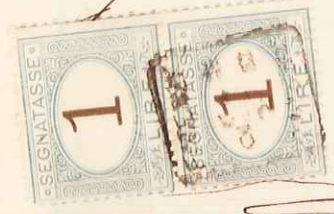




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Nobil Donna
Le Sig. Contessa Pucellai
20 Vigna Nuova



Firenze



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Nobil Signora
Signora Contessa Pucellai
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PHILATELIC EXPERT

LUZERN, SWITZERLAND.

Certificate No. 7685/93

April, 15th 1993

PERU. An envelope bearing two copies of the 1873 (1.March) embossed 2c. blue (Llama), imperf. and a single 1871 embossed Locomotive 5c. red, imperf., S.G. 23,21, Scott 19,20, cancelled by the town datestamp of Lima, 27. April 1874, Lamé type 120, paying the 10c. internal rate to the British P.O. Callao, April, 28. 1874 (presumably the extra 1c. was paid in cash as Peru did not have a 1c. stamp at this time), sent via London, May, 29. and forwarded to Firenze (Florence), where it was handstamped 23(0)centesimi, which was collected by the addition of 1870 postage dues, 30c. magenta and orange (def.), and 2 Lire brown and blue, S.G. D27, D34, Scott J8, J15 and cancelled by a boxed Firenze arrivo, 1.Giugno 1874 and marked in manuscript "180" to denote the British share of the postage from Callao. It is in my opinion genuine. The 2c. Llama stamp was issued in 1873 basically for postage within the City of Lima, the rate for a local letter being reduced from 5c. to 2c. at this time; there was nothing however to preclude its usage on out of town letters. Many thousands were printed but it seems to have been little used as most were still in P.O.Treasury a number of years later; only a few used copies have been reported over the years, I personally have only seen two used copies which I considered to be genuine. A further letter from the same correspondence is attached, bearing two copies of the 1871, 5c. red with similar cancellations and handstamps, also with 230c. Italian postage due stamps. A great rarity and almost certainly unique. The covers also have a Brian Moorhouse certificate.

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Certificate C/0218 (see also Certificate C/0219)

Comments:

This cover (Certificate C/0218) and the one described on Certificate C/0219 were sent from the same origination in Lima to the same addressee in Firenze, Italy dated one month apart in March and April 1874. At this date mail from Peru to overseas addresses had to be franked with 10c in Peruvian stamps. This charge would have been enforced at the post office in Lima. The dates of sending the two covers are 27th March and 27th April respectively. The dates are significant as this would have enabled the covers to travel on the PSNC ship that left Callao for Panama at the end of each month (on or around the 28th). Both covers have a handstruck '23' (decimes) rating which is the correct via Great Britain single letter rate. Additionally the April cover has a manuscript '180' which is a charge marking equivalent to 1/6d due to Great Britain from the Italians. Both covers are franked with postage dues on arrival as customary at this date in Italy.

The franking of the April cover (C/0218) is most unusual as the 2c "Llama" stamps were issued for the franking of letters sent locally in Lima. The franking on this cover with the 5c "Train" and the two 2c "Llamas" only adds up to 9c instead of the 10c amount that was due, but there were no 1c stamps with which the rate could have been made up and one must suppose that the extra 1c was, in fact, paid at the post office at the time of sending the letter.

This item represents, in my opinion, the only known genuine usage of the 2c "Llama" stamps on cover

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Certificate C/0219



PERU 1874 cover from Lima to Firenze in Italy with two copies of the 1871 5c "Train" in scarlet and pale red shades cancelled by Lima cds's (27 Mar) with British P.O. Callao transit backstamp (28 Mar) and London transit backstamp (Apr). Handstruck '23' (decimes) rating with, on arrival, added pair 1 lire and single 30c (damaged) postage dues tied by boxed datestamps (2 May).

I have examined the above item and, in my opinion, it is genuine in all aspects.

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Certificate C/0218



PERU 1874 cover from Lima to Firenze in Italy with 1871 5c scarlet "Train" (corner fault) and two copies of the 1873 2c blue "Llama" cancelled by Lima cds's (27 Apr) with British P.O. Callao transit backstamp (28 Apr) and London transit backstamp (29 May). Ms. '180' and handstruck '23' (decimes) rating with, on arrival, added 2 lire and 30c (damaged) postage dues tied by boxed datestamps (1 Jun).

I have examined the above item and, in my opinion, it is genuine in all aspects.

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