

Life Span of the

Printing Plates

For

All the Postage stamps

Of Queen Victoria

By Allan Oliver

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Versions and updates

| Version | Date | |
|---------|--|---|
| 1 | 10 th Jan 2006 to 19 th Dec 2006 | Line engraved plate life project started Major date revisions Numbers printed for the 1 ^d plate number series EKU for the plate number series First draft of the surface printed section Dates for black plates amended and re-organised All the dates for Die 1 penny reds revised |
| 2 | 13 th Jan 2007 to 15 th Apr 2007 | All the dates for Die 2 reds revised All the dates for penny reds plate numbers revised 2 ^d blue plates 7-15 revised 1½ ^d plates revised |
| 3 | 23 rd Jan 2008 to 7 th Oct 2008 | Minor revisions to the 1d plate number series Major updates to Mulready section Some early plates (12-40) EKU revised Plate 3 two-pence blues revised Major revisions to the text for the embossed stamps Major revision of EKU on the surface printed Watermarks illustrated High values added to the surface printed section Inverted watermarks table added for the one penny red Plate numbers series + Minor text revisions Registration dates and Current numbers added |
| 4 | 27 th Jan 2009 to 20 th Dec 2009 | Error corrections made throughout EKU revisions and pictures added Die 2 Alphabet 2 date revisions Date revisions made in both sections |
| 5 | 1 st Jan 2010 | Surface printed EKU revisions + pictures added |
| 6 | 21 st Jan 2018 to 30 th Dec 2018 | LE & Surface printed EKU revisions + pictures added Revisions to the Jubilee issue Lilac & Green issue updated Die 2 plate 22 steam press use updated Plate 35 SPECIMEN details added Details for CYPRUS 1d red plate no's added 10d embossed updated |
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Versions and updates

| Version | Date | |
|---------|---|--|
| 7 | 4 th January 2019 to 19 th December 2019 | Surface printed registration dates updated EKU details updated on surface printed issues Mulready dates updated Additional pictures added Pictures added for plate 77 of the plate number series Minor updates to the penny reds made |
| 8.1 | 27 th April 2020 | Minor updates to the text sections Updates to Early 1d red EKU's |
| 8.11 | 28 th April 2020 | Minor updates to the Mulready section |
| 8.2 | 12 th May 2020 | EKU plate R6 perf 16 added with picture |
| 8.3 | 12 th June 2020 | EKU 4d plate 4 with hairlines added with picture |
| 8.31 | 15 th June 2020 | EKU 3d plate 2 added with picture |
| 8.32 | 19 th June 2020 | EKU 6d plate 1 added with picture |
| 8.4 | 26 July 2020 | EKU 1d red plate 23 updated with picture Plate 156 imperf updated with picture minor updates to the 2 nd SP high values series |
| 8.5 | 15 Aug 2020 | Die 1, Alp 1 SC plate 57 updated with picture |
| 8.51 | 24 Aug 2020 | 1/- embossed updated |
| 8.6 | 5 Sept 2020 | Black plate 10 in red updated SP 4d plate 4 updated with picture |
| 8.61 | 7 Sept 2020 | Die 1Alp 2SC Perf 16 section updated |
| 8.62 | 26 Sept 2020 | 6d plate 6 EKU updated with picture |
| 8.63 | 28 Sept 2020 | Plate 3, die 2 LC wmk Perf 16 removed |
| 8.64 | 29 Sept 2020 | Plate 3, die 2 LC wmk perf 14 updated Minor updates and Specimen overprints added |
| 8.65 | 4 Oct 2020 | Jubilee issues updated |
| 8.66 | 5 Oct 2020 | 1844 – plate 47 updated with picture Mulready section updated |
| 8.67 | 8 Oct 2020 | 3d plate 11 updated with picture |
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Preface

This book originally started life as two volumes, one covering the stamps printed by the line engraved process by Perkins Bacon and the other covering the surface printed issues produced by De La Rue. As the information expanded, it was decided that the first volume should include details on the Mulready envelopes and letter sheets along with the three values of embossed stamps as these all fell within the same general time frame as the line engraved issues.

By the middle of 2008, the two volumes had been combined into a single book that provided all the details relating to the production period, (life span), of the various issues of Queen Victoria in one place. This combined volume was also the first version that appeared as a printed book, sales of which were well received.

The layout of the information has not been altered from the original files, so those who have had access to and have got used to the format of the original files and where to find details should have no problems with this combined volume.

Colour pictures are included for most of the issues and details can be found in the introduction to the sections. Also included are pictures of some of the earliest recorded date items for both the line engraved and surface printed issues, which I hope will provide a lasting reference to items that are known to exist.

Illustrations of EKV that are referred to in the listings are shown following the table in which the item appears, in order to keep all the details in one place. I have not attempted to make a list of the illustrations, as when items are updated, these could be subject to change such as when a revised earliest known usage, (EKU), is reported and confirmed.

If any reader can supply updated information with a scan of the item for this listing, (in order that the details can be confirmed), I can be contacted at the email address that appears on the front page.

The face book group 'Queen Victoria - Philately and Postal History of Great Britain' is also a great source of information and can be found at ...

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/526088577591363/?fref=nf>

Life Span of the Printing Plates

For

All the line engraved Postage stamps

Produced by

Perkins, Bacon and Petch, (and after 1852, Perkins, Bacon and Co.).

*Also including the embossed issues produced at Somerset House
And the Mulready envelopes*



By Allan Oliver

Introduction to section one

The following tables give details relating to the life of the various printing plates. Included is the registration and put to press dates, as well as, (where known), the date on which the plate was removed from the press, the date recommended for defacement and eventually defaced. The end column is for recording of the earliest known examples from the various plates, which I hope in time to be able to add to by way of illustrations.

On some plates, the entire row of information is presented in *italic text*. This has been done to highlight the entry, where the earliest known date for the given plate, pre-dates the recorded date when the plate was put to press. In the cases where this has occurred, it will be noticed that although pre-dating the put to press date, the date falls after the date of registration. When a new plate was registered, additional sheets were submitted as example impressions. One sheet was then placed in the official records, (becoming the imprimatur copy), and the others returned to the printers. It is likely that these returned sheets would have just been included in with an existing batch awaiting distribution.

The IR practice was to keep a 3-week stock of stamps prior to the 1857 fire at Perkins Bacons works; afterwards the PO kept a larger stock and I imagine the IR maintained their policy, however, this requires confirmation. I would therefore caution the reader to be suspicious of EKV's of significantly less than 3 or 4 weeks after the Put to Press date, except where there are extenuating circumstances. The recommended dates for defacement are taken from the Inland Revenue records.

In the tables some symbols have been used. I have tried to keep such use to a minimum, and the following is a list of those used...

??? With a date indicates that this is unconfirmed or dubious.

The author makes no claim as to the completeness of this work, (a claim that would be pointless after even a quick glance at some of the tables), but rather, has decided to present the information, even in its incomplete form, for the benefit of others. The information presented is made available, (under the copyright terms shown on page 2), and is updated on a regular basis. These updates are made available via various Internet groups, including the face book group 'Queen Victoria - Philately and Postal History of Great Britain' at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/526088577591363>

Nothing known to the author has been left out of this work, and in some cases conflicting data is presented so that the reader may make their own judgement on the situation. If you have received this file from any other source, I would suggest joining this group to obtain the most up to date version as well access to a wealth of other information, or contact me via the email address given earlier.

Numbers printed

When Perkins, Bacon and Petch, (and after 1852, Perkins, Bacon and Co.), finally completed their contract for the line engraved series on the 31st December 1879, they had produced the following number of stamps, (excluding wastage), from which has been calculated the number of sheets. These figures were provided by the board of trade to Sir Rowland Hill.¹

| | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|---|-----------------------|
| ½ ^d | 1,600,276,320 | = | (3,333,909 sheets) |
| 1 ^d | 20,699,858,040 | = | (86,249,408 ½ sheets) |
| 1½ ^d | 42,638,160 | = | (177,659 sheets) |
| 2 ^d | 338,540,280 | = | (1,410,584 ½ sheets) |

When these figures are compared to those presented in the tables, (taken from various sources), we find that those presented by Perkins, Bacon & Co. are generally between 10 and 12 percent lower than those presented in this volume.

The discrepancy between these two sets of figures could be due to the fact that Perkins end of contract figures did not include wastage, where as those presented here are all inclusive figures which may need to be adjusted to allow for this event.

The other point to bear in mind, with regard to these figures, is that they were presented at the official end of the contract for printing these values. In reality, the production of these values continued beyond these dates.

¹ Life of Sir Rowland Hill, K.C.B., Volume 1, page 408

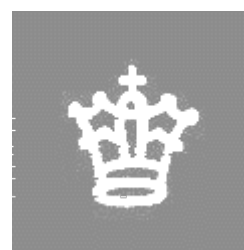
Watermark types



Small crown



Large crown
Type 1



Large crown
Type 2



Half penny



Embossed

The Halfpenny watermark extends across three stamps



One Penny. Die I. Alp I. Wmk SC. (Imperforate).
(Black)

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Rec for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------------------------|---|--------------------|--|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1a | Between 8 Apr 40 and 11 Apr 40 | 15 Apr 40 Unhardened | | Between 22 Apr 40 and 26 Apr 40 | | See below | 2 May 40 |
| 1a | | 27 Apr 40 Unhardened 2 nd registration | | 22 May 40 | | See below | |
| 1b | 26 May 40 | Never registered | | See below | See below | 42,000 | 8 Jun 40 |
| 2 | 22 Apr 40 | 22 Apr 40 Unhardened | | | | See below | 6 May 40 |
| 2 | | 27 Apr 40 Hardened | | See below | See below | 32,000 | |
| 3 | 12 May 40 | 9 May 1840 | | | Oct 40 9 Jan 41 | 20,000 | 16 May 40 |
| 4 | 28 May 1840 | 19 May 1840 | | | 9 Jan 41 Jan 42 | 28,000 | 23 May 40 |
| 5 | 28 May 1840 | 1 June 40 Unhardened | | | | See below | 17 Jun 40 |
| 5 | | 11 Jun 40 Hardened | | See below | See below | See below | |
| 5b | Oct 1840 | | | See below | See below | See below | 21 Nov 40 |
| 5c | Dec 1840 | | | See below | See below | See below | 21 Jan 41 |
| 5d | Late Jan 41 | | | | | 36,000 | 6 Mar 41 |
| 6 | 15 Jun 40 | 17 Jun 40 | | | 9 Jan 41 Jan 42 | 38,000 | 29 Jun 40 |
| 7 | 26 Jun 40 | 8 Jul 40 | | | 9 Jan 41 Jan 42 | 34,000 | 8 Jul 40 |
| 8 | 3 Jul 40 | 31 Jul 40 | | See below | See below | 30,000 | 5 Sep 40 |
| 9 | 6 Nov 40 | 9 Nov 40 | | See below | See below | 16,000 | 18 Nov 40 |
| 10 | 8 Dec 40 | 8 Dec 40 | | See below | See below | 8,000 | 2 Jan 41 |
| 11 | 1 Feb 41 | 27 Jan 41 (In red) | | 2 Feb 1841 Probably not removed, just cleaned ready for use again in red. | See below | 700 | 4 Feb 1841 |
| | | | | | | | |

The total print run for the One Penny stamps in Black is 284,700 sheets.

Plate 8 is recorded as the 11th September 1840 by Statham

Plate 10 is recorded as the 4th January 1841 by Statham

Plate 11 is recorded as the 9th February 1841 by Statham



Plate 5 – Unit EA

Used on cover dated 17th June 1840



One Penny. Die I. Alp I. Wmk SC. (Imperforate).
(Black)

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Rec for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| A | | 15 Apr 40 Unhardened | | | | 3,500 | 5 June 1843 Stamp FC |
| A | | 9 May 40 Hardened | | 3 Jun 40 | 6 Mar 50 | | |
| | | | | | | | |



The earliest recorded cover with the VR official



One Penny. Die I. Alp I. Wmk SC (Imperforate).
(Red-Brown)

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Rec for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|---|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 1b | | See above | | 23 Mar 41 | 19 Nov 41 11 Dec 41 | 6,000 | 25 Feb 41 |
| 2 | | See above | | 23 Mar 41 | 19 Nov 41 | 8,000 | 1 Mar 41 |
| 5 | | See above | | | | | 12 Feb 41 |
| 5b | | | | | | | |
| 5c | | | | | | | |
| 5d | | | | | | | |
| 5e | Apr 1841 ??? | | | 23 Mar 41 ??? | 12 Nov 1841 | 16,000 | 4 Sep 41 |
| 8 | | See above | | 23 March 41 | 8 Sep 1841 | 22,000 | 20 Feb 41 |
| 9 | | See above | | 23 March 41 | 7 Oct 1843 | 35,000 | 12 Feb 41 |
| 10 | | See above | | 23 March 41 | 21 Feb 43 | 24,000 | 15 Feb 41 |
| 11 | 29 Jan 41 | 27 Jan 1841 | | 30 Jan 1841 Probably not removed, just cleaned ready for use in black. | 15 Jan 42 15 Jan 43 | | 19 Feb 41 |
| 11 | 3 Feb 41 | | | | | 40,000 | |
| | | | | | | | |

The seven plates listed above, are generally referred to as the black plate. Although all these plates had been used to produce black stamps, plate 11 was in fact the first of the new plates for the production in red.

Plate 1b in red has been reported for the 18th February 1841 but this is unconfirmed

Statham gives 4th March 1841 as the earliest date for plate 10, though states a copy 'has been reported used on 20th February'. It has also been reported that plate 10 exists used on the 11th February 1841, but again this is unconfirmed.



Unit 'J-I' plate 1b on cover dated the 25th February 1841



Unit 'G-K' plate 10 dated the 15th February 1841 from London

One Penny. Die I. Alp I. Wmk SC (Imperforate). (Continued)

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Rec for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 12 | | 25 Feb 41 | | | 15 Jan 42 | 40,000 | 2 Apr 41 |
| 13 | | 27 Apr 41 | | | 15 Jul 41 | 21,000 | 12 May 41 |
| 14 | | 27 Apr 41 | | | 8 Sep 41 | 28,000 | 25 May 41 |
| 15 | | 23 Jul 41 | | | 21 Feb 43 | 48,000 | 1 Sept 41 |
| 16 | | 23 Jul 41 | | | 21 Feb 43 | 48,000 | 16 Aug 41 |
| 17 | | 10 Sep 41 | | | 18 Mar 42 | 40,000 | 14 Oct 41 |
| 18 | | 21 Sep 41 | | | 5 Mar 42 | 31,600 | 15 Oct 41 |
| 19 | | 3 Nov 41 | | | 7 Oct 43 | 50,000 | 18 Nov 41 |
| 20 | | 15 Nov 41 | | | 7 Oct 43 | 55,000 | 27 Jan 42 |
| 21 | | 11 Dec 41 | | | 21 Feb 43 | | 7 Jan 42 |
| 22 | | 30 Dec 41 | | | 21 Feb 43 | | 12 Mar 42 |
| 23 | | 18 Jan 42 | | | 21 Feb 43 | | 2 Mar 42 12 Mar 42 |
| 24 | | 4 Mar 42 | | 18 Aug 43 | | | 25 Mar 42 |
| 25 | | 17 Mar 42 | | 27 Jan 43 | | | 11 May 42 |
| 26 | | 22 Jun 42 | | 27 Jan 43 | | | 21 Aug 42 |
| 27 | | 5 Sep 42 | | | 7 Oct 43 | | 25 Oct 42 |
| 28 | | 14 Sep 42 | | 16 Sep 43 | 7 Oct 43 | | 12 Oct 42 |
| 29 | | 14 Nov 42 | | 18 Aug 43 | 7 Oct 43 | | 24 Nov 42 |
| 30 | | 6 Dec 42 | | 18 Aug 43 | 7 Oct 43 | 41,000 | 16 Jan 43 |
| 31 | | 27 Jan 43 | | 16 Sep 43 | 7 Oct 43 | | 31 Mar 43 |
| 32 | | 7 Feb 43 | | 16 Sep 43 | 7 Oct 43 | | 27 Mar 43 |
| 33 | | 20 Feb 43 | | | 7 Oct 43 | | 25 Mar 43 |
| 34 | | 7 Jun 43 | | | 25 Jun 43 | | 14 Jul 43 |
| 35 | | 7 Jun 43 | | | 27 Feb 45 | | 23 Jun 43 |
| 36 | | 7 Jun 43 | | | 27 Feb 45 | | 28 Jun 43 |
| 37 | | 7 Jul 43 | | 17 Feb 44 | | | 17 Jul 43 |
| 38 | | 26 Jul 43 | | | 25 Jun 44 | | 1 Sep 43 |
| 39 | | 2 Oct 43 | | | 25 Jun 44 | | 10 Dec 43 |
| 40 | | 17 Nov 43 | | | 25 Jun 44 | | 16 Dec 43 |
| 41 | | 6 Nov 43 | | | 27 Feb 45 | | 11 Jan 44 |
| 42 | | 23 Jan 44 | | | 25 Jun 44 | | 4 Mar 44 |
| 43 | | 23 Jan 44 | | | 27 Feb 45 | | 23 Mar 44 |
| 44 | | 29 Feb 44 | | | 1 Apr 46 | | 4 Apr 44 |
| 45 | | 29 Feb 44 | | | 27 Feb 45 | | 23 Apr 44 |
| 46 | | 4 May 44 | | | 22 Feb 45 | | 12 Jun 44 |
| 47 | | 24 May 44 | | | 27 Feb 45 | | 18 Jun 44 |
| | | | | | | | |

Plate 23 is recorded with two dates. The first is 2nd March 1842 and the other is for the 12th March 1842. Both dates have been recorded and are shown in the illustrations. The problem with the earlier date is that it is shown on the cover as MA for the month, which could be March or May. Normally these would be shown as MR for March or MY for May. It would appear that a number of offices in Somerset used MA for March so this is almost certainly correct.

Plate 26 is reported for the 13th August, but this is unconfirmed
 Plate 34 is reported for the 11th July, but this is unconfirmed

One Penny. Die I. Alp I. Wmk SC (Imperforate).

Plate 12



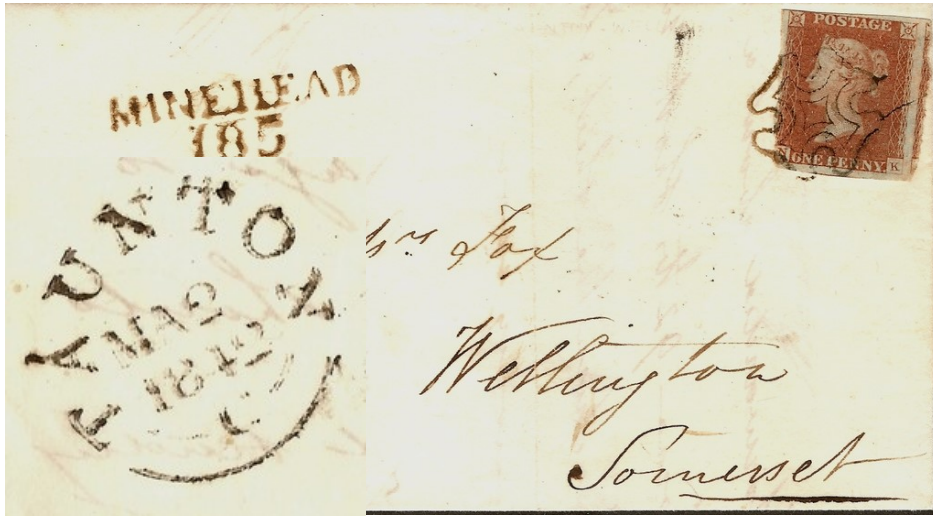
Plate 12 unit 'FL' dated 2nd April 1841

Plate 18



Plate 18 unit FC dated 15th October 1841

Plate 23



Unit 'NK' Earliest known use to Wellington, Somerset
 Taunton CDS on the reverse in black
 The MA 2 postmark is believed to be March but could also be May

Plate 23



Plate 23 dated 12th March 1842

Plate 33



Plate 33 unit IC dated 25th March 1843

Plate 37



Plate 37 unit QB neatly tied to a small envelope by a superb London No.7 MC.
Sent from London to Broadway and backstamped 17th July 1843.

Plate 44



Plate 44 used from London, dated 4th April 1844
Inset is the postmark from the rear of the cover

Plate 47



Plate 47 used from London dated the 18th June 1844

One Penny. Die I. Alp I. Wmk SC (Imperforate). (Continued)

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Rec for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 48 | | 19 Jun 44 | | | 1 Apr 46 | | 6 Aug 44 |
| 49 | | 12 Sep 44 | | | 27 Feb 45 | | 4 Nov 44 |
| 50 | | 12 Sep 44 | | | 27 Feb 45 | | 7 Oct 44 |
| 51 | | 3 Dec 44 | | | 1 Apr 46 | | 21 Jan 45 |
| 52 | | 17 Dec 44 | | | 1 Apr 46 | | 12 Feb 45 |
| 53 | | 7 Jan 45 | | | 1 Apr 46 | | 6 Feb 45 |
| 54 | | 25 Jan 45 | | | 1 Apr 46 | | 1 Mar 45 |
| 55 | | 7 Feb 45 | | | 1 Apr 46 | | 27 Mar 45 |
| 56 | | 25 Feb 45 | | | 1 Apr 46 | | 10 Apr 45 |
| 57 | | 9 May 45 | | | 1 Apr 46 | | 18 July 45 |
| 58 | | 9 May 45 | | | 1 Apr 46 | | 30 July 45 |
| 59 | | 25 Jun 45 | | | 1 Apr 46 | | 10 Aug 45 |
| 60 | | 25 Jun 45 | | | 15 May 47 | | 18 Aug 45 |
| 61 | | 14 Aug 45 | | | 15 May 47 | | 3 Sep 45 |
| 62 | | 14 Aug 45 | | | 15 May 47 | | 8 Sep 45 |
| 63 | | 2 Sep 45 | | | 15 May 47 | | 2 Nov 45 |
| 64 | | 3 Dec 45 | | | 15 May 47 | | 5 Feb 46 |
| 65 | | 2 Feb 46 | | | 15 May 47 | | 15 Mar 46 |
| 66 | | 2 Feb 46 | | | 15 May 47 | | 26 Mar 46 |
| 67 | | 17 Apr 46 | | | 15 May 47 | | 29 Jun 46 |
| 68 | | 17 Apr 46 | | | 15 May 47 | | 10 July 46 |
| 69 | | 8 Jun 46 | | | 2 Dec 48 | | 7 Sep 46 |
| 70 | | 30 June 46 or 30 July 46 | | | 2 Dec 48 | | 13 Aug 46 |
| 71 | | 21 Oct 46 | | | 2 Dec 48 | | 21 Dec 46 |
| 72 | | 21 Oct 46 | | | 2 Dec 48 | | 3 Nov 46 |
| 73 | | 14 Jan 47 | | | 2 Dec 48 | | 2 Mar 47 |
| 74 | | 14 Jan 47 | | | 2 Dec 48 | | 2 May 47 |
| 75 | | 19 Apr 47 | | | 2 Dec 48 | | 26 May 47 |
| 76 | Mid-July 47 | 19 Apr 47 | | | 2 Dec 48 | | 15 Dec 47 |
| 77 | Early Dec 47 | 19 Apr 47 | | | ↓ | 8,000 10,000 | 9 Feb 48 |
| 77b | | 12 Jan 48 | | | 2 Dec 48 | | 1848 |
| 78 | | 12 Jan 48 | | | 2 Dec 48 | | 29 Feb 48 |
| 79 | | 12 Jan 48 | | | 2 Dec 48 | | 4 Feb 48 |
| 80 | | 12 Jan 48 | | | 6 Mar 50 | | 18 Feb 48 |
| 81 | Early Mar 48 | 12 Jan 48 | | | 6 Mar 50 | | 1 May 48 |
| 82 | Late Apr 48 | 12 Jan 48 | | | 6 Mar 50 | | 29 July 48 |
| 83 | Mid-Aug 48 | 12 Jan 48 | | | 6 Mar 50 | | 17 Dec 48 |
| 84 | | 11 Oct 48 | | | 6 Mar 50 | | 23 Dec 48 |
| 85 | Mid-Nov 48 | 11 Oct 48 | | | 6 Mar 50 | | 16 Dec 48 |
| | | | | | | | |

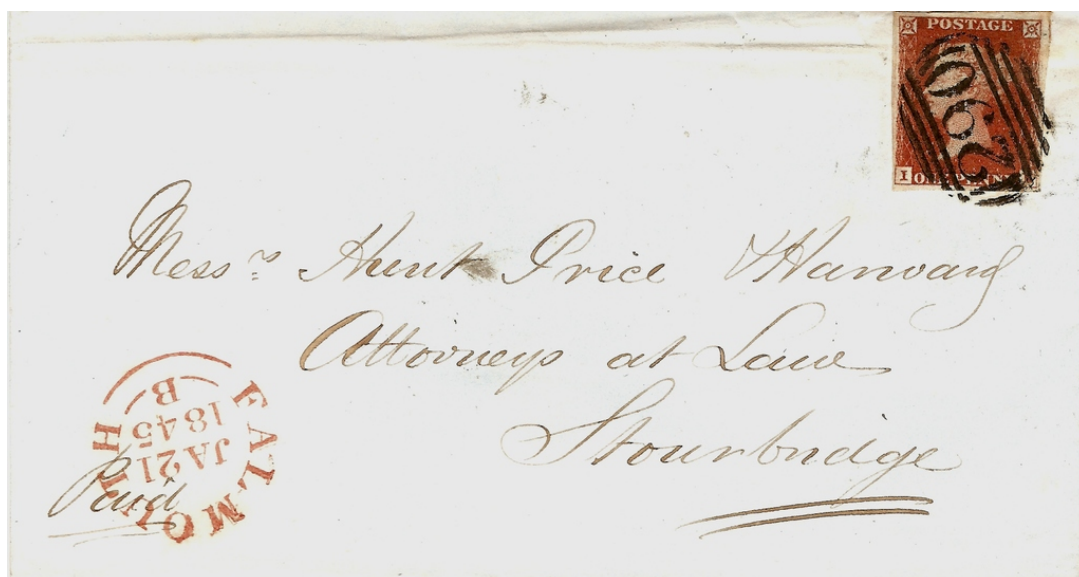
The defaced dates given for plates 12 – 91 are probably the dates withdrawn from the press but further research is required.

Plate 49 has been reported for the 31 October 1844 but this is unconfirmed

Plate 76 is reported for the 4 June 1847 but this is unconfirmed

Plate 77 was registered a second time after the missing check letter 'A' on unit BA was inserted. This is plate 77b

Plate 51



Unit 'IK' plate 51 used on cover
Dated the 21st January 1845

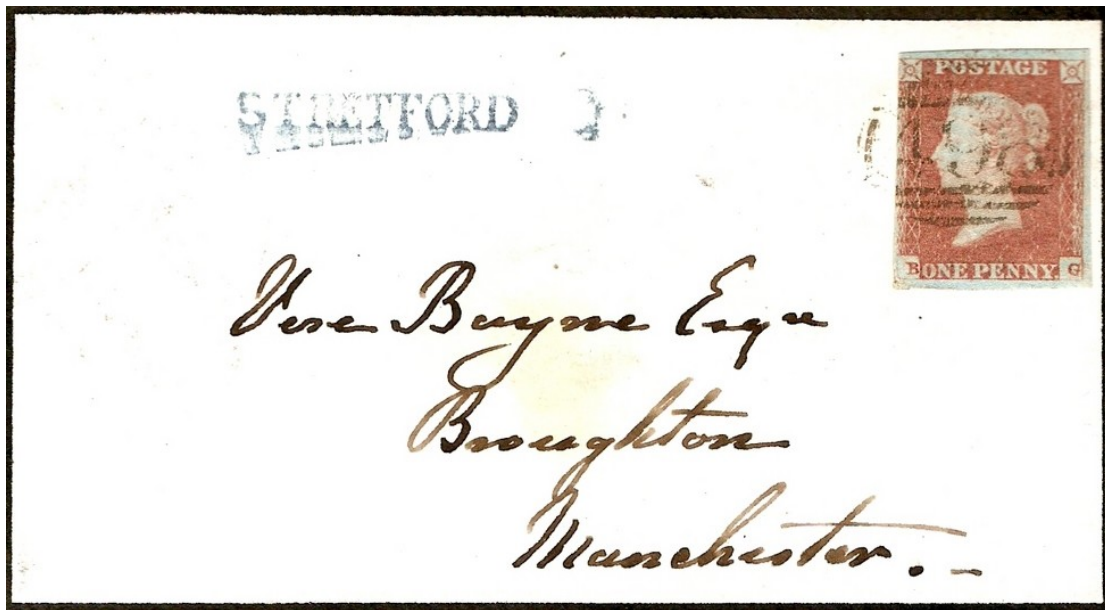
Stourbridge receiving mark on the rear
dated the 23rd January 1845

Plate 57



Unit 'EF' plate 57 used from Kirkcaldy – 18th July 1845

Plate 84



Unit 'BG' plate 84 used on cover

Dated the 23rd December 1848

The earliest known used example

Plate 85



Unit NI plate 81 and the other three stamps from plate 85
Posted from London to Hull on the 16th December 1848

Plate 88



Unit 'NH' plate 88 used on cover
Dated the 12th May 1849 (6 evening)

One Penny. Die I. Alp I. Wmk SC (Imperforate). (Continued)

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Rec for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|---|------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 86 | Mid-Nov 48 | 11 Oct 48 | | | 6 Mar 50 | | 13 Jan 49 |
| 87 | Mid-Nov 48 | 11 Oct 48 | | | 6 Mar 50 | | 5 Jan 49 |
| 88 | | 20 Mar 49 | | | 6 Mar 50 | | 12 May 49 |
| 89 | ??? 28 Apr 49 | 20 Mar 49 | | | 6 Mar 50 | | 16 May 49 |
| 90 | | 24 May 49 | | | 6 Mar 50 | | 9 July 49 |
| | At least one sheet overprinted SPECIMEN | | | | | | |
| | Possibly one sheet perforated by Archer | | | | | | |
| 91 | | 24 May 49 | | | 22 Oct 51 | | 23 Jun 49 |
| | At least one sheet perforated by Archer | | | | | | |
| 92 | | 24 May 49 | | | | | 18 Sep 49 |
| | Believed 50 sheets perforated by Archer | | | | | | |
| 93 | | 6 Dec 49 | | | | | 11 Jan 50 |
| | Believed 400 sheets perforated by Archer | | | | | | |
| 94 | | 6 Dec 49 | | | | | 20 Jan 50 |
| | Believed 350 sheets perforated by Archer | | | | | | |
| 95 | | 7 Jan 50 | | | | | 26 Mar 50 |
| | At least one sheet overprinted SPECIMEN | | | | | | |
| | Believed 100 sheets perforated by Archer | | | | | | |
| 96 | | 6 Dec 49 | | | | | 14 Jan 50 |
| | Believed 900 sheets perforated by Archer | | | | | | |
| 97 | | 6 Dec 49 | | | | | 9 Jan 50 |
| | Believed 500 sheets perforated by Archer | | | | | | |
| 98 | | 6 Dec 49 | | | | | 2 Feb 50 |
| | Believed 1300 sheets perforated by Archer | | | | | | |
| 99 | | 7 Jan 50 | | | | | 21 Mar 50 |
| | Believed 300 sheets perforated by Archer | | | | | | |
| 100 | | 25 Feb 50 | | | | | 19 Apr 50 |
| | Believed 850 sheets perforated by Archer | | | | | | |
| 101 | | 25 Feb 50 | | | | | 19 Apr 50 |
| | Believed 200 sheets perforated by Archer | | | | | | |
| 102 | | 12 Jun 50 | | | | | 22 Aug 50 |
| | | | | | | | |

Plate 90



Left marginal block of eight from plate 90
SPECIMEN overprint

Plate 98



Plate 98 unit TD used from London dated 2nd February 1850

One Penny. Die I. Alp I. Wmk SC (Imperforate). (Continued)

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Rec for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 103 | ??? July 50 | 12 Jun 50 | | | | | 3 Sep 50 |
| 104 | 8 Oct 50 | 12 Jun 50 | | | | | 14 Dec 50 |
| 105 | 6 Dec 50 | 12 Jun 50 | | | | | 25 Jan 51 |
| | At least 1 sheet perforated by Archer | | | | | | |
| 106 | 6 Dec 50 | 12 Jun 50 | | | | | 14 Jan 51 |
| 107 | 2 Jan 51 | 1 Jan 51 | | | | | 8 Mar 51 |
| 108 | 2 Jan 51 | 1 Jan 51 | | | | | 25 Feb 51 |
| 109 | 6 Jan 51 | 1 Jan 51 | | | | | 22 Feb 51 |
| 110 | 10 Jan 51 | 1 Jan 51 | | | | | 24 Mar 51 |
| 111 | 27 Jan 51 | 1 Jan 51 | | | | | 25 Mar 51 |
| 112 | 6 Feb 51 | 1 Jan 51 | | | | | 4 Apr 51 |
| 113 | 27 Feb 51 | 26 Feb 51 | | | | | 10 June 51 |
| 114 | 27 Feb 51 | 26 Feb 51 | | | | | 9 May 51 |
| 115 | 5 Mar 51 | 26 Feb 51 | | | | | 19 Apr 51 |
| 116 | 24 May 51 | 20 May 51 | | | | | 1 Jul 51 |
| 117 | 24 May 51 | 20 May 51 | | | | | 25 Jul 51 |
| 118 | 27 May 51 | 20 May 51 | | | | | 2 July 51 |
| 119 | 30 May 51 | 20 May 51 | | | | | 30 Jun 51 |
| 120 | 14 Jun 51 | 20 May 51 | | | | | 4 Sep 51 |
| 121 | 28 Jun 51 | 20 May 51 | | | | | 16 Jul 51 |
| 122 | 25 Jul 51 | 25 Jul 51 | | | | | 3 Dec 51 |
| 123 | 25 Jul 51 | 25 Jul 51 | | | | | 31 Oct 51 |
| 124 | 2 Aug 51 | 25 Jul 51 | | | | | 2 Oct 51 |
| 125 | 3 Sep 51 | 25 Jul 51 | | | | | 10 Dec 51 |
| 126 | 3 Oct 51 | 23 Sep 51 | | | | | 9 Nov 51 |
| 127 | 1 Oct 51 | 23 Sep 51 | | | | | 12 Dec 51 |
| 128 | 3 Oct 51 | 23 Sep 51 | | | | | 2 Dec 51 |
| 129 | 7 Nov 51 | 23 Sep 51 | | | | | Feb 52 |
| | | | | | | | |

Plate 107



Plate 107, unit SK.

Showing inverted "S" variety, neatly tied to a clean mourning cover by a London City 7 numeral leaving variety clear. Addressed to Great Yarmouth with a green arrival cds on front alongside for the 8th March 1851.

Plate 118



Plate 118, units EF & FF

Used from London to Hull dated the 2nd July 1851
Postmarks from rear shown top left

Plate 120



Plate 120 unit AC

Used from Crediton to Exeter
Dated 4th September 1851

One Penny. Die I. Alp II. Wmk SC (Imperforate).

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Rec for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 130 | 27 Dec 51 | 23 Sep 51 | | | | | 28 Feb 52 |
| 131 | 10 Jan 52 | 23 Sep 51 | | | | | 21 Mar 52 |
| 132 | 19 Feb 52 | 6 Feb 52 | | | 3 Nov 52 | | 19 Apr 52 |
| 133 | 21 Feb 52 | 6 Feb 52 | | | 3 Nov 52 | | 8 May 52 |
| 134 | 23 Feb 52 | 6 Feb 52 | | | 3 Nov 52 | | 21 Apr 52 |
| 135 | 28 Feb 52 | 6 Feb 52 | | | 3 Nov 52 | | 7 May 52 |
| 136 | 8 Mar 52 | 6 Feb 52 | | | 3 Nov 52 | | 8 May 52 |
| 137 | 30 Mar 52 | 6 Feb 52 | | | 3 Nov 52 | | 20 May 52 |
| 138 | 17 Apr 52 | 17 Apr 52 | | | 3 Nov 52 | | 5 Jun 52 |
| 139 | 17 Apr 52 | 17 Apr 52 | | | 3 Nov 52 | | 12 June 52 |
| 140 | 19 Apr 52 | 17 Apr 52 | | | 3 Nov 52 | | 27 July 52 |
| 141 | 27 Apr 52 | 17 Apr 52 | | | 3 Nov 52 | | 3 Jul 52 |
| 142 | 20 May 52 | 17 Apr 52 | | | 13 Jun 53 | | 13 Jul 52 |
| 143 | 22 May 52 | 17 Apr 52 | | | 3 Nov 52 | | 7 Jul 52 |
| 144 | 11 Jun 52 | 4 Jun 52 | | | 13 Jun 53 | | 2 Sep 52 |
| 145 | 11 Jun 52 | 4 Jun 52 | | | 3 Nov 52 | | 19 Aug 52 |
| 146 | 11 Jun 52 | 4 Jun 52 | | | 13 Jun 53 | | 13 Aug 52 |
| 147 | 15 Jun 52 | 4 Jun 52 | | | 3 Nov 52 | | 10 Aug 52 |
| 148 | 16 Jun 52 | 4 Jun 52 | | | 13 Jun 53 | | 17 Sep 52 |
| 149 | 27 Jul 52 | 27 July 52 | | | 13 Jun 53 | | 10 Sep 52 |
| 150 | 28 Jul 52 | 27 July 52 | | | 13 Jun 53 | | 6 Dec 52 |
| 151 | 28 Jul 52 | 27 July 52 | | | 13 Jun 53 | | 10 Sep 52 |
| 152 | 28 Jul 52 | 27 July 52 | | | 24 Aug 54 | | 26 Oct 52 |
| 153 | 10 Aug 52 | 27 July 52 | | | 13 Jun 53 | | 17 Oct 52 |
| 154 | 14 Aug 52 | 27 July 52 | | | 13 Jun 53 | | 26 Nov 52 |
| 155a | 30 Aug 1852 30 Nov 52 | 16 Sep 1852 | | 24 Aug 1854 | | See below | 1 Jan 53 |
| 155b | | | | | | See below | 9 Feb 54 |
| 155c | | | | | | See below | 1 July 54 |
| 156 | 17 Sep 1852 | 16 Sep 1852 | | | | See below | 5 Dec 52 |
| 157 | 17 Sep 1852 | 16 Sep 1852 | | | | See below | 18 Nov 52 |
| 158 | 3 Nov 1852 | 16 Sep 1852 | | | | See below | 29 Dec 52 |
| 159 | 30 Nov 1852 | 16 Sep 1852 | | | | See below | 15 Jan 53 |
| 160 | 9 Dec 1852 | 16 Sep 1852 | | | | See below | 9 Mar 53 |
| 161 | 17 Jan 1853 | 14 Jan 1853 | | | | See below | 4 Mar 53 |
| 162 | 27 Jan 1853 | 14 Jan 1853 | | | | See below | 22 Feb 53 |
| 163 | 5 Feb 1853 | 14 Jan 1853 | | | | See below | 17 Mar 53 |
| 164 | 17 Feb 1853 | 14 Jan 1853 | | | | See below | 7 Apr 53 |
| 165 | 12 Mar 1853 | 14 Jan 1853 | | | | See below | 20 Apr 53 |
| 166 | 15 Apr 1853 | 14 Jan 1853 | | | | See below | 21 Jun 53 |
| 167 | 18 Apr 1853 | 18 Apr 1853 | | | | See below | 23 Jun 53 |
| | | | | | | | |

Statham records the following ...

Plate 130 earliest use ... 14 April 1852

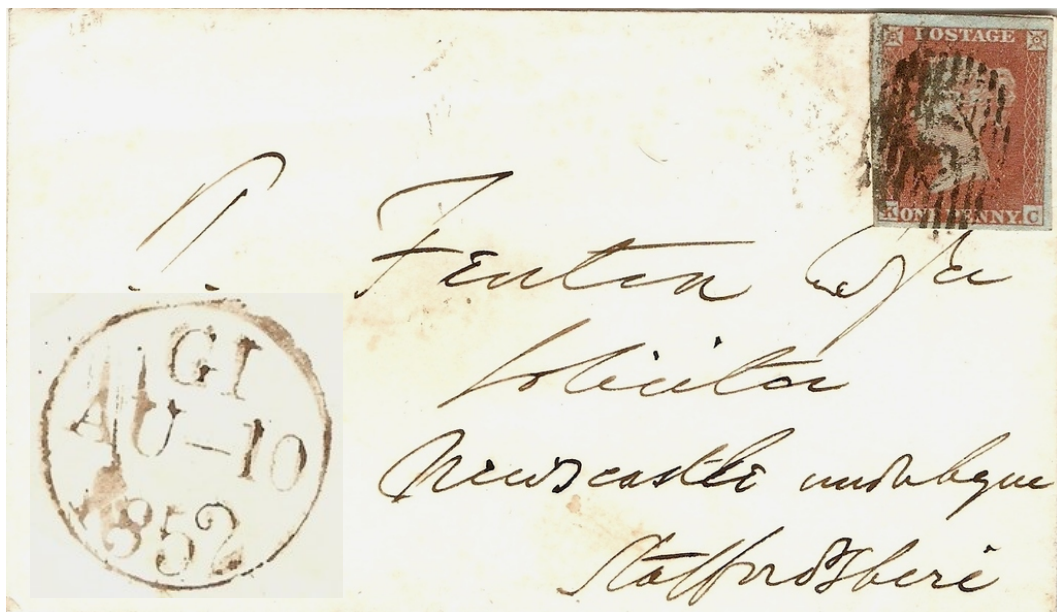
Plate 171 earliest use ... 26 August 1853

Plate 139



Unit 'CI' plate 139 used on cover dated 12th June 1852

Plate 147



Unit 'KC' plate 147 used on cover. Dated the 10th August 1852

Plate 152

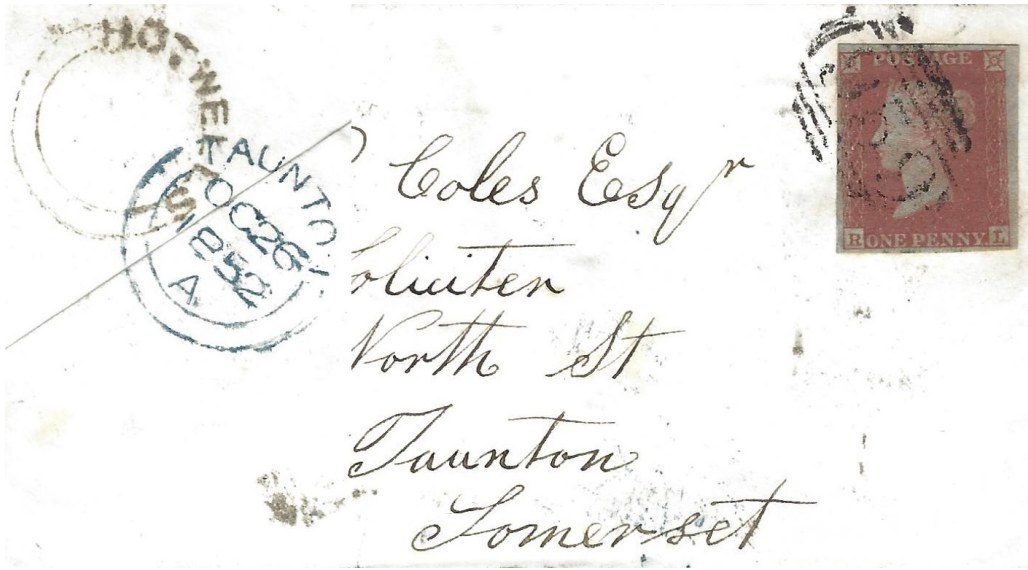


Plate 152 dated 26th October 1852

Plate 156



Unit 'PH' plate 156 used on cover, Dated 5th December 1852
on arrival at Manchester

One Penny. Die I. Alp II. Wmk SC (Imperforate).

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Rec for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 168 | 19 Apr 1853 | 18 Apr 1853 | | | | See below | 4 Aug 53 |
| 169 | 30 Apr 1853 | 18 Apr 1853 | | | | See below | 21 Jun 53 |
| 170 | 4 May 1853 | 18 Apr 1853 | | | | See below | 21 July 53 |
| 171 | 24 May 1853 | 18 Apr 1853 | | | | See below | 17 Aug 53 |
| 172 | 25 May 1853 | 18 Apr 1853 | | | | See below | 4 Oct 53 |
| 173 | 19 Aug 1853 | 20 Jul 1853 | | | | See below | 27 Sep 53 |
| 174 | 27 Aug 1853 | 20 Jul 1853 | | | | See below | 21 Oct 53 |
| 175 | 15 Dec 1853 | 20 Jul 1853 | | | | See below | 20 Jan 54 |
| 176 | 12 Jan 1854 | 20 Jul 1853 | | 8 Feb 1855 | | 2,500 | 1 Feb 54 |
| 177 | 12 Jan 1854 | 20 Jul 1853 | | 8 Feb 1855 | | 2,500 | 21 Feb 54 |
| | | | | | | | |

Machines constructed by David Napier and Sons for perforating stamps gauge 16, were brought into use on the 27th January 1854. The earliest known use of any stamp from this issue is reported as the 24th February 1854.

One Penny. Die I. Alp II. Wmk SC (Perforated 16).

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Rec for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|--|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 155b | | | | | 24 Aug 54 | 62,000 | 15 Mar 54 |
| 156 | 17 Sep 1852 | 16 Sep 1852 | | | | 60,000 | |
| 157 | 17 Sep 1852 | 16 Sep 1852 | | | 8 Feb 1855 | 84,000 | 24 Oct 54 |
| 158 | 3 Nov 1852 | 16 Sep 1852 | | | 13 Jun 53 | 58,800 | |
| 159 | 30 Nov 1852 | 16 Sep 1852 | | | 13 Jun 53 | 50,600 | |
| 160 | 9 Dec 1852 | 16 Sep 1852 | | | 24 Aug 54 | 85,000 | |
| 161 | 17 Jan 1853 | 14 Jan 1853 | | | 24 Aug 54 | 85,000 | |
| 162 | 27 Jan 1853 | 14 Jan 1853 | | | 24 Aug 1854 | 86,000 | 15 Mar 54 |
| 163 | 5 Feb 1853 | 14 Jan 1853 | | | 8 Feb 1855 | 77,000 | 18 Oct 54 |
| 164 | 17 Feb 1853 | 14 Jan 1853 | | | 24 Aug 1854 | 84,000 | 1 Mar 54 |
| 165 | 12 Mar 1853 | 14 Jan 1853 | | | 24 Aug 1854 | 74,000 | 6 Mar 54 |
| 166 | 15 Apr 1853 | 14 Jan 1853 | | | 8 Feb 1855 | 52,000 | 1 Mar 54 |
| 167 | 18 Apr 1853 | 18 Apr 1853 | | | 24 Aug 1854 | 65,000 | 3 Mar 54 |
| 168 | 19 Apr 1853 | 18 Apr 1853 | | Probably 12 Jan 1854 or 17 Feb 1854 | 24 Aug 1854 | 70,000 | |
| 169 | 30 Apr 1853 | 18 Apr 1853 | | | 24 Aug 1854 | 68,000 | 24 Mar 54 |
| 170 | 4 May 1853 | 18 Apr 1853 | | | 24 Aug 1854 | 79,000 | 10 Apr 54 |
| 171 | 24 May 1853 | 18 Apr 1853 | | | 24 Aug 1854 | 63,000 | 7 Mar 54 |
| 172 | 25 May 1853 | 18 Apr 1853 | | | 24 Aug 1854 | 58,000 | 28 Feb 54 |
| 173 | 19 Aug 1853 | 20 Jul 1853 | | | 8 Feb 1855 | 44,000 | 28 Apr 54 |
| 174 | 27 Aug 1853 | 20 Jul 1853 | | | 24 Aug 1854 | 4,000 | 17 Apr 54 |
| 175 | 15 Dec 1853 | 20 Jul 1853 | | | 24 Aug 1854 | 8,000 | 27 Feb 54 |
| 176 | 12 Jan 1854 | 20 Jul 1853 | | 8 Feb 1855 | | | 4 Mar 54 |
| 177 | 12 Jan 1854 | 20 Jul 1853 | | 8 Feb 1855 | | | 28 Feb 54 |
| 178 | 17 Feb 1854 | 13 Feb 1854 | | 4 Aug 1855 | | 42,000 | 1 May 54 |
| 179 | 17 Feb 1854 | 13 Feb 1854 | | 8 Feb 1855 | | 50,000 | 28 Apr 54 |
| 180 | 22 Feb 1854 | 13 Feb 1854 | | 24 Aug 1854 | | 48,000 | 16 Mar 54 |
| 181 | 17 Mar 1854 | 13 Feb 1854 | | 24 Aug 1854 | | 42,000 | 29 May 54 |
| 182 | 24 Apr 1854 | 13 Feb 1854 | | 8 Feb 1855 | | 32,000 | 30 May 54 |

Statham records the following ...

Plate 166 with an earliest known use of the 26 April 1854

Plate 172 with an earliest known use of the 16 March 1854

Plate 177 with an earliest known use of the 12 April 1854

Plate 164



Plate 165

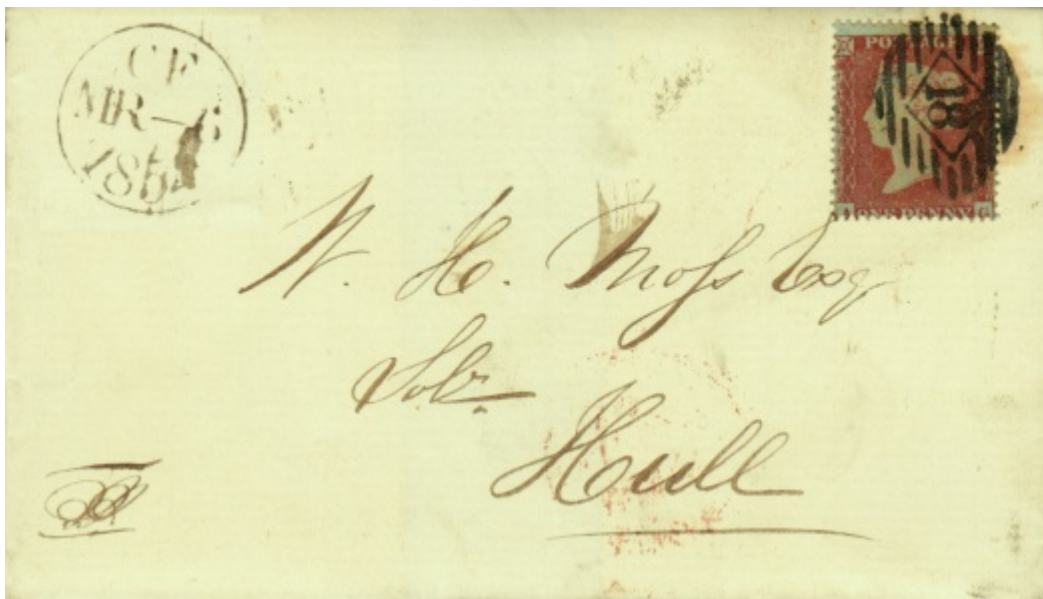


Plate 167



Plate 170



Plate 171



Plate 176



Plate 176 – unit FL used from London
Dated 4th March 1854

One Penny. Die I. Alp II. Wmk SC (Perforated 16). (Continued)

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Rec for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 183 | 26 Apr 1854 | 13 Feb 1854 | | 24 Aug 1854 | | 36,000 | 20 Jun 54 |
| 184 | 13 Jul 1854 | 12 Jul 1854 | | 8 Feb 1855 | | 36,000 | 21 Aug 54 |
| 185 | 18 Jul 1854 | 12 Jul 1854 | | 8 Feb 1855 | | 28,000 | 22 Sep 54 |
| 186 | 13 Jul 1854 | 12 Jul 1854 | | 8 Feb 1855 | | 26,000 | 9 Sep 54 |
| 187 | 13 Jul 1854 | 12 Jul 1854 | | 8 Feb 1855 | | 30,000 | 22 Aug 54 |
| 188 | 18 Jul 1854 | 12 Jul 1854 | | 8 Feb 1855 | | 43,000 | 5 Sep 54 |
| 189 | 18 Jul 1854 | 12 Jul 1854 | | 8 Feb 1855 | | 35,000 | 19 Aug 54 |
| 190 | 11 Aug 1854 | 11 Aug 1854 | | 8 Feb 1855 | | 34,000 | 20 Sep 54 |
| 191 | 12 Aug 1854 | 11 Aug 1854 | | 8 Aug 1855 | | 37,000 | 3 Oct 54 |
| 192 | 12 Aug 1854 | 11 Aug 1854 | | 8 Aug 1855 | | 35,000 | 11 Sep 54 |
| 193 | 12 Aug 1854 | 11 Aug 1854 | | 8 Feb 1855 | | 36,000 | 8 Sep 54 |
| 194 | 23 Sep 1854 | 21 Sep 1854 | | 8 Aug 1855 | | 43,000 | 10 Nov 54 |
| 195 | 23 Sep 1854 | 21 Sep 1854 | | 8 Feb 1855 | | 32,000 | 15 Nov 54 |
| 196 | 23 Sep 1854 | 21 Sep 1854 | | 8 Aug 1855 | | 38,000 | 13 Nov 54 |
| 197 | 29 Sep 1854 | 21 Sep 1854 | | 8 Aug 1855 | | 27,000 | 18 Nov 54 |
| 198 | 9 Nov 1854 | 8 Nov 1854 | | 8 Aug 1855 | | 30,000 | 20 Dec 54 |
| 199 | 9 Nov 1854 | 8 Nov 1854 | | 8 Aug 1855 | | 9,000 | 8 Dec 54 |
| 200 | 9 Nov 1854 | 8 Nov 1854 | | 8 Aug 1855 | | 28,000 | 14 Dec 54 |
| 201 | 10 Nov 54 | 8 Nov 1854 | | 8 Aug 1855 | | 24,000 | 7 Dec 54 |
| 202 | 2 Dec 1854 | 30 Nov 54 | | 8 Aug 1855 | | 36,000 | 24 Dec 54 |
| 203 | 20 Dec 54 | 30 Nov 54 | | 8 Aug 1855 | | 22,000 | 20 Jan 55 |
| 204 | 11 Jan 1855 | 30 Nov 54 | | 8 Aug 1855 | | 13,000 | 17 Feb 55 |
| | | | | | | | |
| R1 | 22 Nov 54 | 4 Jun 1852 | | 13 Mar 1855 | | 36,000 | 13 Feb 55 |
| R2 | 22 Nov 54 | 4 Jun 1852 | | 18 Apr 1855 | | 35,000 | 6 Jan 55 |
| R3 | 22 Nov 54 | 4 Jun 1852 | | 10 Apr 1855 | | 35,000 | 4 Jan 55 |
| R4 | 22 Nov 54 | 27 Jul 1852 | | 23 Apr 1854 | | 38,000 | 12 Jan 55 |
| R5 | 22 Nov 54 | 27 Jul 1852 | | 13 Mar 55 | | 36,000 | 29 Dec 54 |
| R6 | 22 Nov 54 | 27 Jul 1852 | | 14 Apr 1855 | | 36,000 | 24 Jan 55 |
| | | | | | | | |

Statham records the following ...

Plate R1 with an earliest use of the 15 February 1855

In plating of the Penny by Harold Fisher, the registration dates for reserve plates 1 to 6 are given as 27 July 1852. Thus in the table above, these dates for reserve plates 1 to 3 may be incorrect.

An earliest date for plate R6 was recorded as 13th December 1854. This is disputed and therefore is not included in the table above

Plate R5



Plate R5 used from Lombard Street, dated 29th December 1854

Plate R6



Plate R6 used from Sawbridgeworth, dated 24th January 1855

One Penny. Die I. Alp II. Wmk SC (Perforated 14).

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Rec for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 192 | 12 Aug 54 | 11 Aug 54 | | 8 Aug 55 | | | 6 Feb 55 |
| 193 | 12 Aug 54 | 11 Aug 54 | | 8 Feb 55 | | | |
| 194 | 23 Sep 1854 | 21 Sep 54 | | 8 Aug 55 | | 5,000 | 6 Feb 55 |
| 195 | 23 Sep 1854 | 21 Sep 54 | | 8 Feb 55 | | 500 | 24 Jan 55 |
| 196 | 23 Sep 1854 | 21 Sep 54 | | 8 Aug 55 | | 4,500 | 2 Feb 55 |
| 197 | 29 Sep 1854 | 21 Sep 54 | | 8 Aug 55 | | 1,500 | 10 May 55 |
| 198 | 9 Nov 1854 | 8 Nov 1854 | | 8 Aug 55 | | 4,000 | 25 Jan 55 |
| | | | | | | | |
| 200 | 9 Nov 1854 | 8 Nov 1854 | | 8 Aug 55 | | 5,000 | 23 Jan 55 |
| 201 | 10 Nov 54 | 8 Nov 1854 | | 8 Aug 55 | | 6,000 | 1 Feb 55 |
| 202 | 2 Dec 1854 | 30 Nov 54 | | 8 Aug 55 | | 14,000 | 7 Feb 55 |
| 203 | 20 Dec 54 | 30 Nov 54 | | 8 Aug 55 | | 8,000 | 16 Feb 55 |
| 204 | 11 Jan 1855 | 30 Nov 54 | | 8 Aug 55 | | 8,000 | 24 Mar 55 |
| | | | | | | | |
| R1 | 22 Nov 54 | 4 Jun 1852 | | 13 Mar 55 | | 10,000 | 15 Feb 55 |
| R2 | 22 Nov 54 | 4 Jun 1852 | | 18 Apr 55 | | 10,000 | 17 Jan 55 |
| R3 | 22 Nov 54 | 4 Jun 1852 | | 10 Apr 1855 | | 7,000 | 7 Feb 55 |
| R4 | 22 Nov 54 | 27 Jul 1852 | | 23 Apr 54 | | 8,000 | 27 Jan 55 |
| R5 | 22 Nov 54 | 27 Jul 1852 | | 13 Mar 55 | | 10,000 | 10 Feb 55 |
| R6 | 22 Nov 54 | 27 Jul 1852 | | 14 Apr 55 | | 10,000 | 8 Feb 55 |
| | | | | | | | |

Statham records the following ...

Plate 195 earliest use of the 30 August 1855

Plate 200 earliest use of the 4 March 1855

Plate 202 earliest use of the 9 February 1855

Plate R4 earliest use of the 10 February 1855

As of June 2018 it has been pointed out that plates 192 and 193 are now regarded as never having been perforated gauge 14. As can be seen in the table above, plate 192 has an earliest known date recorded and as such they have been left in place awaiting confirmation of the known item. At a later date these two plates may be removed from the listing is the required proof / scan of the plate 192 example is not located.

One Penny. Die II. Alp II. Wmk SC (Perforated 14).

Stham shows different put to press dates for some plates and these are shown in *italic type* with the earlier dates being for use on the steam press

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced | Destroyed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------|-----------|----------------|
| 1 | 16 Jan 55 | 15 Jan 1855 | | | | 8 May 56 | 26 Feb 55 |
| 2 | 20 Jan 55 | 15 Jan 1855 | | | | 8 May 56 | 27 Feb 55 |
| 3 | 22 Jan 55 | 15 Jan 1855 | | 8 May 1855 | | 8 May 56 | 2 Mar 55 |
| 4 | 20 Jan 55 | 15 Jan 1855 | | | | 8 May 56 | 3 Mar 55 |
| 5 | 3 Feb 55 | 1 Feb 1855 | | | | 8 May 56 | 23 Mar 55 |
| 6 | 3 Feb 55 | 1 Feb 1855 | | | | 8 May 56 | 23 Mar 55 |
| 7 | 7 Feb 55 | 1 Feb 1855 | | | | 8 May 56 | 31 Mar 55 |
| 8 | 24 Mar 55 | 19 Mar 55 | | | | 8 May 56 | 11 Jun 55 |
| 9 | 24 Mar 55 | 19 Mar 55 | | | | 8 May 56 | 5 Jun 55 |
| 10 | 11 Apr 55 | 19 Mar 55 | | | | 8 May 56 | 20 Jun 55 |
| 11 | 16 Apr 55 | 19 Mar 55 | | | | 8 May 56 | 25 Aug 55 |
| 12 | 19 Apr 55 | 19 Mar 55 | | | | 8 May 56 | 4 Jul 55 |
| 13 | 23 Apr 55 | 19 Mar 55 | | | | 8 May 56 | 27 Jun 55 |
| 14 | 22 May 55 | 12 May 55 | | | | 8 May 56 | 17 Aug 55 |
| 15 | 26 May 55 | 12 May 55 | | | | 8 May 56 | 26 July 55 |
| 16 | 15 May 55 <i>11 Dec 55</i> | 12 May 55 | | 22 Jun 1857 | | | |
| 17 | 15 May 55 <i>30 Nov 55</i> | 12 May 55 | | 22 Jun 1857 | | | 9 Jan 56 |
| 18 | 1 Jun 1855 <i>11 Dec 55</i> | 12 May 55 | | 22 Jun 1857 | | | 9 Feb 56 |
| 19 | 16 Oct 1855 | 12 May 55 | | | | 8 May 56 | 8 Jan 56 |
| 20 | 19 Oct 1855 | 12 May 55 | | | | 8 May 56 | 22 Jan 56 |
| 21 | 19 Oct 1855 | 8 Jun 1855 | | | | 8 May 56 | 16 Dec 55 |
| | | | | | | | |

Stham records plate 3 for the 12 March 1855

Stham records plate 12 for the 12 July 1855

Plate 11 has been reported for the 16th July 1855 but this is unconfirmed

Plates 15, 16 and 17 were used on the steam press and the following dates are those believed to be the put to press dates ...

Plate 15 15th May 1855

Plate 16 15th May 1855

Plate 17 1st June 1855

One Penny. Die II. Alp II. Wmk SC (Perforated 16).

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced | Destroyed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------|-----------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 1 | See above | | | See above | | | 14 Mar 55 |
| 2 | See above | | | See above | | | 22 Feb 55 |
| 3 | See above | | | See above | | | 2 Mar 55 |
| 4 | See above | | | See above | | | 21 Mar 55 |
| 5 | See above | | | See above | | | 10 Mar 55 |
| 6 | See above | | | See above | | | 31 Mar 55 |
| 7 | See above | | | See above | | | 7 May 55 |
| 8 | See above | | | See above | | | 19 Jul 55 |
| 9 | See above | | | See above | | | 9 Jun 55 |
| 10 | See above | | | See above | | | 21 Jun 55 |
| 11 | See above | | | See above | | | 16 May 55 |
| 12 | See above | | | See above | | | 10 Aug 55 |
| 13 | See above | | | See above | | | 29 Jul 55 |
| 14 | See above | | | See above | | | 3 July 55 |
| 15 | See above | | | See above | | | 30 Jul 55 |
| | | | | | | | |

Plate 1 is reported for the 7th March 1855 but this is unconfirmed

Plate 4 is reported for the 13th March 1855 but this is unconfirmed

Plate 6 is reported for the 20th March 1855 but this is unconfirmed

One Penny. Die II. Alp II. Wmk LC1 (Perforated 16).

The large crown watermark paper generally came into use in July 1855.

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced | Destroyed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------|-----------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 1 | See above | | | See above | | | 12 Oct 55 |
| 2 | See above | | | See above | | | 8 Jun 55 |
| 3 | Withdrawn prior to the introduction of the Large Crown watermark paper | | | | | | |
| 4 | See above | | | See above | | | 1 Oct 55 |
| 5 | See above | | | See above | | | 4 Aug 55 |
| 6 | See above | | | See above | | | 21 Aug 55 |
| 7 | See above | | | See above | | | 27 Jun 55 |
| 8 | See above | | | See above | | | 3 Sep 55 |
| 9 | See above | | | See above | | | 9 Oct 55 |
| 10 | See above | | | See above | | | 20 Aug 55 |
| 11 | See above | | | See above | | | 29 Aug 55 |
| 12 | See above | | | See above | | | 28 Aug 55 |
| 13 | See above | | | See above | | | 30 Aug 55 |
| 14 | See above | | | See above | | | 28 Sep 55 |
| 15 | See above | | | See above | | | 5 Oct 55 |
| | | | | | | | |

Plate 1 is reported for the 6th June 1855 but this is unconfirmed

Plate 3 has been removed from the listing as it was withdrawn prior to the use of the large crown watermark paper. The two certified examples were later found to have been incorrectly plated. Plate 3 was repaired by re-entry and returned to the press during the period when both perforating machines were running gauge 14.

One Penny. Die II. Alp II. Wmk LC1 (Perforated 14).

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|----------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 1 | See above | | | See above | | | 21 Jul 55 |
| 2 | See above | | | See above | | | 20 Aug 55 |
| 3 | Early Oct 1855 | See above | | ??? Oct 1855 | See above | ??? 516 | 9 Mar 56 |
| 4 | See above | | | See above | | | 2 Jul 55 |
| 5 | See above | | | See above | | | 10 Jun 55 |
| 6 | See above | | | See above | | | 3 Aug 55 |
| 7 | See above | | | See above | | | 29 Aug 55 |
| 8 | See above | | | See above | | | 23 Jun 55 |
| 9 | See above | | | See above | | | 13 Aug 55 |
| 10 | See above | | | See above | | | 15 Sep 55 |
| 11 | See above | | | See above | | | 25 Aug 55 |
| 12 | See above | | | See above | | | 21 Aug 55 |
| 13 | See above | | | See above | | | 19 Jul 55 |
| 14 | See above | | | See above | | | 31 Aug 55 |
| 15 | See above | | | See above | | | 6 Aug 55 |
| 16 | See above | | | See above | | | 20 Feb 56 |
| 17 | See above | | | See above | | | 12 Dec 56 |
| 18 | See above | | | See above | | | 9 Feb 56 |
| 19 | See above | | | See above | | | 29 Dec 55 |
| 20 | See above | | | See above | | | 19 Dec 55 |
| 21 | See above | | | See above | | | 26 Dec 55 |
| | | | | | | | |

Plate 3 was repaired by re-entry and returned to the press circa early October 1855. It is estimated that only one ream of paper was used with this plate
 Plate 6 is reported for the 17th July 1855 but this is unconfirmed

One Penny. Die II. Alp III Wmk SC1 (Perforated 14).

The put to press date for plate 22 in *italic type* is that recorded by Statham

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced | Destroyed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------|-----------|----------------|
| 22 | 1 Aug 1855 <i>Nov / Dec 55</i> | 8 Jun 55 | | | | | 5 Mar 56 |
| 23 | 17 Nov 1855 | 12 Nov 55 | | | | | 10 Mar 56 |
| 24 | 24 Nov 1855 | 12 Nov 55 | | | | | 11 Jan 56 |
| 25 | 12 Nov 1855 | 12 Nov 55 | | | | | 8 May 56 |
| 26 | 12 Nov 1855 | 12 Nov 55 | | | | | 13 Feb 56 |
| 27 | 27 Dec 1855 | 27 Dec 55 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

Plate 22 was used on Mr Neale's steam press and it was previously reported as put to press on the 1st August 1855 and 2,000 sheets were printed. The block on the following page shows the bottom two rows of the sheet with the inscription at the bottom with the date of the 15th August 1855

Plate 25 is also reported as used on the steam press but we have no details



1855

22 Price 1^d Per Label. 1/2 Per Row of 12. 1/2 Per Sheet. Place the Labels above the Address and towards the right hand side of the Letter. In Writing the Book be careful not to remove the Cement.

This sheet is one of 2000 Printed by Messrs. Peck's Machine for Messrs. Peck and Co. 15-1855.

Perkins Bacon & Co.

In the following tables, two sets of figures are given for the number of sheets printed. The first was, (I believe), extracted from Stones book and was supplied by members of the Mulready Internet group. The other set, (*in italic type*), are taken from the Wiggins and Tonna book on the Plating of alphabet III. In cases where both sets of figures match, only one entry has been made.

One Penny. Die II. Alp III Wmk LC1 (Perforated 14).

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Rec for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| 22 | 1 Aug 1855 | 8 Jun 55 | | 22 Jun 1857 | | 7,000 8,000 | 8 Feb 56 |
| 23 | 17 Nov 1855 | 12 Nov 55 | | 22 Jun 1857 | | 62,000 | 15 Jan 56 |
| 24 | 24 Nov 1855 | 12 Nov 55 | | 22 Jun 1857 | | 80,000 89,000 | 10 Jan 56 |
| 25 | 12 Nov 1855 | 12 Nov 55 | | 22 Jun 1857 | | 45,000 | 8 Feb 56 |
| 26 | 12 Nov 1855 | 12 Nov 55 | | 22 Jun 1857 | | 40,000 | 5 Feb 56 |
| 27 | 27 Dec 1855 | 27 Dec 55 | | 22 Mar 1861 | | 1,011,900 1,011,200 | 23 Feb 56 |
| 28 | 27 Dec 1855 | 27 Dec 55 | | 22 Jun 1857 | | 70,000+ 76,000 | 18 Feb 56 |
| 29 | 27 Dec 1855 | 27 Dec 55 | | 22 Jun 1857 | | 93,000 | 19 Jan 56 |
| 30 | 27 Dec 1855 | 27 Dec 55 | | 22 Jun 1857 | | 88,000 | 16 Feb 56 |
| 31 | 27 Dec 1855 | 27 Dec 55 | | 22 Jun 1857 | | 160,000+ 169,000 | 28 Feb 56 |
| 32 | 8 Feb 1856 | 16 Jan 56 | | 22 Jun 1857 | | 130,000 | 28 Mar 56 |
| 33 | Feb 1856 | 16 Jan 56 | 29 Oct 1861 | 29 Oct 1861 | | 138,000 | 5 Mar 56 |
| 34 | 22 Jan 1856 | 16 Jan 56 | 26 Nov 1864 | 25 Mar 1862 | | 724,100 | 27 Feb 56 |
| 35 | 23 Jan 1856 | 16 Jan 56 | | 22 Jun 1857 | | 145,000 148,700+ | 5 Mar 56 |
| | | At least 1 sheet overprinted specimen | | | | | |
| 36 | 20 Feb 1856 | 16 Jan 56 | | 1 Mar 1864 | | 1,014,900 1,055,000+ | 10 Apr 56 |
| 37 | 19 Apr 1856 | 2 Apr 56 | 29 Oct 1861 | 29 Oct 1861 | | 263,600 363,600 | 31 May 56 |
| 38 | 24 May 1856 | 2 Apr 56 | 29 Oct 1861 | 29 Oct 1861 | | 220,000 | 1 Jul 56 |
| 39 | 7 Apr 1856 | 2 Apr 56 | | 29 Oct 1861 Mar/Apr 1864 | | 110,000 337,000 | 14 Jun 61 |
| 40 | 3 May 1856 | 2 Apr 56 | | 22 Jun 1857 | | 110,000 | 27 May 56 |
| 41 | 7 May 1856 | 2 Apr 56 | | 7 Mar 1864 | | 361,300 361,609 | 9 Feb 61 |
| 42 | 23 Jun 1856 | 2 Apr 56 | 26 Nov 1864 | 29 Jan 1862 | | 624,700 669,700+ | 30 Jul 56 |
| 43 | 5 Jul 1856 | 2 Apr 56 | | 2 Apr 1864 | | 975,700 1,090,800 | 23 May 56 |
| 44 | 19 Jul 1856 | 2 Apr 56 | 29 Oct 1861 | 20 Apr 1861 | | 601,000 601,500+ | 7 May 56 |

Statham records plate 39 for the 8th November 1860 and other sources state the 13th October 1860.

Michael Williams is researching this issue and gives the date shown in the table above. More details will be given when available.



Block of 15 KG – MK with Specimen overprint – plate 35



Block of 4 EK – FL with Specimen overprint – plate 35

One Penny. Die II. Alphabet III. (Continued)

The put to press dates in *italic type* are those listed by Stratham

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Rec for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 45 | 26 Aug 1856 | 25 Jun 56 | 29 Oct 1861 | | | 72,000+ <i>111,000</i> | 25 Oct 56 |
| 46 | 27 Aug 1856 | 25 Jun 56 | 26 Nov 1864 | 28 Apr 1862 | | 325,900 <i>651,400</i> | 17 Oct 56 |
| 47 | 15 Dec 1856 | 25 Jun 56 | | 30 Mar 1864 | | 953,900 | 29 Jan 57 |
| 48 | 2 Feb 1857 | 25 Jun 56 | | 1 Mar 1864 | | 799,000 816,700+ | 25 Feb 57 |
| 49 | 3 Apr 1857 | 25 Jun 56 | 29 Oct 1861 | 29 Oct 1861 | | 473,200 <i>474,200</i> | 17 Feb 58 |
| For plates 50 and 51 see below | | | | | | | |
| 52 | 7 May 1857 | 11 Feb 57 | | 29 Oct 1861 | | 820,000 <i>1,002,000</i> | 2 Jul 57 |
| 53 | 12 Feb 1857 | 11 Feb 57 | 29 Oct 1861 | | | 2,000 | 20 Jul 57 |
| 55 | 21 May 1857 | 11 Feb 57 | | 1 Mar 1864 | | 857,000 <i>1,000,000</i> | 9 Jul 57 |
| 56 | 14 Jul 1857 | 11 Feb 57 | | 2 Apr 1864 | | 805,000 <i>1,000,000</i> | 5 Sep 57 |
| 57 | 14 Jul 1857 | 11 Feb 57 | | 1 Mar 1864 | | 700,000 742,000 | 4 Sep 57 |
| 58 | 14 Jul 1857 <i>Early Jan 1858</i> | 11 Feb 57 | 29 Oct 1861 | 10 Apr 1861 | | 408,000 | 2 Mar 58 |
| 59 | 14 Jul 1857 | 11 Feb 57 | | 2 Apr 1864 | | 805,000 <i>805,200</i> | 19 Sep 57 |
| 60 | 14 Jul 1857 | 11 Feb 57 | | 1 Mar 1864 | | 803,000 <i>1,000,000</i> | 4 Oct 57 |
| 61 | 8 May 1858 | 18 Jan 58 | 29 Oct 1861 | 30 May 1861 | | 186,100 | 14 Jul 58 |
| 62 | 5 Dec 1859 <i>12 Dec 1859</i> | 18 Jan 58 | | 1 Mar 1864 | | 375,000 508,000 | 9 Feb 60 |
| 63 | <i>3 Mar 1860</i> 5 Mar 1860 | 18 Jan 58 | 29 Oct 1861 | 30 May 1861 | | 145,000 <i>145,100</i> | 16 May 60 |
| 64 | 5 Nov 1860 | 18 Jan 58 | 29 Oct 1861 | 29 Oct 1861 | | 19,400 | 2 Jan 61 |
| 65 | 14 Jan 1861 | 18 Jan 58 | 29 Oct 1861 | 29 Oct 1861 | | 10,600 | 23 Mar 61 |
| 66 | 13 Feb 1861 | 18 Jan 58 | | 17 Mar 1864 | | 325,000 380,000 | 17 Apr 61 |
| 67 | 13 Feb 1862 | 18 Jan 58 | | 1 Mar 1864 | | 250,400 | 5 Apr 62 |
| 68 | 9 Jan 1862 | 18 Jan 58 | | 1 Mar 1864 | | 150,000 261,000 | 24 Mar 62 |
| R17 | Apr 1862 <i>4 Aug 1862</i> | 18 Jan 58 | | 1 Mar 1864 | | 191,200 | 4 Oct 62 |

Plate 49 is reported for the 29th April 1857 but this requires confirmation

Plate 59 is reported for the 23rd July 1857. This is believed to be an error and the date shown is that recorded by Statham

One Penny. Die II. Alp II Wmk LC2 (Perforated 14).

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Rec for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| R15 | Apr 1862 | | | 1 Mar 1864 | | 221,700 | 13 Jun 62 |
| R16 | 28 Apr 1862 | | | 1 Mar 1864 | | 350,000 | 1 Jul 62 |
| | | | | | | | |

Statham suggests that both these plates were put to press on the same date, the 28th April 1862

One Penny. Die II. Alp IV Wmk LC2 (Perforated 14).

The put to press dates in *italic type* are those listed by Statham

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Rec for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|---------------------------------|------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 50 | 27 June 1856 <i>May 1861</i> | 25 Jun 56 | | 2 Apr 1864 | | 450,000 | 20 Jul 61 |
| 51 | 26 June 1856 <i>May 1861</i> | 25 Jun 56 | | 1 Mar 1864 | | 400,000 | 28 Aug 61 |
| | | | | | | | |

Both these plates were used on the steam press and the date for putting to this press is generally given as the 27th June 1856 for both plates.

One Penny. Die II. Alp III Wmk LC1 (Perforated 16).
Provisional issue

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Rec for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 27 | | See above | | See above | | | 30 Dec 57 |
| 34 | | See above | | See above | | | 1 Feb 58 |
| 36 | | See above | | See above | | | 20 Jan 58 |
| 37 | | See above | | See above | | | 22 Feb 58 |
| 38 | | See above | | See above | | | 23 Jan 58 |
| 42 | | See above | | See above | | | 6 Jan 58 |
| 43 | | See above | | See above | | | 10 Jan 58 |
| 44 | | See above | | See above | | | 16 Jan 58 |
| 45 | | See above | | See above | | | 18 Jan 58 |
| 46 | | See above | | See above | | | 29 Dec 57 |
| 47 | | See above | | See above | | | 26 Dec 57 |
| 48 | | See above | | See above | | | 1 Jan 58 |
| 49 | | See above | | See above | | | 23 Feb 58 |
| 52 | | See above | | See above | | | 2 Jan 58 |
| 55 | | See above | | See above | | | 11 Mar 58 |
| 56 | | See above | | See above | | | 23 Jan 58 |
| 57 | | See above | | See above | | | 7 Jan 58 |
| 58 | | See above | | See above | | | 27 Mar 58 |
| 59 | | See above | | See above | | | 8 Jan 58 |
| 60 | | See above | | See above | | | 5 Jan 58 |
| | | | | | | | |

Plate 45 has been reported for the 9th January 1858 but this is unconfirmed

Plate 49 is reported by Ken Statham as 7th January 1858 but is unconfirmed



One Penny. Die II. Wmk LC2 (Perforated 14). Plate number series

The figure presented as the “number of sheets printed” is taken from the Inland Revenue records (IR79/79) and includes spoilt sheets, which were officially destroyed. The spoilage for the entire production of the 1^d plate number series was about 4%, and this should be taken into consideration.

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|---|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 70 | Preparation of the plate begun on the 29 th July 1858 Placed in the officers safe on the 29 th July 1858 Never registered or put to press Rejected on account of a flaw | | | | 15 Feb 1864 1 Dec 1864 | | |
| 71 | 1 Mar 1864 | 14 Mar 61 | 13 Jun 1868 | | 9 Jun 1868 23 Jun 1868 | 557,000 | 6 Apr 64 |
| | Preparation of the plate begun on the 16 th August 1858 Placed in the strong room at Somerset House on the 24 March 1862 Placed in the officers safe on the 26 th February 1864 | | | | | | |
| 72 | 1 Mar 1864 | 14 Mar 61 | 13 Jun 1868 | | 23 Mar 1868 23 Jun 1868 | 552,800 | 10 May 64 |
| | Preparation of the plate begun on the 29 th September 1858 Placed in the strong room at Somerset House on the 24 March 1862 Placed in the officers safe on the 26 th February 1864 | | | | | | |
| 73 | 1 Mar 1864 | 14 Mar 61 | 13 Jun 1868 | 5 Mar 1868 | 5 May 1868 23 Jun 1868 | 529,900 | 3 May 64 |
| | Preparation of the plate begun on the 7 th October 1858 Placed in the strong room at Somerset House on the 24 March 1862 Placed in the officers safe on the 26 th February 1864 Noted that 66 heads were re-entered. Plate repaired – 31 st January 1868 – 67 heads re-entered | | | | | | |
| 74 | 1 Mar 1864 | 14 Mar 61 | 13 Jun 1868 | | 9 Jun 1868 23 Jun 1868 | 531,000 | 30 Apr 64 |
| | Preparation of the plate begun on the 12 th October 1858 Placed in the strong room at Somerset House on the 24 th March 1862 Placed in the officers safe on the 26 th February 1864 | | | | | | |
| 75 | Preparation of the plate begun on the 3 rd October 1859 Placed in the officers safe on the 3 rd October 1859 Noted – inaccurately laid down for perforation | | | | 4 Feb 1863 1 Dec 1864 | | |
| 76 | 1 Mar 1864 | 7 Feb 63 | 29 Sep 1869 | | 15 Feb 1869 13 Oct 1869 | 555,500 | 3 May 64 |
| | Preparation of the plate begun on the 5 th July 1861 Placed in the officers safe on the 5 th July 1861 Placed in the strong room at Somerset House on the 9 th February 1863 Placed in the officers safe on the 26 th February 1864 | | | | | | |

The records (illustrated below) show the partial defacement date for Plate 75 as the 4th February 1862 – This is probably transcription error and the date shown above is believed to be the correct dates when this took place.

Page from the Inland Revenue records
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| Current No. | Description | Preparation begun | | | Placed in | | | Signature | Provs approved | | Registered | |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|------|---------------|-------------------|------|-----------|----------------|------|-----------------|------|
| | | Duty | Date | Ref. | Officers Safe | Stom. Ho. S. Room | Ref. | | Date | Ref. | Date | Ref. |
| 70 | Postage | 1 | 1857 July 19 | A 57 | 1857 July 19 | — | A 57 | OK | — | — | Not registered | |
| 71 | " | 3 | " Aug 16 | A 57 | 1857 July 26 | 1857 Mar 23 | A 57 | OK | — | — | 1861 Mar 14 | |
| 72 | " | 3 | " Sep 29 | A 57 | 1857 Jul 26 | 1857 Mar 23 | A 57 | OK | — | — | 1861 Mar 14 | |
| 73 | " | 3 | " Oct 7 | A 57 | 1857 Jul 26 | 1857 Mar 23 | A 57 | OK | — | — | 1861 Mar 14 | |
| 74 | " | 3 | " Oct 17 | A 57 | 1857 Jul 26 | 1857 Mar 23 | A 57 | OK | — | — | 1861 Mar 14 | |
| 75 | " | 3 | 1859 Oct 3 | A 57 | 1859 Oct 3 | — | A 57 | OK | — | — | not registered | |
| 76 | " | 3 | 1861 July 5 | A 57 | 1861 July 5 | 1862 Feb 7 | A 57 | OK | 1863 Feb 7 | A 25 | 1863 Feb 7 A 25 | |
| 77 | " | 3 | " July 3 | A 57 | 1861 July 3 | — | A 57 | OK | — | — | not registered | |
| 78 | " | 3 | " Aug 5 | A 57 | 1861 Jul 26 | 1862 Feb 7 | A 57 | OK | 1863 Feb 7 | A 25 | 1863 Feb 7 A 25 | |
| 79 | " | 3 | " Sep 2 | A 57 | 1861 Jul 26 | 1862 Feb 7 | A 57 | OK | 1863 Feb 7 | A 25 | 1863 Feb 7 A 25 | |
| 80 | " | 3 | " Sep 16 | A 57 | 1861 Jul 26 | 1862 Feb 7 | A 57 | OK | 1863 Feb 7 | A 25 | 1863 Feb 7 A 25 | |

| Put to press | Partially defaced | Defaced | Impressions printed | Signature | Total in stock at and from date | | | |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|------|---|
| | | | | | Date | Total | Ref. | |
| 70 | Not put to press | 1864 Feb 15 A 23 | 1864 Dec 1 A 75 | OK | | | | Rejected one account of a plate in 1857 2000 |
| 71 | 1864 Mar 1 A 46 | 1865 Jun 9 A 224 | 1865 Jun 23 A 225 | OK | 557,000 | A 225 | | * This is the first plate with letters on all four sides. It is the first plate which has both numbers and letters on all four sides. |
| 72 | 1864 Mar 1 A 46 | 1865 Mar 23 A 226 | 1865 Jun 23 A 225 | OK | 522,800 | A 226 | | |
| 73 | 1864 Mar 1 A 46 | 1865 May 5 A 224 | 1865 Jun 23 A 225 | OK | 529,900 | A 224 | | |
| 74 | 1864 Mar 1 A 46 | 1865 Jun 9 A 224 | 1865 Jun 23 A 225 | OK | 531,000 | A 225 | | |
| 75 | Not put to press | 1862 Feb 4 A 24 | 1864 Dec 1 A 75 | OK | | | | * Recently laid down for preparation. |
| 76 | 1864 Mar 1 A 46 | 1867 Feb 15 A 247 | 1867 Oct 13 A 265 | OK | 555,000 | A 247 | | |
| 77 | Not put to press | 1862 Feb 4 A 24 | 1864 Dec 1 A 75 | OK | | | | |
| 78 | 1864 Mar 1 A 46 | 1867 Jun 11 A 248 | 1867 Oct 13 A 265 | OK | 615,600 | A 248 | | |
| 79 | 1864 Mar 1 A 46 | 1867 May 3 A 255 | 1867 Oct 13 A 265 | OK | 638,600 | A 255 | | |
| 80 | 1864 Mar 1 A 46 | 1867 May 12 A 255 | 1867 Jun 23 A 225 | OK | 1195,200 | A 225 | | |

Left and right pages of IR 79/79 showing the details for plates 70 to 80

One Penny. Die II Wmk LC2 (Perforated 14).

Plate number series (Continued)

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 77 | Preparation of the plate begun on the 3 rd July 1861 Placed in the officers safe on the 3 rd July 1861 Noted – inaccurately laid down for perforation | | | | 4 Feb 1863 1 Dec 1864 | | |
| 78 | 1 Mar 1864 | 7 Feb 63 | 29 Sep 1869 | | 16 Jan 1869 13 Oct 1869 | 615,600 | 12 May 64 |
| | Preparation of the plate begun on the 5 th August 1861 Placed in the officers safe on the 5 th August 1861 Placed in the strong room at Somerset House on the 9 th February 1863 Placed in the officers safe on the 26 th February 1864 | | | | | | |
| 79 | 1 Mar 1864 | 7 Feb 63 | 29 Sep 1869 | | 3 May 1869 13 Oct 1869 | 638,600 | 5 May 64 |
| | Preparation of the plate begun on the 2 nd September 1861 Placed in the officers safe on the 2 nd September 1861 Placed in the strong room at Somerset House on the 9 th February 1863 Placed in the officers safe on the 26 th February 1864 | | | | | | |
| 80 | 1 Mar 1864 | 7 Feb 63 | 29 Sep 1869 | | 12 May 1868 23 Jun 1868 | 495,200 | 3 May 64 |
| | Preparation of the plate begun on the 16 th September 1861 Placed in the officers safe on the 16 th September 1861 Placed in the strong room at Somerset House on the 9 th February 1863 Placed in the officers safe on the 26 th February 1864 | | | | | | |
| 81 | 1 Mar 1864 | 7 Feb 63 | 29 Sep 1869 | 12 May 1868 | | 520,300 | 20 May 64 |
| 82 | 1 Mar 1864 | 1 Mar 64 | 29 Sep 1869 | 14 Apr 1868 | | 263,400 | 19 May 64 |
| 83 | 1 Mar 1864 | 1 Mar 64 | 29 Sep 1869 | 11 Apr 1866 | | 199,600 | 15 May 64 |
| 84 | 1 Mar 1864 | 1 Mar 64 | 29 Sep 1869 | 31 Jan 1868 | | 369,400 | 5 May 64 |
| 85 | 1 Mar 1864 | 1 Mar 64 | 29 Sep 1869 | 23 Mar 1868 | | 510,300 | 14 May 64 |
| 86 | 1 Mar 1864 | 1 Mar 64 | 29 Sep 1869 | 29 Feb 1868 | | 460,500 | 2 May 64 |
| 87 | 7 Mar 1864 | 7 Mar 64 | 29 Sep 1869 | 23 Mar 1868 | | 462,400 | 28 Apr 64 |
| 88 | 17 Mar 1864 | 17 Mar 64 | 29 Sep 1869 | 6 Jun 1866 | | 199,000 | 9 May 64 |
| 89 | 22 Mar 1864 | 22 Mar 64 | 29 Sep 1869 | 10 Oct 1868 | | 503,900 | 4 May 64 |
| 90 | 30 Mar 1864 | 30 Mar 64 | 29 Sep 1869 | 18 Jan 1869 | | 471,700 | 27 Apr 64 |
| 91 | 5 Apr 1864 | 5 Apr 64 | 29 Sep 1869 | 5 Feb 1868 | | 384,100 | 25 May 64 |
| 92 | 12 Apr 1864 | 12 Apr 64 | 29 Sep 1869 | 10 May 1869 | | 567,700 | 19 May 64 |
| 93 | 19 Apr 1864 | 19 Apr 64 | 29 Sep 1869 | 18 Mar 1868 | | 455,100 | 4 Jun 64 |
| 94 | 26 Apr 1864 | 26 Apr 64 | 29 Sep 1869 | 23 Mar 1868 | | 478,600 | 21 Jun 64 |
| 95 | 4 Jul 1864 | 14 Jun 64 | 29 Sep 1869 | 17 Dec 1868 | | 533,600 | 27 Aug 64 |
| 96 | 11 Oct 1864 | 5 Oct 64 | 29 Sep 1869 | 18 Jan 1869 | | 488,300 | 6 Nov 64 |
| 97 | 7 Mar 1865 | 5 Oct 64 | 29 Sep 1869 | 3 Aug 1869 | | 536,800 | 20 May 65 |
| 98 | 20 Mar 1865 | 10 Mar 65 | 29 Sep 1869 | 12 May 1868 | | 351,400 | 23 May 65 |
| 99 | 6 Jan 1866 | 5 Jan 66 | 29 Sep 1869 | 5 June 1869 | | 355,300 | 19 Feb 66 |
| 100 | 19 Jan 1866 | 5 Jan 66 | 13 Jun 1868 | 12 May 1868 | | 256,700 | 20 Mar 66 |
| 101 | 12 Apr 1866 | 5 Jan 66 | 13 Feb 1871 | 6 Jan 1870 | | 372,500 | 18 Jun 66 |
| 102 | 16 Apr 1866 | 4 Apr 66 | 13 Feb 1871 | 9 Apr 1870 | | 495,200 | 29 Jun 66 |
| | | | | | | | |

The records (illustrated above) show the partial defacement date for Plate 77 as the 4th February 1862 – This is probably transcription error and the date shown above is believed to be the correct dates when this took place.

Examples from plate 77



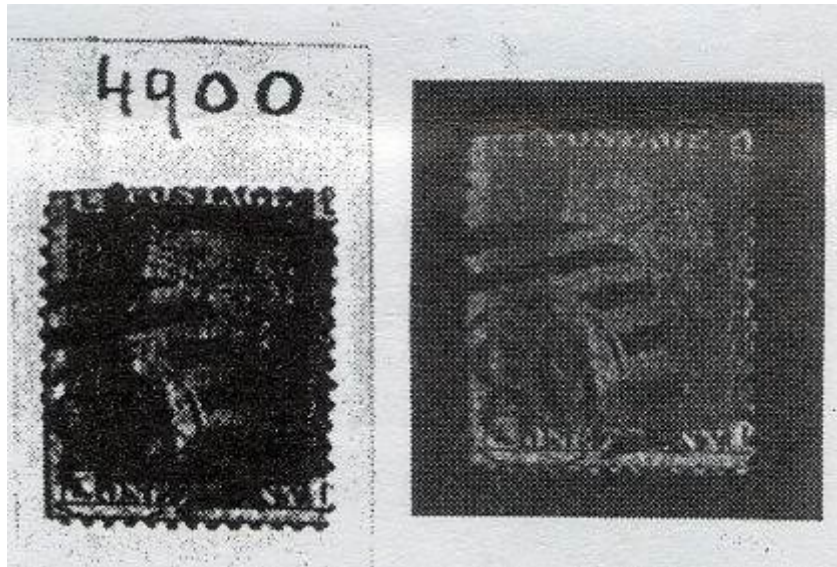
Unit AB
Royal collection



Unit AC



Unit BA
Tapling collection – British library



Unit LL used with numeral 80 in circle



Unit MI
Used with numeral 75 in circle

Two other mint examples are recorded, but the check letters are unknown. One of these was in the collection of H J Crocker and was destroyed with his collection in 1906.

A used example lettered NC is also reported to have been found in a collection purchased in 1994 at Harmers of London



Unit PH
Fletcher collection – British library



Unit PI used on piece with 4d at Chesham, Bucks

Plate 84



Unit JB, used on the 5th May 1864

One Penny. Die II Wmk LC2 (Perforated 14).

Plate number series (Continued)

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 103 | 8 Aug 1866 | 4 Apr 66 | 13 Feb 1871 | 8 Nov 1869 | | 400,600 | 9 Oct 66 |
| 104 | 22 Jan 1868 | 4 Apr 66 | 29 Sep 1869 | 4 Sep 1869 | | 176,400 | 7 Mar 68 |
| 105 | 31 Jan 1868 | 4 Apr 66 | 13 Feb 1871 | 13 Dec 1869 | | 202,600 | 3 Feb 68 |
| 106 | 29 Feb 1868 | 4 Apr 66 | 13 Feb 1871 | 16 Jan 1871 | | 391,300 | 27 Feb 68 |
| 107 | 18 Mar 1868 | 4 Apr 66 | 13 Feb 1871 | 7 Oct 1870 | | 321,000 | 6 May 68 |
| 108 | 23 Mar 1868 | 23 Mar 68 | 13 Feb 1871 | 1 Nov 1869 | | 213,500 | 28 May 68 |
| 109 | 23 Mar 1868 | 23 Mar 68 | 13 Feb 1871 | 5 Mar 1870 | | 236,500 | 22 May 68 |
| 110 | 23 Mar 1868 | 23 Mar 68 | 10 Jan 1873 | 9 Apr 1871 | | 316,800 | 27 May 68 |
| 111 | 23 Mar 1868 | 23 Mar 68 | 10 Jan 1873 | 30 May 71 | | 452,700 | 7 May 68 |
| 112 | 12 May 1868 | 12 May 68 | 13 Feb 1871 | 3 Jan 1871 | | 299,400 | 17 Jul 68 |
| 113 | 12 May 1868 | 12 May 68 | 10 Jan 1873 | 15 May 71 | | 366,000 | 29 Jun 68 |
| 114 | 12 May 1868 | 12 May 68 | 13 Feb 1871 | 19 May 70 | | 233,100 | 10 Jul 68 |
| 115 | 12 May 1868 | 12 May 68 | 13 Feb 1871 | 7 May 70 | | 214,000 | 5 Jul 68 |
| 116 | 12 May 1868 | 12 May 68 | 13 Feb 1871 | 4 Feb 71 | | 350,500 | 20 Jun 68 |
| 117 | 9 Jun 1868 | 9 Jun 68 | 13 Oct 1874 | 8 May 73 | | 479,000 | 31 Jul 68 |
| 118 | 9 June 1868 | 9 Jun 68 | 10 Jan 1873 | 4 May 72 | | 440,800 | 4 Aug 68 |
| 119 | 15 Aug 1868 | 15 Aug 68 | 10 Jan 1873 | 17 Aug 72 | | 493,800 | 10 Oct 68 |
| 120 | 8 Sep 1868 | 15 Aug 68 | 13 Oct 1874 | 5 Sep 74 | | 706,800 | 10 Oct 68 |
| 121 | 17 Dec 1868 | 15 Aug 68 | 10 Jan 1873 | 17 Aug 72 | | 406,200 | 4 Feb 69 |
| | | Overprinted Specimen | | | | | |
| 122 | 16 Jan 1869 | 15 Aug 68 | 15 Dec 1875 | 19 Jun 75 | | 693,400 | 4 Mar 69 |
| 123 | 18 Jan 1869 | 15 Aug 68 | 10 Jan 1873 | 5 Nov 72 | | 447,800 | 2 Mar 69 |
| 124 | 18 Jan 1869 | 15 Aug 68 | 6 Sep 1876 | 4 May 76 | | 597,700 | 4 Mar 69 |
| 125 | 15 Feb 1869 | 5 Feb 69 | 13 Oct 1874 | 15 Mar 73 | | 429,700 | 17 Apr 69 |
| 127 | 3 May 1869 | 5 Feb 69 | 13 Oct 1874 | 11 Oct 73 | | 395,300 | 28 Jun 69 |
| 128 | Not Used | 5 Feb 69 | 29 Sep 1869 | | | | |
| 129 | 10 May 1869 | 5 Feb 69 | 13 Oct 1874 | 8 May 73 | | 434,800 | 23 Jun 69 |
| 130 | 5 June 1869 | 5 Feb 69 | 15 Dec 1875 | 29 Dec 74 | | 412,000 | 19 Aug 69 |
| 131 | 3 Aug 1869 | 5 Feb 69 | 10 Jan 1873 | 20 Apr 72 | | 320,700 | 16 Sep 69 |
| 132 | 4 Sep 1869 | 5 Feb 69 | 13 Feb 1871 | 13 Jul 70 | | 95,300 | 6 Nov 69 |
| 133 | 1 Oct 1869 | 31 Mar 69 | 13 Feb 1871 | 23 Jan 71 | | 141,400 | 18 Dec 69 |
| 134 | 8 Oct 1869 | 31 Mar 69 | 23 Mar 1880 | 11 Jan 79 | | 793,200 | 1 Jan 70 |
| 135 | 13 Dec 1869 | 31 Mar 69 | 10 Jan 1873 | 27 Dec 1871 | | 190,500 | 15 Feb 70 |
| 136 | 6 Jan 1870 | 31 Mar 69 | 13 Oct 1874 | 18 Jan 1873 | | 299,500 | 12 Mar 70 |
| 137 | 5 Mar 1870 | 31 Mar 69 | 15 Dec 1875 | 22 May 75 | | 596,200 | 9 Apr 70 |
| 138 | 10 Mar 1870 | 31 Mar 69 | 15 Dec 1875 | 9 Aug 1875 | | 700,300 | 15 Apr 70 |
| 139 | 19 Mar 1870 | 2 Feb 70 | 10 Jan 1873 | 26 Oct 1872 | | 194,300 | 14 May 70 |
| 140 | 9 Apr 1870 | 2 Feb 70 | 8 Mar 1878 | 8 Sep 1877 | | 982,500 | 7 Jun 70 |
| 141 | 7 May 1870 | 2 Feb 70 | 10 Jan 1873 | 30 Jan 1872 | | 181,300 | 6 Jun 70 |
| 142 | 13 Jul 1870 | 2 Feb 70 | 10 Jan 1873 | | 15 Jan 73 | 212,300 | 31 Aug 70 |
| 143 | 7 Oct 1870 | 2 Feb 70 | 13 Oct 1874 | 12 Sep 1874 | | 286,700 | 14 Nov 70 |
| 144 | 3 Jan 1871 | 2 Feb 70 | 10 Jan 1873 | 30 Nov 1872 | | 206,600 | 6 Feb 71 |
| 145 | 16 Jan 1871 | 23 Dec 70 | 28 May 1877 | 18 Nov 1876 | | 545,000 | 8 Mar 71 |
| 146 | 23 Jan 1871 | 23 Dec 70 | 8 Mar 1878 | 24 Nov 1877 | | 460,100 | 25 Mar 71 |
| 147 | 4 Feb 1871 | 23 Dec 70 | 15 Dec 1875 | 26 May 1875 | | 413,300 | 11 Apr 71 |
| 148 | 29 Apr 1871 | 23 Dec 70 | 15 Dec 1875 | 20 Nov 1875 | | 507,800 | 15 Jul 71 |
| 149 | 15 May 1871 | 23 Dec 70 | 15 Dec 1875 | 1 Feb 1875 | | 474,900 | 7 Jul 71 |
| | | | | | | | |



Plate 121 overprinted Specimen

One Penny. Die II Wmk LC2 (Perforated 14).

Plate number series (Continued)

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 150 | 30 May 1871 | 24 Apr 71 | 28 May 1877 | 15 Jan 1877 | | 682,500 | 14 Aug 71 |
| 151 | 14 Nov 1871 | 24 Apr 71 | 13 Oct 1874 | 2 Apr 1874 | | 282,800 | 13 Dec 71 |
| 152 | 14 Nov 1871 | 24 Apr 71 | 13 Oct 1874 | 20 Apr 1874 | | 322,900 | 30 Dec 71 |
| 153 | 27 Dec 1871 | 24 Apr 71 | 13 Oct 1874 | 21 Jun 1873 | | 128,400 | 28 Feb 72 |
| 154 | 30 Jan 1872 | 24 Apr 71 | 6 Sep 1876 | 8 Jan 1876 | | 415,100 | 2 Apr 72 |
| 155 | 20 Jul 1872 | 24 Apr 71 | 15 Dec 1875 | 15 May 1875 | | 385,300 | 15 Jun 72 |
| 156 | 22 Apr 72 | 12 Jan 72 | 6 Sep 1876 | 2 Sep 1876 | | 496,800 | 5 Jun 72 |
| 157 | 22 Apr 72 | 12 Jan 72 | 6 Sep 1876 | 19 Feb 1876 | | 450,000 | 11 Jul 72 |
| 158 | 4 May 72 | 12 Jan 72 | 8 Mar 1878 | 17 Nov 77 | | 531,000 | 11 Jul 72 |
| 159 | 17 Aug 72 | 12 Jan 72 | 28 May 1877 | 11 Nov 76 | | 489,700 | 26 Oct 72 |
| 160 | 17 Aug 72 | 12 Jan 72 | 28 May 1877 | 3 Mar 1877 | | 525,000 | 4 Oct 72 |
| 161 | 17 Sep 72 | 12 Jan 72 | 15 Dec 1875 | 12 Dec 1874 | | 232,300 | 29 Nov 72 |
| 162 | 26 Oct 72 | 24 Oct 72 | 6 Sep 1876 | 8 Jan 1876 | | 365,200 | 6 Dec 72 |
| 163 | 5 Nov 1872 | 24 Oct 72 | 6 Sep 1876 | 18 Dec 1875 | | 377,300 | 9 Jan 73 |
| 164 | 30 Nov 72 | 24 Oct 72 | 15 Dec 1875 | 4 Dec 1875 | | 318,300 | 27 Jan 73 |
| 165 | 17 Jan 73 | 24 Oct 72 | 28 May 1877 | 19 May 77 | | 483,300 | 10 Mar 73 |
| 166 | 18 Jan 73 | 24 Oct 72 | 6 Sep 1876 | 3 Jan 1876 | | 384,800 | 31 Mar 73 |
| 167 | 8 Feb 1873 | 24 Oct 72 | 8 Mar 1878 | 8 Sep 1877 | | 497,400 | 4 Apr 73 |
| 168 | 8 May 73 | 9 Apr 73 | 6 Sep 1876 | 19 Feb 1876 | | 374,300 | 27 Jun 73 |
| 169 | 21 Jun 73 | 9 Apr 73 | 6 Sep 1876 | 31 Jan 1876 | | 233,100 | 8 Sep 73 |
| 170 | 11 Oct 73 | 9 Apr 73 | 2 Oct 1878 | 6 Aug 1878 | | 572,500 | 25 Nov 73 |
| 171 | 27 Oct 73 | 9 Apr 73 | 23 Mar 1880 | 21 Oct 1879 | | 906,700 | 30 Dec 73 |
| 172 | 27 Oct 73 | 9 Apr 73 | 28 May 1877 | 21 Apr 1877 | | 458,600 | 31 Dec 73 |
| 173 | 2 Apr 1874 | 9 Apr 73 | 28 May 1877 | 19 May 77 | | 303,300 | 30 May 74 |
| 174 | 20 Apr 74 | 14 Oct 73 | 23 Mar 1880 | 8 Apr 1880 | | 450,000 | 10 Jul 74 |
| | | Overprinted CYPRUS | | | | | |
| 175 | 5 Sep 1874 | 14 Oct 73 | 8 Mar 1878 | 23 Jun 1877 | | 376,900 | 28 Oct 74 |
| 176 | 12 Dec 74 | 14 Oct 73 | 2 Oct 1878 | 2 Sep 1878 | | 313,100 | 13 Feb 75 |
| 177 | 29 Dec 74 | 14 Oct 73 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | 375,000 | 13 Feb 75 |
| 178 | 1 Feb 1875 | 14 Oct 73 | 28 May 1877 | 21 Jan 1877 | | 245,600 | 5 Apr 75 |
| 179 | 15 May 75 | 14 Oct 73 | 2 Oct 1878 | 5 Aug 1878 | | 407,600 | 28 Jun 75 |
| 180 | 22 May 75 | 14 Oct 73 | 28 May 1877 | 20 Jan 1877 | | 215,500 | 7 Jul 75 |
| 181 | 26 May 75 | 14 Oct 73 | 23 Mar 1880 | 21 Jun 1879 | | 478,600 | 22 Jul 75 |
| | | Overprinted CYPRUS | | | | | |
| 182 | 19 Jun 75 | 13 Apr 74 | 28 May 1877 | 5 Feb 1877 | | 215,200 | 1 Aug 75 |
| 183 | 9 Aug 1875 | 13 Apr 74 | 2 Oct 1878 | 1 Jul 1878 | | 376,600 | 28 Sep 75 |
| 184 | 20 Oct 75 | 13 Apr 74 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | 291,699 | 14 Jan 76 |
| | | Overprinted CYPRUS | | | | 1 | |
| 185 | 4 Dec 1875 | 13 Apr 74 | 8 Mar 1878 | 12 Nov 77 | | 221,300 | 1 Feb 76 |
| 186 | 18 Dec 75 | 13 Apr 74 | 2 Oct 1878 | 18 May 78 | | 304,400 | 12 Feb 76 |
| 187 | 3 Jan 1876 | 20 Apr 75 | 23 Mar 1880 | 11 Mar 1879 | | 427,800 | 15 Feb 76 |
| 188 | 8 Jan 1876 | 20 Apr 75 | 8 Mar 1878 | 8 Dec 1877 | | 231,600 | 4 Mar 76 |
| 189 | 8 Jan 1876 | 20 Apr 75 | 2 Oct 1878 | 16 Mar 1878 | | 218,000 | 2 Mar 76 |
| 190 | 19 Feb 76 | 20 Apr 75 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | 333,300 | 24 Mar 76 |
| 191 | 19 Feb 76 | 3 Sep 75 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | 333,300 | 8 Apr 76 |
| 192 | 19 Feb 76 | 3 Sep 75 | 23 Mar 1880 | 23 Jun 1879 | | 460,000 | 21 Apr 76 |
| | | | | | | | |

One Penny. Die II Wmk LC2 (Perforated 14).

Plate number series (Continued)

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 193 | 2 Sep 1876 | 3 Sep 75 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | 333,299 | 3 Nov 76 |
| | | Overprinted CYPRUS | | | | 1 | None used |
| 194 | 13 Nov 76 | 3 Sep 75 | 23 Mar 1880 | 23 Nov 78 | | 275,000 | 12 Jan 77 |
| 195 | 18 Nov 76 | 9 Sep 76 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | 300,000 | 8 Jan 77 |
| 196 | 15 Jan 77 | 9 Sep 76 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | 324,999 | 7 Mar 77 |
| | | Overprinted CYPRUS | | | | 1 | None used |
| 197 | 20 Jan 77 | 9 Sep 76 | 23 Mar 1880 | 31 Nov 78 | | 257,200 | 7 Mar 77 |
| 198 | 27 Jan 77 | 9 Sep 76 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | 400,000 | 19 Mar 77 |
| 199 | 5 Feb 1877 | 9 Sep 76 | 23 Mar 1880 | 3 Apr 1879 | | 314,000 | 23 Mar 77 |
| 200 | 3 Mar 1877 | 9 Sep 76 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | 270,800 | 26 Apr 77 |
| 201 | 21 Apr 1877 | 16 Nov 76 | 23 Mar 1880 | 6 Sep 1879 | | 347,700 | 4 Jun 77 |
| | | Overprinted CYPRUS | | | | | |
| 202 | 19 May 1877 | 16 Nov 76 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 1880 | 250,000 | 21 Jul 77 |
| 203 | 19 May 1877 | 16 Nov 76 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 1880 | 400,000 | 19 Jul 77 |
| 204 | 23 Jun 1877 | 16 Nov 76 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 1880 | 354,200 | 13 Aug 77 |
| 205 | 8 Sep 1877 | 16 Nov 76 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 1880 | 354,200 | 27 Oct 77 |
| | | Overprinted CYPRUS | | | | | |
| 206 | 8 Sep 1877 | 10 May 77 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 1880 | 383,300 | 7 Nov 77 |
| 207 | 12 Nov 1877 | 10 May 77 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 1880 | 250,000 | 6 Aug 77 |
| | | Overprinted Specimen | | | | | |
| 208 | 17 Nov 1877 | 10 May 77 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 1880 | 354,200 | 25 Jan 78 |
| | | Overprinted CYPRUS | | | | | |
| 209 | 24 Nov 1877 | 10 May 77 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 1880 | 354,200 | 1 Jan 78 |
| 210 | 8 Dec 1877 | 16 Nov 77 | 23 Mar 1880 | 7 May 1879 | | 189,100 | 6 Feb 78 |



Plate 207

Dated 6th August 1877



Plate 207 with specimen overprint

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 211 | 16 Mar 78 | 16 Nov 77 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | 141,700 | 16 Mar 78 |
| 212 | 20 May 78 | 16 Nov 77 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | 250,000 | 10 Jul 78 |
| 213 | 1 Jul 1878 | 25 Feb 78 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | 250,000 | 5 Sep 78 |
| 214 | 6 Aug 1878 | 25 Feb 78 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | 229,200 | 20 Sep 78 |
| 215 | 6 Aug 1878 | 25 Feb 78 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | 229,200 | 14 Oct 78 |
| | | Overprinted CYPRUS | | | | | |
| 216 | 2 Sep 1878 | 25 Feb 78 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | 199,999 | 28 Oct 78 |
| | | Overprinted CYPRUS | | | | | |
| | | Overprinted CYPRUS + Specimen overprint | | | | 1 | |
| 217 | 23 Nov 78 | 14 Aug 78 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | 150,000 | 17 Jan 79 |
| | | Overprinted CYPRUS | | | | | |
| 218 | 30 Nov 78 | 14 Aug 78 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | 154,200 | 31 Dec 78 |
| | | Overprinted CYPRUS | | | | | |
| 219 | 11 Jan 1879 | 14 Aug 78 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | 50,000 | 21 Feb 79 |
| 220 | 11 Jan 1879 | 14 Aug 78 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | 154,200 | 17 Feb 79 |
| | | Overprinted CYPRUS | | | | | |
| 221 | 3 Apr 1879 | 31 Dec 78 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | 129,200 | 26 May 79 |
| 222 | 6 May 1879 | 31 Dec 78 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | 125,000 | 26 Jun 79 |
| 223 | 21 Jun 1879 | 31 Dec 78 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | 62,500 | 22 Aug 79 |
| 224 | 23 June 79 | 31 Dec 78 | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | 83,300 | 7 Sep 79 |
| 225 | 27 Oct 1879 | 31 Dec 78 | 23 Mar 1880 | Circa 27 Nov 79 | 8 Apr 80 | 12,500 | 4 Dec 79 |
| 226 | Not Used | | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | | |
| 227 | Not Used | | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | | |
| 228 | Not Used | | 23 Mar 1880 | | 8 Apr 80 | | |

In "The Stamps of Great Britain", Part 2 by J B Seymour, (1937), page 91, it is noted that plate 225 was at press for only 4 weeks.

Remainders of stamps overprinted CYPRUS

With the release of the set inscribed CYPRUS in July 1881, an enormous number of overprinted stamps still remained in stock. Messrs Stanley Gibbons made an offer to the GPO to buy up the remaining stocks at a cut price, which was accepted. It is reported that the following were sold for the bargain price of £800, (or in other reports at £250), compared to the face value of £3246 8s 7d

Line engraved

½d 13,573

1d 135,292

Surface printed

2½d 228,969

4d 10,972

6d 1,015

1s 1,222

This explains the continued remarkably low price of these stamps even in fine un-mounted mint condition. Amongst the stocks of remaindered 1d stamps there was a complete sheet each of plate 193 and plate 196; no sheets of these plates were ever issued in Cyprus itself, so the occasional used copies in auctions must have forged overprints, (or, less likely, forged postmarks on genuine mint stamps from these plates). The sheets of plate 193 and 196 were kept intact and on display for many years before being broken up for collectors.

338,800 1d stamps were supplied to the Cyprus Post Office and arrived in September 1879 but were not placed on sale until the 1st April 1880. They were withdrawn on the 30th June 1881. With the number supplied and the remainders sold to SG, this means that 203,508 stamps were sold, this being just short of 848 sheets

The 240 stamps, (shown as 1 sheet), from plate 216 with CYPRUS and SPECIMEN overprint is the top halves of two sheets.

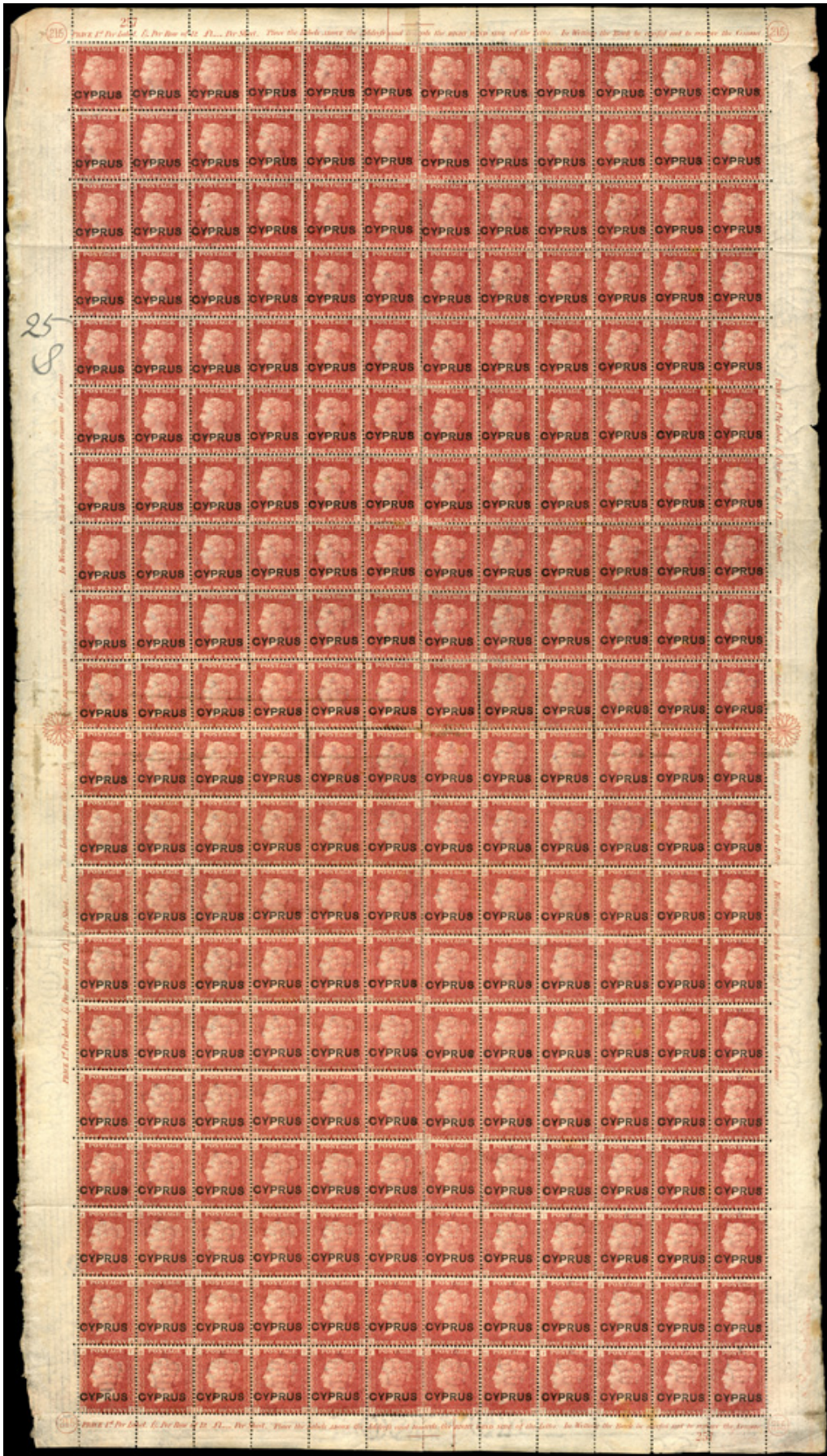


Plate 215



Plate 216

Large block from one of the upper half sheets with SPECIMEN overprint

One Penny. Die II Wmk LC2 (Perforated 14).

Plate number series

In the GB journal of the Great Britain Philatelic Society, volume 3, number 9 for October 1962, there was presented a revised list based on figures presented in earlier editions as well as other publications that showed the number of examples of the plate number series that were known with inverted watermarks. This information is presented in the following table ...

Inverted watermarks

| Plate | Qty | | Plate | Qty | | Plate | Qty | | Plate | Qty |
|-------|-----|--|-------|-----|--|-------|-----|--|-------|-----|
| 71 | 56 | | 103 | 1 | | 136 | 47 | | 167 | 12 |
| 72 | 8 | | 104 | 14 | | 137 | 7 | | 168 | 1 |
| 73 | 17 | | 105 | 6 | | 138 | 14 | | 169 | 8 |
| 74 | 29 | | 106 | 4 | | 139 | 1 | | 170 | 5 |
| 76 | 15 | | 107 | 21 | | 140 | 7 | | 171 | 2 |
| 77 | | | 108 | 3 | | 141 | 43 | | 172 | 1 |
| 78 | 3 | | 109 | 4 | | 142 | 12 | | 173 | 3 |
| 79 | 17 | | 110 | 1 | | 143 | 1 | | 174 | 5 |
| 80 | 4 | | 111 | 8 | | 144 | 8 | | 175 | 1 |
| 81 | 9 | | 112 | 3 | | 145 | 1 | | 176 | 10 |
| 82 | 3 | | 113 | 5 | | 146 | 5 | | 177 | 3 |
| 83 | 75 | | 114 | 8 | | 147 | 1 | | 178 | 2 |
| 84 | 18 | | 115 | 13 | | 148 | 1 | | 179 | 1 |
| 85 | 14 | | 116 | 1 | | 149 | 13 | | 180 | 2 |
| 86 | 6 | | 117 | 60 | | 150 | 3 | | 181 | 1 |
| 87 | 8 | | 118 | 17 | | 151 | 1 | | 182 | 1 |
| 88 | 7 | | 119 | 5 | | 152 | 2 | | 183 | 1 |
| 89 | 11 | | 120 | 15 | | 153 | 14 | | 184 | 3 |
| 90 | 14 | | 121 | 4 | | 154 | 15 | | 185 | 5 |
| 91 | 7 | | 122 | 1 | | 155 | 5 | | 186 | 4 |
| 92 | 14 | | 123 | 2 | | 156 | 7 | | 187 | 1 |
| 93 | | | 124 | 1 | | 157 | 18 | | 188 | 4 |
| 94 | 4 | | 125 | 1 | | 158 | 25 | | 189 | 3 |
| 95 | 6 | | 127 | 5 | | 159 | 1 | | 190 | 10 |
| 96 | 4 | | 129 | 1 | | 160 | 9 | | 191 | 1 |
| 97 | 8 | | 130 | 6 | | 161 | 1 | | 192 | 4 |
| 98 | 5 | | 131 | 1 | | 162 | 4 | | 193 | 1 |
| 99 | 18 | | 132 | 1 | | 163 | 1 | | 194 | 1 |
| 100 | 4 | | 133 | 22 | | 164 | 1 | | 195 | 1 |
| 101 | 118 | | 134 | 2 | | 165 | 1 | | 196 | 1 |
| 102 | 1 | | 135 | 3 | | 166 | 1 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |



Two Pence. Die I. Alp I. Wmk SC. (Imperforate). (Blue)

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | 1 May 40 | 2 May 1840 | | 18 July 40 | | 16,962 | 8 May 40 |
| 2 | 21 July 40 | | | 29 Aug 40 | | 10,600 | 18 Aug 40 |
| 3 | 27 Feb 41 | 25 Feb 1841 | | Circa 11 March 41 | | 5,000 | 17 Mar 41 |
| 3 | Nov 41 or Nov 42 | | | Dec 1849 | | 185,999 | |
| | Overprinted SPECIMEN | | | | | 1 | |
| 4 | Dec 1849 | 6 Dec 1849 | | See below | | 189,393 | Jan 50 |
| | | | | | | | |

PLATE 3 Plate 3 with the Maltese cross cancellation is rarer than with the 1844 cancellation. I estimate that 53,142 sheets were produced that may have been used with the Maltese cross and the remainder would have been used with the 1844 type

Two Pence. Die I. Alp I. Wmk SC. (Perforated 16). (Blue)

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 4 | See above | | | See below | | 49,242 | 13 Mar 54 |
| | | | | | | | |

Two Pence. Die I. Alp I. Wmk SC. (Perforated 14). (Blue)

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 4 | See above | | | 8 Jun 1855 | | 11,365 | 4 Mar 55 |
| | | | | | | | |

PLATE 4 As can be seen from the tables above, the life span for plate 4 was 5 years and 6 months. Dr Osborne, (in his study of the Two Pence plates), refers to Wright and Creek, quoting a total production for the plate of 250,000 sheets. He also gives time frames for the issue as follows... (On page 57)

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Imperforate | 4 years 2 months |
| Perforated 16 | 1 year 1 month |
| Perforated 14 & 16 issued together | 3 months |

With these time scales and the total production figure, the number of sheets printed for each of the sub issues has been given in the tables as estimates. It should be noted that the perf 16 total is a low estimate and that for the perf 14 issue, a high estimate, as the later assumes all stamps were perforated 14 during the final 3-month period. Even allowing for these errors, the scarcity of the perforated 14 issues is very striking.

Two Pence. Die I. Alp II. Wmk SC. (Perforated 14). (Blue)

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 5 | 9 Jun 1855 | 8 Jun 1855 | 29 Oct 1861 | 8 May 1857 | | 8,000 | 5 Jul 55 |

Two Pence. Die I. Alp II. Wmk SC. (Perforated 16). (Blue)

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|-----------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 5 | See table above | | | | | 4,000 | 28 Aug 55 |

Two Pence. Die I. Alp II. Wmk LC1. (Perforated 16). (Blue)

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------|
| 5 | See table above | | | | | 4,000 | ??? 28 Sep 55 |
| 6 | 9 May 57 | 11 Feb 1857 | 29 Oct 1861 | Circa July 1858 | | 5,500 | 20 Jan 58 |

Two Pence. Die I. Alp II. Wmk LC1. (Perforated 14). (Blue)

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 5 | | | See table above | | | 65,000 | 25 Oct 55 |
| 6 | | | See table above | | | 37,000 | 25 Nov 57 |
| | | | | | | | |

Plate 5



Unit DA – Plate 5 – Large Crown watermark – Perf 14



Two Pence. Die II. Wmk LC1. (Perforated 14).
(Blue)
Plate number series

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 7 | 19 Jul 1858 | 11 Jun 1858 | 29 Oct 1861 | 1859 | | 40,000 | Jul 58 |
| 8 | 21 Sep 59 | 7 Jul 1859 | 29 Oct 1861 | Circa March 1861 | | 66,000 | 30 Sep 59 |
| 9 | 14 Mar 1861 | 14 Mar 1861 | See below | | | 63,214 | 14 May 61 |

The total production from plate 9 was 383,500 sheets. Dr Osborne in his book “Two Pence plate nine – A study of the plate and its repairs” states on page 13 that the printings on the large crown type 1 watermarked paper were “those produced in the first year or so of the plate’s life”, and we have estimated this to be 15 months, (up to June 1862). From this we have calculated the number of sheets produced on the type 1 watermarked paper, (shown above), and the remainder has been assigned to the later type of paper, (shown below).

Two Pence. Die II. Wmk LC2. (Perforated 14). (Blue)
Plate number series

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 9 | See above | | 29 Sep 1869 | 28 Oct 1868 | | 320,286 | 7 Sep 67 |
| 12 | 28 Oct 1868 | 1 Jan 1868 | 13 Feb 1871 | 20 Feb 1871 | | 30,600 | 22 Dec 68 |
| 13 | 13 Apr 69 | 31 Mar 69 | 15 Dec 1875 | 3 May 1875 | | 125,000 | 1 Jul 69 |
| 14 | 16 Sep 71 | 24 Apr 71 | | 1875 or early 1876 | | 87,500 | 29 Feb 72 |
| 15 | 14 Mar 76 | 3 Sep 1875 | | 26 Oct 1880 <i>This date is believed to be wrong</i> | | 87,500 | 21 Aug 76 |

The number of sheets printed for plates 14 and 15 is estimated and taken from “Great Britain – Numbers printed” by Rikki C Hyde, and includes wastage



Three Half Pence Die II Wmk LC.

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Rec For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|---|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---|----------------|
| 1 | 22 Mar 60 | 22 Mar 60 | | Apr 1860 | | 10,000 8,962 sheets were destroyed in 1867 | |
| 1 | 6 Jun 70 | | | 1873-1874 | 26 Oct 80 | 66,134 | 1 Oct 70 |
| 2 | | Constructed in 1874. Defaced on the 20 th October 1874 as the impressions were unevenly spaced. Never registered or put to press | | | | | |
| 3 | 10 Aug 74 | 13 Apr 74 30 Apr 74 | | End July 80 | 26 Oct 80 | 123,500 | 8 Jan 72 |
| | | | | | | | |

With the first printing of the three-half pence, (in Rosy Mauve), 1,000 sheets were overprinted 'SPECIMEN' and distributed to postmasters. From the remaining 9,000 sheets, 8,963 sheets were officially destroyed in May 1867. The remaining 38 sheets have been split up and are in the hands of collectors. At least one example is recorded used.

The original printing is on the type 1 large crown watermark paper that shows considerable bluing. The issue of 1870 onwards used the type-2 large crown paper.

Plate 3 was laid down at the end of 1871 but was not registered until some 30 months later on the 13th April 1874

The figures for the number of sheets printed, are in some cases estimated, and have been taken from “The Line Engraved Halfpenny” by W. de L. Messenger. All those figures that are estimated only are shown in *italic type*.



Half Pence.

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Rec For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|---|------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | 20 Jun 70 | 20 Jun 70 | | 13 May 72 | 15 Jan 73 | 121,500 | 1 Oct 70 |
| 2 | Plate not completed. See notes below | | | | 3 Apr 72 15 Jan 73 | | |
| 3 | 28 Jun 70 | 28 Jun 70 | | 2 Oct 73 | 2 Oct 73 20 Oct 74 | 192,500 | 1 Oct 70 |
| 4 | 4 Jul 70 | 4 Jul 70 | | 16 Dec 73 | 16 Dec 73 20 Oct 74 | 264,600 | 15 Oct 70 |
| 5 | 12 Jul 70 | 12 Jul 70 | | | | | 24 Oct 70 |
| 5 | In March 1875, 29 impressions were re-entered. | | | | | | |
| 5 | On the 29 th May 1876 42 impressions were re-entered | | | 16 Dec 73 | 16 Dec 76 7 Jun 77 | 533,200 | |
| 6 | 19 Jul 70 | 19 Jul 70 | | | | | 19 Oct 70 |
| 6 | On the 5 th June 1873, 4 impressions were re-entered | | | | | | |
| 6 | On the 19 th May 1875, 47 impressions were re-entered | | | | | | |
| 6 | On the 22 nd December 1875, 11 impressions were re-entered | | | | 6 May 76 22 Sep 76 | 402,100 | |
| 7 | Plate not completed. See notes below | | | | | | |
| 8 | ? 26 July 70 ? | 26 Jul 70 | | 28 Dec 70 | | 31,886 | 31 Oct 70 |
| 8 | 7 Oct 71 | | | 4 Apr 72 | | 37,029 | |
| 8 | 20 May 80 | | | ? 31 Jul 80 ? | ? 31 Jul 80 ? 26 Oct 80 | 7,200 | |
| 9 | 9 Oct 71 | 23 Dec 70 | | 4 Apr 72 | 20 Jun 1904 | 36,617 | 5 Dec 71 |
| 10 | 2 Oct 73 | 24 Oct 72 | | | 19 Oct 78 | 386,100 | 22 Dec 73 |
| 11 | 21 Jan 74 | 24 Oct 72 | | | 19 May 79 26 Oct 80 | 411,000 | 4 Jun 74 |
| 12 | 29 Jun 74 | 13 Apr 74 | | ? 20 May 80 ? | 26 Oct 80 | 442,556 | 28 Aug 74 |
| 13 | 6 May 76 | 20 Apr 75 | | ? 3 Jun 80 ? | 26 Oct 80 | 310,487 | 27 Jun 76 |
| 14 | 16 Dec 76 | 20 Apr 75 | | ? 3 Jun 80 ? | 26 Oct 80 | 270,579 | 9 Mar 77 |
| 15 | 6 May 78 | 16 Nov 76 | | ? 3 Jun 80 ? | 26 Oct 80 | 160,316 | 10 Jul 78 |
| 16 | Plate not completed | | | | 6 Jan 77 | | |
| 17 | Plate not completed | | | | ? 6 Jan 77 ? | | |
| 18 | Plate not completed | | | | ? 6 Jan 77 ? | | |
| 19 | 18 July 78 | 16 Nov 77 | | | 26 Oct 80 | 145,299 | 23 Aug 78 |
| 20 | 27 Jun 79 | 31 Dec 78 | | | 26 Oct 80 | 74,531 | 4 Oct 79 |
| 21 | Completed not used | | | | 26 Oct 80 | | |
| 22 | Completed not used | | | | 26 Oct 80 | | |
| | | | | | | | |

Half Pence. (Additional notes on the plates)

Plate 1. This plate was not hardened

Plate 2. This plate was found to be imperfect after 232 impressions had been transferred to the plate. This plate was hardened on the 2nd July 1870. This plate thus became an experimental plate for the hardening process in the larger furnace. This plate was assigned the current number 172

Plate 3. This plate was not hardened

From this point onwards all the plate were hardened prior to use

Plate 5. The registration sheet is dated the 19th July 1870, but the Inland Revenue document, (IR 79/79 at Kew public records office), shows this date as the 12th July 1870.

Plate 7. It has been stated that either the roller impression was damaged or the figures '7' had been omitted owing to a breakage of the '7' punch. We believe the former to be the case, as in the later it would have been a simple matter to get a replacement punch. This was intended to be the first of two reserve plates.

Plate 8. The put to press date for the initial printing and the withdrawal date from the third and final printing, along with the defacement date following this printing are only estimated. Between printings this plate was stored in the reserve safe at Somerset House.

Plate 9. On the 28th December 1870, this plate was sent to Somerset House and placed in the reserve safe. (IR 79/79). The plate was returned to the printers on the 7th October 1871. After it had completed its print run the plate was again returned to the reserve safe. The defacement date is for the complete defacement of the plate when the reserve safe was cleared of all the old plates.

Plate 12. The withdrawal from press date is estimated based on the date when plate 8 was returned to the press. This plate also had 31 impressions re-entered prior to registration.

Plate 13. The withdrawal from press date is estimated.

- Plate 14.** The registration date shown is 10 days prior to that which generally appears in philatelic reference, and is taken from the official records. (IR 79/79). The put to press date, (generally quoted as the 16th November 1876), is taken from the same records. The withdrawal date is again estimated. In June 1878, two proof sheets were printed in lilac rose, (this is a light purple shade), and these were delivered to Somerset House on the 14th June of that year.
- Plate 15.** 44 impressions were re-entered, probably on the 16th November 1876, but it is uncertain if this was done before or after registration.
- Plate 16.** 198 impressions were made on the plate then the roller spindle broke. This left cracks on the impression for plate 16 which meant that this plate was discarded.
- Plate 17.** The impression for plate 17 was on the same roller, (roller 3), as the impression for plate 16. After repair of the spindle 16 impressions were laid onto the plate and a proof impression taken. This revealed that the cracks from 16 had spread through the plate 17 impression also. Thus Work on this plate stopped and this plate was never completed or used.
- Plate 18.** The impression for plate 18 was on the same roller, (roller 3), as the impression for plates 16 and 17. After the cracks were noticed on the plate 17 impressions transferred to the plate, it was again decided that 16 impressions would be laid onto the plate and a proof impression taken. This revealed that the cracks from 16 had spread through the plate 17 impression and extended into the plate 18 impression also. Thus Work on this plate stopped and this plate was never completed or used.
- Plate 19.** At some time in August 1878, a single proof sheet was printed in pale lilac-rose, (this is a mauve-pink shade). This sheet was delivered to Somerset House on the 7th August 1878.
- Plate 20.** At some time in September 1879, two proof sheets were printed in blue-green. It is known that these had been delivered to Somerset House prior to the 1st October 1879.
- Plate 21.** The complete sheet had been laid in by the 10th September 1879. Following this, on the 21st November 28 impressions were re-entered. By the 10th December, all the engraving was finished, (marginal inscriptions, plate numbers and current number). The plate was never hardened or put to press.
- Plate 22.** The complete sheet had been laid in by the 23rd October 1879 and a proof was approved two days later. This plate was never completed, lacking the marginal inscriptions, plate number and the current number, (272), which was assigned to this plate.

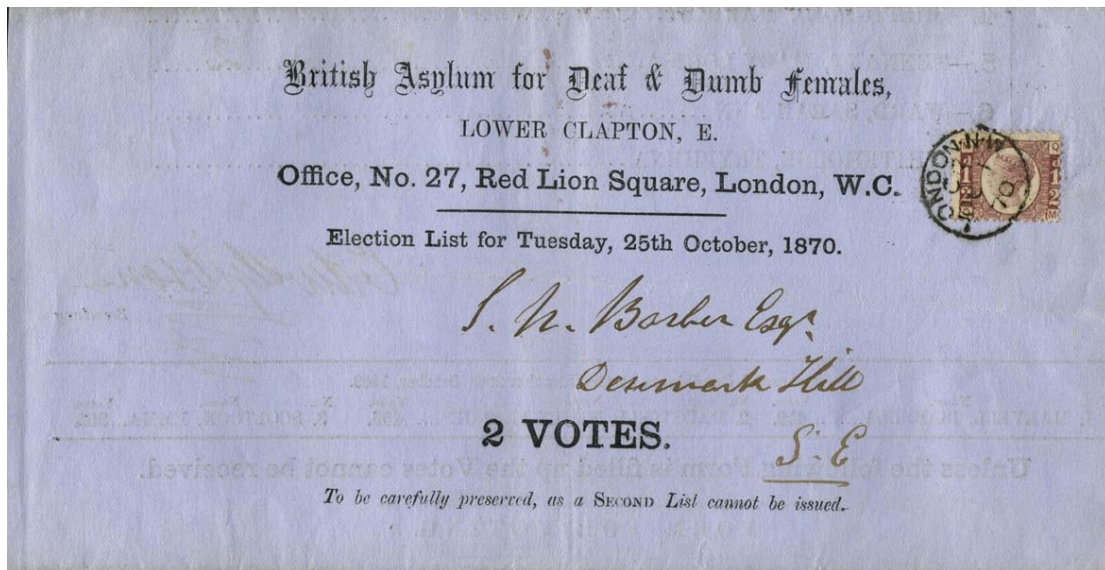


Plate 1 dated 1st October 1870

Embossed Issues

Although not produced by the line engraved method, these stamps were produced during the same period as the other issues covered in this section. They are presented here in order of value, but, as will be noted by the dates, they were issued from the highest denomination first.

The one shilling and the ten pence values were embossed onto Dickensons' silk thread paper and the six pence was on paper watermarked V R.



Six Pence. Wmk VR (Issued in sheets of 40)

| Die No. | Put to Press | Registered | Rec For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|---------|--------------|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 WW | 30 Jan 54 | 11 Jan 1854 | | 8 Jan 57 | | 111,000 | 26 July 54 |
| | | Total number of sheets issued to the public | | | | 88,957 | |
| | | Overprinted "SPECIMEN" for distribution to Post Offices | | | | 4,000 | |
| | 1856 | This printing was never issued – <i>See notes below</i> | | | | 55,498 | |
| 2 WW | | 11 Jan 1854 | | | | | |
| 3 WW | | 11 Jan 1854 | See notes below for dies 1, 2 and 3 | | | | |
| 4 WW | | 11 Jan 1854 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

Official records show that 2,941,640 stamps, (73,541 sheets), were officially destroyed when the surface printed stamp of this value was introduced. This total comprised of the entire 1856 production plus 18,043 sheets from the earlier printing. The official total of the number of sheets issued is given as 92,957 but it is known that 4,000 sheets from this were used for distribution on Post Office circulars with the "SPECIMEN" overprint. The figures in the above table have been adjusted to reflect all these events.

Four dies were ordered and constructed and impressions from these were all registered on the 11th January 1854. Although four dies were constructed, only die 1 WW is known, however it is possible that die 2 WW was employed for these stamps for a few days in November 1855.

Creation

The entire printing, (according to Wright & Creeke), amounted to 6,659,920 impressions, or 166,498 sheets. Of these, 60,000 sheets were ordered in 1854, 58,000 in 1855, and 48,498 in 1856; the first creation warrant being on the 27th January, 1854, for 10,000 sheets, and the last on the 3rd October, 1856, for 3,500 sheets. Of this total, only 3,718,280 stamps, or 92,957 sheets, were sent from the warehouse to, and issued by, the Stamp Distributors, who did not receive any supplies after the 29th September, 1855; and of these, 4,000 specimens were distributed amongst various post-offices.

The despatches from the warehouse were: —

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|---|---------------|
| From 7 th January to 5 th April 1854 - | 15,885 sheets |
| From 7 th April to 5 th July, 1854 - | 10,164 |
| From 6 th July to 10 th October, 1854 - | 11,075 |
| From 12 th October 1854 to 4 th January, 1855 - | 12,989 |
| From 8 th January 1855 to 30 th March, 1855 - | 17,285 |
| From 2 nd April 1855 to 29 th June 1855 - | 14,493 |
| From 2 nd July 1855 to 29 th September 1855 - | 11,066 |
| Total | 92,957 sheets |

The balance of 2,941,640 stamps, or 73,541 sheets - of which 2,219,920 stamps, or 55,498 sheets, were printed in 1856 - was presumably destroyed by burning

Note.

This value was created in consequence of the reduction in the rate of postage to Belgium and other countries; and for payment of the registration fee, which had been lowered to sixpence.

Although the stamps were not issued until 1854, a column was provided for this value in the creation-warrant book, as early as the 11th February 1852. All the warrants, with one exception, were addressed to Mr. Edwin Hill; this particular order, dated in August 1855, for 10,000 sheets, was, for some unknown reason directed to Messrs. Perkins Bacon & Co. - possibly, in error.

The embossed stamp was superseded, in October 1856, by the surface-printed one of the same value, designed and prepared by Messrs De La Rue & Co.



Ten Pence. (Issued in sheets of 24)

| Die No. | Put to Press | Registered | Rec For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|--|--------------|------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| W.W.1 | 1847 | 8 Feb 1853 | | | | 16,667 | 23 Nov 1848 |
| Wastage from the 1847 printing | | | | | | 3,166 | |
| Overprinted Specimen for distribution to postmasters | | | | | | 167 | |
| 2.W.W. | 1850 | 8 Feb 1853 | | | May 1862 | 8,000 | |
| | 1851 | | | | | 16,000 | |
| | 1852 | | | | | 14000 | |
| 3.W.W. | 1853 | 8 Feb 1853 | | | May 1862 | 32,000 | |
| | 1854 | | | | | 25,614 | |
| 4.W.W. | 1854 | 8 Feb 1853 | | | May 1862 | 8,046 | |
| 5.W.W. | | 8 Feb 1853 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

The total printing of the 10^d was 122,000 sheets. This figure included 5,085 sheets, which were damaged and officially destroyed. The initial production in 1847 was 20,000 sheets, thus we are able to show the wastage from die 1. The remaining 1,919 sheets which were destroyed come from the 1850 and later printings. Official records show the number of sheets issued for each die, and these are the numbers given in the table. These records also give a total figure for the stamps issued at 116,915 sheets, (the total for dies 1 to 4), but there is obviously some error here as impressions from die 5 are known for which no records exist. The 10^d was withdrawn on the 15th August 1855 but re-issued in 1862 when 2,012 sheets left at Somerset House were put back into circulation. The registration sheet contains one impression from die 3,4,5,6,7 and 8 in two rows of three. Dies 6, 7 and 8 were never used for the stamps. For transmission with the post office notice, the General Post Office received, on the 26th September, 4,000 "SPECIMEN" stamps; but, for the issue to the public, it was not until the 20th October that any supply was forwarded, when 5,000 sheets of 24 stamps each were delivered at the Chief Office in London. The total number of 'SPECIMEN' stamps has been rounded up to the nearest sheet in the table above.

The first working die, as originally constructed and used, was without the subsequent addition of the engraver's initials and the die-number: afterwards "WW1" was engraved on the base of the bust. In the later "working dies," the numeral preceded the initials

Six working dies were prepared for this issue, and of these the first existed in two states: one without either initials or die-number, and the other, which was necessarily the later, with both. This un-initialled and unnumbered die was registered on the 23rd May 1848; but I have not been able to ascertain the dates of approval of the other dies. The impressions, in the Archives, from the six numbered dies are struck on a sheet of ordinary plain wove paper, with an added note that the date of striking was the 8th February 1853.

Blocks of the Ten pence are known, on which the Die number is apparently absent from some stamps; whilst on other it is plainly visible; presumably, the former are defective impressions.

Die 1 (unnumbered and numbered) was at press from the 3rd January 1848, to the 14th March 1850; Die 2, from the 4th May, 1850, until the 15th December 1852; Die 3, from the 8th February, 1853, to the 8th December, 1854; and Die 4 from the latter date until the 28th April 1855: the last three dies were destroyed in May 1862.

With regard to Die 5, the official records state that it was not put to press until the 18th March 1889, but in 'Wright & Creeke' it states "we have seen undoubted impressions, on Dickinson paper, and with full gum". Both this and Die 6 were subsequently used for stamping telegram forms and envelopes. Die 6 was never used for producing the adhesive stamps.

The warrants were as follows: —

20,000 sheets (ordered with a supply of the One Shilling value) in 1847;
none in 1848 or 1849;
8,000 sheets in 1850;
16,000 in 1851;
14,000 in 1852;
32,000 in 1853; and
32,000 in 1854.

Although supplies were ordered in 1847, it was obviously impossible to furnish them until after the working dies had been struck in the following year.

The issues to the stamp distributors from the warehouse are too lengthy to repeat in detail, but we give the totals for the various years during which this value was in use: —

6,517, sheets in 1848;
1,035 in 1849;
9,282 in 1850;
13,581 in 1851;
20,840 in 1852;
27,247 in 1853;
30,367 in 1854;
6,034 in 1855; and
2,012 sheets—for details see below

The balance of the creation, amounting to 5,085 sheets, is presumably accounted for by spoilage and destruction. In 1862 and 1863 there was a sudden demand for Ten pence stamps, and the following issues took place: —

In 1862: 1st quarter, 56 sheets;
 2nd quarter, 24;
 3rd quarter, 36; and
 4th quarter, 33;
 and in 1863: 1st quarter, 48 sheets;
 2nd quarter, 220;
 3rd quarter, 1,451; and
 4th quarter, 144.

Of the comparatively large supply in the third quarter of 1863, 600 sheets were sent, in July and August, to the Licence Office; and, on the 25th August, 500 sheets to the General Post Office.

This value was "out of stock" at Somerset House towards the end of 1863, and was only restored in 1867, when the surface-printed stamp of the same value, that were prepared by Messrs. De La Rue and Co., were issued; but, as late as September, 1866, the Postmaster-General appears to have had a small stock in hand, and he then expressed a wish for a large supply, which the Inland Revenue were unable to provide.



10d used from London to Paris
 Lombard Street (LS) date stamp on rear
 23rd November 1848



One shilling. (Issued in sheets of 20)

| Die No. | Put to Press | Registered | Rec For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|---------|--------------|------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| W.W.1 | 21 Jun 47 | 25 Jun 47 | | | May 1862 | 40,000 | 16 Sept 1847 |
| | 1850 | | | | | 16,000 | |
| | 1851 | | | | | 32,000 | |
| | 1852 | | | | | 46,000 | 15 May 1852 |
| | 1853 | | | | | 16,000 | |
| W.W.2 | 23 Feb 53 | 8 Feb 53 | | | | 48,000 | |
| | 1854 | | | | | 84,771 | 22 Jun 1855 |
| | | | | | | | |

The final printing of 84,771 sheets was made prior to the end of October 1856. Most reference sources show die WW2 as being put to press in 1854. I believe this to be incorrect as official records show the years and the quantities produced. These also give a total production figure for each of the dies, (WW1 at 150,000 sheets and WW2 at 132,771 sheets). By comparison of these figures it is clear that 48,000 sheets were printed from die 2 in 1853, as shown in the table above, but it is unlikely that any impressions from this printing were released prior to 1854. In order to enable specimens of the new value to be forwarded to the various postmasters, 4,000 stamps were supplied to the General Post Office early in the month of issue.

The first consignment for sale to the public consisted of 230 sheets, of twenty stamps each, distributed among six post-offices, on the 8th September; but the General Post Office did not receive a stock until the following day, when 3,000 sheets were delivered.

Three working dies were prepared, but only the first two were used for producing the adhesive stamps. No. 1, registered on the 25th June, 1847, was put to press four days previously, and was condemned in May, 1862, as being worn out and unfit for use. Dies 2 and 3 were approved on the 8th February, 1853, but the former alone was put to press, on the 23rd February, for the adhesives: both of these dies were subsequently furnished with dale-plugs, and used for stamping envelopes and telegram forms.

The impressions from the three dies, preserved in the official archives, are on a sheet of plain white wove paper, having been struck, as appears by the endorsement, on the 8th February 1853.

Creation

Of this value, 7,460,000 impressions, or 373,000 sheets, were struck, but only 5,655,420 stamps appear to have been issued, the balance of the creation being spoilage or waste. The first creation warrant, dated the 14th May 1847, was for 8,000 sheets; and the last, for 6,000 sheets, was signed on the 23rd September 1856.

The yearly creations were as follows: —

In 1847, 40,000 sheets;
None in 1848 or 1849;
in 1850, 16,000 sheets;
in 1851, 32,000;
in 1852, 46,000;
in 1853, 64,000;
in 1854, 82,000;
in 1855, 45,000; and
in 1856, 48,000 sheets

The printings, as might be expected from such a tedious process, occupied a considerable time in their execution, for we find that, in 1848 (when there were no creations), only 5,275 sheets were struck off; while, in the last year of issue, no less than 57,000 sheets were produced. No stamps were printed subsequently to October 1856.

This value was created to pay the rate of postage to the United States, and to some of the more distant of the British Colonies; also for the then registration fee of one shilling. The largest quarterly issue to the Distributors was for the three months ending the 10th October 1854, during which period 18,324 sheets were despatched; and the smallest, for 60 sheets only, was for the last quarter in 1847.

This stamp was superseded, in November 1856, by the surface-printed issue of the same value, designed and produced by Messrs De La Rue & Co.

Mulready's

Although not produced by the line engraved method, these envelopes and letter sheets were issued for use at the same time as the Penny Black and Two Pence blue postage stamps, 6th May 1840. In the list, stereos in *italic type* indicate those that were either removed or those that replace the removed impression.

One Penny Letter Sheets.

| Stereo No. (Forme) | Put to Press | Registered | Rec For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Stamps Printed | Earliest Latest Known |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| A1 (1) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 17 Jan 43 |
| A2 (1) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 21 Jan 41 |
| <i>A4 (1)</i> | | | | | | | 6 May 40 29 Nov 42 |
| A5 (1) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 12 Mar 41 |
| A6 (1) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 9 Nov 41 |
| A7 (1) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 18 June 41 |
| A8 (1) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 17 Jan 42 |
| A9 (1) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 16 Dec 42 |
| A10 (1) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 3 Sep 45 |
| <i>A11 (1)</i> | | | | | | | 6 May 40 17 Mar 42 |
| <i>A14 (1)</i> | | | | | | | 6 May 40 26 May 41 |
| A15 (1) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 8 Mar 44 |
| A16 (2) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 29 June 40 |
| A17 (2) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 24 Oct 42 |
| A18 (2) | | | | | | | 9 May 40 6 Aug 41 |
| A19 (2) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 26 Jan 42 |
| | | | | | | | |

A19 used on the 26th January 1842 with an additional 1d red (stars), up-rating to a 2d cover. Used by the Bank of Scotland used locally in Dumfries.

Stereo A7



Mulready letter sheet used from Newport Isle of Wight to Oxford. Dated the 18th December 1804, (error of date-slug), received in London on the 19th December and Oxford receiving mark for the 20th December 1840.

Stereo A10



Back-stamped 24th and 25th August 1841

Stereo A11

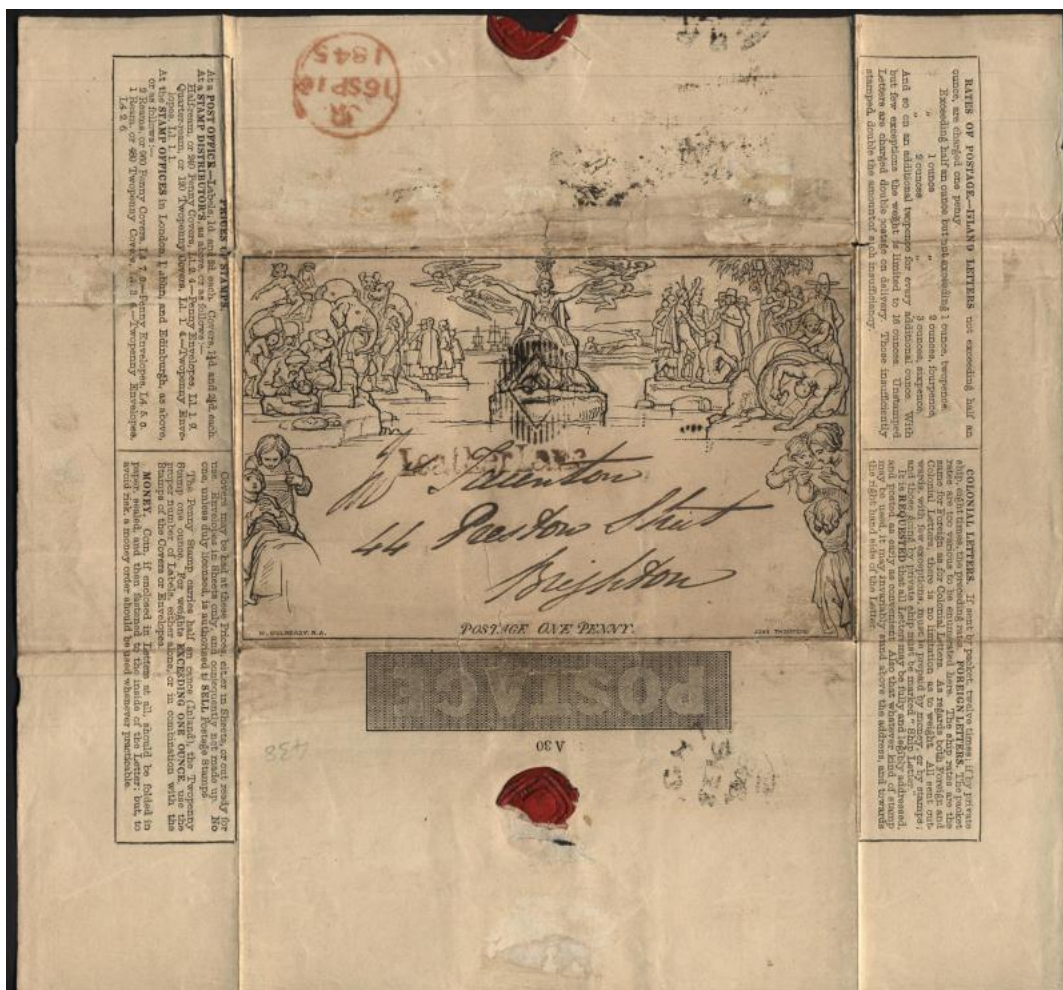


First day of official use

One Penny Letter Sheets.

| Stereo No. (Forme) | Put to Press | Registered | Rec For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Stamps Printed | Earliest Latest Known |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| A21 (2) | | | | | | | 15 May 40 12 Apr 41 |
| A22 (2) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 28 Oct 47 |
| A23 (2) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 11 Mar 43 |
| A24 (2) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 10 May 40 |
| A25 (2) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 26 Nov 41 |
| A26 (2) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 20 Jun 42 |
| A27 (2) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 16 Nov 44 |
| A30 (2) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 16 Sep 45 |
| A31 (1) | | | | | | | 28 Oct 41 |
| A34 (3) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 12 Feb 41 |
| A35 (3) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 29 Apr 43 |
| A36 (4) | | | | | | | |
| A37 (4) | | | | | | | 29 Apr 41 |
| A40 (4) | | | | | | | 2 Jly 40 |
| A41 | | | | | | | 6 May 40 |
| A42 (4) | | | | | | | 28 Dec 40 27 Sep 41 |
| A44 (4) | | | | | | | 27 Jun 40 15 Mar 42 |
| A47 (1) | | | | | | | 1 Jun 40 1841 |
| A50 (3) | | | | | | | 7 Oct 40 |
| A51 (4) | | | | | | | 22 Aug 40 |
| A54 (3) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 28 Jul 43 |
| A57 (3) | | | | | | | 27 Jun 40 6 Dec 40 |
| A63 (3) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 11 May 44 |
| A64 (3) | | | | | | | 21 May 40 21 Sep 41 |
| A65 (3) | | | | | | | 2 May 40 28 Nov 40 |
| A66 (3) | | | | | | | 9 Jun 41 30 Jul 42 |
| A67 (3) | | | | | | | 22 May 40 19 Nov 45 |
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Stereo A30



Mulready letter sheet used from London to Brighton. Dated the 16th September 1845, and cancelled with the London Inland office number 12 in diamond and straight line 'Leather Lane' struck below.

Stereo A63



The Economic Life Assurance Society printed advert cover; from stereo A63; clear 84 numeral used from Canterbury to London dated the 11th May 1844.

One Penny Letter Sheets. (Continued)

| Stereo No. (Forme) | Put to Press | Registered | Rec For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Stamps Printed | Earliest Latest Known |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| <i>A68</i> (3) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 14 Aug 41 |
| A69 (3) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 2 Aug 86 |
| A70 (4) | | | | | | | 18 Jly 41 |
| <i>A71</i> (4) | | | | | | | 30 May 40 |
| <i>A76</i> | | | | | | | 1 Sep 40 25 July 42 |
| A77 (4) | | | | | | | 16 June 43 28 Sep 43 |
| A78 (4) | | | | | | | 1 Apr 41 20 Dec 42 |
| A80 (4) | | | | | | | |
| A81 (4) | | | | | | | 4 Dec 40 5 Oct 41 |
| | | | | | | | |
| <i>A219</i> | | | | | | | 16 Aug 41 21 Jan 44 |
| <i>A220</i> | | | | | | | |
| <i>A221</i> | | | | | | | |
| A223 (6) | | | | | | | 9 Sep 41 |
| A224 (6) | | | | | | | |
| A226 (6) | | | | | | | 18 Jul 40 13 Apr 43 |
| <i>A228</i> | | | | | | | 1843 |
| <i>A229</i> (3) | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

One Penny Letter Sheets. (Continued)

| Stereo No. (Forme) | Put to Press | Registered | Rec For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Stamps Printed | Earliest Latest Known |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| A230 (6) | | | | | | | 22 Mar 42 |
| A231 (3) | | | | | | | 27 Feb 43 8 Apr 43 |
| A232 (6) | | | | | | | 23 Apr 41 7 May 42 |
| A233 (6) | | | | | | | |
| A234 (6) | | | | | | | 25 Mar 41 3 Nov 43 |
| A235 (6) | | | | | | | 3 Feb 41 Oct 42 |
| A236 (6) | | | | | | | |
| A237 (6) | | | | | | | 23 Jan 43 |
| A238 (6) | | | | | | | 28 Apr 42 12 May 42 |
| A239 (6) | | | | | | | 1840 |
| A240 (5) | | | | | | | 3 Sep 41 |
| A241 (5) | | | | | | | 28 Jly 40 9 Nov 41 |
| A242 (5) | | | | | | | 23 Oct 40 15 Jun 42 |
| A243 (5) | | | | | | | 21 Sep 40 26 Jan 41 |
| A244 (5) | | | | | | | |
| A246 (5) | | | | | | | 16 Oct 40 26 Dec 46 |
| A247 (5) | | | | | | | 2 Oct 40 19 Jul 41 |
| A249 (5) | | | | | | | 22 Oct 40 22 Jun 41 |
| A250 (5) | | | | | | | 8 Jly 40 11 May 42 |
| A251 (5) | | | | | | | |
| A254 (5) | | | | | | | |
| A255 (5) | | | | | | | 12 Oct 40 27 Aug 41 |
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One Penny Letter Sheets. (Additional notes on the stereos)

Stereo A71 This was used to replace stereo A14 in forme 1 but was originally used in forme 4 as indicated above.

Stereo A76 This was used as a replacement for one of the stereos on forme 3 or 4, but it is unknown which one at this time.

Stereo A219 This was used as a replacement stereo, but at this time has not been allocated to a particular forme. Many reference works allocate these to forme 5 or 6, probably due to the number, however the appearance of A 229 and A231 on forme 3 suggests that these could have been used on any forme.

Stereo A220 See the notes for A219 which apply here also

Stereo A221 See the notes for A219 which apply here also

Stereo A228 See the notes for A219 which apply here also

A letter sheet is known where the stereo number is not visible, but shows late use with an 1844 barred numeral cancellation, number 330, and dated the 19th June 1844 at Halifax, arriving in London the following day.

As with the letter sheets, some stereos are believed to have been substituted, however it is not known on which forme these were used or which of the original stereos they displaced, these are again shown in *italic type* but no forme number is shown. In the case of the stereos shown in normal type, but without a forme number, these are from forme 5 or 6, but have not yet been allocated.

One Penny Envelopes.

| Stereo No. (Forme) | Put to Press | Registered | Rec For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Stamps Printed | Earliest Latest Known |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| A131 (1) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 16 May 40 |
| A132 (1) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 23 Apr 41 |
| A133 (1) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 18 Nov 40 |
| A134 (1) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 20 Oct 40 |
| A135 (1) | | | | | | | 25 May 40 21 Jun 40 |
| A136 (1) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 17 Aug 40 |
| A137 (1) | | | | | | | |
| A138 (1) | | | | | | | 12 May 40 9 Dec 40 |
| A139 (1) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 9 June 40 |
| A140 (1) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 23 Nov 41 |
| A141 (1) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 1 Nov 40 |
| A142 (1) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 28 Nov 40 |
| A143 (2) | | | | | | | 9 May 40 27 Jly 43 |
| A144 (2) | | | | | | | 2 May 40 June 44 |
| A145 (2) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 19 Nov 40 |
| A146 (2) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 Dec 42 |
| A147 (2) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 16 Sep 40 |
| A148 (2) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 4 Aug 40 |
| A149 (2) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 20 Aug 40 |
| A150 (2) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 9 Jan 42 |
| A151 (2) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 8 Mar 41 |
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One Penny Envelopes. (Continued)

| Stereo No. (Forme) | Put to Press | Registered | Rec For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Stamps Printed | Earliest Latest Known |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| A153 (2) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 16 Dec 40 |
| A154 (2) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 14 Aug 40 |
| A155 (3) | | | | | | | 5 May 40 26 Jly 40 |
| A156 (2) | | | | | | | 10 Jun 40 16 May 77 |
| A157 (3) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 16 Nov 43 |
| A158 (3) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 2 Jun 43 |
| A159 (3) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 |
| A160 (3) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 16 Aug 43 |
| A161 (3) | | | | | | | 29 Jun 40 26 Aug 41 |
| A162 (3) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 19 Oct 40 |
| A163 (3) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 22 Nov 40 |
| A164 (4) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 |
| A165 (3) | | | | | | | 10 May 40 11 Jul 40 |
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Stereo A153



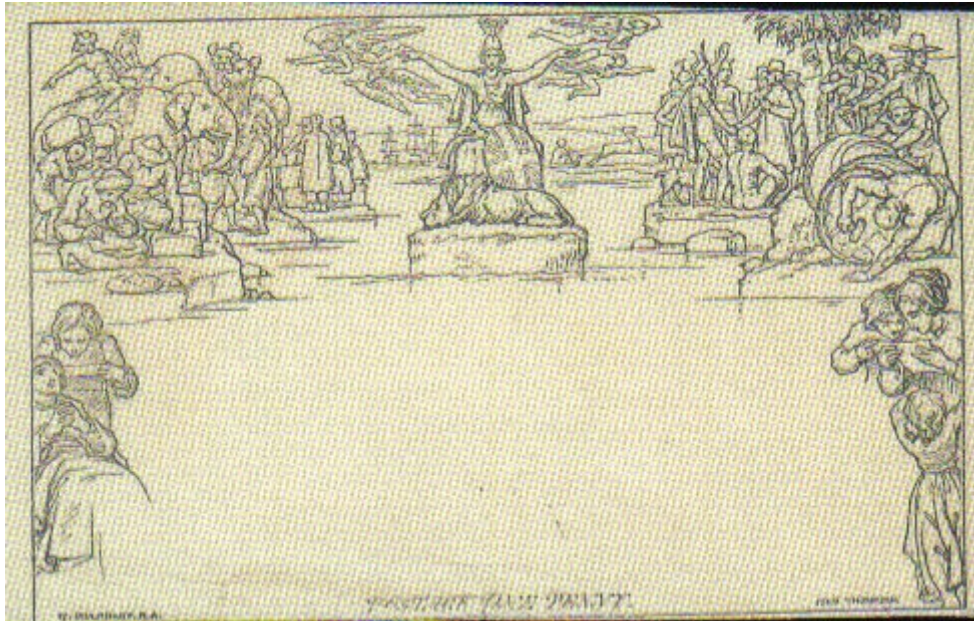
Envelope A153 dated 6th May 1840

One Penny Envelopes. (Continued)

| Stereo No. (Forme) | Put to Press | Registered | Rec For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Stamps Printed | Earliest Latest Known |
|-----------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| A166 (3) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 12 Aug 40 |
| A167 (3) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 5 Aug 41 |
| A170 (3) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 8 Oct 40 |
| A172 (4) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 |
| <i>A173(1)</i> | | | | | | | 6 May 40 22 Jan 50 |
| A174 (4) | | | | | | | 4 May 40 6 May 40 |
| A175 (4) | | | | | | | 31 May 40 27 Feb 41 |
| A176 (4) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 22 Jun 40 |
| A177 (4) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 14 May 40 |
| A178 (4) | | | | | | | 2 May 40 15 Jly 40 |
| A179 (4) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 16 May 40 |
| A180 (4) | | | | | | | 21 May 40 19 June 40 |
| A181 (4) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 |
| A182 (4) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 24 Jun 40 |
| <i>A183</i> | | | | | | | |
| <i>A186</i> | | | | | | | |
| <i>A187</i> | | | | | | | |
| A189 (4) | | | | | | | 6 May 40 11 May 40 |
| <i>A193</i> | | | | | | | |
| <i>A194</i> | | | | | | | |
| A276 | | | | | | | |
| A277 | | | | | | | |
| A278 | | | | | | | |
| A279 | | | | | | | |
| A280 | | | | | | | |
| A281 | | | | | | | |
| A282 | | | | | | | |
| A283 | | | | | | | |
| A284 | | | | | | | |
| A285 | | | | | | | |
| A287 | | | | | | | 18 Feb 41 |
| A288 | | | | | | | |
| A291 | | | | | | | |
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Stereo A173 This was used to replace stereo A137 in forme 1

Stereo A178



Unused outside portion of the A178 envelope



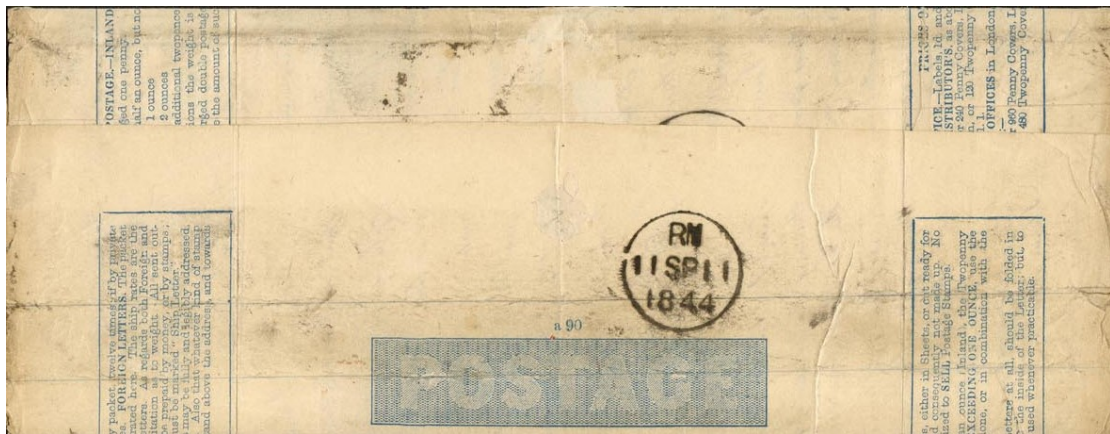
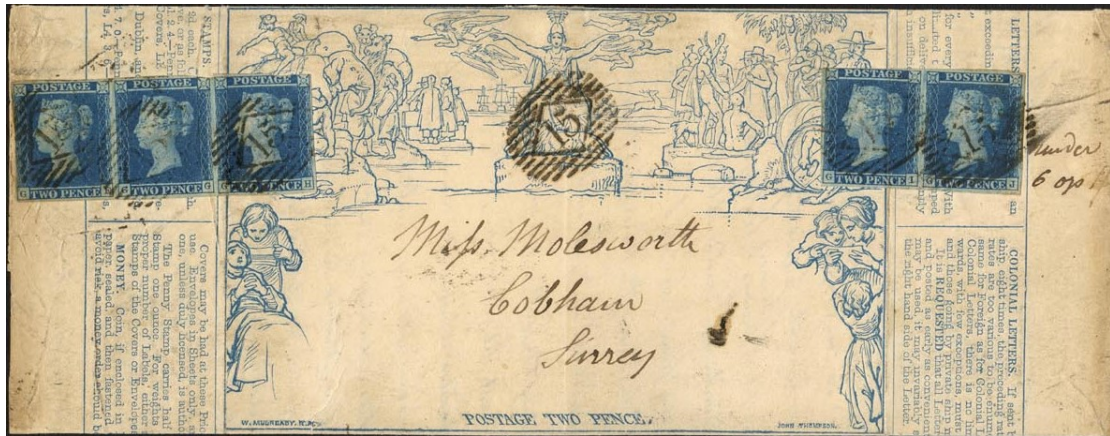
Envelope A178, turned inside-out and used on the 2nd May 1840
Dated inside in manuscript 1st May 1840

One Penny Envelopes. (Continued)

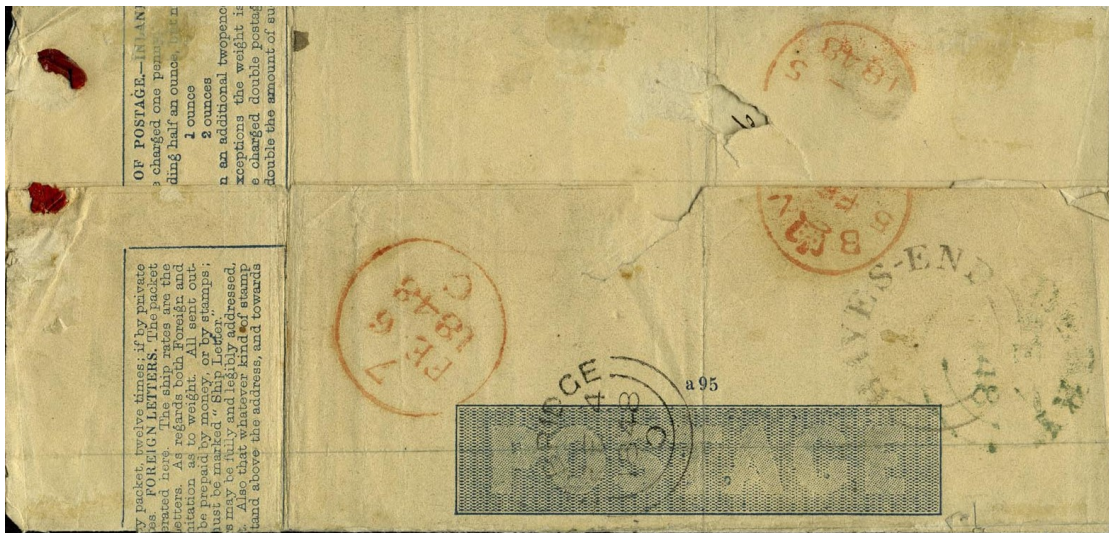
| Stereo No. (Forme) | Put to Press | Registered | Rec For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Stamps Printed | Earliest Latest Known |
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| A293 | | | | | | | |
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| A320 | | | | | | | |
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| A323 | | | | | | | |
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Two Pence Letter Sheets.

| Stereo No. (Forme) | Put to Press | Registered | Rec For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Stamps Printed | Earliest Latest Known |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| a90 (1) | | | | | | | 20 Aug 41 11 Sep 44 |
| a91 (1) | | | | | | | 23 May 40 19 May 69 |
| a92 (1) | | | | | | | 9 May 40 5 Aug 43 |
| a94 (1) | | | | | | | |
| a95 (1) | | | | | | | 4 Feb 48 28 Nov 64 |
| a96 (1) | | | | | | | 8 May 40 13 Jly 50 |
| a97 (1) | | | | | | | 11 Aug 40 20 Aug 52 |
| a98 (1) | | | | | | | 3 Aug 40 1 Oct 59 |
| a99 (1) | | | | | | | 5 Jan 42 15 Mar 48 |
| a103 (1) | | | | | | | |
| a104 (1) | | | | | | | 28 May 40 29 Dec 52 |
| a105 (1) | | | | | | | 15 May 40 2 Sep 42 |
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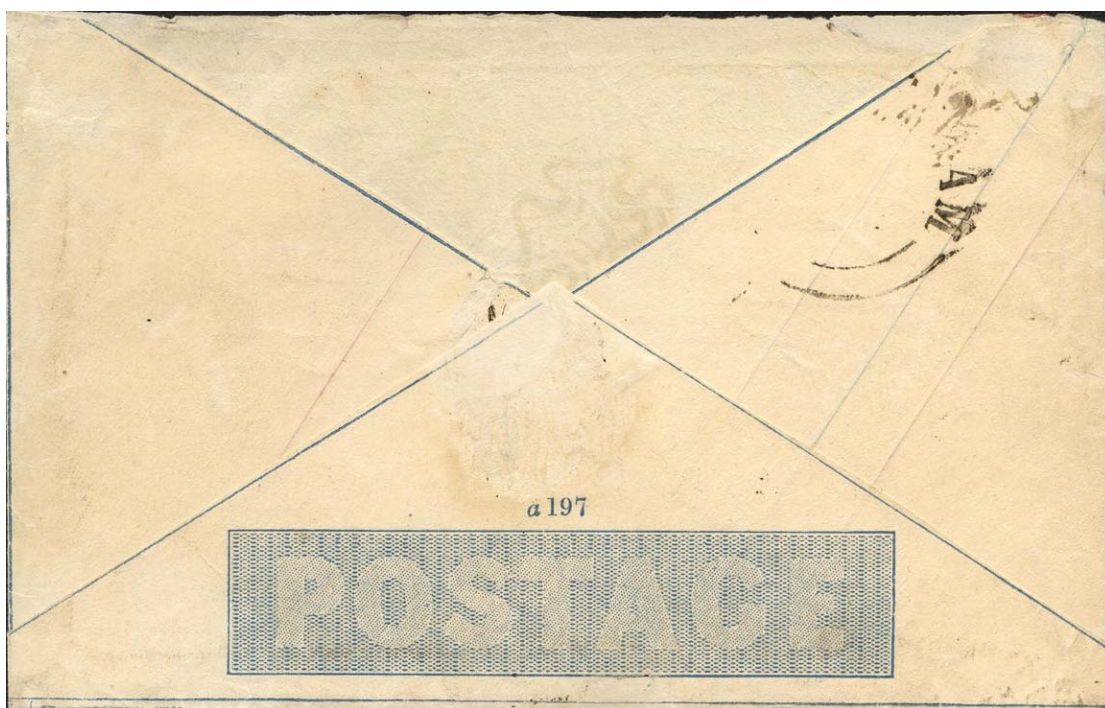
2^d letter sheet a90 up-rated to the 1/- rate by the addition of five 2^d blues from plate 3



2^d letter sheet a95 up-rated by the addition of a 2^d blues from plate 1

Two Pence Envelopes.

| Stereo No. (Forme) | Put to Press | Registered | Rec For Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Stamps Printed | Earliest Latest Known |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| a195 (1) | | | | | | | 10 Aug 40 22 Feb 41 |
| a196 (1) | | | | | | | 3 Jun 40 11 Mar 86 |
| a197 (1) | | | | | | | 26 May 40 6 Nov 41 |
| a198 (1) | | | | | | | 17 Jun 41 |
| a199 (1) | | | | | | | 1863 |
| a200 (1) | | | | | | | 24 May 40 25 Apr 44 |
| a201 (1) | | | | | | | 1841 |
| a202 (1) | | | | | | | 13 May 40 2 Nov 59 |
| a203 (1) | | | | | | | 27 May 40 30 Aug 63 |
| a208 (1) | | | | | | | 17 May 60 9 Dec 62 |
| a209 (1) | | | | | | | 30 Sep 40 21 Nov 63 |
| A210 | | | | | | | 8 May 40 30 Apr 41 |
| a211 (1) | | | | | | | |
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2^d envelope a197 dated 6th November 1841
with an additional 1^d red (Plate 15)

Current numbers

| Current No. | Value Plate | Current No. | Value Plate | Current No. | Value Plate | Current No. | Value Plate |
|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 106 | (1 ^d) 98 | 151 | (1 ^d) 136 | 196 | (1 ^d) 165 | 241 | (1 ^d) 204 |
| 107 | (1 ^d) 99 | 152 | (2 ^d) 13 | 197 | (½ ^d) 10 | 242 | (½ ^d) 15 |
| 108 | | 153 | (1 ^d) 137 | 198 | (½ ^d) 11 | 243 | |
| 109 | | 154 | (1 ^d) 138 | 199 | (1 ^d) 166 | 244 | (1 ^d) 205 |
| 110 | (1 ^d) 100 | 155 | (1 ^d) 139 | 200 | (1 ^d) 167 | 245 | (1 ^d) 206 |
| 111 | (1 ^d) 101 | 156 | (1 ^d) 140 | 201 | (1 ^d) 168 | 246 | (1 ^d) 207 |
| 112 | (1 ^d) 102 | 157 | (1 ^d) 141 | 202 | (1 ^d) 169 | 247 | (½ ^d) 16 |
| 113 | (1 ^d) 103 | 158 | (1 ^d) 142 | 203 | (1 ^d) 170 | 248 | (½ ^d) 19 |
| 114 | (1 ^d) 104 | 159 | | 204 | (1 ^d) 171 | 249 | (½ ^d) 20 |
| 115 | (1 ^d) 105 | 160 | (1 ^d) 143 | 205 | (1 ^d) 172 | 250 | (1 ^d) 208 |
| 116 | (1 ^d) 106 | 161 | (1 ^d) 144 | 206 | (1 ^d) 173 | 251 | (1 ^d) 209 |
| 117 | (1 ^d) 107 | 162 | (1 ^d) 145 | 207 | (1 ^d) 174 | 252 | (1 ^d) 210 |
| 118 | (1 ^d) 108 | 163 | (1 ^d) 146 | 208 | (1 ^d) 175 | 253 | (1 ^d) 211 |
| 119 | | 164 | (1 ^d) 147 | 209 | (1 ^d) 176 | 254 | (1 ^d) 212 |
| 120 | | 165 | (1 ^d) 148 | 210 | (1 ^d) 177 | 255 | (1 ^d) 213 |
| 121 | | 166 | (1 ^d) 149 | 211 | (1 ^d) 178 | 256 | (1 ^d) 214 |
| 122 | | 167 | | 212 | (1 ^d) 179 | 257 | (1 ^d) 215 |
| 123 | (2 ^d) 12 | 168 | (1 ^d) 151 | 213 | (1 ^d) 180 | 258 | (1 ^d) 216 |
| 124 | (1 ^d) 109 | 169 | (1 ^d) 152 | 214 | (1 ^d) 181 | 259 | (1 ^d) 217 |
| 125 | (1 ^d) 110 | 170 | (2 ^d) 14 | 215 | (1 ^d) 182 | 260 | (1 ^d) 218 |
| 126 | (1 ^d) 111 | 171 | (½ ^d) 1 | 216 | (1 ^d) 183 | 261 | (1 ^d) 219 |
| 127 | (1 ^d) 112 | 172 | (½ ^d) 2 | 217 | (1 ^d) 184 | 262 | (1 ^d) 220 |
| 128 | (1 ^d) 113 | 173 | (½ ^d) 3 | 218 | (1 ^d) 185 | 263 | (1 ^d) 221 |
| 129 | (1 ^d) 114 | 174 | (½ ^d) 4 | 219 | (1 ^d) 186 | 264 | (1 ^d) 222 |
| 130 | (1 ^d) 115 | 175 | (½ ^d) 5 | 220 | (½ ^d) 12 | 265 | (1 ^d) 223 |
| 131 | (1 ^d) 116 | 176 | (½ ^d) 6 | 221 | (½ ^d) 13 | 266 | |
| 132 | (1 ^d) 117 | 177 | (½ ^d) 8 | 222 | (1 ^d) 187 | 267 | (1 ^d) 224 |
| 133 | (1 ^d) 118 | 178 | (½ ^d) 9 | 223 | (1 ^d) 188 | 268 | (1 ^d) 225 |
| 134 | (1 ^d) 119 | 179 | | 224 | (½ ^d) 14 | 269 | |
| 135 | (1 ^d) 120 | 180 | (1 ^d) 153 | 225 | (1 ^d) 189 | 270 | |
| 136 | (1 ^d) 121 | 181 | (1 ^d) 154 | 226 | (1 ^d) 190 | 271 | (½ ^d) 21 |
| 137 | (1 ^d) 122 | 182 | (1 ^d) 155 | 227 | (2 ^d) 15 | 272 | (½ ^d) 22 |
| 138 | (1 ^d) 123 | 183 | (1 ^d) 156 | 228 | (1 ^d) 191 | | |
| 139 | (1 ^d) 124 | 184 | (1 ^d) 157 | 229 | (1 ^d) 192 | | |
| 140 | (1 ^d) 125 | 185 | (1 ^d) 158 | 230 | (1 ^d) 193 | | |
| 141 | | 186 | (1 ^d) 159 | 231 | (1 ^d) 194 | | |
| 142 | (1 ^d) 127 | 187 | (1 ^d) 160 | 232 | (1 ^d) 195 | | |
| 143 | | 188 | | 233 | (1 ^d) 196 | | |
| 144 | (1 ^d) 129 | 189 | | 234 | (1 ^d) 197 | | |
| 145 | (1 ^d) 130 | 190 | | 235 | (1 ^d) 198 | | |
| 146 | (1 ^d) 131 | 191 | (1 ^d) 161 | 236 | (1 ^d) 199 | | |
| 147 | (1 ^d) 132 | 192 | (1 ^d) 162 | 237 | (1 ^d) 200 | | |
| 148 | (1 ^d) 133 | 193 | (1½ ^d) 3 | 238 | (1 ^d) 201 | | |
| 149 | (1 ^d) 134 | 194 | (1 ^d) 163 | 239 | (1 ^d) 202 | | |
| 150 | (1 ^d) 135 | 195 | (1 ^d) 164 | 240 | (1 ^d) 203 | | |
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Life Span of the Printing Plates

For

The Surface Printed Postage stamps

Produced by De La Rue and Co. Ltd.



By Allan Oliver

Introduction to section two

Illustrations

Illustrations of the stamps have been included in the headings for each value of the various types to aid identification. Whilst this will make this document much larger in size, I feel that this is necessary, (and easier to follow), given the wide range of values and designs employed in these issues. Where tables for an issue have been broken down according to paper type, watermark or a colour variation, the illustration only appears in the heading for the first table.

Colours of the stamps

In general, I have not attempted to give shade or colour variations for the stamps, some of which may be very rare. The exceptions to this are where a distinct variation occurs when a different paper or watermark is used. If it should become possible to tie down a particular shade to a specific production date with the quantity printed, then these will be added. This will be very much an “if and when” situation rather than a general rule for all issues.

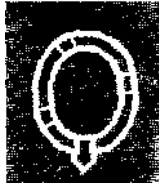
The tables

The tables used in this section follow the same layout used in the section one covering the Line Engraved printing plates. Most of the columns are self-explanatory, but a few notes on the others may be of assistance.

The “Recommended for defacement” column will give the date when the Board of Inland Revenue recommended that a particular plate be defaced. These records are held in the Public Archives at Kew, (London), in records IR 79/79. As time permits I will try to fill in the dates for the various plates.

The column headed “Defaced / Destroyed” will, it is hoped have two dates. The first, the defacement date, was when the plate was rendered unusable for any further production of labels; and this was usually done by scoring the surface with a file, and the destruction date, when the plate was total destroyed.

Watermark types



Small Garter



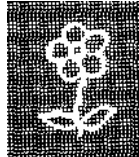
Medium Garter



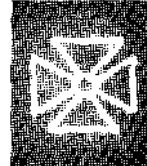
Large Garter



Emblems



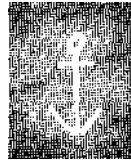
Spray



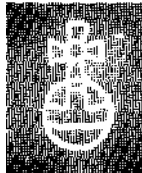
Maltese Cross



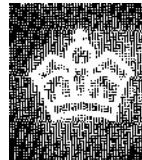
Large Anchor



Small Anchor



Orb



Crown

First series

The first series consisted of three values, (4^d, 6^d and 1/-), which were issued in 1855 and 1856. These impressions did not show the plate number in the design, nor did they include corner letters to indicate their position in the sheet.



Four Pence Carmine. **Small Garter. P. 14** **Thick blued safety paper**

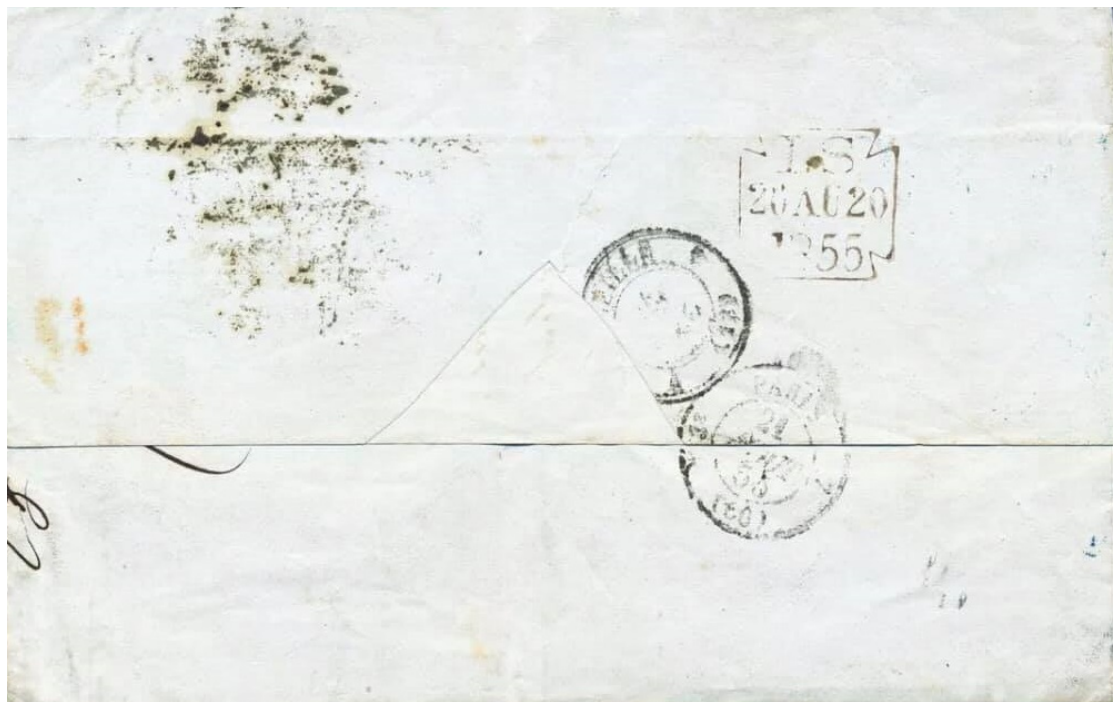
Printed in sheets of 240 impressions arranged in four panes of 60 impressions each.

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|---|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | 13 Jul 55 | 13 Jul 55 | | | | 7,500 | 20 Aug 55 |
| | Overprinted "SPECIMEN" for distribution to Post Offices | | | | | 4,000 | |
| 2 | 1855 | 29 Oct 55 | | | | 45 | |
| | | | | | | | |

The total given for plate 1 includes the two printings that were made in November 1856 and January 1857 using a remainder of stock of the small garter watermarked paper. These impressions lacked the bluing, giving the appearance of white paper. It is estimated that the production from these two later printings amounted to about 1,000 sheets. Official records show the total production for plate 1 as 11,500 sheets, which included those overprinted "SPECIMEN".

The figure of 45 sheets given for plate 2 includes the imprimatur sheet. The put to press date for this sheet is recorded as being the same as for plate 1, (13th July 1855), however considering the number of sheets printed, we are uncertain if this was the case, in which it was only at press for part of the day, or if the printing was actually made late in the use of this watermarked paper, namely January 1857.

In the GB Journal, (Volume 50 number 1 – dated January / February 2012), there was a list of known surface printed First Day Covers. Included in this list was the 4d value dated 31 July 1855. This cover had apparently been illustrated in volume 34 number 2 dated March / April 1996 of the GB Journal. This has not been seen for inclusion in the list, but is noted here for reference.



Posted from Lombard Street dated 20 August 1855
Stamps cancelled by numeral 23 in diamond of the London Chief Office

Four Pence Carmine.
Medium Garter. P. 14
Thick blued safety paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | 1855 - 56 | 13 Jul 55 | | | | 5,500 | 25 Aug 56 |

Four Pence Carmine.
Medium Garter. P. 14
Thin ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | 1856 | 13 Jul 55 | | | | 2,000 | |

Four Pence Rose.
Medium Garter. P. 14
Ordinary white wove paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | 25 Feb 56 | 13 Jul 55 | | | | 7,500 | 26 Jul 58 |

This production used specially prepared ink.

Four Pence Rose.
Large Garter. Perf 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | Jan 57 | 13 Jul 55 | | | | 96,449 | 12 Jan 57 |
| 2 | 7 Jun 57 | 29 Oct 55 | | | | 23,455 | |

Plates 1 and 2 were registered on small garter watermarked paper



Six Pence Lilac.
Emblems. P. 14
Thick highly glazed blue paper

Printed in sheets of 240 impressions in twelve panes of 20 impressions each.

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | 29 Mar 56 | 29 Mar 56 | | | | 5 | |

These were the sheets that were sent to Somerset House for registration, one of which was retained as the imprimatur sheet.

Six Pence Lilac.
Emblems. P. 14
Azure paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | | 29 Mar 56 | | | | 2,000 | |

Six Pence Lilac.
Emblems. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | | 29 Mar 56 | | | | 131,495 | 12 Feb 1857 |

The total production for this issue is given as 133,500 sheets, which have been broken down in the tables above.



6d used on the 12th February 1857



One shilling green.
Emblems. P. 14
Azure paper

These stamps were printed in sheets of 240 impressions, consisting of twelve panes of twenty impressions each.

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | June 1856 | 27 Jun 56 | | | | 500 | |
| | | | | | | | |

This production was experimental and was made in June 1856.

One shilling green.
Emblems. P. 14
Thick highly surfaced deeply blued paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | 12 Oct 56 | | | | | 5 | |
| | | | | | | | |

These were the registration sheets of which the remainder were evidently perforated and put into circulation. Used examples are known.

One-shilling green.
Emblems. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | | | | | | 49,995 | 11 Nov 57 |
| | | | | | | | |

Second series

The second series consisted of five values, (3^d, 4^d, 6^d, 9^d and 1/-), which were issued between 1862 and 1864. These impressions did include the familiar corner letters to indicate their position in the sheet and these were in small white letters.



Three pence carmine-rose.

Emblems. P. 14

Ordinary white paper

(Original) State 1 of the plate – shaded spandrels

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|---|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | This plate was defective and was never registered | | | | | | |
| 2 | 18 Oct 61 | 17 Oct 61 | | | | 1,500 | |

In state 1 of the plate, the impressions had a network background in the lower spandrels. These impressions were thought to resemble, to closely, the 4^d value and were never issued. Most of this printing was destroyed. Examples are known with the “SPECIMEN” overprint, (two different types), and examples without the overprint may have been issued in the normal way, as both used and unused copies are known.

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| 1 | | | 2 | 208 |

Three pence carmine-rose.

Emblems. P. 14

Ordinary white paper

(Re-touched) State 2 of the plate – un-shaded spandrels

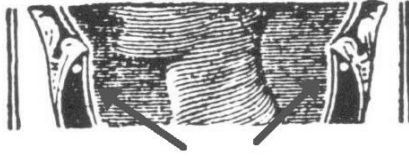
| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|---|-----------------------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2 | 19 Mar 62 or 1 May 62 | 19 Mar 62 | | | | 21,529 | 31 May 62 |
| Overprinted "SPECIMEN" for distribution to Post Offices | | | | | | 21 | |
| | | | | | | | |

Official records show that from the 5,040 stamps with the "SPECIMEN" overprint, (21 sheets), 5,000 are known to have been used on circulars distributed to Post Offices. The remaining 40 impressions are believed to have been destroyed.

The plate was re-registered after the spandrels were cleared. The current number remained the same as for state 1, listed above.



Used from London dated 31 May 1862



Three pence carmine-rose.
Emblems. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

Plate 3 – (with dot)

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------------|------------|--|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 3 | | 25 Aug 62 | Imprimatur sheet | | | 1 | |
| | | | Perforated at Somerset House | | | 2 | |
| | | | Overprinted "SPECIMEN" at Somerset House | | | 1 | |
| | | | Returned to the printers and issued in error | | | 1 | |
| | Current number 218 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

The five sheets printed from this plate, (probably on the same day as it was registered), were all sent to Somerset House for registration. One sheet was retained as the imprimatur copy, (of which 24 impressions have been removed). With the remaining four sheets, at least two others were retained at Somerset House, as examples are known with the unofficial line perf. 14 that was applied at this location. The other sheet retained here was overprinted with a "SPECIMEN" hand-stamp applied by the board of Inland Revenue. The remaining sheet was returned to the printers, where it is believed that they were included in with the existing plate 2 impressions, perforated and issued in the normal manner.

The imperforate examples which are known, I believe come from the Somerset House sheet that was overprinted "SPECIMEN". It may be that only some of the panes, (The sheet consisted of twelve panes each of twenty impressions), were overprinted.

With the 'issued in error' examples, two unused examples have been confirmed and two used, both from Yarmouth.



Four pence pale-red.
Large Garter. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 3 | 30 Nov 61 | 29 Nov 61 | | | | 57,500 | 27 Mar 62 |
| 4 | 7 Sep 63 | 27 Jun 62 | | | | 67,500 | 26 Aug 64 |
| 5 | Not registered or put to press | | | | | | |
| 6 | Not registered or put to press | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

Although the stamps do not have the plate number incorporated into the design, the plates can be distinguished by a diagonal line across the corner of the corner letter blocks, known as hair-lines. These hairlines are absent from all the plate 3 impressions.

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| 3 | 206 | | 4 | 216 |
| | | | | |



Plate 3 used from London to Paris – dated 27th march 1862



Plate 4 with hairlines, dated 26th August 1864



Six pence lilac.
Emblems. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 9 Sep 62 | 17 Oct 61 | | | | 46,000 | 12 Jan 63 |
| 4 | 11 Apr 64 | 15 Apr 62 | | | | 18,000 | 30 July 64 |
| | | | | | | | |

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| | | | | |
| 3 | 207 | | 4 | 212 |
| | | | | |

As with the 4^d red there were no plate numbers in the design, but again hairlines appear across the corner letter blocks on plate 4 impressions.

Both plates were printed on thick paper, which may just be variations in the thickness of the paper supplied to the printer. Plate 3 is also known on azure (blued) paper. This could be use of remaining supplies of this type of paper left over from the experimental printings made with the earlier 6^d and 1/- plates, circa June 1856; or it may be a continuation of the experimental printings. The likely-hood is that it is the former, given that the earlier experiments are noted in the official records.

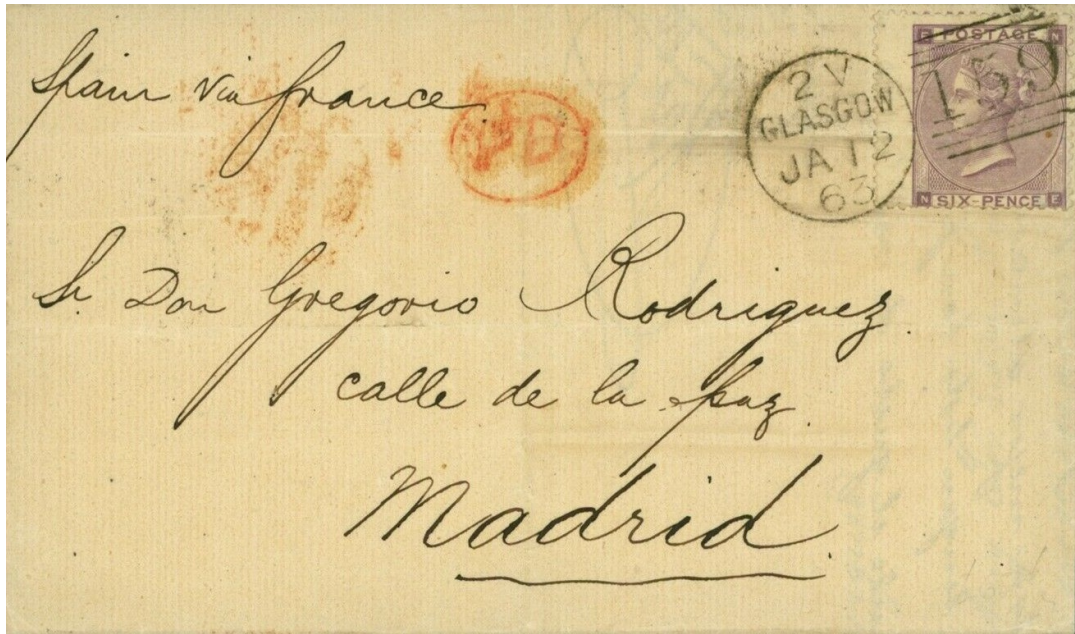


Plate 3 dated 12th January 1863



Plate 4, (with hairlines), dated 30th July 1864



Nine pence bistre.
Emblems. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|----------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | Never registered or put to press | | | | | | |
| 2 | 14 Nov 61 | 14 Nov 61 | | | | 6,550 | 7 Mar 65 |
| 3 | | 8 May 62 | | | | 5 | |
| | | | | | | | |

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| 1 | | | 2 | 205 | | 3 | 214 |
| | | | | | | | |

The different plates can be distinguished by the hairlines across the corner letter blocks that appear on plate 3.

Examples from plate 2 on azure paper have been reported, and it possible that these are the use of remaining paper stocks from the experimental printing made circa June 1856, (see note below the 6^d value above). However no authenticated examples are know to me at this time, and I would therefore be sceptical of any impressions offered as such.

Examples from plate 3 are known both in used and unused condition. The five sheets noted above were the usual run off and sent to Somerset House for registration. It would appear that one was retained as the imprimatur sheet and the other four returned to the printers where they were perforated and issued in with the normal supply from plate 2. The total known at this time is 30 used and 3 unused copies.



One shilling green.
Emblems. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| 2 | 8 Oct 62 | 8 May 62 | | | | 25,979 <i>39,011</i> | 26 Mar 63 |
| | | Overprinted "SPECIMEN" for distribution to Post Offices | | | | 21 | |
| 3 | | 16 Jun 62 | | | | 5 | |
| | | | | | | | |

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| | | | | |
| 2 | 213 | | 3 | 215 |
| | | | | |

Stamps from plate 2 show a numeral 1 on each side of the oval and those from plate 3 show the numeral 2.

The figure for the total number of sheets from plate 2, (in italic type), is the generally published total, however, the official records show a total production from these plates as 26,005 sheets. Allowing for the five sheets from plate 3, (which would seem logical with such an odd number), we have the remaining 26,000 sheets as shown above.

With the 21 sheets, (5,040 stamps), which were used for circulation to postmasters, only 5,000 stamps are recorded as being used in this manner. I suspect that the odd 40 impressions were officially destroyed.

The five registration sheets sent to Somerset House were, it would appear, all retained there and the odd four sheets never returned to the printers. Of these, one sheet was retained as the imprimatur and at least one other had the "SPECIMEN" overprint applied. The remaining three sheets, we suspect, were unofficially perforated with the gauge 14-line perforator at that location. From these, three unused copies have been confirmed. It is worth noting that, as well as the distinctive plate number in the design, examples from plate 3 also show the hairlines across the corner letter blocks.

According to the paper warrants, 1 sheet of paper was supplied for printing plate 3, so the total for plate 2 may be increased by one.

Third series

The third series consisted of six values, (3^d, 4^d, 6^d, 9^d 10^d and 1/-), which were issued between 1865 and 1867. These impressions had large white corner letters to indicate their position in the sheet and the plate numbers incorporated into the design.

From about December 1864, machine made paper started to replace the hand made variety. The thick paper variations that occur on the earlier issues of some values may still be due to variations in the hand made paper that was supplied.



Three pence rose.
Emblems. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 4 | 19 Dec 64 | 28 Nov 64 | | | | 42,499 | 15 Dec 65 |
| 5 | | Oct 65 | | | | 1 | |

| Plate No. | Current number | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|
| 4 | 237 | 5 | 254 |

Plate 5 was registered on emblems watermarked paper but was not put to press until December 1867, at which time the spray watermark was being used. (See the section on the fourth series below). If the usual 5 sheets had been printed and returned to the printers, as was the normal practice we would expect to find at least one example, but none have been recorded. If these sheets had remained imperforate, then examples with the same letterings as on the imprimatur sheet would possibly exist, again none have been recorded. The evidence supports the theory that only one sheet was printed and submitted as the imprimatur.



Four pence vermillion.
Large Garter. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 7 | 5 Jun 65 | 3 Jun 65 | | | | 34,500 | 21 July 65 |
| 8 | 23 Jan 66 | 15 Aug 65 | | | | 45,000 | 23 May 66 |
| 9 | 16 May 67 | 2 Nov 66 | | | | 42,000 | 26 July 67 |
| 10 | 17 Mar 68 | 22 Dec 66 | | | | 11,500 | 15 Sep 68 |
| 11 | Late 1868 | 10 Sep 68 | | | | 55,000 | 3 July 69 |
| 12 | 21 Mar 70 | 28 Nov 68 | | | | 66,000 | 13 Feb 71 |
| 12 | | | On Dr. Perkins blued paper | | | 12 | |
| 13 | 11 Oct 72 | 1 Jan 69 | | | | 50,000 | 14 Apr 74 |
| 14 | 8 May 73 | 1 Apr 69 | | | | 35,000 | 23 Aug 73 |
| | | | | | | | |

| Plate No. | Current number | Plate No. | Current number | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|
| 7 | 247 | 8 | 248 | 9 | 275 |
| 10 | 276 | 11 | 315 | 12 | 321 |
| 13 | 322 | 14 | 327 | | |
| | | | | | |

Variation in watermark type. In 1872 whilst plate 12 was at press, a new paper was introduced in which the lines to the garter watermark were thicker. This new paper was used from this point onwards and printings made on it are generally paler than those from plates 7 to 12, (earlier printings).

Inverted watermarks. Between 1867 and 1871 all the printings from plates 10 and 11 were made on paper with the watermark inverted, (buckle at the top). With plates 9 and 12, about half the sheets were used in this manner along with a small quantity from plate 8, during this period.

Specimen overprints. The following plates are known to have had the "SPECIMEN" overprint applied. Plate 11, (possibly only 1 pane from an imperforate sheet supplied with the registration copies), plate 12, (again, possibly only one or more panes from an imperforate sheet), and plate 14, (possibly more than one sheet). Those from plate 14 are perforated and may have been used for post office circulars. In addition, examples from plate 13 are known overprinted "CANCELLED". These are perforated and gummed in the normal way and may be printers colour matching samples.

Dr. Perkins paper. The small printing on Dr. Perkins blued paper was evidently sent to Somerset House gummed but imperforate. Some sheets, (we estimate about half those supplied), were perforated with the unofficial p.14 machine at use there, after which a "SPECIMEN" overprint was applied.



Plate 7 used from London to France
No London date stamp, but must have been posted on the 21 July 1865
as the French marks are for the 22 July 1865

A cover from the following day with a London date stamp 22 July 1865 is also known



Plate 8 used from London – dated 23rd May 1866



Plate 9 used from London – dated 26 July 1867

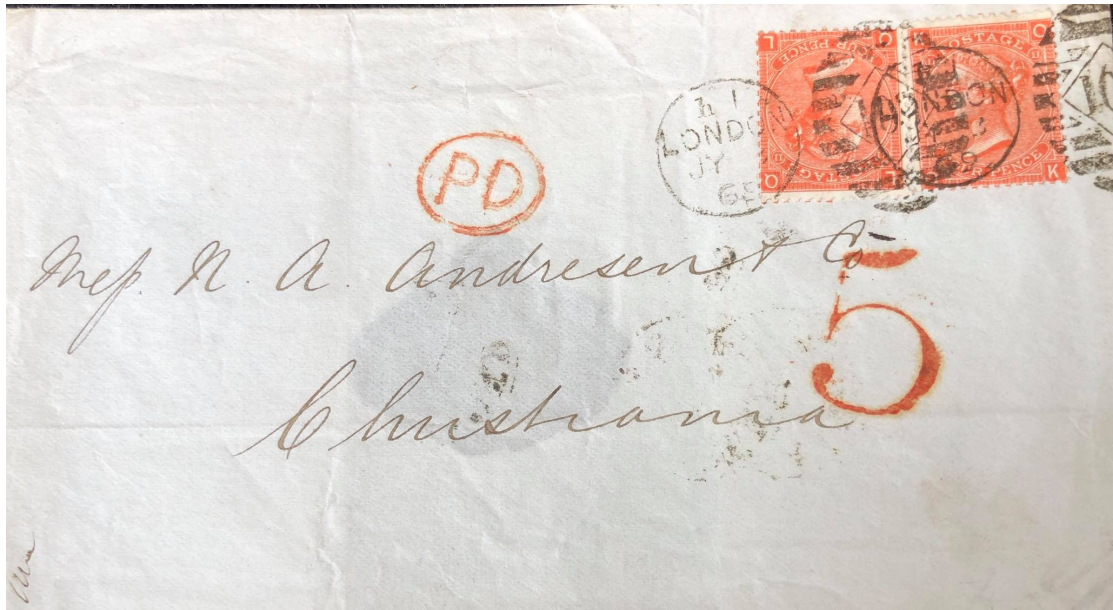


Plate 11 used from London dated
3rd July 1869



Plate 14 – Used Torquay – 23rd August 1873



Plate 13 used London dated 14th April 1874



Six pence lilac.
Emblems. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 5 | 4 Jan 65 | 30 Dec 64 | | | | 62,000 | 7 Mar 65 |
| 6 | 22 Nov 66 | 5 Dec 65 | | | | 12,000 | 18 Oct 67 |

| Plate No. | Current number | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|
| 5 | 238 | 6 | 253 |



6d Plate 6 used from Liverpool dated the 18th October 1867



Nine pence straw.
Emblems. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 4 | 24 May 65 or 30 Oct 65 | 27 Feb 65 | | | | 3,005 | |
| 5 | | 24 Apr 66 | | | | 5 | |
| | | | | | | | |

There is no evidence that the four spare sheets after the imprimatur had been selected for plate 5 were put into circulation. It seems likely that these were destroyed, probably at the printers, in December 1876 along with printings from plate 4 on spray watermarked paper. However, in 1887, about 36 impressions were removed from the imprimatur sheet, (horizontal rows K, L, M and N), and perforated by De La Rue in the normal way. These perforated examples were inserted into souvenir albums, which were intended for presentation to members of the stamp committee. About twenty of the impressions were later returned to the archives and replaced in the imprimatur sheet. As such no used examples are known to exist.

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| 4 | 239 | | 5 | 255 |
| | | | | |



Ten pence red-brown.
Emblems. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | 22 Mar 67 | 22 Mar 67 | | | | 1 to 5 | |
| | | | | | | | |

The 10^d plate 1 was printed in error on the emblems watermark paper whilst preparing the 1867 issue that was to use the spray watermark paper. The number of sheets printed at this time is not recorded and the figure shown above is an estimate. So far only eleven examples, (all used), have been recorded, seven of which are used in Constantinople.



One-shilling green.
Emblems. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 4 | 8 Dec 64 | 28 Nov 64 | | | | 39,011 42,495 | 19 Jan 65 |
| 5 | | 28 Mar 66 | | | | 5 | |
| | | | | | | | |

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| 4 | 236 | | 5 | 256 |
| | | | | |

From the printings of plate 5, one sheet was retained as the imprimatur and the others are believed to have been officially destroyed.

The two set of figures are those from the official records, (shown in black), and those quoted by Robson Lowe in “The encyclopaedia of British Empire Postage Stamps” volume 1.

Forth series

The forth series consisted of six values, (3^d, 6^d, 9^d 10^d 1/- and 2/-), which were issued between 1867 and 1880. These impressions had large white corner letters to indicate their position in the sheet and the plate numbers incorporated into the design as with the previous group, but were all printed on spray watermarked paper.



Three pence rose.
Spray. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 4 | 26 Nov 66 | Oct 65 | | 17 Dec 67 | | 11,005 | 6 May 67 |
| 5 | On Dr. Perkins paper. (Blued). | | | | | | |
| 5 | 18 Dec 67 | Oct 65 | | | | 96,495 | 25 Feb 68 |
| 6 | 22 Jun 69 | 8 Jun 68 | | | | 74,500 | |
| 7 | 19 Oct 71 | 20 Feb 69 | | | | 35,000 | 18 May 72 |
| 8 | 29 Feb 72 | 22 Feb 72 | | | | 35,000 | 18 May 72 |
| 9 | 31 Jul 72 | 22 Apr 72 | | | | 35,000 | 11 Oct 72 |
| 10 | 1 Jan 73 | 6 Dec 72 | | | | 35,000 | 27 May 73 |
| | | | | | | | |

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| 4 | 237 | | 5 | 254 |
| 6 | 307 | | 7 | 328 |
| 8 | 376 | | 9 | 382 |
| 10 | 407 | | | |
| | | | | |

The 3^d value was put to press on the 19th December 1864 and was printed at that time on the Emblems watermarked paper. The date given, above, indicates the probable date when the paper used for the production from this plate was changed to the spray of rose. At any rate, the change must have taken place late in 1866.



Block of eight from plate 7
Dated the 18th May 1872



A block of four showing the earliest known use of plate 8



Plate 9 – dated the 11th October 1872



3^d plate 10 on cover dated 27th May 1873



Six pence lilac.
Spray. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

With hyphen between ‘SIX’ and ‘PENCE’

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 6 | 1867 | 5 Dec 65 | | | | 38,000 | 2 June 68 |
| | 1868 | Special printing in Bright Violet | | | | 22,000 | |
| | | Later printing in Lilac | | | | | |
| 7 | Not registered or put to press | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

The put to press date, indicated above, represents the time when the paper used in the production of impressions from this plate was changed from Emblems to Spray of Rose.

On the 24th March 1868, the Board of Inland Revenue decided that this stamp should be issued in a brighter colour. At some time between the end March and July of that year, 22,000 sheets were printed in Bright Violet, and these were issued, (according to the records), on the 22nd July 1868. We are uncertain if this date represents supply to the Inland Revenue or supply by them to Post Offices for sale. The total number of sheet printed, (60,000), from the records includes this printing in Bright Violet. It is probable that after this special printing, production continued, reverting back to the ‘normal’ Lilac colour.



Six pence lilac.
Spray. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

Without hyphen between ‘SIX’ and ‘PENCE’

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 8 | 18 Dec 68 | 23 Jan 68 | | | | 60,500 | 8 Mar 69 |
| 9 | 3 May 70 | 20 Feb 69 | | | | 55,495 | 27 Sep 70 |
| 10 | | 1 Apr 69 | | | | 5 | 17 Sep 69 |
| | | | | | | | |

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| 8 | 301 | | 9 | 329 | | 10 | 331 |
| | | | | | | | |

The five sheets for plate 10 are those sent for registration. One was retained as the imprimatur and it appears that the other four were returned to the printers where they were perforated and included in the ‘normal’ stock. Ten examples have so far been recorded, one of which is used on cover from Weymouth. Examples are recorded used from Weymouth, London and Aberystwyth.

The paper warrant shows that only one sheet was ordered for the printing from plate 10, and the figure from plate 9 has been reduced to account for the 5 extra sheets



Plate 8 dated the 8th March 1869



The only example known of plate 10 on original cover



Six pence chestnut.
Spray. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 11 | 25 Jan 72 | 5 Jan 72 | | | | 20,000 | 12 Apr 72 |
| 12 | | 22 Apr 72 | | | | 5 | |
| | | | | | | | |

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| 11 | 375 | | 12 | 381 |
| | | | | |

The extra 4 registration sheets were evidently returned to the printers, perforated and issued with the normal supplies from plate 11. Any examples dated before the 30th October 1872, when the plate was officially put to press must be in the chestnut shade.



Six pence buff.
Spray. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 11 | Oct 72 | | | | | 15,000 | 12 Apr 73 |
| 12 | 30 Oct 72 | 22 Apr 72 | | | | 5,000 | 24 Dec 72 |
| | | | | | | | |

The issue of these stamps from plate 11 began in November 1872
 Plate 12 was registered in chestnut, as detailed in the previous table.

Six pence grey.
Spray. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 12 | Apr 73 | 22 Apr 72 | | 10 Oct 73 | | 29,995 | 19 Nov 73 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

Plate 12 was registered in chestnut, as detailed in the previous table.



Plate 12 dated the 19 November 1873



Nine pence straw.
Spray. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 4 | 1867 | | | | | 23,500 | 26 Apr 72 |
| | | Officially destroyed in December 1876 | | | | 961 | |
| | | Spoilage during production | | | | 391 | |
| | | | | | | | |

Official records show that the total number of sheets issued from this printing was 22,148. It is unclear, but they also seem to indicate that in with those officially destroyed, were at least one and possibly all four of the extra registration sheets from plate 5 on Emblems watermarked paper.

The 9^d stamp was withdrawn in 1877.



Ten pence red-brown.
Spray. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | 22 Mar 67 | 22 Mar 67 | | | | 14,000 | 25 Feb 68 |
| Officially destroyed in December 1876 | | | | | | 815 ¼ | |
| 2 | | 30 Aug 67 | | | | 5 | |
| | | | | | | | |

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| 1 | 286 | | 2 | 293 |
| | | | | |

Official records show the number of stamps produced, and in the case of some values, officially destroyed. It is from these figures that the figures in the tables are calculated, and in the case of plate 1 this gives 13,189¾ sheets put into circulation.

In the case of plate 2, the five sheets were the registration copies, and it appears that the extra four sheets were returned to the printers, perforated and put into circulation. 30 used copies and 1 unused example is known. There is also reported to be an unused example in the Royal Collection but all reports seem to indicate that this is probably a used example that has been cleaned.



Used from Glasgow to India dated 25th February 1868



One-shilling green.
Spray. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|----------------------------------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| 4 | Early 1867 | 28 Nov 64 | | | | 77,000 | 13 Aug 69 |
| On Dr Perkins blued safety paper | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 20 Feb 71 | 28 Mar 66 | | 30 Sep 72 | | 55,495 | 19 May 71 |
| 6 | 20 Mar 72 | 20 Feb 69 | | 15 Oct 72 | | 35,000 | 29 Mar 69 14 May 72 |
| 7 | 11 Nov 72 | 30 Sep 72 | | | | 35,000 | 16 May 73 |

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| 4 | 236 | | 5 | 256 |
| 6 | 330 | | 7 | 383 |

The printings on Dr Perkins paper are known both imperforate and perforated with the addition of a "SPECIMEN" overprint. We are uncertain as to the number of sheets printed at this time but suspect the number to be quite low.

All plates are known with various types of "SPECIMEN" overprint

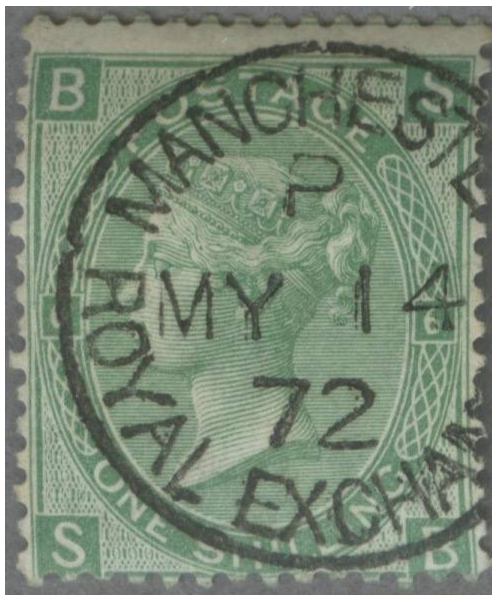
The earliest recorded use for plate 6 pre-dates the put to press date, proving that it was from one of the four spare registration sheets, perforated and issued prior to the main production. The earliest known date, (after the official putting to press), is the 14th May 1872.

Plate 5



Used from London - dated 19th May 1871

Plate 6



Used from Manchester – dated 14th May 1872



Two-shilling blue.
Spray. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known | |
|-----------|--|------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| 1 | 10 Apr 67 | 5 Apr 67 | | ??? June 1867 | | 1,953 | 1 Jul 67 | |
| | | | Destroyed prior to July 1867 | | | 52 | | |
| | The plate as originally laid down was out of alignment in relation to the perforating machine. It was re-aligned and re-registered | | | | | | | |
| 1 | ??? 5 Jul 67 | 5 Jul 67 | | | | 22,000 | | |
| 1 | Overprinted "SPECIMEN" for distribution to Post Offices | | | | | 4,000 | | |
| 2 | Never registered or put to press | | | | | | | |
| 3 | | 23 Jan 67 23 Jan 68 | | | | 5 | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| | | | | |
| 1 | 285 | | 3 | 298 |
| | | | | |

Plate 1 was not aligned correctly, and this led to difficulties in perforating the sheets. As such the quantity supplied for distribution were all supplied as part sheets, (Post office sheets of 20 – panes from the original sheet), and the remaining part sheets, (panes), amounting to the quantity shown were officially destroyed. It is believed that this initial printing was made in the Cobalt colour.

Although the official release date and thus the earliest known was the 1st July 1867, it is known that some stamps were issued at Hull on the 17th June, and possibly earlier.

The 4 extra sheets from plate 3 were perforated with the unofficial gauge 14-perforator at Somerset House and put into circulation. A few used copies exist and a single mint example is known in the Royal collection.



Two-shilling brown.
Spray. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | | 5 Apr 67 | | | | 333½ - | 27 Feb 1880 |
| | | Spoilt during printing or perforating and destroyed at the printers | | | | 19 | |
| | | Officially destroyed in 1880 | | | | 657½ + | |
| | | | | | | | |

Official records show that 1,000 sheets were originally printed of which 967 full sheets and 28 half sheets were delivered, the remainder being destroyed due to spoilage by the printers. These records also show that 157,820 stamps were officially destroyed, (slightly over 657½ sheets), leaving the remainder 77,620 stamps, (slightly less than 333½ sheets), which went into circulation. In addition, at least one sheet was overprinted with the “SPECIMEN” hand-stamp.

The registration date is for the plate when it was originally printed from in blue, as detailed in the preceding table.

The colour of this stamp was changed to Brown in February 1880

Fifth series

The fifth series consisted of six values, ($2\frac{1}{2}^d$, 3^d , 4^d , 6^d , 8^d and 1/-), which were issued between 1873 and 1880. These impressions had large coloured corner letters to indicate their position in the sheet and the plate numbers incorporated into the design as with the previous group. The corner blocks, which contain the check letters, are plain white whereas in the previous group they were solid blocks of colour.



Two and a half pence rosy-mauve.

Anchor. P. 14

Ordinary white paper

Sheets of 192 impressions in two panes of 96, (one above the other)

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|------------------------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | 30 Mar 75 | 30 Mar 75 | | | | 35,000 | 7 July 75 |
| Printed on blued paper | | | | | | | 1 July 75 |
| 2 | 18 Jun 75 | 30 Mar 75 | | | | 35,000 | 29 Nov 75 |
| 3 | 12 Jun 75 | 10 Jun 75 | | | | 20,000 | 18 Oct 75 |
| 4 | | 13 July 75 | | | | 1 | |
| 5 | | 13 July 75 | | | | 1 | |

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| 1 | 465 | | 2 | 466 |
| 3 | 473 | | 4 | 474 |
| 5 | 475 | | | |

The paper warrants indicate that the usual 5 extra sheets were not printed from plates 4 and 5 and no examples have been discovered either perforated or imperforate.

Plate 1 on white paper is also reported used on the 1st July 1875



Plate 1 used from Hounslow dated 7th July 1875



Plate 1 (pair) used from Frome dated 7th July 1875



Plate 2 used from London dated 29th November 1875



Plate 3 used from London dated 18th October 1875

Two and a half pence rosy-mauve.

Orb. P. 14

Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 1876 | 30 Mar 75 | | | | 15,000 | 25 May 76 |
| 4 | 21 Apr 76 | 13 July 75 | | | | 34,999 | 29 Sept 76 |
| 5 | 3 Jul 76 | 13 July 75 | | | | 34,999 | 31 Aug 76 |
| 6 | 7 Sep 76 | 3 May 76 | | | | 35,000 | 27 Nov 76 |
| 7 | 16 Feb 77 | 11 Sep 76 | | | | 35,000 | 17 Apr 77 |
| 8 | 4 Jun 77 | 5 Apr 77 | | | | 35,000 | 18 July 77 |
| 9 | 14 Sep 77 | 11 July 77 | | | | 35,000 | 9 Nov 77 |
| 10 | 7 Dec 77 | 20 Sep 77 | | | | 35,000 | 16 Apr 78 |
| 11 | 19 Mar 78 | 13 Dec 77 | | | | 35,000 | 12 July 78 |
| 12 | 25 Jul 78 | 30 Apr 78 | | | | 35,000 | 13 Sept 78 |
| 13 | 30 Sep 78 | 22 Aug 78 | | | | 35,000 | 13 Dec 78 |
| 14 | 11 Feb 79 | 15 Nov 78 | | | | 35,000 | 9 Jun 79 |
| 15 | 8 May 79 | 19 Mar 79 | | | | 35,000 | 30 July 79 |
| 16 | 15 Aug 79 | 26 Jun 79 | | | | 35,000 | 13 Oct 79 |
| 17 | 23 Dec 79 | 19 Sep 79 | | | | 5,000 | 22 Jan 80 |
| | | | | | | | |

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 473 | | 4 | 474 | | 5 | 475 |
| 6 | 501 | | 7 | 513 | | 8 | 531 |
| 9 | 535 | | 10 | 543 | | 11 | 547 |
| 12 | 555 | | 13 | 565 | | 14 | 568 |
| 15 | 575 | | 16 | 576 | | 17 | 581 |
| | | | | | | | |

Plate 3 is also reported used on the 1st May 1876

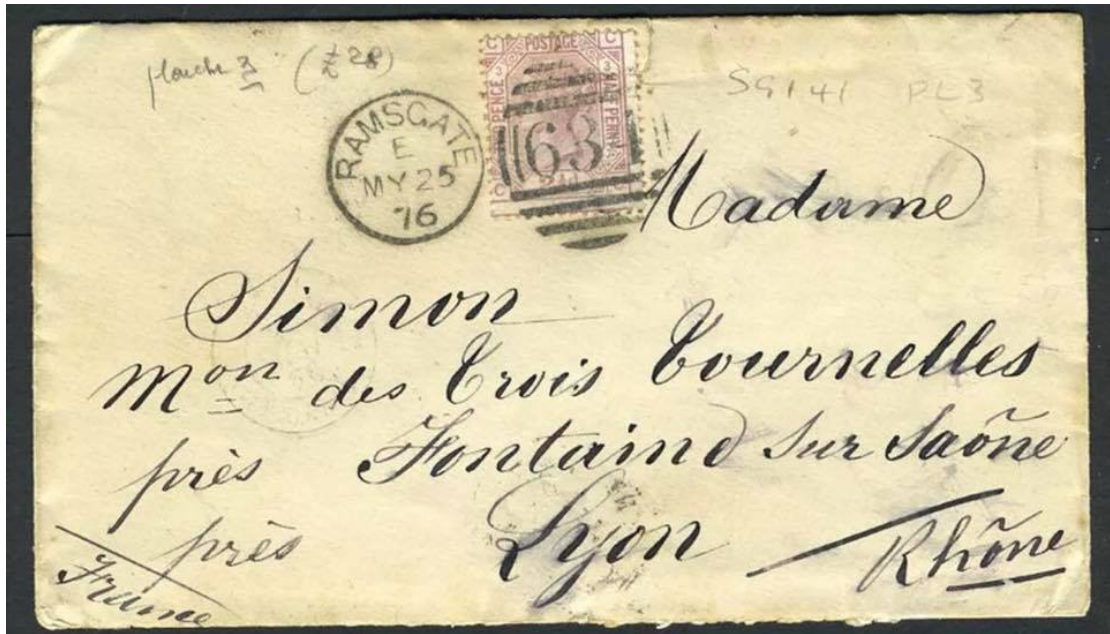


Plate 3 used from Ramsgate – 25th May 1876



Plate 4 used from Arbroath – 29th September 1876
 (Date verified from contents of letter)



Plate 6 used from London – 27th November 1876



Plate 7 used from London WC – 17th April 1877



Plate 9 used from London – 9th November 1877



Plate 11 used from London EC – 12th July 1878



Plate 12 used from London – 13th September 1878



Plate 13 used from Richmond – 3 December 1878



Plate 16 used on the 13th October 1879



Plate 17 used from London dated 22nd January 1880



Two and a half pence blue.

Orb. P. 14

Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 17 | 1880 | 19 Sep 79 | | | | 30,000 | 16 Feb 80 |
| 18 | 11 Feb 80 | 22 Jan 80 | | | | 35,000 | 24 Mar 80 |
| 19 | 6 Apr 80 | 6 Apr 80 | | | | 60,000 | 19 Aug 80 |
| 20 | 11 Oct 80 | 28 May 80 | | | | 35,000 | 21 Dec 80 |
| | | | | | | | |

There is no official record of the number of sheets printed from plate 20, however the records do indicate that it was the usual quota.

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| 17 | 581 | | 18 | 583 |
| 19 | 588 | | 20 | 592 |
| | | | | |



Plate 17 dated 16th February 1880



Plate 19 dated 19th August 1880



Plate 18 dated 24th March 1880



Three pence rose.
Spray. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|---|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| 11 | 17 Apr 73 | 21 Dec 72 | | | | 35,000 | 8 Jly 73 |
| 12 | 4 Sep 73 | 21 Jun 73 | | | | 35,000 | 21 Jan 74 |
| 13 | This plate was defective. It was never registered or put to press | | | | | | |
| 14 | 12 Jan 74 | 27 Aug 73 | | | | 35,000 | 16 Apr 74 |
| 15 | 9 Jun 74 | 25 Nov 73 | | | | 35,000 | 21 Aug 74 24 Aug 74 |
| 16 | 29 Oct 74 | 10 Jun 74 | | | | 35,000 | 13 Jan 75 |
| 17 | 20 Feb 75 | 30 Sep 74 | | | | 35,000 | 8 Apr 75 |
| 18 | 13 Jul 75 | 26 Jan 75 | | | | 35,000 | 29 Oct 75 |
| 19 | 8 Mar 76 | 7 May 75 | | | | 35,000 | 14 Jan 79 |
| 20 | 29 Nov 78 | 29 Nov 78 | | | | 30,000 | 21 July 80 |
| 21 | | 15 July 80 | | | | 5 / 1 | |

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| 11 | 414 | | 12 | 424 | | 13 | |
| 14 | 433 | | 15 | 435 | | 16 | 447 |
| 17 | 455 | | 18 | 459 | | 19 | 468 |
| 20 | 570 | | 21 | 594 | | | |

An imprimatur sheet for plate 21 exists, and it is therefore generally assumed that the usual five sheets were printed and submitted to the authorities. No perforated examples have been discovered and the evidence indicates that only one sheet, (the imprimatur), was actually printed.



Plate 11 unit DE used from London to France
dated 8th July 1873

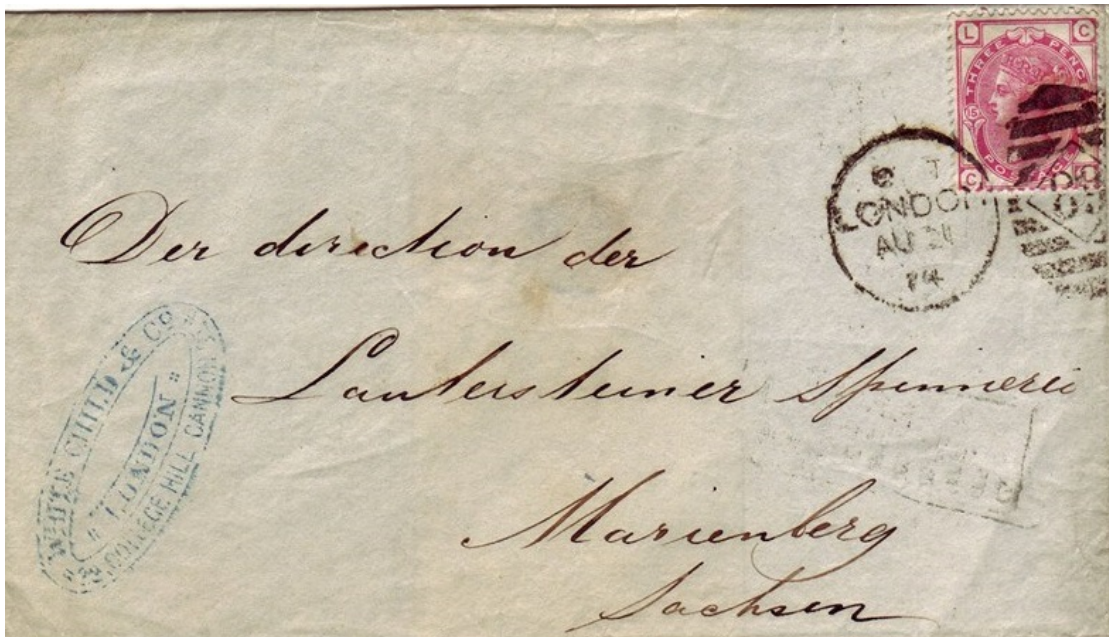


Plate 15 unit CL used from London to Marienberg / Saxony
dated 21st August 1874



Four pence vermilion.
Large Garter. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 15 | 17 Nov 75 | 10 Jun 74 | | | | 15,000 | 17 Feb 76 |
| 16 | | 4 Aug 74 | | | | 5 | |
| | | | | | | | |

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| | | | | |
| 15 | 428 | | 16 | 449 |
| | | | | |

The four extra registration sheets from plate 16 were returned to the printers, where they were perforated and issued with the normal supplies. Eight examples, (all used), have been recorded.



Plate 15 – dated 17 February 1876



Four pence sage-green.
Large Garter. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 15 | 27 Feb 77 | 1 Nov 76 | | | | 20,000 | |
| 16 | 23 Oct 77 | | | | | 29,995 | 25 Oct 78 |
| 17 | | 30 Jul 77 | | | | 5 | |
| | | | | | | | |

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| 15 | 428 | | 16 | 449 | | 17 | 540 |
| | | | | | | | |

Plate 15 was re-registered in the new colour. When the five registration sheets were submitted to Somerset House, one was selected as the imprimatur and at least one other was retained and overprinted "SPECIMEN".

The five sheets from plate 17 were the registration copies sent to Somerset House. The additional four sheets, (after selection of the imprimatur), were returned to the printers where they were perforated and issued with the normal supplies. Seventeen used examples have been recorded of which twelve are used at Bradford.



Plate 16 dated 25th October 1878



Four pence grey-brown.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 17 | 10 Jun 80 | | | | | 9,795 | 1 Dec 80 |
| 18 | 15 Aug 82 | 15 Aug 82 | | | | | 23 Aug 83 |
| | | | | | | | |

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| 17 | 540 | | 18 | 688 |
| | | | | |



Plate 17 dated 22nd January 1881



Plate 18 dated 23rd August 1883

Six pence buff.
Spray. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 13 | 11 Dec 73 | 21 Dec 72 | | | | 5 | |

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| 13 | 413 | | | |

It would appear that after selection of the imprimatur sheet, the remaining four sheets were returned to the printers where they were perforated and issued with the normal supplies. Eighteen used copies are known, (most of these used at LEEDS). No mint examples are known.



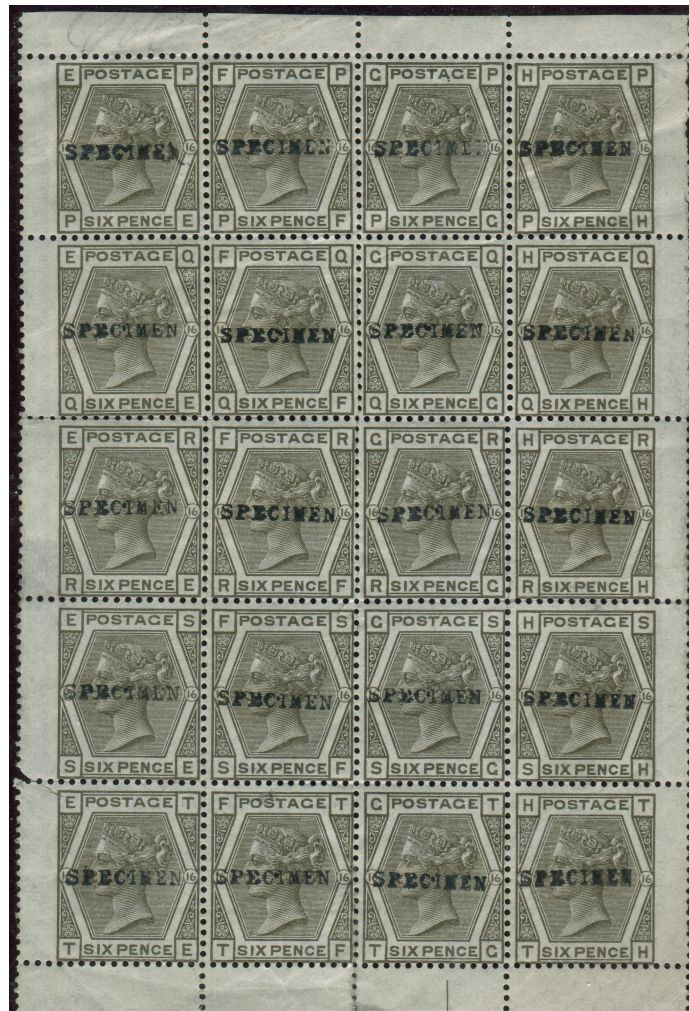
Six pence grey.
Spray. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|----------------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 13 | 11 Dec 73 | 21 Dec 72 | | | | 34,995 | 17 Mar 75 |
| 14 | 16 Oct 74 | | | | | 35,000 | 21 May 75 |
| 15 | 26 Nov 75 | 15 Jul 74 | | | | 35,000 | 27 Apr 76 |
| 16 | 2 Nov 77 | 10 Sep 75 | | | | 34,999 | 19 July 79 |
| | Overprinted SPECIMEN | | | | | 1 | |
| 17 | 21 Apr 80 | 13 Dec 77 | | | | 15,000 | 4 Nov 80 |

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| 13 | 413 | | 14 | | | 15 | 442 |
| 16 | 488 | | 17 | 546 | | | |



6^d plate 14 dated 21st May 1875



Eight pence purple-brown.

Large Garter. P. 14

Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 1 | | 7 Jul 76 | | | | 10,000 | |
| | | | | | | | |

This stamp was prepared for use in July 1876 but was never issued and the imprimatur sheet for this plate is in this colour, and it is therefore assumed that the usual five sheets were submitted. As the official records state that most of these impressions were officially destroyed, we have assumed that the additional four registration sheets submitted to Somerset House were retained there. A few mint examples are known, as are examples with the "SPECIMEN" overprint, (two different types recorded). All these examples are perforated, and we would suspect that these were done on a machine at this location rather than at the printers, as was the norm.

The current number was 503. The imprimatur sheet has the watermark inverted.



Eight pence orange.
Large Garter. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | | 7 Jul 76 | | | | 20,000 | 26 Sep 76 |
| 2 | | 11 Sep 76 | | | | 5 | |
| | | | | | | | |

The five sheets from plate 2 were the registration copies of which one was retained as the imprimatur. What happened to the remaining four sheets, if they were ever printed, is uncertain, but no perforated examples are known. Plate 1 was registered in purple-brown.

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| 1 | 503 | | 2 | 510 |
| | | | | |



Plate 1

Used at Glasgow – 26th September 1876



One-shilling green.
Spray. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 8 | 10 Jun 73 | 30 Sep 72 | | | | 35,000 | 17 Jan 74 |
| 9 | 21 Nov 73 | 10 Jul 73 | | | | 35,000 | 16 May 74 |
| 10 | 14 Jul 74 | 25 Nov 73 | | | | 35,000 | 15 Jan 75 |
| 11 | 14 Dec 74 | 23 Apr 74 | | | | 35,000 | 4 June 75 |
| 12 | 24 Jun 75 | 30 Sep 74 | | | | 35,000 | 6 Oct 75 |
| 13 | 17 Jan 76 | 22 Apr 75 | | | | 25,000 | 16 Feb 78 |
| 14 | | 20 Dec 75 | | | | 5 | |

| Plate No. | Current number | Plate No. | Current number | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|
| 8 | 405 | 9 | 425 | 10 | 436 |
| 11 | 441 | 12 | 456 | 13 | 467 |
| 14 | 493 | | | | |

The five sheets from plate 14 are the registration copies of which one was retained as the imprimatur. At least one of the spare sheets was perforated and put into circulation with the normal supply and five used examples have been recorded.

Plate 8 is reported used on the 1st September 1873



1/- green plate 8 – used London EC (84) dated the 17th January 1874



1/- green plate 9 – used Manchester dated the 16th May 1874



1/- green plate 10 – used London dated the 10th January 1875



1/- green plate 11 – used Manchester dated 4th June 1875



1/- green plate 12 – used Manchester dated 6th October 1875



1/- green plate 13 – used London dated 16th February 1878



One-shilling orange-brown.

Spray. P. 14

Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|-----------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 13 | ??? Sep 1880 | | | | | 5,000 | 1880 |
| | | | | | | | |

There is no official record of the number printed from plate 13 in orange-brown, but as there was now a reduced need for this value owing to the introduction of the telegraph stamp, (of the same duty), it has been assumed that only one creation warrant for 5,000 sheets was made out. The date given for this warrant and thus the date when this plate went to press in the revised colour is also estimated. Believed to have been issued on the 14th October 1880.

Sixth series

The sixth series consisted of seven values, (2½^d, 3^d, 4^d, 6^d, and 1/- along with the 3^d and 6^d which were surcharged with their own face value), which were issued between 1880 and 1883. These impressions had large coloured corner letters to indicate their position in the sheet and the plate numbers incorporated into the design as with the previous group and were all issued on Crown watermarked paper.

It should be noted that there are no official records of the numbers produced for each plate in this series. There is however figures for the amount of stamps sold, and using this it is possible to calculate a figure for the total number of sheets, which has then been estimated in the breakdown within the tables for each plate.



Two and a half pence blue.

Crown. P. 14

Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 21 | 3 Feb 81 | 3 Feb 81 | | | | 126,000 | 10 June 81 |
| 22 | 9 Jun 81 | 11 Jun 81 | | | | 130,000 | 5 Aug 81 |
| 23 | 9 Jun 81 | 11 Jun 81 | | | | 130,000 | 22 Nov 81 |
| | | | | | | | |

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| 21 | 625 | | 22 | 626 |
| 23 | 627 | | | |
| | | | | |

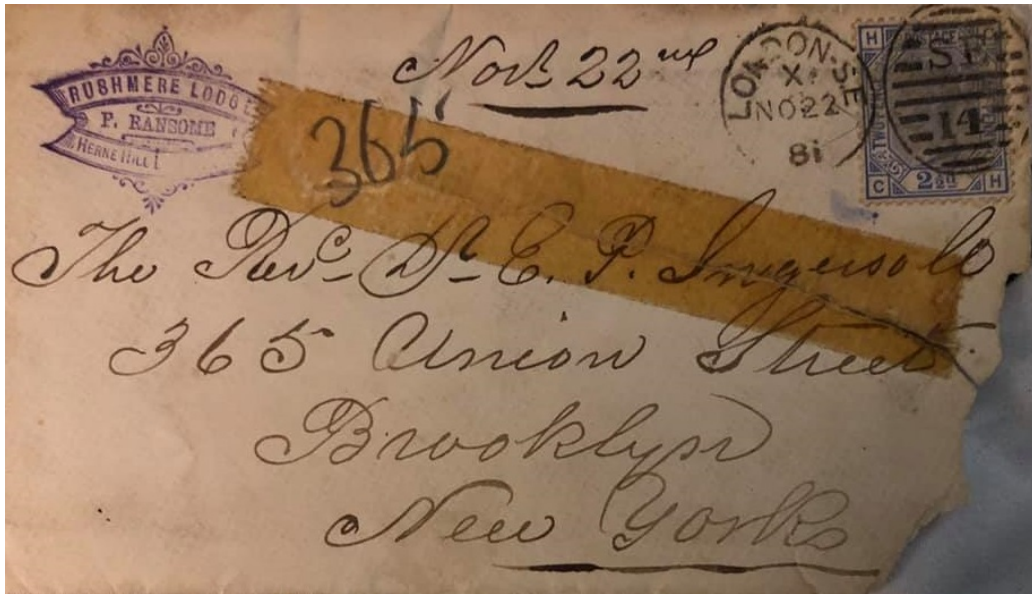


Plate 23 used from London to New York, USA
Dated 22nd November 1881



Three pence rose.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 20 | 1880 | 19 Feb 81 | | | | 66,250 | 29 Jan 81 |
| 21 | 15 Jul 80 | 18 Jul 81 | | | | 125,000 | 14 Dec 81 |
| | | | | | | | |

| Plate No. | Current number | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------------|
| 20 | 570 | 21 | 594 |
| | | | |

Both these plates had been previously used in a different layout for the Spray watermark paper. The plates were altered to fit the Crown watermark, (two panes of 120, one above the other), and both were re-registered in this form.

At least 25% of these stamps were used in the telegraph offices.



Plate 20 dated 29th January 1881

BPA (2006) certificate



Six pence grey-brown.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

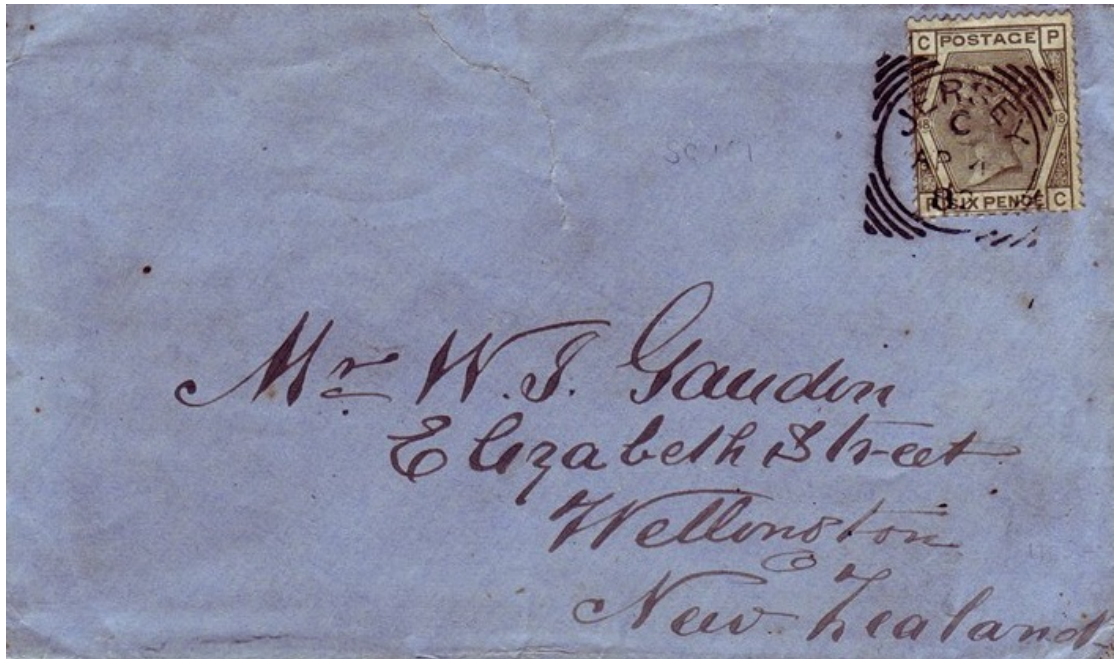
| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|---------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| 17 | ??? Nov – Dec 80 | 25 Feb 81 | | | | 17,909 | |
| | | | Used on telegraph forms | | | 7,291 | |
| 18 | 11 Jan 81 | 15 Jul 80 | | | | 10,792 to 14,792 | 4 Apr 82 |
| | | | Used on telegraph forms | | | 5,208 | |
| | | | Overprinted. I. R. OFFICIAL in 1883 | | | 4,000 to 8,000 | |
| | | | | | | | |

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| 17 | 546 | | 18 | 593 |
| | | | | |

Plate 17 was re-registered on crown-watermarked paper

When the 6^d surcharged on 6^d was introduced in 1883, the remaining stocks from plate 18 were overprinted "I R OFFICIAL". The exact quantity is unknown and the figures presented above are our high and low estimates.

In addition it has been estimated by others that about 1,750,000 stamps from plate 17 and 1,250,000 stamps from plate 18 were used on telegraph forms. These figures have been rounded down to the nearest complete sheet in the table above.



Unit PC used from Jersey to New Zealand dated 4 April 1882



One-shilling orange-brown.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 13 | ??? Early 1881 | 4 Jan 81 21 Jun 81 | | | | 133,000 | 19 Sep 81 |
| 14 | 1881 | 21 Oct 81 | | | | 115,000 | 28 Aug 82 |
| | | | | | | | |

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| | | | | |
| 13 | 467 | | 14 | 493 |
| | | | | |

Both these plates were re-registered for printing on the Crown watermark paper. At least half the printings from both these plates were used on telegraph forms.

The 4th January 1881 date given for plate 13 is that inscribed on the registration sheet in the Post Office archives



Plate 14 dated 28th August 1882



Three pence on three pence carmine.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|-------------------------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 21 | Late 1882 or early 1883 | 23 Nov 82 | | | | 60,000 | 6 Feb 83 |
| | | | | | | | |

At least 25% of this production was used at the telegraph offices.

| Plate No. | Current number | | Plate No. | Current number |
|-----------|----------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| 21 | 594 | | | |
| | | | | |



Plate 21 – dated 6th February 1883



Six pence on six pence purple.

Crown. P. 14

Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 18 | ??? 1882 | 23 Nov 82 | | | | 40,000 | 7 Mar 83 |
| | | | | | | | |

At least 25% of this production was used at the telegraph offices.

Some were also used for revenue purposes, but this is not common and may be only a very small number.

At least one sheet had the overprint applied twice, (doubled).

Seventh series

The seventh series consisted of five values, ($\frac{1}{2}^d$, 1^d , $1\frac{1}{2}^d$, 2^d and 5^d), which were issued between 1880 and 1881. These impressions had no corner letters to indicate their position in the sheet, (with the exception of the first 1^d value), and no plate numbers incorporated into the design as with the previous group. All the values were issued on Crown watermarked paper.

It should be noted that the official records show the numbers produced for each type in this series. These figures show the amount of stamps, and using this it is possible to calculate a figure for the total number of sheets, which has then been shown in the tables for each value.



Half pence green.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|---|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 3,760,500 | |
| 1 | | 23 Aug 80 | | | | | 10 Feb 81 |
| 2 | | 18 Aug 80 | | | | | |
| 3 | | 18 Aug 80 | | | | | |
| 4 | | | Spoilt during production and never used | | | | |
| 5 | | | Spoilt during production and never used | | | | |
| 6 | | 1 Oct 80 | | | | | |
| 7 | | 1 Oct 80 | | | | | |
| 8 | | 12 Sept 83 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

Plate 8 was registered twice, but only one sheet shows a date.

Plates 7 and 8, although registered at this time were probably not used for this production. These were later re-registered in the slate blue colour.



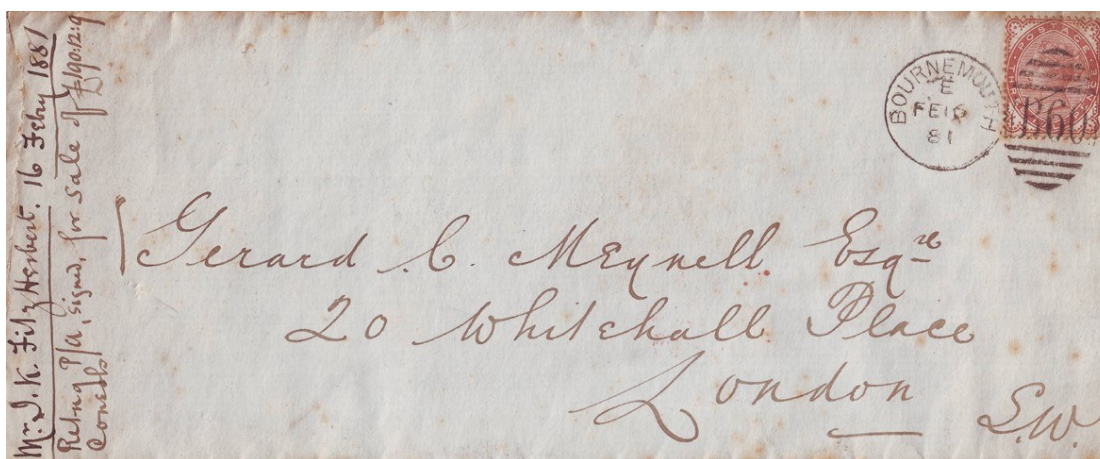
One pence Venetian red.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 6.094,100 | 1 Jan 80 |
| 1 | | 28 Oct 79 | | | | | |
| 2 | | 15 Nov 79 | | | | | |
| 4 | | 17 Nov 79 | | | | | |
| 5 | | 28 Oct 79 | | | | | |
| 6 | | 9 Dec 79 | Registered but never put to press | | | | |
| 7 | | 31 Oct 79 | | | | | |
| 8 | | 31 Oct 79 | | | | | |
| 9 | | 15 Nov 79 | | | | | |
| 10 | | 17 Nov 79 | | | | | |
| 12 | | 9 Dec 79 | | | | | |
| 13 | | 1 Dec 79 | | | | | |
| 14 | | 1 Dec 79 | | | | | |
| 15 | | 9 Dec 79 | | | | | |
| 16 | | 22 Jan 80 | Registered but never put to press | | | | |
| 17 | | 9 Dec 79 | | | | | |
| 18 | | 9 Dec 79 | | | | | |
| 19 | | 9 Dec 79 | | | | | |
| 20 | | 22 Jan 80 | | | | | |
| 21 | | 22 Jan 80 | Registered but never put to press | | | | |
| 22 | | 18 Feb 80 | Registered but never put to press | | | | |
| 23 | | 22 Mar 80 | | | | | |
| 24 | | 2 Jan 80 | | | | | |
| 25 | | 2 Jan 80 | Registered but never put to press | | | | |
| 26 | | 22 Mar 80 | Registered but never put to press | | | | |
| 27 | | 22 Mar 80 | Registered but never put to press | | | | |
| 28 | | 28 Apr 80 | Registered but never put to press | | | | |
| 29 | | 28 May 80 | Registered but never put to press | | | | |
| 30 | | 28 May 80 | Registered but never put to press | | | | |
| 31 | | 18 Jun 80 | Registered but never put to press | | | | |
| 32 | | 18 Jun 80 | Registered but never put to press | | | | |
| 33 | | 18 Jun 80 | Registered but never put to press | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |



One and a half pence Venetian red.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 205,200 | 16 Feb 81 |
| 1 | | 23 Aug 80 | | | | | |
| 2 | | 23 Aug 80 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |



Used from Bournemouth to London, dated 16th February 1881



Two pence rose.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Total production for all plates | 114,150 | 1 Feb 81 |
| 1 | | 13 Sept 80 | | | | | |
| 2 | | 13 Sept 80 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |



Used from Sunbury to west London dated 1st February 1881



Five pence indigo.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 40,850 | |
| 1 | | 28 Feb 81 | | | | | |
| 2 | | 10 Oct 83 | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | | 5 | |
| | | | | | | | |

Plate 3 was never put to press, but as it was registered we have assumed that the usual five sheets were submitted at this time.

The penny lilac stamp was produced from two different groups of plates. The first, (plates 1 to 8), were constructed from die 1 and the later plates, (from 9 onwards), from die 2. The number of dots in each corner can make identification of the different dies, (14 on die 1 and 16 on the more common die 2), a simple task.

It has been estimated that 1% of the total production of this stamp was used fiscally, for revenue purposes.



One pence lilac.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper
Die 1 – 14 dots in each corner

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 2,066,600 | 12 July 81 |
| 1 | | 25 May 81 | | | | | |
| 2 | | 25 May 81 | | | | | |
| 3 | | 30 May 81 | | | | | |
| 4 | | 9 June 81 | | | | | |
| 5 | | 30 May 81 | | | | | |
| 6 | | 9 June 81 | | | | | |
| 7 | | 13 June 81 | | | | | |
| 8 | | 15 June 81 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |



One pence lilac.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper
Die 2 – 16 dots in each corner

A total of 112 plates were produced, numbered from 9 to 120. One of the plates was spoilt and therefore discarded, twelve were never registered and the last three, (118,119 and 120), were never used.

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 140,000,000 | 22 Dec 81 |
| 9 | | 14 Oct 81 | | | | | |
| 10 | | 14 Oct 81 | | | | | |
| 11 | | 12 Nov 81 | | | | | |
| 12 | | 12 Nov 81 | | | | | |
| 13 | | 12 Nov 81 | | | | | |
| 14 | | 12 Nov 81 | | | | | |
| 15 | | 12 Nov 81 | | | | | |
| 16 | | 12 Nov 81 | | | | | |
| 17 | | 17 Nov 81 | | | | | |
| 18 | | 17 Nov 81 | | | | | |
| 19 | | | | | | | |
| 20 | | | | | | | |
| 21 | | | | | | | |
| 22 | | | | | | | |
| 23 | | | | | | | |
| 24 | | | | | | | |
| 25 | | 2 May 82 | | | | | |
| 26 | | 2 May 82 | | | | | |
| 27 | | 16 Jan 83 | | | | | |
| 28 | | 16 Jan 83 | | | | | |
| 29 | | | | | | | |
| 30 | | | | | | | |
| 31 | | | | | | | |
| 32 | | | | | | | |
| 33 | | 21 Aug 83 | | | | | |
| 34 | | 21 Aug 83 | | | | | |
| 35 | | 27 Oct 83 | | | | | |
| 36 | | 27 Oct 83 | | | | | |
| 37 | | 1 Nov 83 | | | | | |
| 38 | | 1 Nov 83 | | | | | |
| 39 | | 20 Feb 84 | | | | | |
| 40 | | 20 Feb 84 | | | | | |
| 41 | | 21 Mar 84 | | | | | |
| 42 | | 21 Mar 84 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

One pence lilac. (Continued)

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|--|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 43 | | 3 Apr 84 | | | | | |
| 44 | | 3 Apr 84 | | | | | |
| The registration sheets for plates 43 & 44 with control letter A | | | | | | | |
| 45 | | 17 Dec 84 | | | | | |
| 46 | | 2 Jan 85 | | | | | |
| 47 | | 2 Jan 85 | | | | | |
| 48 | | 15 Jan 85 | | | | | |
| The registration sheets for plate 45, 46, 47 & 48 with control letter B | | | | | | | |
| 49 | | 17 Apr 85 | | | | | |
| 50 | | 17 Apr 85 | | | | | |
| 51 | | 29 June 85 | | | | | |
| 52 | | 29 June 85 | | | | | |
| The registration sheets for plates 49, 50, 51 & 52 with control letter C | | | | | | | |
| 53 | | | | | | | |
| 54 | | 7 Dec 85 | | | | | |
| 55 | | 7 Dec 85 | | | | | |
| 56 | | 14 Dec 85 | | | | | |
| 57 | | 14 Dec 85 | | | | | |
| The registration sheets for plates 54, 55, 56 & 57 with control letter D | | | | | | | |
| 58 | | 29 Oct 86 | | | | | |
| 59 | | 29 Oct 86 | | | | | |
| 60 | | 4 Nov 86 | | | | | |
| 61 | | 4 Nov 86 | | | | | |
| 62 | | 2 Dec 86 | | | | | |
| 63 | | 2 Dec 86 | | | | | |
| The registration sheets for plates 58, 59, 60, 61, 62 & 63 with control letter F | | | | | | | |
| 64 | | 26 May 87 | | | | | |
| 65 | | 24 Mar 87 | | | | | |
| 66 | | 24 Mar 87 | | | | | |
| The registration sheets for plates 64, 65 & 66 with control letter G | | | | | | | |
| 67 | | 22 Sept 87 | | | | | |
| 68 | | 22 Sept 87 | | | | | |
| 69 | | 1 Nov 87 | | | | | |
| 70 | | | | | | | |
| 71 | | | | | | | |
| 72 | | 1 Nov 87 | | | | | |
| The registration sheets for plates 67, 68, 69 & 72 with control letter H | | | | | | | |
| 73 | | 23 Nov 88 | I | | | | |
| 74 | | 23 Nov 88 | I | | | | |
| The registration sheets for plates 73 & 74 with control letter I | | | | | | | |
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One pence lilac. (Continued)

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|--|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 75 | | 21 Dec 88 | | | | | |
| 76 | | 21 Dec 88 | | | | | |
| 77 | | 1 Jan 89 | J | | | | |
| 78 | | 1 Jan 89 | J | | | | |
| 79 | | 4 Jan 89 | J | | | | |
| 80 | | 4 Jan 89 | J | | | | |
| The registration sheets for plates 75, 76, 77, 78, 79 & 80 with control letter J | | | | | | | |
| 81 | | | | | | | |
| 82 | | | | | | | |
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| 113 | | | | | | | |
| 114 | | | | | | | |
| 115 | | | | | | | |
| 116 | | | | | | | |
| 117 | | | | | | | |
| 118 | | | Plate never used | | | | |
| 119 | | | Plate never used | | | | |
| 120 | | | Plate never used | | | | |
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Eighth series

Lilac and Green issue

The eighth series consisted of ten values, ($\frac{1}{2}^d$, $1\frac{1}{2}^d$, 2^d , $2\frac{1}{2}^d$, 3^d , 4^d , 5^d , 6^d , 9^d and 1/-), which were mainly issued on the 1st April 1884, (the exception being the 9^d which was issued earlier on the 1st August 1883). These impressions reverted back to the use of corner letters to indicate their position in the sheet, (with the exception of the $\frac{1}{2}^d$ value which was in the same design as employed for the previous series), and again, no plate numbers were incorporated into the design. All the values were issued on Crown watermarked paper.

It should be noted that the official records show the numbers produced for each type in this series. These figures show the amount of stamps, and using this it is possible to calculate a figure for the total number of sheets, which has then been shown in the tables for each value.



Half pence slate-blue.

Crown. P. 14

Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 3,958,000 | 24 Nov 84 |
| 7 | | 20 Feb 84 | | | | | |
| 8 | | 20 Feb 84 | | | | | |
| 9 | | | | | | | |
| 10 | | | | | | | |
| 11 | | | | | | | |
| 12 | | | | | | | |
| 13 | | | | | | | |
| 14 | | | | | | | |
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Plates 7 and 8 had already been registered in green, but were re-registered in the new slate-blue colour.



One and a half pence lilac.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 238,500 | |
| 1 | | 5 Oct 83 | | | | | |
| 2 | | 20 Oct 83 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |



Two pence lilac.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 113,500 | 6 Feb 85 |
| 1 | | 30 Oct 83 | | | | | |
| 2 | | 31 Oct 83 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |



Two and a half pence lilac.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 466,500 | 17 Dec 83 |
| 1 | | 5 Oct 83 | | | | | |
| 2 | | 6 Oct 83 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |



Three pence lilac.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 177,000 | 10 Oct 84 |
| 1 | | 19 June 83 | | | | | |
| 2 | | 12 July 83 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

From this total production, at least 50,000 sheets, (Possibly over 60,000 sheets), were sent to telegraph offices.



Four pence dull-green.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 66,500 | 21 June 84 |
| 1 | | 6 Sept 83 | | | | | |
| 2 | | 16 Oct 83 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |



Five pence dull-green.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper
Die 1 – Line below d of value

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 2,500 | |
| 1 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | | |

The total production for this issue is believed to have been made from plate 1. After about 2,500 sheets had been printed, the plate cracked and had to be discarded. We believe that plate 2 was further examined at this time and it was decided that this was also defective, and so was never used. Most of the stamps printed from this plate were officially destroyed.

Five pence dull-green.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper
Die 1 – Dot below d of value

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 50,000 | 22 July 84 |
| 3 | | 30 Oct 83 | | | | | |
| 4 | | 9 Nov 83 | | | | | |



Six pence dull-green.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 88,500 | 9 May 84 |
| 1 | | 20 Nov 83 | | | | | |
| 2 | | 20 Nov 83 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

At least 30,000 sheets are believed to have been issued to the telegraph offices



Nine pence dull-green.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 27,000 | 4 Mar 84 |
| 1 | Never used | | | | | | |
| 2 | Never used | | | | | | |
| 3 | | 17 July 83 | | | | | |
| 4 | | 18 July 83 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |



One shilling dull-green.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 225,000 | 19 July 84 |
| 1 | | 20 Nov 83 | | | | | |
| 2 | | 5 Dec 83 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

It is believed that about 180,000 sheets, (80% of the total production), were issued to telegraph offices.



Dated 19th July 1884

Ninth series

Jubilee issue

The ninth series consisted of twelve values, ($\frac{1}{2}^d$ to 1/-), which were mainly issued from the 1st January 1887. These impressions had no corner letters, and as had become standard practice, no plate numbers in the design. All the values were issued on Crown watermarked paper.

It should be noted that the official records show the numbers produced for each type in this series. These figures show the amount of stamps, and using this it is possible to calculate a figure for the total number of sheets, which has then been shown in the tables for each value.



Half pence vermillion.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 56,225,903 | 4 Jan 87 |
| 1 | | 9 Apr 86 | | | | | |
| 2 | | 9 Apr 86 | | | | | |
| 3 | | 5 Jan 87 | | | | | |
| 4 | | 5 Jan 87 | | | | | |
| 5 | | 19 Jan 87 | | | | | |
| 6 | | 19 Jan 87 | | | | | |
| 7 | | 21 Jan 88 | | | | | |
| 8 | | 21 Jan 88 | | | | | |
| 9 | | 10 May 89 | | | | | |
| 10 | | 10 May 89 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

The first six plates had no marginal rule, (jubilee line).

Use on the 4th January 1887 has been reported but is unconfirmed

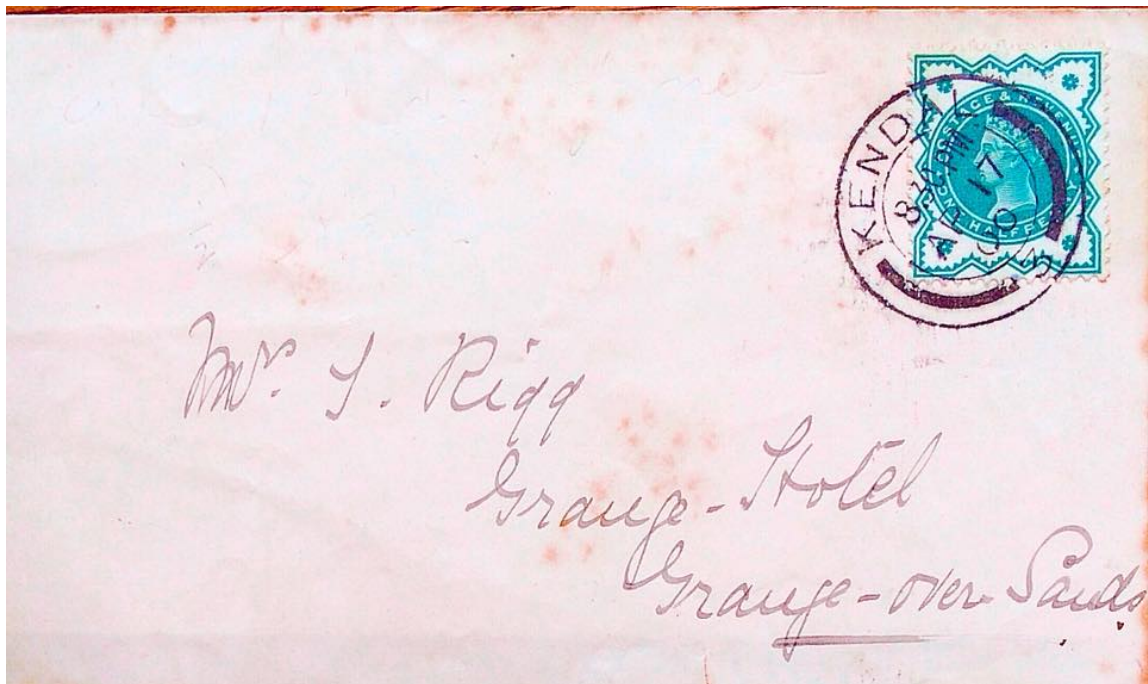


Half pence blue-green.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 10,854,777 | 12 Ap 1900 17 Ap 1900 |
| 11 | | 8 Jan 1900 | | | | | |
| 12 | | | | | | | |
| 13 to 41 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

Thirty-one plates were available for the production in this colour, as well as plates 1 to 10 which had been used earlier. Only two plates were registered in this colour, one being plate 11 and the other thought to be plate 12, but this is unconfirmed.

The 17th April 1900 is generally accepted as the day of issue, however use is known prior to this date



Used at Kendal – dated 17th April 1900



Used at Penryn dated 12th April 1900



One and a half pence purple & green.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known | |
|-----------|--------------|--|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|--|
| | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 2,054,000 | 13 Jan 87 | |
| 3 | | 21 Sept 86 | | | | | | |
| | | Registration sheet shows head plate 3/754 – duty plate 1 | | | | | | |
| 4 | | | | | | | | |
| | | Registration sheet shows head plate 4/773 The sheet shows no duty plate number and is undated | | | | | | |
| 5 | | 26 Apr 88 | | | | | | |
| | | Registration sheet shows head plate 5/819 – duty plate 3 | | | | | | |
| 6 | | 9 Oct 88 | | | | | | |
| | | Registration sheet shows head plate 6/865 The sheet shows no duty plate number | | | | | | |
| 7 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |

The plates were made from a combination of head plate, (also referred to as key plates), and duty plates. Details regarding which plates were used differ and both are presented below...

Stanley Gibbons specialised catalogue lists Head plates 3 to 11 with duty plates 1 to 4

Robson Lowe lists Head plate 3 to 7 with duty plates 1 to 4



Two pence green & red.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 1,272,700 | 18 Jan 87 |
| 3 | | | | | | | |
| 4 | | 22 July 86 | | | | | |
| 5 | | 2 July 89 | | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

The plate were made from a combination of head plate, (also referred to as key plates), and duty plates. Details regarding which plates were used differ and both are presented below...

Stanley Gibbons specialised catalogue

Head plates 4 to 6 with duty plates 1, 3, 4 and 5

Robson Lowe

Head plate 3 to 5 with duty plates 1 to 3

In the SG catalogue it states that head plates 3 and 7 along with duty plate 2, were not used



Two and a half pence purple on blue paper.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 1,958,000 | 5 Feb 87 |
| 3 | | 18 Aug 86 | | | | | |
| 4 | | 18 Aug 86 | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | | | |
| 7 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

Only two registration sheets exist.



Three pence purple on yellow paper.

Crown. P. 14

Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 2,196,000 | 1 May 89 |
| 3 | | | | | | | |
| 4 | | 28 Sep 86 | | | | | |
| 5 | | 28 Sep 86 | | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | | | |
| 7 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

About 185,000 sheets, (possibly more with the highest estimate being 187,500 sheets), were supplied to the telegraph offices.

Plates 4 and 5 imprimatur sheets exist, but in the case of the later, this is perforated and removed examples cannot be distinguished from the issued stamps.

SG list the plates used as 4 to 13 whilst those in the table above are those referred to by Robson Lowe.





Four pence green & brown.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 2,775,000 | 4 Jan 87 |
| 1 to 8 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

Four sets of head and duty plates were used for each plate.
 At least one plate was registered.



Four and a half pence green & carmine.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 1,025,000 | 26 Nov 92 |
| 4 | | | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

This value was introduced on the 15th September 1892 for parcels weighing 2lb. In June 1897 this rate became obsolete and a large stock of this value remained unused. For this reason, this stamp is more common mint and a large number of the used examples that exist have parcels or registration cancellations.



Registered use – dated 26th November 1892



Five pence purple & blue.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Head/Duty Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Die 1 production | 100,000 | 1 Jan 87 |
| | | | | | Die 2 production | 495,000 | 4 Feb 87 |
| Total production for all plates | | | | | | 595,000 | |
| 5/1 | | 2 Nov 86 | | | | | |
| 6/1 | | 2 Feb 87 | | | | | |
| 7 | | | Not used – see below | | | | |
| 8/4 | | | | | | | |
| 9/3 | | 10 Aug 88 | | | | | |
| 10 | | | Not used – see below | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

Four head and four duty plates were used in the construction of the plates. The first duty plate differed from the later types by having a square dot to the right of the d in the value. The later plates had vertical lines. The early type, (with dots), is known as die 1 and the later as die 2.



Die 1
 Dots to the right of the d



Die 2
 Vertical lines to the right of the d

Head plates 7 and 10 were made but were not used. Duty plates 2, 5 and 6 were made but not used.

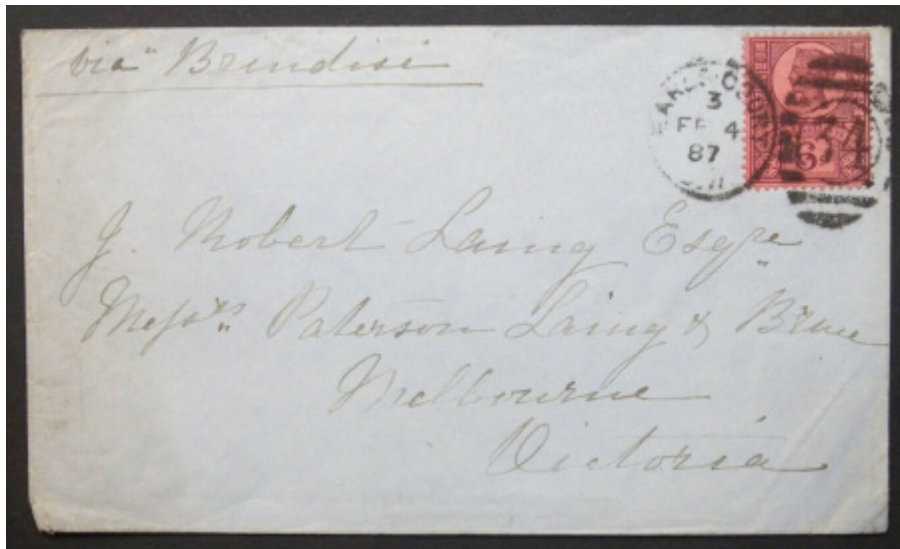


Six pence purple on rose-red paper.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Total production for all plates | 3,270,000 | 4 Feb 87 |
| 3 | | 18 Mar 86 | | | | | |
| 4 | | 18 Mar 86 | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | | | |
| 7 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

SG lists the plates used as 3 to 11 but we can find no evidence in any other publications to support the additional four plates above those listed.

It is estimated that 310,000 sheets, (possibly as many as 315,000 sheets), were sent to the telegraph offices.



Dated the 4th February 1887



Nine pence purple & blue.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 974,000 | 12 May 87 |
| | | | | | | | |

Robson Lowe states that 31 pairs of head and duty plates were made of which, 27 combinations, (plates), were put to press. SG give the duty plates as numbers 1 to 31 and the head plates as 5 to 36, the later being one extra compared to the earlier figures.

87,000 sheets, (with 80 impressions per sheet), we sent to the telegraph office.





Ten pence purple & carmine.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 348,600 | 20 Mar 90 |
| 1 | | 7 Feb 90 | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | | | |
| 4 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

Four head and four duty plates were used, (number 1 to 4 for each).



One shilling green.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Total production for all plates | | 577,500 |
| | | | | | | | 2 Jan 87 |
| 3 | | 18 Aug 86 | | | | | |
| 4 | | 18 Aug 86 | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | | | |
| 7 | | | | | | | |
| 8 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

It is estimated that between 410,000 and 420,000 sheets were issued to telegraph offices. We believe plate 8 was prepared but never put to press.



Example used from London
 Dated 2nd January 1887



One shilling green & carmine.
Crown. P. 14
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | 116,650 | 23 July 1900 |
| | | | | | | | |

Head plates 9 to 12 were used with duty plates 1 to 5. The combinations used for the plates and the number of plates constructed is not known.

High Values

The first series of high values consisted of four values, (5/-, 10/-, £1 and £5)



Five shilling Rose.
Maltese Cross. P. 15½ x 15
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production for all plates | | | |
| 1 | 18 Apr 67 | | | | | | 1 July 67 |
| 2 | 25 Mar 74 | | | | | | 14 Nov 74 |

Plate 1 imprimatur is in the archives.

Both plates were printed in sheet of 80 consisting of four panes of 20



Plate 2 dated the 3rd May 1882

Five shilling Rose.
Large Anchor. P. 14
Blued paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Not registered or put to press | | | | | | |
| 4 | ??? | 28 Nov 74 24 Oct 82 | | | | 5037 | 25 Nov 82 |
| | | | | | | | |

The total number of stamps printed from plate 4 is given as 537,374 by various sources. This has been used to calculate the number of sheets in the table above.

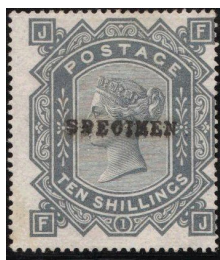
Plate 4 was first registered in the same layout as for the earlier plates, (80 in four panes), but was later altered so that the plate consisted of 56 stamps in a single pane. This new layout was re-registered on the same paper, slightly blued. This new layout also had no plate or current numbers on the sheet.

In the estimate of the number of sheets given above I have assumed that all the production was in sheets of 80 in order to obtain a figure. Later sheets were in the smaller format. The plate in the 56 stamps format was constructed for use with the Anchor watermark paper.

Five shilling Rose.
Large Anchor. P. 14
White paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| 4 | | | | | | 2,399 | |
| | | | | | | | |

The total production figure for this issue is included in the notes below the previous issue. The production was in sheets of 56 stamps and the estimated total number of sheets is shown above.



Ten shilling Greenish Grey.
Maltese Cross. P. 15½ x 15
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | 6 Aug 78 | | | | | 3,025 | 26 Sept 78 |

This production was in sheets of 80, (four panes of 20).

Ten shilling Grey-Green.
Large Anchor. P. 14
Blued paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | | | | | | 2,000 | Feb 83 |

This production was in sheets of 56, (in a single pane).
 The sheet was re-registered in this new format

Ten shilling Greenish-Grey.
Large Anchor. P. 14
White paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | | | | | | 2,000 | |

This production was in sheets of 56, (in a single pane).
 The production runs on the white and blued paper were about the same and the estimated figures shown above split the accepted total of 224,000 stamps.



One Pound Brown Lilac.
Maltese Cross. P. 15½ x 15
Ordinary white paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | 6 Aug 78 | | | | | 3,025 | 26 Sep 78 |

This production was in sheets of 80, (four panes of 20).

One Pound Brown Lilac.
Maltese Cross. P. 14
Blued paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | | 20 Nov 82 | | | | 1,000 | Dec 82 |

This production was in sheets of 56, (arranged in a single pane).
 After the alteration to the plate size it was re-registered.

One Pound Brown Lilac.
Maltese Cross. P. 14
White paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | | See above | | | | 1,000 | |

This production was in sheets of 56, (arranged in a single pane).
 The production runs on the white and blued paper were about the same and the estimated figures shown above split the accepted total of 112,000 stamps.



One Pound Dark Blue.

This essay is printed in dark blue and the design is surrounded by simulated perforations. Nothing is known of the origins but the late Edward Granger found this essay in an official collection of imprimaturs and proofs, which also included a number of hitherto, unknown essays and proofs, which were undoubtedly the work of De La Rue. This item is in the Phillips collection in the national postal museum, volume 36 page 10



Five Pound Orange.
Large Anchor. P. 14
Blued paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|------------------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | Jan 82 or Feb 82 | 9 Mar 82 | | | | 1,763 | 21 Mar 82 |

This production was in sheets of 56, (two panes of 28).

The number of sheets printed is based on the number of stamps issued, generally believed to be 246,826, and has been rounded down to the nearest whole sheet.

Five Pound Orange.
Large Anchor. P. 14
White paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | | See above | | | | 2,645 | |

The number of sheets printed is based on the number of stamps issued, generally believed to be 246,826, and has been rounded up to the nearest whole sheet. The actual total production, (blue and white paper combined), was probably higher.

High Values

The second series of high values consisted of four values, (2/6d, 5/-, 10/- and £1), with the three lower values in the square format and the £1 in horizontal format.



Two shilling and sixpence Lilac.

Anchor. P. 14

Fiscal (Blued) paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|----------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | ??? June 83 | 19 June 83 | | | | 6,931 | 11 July 1883 |
| | | | | | | | |

This production was in sheets of 112, (two panes of 56).

Two plates were used, but as there is no plate number incorporated in the design and the plate number and current number did not appear on the margins of the printed sheets, the printings can not be distinguished.

Two shilling and sixpence Lilac.

Anchor. P. 14

White paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|-----------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | ??? Dec 1885 | | | | | 177,451 | 3 Nov 88 |
| 2 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

This production was in sheets of 112, (two panes of 56). It is probable that the same two plates were used as for the fiscal paper printing. The total production for this value was 184,382 sheets, and the split between the blue and white paper printings as shown above has been estimated.



Five shilling Rose.
Anchor. P. 14
Fiscal (Blued) paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | | | | | | 10,330 | 19 Mar 84 |

This production was in sheets of 56, (two panes of 28). Two plates were used, but as there is no plate number incorporated in the design and the plate number and current number did not appear on the margins of the printed sheets, the printings can not be distinguished. Plate 2 came into use at a later date and thus we suspect that all the printings on blued paper were made from plate 1



Used at Kilkenny, Ireland dated 19th March 1884

Five shilling Rose.
Anchor. P. 14
White paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|------------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | 123,970 | 2 Jun 99 |
| 1 | ??? June 1885 | | | | | | |
| 2 | 1890 | | | | | | |

This production was in sheets of 56, (two panes of 28). The total production for this value was 134,300 sheets, and the split between the blue and white paper printings as shown above has been estimated.



Ten shilling Blue.
Anchor. P. 14
Blued paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | ??? | 17 July 83 | | | | | 5 Apr 84 |
| 3 | ??? | 1 Aug 83 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

This production was in sheets of 56, (two panes of 28).

The cobalt shade is suspected of coming from plate 2 in May 1884, this being the earliest recorded use in this shade

Two plates were used, but as there is no plate number incorporated in the design and the plate number and current number did not appear on the margins of the printed sheets, the printings can not be distinguished.

Ten shilling Blue.
Anchor. P. 14
White paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production from both plates | | 34,460 | |
| 1 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | | See above | | | | | |
| 3 | | See above | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

This production was in sheets of 56, (two panes of 28).

It is probable that the same two plates were used as for the blue paper printing.

The total production for this value was 1,929,800 stamps, and this has been rounded down to the nearest full sheet. The cobalt shade probably comes from early printings from plate 2 on the white paper. The pale ultramarine shade came into use about 1887



One Pound Brown Lilac.

Crowns. P. 14

White paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production from all plates | | 3,752 | 1 Apr 84 |
| 1 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | | 31 Jan 84 | | | | | |
| 3 | | 25 Feb 84 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

This value was printed in sheets of 80 stamps, (two panes of 40).

Two plates were used, but as there is no plate number incorporated in the design and the plate number and current number did not appear on the margins of the printed sheets, the printings can not be distinguished.

One Pound Brown Lilac.

Orbs. P. 14

White paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production from all plates | | 1,010 | 1 Feb 88 |
| 1 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | | See above | | | | | |
| 3 | | See above | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

This value was printed in sheets of 80 stamps, (two panes of 40).

Two plates were used, but as there is no plate number incorporated in the design and the plate number and current number did not appear on the margins of the printed sheets, the printings can not be distinguished.



Corner of the registration sheet showing plate 2/717



Corner from the registration sheet showing plate 3/718



One Pound Green.
Crowns. P. 14
White paper

| Plate No. | Put to Press | Registered | Recommended for Defacement | Withdrawn From Press | Defaced Destroyed | Sheets Printed | Earliest Known |
|-----------|--------------|------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Total production from all plates | | 8,772 | 28 Jan 91 |
| 2 | | 26 Nov 90 | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

This value was printed in sheets of 80 stamps, (two panes of 40).

Two plates were used, but as there is no plate number incorporated in the design and the plate number and current number did not appear on the margins of the printed sheets, the printings can not be distinguished.

Plate 2 was re-registered in Green

Plate 3 was registered for the first time in this colour.

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