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*The Nisbet sale.*

## SAMOA

A SHORT HISTORY - 1830-1840

Excerpts from the "*History of the London Missionary Society, 1795-1895*"

*Samoa is the native name of a group of volcanic islands formerly called Navigators' Islands, lying between 13<sup>o</sup> and 15<sup>o</sup> south latitude, 168<sup>o</sup> and 173<sup>o</sup> west longitude. The mountains of Savaii, some of which are 4,000 feet high, can be seen for fifty miles. The principal islands of the group are Savaii on the west; Upolu, ten miles distant, in the center; and Tutuila, forty miles to the east of Upolu. They are all extremely beautiful and rich in vegetation. Upolu is almost surrounded by reefs, at distances from the shore which vary from thirty feet to four miles.*

*Little was known of these islands until 1830, when John Williams first landed there. In 1834 Mr. Charles Barff of Huahine came to Rarotonga in a schooner of fifty tons which he had chartered, and taking on board Mr. Buzacott, sailed away to Samoa. Their object was to prepare the way for the permanent work which the Directors of the London Missionary Society had resolved to undertake in the group. The visits of John Williams, and the work of the native teachers whom he had stationed in the islands, had created a desire for the new lotu or religion. So powerful had this feeling become that various runaway sailors were induced by the chiefs to attempt the task for which they were wholly incompetent, of teaching them the white man's religion.*

*One immediate result of the visit of John Williams to England in 1834 was the dispatch in 1835 of the first party of European missionaries, six in number, to the Samoan group - Messrs. Heath, Hardie, Mills, MacDonald, Murray and Barnden.*

*In November of 1839 John Williams sailed toward the New Hebrides with twelve native teachers, whom he intended to land at such islands as were willing to receive them. On the morning of November 20 in Dillon's Bay (at Tanna) at the request of Mr. Williams the whale boat was lowered, Captain Morgan and Mr. Cunningham with four hands going in it, together with Mr. Williams and Mr. Harris. They passed a canoe in the bay containing four natives. Their language was strange and they were wild and shy. Mr. Williams failed in his efforts by presents to induce them to come into his boat. The whale boat then rowed up to the head of the bay, and the natives on the shore were also shy, and beckoned to them to go away. Mr. Harris landed first, then Mr. Williams, and although the natives were not very friendly, there was nothing to excite alarm. Shortly afterwards a sudden attack was made. Mr. Harris first fell; Mr. Williams reached the beach, but was clubbed to death under the eyes of Captain Morgan and his boat's crew, who were horrified, but powerless to aid him. The bodies were carried off by the natives and consumed.*

*By 1840 the three main islands, Upolu, Savaii, and Tutuila, had been covered with a network of mission stations. At the chief point in each district a European missionary resided, and from that center he traveled and sought to evangelize the different villages and groups of natives - often very numerous in his district. The rate of Christian progress varied. In Tutuila, furthest removed from native politics and from contact with foreign vessels, it was more rapid and more abiding. In Upolu the distractions of warfare and the vices of civilization were more constant and more powerful hindrances to the Christian work.*

*This brings us to the central point of our correspondence, Reverend Henry Nisbet..*

## REVEREND HENRY NISBET OF SAMOA, A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Information courtesy of **Floyd Fitzpatrick**

*Reverend Henry Nisbet, a native of Scotland and a member of the London Missionary Society, spent over 30 years in the South Seas area. Little is known about him prior to the year 1840, when he sailed from Plymouth for Sydney, New South Wales. Sometime after his arrival (June 25, 1841) he married Miss Sarah Crook, the daughter of a Tahitian Missionary.*

*In June 1842, Rev. George Turner and Rev. Henry Nisbet were appointed to take charge of the mission in the New Hebrides and sent to Tanna to aid several Samoan teachers who were sent there in 1840 after John Williams' death at the hands of cannibals in 1839. For a long time all went well, then troubles began. The natives determined to murder the missionaries, and after being in eminent peril and one ineffectual attempt to escape, the fortuitous arrival of a ship brought deliverance from the natives. Mr. Turner and Mr. Nisbet, with their families, were conveyed to Upolu in February 1843. Nisbet then settled in Vaiee and Turner in Malua.*

*1846 saw the birth of Nisbet's daughter, Sarah Jane. During this year there are reports on a number of Nisbet's activities. He trained native teachers, assisted his wife with the Girl's Boarding School and worked on the completion of the Samoan New Testament. In October 1846, Revs. Nisbet and Gill called at Niue in the ship John Williams and were able to station a native teacher there. In 1848 Revs. Nisbet and Turner visited the island and found few signs of progress.*

*1848 also brought a civil war which lasted seven years. It gradually drew into its whirlpool the greater part of Upolu and Savaii. This not only tended to revive heathenism, but also drew back into savagery some of those who had become Christians and threw great obstacles in the way of all missionary work. At the conclusion of this struggle peace was maintained for a few years. Due to this civil war, Nisbet's station at Vaiee was evidently shut down in 1848 and then reopened in 1850 after repairing the damages due to the war.*

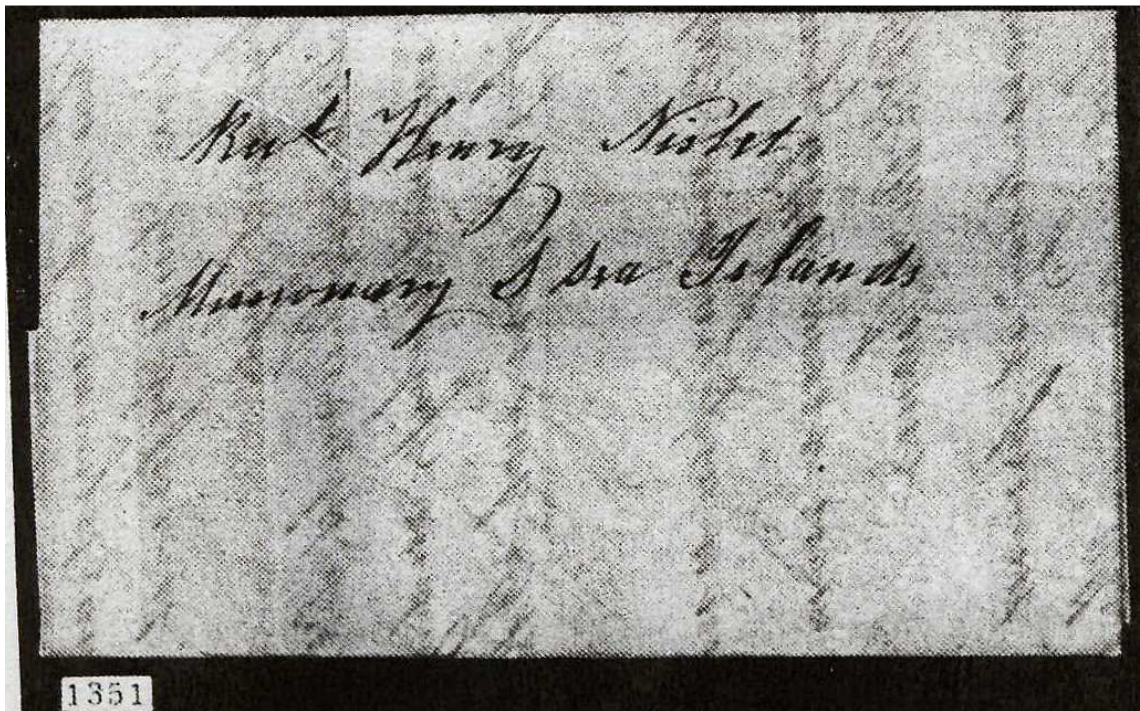
*About 1856 Revs. Nisbet and Pratt were appointed to superintend a thorough and complete revision of the whole Samoan bible. After the death of Rev. G. Stallworthy in Nov. 1859, his place as director of the Malua Institution (during the absence of Rev. Turner) was taken by Rev. Nisbet. Nisbet began working at Malua in December 1859, moving there from Sapapalii on Savaii, which station he had occupied since 1850. He remained in sole charge of the*

*Institution until Dr. Turner's return to Samoa in November 1863. From May 1862, Mr. Nisbet also directed all the work of the mission press. Until June of 1867, Dr. Turner and Rev. Nisbet jointly managed the Malua Institution. Rev. Nisbet then visited Australia in 1867 and England in 1868 and thence onward to Canada to visit his family, who had moved there. In 1870 Rev. Nisbet received the degree of L.L.D. from the University of Glasgow. Dr. Nisbet returned to Samoa and died at Malua on May 9, 1876.*

**THE REV. HENRY NISBET CORRESPONDENCE  
FIFTY-SEVEN LETTERS TO AND FROM SAMOA**

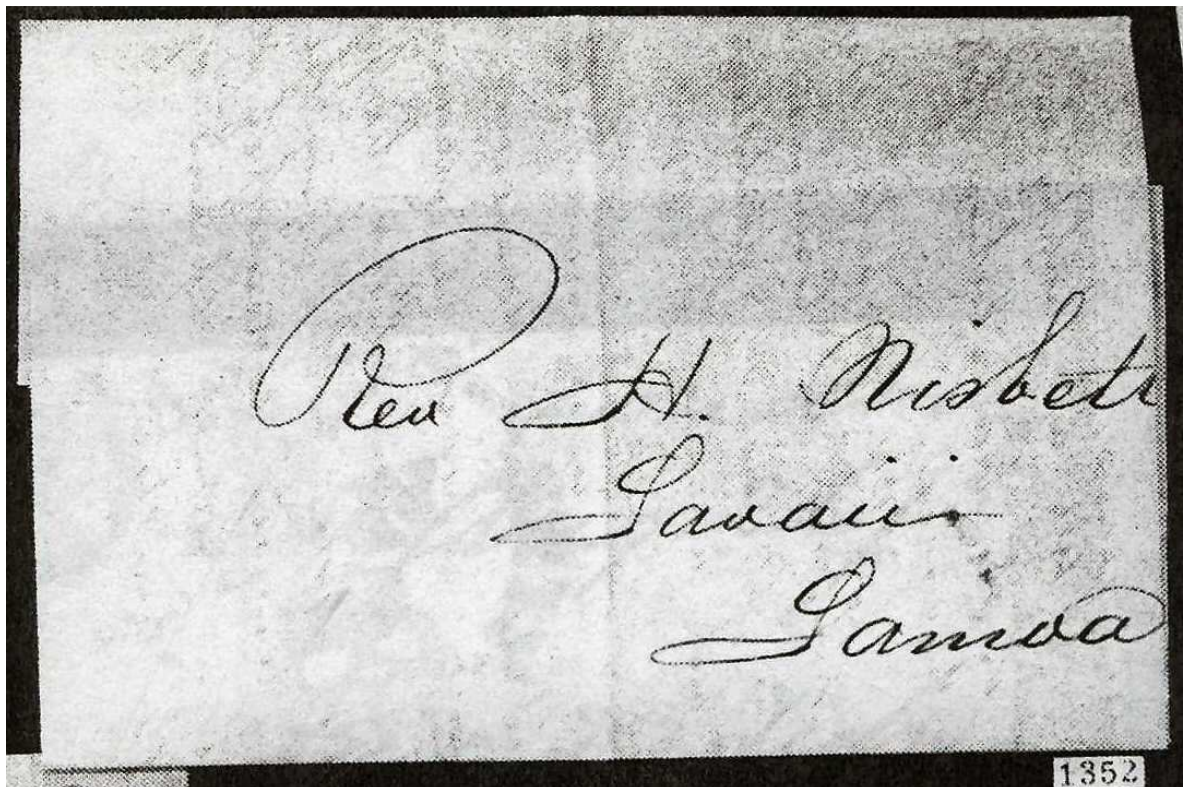
**Great Britain to Samoa  
(no markings)**

- 1351** 1840, Glasgow to Rev'd Henry Nisbet, Missionary, Sea Islands, hand carried, no markings, dated 13 October, from J. Weir (Nisbet's cousin), 3-page letter concerns life at home in Scotland, few small age spots o/w Fine  
ECV \$175-200 →\$120



- 1352 1852, London to Rev. H. Nisbet, Savaii, Samoa, 31 August, from Dr. Tidman (Foreign Secretary of the London Missionary Society), 3 page letter of encouragement to Nisbet, refers to Nisbet's disappointment at being shifted from his station on Upolu to Savaii, interesting background information, Very Fine

ECV \$150-175 →\$175



- 1353 1862, Glasgow to Mrs. Nisbet, Malua; 13 July, 3-1/2 page tightly written letter about general affairs, 2 tiny holes in paper o/w Very Fine

ECV \$125-150 →\$90

- 1354 1871, Glasgow to Rev Henry Nisbet L.L.D., Malua, 29 April, from George Turner, 3 page mourning letter which mentions the bestowal of the L.L.D. degree by Glasgow Univ on Nisbet, letter also mentions that the sponsor would pay the £20 fee. Very Fine

ECV \$100-125 →\$100

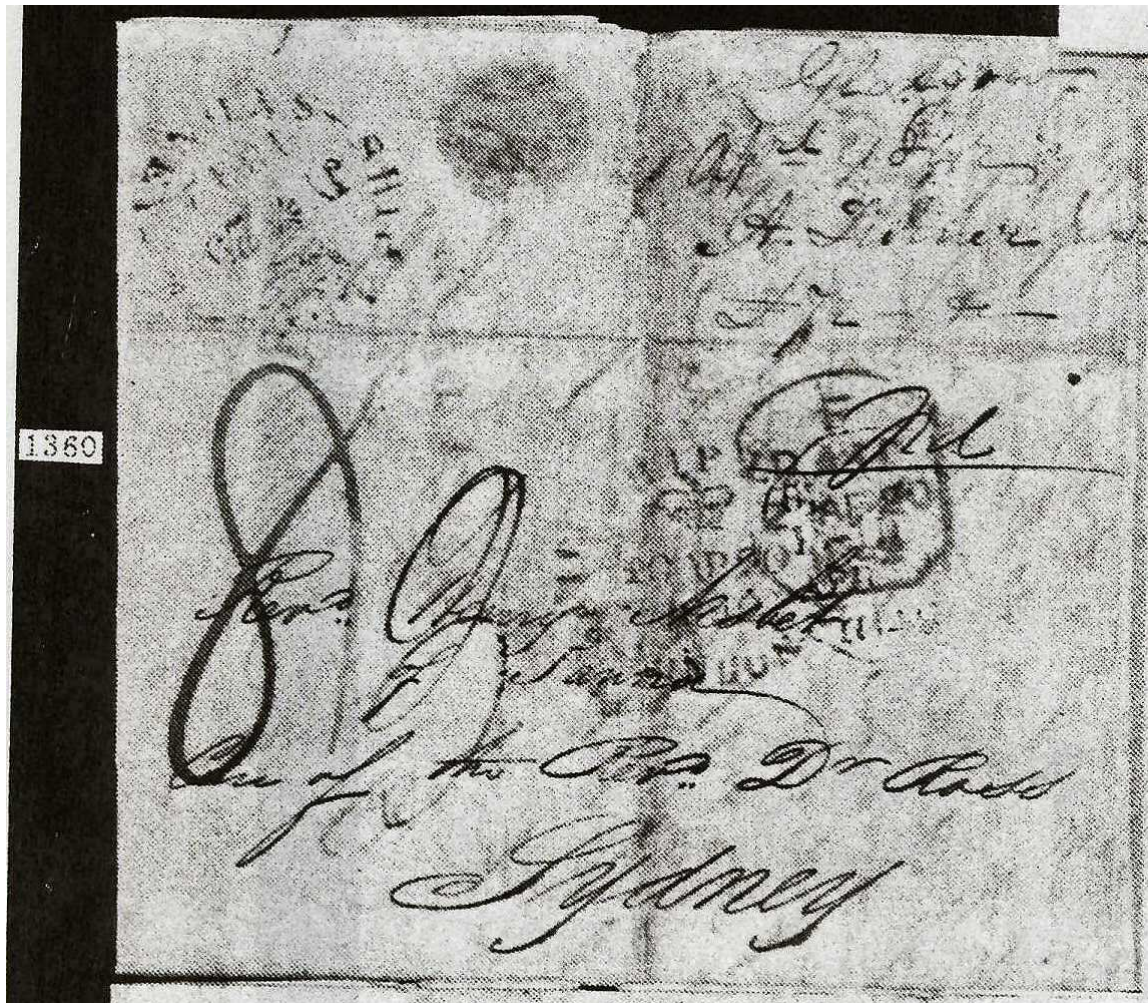
- 1355 1871, Glasgow to Rev Dr. Nisbet, Malua, 24 June, from George Turner, 3 page mourning letter mentions matters in Samoa as well as Scotland, refers to Nisbet's return to Samoa the previous December, Very Fine  
ECV \$100-125 →\$190
- 1356 1872, Glasgow to Henry (Nisbet in Samoa), from George Turner 13 Feb, 3 page mourning letter w/o addr, probably sent inside env, refers to the death of Turner's wife the month before, few toned spots, F-VF  
ECV \$100-125 →\$80
- 1357 1872, Glasgow to Rev Dr. Nisbet, Malua; from George Turner, 5 March, 3 page mourning letter which refers to the death of Mary (his wife) and Nisbet's work in Samoa, Very Fine  
ECV \$100-125 →\$105
- 1358 1872, London to Rev H. Nisbet, L.L.D., Malua, 26 April, 3 page mourning letter from George Turner, general letter, small tear, few toned spots o/w F-VF  
ECV \$100-125 →\$85

### **Great Britain to Samoa**

- 1359 1840, London to Rev Hy Nisbet/Care of Rev. Dr. Ross/Sydney/New South Wales; circular rimless "SHIP LETTER/JA \* 18/1841/SYDNEY" marking (Robson Lowe type HS81 ), on 19 August letter concerning shipment of goods to Nisbet; heavy toning or water staining at side, few small tears from seals still a scarce and early ship letter; Fine  
ECV \$200-250 →\$165

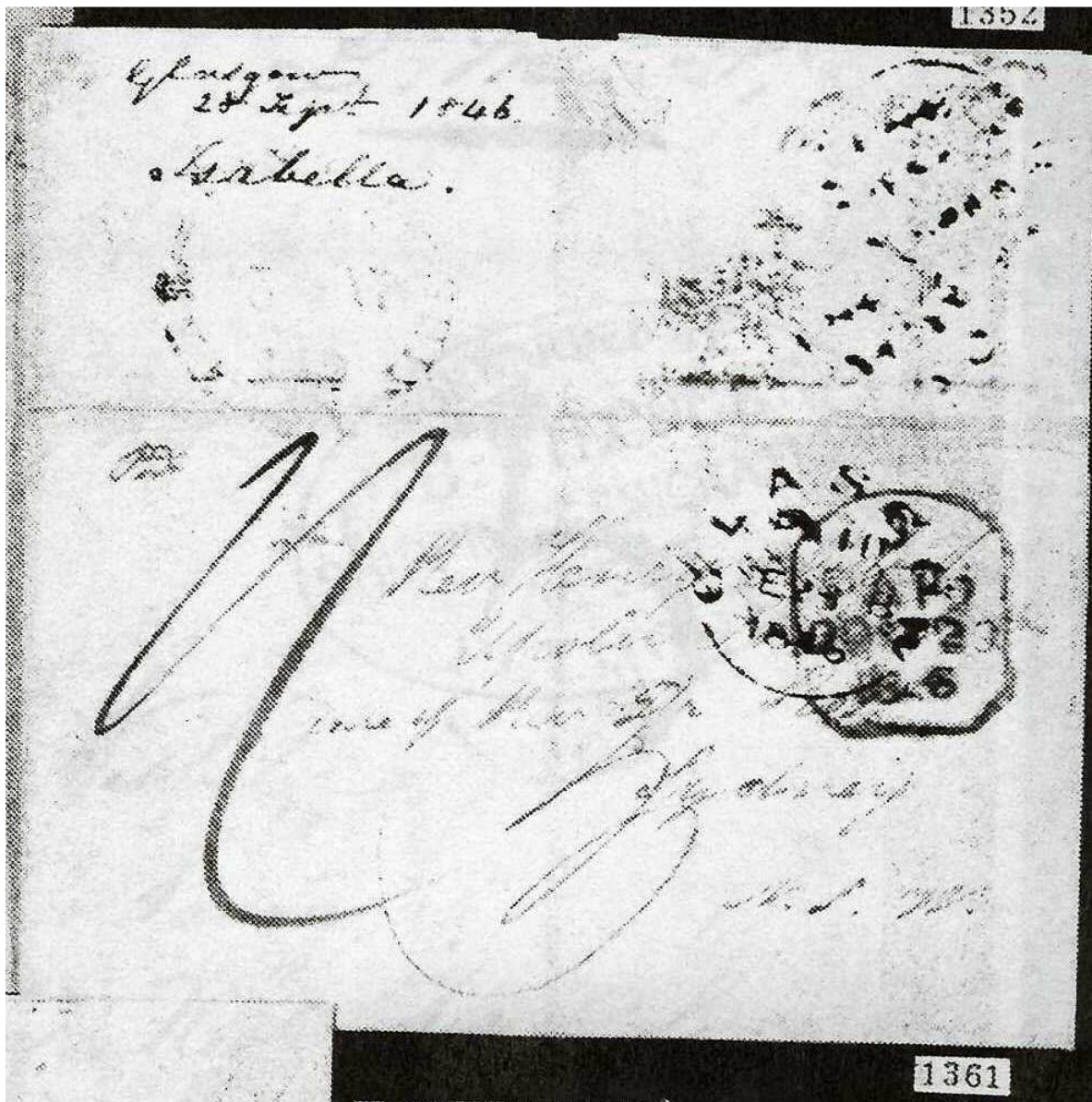
1360 1842, Glasgow to Rev Henry Nisbet of *Tanna*, care of the Rev Dr Ross, Sydney, red "F/Paid/20 AP 20/1842" & red oval "PAID SHIP LETTER/20 AP 20/1842/ LONDON", black "SHIP LETTER/JY 29/1842/SYDNEY" b/s, 4 page letter from A. Turner concerning shipment of goods to Nisbet at Tanna (in the New Hebrides) plus family news, heavy file fold o/w F-VF

ECV \$200-250 →\$300



1361 1846, Glasgow to Rev Henry Nisbet, Upolu, Samoa, Care of Rev. Dr Ross, redblack "GLASGOW/PAID SEP 28/1846" & red square "J/PAID/SEP 29/1846" cancels, with faint strike of black "SHIP LETTER/JA \* 2?/1847/SYDNEY", 4 page letter from Isabella (Nisbet's sister), concerns life at home in Glasgow and refers to the birth of Nisbet's daughter, F-VF

ECV \$200-250 →\$190

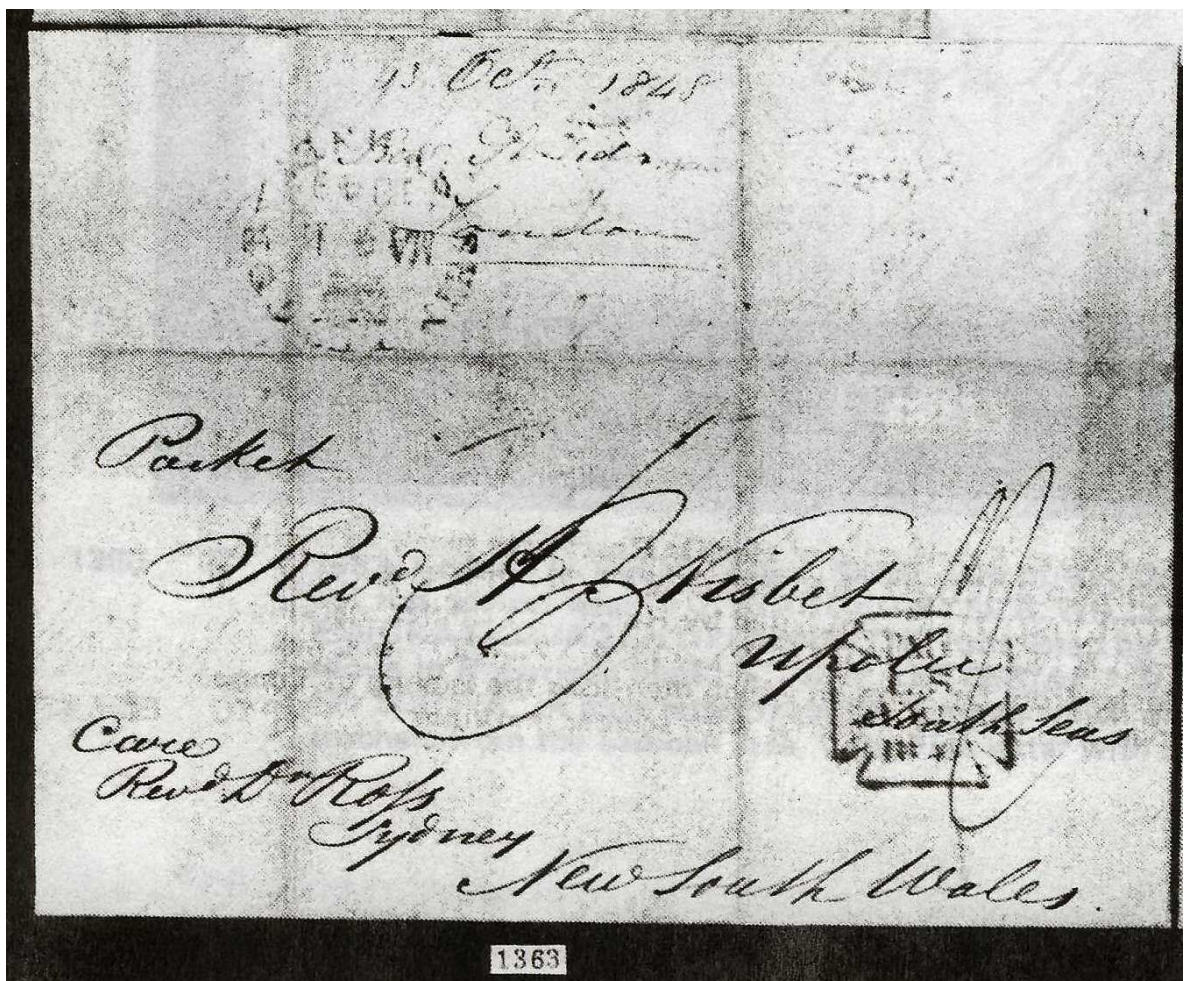


1362 1847, Glasgow to Rev Henry Nisbet, Upolu, Samoa care of Rev Dr Ross, Sydney, Polynesia; Fine strike of black of "Glasgow/Paid N/May 2?/1847" & red "Paid/10/ 31 My 31/1847"; legible strike of "SHIP LETTER/SE \* 13/184?/SYDNEY" (year date probably 1848, as letters normally took six months or better, 4 page letter from Andrew MacFarlane concerning the foundation of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland and the uniting of some of the missionary efforts, letter with some ink smearing, water spotting & minor faults, Fine

ECV \$200-250 →\$175

1363 1848, London to Rev H Nisbet, Upolu, South Seas, care Rev Dr Ross, Sydney, New South Wales; red maltese cross "PAID/L.S./ /1848" and black rimless circular "Ship Letter/May \* 11/1849" 3 page letter from Arthur Tidman (Foreign Secretary, London Missionary Society), few file folds o/w Very Fine

ECV \$200-250 →\$270

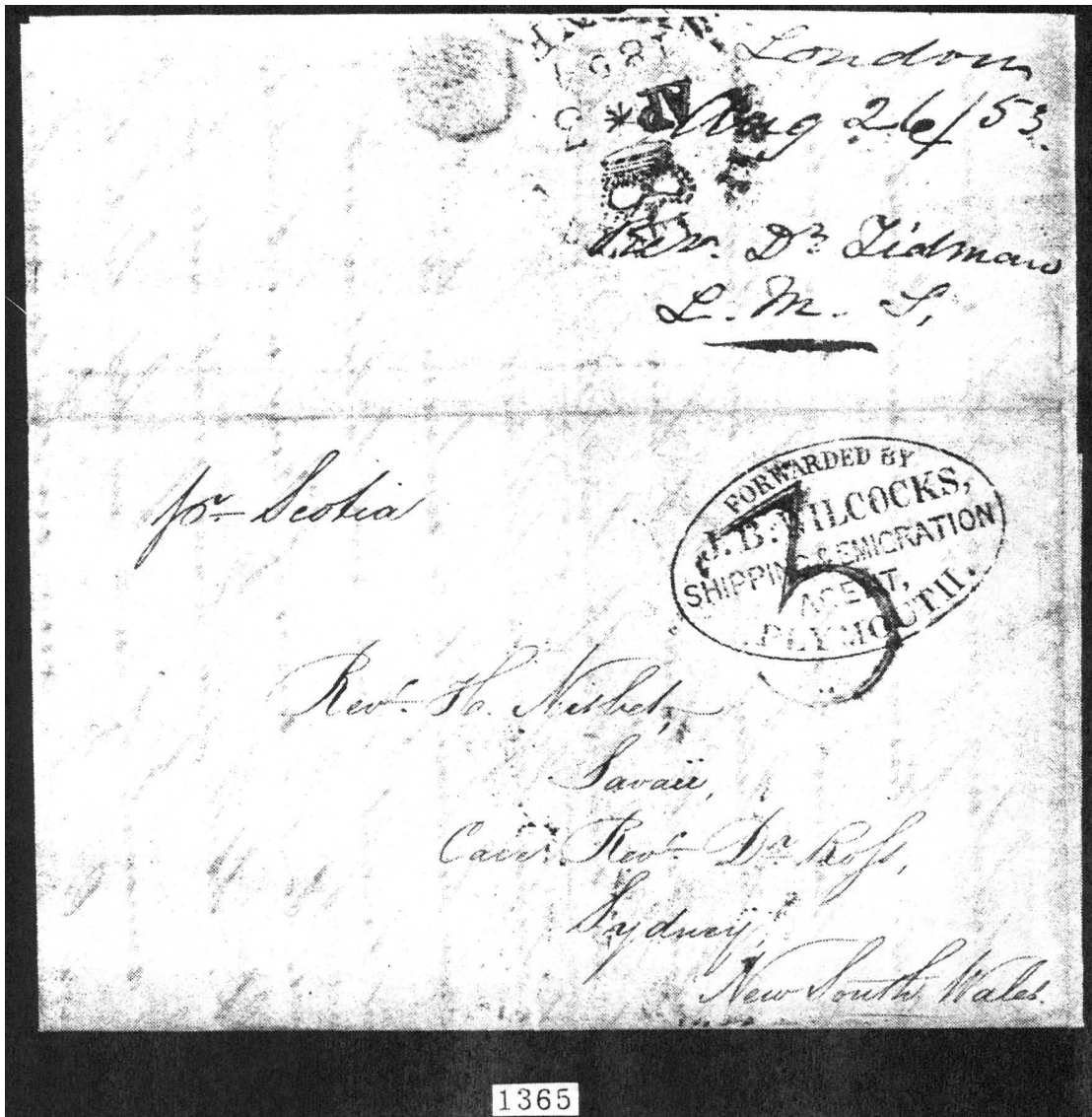


1364 1852, Glasgow to the Rev Henry Nisbet, Sapapalii, Savaii, Samoa, care of Dr Ross, heavy black "GLASGOW/PAID 11/FEB 27/1852", red "PAID/1852/28 E 28/ " and "SHIP LETTER/FE 28/1852/LONDON", black Sydney Ship letter b/s 4 page letter from William Turner, brother of George Turner (missionary) referring to commercial matters, some minor soiling o/w F-VF

ECV \$125-150 →**\$105**

1365 1853 London to Rev H. Nisbet, Savaii, care of Rev Dr Ross; large black "3" with flat top, scarcer oval "FORWARDED BY/J. B. WILCOCKS/SHIPPING & EMIGRATION/AGENT/PLYMOUTH" (not listed by Rowe, but similar marking shows in Robertson book) & "SHIP LETTER/AP " 3/1854/SYDNEY" b/s, ms "Pr SCOTIA", 4 page letter from Dr. Tidman which mentions the leaving of Tongo teachers from the Samoan area, Very Fine letter with scarcer markings

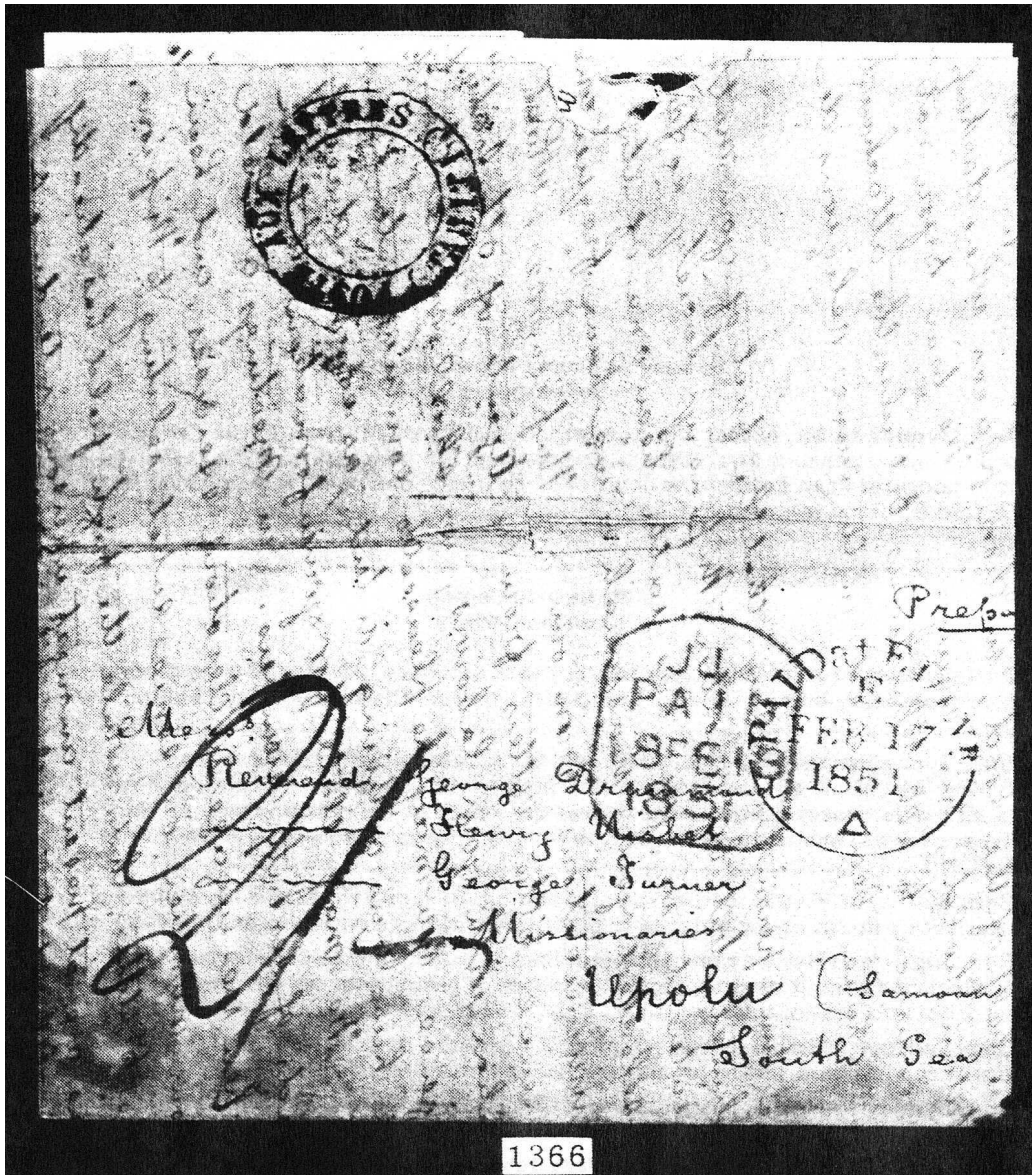
ECV \$300-400 →\$290



1366

1851, Edinburgh to Messrs Reverend George Drummond, Henry Nisbet, George Turner, Missionaries, Upolu (Samoa Isl.) South Seas; red "PAID AT EDINB/E/ FEB 17/1851/D" and red "JJ/PAID/18 FEB 18/1851" tombstone, plus scarce black "POSTE AUX LETTRES (TAHITI)" b/s, very rare transit marking, long and supercilious 4 page letter from student members of a rival missionary society asking many questions concerning life as a missionary in Samoa, large burned spot affects letter, some toning & small tear on front, still an extremely rare and highly desirable piece of postal history, Fine

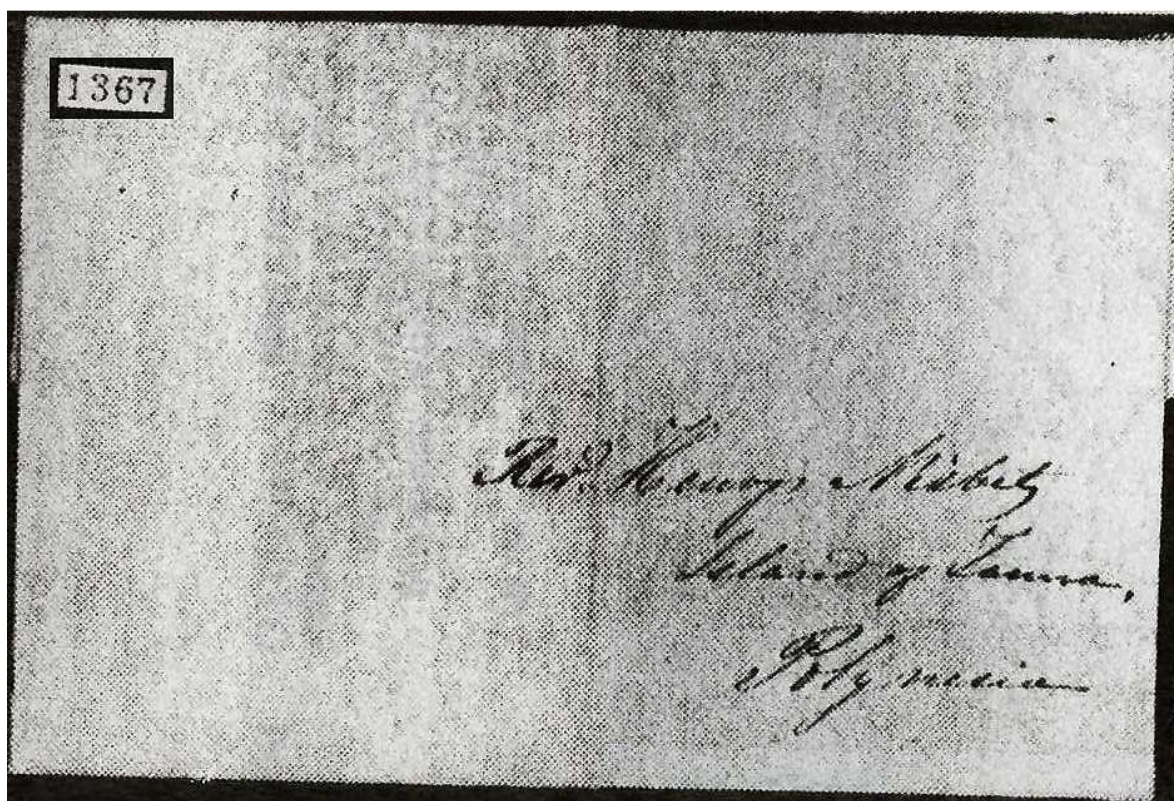
ECV \$750-1000 →\$770



Glasgow to Tanna (New Hebrides)  
(no markings)

1367 1842, Glasgow to Rev Henry Nisbet, Island of  
Tanna, Polynesia; 26 May docket'g, long 4 page  
tightly written letter from Andrew MacFarlane,  
heavy file fold o/w Very Fine, scarce

ECV \$300-350 →\$230



1368 1842, Glasgow to Rev Henry Nisbet, Missionary, Tanna, 22 June, 4 page letter from John Duncan, few holes from wax seal and heavy file fold, few small toned spots o/w Fine

ECV \$250-300 →\$200

**Sydney to Tanna (New Hebrides)  
(no markings)**

1369 1842, Sydney to Mr. Nisbet, Tana, Sept, outer page of FL from Lydia Crook (probably a relative of Mrs. Nisbet), the message is a post script to the main letter concerning an accident which took the life of one of Dr Ross's servants; file fold & minor toning o/w F-VF

ECV \$175-200 →\$110

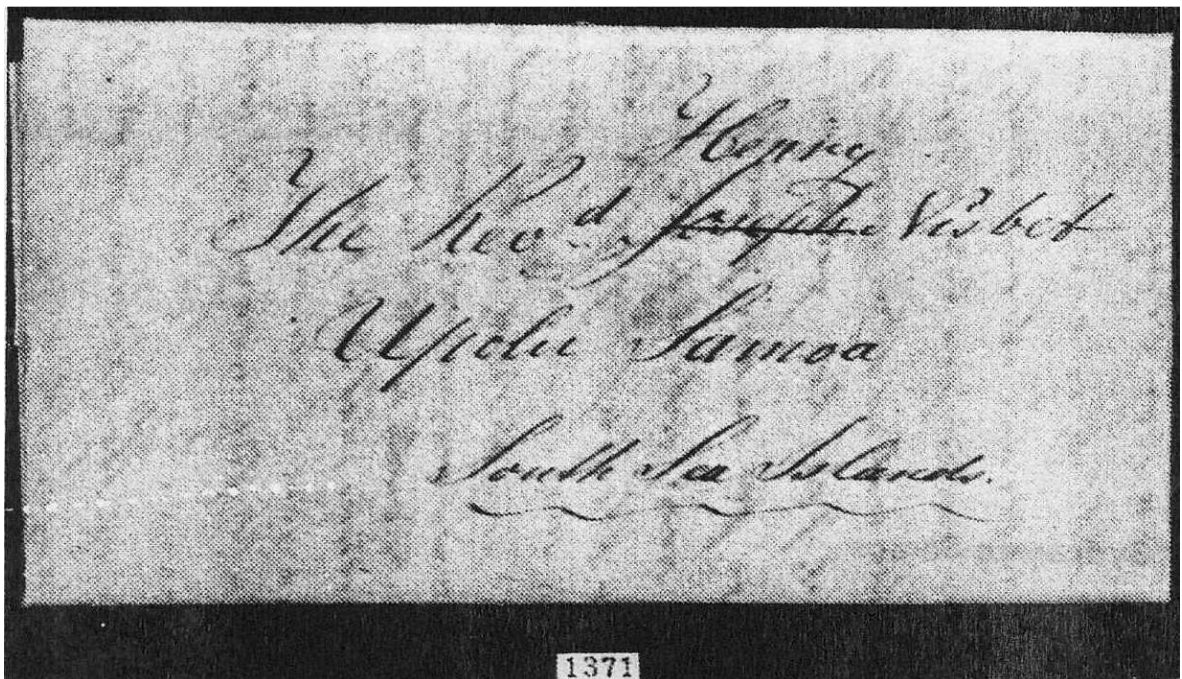
**Sydney to Samoa  
(no markings)**

1370 1844, Sydney to Mrs. Nisbet, Samoa, South Sea Islands, 20 May, 4 page general letter from Mary Handt, sister of Sarah Nisbet, usual file fold and light soiling o/w Fine

ECV \$175-200 →\$115

- 1371 1845, Sydney to the Rev Henry Nisbet, Upolu Samoa, South Sea Islands, 13 May, 4 page letter from Rev J.G.S. Handt which mentions the death of Rev Handt's wife, Mary, from childbirth and also refers to the despondency of Henry Nisbet over his lack of success with the Samoans, usual file folds o/w Very Fine

ECV \$250-300 →\$220



- 1372 1846, Sydney to Rev, H. Nisbet, Upolu, Samoa, 21 Nov., for Mrs. Nisbet, 4 page letter about things in general, file fold and small tears from wax seal, o/w F-V F

ECV \$200-250 →\$130

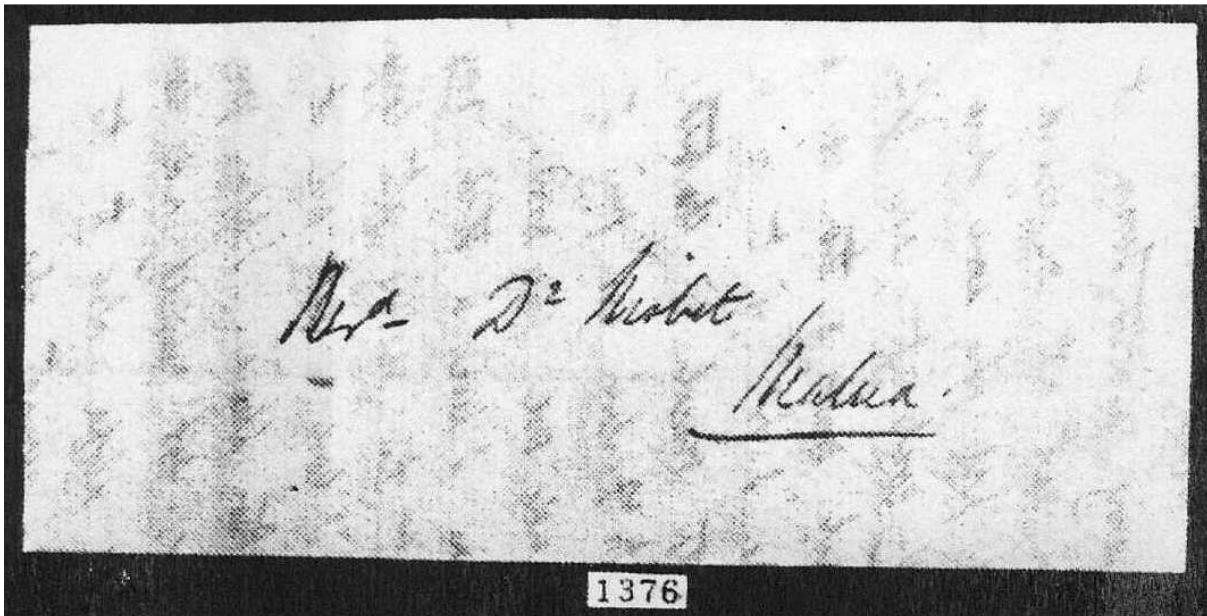
- 1373 1847 Sydney to Rev H. Nisbet, Upolu, Samoa 9 June, single page letter from Dr. Ross concerning the shipment of supplies to Nisbet, normal file fold & small tear from wax seal o/w Very Fine

ECV \$200-250 →\$150

- 1374 1852, Sydney to Rev H. Nisbet, Samoa, 7 August, 4 page letter from Martha Hogg, normal file fold and several small slits through letter o/w F-VF

ECV \$175-200 →\$140

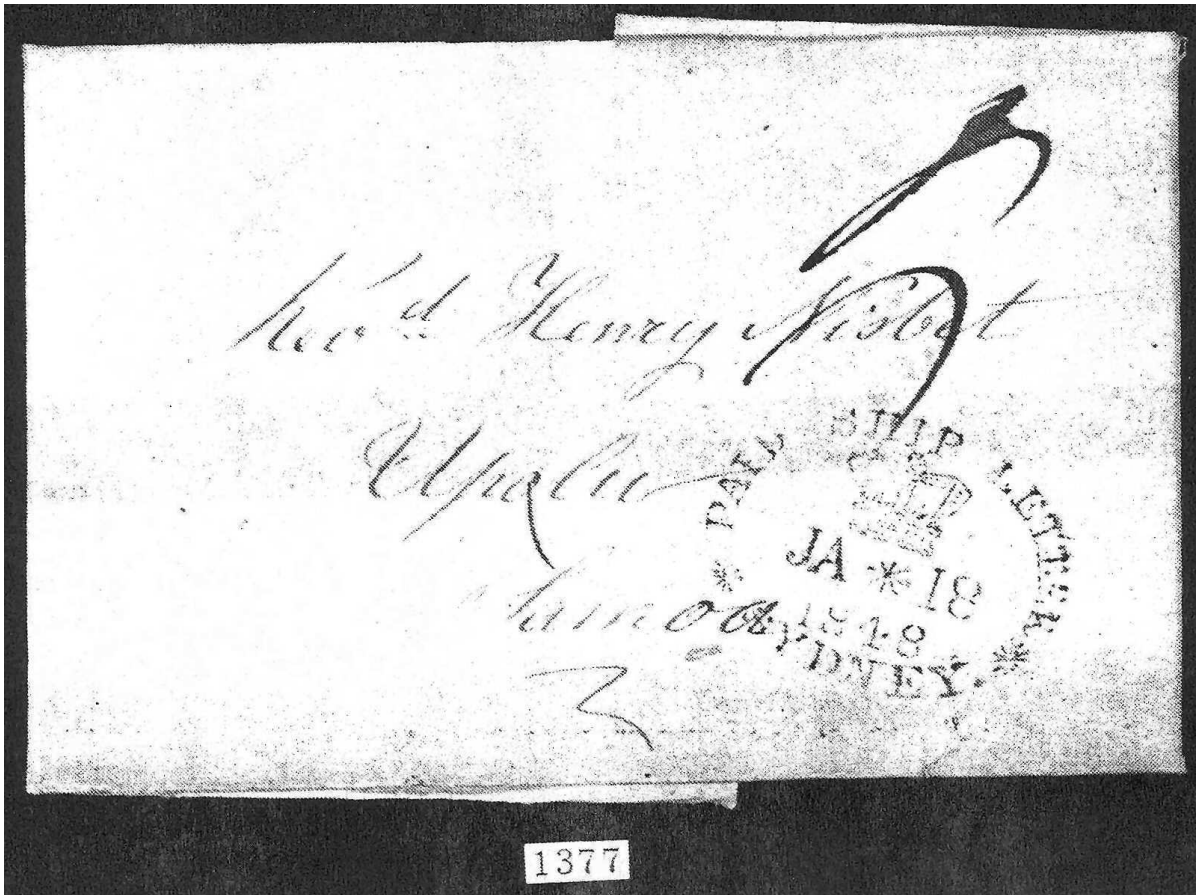
- 1375 1854, Sydney to Rev H. Nisbet, Samoa, 10 October, 4 page letter from Martha Hogg, usual file fold and several small slits through letter o/w F-VF  
ECV \$175-200 →\$155
- 1376 1874, Newtown Sydney to Rev Dr. Nisbet, Malua, 9 February, 4 page letter from George Turner, refers to matters in Australia as well as a pending trip to various islands, normal file fold o/w Very Fine**  
ECV \$100-150 →\$85



Sydney to Samoa

1377 1848 Sydney to Rev Henry Nisbet, Upolu, Samoa, red oval "PAID SHIP LETTER/ JA \* 18/1848/SYDNEY" on face, 4 page letter from M. Handt concerning the outbreak of influenza in New South Wales, plus a graphic description of the death of the writer's daughter from influenza, interesting contents; small tear o/w scarce and Fine

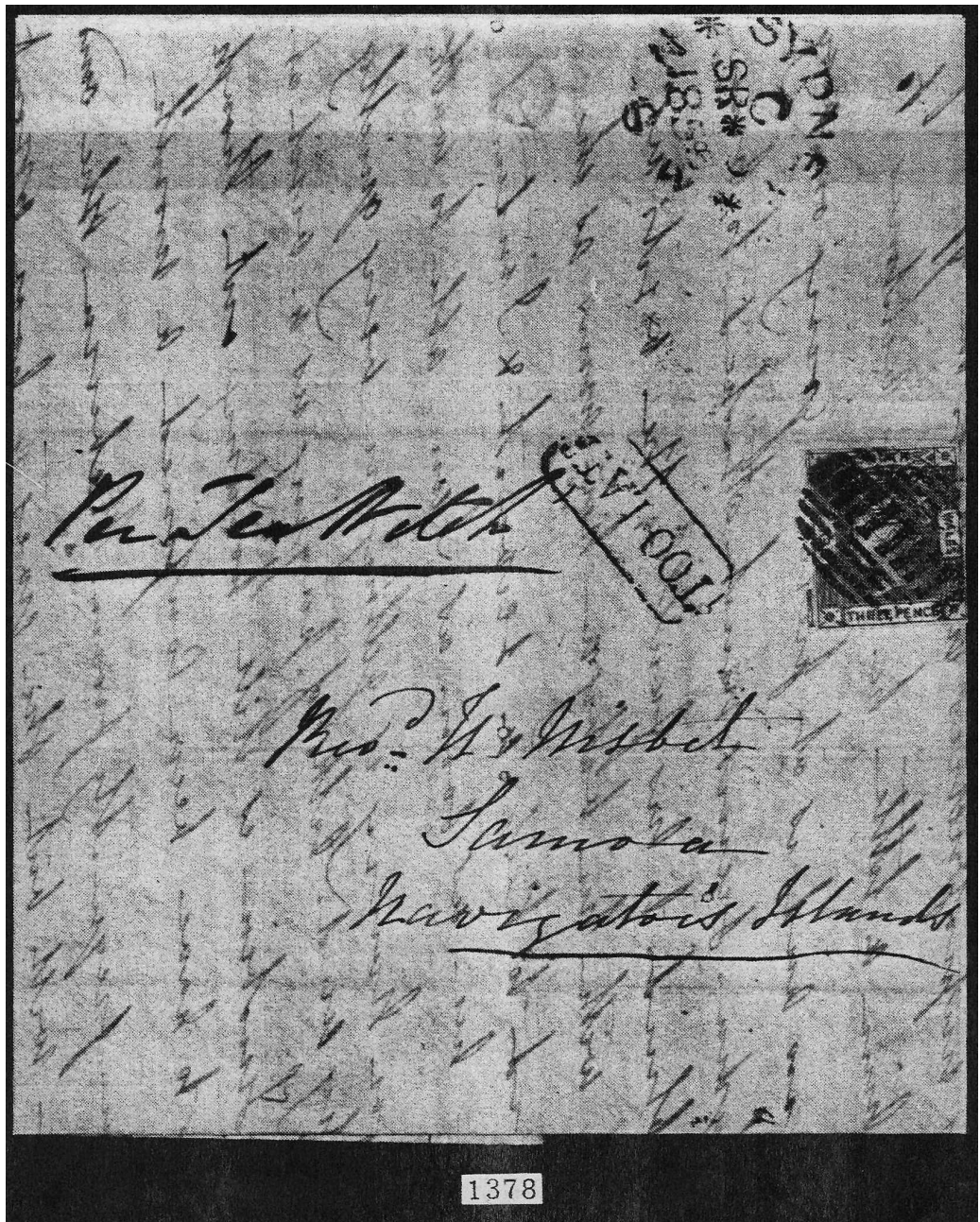
ECV \$500-750 →\$375



1378

1855, New South Wales #25 on FL from Martha Hogg in Sydney to Rev H. Nisbet, Samoa, Navigators Islands, ms "PER SEA WITCH" and black boxed "TOO LATE", black "SYDNEY/C/SR/1855/NSW" b/s, stamp w/ 3-3/4 mgns tied by black oval barred cancel, usual file fold through center and several small holes, a spectacular and extremely scarce cover, Fine

ECV \$400-500 →\$550



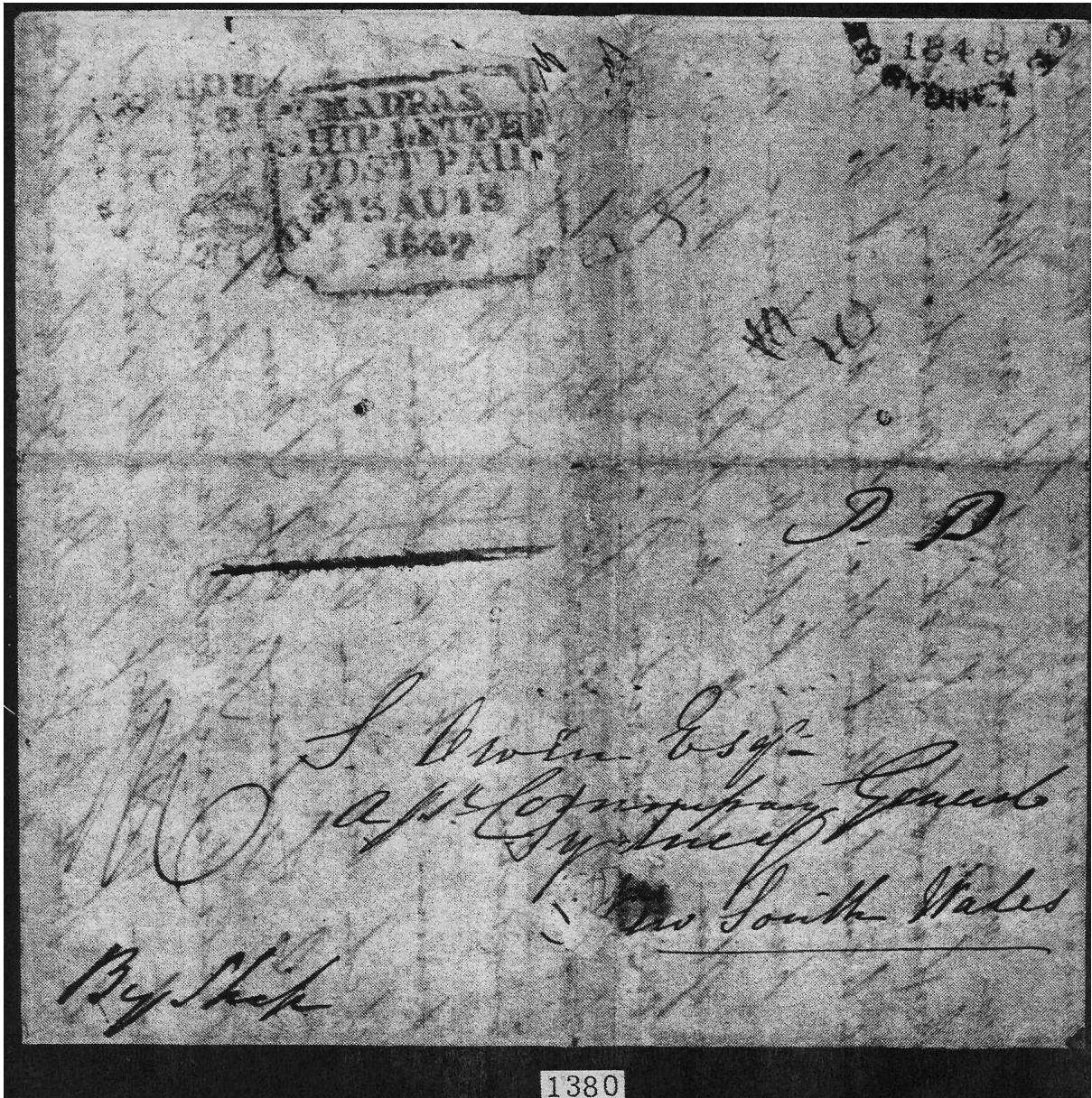
1379 1857, Sydney to Reverend H. Nisbet, Missionary, Samoa; long **8** page general letter from the Hogg family dated 10 Mar 1857, **with stamp removed** (a philatelic tragedy), usual file folds and some slight soiling o/w F-VF

ECV \$100-125 →**\$100**

India to New South Wales

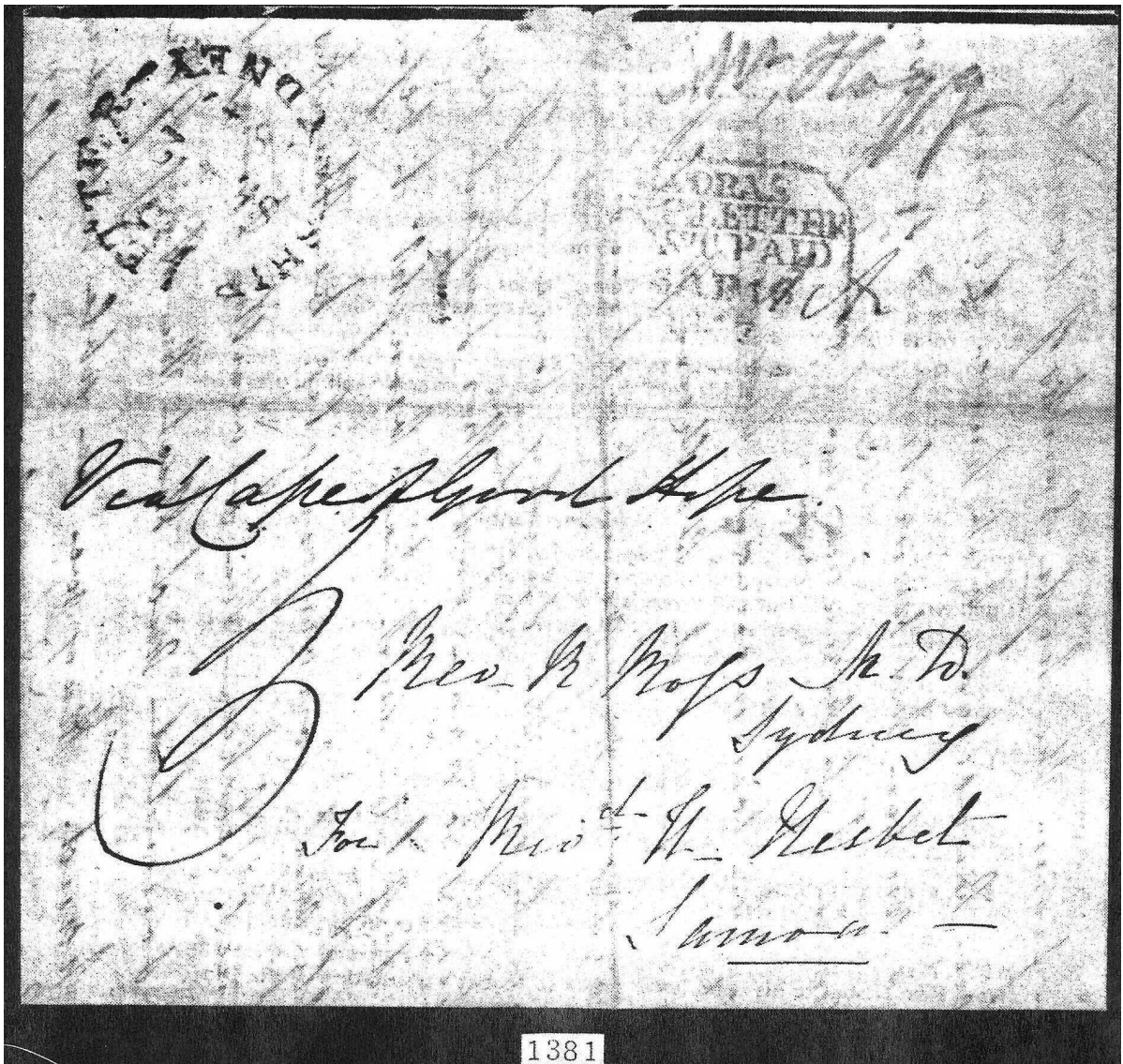
1380 1847, Madras, India to S. Owen Esq., Sydney, New South Wales, ms "P.P" and "By SHIP", b/s w/red fancy boxed "MADRAS/SHIP LETTER (POST PAID) 13 Aug 13/1847", faint strike of English "Ship Letter" cancel & black "GENERERAL POST OFFICE/FE \* 11/1848/SYDNEY"; letter is headed 12 August, 1847 from Madras, India, concerns life in India, also mentions letter is to be sent via Singapore; soiling on front and very heavy file. fold, nevertheless an extremely scarce and very desirable cover

ECV \$400-500 →\$350



1381 1847, Madras India to Rev Dr Ross/Sydney/For Rev.d H. Nisbet/Samoa, ms "Via Cape of Good Hope" &"3", b/s red fancy boxed "MADRAS/SHIP LETTER/POST PAID/16 AP 16/1847" and black "SHIP LETTER/SE \* 2/ 184?"; interesting mourning letter from Madras India concerning life in India and attempts to keep cool in the heat; heavy file fold through center and 4 very small holes, Fine and very scarce letter

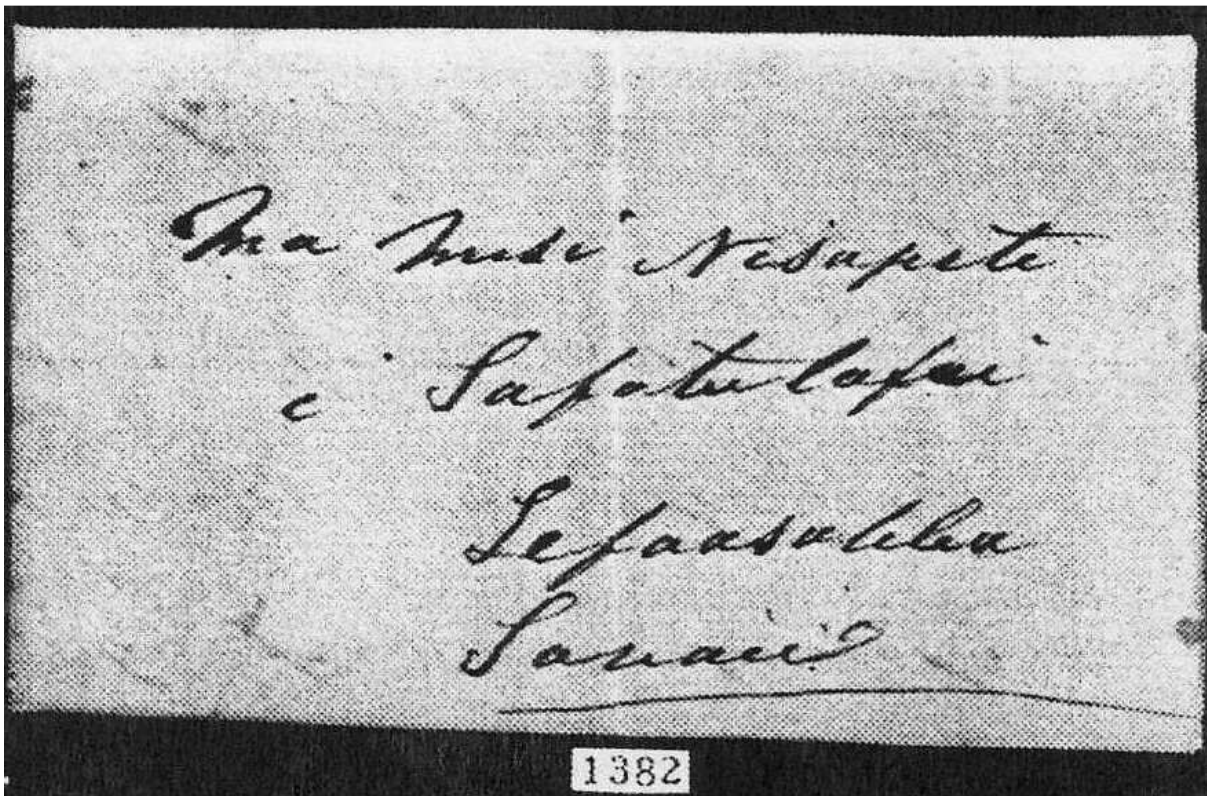
ECV \$750-1000 →\$500



**New Caledonia to Samoa  
(no markings)**

- 1382** 1859, Lifu (New Caledonia) to Rev Nisbet, Savaii,  
4 page letter in native tongue, dated Oct 22,  
1859, several file folds and small toning spots,  
o/w F-V F

ECV \$300-350 →\$220



- 1383** 1859, Mare (New Caledonia) to Nisbet, Samoa, 4 page  
letter in native tongue dated Oct. 1859, few file folds &  
some staining along file fold o/w Fine

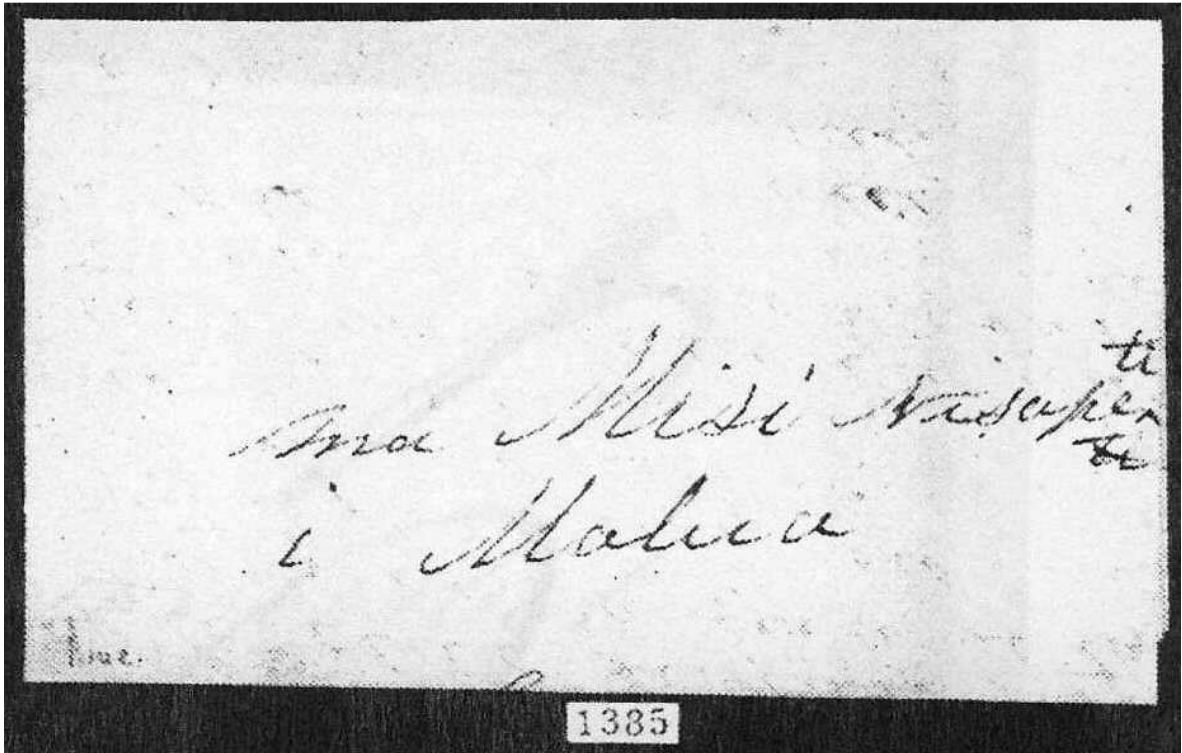
ECV \$300-350 →\$210

- 1384** 1861, Lifu (New Caledonia) to Upolu, Samoa, 4 page  
letter in native tongue dated 19 Letema 1861, several  
toned spots and usual file folds

ECV \$300-350 →\$110

**Niue to Samoa (no markings)**

- 1385**    **1861, Niue to Malua (Samoa), 4 page letter in native tongue dated 10 October 1861, Very Fine**  
ECV \$400-500 →\$310

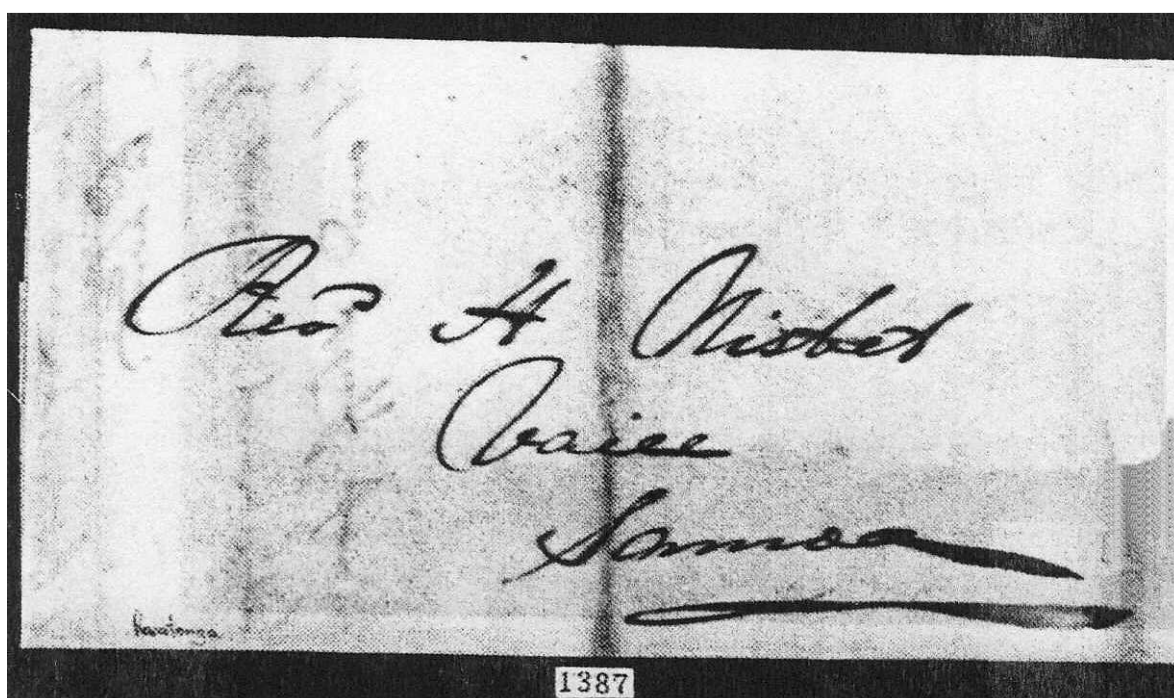


- 1386**    **1862, Niue to Malua (Samoa), 4 page letter dated October 1862 in native tongue, heavy file folds o/w Fine**  
ECV \$400-500 →\$270

Raratonga (Cook Islands) to Samoa  
(no markings)

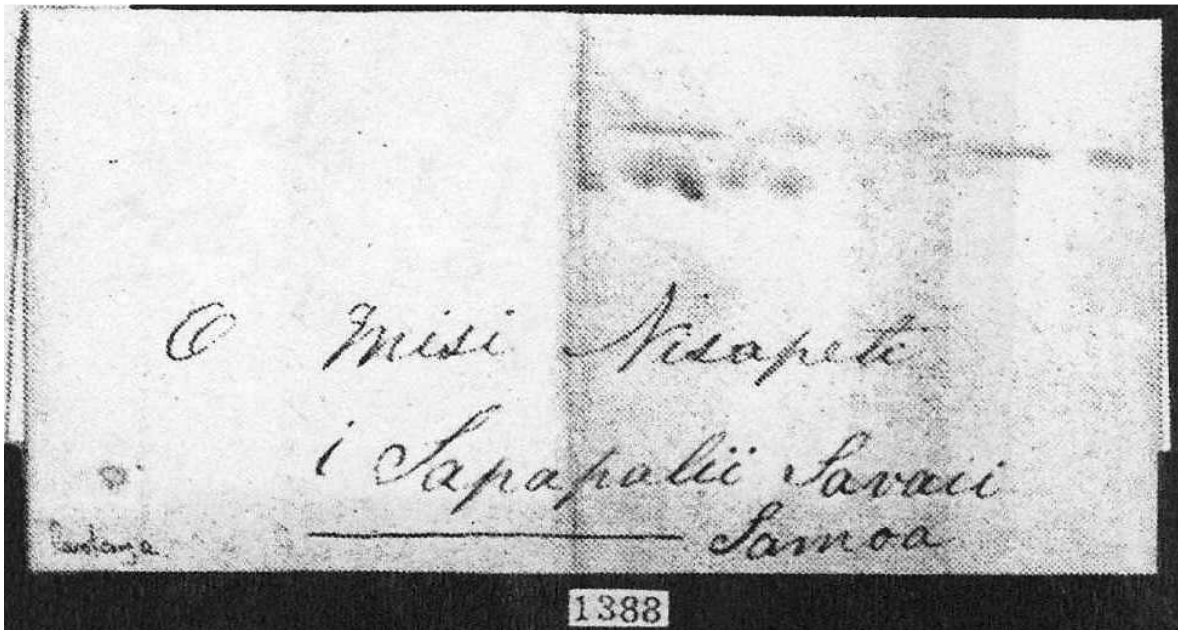
1387 1848, Raratonga (Cook Islands) to Vaiee, Samoa,  
2 page letter docketed 14 Feb. 1848 from Rev. W.  
Gill (possibly a front), short note heavy file fold  
and soiling along folds o/w F-VF

ECV \$500-600 →\$375



- 1388 1852, Raratonga (Cook Islands) to Savaii, Samoa, 4 page letter in native tongue dated 29 Sept 1852, usual file fold through center and some soiling o/w Fine

ECV \$500-600 →\$350



**Tahiti to Samoa (no markings)**

- 1389 1852, Tahiti to Savaii, Samoa, 4 page general letter dated 13 January 1852 from Rev. A. Chisholm, heavy file fold and staining along edge, large water stain and small wrinkling, VG but still a very scarce cover

ECV \$400-500 →\$320

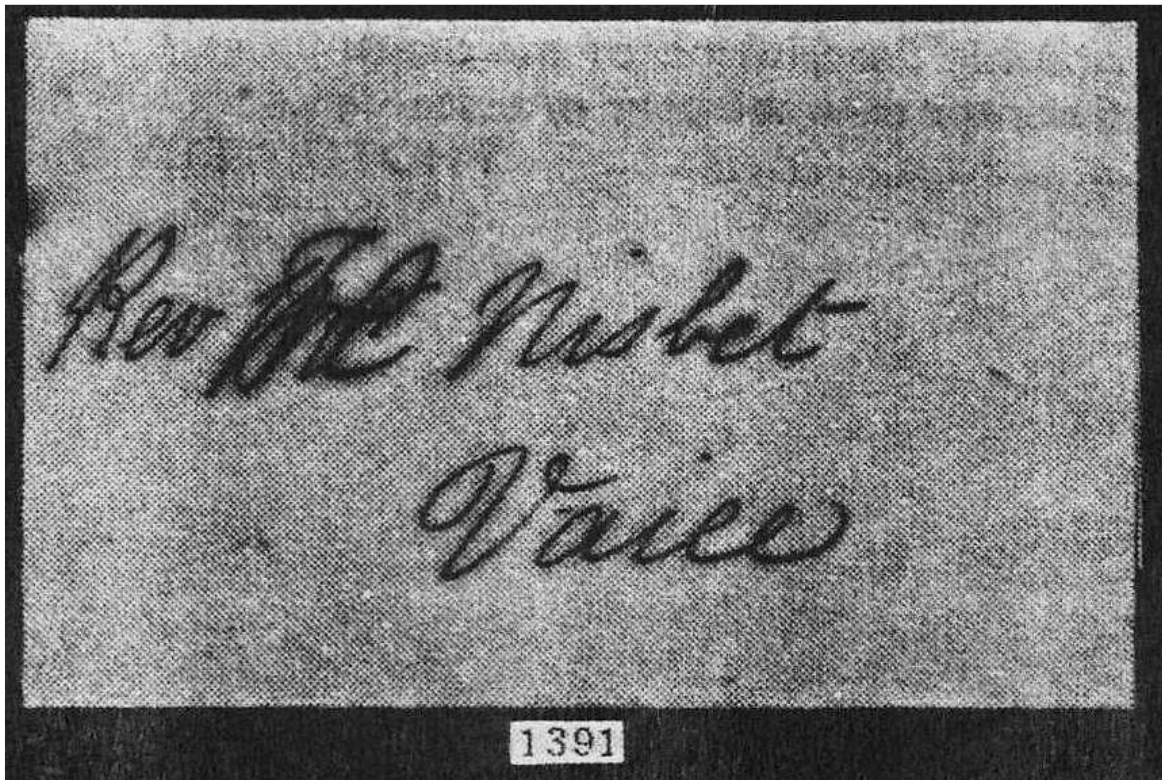
- 1390 1856, Raiatea Tahiti to Rev. Henry Nisbet, Savaii, Samoa, 4 page letter dated 2 March 1856 from A. Chisholm, who mentions just receiving a letter carried by the John Williams dated 27 Oct, a gap of over 4 months, some water staining and several holes, VG but still scarce

ECV \$200-250 →\$250

### Interisland Samoan Letters

- 1391 1848, Mat to Rev. H. Nisbet, Vaiee, small 2 page letter dated Mar 4, '48 from G. Pratt (a missionary who helped revise the Samoan bible), Very Fine

ECV \$125-150 →\$135

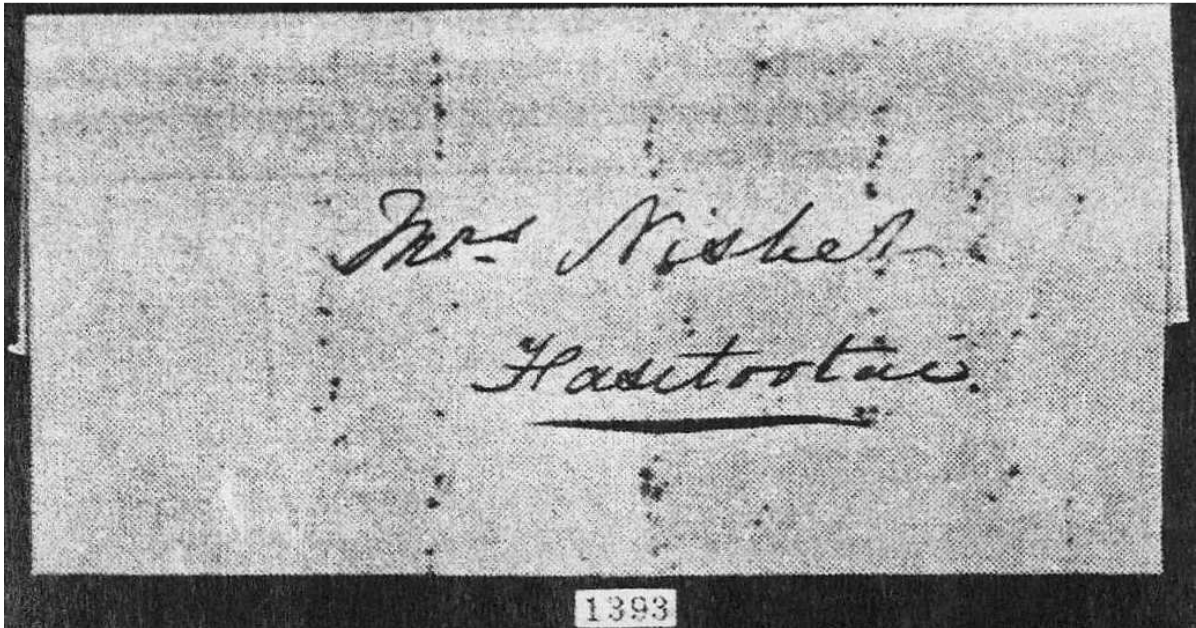


- 1392 1850, Malua to Sapapalii, 4 page letter dated 25 April 1850 from George Turner to Rev. Henry Nisbet refers to a great gale (possibly a typhoon) and the damage it did to the island of Samoa; interesting usual file fold & minor soiling o/w F-VF

ECV \$125-150 →\$155

- 1393** 1857, Matautii to Mrs. Nisbet, Hasitootai, 4 page letter dated 19 August 1857 from Rev. Nisbet to his wife, letter refers to Nisbet's translation of the Old Testament, some minor spotting o/w Very Fine

ECV \$100-125 →\$100



- 1394 1859, Malua to Rev. H. Nisbet, Savaii, small 2 page letter from G. Stallworthy dated Nov 1, 1859 which mentions the loss of a raft at sea, some soiling along edges o/w Fine

ECV \$100-125 →\$100

- 1395 Undated, Falealilii to Vaiee, 4 page letter from G. Stallworthy to Nisbet, usual file fold & light soiling o/w Fine

ECV \$100-125 →\$135

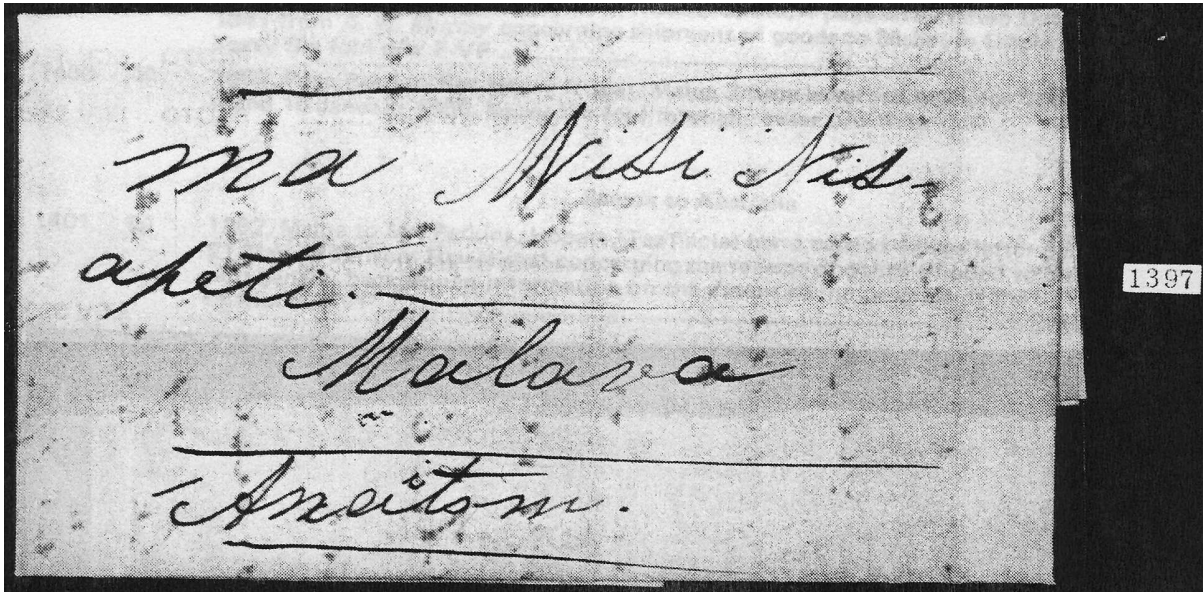
- 1396 Undated, Malua to Mrs Nisbet, Sapapalii, small 2 page letter from A. Turner concerning life on Malua, usual file fold and few very small holes o/w Very Fine

ECV \$100-125 →\$80

**Interisland Samoan Letters in Native Tongue**

- 1397** 1855, ? to Malua, large 4 page letter in native tongue dated 15 October 1855 addr to Nisbet, usual file folds, some soiling along edges o/w F-VF

ECV \$250-300 →\$250



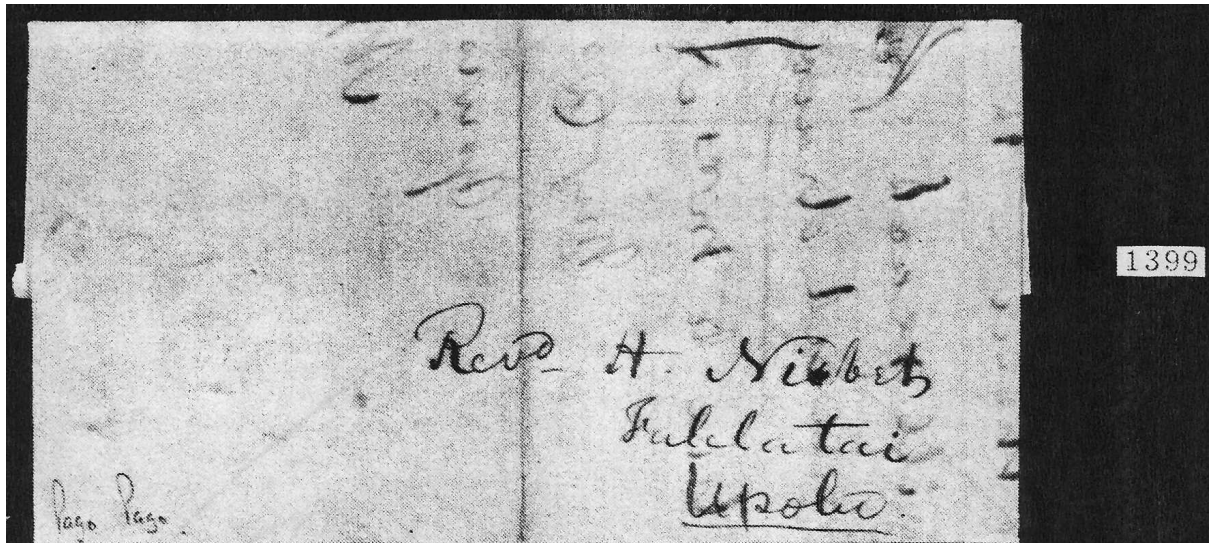
- 1398** 1854, Turangi to Samoa Savaii, 2 page letter in native tongue dated Mati 9, 1854 addr to Nisbet, some soiling and several holes o/w Fine

ECV \$175-200 →\$140

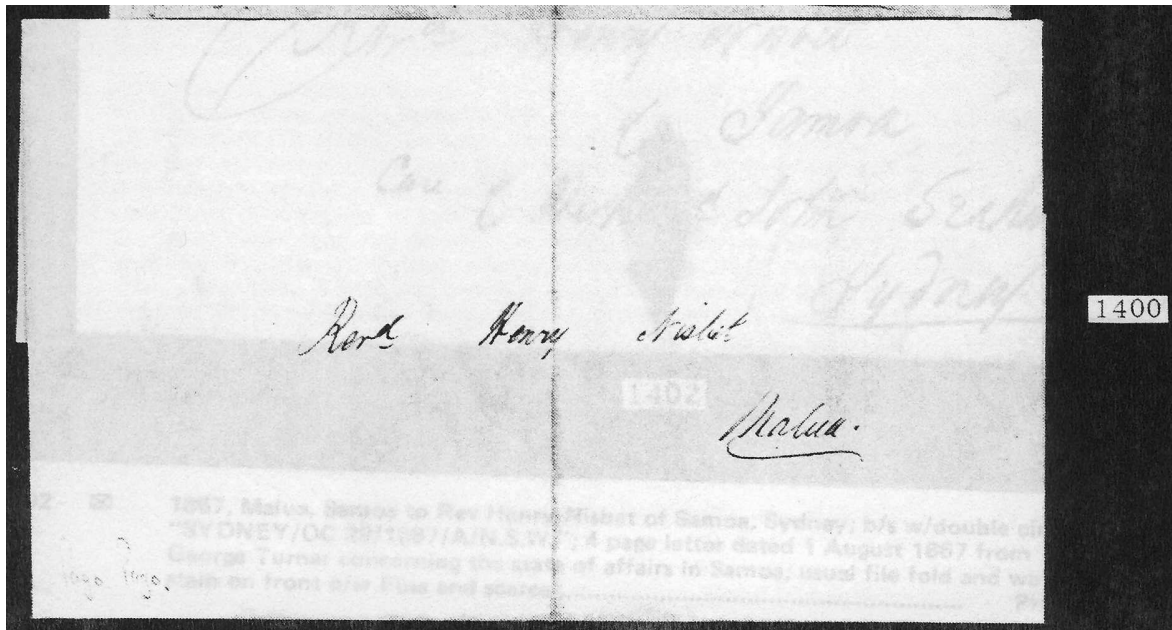
**Pago Pago to Western Samoa**

**1399 1841, Pago Pago (Samoa) to Rev. H. Nisbet, Upolu, 4 page letter dated Dec. 3 1841 from A. W. Murray concerning shipment of goods to Nisbet in Upolu, heavy file fold o/w F-VF**

**ECV \$500-600 →\$400**



- 1400**    **1860, Pago Pago to Rev Henry Nisbet, Malua 2**  
**page letter from *George Turner* dated 16 January**  
**1860, heavy file fold through center o/w Fine**  
**ECV \$350-400 →\$300**

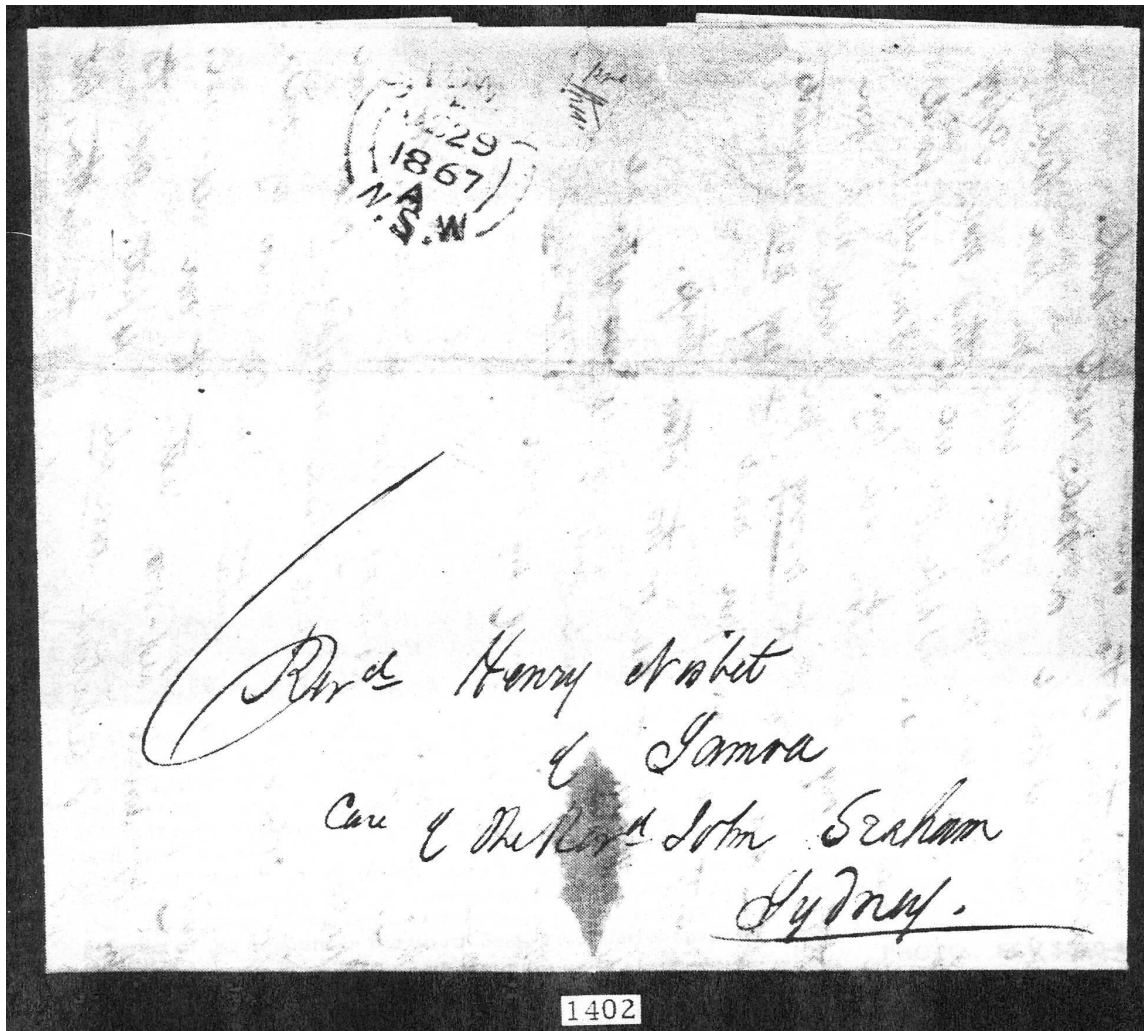


### **Samoa to Australia**

- 1401**    **1862, Malua to Mr. Perkins, Hobart (Tasmania) hand**  
**carried 4 page letter dated 21 May 1862 from Rev**  
**Nisbet concerning the receipt of goods shipped to him**  
**plus general background information on the extent of**  
**the progress of the missions, F-VF**  
**ECV \$200-250 →\$125**

1402 1867, Malua, Samoa to Rev Henry Nisbet of Samoa, Sydney; b/s w/double circle "SYDNEY/OC 29/1867/A/N.S.W."; 4 page letter dated 1 August 1867 from George Turner concerning the state of affairs in Samoa; usual file fold and water stain on front o/w Fine and scarce

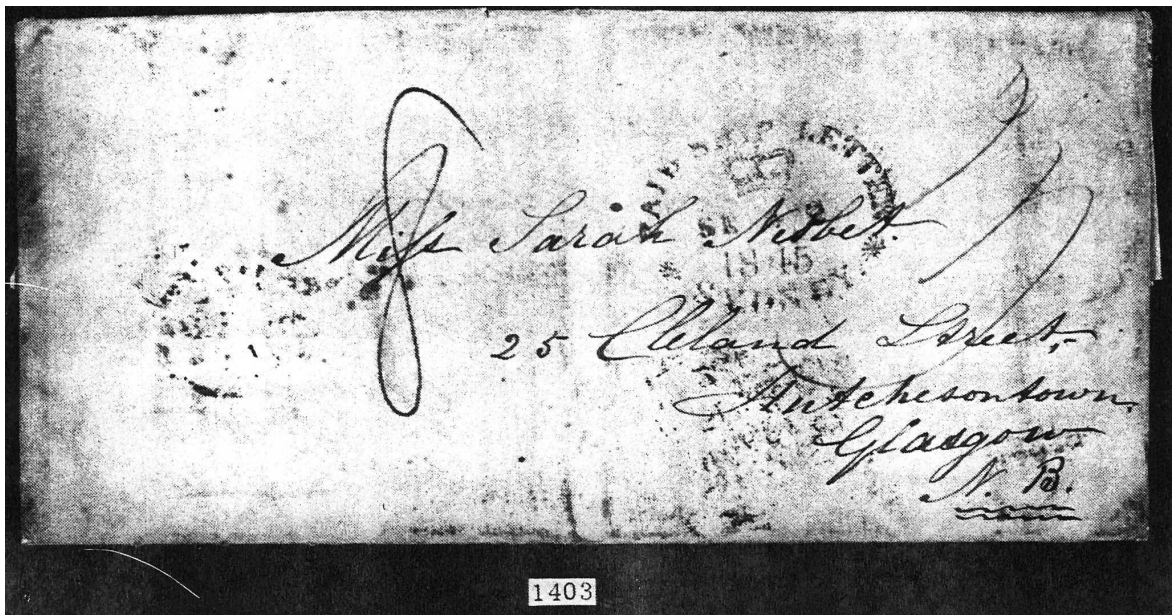
ECV \$300-400 →\$330



### Samoa to Glasgow

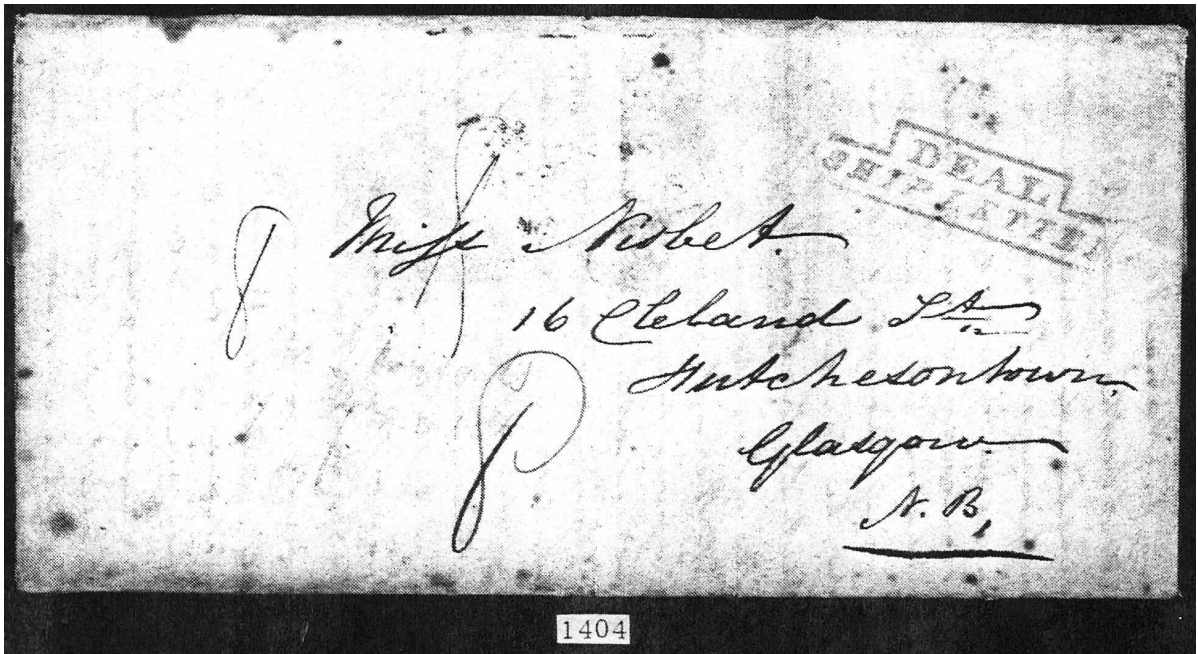
**1403 1845, Upolu, Samoa to Glasgow, red "PAID SHIP LETTER/SE' 2/1845/ SYDNEY" on face; b/s w/red "KZ/24 FEB 24/1846" & black boxed "GLASGOW/ 25 FEB 1846/12 30 PM" soiling & toning (to be expected from such a long trip) and tear on reverse; long 4 page letter dated 20 June 1845 which refers to the difficult time Nisbet is having in converting the Samoans, the printing of the scriptures, the takeover of Tahiti by the French and the way they keep the Queen of Tahiti from her throne, the trip by Missionaries Turner & Murray to Rotuma (Fiji Islands), Futuna, Aneityum (New Hebrides), Tanna, Loyalty Islands (New Caledonia), Tonga and home; A magnificent historical letter concerning the progress of the missions in the South Seas, a wonderful cover for the Postal Historian**

**PHOTO ECV \$350-450 →\$525**



1404 1849, Upolu Samoa to Glasgow; scarce blue fancy boxed "DEAL/SHIP LETTER" on face, b/s'd "YO/29 MY 29/1850 in red & black boxed "GLASGOW/30 MY 1850/? PM", soiling along edges and a few spots o/w Fine, long 4 page letter dated 25 October 1849 from Nisbet to his sister Sarah, concerns life in general in Samoa as well as referring specifically to the school Nisbet and his wife set up in the brush country, good content

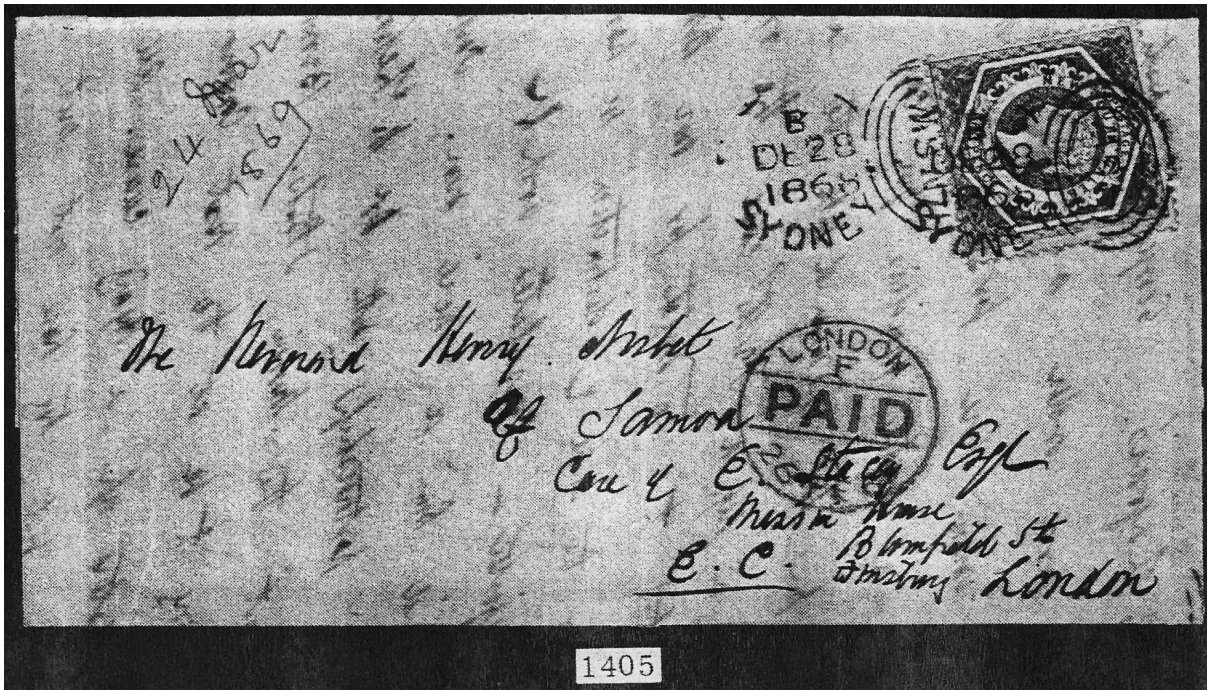
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Samoa to London

1405 1868, Malua Samoa to Rev Henry Nisbet of Samoa, London; franked w/N.S.W. 1p40, tied by "B/DE 28/1868/SYDNEY" & oval 3 ring "N.S.W" cancels; red "LONDON/F/PAID/A/26 FE 69" recv'g mark on face; stamp toned and usual file fold through center of cover; 4 page general letter dated 4 Nov 1868 from George Turner, F-VF

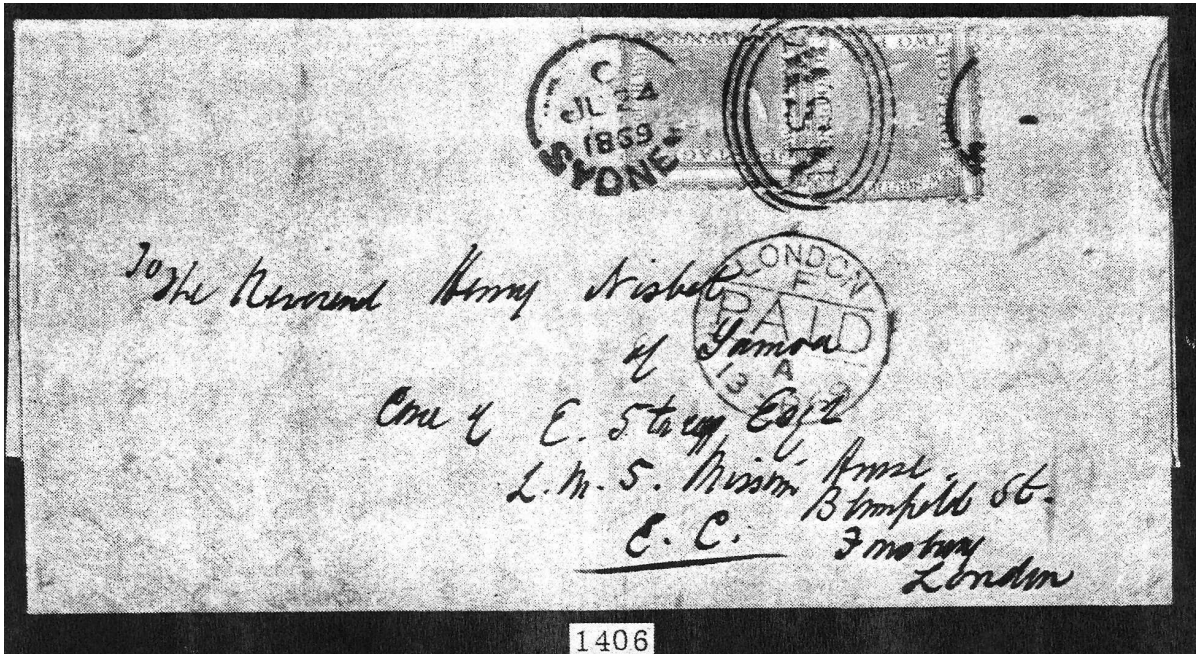
PHOTO ECV \$750-1000 →\$625



1406

1869, Malua to Reverend Henry Nisbet of Samoa, London; franked w/2 copies of N.S.W 2p blue (missing 1 stamp), tied by "C/JL 24/1869/SYDNEY" & oval 3 ring "N.S.W" cancels, red "I.ONDON/F/PAID/A/13 SE 1869" recv'g mark on face, usual file fold; 4 page letter from George Turner dated 27 April 1869 referring to the beginning of a war in Samoa as well as the number of people killed, also refers to the death of Nisbets wife, good historical content, F-VF

ECV \$500-750 →\$400



Samoa to Canada West

1407 1868, Malua to the Reverend Henry Nisbet of Samoa, Oakville, near Toronto, CANADA WEST franked w/N.S.W. #40, 47 (3), & 48, tied by "C/MR 2/1869/ SYDNEY" & oval 3 ring "N.S.W" cancels, red "LONDON/C/PAID/B/20 MY 1869" recv'g mark on face, light strike of "OAKVILLE/JU 2/1869" b/s, #40 w/corner off & one #47 w/file fold through stamp & corner off, stamps w/perfs stained; 4 page letter from George Turner dated 29 Dec 1869, general letter, an extremely scarce destination from such an exotic origin

ECV \$1000-1500 →\$800



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