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25th September 1992.

Mr Jonathan Rose,
4970 Owens Drive, Apt. 622,
Pleasanton, CA 94588-3040.

Dear Mr Rose,

Many thanks for your letter of 21st
Sept., regarding the British Posts in Crete No.1 cover. I appreciate
your very lucid and constructive comments on this and have pleasure
in sending it for your inspection herewith.

This is a unique and historic cover and
a very different matter from what one normally sees, and what one
would get for Gibbons price of £225 x 10 for a cover. Almost all of
these that I have seen have been 'philatelic' or souvenir covers
sent home by British personnel. I have never seen another with the
control perforation '28' issued only for the use of high officials
and military and naval officers concerned in the short lived
administration. This was presumably done to prevent the stamps being
traded in by unauthorised civilians. The present exchange rate brings
the price to a bit under £3000. However, I would like this cover to go
to a n appreciative and knowledgeable collector, and I am sure you
will always be pleased you bought it, if you do so. The nett price
shall be \$5000. By the way no date stamps were issued with the Temenos
flag handstamp but at least we know the Admiral's movements from
history.

yours sincerely,

BRITISH ADMINISTRATION OF

Crete

1898

20 para bright violet officially perforated with
control number '28' on O.H.M.S. cover. Cancelled with the Union Jack handstamp of Temenos.
Prior to the issue of the adhesive the handstamp was used as a provisional with date and
value inserted. Addressed to Rear Admiral Sir Gerard Noel KCMG on board H.M.S. Revenge
at Kandia. Admiral Noel arrived in the Revenge on 12th September to supervise Turkish
disarmament and surrender, his task completed he left on the 27th December. An historic cover.

Nov. 25, 1898 local handstamp

ms. Gen. B. H. S. 57. line

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