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## **Why Agriculture, State and Executive Stamps are Rare, and Difficult to Obtain.**

It is well known that the above named Department stamps are, and always have been, remarkably scarce, while Interior, Navy, Treasury, Post Office, War and Justice are plentiful and easily obtained at a low figure. The difficulty is explained, when we consider that the amount of business transacted by the first named Departments is much less than that transacted by the latter named. Every Indian Agency, Local Land Office and Pension Agency are furnished with Interior Department stamps, and by their monthly or quarterly reports large numbers of these stamps are used and forwarded to Washington, where they are readily obtainable by messengers, clerks and others. Every Navy Yard, U. S. Vessel, and Naval head-quarters are furnished with Navy Department stamps, and owing to their frequent communications with the Departments in this city, numbers of these stamps accumulate; although not so many as the Interior. Every Custom House, Internal Revenue Office, Sub. Treasury, Light House, &c. are furnished with Treasury stamps and consequently, thousands of these stamps are received on letters every day at the Treasury Department. The Post Offices all over the Land have their Official stamps and by their "quarterly returns" to the Auditor for the P. O. Department, and other official correspondence *books*

of these stamps are received at Washington. War Department stamps are also furnished to the Forts, Paymasters, &c and in this way a great many of these stamps are received daily here, at the War Department. Justice stamps are also furnished to all U. S. Courts and are used by them for Official Business with the Depts. in Washington, but owing to the comparatively small amount of correspondence by this Dept. the stamps, especially the higher denominations are rather scarce.

The Agriculture, State and Executive have no such extensive correspondence. The Agriculture stamps are used principally by the Dept. here to transmit through the mails information in their *line* to farmers and other private individuals. The Dept. some times sends to local Agricultural Associations &c. envelopes with official stamps for return postage, for statistics and information and in this way receive a few (principally 3 ct. and 5 ct. ones) at the Dept.

The State and Executive Depts are however, without such correspondence. The State stamps are mostly used as a matter of course in foreign correspondence with Consuls, Foreign Ministers, &c. and are in this way nearly all sent away, so the only way to obtain any specimens here is through their meagre correspondence with the other Depts. and with private individuals.

The Executive stamps are used exclusively by His Excellency the President of  
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Our paper shall be devoted almost exclusively to Post Office transactions, postage stamps, postal laws &c., and thus we hope it may prove interesting to philatelists throughout the Country.

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the United States for business correspondence, which latter is principally with the Depts. here. During the absence of the President from the city, a few Executive stamps are received on his correspondence to his clerks and Secretaries at the Executive Mansion, but these are very few and Executive stamps are undoubtedly the rarest Official stamps issued, excepting the \$2, \$5, \$10, and \$20, State Dept.

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500 3c War envelope for \$1.00.

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500 mixed Justice, Navy, Agriculture, War, P. O. Treasury and Interior for \$2.00.

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1000 3 and 6 Interior for \$1.00.

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Navy, 200 3 and 6's, 50 Justice 3 and 6, and 25 Interior 90's, lot for 1 dollar.

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1000 mixed War (1, 12, 15, 24, and 30) adhesive for 7 dollars.

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100 3 cent Agriculture and 100 mixed Post Office for \$1.50

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War Dept. (1, 12, 15, 24 and 30 adhesive mixed,)		" hundred	.75
do. (3 and 6 adhesive mixed,)		" "	.25
do. (3ct. Envelopes,)		" "	.30
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Dept. of Justice (3 and 6 mixed,)		" "	.60
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## English Pensions.

The English often complain of the heavy expense with which their government is carried on, and the large taxes which rich and poor have to pay to sustain it.

One of the largest items of this expense is created by the pensions which are yearly paid out of the treasury.

The custom of awarding pensions to a great variety of persons, and for a great variety of reasons, is a very ancient one in England, and is so firmly rooted that it would be very difficult to abolish or even to curtail it. Yet that it has grown to be a great burden and evil, is seen and confessed by most Englishmen.

In this country, pensions are only given to the soldiers and sailors who have fought in defense of the Nation; in England they are given not only to soldiers, but to statesmen and officials, to writers, artists and sculptors, to inventors, travelers and discoverers.

The largest pensions, or annual incomes, that are paid from the English treasury are those awarded to the Royal family. Besides the enormous income of about \$2,000,000 received by the Queen, for instance, Prince Albert had an annuity of \$150,000 a year. When the Queen's oldest daughter was married, Parliament voted her a dowry of \$200,000, and an annual income of \$40,000 besides.

The Prince of Wales receives about \$300,000 a year in the same way.

The whole amount taken every year

from the treasury to pay the annuities of the royal family reaches \$2,800,000. Every office holder under the British Government, after serving for a certain period, is entitled to retire upon a pension for life. The same case with army and navy officers.

Some of the pensions paid to the high dignitaries on their withdrawal from office are very large. For example, the Lord-Chancellor, the highest law officer, who also presides over the House of Lords, and takes rank above the highest Duke, gets \$10,000 a year for life on retiring. He may only have held the office for six months, or even less. The mere fact that he has been Chancellor entitles him to a pension.

Besides these pensions to public officials, a large number is given for a great variety of reasons. The House Minister has every year the sum of £1,200 at his disposal for life pensions, to be given to people who have claims upon the royal bounty, who have done some personal service to the Crown, who have made useful discoveries, or have done something in literature or art.

Other pensions are given for something that ancestors or relatives of the persons receiving them have done in the past. Some of the reason for giving these are very curious.

For example, there are now living two gentlemen who receive \$2,000 a year for life, because their ancestors aid Charles II. to escape from the battle of Worcester,

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### The Trader.

We have secured thus far quite a large list of subscribers, and our enterprise meets the approbation of Stamp Dealers generally.

Each number will contain a list of our specialities for the month with changes in prices &c.

### Our Job Lots.

Having had frequent calls from agents and smaller wholesale buyers, for a series of packets or lots of low-price, and small quantities, we present this month on opposite page a list of job lots, which we believe will meet the requirements of such parties.

These lots contain only first class specimens and are sent the day the order is received.

- ☞ Look at our list of Job lots.
- ☞ Read our wholesale list on last page.
- ☞ Interior sets at ten cents each.
- ☞ In sending for a set of Interior please state that you want to become a subscriber to this paper.
- ☞ We will pay face value for P. O. 10's.
- ☞ War Dept. 3c envelopes *on white paper*, see list of Specialities.
- ☞ Interior 10's and 30's in large or small quantities.

- ☞ Navy sets at 25cts. each.
- ☞ War Dept. stamps in large quantities.

### Specialites for December.

"FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED."

40 Dozen War Dept 6c envelope at 20c per Dozen.

18 Dozen War Dept. 3c envelope (*on white paper*) at 12c per Dozen.

60 7c Navy put up in lots of 1-2 dozen each. 25c per 1-2 Dozen.

120 Dozen Interior 10's and 30's (mixed equally) at 20c per Dozen.

400 Dozen Agriculture 3c at 8 cents per Dozen.

10 Dozen P. O. envelopes (2, 3 and 6) at 10c per Dozen.

40 Dozen War Dept. adhesive 24's and 30's at 10c per Dozen.

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#### LOT NO. 2

50 Mixed Post Office, 1 set Navy, 25 3 cent War envelope (*on white paper*), 10 90 cent Interior, 40 3 cent Agriculture.



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### LOT NO. 3

250 Mixed Justice, Navy, Agriculture, War, Post Office and Treasury.

### LOT NO. 4

100 3 cent Agriculture and 3 sets Interior.

### LOT NO. 5

100 Mixed War adhesive and 100 mixed Navy 3 and 6.

### LOT NO. 6

300 Mixed Interior and 100 War 3 cent envelope.

### LOT NO. 7

500 Interior 3 and 6 and 200 War 3 and 6 adhesive.

### LOT NO. 8

200 Mixed Agriculture, War, Interior and Navy.

### LOT NO. 9

Navy 200 3 and 6's, 50 War 3 and 6, and 25 Interior 90's.

### LOT NO. 10

50 Interior 10's and 30's and 1 set Navy.

### LOT NO. 11

50 War and Post Office envelope stamps mixed and 100 3 ct. Agriculture.

### LOT NO. 12

8 Sets Interior: and five sets Treasury.

### LOT NO. 13

1 Set Post Office; 1 Dozen Navy 7c; 200 Interior mixed.

### LOT NO. 14

100 War high values mixed, and 25 Interior 10's.

### LOT NO. 15

2 Dozen Interior 90's; 100 mixed P. O.; and 2 Sets Treasury.

### LOT NO. 16

1 Set Navy; 1 Set P. O.; 3 Sets Interior; and 100 3c War envelope.

### LOT NO. 17

100 War 3 and 6 adhesive; 100 Navy 3 and 6; 100 3c War envelope; and 200 3 and 6 Interior.

### LOT NO. 18

50 mixed War (no. 3, 6, 7 or 90); 50 mixed P. O. (no. 3, 6 or 10) and 150 Interior mixed.

### LOT NO. 19

4 Sets Navy and 1 Set Interior.

### LOT NO. 20

75 Interior 10's and 30's; and 1 Set P. O.

### LOT NO. 21

200 mixed Justice, War, Agriculture and Post Office.

~~Stamps~~ Stamps for return postage should accompany orders for any of the above lots

~~Order~~ Order the above lots by number, and send cash with order.

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two centuries ago. A German baroness gets the same sum for having faithfully served Queen Victoria for eighteen years.

All those who instructed the Queen in her early years—her French, dancing and singing masters, draw \$500 a year for life.

The daughters of Sir Hudson Lowe, who treated Napoleon so cruelly when he was a prisoner at St. Helena, get \$250 a year for their farther's services in that respect; and the daughters of Sir George Cathcart gets \$1,500 a year for that officers gallant conduct at Lukerman.

Many writers receive comfortable pensions, which they are sure of having to the end of their lives. Tennyson, who as Poet Laureate is expected to write an ode when a prince or princess gets married, draws \$1,000 a year for this slight and not frequent service. The widows of Tom Hood and Douglas Jerrold, and some others, have \$500 a year.

You can easily see that all these pensions, the number of which, of course, is constantly increasing, make up an enormous expense. Very many of them are given without any good reason; and there is a vast deal of grumbling about them in England. But it will probably be long before they are done away with.—*Youth's Companion.*

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