The 1st King George VI. th.

Printed on the 2/6 To Pay paper. by.
Harrison & Sons Ltd Govt Printers at
Hughenden Avenue High Wycombe
Bucks.

No 1.



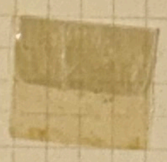
A. NORMAL 1d KING GEO VI 1d STAMP.
WATERMARK UPRIGHT
No SG.480. PERF 14X14½ WHITE PAPER

No 2.



A NORMAL 2/6 TO PAY GEO VI STAMP
WATERMARK SIDEWAYS
No SG. D34, PERF 14½X14, YELLOW PAPER,
NOTE. THERE ARE MANY SHADES IN THIS ISSUE.

No 3.





ALL 3 STAMPS HAVE
SAME WATERMARK

MULTIPLE CROWN
G VI R
BLOCK

No 1 UPRIGHT POSITION
" 2 SIDEWAYS "
" 3 UPRIGHT "



THE 1D. KING GEO VI.
PRINTED ON THE
YELLOW 2/6 TO PAY
PAPER
PERF 14X14½ SAME
AS No 1. ALSO SAME
AS No 2 IF No 2 WAS
VERTICAL.
WATERMARK UPRIGHT.



Carmine on White



Carmine on Yellow

This colour test was made by me on August 20th 1946. to ascertain the effect of carmine on Yellow against Yellow on White. Carmine. I find that the carmine or scarlet water colour used in this test becomes darker on Yellow just as the print of the 1d. stamp Geo VI does on Yellow paper

Hon Dague Channell

Hon Dague Channell.

68. Octavia Road.
Isleworth. Middx.

24th August 1946

The Controller.
Postal Services Dept.
General Post Office. London E.C.1.

Dear Sir.

A penny stamp of the present issue of King George VI. has recently come into my possesion. which is a genuine (Harrison & Sons Ltd) printed stamp. but. instead of it being printed on the normal white paper. provided for these stamps. this one is printed on the Yellow paper which is only used by Harrisons & Sons to print the 2/6 Postage Due stamps.

I have had this stamp examined and there is no question regarding its genuineness. It is correct in every way Perforation. Watermark & Printing except of course Yellow paper.

Although from my point of view. this stamp is a real curiosity. yet. I cannot understand at all how such an obvious error could leave the Harrison factory. or indeed how it could have been printed at all. seeing that anyone could recognise the error on sight.

Further I have always understood that Postal or Stationery Office Officials were always at the works of the Printers during business hours to supervise and keep a check on the printing of stamps.

A minor I could understand but a wrong coloured paper I cannot understand at all

Being very curious and interested on the subject. I. wonderd if you would give me any sort of explaination as to how such an error could occur

Thanking you.

I am. Dear Sir.

Yours faithfully

Hondague Channell

68 Octavia Road
Isleworth Middx

24th August 1946.

The Manager.
Stamp Printing Dept.
Messrs Harrison & Sons Ltd.
High Wycombe. Bucks.

Dear Sir

Further to my recent letter to you, enquiring about a Great Britain 1d stamp King George VI. now in my possession.

I have now had this stamp examined and find that it is a perfectly genuine (Harrison) printed stamp. but. it is printed on the yellow watermarked paper used for printing the 2/6 Postage Due stamps.

Can you please give me any explaination of this error.

Thanking you
I am. Dear Sir.
Yours faithfully

Montague Channell

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REFERENCE WHR/DMT.

26th August, 1946.

Mr.Channell,
68, Octavia Road,
Isleworth,
Middx.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letters of the 20th and 24th inst., as Contractors to The Post Office Stores Dept. we have no authority to give information to any member of the public relative to Postage Stamp Printing.

We are however, interested in the statements you have made and we await the return from holiday of the Principal Post Office official next week, to enable us to place your letters before him and seek his permission to deal with the matter.

Yours faithfully,
p.p. HARRISON & SONS LTD.,

W.H.Rhodes

W.H.Rhodes.
General Manager.

NATIONAL SCHEME FOR DISABLED MEN

68. Octavia Road.
Isleworth Middx

27th August 1946.

Dear Sir

Your ref W.H.R./D.M.T.

I have to thank you very much for your letter dated 26th inst. and although I quite realise that you cannot give information to the Public regarding your Contracts with the Postal Authorities, I nevertheless am so very interested in the King George VI 1d stamp on the 2/6 Postage Due paper that I do really hope that you will be allowed, and will be kind enough to give me any information possible. If the Postal Official will kindly give you permission on his return from holiday.

Again thanking you for your interest.

I am Dear Sir
Yours faithfully

Hon Dague Shunnell

W.H. Rhodes Esq.
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REGINARUM · LESQUARE · LONDON

REFERENCE WHR/DMT.

4th September, 1946.

Mr.Channell,
68, Octavia Road,
Isleworth,
Middx.

Dear Sir,

With further reference to our correspondence relating to the 1d King George VI Stamp, I have received instructions from the Post Office to invite you to visit the factory to give us the opportunity of inspecting the Stamp, your out of pocket expenses would be paid by us.

Any day convenient to you can be arranged by appointment, but it would be preferable if you could call during office hours Monday to Friday inclusive between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. when the Chief Officer of the Post Office will be in attendance.

Yours faithfully,
p.p. HARRISON & SONS LTD.,

W.H.Rhodes

W.H.Rhodes.
General Manager.

NATIONAL SCHEME FOR DISABLED MEN

68. Octavia Road.
Isleworth. Middx.

5th September 1946.

W.H. Rhodes Esq..
General Manager.
Messrs Harrison & Sons Ltd
High Wycombe. Bucks.

Dear Sir

Your ref W.H.R./D.M.T.

Very many thanks for your letter of yesterdays date regarding the 1d King George VI stamp on yellow paper.

I will call at your factory on Tuesday next at 2.30 P.M. (10th inst) if this day and time is convienent to you.

I sincerely thank you and the Postal Official for the interest and trouble that you have taken in this matter

Yours faithfully

Hon Dague Channell

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
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6th September, 1946.

Mr.M.Channell,
68, Octavia Road,
Isleworth,
Middx.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 5th inst., I would like to confirm your appointment for Tuesday the 10th inst. at 2.30 p.m.

Yours faithfully,
p.p. HARRISON & SONS LTD.,

R Yorke.

P.P. Mr Rhodes.

NATIONAL SCHEME FOR DISABLED MEN

68. Octavia Road.
Isleworth. Middx.

10th September 1946.

W. H. Rhodes Esq.
General Manager.
Messrs Harrison + Sons Ltd.
High Wycombe. Bucks.

Dear Sir

I very much regret that I am unable to call upon you as arranged for today as I have caught a severe chill and my doctor has ordered me to remain in bed for a few days.

However to prevent disappointment to you and to the Post Office Official. I have asked my soldier son (now on from Euro) to bring the 1d. King George. VI. stamp on Postage Due (2/6) paper for you to see

I am just a collector of stamps and bought this with other Great Britain and Colonial stamps about 2 months ago

I was naturally surprised to get a Modern British stamp on a yellow paper and the more I thought about this stamp the more curious I became

However after showing it to a few friends who are interested in stamps. I was told to have it examined by an expert who told me that it was printed on the 2/6 Postage due paper

I then took it to your Head Office and was told to communicate with the Works at High Wycombe

The rest you know by our correspondence.

I therefore submit it to your careful examination and would be most grateful for any kind of information that you can give me

Naturally a curio of this kind is nice to have in a collection but of course I should like to know something about it seeing that Watermark, Perforation and Printing is correct

Regarding expenses. I would not think of accepting any payment Your interest and help renders me indebted to you

Yours faithfully

H Montague Shannell

Statement

I. William B Channell. son of Mr Montague Channell of 68. Octavia Road. Isleworth. Middlesex. went this day Tuesday September the tenth 1946 to the Printing Works of Harrison & Sons Ltd Hughenden Avenue. High Wycombe. Bucks.

I took a 1d stamp with me printed on Yellow paper and I arrived at Harrisons factory about 2.45 pm where I was received by Mr W.H. Rhodes. General Manager and 2. other gentlemen. whom I take to be Post Office Officials

The three gentlemen examined the 1d stamp by means of a magnifying glass and without any other kind of a test they all stated that the stamp submitted was in their opinion a very cleaverly dyed stamp of the normal 1d issue

They produced a number of 1d stamps partly dyed yellow and said that their Chemist had dyed them

These were all mint stamps with full gum on the back and were ready together with other pieces of paper for my inspection

I was asked to wet my finger and rub it on the gummed side of the stamps and the pieces of paper

This I did and the dye and gum came off on to my fingers no doubt because the dye had been applied after stamps and paper had been gummed

Seeing that gum acts on paper as a varnish and would prevent dye going right through the pores of the paper I quite understand how it was that the dye came off when wetted

This however I could not do on the gummed side of the 1d stamp that I had taken to the Works

Mr Rhodes stated that a Chemist employed by Harrisons in that factory has stated that given sufficient time to experiment he could produce a dye that would be an absolutely fast dye

I was given 2 pieces of paper One white and one dyed yellow to show my father

Mr Rhodes also told me that he would write to my father on the subject of the stamp submitted

The above is true in every detail

signed

William B. Channell

14439558. Royal Signals.

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REFERENCE WHR/DMT.

10th September, 1946.

Mr.M.Channell,
68, Octavia Road,
Isleworth,
Middx.

Dear Sir,

Samples of paper supplied on 10th Sept 1946.
by Mr Rhodes General Manager Harrison & Sons Ltd
High Wycombe Bucks.

A.



B.



C.



A Showing a peice of undyed paper printed side

B a peice of the same paper dyed after gumming
Part of the dye removed in water

C Showing a peice of the same paper undyed gummed side

Montague Channell

68. Octavia Road.
Isleworth Middx
11th. September 1946.

W. H. Rhodes Esq.
General Manager.
Messrs Harrison & Sons Ltd.
High Wycombe. Bucks.

Dear Sir.

I thank you for your letter of yesterdays date and note the contents. but there is one little point that I cannot solve and that is whereas the sample of dyed paper that you gave my son yesterday has been dyed after gumming. and in consiquence the dye can be removed with the gum which acts as a varnish Yet the actual stamps was dyed or at least the paper was dyed before gumming This has been proved by a test further the dye cannot be removed by a simple water test as applied to your sample paper

Of course I am quite aware of the fact that up to the present there is no dye for paper that cannot be taken out by chemical and acid tests This would equally apply to the 2/6 to pay stamps or to any Colonial stamps printed on a coloured paper

Another fact which I think proves that this statement is correct is that both you and the Postal Officials yesterday stated before my son that a Mr Smith employed in your factory stated that given sufficient time to experiment he could produce a dye that would not fade or which could be removed I.E. a fast dye.

Further if this stamps had been dyed after issue to the Public, parts of the dye would show on the Perforations in the same way as a re gummed stamps shows traces of the gum around the perforation holes Also there can be no object in dying quite a common modern id stamps a different colour to the issued variety.

A stamps expert applied a number of simple tests which included burning this stamps and a Geo VI 2/6 to pay stamps under the microscope also under a Quartz lamps and I have again given the stamps and a 2/6 To Pay stamps the simple water test today and in both cases the reaction is the same The dye does not come out on either of the respective stamps on either side.

Regarding the peice of yellow paper that I sent to you with the first letter it was taken from the margen of a Colonial stamps I believe it was from a $2 Straits Settlements stamps

As your stamps are printed in a Jeguitie Printing ink I think that any stamps dyed after printing would at least show a slightly blurred design after such treatment if put under the microscope

Yours faithfully.

Montague Shamwell

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CHEMICAL TESTED
FOR THE REMOVAL OF YELLOW DYE



This is the original 1d King George VI 1d stamp on Yellow paper which was taken to Messrs Harrisons Works at High Wycombe on Tuesday September 10th 1946

The yellow dye was removed by Chemical process on Wed September 18th 1946

H. Marsaque Channell



A 2/6 Postage Due with dye partly removed by Chemical Process on Wed September 18th 1946

H. Marsaque Channell



A 2/6 Postage Due Stamp in which all the yellow dye has been removed by Chemical Process on Wed September 18th 1946

H. Marsaque Channell

The Paper and Watermark of all 3 stamps are the same if examined under a microscope and the dye was removed by the same kind of chemical in each case

H. Marsaque Channell 18/9/46

NATIONAL SCHEME FOR DISABLED MEN

65 Octavia Road
Isleworth
Middx.

20th September 1946

W.H. Rhodes Esq.
General Manager
Messrs Harrison & Sons Ltd
High Wycombe Bucks.

Dear Sir,

I Thank you for your letter of the 16th inst and I should like to tell you that I have used the King George VI 1d stamps on the yellow paper and also a 2/6 Do Pay stamps Chemically treated with the following very interesting result

First Both the 1d and 2/6 stamps were put into warm water and all the gum removed
Then both stamps were rubbed with clean white cotton wool while they were wet the dye came off either on the face or back of the stamps which were then allowed to dry.

Secondly Both stamps the 1d and 2/6 were then subjected to Chemical treatment for about 10 minutes At the end of that time practically all the traces of the yellow dye had gone from both stamps leaving a fairly clear design & but paper in both cases quite white

Next Both stamps were then examined under a Microscope and the design were shown in both cases to be a bit blurred but that the paper of both stamps appeared to be of the same texture.

I have of course destroyed the value of both the 1d and 2/6 stamps on yellow paper. but at the same time I have I think proved that whatever dye was used in both cases 1d and 2/6 the dye was similar also that the dye on the 1d Geo VI. was put into the paper before gumming as the gum on examination and before tests was definately O.G. original gum
I am not [illegible] anything by this in particular. but I am [illegible] kinds of errors can and do occur in the course

[illegible] errors have occured and have continued right [illegible] up to the present time. I do not blame anyone [illegible] they do happen.
Harrison printed stamps of Great Britain alone [illegible] these. The King Edward VII 1d stamps of May 1911 which [illegible] paper without watermark Then there is the early Geo V. [illegible] Perforation error the Geo V no cross on brown error. [illegible] ted on the gum [illegible] side error. The imperforated Photogravure

[illegible] stamp printers have many errors including wrong paper. [illegible] there is the gutter error on the King George VI 4d stamps [illegible] photo of a [illegible] which 2 are perforated and 2 are imperforated [illegible] book of 4 attached [illegible] ation in 1944.
[illegible] therefore admit [illegible] Kinds of errors can happen and after the [illegible] ere tests that [illegible] made with the 1d and 2/6 in which the value [illegible] both was dest- [illegible] ut it is quite reasonable to suggest that in some [illegible] gy this was [illegible] d not noticed
read and [illegible] of a new penny which came from the Royal Mint [illegible] which was [illegible] spite of the many checks, and, in the newspapers [illegible] report the [illegible] not see how this could happen, but it did. [illegible] and the Postal Officials will be interested to know [illegible]

Yours faithfully

Montague Channell

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26th September, 1946.

Mr.M.Channell,
68, Octavia Road,
Isleworth,
Middlesex.

Dear Mr.Channell,

We write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th inst., in reply we can only reiterate our previous statements, that we believe the 1d stamp in question is one that somehow or other has been dyed after printing.

faithfully,
HARRISON & SONS LTD.,

W.H.Rhodes

.H.Rhodes.
General Manager.