

1852 Platte I



Platte II



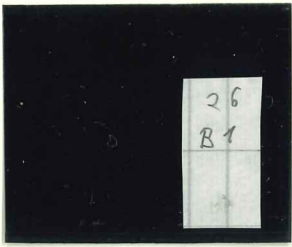
Platte III



Erstausgabe der Ostindischen Kompanie  
in verschiedenen Drucken und Farben.



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Platte III



1 Anna rot mit Königin Victoria  
in verschiedenen Drucken und Farben

17  
 1962  
 Complete  
 outer  
 frame  
 line

6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 1854. (1)

THE FIRST TWO ANNAS.

This is the last stamp printed in India till the Nasik Security press entered the field in 1926. The plates were made at the Mint in Calcutta and the stamps printed at the Stamp Office, Calcutta.

VERY VERY SPECIAL  
 SCARCE £40.00

Watermarked with the arms of the East India Company in the sheet.

NOTE INCOMPLETE Imperforate.  
 SURROUNDING FRAME LINE



John Easton's comments on this issue are:  
 "The two annas value ... falls between two sbools. The designer has fallen into the pitfall of incorporating detail unsuitable to his printing process. The head is shaded, the lettering lacks definition and the ornamental border shows a half-hearted attempt to imitate the work of Perkins Bacon. One is tempted to believe that he tried to go one better than his opposite number in the Surveyor-General's Office and failed dismally."

Stanley Gibbons says: "There is a large and wide range of shade in the 2 anna, the main groups being blue-green, yellow-green and green, varying in brightness and depth."

A fairer comment than this is impossible to give as the whole appearance of the stamp is blurred and too heavy.

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Die Marke zu zwei Annas in verschiedenen Farbschattierungen.  
Die linke Marke des Paares trägt einen weiteren Rahmen.