



GRIQUALAND-WEST STAMPS AND POSTAL HISTORY

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1880 The Remainders

Griqualand West ceased to be a separate Colony, becoming a province within the Cape Colony in October 1880. The overprinted stamps were withdrawn and ordinary Cape stamps took their place. The stocks of overprinted stamps were returned to Cape Town, on July 19th, 1881, the quantities of the different values being as follows:

$\frac{1}{2}$ d.	127,000
1d.	303,603
4d.	196,560
6d.	79,200
1/-	124,320
5/-	7,590

The quantities comprised stamps of all the issues, the bulk, however, were the small overprints of 1879.

The remainders were not destroyed, but distributed to various offices in the Cape Colony and used as normal Cape stamps. No records exist of the distribution, but based on the evidence of post-marks they have been noted in the following offices:

Cape Town	King William's Town
Bland's Drift	Mossel Bay
East London	Port Elizabeth
Graaf-Reinet	Queenstown
Grahamstown	Somerset East

Griqualand West used in the Transvaal



A consignment of Cape stamps sold to the Transvaal by the Cape

Figure 1: Auction: 6001 - Transvaal - The Dr. Alan Drysdall Collection Lot: 1219 TRANSVAAL 1877 (June) Overprinted "V.R./TRANSVAAL." in Black. S.G. 96-112 Covers 1877 (May) envelope from Pretoria via Cape Town to England, initialled "HRH" and written by H. Rider Haggard, bearing imperforate 6d. deep blue each cancelled "1" in combination with Griqualand West "G" overprint in red 6d. lilac (two different) cancelled "1" in oval of bars, Cape Town transit c.d.s. for 18 June just tying one of the Republic 6d.'s, Potchefstroom (date unclear), Cape Packet Plymouth (12/7) and Leamington (13/7) c.d.s. on reverse; three of the four stamps with defects and the envelope with some faults and four "Seybold" handstamps on reverse, nevertheless an attractive and very rare franking written by the famous author. Photo Estimate £ 2,000-2,500 provenance: John F. Seybold Sold for £3,800.

P.O. during the first months of 1877 included 1d., 4d. and 6d. values overprinted "G" for use in Griqualand West. These were used in the normal way to make up ZAR/Cape combination frankings on mail addressed overseas and forwarded via Kimberley and Cape Town. The letter evidently weighed more than half an ounce, and is franked at the double rate. From the transit dates it was carried aboard the Union liner "Danube" which sailed on 19th. June and offloaded the mails on 12th. July. H. Rider Haggard, who hoisted the flag at Pretoria when the annexation of the Republic was proclaimed, was then the Special Commissioner's secretary/companion, but in August 1877, Sir Theophilus Shepstone appointed him Master and Registrar of the High Court. His African experiences were later incorporated in his famous novels "King Solomon's Mines", "She", etc.

Griqualand stamps used in Cape Town



Figure 2: Lot: 1211 Sale: 15 South Africa: Griqualand West: 1884 (Sept. 3) envelope to London franked by "G" overprint Cape 1/- tied by Cape Town squared circle and interestingly addressed to the former Lieutenant Governor of Griqualand West, Sir Richard Southey. Price Realised AAAEAAAA160, Grosvenor Sale 15.



Figure 3: Lot: 1212 Sale: 15 South Africa: Griqualand West: 1888 (Nov. 21) envelope to England, franked 4d. "G" overprint type 5, tied by "2" numeral with Rosebank c.d.s. alongside used one month after Griqualand merged with Cape Colony. Price Realised AAAEAAAA110

1881

1887

Jan 8 1882



Figure 4: Lot: 1472 Sale: 16 South Africa: Griqualand West; 1880 (Dec. 17) envelope to Cape Town, franked by "G" overprint 1d. wing margined strip of three tied by two strikes of uncommon Langford double arc datestamp and backstamped Dec. 23 arrival. Price Realised AAA£AAAA250



Figure 5: Lot: 1284 Sale: 17 South Africa: Griqualand West: 1881 (Jan. 20) toned envelope from Kimberley to Paris "via England", bearing 1878 "G" overprint $\frac{1}{2}$ d. (damaged), 1d. and 4d., cancelled indistinct Kimberley datestamps with "82" year date error, partial handstruck red "2/12d" below, backstamped Cape Town Jan. 25, London Feb. 13 and Feb. 16 arrival, Price Realised AAA£AAAA500



Figure 6: Lot: 1798 Sale: 18 South Africa: Cape of Good Hope: 1887 (Feb. 1) envelope to Singapore franked with former Griqualand West "G" overprint 4d. blue cancelled by "27" killer with fine Simons Town c.d.s. alongside and arrival backstamp, some minor stains. B.P.A. certificate (1959). Price Realised AAA£AAAA95



Figure 7: Lot: 299 Estimated Price: AAA£AAAA500 1882 env to Newcastle on Tyne, brg 1879 6d violet with ovpt type 17, FU and tied by "King Williams Town" cancel of Jan 8th, Cape Town transit cds on reverse. Trivial aging and imperfections but very scarce on cover. (SG 27) (See photo) (S), Warwick, June 2013. ex-YL AAA£AAAA550.

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