



PHILATELIC SECTION.

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Correspondence Bacon & Co. & Stamps
obliterations
Envelopes
Paper

marked in 2.

The rest refers
Essays
Designs
& Plans.

Mem. from Sir Rowland Hells' papers. p.p. 1-14.

" John Dickinsons (1st set) 16-29. first set

" " " (2nd set) 30-36 - - -

Hebbards proposal.

Memoranda from Sir Rowland Hills Papers.

Regnu. 24 Sept 1888. These papers were in greatly mixed dates: not sorted so I had to take them as they were, in bundles, which contained various dates & subjects. B.A.P.

18 March 1840. Prices Agreed. Cover. (Mulready)

single covers 1 1/4 d each

a single quire contg 24 sheets with 12 covers on each sheet = 288

half a ream therefore. 2880. & a ream. 5760.

Covers £25 per million covers & envelopes to supply stereotypic plates complete packing & del^y included.

Prace & Co. 7 1/2 d per 1000 stps to supply printing plates & every other charge except paper. 1st Stamp 10d Black 2d Blue. all for you

In England & Wales. 29 Octo 1839. were

43 Atk Distributors. 698 Sub Distributors

1798 Licensed vendors in London & suburbs. 1829 in country.

15 April 1840. Legend on plates of Baco's stps. can be removed in abt 6 hours (Mr Petch). idea to remove legend on V.R.

"intended to be used by the Government Offices" & instead to be developed that "these sheets are for the Gov^t Offices & not intended for Sale."

a rough specimen of the sort of carriage as proposed by W. H. Hebbard sh^d be employed as a means of carrying into effect the new Penny Postage Act.

Proposed prices for stamps

C. Whiting 3 1/2 p per 1000 sheets of 30 to 240

J. R. Johnson. No price. but cheap

Halflide & Cooper. 1/8. embossed

H. Cole. Compressed printing. 2^d per 1000

J. Dickinson 12 a penny

Thomas Dyer. Bands only @ 4p per 1000.

W. J. Oldham. 2 3/4 per 1000.

J. Pyne. 13 a P.

J. L. Saberner. 1/6 per 1000

John Evans 10p. " envelopes

Prices only

5 June 1855. New die is ordered for the Times for combined duty of 1 1/2 d

Mr Keogh thinks no other paper will use this 1 1/2 d duty.

Die to be kept distinct from 1st in appearance

Complaints 1852. from Bristol of bad obliteration. 51 stps very little

touchd enclosed. Also Haddington } from W^d Newman as to fraud in the

Coching.



Bussagan. 7.

ST. "WHEAT" 41

TURKEY HILL

1850

underneath double line & below all.

"Delta"

S. C. Dalwig.

No Bundles No. 1 to 27.. chiefly loose.

7. Boucher.

Ramothome's gun.

by X



Hemington. B.B.

Oldham. John

This is No 1. / p 278.

Pewress "40"

Bissagar. Geo

p. 278.

Prince. John 10 Mar 1840. Prince writes Mr. Dickinson: as I have now reason to believe you have obt^d a contract from Govt. by means of my invention, we had lost me something very considerable both in time & money & as it is probable contracts will be repeated for the same description of paper, I take leave to ask if any amicable arrang^t. can be made. I am aware however that the right to the invention in question may be thrown open to the trade generally.
Reply "J.D. 11 March. I took out a patent some time ago for an invention of my own wh. I have carried into effect: & if you or any & person attempt to infringe it I will let you see that the law can protect my right.
Yours obt^d J.D."

Morton. John. E.

Wilmington.

can't

3. B. B. Harrington. 14.10.39. 68 Benchurch St. Submits 2 plans - too late.
 clearly (adhesives) 1. a long strip, attached to letter sheet & at top of address & as
 folded. a letter 'h' in pink like 'Whitings' in blue
 FREE in black letters on face. ^{yellowish paper} ^{marked} at end. in front.
 2. folded sheet. Royal arms &c in ^{dark} blue on nearly whole face.
 [Free Postage] below in watermark. address written on face

4. John O'Brien. Bank of England 27.10.39. Circular stamp large. rainbow
 in N. of Rathgar. Dublin
 outer orange red & green & red. inner circle "General Post Office"
 half once one penny in center
 Estimated to cost one farthing per 100 on 2 sheet common paper.

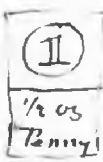
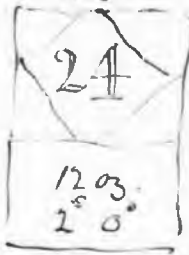
5. Pelotress. Stationer London. adhesives. parts col'd paper, not on surface
 but thro' paper. to be afterwards printed & embossed. Est'd at 1 per 500.
 a blue pattern in white & small blue square.
 Then in black, a royal crown. & a blue inner ring
 "The Royal Post Office Stamp" embossed & small hexagonal netting
 & varieties with vertical white lines for 1/2 & 2' rates
 in different coloured paper. blue narrow green.
 in printed on strips in large black figures.


6. Bixagar George. 7 Strahan Place. Ball's Pond. Engraver. a compound plate
 Dec 1839. In blue & orange & blue & red. 2 shades
 Compound printing.
 black & red ✓
 red & black ✓
 red & blue ✓
 green & red ✓

7. John Price. 27 Broad St. 23/12/39. gun & 2 samples
 also a stamp
 inner in blue. & lines in
 blue.
 one penny in green
 "Not exceeding one penny" at side
 in red
 adhesive


8. John E. Morton. 2nd Post Letter Carrier. ^{hand} pen & ink & sketches in black
 2 concentric circles. Key frame sep. ^{with a common pen}
 Inner on diamond ruled paper
 a Royal Crown flanked ^{outer inscribed}

 Post Office
 Envelope.
 small circle
 large do

9. #squares red paper with circles of white
 10. 1/2 in flaps (scaled in)
 circles up to 16. & diamonds 18 & 32
 margins for
 squares

 pasted on.
 written.


Unknown.

* This face is of course unfinished. These stamps will be printed in sheets each containing 260. On the margin of the sheet will be an instruction to place the stamp above the address the back will be printed. "Pencil note" by R.H. on Heath's incomplete head on Wynn's head. It is pasted on a strip of paper is written in blue ink by R.H. "For the paper. The head will be surrounded with a printed ground above the head will be the words 'Postage 1/2 or 1d.' Below 'write the address below.'"

See like in Gibbons' cat.

Whiting. Co.

get copied here.

Tennant. M.

Thompson. John.

Sevier. R. W.

No 19. 20th New Postage Stamp proposed by Mr R. W. Sevier F.R.S. & Mr E.

Scriven. Historical engraver to his late Majesty George the Fourth.

The principle of this Plan embraces two material objects. first. the prevention of fraud on the Revenue & secondly the production at a very small cost & with extreme rapidity of any quantity of stamps that can possibly be required

see p. 10 side
The best species of fraud may be rendered almost impossible by the new paper, which the combination of efforts it requires in the Die Sinkers Engraver Turner & the Mechanic present the greatest obstacles possible to "handcut" work.

get here

The 2nd object accomplished by the new paper, such as the powers of the machine with Mr Sevier has invented, such the certainty & rate of rapidity with which the impressions may be thrown off that Mr Sevier & Mr Scriven will undertake to deliver 1 million of these stamps daily at an expense of only 1 1/2 per thousand. The printing in one colour if in two colours 2 1/2 d. if including the paper at 3 1/2 d. The plan being entered can also be carried out for the present envelope, or any other such stamp.

get.

get drawing.

"Paper machine & not being erected - impressions sent are imperfect"

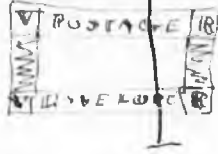
(Look all right to me this 2nd)

Albion Press. E. Hall. 5 Seymour Crescent Euston Square.

(Try now Hall & Lovitt. 88 Camden Road)

Scriven. E.

11. Unknown. An envelope. Face
is this Wines (under) white wove watermark
see post.



12. Mr. Hill to Col Maberly 25.1.40 sending proof of inscripⁿ on
Maberly cover. printed on plain paper. Proof cut out Wyon's head of
Queen on plain paper. Centre only two pendant curls
Also ^{engraver} plate proof of Heath's head incomplete. & heavy hair & part of arm
only finished. ~~cut~~ cut off short at top & bottom of engraving. & in pencil
below cut of neck HALF OZ. ONE PENNY.
There will be a similar set of 20 penny stamps. the 1st by ^{the} printer of one color & the 2nd all of one color.

13. Ch^s Whiting. Beaufort House. 6.2.40. enclosing 2 sheets. head Queen to
left. 7 in row in relief - brown & white relief } explains diff^y
13 in alternate rows green & in black } a pretty &
Wyon producing a new die.

14. Mr. Tennant. 2 Warwick St Regent St. 5.3.40. proposed silver Label -
proposed it specially for "money letters"
(money let a note to -)
(oxidised) a metallic looking thing like a coin. size of a 6?
in metal of silver.



John Thompson. Engraver - send two drawings.

15. 12/6/40. circle - plan line. Bust of a man on coins to left with broad
Postage () one penny around each side in facing & on back
paper. hand drawn.

16. Bacon & Co 31.8.40. specimens (1st die wax in corner red) of fugitive stps of
fugitive ink. printed vertical red - 4
" " " " with red - 16 } 20 st.
with prussiate in paper & on plain paper -
" " " " in colour
all prussiate very blue.
also in blue. 6 copies & 1st in fugitive ink for shade

some ink cause blue
some none.

17. W. Sever (p 275) also in green. & dark blue nearer circle.
12 Henrietta St Cavendish Square. on the printed bill stamp.

18. 28.9.40. sent in relief on thick paper in hand. green white relief.
3 1/2 per 1000.



19. E. Screen. Engraver & Co. 4.11.40. Embossed upright. Queen's head in oval.
46 clarendon St.

19.4.41. wreath of laurel to left. (Printed sheet) [Postage] above
green of shades 1 1/2 p 1000. (one penny) below
& green & pink - 2 1/2 " paper 3 1/2 " in white relief
saying shades of
washy green



1 can be applied to present envelope
2 Engraved stp in use. inefficient liability to fraud by imitation &
as can be cleared & imitated.

fraud has been effected by removing by well known Chemical means the evidence of its having been
already used. the same stamp passing thru the P.O. several times

Whiting Co.



127 + 80.
verify

get copies

Mycro & Co

Extract from letter of 2.11.95 Lewis Evans to C.D. Sherborn. see it fully post
at end R. Hill's paper.

"only mention of size from R. Hill is for P office cover, dated 20 June 1860

when 2 sizes are ment^d. No 1. $36\frac{1}{2} \times 24\frac{3}{4}$ for 12 covers.

No 2 19 $\times$ $24\frac{3}{4}$ " 6 covers

get pairs of
lincoln.
on other side

Unknown.

Green cover.

C. Whiting



Unknown.



De La Rue & Co

26 Sept.

- (20) Bacon & Co. 23.10.40. and R.H. the proof, in black on card. 2 side by side head
Postage. shallow cross upper corners. Lower blank. white line under Postage in both
Joining 2 lower angle square in one color. plain in other "do suggested, for his decision"
Same. 26. Oct 1840. in blue. sherry value. two pence. 1/ with white line at top only
and 2/ with white line at top & bottom also.

22. 28. 10. 40. C Whiting sends proofs of an env. with cover be paper applicable
for postage cover when finished by stamp office.
on plain white wove. in pale blue size as under. gulloche ground. border
long wide
round. Crown in centre above Post Paid in black letters in Tablet below. (N) (P) in upper corners
(E) (L) in lower.
same in pink (saw out pink at Grosman's. 15.7.95).

- also 2 Harwood envs. in blue & pink. no embossed stamp. (see p. 280. 1/)
23. 11. 40. Bacon & Co sending 3 sheets 1st top waved. lower angles blank
on 1/2 laid paper stout. in shades of green. Paper Prismatic (quite blue) C.P. & plain.
4 long x 3 vert. - (for sensitive cubes).

24. Myers & Co. 24 Bridge Row. (are no) 7 p. 280-1. - for the Book.

25. Perkins & Bacon. 9.3.41 Red & blue. 1st stamps on Dickinsons paper. small paper.

26. " 1.5.41. with 8 sheets of 240 slips 1st red on the Dickinson
paper very blue by will. with legend all round. genuine & 2 not.
prints very well. better than paper in general use. threads with generally seen
by the eye if paper no thinner.

27. sheet plain paper Mulready in black. with & without gulloche at back
X 20.3.40 Book p. 305 c1. side by side. when folded.

28. no marks on date and } 1/2 sheet plain wove Rectangle. length (see) arrows other side. breadth to Star
plain black in bright green. leaving address space blank. in upper half
Postage in black caps outlined
lines white ruled. (new tone.)



29. a Whiting pink env 29. 2. 40 post post. surcharged 2^d & marked "allowed"
on a Mitchell imp^d safety envelope Reg^d Nov 18. 1840 by
Mitchell & Son. 39. Chair Cross.

30. Whiting in green. Book p. 286 no 15. in green.

31. 10 Specimens in 4 sheets wove & laid letter paper. The patent medicine
DY. THREE Pence cut square (of the width) & put on left up corner. & the
cut as were embossed yellow wafer. with classic device. as a stamp seal.

32. piece paper thick wove in black. series "Thomas De La Rue"
reversed De La Rue paper for covers
not dated. "P. O. Report"

Coffin } F.

Dickinson. Geo

Boucher H.

Wynne Robt. P.

Bissagar. G.

pt ant. a
better dex"

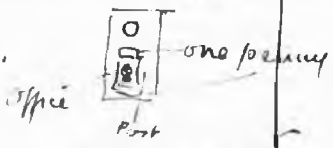
two
i.e. the ~~4~~ Thread paper. used June '41
see on p. 20a.

33. Aug 29. 1839 Francis Coffin 5 Wye 40 Bucklersbury

Specimens of improved labels attached to letter by sealing it. gummed paper. unnecessary engraving might be Queen Head as on the crown - or the Arms of the U Kingdom or any other device. Card (pink) slip of with round hole for seal & fine copper device on free part. Letter is so sealed

34. Sept 20. 1839. Geo Dickinson 25 Dalby Terrace City Rd

Suggesting stamps also attachable as Coffins. & with drawings like the newspaper stps.



35. J. Boncher. 4.10.39 suggests steel plate in relief. enclosing hand drawn on flap of a plain envelope. Crown in garden & motto. ^{when writing to suggest}



36. Robt P. Wynne. Talmworth. suggests col'd labels paid & stamped in circular band with words. Post office stamp above

Paid 1. or 2d. or 3d. To pay 1st or 2^d or 3^d. & put on by P. Masters

37. G. Bissagis send 7 Strahan Place Ball's Pond Rd

27/12/39 enclosing proofs in blue & red & specimens showing how improved plates are made & printed. in red & blue & black - blue & green & black & red.

1.10.88. 88 (my date).

13.5.41. respecting ^{new} Dickinson on paper. Edinb to R. Hill. "The yellow threads must be kept nearest the superior & the blue nearest the inferior side of the paper."

1.4.41. Loughingham to R. H. for Daring & trials of red stps to see whether they still retain fugitive qualities. Last trial was 25.2.41

Trials with Maltese Cross stp & water ^{with} reduced with water -

1st Report on Obliteration of Postage Stamps. to the Ch^r of the Exp^t

17.9.40 by R. Phillips. Water had been of 12 & 40 from P.M. local means of removal obliterating mark had been discovered. while he was experimenting with object of preventing this being done. Assisted by Richard Phillips the chemist & Perkin & Co Contractors. Could change plates or paper - nor could the result be obtained by tearing or abrading - objects to be authentic. Object to keep ink for printing & obliterating identical, so reagents may affect both. This found not practical

for 1. Printing with a thick paste. could not be used for oblitⁿ stp with. usually several red. old. perhaps a water colour might prevent this. Stock is feared of public printed in oleaginous ink. Good the printing with diluted with an equal weight of cold drawn linseed oil. stood all tests. stamps printed in it also defaced.

St. Paul's Church, Vermont to the '200's' Survey in early days.

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Basis of all letter press printing ink is carbon. more indelible under
affects than the paper. obj. in the 2nd is printed in black.

Colour of 2nd blue is quite soft. Suggests red for 1st. Aqueous ink not
desirable for recesses given. Oil ink found by experiment by Bacon. Specimen
16 of app^r recomm^d for adoption. Criticism Walter Cross. Obletⁿ as too light in
centre suggests concentric circle, black centre. Phillips appended Rep^t
is to same effect.

18.11.40. 2nd Rep^t on obliterations. Watson of Guilford St. has discovered
process ^{of removal}. tedious & applicable to one only at a time. Partly chemical partly
mechanical. 'Mr. Lehighman my Clerk' has improved on this, does for removal.
Soaking in strong potash & then using soap & water to wash it. Not successful
with the new red 1st. Watson points out ^{that in} fugitive ink. operator might first
fix the ink of the stamp before discharging obletⁿ. Red can't be so fixed.
Bacon's unwilling to give up constⁿ of them where as they use them in
printing Bankers Cheques & Letters of Cr. an important safeguard.
as writing ink is easily ^{comparatively} changed. - Discusses modes of obletⁿ by
abrasion. ink he decides apt. Alkaneet root found useful in the ink
recommends 1st in the red. & to suspend the blue 2nd pending trials of ink
one ink produced which stood all tests by Mr. Phillips even on labels
varnished before obletⁿ.

Report. 31.10.40. by R. Phillips. Museum Economic Geology & Geog^r.
Cannot fix Bacon's red ink. ink used to obliterate passes thro varnish

Compⁿ Perkins & Co ink

Note new contracts. No lead

b6

1 part	Alkaneet Root
1	Oil Turpentine
$\frac{1}{4}$	Sulphuric Acid
$\frac{1}{2}$	Boiled oil
$\frac{1}{2}$	Sulphate iron (calcine d'acier Paris)
$\frac{1}{2}$	Charge of lead.

Small portion indigo with a few drops
of nitric acid

A small portion of Lamp black.

Stands in all cases the tests even when varnished.

22.12.40. ^{R. Phillips} Report on Postage Stps. Envelopes &c. to Ch^r of Xquer.
Chief use is of labels. convenient. portable. go on any letter or plate.
also distribⁿ of covers & envelopes. objected to on foll^y grounds

1. Uniformity of size
2. Quality of paper
3. Appearance of thread
4. Design. partly objectionable in itself
partly covers too much of the ~~face~~ of letter
face.

These relate to design is felt most & high

Suggests machine made. Wiggins bond now preparing. abandon cover. return
 Thread for watermark cannot be made by machinery & hand made is too
 expensive. Suggest ^{two} various sizes. & glaze the surface of paper. Decision
 to make it. De la Rée will glaze & ^{near} make into new at 1/6 p. 1000.
 1st in 2 sizes. 2nd larger only. 2 day 1st solo = 2/3 1 day 2nd = 2/2

Stamp by steam at S. House. employ boys under Webster Supt. of machines
 cost 6^d per ream of 480 ew. There are ~~2~~ 3 machines now fixed
 at S. H. suitable for striking the dies. capable of 35,000 p. per diem.
 C^d be easily doubled by working more hours. C. Whiting has a machine he
 w^d sell. 2 in Dublin also

Making up into new. cost 8^d per ream. c^d be done for less. best to be
 contracted for. De la Rée w^d do it @ 8 3/4 or £75 per million. Gby " with
 sketching & carrying. s^d be made up at S. H.

Cost for ream of 480. Large size. Paper 1 ream 25/ the 480 ew. = 1/12 +

1 of c^d for work = 2/1 + .25 = 2. 1.25.
 Glazing - 1.5
 Gby letter &c - 5
 Bookbinder's packy &c - £1.1
 2. 8.85
 Making up. 8.64
 3. 5.5

appended are De la Rée's
 offer of £75 per million
 & glazing 1/6 p. ream
 includes cartage also
 Decision to make paper
 with thread @ 13 3/4 p. lb.

Small size. Paper. 1. 7/4
 Glazing 1.5
 Gby letter 5
 Binding 1.1
 2. 3
 Making up 8.6
 2/11.6

Edwin Hill

a comparative table of prices added - 3 sizes ^{papers} large size smaller & smallest

14. 7. 41. Edwin Hill Schedule for Dickinsons to go by. Paper quality as
^{large size 4 hams thread 5 to placed 6 in apart for}
 for Mulready's. blue thread to blue thread. 1/4 in from blue to yellow.

middle size 5 p. thread. 5 in apart. 1st blue 7 in from margin 1 yellow 1/8 p. 2.

small size 6 p. situated same as middle size.

order given same date. Threads to be in pairs 1 blue & 1 yellow 1/4 in apart
 yellow nearest the best side of face of paper. blue nearest the
 inferior side. & to run with length of sheet.

14 May, 1840 J. Morgan Chester wrote transferred receipts for printing &
 also receipts for paper letters.

Benjamin . C. W.

Albert . D. T.

Allardice archd.

Holwell . R.

Schönberg . L.

find them

Paper makers' name. "Stacey Wice," "London" only address given there.

John Dickinson. Nash Mill. w Samuel Thompson

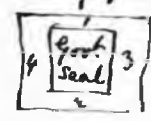
C. Whiting 20.3.40 says his machines will print engine turned work more regularly than hand presses

Trials with obliterating stamp &  ink. in Perkins ink with creosote
1.5.40. by Bokenham - printer ink " "

result in favour of Printer's ink mixed with a vegetable oil.

7.4.40. W. Wyon to Hill. Whiting's engine used for 8 work causes the delays, re embossing dies & ^{white} ~~white~~ ground. Black letters. Also has sent to C Whiting and die white letters on black ground. Bramston c'd do the work if wanted.

16.4.40. Dickinson writes Hill as to proof of p. o. covers "exceedingly well adapted for printing at machine & I never saw an instance of better effect being produced by that style of engraving."

16.9.39. C W Kevan. 140 Cheapside. suggests small squares of paper or cardboard about this size . Let No 1. be "One"
2 "Penny"
3 the day & year. e.g. 16.9.39
4. blank for writer to fill in with.
Hold in boxes. the address (encloses a shop ticket address given as a pattern)

D. J Albert. L.D. Warrington Cheshire Cadishead works in Warrington Lancs.
18.9.41. suggests printing 1st red stamp in his ink. to be annulled by a pencil or pad with a reaching fluid wh turns the red into green or black &c.
Seal does not leave a steady mark. Can use pad on a row of letters. no blow wh might injure content of letter. - on 20. Sept D.A. tried it on a cancelled stamp (P red) (not ^{quite} successful to remove the obl.)

Archibald Allardice. Dundee 16.10.39. suggests a stamp (with) a slip of paper  red wafer at end. Plan is to wafer & put up by machine. Use this slip in fold of letter & stamp over it by Office Stamp.

18. Holwell. Exeter. 18.10.39. suggests uniform size for each note. & to use envelopes only. P.M. to number them as rec'd!

L. Schönberg. 108 Hatton Garden. 24.10.39. sends specimens of surface printing & observes on P. Adm (not seen with the papers)

(3.10.88) Mr H Cole to Sir R. Hill. rec'd the accompanying form Mr. Rickelto. he as well as Mr Gordon know nothing abt the Public Officers who are to have the privilege of sending above 16oz & wish to be informed. (not dated. but abt Sept 7839/)

London. I.C.

The National Portrait Gallery

? Notes for the National Portrait Gallery

Cheverton. 13.

Temporary P. Ho. Lords & Commons

of the House of Commons

Sept 1840. a mass of letters. Trials of new colours for the 1st Portrait of the
& trials everywhere to remove obliques at R. Ho's instance.

Oil & water colour tried. Smith & Phillips reports. prices see ante.
These reds were all fugitive

Higginson & Donovan experimented. M. Donovan. 11 Clare St. Dublin.
& Dr. Robertson. who ^{as reported} suggests printing in 'nitrate of Silver'

1.10.39. J.C. London. Bayswater. writes in favour of gummed stamps, about the size of a half crown but square. direction to be usually written across the stamp.

W. Cloues. 20.12.39. Goldprint Newbroadys at £25 per million
Dublin Stamp Co. introduce Mr Stotesbury, overseer of their Stereotype Foundry to explain striking of plates.

Berg. Chervontan 72 Pall Mall & Cannon Row. 28.12.39. awarded prize of £100 by the Treasury

+ Temporary Postage. 16 Jan'y 1840. Copy of printed paper distributed to members today. On a quarter sheet laid flat. in large type are lines of type
X Letter covers, which will pass free through the Post Office, are prepared for the use of Members of Parliament, and may be brought at the Office for the sale of Parliamentary Papers in the Members' Waiting Room.
These Covers being available for the Houses of Parliament only, will be charged if posted elsewhere. The last bag from the House of Commons for the General Post will in future be despatched at half past Six o'clock. The Covers will pass free by the London Penny Post, if put into the bags after Two o'clock.

Sent by J. Vardon to R. Hill on above date.

12.1.40. Vardon to R.H. Library House of Commons. I have written to the Stationery Office order the stamps requisite for working on the plan at the Ho of Commons. 'shall deliver no stamps without the money' so as to check the returns
note hereon by R.H. "went to the P.O. with Mr Vardon on the 16th & arranged the matter" R.H.

7 Oct 1840. J. Wilson. Sunderland. experiments. turns blue 2nd into dull red. uses new red 1st & cannot recommend its adoption.

Roulard Hills Office was at 11 Downing St. Ledingham an assistant.

Thomas Watson. 78 Guildford St Russell Sq. experiments with his own obs. with. successful. see specimens. Sept 1840 (stamp on a bed of asbestos. fresh with daily).

15.9.40 Mr Alfred Higginson. 81 Mount Pleasant, Liverpool experiments on removal of obliq^{ty} from the red stamps. Mr H. sent a Chemist. They stand. he had 2 sheets on the paper of the same. Top r. corner waxed. the plate was of 12. (4 hrs x 3 vers)

10.11.40. Envelope paper. S. Wise submits price 14/ per ream of a paper watermarked "Postage".

London I.C.

The Northern General Works ? House for C. & W. & Co.

Cheverton. 13.

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Sept 1840. a mass of letters. Trials of new colours for the 1st Perkins & Co. works
& trials everywhere to remove obliter^{ns} at R. Ho. instance.

Oil & water colour tried. Smith & Phillips reports. prices see ante.
These reds were all fugitive.

Higginson & Donovan experimented. M. Donovan. 11 Clare St. Dublin.
& D. Robertson, who ^{as a refutation?} suggests printing in 'nitrate of silver'.

1.10.39. J.C. London. Baywater. writes in favour of gummed stamps, about the size of a half crown but square. direction to be usually written across the stamp.

W. Clives. 20.12.39. Goldprint Newboulds at £25 per million
Duke St. Stampd St. Introduce Mr Stotesbury, overseer of their Stereotype Foundry to explain striking of plates.

Bergh. Cheventon 72 Matt St. Cannon Row. 28.12.39. awarded prize of £100 by the Treasury

+ Temporary Postage. 16 Jan 1840. Copy of printed paper distributed to members

x Today. On a quarter sheet laid fcap. in English type. are lines of type Letter covers, which will pass free through the Post Office, are prepared for the use of Members of Parliament, and may be bought at the Office for the sale of Parliamentary Papers in the Members' Waiting Room. These Covers being available for the Houses of Parliament only, will be charged if posted elsewhere. The last bag from the House of Commons for the General Post will in future be despatched at half past six o'clock. The Covers will pass free by the London Penny Post, if put into the bags after two o'clock.

Sent by J. Vardon to R. H. on above date.

12.1.40. Vardon to R. H. Library House of Commons. I have written to the Stationery Office ordering the stamps requisite for working on the plan at the Ho of Commons. 'shall deliver no stamps without the money' so as to check the returns note hereon by R. H. "went to the P.O. with Mr Vardon on the 16th & arranged the matter" R. H.

7 Oct 1840. J. Wilson Sunderland experiments. Turns blue 2nd into dull red. Uses new red 1st & cannot recommend its adoption.

Rouland Hills Office was at 11 Downing St. Ledingham an assistant.

Thomas Watson. 78 Guildford St Russell Sq. experiments with his own obs. with successful. see specimens. Sept 1840 (stamp on a bed of asbestos. fresh with daily).

15.9.40 Mr Alfred Higginson. 81 Mount Pleasant, Liverpool experiments on removal of obliq^{ty} from the red stamps. Mr H. w^r. a Chemist. They stand. he had 2 sheets on the paper of the issue. Top r. corner waxed. the plate was of 12. (4 hrs x 3 vers)

10.11.40. Envelope paper. S. Wise submits price 14/ for ream of a paper watermarked "Postage".

? Is this N. H. ante.

Coolidge. A. J.

Edwards. J.

in Pickette.

What exp. did he make.

19 Nov 1840. a minute 'Contribution of the Stationers' agt the use of envelopes.

Mr Hooper 13 Pall Mall East recollects that the Stationers were generally averse to selling the covers & envs. & he believes the reason was because they were made of Dickinson's paper.

Clements, who has ^{now it was agreed} St. Little Pulleney St. says there was a meeting of the Trade to discourage the use of any of stamps drawn the Labels. that the trade finding public feeling to be agt the covers & envelopes did its best to encourage the public dislike. No allowance being made on Labels, he advises Trade to refuse to sell Bell & Rees stamps & thus leave Gov't distribute them thro' the P. Office. signed Henry Cole.

23 Nov 1840. A. J. Colley 7 Remembrance St. Stamford St. proposes a punch to cut a hole in stamps for obliteration. (it cuts into env. & letter also.)

a minute 16. 1. 41. to acquaint P. W. Genl. that ^{now in use} envs. are issued in sheets & made up by Stationers: but new envs. will be issued in sheets & also made up ready for use.

2 doz @ 2/6. 2^d at 2 1/2 p. dozen. Sale at first to be confined to London District.

27. 1. 41. Edmund Hill writes from St James to Rowland T.H.

I wish you to see to the peculiar color wh the gum assumes upon the new Labels many changes in the mode of dissolving & applying the gum have been tried to preserve the green tints from appearing - but in vain. You will notice it shows itself at the back of the pencil & a little way beyond it, but not far upon the imprinted part. It does not appear to affect the address in many cases the green has come on gradually after the drying of the gum. Perhaps Mr Phillips might examine whether any deleterious change takes place in the gum. Newspapers are likely to expose this - may be well to be able to contradict. It seems most likely the gum seeps into the paper till it reaches the ink & that a chemical union takes place to a small extent.

27. 9. 48. J. Edwards, 135 Old St. St. Lukes. suggests small iron chips. to be sold & fixed on letters & P.O. to detach, sell again &c. Letters being stamped Paid if they bear a chip. Cost 2/ for 20 gross. (sends 3 chimney specimens)

18 Feb 1841. an article in the Morning Post. as to imitation of ^{on 20th} steps D Bachoffner of Polytechnic written to. had he sent his exp^t & replies. No. Ricketts in Downing St. ? Clerk who passes Warrants. ? same as Essay.

8 Feb 1841. Question of an allowance on sale of P. Stamps. ^{recommended} 20p. ? amount for the 8 mos is £72.039. no of distributors & sub d^o. 730.

✓ Edmund Hill. writes R.H. 12. 2. 41. on 10th had 882,000 made up. & 112,000 not made up (not cut) envelopes. nearly all sold during that day. (these were Wyans P. pink head, embossed. & on Mulready Envelope paper).

Higginson. A.

Armstrong. J. W.

Dircks. H.

Thompson. L.

Watson. Thos.

A. Higginson. Chemist Spool writes 8.6.40. Black matter of printers &c. is some form of carbon & is insoluble in any known menstruum. & can only be removed by mechanical means. Ether & kaffir most effectual. & on applying a camel hair brush with soap & water a large portion of black is removed. Pink labels with circular obli. also act similarly with carbonaceous ^{ink} ~~and~~. Vegetable colours too frail for use.

John W. Armstrong. 16 Wharf St. Birmingham. 12.10.39 submits his plan with sketches in letter. Labels 3" long $\frac{1}{2}$ wide. on unmarked paper each letter to bear a stamp, wafered at each end. & placed (he draws it in the centre of the address - as in blue. Rowland Hill Esq Street London. Sorter in P.O. to divide the label (or deface it) Labels 2 or 3 might be used. to denote double, treble postage. dence at end. Broad arrow &c.

10 October 1839. Henry Dicks read before Polytechnic Socy. Liverpool a plan for securing the prepayment of the Penny Postage. It is printed 3 sides. feat. by Mitchell & Co. Printers, Duke St. Liverpool. Proposes slips. $2\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ ". double crown sized paper w^h make 120. or 10/- worth paper to be as thin as texture as can be used for printing, diff. values in different ^{Col.} ~~col.~~ units. Cut showing

Penny	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Penny	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

 plan lines & figures, at A central device. embossed

 Most suitable. style of engraving as rewarded in 1834. Socy of Arts (Trans. vol 50. for 1836) minute engraving stamp to be at corner of sheet so buyer might see them cut from it. In use to be pendant from the seal. or to prepare the whole of back with gum, & attach to any part of the letter (8 sketches show stamps pendant from seal. gummed on back, on front &c. everywhere by upper right corner) - The print sent in letter ^{above} 3.10.39. from 12 Old St/Liverpool / by Mr Dicks, Ht. who signs Hon Secy to the Literary Institⁿ. & " " " North Mechanics Institⁿ

L. Thompson. 25 Melton Pl. Euston Sq 9.2.41. can electotype embossed & offers to pass 12 specimens sent within a month of seeing thro' post: process at R.H.'s service gratis.

John Dickinson. 23.2.41. Glad to find the envelope so well rec^d by the public. b^y 40000 per den. in ad equal stamps power (see diff in full post p.27.)

Thomas Watson 88 Guildford St. Russell Sq. 22.2.41 encloses 2 electypos.

of new ones (are shows rid of the threads thro' the head very plainly - both in copper sealed on visiting cards. & very well done) (in dark copper colour)

Same. J. Dickinson. 27.2.41. re experiments in paper to print the. found it must be sized. i.e. steeped in gelatine to make threads adhere.

15.5.41 J. Wilson. 6 Derwent St Sunderland writes. red stamps & black ink obliterators safe. but many of the 'old sort' still in use. encloses one he had cleaned with soap. (very well done & w^d pass. 1^o black)

3.1.39. Phillip Harris. 9 Bull ring, Birmingham proposes a Strong Gelatinous Caoutchouc Wash. Sample sent. found good by Mr Phillips. too dear.

13.4.39. T. D. Watkins from 37 Maddox St Regent St. writes, citing his old Indian experience (Bombay) recommend a Registered Post & also a parcel post (in time) to 10 or 12 lbs.

3.12.39. Perkins Bacon & Petch to Sty Cole. c^d engrave steel dies of any given yesterday onto work of any conceivable value as to cost & quality. transfer them to any n^o of plates that possibly be wanted & print them in any co^l per day. at 8^d per 1000. excl of paper. & if in large n^o w^d give plates without charge. Having prepared the Original die, we c^d insure perfect facsimiles of it for a century.

Original sketch. submitted for a stamp in fugitive ink. 1840 pen & ink copy rough in reddish colour. of One penny as affixed issues

P.O. Printed Circular. 25.4.40. By Command. W.L. Maberly. Secy.

To all Postmasters & Sub Postmasters. decided Postage stamps are to be h^ol^d into use forthwith. & ne^ey every stamp sh^d be cancelled where posted. I send hereinth an obliteratt Stamp (malt cross) Red colour to be used. I annex directions for making it, with a sampⁿ of the Stamp

Directions for preparing the red stamping compound

This is given at length p 45.

1 lb Pruners Red ink

1 pint Linseed oil

1/2 pint of the droppings of Sweet oil

} to be well mixed.

Letter of A. Hill. to W. Ewart M.P. 2. Burton Crescent. Apr 9. 1837.
Dear Sir. The Sun of last night has given a new version of the matter, but still an incorrect one. I do not however trouble you now with a

Sievier

Envelopes on three thread paper - of the new - not the same paper.
with Embossed Head I think so

Sp. Electric just on.
See book p. 182.

view to any further attempts to set the Editor right, but merely for the purpose of placing the facts correctly before your own mind - They are as follows. The plan of stamped Covers (described at p. 41 of the published Edition of my pamphlet) was devised by myself, at Mr Knight's suggestion, some years back with reference to newspapers (&) may be considered as having originated it. Mr Dickinson some time after I had made the plan known, altho' I had not printed any account of it, merely shewed the means of preventing forgery by the use of a peculiar paper wh. he has constructed with great ingenuity. I am of course speaking of the facts as they came under my own knowledge. Mr Dickinson may possibly have devised the plan of stamps independently of myself but I have no reason to suppose he did. It was a very considerable time after I had placed a written description of the plan of stamped Covers in the hands of the Chas. of the Ex: that I heard from Mr John Wood of Mr Dickinson's means of preventing forgery: wh. I understood Mr Wood to have been decided upon with reference to other objects. It is however of very little consequence so that the plan is adopted who has the reputation of having devised it, tho' as a general rule it is desirable that the truth sh^d be known. Your note to the Editor of the Sun appeared to me when you read it to assign rather more than a due share of the invention to Mr Dickinson. I was however unwilling to trouble you with to write another, & therefore said nothing, but the Editor of the Sun appears to me to have increased that share greatly. I think I shall call Mr Dickinson's attention to the article in the Sun. If he thinks it worth while to set the Editor right it will be very well. if not the matter may rest as it is.

24.5.41. Siever replies to queries, & gives estimates in detail. Cost at 6.25 per 1000. ago 8.8 now paid. 2.55 saved = £700 a year nearly
 w^d use any design Govt wished - & employ Wyon to engrave it

16 June 1841. N. Smith. Twopenny P.O. writes H. Hill. The branch offices have been supplied with the new envelopes & the Receivers will all have them by tomorrow. There are very few open but what have had them for several days. The demand appears to be chiefly for the smaller size - there is very little sale for them in the poor neighbourhoods.

end of these papers
 all abstracted & a.p.

at Waterloo 10.8.93.

Steam printing, recess stamps, machines clean off plates.
In Three pattern book.

no. 744.748

Essays of $\frac{1}{2}$ d card in' manure. like Govt issue only
a head of Queen differing

light & dark manure on buff card cut off.

(2) in angles. -

C Davies Sherborn Esq

Dear Sir/ Your letter about Melbourn sealable paper with silk thread in it as made by my grandfather Mr Dickinson has been given true answer. I found that there are no sheets of these stamp papers extant at any of our halls or offices, cut to the right size, & I believe that all the sheets not sent in to the Post Office were destroyed under express supervision, at once. Some years ago I found in a lumber room at Ampthill some sheets of "Thread paper" which had been torn out as the paper was made on the machine to check its weight: these I carefully preserved at the time but cannot now find^(x since found & sent on post 20th Sept) however I think they were all torn to a standard size for weighing & would not show the size of the finished sheets. I have looked in one of the old order books of about 1841, but can find in it no order for silk thread papers. They & think they must have been entered in a special order book, which I can not now find; in the old mill stock books I have found some entries of stamp paper but they only give the weight, with no mention of size.

I have looked through all the letters &c I can find relating to these papers from Rowland Hill & others, but the only mention of size is for Post Office covers, dated 20th March 1840. when two sizes are mentioned. No 1. $36\frac{1}{2} \times 24\frac{3}{4}$ for 12 covers,

and No 2, $24\frac{3}{4} \times 19$ for 6 covers.

I have some specimens of paper with various arrangements^{of these were for postal stamps} of thread in it, and some of Mr Dickinson's essays, which with the other papers relating to the matter I shall be happy to show you or Mr Philbrick, if you wish it. but they throw no light on the particular point you require.

(N.B. The enquiry was only as to size).

Yours faithfully,
signed Lewis Evans;

N.B. I wrote Mr Evans on this & called on him by appointment at 65. Old Bailey. where he lent me the paper next copied here. post pp. 17 - 29. Being all I could find relating to Cover & envelope paper in a large unsorted bundle. He also lent me the essays described post. & many specimens^{affixed with care} of the thread paper. The bulk of the M.S. related to the proceedings before the P.O. Committee. Enquiry & Parliament. betw 1833 & 1837. The sheets of paper are mentioned also in the p. 8. ante (reverse of 7)

Copy Paper in Mr. Dickinson's handwriting. no date. but May 1840
 see post p. 22.

Present cost of envelopes - £264 for million

Envelopes of same substance of paper & as large as these can be cut & be supplied at £200

" No. sold at 20 for a penny, a 4p. for 960 wd amount to £208. 6. 8 ^{per m.} for million

Cost of Stpg at 5th Hs: cannot be less than £95 for million

or every million stpg Govt must therefore lose £83. 6. 8.

another paper. of same period

Price of paper only, after delivery of 6000 Reams tendered for.

No 1 for Covers £4 1/2 for Ream.

2 . Envelopes 25/

See dft invoice post 23.

No objection to a 5 year contract terminable by Treasr on 6 mo^s notice

1840. & then 165
 To the Committee of P. Office Inquiry

6 June 1837.

The following remarks are submitted with reference to the sug^s & closure
 of printed covers, necessary for the proposed plan of sending letters by P.O. Thence,

On a careful ~~and~~ observation at the P.O. of the mass of letters passing thro'

the 2d post it appears that at present the n^o of these exceed 1 of each
 is a 6th. 3 p. & the n^o of diamond folded envelopes hardly so many.

The common covers are therefore the most important part of the scheme

& in them I shall propose a small variation from the form first submitted
 to the Committee. I sh^d propose to run 10 threads of a blue colour across

each cover so that they wd have the appearance of faint lines, & it wd be easy to

test them by scraping one of the lines in wh case the thread wd become
 exposed in genuine paper. The colour of the threads may however be

varied in any way & also the distance between them. In order to avoid the
 necessity of using large & more expensive paper & printing apparatus for the

diamond folded envelopes I sh^d propose the thread to pass diagonally thro'

the cover & also to make the pattern of the printed form for these envelopes

in such a way that the same cover might be cut down to form small
 envelopes for the conveyance of cards, notes, &c.

I sh^d propose to print the two penny envelopes for
 the large sort of packets, & also the common penny ones, with such a form
 that a piece might be cut out of the middle of either so as to form a sort
 of label, which in the case of any particularly long ad. being required,
 might

might be cut out & pasted on to it. I apprehend that this arrangement would suit the convenience of the public in every respect. The Stationers will have no more difficulty with respect to envelopes than they have at present. The Stamp Office will only have three different sorts of covers to provide & the expense of the covers will be uniform viz 12 for a penny, exclusive of the excess duty on the paper. The size of the 2d covers might be made larger & narrower, if thought desirable, but the size already proposed is sufficient to convey anything that I shall have to send thro' the 2d post office. I conceive that it will be necessary for Government to have the entire command over the manufacture of this paper, which will be of great service for the protection of the Stamps Revenue. It might be applied to other purposes, if restricted by law to Govt use, & I have no objection to assign my Patent on condition of Govt. agreeing to supply me with it to manufacture what they require on the most moderate terms & for a term of years that may be agreed upon under the superintendence & control of their officers.

Signed John Dickinson. London. 6 June 1837.

J. Spring Rice to J. Dickinson Esq. Old Bailey. (Autograph)

Sir/ When Parl^t shall have disposed of the question now submitted to them respecting the P. Off. I shall not fail to give every answer by letter of the 10 July (copy not found)

During P. 12 July 1837.

But I must confess that nothing but the most inevitable necessity, to a conviction that the interests of the Revenue must otherwise be protected from fraud would induce me to vacate any arrangement that tended to create a monopoly either in manufacturing or distributing paper. I feel every hope however that adequate means of protection to the Rev^y may be discovered by means which will not be liable to this objection. I am Sir. Your very obt^l humble Serv^t.

J. Spring Rice.

Copied in Mr Dickinson's handwriting with above.

Mr John Abel Smith has been good enough to forward to me your note therein for which I feel much obliged to you & also to the Chan of the Ex^y & & &

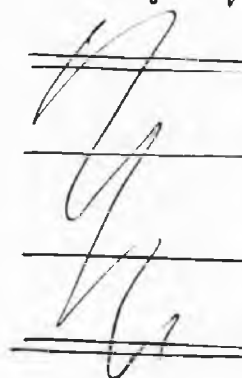
There has been very extravagant & in some cases entirely misrepresentation relative to my offer for the supply of paper with accord^g to everything I hear would be far more agreeable to the public than sticking labels on to their letters.

The plan consists in establishing a good paper admitting of another variety of structure, it will facilitate the rec^d of letters in masses & with full reimbursement of the cost & will secure the distribution of the covers without expense.

Sketches in letter 20 March, 1840. opposite.

Sketch enclosed. No 1. for 12 covers W^t 44 lbs per Ream.

Size of sheet $36\frac{1}{2}$ by $24\frac{3}{4}$

	$< 8\frac{3}{4} >$			
	$\frac{1}{2}$			
	$\frac{1}{2}$			

No 2 for 6 covers. W^t 22½ lbs per Ream.

Size of sheet $24\frac{3}{4}$ by 19.

$< 8\frac{3}{4} >$	
$7\frac{3}{4}$	

by the same trading energy wh carries beer & tobacco into every village in the Kingdom such are prompt & every means of selling any article by wh a profit can be made. I have already off^d to the Ch of the Exc^t to supply annu at the terms stated in my ev^t with payment by myself of the full excise duty on the paper.

Extract of letter Excise Feb 27. 1840. Wm Dickinson
My dear Sir Mr Dehany is preparing the dft of agreement &c.
Can you give me the dates & rate of supply of the first 6000 Reams.
"Loren Wood"

29 Feb 1840. same to Mr D. - Extract. refers to the draft contract & then says "Mr Hill called on me at breakfast time on the subject of the paper for the address slips: he fears your price is too high, but intended to write to you himself"

To Loren Wood Esq. Chmn Excise. London 20 Mar 1840.

Sir. With refer^{ce} by inquiry respecting the supp of the paper to be supplied for printing the P. Off Covers I beg to say that it is fixed that the general supply is to be made with paper of the dimensions stated according to the sketch No 1. annexed, each sheet being adapted for printing 12 covers, but for our accommodation the Chmn of Slps has consented that some portion of the supply may be made in the manner of sheet No 2, wh is adapted for only 6 covers. The price per Ream is conformable to the n^o of covers p^r sheet. and

No 1. one half added to the price proposed for paper to contain 8 covers.

No 2 one fourth reduced from that standard. I have &c -

John Dickinson

(N.B. Several private letters show Mr Wood was seriously ill soon after this. & so remained till nearly mid April 1840).

Slps & Taxes. 7 April 1840

Sir/ It appearing by a comm^o recd at this Office from the Treasury that a tender made by you for the supply of paper for Postage Slps has been accepted. I have beguify to you that Messrs Colvins have entered into a contract for supplying such slps & that they will be ready to rec^{ve} from you supplies of paper for the purpose at their premises in Stamford St. on Thursday next the 9th inst. I will therefore give to you a comm^o stating what quantity will be furnished by you on that day. I am &c. "Chas Presely" he was Secy Stamps & Taxes.

Extract of a letter W Dehany. Excise Office. 8 April 1840 to J. Dickinson - The Treasury order is addressed to the Comm^o of Excise to provide the paper. The Stamps have no power over it & as it was with the Excise your engagements are made, I think it wd be better if you did not make any promises to the T. Office until you saw whether the Comm^o of Excise felt themselves in a situation to give the requisite order."

20a.

Specimens of papers read from Mr Evans. The dates are written on them as made at the mill.

1. A. Experimental. for the use of the thread paper in the Stamp office.
for general fiscal stamps on paper. not postal

- (a) 24 Red Threads. ^{ten} ~~10~~ ^{nearly} mm apart. - horizontally on sheet. $1.5\frac{1}{2}'' \times 1.17\frac{1}{8}''$
endorsed "Proposal to Stamp Office. Ream of Paper. 19 Jan'y. 1833"
- (b) 40 red threads. similarly placed. ^{nearly} ~~10~~ mm apart. size $1.4\frac{3}{4}'' \times 1.4\frac{1}{2}''$
- (c) 6 red + 16 blue do. (in centre of sheet.) do. same size.

1. 2. Mulready Cover paper. 3 red + 2 blue threads. in sets.
Threads about ~~2~~ ¹¹ mm apart $4\frac{1}{2}''$ in 110 mm between sets.

sheet $17\frac{1}{2}''$ bare $\times 11''$. threads run parallel to long side. + show 2 sets red + 1 blue set.
marked as made April 27/40. 28th May 1st 4th 5th 6th 7th 11th 13th 15th 16th (12 specimens)

2. 3. Mulready Envelope paper. size $17\frac{1}{2}''$ bare $\times 11''$. as last.

2 sets of three threads. Blue between 2 reds. abt. ^{ten to 11} ~~10~~ mm apart

161 mm. or $6\frac{7}{8}''$ in between the sets which run the long way of the paper.

marked as made 28th 29th 30 April 1840 + 2. 4. 7. 11. 13. 14. 15 16 20. 21 May

(NB. Both kinds - unglazed & not milled) 13 specimens

3. A. Envelope paper. three threads 2 blue + centre red. abt 9 mm apart.

sheet $17\frac{1}{2}''$ wide. $\times 11\frac{1}{4}''$ deep. threads run long way. 1 ab on each sheet.

* see ante p. 6.
Specially note
date: only this
trace of it

1 sheet stoutish endorsed in blue ink. "Envelopes 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs 3 June 1841
120 clock"

also a blank int. first folded, lozenge shape, in thick wove, not marked
153 $\times$ 87 when folded as env.

written on. "A sheet $25\frac{1}{4}''$ in $\times 36''$ in contg. 20 lozenge shaped divisions
the diagonals of which are $11\frac{1}{2}''$ in by $7\frac{1}{4}''$ in with a wove
"Postage" in letters are each long inserted in each div. such
wove being placed $2\frac{1}{4}''$ in from the bottom + 1 in from the side of
each division

POSTAGE

N.B. watermark just curves at lower edge of first ^{when} folded.

another blank
same size.

plain, but folded to $18\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{7}{8}''$

side flaps drawn in ink

"Centre line red.
outer lines blue"



Excise Office. 16 April 1840.

It appears from a report of the Supervisor at Herivel Hempstead that the whole of the 346 reams of Postage Paper & of the 346 reams for covers have been: with the necessary agreed to be issued to you for sale to Messrs. Clowes, the printer. I am directed to request that you will forward with the Bd agreeably to the form of indentations upon which the paper in question was issued by you, the several reams of Messrs. Clowes to whom it is presumed the whole quantity has now been sold.

I am &c. "I Clayton Felling"

Messrs. Dickinson & Co

Excise Office. 18 April 1840.

Similar letter as to 200 reams of Postage Paper &
200 - - - for covers

Signed "Charles Browne"

Private.

Treasury, May 16th 1840. (See Reply. Post. p. 22)

Dear Sir,

Will you favour me with replies to the subjoined queries? They are with the view of reducing the price of the covers & envelopes (which increase the consumption) by means of reducing the cost of production. It is scarcely need to add that neither my inquiries nor your answers can be considered as leading, directly to any ulterior measures.

1st Have you any objection to supply the paper which is used for envelopes in long continuous sheets on the reel, & if none will you consider the use of the reel (which will be sold to you) & its carriage to be from your mills as balanced by the cost of cutting which will be saved? This would enable us to reduce the size of the reel to save about 23% of paper which is now wasted & to do great part if not the whole of the cut by machinery.

2nd In the width of the paper there are now 15 threads at varying intervals. Will you place the same at equal intervals from one end & alternately nearer first to one & then to the other surface of the paper - this would enable us to make envelopes of various sizes to suit the wants of the public.

3rd Do you see any object to reduce the thickness of the paper - say to the extent of one 4th. & if not to what extent would such reduced thickness enable you to lessen the price?

4th Have you any objection to make similar changes with regard to the paper for covers. I remain, Sir, very truly,

Yours obediently,

Signed "Rowland Hill"

In consequence of an application I have had from Mr. Rowland Hill relative to printing paper from the mill wound in long lengths on the reel which could only be designed for printing by the machine of his invention, I take the liberty of reminding you that my business was for the supply of printed covers &c. & that I was given to understand that after the

21a

Two thread. (red & blue) Envelope paper.

(a) Sheet $25\frac{3}{8} \times 16\frac{7}{8}$ in. 3 sets of 2 threads each. $129\frac{122}{9}$ mm from set to set. Threads 6 mm apart.

(6) other size 23 x 17. 4 " 110 5 115" 8 mm ..
4 3/8 in

(a) marked. "Dec 24. 1841." 24 Dec 41.

Envelopes 46 lbs. - 25 Dec 41

6 Jay 42.

(6) " 42 lbs. 13 Jan'y 42.

(6) (a) " 37 1/2 lbs 20" " "

(a) " " " 29 - "

Ca 1. 35

size(a), undated. 3 sets threads. top 16 mm apart.
middle 6.
bottom 19.

are Edwin Hells' schedule for Dickinson ante p. 8. 16 July 1841.

first issued covers & encls for which immediate provⁿ was req^d I might expect to have the entire in acceptⁿ of them & for this purpose I have prepared printed matter.
The advantage of printing at the mill wd not only be a g.^d addⁿ in the exp^s but a g.^d saving in paper in the u^s of superint^d officers & in the subsequent process, combined also with simplification & by creat^g the Gov^t to offer covers & encls on lower terms to the public might bring abt the use of them wth the present system effectually prevented. that is to say they are too dear - particularly encls & are prepared in an inconvenient as well as wasteful form.

If the paper be printed in a color & size of the manuf^y it a direct saving of being glazed & finished by the usual process & any blame of rewetting the paper after it has been once dried is unnecessary with the texture & destructive of the surface. The protection ag^t forgery from the introdⁿ of the thread is greater than can be derived from any printing process. The great objⁿ is that the printed stuff sh^d be very simple & cover like of the paper. It sh^d be consid^d that with respect to the manuf^y of covers & encls Mr Hill is an interested party a circ^u mstance in my opⁿ has operated in the manner usually experienced in such cases & I think that if Mr Hill proposes to print by the machine of his invention he sh^d undertake the whole expense & responsibility & such a plan in the same view as any I could take & on that footing am willing to compete with him & forego my under above alluded to.

If that tender had been acted upon, it might & I believe wd have been but for the manuf^y of Mr Hill Gov^t wd by this time have been paying £20 per million less for covers & encls than their present cost & double that saving might be made in the encls if the present wasteful system of placing the printed form on the paper were reformed.

The P.O Labels which are used in place of covers & encls form a charge of about 1 1/4 % on the gross Revtⁿ of the Gov^t Ent^y in affix^g a stamp to letter paper wd be at least as much.

We beg to submit to you that we engaged in an outlay of £1500 in the purchase of new mach^y & in the alterⁿ of our mach^y & premises by no means advantageous to our general interests under the expectⁿ of Gov^t demand for paper for P.O. covers & encls not being less than the use of Reams originally contracted advertised for viz.

15,000 Reams for covers,	8 in a sheet
9,000 " " for encls.	" " " "

but an manuf^y was suddenly stopped when we had made only
 3053 Reams covers 12 in a sheet equal to 4580 Reams of 8 in a sheet &
 2590 " " for encls. Under these circumstances we trust that you will move the



Lord of the Treasury to make as an allowance on their outlay & saleably for ream in proportion to the quantity of paper demanded & short of that intended to be produced because the demand seems to be so limited for P.O. covers & such that no great quantity of paper can be req^d for a g^t length of time. We recy at the same time state that the supply was undertaken on very low terms. The success of the manuf^y was attended with much practical difficulty & anxiety & loss & that the sudden approp^y of the mill to it was injurious to an general business connection.

Copy the Dickinsons reply to Mr. Hills letter of 16 May 40. at the same time that I reply to your queries. I beg to say that no one can wish more than myself to promote the use of P.O. covers & such. But I think that will depend not only on reduction of price but also on the alter of the style, for the strong & universal objection to the present form is a g^t obstacle to the use of them.

1st I do not decline to supply paper in long continuous sheets in the reel. Tho there are many practical objections to such a system particularly the diff^y of ascert^y the quantity. If the paper were supplied in that way I should expect to be p^d the diff^y betw what the paper costs at present in cards & the exp^y of carrying it in that form & I should be responsible for del^y it free from blemishes & impurity to be as the expressed in that state without being p^d for boxes or frames etc & for any increase the exp^y. The cost of the cutting now that it is done by machinery is too trifling to be taken into acc as a set off ag^t the extra exp^y. With respect to this query & beg leave to remark that I cannot understand the arrangement betw del^y the paper in long lengths & the saving 23 p.c of paper now wasted & del^y

The cutt^y by mach^y.
see calculation ante p 17.

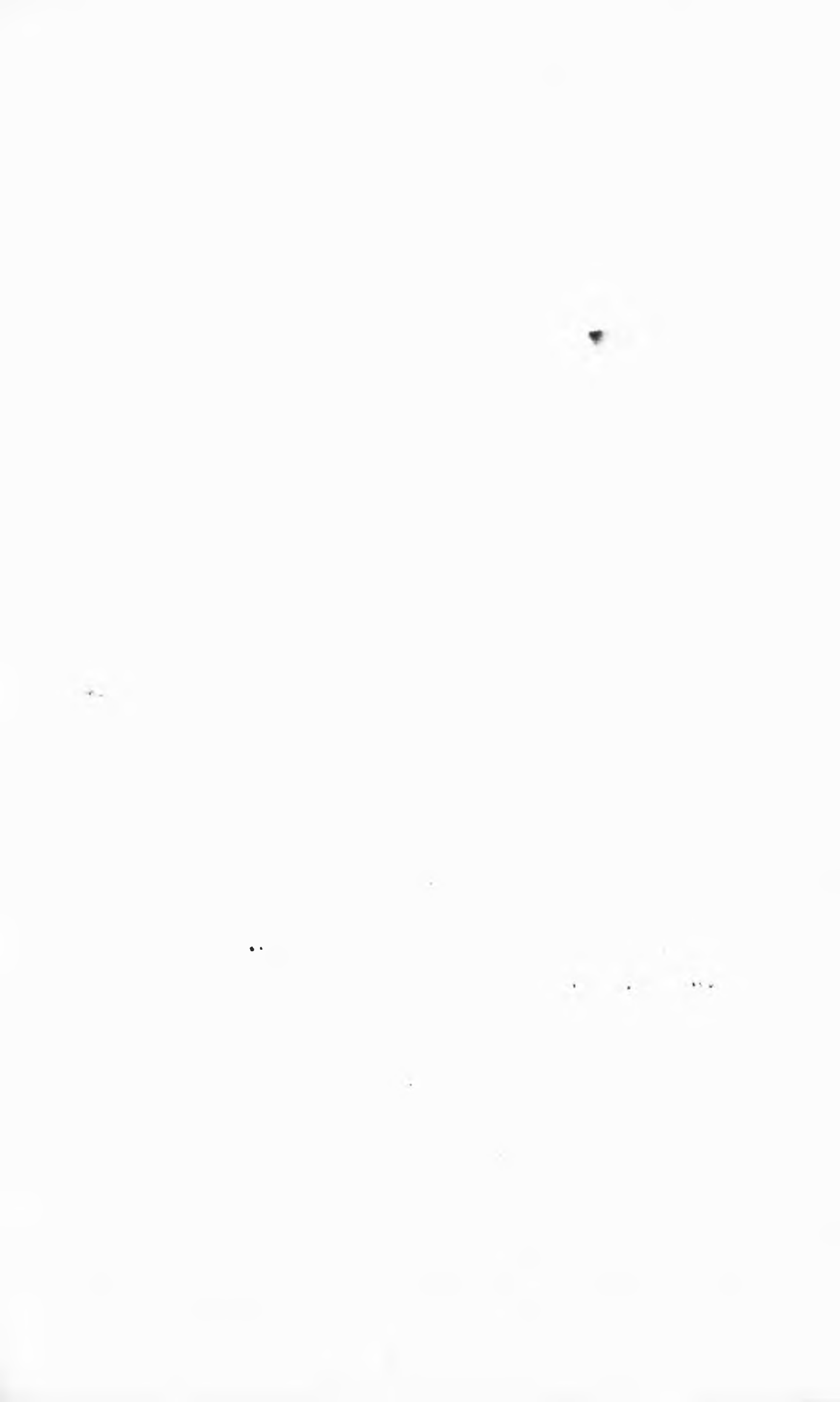
x £244 for miller & if printed at the mill without of insect waste that quantity wd cost abt £40 less.

24. 2. I have no objection to make paper for ew with the 15 threads placed differ^t from the mode of placing them at present.

24. 3. I have a decided objection to making the paper thinner than at present as I think the most important characteristic of it c^d no longer be maintained.

Confidential Exace 21 May 1840 My dear Sir. I had a long conversation with Baring, & a satisfy me. He knew nothing of Hills application. nor of his intentions as to the machine, & will not permit any alter^t before enquiry: but he does not think the time has yet arrived.
Most truly yours "John Wood."

J. Dickinson Esq.



see on p. 17. ante.

Price of Paper only, after delivery of 6000 reams ordered for

No 1. for cover $24\frac{1}{2}^s$ p ReamNo 2 for envelopes $25\frac{1}{2}^s$ p ream.

No objection to a contract for paper only, for a term of 5 years at the above price subject to the reservation as to materials ment^d in our letter & to the direction of the Treasury as to dimensions & of parcels. No objection to this being terminable by the Treas^r at any period on 6 mos notice in the event of their desiring to adopt a different kind of paper for the protection of the revenue. No objⁿ to a continuing contract on same terms, terminable also after the expiry of 5 yrs from any cause with the same notice. Compensⁿ to be equivalent to notice.

Period of notice as to terminacⁿ of party must depend upon size of covers.

11 Downing St. March 27/41

Dear Sir/

I have the pleasure to enclose specimens of your new label paper (which have been printed) together with a copy of Mr Bacon's letter thereon.

Can you undertake much longer supply the 6 or 8 sheets of paper which he desires to have?

Yours truly

J. Dickinson Esq.

Rowland Hill

Enclosure. 2 sheets of 2^o paper, with white line. Letter blocks blank. top right corners not printed (covered)

1	2	3
4	5	6

 in a block a sheet, gummed & showing bluish action of printing ink.

one block in pale red brown -

the other in deep blue of the 2^o

from small plate of 12.

in Dickinson's paper. threads vertical, abt 11 or 12 mm apart, on lower side of paper showing 1 or 2 to a stamp as printed.

Copy Mr Bacon's letter.

69 Fleet St March 9th 1861

Dear Sir, I beg to acknowledge your favour of the 6th inst enclosing 5 small pieces of paper which we have printed, 3 of them in pink & 2 in blue with & gummed the backs of the whole of them & with I have now the pleasure of returning them. The very small piece sent renders (sic) it impossible to give any opinion as to its printing or gumming qualities, but with this very necessary reservation I should say that as far as the imperfect experiment has been tried, the paper appears to stand the gum very well, but not to print quite as well as the paper now in use. We ought to have at least 6 or 8 sheets of paper to enable me to give an opinⁿ of any value - I am &c Sir very respectfully

Yours humble serv^t

signed "Joshua W. Bacon"

N.B. an experimental paper with blue threads only 4 mm apart was prepared but never used, the error being objectionably close.

22 May 1840. Edwin Still writes J. Dickinson from St James

how you spare us some more bags when the shavings in we shall be glad to have them at the Postage & Warehouse, Commercial R? a dozen will not be too many. When your wagon is there it will be convenient as well for the filled bags to be taken away if correct by me.

why designed paper in Mr Dickinson's hands ~~and~~ his writing.

June 25th 1840.

I take the liberty of addressing you in consequence of the very limited & partial adoption of the P.O. covers & envelopes as a means of paying the postage of letters in advance, & of submitting, that the change in the public feeling respecting them, which was notoriously favorable in the 1st announcement of Mr Still's plan has arisen from causes which are simple & obvious & admit of easy removal. The first of these is the general objection to the printed stamp upon them the use of which has been recommended as I am prepared to show that there is no difficulty in the forgery of it.

2^{ndly} The printing of these covers & envelopes subsequent to the completion of the manufacture of the paper has various injurious effects & gives these articles an unbecoming character of inferiority.

3^{rdly} The ends are so inconveniently arranged in the printed sheet that they never will be used in lieu of white paper by the wholesale manufacturers of envelopes as they are detached from the slip off as present. 4^{thly} The covers are sold to the public too dear & in an incorrect form. If the nominal price were 1/2 covers for 1d & 1/8 envelope for 1d. & a discount allowed to those who took a quantity equal to 7 1/2 % on the cost of the covers & envelopes independent of the stamp, I feel satisfied that there would be a great sale & if also business like off slip of moderate size were substituted for that which is distasteful to the public, the proposed reduction in the price of covers & envelopes could be met by a greater saving in the cost. If the P.O. Revenue were collected by the sale of covers & envelopes even at the net cost price not only would the total revenue be received by Govt but again an accession from the amount of expense directly on the paper used for them. If that revenue be collected by means of P.O. Labels the cost of them & the charge when their value runs from an avoidable deduction from the gross revenue because they are sold for the cost of the slip only & the slip of paper for the public at 50 % must involve a greater charge still.

This form of cheap postage was proposed in connection with a cheaper mode of collecting the P.O. revenue & the making the 1st charge contingent on the use of the cover & a 2nd charge in the case of cash payment to be as reasonable as the present system of charging 2^d for letters not prepaid & for any packet that cannot be enclosed in the 1st cover or for additional charge of postage above the 1st P.O. Labels might be used in the excess of money.

Under such a system there would be no obstacle to the sending of a letter in any case & no further hardship on the public than subjects them to the alternative of incurring some little trouble in providing themselves with covers or compensating Govt by an extra payment for the more expensive system of collecting the revenue of which they are the cause.

Experience seems to prove that no kind of slip can be devised which is not liable to forgery. & I have heard it universally allowed that the paper is the more important safeguard & requires nothing more than an old & printed slip to denote the rate of charge.

I trust that in the Act of Parlt which Govt intend to pass they will make the fabrication of such paper a penal offence & that if they do not adopt measures for producing an equal number of covers

& now they will make me answerable for the 8th extend. & loss which has up to the present been the result of my under the necessity in consequence of the supply being stopped at the completion of little more than a 1/4th of the paper originally proposed to be contracted for.

(Evidently written by the D. & for the Chas^r of the Exchequer.)

Letter addressed to Mr D.
inside at 65 Old Bailey.

Postmark dated July 27. 1840 of Birmingham

Sir/ In reply to y^r letter we beg to say that the paper made for P. O covers & now can for the present remain in the warehouse where it is deposited under the Gov^t lock, with any duty of rent but we shall be happy to return it to the order of y^r Honble Bd as soon as it may suit the convenience to take possession of it. We enclose an acknowledgment of this lot of paper & shall be obliged by your procuring us an order for the payment. (unsigned).

gentl^y

Excise Office. 9 Aug^r. 1840.

I am directed by the Comrs of Excise to acquaint you that they have communicated with the Lds of the Treas^r on the subject of y^r application to make arrangements for taking out of y^r press the residue of the paper made by you for the supply of the P. O covers & now under the contract with the Depas^t & these Lds have in consequence caused this Bd to be informed that they are of opⁿ that you are entitled to be paid for the 753 reams of paper now in y^r hands but that as this quantity being with that previously supplied will considerably exceed the maximum quantity which it was understood you should furnish, the Lds as at present advised do not consider that this Bd are bound to take any more paper unless the public service should require it. With regard to the term of the contract the Lds do not consider such a measure desirable - their Lds are of opⁿ that the measure of the paper should be allowed discount for the present, but they do not consider it expedient that a further supply of paper, in a somewhat modified form perhaps may be required hereafter. & so long as the covers now made of y^r paper continue to pass free thro' the P. O. the term of the contract by which you furnish the ob^ject completely the paper to Gov^t only might prove extremely inconvenient. As it is understood that it would be inconvenient to the Comrs of S^t & T. to take into their warehouse the stock of paper now at y^r hands, the Lds suggest that arrangements should be made for its storage where it is, unless it can with convenience be transferred to their Dep^t.

Under these circumstances I am to signify the request of the Bd that you will inform them whether the paper in question can be allowed for the present to continue on y^r press under the lock of the off^r of the Revenue.

I am Gentl^y y^r ob^t serv^t

signed "Chas Brown."

Messrs Dickinson & Langman

Paper Manufacturers

St Pauls Churchyard.



London. 11 Aug 1840

The Honble the Comrs of Excheq

Bo^d of J. D. & Co

346 Reams of Paper for Post office Comm. 36/3. 627. 2. 6.

74 D^o D^o half sup. 18/12 67. 1. 3.370 D^o Paper for Envelopes 24/6 ~~24~~ 453. 5 ..5 p c^t. add^d charge for expediency
on the above paper - 9 = 6£ 1156. 9. 3.Notations in
the Mr J. D.'s writing }

J. Dickinson Esq

Downing St. Feb'y 22 /41.

Dear Sir / I think there can be no doubt that we have
^{in Mr J. D.'s hand}
 hit the public taste as regards the Envelope & that a fur-
 supple of paper will be required almost immediately.

I am desirous however of keeping the matter open as
 long as I can with the view of availing ourselves of such
 suggestions as may arise out of the first trial & therefore
 beg to know what is the shortest time in which you
 could commence to supply a further quantity of paper?
 I also wish to ask how long it w^d require to add by machine the
 application for glazing the paper? you will understand this question as
 distinct from the last, w^h has reference to the supply of un glazed
 paper. And further w^d you in the course of a few months
 undertake the manuf^g of the kind of coarse cream watermarked paper used
 for Labels? When I first spoke to you on the subject I understood
 that it w^d not be convenient for you to do so, but as I am desirous
 of meeting the demand if practicable with a view of reducing
 the cost of Excheq^r - Expenditure I w^d be glad to know of
 your views on this subject have undergone any change

I remain Dr Sir. Yours truly

signed "Rowland Still"

P.S.

an early answer esp^l to the first question will oblige.

Copy of Copy. - (abt 23rd Feb. see next / 11th / 27.

I am glad to find the work so favorably rec^d by the public
but I understand y^r stamping power extends only to about 40,000 & there-
fore seems inadequate to the great supply.

In reply to your inquiry I beg to say that I had hoped to make the paper within a week from the time of rec^d the order, but I hope it will not be far less than a week's work of the mill for it is exceedingly troublesome & expensive to put inside every thing, & ~~also~~ ^{also} alter the covering of the mill to suit this particular inconvenience for so very short a period as the last & it must be an enormous & unnecessary & the expense also.

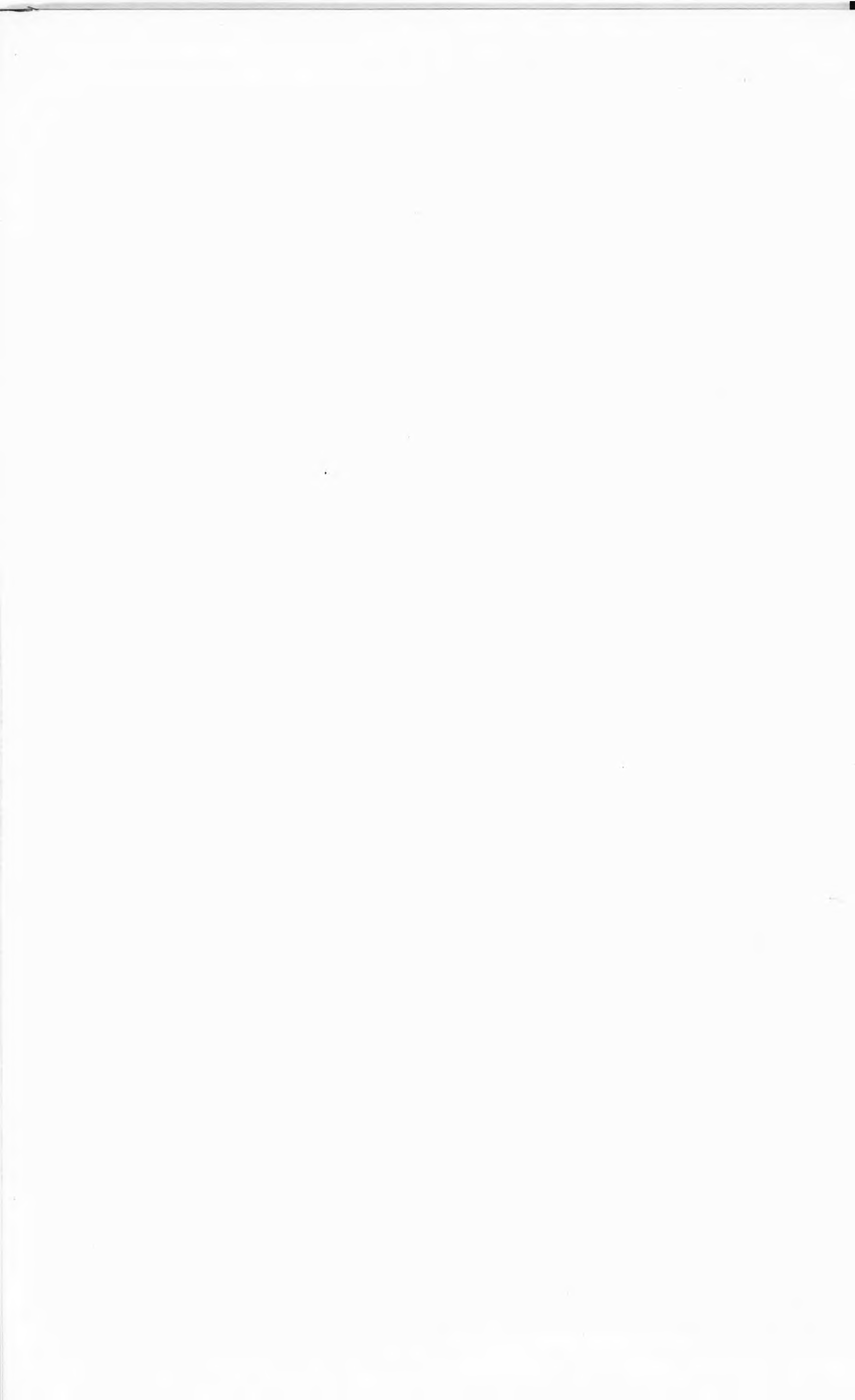
I sh^d not undertake to make hand made paper: but
I sh^d make paper for the labels of fine boxes with smooth finish
Hundred of such there have been prepared hitherto so that there
w^d be no change of them coming out as nothing. Similarly with
printing, & I sh^d not see any d^y worry by with the soft of expense
superintendence w^d be reduced

I cannot answer your question abt the glazing
of the paper till after I have been to the mills but abt Tuesday
next I hope to inform you what are wanted & in what time, &
will try to get a specimen. but I fear we shall not be able
to equal the De la Rue's work.

Wm. S. /

Dorchester St. Feb'y 94/01.

The slip paper at S' H^o will be increased as far as possible.
You do not say how long you will be before you propose to deliver paper.
What quantity and sample you machine a week? we must take
care ~~not to agree~~ & not again overstock ourselves. Besides there is a
danger of some mistake in the mode of mounting.
he made ^{the} 100 Nos. the dark threads instead of the light as we had
arrang^d. were put near to the base surface & the sheets were folded
instead of being deep folded for. I know that mistakes of this
kind are at first unavoidable but they show the way of proceed^{ing}
consequently. Please to let me know at y^r convenience what will be
the cost per lb of such paper as you propose for labels, thickness &
quality say all the same as y^r larger paper, with 2 threads
passing thro' each label. I remain
Yours "David and A. L." J. Dickinson Esq



from among the first manufactured, making the best scale of each.

As soon as you have made your experiments in glazing, I shall be glad to know the results.

I also enclose a letter which has been sent me by Mr. Presely
(this was not found in the papers). It is very important that
the quality of the paper should be as good as possible. Freeman &
I Dickinson Esq. Lynd "Rowland Hill."

Extract of a letter from Mr. E. Hill.

"The paper must not be folded.

De la Rue says the sheets are variable in thickness, & why
the glazing is rendered less perfect. Inasmuch as a no of these
sheets do not get a due pinch in going thro' the rolls.

Great attention to the prevention of specks & improve the
paper. The cutting is not yet perfect. De la Rue says
there is a variation of $\frac{1}{16}$ of an inch sometimes, & that he gives as
a reason for making the ends smaller than our patterns, as he
is obliged to take the smallest sheets as his gauge, for fear of
making waste." Mr. D's papers dated from the first batch, the then price 36.

Mr. Evans writes, R.A.S.

Decr 1. 1895. Barnes Lodge, King's Langley.

If I am permitted enough to write across any more
paper, stamps or documents bearing on this subject, I will
certainly let you know: however I fear that nothing of much value
is likely to turn up now. Yrs very truly, Lewis Evans.

Barnes Lodge - King's Langley
21 Oct 1897

My dear Sir

I have today come across a small packet of
matters relating to postage stamp & envelope paper with 2 or
three sample sheets. & several diagrams showing how the
threads are to go dating from 1841-1854. would you like me
to send them on by post for examination

Yours faithfully

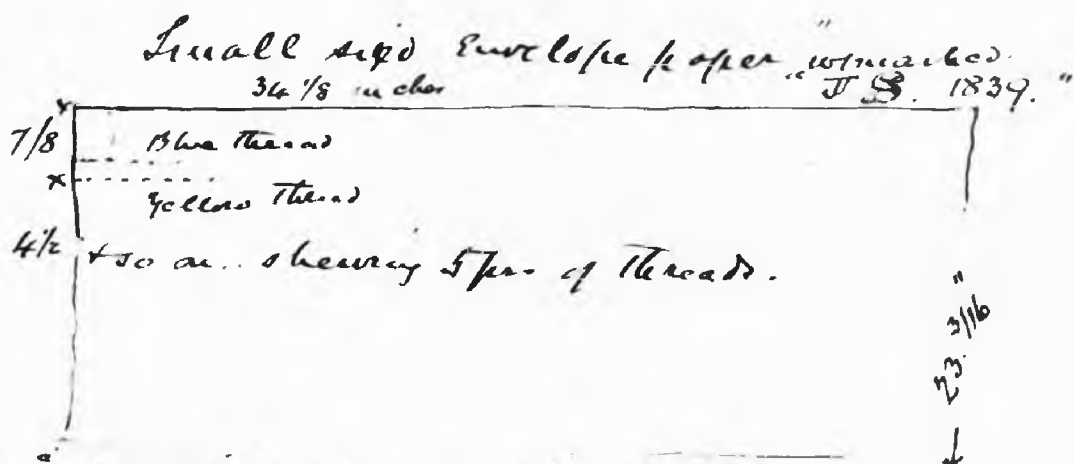
J. A. Smith Esq. R.C.

Lewis Evans

1. Sheet paper postcard. opening in middle & above spread out 30.
 showing in the inside

" July 26. 1841.

2^d found correct
 March 27th 1845
 O.H.



2. July 26. 1841. Middle sized envelope paper

33 3/4 inches

similar sheet.
 March 27th 1845
 (first paper ordered of this
 increased size in July 1843)
 [Ormond Hill] O.H.

5 pairs thread yellow above
 horizontally blue lower
 5 in apart. last pair 1" from lower edge
 26 inches deep

3. Similar sheet to No 1. above.

July 26. 1841.

Large sized envelope paper.

3 inches full

2^d found correct
 March 27th 1845
 O.H.

4 pairs horiz^l thread 24 3/4 inches deep
 yellow
 blue } 6 in apart.

Scale 3 in & the foot

4. Sheet plain postcard opening out. inside & thro.

Length	Breadth	Area	weight lb	Quality	Not position of the threads
The Large size, 3 in full	26 3/4	767	37 1/2 lbs.	perfect sheet	4 pairs of threads blue
					black spots. blue thread & blue thread
					a blue t of the 1 st pair to be 1 in from 1 of the margins & the yellow t of the same pair to be 1/2 in from same margin.
The middle size	33 3/4	26	877 1/2	46 1/2 lbs	20 sample of 5 pairs of threads. 5 in apart from blue t & 6 threads the blue t of the 1 st pair to be 1 in from one of the margins & the yellow thread of same pair 1/2 in
		25 1/4	869	46	Do sample of 5 pairs of threads. 5 in apart from blue t & 6 threads the blue t of the 1 st pair to be 1 in from one of the margins & the yellow thread of same pair 1/2 in
					fewer black spots. as there are marked colored threads

The Small size 3 1/8 in 23 3/16 in 791 in 42 lbs as middle size 5 pairs & 4 1/2 in apart from 6. 5 lbs. 1st pair blue thread 7/8 in margin yellow 1 1/8 from same

27 July 1841

E.H. for Ormond Hill

2^d corrected March 27th 1845 O.H.



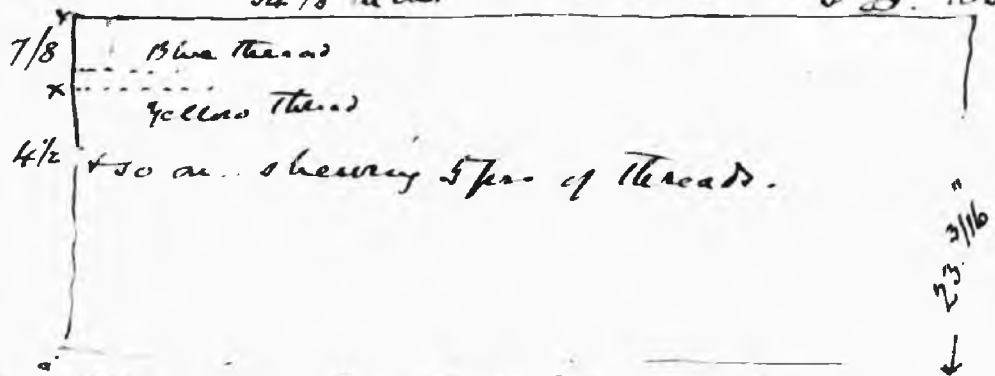
1. Sheet paper footscale. opening in middle & above spread out 30.

showing in the inside

" July 26. 1841.

Small sized envelope paper "unmarked."
3 1/4 inches

2^d found correct
March 27. 1845
O.H.



2. July 26. 1841. Middle sized envelope paper

33 3/4 inches

similar sheet
unmarked
March 27. 1845
(first paper ordered of this
increased size in July 1843)

[Ormondville] O.H.

5 pairs thread yellow above
horizontally. blue lower
5 in apart. Last pair 1" from lower edge
of each

26 inches
deep

3. Similar sheet 6 No 1. above.

July 26. 1841.

Large sized envelope paper.

2^d found correct.
March 27. 1845
O.H.

3 inches full

4 pairs horiz thread 24 3/4 inches deep

yellow
blue } 6 in apart.

Scale 3 in to the foot

4. Sheet plain footscale opening out. inside & above.

Sample	Length	Width	Area	Weight	Quality	Notes
The Large size, 3 in full	24 3/4 in	76 7/8 in	37 1/2 lbs	2.5 lbs	Not perfect. 4 pairs of threads. 1st pair with few black spots. 2nd pair with few black spots. 3rd pair with few black spots. 4th pair with few black spots. 5th pair with few black spots. 6th pair with few black spots. 7th pair with few black spots. 8th pair with few black spots. 9th pair with few black spots. 10th pair with few black spots. 11th pair with few black spots. 12th pair with few black spots. 13th pair with few black spots. 14th pair with few black spots. 15th pair with few black spots. 16th pair with few black spots. 17th pair with few black spots. 18th pair with few black spots. 19th pair with few black spots. 20th pair with few black spots. 21st pair with few black spots. 22nd pair with few black spots. 23rd pair with few black spots. 24th pair with few black spots. 25th pair with few black spots. 26th pair with few black spots. 27th pair with few black spots. 28th pair with few black spots. 29th pair with few black spots. 30th pair with few black spots. 31st pair with few black spots. 32nd pair with few black spots. 33rd pair with few black spots. 34th pair with few black spots. 35th pair with few black spots. 36th pair with few black spots. 37th pair with few black spots. 38th pair with few black spots. 39th pair with few black spots. 40th pair with few black spots. 41st pair with few black spots. 42nd pair with few black spots. 43rd pair with few black spots. 44th pair with few black spots. 45th pair with few black spots. 46th pair with few black spots. 47th pair with few black spots. 48th pair with few black spots. 49th pair with few black spots. 50th pair with few black spots. 51st pair with few black spots. 52nd pair with few black spots. 53rd pair with few black spots. 54th pair with few black spots. 55th pair with few black spots. 56th pair with few black spots. 57th pair with few black spots. 58th pair with few black spots. 59th pair with few black spots. 60th pair with few black spots. 61st pair with few black spots. 62nd pair with few black spots. 63rd pair with few black spots. 64th pair with few black spots. 65th pair with few black spots. 66th pair with few black spots. 67th pair with few black spots. 68th pair with few black spots. 69th pair with few black spots. 70th pair with few black spots. 71st pair with few black spots. 72nd pair with few black spots. 73rd pair with few black spots. 74th pair with few black spots. 75th pair with few black spots. 76th pair with few black spots. 77th pair with few black spots. 78th pair with few black spots. 79th pair with few black spots. 80th pair with few black spots. 81st pair with few black spots. 82nd pair with few black spots. 83rd pair with few black spots. 84th pair with few black spots. 85th pair with few black spots. 86th pair with few black spots. 87th pair with few black spots. 88th pair with few black spots. 89th pair with few black spots. 90th pair with few black spots. 91st pair with few black spots. 92nd pair with few black spots. 93rd pair with few black spots. 94th pair with few black spots. 95th pair with few black spots. 96th pair with few black spots. 97th pair with few black spots. 98th pair with few black spots. 99th pair with few black spots. 100th pair with few black spots.	
The middle size	33 3/4	26	877 1/2	46 lbs	20 sample of Decr 1840 (had on the paper, black spots. 20 contain no pulp in it. There are marked colored threads.	5 pairs of threads. 5 in apart from blue to blue. The blue of the 1st pair to be 1 in from the margin & the yellow of the same pair to be 1 1/2 in from same margin.
The Small size	3 1/4 in	23 3/16 in	79 1/2 in	42 lbs	as middle size	5 pairs & 4 1/2 in apart from blue to blue. 1st pair blue thread 7/8 in margin yellow 1 1/8 in from same

27 July 1841.

E. H. for Ormondville

2^d found correct March 27. 1845. O.H.

10^4
 10^4
 $200(0.20)$

No 4.

Stamps & Taxes. Dec 8th 1841.

Particulars of the paper required for postage envelopes.

The paper to be as free as possible from spots & to be of uniform thickness. The sheets not to be folded, but laid open.

The threads to be in pairs consisting of one blue thread & one yellow thread placed $\frac{1}{4}$ inch apart from each other: the yellow thread to be next the best side or face of the paper & the blue thread to be nearest the inferior side: the threads to run with the length of the sheets in all cases.

Dimensions of the sheets, relative position of the threads, weight per ream & quality, see paper pattern Nos 1, 2 & 3.

This order is intended to correspond with the last order except in respect of quantity, therefore if any discrepancy exists please to point it out before proceeding with the manufacture of the paper.

Signed "Ormond Hill."

11/11 in Stock ^{present note} 22834/54 J. Inland Revenue Office London. 14th June 1846.

Sir, The Board desire that you will immediately convey to Messrs Dickinson & Co an order for 50 Reams of paper for shilling & Tuppenny embossed postage label Stamp: Referring them to The Postage Department at this Office for particulars. I am Sir Y^r obed^t Serv^t
Thos Dobson
The Supervisor General Hempstead (Copy to H^{rs} Post)

on piece thick cartridge paper. ^{General Office} 8 March 1851.
no shilling & Tuppenny Label paper

Pattern sheet shows the size & position of the threads.

Length ^{inches} 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ - width ⁱⁿ 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ - weight 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs per ream of 500 sheets.

The quality to be the same as that of the paper made in March 1847, for threads see other side.

other side shows 4 sets of 11^c thread ^{in pairs} } $\frac{3}{16}$ in apart each thread. $\frac{13}{16}$ betw the pairs

Stamps & Taxes 19 March 1847.

on sheet for cartridge paper.

Pattern for the size & the position of threads for the new paper req^d for the 11^c / 10 Stamp (4 rows 11 blue lines $\frac{3}{16}$ in apart each other - 1 in betw the rows.)

Length of sheet 20 $\frac{1}{4}$ in full. Width 11 in Weight 12 lbs

Threads The 2 threads forming each pair to be $\frac{3}{16}$ in apart. The centre of the pair nearest the left to be $1\frac{1}{2}$ in from the edge. The centre of the next pair $2\frac{1}{2}$ in the next $3\frac{1}{2}$ from to $9\frac{1}{2}$.

also

1. Sheet rough. Dolmores paper marked "Apsley Mills"
"Paper Postage"

Sheet yellow
| |

(three sets of threads on this sheet |

Sheet yellow
| |

{ edge

2. Sheet marked Envelopes 46 lbs 21" Dec 1841.
3 sets Threads | | apart.

3. " similar " " 22 Dec 1841. | | apart

4. " similar | | 3 sets. then apart " 23 Dec 1841.

| | for large ones?

Island Revenue Services House 17th Sept 1849.

Pattern for size of paper for middle sized postage envelopes.

Length of sheet 34 $\frac{3}{8}$ in } 4 pairs threads long yellow -
width " 23 " } blue.

- edge of sheet

a piece of cartridge paper cut.

No. 1.

Dec 8. 1841.

← size of paper for large envelopes.

Weight per ream 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs

Quality as per Mulready's

Dimension of sheet 31 in full by 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ in

See also paper No 4. edge of paper 5H.

4 sets of threads on the strip.

- yellow
- blue

In small envelopes.

No. 3. Dec 8th 1841

Weight per ream 42 lb

Quality as samples of Dec 1840.

Dimension of sheet 34 $\frac{3}{8}$ in x 23 $\frac{3}{16}$

edge of the sheet - 9H

Large envelope ← Blue thread
← yellow thread } of 8. 12. 41.

- yellow
- blue

- Blue thread.

- yellow "

Takes 5 sets threads for the small envelope

Strip. endorsed Ship pattern for small paper. 6th Dec 1850

Weight per ream. 48 lbs

Length of sheet 35 $\frac{5}{8}$ in } 5 sets thread yellow - short
width 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ " } blue

for large Envelope

length 31 in

width 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ in

pattern for placing threads in paper for large envelope. 31st Oct 1850

yellow line

4 sets in sheet.

Somerset House. Mon. 17. 9. 49

My dear Sir, I have just rec^d the decision of the Bd. allowing of the experiment with the new form of envelope & thank you for the letter you may proceed with the paper, as I have no doubt you will with as little delay as possible. The size of the required sheet is $36 \frac{3}{8} \times 23$ inches. The yellow thread sh^d be 1 inch from one edge of the sheet & the blue thread $1 \frac{1}{4}$ in from the edges & $\frac{1}{4}$ from the yellow. The ~~royal~~ yellow thread $5 \frac{3}{4}$ from the first & so on. I enclose a pattern with shows this.

The quantity of envelopes I have authority to make will require 156 reams of the paper as described. Please be careful about the quality & the tying as we shall fail with the public.

Yours in g^t haste "Ormond Hill"
J. Dickinson Esq.

~~40/1.~~ ~~After 12 days. Dec 8. 1849.~~

Particulars of the paper required for the Postage

Somerset House. Thurs. 6. 12. 49.

Dear Sir, I hope we shall have the die for the new envelopes in the course of a day or two, so that I must press you to hasten as much as possible the preparation of a further supply of the paper. As soon as we have the die we shall be able to dispose of abt. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ reams per day or 15 reams per week; by this you will see we have not a week's work in the 13 reams already sent - I am also very desirous to get right in when we commence & on that account do not like to begin with an imperfect supply.

In order that our stamping machines going until we get in the new form will you be good enough to have sent to De La Rue's the remainder of the large & small viz L 37 reams & S. 73 reams.

I am P^{ty} Sir. Yours very truly "Ormond Hill"
John Dickinson Esq.

Somerset House. Thurs 31st Oct 1850.

My dear Sir,

I have deferred for some few days sending you the particulars of the large paper, in the expectation

9 find this strip

of being able to forward those of the small at the same time;
but as I am not yet supplied with the necessary information
as respects the latter, & as an account of the large & small
being of different qualities, I suppose they will be
made separately. I shall now send the details of the
large & beg you to proceed with the making of the 385 reams,
still due upon the order of April 1849, as soon as you can.

The dimensions of the sheets to be

Length. 31 inches Width 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches

The weight per ream 40 lbs.

The quality to be somewhat inferior to the ^{heretofore} middle as,
to be tub sized as the new Middle

The position of the threads is shown by the accompanying
strip pattern. (probably that ante p. 32 at foot 1.

Please to have particular attention paid to the following.

Equality in the thickness of the different sheets.

Evenness of the threads; in order to avoid cutting thro'
the paper.

Freshness of the size when used; that the paper may
not be tainted.

On the completion of the manufacture of either of
the quantities of Middle, Large or small, please
to send information to this office, stating the
precise number of reams made. I am

Very dear Sir, Yours very truly,
signed "Ormond Hill"

John Dickinson Esq.

Ireland Revenue, General House, London.

17 March 1854.

Sir

The Board have now before them your report of the 17th last,
as to the regulations observed on the manufacture of the paper
for the postage stamps, they have had also under consideration, the

whole arrangement under which that paper is at present supplied

With regard to the supervision of the manufacture of the paper the Bd do not think that their regulations require any alterⁿ or addition, but in order to ensure the complete adherence to them by the Officers of Excise at the different Mills the Bd have directed me to forward to you distinct instructions and the several rules to be observed in the manufacture, as well as in the removal of the paper in question from the Mill and I am to draw your particular attention thereto.

- 1st. The Revenue Officers at the Mills ~~perp~~ to have charge of the paper Moulds &c. looking them up when out of use.
- 2nd. The Officers to take general charge of the paper throughout its various stages of manufacture.
- 3rd. The Officers to take an account of the paper as it is made, showing the gross n^o of sheets produced.
- 4th. All the spoiled sheets as they are discovered in the process of mfg^g or on ~~on~~ to be del^d over to the Officers in order to them take an acc^t of & cancelling the same.
- 5th. The whole of the perfect sheets on their completion to be taken into the custody & charge of the Officers, to remain & be stored by them under lock until wanted for del^y.
- 6th. The Officers to report to Mr Still at the end of each week the quantity of paper of every kind completed & to then enter that during the week, & at the end of each quarter the quantities in stock.
- 7th. Each of the Off^{rs} from time to time to ascertain by comparison that the n^o of good sheets rec^d by him added to the imperfect ones cancelled by him corresponds with the gross n^o of sheets made.
- 8th. The Off^{rs} from time to time upon proper authority being shown to them to del^y up & disposed quantities of the paper to the makers to be conveyed to London.
- 9th. Whenever the Off^{rs} deliver out paper as above they are to forward to the Account & Control Gen^l of this Revenue at Somerset H^{se} an advice letter specifying the quantity & descⁿ of the paper so del^d - to whom assigned - & by whose order.



I have to add with regard to the paper supplied by Messrs Dickinson that the Bd consider that the order for its removal sh^d emanate from them, ^{be given} not as heretofore by Mr Hill. I am Sir, Your ob^d Serv^t

Yours Sd^d Thomas Keogh

To the Supervisor of Sal^d Rev^d Samuel Hempstead.

Postage Stamps Department.

Sir

26th July. 1855.

In referring to the request I made in March last that you w^d not make all the paper for Postage Envelopes, which was on order, I beg now to withdraw that restriction as respects the Middle Size (42½ lbs) & to request that you will make all of that size for which you have the Board's order. I am Gent^l

Your obed^t Serv^t

Yours Sd^d "Ormond Still"

Messrs Dickinson & Co.





Philbrick (7. back Adolphus)
[A volume containing a folio, manuscript note
book of extracts made from the correspondence
of Sir Rowland Hill, et]

1^d Die I.

Black. Small Crown. black.

Red.

1. Archer. 1847
2. " 1848
3. " 1849.

Perf. 16.

" 14.

Die II.

" 16

" 14

Large Crown. maltese

Perf. 16.

" 14.

Besides imperforated

Four letters in angles.

1^o 14.

6 lilac embossed.

Normal.

V R

Inverted.

R V

(not found
in series)
found by Bacon
in Dapling

Reversed.

(not used)

R V

Reversed & inverted

(Common)

Λ B

✓



Lodge of "Faith & Unanimity," No. 417,

DORCHESTER.

The W. M. Elect (Bro. E. Groves)

Requests the pleasure of the Company of

W. Bro Judge Philbrick
at his

Installation and Banquet.

On Wednesday, January the 7th, 1903.

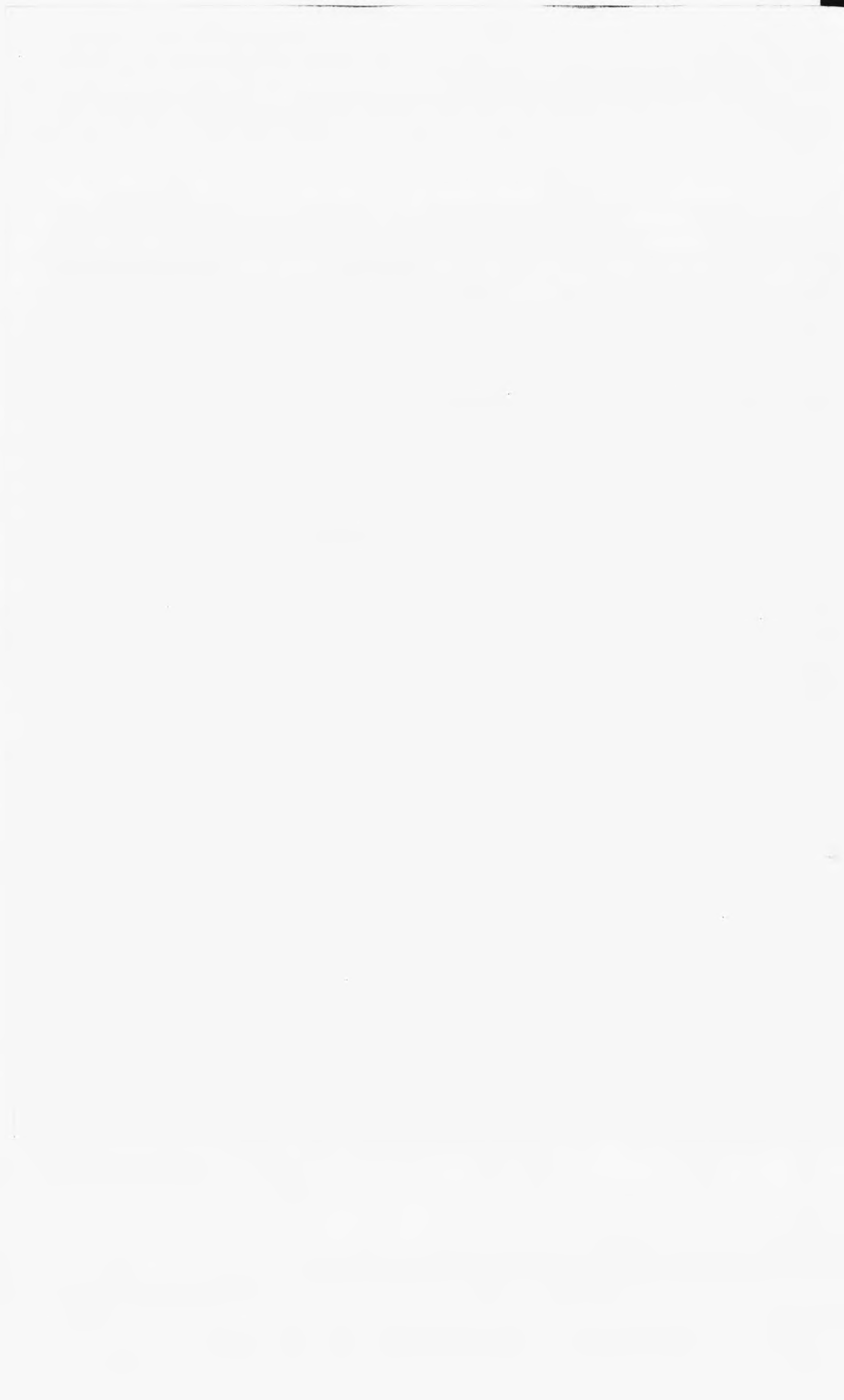
Installation at 4 p.m.

Banquet at 6.30 p.m.

*Westlaze,
Dorchester.*

A reply not later than Jan. 1st, will oblige.





Dockwren 1680
Jenny Post.

"Jenny Post Paid"

C. Davies Shorborne showed me an inkre.
Letter from Mrs Richards to

Mr Hubbard,

at the Barts

House Treasurer of the Assurance

in the Town.

dated 29 June 1687.

with letters like mine, but rather smaller.

W

W.B.T.

Post Marks.

H. Whympre 15th Collectors'

Mag. 1777 June 18.3

Vipond. Th: Journal.

Pembertons
pp 140-186.

London Divided into
Postal Districts. 1856.

E.C.

E.

N

NW

S.E.

S.W.

W.

W.C.

(old) NE Bethnal Green. Clapton Machinery
Station & Hoxton & Leylandstone vicar? in E.
This was obsolete in 1880.
S.

P. Raddington. L.S. = Lombard St.

C.X. = Charing Cross S.M.P. = St Martin's Place

M.L. = Mark Lane. F.S. = Fleet St.

T.A. = Throgmorton Avenue. L.C. = Ludgate

G.S. = Gracechurch St. C. = Cannon St. R.L.O.

W. See E. 6th 55th H. 157. 2. R. 2nd Dec. 1880.

1903**MARCH****1903**

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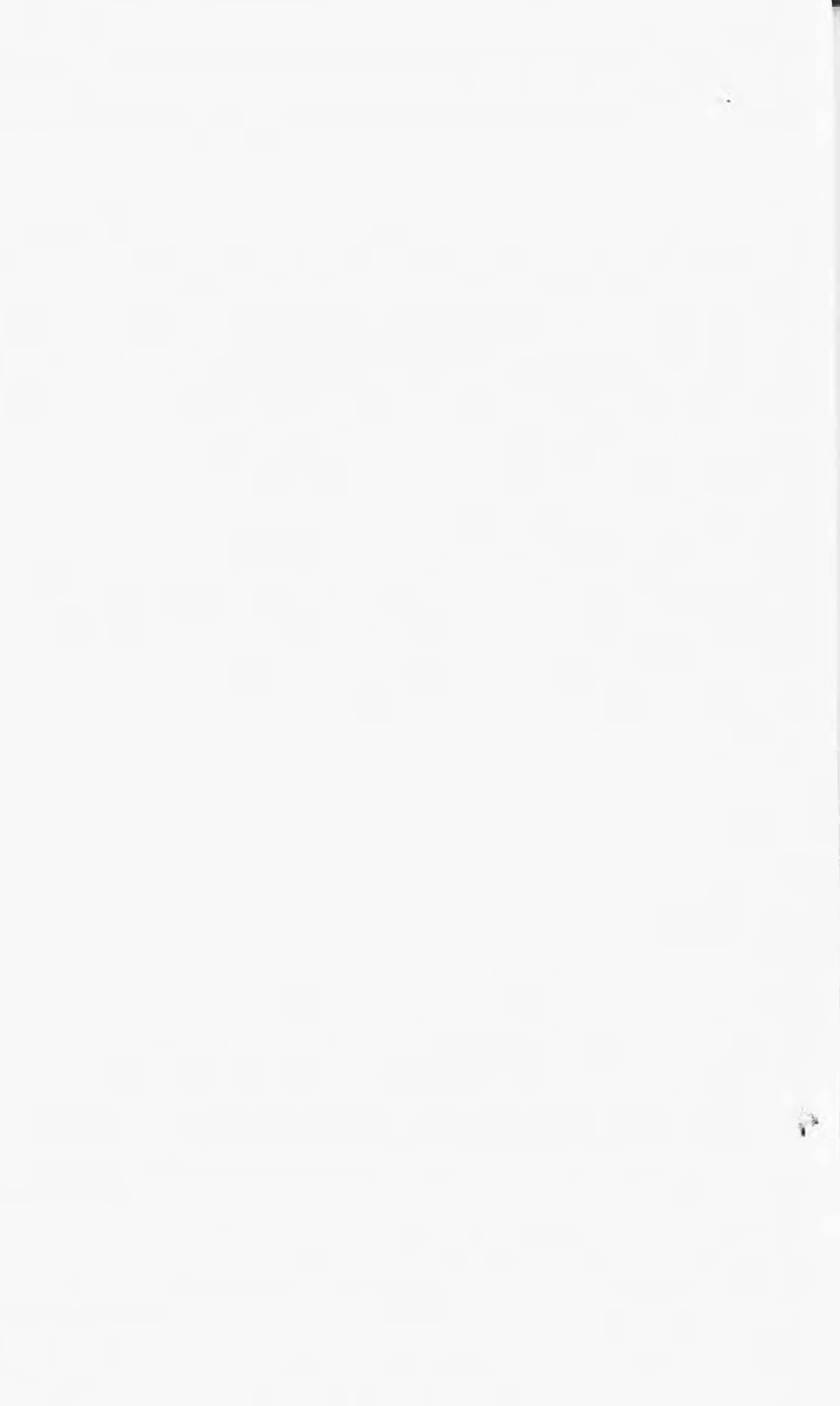
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A. & N. C. S., L., 105, VICTORIA STREET, S.W. These Cards are supplied under No. C 502.



Post Marks.

Information given F.A.P. by
Mr Badcock: G.P.O.

1.  London is hand stamped.
so country. like this.

2.  London. machine stamped.

3.  Long lines.

is by a machine, wanted by an
American who sold one to G.P.O. but
declined to sell more, or by less
than the 1000. which was many
more than wanted.

This one was used at Head Office.

The P.O. supplies defacing stamps to
all the Offices in U. Kingdom.

In 1894 subject was under revision
by Mr B

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in circle

In 745 P. first seen 1.3.53. 8^{ms} 8 among
at Kew directing

all diamonds but this is 55.



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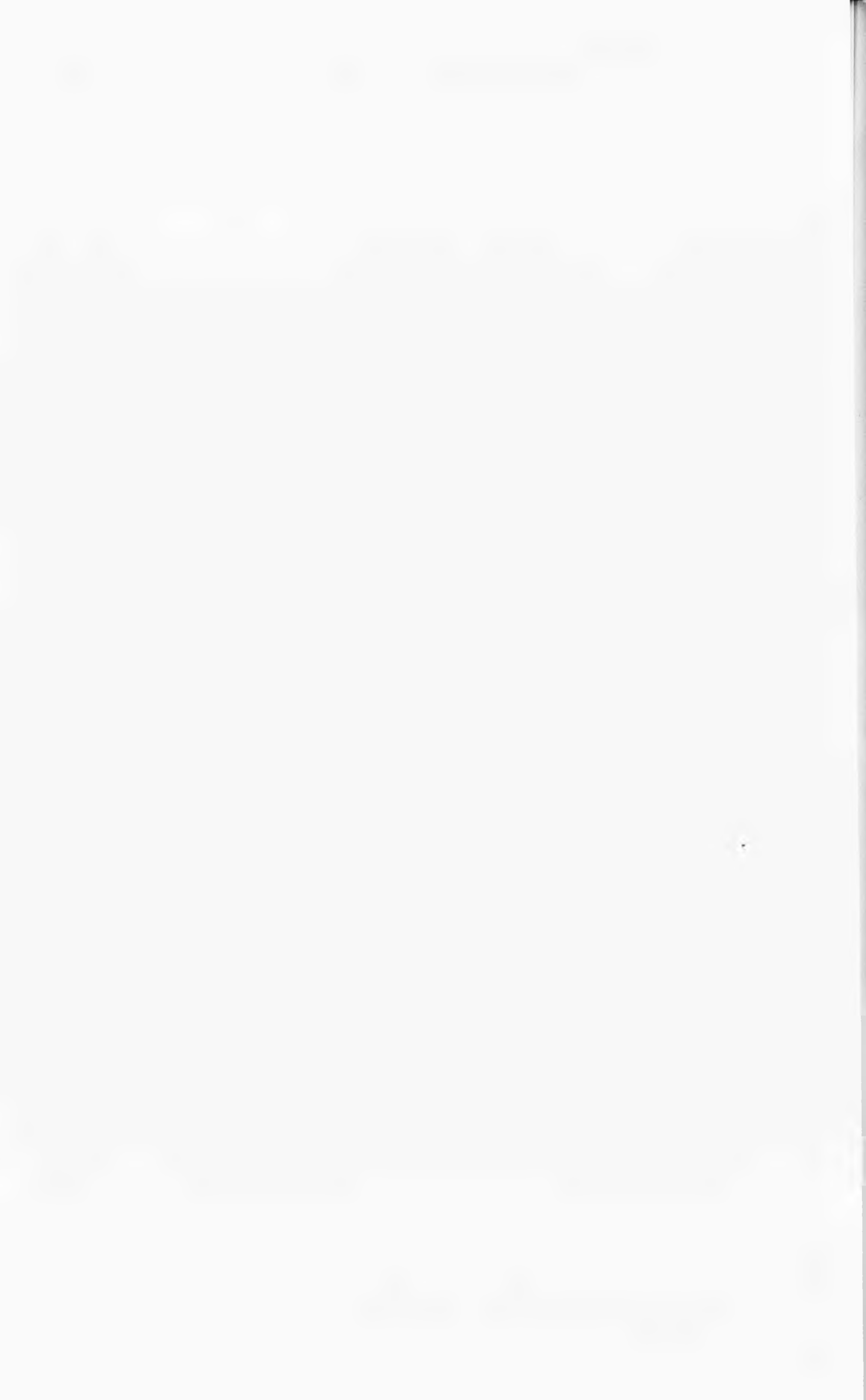
An early answer address

at the Annual Cyder Feast
Colchester, on Wednesday, 25th

His Honour Sir
requests the pleasure

(Alderman Edw
The Mayor







London.

Diamond in oval. bars varying in thickness.

4. 10. Lambard St.

" 7. 3.

1. 18. 4. Gray's Inn.

London Letter p. 6 7th P. from Agents till 29. 3. 58

when  began (only one)

July 58 barbed oval. 2 328. but diamond again
in July Dec. 6 17. 12. 58

a lower copy * 3 6. 58 

39. used. Aug 56 / 12. 57

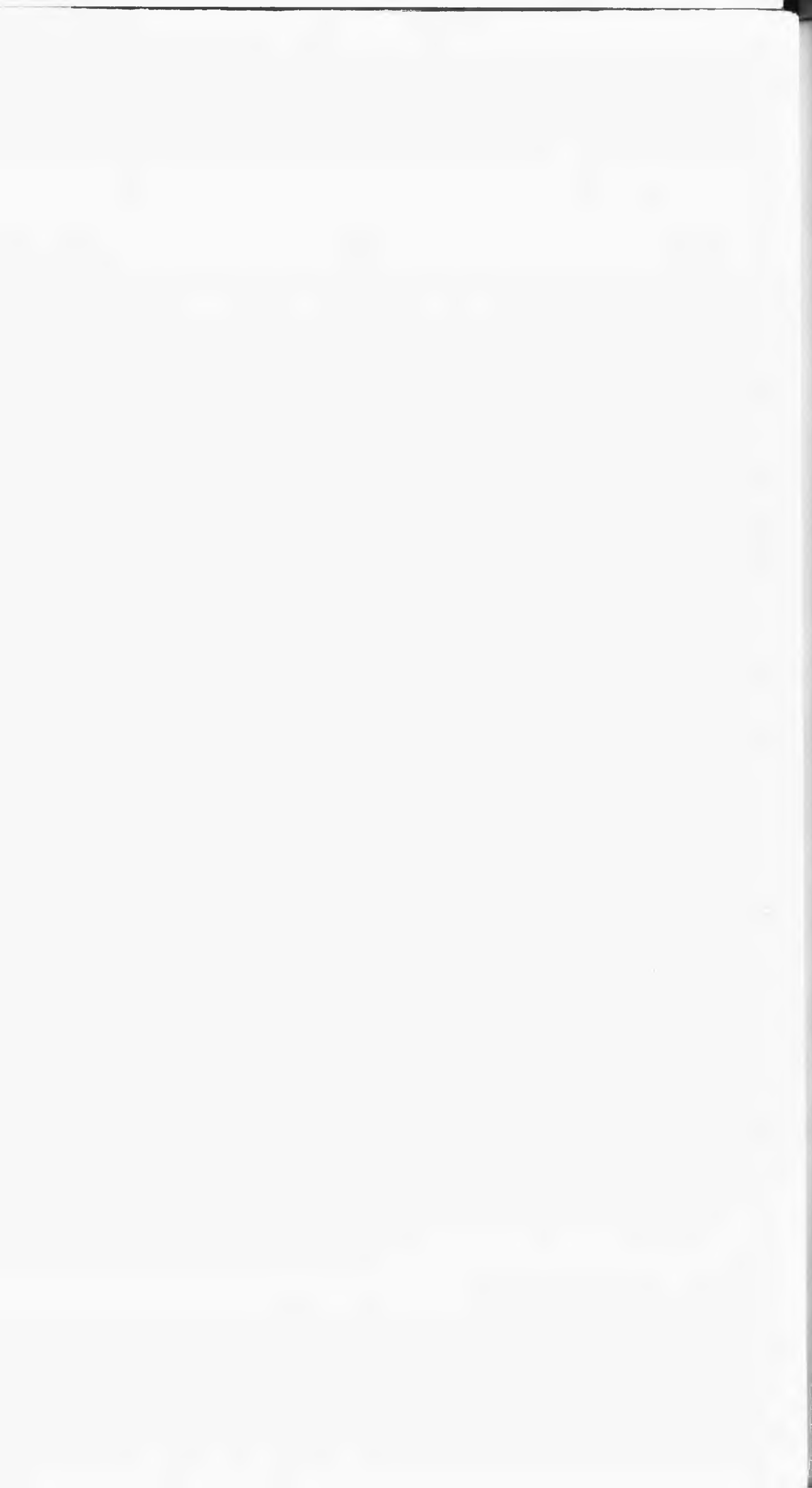
all these '58 to the diamond. a few have very little 18
but a small one 18 used concurrently

+

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1st Envelopes.

Die I. 1 W.W.

first dated die found. 86. W.W.

Last mark die I is 115 W.W.

Die II. First is 140 W.W.

initials Last. 155. W.W.

Then numbers only.

first. 156.

Last 228.

Then set. 1 - 36.

Then with no numbers a letter.

Then "S.H."

1 1/2 d. on compressed envelopes

1 st Die 184	dated 27. 4. 75. + 1 1/2 d. 27. 4. 75	in brown die 5 on 6. } very eleg. set. } " 8. 2. 75 + 1 1/2. 8. 2. 75 " 1. plain " 18. 5. 75. + 15. 5. 75 " die 1.
2 nd 1.	8. 6. 78. + 8. 6. 78	" "
4 th 2.	31. 5. 78. + 31. 5. 78	" "
6 th 2.	" + "	" "
1 st 6	" + "	" "
2d red pica	die 8. florats + 1 1/2 yellow florats. S.H	no line, unbroken
"	7. 6. 7. 92. + 1 1/2 yellow woline, both 6. 7. 92	
3 rd	florats die allegba + 1 1/2 yellow. on line unbroken florats S.H	
4 th	die 1. florats + " " " "	
2 nd pica. allegba	+ " " " 19. 9. 92. allegba	
6 th not pica. 32	+ " " florats S.H.	no line, unbroken florats
10 th	7. + " " " " florats S.H	
" allegba	+ " " " " " S.H	
1 st florats do 14	+ " " " " " S.H	

Middle Temple.

MICHAELMAS TERM, 1893.

- Commons begin . . . Thursday, November 2nd.
- Proposals for the Bar . . Friday, November 10th.
- Consideration of Proposals } Tuesday, November 14th.
for the Bar } (Special Parliament.)
- Call Day Friday, November 17th.
- Grand Day { Tuesday, November 21st,
6.45 for 7 p.m.
- Commons end . . . Saturday, November 25th.

A Parliament is held every Friday in Term, at 4.30 p.m., except on Friday, 17th November (Call Day), when the Parliament will meet at 4 o'clock.

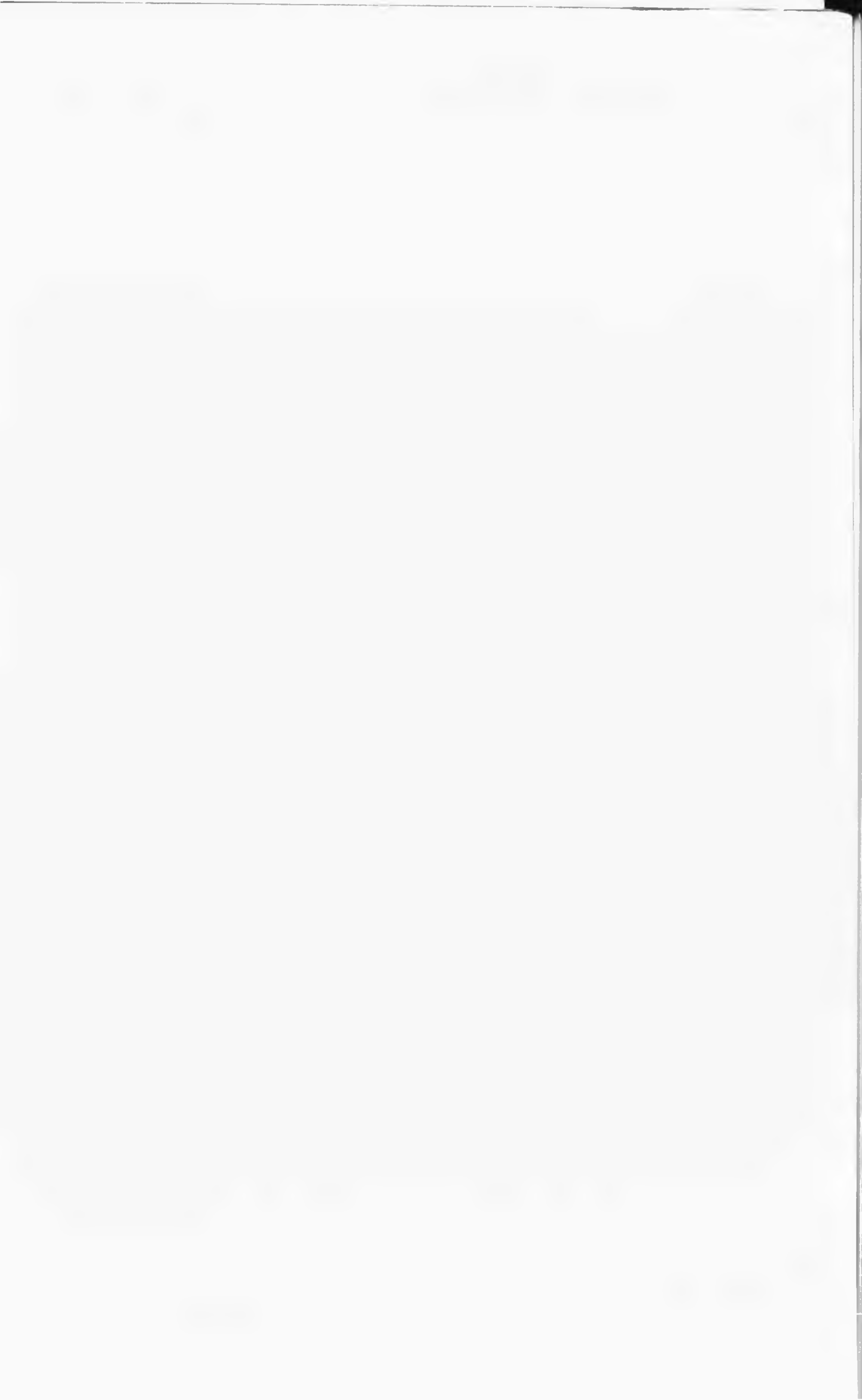
Three halfpence

- Die 1. in pink dates 28. 4. 73. —
in brown. 19. 4. 75. line.
9. 3. 77. D.
Die 2. border broken. brown 9. 2. 82. D.
22. 3. 83. D.

Envelopes.

- Die 5. No line. brown. 7. 3. 92.
yellow 8. 5. 92.
broken top. " 13. 6. 92.
" " 2. 1. 93.
" " 31. 1. 93.
" not broken " florals purple 94.
Die 6. broken top " " "
Die 6. blank " S. H. no line " " (see back)





James J. Hooker. Thorne Yeovil.
Dec^r 1882.

51. 52 Vic c 4th.

55. In Dorset.
1 Blandford.

2 Bridport.

DR. 3 Dorchester

DR. 4 Poole

5 Shaftesbury.

6 Wareham.

7 Weymouth

8 Wauborne Minster

In Hants.

9 Christchurch & Bournemouth

10 Andoverbridge & Ringwood

11 Lynton

In Somerset

12 Crewkerne.

13 Wincanton.

14 Yeovil

Wilt. 15 Salisbury.

Mean - 26.10

Range

40 to 100 at 17.65

8
8
9
8
8

40 10 50 50 10 50 65

5-10-17 18 25 18 25 18 25

26 30 26 50

2/10/17 43.50 43.50

15-1 135 192 192 200

2/10/17 151 175 176 1700

24 176 176 176

12 12 12 12 12 12

10 10 10 10 10 10

8 9 9 9 9 9

26 50 26 50 26 50 26 50

8 9 8 9



THE FISCAL PHILATELIST AND REVENUE STAMP GUIDE.

FRED. GEO. C. LUNDY,

EDITORIAL ADDRESS

88, BURGHLEY ROAD,
HIGHGATE ROAD,
LONDON, N.W. ENGLAND.

2^d Decr 92

My dear Sir many thanks for yours
of y'day's date. It would indeed
be useful to find out what these
bars & ornaments really mean.

I know the paper was stamped
first & used indiscriminately
but as in each yearly or half
yearly volume (I have about a
dozen) each various bar & ornament
appears. I do not think they can
denote years but as you say the
various dies - Under some of the
dies there is a second number in
large type thus



~~2077EC~~

N^o 63.

what can this number N^o 63 mean.

My theory is

the upper number with bar and ornaments
denotes the running number printed
from each die. in order to keep a check

[The page contains extremely faint, illegible handwriting throughout.]

on the officials, and at the same
time act as a correct & ready
reckoners - & that the lower numbers
in large one figures then N^o 63 -
denotes the die number - I have
seen & have in my possession
several copies with ^{the} ~~sign~~ the die
number N^o 63, but none have
the same upper number with
bars & or ornaments, hence
my conclusion that the latter is
the running number.

As I am a week or so inter-
vene before the second no of the
journal comes out. I have
gone to the press very early in
fact the first six pages are already
in type. If therefore you can
favor me with your contribution
or give me some idea where
I may expect it. I shall feel
extremely obliged. It is immaterial
to me. what you favor me with as
I am confident whatever it is
it will be interesting & you
are the better judge.

Anticipating an early
reply Yours truly
Edw. B. Lewis

Enclosed is the new of - Justice Room
value in figures. (The statements
were different to prove)
Please accept

1 Fort Paragon
Margate

Nov. 22 94

My dear Sir

While travelling down here
my companion gave me some long
promised pulls from the original
lithographic stones of the Schöner
Compagnies stamps. One for me
& one for you. These stones have
been in his office uncleaned &
since the execution of the order
in the first instance.

They are of the value of 4^d & 9^d
The stones of the other values have
all as yet turned up & are
being destroyed.

I am inclined to regard them as
a treasure but don't know what
you have in this way.

The stamps are lithographed in
rows of 9, there are 9 rows
& each row is devoted to one

Company in the following order

Dundee

Manchester

Glasgow

Liverpool

Aberdeen

Birmingham

London

Metropolitan

Edinburgh & Keith

My friend tells me that each individual stamp would be transferred & the value also would be transferred but put in separately. So that each value of each place would be identical in type except perhaps that the value label might be crossed in some instances

Should you want any particulars

about these stamps, as to number limited, etc. I can get it for

for, as my friend tells me he
can search his books.

I will leave the 2 sets of
proof at p house, as by
return to town as the my work
is fast.

Do not trouble to write, I send
these notes at once as they
may be useful

With kind regards
my best loves
Wm. S. Thackeray

Betty Combs
Mr. Sturges
Hypnotist.

1st rose. Env. Issued by P.O. Public

Dec 1 to 36 inclusive. not pierced

I have small eye. no seal. ✓ flap.

I mark 20.11.01. die 1.

II . . . Intermediate full note

mark 17.10.81. die 8.

III . Count 098, square.

5.1.82, die 1

3.11.81. " 11.

IV . in thin blue wove paper,
all mine numbered are 83 & 84
but most of mine are unused

While of the dated ones
pierced, which preceded them I have.
Serials I

Dec 221, stuck 9.5.81.

223

227. plain die not pierced

mark 5.10.012.

II Intermediate.

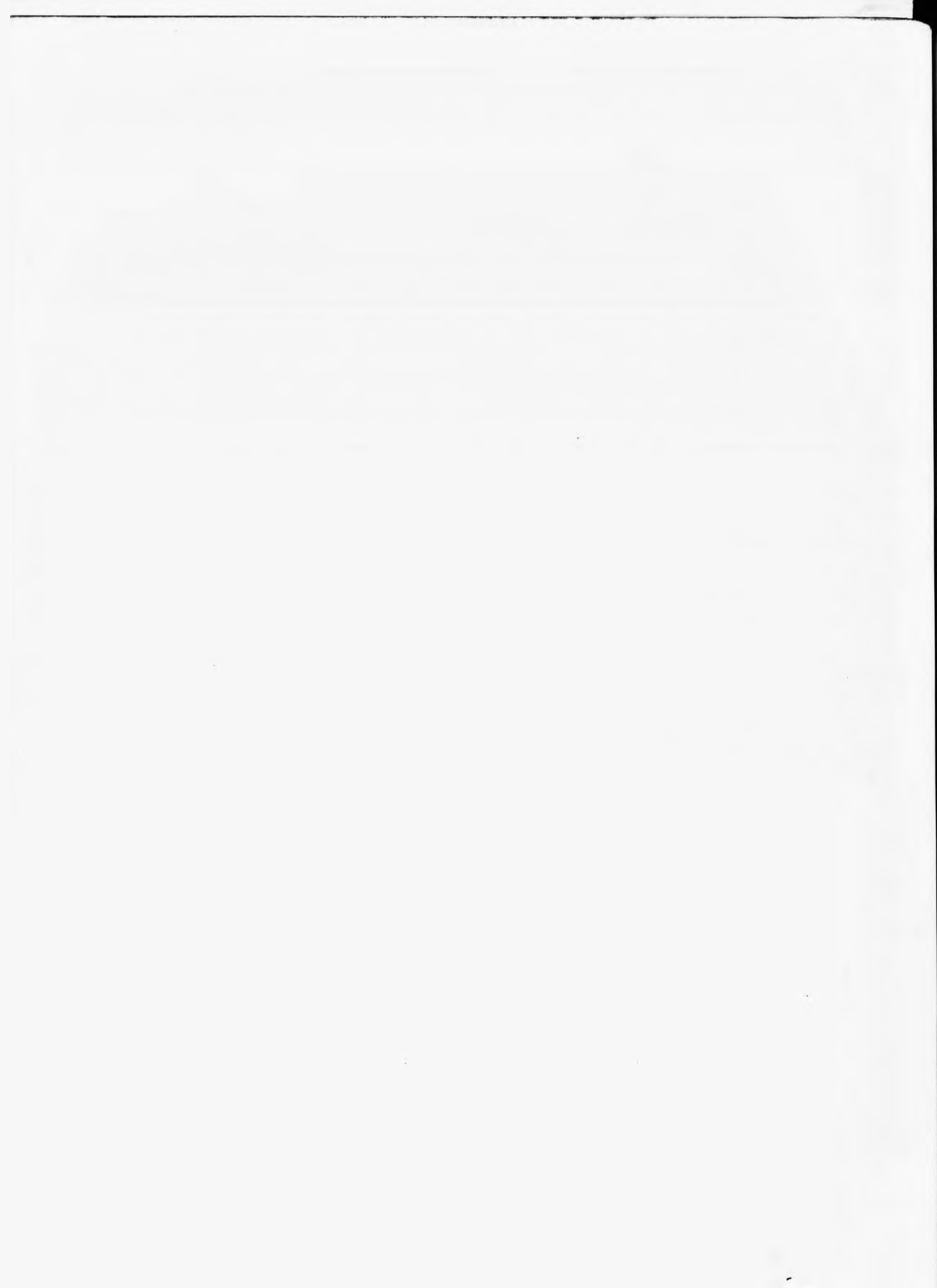
218. 30.4.81.

220 5.2.01.

221. 27.1.01.

224. 26.9.79 — note

12
you say you saw this 13.5.81.



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27.1.01.

224.

26.9.79.

— note

you say you saw this 13.5.81.

must have overlooked

Count says - die 209 11.11.79.

212. not pierced.

p number 1.12.81.

213. stuck. 12.8.86

220. . 22.2.81. }
. 14.12.80 }

My others all have no dates
or initials & are the current lot.

from above, which is all I can tell
you see

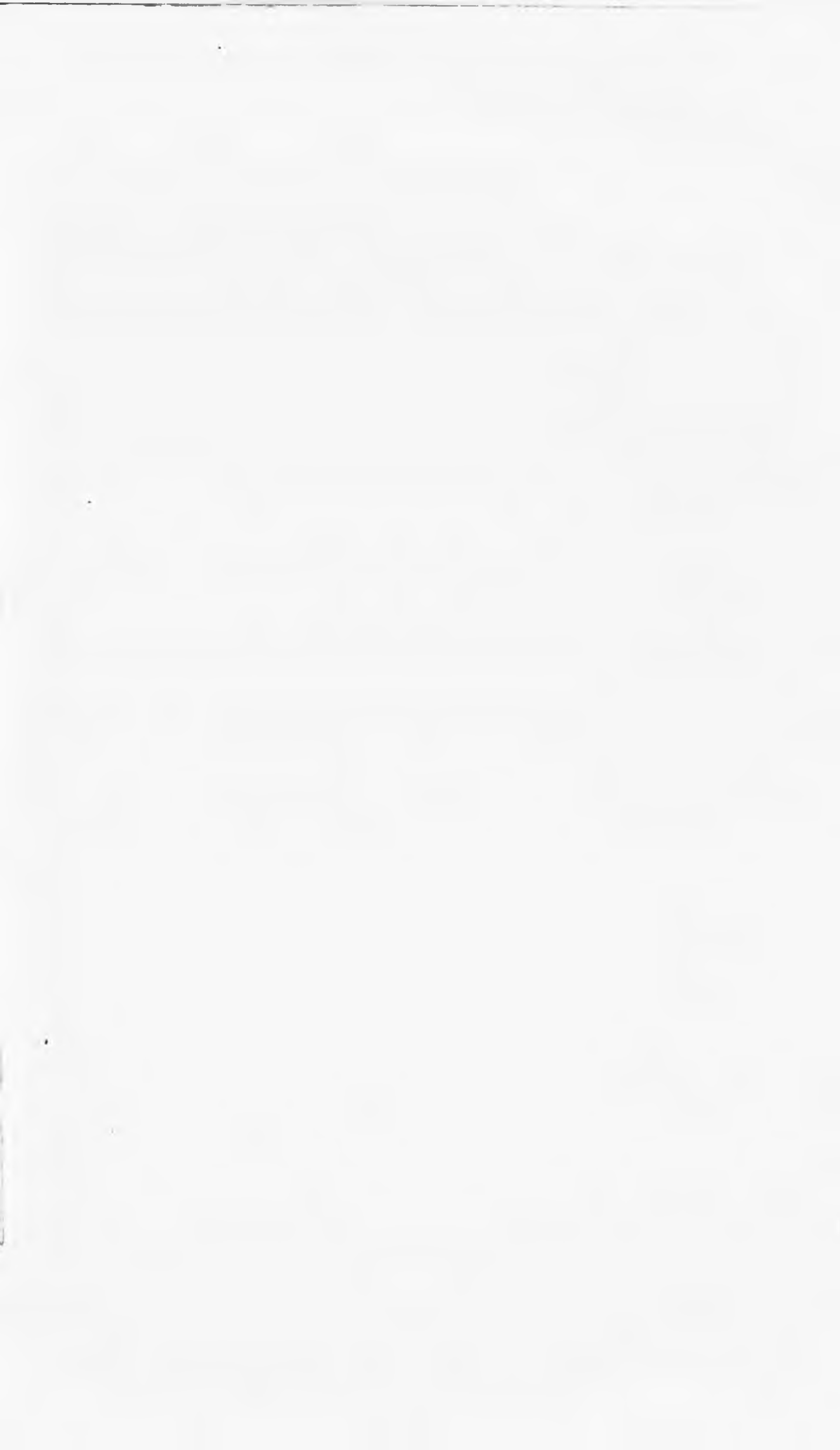
the 212. & 227 (certainly these
97 more)

were used. Two pierced for dies.

all this is new to me. I had not
investigated & am obliged.

You see there were dies 'duly used'
on the neck not pierced & yet used.

Of course you are right, we
measure the longer side of Engr. for
I was in error.



India. taken Aug. 1890 at Louvet House
Receipt bill or draft stamps.

Half anna. paper reddish - stamp lilac.
Control marks in brown.

① [177] registered 13.12.60.
20 rows of 12 = 240 - watermark large crown.
Margins watermarked in double open lined caps
"Government of India" at upper & lower
margins reading inward to the stamps

One Anna lilac. paper & watermark same
as above: but shade a little redder.

③ [183] registered 1.3.61
Control marks in black.

Dead stamps embossed. pink. white relief, on bluish,
stamps outlined green. same surcharge. in black letters.
"at request of Govt of State for India"
"Foreign Bill" overprints

4 annas. 26.11.60

1 rupee. Du A. 22.11.60

" B. 24.11.60

4 rupees A. 21.11.60

" B. 28.11.60



France



(1)
has 2 sheets

Jamaica.

These stamps were manufactured by De La Rue & Co on the orders of the Crown Agents for the Island, & appear registered at Somerset House on the following dates.

1 st blue.	Plate No 1.	26.9.60.
2 nd rose	. 1	3.10.60.
4 th vermilion	. 1	3.10.60.
6 th lilac	. 1	3.10.60.
1 st brown.	. 1.	3.10.60.

The watermark in the paper is a pineapple: in the margins. "Jamaica Postage" in script letters. on the ^{two} outer sides of each pane. a 8 times in all

The panes are 4 placed two under the other each containing 10 strips vertically & 6 horizontally 60 per pane. 240 per sheet.

Marginal legends on outer edge, ~~of each pane~~, above the top & ^{at the sides of each} below the ~~bottom~~ pane, in block Capitals (in the 2nd) "60. Jamaica postage stamps. 5s.

& below each of the bottom panes. in small Print.

"Price - 1d per Label - 6d per row of Six,
5s per sheet of Sixty. "

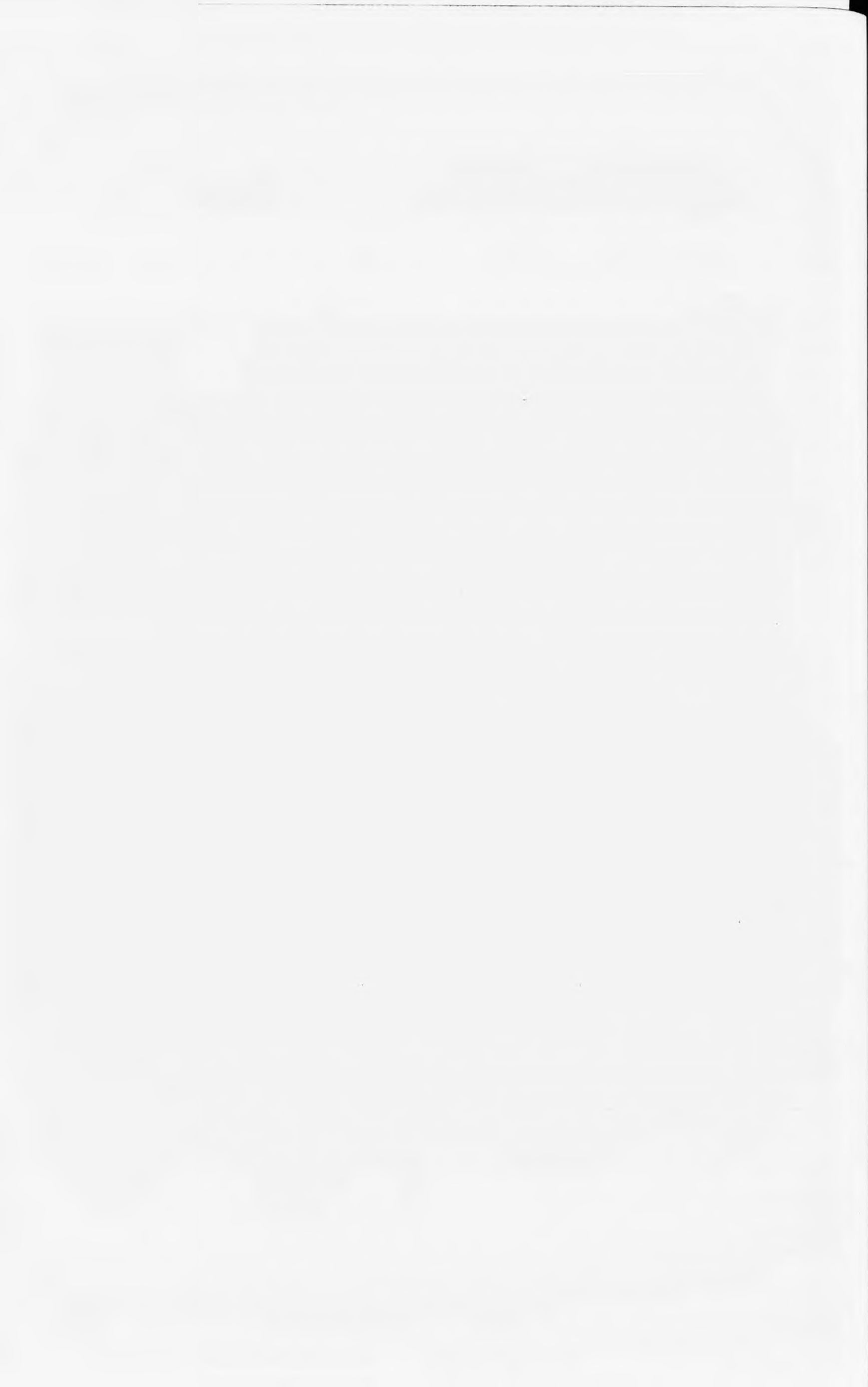
The amounts only varying, with the values per row & c for the others.

L.A.D.
Aug 1890. 124

(1)



① Hawaiian



(2)

Jamaica.

H.A.P. Augt 1890 at S. House

Issue of 1 Jan'y 1858

Fiscals

One penny.

One shilling. { ~~red~~ rose

(3)

240 " ~~120~~ One shilling Jamaica Stamps. £12.
(in 20 rows of 12 each) on each side of sheet not watermarked

Moss No 450

13.11.57.

5^s.

blac

(4)

240. five shillings &c. " £60.

No 451

13.11.57.

10^s.

green
13.11.67

(5)

240. ten " " £120.

No 452.

2^d type. Large head with shield below
of postage. Moss type 2890



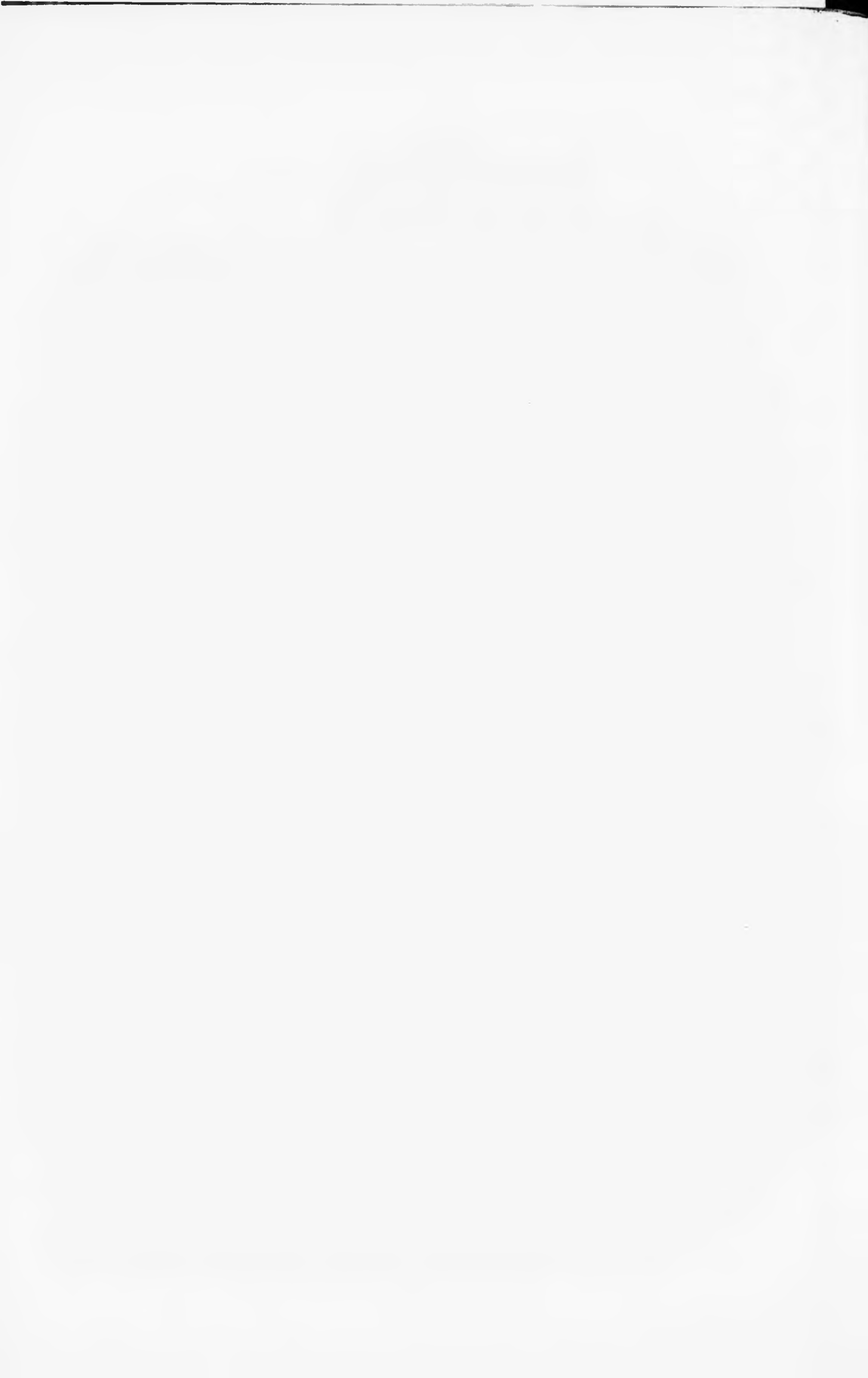
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- unguis -



— original —



1. "12 new dies" 8. 1. 42
 11. 12. 14 21 22 23
 31. 33. 34 43 51 53

I am glad we both agree
 on this point & that the
 registers confirm us.

2. re 88

This die is fairly common in the out state dated.

but I have never found it undated; does not exist undated.

3. re 90



I have 14 copies
 990 dating
 between 8.10.60
 & 10.12.62
 not known to me
 undated. with
 existing

re 91



I have 14 copies
 991 dating between
 10.7.61 & 20.11.62
 not known to me
 undated.
 not existing



I have 15 copies
 997 9.4.59
 to 10.8

99



I have 6 copies
 999 7.1.57
 to 8.10.58.

This is not 89 as
 you might give it
 the early date.

6 105 Alas I made a



I have 10 copies from 29.8.60 - 11.6.64

This is the die they fired "grape shot" at for
 the stops are peppered in 105.W.W.

7 (112) I know not. later he found it / all 5 are old /

8 List of die numbers unknown to Sherborn

1 234

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|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|--------|----|
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 13 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 32 | 35 |
| 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 |
| 48 | 49 | 50 | 52 | 92 | 93 | 98 | 107 | 112 | found. | |
- found. x x not existing. speaks working

every 92 shown to me has turned out to be 82 (now found 92 true)

The above specimens are picked copies so that you may have no
 doubt at all about the numbers - Please keep them for reference.

I think I have taken & removed all your previous variation

10 77 & 111 are very rare. I have 2 of 77 & only 1 of 111. but there is no doubt
 about them.



Embossed 6^d

die 24 last mtd. 3.1.90, with 19-23 also

25 Registered?

withdrawn 13.2.94

26

27

28

29

30

31

in use 1895 32

33

34 Oct 95 in use

35.

3^d are 8.9 x 10 the last reg^d 20.11.83.

4^d .. 1.3.1.

26.9.89.

2^{1/2} 1.10.4 ✓

20.3.76.

2² 6.7.8 ✓

20.10.83.

1⁵ 14 x 15-5

17.12.84.

10^d Reg^d of 3. to 7. wanted.

is 7 last. die 2. 3.5.50

1/2^d red current

1-4 Dies reg^d for private card.

11.6.72.

5-8

20.1.83

Die 19. is in use, a has been so found recently.

22 was " 1895 also S.M.

24 " now in use

1 1/2 d. dies 5 in use + 6.8 wanted Reg^d of all but die 1.

1 1/2. die 1 reg^d 2.4.60.

2

?

3

4

5

6.

7.

in use after S.S./ Nov 95 - per M.J. April 96

X 30 no no + 1st used

1 1/2. yellow 5.

50

2^d red ?

7.

3^d 7. 2 1/2. 2. r

2.

4^d 2 r

1. v

X 6^d 34 mtd.

29.

X 10^d 7.

1/2 14.

14 v



4915 S

189 5

INLAND REVENUE,

SOMERSET HOUSE, LONDON, W.C.

21st January 1896.

[The above number and letter
should be quoted in any reply
addressed to

The Secretary,
Inland Revenue,
Somerset House,
London, W.C.

with the word *Stamp* Sir,
in the left-hand corner of the
envelope.]

Referring to the Board's letter of the 22nd

November last as to your request to be supplied with the
date of registration of the dies used for embossing certain
Postage Envelopes;

I am desired by the Board of Inland Revenue to
forward herewith, a tabular statement containing the in-
formation which is understood to be that required by you.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. Lupton
Asst. Secretary.

M.H.S. Westoby Esq.



Dies used for Embossing Postage Envelopes

At Somerset House				At Bunhill Row			
Duty	Nos	Registration Date	Marks on Reck	Duty	Nos	Registration Date	Marks on Reck
$\frac{1}{2}^d$	9 to 14	21 st Sep 1892	S H	$\frac{1}{2}^d$	1 to 6	21 st Sep 1892	Nil
$\frac{1}{2}^d$	15 to 26	3 March 1894	Nos	$\frac{1}{2}^d$	7 to 12	8 th Mar 1894	Nil
$\frac{1}{2}^d$	27 to 38	7 May 1895	Nos				
$1\frac{1}{2}$	2	2 nd April 1860					
$1\frac{1}{2}$	5 to 6	26 Sep 1890	Nos w ⁺ w				
$1\frac{1}{2}$	7 to 8	7 Sep 1892	S H				
$1\frac{1}{2}$	9 to 11	7 May 1895	Nos				
2^d	None registered since 28.11.83						
No record of No. 1 having been pierced for plugs							
$2\frac{1}{2}$	5 to 6	7 Sep 1892	S H	$2\frac{1}{2}$	1 to 3	30 Dec 1891	Nil
3^d	None registered since 28.11.83						
4	None registered since 26.9.89						
6^d	25 to 30	21 July 1891	Nos				
6^d	31 to 36	13 Aug 1894	Nos				
6^d	37 to 42	22 Nov 1895	Nos				
10^d	5 to 8	8 Feb 1853					
1/-	None registered since 17.12.84						

all sold
 15/1/96

3882 S.

1898.

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The Secretary,
Inland Revenue,
Somerset House,
London, W.C.

with the word *Stamps*
in the left-hand corner of the
envelope.]

6th September, 1898.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 13th ultimo,

I am directed by the Board of Inland Revenue to
forward to you, herewith, a statement which has been pre-
pared by the Inspector of Stamping and which contains the
information which you and Judge Philbrick are desirous of
obtaining in regard to the registration of Postage Embossing
Dies since 1895.

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I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. H. Cragg

Secretary.

W. A. S. Westoby, Esq.



Registration of Postage Embossing Dies

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The only new Dies for embossing the various rates of Postage Duty registered since the dates given by Mr Westoby are:-

6^d Nos 43 to 48

Registered 29th January 1898.

1/-Nos 16 to 19

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2^d Registration.Fee Dies.

The numbers in the neck of Dies Nos 7.8.9.& 10, appear to have been omitted.

Nos 29 & 30 were numbered in the neck---Nos 31 to 36 were not Registered, and never used, in consequence of a Die of smaller design being introduced.

Nos 37 to 48 Registered 24th July 1893 Were also numbered in the neck

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4th Wrapper Stamps.

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Stamps similar to Mr Westoby's proof No1, were printed at Somerset House from Electrotype:-- Stamps similar to proof No 2, were printed from Steel plates at Somerset House subsequent to 20th March 1893. These were printed from Electrotype. As the Electrotype began to wear out, they were replaced by the Steel Dies, and as the Electrotype had been used, they were no longer used to be used

30th August 1898

G. H. Jones



Registration of Postage Embossing Dies

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The only new Dies for embossing the various rates of Postage Duty registered since the dates given by Mr Westoby are:-

6^d Nos 43 to 48
Registered 29th January 1898.
1/-Nos 16 to 19
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2^d Registration.Fee Dies.

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The numbers in the neck of Dies Nos 7.8.9.& 10, appear to have been omitted.

Nos 29 & 30 were numbered in the neck---Nos 31 to 36 were not Registered, and never used ,in consequence of a Die of smaller design being introduced.

Nos 37 to 46 Registered 24th July 1893 Were also numbered in the neck

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3^d Wrapper Stamps.

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Stamps similar to Mr Westoby's proof No1, were printed at Somerset House from Electros;-- Stamps similar to proof No 2, were printed from Steel plates at Somerset House subsequent to 20th March 1893 with those printed from Electros As the Electros became worn off, they were replaced by the Steel Dies, and as the process of using the Electros have entirely ceased to be used

30th August 1898

G. H. Jones

Registration of Postage Revenue Dies

The only new dies for embossing the various rates of postage
duly registered since the rates given by Mr. Westoby are:-

- 1/- Nos 16 to 19 Registered 23rd January 1894.
- 4/- Nos 20 to 23

2d Registration Fee Dies

The numbers in the case of Dies Nos 24 to 26, appear to have
been omitted.

Nos 27 & 28 were numbered in the next--Nos 31 to 33 were
not numbered, and never used, in consequence of a die of similar
design being introduced.

Nos 34 to 36 Registered 23rd July 1894 with dies
in the next

3d Wrapper Stamps

Stamps similar to Mr. Westoby's proof 3d, were printed at
Somerset House from Electro-- Stamps similar to proof 3d, 2,
were printed from Steel plates at Somerset House subsequent
to 20th March 1894 concurrently with those printed from Electro
As the Electro became worn off, they were replaced by the Steel
dies, and at the present date the Electro dies have entirely ceased
to be used

30th August 1894