

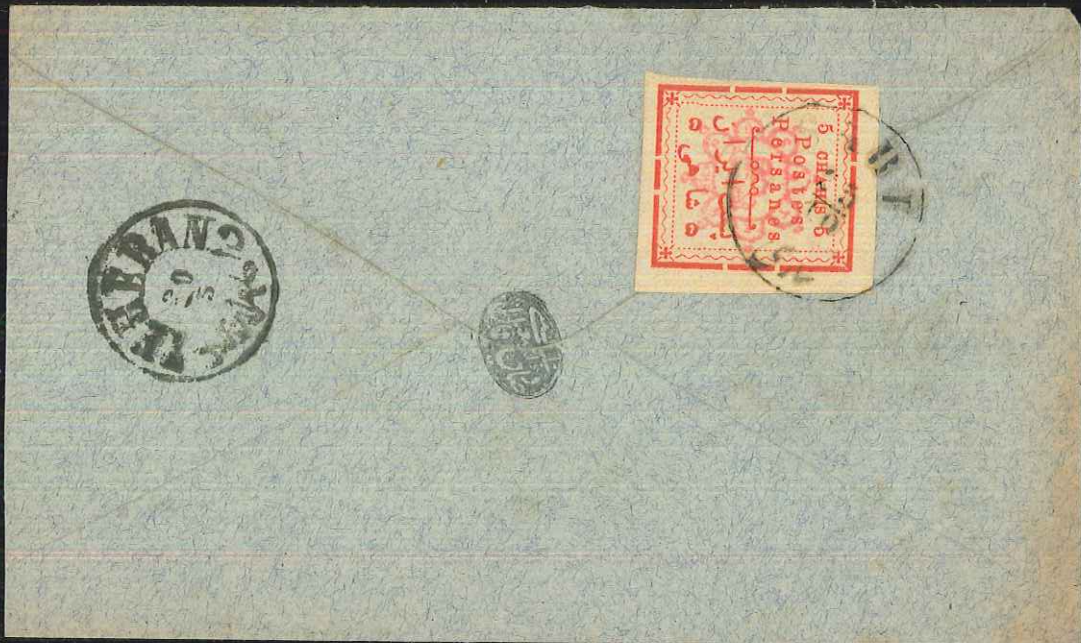


Mint postcard (Carte Postale de Perse) with image of Shah Muzaffer ed-Din – 1896-1907. The image appears to be the same as that on the 1897 series engraved by E.Mouchon but with numbers re-engraved. With its wild and well-deserved reputation for banditry in the desert miles between towns, post cards must have appealed to the authorities as a cheaper and safer alternative to adhesive stamps. The latter were frequently stolen *en route* from their French or Dutch printers.









Good example on cover of 1902 stamp with CHAHIS as capital letters with control overprint T29. The value is 5 Chahis and is cancelled with an indecipherable cancel with the last two letters, BT, only visible. Teheran is the receiving Post Office and there is the usual negative personal seal on the flap.









Cover travelling from Ourmia in 1906 to a curiously named Monsieur Puis ('Mr Then') in the French town of 'Meaung' (correctly, Meung) in Central France. Ourmia is situated on the shore of a great lake of the same name at the extreme West of Persia on the Turkish border. It is the capital of Western Azerbaijan and its population are mainly ethnically Azeris. The cover bears two 1907 stamps for 3 and 10 Chahis respectively on blue tinted paper (SG 298-303). The two stamps are tied by a fine lenticular Ourmia cancel with the date 14-1-07.