

**Sale Name:** U.S. Marshals Service Stamps Auction

**LOT 3056**



**Seller** Southern District of New York

### Description

COLLECTIBLE: 1854 Soldier's One-Penny Concessionary Rate Cover. Manuscript "From No. 1313 Pt Thos. Hampton, HM 12th Lancers" and countersigned by commanding officer on 1854 folded cover to London, England, 1854, 1a Red, Die I (4; SG 12), large to clear margins, tied by diamond of dots with red Madras Nov. 8, 1854 boxed datestamp on back, "2" handstamp due marking, London arrival backstamp, cover with edgewear, small tears, and minor soiling FINE. LESS THAN SIX EXAMPLES OF THE 1854 LITHOGRAPH ARE KNOWN USED ON SOLDIER'S CONCESSIONARY RATE COVERS-- ESPECIALLY RARE USED AT THIS EARLY DATE. This use of the 1854 Lithograph on Nov. 8, 1854 is quite early, just five weeks after the stamps were issued. The 12th Royal Lancers were eventually sent to the Crimea in 1855 before returning to India in 1857 to assist with the Indian Mutiny. Since prepayment of the soldier's concessionary rate was not permitted in India, this letter was considered unpaid on arrival and charged the double-deficiency rate of 2p. Ex Sattin and Dr. Kornan.

**Quantity:** 1



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