

7229 **TITANIC COVER - THE CANCELLED MAIDEN VOYAGE.**
1912 (5 March) env from Avignon to Washington DC, bearing French
25c blue Sower stamp tied by Avignon cds with violet straight-line
"TITANIC" (37 x 6mm) cachet alongside. Reverse bears the
Washington receiver pmk of March 18 1912. This cover was expected
to be carried on the Titanic on her 20th March Maiden voyage,
however the great liner was not ready and sailed later. Although
specially cacheted, the mail contracts did not allow the White Star
office to hold this cover until Titanic arrived at Cherbourg, instead it
had to be sent onboard the Olympic. This is a very elusive item, the
last example we offered (2001) sold for £2600.
(Photo) Estimate £1200-1500