

1902

Single postcard

U.P.U. reprint

Inland rate



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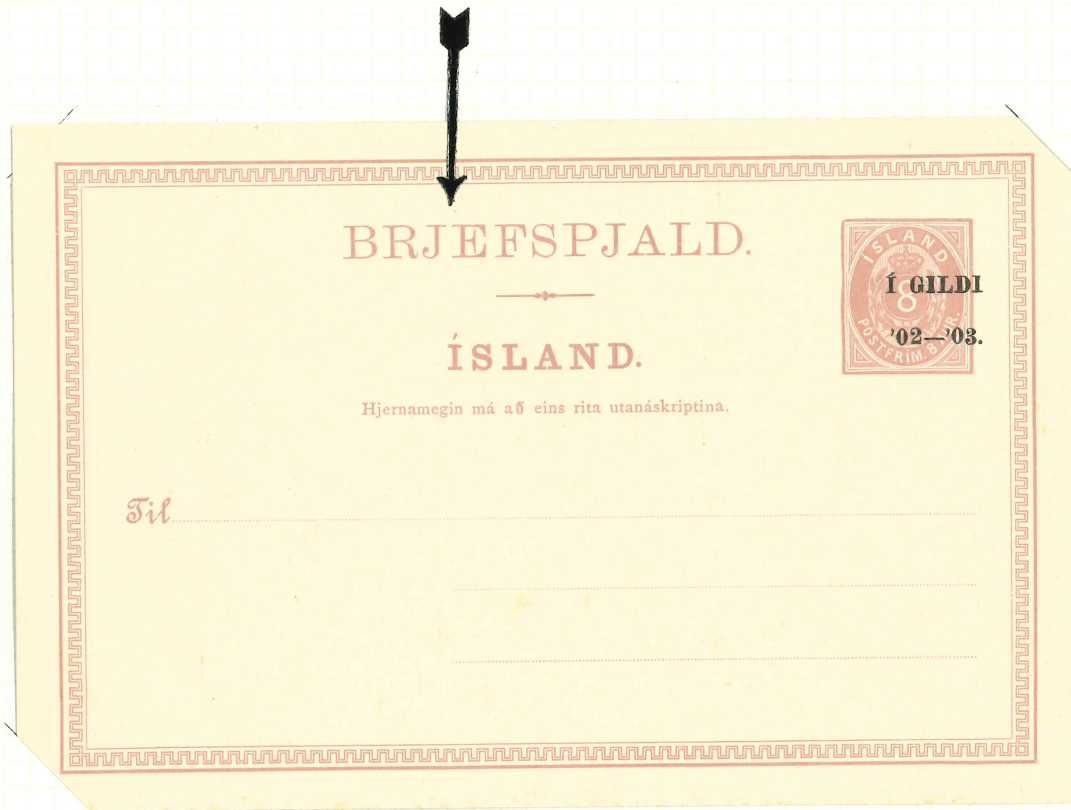
Line Hjernamegin ..... is 56.0mm long

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Single postcard

U.P.U. reprint

Rate to Denmark



Ornament below BRJEFSPJALD heavy and solid

BRJEFSPJALD is 53.5mm long

Upper bar of E turned down at end

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Single postcard

U.P.U. reprint

Rate to foreign countries



Figures of value only 3mm high

Parenthesis omitted from line Hjernamegin ...

1902

Double postcard

U.P.U. reprint

Inland rate





It was for long customary to provide the International Postal Bureau in Berne and other members of the Universal Postal Union with examples of all new postal emanations, in order to facilitate their acceptance on international mail.

This practice was somehow overlooked when the 1902-3 overprinted series was produced, in the case of both adhesive stamps and postal stationery. Possibly the omission occurred because the overprinting was done in Reykjavik and not by the usual stamp printers who were in Copenhagen and accustomed to providing the U.P.U. with samples of new issues on the order of the postal authorities.

New printings of the 5a., 8a. and 10a. single and double cards were therefore prepared in Copenhagen and overprinted in Reykjavik, this action being necessitated because no stocks of the original overprinted issue were available when the omission to send examples to Berne came to light.

These so-called 'Berne Re-prints' can be distinguished from the original issue by virtue of the spacing between the two lines of the overprint, which is  $4\frac{1}{2}$ mm on the reprints compared with 7.25mm, 5.7mm or 5.2mm on the three types of original overprint.

Copies of the reprinted cards without overprint are known (there are distinctions from the originals so far as the single cards are concerned) though the numbers in each category do not appear to be known. Cancelled copies are also known but these must be considered to be cancelled by favour since the reprinted cards were not issued for postal use.

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Brjefspjald með fyrir fram greiddu svari.

(Carte postale avec réponse payée.)

(Hjernamegin má að eins rita utanáskriptina.) (Côté réservé à l'adresse.)



Til.....