

## Stop Press – 63

### Specimen Kites - October 2018

Recently acquired was this Somaliland Specimen set with all but the 1a showing the variety: Kite & vertical log, (confirming our entries for these values in our Pioneer Plates table) and, (due to the apparent methodical way of assembling specimen sets), suggesting a different plate for the 1a in the table. One of seven possible sets.



### Red Book – September 2018

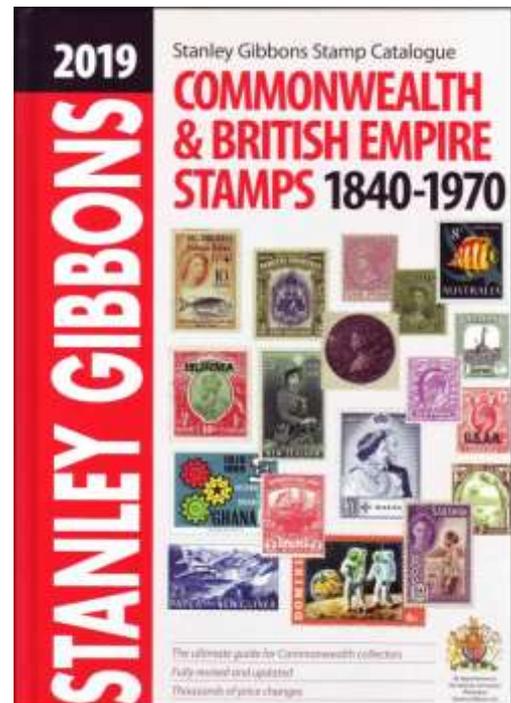
Following the inclusion of Aden's sub-offices, the new Gibbon's Part One lists the denominations of Indian SJ stamps noted for them, as follows:

Kamaran: ½a, 1a, 1¼a.      Perim: ½a, 8a.

As far as prices go, the mint omnibus has risen to £1600 and a number of varieties are up. Prices have been established for these used varieties:

Basutoland 13h, Fiji 242i, Gambia 143c & 144c, Jamaica 117b, Malta 210b, Sierra Leone 181c & 183c, Trinidad & Tobago 239c & d.

Fallers include Hong Kong mint set (by £10) and, once again, the St Vincent 1d used.



### Over-fed Seals on eBay – September 2018

A couple of dubious Egyptian seals recently appeared on eBay. Not till they arrived did their dimensions, 25% more than normal, betray that they were obviously not genuine. But that they were perforated, they might well have been cut out of an auction catalogue's illustrations. Upon re-listing, the word "reproduction" appeared.



Hong Kong FDC - August 2018

Gary Loew noted this Hong Kong illustrated registered FDC to London in John Bull's December auction.

Starting bid was 1,500 HKD. Hammer price was 9,000 HKD.



Jamaica perforation query - August 2018

The unusual perforation on this Jamaica 1d prompted speculation that perhaps De La Rue had perforated the Bradbury printed supplies before preparing the Jamaica booklets. However, the consensus amongst those at a study circle meeting was that the stamp had been re-perforated...but to what purpose?



Press release - August 2018

John Cooper has sent a picture of an Overland China Mail issue bearing the local newspaper rate of 2c and 10c as a late fee, cancelled San Tin 14 Sp 38. John adds that the late fee is not previously recorded for San Tin and that the cancel San Tin postdates Proud by 4 years & 4 months.

