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LOT 3099



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Description

COLLECTIBLE 1854, 4a Deep Red & Indigo, 2nd Printing, Head Die II, Frame Die I (6D; SG 20). Four singles, cut to shape, remarkably each with mostly ample margins except just touching the outer frameline in a couple places, cancelled or tied by diamond of dots on folded letter datelined Calcutta Dec. 4, 1854 and addressed to Bordeaux, France, red Calcutta despatch (date unclear) on back, sender's directive "Pr Str Hindustan via Marseilles", red "INDIA PAID" handstamp on back, red manuscript "2/" double rate, Marseilles transit (ties third 4a to cover) and Bordeaux arrival date stamps, manuscript due in decimes VERY FINE. THIS COVER IS THE EARLIEST RECORDED USE OF THE 4-ANNAS LITHOGRAPH FROM THE SECOND PRINTING. AN ESPECIALLY DESIRABLE USE WITH FOUR SINGLES. The Second Printing was made between Dec. 1 and Dec. 13, 1854. The 4a stamps were printed in Calcutta, where this cover was mailed. The 16a franking pays the double letter rate between ½ oz. and 1 oz. via Marseilles. With 2009 Sismondo Certificate.

Quantity: 1



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