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Philbrick (7 A)
[A volume containing MS.
copies of Postal Circulars
... and some letters on the
Circulars]

Extra before 1 (4)

The Circular of 7 May 1840
enclosing 2 specimens of the 2d
+ 2 copies of the VR is printed
not quite accurately in the Appendix

It runs "To all Pmrs, Subpostmasters & Letter Receivers."
is signed
"W L Maberly," not "Ley"
Secretary.

Note on copy in GPO.
Circulated 8th May, 1840

You said
It does not appear however that are been sent round to all Postmasters so completely as in other similar cases. But it certainly was sent with the answer Specimens to more offices, particularly those in the West of England, from which copies have been produced in recent years. I have seen several

1841.

(Royal Arms)

To all Post Masters, Sub-Postmasters & Letter Receivers

General Post Office,
January, 1841.

An immediate Alteration is about to be made in the Adhesive Postage Label Stamps, and a new description of Stamped Envelopes, both one penny & two pence introduced. The new Labels & Envelopes are intended to replace those in present use, but until the stock of the latter remaining on hand is disposed of, the old Labels & Envelopes are to circulate in common with the new ones.

The Penny Envelope will be of Two sizes, & the Sale of these will be confined for the present to the limits of the London Twopenny Post, but of course they will circulate by Post in the same manner as those already issued.

By command,
W. L. Maberly,
Secretary.

Note on the copy preserved at the Post office.
"This Circular was sent to the Post Masters, Deputies & Receivers from Mr Bokenham's office, 3rd Feb.y 1841.

[illegible]

No [illegible] the [illegible] the railway.
The [illegible]

No 14 - 1841.

(Royal Arms)

To all Post Masters, Sub Postmasters & Letter Receivers.

General Post Office.

April 1841

In the instructions No 3 1841, addressed in January last to Post Masters, Subpostmasters & Letter Receivers it was stated that the New Penny Envelope about to be introduced, specimens of which were then furnished to each Postmaster, would be of two sizes.

I am now directed by the Post Master General to inform you that latterly these new envelopes have been issued from the Stamp Office open & unfolded when so required, so as to admit of their being printed upon & of them being made up in such form & size as the purchasers may think proper, and as these covers do not correspond with the specimens originally distributed, they have in many instances been charged with Postage.

His Lordship therefore desires that any such Envelopes or Covers in future passing through your office, the paper of which contains the silk like, & the stamp on which appears to be genuine, may not be charged with Postage, notwithstanding they may vary in size or be printed upon, provided they are in all other respects conformable with the existing regulations.

By Command,

W. L. Maberly,

Secretary.

This ~~circular~~ notice was circulated through Mr Bobenham's office on 16th & 17th April, 1841.

Philbrick Q.C.

(Royal Arms)

General Post Office.
April, 1841.

Referring to the Instructions No 3 - 1841 & to the Circular which accompanied them, I now enclose you Specimens of the New Twopenny Envelopes, which you will permit Officers at the rate of Postage marked upon them.

The sale of these, as well as of the New Penny Envelopes, is for the present confined to the limits of the London Twopenny Post.

By command,
W. L. Mabberly,
Secretary.

Note.
Copy sent to each of the Surveyors and to the Heads of Departments.
& 850 Copies sent through Mr Bokenham's Office,
20 April 1841.

It appears from No 39. of 1841. that it was not till the end of Oct that year that 1d Mis generally, then the country had 1 & 2d Sms on sale.
for this circular gives the prices & discounts ✓

No 39, 1841.

(Royal arms)

To all Postmasters, Sub Postmasters & Receivers of Stamps.

General Post Office.
October, 1841

New Stamped Envelopes.

To be supplied to you at the Wholesale Price:

One Penny - both large & small size:
in half reams, containing 240 envelopes.
viz: 10 packets of two dozen each - of a total value of £1. 1. 9. wholesale price.

Two-penny. in quarter reams containing 120 envelopes in 10 packets of one dozen each, of a total value of £1. 0. 10 d. wholesale price.

One penny Envelopes.	s	d
12 to be sold for	1.	1½
8. "		9
6. "		6¾
4. "		4½
2 "		2¼

Two penny Envelopes.

9	1.	7½
6	1.	1.
3	£	6½.

By Command,
W. L. Mulberly,
Secretary.

Circulated. ~~and~~ 30th October, 1841

(Circular)
(Royal arms)

To all Postmasters, Subpostmasters & Letter Receivers

General Post Office.
November, 1841.

I enclose a Specimen of a smaller size of New Penny Envelope, which you will hereafter permit Persons for the Rate of Postage marked upon them.

These Envelopes will not at present be issued to Postmasters in the Country for sale.

By Command.
W. L. Maberly,
Secretary.

Circulated 12 November 1841.

No 12. 1844. (Royal arms)

To all Post Masters, Sub-Postmasters & Letter Receivers.

Postage Stamps.

New Penny stamped Half Sheets of Paper.

General Post Office.
April 1844.

The Lords of the Treasury having decided to adopt, as an experimental measure, the use of a Penny Stamped Half sheets of Paper. I enclose you a specimen, which you will carefully preserve in order to compare it with in case of doubt with the stamped letters of this description that may pass through your office.

These stamps will be supplied in half reams containing 240, viz 10 packets of two dozen each. of a total value of £1.1.9., wholesale price.

The charge simply is fixed at 1¼d. for any quantity under a quire - a quire 2/3d.

By command.

W. L. Mulberly,
Secretary.

Note is

Circulated. 20th April 1844.

(no specimen was attached to the copy filed in G.P.O.)

Instructions. No. 19. 1847.

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(Royal arms)

Instructions to All Post Masters, Sub-Postmasters, & Letter Receivers.

New Postage Stamps of the value of One Shilling.

General Post Office.
September, 1847.

The Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury having authorised the issue of Postage Stamps of the value of one shilling, a specimen is forwarded separately to those deputies who obliterate Postage Stamps, for the purpose of being compared in case of doubt with the stamped letters of this description which may pass through the Post Office.

With respect to the issue of these new Postage Stamps to Receivers for sale to the Public, the distribution by the Post Office will be confined, for the present to the Post Masters of the undermentioned places in the United Kingdom, who will be supplied with the new stamps as early as possible.

The Post Masters entrusted with the sale of these Postage Stamps will sell them to the Public at the rate of One Shilling each, whatever may be the number sold.

The poundage was fixed at 1 per cent.

Forms of accounts to be amended to include this value.

List of Towns

The 1846 rules of cancelling were to be acted upon carefully.

The List of Towns supplied included ~~about~~ 90 of the principal offices in England, Ireland & Scotland."

By command,
W. L. Maberly
Secretary.

Note
"Circulated, 3rd September, 1847.
Specimens sent, 3rd Sept. 1847.
(see specimens attached to this copy)
in G.P.O

(Royal Arms)

10d 8

By command of the Post Master General.

Notice to the Public.

New Postage Stamps
of the value of
Ten Pence.

General Post Office.
October, 1848.

Postage Stamps of the value of Ten Pence being about to be issued for the purpose of Postage, in addition to those now in use, they will be sold to the Public at the rate of tenpence each, whatever may be the number purchased.
(The issue of these stamps was confined to certain ~~stamped~~ towns specified in the circular, as in the case of the one shilling stamp of 3rd September, 1847, which was repeated as to this stamp.)

Notice of the

By command.
W. L. Mahoney,
Secretary.

Circulated 1st November, 1848.

~~Two specimens of the embossed stamp~~ of Tenpence were enclosed in ~~the above~~ a circular which was dated "October, 1848." and sent out October 30th the issue of the stamps "to take place on 1st November, 1848."

(No Specimens were annexed to the copy freed at G.P.O.)

(Circular)

To all Postmasters, Subpostmasters & Letter Receivers.

General Post Office.
October, 1848.

I enclose Specimens of the New Penny Stamps, which you will carefully preserve in order to compare, in case of doubt, with the stamped letters of this description which may pass through the Post Office.
They are to be issued to the Public on November 1st.

By command,
W. L. Maberly,
Secretary.

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2 Specimens of the Penny, overprinted Specimen in thick block letters were annexed to this Circular, which was sent to the Postmasters &c of the Towns specified on 30th October 1848.

Note. Specimens are not annexed to the copy filed at the G.P.O.

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Circular to Post. Masters.

General Post Office
November. 1853.

The particular attention of Postmasters is directed to the New Penny Receipt Stamp, with a view to prevent its being made use of for the purpose of payment of postage on letters.

Should any letter be posted with this stamp affixed but instead of the proper Postage Stamp, it must be dealt with as unpaid, & must be taxed with the double rates chargeable on this description of letters.

The ~~first~~ penny receipt stamp is of the same colour as the Two Penny Postage Stamp, and somewhat resembles it in general appearance.

By Command,

W. L. Maberly.
Secretary.

Circulated. Guidea Nov 1853.

(Royal arms)

By command of the Post Master General.

Notice to the Public.

New Postage Stamps

of the ~~value of~~

Value of Six Pence.

General Post Office.
February, 1854.

Postage Labels of the value of Six Pence will be issued after the 1st March next.

They will be sold to the Public at the rate of ~~sixpence~~ each, whatever may be the number purchased.

~~By command~~
W. L. Mackay,
Secretary.

~~W. L. Mackay.~~
~~Secretary~~

Sent out end of February. 1854.

[illegible]

By Command of the Postmaster General.

Notice to all Head Postmasters.

General Post Office
May 1854

The Postmaster General has decided to issue in future [illegible] [illegible] available only in [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in case of [illegible] [illegible].

Rowland Hill
Secretary.

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Instructions. No 27. 1854

(Circular)

By command of the Postmaster General.

Instructions to all Head Postmasters.

General Post Office.
May 1854.

The Post Master General has decided to issue in future Middle sized envelopes only in ordinary course.

Those Post Masters who require to be supplied with the other descriptions of Envelopes must make special application for them in one of the ~~Registration~~ Registration Forms.

Rowland Hill
Secretary.

Instructions. No 54. 1855.

(Circ.)

By Command of the Post Master General.

Instructions to all Post Masters.

New Postage Stamps of the value of Twopence.

General Post Office.
July 1855.

The Lords of the Treasury having authorized the use of Postage Labels of the value of Twopence, a specimen is forwarded to those Post Masters who obliterate Postage Stamps: which is to be carefully preserved in order to compare it in case of doubt with the stamps of this description which may pass through the Post Office.

Rowland Hill
Secretary.

Circulated on 27th July 1855.

No specimen stamp is annexed to the copy filed at the G.P.O.

Royal
(Arms.)

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By Command of the Postmaster General.

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Notice to the Public.

New Postage Stamps.

General Post Office.
July 1855

On the 31st instant and thenceforth Postage Stamps, price Fourpence each, will be issued & will be procurable at any Post Office.

Rowland Hill,
Secretary.

Instructions. No. 58. 1855.

(Circular)

By Command of The Post Master General.

Notice to the Public
and
Instructions to all Post-Masters -
Postage Labels.

General Post Office.
15th August 1855.

Postage Labels of the value of Ten Pence will no longer be issued.

The following are the Labels at present in use.

Penny Labels.
Twopenny "
Threepenny "
Sixpenny "
Shilling "

Rowland Hill
Secretary.

Instructions No. 66. 1855.

(Circular)

By command of the Post Master General.

Instructions to all Post Masters who obliterate Postage Stamps.

General Post Office.
October, 1855.

Under the provisions of the 4th section of the Act 18 + 19th Vic: c. 78. paper sent by the public to the Inland Revenue Office will be impressed with Postage Stamps for denoting the several rates of Postage, such stamps will pass free of Postage.

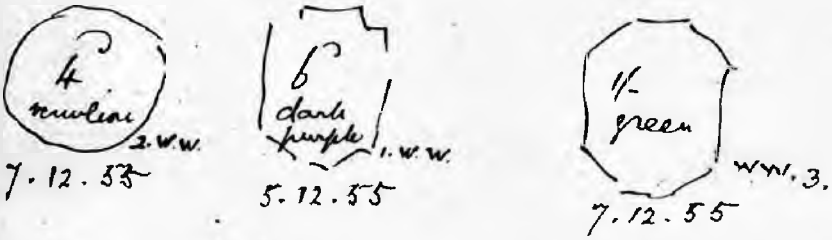
The only difference between the stamps which will be impressed on paper provided by the public & the stamps on the Threaded paper issued by the Inland Revenue Office will be that the former will contain at the bottom of the stamp figures denoting the Day, Month & Year on which they may be impressed.

Where the stamps are without these dates they will be on Threaded paper.

Rowland Hill
Secretary.

This was circulated.
16 Oct 1855.

Embossed Stamps.



on cream laid (horizontally lined) paper

Embossed Postage Stamps to be struck upon Paper and Envelopes.

26th November, 1855.

I have a copy of this with the unpressed stamps as above.

T. [illegible]

Notice to ~~the Public~~ all Post Masters who obliterate Postage Stamps.

General Post Office.

December, 1855.

The Lords of the Treasury having authorised the Commissioners of Inland Revenue to stamp Paper & Envelopes for the Public, & new dies for this purpose having been made for the ~~6d~~ fourpenny ~~sixpenny~~ & shilling stamps. Specimens of each are forwarded herewith to those Post Masters who obliterate Postage Stamps, for the purpose of being compared, in case of doubt, with the impressions upon the paper & envelopes stamped for the public, that may pass through the Post Office.

The issue of the stamps will begin on the 1st January next.

Rowland Hill,
Secretary.

Circulated 26 December 1855.

No specimens on the copy filed at G.P.O.

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No. 50. 1856.

193.

Specimen printed in thick block capⁿ.

SPECIMEN

6ᵈ Lilac on (cambric) paper 1. on white paper. p. 14

New Kind of Sixpenny Postage Label.

Large Roman capⁿ.

Enclosed is a specimen of a new kind of Sixpenny Stamp, such as will, in future, be issued by the Office of Inland Revenue, and by the General Post Office.

The Sixpenny Stamp already issued must, however, be looked upon and treated in all respects the same as the new Stamp.

Rowland Hill,
Secretary.

General Post Office
3rd October, 1856.

I have this Circular, with specimen annexed
T. A. S.

Circular. (since Italics)

Large Roman Capl. { New kind of Shilling and Fourpenny Postage Labels.

Enclosed are specimens of a new kind of Shilling and Fourpenny Stamps, such as will, in future, be issued by the Office of Inland Revenue, and by the General Post Office.

The Shilling and Fourpenny Stamps already issued must, however, be looked upon and treated in all respects the same as the new Stamps.

Rowland Hill,
Secretary.

General Post Office,
29th October, 1856.

I have a copy of this

At top annexed is copy 1d. deep green, emblems, plate 1.
" " 4d. pale shade rose, medium gauge
both overprinted "SPECIMEN" in thick block capitals.
P.A.S.

Embossed

New Postage Stamps.

of the value of Threepence.

~~On~~ On 1st July next and thenceforward stamps of the value of Threepence will be impressed upon paper which may be sent by the public for that purpose ~~to~~ to the Office of Inland Revenue, Somerset House, London, W.C.

Saturday. 25th June, 1859.

from the Post Office Circular
May ~~June~~ 1859.

Threepence

W. W. 1.

27. 5. 59.

Embossed Postage Stamps to be struck upon Paper and Envelopes.

May, 1859.

I have a copy of this stamped as above.

R. A. P.

1860.

On thick creamy wove unwatermarked paper, not printed on, on all sheet.

with

Stamp
Three
halfpence
plate 1.
amended.

Three
Halfpence
Free
Surcharged
on.

I.W.W.

2. 4. 60

Both overprinted in thin block capitals
[SPECIMEN]

Issued May 1860 ?

I have a copy of this, stamped as above.
R. A. P.

Circular of 7 January, 1862.

Circular to Postmasters who obliterate Stamps. (Statis

all in large Roman caps

New Postage Stamps of the values of Four Pence and Nine Pence.

On the 15th January instant & thence for the Postage Stamps of the value of Four Pence (new pattern) ~~(new pattern)~~ and Nine Pence will be issued for sale to the Public.

Specimens of these Stamps are annexed for the purpose of being compared, in case of doubt, with similar Stamps on letters passing through the Post Office:

Rowland Hill,

Secretary.

General Post Office,

7 January, 1862.

The specimens ~~enclos~~ annexed were 4d. plate 3. marked "thick block letters" (Corp. Santa) Specimen
9d plate 2 " "thinner" (Heraldic emblems) do.

I have a copy stitched as above
R. H.

Post Office Circular. 11 Jany 1862

On 15th instant Postage Stamps price threepence each will be issued.

Circular to Postmasters who obliterate Postage Stamps.

NEW POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE VALUE OF THREEPENCE.

Circular to Postmasters who obliterate Postage Stamps.

Stencil / Italic

New Postage Stamps of the value of Threepence.

Large Roman caps

On 1st May next, & thenceforth, new Postage Stamps of the value of Threepence will be issued for sale to the Public.

Specimens of these Stamps are annexed for the purpose of being compared in case of doubt, with similar Stamps on letters passing through the Post office.

These Stamps are to be sold to the Public at Threepence each, whatever the number required.

John Tilley,
Secretary.

General Post Office,
May, 1862.

The stamp annexed is Threepence plate 2, on watermark (Heraldic Emblems), surcharged SPECIMEN in thick block capitals.

I have a copy of this, stamped as above R.P.D. underfeed.

From Postal Official Circular. 27

29 November 1862.

"Alteration in the lettering of the corners of Sixpenny and Shilling Postage Labels.

The arrangements described in Rule 265, under which the letters at the lower ~~angles~~ corners of Postage Labels are repeated at the upper corners, and which ~~applies~~ at present applies only to the 2d, 3d, 4d, & 6d. postage labels will on 1st December next and thenceforward, be extended to the ~~6d~~ Sixpenny & ~~4s~~ Shilling Labels, & ultimately to the Penny Labels.

The attention of Postmasters is directed to the instructions on this point, contained in the above mentioned rule.

Query. What is this rule?
It seems important

2d.	11. 6. 58		Issue
3d.	~~10. 11. 60~~	19. 3. 62	1. 5. 62
4d.	29. 11. 61	—	15. 1. 62
6d.	14. 11. 61	—	15. 1. 62
6d/	1. 12. 62		✓

anything - indeed at the time it was prepared nearly 300 plates of the 1d had been engraved.

I copied the Rule from a 1865 edition of the Book, ~~text~~ in which it is numbered 264, but in the 1860 edition - to which of course the Circular of Nov. 1862 refers - it appears as No. 265. I cannot tell you when the instruction was embodied in the Book of Rules, but it was first issued as a Circular in July

22nd May 1896

Dear Mr. Westby,

The Stamp in the Book which I copied for you is merely a print – evidently copied from the "essay" to which you refer which was prepared just to show how the numbering and lettering would appear. The number on it is simply a combination of the first three numerals, and does not indicate

1858 and therefore it cannot have been earlier than that. I should think probably the 1860 Edition is the first in which it appeared.

Yours very truly,

C. Scott

appears in Post Office Circular. 20 June 1867.

New Postage Stamps.

On 1st July next Postage Stamps of the values of 10d. 2/- & 5/- will be issued for sale to the Public.

thin block. SPECIMEN 5s pl 1. | thick block Specimen 2/- pl 1. | thick block 10d pl 1.

Circular to Postmasters who obliterate stamps.

New Postage Stamps of the value of Ten Pence, Two Shillings and Five Shillings.

all this is in Roman caps.

On the 1st July next and thenceforth, Postage Stamps of the value of Tenpence, Two Shillings, and Five Shillings will be issued for sale to the Public.

Specimens of these Stamps are annexed for the purpose of being compared, in case of doubt, with similar Stamps on letters passing through the Post Office.

The Stamps are to be sold to the Public at the respective rates of Tenpence, Two Shillings, and Five Shillings each, in whatever number demanded.

Postmasters will make immediate application for such supplies as they may require, but no smaller supply than Five Pounds worth of the Tenpenny, Two Pounds worth of the Two Shilling, and Five Pounds worth of the Five Shilling Stamps will be issued to Postmasters by this Department.

John Tilley,
Secretary.

General Post Office
June, 1867.

I have a copy, sthe as above.
T. A. P.

From Postal Official Circular, 1st March 1869.

"In consequence of Representations made to the Post Office by various firms that there is reason to believe that their postage stamps are purloined by persons in their employment, the Department recommends that the names or initials of the firm either be printed on the back of the stamps or perforated through the stamps by means of a machine devised for the purpose, inasmuch as the sale of such stamps would be thereby rendered difficult the temptation to steal them might be lessened or altogether removed.

Post Masters will be careful not to buy any stamps so printed or perforated."

Note.

This refers to Slopers' Patents, under which stamps ~~were~~ are perforated, with initials or names of firms.

H. A. S.

Halfpenny Postage Labels.

Halfpenny Postage Labels & Newspaper wrappers bearing an impressed halfpenny stamp will be introduced.

A supply is in course of issue to Head Postmasters, but these stamps are not to be sold to the Public before 1 October 1870, Sept.

The wrappers, the dimensions of which are 14 inches by 5, will be sold at the following prices;

500	£1. 2. 6
100	4. 6
50	2. 3.
25	1. 1½
10	5½
5	3.
2	1½
1	3/4

Form the Postal Official Circular.
20th September, 1870.

Instructions for guidance of Post Masters subsequent to 30 Sept. 1870.

"Under the Provisions of "the Post Office Act, 1870" the unpreserved Ireland Revenue Stamp on Newspapers will, on & from 1 October next, be abolished.

To prevent inconvenience however Newspapers & other publications bearing the stamp may be allowed to pass free of postage for a period of 14 days."

From the Postal Off.ce Circular 30 Sept. 1870.

Instructions to Post Masters

Post Cards.

The Postage Stamp on these is to be defaced with the single dated Stamp "

Extracted from the P. O. Circ.
20 Sept 1870.

New Postage Stamps
of the Value of 1½ d.

"On 1st October next & thenceforth Postage Stamps of the value of 1½ d. will be issued for sale to the Public."

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From the Postal Official Circular
of 20 Sept 1870.

? see Circ. Matter

Circular to Postmasters who obliterate Postage Stamps

Sixpenny Postage Stamps.
New Pattern.

Sixpenny Postage Stamps, different from the present pattern are about to be issued.

A Specimen is annexed to this Notice for the information of the Postmasters concerned.

Any stocks of the present Sixpenny Stamps remaining in hand should continue to be sold to the public until they are exhausted.

John Tilley,
Secretary.

General Post Office,
March, 1872.

The annexed stamp is 6d. plate 11. in chestnut brown, stamped SPECIMEN in thin block capitals diagonally.
I have this as above. R.A.P.

From the Postal Official Circular.
21 April 1873.

"Surfacing Postage Stamps differing in colour from those now in use are about to be issued.

Postmasters who obliterate Postage Stamps have been supplied with a specimen of the New Stamp.

Any stocks of the present surfacing stamps remaining on hand must continue to be sold to the public until they are exhausted.

Note. This refers to two letters on white paper
11. 8. 73. L. A. S.

p. 3. 2/.
-5 1/6

Home. Postal Off. Circular. 11 Aug. 1873

Postage Stamps. Slight alteration in

It has been decided to print the letters and figures on postage stamps, varying in value from 3d to 2/. in colour on a white ground: instead of leaving the letters and figures white on a coloured ground, as hitherto.

This alteration has already been made in the 3d & 1/. stamps, and is about to be made in the 6d.

Due notice will be given of the dates at which the alteration is to be extended to the stamps referred to.

Post Office Circular. 21 Aug.t 1876.

Fourpence Postage Stamps - slight alteration.

With reference to the Notice which appeared in the Postal Official Circular of the 11th August 1873, relative to a slight alteration in certain postage stamps, Postmasters are informed that such alteration is about to be extended to the Fourpence Postage Stamps the letters and figures of which will therefore be printed on a white ground, instead of leaving the letters and figures white on a coloured ground, as at present.

Extracted from Post Office Circular. 26 Feby. 1877.

"Fourpenny Postage Stamps,
Alteration in Colour.

The colour of the Fourpenny Postage Stamps, issued in future will be light green instead of light red.

Any stocks on hand of the present Fourpenny postage stamp should continue to be issued until they are exhausted.

From P. O. Circular No 188. 20 June 1880

Fourpenny Postage Stamp

It has been decided to change the colour of the Fourpenny Postage Stamps. The new colour will be light brown, and the change will take place in a few days.

Any of the present fourpenny stamps remaining on hand must be sold before commencing the sale to the public of the new stamp.

From the Post Office Circular.

6 July 1880.

"Discontinuance of Eightpenny and Two shilling Postage Stamps.

It has been decided to discontinue the Eightpenny and Two shilling Postage Stamps and no further issue of those stamps will therefore be made to Postmasters.

Any stocks however remaining on hand may be sold."

From P. O. Circular 246 . 28 June 1887.

Combined adhesive Penny Postage and Inland Revenue Stamp.

A combined adhesive penny Postage and Inland Revenue Stamp, which can be used for the purposes for which adhesive penny Postage Stamps and the ordinary adhesive penny Inland Revenue Stamps have hitherto been available, will shortly be supplied to Postmasters for sale to the public.

It is to be understood that the new Stamp when used for postage must have no printing or writing placed on its face by the public.

Any Stamp so marked must not be accepted for the payment of postage.

Stocks on hand will be used for sale, but not renewed.

Form Post Office Circular. No 248. 19 July 1881.

Alteration in size of sheets of 5s Telegraph Stamps.

Postmasters are informed that the 5s Telegraph Stamps will shortly be issued in sheets containing 28 stamps instead of 20 as at present; the new price being £7 per sheet.

The requisition forms should be altered accordingly.

Post Office Circular of { ~~20 June 1867.~~ 25 October 1881.
No 264

"Abolition of distinctive Stamps for Telegrams.

On and from 1st November next Postage Stamps may be used in prepayment of Telegrams in place of the present distinctive Telegraph Stamps, supplies of which will cease to be sent to Postmasters on 31st inst.

The Telegraph Stamps which remain unsold by Postmasters on 31st inst. must continue to be sold to the public till they are exhausted, and Telegraph Stamps must be accepted in prepayment of Telegrams as long as any of them continue to be used for that purpose."

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from
H.P. O. Circular. No 226. 15 Mar 1881

Twopenny Stamp.

New Postage Stamps value 5 d.

Postage Stamps of the value of Twopence are ready for issue to the public.

They are for the convenience of persons corresponding with India, China, &c

Head Postmasters & others who obtain these stamps dered will make application in the usual manner for receiving such supplies as they may require but in no smaller quantity than 25 s. worth will be issued to them.

From the Post Office Circular. No 331.

19 December 1882.

"New Threepenny and Sixpenny Postage Stamps.

On and after the 1st January 1883 all Threepenny & Sixpenny Postage Stamps issued will be printed in a purple colour and overprinted with their values in red.

Copies
of Postal Circulars
issued by the
General Post Office.
&
Extracts from
The Post Office Circular,
to 19 Dec 1882.

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HER MAJESTY'S POST MASTER GENERAL

6. July 1894.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 2nd. Instant, the Postmaster General desires me to say that he will be happy to arrange for you to inspect the notices in the Post Office Circulars relative to the issue of Postage Stamps. I inclose a copy of the most complete.

index to the Circulars, which may perhaps assist you in selecting the notices you desire to inspect. If you will kindly let me know when it would be convenient to you to call at the Post Office, I will arrange that the circulars shall be ready for you, and that any special notices you may wish

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to see shall be looked up. I ought perhaps to mention that specimen stamps do not accompany the circulars.

Yours faithfully

Amophilie

P.S. Perhaps you will kindly return the Index at your convenience

Fred.c A. Priebner Esq., &c.

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13 July 1894.

Dear Sir,

I have arranged that as many as possible of the Circulars, mentioned in your note of today, shall be ready for your inspection on Tuesday next the 17th instant; and if it will be convenient to you to call at the Secretary's Office, General Post Office, about noon on that day Mr. Edwd Field will be happy to render any assistance in

his power towards finding the Notices for which you are seeking.

Yours very truly,

A. M. Ogilvie

To

F. A. Philbrick Esq. Q.C.

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Secretary's Office
4 August 1894

Dear Sir,

If you will call here on Wednesday next week or any later day, I will have the Circulars & Reports ready for your inspection.

Yours very truly
Edward Field

J. A. Philbrick, Esq., Jr.

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July. 12. 94.

My dear Whitwick

I received your last night with the enclosures – which I return. Then Indexes are the circulars to the Surveyors, but what we want is are the old circulars to the Postmasters.

If you recollect, Bennett went to the Post Office on the resolution of the Sec.s and took copies of the circulars set out at pp. 445 & 446. He could not find any copy of the circular relating to the 2.d but in the note foot of p. 88 you see the result of the search made by direction of the Secretary.

What we want to find now – I think may other circular regarding the 4.d Letter Post of 24. 7. 1855 set out in foot of p. 110.

Also previous to that any circular

Regarding the issue of the embossed stamps of 1 and 10d. 13. 9. 47 and 6. 11. 48.

We have the S.R. circular of the 6th embossed at p. 97.

I think official documents add to much to the value of the history.

I have marked in the general index 4 circulars which it might be useful to look at.

These are all the matters that seem doubtful – the Documentary contains regarding the issue of any stamps subsequent to the 4th is precise.

I send Pinnell by the 9 o'clock Post this morning a copy of Sir T. with the 2020, as you said he could not find it at S.H. – I gave a Clerk in the P.O. two 2/6 each for every one he could find – He could only find 12 which I kept for Jos.

I have sent Hancock one — because he is always good to me, but he can be given as you know — look at what Steinkeiner wrote him — though it is private, you may show the document.

Wilson was in such a hurry to have his book back. But I hope one second stamp to look at it will expose — I will do what written. You may say so too — you are just on our side. — I forget the price — but they are very moderate.

Yours most affectly.

W. H. S. McKitty

Sunday you got that letter from the P. O. but it was not enclosed.

July 24.

My dear Philbrick

You have indeed got together a heap of very useful notes. The chief lacuna that I find are the Circulars of 1840. They exist somewhere at Somerset House, and I think the Officials also had them when they replied to one question about the issue of 2d stamps.

The decision of the Treasury seems to have been a long time in getting as far as the Post Office. If Rowland's Bill is right the change of colour from black to red was about Nov. 1840 – The Circular of Jan.y 1841 circulates 3 Pos.t. Bills expr to the 2d penny, I think as 2d. with which I have seen in March 1841 –

Circular No. 3. 1841. is your friend. Could you get them to find out for you the Tariff Act.

I have looked through all your 65 sheets – I would now a little time to reject them –

I have not, nor shall I have a copy of the Elect. Tel. notice, as they will now will only send it in page. – So the enclosed is all that I can give you – Next week I shall have the Postal Gazette thing in type which I will send you.

The Postal Official Circular was a weekly publication was it not? I believe after it was issued no Instructions were sent separately to Postmasters, and I was told at Sandown when I was there with Mag. of in 1881–1 that notices of stamps were given in that. All except Notices to the Public which

were stuck up in the office — do you say we
from just see? But the notes about the
Encounter the 1/2 sheet &c are very important
and will render the history much more
complete. I do not know if King can
give you the D. G. General Early report
Mr. J. Wilson has them and I think you
should write to the Phil. Society. They have a
little information in them but not all
only the facts of certain things such as
the anticipation of Portsmouth. I think the
early ones are very scarce

Yours most affectly yours

W. A. J. Moody

I am now doing the Circular for Bryant
and shall get the Record out of hand
about Thursday. I shall then be free for
a little time to go regularly through the
fabulous you have sent me.