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1870. 12 Shahi=6 Sanar=3 Abasi=1 Rupee
1920. 60 Paisa=2 Kran=1 Rupee
1926. 100 Poul (Pul)=1 Afghani (Rupee)

The Kabuli ordinary rupee of raw silver was worth 60 paisa but there was also a Kabuli sterling rupee of refined silver which was worth 66 paisa

Afghanistan first became a kingdom under Afghan rule in 1747. The title of the ruler in 1868, when Sher Ali established his authority, was that of Amir.

Amir Sher Ali

9 June 1863–1866; 1868–21 February 1879

DATES OF ISSUE. All the circular and some of the rectangular stamps bear the Mahommedan date of issue in the following numerals:

١	٢	٣	٤	٥
1	2	3	4	5
٦	٧	٨	٩	٠
6	7	8	9	0

These must be understood for correct identification and the approximate positions of the dates are shown by the arrows in the illustrations.

CANCELLATIONS. The usual form of cancellation up to 1891 consisted of cutting or tearing off a portion of the stamp, and used specimens are therefore found in apparently damaged condition.

PRICES. The prices quoted for the circular stamps are for cut-square specimens and where these are used, with "cancelling tear". Stamps cut round, both unused and used, are worth only a fraction of these prices.

VALIDITY. Until 1928 when Afghanistan joined the U.P.U. the stamps were only valid for internal use, foreign mail having to be franked in addition with Indian stamps.

1870–1900 ISSUES. These were all lithographed locally and issued imperforate and without gum. The stamps were drawn separately on the plates and differ in detail.

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1870–71. *Dated* 1288. *Medium laid paper, white to yellowish.*



1 Shahi



2 Shahi



Sanar



Abasi

The four plates were each of 15 stamps. Plates B, C and D were of mixed values. The make up and characteristics of the plates are as follows:—

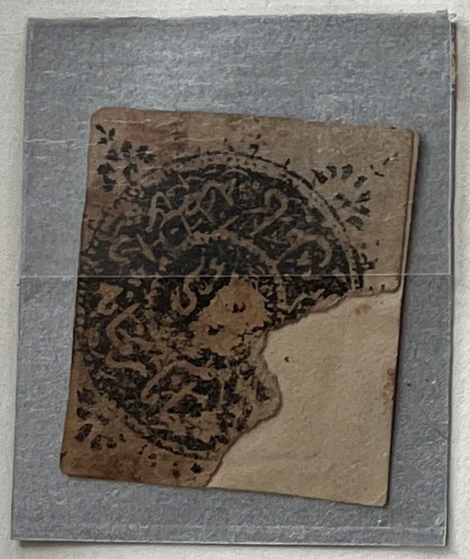
Pl. A. Both circles dotted. Outer circle 30 mm diam. Plate entirely of "Shahi" types.

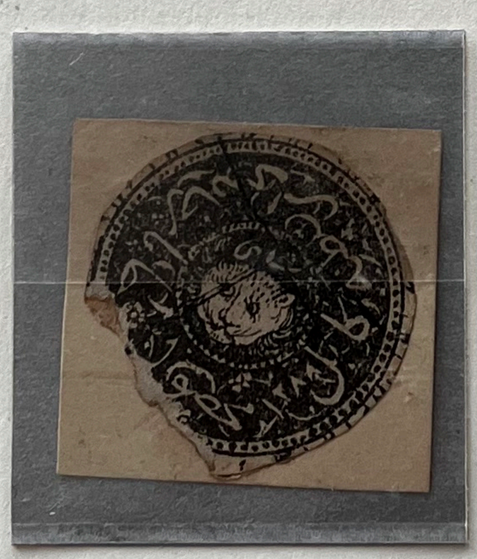
Pl. B. Both circles dotted. Outer circle 28 mm diam. Ten "Shahi" and five "Sanar" types.

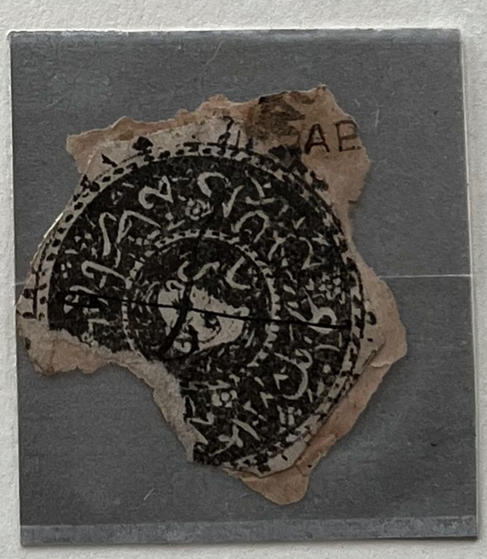
Pl. C. Both circles dotted. Outer circle 28 mm diam. Outer circle narrower. Five "Shahi", five "Sanar" and five "Abasi" types.

Pl. D. Outer circle dotted. Inner circle round lion's head plain. Five "Shahi, five "Sanar" and five "Abasi" types.

1	1	Shahi, black (Pl. A)	.. .. ..	50·00	12·00

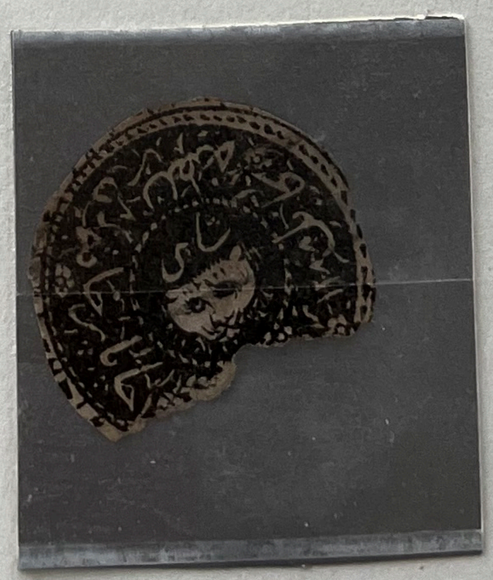






2		Shahi, black (Pl. B)	.. .. ..	12·00	7·00





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3	Shahi, black (Pl. C)	..	..	18·00	5·00

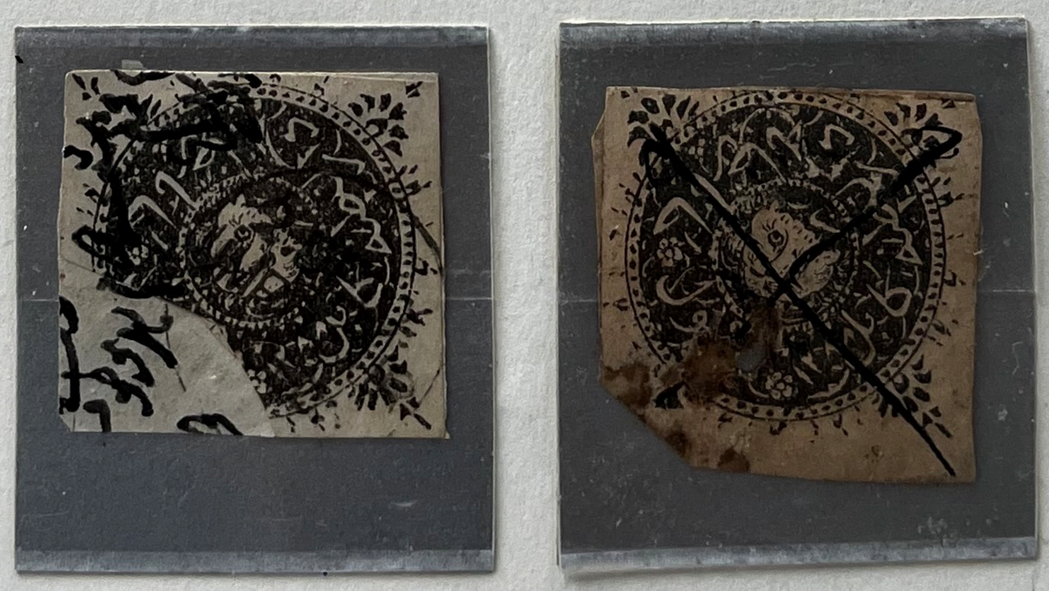




4	2	Shahi, black (Pl. D)	..	..	30·00	7·00



5	1	Sanar, black (Pl. B)	..	..	25·00	12·00



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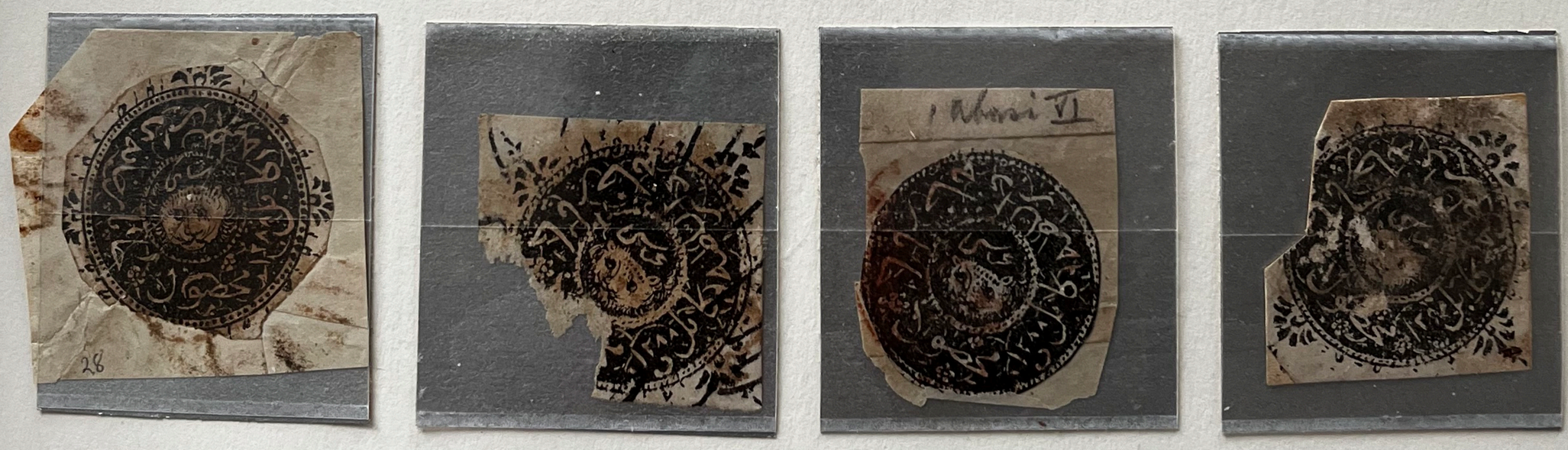
6	Sanar, black (Pl. C)	.. .. ..	10·00	5·00	



7	2	Sanar, black (Pl. D)	25·00	10·00	



8	1	Abasi, black (Pl. C)	10·00	5·00	





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9 2 Abasi, black (Pl. D) .. .. .. 12·00 5·00





6 Sanar, black (Pl. C)

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1871–72. *Dated 1289. Thin yellowish wove paper.*



3 6 Shahi



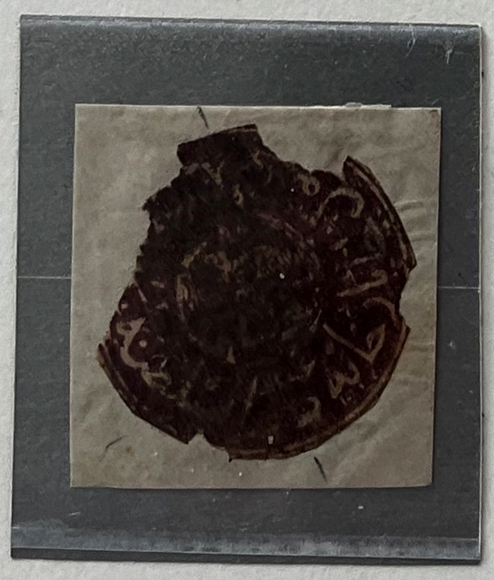
1 Rupee

Plate of four stamps, two types of each value. Position of date varies in each type.

10	**3** 6 Shahi, reddish purple . .	. .	. .	£120 75·00



11	1 rupee, reddish purple . .	. .	. .	£150 £100





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1872–73. *Dated* 1290. *Medium white laid paper.*



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(*a*) (*b*)

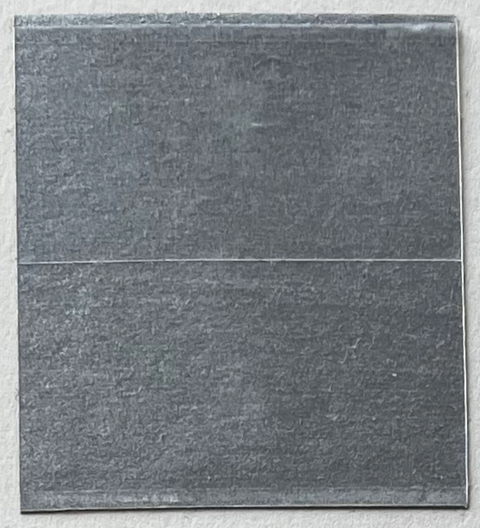
Plate of fifteen types. In its original state. The third (last) stamp in the second row had no external ornament at right (*a*). The ornament was roughly added on the stone during printing and appears as (*b*).

12	4	Shahi, black	5·00	2·50



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a. Right-hand ornament missing (*a*) .. 80·00 65·00



b. Right-hand ornament roughly restored on stone (*b*) .. .. 12·00 6·00



1872–73. *Dated* 1290. *Medium laid paper, white to yellowish.*



5

Plate of sixty types. Forgeries exist of No. 14.

13 **5** Shahi black 75 75



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1872–73. *Dated* 1290. *Medium laid paper, white to yellowish.*

13	5	Shahi black	75	75

Plate of sixty types.



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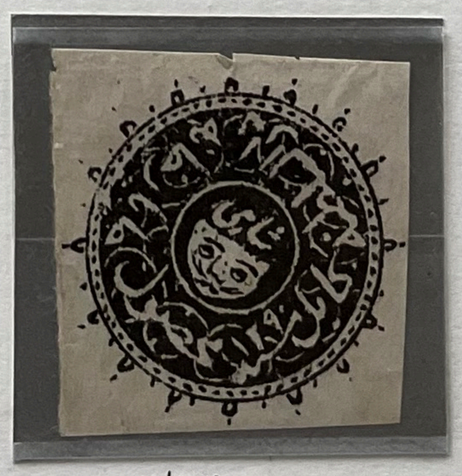
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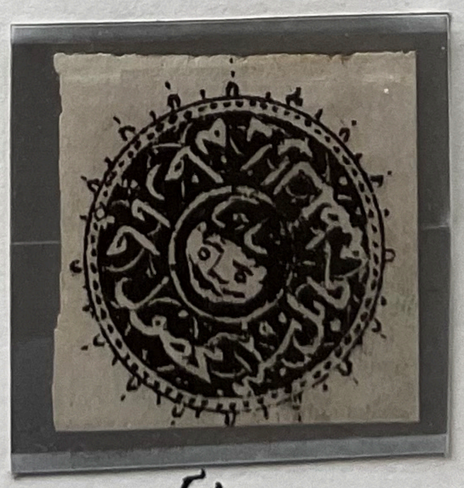
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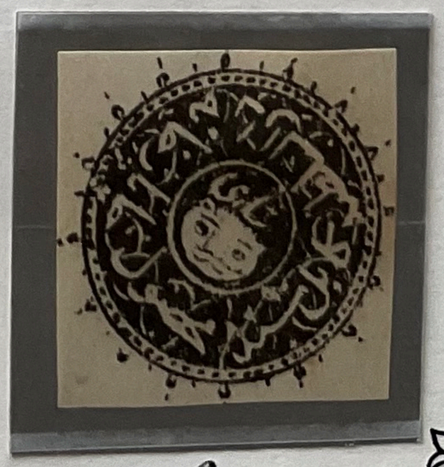
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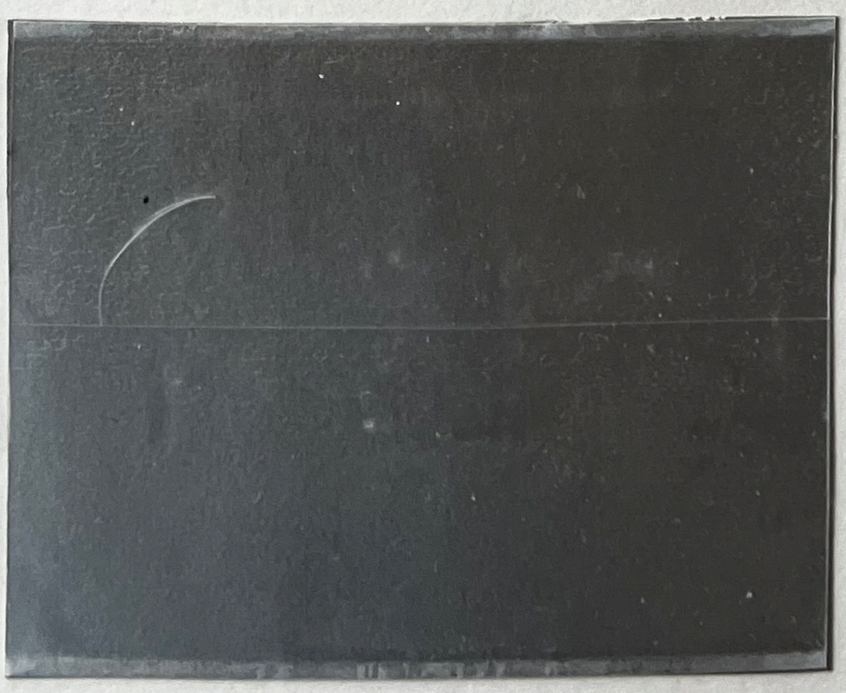








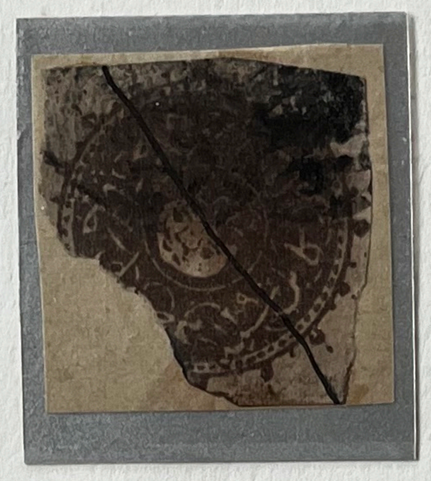




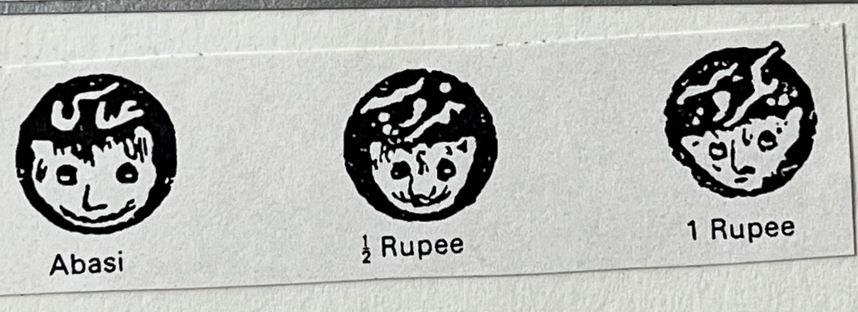
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14 Shahi, purple .. .. £100 75·00



1873–74. *As T* **5** *but dated* 1291. *Medium white laid paper.*



15 **5** Abasi, black .. .. 12·00 8·00



16 ½ rupee, black .. .. 6·00 5·00



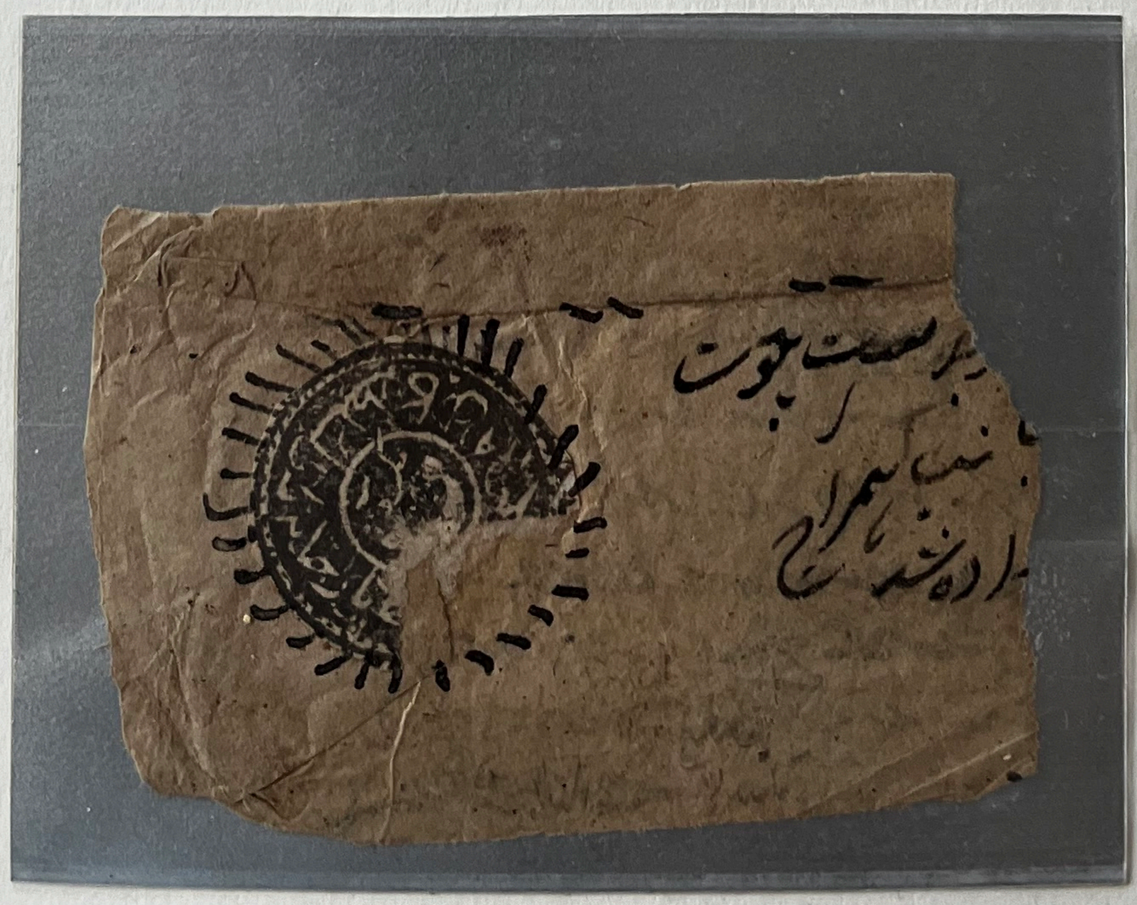
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17 1 rupee, black .. .. 7·00 £.00



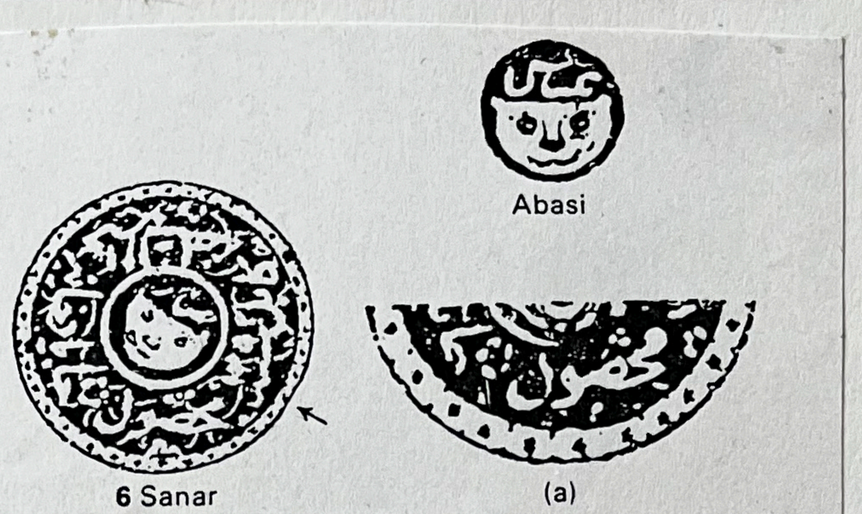






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1874–75. *Dated* 1292. *Thick white laid paper. Stamps printed in black or purple.*



Abasi

6 Sanar (a)

Plate of fifteen stamps: ten "Sanar" types and five "Abasi" types. No. 18a is the last stamp in the sheet.

		A. Black		B. Purple	
18	**6** Sanar	35·00	25·00	5·00	5·00

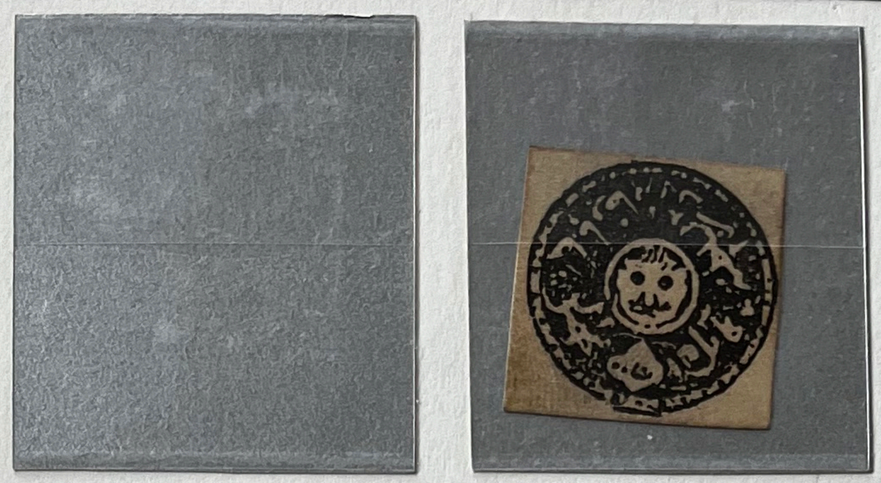


a.	Wide outer circle (a) . .	80·00	60·00	40·00	25·00



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21	Shahi, black (*b*)	..	50·00	25·00	— 50·00



22	Sanar, black ..	..	70·00	30·00	— 60·00



23	Abasi, black (*c*) ..	..	80·00	30·00	— 50·00



24	Abasi, black (*d*)	..	£100	40·00	— 75·00



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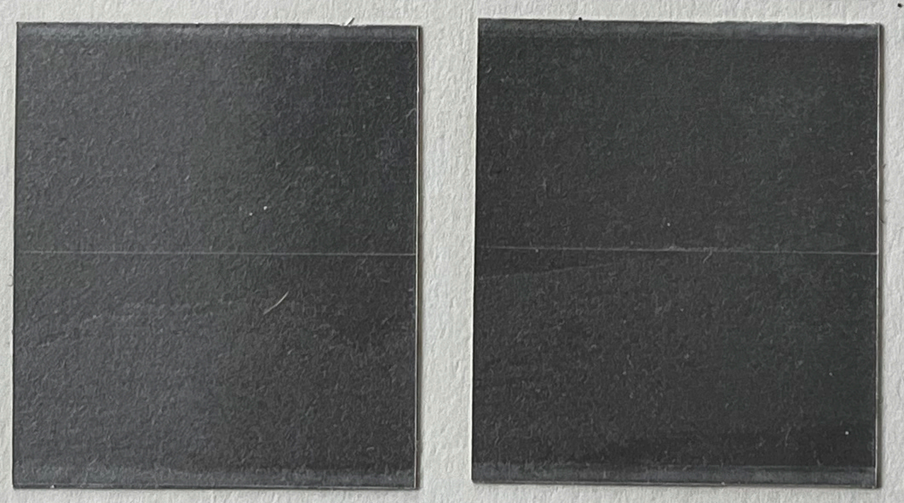
25 ½ rupee, black .. .. 50·00 30·00 — 70·00



26 Rupee, black (*e*) .. 90·00 40·00 — 75·00



27 Rupee, black (*f*) .. £175 55·00 — 90·00



28 **7** Shahi, purple (*a*) .. 75·00 35·00

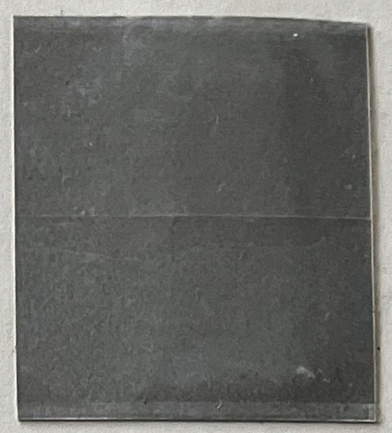


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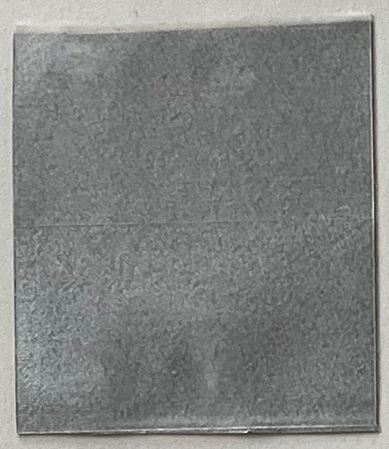
29 Shahi, purple (*b*) . . 75·00 35·00



30 Sanar, purple . . . . 75·00 40·00



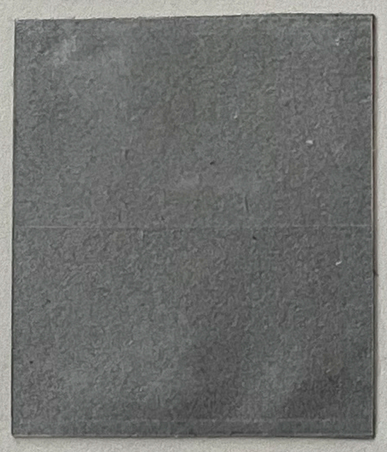
31 Abasi, purple (*c*) . . 80·00 40·00



32 Abasi, purple (*d*) . . £170 60·00



33 ½ rupee, purple . . . . 15·00



34 Rupee, purple (*e*) . . 15·00



35 Rupee, purple (*f*) . . 35·00



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1875–76. *Dated* 1293. *Inscriptions on white ground. Medium white laid paper.*
Four series in different colours, one for each Post Office



8 Sanar



(*a*) Shahi (*b*) Shahi Abasi ½ Rupee 1 Rupee

The above Post Offices were opened in 1871. We no longer list stamps for Kandahar and Herat. In Kandahar there was a British Field Post Office but a local office was not opened there until 1883 or 1884 and mail was routed to India via Chaman as the route to Kabul was not established until 1906. The Herat office did not open until 1908. Stamps in jet-black and in bright green shades are fakes. Stamps in very pale brown on whiter paper are reprints made in Peshawar.

Two plates of twenty-four stamps each: Plate A, twenty-four "Shahi" types (20 of (*a*) and 4 of (*b*)). Plate B, twelve "Sanar" types, six "Abasi" types and three types each of ½ rupee and 1 rupee.

A. Peshawar. *Grey.*

36 8 Shahi (*a*) .. .. 1·50 1·00





37 Shahi (*b*) .. .. 2·50 1·50













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38 Sanar .. .. 5·00 2·50



39 Abasi .. .. 6·00 2·50



40 ½ rupee .. .. 7·00 3·00

41 1 rupee .. .. 7·00 3·00



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C. Kabul. *Greenish grey, brownish green, yellow-brown.*

36	8	Shahi (*a*)	..	..	..	..	..	6·00	1·75





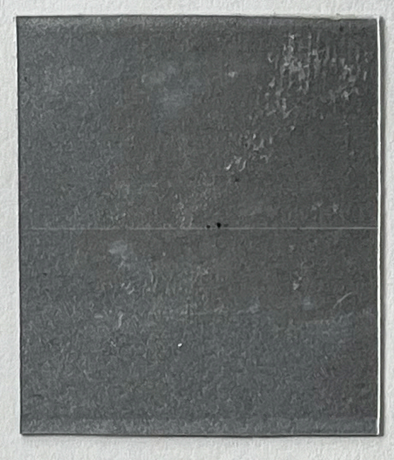


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39 Abasi .. .. 16·00 8·00



40 ½ rupee .. .. 16·00 12·00



41 1 rupee .. .. 24·00 24·00



D. Tashkurghan (Khulm). *Grey-black, brownish black.*

36 **8** Shahi (*a*) .. .. 30·00 20·00



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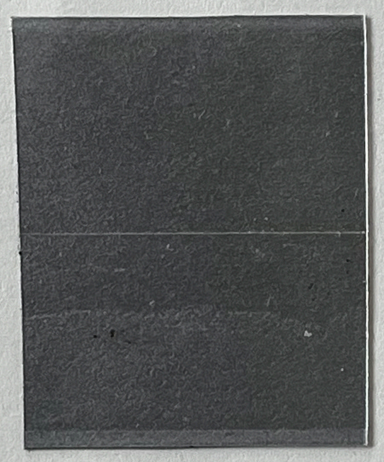
38	Sanar	45·00	25·00	



39	Abasi	100·00	50·00	



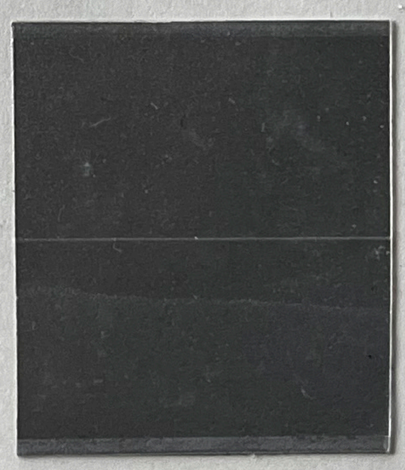
40	½ rupee	70·00	70·00	



41	1 rupee	80·00	80·00	







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1876–77. *Dated* 1294. *Medium white laid paper. Variations in colours for Kabul and Tashkurghan.*



9 Shahi



Sanar



Abasi



½ Rupee



1 Rupee



(*a*) Full date 1294



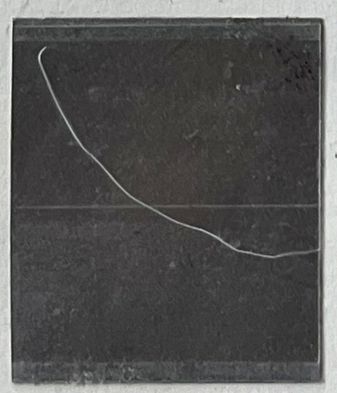
(*b*) Abbreviated date 94

A. Peshawar. *Grey.*

43 Shahi (*b*) 60 50



42 9 Shahi (*a*) .. .. 2·40 2·00



44 Sanar (*b*) .. .. 1·50 50



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45	Abasi (*a*)	.. ..	3·50	2·00	



46	Abasi (*b*)	.. ..	2·40	75	



47	½ rupee (*a*)	.. ..	4·25	3·50	



48	1 rupee (*a*)	.. ..	4·25	3·50	



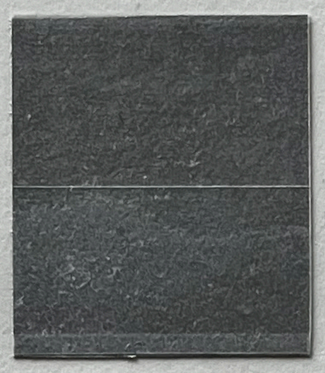
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B. Jalalabad. *Purple to violet.*

42	9	Shahi (*a*)	3·00	2·00



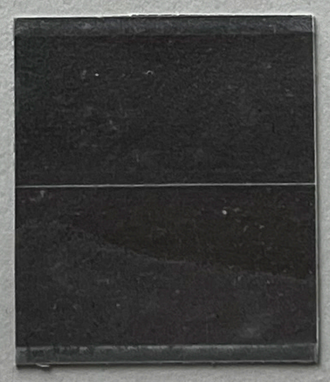
43		Shahi (*b*)	65	45



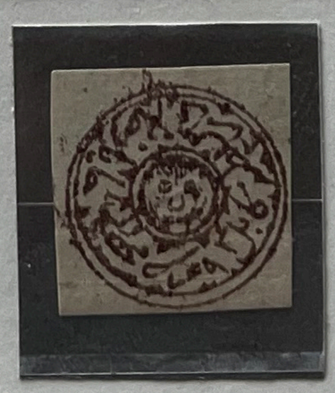
44		Sanar (*b*)	1·75	35



45		Abasi (*a*)	4·75	3·00



46		Abasi (*b*)	3·50	1·25

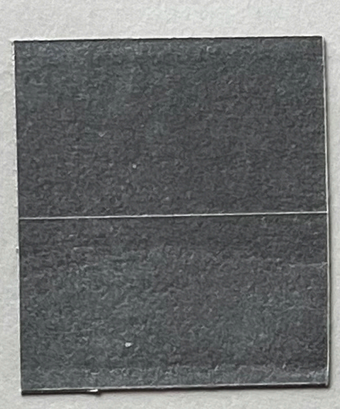


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47 ½ rupee (*a*) .. .. 5·50 3·00

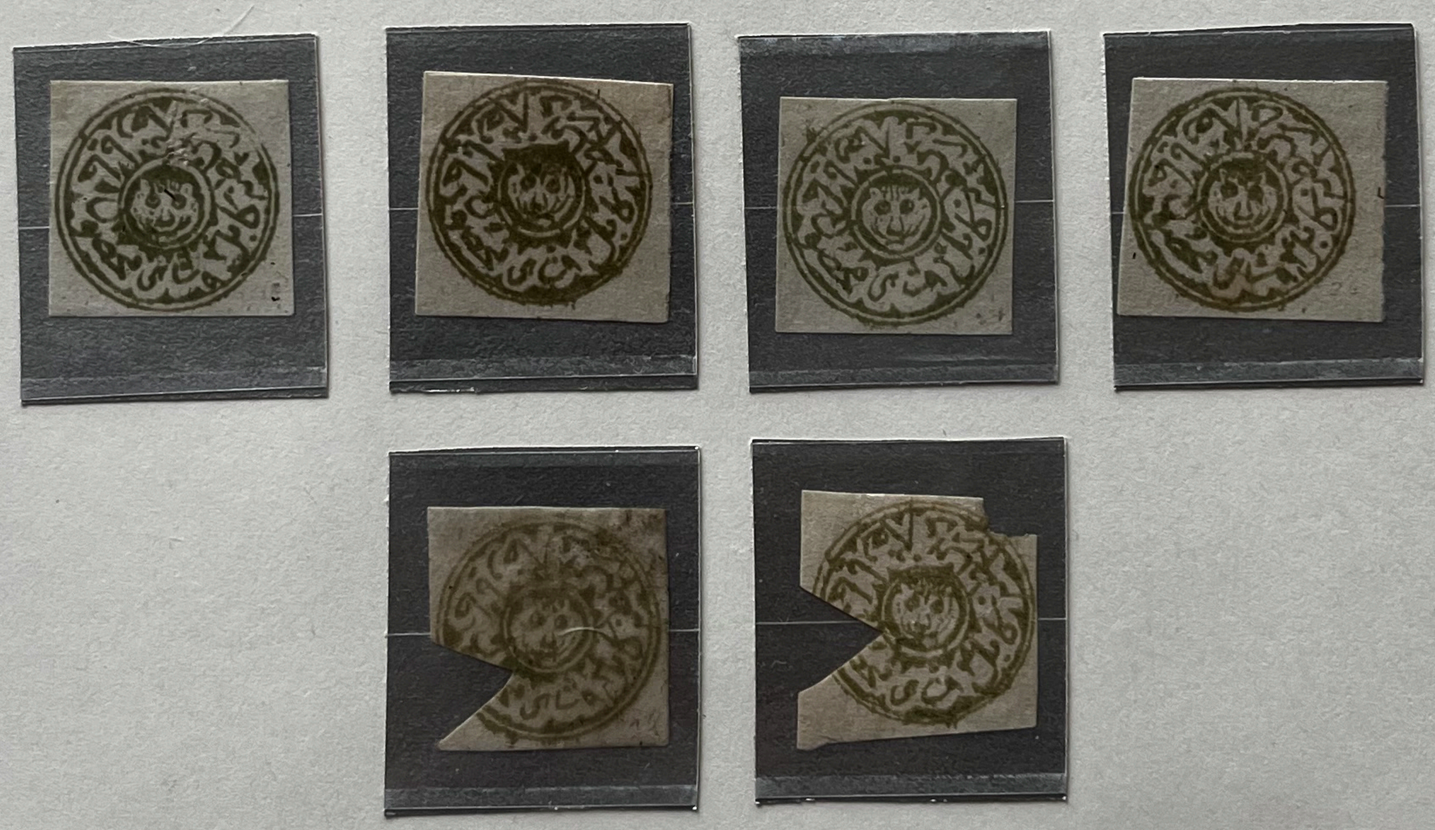


48 1 rupee (*a*) .. .. 5·50 3·00

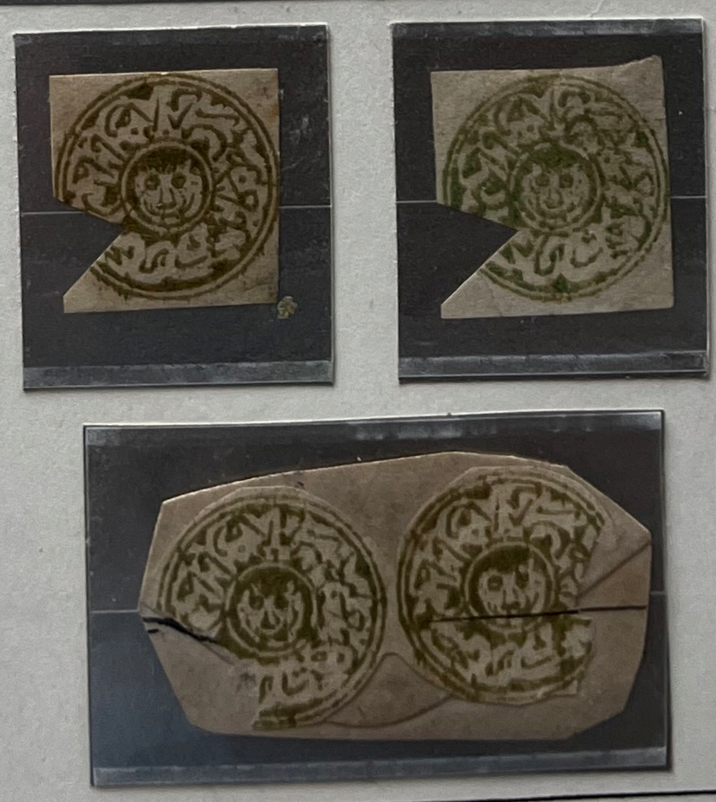


C. Kabul. *Greenish grey, olive-grey.*

43 Shahi (*b*) .. .. 2·40 1·50



42 9 Shahi (*a*) .. .. — 3·00



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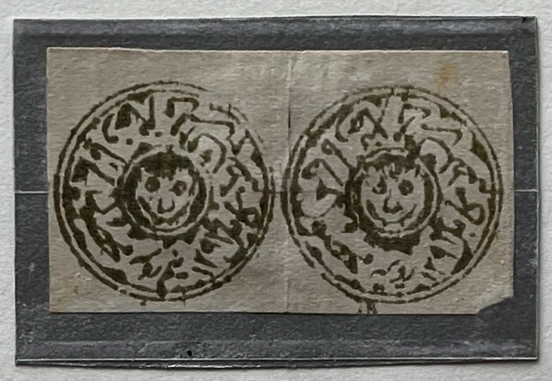
46	Abasi (*b*)	9·50	8·00



47	½ rupee (*a*)	14·00	12·00



48	1 rupee (*a*)	14·00	12·00





D. Tashkurghan (Khulm). *Yellow-brown, brown.*

42	9 Shahi (*a*)	2·40	1·00

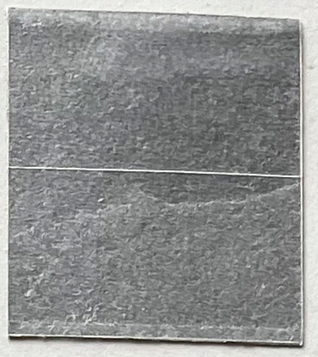


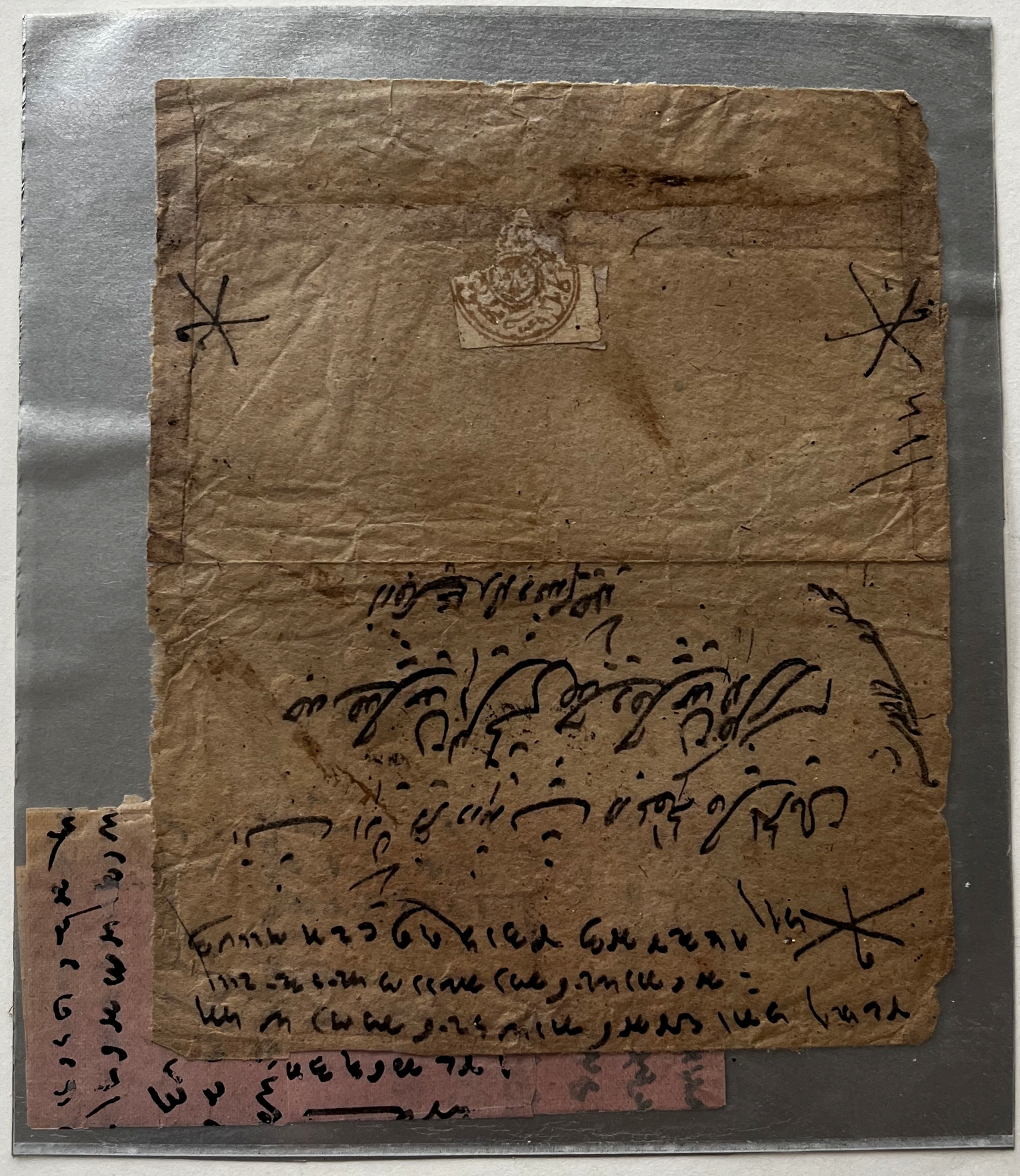
43	Shahi (*b*)	65	40



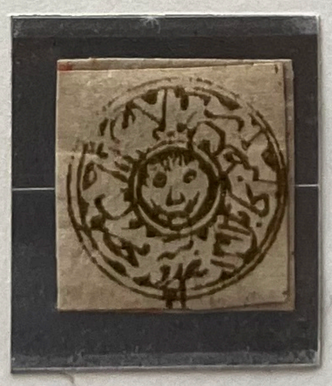
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46 Abasi (*b*) .. .. 4·75 2·50



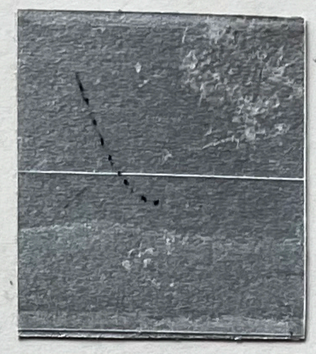


47 ½ rupee (*a*) .. .. 8·50 5·00



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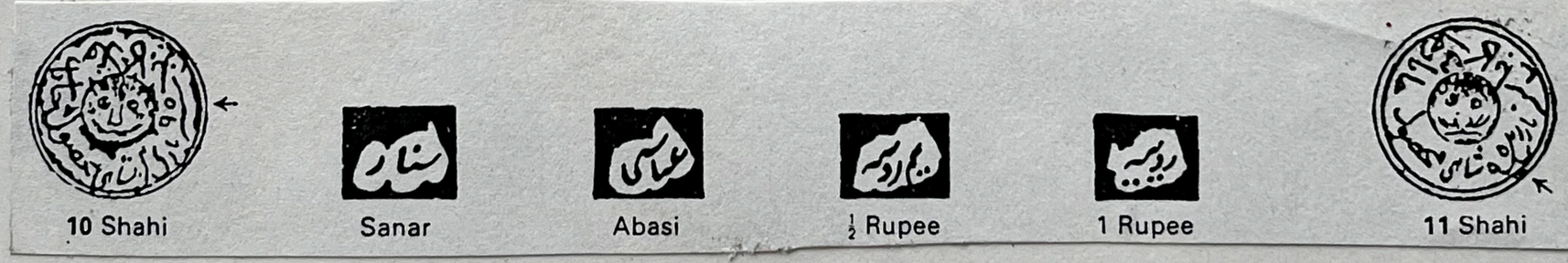
48	1 rupee (*a*)	..	..	..	..	..	..	8·50	5·00



As with the previous issue stamps in black, bright green and also sage-green on wove paper are fakes.



1877–78. *Dated* 95. *Medium white laid paper. Colours as last.*



A. Peshawar. *Grey.*

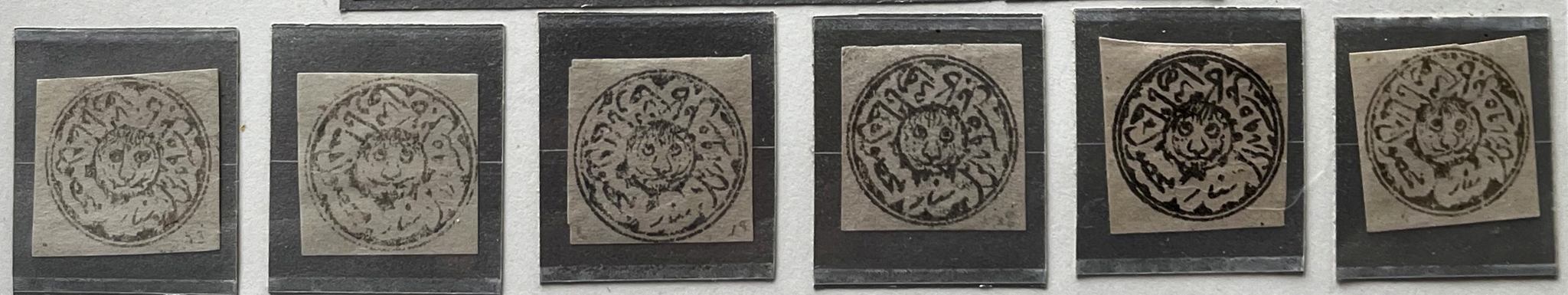
49	**10** Shahi	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	35





49 10 Shahi

50 Sanar 40 30





A. Peshawar. *Grey.*

½ rupee,

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Abasi,

Rupee,

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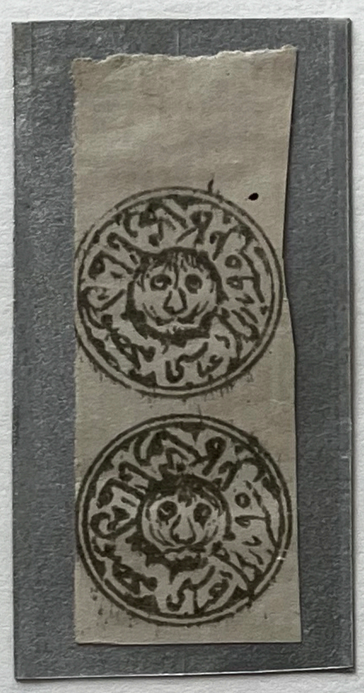
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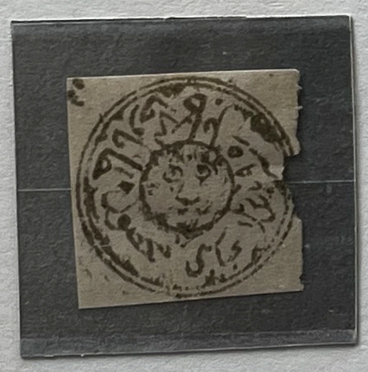
A. Peshawar. *Grey.*

Abasi.











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51	Abasi	.. ..	1·10	1·10	



52	½ rupee	.. ..	2·40	2·00	



53	1 rupee	.. ..	2·40	2·00	



B. Jalalabad. *Purple to violet.*

49	10 Shahi	.. ..	40	35	



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B. Jalalabad, *Purple to violet.*

Shahi













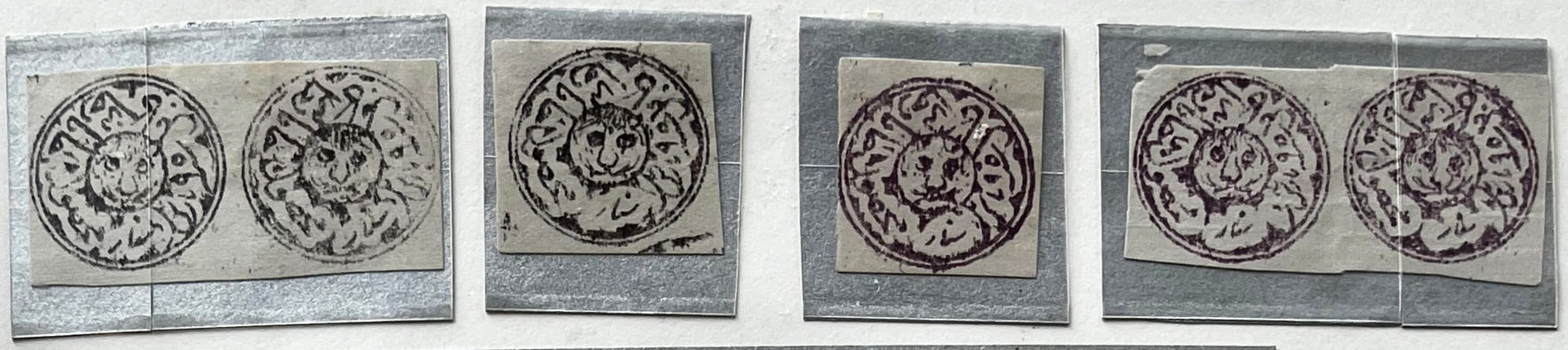
B. Jalalabad. *Purple to violet.*

49 **10** Shahi

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50 Sanar 35 30

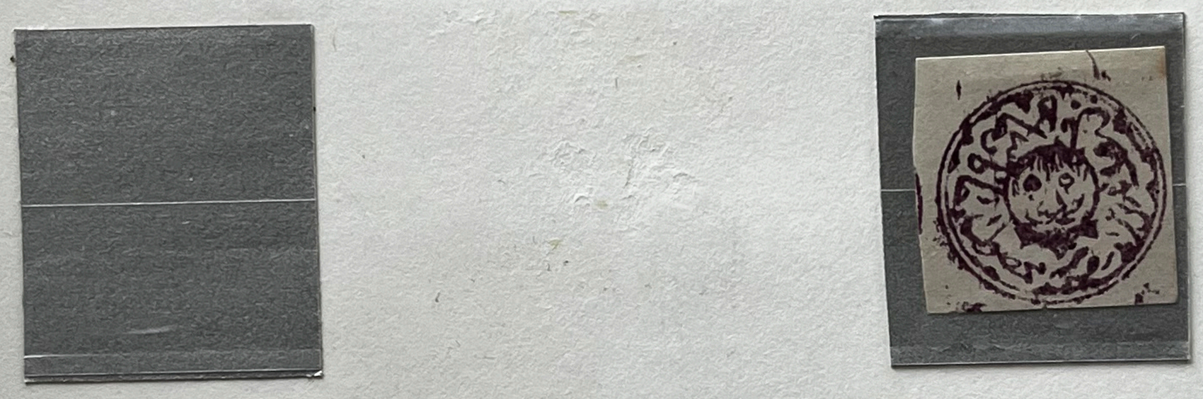


51 Abasi .. .. 1·60 1·40



52 ½ rupee .. 4·75 3·00

53 1 rupee .. 5·50 3·00



C. Kabul. *Greenish grey, olive-grey.*

49 10 Shahi .. .. †
50 Sanar 60 50

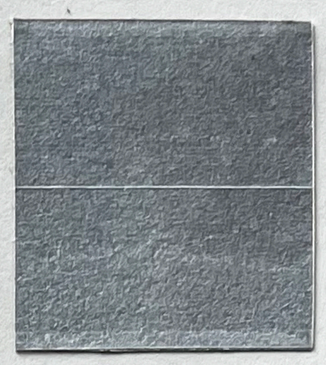


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52 ½ rupee .. .. 5·50 4·00



53 1 rupee .. .. 5·50 4·50

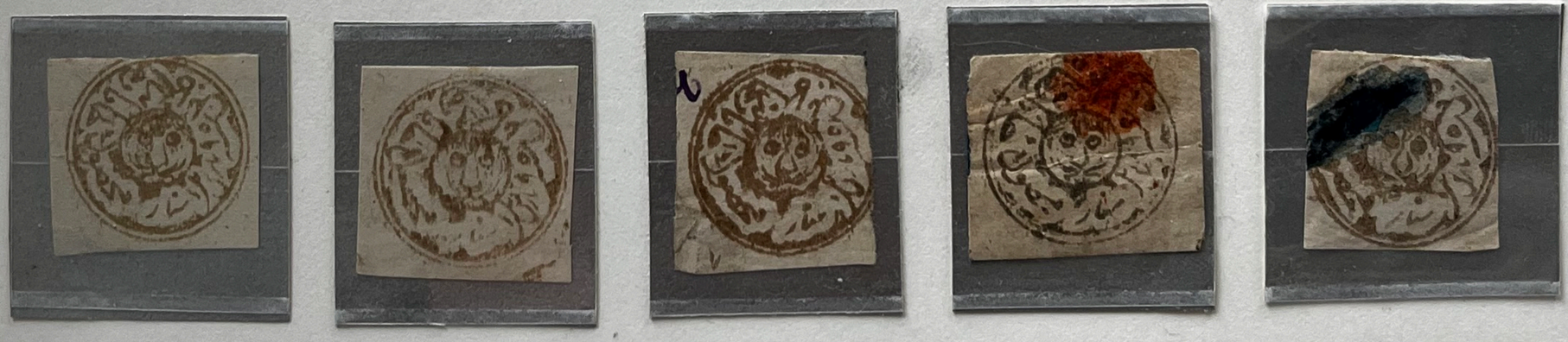


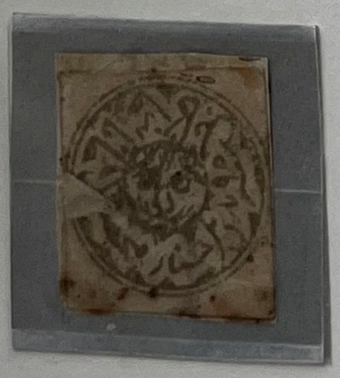
D. Tashkurghan (Khulm). *Yellow-brown, brown.*

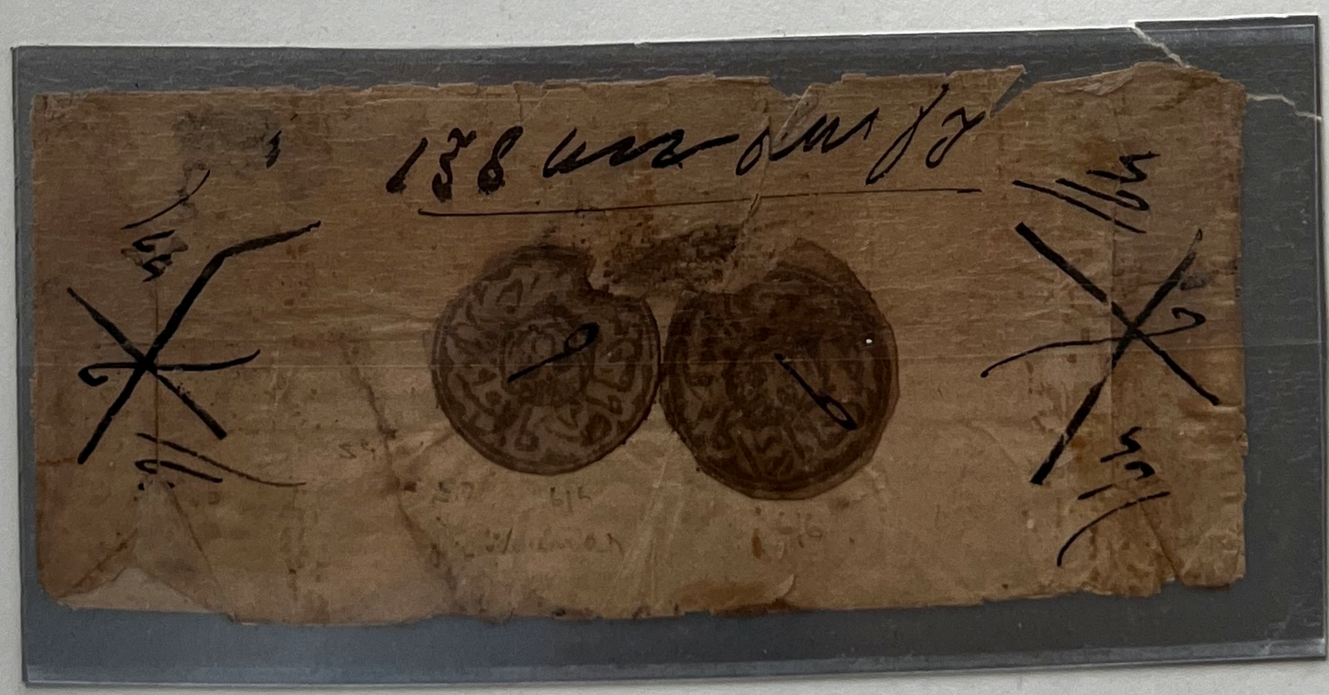
49 10 Shahi .. .. 5·50 1·75

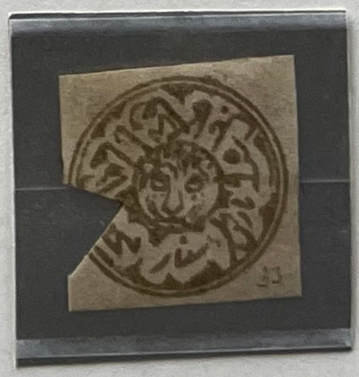


50 Sanar 75 65









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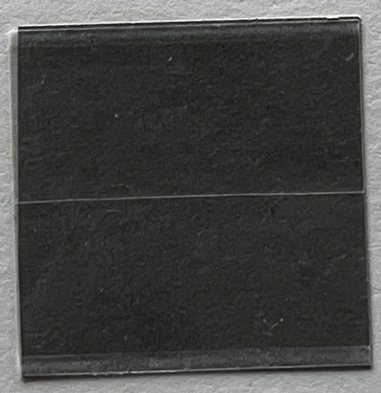


52	½ rupee	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7·00	4·50





53	1 rupee	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7·00	4·50



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Afghan Turkestan. Black; *deep, greyish.*

49 **10** Shahi





50 „ Sanar..



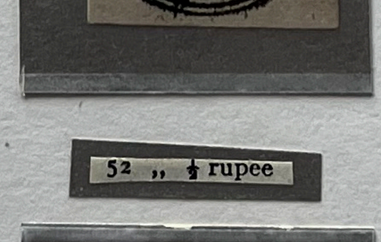
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52 „ ½ rupee



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1878. *As last, but new (so-called "Skeleton") type.*



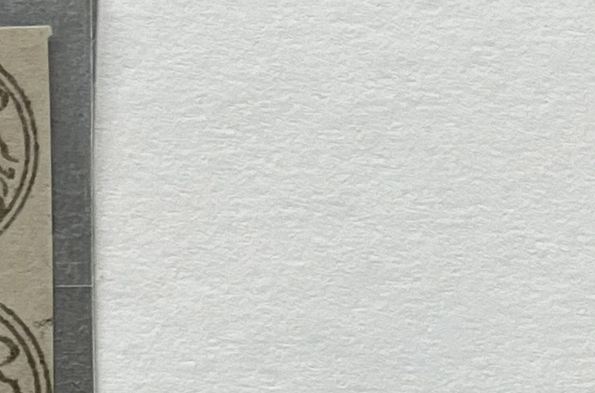
11 Shahi

54	**11** Shahi	.. ..	65	30	60	50	25	20	25	20

A. Peshawar. *Grey.*

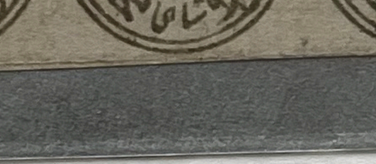






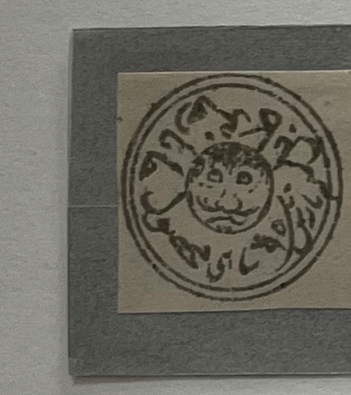


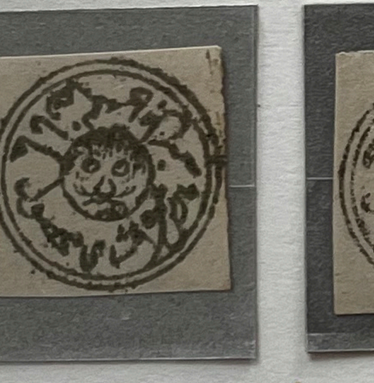


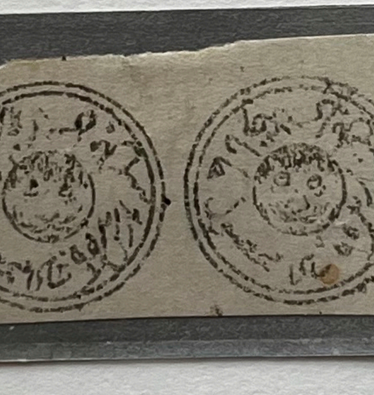




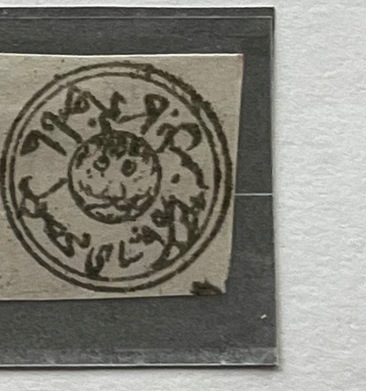












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B. Jalalabad. *Purple to violet.*



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C. Kabul. *Greenish grey, olive-grey.*

