

GOVERNMENT PRINTING WORKS, DUBLIN CASTLE.
OVERPRINTING BY DUBLIN CASTLE & SOMERSET HOUSE
ISSUE 11T/ STAMP T66

OVERPRINT VARIETIES



T66BR (um)

Plate 6/8L

Plate with broken 'R' in 'CROWN'

'O' in 'CROWN' and 'P' in 'POSTAGE' also broken

Stamp frame line height 23mm

Variety

V11b - Faint hollow / blurred accent over second 'a' in 'Saorstát'

Date line length in '1922' - 5.5mm

€180

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T66PR (umm)

Plate -/1 or 2/4

Plate with perfect 'R' in 'CROWN'

Stamp frame line height 22.7mm.

Variety

V11g - '22' of '1922' joined, from stamp R1/1

E230

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€50

T66PR (fm)
Plate -/1 or 2/4
Plate with perfect 'R' in 'CROWN'



€150

T66PR (vfu)
Plate -/1 or 2/4
Plate with perfect 'R' in 'CROWN'
'BANDON' Co. Cork cds



€150

T66PR (vfu)
Plate -/1 or 2/4
Plate with perfect 'R' in 'CROWN'

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€60

T66BR (fm)
Plate 6/8L
Plate with broken 'R' in 'CROWN'
&
broken 'P' in 'POSTAGE'



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T66PRh (fm)

Vertical strip of four stamps, with Perfect 'R' in 'CROWN' from Rows 4,5,6,7/4.

Printers plate -/1L State 2.

Marginal Cross 4A dimensions: a - 5.6mm, b - 5.7mm, c - 5.9mm, d - 5.9mm, e - 9.3mm

Example clearly shows that alternate row printing was adopted this Issue.

This is shown by the heavier inking on stamps from R4/4 & R6/4 and horizontal alignment variations between the overprints from alternate rows.

Variety

V11d - broken accent over second 'a' in 'Saorstá', stamp from R5/4

£650

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OUT OF ALIGNMENT PAIRS
 &
 PLATE FLAW



T66PR/OAP (umm)

Two horizontal pairs from Rows 5 & 6, Stamps 3 & 4

Plate 2/4L State 1

Plate with perfect 'R' in 'CROWN'

Stamp height 22.7mm, gutter margin between vertical pairs 4.3mm.

Marginal Cross 4A dimensions a - 5mm, b - 3.3mm, c - 4mm, d - 4.5mm, e - 9.2mm.

Plate Flaw

Stamp R5/3 - Distinctive flaw (D 7)

€500

Variety

Horizontal pairs, with overprint 'out of alignment' (OAP)



R5/3
 ÉIREANN
 T66PR9

Stamp R5/3 - Distinctive flaw

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Printers plate -/1L State 2.

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€160

T67 (SG84)

STAMP CHARACTERISTICS

Broken 'Visor' (BV) in Britannia's helmet, stamps from the left and right panes of printer's plate 3/4 & 4/5.

OVERPRINT CHARACTERISTICS

Overprint dimensions

Width of '1922' 5.00mm
(Narrow date issue)

Height of overprint 8.50mm

Overprint with Glossy Black Ink



15.00mm

12.50mm

5.00mm

STAMP VARIETIES

Reference	Stamp Variety Description
D1	Inverted 'T' between bottom frame lines, occurs with the later overprints by Somerset House using panes from Plate 4/5L Stamp R2/1
D2	Inner frame notch, found with the later overprints by Somerset House using panes from Plate 4/5L Stamp R3/3



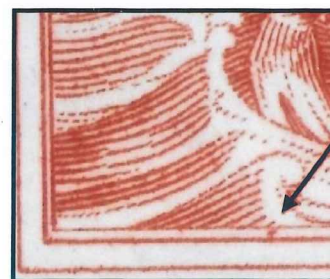
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D1

€820



D2



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OVERPRINT VARIETIES

The Government Printing House followed by Somerset House used a setting made up of 20 clichés, arranged in five rows of four, each row being separated from the next by the space of one stamp row. To overprint a full pane of forty stamps, two press passes were required. The first press pass overprinting stamps in rows 2,4,6,8 and 10 and the second pass stamps in alternate rows 1,3,5, 7 and 9.

Reference	Overprint Variety Description
D3	'SAORSTÁC' for 'SAORSTÁC' Stamps from either R5/1 or R7/3
D4	Overprint diagonally sloping upwards, to the right Stamps from Rows 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 Stamps in even rows normal. This validates the setting layout as detailed above.
D5	Vertical pair with overprint omitted from the lower stamp, from same pane as for D4 variety. Stamp with omitted overprint from R10/1 and normal stamp from R9/1
D6	Overprint shift and in contact with the top margin
D7	Faint, blurred and almost missing accent over 'á' of 'SAORSTÁC' Stamps from R9/4, R10/4
D8	Needle eye accent over 'é' of 'Éireann' Stamps from R1/1 and R2/1

Row 5



E400

D3

Row 9



Row 10

D4

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D6

€160



D7

€250

Row 1

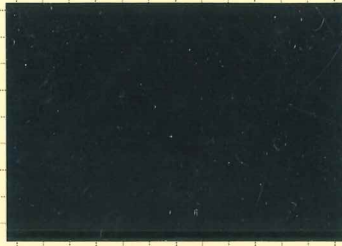
Row 2



D8

€950

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€80

T67 (fm)
Plate 4/5L
Stamp frame line height 23.2mm.



€190

T67 (vfu)
Plate 4/5L
Stamp frame line height 23.2mm.



€190

T67 (vfu)
Plate 4/5L
Stamp frame line height 23.2mm.

Cds BAILE ATHA CLIATH
22 MR 26

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STAMP ERRORS



T67 (stamp umm)
Printer's Plate 3/4L

Variety

R1/1 Minor re-entry, leaves and garland top left of stamp.

€200



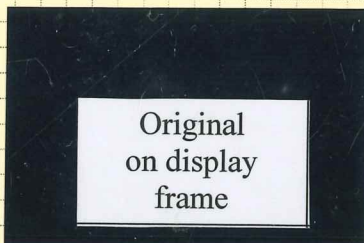
Plate 3/4 Left

R1/1 (No. 1)

Minor

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STAMP ERRORS



T67a (umm)
Plate 4/5L

Stamp frame line height 23.1mm.
Overprint by Somerset House

Variety

T67a - Inverted 'T' between bottom frame lines, Stamp from R2/1



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OVERPRINT VARIETIES



T67 Block of 4 stamps (umm)

Plate 3/4R

Upper margin trim line dimensions 1B

1Bf 11mm, 1Bg 20.4mm

Varieties

V11f - needle eye accent over É R1/1 and R2/1

€750



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OVERPRINT VARIETIES



T67 / V11b (vfm)
Plate 4/5L
Stamp frame line height 23.2mm.

Variety

V11b - Faint / Hollow blurred impression of accent on second 'a' of 'Saorstá'

€120



T67 / V11b (umm)
Plate 4/5L
Stamp frame line height 23.2mm.
Trim line dimension 4C g - 17.3mm.

Variety

V11b - Faint / Hollow blurred impression of accent on second 'a' of 'Saorstá'



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T68BS (fm)
 Broken 'S' in 'POSTAGE'
 Printers Plate 1/3R
 Stamp frame line height 22.7mm.

€220



T68PS (umm)
 Perfect 'S' in 'POSTAGE'
 Printers Plate 2/7
 Stamp frame line height 22.9mm.
 Marginal Cross 2Ae dimension 12.2mm.
 Stamp from R10/3

€290



T68PS (fm)
 Perfect 'S' in 'POSTAGE'
 Printers Plate 2/7
 Stamp frame line height 22.9mm.

€180



T68PS (vfu)
 Perfect 'S' in 'POSTAGE'
 Printers Plate 2/7
 Stamp frame line height 22.9mm.

cds OCT 27

€400?

MOST LIKELY TO BE
 'MADAME JOSEPH'
 BOGUS CANCEL.

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OVERPRINT VARIETIES



T68PS- (umm)

Printer's plate 2/7

Perfect 'S' in 'POSTAGE'

Stamp frame line height 22.6mm

Varieties

V11h - '92' of '1922' Joined

UF11b - blotted 'e' in 'Éireann' forming 'o'

€450

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OVERPRINT ERRORS

1925 August 3 - Line Overprint - 'Narrow' date

One sheet of 40 showing alternative horizontal rows of overprint double, one inverted is recorded.
From the example below the Bradbury printer's plate for the basic stamp was 2/7, as the stamps display the perfect 'S' in 'POSTAGE'.

The overprint plate used for printing the 'Narrow' date high values consisted of a setting of twenty clichés. Rows 1,3,5,7 and 9 were printed in the first operation and the sheets were then passed through the printing press a second time to overprint Rows 2,4,6,8 and 10.

In the case of the double overprint sheet, the sheet was passed through the press a third time, but the wrong way round. The result being a double inverted overprint on even rows.

As a result twenty such double overprints were produced.

The status of this error is considered dubious (ie - whether overprinted in error or deliberately?)



T68PS (umm pair)
Printer's Plate 2/7

Upper stamp from Row 7/4, lower stamp with 'Double Overprint' from Row 8/4
Stamp frame line height 22.9mm., gutter margin between stamps 4.3mm.

Variety

T68PSg - Double overprint, one inverted, Stamp from R8/4
Acquired May 2008, ex- Bill Fletcher collection.
Price paid GBP 3,400

€4,500



Double Overprint
one inverted

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OVERPRINT VARIETIES



T68PS (umm)
Printer's plate 2/7
Perfect 'S' in 'POSTAGE'
Variety

€450

V11g - '22' in '1922' joined, Stamp from R1/1



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STAMP ERRORS



T68PSa (1m)
Printer's Plate 2/7L
Perfect 'S' in 'POSTAGE'

Variety

T68PSa - Runnal's re-entry Stamp from R6/1
AIEP Certificate 8386 February 2004
Ex - Cyril Dulin Collection
Purchased June 2007 for €1,500

€2,100

The Runnal's re-entry is the most important error to be found with the Dublin Castle Narrow overprints. The error is to be found on the 10/- value, from a perfect 'S' plate. Philatelic plate 2A (Bradbury Printer's plate 2/7L). Error occurs in position R6/1. The re-entries are pronounced and especially apparent in Britannia's shield and its surround, as well as the doubling of virtually all the horizontal lines in the upper right portion of the stamp. Thus far only six examples have been recorded, one of which is used.



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OVERPRINT VARIETIES



T68PS (umm)
Printers Plate 2/7R , Perforation PU (Bottom fed)
Perfect 'S' in 'POSTAGE'
Stamp frame line height 22.7mm
Trim line 1B dimensions f - 15.5mm, g - 20.2mm.
Overprint letters undamaged

e450

Variety

V11f - Needle eye accent over 'É' of 'Éireann', Stamp from R1/1

