

Postal Stationery of Greece 1900-1920

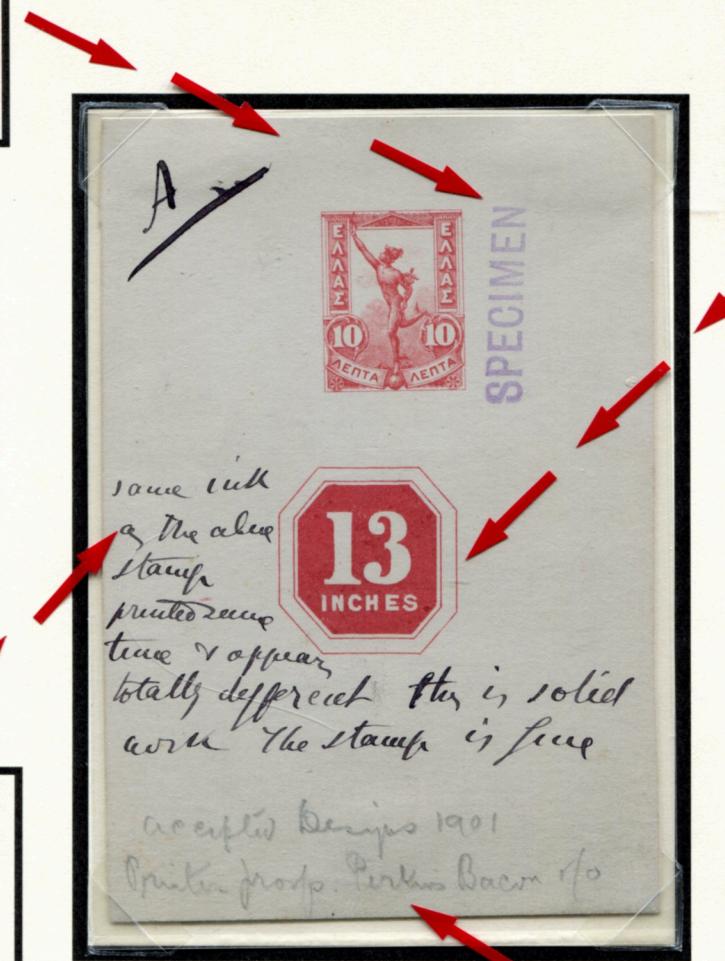
On June 14, 1900 was signed by King George I and published in the Official Gazette No. 150A' /1900 the B. Decree regulating the transmission by post office of postcards, illustrated and not. In the same Decree were decided and put into circulation the new postcards, simple and with an answer, for domestic and abroad use. Giovanni Bologna's Flying Mercury were depicted on the printed stamps of these postcards. It was possible for the holders of the stamps without a printed stamp to seal them at the National Stamp Office or at the Public Treasury, where there was no stamp shop, with a printed stamp of the same representation. The purpose of this exhibition was to show the different types and varieties of the second edition of the Greek single sheets from 1900 to 1920. The structure of the exhibition was divided into 5 different types of single sheets: Postcards (illustrated and plain, with or without reply), short letters, form strips, postal checks and parcel dispatch slips. In the development of the exhibition were presented - with chronological order - the various internal and external values, printing types with varieties of papers and printing inks, printing errors, as well as postages, routes and destinations. The exhibition were divided, in 5 frame, postal single sheets of Greece, from 1900 to 1920, as shown in the following note:

Postal Cards	1 st Issue	Illustrated	2 st Issue	3 st Issue
Postal Letter Cards	1 st Issue	2 st Issue	----	----
Postal Wrappers	1 st Issue	----	----	----
Postal Money Orders	1 st Issue International	1 st Issue Domestic	2 st Issue International	Domestic "ΑΞΙΑΣ ΛΕΠΤΩΝ 5"
Parcel Postal Cards	1 st Issue International	1 st Issue Domestic	Domestic "ΑΞΙΑΣ ΛΕΠΤΩΝ 5"	Domestic "Money Orders" " Postal Cards



Flying Mercury combined proof sheets depict two different of 5 lepta and 10 lepta In VIOLET and RED color (both issued designs) on thin grayish paper without watermark ,size 7.2:7,6cm, signature

on picture there is the indication "A" and a marking reading SPECIMEN dimensions 26,5 x 2,5mm which requires study



"Same ink as the above-stamps printed same time and appears totally different.

This is solid work the stamps is fine"

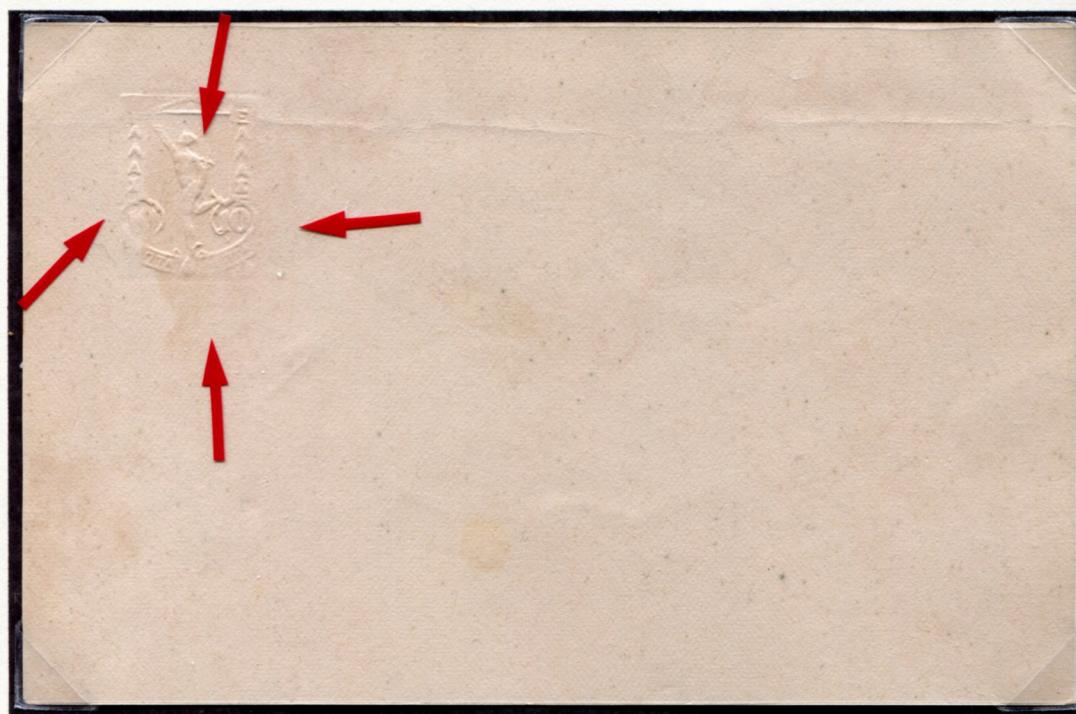
"13 INCHES"

It is a specimen of the red colour used for the printing of the stamp as well as for the colour proof

"Accepted designs 1901. Printed Group Bacon & Co"

THE DIE PROOF OF 10LEPTA FLYING HERMES POSTAL STATIONERY

It is printed on thin carton paper, of light grey colour, thickness 0,24mm and dimensions 73x107mm. the method of printing is a lithographic one and the colour red, exactly the same as the postcards of 1900 and 1901 issues.

**EMBORESSED PROOF**

This proof, most likely, is the die proof of the embossed stamps of 1901 definitive postcards issue
Thin paper 0,11mm

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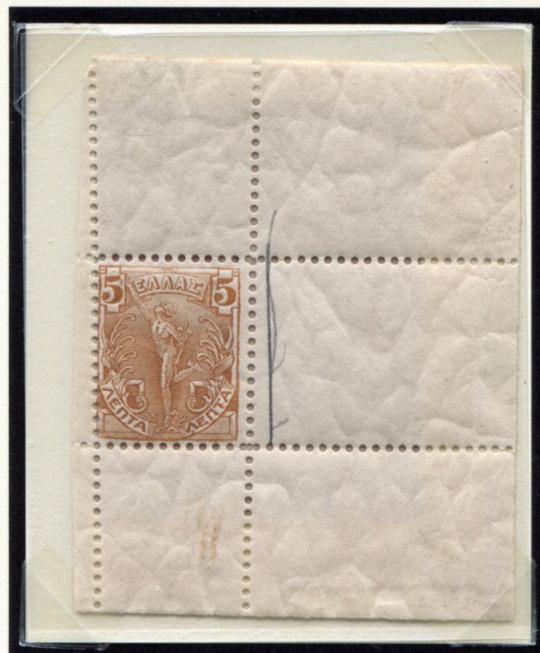
This proof, most likely, is the die proof of the embossed stamps of 1901 definitive postcards issue. Thin paper 0,11mm and dimensions 139x90mm

**"DIE PROOF"**

Around with 3 lilac seals SPECIMEN and a handwriting
Thick paper 0,24mm

"DIE PROOF"

10 lepta in black, thin paper 0,08mm and dimensions 58x89mm



Flying mercury, 5 lepta ORANGE-BROWN, printed as a stamp,
single die proof on gummed paper,
with watermark "honeycomb", line perforation $11 \frac{1}{4}$ size 5.8:7.4cm.
Unusual and extreme rare, especially because a paper
with that watermark wasn't used in Greek philately



Flying Mercury, combined proof pair, 5lepta and 10lepta in PALE VIOLET,
(both issue designed on ungummed paper without watermark
In yellow-brown on thick brownish paper size 11.2:7.1cm



Flying Mercury, combined proof pair, 5lepta and 10lepta in PALE VIOLET, (both issue designed), on unguammed paper without watermark.

In purple-brown on white coated paper, size 2.8:7.3cm.

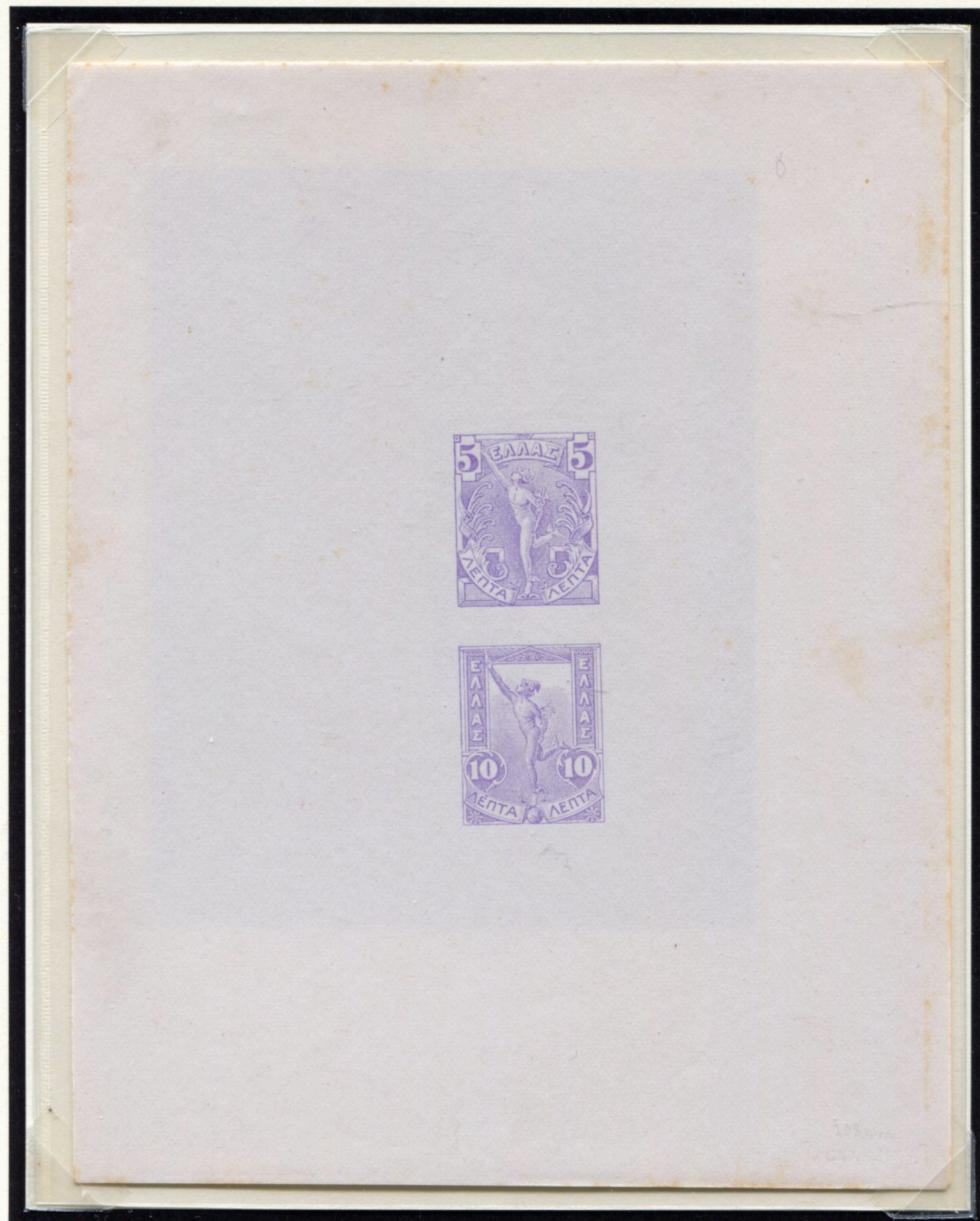


Flying Mercury, combined proof pair, 5lepta and 10lepta in pale VIOLET, (both issue designed) on unguammed paper without watermark.

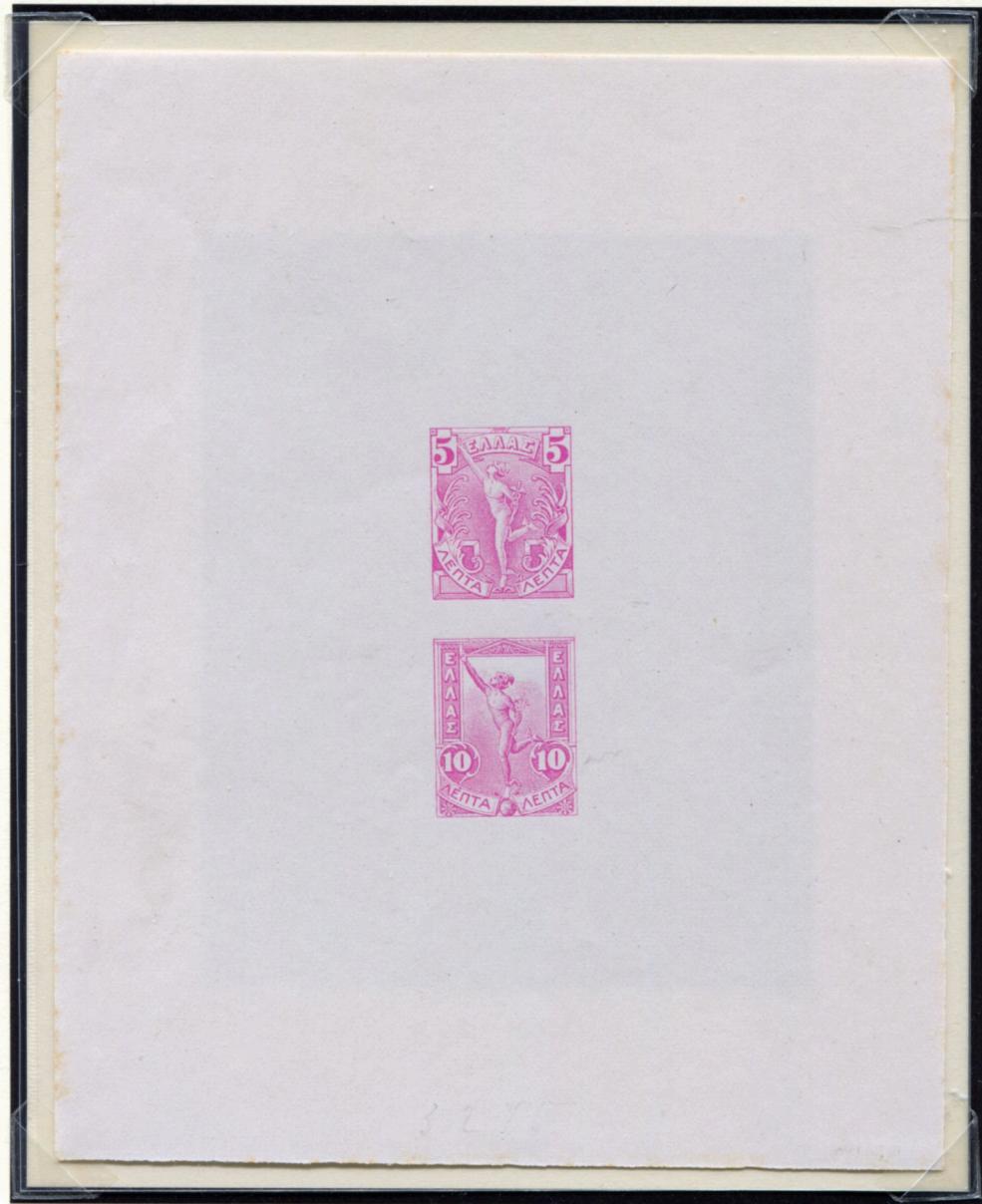
In pale bistre on white coated paper size 7.6:10.9cm.



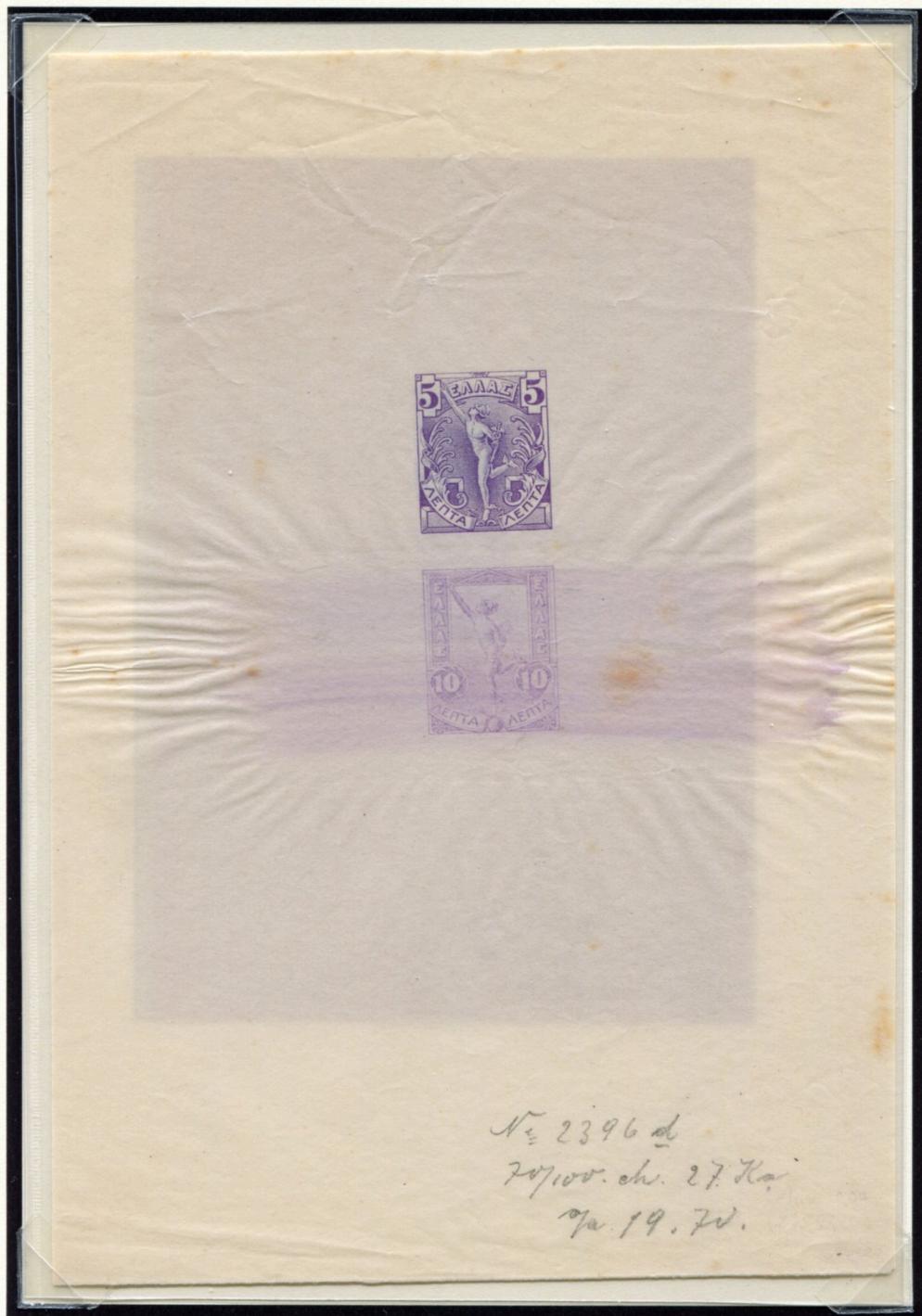
Flying Mercury, combined proof sheet showing
5lepta and 10lepta, in PURPLE-BROWN,
(both issue designed) on coated white paper
without watermark, size 11,6:14,9cm



**Flying Mercury, combined proof sheet showing
5lepta and 10lepta, in PALE VIOLET,
(both issue designed) on coated white paper
without watermark ,size11,6:14,9cm,**



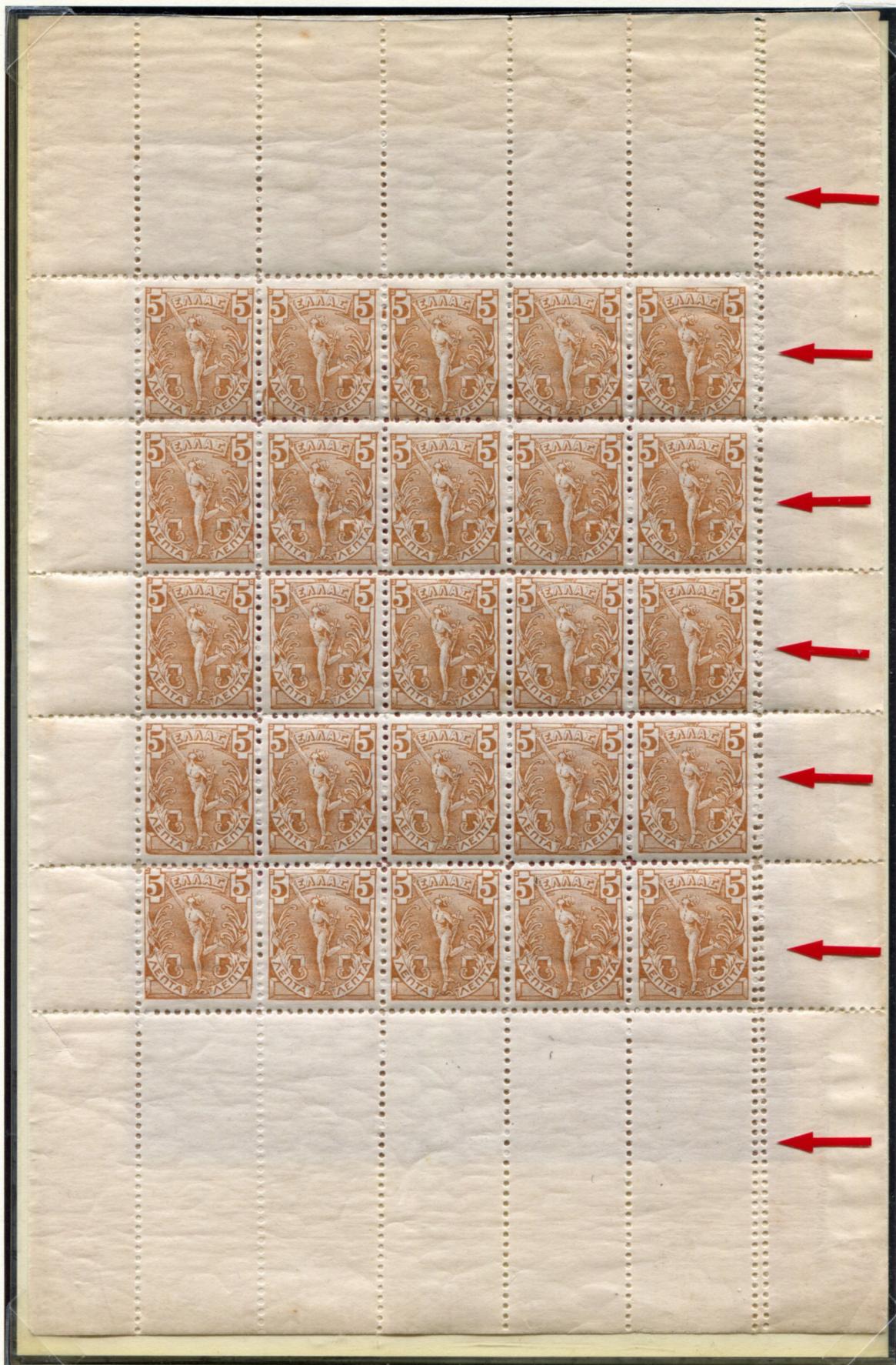
Flying Mercury, combined proof sheet showing
5lepta and 10lepta in ROSE,
(both issue designed) on coated white paper
without watermark, size 11,7:14,8cm,



Flying Mercury, combined proof sheet showing
5lepta and 10lepta in VIOLET, (both issue designed),
on thin transparent grayish paper without watermark ,size 12:17,5cm.
The 10lep design has been tried to wipe out (probably for annulment)



Flying Mercury, 5 lepta DEEP VIOLET, printed as a stamp, proof sheet of 25 stamps with line perforation $11\frac{1}{4}$ on gummed paper with watermark "honeycomb". Unusual and extreme rare, especially because the paper with that watermark wasn't used in Greek Philately



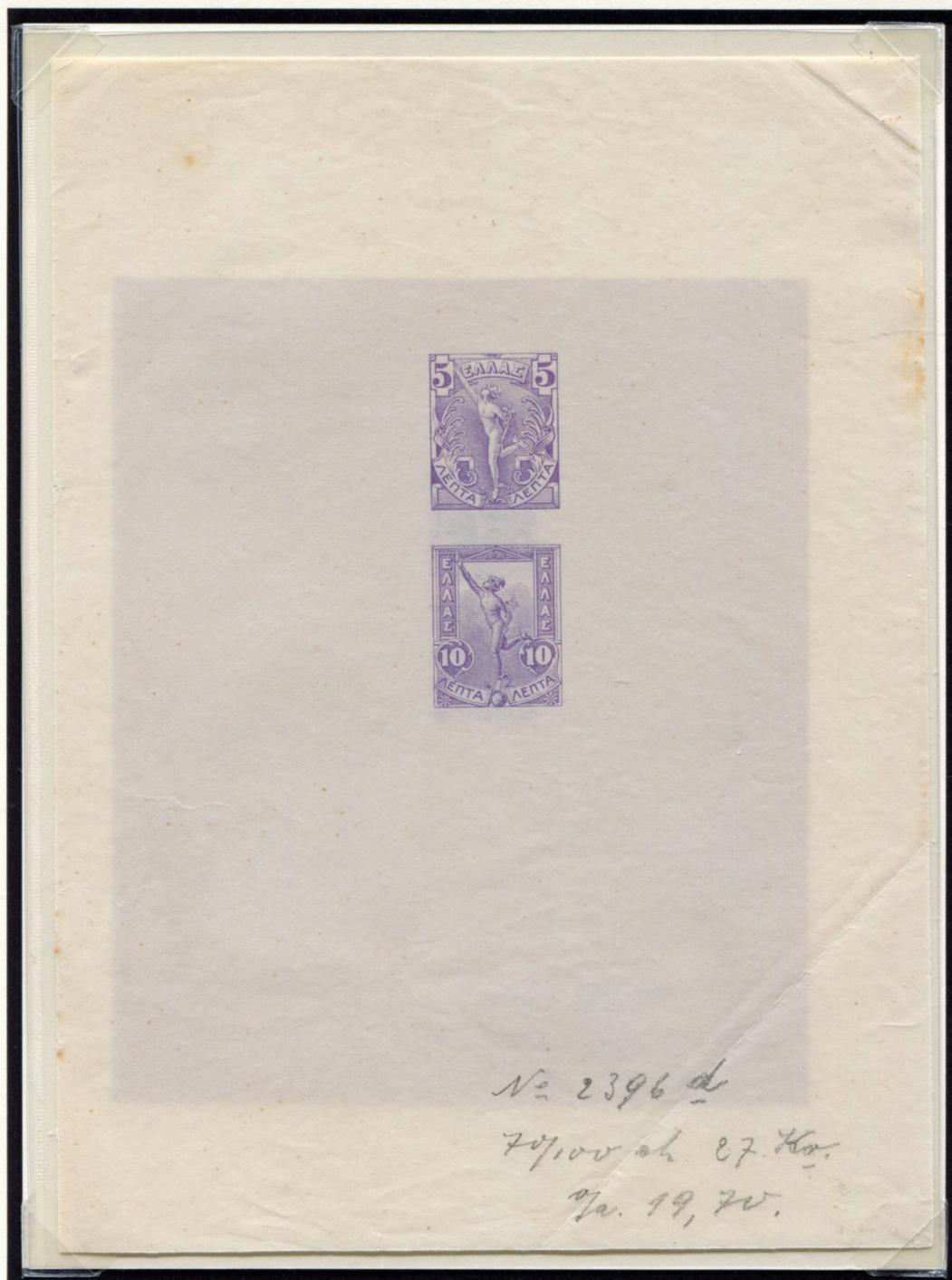
Flying Mercury 5 lepta ORANGE-BROWN, printed as a stamp, proof sheet of 25 stamps with line perforation $11 \frac{1}{4}$ (vertical double perforation at right) on gummed paper with watermark "honeycomb" Unusual and extreme rare, especially because the paper with that watermark wasn't used in Greek Philately



Flying Mercury, 5 lepta VIOLET, printed as a stamp,
Imperforate proof sheet of 25 stamps on unguammed white paper



Flying Mercury, 5 lepta DEEP VIOLET, printed as a stamp, Imperforate proof sheet of 16 stamps on unguammed paper, with watermark "honeycomb", stamp in lower right with fingerprint annulment
Unusual and extreme rare, especially because the paper with that watermark wasn't used in Greek philately



Flying Mercury, combined proof sheet showing
5lepta and 10lepta, in VIOLET,
(both issue designed). On thin transparent grayish paper
without watermark ,size12,7:17,4cm



Postcard with imprint 5lepta of Flying Mercury olive in ivory, line spacing/line distance 27mm, additional/extra 1lepto and 2x2lepta of small head of Hermes, departure seal "ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ*6/19.OKT.00" via PORT ARTHUR CHINA (the region was under Russian control) with intermediate destinations "ALEXANDRIA*21.X.00", "SUEZ 22.X.00", "COLOMBO*3XI.00", "HONG KONG*20.XI.00", arrival in the "Chinese post office CHEFOO" (today Yadai) then to the Russian post office of the city for promotion to the PORT ARTHUR (today Dalian) in China (also under Russian occupation at that time).

Postal Rate 10 L: for international postcard use.

ΠΕΙΡΑΙΕΥΣ	ALEXANDRIA	SUEZ	COLOMBO	HONG KONG
CHINESE POST OFFICE CHEFOO"	RUSSIAN POST OFFICE		MAP OF THE AREA	



Postal card with imprint 10 lepta of Flying Mercury red on light grey. Write in Corfu 12.4.1901 without expedition postmark, and send with Austrian steamship "HUNGARIA", with postmark "LLOYD AUSTRIACO XXIX *12.4.1901" arrival to "COPENHAGEN 16.4.1901" Denmark. (Austrian Lloyd Steamship XXIX was the s.s. HUNGARIA, 1976 tons, built 1869, withdrawn April, 1910. Served between 1888 and 1910 on various lines to the Levant).

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Illustrated "After Answer" postcard with imprint 10lepta of Flying Mercury, red in light gray, from "ΑΘΗΝΑΙ 5*29.OKT.1902", arrival to "TRIESTE 15.NOE.1902" ITALY

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