catalogue / Κατάλογος ΕΛΛΑΣ

Yv. YVERT & TELLIER French catalogue / Κατάλογος IBEP
 Mi. MICHEL German catalogue / Κατάλογος ΜΙΧΕΛ
 SG. S. GIBBONS British catalogue / Κατάλογος ΓΚΙΜΠΟΝΣ
 AG.PA. AGAOGULLARI PAPUÇCIOGLU Turkish Postmarks catalogue /

Κατάλογος Τουρκικών Σφραγίδων ΠΑΠΟΥΤΣΙΟΓΛΟΥ

**EST.** Our estimation / Προσωπική μας εκτίμηση **R, RR** Rare, very rare, etc. / Σπάνιο, πολύ σπάνιο κλπ.

wmk. Watermark / Υδατόσημο

MS Minitature or souvenir sheet / Μπλόκ φεγιέ

var. Variety / Ποικιλία

**trans.** Transit cancellation / Διαβατική σφραγίδα

Fine quality or condition / Καλή ποιότητα ή κατάσταση

VF Very fine quality or condition / Πολύ καλή ποιότητα ή κατάσταση

doc.Document / ΈγγραφοNEWSNewspaper / Εφημερίδα

MF Military Flight / Στρατιωτική Πτήση
 CF Crash Flight / Αεροπορικά Ατυχήματα
 PC Postal Cards / Επιστολικά Δελτάρια
 PL Postal Letter Cards / Βραχείες Επιστολές

**PE** Postal Envelopes / Φάκελοι

**PW** Postal Wrappers / Ταινίες Εντύπων

PO Postal Money Orders / Ταχυδρομικές Επιταγές
PP Parcel Postal Cards / Δελτίο Αποστολής Δεμάτων

PA Aerograms, Air Letters / Αερογράμματα

# HARMONY

The golden sands between your toes; the fragrant pine in the early morning breeze; a serene waters-edge ambience; and the feeling of nature and soul becoming one.

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