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SIAM:

Its Posts and Postage Stamps.

A Handbook for Philatelists.

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SiAM: Its Posts and Postage Stamps, i i His Majesty in tlie course of a speech on the proposed new

service, is reported in the " Siam Advertiser "* to have said: "When Siam shall have established telephonic communication

with British Burmah or the Straits

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At that time there was evidently a quantity of obsolete

Straits Settlements stamps on hand, for at first the overprmt was applied to the

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1883.1. Watermark " Crown CA." Perforated 14.

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II. —There will be three deliveries daily, at 9 a.m., H a.m., and
at 4 p.m.
in.—All letters must be enclosed in a stamped envelope, with the name and address of the addressee written on the

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native characters, and the whole is mounted on a frame more severely rectangular than the lower values. The colour is an orange-brown.
Some Minor Varieties. The sizes of all the

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at his birthday f6te, on September ai, 1884, King Chulalong-korn said with reference to the then proposed extension:
" The interior postal organization of our capital having been completed, we intend now to extend it to all the pro-vinces watered by the river Meinam as far as Chieng-mai. Encouraged by the promise which the United

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PAR. III. Every shipmaster

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PAR. V. Special Rights of the Post.
1. No post-carriage, post-boat, post-runner or postman,

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2. Any person who shallake81 1785 Tm (Any)Tj ET /F1 26.67718 0 0 1 2

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(d) Generally.

13. The amount of the penalties, and the decision of the punishment which may be inflicted upon any offender, shall be at the discretion of the judge or the criminal court.

14. The authorities of the Postal Department are hereby empowered to institute any prosecution or action at law which may be considered necessaryminal

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a heavy straight top, with a thick base projecting outwards on

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one the value in English characters, between the tablets in small white capitals on a ground of

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This is clearly evidenced by the fact that a vagary in centreing

the English overprint puts the whole of the surcharges on one sheet proportionately out of position. " The AmericanhoTm (

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between the letters '.' t ", of " atts " (ninth stamp, first row); (d) pair, one being surcharged in Siamese only. This latter variety

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Korat to Naiigong and to Chaturat and Pookiew. In

'

Southern Siam a weekly territorial service was organised, and connected with the line from Bangkok to Kabin. Another with a fortnightly service connected Sissophone and Sangha. Already there was a steamer mail service running weekly on the eastern coast (gulf of Siam), and in this year an additional one was established betwee

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The "I Att" (Large Type) on 64 Atts, 1894, The next stamp to be noted is practically

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Other Minor Varieties.
' Of other minor varieties of the types, Mr. Holland lists: Numeral Type 1, (a) inverted " s " in " Atts," (b) English surcharge double, (c) inverted period,

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specimens. In 1899, it was decided to issue an entire new
series of

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New Values.

The one penny rate was now 6 atts and a new value of this denomination was issued on this series printed in red. The
4 atts which had formerly been red took the colours of the 12 atts, viz., brown and carmine, as the iz atts was discarded. The foreign rate (a^d.) was represented by the new value 14 atts printed in blue, and the double foreign rate by a 28 atts stamp in the colours of the old 24 atts stamp, viz., brown

and blue. Summary.
1904. Perf. 14. No watermark.
2 atts, red

SiAM: Its Posts and Postage Stamps. 51 Presumably, stamps will have to be surcharged again—at one

"time Siam is said to have had about twenty-five different surcharges^-but the sooner this anomaly is reformed the better." The assumption that " stamps will have to be