

Red Genuine Official Overprints on Forged Stamps

Red genuine Gibbons type O1 Bundi Official overprints on forged Bundi stamps, the F1 forgery detailed in *The Sacred Cow Issues of Bundi* by R. J. Benns, 1986, pp 44 to 47.

Black genuine Gibbons type O1 Bundi Official overprints on forged Bundi stamps are known to have been distributed as new issues, supplied by the Bundi post office, apparently through the action of dishonest officials. It is probable that these rare red genuine overprints came on the market in the same way.



Like SG O4aA
Genuine red overprint
 Toned medium wove paper
 Type A inscription
 F1 forgery cliché C
 lower left marginal copy



Like SG O19aA
Genuine red overprint
 Toned medium wove paper
 Type C inscription
 F1 forgery cliché A?
 upper left on sheet of four
 with left margin

OFFICIAL. 1919 'Sacred Cows' TYPE F1 FORGERIES OF 6a ('A') AND 4a ('C') EACH WITH GENUINE TYPE O1 OPT IN RED, FINE 'unused'. RARE AND ATTRACTIVE. BENNS DOES NOT RECORD ANY RED OPTS ON THESE FORGERIES, AND THESE ARE THE FIRST WE HAVE EVER SEEN.

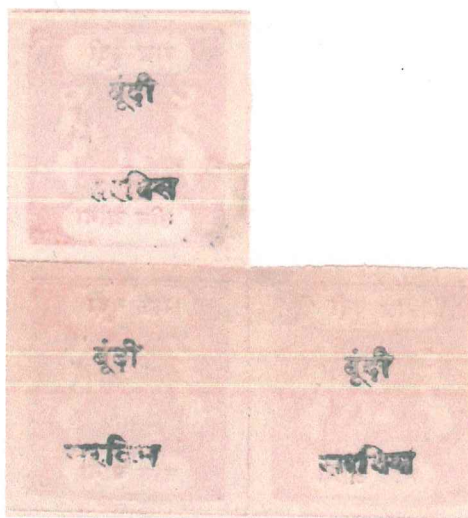
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Genuine Official Native Overprint on a Part Sheet of Forged Stan

Genuine Gibbons type O1 Bundi Official overprint (Clichés B, C and D) on a part sheet of forged Bundi 2½ anna stamps, the F1 forgery detailed in *The Sacred Cow Issues of Bundi* by R. J. Bennis, 1986, pp 44 to 47.

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Scan of the back with margins cut out.



Like SG O2aA
 Genuine black overprints
 Toned medium wove paper
 Type A inscription
 F1 forgery
 clichés B, C, and D
 Reconstructed part sheet



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SG O2A
 Forgery

Official. 1920 (Sep) type F1 FORGERY of the 1915-41 "Sacred Cows" 2½a in buff, tablets as type "A", with GENUINE type O1 (Native) opt in black on REVERSE, a rejoined block of three (single pos. 2, pair pos. 3-4) with full margins, "unused". The pair with storage toning, still good condition for these. A rare and intriguing multiple. [The type F1 forgeries are known to have been distributed as new issues, supplied by the Bundi post office, apparently through the action of dishonest officials. See Bennis pp.44-47.]

Second Forgery Type F2 with Genuine Small British Overprints

See: *The Sacred Cow Issues of Bundi* by R. J. Bennis, 1986, pp 44 to 47.

Black genuine Gibbons type O2 (small British overprints) Bundi Official overprints on forged Bundi Sacred Cow stamps; the second type forgery F2. Neither the 4 annas or the 12 annas values were known to Bennis with an F2 type forgery. Like the F1 forgery, the F2 forgeries were probably distributed as new issues, supplied by the Bundi post office, apparently through the action of dishonest officials. Unlike the F1 forgery the paper of the F2 forgeries is a white pelure paper and four clichés have been identified all with different characteristics from the F1 forgeries clichés. To date the position of the F2 forgeries are unknown in the apparent sheet of four even though they have an arbitrary A, B, C and D designation.



Like SG O19B
Genuine black small British
overprint
White pelure paper
Type C inscription
F2 forgery cliché C



Like SG O22B
Genuine black small British
overprint
White pelure paper
Type C inscription
F2 forgery cliché A



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SG O19B, 22B
Forgery

Official. 1920 (c.) type F2 FORGERIES of the 1915-41 "Sacred Cows", Tablets as type "C" 4a bright yellow-green and 12a deep green, each with GENUINE type O2 (Small British) opt in black (both "double"), "unused". 4a with light bend, still fresh and fine. A rare pair, not known to Bennis, who did not record ANY type F2 forgery with genuine type O2 opt, although he knew of five values with genuine type O1. [The type F2 forgeries are on smooth pelure paper, from a different set of four clichés to those used for the more frequently seen type F1 forgeries. The latter are known to have been distributed as new issues, supplied by the Bundi post office, apparently through the action of dishonest officials. The similar application of GENUINE type O1 and O2 opts to both series of forgeries suggests a common origin, and it may be that the somewhat cruder and much rarer F2 forgeries were a "trial run" for the fraud. See Bennis pp.44-47.]