

Notes

The error's existence was highlighted by dealer G B Dixon in the late 1950s. However, it was only listed for the first time in the 1962 edition of The Commonwealth Catalogue of Queen Elizabeth Stamps published by The Commonwealth Stamp Company, Liverpool, after Mr C Barkaway showed the editor a used example he had discovered in kiloware. At least two sheets were affected due to the existence of mint examples with different shading (light slate and grey-black) and design centring. However, few survive – probably because the 6d was used commercially with most copies being destroyed. Just one (marginal) unmounted mint example has been recorded; all others being mounted. A lightly mounted mint example appeared at an October 2008 Colonial Stamp Company (Los Angeles) auction and sold for USD \$3,750 plus premiums. A used example with damaged top right corner sold for £26 at a 16 to 18 September 1968 H R Harmer (London) auction. A used example with a nibbled perforation at the lower right sold for £850 at a 4 December 2008 Murray Payne auction. Yet another used example exists off-piece with a part BROKEN HILL circular cancel