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Blue
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VR46

VR78



1911-13
Somerset
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Plate 9



VR216

Plate 9



VR218

Inverted Watermarks

Plate 3



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VR221

Plate 97



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HOW THIS LIST CAME ABOUT

My "career" in stamps started in the mid 60's in the school yard where I sold stamps on commission for my Father, who had been, a foreign Stamp Dealer since 1937. I started Eric Paul (Stamps) in 1971 on 26 May and although I did not know her at the time as I met her about a year later, it happens to be my wife, Kathy's, birthday. In the 1980's we became Eric Paul Ltd.

In the intervening period we have built up a substantial stock and since the London International Exhibition in 2010 I have been building towards a **Very Rare and Unusual List** for the same event in 2020.

I have selected **236 items** from the specialist subjects we deal in such as Line Engraved, Inverted Watermarks, Missing Perf Pins, GB Used Abroad, as well as many others including Blacks, Blues, Surface Printed etc. I hope you will find this list interesting and useful and maybe find an item or two worthy of your collection.

Over the years I have been helped by many friends including:-

The late Ken Statham, author of the **Essential Guide to the Line Engraved 1d and 2d Stars**. An 18 Volume Set that has definitely been an asset to collecting this fascinating period of early stamp production.

Winston Hollins who originally introduced us to Ken Statham and helped us to finish the Volume 18 of the guide and whose knowledge we have turned to on numerous occasions for help with descriptions in this list.

Graham Stockdale, who has helped us over many years but particularly in selecting **the 236 items** in this list from the 2000 we chose from.

My long suffering wife, **Kathy**.

Donna who has worked for us now for over 30 years and has also had a lot to put up with!

I also owe very deep gratitude to the many customers past and present who supported us and enabled us to build up the stock we have today.

I hope you enjoy collecting stamps and covers just as much as I have enjoyed the buying and selling of them since my very humble beginnings in the school yard.

I appreciate that this list is very specialised and is designed to last even longer than our normal lists. It is for this reason I decided that a separate price list would be sensible as it is easier to update with items sold and show "What is Still Available". It is also far cheaper to reprint!

VR 142 and VR 144

Since I prepared the descriptions for these items I have realised that this is the village, south of Edinburgh, which is regarded as being where to look for the Holy Grail and the place of "pilgrimage" for readers of "The Da Vinci Code".

FOR THE FUTURE

We will be continuing to produce our usual lists of Penny Reds, Our General List and our Lots & Collections List and look forward to hearing from you if we can help you with your collection.

Above all Stamp Collecting should be fun and thank you to all our customers for making my Stamp Dealing so enjoyable.

Thank you

Eric Paul Syrett
for
Eric Paul Ltd
and
Eric Paul (Stamps)

FIRST DAY
MAY 6 1840
ONE PENNY MULREADY LETTER SHEET



Stereo A26

One of five Mulreadys to the **same addressee**:
H M Aldridge, Under Sherriff/Solicitor, Poole, Dorset

Comment

I could not resist including these five Mulreadys with one having the May 6 1840 cancel, a little indistinct, but clearly inscribed May 6 1840 all to the same address, including one with double Red Maltese Cross, another with BLANDFORD PENNY POST and two Red Number 5's. I find it incredible that these five items have survived together for the best part of 180 years.

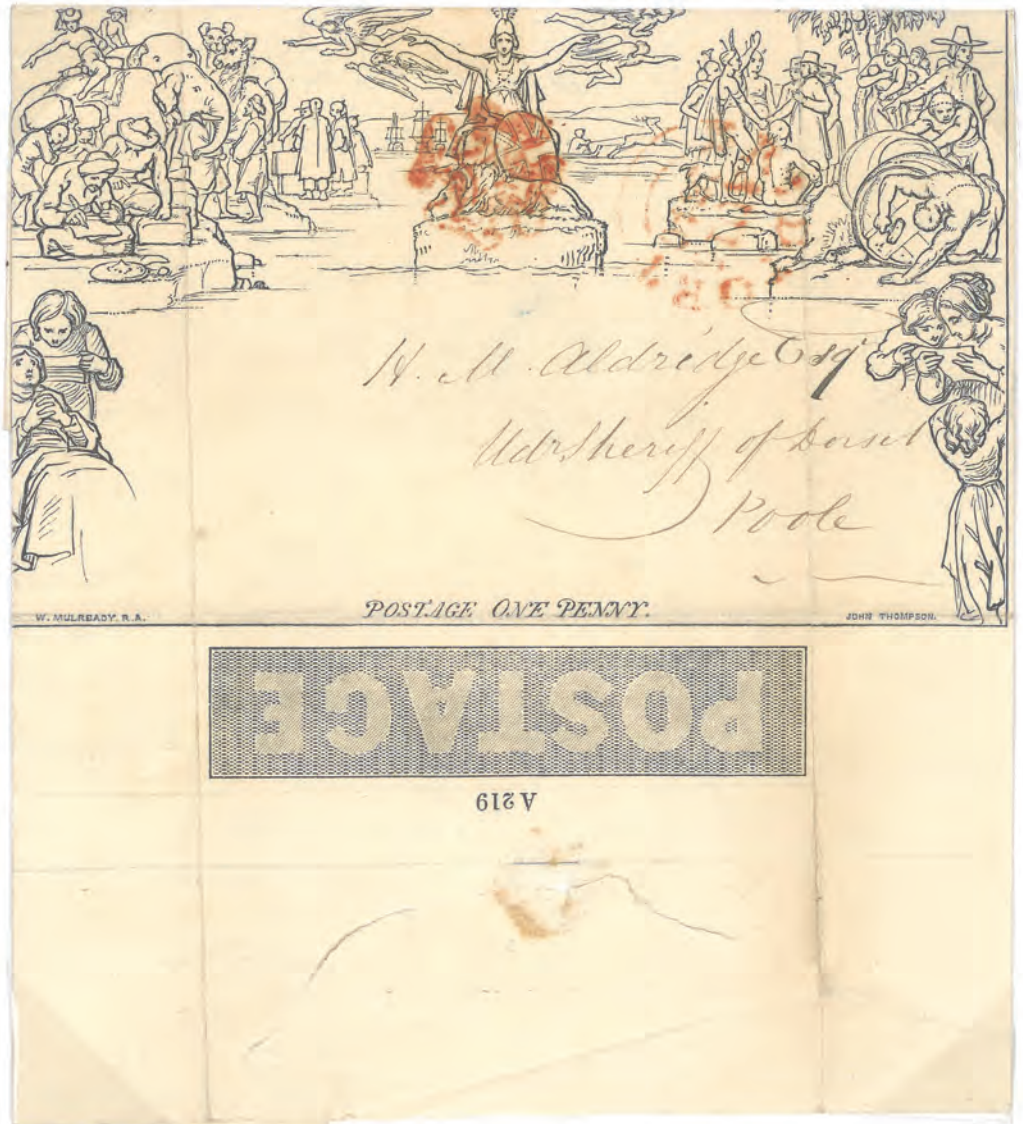
VR 1

WAREHAM
JY 8 1840



Stereo A57

BRIDPORT
16 AU 1840



Stereo A219

VR 1

BRIDPORT
13 JUL 1840

Double Red
Maltese
Cross



Stereo A67

BLANDFORD
28 JU 1840
**PENNY
POST**

Two Red
Number 5's



93 V

Stereo A35

**DICKINSON
SILK
THREAD**

PLATE XI

**SG16
Spec DP22**

OA-OB

**OA MAJOR RE-ENTRY
OB DICKINSON SILK THREAD**

A Superb Unused Full Marginal Inscription Pair with
OA Major Re-Entry & OB Dickinson Silk Thread matched to 4 Margin
OA Re-entry and 4 Margin OB both with Maltese Cross.



OA is Re-entry
OB with Silk Thread

RPS Cert 2018 mentions small marginal tear which hardly detracts from such an important Exhibition Quality item.

Comment

It would be wonderful to be able to match this piece with OA and OB in Black

IMPERFORATE PROOF (UNKNOWN)

LISTED by SG
Under
Spec G3(f)
2d BLUE PLATE 9
JC



The BPA Certificate (12 July 1990) is incorrect in stating that this stamp is on Dr. Perkins thin blued pelure paper. It is undoubtedly on **India Paper** specifically designed for Bibles sent to India to make them light. **The stamp is stunning both from the front and the back.** The Dr. Perkins Paper Trials of 1870-71 are on the 1d Plate 121, 1½d Plate 3 and the 2d Plate 13 only. This item benefits from a full history in separate chronological sequence which is available as part of the price.

Another example is listed in the O J Griffiths sale of 29 September 1982 (Lot 285) described as “touched on the left side”. “A single Imperf Proof in Blue on **India Paper** possibly prepared for the **Paris Exhibition**”. A similar impression to this one with strong horizontal line above postage.

Our thanks to Winston Hollins for his research on this beautiful stamp using his extensive knowledge on 2d Blue Plates and Repairs.

Comment

The current Specialised Catalogue reference G3(f) catalogues at £11,000, but this item is much Rarer.

**1878
COLOUR TRIALS**

Spec DP 50

2d BLUE PLATE 15

**IMPERFORATE
SL**



This fascinating item is from the 1878 Colour Trials for more fugitive inks on the standard Large Crown paper. The first attempts had so much arsenic in them that they were deemed unsafe. Stanley Gibbons mentions the possibility of a trial cancellation on the 2d value.

The trial cancellation on this stamp is exactly the same as that used on a strip of the 1d value in the "TES" Collection Auction Catalogue Lot 175 illustrated on page 176 and estimated in 1995 at £3,000-£3,500. It sold for £2,530 plus premium. There are several other references to this item in Robson Lowe, Stanley Gibbons and Bacon and these are listed separately with this.

The PTS Certificate says DP 50 is genuine, crease at top left corner, thin on right side. It is of quite interesting appearance with margins all round.

Comment

A Very Rare Item. Apparently catalogued from £42,000 (QV Spec 16 Edition)

VR 5

**1850
PRINCE CONSORT ESSAY**

Spec D71(2)

by

Henry Archer



F

J

An excellent **Marginal Ungummed** copy with good margins all round.
Seldom offered.

Finished Imperforate **Brown** shade which is **Scarce**.

Issued in sheets of 36 in 3 horizontal rows of 12

COLOUR TRIALS

1914 Postage Due

FIRST 10 VALUES



Complete Set of 19 different Colour Trials fresh Mint and notations as issued.

COLOUR TRIALS

1914 Postage Due

SECOND 9 VALUES



Complete Set of 19 different Colour Trials fresh Mint and notations as issued.

Seldom offered as a complete set.

Contemporary MULREADY ENVELOPE Stereo A167

With **Unused** 1d Red Imperf Plate 135 BI (with constant variety, B square recut and B bottom line extends left)



Opens out for display with pen notation “**original postage envelope and label 1840**” suggesting the label i.e. the stamp added about 1852/3 and possibly a very early collector.

Comment
Highly unusual and a lovely visual item

2d MULREADY

Envelope

Stereo a195



A front with the all-important part bottom flap with the **Rare Stereo a195**. The QV Spec Catalogue page 11 (16th Edition) states “**a195 is scarce and being the lowest stereo number known, it was probably substituted by a204 at early stage**”. The complete sheet in the Fletcher Collection in the British Library Philatelic Collections shows a195 at top right. Four examples are known. This example was used late as 1844 Bath numeral 53 (upside down) to Bristol Soap Works with UNDATED GROSVENOR CIRCLE cancel alongside.

Comment

Very Rare

1840
MAY DATES

12 MY 1840

1d BLACK PLATE 1a

OI



Just 6 days after the issue of the 1d Black a brilliant 4 margin copy tied to large part cover (part of back flap removed) by Red Maltese Cross and **straight line PALL MALL** handstamp. Said to be **earliest known usage** of this handstamp as an obliteration. Handwritten PRE PAID at the top and clear Red Tombstone PD MY 12 1840 on the flap.

A Quality Exhibition item from a very early date.

1840
MAY DATES

14 MY 1840

1d BLACK PLATE 1a

PJ



Just the eighth day after issue of the 1d Black. Lovely 4 margin copy tied to entire by Red Maltese Cross and **boxed straight line Black PRINCESS ST** handstamp. Addressed to Bedford Row and with lovely **Red Tombstone PD MY 14 1840** on flap.

Opens beautifully for Exhibition.

Comment

This is a very early example of this scarce handstamp and may be the earliest known example.

1840
MAY DATES
and
COLOURED MALTESE CROSS CANCEL

15 MAY 1840

1d BLACK PLATE 1a

PAIR
RG-RH



A Superb very wide margin horizontal pair tied to entire by wonderful **Brown Maltese Crosses**, with on the reverse a matching Brown dispatch CDS for **Ringwood May 15 1840**. Michael Jackson certificate confirming cross is genuine. References to Rockoff & Jackson (P.448) which lists two covers including this one from Ringwood with Maltese Crosses which they describe as "Purple Brown" and "Chocolate Brown" and dated 8 May 1840 and 15 May 1840 respectively. In addition, this is very early use of a **Pair of 1d Blacks** effectively **just 9 days after issue**.

Comment

Stunning Exhibition item.

1840
1d BLACK

MULTIPLE

PLATE 2

SIX SINGLES
SB SC SD
SE SF SG
USED AS A BLOCK OF 6



A strip of 6 which had perhaps been previously cut up into singles before being applied to what remains a very large entire (now a piece). They appear all to have margins all round and each is cancelled by a neat Red Maltese Cross with the impression of June 30 1840 date stamp alongside. Lots of varieties cross referenced to Statham page 94 and 103. One stamp has a rough edge where it is right on the corner of what remains of the large piece.

Highly unusual strip effectively used as a block rather than in the original form.

**CONCENTRIC CIRCLE
&
RED MALTESE CROSS**

1840

1d BLACK

PLATE 4

EH



It is known that this cancel was used shortly after the introduction of the 1d Black in May 1840. This concentric circle cancellation is quite similar but slightly smaller than the 6 ring concentric circle cancel used by Perkins Bacon during the period when they were searching for less fugitive cancelling ink in June 1840. This canceller is described by Bacon as being made of wood which might account for its slightly different size. He says that this canceller performs better than the brass one (which was a Maltese Cross). It would appear that these concentric circle cancellers were readily available. In that period they would have been produced by hand turned on a lathe and so would vary in number and the thickness of their rings.

Comment

Thanks to Winston Hollins who researched this cancel for us.

STATES

1840

1d BLACK

PLATE 5

STRIP OF 4

BB-BE

Spectacular and probably unique strip of 4 containing an example of all three States that occur on Plate 5 on these letterings in Black.

BB State 3 Spec AS 29
BC State 2 Spec AS 28
BD State 1 Spec AS 25
BE State 1 Spec AS 25

Margins all round and neat Red Maltese Crosses.



BB State 3 repaired by 1st and 2nd 1840 repairs; strong thin linear TRL in central part of left margin, both “B’s” thinned particularly in SE square.

BC State 2 repaired by 2nd 1840 repair; right side line strong, check letters slightly thinned

BD State 1

BE State 1 scratch on lower margin

RPS 2018 certificate updates previous 1996 BPA certificate which was incorrect.

Comment

A Treasure and Exhibition Quality item

STATES

1840

1d BLACK

PLATE 5

EB

STATE 2

Spec AS 27



Beautiful 4 margin copy with Double Letter "E" tied to very neat wrapper by excellent Red Maltese Cross to Saxmundham with JA 15 1841 backstamp.

Comment

According to a previous owner, this is the earliest recorded date for State 2.

1840

1d BLACK

PLATE XI

PAIR

PJ-PK



A fantastic and **Extremely Rare possibly Unique Pair** with margins all round and tied to wrapper from Lancaster to Skipton Yorkshire 23 April 1841. Brandon Certificate states "the cover has been cleaned and restored and has faults". Despite this, it is very presentable and Rare. We understand that there are no examples in either the Royal or the NPM Collections. It also benefits from a German Certificate.

Plating Note: - scratches in right margin of both PJ and PK and below PJ caused by the instrument cleaning the plate removing bits of metal that have been lifted up. PJ has Basal Shift.

1840

1d BLACK

MULTIPLE

PLATE 8

CE to FE



A **Rare Vertical Strip of 4**, Very Fine Used, with clear to large margins and light Red Maltese Crosses. **Scarce multiple**, possibly Rarer than a Block of 4, especially with margins all round.

RPS Certificate 2005

1840

2d BLUE

MULTIPLE

PLATE 1

KL to NL



Brilliant and Very Scarce Vertical Strip of 4, Fine Used with clear to large margins and neat Red Maltese Crosses.

RPS 2006 Certificate.

Comment

Vertical strips are probably Rarer than Blocks of 4, especially with margins all round. One of the best large vertical strips of this value we have seen.

1840

2d BLUE

MULTIPLE

PLATE 1

GF to GH



A stunning Trio, beautiful colour, good to large margins all round (part of adjoining stamp above), cancelled by three lovely neat Black Maltese Crosses.

Comment

Arguably the nicest horizontal strip of 3 we have seen on this plate.

COLOURED MALTESE CROSS

1840

2d BLUE

SPEC DS8 (ud)

PLATE 2

BD



Superb 4 margin with parts (1 large) of **Two Blue Maltese Crosses**.
Rare on this issue especially so fine.

RPS Certificate 2008.

Comment

Very seldom offered for sale in this quality and with a good certificate.

NUMBER IN CROSS

1840

2d BLUE

SG 4(h)

Spec D1(wk)

PLATE 1

KH



A lovely 4 margin copy, cancelled by a superb **Number 11 in Maltese Cross** signifying late use after April 1843. Very, Very Rare. Top margin a little close but clear.

RPS Certificate 1988.

DISTINCTIVE CROSS

1840

2d BLUE

Spec DS1(vh)

PLATE 1

ME



Superb strike of the **very difficult Wotton-Under-Edge distinctive Maltese Cross** on 4 margin 1840 2d Blue Plate 1.

Seldom seen offered for sale on this value.

BPA Certificate 2007 says toned (we think slightly), corner crack (we think repaired) at lower left.

Comment

A Rare item not seen this cancellation on an 1840 2d Blue very often if at all.

CIRCULAR DATE STAMP

1840

2d BLUE

SG 5

PLATE 1

Spec DS5 (xb)

RI



Superb 4 margin copy with shifted upper transfer cancelled by excellent small **TOWN CANCEL (CDS)** which could be London.

Extremely Rare Late Use with CDS on this issue seldom seen or offered.

RPS Certificate signed by R A G Lee (1990)

Comment

A lovely addition to a 2d Blue Collection

1841

2d BLUE

SG 14

Spec ES 14

PLATE 4

LE



A superb 4 margin **MINT FULL GUM**

One of the Nicest Mint copies we have seen with very fresh appearance.

RPS Certificate (1982).

RED MALTESE CROSS

on

1841

2d BLUE

Spec ES 11 (ua)

PLATE 3

PB



3 margin copy cancelled by Red Maltese Cross, cut into at the right and close to touching below.

Listed by SG but UNPRICED.

RPS Certificate signed by R A G Lee.

Comment

I remember many years ago in the 1980's, Rick Hunt (sadly now deceased) asked me whether I had ever seen a Red Maltese Cross on an 1841 2d Blue. Arguably, they should exist, because the Plate 3 2d Blue was technically issued at the same time the 1d Red was introduced in February 1841. But my understanding was that the Plate 1 and 2 1840 2d Blue had not been selling very well, and most Postmasters had a good stock. So you do not tend to see the 1841 2d Blue being used until towards the end of 1841 when the Black Maltese Cross was well established.

This one is interesting, as it is the only one we have seen in almost 50 years of stamp dealing, although we believe Osborne had one in his collection. Despite its condition, it is VERY RARE and an important addition to an 1841 2d Blue Collection.

CIRCULAR DATE STAMP

1849

2d BLUE

Spec ES14(o)

PLATE 4

BH

SPECTACLE VARIETY



Beautiful 4 margin copy with light **London JY 18 52 CDS in Black.**

Undoubtedly unique with CDS cancel.

RPS Certificate 1991

Comment

Very Rare and we are very unlikely to see another example and we think on this occasion, unique must apply, especially taking into consideration its colour and the variety itself.

This item would sit very nicely with VR23 and VR27.

CIRCULAR DATE STAMP

1849

2d BLUE

PLATE 4

TI



Superb 4 margin copy with **Hawich A SP 27 - - CDS.**

Very Scare on this value.

RPS Certificate 2008 mentions large tone spot (on reverse)

Comment

See also VR23 for 1840 2d Blue with CDS and VR26 1849 2d Blue Plate 4 BH with Spectacle Variety and CDS

1854

2d BLUE

SG 20

Spec F2(q)

BLOCK OF 4

AG-AH/BG-BH

SPECTACLE VARIETY



Very **Scarce** Block of 4 including superb example of the **BH Spectacle Variety**, neatly cancelled by two good **Irish 348 for Navan**.

Some slight re-enforcing. Seldom seen in multiples. Few pulled perms as usual.

Comment

The Spectacle Variety is not common in multiples, particularly Perforated Blocks.

See also VR26 Imperf Spectacle Variety with CDS.

1841

2d BLUE

PLATE 4

RE-ENTRY

STATE 1

TG-TH



Stunning Fine Used Pair with **TH Re-entry**, margins all round, including **full bottom margin inscription** “towards the RIGHT HAND SIDE of the L(ETTER)” and also showing the separating line (sometimes called dividing line) between TF-TG.

Exhibition Quality.

Comment

The only one we have seen in this condition with full inscription margin and including the dividing line between TF-TG.

1841 & 1854
2d BLUE
PLATE 4
RE-ENTRY
STATES 1 & 2
TH



An amazing Mint/Unused Matched Pair State 1 and State 2 with this beautiful Re-entry.

IMPERF State 1 Spec ES14(c) Fresh 4 margin almost full original gum.

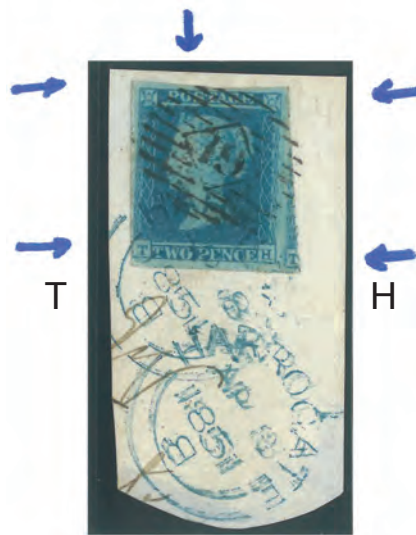
PERF State 2 Spec F1(1)(g) Quite nicely centred, good colour and perms.
RPS Certificate says re-gummed.

Excellent Exhibition Quality and probably Unique as a matching Pair

Uncatalogued as Mint with this Re-entry.

Comment

Truly amazing.

COLOURED CANCEL**1849****2d BLUE****PLATE 4****RE-ENTRY****TH**

Superb 4 margin, large part of adjoining stamp at right clearly showing the classic Re-entry through the “T” square, Two Pence, in H square and in margin below “O” of TWO, also in both top squares exactly as illustrated by Statham Page 3655.

Cancelled and tied by two London District numerals and on receipt by two BLUE HARROGATE AP 8 1851 B (B reversed)

Comment

Brilliant combination

1854 & 1855

2d BLUES

SG 19 and SG 23

PERF 16 and PERF 14

PLATE 4

TH

RE-ENTRIES

STATE 2



SG 19 Perf 16 Spec F(2)(g)

Original non-coincident Re-entry followed by Repair by Re-entry with HANOVER STREET Scots Local Type VII cancel. Centred a little low to the left.

SG 23 Perf 14 Spec F2(e)

Lovely Fine Used well centred copy cancelled by 256 for Dorchester, and, according to an article by A G Brewer and F M Johnson, corresponds to State 7 i.e. the latest period after the last major plate cleaning.

A more detailed description comes with this item explaining the repair courtesy of Winston Hollins.

Comment

A lovely way to end this series 1840 to 1855 2d Blue Re-entries on TH.

COLOURED CANCEL

1855

2d BLUE

SG 20a

Spec F4

PLATE 5

RA



An amazing quite well centred copy of this difficult issue with clear **Blue CDS**.

We have never seen a Blue CDS on this issue before and it appears to be the only cancel.

Comment

A really stunning item on this lovely Perf issue and difficult Plate.

**COMBINATION
of
BLACK PLATES**

PLATE 4 DI

PLATE 1a IB

4 JUNE 1840



PLATE 4 – Superb good to large 4 margin with Basal Shift and lots of dots, but this is an early copy without the dots on the “E” of POSTAGE or the “Y” of PENNY, which as such, is more difficult. Tied to: -

PLATE 1a – Superb good to large 4 margin tied to the Plate 4 by Two Red Maltese Crosses. Shows some plating characteristics.

Backstamp June 4 1840 (earliest date recorded by Statham is 23 May 1840 for Plate 4). Contents refer to an accounts enclosure which would justify the addition of the Plate 1a for being over ½oz. Handwritten FREE in the bottom left hand corner of the wrapper.

Comment

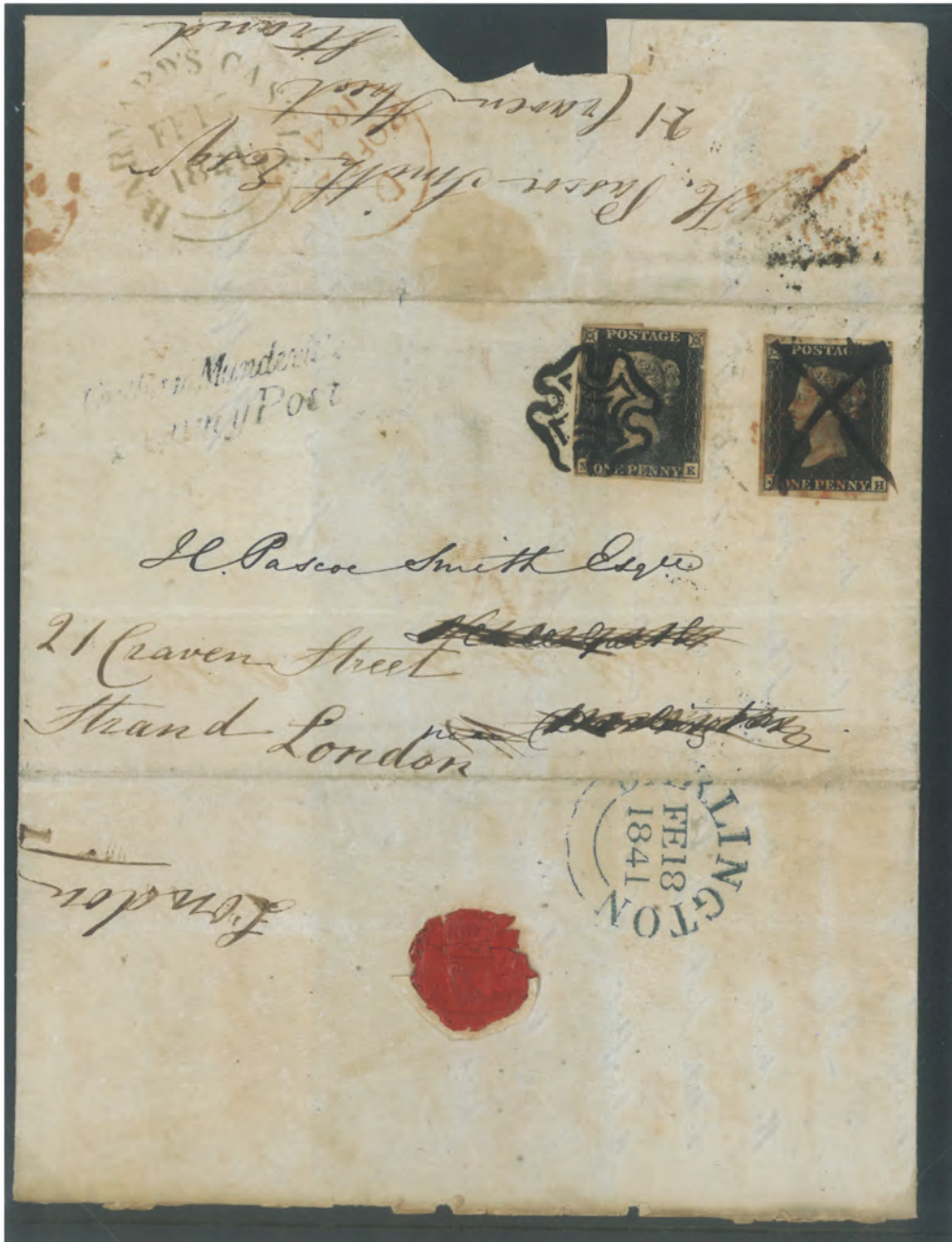
Very early usage of two different 1d Black Plates.

**REDIRECTION and COMBINATION of
BLACK PLATES
PLATE 3 PI
and
PLATE 2 OG
JU 18 1840 & JY 9 1840**



A stunning redirected wrapper initially with 4 margin Plate 3 tied with lovely **Red Maltese Cross** addressed to Park Lane with **Blue "TP – Charles St Westr"**. Re-posted three weeks later to the same addressee with lovely 4 margin Plate 2 tied by **Red Maltese Cross "STRAND"** handstamp alongside **Comment**
Very unusual, being posted twice with two superb 1d Blacks and a three week gap in between

REDIRECTED
Wednesday February 17 1841
BLACK PLATE 10
JH & ME



Amazing wrapper from Barnard Castle to Darlington with **Coatham Mundeville Penny Post** on the front. 4 margin JH with variety tied by **Red Maltese Cross** arriving at Darlington on 18th, **redirected** to London with a 4 margin ME added to pay postage. Arrives 20th and well tied by **Black Maltese Cross**. Inspector strikes through JH with **Black Ink Manuscript Cross**, tying to the cover, although not clear if this was at Darlington or London. Early date for Plate 10.
Comment

Amazing combination to have a Black Plate 10 with a Red Maltese Cross and an inspector's manuscript cross with the redirected 4 margin stamp also being a Plate 10 tied to wrapper by Black Maltese Cross shortly after the introduction of the Black Maltese Cross (10 February 1841). Exceptional Item.

COMBINATION COVER

ALPHA 1 and ALPHA 2

and

1d RED and 2d BLUE

IRELAND to INDIA

1849 2d Blue	Plate 4	FL/GL
1849 2d Blue	Plate 4	FK/GK
1852 1d Red	Plate 129 ALPHA 1	OJ
1852 1d Red	Plate 138 ALPHA 2	RG, RH and RI



An amazing flimsy cover being a Block of 4 2d Blues in two Vertical Pairs used with Four 1d Red Imperfs being a combination of Alpha 1 Plate 129 OJ and Alpha 2 Plate 138 RG, RH and RI (all Missing Imprimatur). Ken Statham felt that the 1d Reds had been added being from Ireland to a soldier in India. The stamps are cancelled by **Irish 229 for Frankford**.

Comment

Very Rare to get so many stamps with apparently margins nearly all round, clearly cancelled by an Irish numeral and addressed to India, with a central PAID 20 SP 20 1852, with the 1d Reds being a combination of Alpha 1 and 2.

COMBINATION COVER

**1840 2d BLUE
PLATE 1
DD**

and

**1841 1d RED IMPERF
PLATE 81
PAIR
OI-OJ**



Amazing combination cover with 1840 2d Blue Plate 1 lettered DD and a Pair of 1d Red Imperfs all with margins all round, tied by 1844 type 177 Cheltenham numerals. From Cheltenham 17 March 1849 to Edinburgh, very attractive and **Very Scarce Late Use of the 1840 2d Blue Plate 1.**

The 4d rate was used as a lease was probably enclosed in the envelope.

Philatelic Certificate, RPS Certificate 2014 (horizontal filing crease through the 1d values) hardly noticeable on this exceptional item

Comment

It is highly unlikely that I will see a cover like this again.

COMBINATION COVER**IMPERF 1d RED and PERF 2d BLUE****2d SG 27 PERF PLATE 5****1d RED IMPERF PLATE 168**

An attractive **2d Blue Large Crown Perf 16 Plate 5** lettered JB centred a little left, tied to entire by 20 in Diamond numeral with **1d Red Imperf Plate 168** alongside with margins (large) on 2 sides but cut into at left and below. Shows the variety marks on neck Statham Page 2003. From London to Bristol 5 October 1855 effectively being **Late Use** of the 1d Red Imperf, but more importantly, a Rare Combination of 1d Red Imperf with 2d Blue SG 27 Plate 5 which is particularly scarce on cover.

Comment

This is the only example we have seen used with a 2d Blue SG 27 and a 1d Red Imperf.

**COMBINATION and TURNED COVER
1849 2d BLUE IMPERF
PLATE 4
and
1857 1d RED PERF
PLATE 34 PAIR (Spec C10)**



Amazing and Rare Turned Cover Combination June 29 1861 with Vertical Pair Plate 34 LF/MF, both with variety and tied by two London WC3 numerals. These stamps obviously needed due to weight. The entire then turned and sent from Saxmundham to Norwich by the addition of 4 margin 1849 2d Blue Imperf Plate 4 nicely tied by light 690 numeral with lovely Saxmundham B JY 2 61 CDS alongside. Dr. Wiggins found a correspondence with 1d Perf Stars which had similar light cancels of the 690 numeral.

Very Late Use of the 2d Imperf and the first time we have seen a 2d Blue Imperf used in combination with a 1d Perf Spec C10.

Potential Exhibition Item.

1847

EMBOSED

1/- SG Spec H1ca

SINGLE THREAD VARIETY



An excellent presentable Mint (full gum) example of this **Very Scarce SINGLE THREAD VARIETY**

Pale Green shade, margins close or touched, some small gum thins.

The only Mint example we have seen.

Listed but Unpriced by SG so Catalogued £24,000+

JERSEY
EMBOSSSED
1/- SG 54
BLOCK OF 4



One of the most amazing and probably the **RAREST Embossed multiples** on this issue we have seen with each value cancelled by a clear **409 Jersey numeral**.

Margins on all sides, massive at right and only just touching above the top left stamp.

It is likely that this piece was on a Registered Envelope possibly to South America to justify a 4/- rate.

A couple of very good slight repairs make this **Very Rare, possibly Unique** Multiple that bit more attractive.

Needless to say, the only Block of this issue we have seen with this cancel.

Exhibition Quality especially for a Jersey collector.

Comment

See also Jersey section for VR55, VR56 and VR57

1864

1d RED

PLATE 225

EC



Brilliant **ULVERSTON D JA 24 80 CDS**. **Very Rare** so fine on this plate.

Comment

A fantastic example to complete a set of 1d Red Plates with Circular Date Stamps.

1864

1d RED

PLATE 225

5 SINGLES

CI, DI, DJ, HA and IA



Five examples with CI, DI and DJ probably from the same sheet and HA and IA in slightly different shade and with different centring, used together on piece with 53 Barred Ovals of Bath.

Highly unusual Plate 225 seldom seen in multiples or groups used.

SURFACE PRINTED

1867-83

£5

**ORANGE
on
WHITE PAPER**

SG 137

CM



Stunning example of this lovely High Value with **Superb WEST HARTLEPOOL FE 22 02 CDS.**

One of the best examples we have seen.

Comment

As a port, it is likely that this value may have been used for duty on tobacco imports

For 10/- SG 128 with CDS 25 Dec 1880 see Christmas Day VR54

SURFACE PRINTED

1882-83

£5

**ORANGE
on
BLUED PAPER**

SG 133

BA



Brilliant example of this **Very Rare** stamp, especially with small **GREENOCK JY 1 82 Thimble CDS** being within the correct period for its use.

Arguably the best copy we have seen with such a neat thimble type CDS.

RPS Certificate notes a "slight thinning". This is very slight and affects just a few of the perfs at the top towards the NW and does not detract from this extremely Rare stamp in this condition.

Comment

For 10/- SG 128 with CDS 25 Dec 1880 see Christmas Day VR54

JUBILEE

½d SPEC K27(1)(c)

VERMILION

PRINTED ON GUMMED SIDE



Unmounted Mint example cut across top left which might have been a fold and how it came to be on the gummed side, two perfs slightly trimmed at the SE corner.

Comment

The first one we have seen.

OFFICIALS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

1/-

SG 082



Very fresh lightly Mounted Mint with **GENUINE OVERPRINT** Type 08

Rare stamp with Certificate.

Slight creasing does not detract from appearance or rarity.

STOCK EXCHANGE

FORGERY

26 JULY 1872

Three amazing pieces from this fascinating forgery. All the known forgeries came from 12 tons of Telegraph waste stored in the central buildings at Waterfords Hamper Mill. 9 tons of which was repurchased by the Post Office in 1915, which included several thousand forged stamps. This was discovered after investigation, which brought to the officers' attention the massive forgery/fraud that had taken place. The perpetrators of this fraud did not get caught or possibly identified at the time.

An examination by a Committee discovered that the fraudsters had mistakenly arranged for sheets of the 1/- value (Plates 5 and 6) to be printed in rows **A to T across** and **A to T down** instead of **A to L across** and **A to T down**, which resulted in **IMPOSSIBLE LETTERINGS**.

Often an Impossible Lettering was used with another value normally a 3d which was stuck across and over the corner letterings. Although the majority discovered have been Plate 5's, Plate 6's are known, and may possibly have been used on a different day or month. The popular dates known are 1st, 16th and 26th July 1872.

Dr. Ian Ray put together a collection of 212 items (approximately a quarter of those available) which is why Plate 6 is now scarce. The collection was sold for £57,000 in 1993.

Dr. Ray published a booklet of the event and his collection.

**STOCK EXCHANGE
FORGERIES
POSITIONS ON 1/- SHEET
26 JULY 1872**

STOCK EXCHANGE FORGERIES

Positions on 11-sheet

A
B
C
D
E A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T

JY 26 72

PLATE 5
POSSIBLE LETTERING
EC



PLATE 5
IMPOSSIBLE LETTERINGS

EM



ES



Positions on 3d Sheet

A
B A B C D E F G H I J K L
C
D A B C D E F G H I J K L

All 3 pieces used
within a short period
of time on the same
day! Remarkable
TRIO

CHRISTMAS DAY

1840

FIRST USE OF THE 1d MULREADY LETTER SHEET

Stereo A25



Quite good example posted LONDON DE 24 1840 to Salisbury arriving DE 25 1840. Superb Red Maltese Cross and arrival date stamp.

The first 1d Mulready used on Christmas Day 1840 which we have seen. This one used as a bill head for Samuel Hanson & Son, Botalph Lane, London Importers of foreign fruits etc.

For further Christmas Day items see VR 51, 52, 53, 54 and 196

**CHRISTMAS DAY
1840
1d BLACK
PLATE 8
DK
EXPERIMENTAL BLACK LONDON MALTESE CROSS**



Lovely 4 margin copy tied to wrapper by **Superb Black** London Maltese Cross which at this time was **EXPERIMENTAL** and the only English town with a Black Maltese Cross, making it a **Very Rare** cover, especially as it is the first Christmas that a 1d Black could be used. Clear **Red DE 25 1840 LONDON** on reverse. Handwritten 24 December 1841 also on reverse. Good TP Cornhill on front.

For further Christmas Day items see VR 50, 52, 53, 54 and 196

CHRISTMAS DAY

1840

1d BLACK

PLATE 7

GI

BELFAST LATE

IRISH

BELFAST LATE

DE 24 1840 to
Glasgow DE 26 1840
Rectangle on arrival.
Belfast DE 25 1840
on flap.

Lovely 4 margin tied
by Superb Red
Maltese Cross with
lovely combination of
LATE BELFAST and
CHRISTMAS DAY,
Belfast DE 25 1840
CDS on flap.



For further Christmas Day items see VR 50, 51, 53, 54 and 196

CHRISTMAS DAY

1840

2d BLUE

SG 5

PLATE 1

FH



Lovely looking copy with margins on all sides but cut into or touched on three sides. Tied to large part entire by Superb **Red Lockerby Maltese Cross** to Edinburgh with lovely **LOCKERBY DE 25 1840** also in Red. Interesting contents which relate to a debt of £697.

Comment

The only 2d Blue value we have seen with Christmas Day 1840 cancel.

For further Christmas Day items see VR 50, 51, 52, 54 and 196

CHRISTMAS DAY

DE 25 1880

10/-

SG 128

FH



Superb example with lovely **Thimble DUNDEE M.O.O. DE 25 80**

Comment

This is the first Christmas Day cancel we have seen on this or any other Queen Victoria High Value so far.

For further Christmas Day items see VR 50 51, 52, 53 and 196

JERSEY
SHIP LETTER
and
HANDSTRUCK 8



DE 31 1853 Jersey Entire to GRANVILLE charged with a fine "8"
(itself rated a Rare Handstamp by Wilcox £500-£800), Orange Jersey CDS with
fine **Rare Black JERSEY SHIP LETTER** cancel at the top left and
GRANVILLE JAN V 54 CDS on reverse.

A Very Rare combination of a Rare Ship Letter and charge marks.

Comment

Exhibition Quality

For other Jersey items see VR 42, VR 56 and VR 57

JERSEY

TUESDAY

9 FEBRUARY 1841

1d BLACK

PLATE 6

OE

STATE 1

Rather stunning lengthy content entire with 4 margin 1d Black tied by Greyish Black Maltese Cross with matching **JERSEY FE 9 1841 CDS** on the reverse near Seal.

It pre-dates the official introduction of the Black Ink Cross by 1 day (10 February).

Rockoff & Jackson page 131 of the Encyclopedia of Maltese Cross Cancellations of Great Britain and Ireland say "the use of Black Ink is recorded from 27 November 1840, although SG's Channel Islands Postal History Catalogue (1st Edition 1991) notices that Jersey received a common cross which was struck in Red Ink until February 1841, the data base records the use of Red Ink only up to 23 November 1840. It would appear that, contrary to official instructions, Jersey deliberately and constantly began using Black Ink at the end of November 1840. The reason is unknown at present."

It is likely that this entire passed through London on its way to Hawick (in Scotland) with Code B **12 FE 12 1841** also on flap. As such, it may be the same Office that used the same experimental Black London cross. It was sanctioned so it could be identified and/or did an official end up in Jersey with a Black Ink pad?

For other Jersey items see VR 42, VR 55 and VR 57

Peak suppose that Earth of some prof on the day for the months of June July Aug Sept Oct. 5 months or 20 weeks
at 6 days in the week = 36 in the week = 720 in the season at 1:4 720 } 1080^d or 90f ----- 54.10-

This calculation is of course
very crude and hypothetical
Peak it is an approximation to
the truth

Peak say that the cost of the piping comes to } 2.10-
as much ----- } 2.90--
Peak say that the toll is 1/2 lb for ----- } 2.20--
100. It certainly is not do - then there is the Road
to be kept & so on

What does Sicinnia do for?

Peak Sicinnia is so much better that there is hardly any analogy -

5th January 1841



Malta Salt Exports of Manchester

Wanted bridge

Hawick

M. 10-

with 2: with back

to put in
the



If you and Mr. Elliot agree w. me in thinking the matter should be rejected - I will
write Mr. Clifforne - if he chooses to join the opposing party - but I will count till
I hear from you -

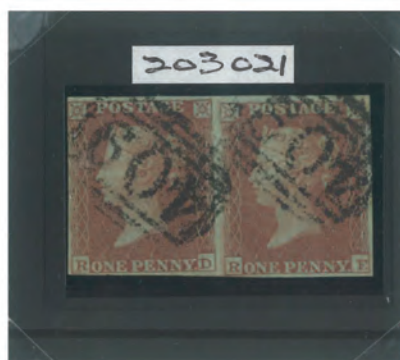
JERSEY

1d IMPERF

PLATE 175

PAIR

RD-RE



Lovely Pair, margins all round, variety left side line of RE extends above (Statham Page 2034). **Two excellent 409 Jersey numerals denotes scarce usage for this Island.**

R P S Certificate (2009) clean.

Comment

For Embossed Block of 4 with 409 Jersey cancels see item VR 42. Other Jersey items VR 56.

SCILLY

1d RED IMPERF

PLATE 170

PAIR

OJ-OK



Brilliant Pair with good to large margins all round and cancelled by two **Superb 610 numerals for SCILLY.**

Very Scarce cancels especially on Imperfs. Enhanced by being a multiple and a quite difficult Alphabet 2 plate.

COLOURED CANCEL

GREEN IRISH SPOON

1d IMPERF

PLATE 157

NJ



Good looking example, parts of adjoining stamps top and bottom, margins good right side and small part left, but cut into towards NW square. Tied to wrapper to Plymouth by **Superb GREEN DUBLIN SPOON 16 AU 55**, although the date slug missing for 16. Code 2, backstamped 16 AU 1855 and PLYMOUTH AU 17 1855 and handwritten date 16 Au 1855.

It is Type A2 RA 64 Spoon used from 1 August 1855 to 5 October 1855 in **GREEN**, Codes 2, 2A. which is a short 2 month period.

Plating characteristics top and NE recut and partially double, burr rub over "GE" of POSTAGE (Statham Pages 1932 and 1937).

Cat £9,000 plus (QV 16th Edition)

Comment

Extremely scarce in Green on Imperfs.

COLOURED CANCEL
BLUE LONDON SUBURBAN
1d IMPERF
PLATE 156
INVERTED WATERMARK
NK



Almost 4 margin copy cancelled by **London Suburban 57 in Blue** and having **Inverted Watermark**. This cancel in Blue has not been seen before, and as far as we know, not recorded. It is a **Scarce and Unusual Combination**, left margin just touching at NW square.

BOOK POST

D30 Used in
London Chief Office.
 Plate 119 KB tied to
 original wrapper to
 Marlborough, Wells, by
Superb D30.

Contains commercial
 private and confidential
 listing dated
AUG 12 1869



Exceptionally Rare,
 possibly **Unique** with
 original content
 Illustrating both
Book Post and the
Cancellation.

With full contents which
 altogether enhances its
 Scarcity.

ENGLISH PENNY POST**Usage Infringement****FLEETWOOD****1840****1d BLACK****PLATE 2****PH**

During 1838/1839 “Penny Post” handstamps were issued to Preston Receiving Sub Offices at Blackpool, Kirkham, Poulton and Fleetwood to indicate a local 1d postage charge to Preston. From 1840 these stamps were used to indicate where an item entered the postal system and were not to be used to cancel adhesives. This rule was flouted at a few offices such as Fleetwood and Poulton.

Addressed to Everton, Liverpool, posted at Fleetwood 19 Sep 1840 with a smashing example of the **Fleetwood/Penny Post in Black and Maltese Cross applied in Red.**

BPA Certificate

Comment

Exhibition Quality and a Beautiful Item.

Cat £9,000 (QV 16th Edition)

SCOTTISH PENNY POST

Usage Infringement

STANLEY

1840

1d BLACK

PLATE 7

DF



Almost 4 margin tied with Red Maltese Cross and incorrectly two line “**STANLEY PENNY POST**” in Black. On the reverse is a framed Perth Transit Date Stamp for 13 Jan 1841 and a framed GLASGOW Receiving Date Stamp for 14 Jan 1841 all in Black.

The Maltese Cross is Red Orange and it is Spec AS44 (ya).

Stanley – The “Stanley Penny Post” handstamp is recorded in use from 1838 until 1846 though it was officially meant to be discontinued on the introduction of the Uniform Penny Post on 9 January 1840. It is actually **Very Rare** on cover and it is the **first one we have seen from Scotland**.

Comment

Exhibition Item

RAILWAY
1d RED IMPERF
PLATE 35
KF



An Extremely **Rare**, possibly **Unique** early Imperf Plate 35, 3 margins and cancelled solely by partial K.B (Konigliche Bayerische Staats Eisenbahnen) **BAHNPOST 12 AUG –(44?) ROYAL BAVARIAN STATE RAILWAYS**

This Railway was only founded in 1844, which ties in with this plate, which would normally be cancelled by a Maltese Cross.

The stamp is illustrated in Mike Batty's "Penny Red Stars Used Abroad" but is incorrectly plated as 32. It is Plate 35 with 1842/43 Ray Flaws.

At this time "Germany", as we now know it, was simply a collection of "States", which did not become "unified" until 1871.

Comment

An important addition to an Imperf cancellation collection in particular but also obviously of interest to a railway collector.

TOWN DATED CANCEL

DORCHESTER

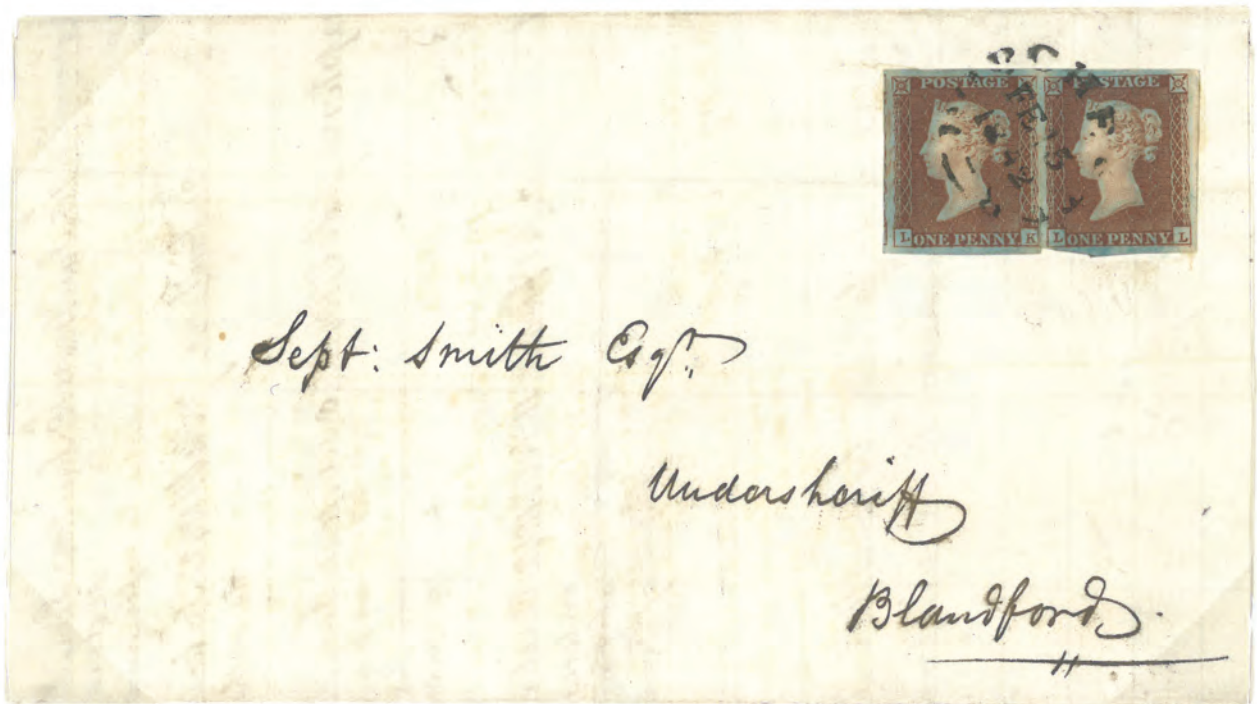
1d RED IMPERF

PLATE 18

Spec BS7(va)

PAIR

LK-LL



A fine slightly reduced Lettersheet sent from **DORCHESTER** to **BLANDFORD**. Lovely Pair of Imperfs with margins all round tied by a **single 22.5mm diameter** Black **DORCHESTER TOWN** dated **15 FEB 1842**. This is contrary to regulations. LK shows Basal Shift. Backstamps **BLANDFORD 16 FEB 1842** in Black and handwritten "see second list".

Brandon Certificate Number 26686.

Cat £3,000 (QV 16th Edition)

Comment

Really good example of the smaller Dorchester Town cancel which we have seldom seen offered for sale.

GLASGOW

SHIP LETTER

1d PLATE 80

CG, CJ, CK



Single and a Pair on piece cancelled by one quite good and one partial **GLASGOW SHIP LETTER** in Rectangle, which is very unusual and not seen by us before.

VR 67

CHELTENHAM

SPOON

1d RED PERF

GD



Attractive 1d Perf tied to **Superb** envelope by **Brilliant strike** of the **Extremely Rare Cheltenham Spoon** for **NO 28 1857 Code F**.

From the Gloucestershire Banking Company (on inside flap) to Sheffield and Rotherham Bank, Bakewell.

Nice backstamps for CHESTERFIELD NO 29 1857 A and BAKEWELL NO 29 1857

The Best example of this **Very Rare** cancel that we have seen on cover.

Cat £3,500+

REDIRECTED COVER

1840 1d BLACK
PLATE 8
PH

and

1841 1d RED IMPERF
PLATE 9
TB



Lovely almost 4 margin **1d Black Plate 8** cancelled by Black Maltese Cross to Oxford. Then **redirected to Dursley**, with the addition of a **Superb 4 margin 1d Red from Black Plate 9**, both tied by Black Maltese Crosses. The 1d Red partly covers a **HURSLEY PENNY POST** handstamp.

Rare and attractive usage with OXFORD JU 30 1841 on front. It appears to have been originally addressed to the Reverend Isaac Williams (Hinchcombe?) Trinity College Oxford, then to a Reverend J G ?, and finally, to a Reverend J Keble Bisley Stroud, with Manuscript 26 June 1841 in bottom left corner. Backstamps are WORCESTER JU 26 1841, OXFORD JU 28 1841 and DURSLEY JY 1 1841 (x 2).

BPA Certificate

Comment

*An **Exceptionally Rare** item well worthy of inclusion in an exhibit.*

REGISTERED ENTIRE

LONDON NO 44

26 APRIL 1842

1d RED IMPERF

PLATE 19

KJ



Lovely 4 margin copy tied to entire by Maltese Cross and addressed to Nottingham with **Superb Red London Tombstone Code B PAID 26 AP 1842** and handwritten “Registered Letter” and 44 (number) alongside.

Sent from “Lord Mayor’s Court Office, Old Jury (London) to a solicitor in Nottingham. The stamp is also just tied by the flourish of the “Registered Letter” endorsement. A very fine Nottingham AP 27 1842 Code A arrival CDS on reverse, nicely placed on the flap (top). The contents note that “enclosed you will receive a bank post bill for £42”.

The cover comes from a 2015 “find”. Very few Registered covers with 1d Reds tied by Maltese Cross cancels have been recorded and this is a fairly early number for London with a London Maltese Cross as well.

Comment

Exceptional exhibition item

SALISBURY TRIAL CANCEL

2d BLUE

SG Spec G2

PLATE 7

PH



Lovely 2d Blue tied to wrapper from Salisbury to Plymouth via London by excellent **683 Salisbury Trial Cancel** with **Four Dots** in centre in black. London Code CL JA 4 59, Plymouth Code A JA 5 59 and unusual rectangle Pamvaco (?) Micrailachy (?) London.

Rare Trial Cancel especially on the 2d value.

Comment

Plate 7 used in the first year is Rare and this is the 4 January 1859.

TELEGRAPH

3d SG 103

BLOCK OF 12

GI to GL

HI to HL

II to IL



Superb wing margin **Block of 12** all neatly cancelled by **855 Telegraph Cancels** for **Ludgate Hill Railway Station** on the London, Chatham, Dover Railway.

Exceptional item and cancel **Very Rare** on Blocks of 4 or more.

UNUSUAL CROSS

1d RED IMPERF

PLATE 122

QE

18 FEB 1852



Lovely 4 margin with **Highly Unusual Blue/Black Cross**, possibly a **cork** cut to the shape of a Maltese Cross. Neither Broughton in Furness nor Millom had numeral cancels until about 1874.

The envelope has a blue lining around the edge, front and back and the address is a Miss Pithall at the Vicarage, Millom, and the date might suggest a late (?) Valentine. There is a nice Black Broughton in Furness FE 18 1852 Code A cancel on the reverse.

Comment

Apparently similar sorts of cancels have been seen in Canada where it is suggested a cork was cut into the shape of a cross to produce the cancellations.

A superb quality exhibition item.

BLUE TOWN BURSLEM CANCEL**1d RED IMPERF Spec BS31(vb)****PLATE 98 LE**

Good to large
4 margin tied to neat
entire from Burslem,
Staffordshire Potteries
by **Blue BURSLEM**
JA 2 1851 Town CDS
with similar cancel
below to Shrewsbury
via Newcastle Staffs.
Backstamped
Newcastle Staffs
JA 2 1851 and
Shrewsbury JA 3 1851
both Code B.



Philatelic Expertising Certificate – incorrectly says the stamp is Plate 108.

Comment

Scare usage.

BLUE

AYR

TOWN CANCEL

1d RED IMPERF

Spec B1(1)(vb)

PE



Beautiful 4 margin with lovely **Blue AYR 12 JY 18** – Town Cancel.

Comment

Seldom seen.

VR 75

BLUE

MILFORD(?) HAVEN

TOWN CANCEL

1d RED IMPERF

Spec B1(1)(vb)

KE



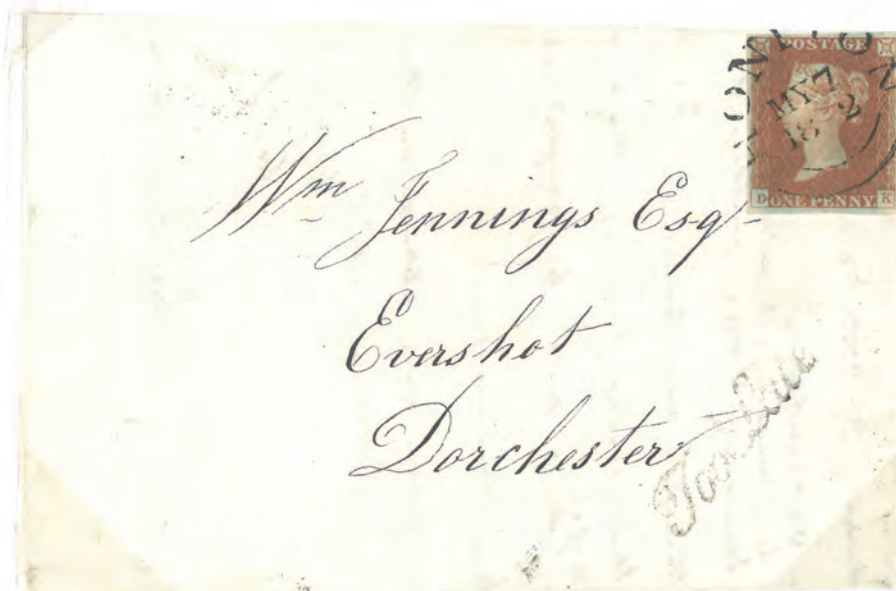
Beautiful 4 margin with large part **MILFORD (?) HAVEN -- 21 1846 in Blue.**

Brandon Certificate signed by W Bird.

Comment

Exhibition Quality

BLACK
HONITON
TOWN CANCEL
1d RED IMPERF
Spec B1(va)
DK



Absolutely magnificent 4 margin tied to dated entire by
Brilliant HONITON MY 7 1842 Town CDS to Evershot Dorchester with lovely
TOO LATE struck neatly on the front.

Comment

Exhibition Quality and as probably as good an example on cover as one could see.

For small Town Dated Cancel of Dorchester see item VR 65.

VR 77

BLUE

HAWKSHEAD

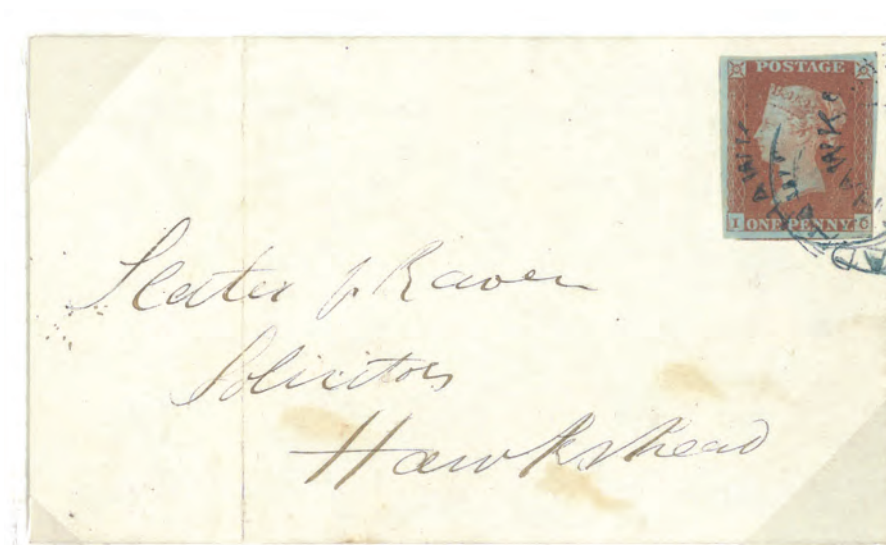
UNDATED CIRCLE

1d RED IMPERF

Spec BS 29(vb)

PLATE 85

IC



Beautiful 4 margin, a little close but clear at SE corner, tied to very neat wrapper by two slightly incomplete **HAWKSHEAD Undated Circular Cancels in Blue**. Used locally 30 OC 1849

BPA Certificate

1911-13

EDWARD VII

SOMERSET HOUSE

10/-

SG 319



Two **Stunning Pairs** tied to original piece by very light JY 15 12 CDS's, so light that the town of origin, Guernsey, is hardly visible.

Possibly originally a Block of 4, **Beautiful Colour**.

Somerset House multiples are much scarcer than the De La Rue issue.

1902-11
EDWARD VII
PROOFS
1d
Spec M5(1)
Block of 4



An Imperf Block of 4 of the **TRIPLE IMPRESSION one of which is Inverted**, as De La Rue make ready prior to normal printing of the stamps.

RPS Certificate refers to SG Spec Volume 2 Page 25 (now page 26 in current version) which does not mention the inverted impression.

GV

MULTIPLE CYPHER

COIL JOINS

1/2d Spec N15e

1d Spec N17ce?



1/2d Coil Join Pair upright watermark, slightly differing shades and both quite good perfs **Unmounted Mint**.

1d Amazing **Coil Join Pair** with the **top stamp Upright Watermark**, slightly trimmed perfs at left and **bottom stamp Inverted Watermark**, quite good perfs, **Unmounted Mint**.

Being a seemingly **Rare** combination which we have not seen or heard of before.

Comment

Unlisted by SG so far as we are aware.

1912-22

GV

CYPHER

1d

CONTROL S22

Block of 6



Spectacular, possibly Unique Corner Block.

Two Stamps adjoining right margin **Without Watermark** (vertical).

Two adjoining stamps with part **Postage** reading downwards and part **Inverted Watermarks**.

Two adjoining stamps **Inverted Watermarks**.

At least four of the stamps are unmounted, some gum creasing, but possibly the only block known from this control with these varieties of watermarks.

1912-22
GV
CYPHER
2½d
SG 371a
Spec N21(4)
BRIGHT BLUE
CONTROL K17
BLOCK OF 6



A **Superb** lightly **Mounted Mint Control K17 Perf Block of 6** with Perf Type 2A. A **Very Rare** control being by far the Rarest of all the 2½d values.

RPS Certificate.

1915

GV

SEAHORSE

DE LA RUE

10/-

Spec N70(2)

DEEP BLUE

WORN PLATE



Superb Block of Six Very Fine Used, with good colour, centring and perfs. Cancelled by **LONDON 26 JUL 18 CDS's**. Small tear Row 3/2 lower right hardly detracts from this **Rare** multiple produced and issued during the First World War.

The accompanying Certificate allocates the shade to N70(8), which it was in the Four Kings Volume 13 since re-categorised to N70(2) in the subsequent Volume 14.

PARCEL POST LABEL
1913
GV
SEAHORSE
WATERLOW
10/- SG 402 INDIGO BLUE
and
£1 SG 403 GREEN



Spectacular and we believe **Very Rare Guernsey Parcel Post Label** with **GV 8d SG 390** for postage and **Superb 10/- and £1** Waterlow for prepaid Customs Duty. All tied by neat **GUERNSEY 8 MY 1915 CDS's** with separate CDS tying to original brown packaging.

For other Jersey/Guernsey items please see VR 42, VR 55, VR 56 and VR 57.

Comment

Has to be of Exhibition Quality.

OVERSEAS DESTINATION

SURFACE PRINTED

8d

SG 156

PLATE 1

HE and FD



A lovely duo cancelled by what appears to be **three different Helensburgh Postmarks**: -

1. 176 with Helensburgh with three bars above and below.
2. 176 Helensburgh with two thick bars above and below.
3. Helensburgh E JA 24 78 CDS (which might be an upside down CDS giving the appearance of being attached to the second 176 making a Duplex).

Addressed to Madras India via Brindisi with **SEA POST FE 1 78 CDS** on reverse of the envelope.

Highly unusual combination (double rate?).

RPS Certificate 2015.

Comment

Quite a novelty.

DISTINCTIVE CANCELS

1d IMPERF

PLATE 104

BA



Superb 4 margin Imperf with **159 Bavarian COTTON REEL** cancellation not seen by us before.

RPS Certificate 2015

VR 87

GB USED ABROAD

ARGENTINA

B32

2/-

SG 120a (in GB)

COBALT BLUE

JE



Brilliant wing margin, **Superb B32 cancel** unlisted by SG.

RPS Certificate 2002

GB USED ABROAD**ASCENSION ISLAND****1d****Z2****Plate 157****CG**

Well centred copy cancelled by **ASCENSION Code A 17 FE CDS** with year slug omitted.

This stamp is unusual as all known covers up to 1880 show the Ascension postmark away from the stamp, which was cancelled at the Post/Port of arrival in Britain or on a Mail Ship. There are, however, a handful of stamps in existence from this period with Ascension postmarks, of which the above is one. Plate 157 was printed in the middle of 1872. The postmark is the second one used on Ascension, the size (20 mm) and the shape of the letter "C" in Ascension distinguishes this. It is last recorded on cover in 1868. The next postmark is in the GPO Impression Books dated 6 November 1872, but no doubt took some weeks to reach the Ascension Islands thereafter. Thus, it is unlikely that it came into use until early 1873.

It would appear that this is a genuine postal use, possibly very early, with the year slug (73) having been forgotten.

GB USED ABROAD

**NEW SOUTH WALES
AUSTRALIA**

9d

SG 86

BISTRE

BJ



Superb copy with clear **Triple Oval N.S.W. and 62 (year)-?Y 13 CDS** which we believe is also an Australian cancel.

Note UK cancels as this 62 would be below the date and not above.

This value was issued for the rate of postage for letters to Australia.

Comment

We have not seen this cancel on a GB Surface Printed value before.

GB USED ABROAD

IONIAN ISLANDS

CORFU

1d RED PERF

Spec C10

PLATE 39

BH



Beautiful well centred example cancelled lightly in Grey Black by Brilliant **CORFU SE 7 – Small Double Ring CDS.**

Illustrated by Mike Batty (Page 17) of his publication.

Comment

Very Rare cancel and the first that we have seen and offered for sale.

GB USED ABROAD

VALPARAISO

CHILE

10/-

SG Z89

CF



Excellent cancel on slightly stained/water damage(?) copy which might turn out to be scarcer than the £1 value.

BPA Certificate 2008 says “stained at right, creased at foot (not visible from front), perfs recut lower right.”

See our comment regarding the £1 values on the following page.

GB USED ABROAD

VALPARAISO

CHILE

£1

SG Z90

VR 92



Lettered CB - Excellent cancel on this **Very Very Rare** value and the only country where the £1 was used abroad.

BPA Certificate 1990 says “thinned at top and defective at foot”, all the ones we have seen have similar sorts of faults.

Possibly ex Reverend Kempster whose sale was about the time of the certificate.

VR 93



Lettered CC - Lovely colour and **upright C30** and the best of the £1 values we have seen used in Chile.

RPS Certificate 1959

Comment

We speculate that a quarter/half sheet went out to Chile possibly to be used for a particular purpose/parcel, as we have seen the letterings CB, CC and DD.

GB USED ABROAD

CRIMEA

BLACK SEA FLEET

Combination of Crown between Stars and London Roller

1d RED PERF

Spec C1

PLATE 155

STATE 3

TRIO

OI, OJ, OK



A Pair centred low (OI/OJ) tied to envelope on arrival in London by 49 Diamond Roller Cancel with the third stamp (making the 3d rate) lettered OK also centred low just tied in bottom right corner by the **Crown between Stars**. Handwritten "via Marseille" and "Black Sea Fleet" and addressed to James de Montmorency, Kent, all on front. Backstamped Post Office/British Army FE 7 1855 Code A

Very Rare combination of postmarks.

Comment

The first one we have seen with this type of combination of cancels. The stamps obviously belong together

GB USED ABROAD

EGYPT

ALEXANDRIA

B01

6d

SG Z24a

PLATE 8

IMPERF

TB



A good example with two strikes of the **B01 numeral** (possibly Unique with this cancel?) and arrival CDS at bottom left. Damaged at lower left and right side.

RPS Certificate 2011

Comment

Very Rare and seldom offered for sale used in GB let alone with B01 cancel.

GB USED ABROAD

FRANCE

PORT BAIL

LOZENGE 2984

4d

SG 94

PLATE 11

FL



Good copy tied to slightly aged piece by large part **2984 for Port Bail.**

We understand that this is one of only about 5 recorded.

Comment

Very Very Rare

GB USED ABROAD

FERNANDO PO

247.

6d

Z3

PLATE 15

TG



A **Superb** copy cancelled by the **3 VOS** handstamp with dot illustrated Parmenter & Gordon (P.8/39). In Parmenter's earlier book it implies the issue of the handstamp coincides with the introduction of this 6d value (P.318).

BPA Certificate 2016 says "small split at top"

Comment

*Probably one of the **Rarest** Used Abroad handstamps.*

GB USED ABROAD

GRENADA

ST GEORGE

A15

6d

Z4

STRIP OF 4



Sept 25 1873 wrapper to Glasgow bearing 6d Strip of 4 with wing margin at left. Cancelled by four neat **A15** cancellations, "**LONDON PAID**" CDS in Red alongside, **Grenada Type 5 Inverted C** and **Glasgow arrival CDS's** on reverse. Filing fold affecting two stamps on this long wrapper.

Comment

Fine and **Scarce** and thought to be one of only two surviving examples on cover.

VR 99 and VR 100

GB USED ABROAD

GIBRALTAR

A26

1d PLATE

Z19

PLATE 225

VR 99



Lettered LK/MK - Superb Vertical Pair with good cancels and **Very Very Rare**. SG lists Plate 225 in some used abroad countries but not Gibraltar. This is the first multiple of Plate 225 that we have seen used abroad.

BPA Certificate 1984

VR 100



Lettered NK - Superb copy originally part of the only vertical strip of 3 with part of CDS and A26 cancel (see above).

The remaining Pair above with one similar cancel probably originally making a 3d rate. These stamps together are the only Plate 225's we have seen used abroad.

RPS Certificate 2011.

Comment

Possibly Unique, especially as a Trio.

GB USED ABROAD

ITALY

VIA DE/MARE/(e)

1d RED PERF

Spec C10

PLATE 57

GL



Very attractive well centred, clearly cancelled by **Red Via/De/Mare/(e)** obliteration, possibly on arrival in Italy, with a 15 C Italian stamp with the same cancel showing clearly against the Blue/White background.

RPS Certificate 2016

Comment

*Probably **Unique** - not listed in the Mike Batty publication.*

GB USED ABROAD

**Small
Crown**

MALTA

**Die 2
Perf 16**

1d RED PERF

SG Z2

PLATE 5

NH



Well centred copy with quite good perfs and **Excellent Wavy Lines Cancel.**

RPS Certificate - which incorrectly gives it SG number as Z1, although correctly describes it as SC. P16. Die 2

GB USED ABROAD

MALTA

2/-

SG 120a (in GB)

COBALT BLUE

PLATE 1

VR 103



Lettered HK - Lovely well centred example of this **Rare** shade which is not listed by SG in Malta. Almost perfect **MALTA FE 22 68 CDS**

BPA Certificate 2002

VR 104



Lettered BA - **Very Fine Used** example of this **Very Scarce** shade, neatly cancelled by part Malta CDS and A25 numeral.

BPA Certificate 1957 signed by Robson Lowe

For another Cobalt Blue Used Abroad see VR 87, B32 Argentina

GB USED ABROAD

2/- BROWN

CHILE VALPARAISO

SG Z87

and

NICARAGUA GREYTOWN

SG Z20

PLATE 1

VR 105

CHILE VALPARAISO



Lettered OD - Brilliant lower left corner example with “TWO POUNDS per sheet of 20” part imprint which is almost complete and possibly **Unique** as it is unlikely that many sheets went to Chile and there will be limited survival.

Brilliant C30 Valparaiso enhances value still further.

BPA Certificate 1978 says “Genuine” with marginal paper rejoined.

VR 106

NICARAGUA GREYTOWN



Lettered SF - Brilliant example of this **Very Rare** value with parts of two Greytown CDS's for JU 15 80.

Comment

The 2/- Brown is one of the scarcest values used abroad.

GB USED ABROAD
OIL RIVERS PROTECTORATE

BENIN

2½d

Z1



Brilliant example tied to piece by **Superb Blue Oval 7 OCT 92 BENIN OIL RIVERS PROTECTORATE** which is possibly **Unique**.

GB USED ABROAD

PERU

CALLAO

C38

1/2d	Z28	Plate 6	lettered OF
1d	Z29	Plate 171	lettered PA
4d	Z39	Plate 15	lettered GL
4d	Z39	Plate 15	lettered FL
6d	Z46	Plate 15	lettered RE (wing margin)
1/-	Z54	Plate 12	lettered FI
2/3 1/2d			



Remarkable **REGISTERED** Envelope from Callao to Paris via London with all values cancelled and mostly tied by C38's for Callao.

Two different Line Engraved values and four Surface Printed values of which three are different.

Straight line REGISTERED and Red Oval REGISTERED 29 AU 77 LONDON, Black CALLAO Code A JY 27 77 CDS and Red CALAIS 29 AU 77 Double Ring CDS. Paris Black 30 AUG 77 Code 2 Double Ring CDS on Reverse.

Comment

Tremendous cover which oozes Exhibition Quality.

GB USED ABROAD

PORTO RICO

SAN JUAN

C61

4d Z91

PLATE 15

E1 to EL



Extraordinarily **Rare Strip of 4** from this very difficult issue with a central somewhat over-inked **C61 numeral** with **PORTO RICO Code C NO 2 75 CDS** alongside and with a second indistinct cancel although the CDS is readable.

The 4d Vermilion is **Very Rare** in any multiple with the SG QV Specialised Catalogue only giving it a listing and value for a Mint Block of 4 (nearly five times the normal price!!).

Faint diagonal pressed out crease (filing) on E1 hardly detracts from its Rarity.

Comment

I cannot remember ever seeing a block or even a multiple bigger than a pair of this value either used in GB or GB Used Abroad.

GB USED ABROAD**SUEZ****B02****1/-****Z76****GB Spec J2(d)****“K” in Circle****KD**

A **Superb** Perforated Full Wing Margin example with lightly struck **B02 Suez** numeral leaving the variety in SW square clear and visible. Interestingly, the variety was caused by excessive pressure of the punch, used when the replacement letter was inserted for the damaged original. The Imprimatur has no circle, nor has the first printing, which is scarcer than the repaired version. However, it is a **Rare** stamp to find with a GB Used Abroad cancel and it is listed by Gibbons with its own SG number, but it is as yet **uncatalogued**.

Comment

One of the few “K” in Circle we have offered for sale and by far the best considering that it was used in Suez.

GB USED ABROAD

TOBAGO

SCARBOROUGH

A14

1d PERF

Z1

Spec C10

PLATE 47

FC



Superb copy. Excellent **A14 Scarborough** cancel.

RPS Certificate 1992

Comment

One of the best examples we have offered for sale.

GB USED ABROAD

MAILBOAT

A98

1d IMPERF

PLATE 172

QK



Almost 4 margin with mark in SW square (Statham P. 2020) clearly cancelled by **3 HOS A98**. Parmenter/Gordon records **Cunard Atlantic Packets** “**Mr Nash Marine Packet Service Atlantic Line**”

Cancel recorded in use from 19 Jan 1861 (Arr.) to March 19 1864 (Dep). Very Late Use for this Plate and the only Imperf we have seen with a Mailboat cancel so far.

The stamp is just touched at left margin at NW and two pinholes.

Comment

*Still a great **Rarity** despite the faults.*

STAMBOUL

LAST DAY CANCEL?

40 PARAS

SG 7



Superb example of this **Very Rare Handstamp** in use for just 5 days at Constantinople and Stamboul Offices. The handstamp became damaged during use, so that by 1 March, the top of the “S” was broken. This example is beautifully tied by a BRITISH POST OFFICE MR 1 93 STAMBOUL CDS and clearly showing the broken “S”.

Interestingly addressed to a Dr. A S Napier a professor at Merton College Oxford. Backstamp British Post Office MR 1 93 STAMBOUL and OXFORD MR 5 93.

Comment

Is this a last day cancel?

USE of FORMER GB

A01

USED ABROAD CANCEL

EDWARD VII

1902-10

DE LA RUE

£1

SG 266

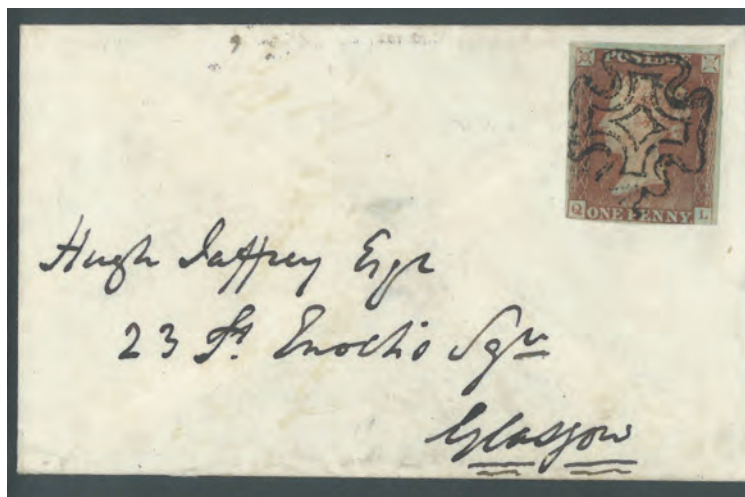


Fine Used copy clearly cancelled **A01** which was used first in Jamaica. Parmenter P. 217 says "At the turn of the century this was used in the Foreign Branch London". Cancel rarely seen on the £1 value. Also cancelled by London CDS as well as the two A01 cancels.

Comment

Ideal for a Used Abroad collector who wants to add an unusual value to their collection.

RED
from
BLACK PLATE 1d
STATE 4
Spec AS12
QL



Attractive almost 4 margin copy of this difficult **Third Plate Repair**. Shows scratches in left margin and faint re-entry marks in NW square, clear, neat upright Maltese Cross from Saltcoats to Glasgow 16 JY 1841 7.30 am arrival on reverse of small envelope.

The stamp is just a little cut into towards "L" square just below NY of PENNY. One of just seven stamps in this repair and one of only three stamps that were further repaired in the **Fourth Plate Repair Spec AS13**.

Comment

Seldom seen or offered, especially on cover clearly dated.

RED
from
BLACK PLATE 1d
STATE 4
Spec AS12
RL



Extremely **Rare** almost 4 margin example which shows the Re-entry marks in NW and NE corner squares. From Kirkcaldy 2 NOV 1841 to Edinburgh 3 NOV 1841.

RPS Certificate 1998 – Ex Baranasambati.

Comment

Seldom seen especially on cover and a sister item to VR115.

1841

1d RED

BLACK PLATE 10

PAIR

ID-IE

MONDAY 1st MARCH 1841

A **Very Rare Pair**, possibly **Unique(?)** being the earliest multiple we have seen used on cover following the introduction of the 1d Red on Wednesday 10 February 1841. Written and posted on Monday 1 March 1841 by Lady Kenyon to Edinburgh arriving on Wednesday 3 March.



Comment

*1d Red Imperfs used between 10 February and early March are **Very Rare** as there was still plenty of 1d Blacks available.*

1841

1d RED

BLACK PLATE 9

STRIP OF 5

DG-DK



Absolutely **Stunning Strip of 5** from this early printing of 1d Red from Black Plates. Good to huge margins all round and no visible creasing that we can see which is so unusual with a strip of this size. Five neat Maltese Crosses which leave the characteristics such as the "O" "Flaws clear.

Comment

Truly Exhibition Quality.

VR 119

MINT

1d RED IMPERF

BLACK PLATE 10

Spec AS 70

STATE 1

PRE-PROVISIONAL

CA



An amazing 4 margin unused copy with some gum. "O" Flaw, both left and right sidelines extend below. **Very Very Rare** especially unused.

Listed by Gibbons but uncatalogued in Mint/Unused condition. However, AS69 State 1 is listed at £190 used (AS70 is £450 used) and £27,500 Mint/Unused.

IMPERF ERROR

1d RED IMPERF

PLATE

200

Spec C1(k)

NK



Superb good to large 4 margin copy tied to dated piece by **Edinburgh 131 numeral** with **4 MAY H 4 E 1855 CDS** in top left corner. To the best of our knowledge three examples are known: one is a single with 131 numeral, the other a cover from the same place. Of the three, this is the best example.

Listed By SG but unpriced.

RPS Certificate 1982

IMPERF ERROR

1d RED IMPERF

PLATE

R5

Spec C1(1)(k)

IB



Superb 4 margin lightly cancelled **Imperf from this perforated plate.**
The only known example so far. Matched to a C1 Perf 16. The Spec QV Catalogue 16th Edition lists just two plates on C1 known Imperf 200 and 203. We understand that this one will be listed in the next catalogue.

RPS Certificate 2017

IMPERF ERROR

1855

2d BLUE

PLATE 5

IMPERF

SG 34

Spec F6

LARGE CROWN

AK



An Amazing Plate 5 with Imperf margins all round. Large to very large below and at left others clear. From the reverse, only some blind perf puncture holes are visible sufficient to establish that it is the Perf 14 variety. However, the perforation comb entirely missed the impression and is therefore an **unrecorded**, possibly **Unique SG 34 Spec F6 Imperforate**.

RPS Certificate 2016

Comment

The utmost Rarity of Exhibition Quality.

DISTINCTIVE

MALTESE

CROSS

2d BLUE

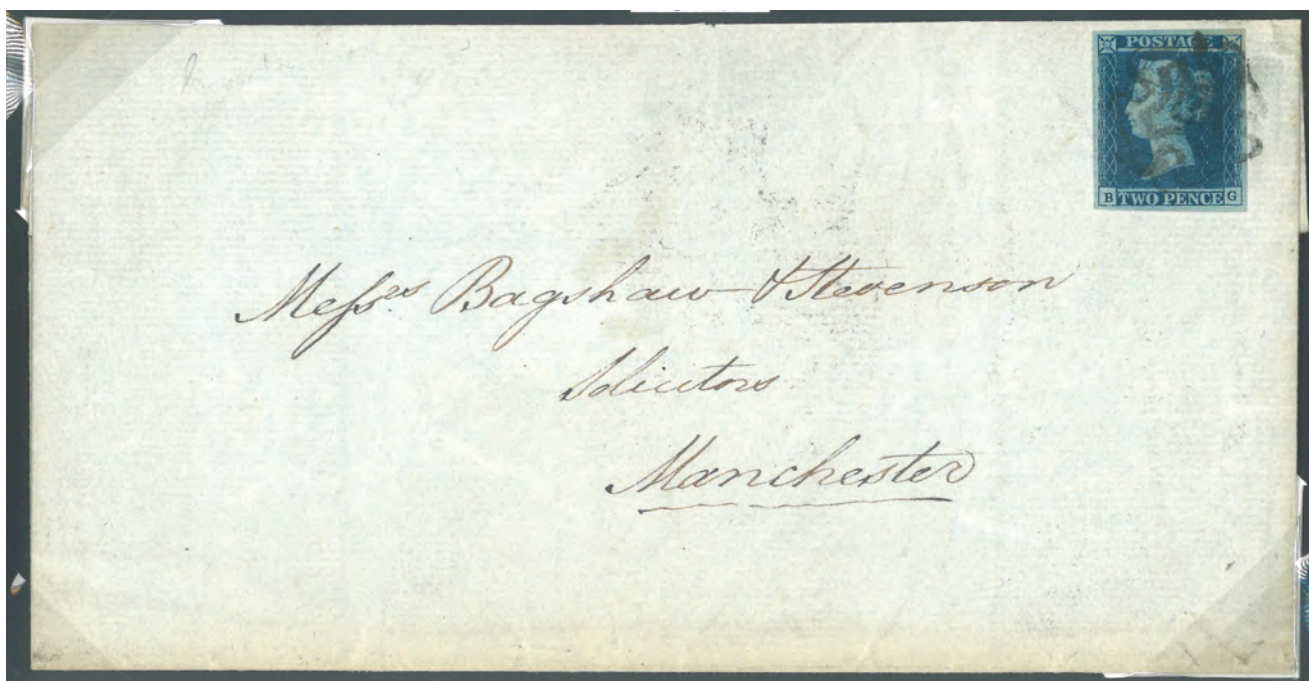
IMPERF

PLATE 3

Spec ES11(uo)

BG

COVENTRY MALTESE CROSS



Superb 4 margin copy tied to very neat wrapper from Coventry JU 22 1842 to Manchester by an excellent strike of the distinctive **Coventry Maltese Cross**.

RPS Certificate 2006 says “part letter sheet” but we can see no obvious signs of reduction.

Comment

*2d Blues with distinctive Maltese Cross cancels are quite scarce especially on cover. This one is listed by Gibbons but **uncatalogued**.*

**DISTINCTIVE
MALTESE
CROSS
1d RED IMPERF
PLATE 14
Spec BS3(tw)
SF**

WOTTEN-UNDER-EDGE MALTESE CROSS



Lovely almost 4 margin copy just cut into at F square, tied by the best example of the **Wotten-Under-Edge Distinctive Cross** that we have seen on cover. From Nibley to Battle Sussex via Wotten-Under-Edge AU 17 1841 Black cancel on flap together with London AU 18 41 in Red.

B P A Certificate Cat £20,000 in the QV Spec Vol 16.

Comment

We also have a single 1840 2d Blue with this cancel currently in stock.

NUMBERS in CROSS

1841

2d BLUE

PLATE 3

Set of 12

1 to 12



A **Magnificent** set all **Beautiful** 4 margin with **Excellent Strikes**, many of which are upright. It took the previous owner many, many years to assemble.

It has to be the **Best** set we have seen so far.

NUMBERS in CROSS

1841

2d BLUE IMPERF

Spec ES11(b)(f)(g)(i)(vd)

PLATE 3

STRIP OF 7

OE to OK

No 4 in MALTESE CROSS



Stunning horizontal Strip of 7, margins all round and attractive **Ivory Heads** on reverse. Amazingly includes the **major Re-entry OG**, Guide lines through value of OF and OH, "J" Flaw on OJ and White Flaw on OK.
Several excellent number 4 in Maltese Cross cancels.

Interestingly, although the number 4 in cross is fairly common in multiples on the 1d value, it is **Very Scarce** on the 2d especially including so many varieties. Varieties illustrated Statham P 3640

RPS Certificate 1993.

Comment

This is the largest strip we have seen.

NUMBERS in CROSS

1841

1d RED IMPERF

PLATE 30

AE to AL

No 1 in MALTESE CROSS



Amazing Strip of 8 with good to large margins all round with upright strikes of **Number 1 in Maltese Cross. Very Scarce Plate.**

It shows "E" slightly double (AE), mark below "J" (AJ) illustrated Statham P 436.

Rare possibly **Unique** especially on this plate.

Filing crease through AI and two further minor creases to be expected on a multiple of this size.

All the A Row are Missing Imprimaturs.

TOWN

CANCEL

1d IMPERF

RED

BLACK PLATE 2

Spec AS18(xa?)

SK



Lovely example of this **Scarce** type of cancel seldom seen offered on this difficult early plate, clearly cancelled by **Warwick Town Cancel** for **21 DECEMBER 18(41?)**. Margins just touched in a couple of places but a great **Rarity especially without Maltese Cross**.

Listed by SG on the 1d Black as xa and catalogued £17,000 in QV 16th Edition, but arguably **Rarer** on the 1d Red which is **unlisted**.

Comment

For other Town Cancels see items VR 73 to VR77.

COLOURED CANCELLATIONS

1840

2d BLUE IMPERF

PLATE 1

AD

RED LONDON TOMBSTONE



Very Fine 4 margin example clearly cancelled wholly in Red by a London Tombstone cancel. Rare usage which we have not seen before.

The stamp appears to be from a worn plate and is slightly thinned at the top margin which is not mentioned on the 1991 RPS Certificate.

Not catalogued by SG with this Red cancel.

COLOURED CANCELLATIONS

1841

1d RED IMPERF

PLATE 19

PG

RED LONDON TOMBSTONE



Superb 4 margin copy cancelled by part Red Tombstone cancellation which is possibly one of only three known.

RPS Certificate 1989 submitted by Stanley Gibbons.

Cat £9,500+

COLOURED CANCELLATIONS

1841

1d RED IMPERF

PLATE 48

Spec B1(xd)

AL

RED

IRISH 186 for DUBLIN



Superb 4 margin copy, good to large on 3 sides, but possibly just touched at SW corner of the A square. Clearly cancelled by the Irish 186 for Dublin in **Red** with a nice **Red Registered** cancel alongside.

BPA Certificate

Ex Robson Lowe Victoria sale.

Catalogued £15,000

Comment

Very Rare seldom offered.

COLOURED CANCELLATIONS

1841

2d BLUE IMPERF

PLATE 4

Spec ES14(wb)

BA to BD

BLUE HADLEIGH 328



Very Fine Rare Strip of 4 tied to large piece by four **Blue 328 Hadleigh** numerals with matching **Blue HADLEIGH JA 12 1851** alongside. Good margins above. Very Rare multiple with coloured cancel.

BPA Certificate 2001

Ex Seymour and Cawardine

COLOURED CANCELLATIONS

1841

1d RED IMPERF

PLATE 135

BLOCK OF 4

FE to FF
GE to GF

BLUE and RED CANCELS



Brilliant Block of 4, margins all round and cancelled by **four 457 for Litchfield** numerals in what the certificate describes as bluish grey and turquoise grey, being the colour which Methuen gives to the general name turquoise grey.

Clearly cancelled with **Red London Inland Office** circular receipt cancel for "2(3?) A(?) U2 (3?) 1852" with the month being either June or August.

Alcock & Holland suggest this type of date stamp with crown between letters usually impressed in Red between 1846 and 1857.

It comes with a very comprehensive Mike Jackson Certificate 2013 also has additional plating characteristics.

Comment

A Stunning combination of cancellations, especially taking into consideration the quality of the Block of 4.

COLOURED CANCELLATIONS

1841

1d RED IMPERF

PLATE 102

OH

BROWN 259 for WALMER



A very good 4 margin with watery **Brown 259 for Walmer** listed on page 162 of Danzig & Goldsmith.

Very unusual and quite a scarce cancellation.

COLOURED CANCELLATIONS

1841

1d RED IMPERF

Spec B1(xf)

UNPLATED

EG

OLIVE-YELLOW BROWN 259 for WALMER



Stunning example of this **Very Rare Shade** on 4 margin Imperf.

It has to be the best example we have seen or are likely ever to see of the **259 Walmer** (Kent) cancellation in this shade.

It is listed on page 162 of Danzig & Goldsmith, but this shade is extremely distinctive and not quite like the Brown colour of item VR134.

COLOURED CANCELLATIONS

1841

1d RED IMPERF

PLATE 165

Spec B1(xf)

HC

YELLOW SCOTTISH 97 COCKBURNSPATH



An almost 4 margin copy just cut into a "H" square, cancelled by **Yellow 97 for Cockburnspath** with similar coloured FE 21 1854 oblong box cancel on reverse to Edinburgh.

The **Yellow** cancel is a **Great Rarity**.

Danzig & Goldsmith pages 119 and 162 states that this distinct colour was only used in Scottish towns.

Catalogued £6,500 on cover

RARE

1d RED IMPERF

MULTIPLES ON COVER

PLATE 176

STRIP OF 4

LH to LK



An **Extremely Rare Strip of 4** with margins all round, large in places, especially above and below. Cancelled and tied to envelope at left by 693 Scarborough numerals. Unclear Scarborough and Beverley CDS on reverse, but appears to be hand dated MR 8 1854, although one of the backstamps appears to be AP 8 1854.

Slight condition issues for multiples of this nature including small opening tear that slightly affects LI and some creasing in places that does not affect the stamps.

Exhibition item despite the relatively small condition issues.

Catalogued £11,600 as four singles off cover (QV Spec 16th Edition)

RARE

1d RED IMPERF

MULTIPLES ON COVER

PLATE 177

STRIP OF 4

OG to OJ



Very Very Rare possibly **Unique** strip with margins all round, variety mark to left of "O" square (Illustrated Statham P 2045), cancelled by four Irish 142 Clonmel numerals to Dublin.

Two filing creases: one in the centre of the cover and the other where the end stamp OJ has been folded round the edge, which is mentioned on the RPS Certificate November 2013. The Certificate also mentions "The wrapper has been trimmed at the left."

This is the biggest multiple we have seen on cover on this plate and much scarcer than Plate 176.

Catalogued £16,000 as four singles off cover (QV Spec 16th Edition)

RARE

1d RED IMPERF

MULTIPLES

PLATE 176

STRIP OF 7

GF to GL



As far as we know this is the largest used multiple strip from this Rare Imperf Plate. Good margins in most places, and considering its rarity, in remarkable condition. It could be that this strip is actually **Unique**.

Four of the seven letterings have been matched in the original States.

RPS Certificate 2003

Catalogued £20,300 as singles without allowance for the multiple in QV Spec 16th Edition.

VERY LATE USE

1840

1d BLACK

PLATE 1b

Spec AS 4(za)

TF



Very attractive part letter sheet from Hereford to Hay with **Superb** 4 margin **1d Black Plate 1b Very Dry Print**, neatly tied by an excellent 357 numeral for Hereford. The stamp shows the usual 7 and 10'o clock Ray Flaws and Double Bottom Re-entry (see Litchfield).

Backstamps are HEREFORD OC 6 1849 in Green and HAY OC 7 1849 in Blue.

Catalogued £15,000 on cover

LATE USE

NUMBER in CROSS

1841

2d BLUE IMPERF

PLATE 3

KH to KI

NUMBER 3 in MALTESE CROSS



Fascinating Entire. Appears postage paid at Chief Office with Manuscript 4 and Red Chief Office Paid to Middlesex PD MY 7 1844. Then redirected on 9 MY 1844 to Fleetwood by the addition of a lovely Pair of 2d Blues with margins all round and part of adjoining stamp at left. Tied by two excellent Number 3 in Maltese Crosses. The Postmaster, having turned the entire round to cancel them, has partly cancelled over previous Chief Office and Manuscript 4. It appears to have an additional 1d Paid. There is a horizontal Guide Line all the way through from the "K" square to the "I" square.

DISTINCTIVE**ROSLIN****MALTESE CROSS****NUMBER****1 and 2****ROSLIN No 1**

4 margin 1d Imperf
 Plate 33 lettered SG.
 with top line
 SW sq double.
 Tied by the Roslin
 Number 1 Cross for
 FE 15 1844 to
 Newcastle on Tyne
 FE 17 1844 via
 Edinburgh
 FEB 16 1844

**ROSLIN No 2**

Attractive 4 margin
 1d Imperf Plate 33
 lettered DL. Guide
 Dot on right side of
 SE sq Tied by the
 Roslin Number 2
 Maltese Cross to
 Newcastle on Tyne
 dated MR 28 1844
 with Newcastle on
 Tyne MR 30 1844
 via Edinburgh
 MR 29 1844



Attractive pair of covers with these interesting Maltese Cross cancels addressed to the same agent.

See VR 144 for an example of the Roslin No 3 Maltese Cross.

LAST OFFICIAL DAY

of

MALTESE CROSS

LIVERPOOL

1d RED IMPERF

PLATE 43

TF



Good to very large 4 margin (part of F square of SF above) tied by Liverpool Maltese Cross and part of the writing of a very detailed entire on the last official day of use of the Maltese Cross prior to the introduction of the numeral cancel **466 for Liverpool**, which you would expect Liverpool to have straightaway. Backstamps are **LIVERPOOL AP 30 1844 H** and **HALIFAX MY 1 1844** both on the flap and an undated **SOWERBY BRIDGE** (destination) on the front. Trivial filing fold barely affecting left hand edge of adhesive.

Very Rare Cover

LATE USE
of
DISTINCTIVE MALTESE CROSS
1846
1d RED IMPERF
PLATE 57
OK



Excellent 4 margin copy tied by **Roslin Number 3 Maltese Cross** then overstruck and tied by **131 Edinburgh numeral**. Interestingly, this cover reached Newcastle the same day as it arrived in Edinburgh and presumably went by train, and perhaps it was franked on the reverse again at Berwick as it left Scotland(?)

Backstamps are MR 5 1846 in Box to NEWCASTLE on TYNE MR 6 1846 via Edinburgh MR 6 1846 and BERWICK MR 6 1846

Stamp has left and right sides thinly recut and strong Basal Shift.

Addressed to the same agent as VR142 with **Roslin Number 1 and Number 2 Maltese Crosses**.

LATE USE
of
MALTESE CROSS
1d RED IMPERF
PLATE 69
RH
MISSING IMPRIMATUR



Good to huge 4 margin with parts of 3 adjoining stamps, tied to piece by Maltese Cross, and later, **530 numeral for Milnthorpe**. Backstamps include one of **NEWBY BRIDGE** Undated Circle.

Page 42 of the Howard Hughes Booklet titled "The Maltese Cross Its Use and Abuse, Replacement and Late Use" refers to an item included in his display with this combination of cancellations from Newby Bridge.

In the earlier book by Danzig & Goldsmith they only record such use involving Penny Bridge, Lindal and Newton with no mention of Newby Bridge.

There is also a part of Milnthorpe - 7- 46 cancel.

Very attractive and scarce item.

LATE USE
of
MALTESE CROSS
1d RED IMPERF
PLATE 160
GI
SANDAY
ORKNEY ISLANDS



Very Attractive 4 margin clearly tied to neatish entire by Maltese Cross for Sanday, and as it passed through the head Post Office in Kirkwall, it has been overstruck and tied by a lovely **207 KIRKWALL** numeral. On the flap it has a good quality **SANDAY PENNY POST** and **KIRKWALL MR 15 1854** being extremely late use of the Maltese Cross as denoted by Plate 160.

There are some filing creases that do not affect the stamp.

Lovely Item.

LATE USE
of
MALTESE CROSS
1d RED IMPERF
PLATE 111
IF
WATCHET



Neat four margin copy tied to entire by clear Maltese Cross with **WATCHET PENNY POST** and **TAUNTON MR 27 1851** on flap.

The Maltese Cross cancel was seldom used after 1844 but examples are known from Watchet between 1850 and 1855.

The stamp has a slight rub in the right framework.

We have not seen an example from Watchet like this before.

LATE USE
and
SCOTTISH EXPERIMENTAL
DUPLEX CANCEL
1d RED IMPERF
PLATE 157
SD
STIRLING



Superb 4 margin copy tied to full local entire by excellent
STIRLING AU 21 1856 308 Experimental Duplex Cancel.

Red Undated Circle on reverse for **ST NINIANS.**

Very Rare and the first one on an Imperf on entire that I have seen.

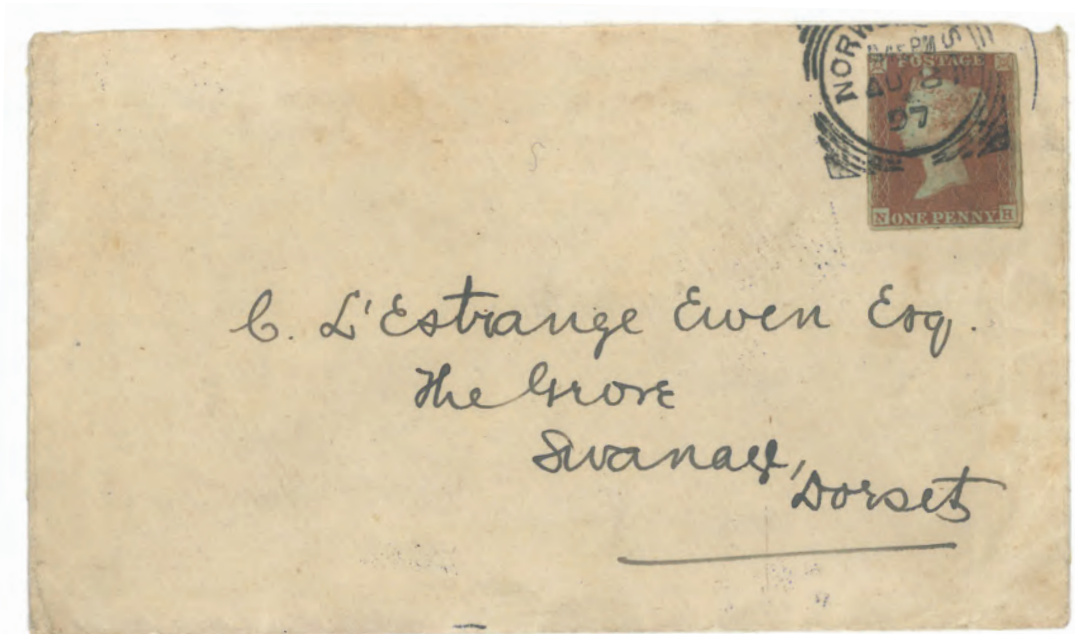
LATE USE

1d RED IMPERF

PLATE 94

NH

SQUARED CIRCLE CANCEL



Very interesting 4 margin copy tied to neatish envelope by quite good **NORWOOD AU 8 97** to what appears to be a familiar addressee: -

C L'Estrange Ewen, The Grove, Swanage, Dorset

Backstamp **WAREHAM AU 9 97**.

Attractive envelope but the flap is missing. Still a rare and unusual usage of a 1d Red Imperf, especially so late.

LATE USE
of
MALTESE CROSS and STATE

1d RED IMPERF

PLATE 40

KB

STATE 1C

STONE 3B

Beautiful 4 margin tied to very neat wrapper by Castlepollard (Ireland) Maltese Cross with **CASTLEPOLLARD MY 12 1844** alongside to Dublin. It clearly shows the re-entry in the corner squares, weak corner letters in and below baseline unlike Stone 3A (also SG State 1C). This State has top of NE square recut and upper left side weaker.

It is **Extremely Rare** on cover, especially so Fine and in combination with late Maltese Cross.



Comment

Our thanks to Winston Hollins for providing the information to identify this State.

1841

STATES

1d RED IMPERF

PLATE 165

QB

Fascinating lettering as Imprimatur shows marks on Queen's face between the eye and the ear (see Statham P 1986). Later on a mark appears below NY of PENNY (see Statham P 1988) and it is the **Second State**. The following demonstrate this and includes the very scarce Perf Specialised C1.



State 1 Imperf – Early print

Shows mark on Queen's face, 4 margin,
Ex Ken Statham Collection



State 2 Imperf

Clearly shows the mark below NY of PENNY,
4 margin



State 2 Perf

Shows the mark on face and mark below
NY of PENNY, quite well centred for this
Rare early Perf Plate



State 1 Imperf strip of 3

QA – heavy mark in left of "A" square

QB – mark between eye and ear
(both Statham P 1986), margins nearly all
round just touched above NW square of QA,
458 numerals for Lincoln

1841
1d RED IMPERF
MULTIPLES
PLATE 42
STRIP OF 10
LA to LJ

Very Rare multiple with Maltese Cross cancels with good margins, just touching at left of LA and below LF. Clear J Flaw on LJ. Remarkably free of creasing, although three vertical filling creases have been well pressed leaving a magnificent strip of 10, each neatly cancelled by Maltese Cross which is scarce on this plate.

A strip of 10 is sufficient for inland postage up to 5oz.



1841

1d RED IMPERF
 MULTIPLES
 PLATE 93
 FULL "A" ROW
 AA to AL
 UNUSED

Superb looking **Mint/Unused** strip with full margin (large below including parts of adjoining stamps), touched in places above and at right side and a little cut into at the left near SW A sq.

Remarkable that this row is missing from the Imprimatur.

Just a couple of slight creases, possibly folded between AF/AG and AC/AD. AH shows frame line recut and AL shows marks in SW corner. Other minor frame extensions. A's blind as well.

The first full Mint/Unused "A" Row we have seen and probably stuck on card to stop it curling.

Massive catalogue value and a very useful addition to a collection.



1841
 1d RED IMPERF
 MULTIPLES
 PLATE 62
 FULL "E"ROW
 MARGINAL INSCRIPTIONS
 EA to EL
 and
 EL with RE-ENTRY

An Unbelievable Strip of 12 which has both the full marginal inscriptions intact. **Effectively the equivalent of 14 stamps.**

Remarkable margins and just touched or cut into in a few places and not badly.

Clear Re-Entry on EL, some very slight creasing definitely does not detract from this lovely item.

Several neat 687 numerals for Sandbach(scarce cancel).

This is the only used full strip I have seen with both sheet margins in place and so possibly deserves the accolade **UNIQUE**



1841

1d RED IMPERF

MULTIPLES

PLATE 161

IRREGULAR BLOCK OF 17

LA to LE

MA to MF

NA to NF



A Very Fine Used Block of 17 with light 602 numerals for Ongar.

Good to large margins except just above NE of LA and SE of LF.
Varieties on LC, MA and NE illustrated Statham Pages 1962 and 1963.

Remarkable multiple which may have been larger and very little if any noticeable creasing.

1841

2d BLUE IMPERF

MULTIPLES

PLATE 3

FULL "D" ROW

DA to DL

Complete **Row of 12**
divided into DA-DF,
DG-DL. Mainly good
margins except DA, DE
and DL touched or cut into
on one side. DD with
small split at top.

Varieties DD mark in
second D (slightly
double?), DG scratch
below second E of PENCE
and SE sq (Guide Line?).
Lower left serif of "L"
extends left.

Neatly cancelled by
269 numerals for Dursley

Comment

*Full Rows on 2d Blues are
very unusual.*



1841

1d RED IMPERF

LAVENDER TINTED PAPER

and

VARIETY

Spec Bs32(L)

PLATE 121

MINT

PH



Stunning 4 margin Full Gum copy on Lavender Tinted Paper and clearly showing the variety band of marks across the face and mark to right of NE corner (illustrated Statham P 1476).

Has the added feature that this stamp is the actual stamp for which the image of the front cover of Ken Statham's Volume 7 of the Essential Guide to Great Britain (Plates 88 to 131) was taken and is the left hand of the two stamps.

Comment

A Lovely addition to any 1d Red collection.

1841

1d RED IMPERF

CORNER PLATE NUMBER 66

AL

MISSING IMPRIMATUR



Stunning, Fresh Mint Corner Inscription with Plate Number 66.
A classic, and an item that would enhance any collection or exhibit.

Slight Upper Border Shift.

Exhibition quality.



Amazingly we came across a photograph of 6 Plate 66's including the AL with the plate number.

Winston Hollins says that the corner copy AL Plate 66 exactly matches the one in this photograph from the trimmed margins and smudge in right margin. It has been cut from the block probably because of the creasing across BJ/BK.

1841

1d RED IMPERF

UNION JACK RE-ENTRY

PLATE 75

KK
and
LK

SG 9 (d)



Fascinating Pair which clearly shows the **major Re-entry between KK and LK** with the **Superb Union Jack Re-entry on LK** (illustrated Statham P 1019)

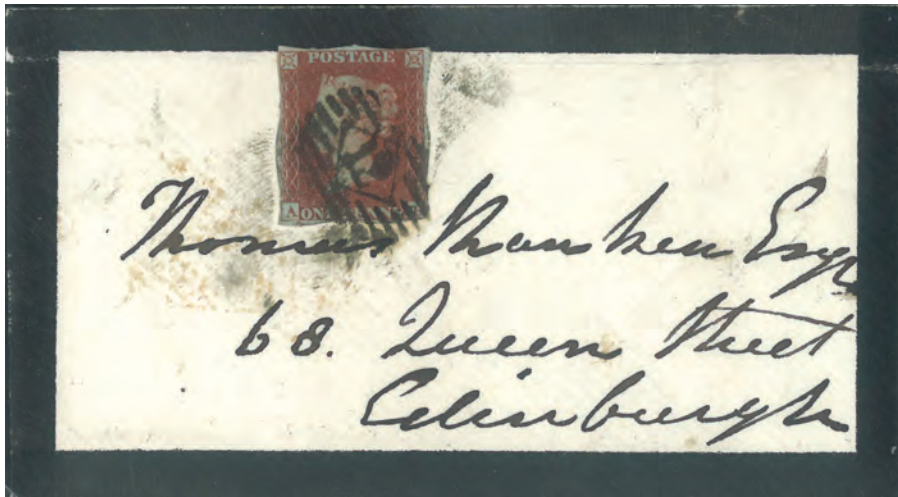
TREASURY ROULETTE

1d RED IMPERF

Spec B2a

PLATE 169

AB



Lovely well centred example clearly showing the Rare “**Treasury Roulette**” on all **four** sides. Tied to very neat Mourning Envelope from the Thomas Rankin correspondence by London District 12 in Diamond to Edinburgh and backstamped 12 NO 1853 and 13 NO 53 arrival.

Recent BPA Certificate

We believe this is from a recent find and **Very Very Rare** on cover.

Catalogued £23,000 (QV 16th Edition)

Comment

Seldom seen on cover especially as good as this.

TREASURY ROULETTE

1d RED IMPERF

Spec B2a

PLATE 162

TH



Plates of this group were still in use when official perforations were introduced in 1854. Plates 155, 157 and 162 to 167, 168 (Extremely Rare Perforated) and 169 to 177 are known both Imperforate and Perforated.

It is stamps from this group which are known with the so-called **Treasury Roulette** an unauthorised variety which resulted in stamps with serpentine edges. The roulette was produced by a revolving cutter producing approximately four “waves” to the length of the stamp.

This is a superb example with London 15 in Diamond cancel and has the perfect four “waves”

Unauthorised by the Post Office and Inland Revenue but is believed to have originated in the Treasury so could be considered as semi-official as opposed to the private roulette of individuals.

Comment

This is the nicest example of this Roulette we have seen as a single copy.

PRIVATE
ROULETTE
1d RED IMPERF
PLATE 50
PAIR
EA-EB



Amazing Pair on piece with Unofficial Private Roulette clearly visible on all sides and cancelled by 873 cancels for Weymouth.

Two RPS Certificates: the first 17 May 1972, the second 30 May 2012 both confirming the “Unofficial Roulette”, the latter with memo “not a Treasury Roulette”

Comment

Very Rare especially in a multiple which we have not seen before.

VR 163

ARCHER

ROULETTE

1d RED IMPERF

SG 16a

Spec CE 1

Plate 70

TG



Roulette



Matching
Imperf

Fine Mint copy of this Extremely Rare stamp with recent RPS Certificate number 228267.

Seldom offered for sale.

Currently Catalogued £25,000

ARCHER**1d SG 16b****Spec CE 2****PLATE 92****BI****29 NOVEMBER 1853**

A highly unusual example of this Very Rare Archer Plate on cover and cancelled by London 32 in Diamond which is not, in the opinion of the RPS, tied, raising the doubt that it belongs to this cover. Some factors this does not take into consideration is that the centring to the left is unusual on Archers except on Plate 92 and the address on this cover is a known correspondence between London and Manchester. The Plate is Very Rare on or off cover. Unfortunately, in transit to us, the bottom right corner was accidentally creased across. This has cleverly been reapplied. However, it might indicate that the stamp has previously been lifted to check the watermark and then put back slightly wrong.

Matched to a 4 margin Imperf off cover with 878 numeral cancel for Wigan

Still a Very Rare cover.

ARCHER

1d SG 16b

Spec CE 2

PLATE 99

KK

JU 29 1854



A recently discovered copy on very clean entire tied by **SHEFFIELD JU 29 1854 Sideways Duplex Cancel**, not common on Archers, and in fact, with its sister entire from the same correspondence (see VR 166), the first ones we have seen.

The stamp is centred to the right.

Certificate - Mike Williams 2018

Matched to a 4 margin Imperf off cover with the same lettering with neat 27 in London in Diamond.

ARCHER

1d SG 16b

Spec CE 2

PLATE 99

OI

JY 15 1854



A recently discovered copy on very clean entire tied by SHEFFIELD JY 15 1854 Sideways Duplex Cancel, not common on Archers, and in fact, with its sister entire from the same correspondence (see VR 165), the first ones we have seen.

The stamp is centred to the right.

Certificate - Mike Williams 2018

Matched to a 4 margin Imperf off cover with slightly bluish indistinguishable cancel.

ARCHER

1d SG 16b

Spec CE 2

PLATE 100

Strip of 4

TI to TL



A very well centred re-joined Strip of 4 each cancelled by 134 Bristol numeral.

The Missing Imprimatur TL has scratches in the SE of the “L” square and these are illustrated Statham P 1354.

Very slight trimming of perfs at the top of the NW square of TK more than offset by the Rarity of an Archer perforated multiple. In this case a strip of 4, which strangely, we have not seen before.

We have managed to match three of the four stamps with Imperfs, mostly 4 or near 4 margin



ARCHER
1d SG 16b
Spec CE 2
PLATE 101



A fascinating duo, the LF centred a little low and PF quite well centred. Tied to large part wrapper by slightly indistinct 423 numerals for Kirby Lonsdale with backstamps KIRBY LONSDALE and LANCASTER MY 24 1854.

"Multiples(!) on this plate are extremely scarce on cover. Matched to two 4 margin Imperf singles lettered PF and LF.

Comment

As it appears that Plate 95 might not have been perforated by Archer we regard this plate as the second most difficult after Plate 92.

VR 169

1d RED PERF

Spec C1

PLATE 170

PAIR

DH to DI



A superb well centred Very Rare Multiple from this difficult C1 series. Definitely the Rarest plate apart from Plate 168 where there only 5 or 6 examples known.

Lightly cancelled by 131 Edinburgh numerals.

Already regarded as a scarce plate (rightly in our opinion), but this is only the third multiple we have seen from this plate to date (see next two items VR 170 and VR 171)

1d RED PERF

Spec C1

PLATE 170

BLOCK of 4

IH to II

JH to JI



Well centred for this early perforated plate, being the only known used Block of 4 at this time, and as such, may well be **Unique**.
(see our comments on previous VR 169).

Neatly cancelled by **665 numerals for Ruthin** (North Wales).

RPS Certificate 2011

Exhibition Multiple.

Comment

A little treasure, and by sheer coincidence, becomes VR 170 on our listing. Very apt for this lovely multiple.

1d RED PERF

Spec C1

PLATE 170

VERTICAL PAIR
Used as singles

AC-BC



Well centred **Vertical Pair** used as singles, side by side, and tied to neat wrapper by two excellent **Scottish 159 Glasgow** numerals to Liverpool. Backstamped **GLASGOW SEP 13 1854** and **LIVERPOOL SP 14 1854** **Code B11**. Wrapper has horizontal filing crease well away from stamps.

Extremely scarce plate and the only Vertical Pair used as two singles side by side we have seen on cover so far.

RPS Certificate 2008

1d RED PERF

Spec C3(1)

PLATE 16

STRIP of 3

CH to CJ



Well centred Trio tied to very neat envelope addressed to a member of the **20th Regiment, 4th Division Camp, Crimea.**

Dated 26 February 1856 and cancelled by London District 40 in Diamond.

An **Exceptionally Rare Plate.** Statham estimates only 2000 sheets.

This is the only multiple we have seen so far from this Rare plate on cover and its value is obviously enhanced by being addressed to a particular Regiment and Camp in the Crimea. It also says in pen "Answered" so obviously at the time of arrival this person was still alive.

The Crimean War ended on 30 March 1856 shortly after this cover would have arrived.

1d RED PERF

Spec C3(1)

PLATE 17

TWO PAIRS

**KD to KE
and
LC to LD
used together**



Four well centred copies from the same sheet tied to piece by four **479 Ludlow** numerals.

We have long regarded this plate as the **Rarest of the Specialised C3** issue, with Statham estimating only **2400** sheets, which appears to be too high.

Survival rates, as well as centring and condition come into the equation. It is always a struggle for quality stamps from this plate, either to make a complete set (Plates 1 to 21), or as individuals for sale.

The Catalogue value is, in our opinion, well out of date and far too low.

An Exhibition quality piece and possibly Unique.

RPS Certificate 2009

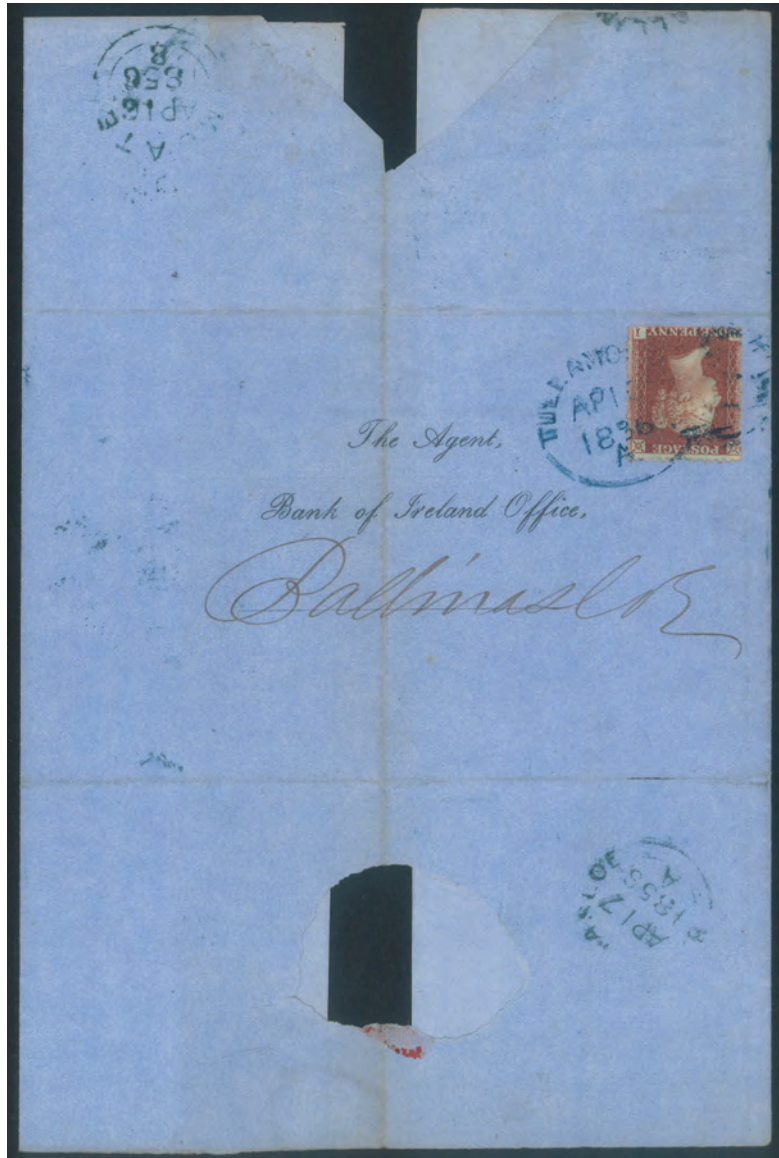
COLOURED CANCELS

1d PERF

Spec C8

PLATE 22

DI



Brilliant and **Very Rare** example with check letter I which is both an unusual shape and is in a very mis-placed position. The stamp is tied upside down to a very neat wrapper with creasing well away from the stamp. It is cancelled by a **Superb Blue English Type Spoon** for **TULLAMORE AP 16 1856**.

Plate 22 either C7 and C8 is very scarce, and we assume it must have had quite a short life. It is particularly rare on cover and this is the only example we have seen with a coloured Spoon cancel.

Comment

Another BEAUTY which would enhance any Line Engraved collection.

COLOURED CANCELS

1d PERF

BLUE

MALTESE CROSS

Spec C8(tb)

PLATE 35

KI



Good example with probable indistinct 877 over the top of **Blue Maltese Cross** used in Egremont and then overstruck with a slightly indistinct 877 Whitehaven numeral.

According to Rockoff and Jackson Volume 3 Page 386, this cancel is known used in 1855, 1862 and 1863.

The stamp, which is well centred, is accompanied by a very comprehensive Mike Jackson Certificate that confirms the above and includes a digitally enhanced image showing the shape of the Maltese Cross.

Comment

*A very good example of a Blue Maltese Cross on a perforated stamp.
Not often seen as good as this.*

COLOURED CANCELS

1d PERF

BLUE SPOON

Spec C3

PLATE 17

OE



Beautiful well centred copy from this **Very Scarce** plate tied to piece by a lovely **Blue GALWAY OC 4 1855 Code E English Type Irish Spoon**.

Statham estimates only 2400 sheets, which appears to be too high. As well as survival rates, what also needs to be taken into consideration is centring and condition, which all come into the equation.

The only example we have seen on one of the Scarcest C3 Plates with a coloured Spoon cancel (see also item VR 173 for another Rare example of usage from this plate).

COLOURED CANCELS

1d PERF

RED NUMERAL

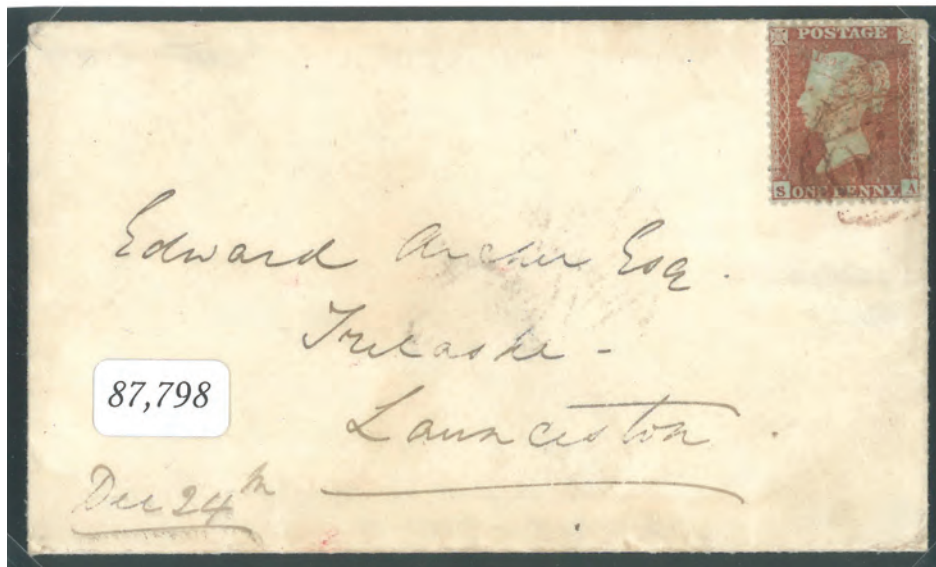
and

CHRISTMAS DAY 1855

Spec C6(1)

PLATE 4

SA



Lovely well centred, tied to neat envelope by St Austell (6)70 in Red to Launceston.

Written on 24 December 1855 and backstamped **ST AUSTELL 25th DE 1855** in **Red**

Launceston 26 DE 1855 arrival.

There is a strong possibility that the **Red** ink was used because it was Christmas Day.

For other Christmas Day items on this list, please see VR 50, 51, 52, 53 and 54

Very comprehensive BPA Certificate April 2016.

Comment

Very Very Rare and Exhibition Quality.

COLOURED CANCELS

1d PERF

VIOLET BLUE CDS

Spec C10(we)

PLATE 47

NA



Lovely well centred copy, short scratch under SW square and cancelled by **Superb Violet Blue MY 12 59 CDS**.

Some slight perf faults at left.

The variety is listed in Tonna Volume 2 Page 87.

The cancel in this colour is Very Rare and the only one we have seen.

COLOURED CANCELS

2d BLUE

RED NUMERAL and CDS

SG 23

Spec F2

PLATE 4

MG



Lovely copy, Small Crown Watermark, Perf 14 with **superb 154 Bury numeral and Bury CDS both in Red.**

Highly unusual coloured cancel on this quite difficult 2d Blue issue.

COLOURED CANCELS

1d PERF

GREEN DUBLIN SPOON

SG 26

Spec C5

PLATE 13

Strip of 3

IG-IH-IJ



Stunning and Rare Strip of 3 from this Extremely Scarce plate cancelled by Two Irish Dublin Arundel No 64 Type A2 **in Green** for 18 AU 55 Code 2.

Quite well centred for this and still on paper.

This is an early date being 12 days earlier than recorded for Plate 13 Specialised C5 in Ken Statham's Essential Guide.

Plate 13 is the second most difficult plate of the series after Plate 15.

Comment

A Rare Exhibition Quality Multiple, especially on such a Scarce plate.

RARE PERFS MINT

1d SG 24

SMALL CROWN

PERF 14

Spec C3

PLATE 19

QB



Well centred Mint, which appears to have original gum from this **Very Scarce** plate for which Statham estimates 4000 sheets

Rare in this condition for this plate.

Comment

Mint examples from this plate are Very Rarely seen offered and particularly in this stamp's quality.

RARE PERFS MINT

1d SG 21

SMALL CROWN

PERF 16

Spec C4

PLATE 13

NG



Superb well centred Mint copy from this Very Scarce plate for this issue.

Has Guide Dot below SW corner of SE square (Statham P 2783).

Statham estimates only 2500 sheets.

RARE PERFS MINT

1d SG 29

LARGE CROWN

PERF 14

ALPHABET 3

Spec C8(1)

PLATE 22

JE



Arguably the most difficult perforated plate after Plate 53 either with Small Crown or in this case Large Crown Watermark. Full original gum, centred very slightly left, but only the second example we have seen.

RPS Certificate 2014

Comment

An amazing addition to a Line Engraved collection, especially if concentration is on the rarer plates such as Plate 22.

1d RED PERF

MULTIPLES

Spec C1

PLATE 199

Strip of 6

OA to OF



Amazing and very likely **UNIQUE Strip of 6** from this **Very Scarce** plate, which, according to Ken Statham's Essential Guide, was recorded at press on 9 November 1854 and taken from press and probably replaced by Plate 202 on 2 December before the Perf 14 gauge was introduced. He estimates only 9000 sheets, which might be on the high side, as singles are **Very Difficult** and multiples are **Extremely Scarce**.

This is the largest strip we have seen so far.

OD has most of the right side line recut.

Six neat Scottish 87 numerals for Cullen.

Comment

This plate is very under catalogued in our opinion.

PERF

MULTIPLES

1d SG 24

SMALL CROWN

PERF 14

Spec C3

PLATE 16

Vertical Strip of 3

HA-IA-JA



Very attractive and quite well centred vertical strip of 3 from this Very Scarce C3 plate, especially in multiples.

BPA Certificate mentions a tone spot at the top which hardly detracts from its rarity.

Statham follows the Wiggins estimate of printings on page 2699 of 2000 sheets.

PERF
MULTIPLES
FRANK IVES SCUDAMORE CHIEF EXAMINER (Stamps)
1d SG 21
SMALL CROWN PERF 16
Spec C4 PLATE 6
Vertical Strip of 8 KK to RK

A very useful example of why we had examiners of the sheets that were being produced, and though it might sound illogical, until these were discovered, I did not realise that the sheets were examined in this way. However, common sense tells us that with the amount of sheets that were being produced they would have to be or else there would be an awful lot of errors and the printers needed to be kept on their toes.

It is a very good strip of 8 which shows why it was examined, as there are some obvious faults, but in fairness, not as many as you would have expected for something like this.

It is thought that about 860 examples exist from various plates and perfs and this is one of the largest vertical strips that has been seen.

It represents a very nice addition to a collection showing his signature up side down on this occasion, but perhaps this is how this sheet was examined.

Not only is it an attractive strip, but it is well worth further examination as to see whether for instance, if a strip was regarded as being faulty, the whole sheet or a large part of the sheet was not put into Post Offices, and one would assume with the way this one has been identified, there must have been something wrong with the "L" Row as well and possibly the next vertical row down because his signature probably crosses three stamps on the horizontal.



PERF

MULTIPLES

1d SG 26

LARGE CROWN

PERF 16

Spec C5(1)

PLATE 12

Re-joined Block of 4

IG-IH

JG-JH

MISSING IMPRIMATURS JG-JH



Lovely well centred Block of 4 which is exceedingly Scarce on this issue and Plate. Statham estimates only 2400 sheets.

The stamps have two London District 47 in Diamond numeral roller cancels.

BPA Certificate 2007

PERF

MULTIPLES

1d RED PERF

LARGE CROWN

PERF 14

Spec C6

PLATE 3

Re-joined Block of 4

SC-SD

TC-TD



Superb re-joined **Block of 4** (2 horizontal Pairs) cancelled by several **523** numerals for **Myther Tydfil** (Wales).

Light diagonal crease on SD otherwise Very Fine and Extremely Rare multiple and still the only one we know of on this plate.

BPA Certificate 2007

Ex Wiggins

The stamps are currently catalogued £1,700 each without allowance for the multiple.

PERF
MULTIPLES
MINT
LARGE CROWN

PERF 14

Spec C6

PLATE 10

Originally a Block of 12

ED-EF

HD-HF



This is an amazing **Block of 12** individually mounted on black card all centred towards the foot and misplaced perfs. Divided horizontally by cutting between the individual stamps resulting in straight edge top and foot on 6 stamps and straight edge at the top on 3 stamps. Some creasing, but almost full gum. We believe these stamps were bought then cut up to put in a **Stamp Box** and then forgotten about. The minimum catalogue value is now £6,300 as singles (QV Spec 16th Edition)

Comment

A lovely philatelic item which shows to a certain extent what happened with stamps, especially those that went into Stamp Boxes before they were actually used for postage.

PERF
MULTIPLES
MINT
1d SG 24
SMALL CROWN
PERF 14
Spec C3
PLATE 19
PAIR
SF to SG



A very good well centred **Mint Pair** from this **Very Scarce** plate.

Right stamp SG has small mark near Queen's mouth.

Ex Ken Statham's personal collection. He estimates only 4000 sheets.

For another example from this difficult plate, see item VR 181.

PERF

MULTIPLE

MINT

Spec C9(1)

PLATE 45

Block of 4

OG-OH

PG-PH



Very fresh, well centred, original gum Block of 4 from this scarce plate in Orange Brown shade.

PH has double letter "H".

RPS Certificate states "observation surface flaw on PG. Nonetheless, a rare multiple from this plate in this shade".

1d RED PERF

Spec C7

SMALL CROWN

PERF 14

ALPHA 3

PLATE 24

PG



A **Superb** well centred copy with **Excellent CALTON Undated Circle (CDS)**.

Very Rare on this issue and is the only circular cancel we have seen so far.

Good perfs for this Specialised Number.

1d RED PERF

Spec C7(e)

VARIETY

SMALL CROWN

PERF 14

ALPHA 3

PLATE 25

TD

RE-ENTRY



Lovely well centred copy of this difficult Specialised SG number and plate showing clearly the Major Re-entry (illustrated on Statham page 2998).

Very Rare especially so fine.

Top class and Exhibition Quality

Comment

So far this is the only Re-entry we have had on the C7 series

1d RED PERF

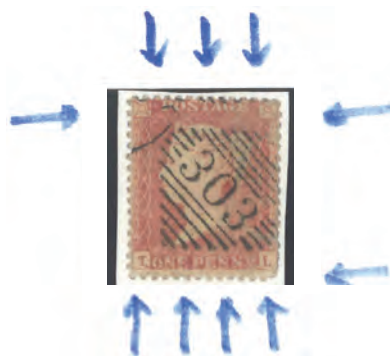
Spec C10

VARIETY

PLATE 64

TL

RE-ENTRY



Fine used well centred copy of this Rare plate clearly showing the Major Re-entry (illustrated Statham P 3318).

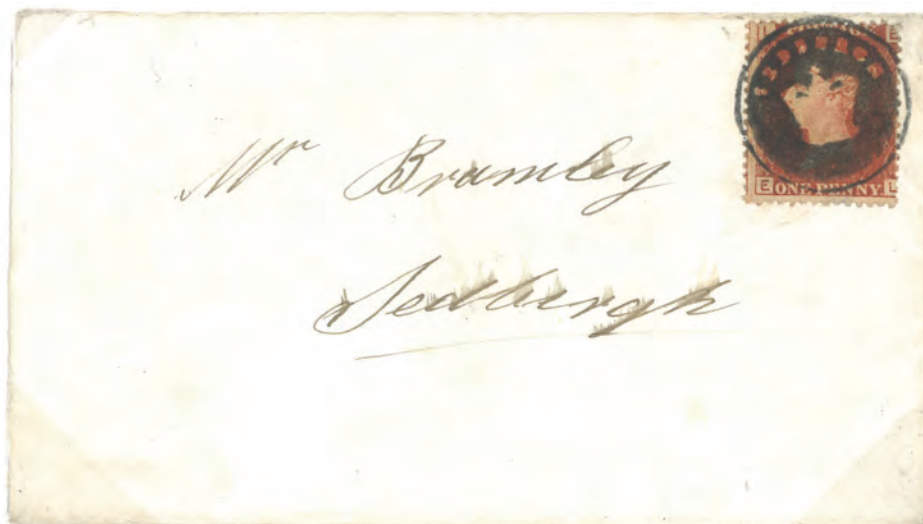
Superb 303 Duplex for Limerick (Ireland).

Probably the second scarcest plate on the C10 issues and the value very much enhanced by the Re-entry.

MAIL BAG SEAL

1d RED PLATE

EL



Superb example used on a local envelope in Sedbergh 6 July 1866.

The stamp is tied by brilliant full impression of the
Sedbergh Negative Crown Bag Seal in Black

Sebergh B datestamp on the reverse.

Very fine and major cancellation rarity (SG unpriced).

ERROR of WATERMARK**1d RED PERF****Spec C13(k)****PLATE R16****MA****CHRISTMAS DAY****Dec 25 63**

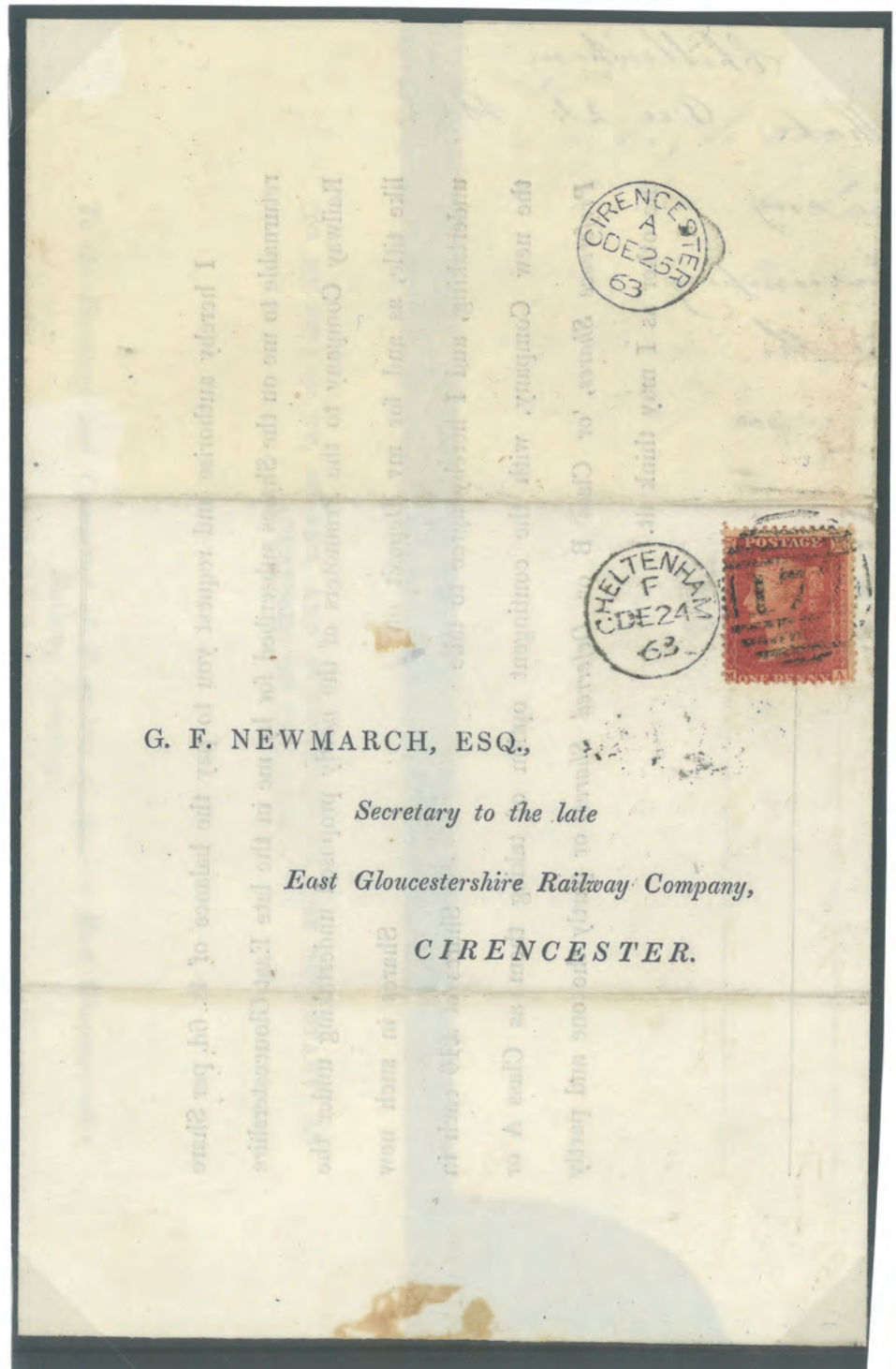
Although under this catalogue number SG only refers to ML on Plate R15 and Tonna makes no reference to the Error of Wmk on R16, this is only the second date of usage of the MA error that has been seen (the other dated copy was on Plate 68).

The Error of Wmk is easily seen on this example dated 24 December 1863, sent from Cheltenham with a 25 December 1863 Cirencester arrival on reverse.

Comment

A Very Rare
combination of
Error of Wmk and
25 Dec Christmas
Day pmk.

For other Christmas
Day see VR 50, 51,
52, 53 and 54



ERROR of WATERMARK

1d RED PERF

Spec C10(d)

PLATE 36

TA



Lovely copy of this Scarce error with London - S.Code 3. JU 1 64 CDS matched to normal Large Crown Type 1 Watermark.

Error centred a little to the left, but a CDS on this variety is quite rare.

ERROR of WATERMARK

1d RED PERF

Spec C10(d)

PLATE 68

MA



Good copy with Scarce Error of Watermark and AU 15 63 CDS which is scarce on this watermark variety.

ERROR of WATERMARK

1d RED PERF

Spec C10(d)

PLATE 68

Block of 4

SA-SB

TA-TB



A Rare Block of 4 with the TA Error of Watermark and SA, SB and TB Type 1 Large Crown Watermarks.

Centred a little to the left and cancelled by 871 Weston Super Mare numerals.

So far the only block/multiple we have seen including the Error of Watermark.

ERROR of WATERMARK

2d BLUE

Spec G2(c)

PLATE 8

STATE 1

TA



Superb copy with **GLASGOW MY 9 1861 CDS** with Very Scarce Error of Watermark on this plate, especially with CDS.

Regarded as much scarcer than the Plate 9 Watermark Error.

ERROR of WATERMARK

2d BLUE

Spec G2(c)

PLATE 8

STATE 1

TA



Well centred Very Fine Used copy of this Very Scarce Error of Watermark.

Much scarcer than the Plate 9 Error of Watermark.

ERROR of WATERMARK

2d BLUE

Spec G2(c)

PLATE 9

MA



Very Fine Used well centred copy with neat Glasgow 159 cancel clear of most of the Queen's facial features.

Not particularly common with Error of Watermark.

ERROR of WATERMARK

2d BLUE

Spec G2(c)

PLATE 9

PAIR

MA-MB



Very attractive Pair with the Error of Watermark having **LIVERPOOL JA 9 1864 CDS** and the normal Type 1 watermark with 466 numeral on MB.

Both stamps centred to the left with part of lettering MC showing.

Scare error in Pair with normal watermark and CDS cancel.

ERROR of WATERMARK

2d BLUE

Spec G2(c)

and

Spec G2(i)

PLATE 9

STATE 1 and 2

TL



Type 1



Type 2



Error



Very Fine Used copy of the Error of Watermark which is Rare on this lettering. Neatly cancelled by Edinburgh 131 and matched to two examples of the Large Crown Watermark Type 1 and 2 with the added interest that the Type 2 is in State 2.

All centred to the right, but with the whole of the "L" visible on the error.

The error is much Rarer on TL.

Comment

A superb addition to any collection of the 2d value or Error of Watermark.

ERROR of WATERMARK

1865

6d SG 97(c) Trio

Spec J74(c)

PLATE 5

TA to TC

and

PAIR

1d PLATE 85

JB-JC



Remarkable entire with a combination of 3 x 6d SG 97 Plate 5 with the **TA** being the **Error of Watermark Type 20 A**, three **Roses** and a **Shamrock**.

Tied by Liverpool 466 numerals together with a Pair of 1d Plates, making a 1/8d Registered to Genoa, **Red LIVERPOOL 29 OC 66** and **Red Registered Pd**.

RPS Certificate 1997

Prepaid 1/8d therefore double rate at 1/2oz 1/- plus 6d registration and 2d Late Fee which applies to letters by train arriving in London 5.30 to 7.00 pm (see State Papers Volume 63 pp 1041.2)

Cat £2,400 **off cover**

ERROR IMPERF

1d RED PERF

SG 17

Spec C1(1)(h)

Plate 176

VARIETY IMPERF

3 SIDES

NB



A good used example with close to large margins on three imperforate sides with adjoining stamps at the top and the right, cancelled by a London diamond.

Listed in the QV Specialised catalogue as being from the J and N Row but not priced.

Normal stamp for comparison.

Very Rare

BPA Certificate 1994

ERROR IMPERF

1d RED PERF

SG 29a

Spec C8(h)

PLATE 32

RL

IMPERF



Lovely 3 margin copy of this Very Scarce imperforate variety tied to piece by a **Superb Dublin Type Bx1 (Arundel No 77) Spoon**, which is rare in itself and not recorded in December 1856.

A little cut into at the right, but other margins good to better.

Shows Re-entry marks to SL and it is only one of four plates on C8 issue known Imperf (apart from Plate 22 which was used on Neales Steam Press) and we have matched it to a perforated example from the same plate and lettering.

ERROR IMPERF

1d RED PERF

SG 38a

Spec C10(5)k

PLATE 48

IE

IMPERF



Superb good to large 4 margin copy in pale shade tied to small neat envelope from Canterbury to London by 84 numeral with **CANTERBURY D DE 8 63 CDS** alongside.

Comment

Very few Imperf errors on cover are known.

ERROR IMPERF

1d RED PERF

SG 38a

Spec C10(5)k

PLATE 62

FK



Very Rare 4 margin example with clear Large Crown Watermark and neat 603 Oxford numeral matched to a Perf with a neat 682 St Leonards cancel.

ERROR IMPERF

1d RED PLATE

SG 44a

PLATE 80

CI



Excellent example of this Rare Imperf, margins almost clear on all sides, although just touched at SW corner square.

BPA Certificate 2006 mentions corner crease lower right, which is hardly if at all visible from the front.

Ex Ken Statham collection.

ERROR IMPERF

1d RED PLATE

SG 43a

PLATE 97

MC



Lovely copy with margins good to large all round, tied to piece by **742 for Stamford.**

One of the known Imperf plates on this issue.

ERROR IMPERF

1d RED PLATE

SG 44a

Spec G1(2)h

PLATE 118

LAKE RED

AA



Excellent top left corner copy with good margins all round, being the first stamp on the sheet.

Cancelled by a lovely **Rare Irish 67 for Blackwatertown**.

Extremely Rare as not one of the ones listed in Gibbons.

RPS Certificate 1978 says “rubbed and soiled”, both very harsh for this age of the stamp.

Ex Wallas collection.

VR 213

INVERTED WATERMARK

1840

1d BLACK

SG 2wi

Spec AS15(L)

PLATE 2

HD



Stunning 4 margin with neat **Red Maltese Cross**.

It has the variety dot below SE corner (illustrated Statham P 98).

Very Rare with Inverted Watermark, especially so fine.

RPS Certificate 2004

INVERTED WATERMARK

1840

1d BLACK (Intense)

SG 1wi

Spec AS22(e)

PLATE 4

JC



Three margin copy with the fourth only just shaved along the base.

This plate is Very Very Scarce with Inverted Watermark.

The stamp also shows the following varieties:

Dots in NW and NE squares

Mark in "O" of POSTAGE

Dot below "J"

Two dots below "N" of ONE

Dots on nose and around eye

All illustrated Statham P 127

Good Black Maltese Cross

INVERTED WATERMARK

1840

1d BLACK

SG 2wi

Spec AS46(d)

PLATE 8

BL



Lovely 4 margin which clearly shows the variety top of "B" square extends into left margin (illustrated Statham P 194).

Very neat Black Maltese Cross.

Very Scarce with Inverted Watermark.

INVERTED WATERMARK

1840

1d BLACK

SG 2wi

Spec AS56(e)

PLATE 9

PB



Superb 4 margin example of this **Very Rare Inverted Watermark**.

Lovely Black Maltese Cross.

INVERTED WATERMARK

1841

1d RED from BLACK PLATE

SG 7wi

Spec AS6a+i

PLATE 1b

HB

RE-ENTRY



Lovely almost 4 margin example of this **Very Rare Inverted Watermark**.

Marks in “H” (double) and Re-entry in AG of POSTAGE, NE corner square and “ON” of ONE (Illustrated Statham P70). It also has dot in SW of the “H” square following the first repair (additional to the original Re-entry illustrated Statham P 81).

Margin just touched at NW.

RPS Certificate 2004

Comment

The only copy we have handled and it is unusual having the Re-entry as well, which could possibly make it a Unique item.

INVERTED WATERMARK

1841

1d RED from BLACK PLATE

SG 7wi

PLATE 9

NH



The best example of a **1d Red from Black Plate** we have seen in over 40 years of offering Inverted Watermarks.

Superb condition, 4 margin, light Maltese Cross and clear Inverted Watermark.

Plating characteristics: burr rub over "GE" of POSTAGE
stronger "O" Flaw
right line extension (DX) below base line

Listed by SG for the 1d Black only.

Exhibition Quality

INVERTED WATERMARK

1841

2d BLUE

SG 14wi

Spec ES12(a)

PLATE 3

PAIR

TK-TL



Exceptional Pair from the bottom right corner of the sheet, good margins all round and having the watermark inverted, which is scarce on this plate, especially in multiples as fine as this.

Very much more difficult than the Plate 4 with Inverted Watermark which has the same catalogue value.

Would make a lovely addition to an Inverted Watermark Collection.

INVERTED WATERMARK

1844

1d RED IMPERF

PLATE 81

PAIR

BH-BI

MISSING IMPRIMATURS



Goodish Pair, BH being 4 margin, BI just cut into at the right of “1” square.

Both so far Unrecorded Inverted Watermark.

Each cancelled by Scottish 1 numeral for Aberdeen.

This is an exceptionally Rare Pair.

Comment

I am having some difficulty in restraining myself from splitting this pair as I expect and know that this plate appears on all the inverted watermark wants list that we have seen.

INVERTED WATERMARK

1853

1d RED IMPERF

PLATE 174

PAIR

HH-HI



Absolutely Magnificent Pair with good to huge margins.

An **Extremely Rare** plate especially with Inverted Watermark and in a multiple that is so fine.

Few inverted watermarks are known from this plate and this is the only multiple we have seen.

INVERTED WATERMARK

ARCHER

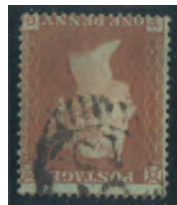
1d RED PERF

SG 16bwi

Spec CE2d

PLATE 97

FG



Superb quite well centred **Very Fine Used** example being **Hill Comb 4 First State with Inverted Watermark.**

To the best of our knowledge this is the only example known with Inverted Watermark on Archer Plate 97.

The stamp is matched to a 4 margin Imperf with upright watermark.

INVERTED WATERMARK

COMBINATION COVER

**2d SG 23 PLATE 4 PERF 14 SMALL CROWN
PAIR IA-AB
INVERTED WATERMARK**

**1d SG 21 PLATE 4 PERF 16 SMALL CROWN
HI
UPRIGHT WATERMARK**

MISSING IMPRIMATUR



Attractive Pair of the 2d SG 23 Plate 4 Perf 14 with Inverted Watermarks. Corrosion marks in letter squares (illustrated Statham P 3667) with a **1d Specialised C4 Plate 4 Perf 16** (Missing Imprimatur) tied to wrapper to Marseille by London 47 in Diamond and backstamped LONDON 7 JU 1855.

The 2d values have clear Inverted Watermarks and are assigned Specialised F2(c) by SG.

Comment

Very Scarce combination of difficult 2d values Perf 14 with Inverted Watermark and a 1d Perf 16 with Upright Watermark used together, and coincidentally, both being Plate 4.

VR 224

INVERTED WATERMARK

SURFACE PRINTED

2/- BROWN

SG 121(wi)

Spec J120c

AL



Good looking used copy of this **Scarce** watermark variety on this issue, with part London CDS and 94 in Diamond numeral.

Tiny fault at top, but Rare.

Catalogued £6,000 (2019)

INVERTED WATERMARK

SURFACE PRINTED

1891

£1 GREEN

SG 212(wi)

CA



Beautiful copy of this **Very Very Rare Inverted Watermark.**

Very lightly cancelled by two Registered cancels.

This is only the second example we have seen.

In our opinion very much under-catalogued.

The stamp has a very clever repair at NE of C square, which is hardly visible from the front or the back.

INVERTED WATERMARK

1902-10

EDWARD VII

DE LA RUE

½d SG 215wi

DULL BLUE GREEN



Very Rare copy, especially with CDS postmark.

INVERTED WATERMARK

1902-10

EDWARD VII

DE LA RUE

2/6d SG 260wi



Beautiful superb fresh very lightly mounted mint copy, excellent colour and clear Inverted Watermark.

Very seldom offered.

MISSING PERF PINS
SIMPSON and SARGENT

VARIETY 3

A/B 14

MATCHED PAIR

1d and 2d PERFS

JA-JB

Spec C1

Plate 180



Plate 179



Centred high,
but variety clear

Spec F1
Plate 4

Ken Statham suggested
probably just one printing.



Amazing Pair clearly showing
the variety between the rows.
The first and only time we have
seen this variety on the
2d value.

Comment

The 1d value is fairly common with this Missing Perf Pin, but the 2d is Very Rare and possibly Unique as a Pair.

MISSING PERF PINS
SIMPSON and SARGENT
VARIETY 4 STATE 2
MATCHED PAIR
1d and 2d PERFS
QL

Spec C1
Plate 171



Spec F1
Plate 4



Two well centred examples of this interesting variety, which is quite common on the 1d, but **Very Scarce** on the 2d, so it is unusual to match the actual letterings.

Simpson and Sargent L(marg) 10, 14 to 16, 18 being the Missing Perf Pins.

MISSING PERF PINS
SIMPSON and SARGENT

1d PERF

VARIETY 12

Spec C9

PLATE 46

Block of 4

AI-AJ

BI-BJ



Superb Block of 4 from this **Very Difficult** and **Scarce C9** plate which is not yet recognised as such, with the added feature of **two Broken Perf Pins on AI and BI**.

Four 635 Reading numerals.

Exhibition Quality and possibly Unique for this plate in this multiple.

MISSING PERF PINS
SIMPSON and SARGENT

1d PERF

VARIETY 7

INVERTED

Spec C1

PLATE 198

NL



Extremely Rare, and so far the only the second we have seen of the so called **Perf 7 Variety which is Inverted**.

A brilliant example clearly showing the broken perf pins 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11 to 13, 15, 16 and 18, which has occurred on this lettering, as the sheet was face down in the batch when printed.

An example exists from the Gardiner-Hill Collection and two plates are recorded: -194 and 200.

This is the first example from Plate 198 and only the second one we have seen and offered for sale. The last one was in the mid 1980's.

Exhibition Quality.

MISSING PERF PINS
SIMPSON and SARGENT

1d PERF

10 STATE 2

INVERTED

Spec C1

PLATE R1

MA



Beautiful well centred **Very Fine Used Rare Inverted Perf Pin Variety.**

MISSING PERF PINS
SIMPSON and SARGENT

1d PERF

VARIETY 15

INVERTED

Spec C10

PLATE 56

NK



Rare, quite good inverted state of the variety that occurs in the B and C Rows.

Fine Used, some slight perf faults along base, but has to be considered because of its Rarity.

MISSING PERF PINS
SIMPSON and SARGENT

1d PERF

VARIETY 24

INVERTED

Spec C10

PLATE 36

TE



Good used example of the Broken Perf Pins E10 to 12. This variety normally occurs on the "H" Row.

It is **Very Rare** on a vertical E Row and Simpson and Sargent only record it on three plates.

MISSING PERF PINS

SIMPSON and SARGENT (Page 277)

1d PLATE 225

INVERTED FORM

RJ



Very Rare Broken Perf Pin J/K9 which is the inverted form of B/C8.

Simpson and Sargent (page 277) says that" the inverted form is only recorded on Plates 178, 184 and 191.

The B/C8 is the only recorded Broken Perf Pin on 225.

This stamp does have a pin hole, but nonetheless, is **Very Rare**, and so far, as we know, **Unique**.

MIS-PERFED
SURFACE PRINTED
6d SG 70



A **Fabulous Mis-Perf** giving imperf margin on all four sides, though there are perfs inside on two sides.

The numeral is 350 for Hereford with part CDS alongside.

Amazing that it has survived, which is evidenced by the fact that only "a few are known". Needless to say, this is the only one we have seen, but we understand an example is in a display given by a recognised author on this series.

ERIC PAUL STAMPS

Penny Black Plate 10 (Both Stamps)



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