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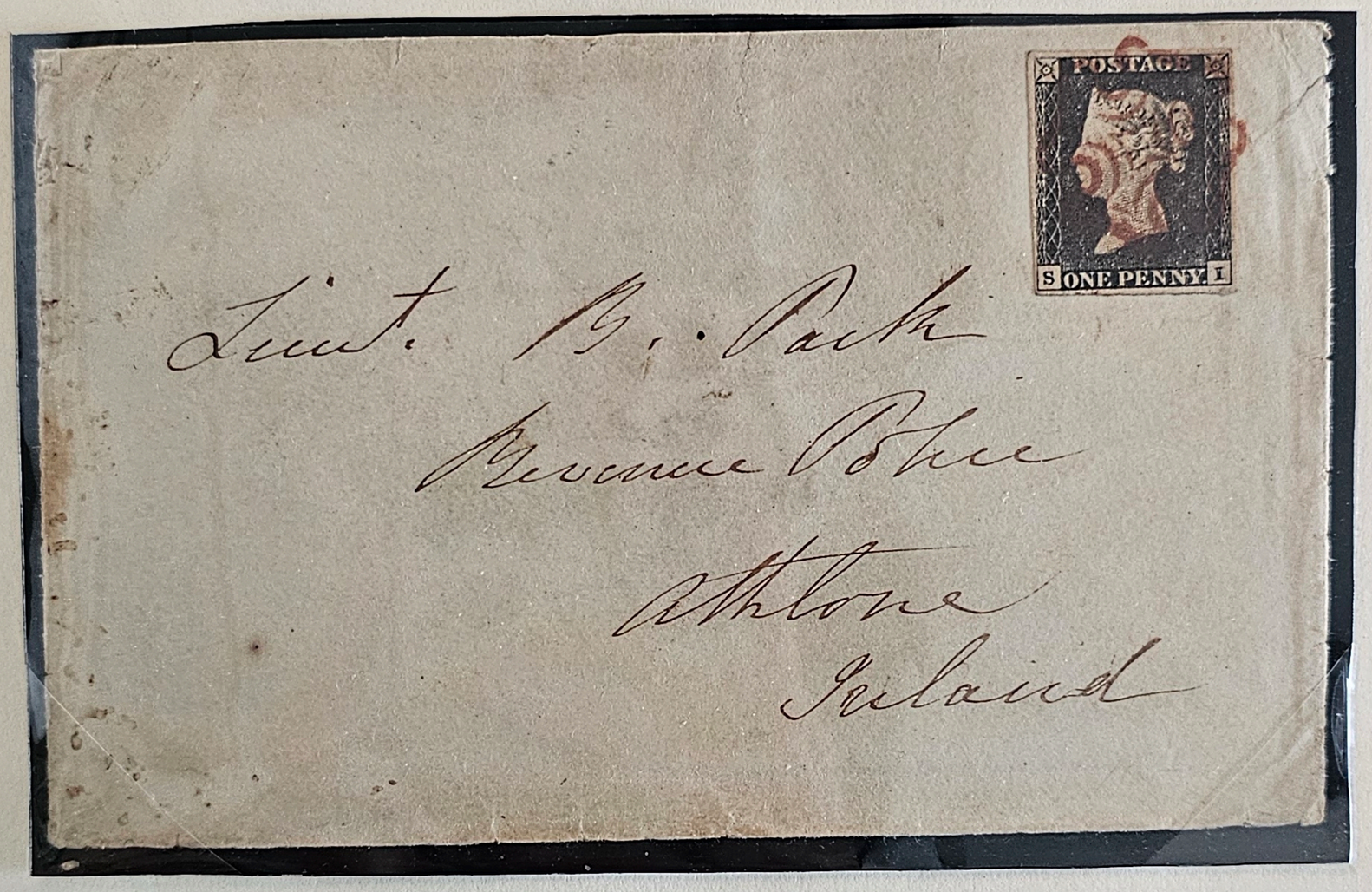
Rowland Hill's pamphlet "Post Office Reform" was published in 1837, advocating a uniform postage charge of one penny per ½ ounce within the United Kingdom, without regard to distance. He proposed that postage would be prepaid by means of an adhesive label. A Bill presented in The House received Royal Assent in August 1839. On January 10, 1840 the Penny Post became law and the first stamps were available on May 6, 1840.



Cover posted May 15, 1840 to Ireland,
backstamped May 16 arrival in red.

AN OFFICIAL scott ALBUM PAGE

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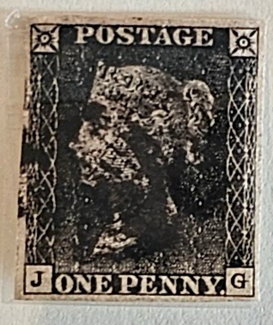
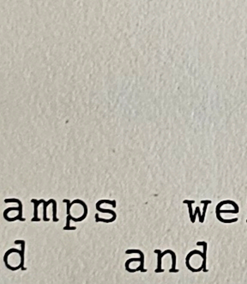
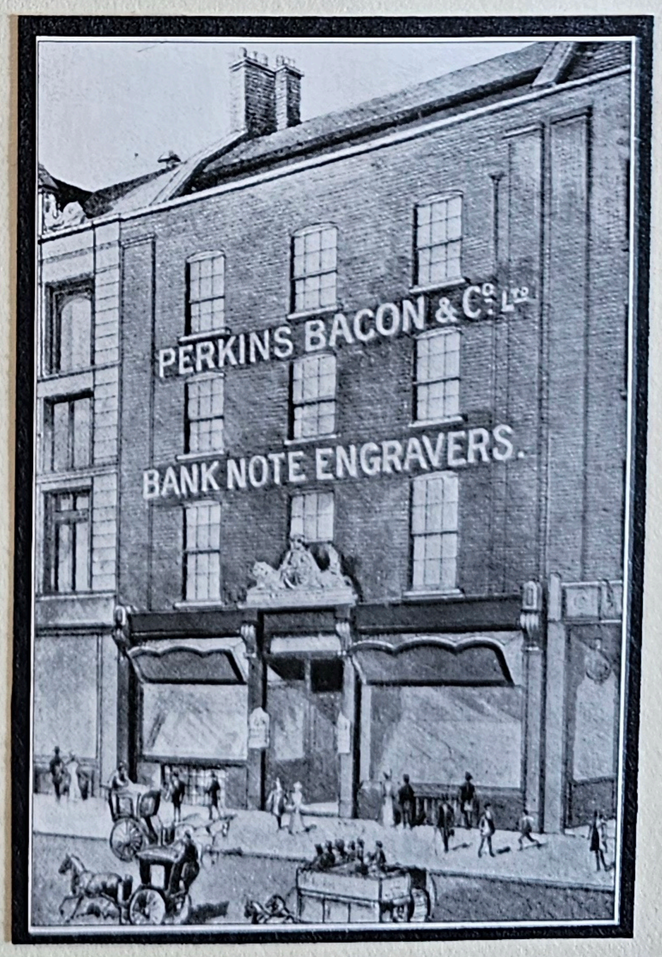
"PENNY BLACK"

The portrait of Queen Victoria is based on the City Medal, struck to commemorate Her Majesty's visit to Guildhall on 9th November 1837. The designer was William Wyon, Chief Engraver of seals to the Queen, and Engraver to the Mint.



The stamps were line engraved and printed by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Petch on hand-made paper supplied by Stacey Wise of Hardington. A small crown watermark was used as a protection against forgery.





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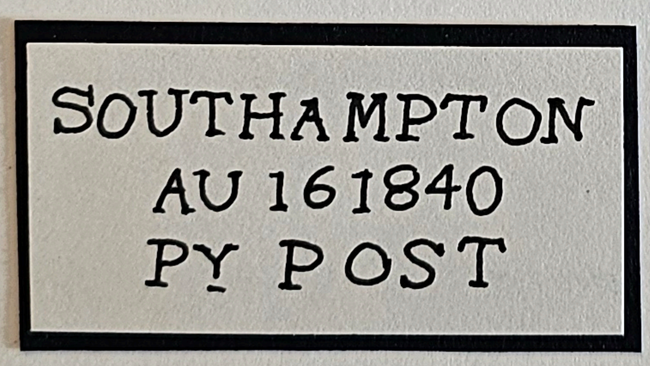
"Penny Post" postmarks were applied at the receiving offices, the stamp being obliterated at the Head Office.



backstamps

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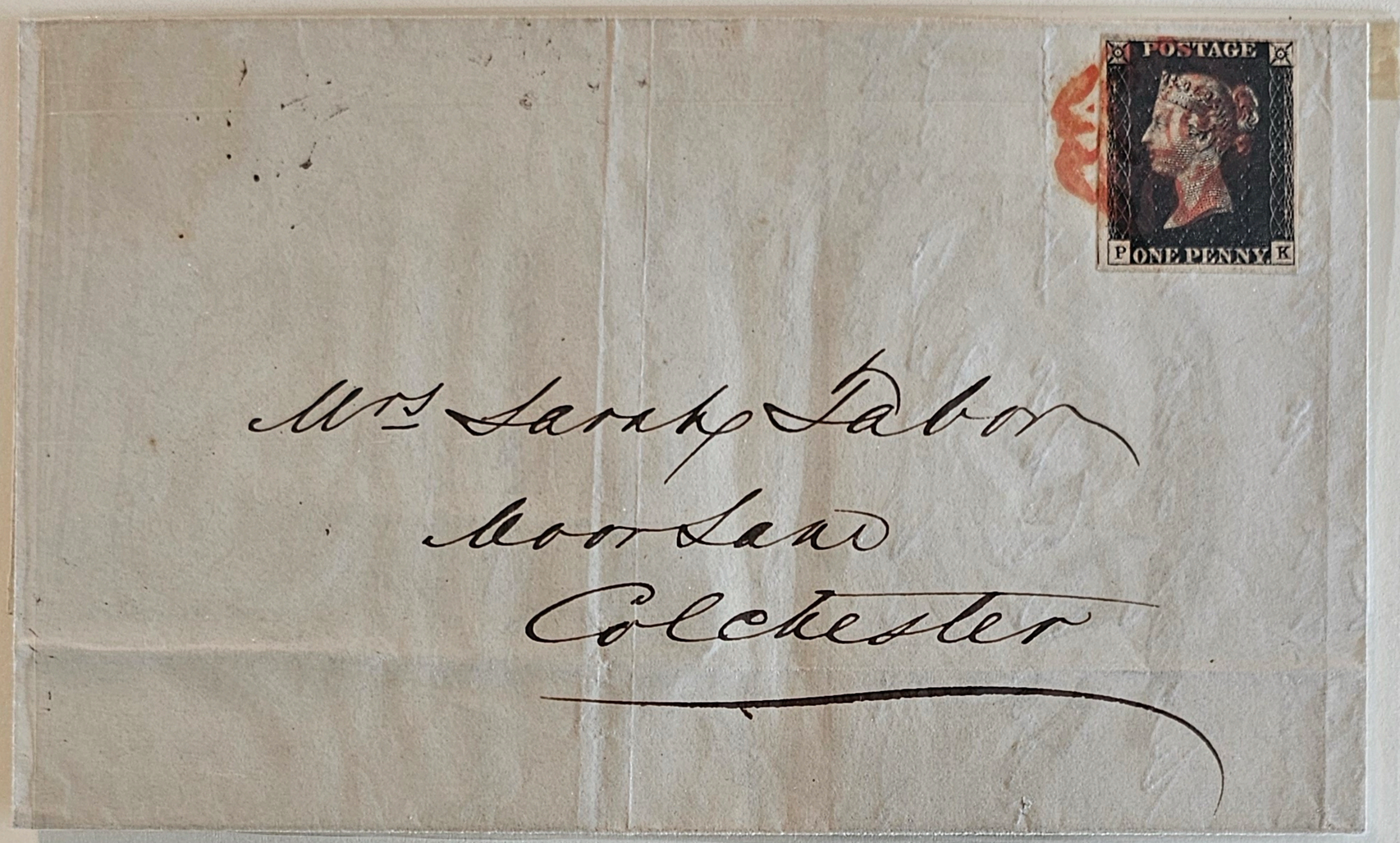
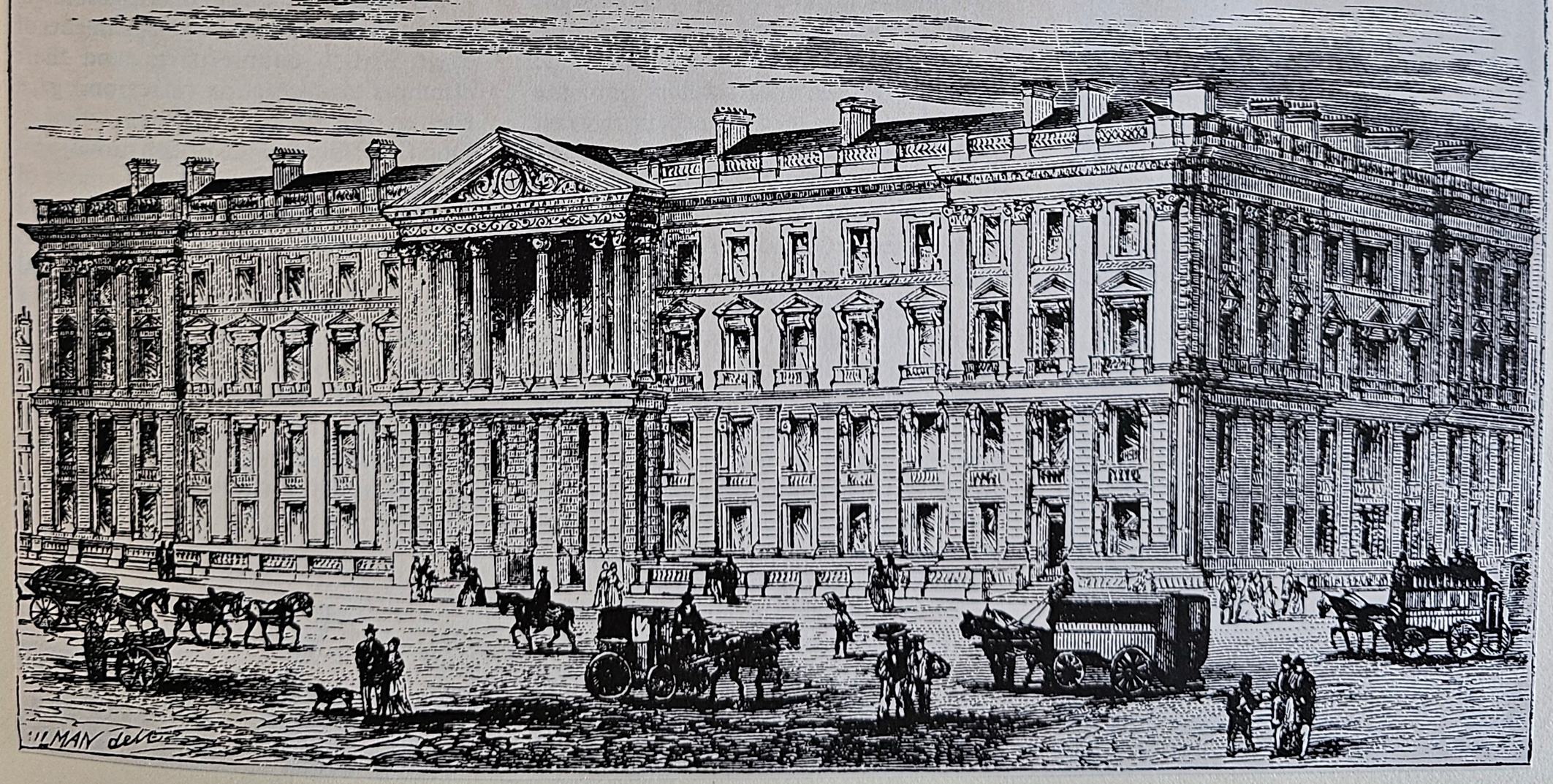


Letter dated 6 June 1840 to Colchester



The London Post Office, built in 1829

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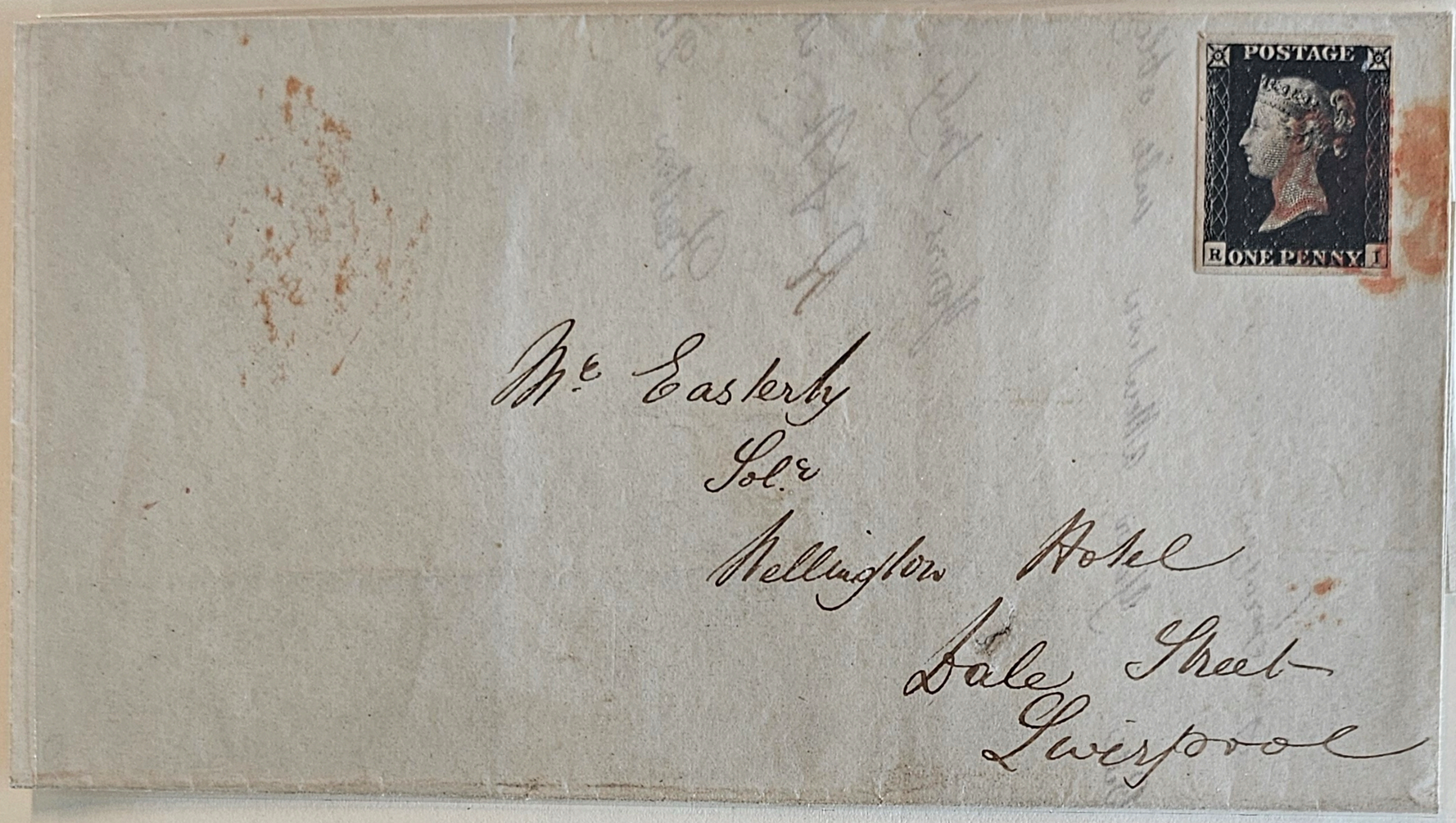

Cover posted Preston 26 August 1840
Red August 27 receiver

Cover posted Westport 23 October 1840
Red Sligo 23 October 1840 receiver

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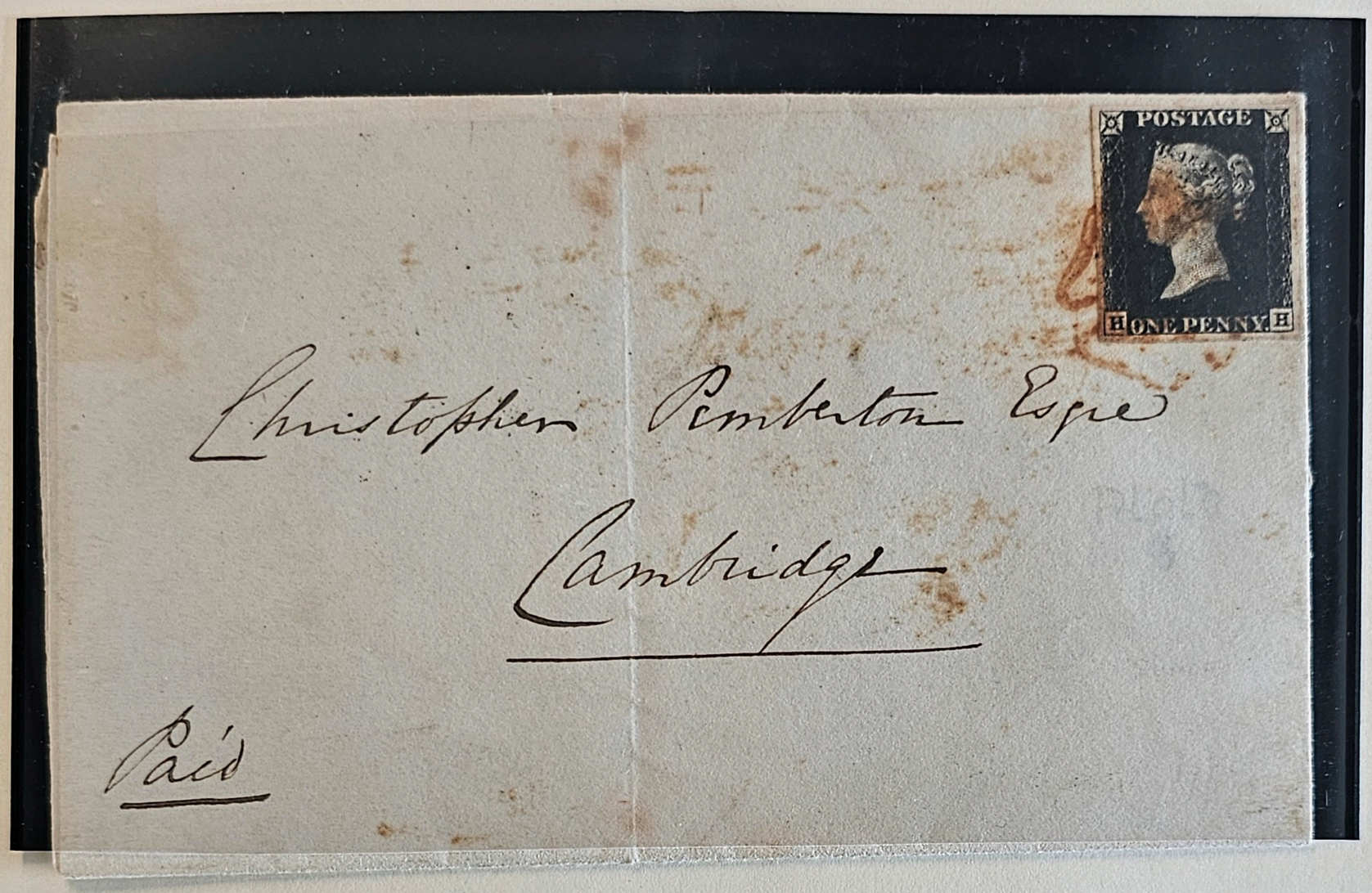

Cover posted Royston November 16, 1840
Received Cambridge November 17, 1840

Plate 6, intense black

One Penny Red-Imperforate
Date of Issue: February 10, 1841
Recess printed by Perkins, Bacon & Petch
Scott3, SG 7/12

POSTAGE ONE PENNY L
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POSTAGE ONE PENNY J
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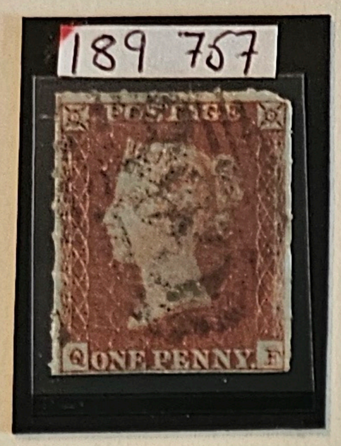


A London-based Irish businessman by the name of Henry Archer brought notice to the Government of the advantages of having an easy method of separating stamps. In the late 1840's he experimented with two rouletting machines, both of which were failures, although a few copies survived. Following repairs and alterations to a third machine, Archer crated perforations as we know them today. The Government approved this method and purchased Archer's patents in June 1853.

No. 189757

THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY
LONDON

41 Devonshire Place
London W1G 6JY

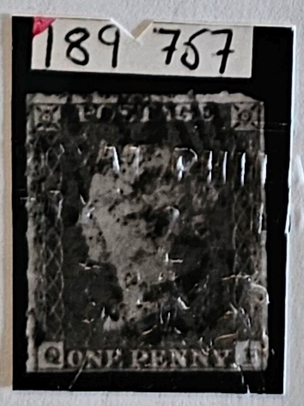
Meeting of 8 DEC 2004

In the OPINION of The **EXPERT COMMITTEE** the item described as

Great Britain: —— **S.G. No.** ——

1D Red-Brown — Cut round: Unofficial roulette — Used has faked roulettes.

Chairman



Submitted by De Montford Stamp Co.

EARLY BRITISH POSTMARKS

In use from 1840 to 1844, the "Maltese Cross" design was the first to be used to obliterate British stamps. A red ink was first used but, following earlier experiments in February 1841, was superseded by black ink. Postmarks of this type, numbered 1 to 12 in the centre, were used at the London Chief Office in 1843 and 1844.

TYPES USED FROM 1844

Diamond

London City
outgoing mail

Circle

London Suburban
local mail

Letter(s)

Geographical Districts
of London (from 1857)

England and Wales

53 Essex
Woodford Green

Ireland

62 Belfast

Scotland

60 Bridge of Earn
Perthshire

LINE-ENGRAVED "PLATE NUMBERS"

1858-70

Wmkd Large Crown

7

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9

12

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Rose-red

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3

Lake-red

LARGE CROWN WATERMARK ERRORS

The large crown watermark bits were stamped out of sheet brass and affixed to the wire gauze of the paper mold. The "errors" resulted from the insertion in the dandy roll of two new bits, presumably hand-made, appearing normally on stamps lettered MA and TA.

Normal

SG Spec G2C
Plate 9

Error

Ref: Stanley Gibbons Specialized Stamp Catalogue, Great Britain, Volume I, Queen Victoria , 5th edition, page 45

1864 ONE PENNY RED

Plate Numbers

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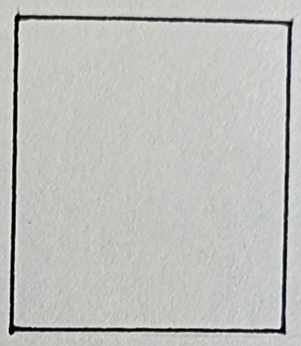

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NOTES ON THE PENNY RED. Plates 69, 70, 75, 126 and 128 were prepared but rejected due to defects and examples from these plates do not exist. Plate 77 was also rejected but some stamps from it were used. One example is in the Tapling collection and six or seven others are known. Plates 226 to 228 were made but not used.

Plate 104

LINE-ENGRAVED "PLATE NUMBERS"

1870

Wmkd "Half Penny" in Script

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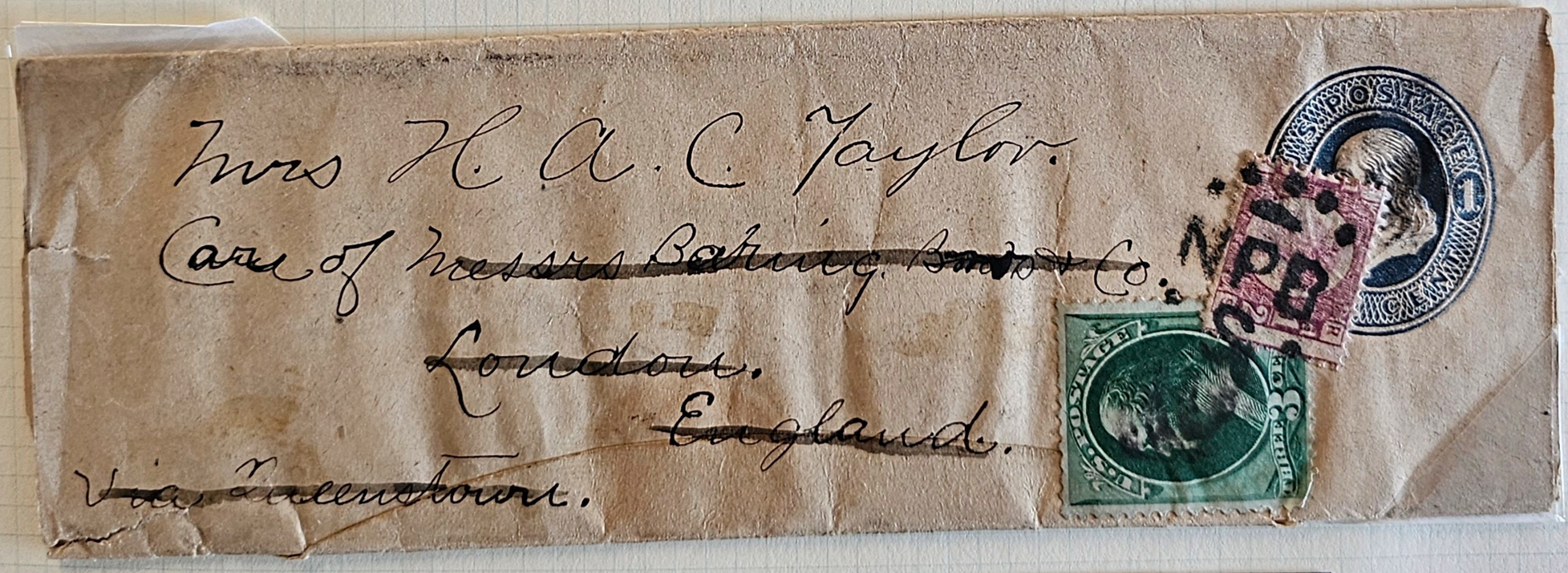

A Half Penny "midget" pays the forwarding charge to 34 Brook Street, Grosvenor Square (reverse) on this printed matter wrapper.

TWO PENCE - HALF PENNY

1875 Wmkd. Anchor

White Paper

Plate 1

Plate 2

Plate 3

Blue Paper

Plate 1

Plate 2

Plate 3

1876-80 Wmkd. Orb.

Plate 3

Plate 4

Plate 5

Plate 6

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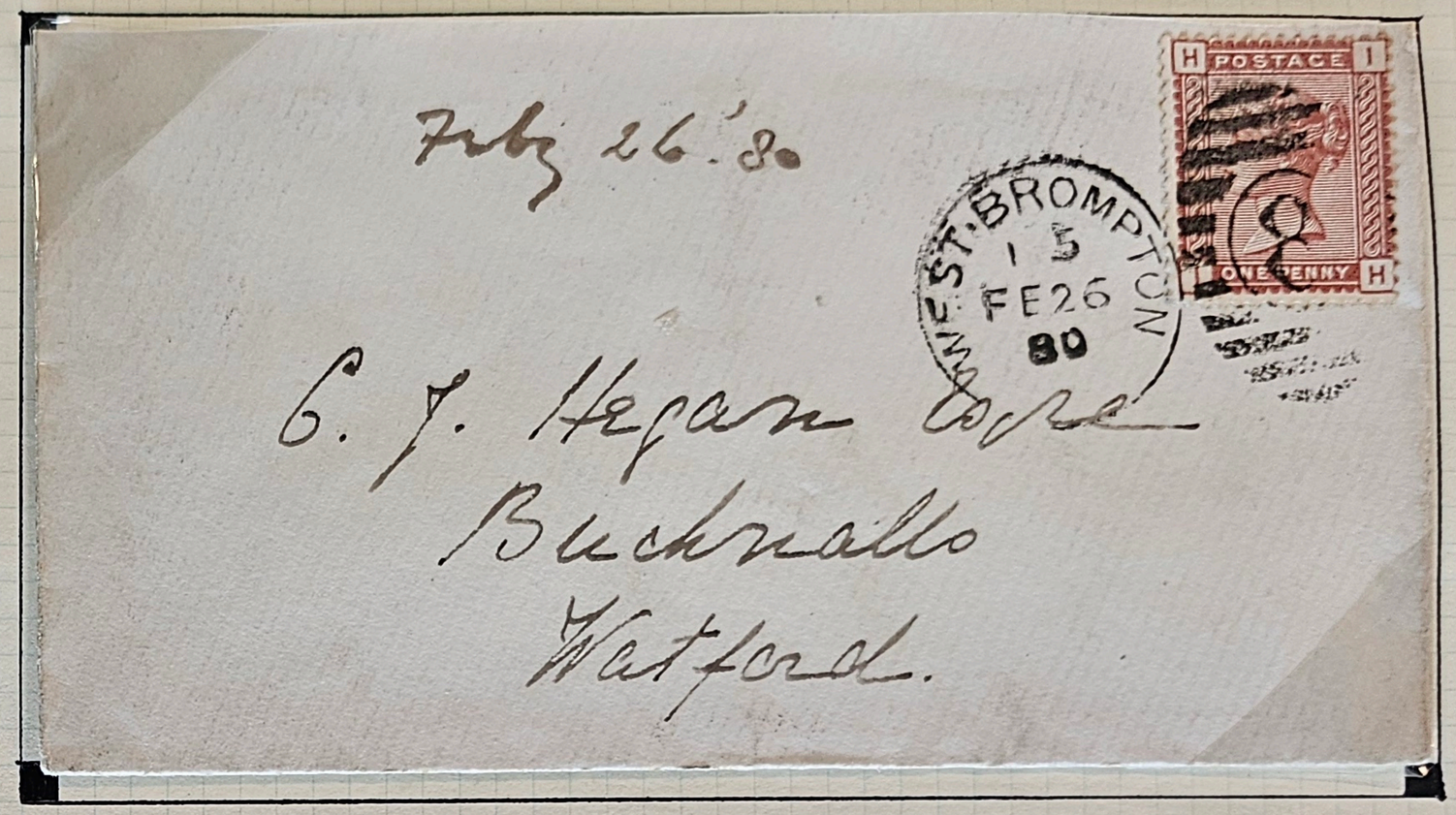
Plate 19

Plate 20

1d. Venetian Red
Date of Issue: January 1, 1880
Thomas De La Rue & Co., London

Among the Surface-Printed issues of 1880-1900, only the 1d. stamp carried corner lettering.



No. 26.

Avis de Réception.

Acknowledgment of Delivery.

REGISTERED
SEP 12
3 PM 6
MANCHESTER

Bureau de Poste de

Post Office of

St. Louis Mo.

Pays

Country

24659

Administration des Postes de la GRANDE BRETAGNE.

Postal Administration of GREAT BRITAIN.

(A remplir par le bureau d'origine)
(To be filled in by the office of origin)

NEWCASTLE SEP 12 3 30PM 1938 IND.

Envoi recommandé } (letter)
Registered article }

Lettre—Boîte—Colis
Letter—Box—Parcel

avec valeur déclarée de } .....
insured for }

enregistré au bureau de poste de } Sutton Coldfield Birmingham
registered at the office of }

le } 1-9-1938 sous le N°. } .....
on } *under No.* }

expédié par M^r } Lt. T. Wilson
sent by M }

et adressé à M^r } W. Edgar Freeah
and addressed to M } Jesse French & Sons

à } New Castle, Indiana
at } U.S.A.

[1] Indiquer dans la parenthèse la nature de l'envoi
Indicate in parenthesis the nature of the article
(lettre, imprimé, etc.)
(letter, printed paper, etc.)

Timbre du bureau expéditeur de l'avis
Stamp of office of origin

AVIS DE RÉCEPTION
ADVICE OF DELIVERY

(A remplir par l'expéditeur)
(To be filled in by the sender with the address to which the form should be returned on completion)

A } Mrs W. T. Wilson
To }

Royal House

Rue et Numéro } South Parade
Street and Number }

Sutton Coldfield

Lieu de destination } England.
Place of destination }

Service des postes *Postal service.*

(Pays de destination) *(Country of destination)*

L|K|S|-

Postmasters—No. 87.

Acknowledgment of Delivery of an INLAND REGISTERED Letter.

[Insert Letter or Parcel.]

A

addressed to

*(1) Mrs E. G. Leadbeater.
Shaftesbury Avenue
Roundhay. Leeds

†Posted at Leeds H.O. on 18th Jan 1907.

B

I acknowledge that the registered article mentioned above and sent by

*(2) National Provincial Bank Ltd
Leeds.

C

Date Stamp of Delivering Office. ROUNDHAY JA 22 07

was duly delivered on the Jan 22nd 1907.

E Leadbeater

‡(Signature of Recipient.)

Date Stamp of Delivering Office.

D

I certify that a registered article, posted and addressed as stated above, was duly delivered to the Signature on the 190 .

(3)

(Signature of Postmaster of Delivering Office.)

*The names and full addresses of the sender and addressee should be carefully inserted by the sender, or at the issuing office, in spaces (1), (2), and (4) overleaf.

† When the form is filled up at the time of registration, the Date Stamp should be impressed in space "B," and the particulars of posting need not be inserted in writing. When the form is filled up subsequently, the particulars of posting must be inserted in writing, and no impression of the Stamp should be made in space "B."

‡ If the recipient objects to complete and sign the acknowledgment (2), then the certificate (3) must be completed and signed by the Postmaster of the delivering office.

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G

Postmaster

Acknowledgment of Delivery of an INLAND REGISTERED Letter.

[Insert Letter or Parcel.]

addressed to

*(1) R H Somers Esq
34 Lyddon Terrace
Leeds

†Posted at ~~Apl 28th~~ Leeds on Apl 28th 190 8

I acknowledge that the registered article mentioned above and sent by

*(2) Messrs Hat Proofers & Eng Ltd
Leeds.

B

Date Stamp of Office of Origin.

C

Date Stamp of Delivering Office.

was duly delivered on the R H Somers 190 .

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KING EDWARD VII

Harrison Printing

№ 126747

THE ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY
LONDON

41, Devonshire Place,
London, W1N 1PE

Meeting of 23 NOV 1983

In the OPINION of The **EXPERT COMMITTEE** the item submitted as

WITHIN THE SHADE BAND

Great Britain: 1911 **S.G. Nº** M 22(2)

3d. Greyish purple on lemon - Perf 15x14 - unused - is Genuine.

Observations

Chairman

ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY LONDON

EXPERT COMMITTEE

Submitted by J. and H. Stolow, Inc.

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING.

Unregistered Postal Packets [except Parcels].

* Letter, Letter-Card, Post-Card, Halfpenny Packet, or Newspaper to be inserted here by sender.

A* ½d. Packet, not registered, addressed as under has been posted here this day.

† Exact address, including any distinctive number written on the envelope, to be copied here by sender.

†

MR. G. J. KING,
35, ALGIERS ROAD,
LEWISHAM,
LONDON, S.E.

Accepting Officer's signature or initials _____

The Postmaster General gives notice:—

(1) **that any Postal Packet in respect of which this certificate is issued is not registered, and will not be checked in the post, but will be treated as if it had been posted in a letter box;**

(2) **that in the event of loss, damage, or delay, this certificate will confer no title to compensation; and**

(3) **that it furnishes no proof of nature of contents.**

To obtain complete check in the post, and title to compensation in the event of loss or damage, recourse should be had to registration. No valuable article should be sent by inland post unregistered, or by foreign or colonial post uninsured.

(POSTMASTERS No. 326.) (1359) Wt. 13216—1654. 1000 M. 8.11. F. T. & Co., Ltd.

1913.

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(POSTMASTERS—No. 326.) [6537] 31448/138 750m 1/12sv G & S 2199 110a

1914

GREAT BRITAIN

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(Message Form 5.17A.)
(586/132.)

Tel. Address:—"SIGNALLY, AVE," LONDON. Telephone:—3632 LONDON WALL (4 Lines).

TELEGRAM

ISSUED FROM CHIEF CABLE STATION, ELECTRA HOUSE, FINSBURY PAVEMENT.

REPLIES SHOULD BE ORDERED

Via Eastern

11 DEC 1

Doubtful words should be OFFICIALLY repeated. See Rule Book.

No inquiry respecting this Telegram can be attended to without production of this Copy.

See back of form for list of Company's Stations in London and Telephone Numbers.

ORIGINAL TIME IN LETTERS OF THE CLOCK

Outer Circle A.M.
Inner Circle P.M.

Examples, PW=3.45 p.m.
" HL=8.55 a.m.

No.	Clerk's Name and Date.	Time Received.	Remarks.	No.
	V G . Coy	3/3 6a		

Nr. Station from,
Words, Orig. Time

WXA 358 9 PORTSAID 10 8 PW EFM =

POLLOCK BALLYMONEY =

ALL WELL ADDRESS COX AND CO CAIRO =

WEEK END TELEGRAM.

R LONDON, E.C. 341 No. 1492

THE EASTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY LIMITED

2216

2215

REGISTERED

3 THREE PENCE

Pollock

Ballymoney

KGV 3d stamp pays the 1d letter rate plus 2d registration fee.

POSTAL RATES.

Important Alterations on and after the 3rd June, 1918.

Inland Letter, Postcard, Book and Parcel Rates Altered and Sample Rate Abolished.

Inland Letter Rate.

This rate will be as follows :—

Not exceeding 4 oz. in weight	1½*d.*
For every additional 2 oz. or fraction of 2 oz.	½*d.*

Inland Postcards.

This rate will be as follows :—

For every postcard	1*d.*
For every reply postcard	2*d.*

Inland Book Rate.

This rate will be called the Inland "Printed Paper Rate," and will be as follows:—

Not exceeding 1 oz. in weight	½*d.*
Exceeding 1 oz. but not exceeding 2 oz. in weight	1*d.*

Above 2 oz. the old Book Rate and the new Printed Paper Rate will be identical and will be merged in the Letter Rate. The articles and documents admissible at the rate remain as at present.

Inland Sample Rate.

There will cease to be any special rate for samples sent by Inland Post.

Inland Parcel Rate.

This rate will be as follows :—

Not exceeding 3 lb. in weight	6*d.*
Exceeding 3 lb. but not exceeding 7 lb. ...	9*d.*
„ 7 „ „ „ „ 11 „ ...	1*s.*

Foreign and Colonial Rates.

The LETTER RATE to all destinations to which the rate has hitherto been 1*d.* an oz. (British Possessions generally and the United States of America) will be 1½*d.* for the first oz. and 1*d.* for each succeeding oz.

The rates for Postcards, Printed Papers, Commercial Papers and Samples will remain unaltered.

Sailors, Soldiers and the Air Force.

The following special rates have been granted :—

Letters addressed to H.M. Ships in Home Waters.

Not exceeding 1 oz.	1*d.*
Exceeding 1 oz. but not exceeding 4 oz. ...	1½*d.*

(thereafter the new Inland Letter Rate).

Letters addressed to H.M. Ships in Foreign Waters and H.M. Forces Abroad.

Not exceeding 1 oz.	1*d.*

(thereafter at the rate of 1d. per ounce).

The rates for letters addressed to Women serving with the Forces abroad will be the same as those for men.

The rates on postcards, printed papers, &c., and parcels to H.M. Forces overseas remain unaltered.

General.

Every article posted in any part of the British Islands after midnight on the 2nd-3rd June must be prepaid at the rates set forth above.

By Command of the Postmaster-General.

General Post Office, E.C.1.
May 1918.
Postmasters—No. 196.

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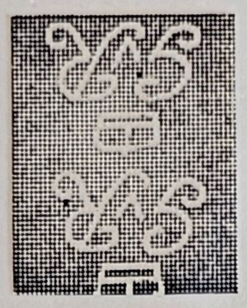

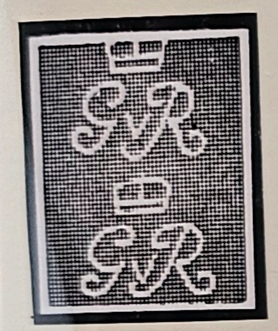

Partial booklet panes

HALFPENNY
ONE PENNY
THREE HALFPENCE

THREE HALFPENCE

CASTLETONE
STATIONERY
SOMBRERO - Biscuit
KIMONO - - Blue
GLENGARRY - Green
YASHMAK - - Grey
LAVENGRO - Mauve
MANTILLA - Violet
BURNOUS - - White
Linen Finish
Deckle-edged
Quality, Taste and Value in Notepaper.
Ask your Stationer or BOOTS' STATIONERY DEPTS. for CASTLETONE.
To obtain a sample affix this to a post card
CASTELL BROS., LTD.,
Pepys Works, CLERKENWELL,
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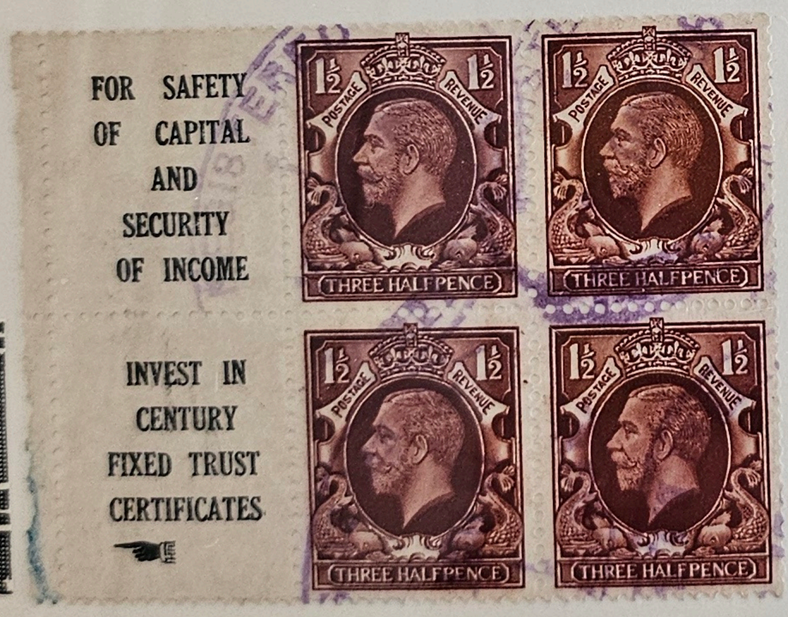
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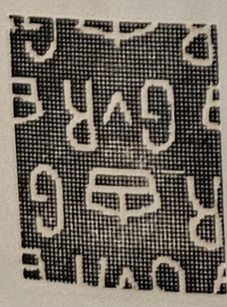
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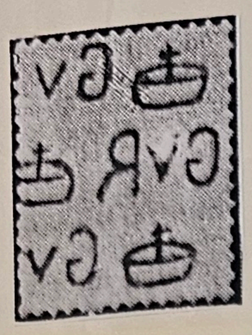

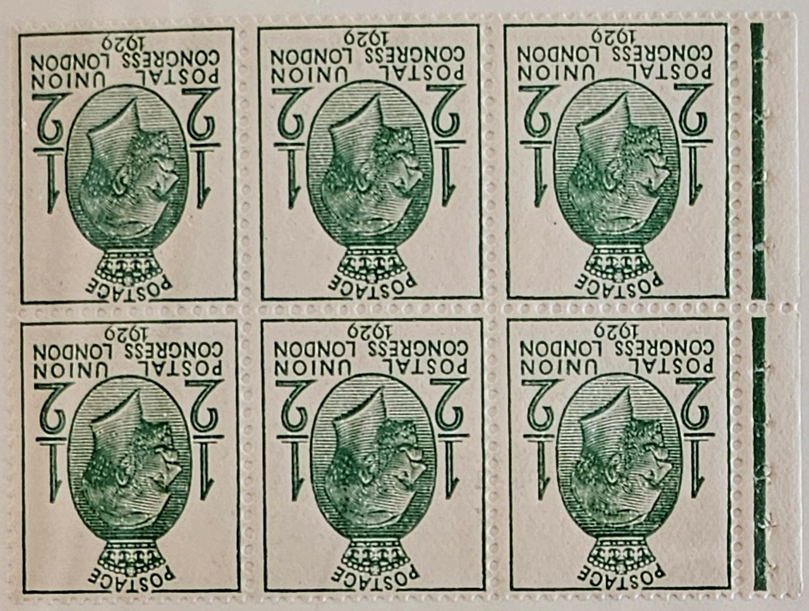

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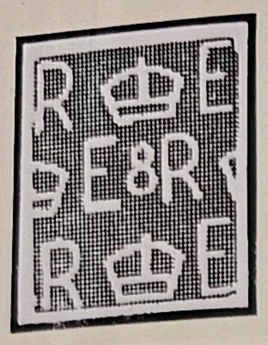

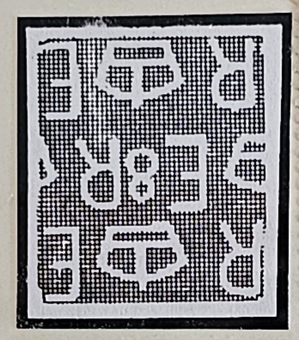

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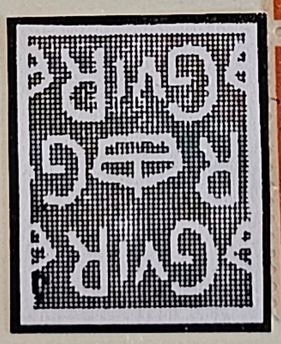

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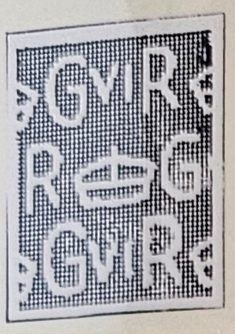

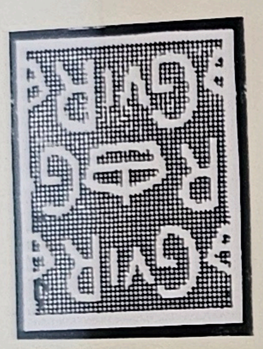

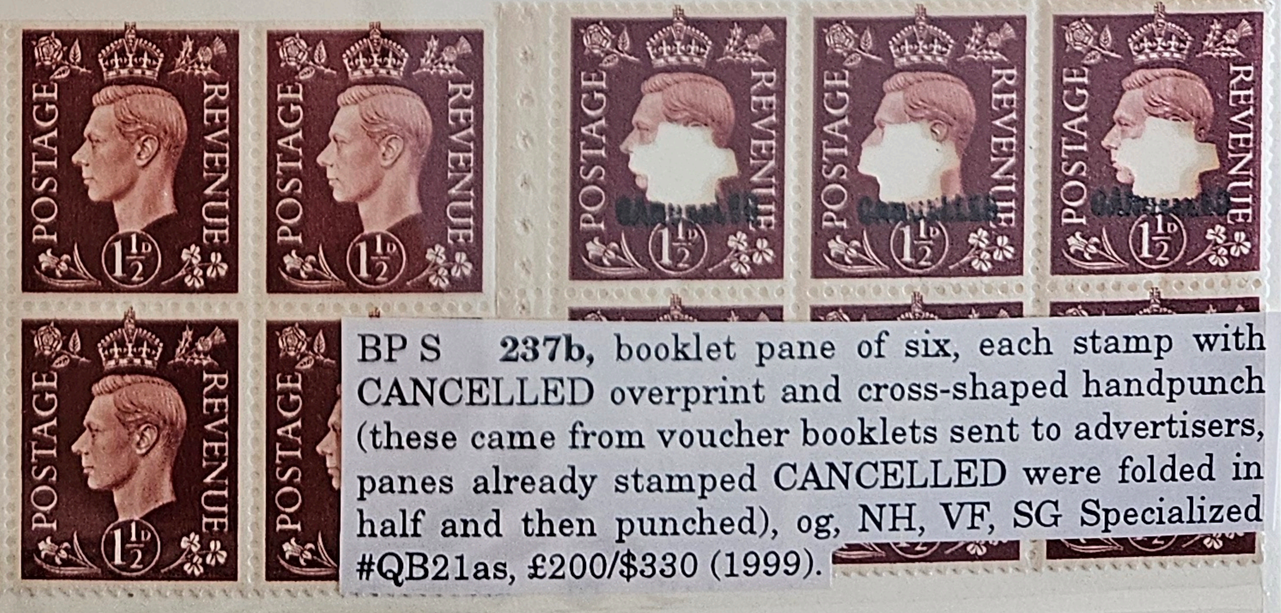

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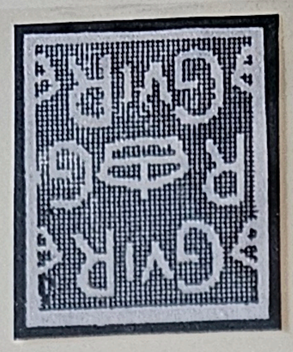
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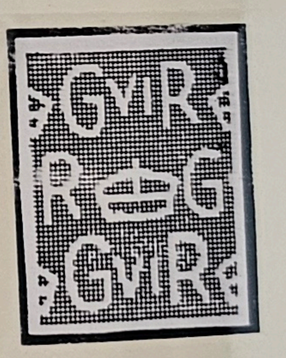
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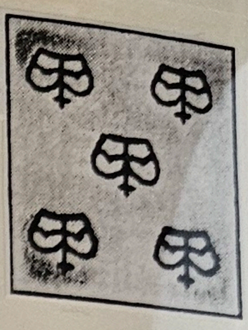

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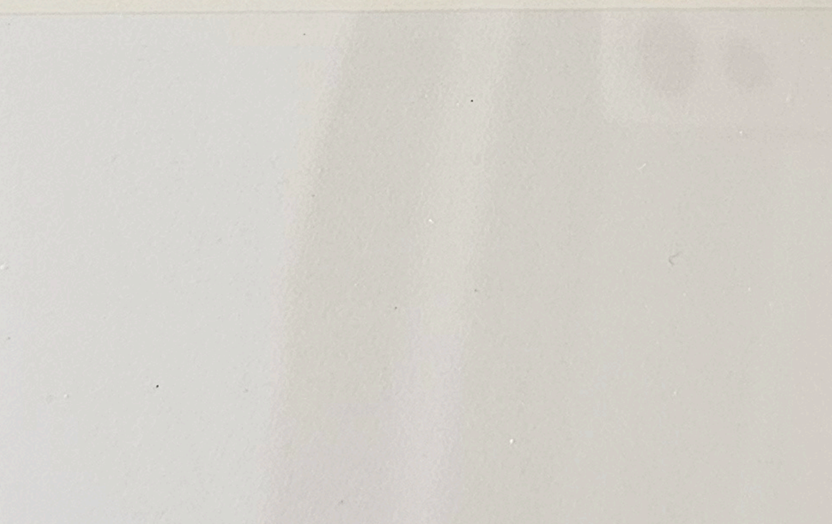

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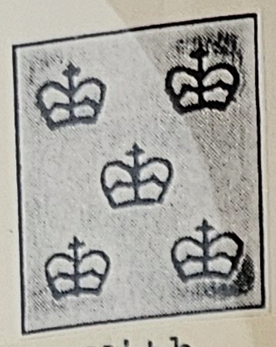

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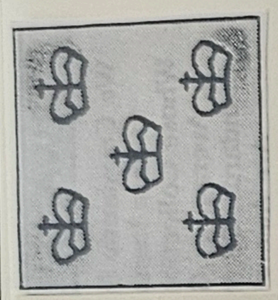

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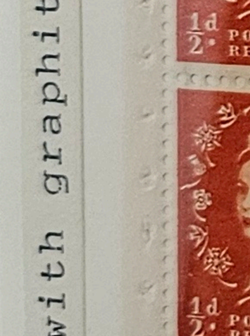

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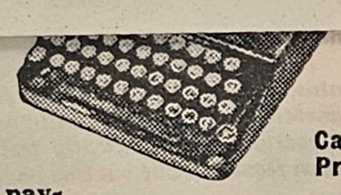

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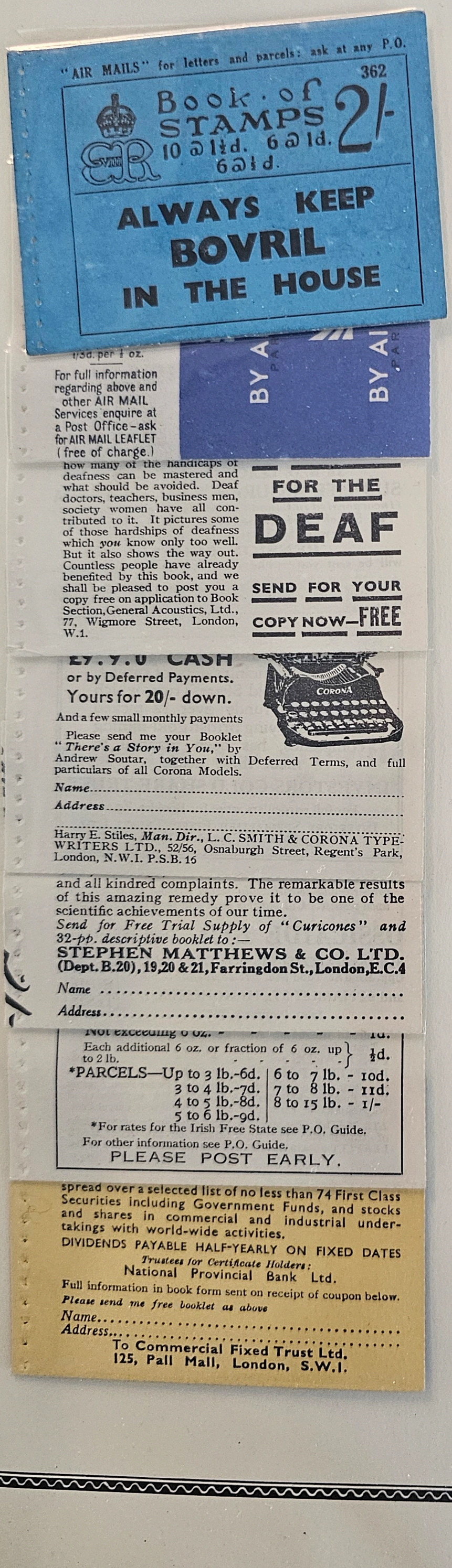

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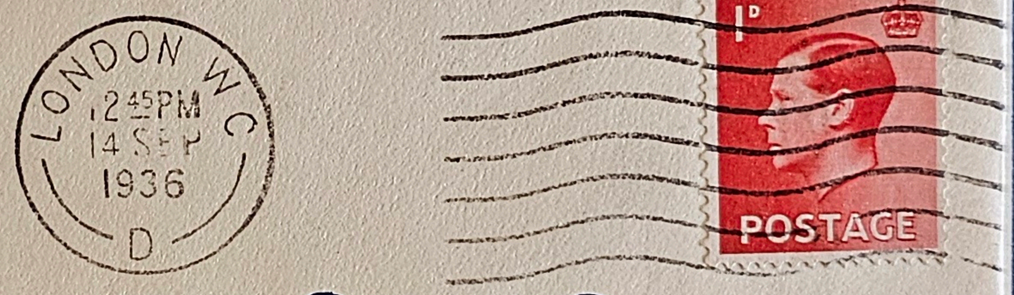

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It is uncertain why the 1d. stamp was issued 13 days after the other values. There is speculation that sufficient stocks of the 1d. King George V stamp remained on hand.

COIL STRIPS

← coil join

The low value KGVI and QEII stamps were printed in sheets of 240 (20 horizontal rows of 12). For some issues, coil strips were made by attaching strips from sheets to one another. Vertical strips would show a coil join every 20 stamps, horizontal strips every 12 stamps.

Some values issued as coils were printed in continuous reels. Due to the format of the sheet stamps, vertical strips of 21 or more, or horizontal strips of 13 or more without a coil join, must be from a coil, and are known as coil proving strips.

→ coil proving strips

watermarks upright

281a

294 d

321b

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1952-54

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1955-57

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1958-59

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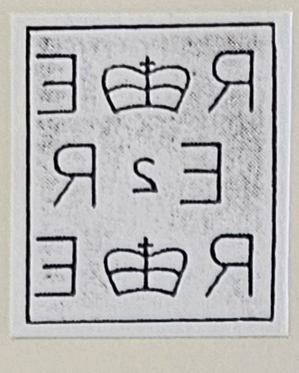

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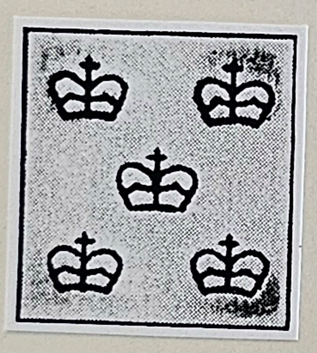
Row 19, stamp 11
Cylinder 30 dot
SG Spec 552c



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SHEET MARGIN CONTROL MARKS

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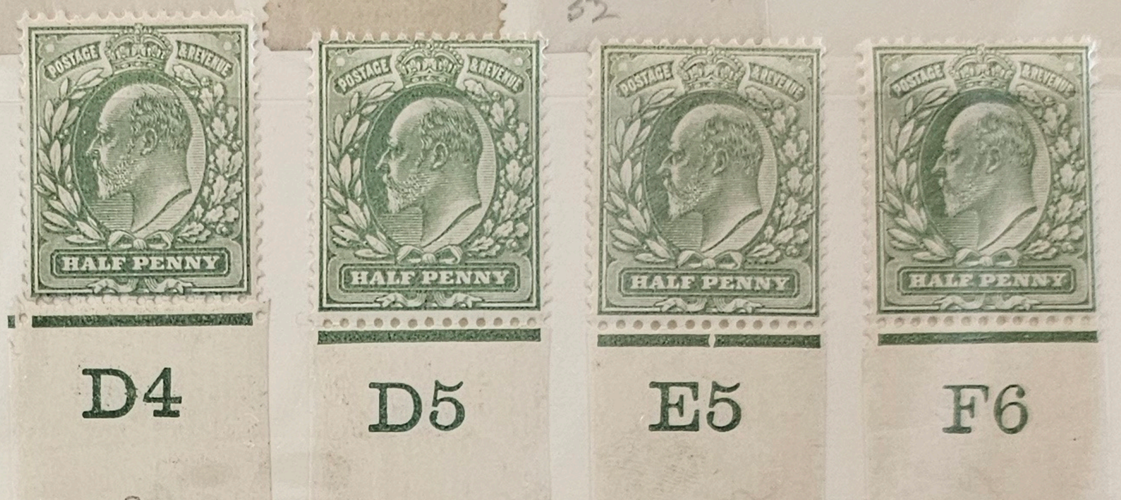
Bodger



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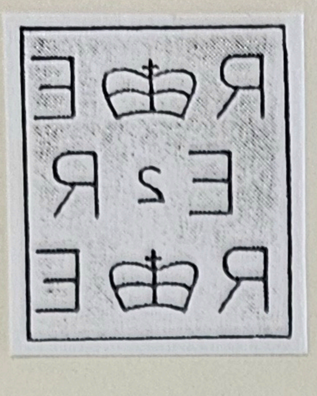
The Wilding definitives collection II ~ 1953 - 1959



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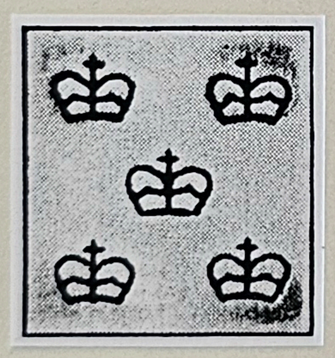

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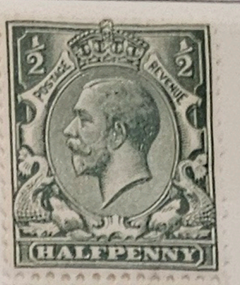

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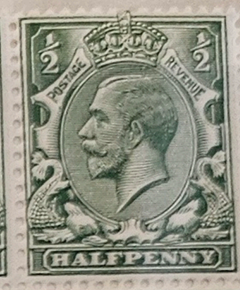

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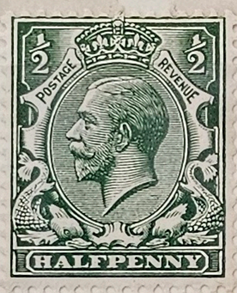

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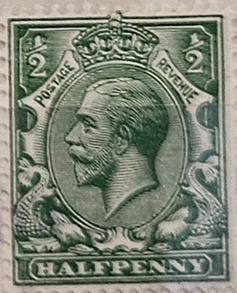

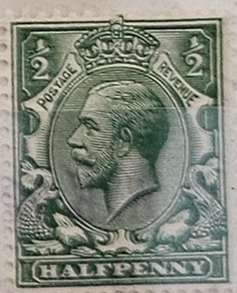

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