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Reconstruction of Sheet II.

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Preface to Fourth Edition

The project to record all possible examples of this elusive issue continues relentlessly. A further nine examples have been identified since the third edition was published four years ago, giving a new total of 169 stamps out of the maximum of 240. As well as these new discoveries, several units have come to the market for the first time in decades. This has provided the opportunity to upgrade the quality of images, often replacing decades old black and white images.

Newly Identified Stamps

The following nine stamps have been added in this edition: IIT 07, IIT 08, IIT 26, IIB 21, IIB 30, IIIT 04, IVT 04, IVT 27 and IVB 17. The first eight of these are all mint, with the last being the 18th postally used example recorded.

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Preface to Third Edition

Two years on, and even more examples have come to light. Since the second edition, 13 units have been newly recorded. Of very significant importance are the final two examples of Type C. Previously 14 of the 16 possible examples had been recorded - and these were all mint. The 15th example had been circulating in American auction houses below my radar - this was also a mint example. But then the 16th and final stamp appeared in an Italian auction - and it was used! This used stamp will surely be recognised in the catalogues in due course and it can categorically be stated as being a unique stamp.

There are now 160 different stamps illustrated in this edition. As well as the new discoveries, many additional references to the provenance of items have been added or the image quality improved.

Three significant items have come to light in that they are both forged. It had always surprised me that no fabricated examples had previously been encountered bearing in mind the very high catalogue values. One of the items is a mint stamp that has had a Freetown cancellation added, and the others are cleaned revenue stamps with the overprint added. Each of these cleaned revenue stamps has received a 'bad' certificates from the Royal.

A catalyst for the creation of this edition has been the tenacity of Majed Halawi who has traced several of the newly discovered items now listed. He has been very willing to share his discoveries and I would like to express my gratitude for his support.

Newly Identified Stamps: The following stamps have been added to this edition: IT 03, IT 17, IB 01, IIT 06, IIB 29, IIIT 05, IIIT 09, IVT 04, IVT 06, IVB 01, IVB 14, IVB 15 and IVB 16.

Frank Walton RDP FRPSL
Dronfield, July 2017

Preface to Second Edition

One of the more rewarding aspects of publishing any research is the feedback that comes in almost immediately after the ink is dry! The reaction to the first edition of this study was a great example of this process.

As well as correcting a couple of mistakes, this edition records the addition of more examples. There are 147 different stamps illustrated in this edition, which compares with 139 in the first. As well as the new discoveries, many additional references to the provenance of items have been added.

My thanks particularly go to Philip Quirk and John Jackson for their shared enthusiasm for this study.

Errors Corrected: The new research has highlighted two significant errors in the attributions in the first edition. In the first edition the illustrations for Sheet I Bottom Position 14 and Sheet IV Bottom Position 6 were actually of the same stamp. The correct position is Sheet IV Bottom Position 6. The stamp identified as Sheet II Top Position 6 is actually from Sheet I Bottom Position 20.

Frank Walton FRPSL
Dronfield, January 2015

Chapter 1

Introduction

The 1897 Sierra Leone stamps with the 2½d overprint on the 2s revenue designs are amongst the great rarities of British Commonwealth stamps. There were only four sheets of 60 overprinted, giving a total of 240 stamps but, given the variety of font used for the overprint, there are six catalogued stamps. Three of these appeared only once per pane of 30, hence only eight of each ever existed.

Because of the very low production figures, these stamps are considerably sought-after and realise high prices at auction. The Stanley Gibbons catalogue (cover date 2021) values a mint set of six at £191,000. Several of the rarest stamps are beyond collectors' reach in The British Library Philatelic Collection (Ref. 1.1) or The Royal Philatelic Collection (Ref. 1.2).

In 2008 I started considering the percentages of these stamps that were ever used for postal purposes, and also what the survival rate has been over time. One further question was which of the six overprinted stamps existed in used condition; at the time, SG listed all of the types other than Type C - but I had never seen some of them.

Initially I looked at all of the reference material I had in my own files, but rapidly realised that I would need to cast my net more widely. Perhaps the most helpful source was the extensive collection of auction catalogues held by the Royal Philatelic Society London (RPSL). One or two of the major London auction houses have now put their archived catalogues on to the internet. As these are readily searchable, new items were quickly identified.

The two major expert committees in the UK, the British Philatelic Association (BPA) and the RPSL were approached. They both allowed access to their photographic archives. The RPSL Expert Committee has examples of identifiable stamps going back to 1915. Another significant holding of these rarities is the Colonial Stamp Company Reference Collection, and scans were made available for research. All of these sources were meticulously recorded, which ultimately led to the four sheets being partially reconstructed.

Out of the total of 240 stamps, 169 different ones have been positively identified. A summary of the individual stamps recorded, broken down by type shows:

	Printed	Mint	Recorded Used	Total	% Recorded
Type A	176	96	13	109	61.9
Type B	8	6	1	7	87.5
Type C	16	15	1	16	100.0
Type D (upright N)	24	19	2	21	87.5
Type D (italic N)	8	7	1	8	100.0
Type F	8	8	0	8	100.0
Totals	240	151	18	169	70.4
Types B to F	64	55	5	60	93.8

It was as a result of this research that Stanley Gibbons removed Type F in used condition from their 2010 catalogue after seeing the evidence that eight mint copies still exist.

The survival of 60 out of 64 examples of the rarer types is a remarkably high rate. The existence of these stamps was first reported in *The London Philatelist* in April 1897 for the 3d and 6d values (Ref. 1.3), May 1897 for the 1s (Ref. 1.4) and July 1897 for the 2s (Ref. 1.5), which confirms that collectors were aware of the issue and its varieties very soon after it came out. Given the extensive interest in such locally produced overprints of all colonies in the 1890s, it is not surprising that much of the issue - and especially the rarer types - were obtained by philatelists at the time.

To help readers identify any individual stamp and learn of its provenance, all types other than Type A are illustrated in Chapter 4 on pages with others of the same type. Only a brief summary of the provenance of each stamp is given here; readers should look for the full details which are given for each sheet in Chapter 5.

Quality of Reproductions

One of the most challenging aspects of the production of this book is the consistency of the quality and colour of the images. Altogether 169 different stamps are reproduced; it is likely that over 100 different cameras / scanners were used! Hence the resultant reproductions in this book vary considerably. The oldest image is from a photograph taken by the Royal Philatelic Society London Expert Committee in 1915. This stamp, Position 25 from the lower half of Sheet II, has not been recorded since that date.

The actual stamps from all four sheets are very similar in appearance with respect to colour; any difference of appearance in this book is down to the reproduction of the image in auction catalogues etc. No attempt has been made to digitally correct the shade variation.

Prices Quoted

The price information has been taken from very many different sources. Most realisations will be hammer price, but undoubtedly some will include commission. For the values in the columns headed 'estimates', these are the figures quoted in the printed catalogues. Where a range is given, the mid-point has been taken. Several auction houses quote catalogue price rather than an actual estimate; others are reserves rather than estimates. Readers of this book are strongly advised to take the values as guidance only.

Forgeries

Bearing in mind the high catalogue values of some of these stamps, it is remarkable that so few forgeries have been encountered either during the research of the book. One reason for this is that the host 2s STAMP DUTY adhesive is itself very difficult to obtain in mint condition. The forged examples discovered so far are included in Chapter 7.

Background Reading

Three excellent general accounts of this issue are recommended: Philip Beale's *The Postal Service of Sierra Leone...* (Ref. 1.6), Majed Halawi's *Echoes of Empire* (Ref. 1.7) and an article by Sir John Marriott in *The London Philatelist* (Ref. 1.8).

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Chapter 2

Stamp Duty Revenue Issue

In 1884 Sierra Leone had difficulty in deciding which stamps were to be used for collecting revenue. Within a few months at the end of the year, three different series of stamps were delivered to Freetown.

Following the Stamp Duty Ordinance of 1884 (Ref. 2.1), the Colonial Secretary ordered both a set of adhesive stamps and also a set of embossed dies which could be impressed directly upon a document. They became worried about the production time and also ordered a special printing, in different colours, of the then current 1d, 3d, 6s and 1s adhesives overprinted with the word REVENUE.

The embossed dies and the REVENUE overprinted adhesives were both produced and sent to the colony; the fate of these two series is beyond the scope of this publication. For details, readers should consult Beale (Ref. 2.2).

It is the tall stamps inscribed SIERRA LEONE STAMP DUTY that are of interest as they form the basic stamps which were subsequently overprinted for postal use.

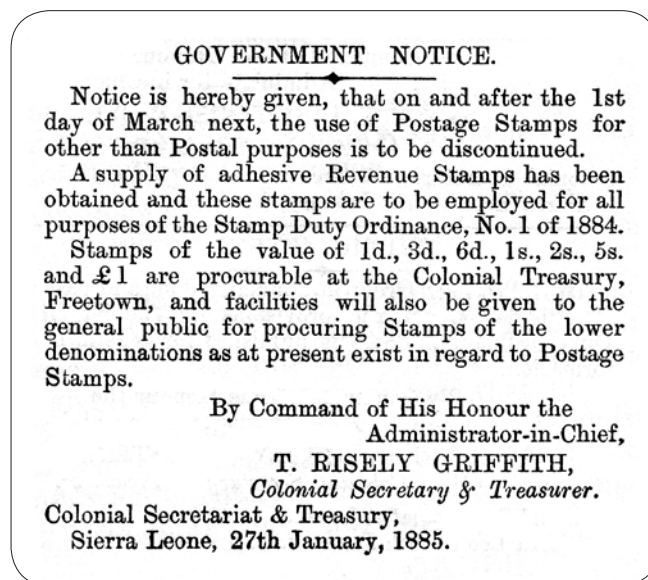


Undated and dated proofs of the master die for the Stamp Duty design.

The De La Rue correspondence book (Ref. 2.3) provides precise details of the manufacturing costs. There were five orders for these stamps between 1884 and 1895:

Value	No. Sheets of 60 by despatch date					Total Stamps
	19 Dec 1884	14 Apr 1891	11 Jun 1894	23 Nov 1894	31 Jul 1895	
1d	1,025	1,014	512	510	514	214,500
3d	618				206	49,440
6d	715				204	55,140
1s	607					36,420
2s	500					30,000
5s	300				52	21,120
£1	100					6,000

The stamps were on CA over Crown watermarked paper and perforated 14.



Sierra Leone Royal Gazette announcement (Ref. 2.4)

The stamps were printed and despatched to Freetown quickly as a notice in the *Sierra Leone Royal Gazette* tells us that they were put on sale on 1 March 1885.



The seven issued STAMP DUTY adhesives

These issues were used on a wide range of revenue documents, being cancelled either by a manuscript signature or by an official handstamp.

Despite the relatively high numbers printed, collectors do not frequently encounter the STAMP DUTY adhesives, either mint or fiscally used, especially the higher values.

Chapter 3

Postage and Revenue Overprints

The Need for Overprinted Stamps

Sierra Leone had been using stamps from the first De La Rue keyplate since 1872. By 1892 the plate had become worn, and it was decided to adopt the De La Rue Postage & Revenue keyplate for a full range of values. The process of deciding what values and colours were to be issued took several years to conclude, with the first despatches of the new stamps not being made until 3 September 1896.

The following despatches were made of 2½d stamps:

First Keyplate			Second Keyplate		
	Date Sent	No. Stamps		Date Sent	No. Stamps
	14 Apr 1891	120,000		3 Sep 1896	9,360
	12 May 1892	118,800		12 Mar 1897	60,480
	11 Jun 1894	60,840		12 Jun 1897	40,720
	31 Jul 1895	61,140		10 Oct 1897	241,800
				13 Jul 1898	240,000
					

Between 1 January 1891 (Ref. 3.1) and 24 December 1897 (Ref. 3.2) the half-ounce letter rate to the United Kingdom was 2½d, thus making this value the second most used postage stamp at the time. The main usage was the 1d which paid the internal rate,

A letter from the Crown Agents to De La Rue dated 9 April 1896 urged them to progress the order for the new designs 'as soon as possible' (Ref. 3.3). Considering this urgency alongside the despatch figures quoted above suggest clearly that the stock of 2½d stamps in Freetown was running low towards the end of 1896.

Another possibility for the overprint is that the authorities had a surplus stock of some values of the tall revenue stamps and they wished to use them.

Printer

Unfortunately there are no primary sources existing that show who printed the overprint. Philip Beale (Ref. 3.4) and Bertram Poole (Ref. 3.5) make no comment as to who did the overprints; Robson Lowe (Ref. 3.6) states 'overprinted locally,' but does not give any source to support his assertion.

There can however be little doubt that the overprinting was undertaken in Freetown. The font is very similar to that used for the 1893 HALF PENNY and the Commission of Enquiry that followed the clandestine printings of that issue helpfully identifies the work as having been done by the 'Government Printer' (Refs 3.7 and 3.8).

Further, the fact that so many different fonts for the '2' and '½' characters were used suggests that the printer involved did not have an extensive supply of type; this would not have been the case for a printer such as De La Rue.

One final indicator is the relatively poor quality of the work. The overprint forme is often applied at an angle or misplaced.

Date of Issue

The Stanley Gibbons catalogue (Ref. 3.9) gives a date of issue for the 2½d overprints on the 3d and 6d values as 27 February 1897, and on the 1s and 2s values as 1 March 1897. No primary source has been seen that provides any indication of exactly when the stamps were put on sale.

The fact that the overprint forme used on the 3d and 6d values is different from the one used on the 1s and 2s values indicates that they were printed at different times; what is not clear is which way round they were printed. Poole (Ref. 3.10) states that the shilling values were overprinted after the pence ones, and *Africa Part III* (Ref. 3.11) says that the shilling values had 'a new setting', implying a subsequent printing. No source is given to support either statement.

It is highly likely that the authorities in Freetown were conscious of the accounting implications of the overprinting, in that they were effectively reducing the book value of any stock by overprinting it. It is therefore probable that they would take the lower values first, leaving the 1s and 2s values until last.

The earliest dated postmarks seen are:

2½d on 3d	27 Feb 1897
2½d on 6d	27 Feb 1897
2½d on 1s	27 Mar 1897
2½d on 2s	20 Apr 1897

There are 18 recorded copies of the 2½d on 2s that have a cancellation, of which 16 have readable postmarks. The dates recorded are: 20 Apr 1897 (x2), 28 Apr 1897, 1 May 1897, 4 May 1897 (x2), 14 Aug 1897 (x4), 28 Apr 1898, 28 May 1898 (x4) and 9 Nov 1898.

Number of Stamps Overprinted

There are no primary records existing that show the quantity of stamps overprinted. The best source is a secondary reference that appeared in *The London Philatelist* in November 1897 (Ref. 3.12). This is a letter to the editor from W.L. Chew, who wrote:

I enclose the copy of a letter I have received from the acting Col. Postmaster-General of Sierra Leone, with reference to the Provisional Stamps which were issued by that Colony last spring, which may possibly be of interest to your readers.

GENERAL POST OFFICE
FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE
25th October, 1897.

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in your note of the 8th inst., I furnish hereunder the information asked for in regard to the issue of stamps of this Colony, surcharged 'POSTAGE AND REVENUE' in sheets of 120 stamps.

240 sheets issued and sold of Revenue					1d., surcharged 'POSTAGE AND REVENUE'.				
74	„	„	„	„	3d.,	„	„	„	„
98	„	„	„	„	6d.,	„	„	„	„
35½	„	„	„	„	1s.,	„	„	„	„
2	„	„	„	„	2s.,	„	„	„	„
<i>Also surcharged 2½d.</i>									

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signature illegible),

Acting Col, Postmaster General.

From evidence to hand it is certain that the sheets were in panes of 60 rather than of 120. We also know that there were at least eight examples of the rarest 2½d on 2s stamps, hence it can be deduced with confidence that the numbers of stamps is correctly reported by the official from the Sierra Leone GPO, but that the number of stamps in a sheet was erroneously quoted. Given the above, there can be no doubt that just 240 stamps with the 2½d overprint on the 2s value were produced.

Overprint Types

The printer did not have sufficient type to make an overprint forme of 30 identical styles. As well as the marked differences in the font of the characters '2½d', there are also differences to the full stop and the cancelling bars.

2½d.	2½d.	2½d.	2½d.	2½d.	2½d.
Type A	Type B	Type C	Type D	Type E	Type F

These Types are broadly described as follows:

Type A	The commonest style, with sans-serif figures '2'	Type D	Curved base to large '2'; flat base to small '2'
Type B	Ball as top serif to large figure '2'; narrow large '2'	Type E	Curved base to large '2'; curved base to small '2'
Type C	Ball as top serif to large figure '2'; wide large '2'	Type F	Large '2' similar to Type A; thick serif at top of 'd'

Overprint Arrangement

The overprint forme was applied twice to each sheet of 60 stamps, once on the top half and once on the bottom half.

There were two settings: one applied to the 3d and 6d Stamp Duty adhesives, and a different layout applied to the 1s and 2s value. There are several fundamental differences of the basic layout of the type on each stamp between the two formes. On the pence values, the wording is in three lines POSTAGE / AND / REVENUE above the '2½d' and there are six thin lines cancelling the previous value. For the shilling values, the wording is in just two lines POSTAGE AND / REVENUE which are below the '2½d'; there are just five thin lines covering the value tablet.

The layout of the two formes has been confirmed by the existence of full sheets of all values other than 2½d on 2s which has been verified by either strips and pairs or by the reconstruction work done for this book.



Type A overprints from the pence and shilling settings
(Note: the colour has been digitally faded to show the overprint more clearly)

Overprint Forme Layout on Pence Values

A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
A	C	C	D	C	C	C	D	E	A

Overprint Forme Layout on Shilling Values

A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
A	F	A	A	C	C	A	D	B	A
A	D	D	DN	A	A	A	A	A	A

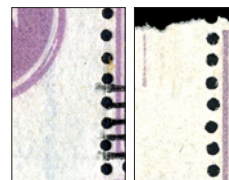
Constant Features of Individual Positions

The main focus of this book is the four sheets of 2s Stamp Duty adhesives that were overprinted '2½d'. Whilst reconstructing the eight formes, certain constant characteristics were identified that helped identify individual positions.

The position numbers referenced go from 1 to 30. This is a simple counting of the stamps from left to right and top to bottom as follows:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Position 1 Type A
Plate number in margin on top half
Guide line in margin on bottom half
Black bars end at fold of perforation; visible when overprint misplaced to right.



1

Position 2 Type A
No constant distinguishing features.

Position 3 Type A
No constant distinguishing features.

Position 4 Type A
No constant distinguishing features.

Position 5 Type A
No constant distinguishing features.

Position 6 Type A
No constant distinguishing features.

Position 7 Type A
Very weak loop to 'd'.



7

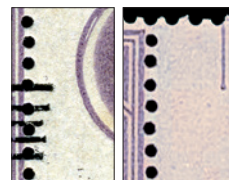
Position 8 Type A
No constant distinguishing features.

Position 9 Type A
Broken Large '2'.
Note: This variety is in position 15 on the pence overprint forme.



9

Position 10 Type A
Plate number in margin on top half
Guide line in margin on bottom half
Distinctive pattern of ends of the five black bars
Wider gap between top two bars.

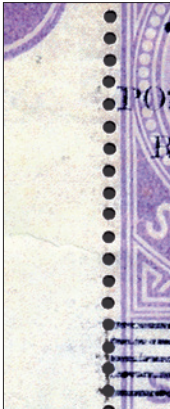


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Position 11 Type A
Black bars end at fold of perforation; visible when overprint misplaced to right.
Blank margin.



11

Position 12	Type F Large '2' similar to Type A; thick serif at top of 'd' Square full stop.		12
Position 13	Type A No constant distinguishing features.		14
Position 14	Type A Square full stop.		15
Position 15	Type C Ball as top serif to large figure '2'; wide large '2' Large full stop.		16
Position 16	Type C Ball as top serif to large figure '2'; wide large '2' Small full stop.		18
Position 17	Type A No constant distinguishing features.		19
Position 18	Type D Curved base to large '2'; flat base to small '2' No point to right end of base of large '2' Diagonal base to upright of 'd' Upright N in 'REVENUE'.		20
Position 19	Type B Ball as top serif to large figure '2'; narrow large '2'.		21
Position 20	Type A Base to small '2' slopes down from left to right Distinctive pattern of ends of the five black bars Blank margin.		
Position 21	Type A Plate number in margin on bottom half Guide line margin on top half Black bars end at fold of perforation; visible when overprint misplaced to right.		

- Position 22** Type D
Curved base to large '2'; flat base to small '2'
Point to right end of base of large '2'
Upright N in 'REVENUE'.



22

- Position 23** Type D
Curved base to large '2'; flat base to small '2'
No point to right end of base of large '2'
Upright N in 'REVENUE'.



23

- Position 24** Type D
Curved base to large '2'; flat base to small '2'
Point to right end of base of large '2'
Italic N in 'REVENUE'.



24

- Position 25** Type A
Large full stop
Gap between bars 2 and 3 wider slightly at right.



25

- Position 26** Type A
Gap between bars 2 and 3 wide throughout.

- Position 27** Type A
Gap between bars 2 and 3 wider at left.



25-27

- Position 28** Type A
No constant distinguishing features.

- Position 29** Type A
Diagonal crack in base of large '2'.
Note: This variety is in position 17 on the pence overprint forme.



29

- Position 30** Type A
Plate number in margin on bottom half
Guide line in margin on top half
Distinctive pattern of ends of the five black bars.



30

Type Naming Conventions

Over the years the naming conventions for the various fonts of overprint has varied considerably; this has inevitably caused confusion to collectors. The situation was at its most confusing in the period 1919 to 1990 when both Stanley Gibbons and Scott used the lower-case letters a to f - but in a different order!

This booklet uses the Types as defined by Philip Beale, and used by the West Africa Study Circle. These are independent from the main catalogue publishers, and have remained constant over the years.

Although Type E does not exist on the 2s value, it has been included in this comparison for completion.

Type	RPSL 1906	Poole 1911	Beale 1988	SG 1899 to 1990	SG 1991 to 2021	Scott 1898	Scott 1901 to 1904	Scott 1905 to 1917	Scott 1919 to 1941	Scott 1997 to 2011
A	1	A	A	a	8	I	I	I	a	a
B	5	E	B	b	9			V	e	e
C	2	B	C	c	10	II	II	II	b	b
D	3	C	D	d	11		IV	IV	d	c
E	4	D	E	e	12	III	III	III	c	d
F	1*	F	F	f	13			VI	f	f

* The variety was identified in a footnote.

Catalogue Number Changes

As well as the naming of the types changing, there have been several catalogue number alterations.

Stanley Gibbons

Type	SG 1899 to 1902	SG 1902-3 to 1994	SG 1995 to 2021
A	117	67	67
B	118	68	68
C	119	69	69
D	120	70	70
DN	-	-	70a
F	-	71	71

Scott

Type	Scott 1898	Scott 1901 to 1904	Scott 1905 to 1912	Scott 1914 to 1940	Scott 1941 to 2011
A	65	60	60	60	60
B	-	-	63a	63	63
C	66	61	61	61	61
D	-	63	63	62	62
DN	-	-	-	-	-
E	67†				
F	-	-	63a	63a	63A

† Scott 67 listed in 1898 is an error as the Type E overprint does not exist on the 2s value. It was corrected by 1901.

Spacing of Overprint Forme

With only four sheets being overprinted, it was a surprise to discover that the vertical spacing of the rows of the overprint forme is not consistent. Sheets I, II and IV are identical, but the distance between the three sets of bars on Sheet III is shorter.



Sheet II Top
Pos. 5, 15 & 25

Sheet III Top
Pos. 6, 16 & 26

Sheet I Bottom
Pos. 7, 17 & 27

The top of the lowest set of bars have been aligned, clearly showing how the rows of the overprint forme are set much more closely on Sheet III.

Several large blocks of the overprint on the 1s values have been examined, and all of these match the spacing on Sheets I, II and IV of the 2s. On the exceptional 2s Sheet III, the spacing on the top and bottom halves of the sheet is the same.

This variation suggests that the forme is made up of three elements each ten stamps wide and the height of one row. It would appear that these were clamped together, but the forme became loose and needed repositioning during the print run.

Chapter 4

Rare Types

Type B Position 19 (SG 68, Type 9; Scott 63, Type e)

Type B occurs only once in the overprint forme, in position 19. The large '2' has a ball at the top and a straight base. These features are similar to Type C, but Type B is narrower. Of the eight examples that were printed, six remain mint and one used; the eighth copy has yet to be recorded.



Sheet I Top

1997 RPSL Cert
1997 Brandon Cert
2006 Tompkins
2009 Grosvenor
2010 Stanley Gibbons
2016 Halawi



Sheet I Bottom
Strip 17-18-19

1934 RPSL Cert
1934 Hind
1949 Boucher
1957 Leslie
1978 Robson Lowe
2008 Colonial
2016 Halawi



Sheet II Top
Strip 18-19-20

1932 James
1932 RPSL Cert
1949 Boucher
1963 Stothard
1971 Danson
2008 Colonial



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1973 Sotheby's
1983 Friedl Cert
1983 Bloch Cert
1985 Melat
1990 Dallas
1991 Samos
2008 BPA Cert
2008 Sovereign



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c1930 Royal Philatelic Col



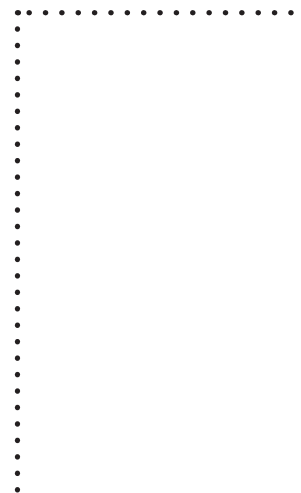
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1923 Ferrari
2008 Colonial



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1937 Insley Blair
1991 Dale Lichtenstein
2006 BPA Cert
2007 Harmers London
2019 Brandon



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Type C Positions 15 and 16 (SG 69, Type 10; Scott 61, Type b)

Type C occurs twice as a pair in the overprint forme, in the central positions 15 and 16. The large '2' has a ball at the top and a straight base.



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1966	Hunter	1934	RPSL Cert
1971	BPA Cert	1934	Hind
1971	Danson	1949	Boucher
2005	Baillie	1963	Stothard
		1987	Isleham
		1991	Samos
		2016	Halawi



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2010	Colonial	1968	Wilson
		1988	Prestige
		2004	BPA Cert
		2004	Frazer



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1933	Manus	1988	Ader Picard Tajan
1933	Mosely		
1938	British Library		



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1991	Dale Lichtenstein	2007	BPA Cert
		2007	Harmers London
		2019	Brandon

Type C Positions 15 and 16, continued

The features are similar to Type B, but Type C is wider. The left-hand stamp (Position 15) has a larger full stop than the right. All 16 examples printed are now recorded: 15 mint and one used.



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1923	Ferrari	2005	BPA Cert
1997	Brandon Cert	2014	Colonial
2008	BPA Cert		
2008	Sovereign		
2009	Spink Shreve		
2020	Spink		



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2004	BPA Cert	c1930	Royal Philatelic Col
2004	Frazer		
2012	Arnhold		



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1987	Isleham	1997	Harmers London
	Friedl Cert	2006	Tompkins
		2009	Grosvenor
		2009	Feldman
		2010	Stanley Gibbons
		2011	Stanley Gibbons
		2013	Corinphila

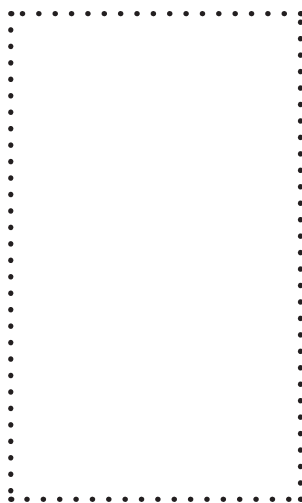


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1906	Ventom	2008	Brandon Cert
1932	James	2016	Cherrystone
2017	Bolaffi		
2017	Halawi		

Type D **Positions 18, 22 and 23** (SG 70, *Type 11*; Scott 62, *Type c*)
Italic N Position 24 (SG 70a, *Type 11*; Not listed by Scott)

Type D occurs four times in the overprint forme on the shilling values. The large '2' has a distinctive curved baseline and a ball at the top.



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Position 18
Not recorded

Positions 21-22
1933 Manus
1997 Brandon Cert
2007 Colonial
2007 Schiff

Position 23
1968 Wilson
1970 Miller
2007 BPA Cert
2007 Harmers London
2016 Halawi

Position 24
1976 Robson Lowe
2007 BPA Cert
2007 Harmers London



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Positions 17-18-19
1934 RPSL Cert
1934 Hind
1949 Boucher
1957 Leslie
1978 Robson Lowe
2008 Colonial
2016 Halawi

Position 22
Not recorded

Position 23
1970 Chapin
1974 Philatelic Fnd Cert
2000 Gibraltar
2001 BPA Cert
2001 Rubin
2008 Behr
2009 Spink
2010 Vestey
2016 Halawi

Position 24
1988 Ader Picard Tajan
2017 Bolaffi
2017 Halawi

Type D Positions 18, 22 and 23, Italic N Position 24, continued

Including the Italic *N* stamps, 29 of the 32 Type D stamps that were printed have been recorded, including three used examples. All eight of the Italic *N* stamps are accounted for, including one used.



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Positions 18-19-20
 1932 RPSL Cert
 1949 Boucher
 1963 Stothard
 1971 Danson
 2008 Colonial

Positions 21-22 *Position 23*
 2004 BPA Cert 1971 Hunter
 1971 Danson
 2005 Baillie

Positions 24-25-26
 1933 Harmers London

Positions 24-25
 1953 Harmers London
 1967 Montresor
 1971 Danson

Position 24
 1976 Philatelic Fnd Cert
 1976 Rydholm
 1991 Samos
 2008 BPA Cert
 2008 Sovereign
 2019 Brandon



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Position 18
 2000 Stanley Gibbons
 BPA Cert
 2000 Gibralter

Position 22
 1978 Robson Lowe
 2018 Bolaffi

Position 23
 1967 Harmers New York
 1968 RPSL Cert
 1970 Robson Lowe

Positions 24-25
 1915 RPSL Cert

Type D Positions 18, 22 and 23, Italic N Position 24, continued**Sheet III Top**

Position 18
 1966 RPSL Cert
 1972 Harmers London
 1997 Harmers London
 1998 BPA Cert
 2000 Gibraltar

Positions 22
 c1930 Royal Philatelic Col

Position 23
 1923 Ferrari
 1934 Hind
 1949 Boucher

Position 24
 Philatelic Fnd Cert
 1969 Jarvis
 2019 Bolaffi
 2019 Halawi

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Position 18
 c1935 Mosely
 1938 British Library

Positions 21-22
 2004 BPA Cert
 2004 Frazer
 2019 Mayfair

Position 23
 1976 RPSL Cert
 1977 Philatelic Fnd Cert
 1986 Colonial
 1996 Passano
 1998 Colonial
 1999 Colonial
 2000 Colonial

Position 24
 1967 RPSL Cert
 1978 Cramer
 1988 Prestige
 1994 Columbus
 1996 Western
 2006 Tompkins
 2016 RPSL Cert
 2016 Halawi

Type D Positions 18, 22 and 23, Italic N Position 24, continued



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	<i>Position 18</i>
1971	RPSL Cert
1983	Friedl Cert
1988	Prestige
1994	Columbus
2006	Tompkins
2009	Grosvenor
2013	Corinphila

<i>Position 22</i>
Not recorded

<i>Position 23</i>
1991 Dale Lichtenstein
Mondolfo
2019 Brandon

<i>Position 24</i>
1986 Stanley Gibbons
2018 Bolaffi
2018 Halawi



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	<i>Position 18</i>
1967	BPA Cert
1971	Temple Bar
1971	Stanley Gibbons
2008	Colonial

<i>Position 22</i>
1987 Isleham
2010 Amberley

<i>Position 23</i>
1943 Pattisson
1948 <i>RL Encyclopaedia</i>
2007 Behr
2008 Halawi

<i>Position 24</i>
BPA Cert
1977 Baumann
2016 RPSL Cert
2016 Halawi

Type F Position 12 (SG 71, Type 13; Scott 63A, Type f)

Type F occurs just once in the overprint forme at position 12. It can be easily recognised by the large serif to the top of the letter 'd'. Until 2008 Stanley Gibbons listed this stamp as existing used, but the eight illustrations shown here proved that all copies printed still exist unused.

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1994 Phillips
2016 Halawi

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1934 RPSL Cert
1934 Hind
1949 Boucher
1963 Stothard
1987 Isleham
1991 Samos
2008 BPA Cert
2008 Sovereign
2010 Gibbons stock

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Pair 11-12

1971 Danson
2010 Colonial

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1968 RPSL Cert
1997 BPA Cert
1997 Gibbons stock
1997 Harmers London
2007 Schiff
2016 Halawi

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2003 RPSL Cert
2003 Frazer
2006 Tompkins

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1932 James
1997 RPSL Cert
1997 Brandon Cert
1998 BPA Cert
2006 Tompkins
2009 Grosvenor
2009 Feldman

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Duveen
1937 Insley Blair
1991 Dale Lichtenstein
2006 BPA Cert
2007 Harmers London
2019 Brandon

Chapter 5

Reconstructions and Provenances

Reconstruction Techniques

Reconstructing the eight panes from illustrations can be equated to trying to complete a jigsaw puzzle with a third of the pieces missing, and also without a picture!

After an initial period of trial and error, a systematic approach was adopted. The first thing necessary was to obtain a uniform-sized illustration. This itself is not a straightforward exercise as, before the introduction of scanning in the 1990s, all images came from photographs. This often created images that were not absolutely rectangular as frequently the camera would not be directly above the stamp, yielding a trapezoid image. Further, images were sometimes distorted in the ratio of height to width. With modern software all of these challenges were overcome and a uniform, double linear sized paper copy was produced.

The easy stamps were positioned first: the obvious ones here were the unique Types B and F, the italic N and the Broken Large 2 varieties (Positions 19, 12, 24 and 9 respectively). Next were the two Type C stamps from positions 15 and 16 in the middle of the pane. It was soon realised that the two stamps were easily distinguished by the size of the full-stop. After these came the other Type D stamps from positions 18, 22 and 23. A few marginal examples and strips or pairs were also most useful.

But at this point it was still not easy to see the solution: for example, initially there were seven examples of Type C position 15 and seven of Type C position 16: but which ones went together as pairs?

There were numerous little clues that allowed this task to be progressed. Primarily the positioning of the five black bars at the bottom of the stamp was used, but this is rarely conclusive in its own right as many appear similar. Also to be taken into consideration were the centring of the overprint on the stamp, the centring of the stamps within the perforations and pulled perfs. When a pair of long and short perfs are re-joined a conclusive match is apparent.

The positioning of the Type A stamps took a very considerable amount of time. The distinctive stamps were positioned first on large blank matrices, and then the more common stamps fitted around them. Slowly but surely groups of a small number of matched stamps were joined together into the reconstructed sheets that appear on the following pages. Regularly groups of stamps were moved between the panes as the evidence grew.

The naming of the sheets I, II, III and IV is completely arbitrary.

Provenances

Throughout this research, meticulous notes have been kept of the source of each illustration. Over 400 different images have been recorded, relating to 169 different stamps. Perhaps surprisingly, more than 40 of the stamps have only been seen from one source, often in major collections such as the Royal Philatelic Collection or the British Library. The Type F stamp from the bottom of Pane I has been recorded from different sources a total of ten times, the highest count.

The following 32 pages provide a pane-by-pane breakdown of the provenances of each of the stamps, followed by an illustration of the reconstructed pane.

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Stamp	Date	House / Dealer	Reference	Lot No.	Estimate	Realised
01-A	1988	Sandafayre		259		
02-A			Not recorded			
03-A : <i>Postmarked MY 1 / 97</i>	9 Sep 1981		ex Sehn			
	9 Sep 1981		ex Allen			
	2016		Halawi			
04-A			Not recorded			
05-A : <i>Postmarked ?? ?? / 97</i>	31 Mar 1982	Sotheby's		ex 445	(£2,800)	
	1985		Holcombe Cert			
	18 Jul 1990	Sotheby's	Dallas	1972	£330	
		Holcombe Cert				
	9 Oct 1990	Colonial		1609	\$3,500	
	26 Sep 1991	Colonial		1523	\$3,500	
	14 May 1992	Colonial		1646	\$3,500	
	2 Feb 1993	Colonial		1176	\$4,500	
	4 Nov 1993	Colonial		1230	\$4,500	
	23 Jun 1994	Colonial		1268	\$4,500	
	20 Feb 1997	Colonial		1153	\$4,500	
	19 Feb 1998	Colonial		1381	\$4,500	
	18 Feb 1999	Colonial		1071	\$3,850	
	19 Nov 2005	Feldman	Melat	33237	\$400	
06-A			Not recorded			
07-A : <i>Postmarked AP 28 / 98 on piece</i>	1994		BPA Cert			
	14 Sep 1994	Christie RL		1112	£550	
	8 Jun 1995	Colonial		1301	\$3,850	
	3 Oct 1996	Colonial		1271	\$3,850	
	16 Oct 1997	Colonial		1312	\$3,850	
	12 Nov 1998	Colonial		1363	\$3,850	
	24 Jun 2001	Matthew Bennett	Rubin	803		
08-A			Not recorded			
09-A			Not recorded			
10-A	9 Jul 1992	Phillips		320	£135	£160
	2000	Stanley Gibbons		1498		
11-A			Not recorded			
12-F	16 Jun 1994	Phillips		519		
	2016		Halawi			
13-A	31 Jan 1968	Harmers London		752	£55	£55
	18 Jul 1990	Sotheby's	Dallas	1971	£330	
14-A			Not recorded			
15-C	1966		Hunter			
	1971		BPA Cert 70,005			
	4 May 1971	Robson Lowe	Danson	354	£375	£320
	24 Nov 2005		Baillie V	799	£9,000	£10,000

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Stamp	Date	House / Dealer	Reference	Lot No.	Estimate	Realised
16-C	1934		RPSL Cert 17,878			
	11 Jun 1934	Harmers London	Hind	ex 741		
	5 Oct 1949	Robson Lowe	Boucher	310	£15	£20
	4 Nov 1963	Harmers London	Stothard	391	£40	
	21 Mar 1967	Harmers New York		151	\$500	
	11 Mar 1987	Christie RL New York	Isleham 4	2278	\$2,500	\$7,500
	19 Jun 1991	Ivy Shreve Mader	Samos	1195		
17-A	15 Nov 2007	Colonial		1142	\$6,750	
	2016		Halawi			
18-D			Not recorded			
19-B	1997		RPSL Cert 169,283			
	1997		Brandon Cert			
	3 Nov 2006	Grosvenor	Tompkins 2	1238	£27,500	£40,000
	7 May 2009	Grosvenor		1006	£29,000	£25,000
	1 Aug 2010	Stanley Gibbons	Stock list P09005316X		£45,000	
	2016		Halawi			
20-A			Not recorded			
21-A & 22-D : Pair	9 Feb 1933	Plumridge	Manus	286		£17
	21 Jan 1997		Brandon Cert 20305			
	19 Jun 1997	Colonial		1309	\$15,000	
	10 Feb 2007	Victoria	Schiff	1566	\$7,500	\$7,500
	2016		Beving			
22-D	See 21-A					
23-D	21 May 1968	Harmers London	Wilson	370	£90	£145
	9 Jul 1970	Robson Lowe	Miller	1800	£200	
	2007		BPA Cert 68,897			
	22 May 2007	Harmers London		153	£6,500	£6,000
	2016		Halawi			
24-D	24 Nov 1976	Robson Lowe		368	£200	
	2007		BPA Cert 68,898			
	22 May 2007	Harmers London		154	£15,000	£20,000
25-A			Not recorded			
26-A			Royal Philatelic Collection			
27-A			Not recorded			
28-A			Not recorded			
29-A			Not recorded			
30-A			Not recorded			

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Stamp	Date	House / Dealer	Reference	Lot No.	Estimate	Realised
01-A	16 Oct 2002	Spink		345	£900	£650
02-A			Not recorded			
03-A	Aug 1998 May 2010 25 May 2011	Stanley Gibbons Behr Boule	Stock 998.01541 List No. 89 18 Ventre	 5971 4462	£1,500 €1,200 €900	
04-A	12 Mar 1956 15 Feb 1978	Harmers London Robson Lowe	Glossop	255 205	£30 £200	£6 £475
05-A : Signed Champion	1996 7 Dec 2005 10 Feb 2007 24 Jul 2009 21 Aug 2014		Holcombe Cert Schiff Rinkoff			
		Spink		4051	£550	unsold
		Victoria		1565	\$1,100	\$1,500
		Spink Shreve		2459	£1,700	
		Harmer Schau		428	\$1,200	\$2,000
06-A			Not recorded			
07-A	16 Oct 2002	Spink	Ambassador	756	£375	
08-A			Not recorded			
09-A	19 Jul 1983	Harmers London		2089		
10-A	8 Jul 1970	Robson Lowe	Miller	1799	£40	
11-A	4 Jul 2010		von Hausen			
12-F	1934 11 Jun 1934 5 Oct 1949 4 Nov 1963 21 Mar 1967 11 Mar 1987 19 Jun 1991 2008 13 May 2008 1 Aug 2010		RPSL Cert 17,877 Hind Boucher Stothard Isleham 4 Samos BPA Cert 72,073 Sovereign Stock list	 ex 741 312 392 152 2281 1197 447	 £35 £80 \$1,100 \$7,500 £45,000	 \$24,000 \$50,000
13-A	24 Jun 1988	Ader Picard Tajan		205	Fr9,000	Fr8,000
14-A			Not recorded			
15-C	2008		Colonial Stamp Co Ref Coll			
16-C	21 May 1968 19 May 1988 2004 26 Mar 2004	Harmers London Stanley Gibbons Spink	Wilson Prestige BPA Cert 62,756 Frazer	369 215 882	£200 £3,000 £4,500	£310 £3,800 £5,200

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Stamp	Date	House / Dealer	Reference	Lot No.	Estimate	Realised
17-A & 18-D & 19-B : <i>Strip of Three</i>						
	1934		RPSL Cert 17,881			
	11 Jun 1934	Harmers London	Hind	742		
	5 Oct 1949	Robson Lowe	Boucher	308	£50	£34
	21 May 1957	Harmers London	Leslie	385	£74	
	15 Feb 1978	Robson Lowe		204	£3,600	£9,500
	2008		Colonial Stamp Co Ref Coll			
	2016		Halawi			
18-D						
	See 17-A					
19-B						
	See 17-A					
20-A						
	24 Nov 1976	Robson Lowe		367	£110	
21-A : <i>Full corner marginal</i>						
	6 Apr 2006	Spink		971	£650	£900
	2008	Taylor	Stock			
	2016		Halawi			
22-D						
	Not recorded					
23-D						
	19 Nov 1970	Harmers New York	Chapin			
	1974		Philatelic Fnd Cert			
	25 Sep 1991	Harmers New York		971	\$10,000	\$7,500
	15 Sep 2000	Shreve	Gibraltar 2	2130		\$7,250
	2001		BPA Cert (maybe 62,090)			
	24 Jun 2001	Matthew Bennett	Rubin	804		
	Feb 2008	Behr	Stock	5719	€13,000	
	22 Jan 2009	Spink		399	£3,750	£4,800
	8 Dec 2010	Spink	Vestey	1511	£5,500	£4,500
	2016		Halawi			
24-D						
	24 Jun 1988	Ader Picard Tajan		207	Fr45,000	Fr18,000
	27 Oct 2017	Bolaffi		1163	€2,000	
	2017	Halawi				
25-A						
	Not recorded					
26-A						
	18 Mar 1965	Harmer Rooke		585		
	28 Oct 1994	Stanley Gibbons	Columbus	935	£550	£850
	3 Nov 2006	Grosvenor	Tompkins 2	1237	£750	£600
27-A						
	1934		RPSL Cert 17,880			
	11 Jun 1934	Harmers London	Hind	ex 741		
28-A						
	Not recorded					
29-A						
	5 Oct 1976	Harmers New York	Rydholm	1165	\$325	\$290
30-A : <i>Handstamped Roig</i>						
	22 Jun 1996	Shreve		1575	\$1,200	
	7 Aug 1996		BPA Cert 46,429			
			Sismondo			£1,000
	26 Feb 2002		Walton			
	2016		Halawi			

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Stamp	Date	House / Dealer	Reference	Lot No.	Estimate	Realised
01-A : Signed by F.B. Turpin						
	1931		RPSL Cert 15,502			
	22 Sep 1977	Harmers London	Baumann	403	£180	£140
	Sep 2020	Corinphila		507	CHF750	
02-A						
			Not recorded			
03-A						
	24 Sep 1979	Feldman		8115		
	3 Oct 2019	Bolaffi		1251	€250	
	11 Jun 2020	Colonial		1008	\$4,800	
04-A						
			Not recorded			
05-A						
	pre-1969		Philatelic Fnd Cert			
	21 Feb 1969	Siegel	Jarvis	881	\$175	
06-A						
	pre-1982		BPA Cert			
	20 Jun 1982	Colonial		1686	\$2,600	
07-A : Top margin						
	15 Nov 2020	Mayfair		1059	£950	
08-A : Top margin, thinned						
	21 Jan 2021	Mayfair		4749	£150	
09-A						
			Not recorded			
10-A						
	1964	Mondolfo		4363	L26,000	
11-A & 12-F : Pair						
	4 May 1971	Robson Lowe	Danson	352	£1,000	unsold
	2008		Colonial Stamp Co Ref Coll			
12-F						
	See 11-A					
13-A						
	pre-1969		Philatelic Fnd Cert			
	21 Feb 1969	Siegel	Jarvis	880	\$175	
14-A						
			BPA Cert 61,177			
	2016		Halawi			
15-C						
	9 Feb 1933	Plumridge	Manus	287		£14
	9 Feb 1933		Mosely			
	1938		British Library			
16-C						
	24 Jun 1988	Ader Picard Tajan		206	Fr85,000	Fr38,000
17-A						
	15 Dec 2004	Spink		1053	£550	£500
	1 Mar 2010	Stanley Gibbons	Stock list G0901065		£1,800	
	2 Feb 2019	Stanley Gibbons	Stock list G1564663		£2,000	

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Stamp	Date	House / Dealer	Reference	Lot No.	Estimate	Realised
18-D, 19-B & 20-A : <i>Strip of Three</i>						
	1932		RPSL Cert 15,740			
	14 Mar 1932	Harmers London	James	224	£63	
	5 Oct 1949	Robson Lowe	Boucher	307	£50	£44
	4 Nov 1963	Harmers London	Stothard	390	£90	
	21 Mar 1967	Harmers New York		150	\$1,325	
	4 May 1971	Robson Lowe	Danson	350	£1,000	unsold
	2008		Colonial Stamp Co Ref Coll			
19-B						
	See 18-D					
20-A						
	See 18-D					
21-A & 22-D : <i>Pair</i>						
	2004		BPA Cert 62,826			
	3 Apr 2004	Shreve	Neal Allen	684		\$13,000
22-D						
	See 21-A					
23-D						
	1971		Hunter			
	4 May 1971	Robson Lowe	Danson	355	£200	£150
	24 Nov 2005	Sotheby's	Baillie V	800	£5,500	£6,250
24-D : <i>Strip of three with 25-A & 26-A until 1933, and in pair with 25-A until 1971</i>						
	25 Sep 1933	Harmers London	(with 25-A & 26-A)	296		£18
	5 Jan 1953	Harmers London	(with 25-A)	465	£23	
	3 Apr 1967	Harmers London	Montresor (with 25-A)	259	£120	£155
	4 May 1971	Robson Lowe	Danson (with 25-A)	351	£200	unsold
	1976		Philatelic Fnd Cert			
	1976	Harmers New York	Rydholm	1166	\$1,250	\$1,100
	pre-1991		Lutwak			
	19 Jun 1991	Ivy Shreve Mader	Samos	1196		
	2008		BPA Cert			
	13 May 2008	Spink Shreve	Sovereign	446		\$90,000
25-A : <i>Strip of three with 24-D & 26-A until 1933, and in pair with 24-D until 1971</i>						
	See 24-Di					
	25 Feb 1979	Colonial		1677	\$900	
	1984		BPA Cert			
	10 Mar 2005	Spink		1290	£900	£1,100
	8 Dec 2010	Spink	Vestey	1510	£900	£800
		Stanley Gibbons				
	2016		Halawi			
26-A : <i>Strip of three with 24-D & 25-A until 1933</i>						
	See 24-Di					
27-A : <i>Tiny thin</i>						
	21 Nov 1967	Harmers New York		264	\$175	
	24 Jan 1979	Harmers San Francisco		2038	\$500	\$550
28-A						
	2008		BPA Cert 72,069			
	13 May 2008	Spink Shreve	Sovereign	443		\$1,900
29-A						
			Not recorded			
30-A						
			Not recorded			

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Stamp	Date	House / Dealer	Reference	Lot No.	Estimate	Realised
01-A : <i>Small piece of left margin attached</i>						
	4 Jan 1967	Harmers London		810	£45	£38
	2016		Halawi			
02-A to 10-A : <i>Strip of Nine</i>						
	19 May 1988	Stanley Gibbons	Prestige	214	£6,000	£7,000
	28 Oct 1994	Stanley Gibbons	Columbus	936	£7,500	£7,000
	26 Feb 1996	British Africa Phil Auc		694	£9,000	
	31 Jul 1997	Taylor			£17,000	
	2016		Halawi			
03-A						
	See 02-A					
04-A						
	See 02-A					
05-A						
	See 02-A					
06-A						
	See 02-A.					
07-A						
	See 02-A					
08-A						
	See 02-A					
09-A						
	See 02-A					
10-A						
	See 02-A					
11-A						
	17 May 2012	Stanley Gibbons	Arnhold	934	£320	
12-F : <i>Signed Bloch</i>						
	pre Nov 1967		Friedl Cert			
	21 Nov 1967	Harmers New York		266	\$2,500	
	1968		RPSL Cert 64,801			
	1997		BPA Cert 47,368			
	c1997	Stanley Gibbons	Stock 967.11458M		POR	
	29 Jan 1997	Harmers London		1002	£18,000	
	10 Feb 2007	Victoria	Schiff	1567	\$27,500	\$47,500
	2016		Halawi			
13-A						
	21 May 1968	Harmers London	Wilson	368	£55	£38
	24 Mar 1995	Eastern	Slater 2	2073		
	pre-Sep 1995		Brandon Cert			
	28 Sep 1995	Colonial		1347	\$3,500	
	3 Oct 1996	Colonial		1270	\$3,500	
	16 Oct 1997	Colonial		1311	\$3,500	
	9 Nov 1999	Colonial		1109	\$3,500	
	12 Oct 2000	Colonial		1344	\$3,500	
	11 Jul 2002	Colonial		1859	\$3,500	
	23 Jun 2005	Colonial		1151	\$4,250	
14-A						
	14 Mar 1991	Harmers New York	Dale Lichtenstein 18	325	\$1,500	\$1,000
15-C						
	14 Mar 1991	Harmers New York Mondolfo	Dale Lichtenstein 18	327	\$18,500	\$9,500

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Stamp	Date	House / Dealer	Reference	Lot No.	Estimate	Realised
16-C						
	2007		BPA Cert 68,895			
	22 May 2007	Harmers London		152	£7,500	£6,500
	2019	Brandon				
17-A			Not recorded			
18-D						
	Mar 2000	Stanley Gibbons		735		
	15 Sep 2000	Shreve	BPA Cert 54,789 Gibraltar	2130		
19-B : Signed Bloch						
	1973	Sotheby's				
	1983		Friedl Cert			
	1983		Bloch Cert			
	19 Nov 1985	Feldman	Melat	33238	\$4,000	
	18 Jul 1990	Sotheby's	Dallas	1973	£6,500	
	19 Jun 1991	Ivy Shreve Mader	Samos	1194		
	2008		BPA Cert 72,070			
	13 May 2008	Spink Shreve	Sovereign	445		\$40,000
20-A						
	3 Nov 2006	Grosvenor	Tompkins 2	1236	£750	£680
21-A						
	1991		BPA Cert			
	29 Jan 2020	Spink	Lionheart XI	266	£700	
22-D						
	15 Feb 1978	Robson Lowe		206	£675	£950
	8 Mar 2018	Bolaffi		783	€1,000	
23-D						
	21 Nov 1967	Harmers New York		265	\$1,000	
	1968		RPSL Cert 64,800			
	26 Mar 1970	Robson Lowe		1216	£225	
	14 Mar 2019	Bolaffi		1503	€1,500	
24-D & 25-A : Pair in 1915						
	1915		RPSL Cert 5,045 / 5,046			
	4 May 1915	Plumridge				£8
25-A						
	See 24-D					
	27 Oct 2017	Bolaffi		1162	€250	
26-A			Not recorded			
27-A : Pencil and handstamp signatures on back						
	22 Nov 1967	Harmers London		606	£55	£48
	3 Apr 2007		BPA Cert 68,894			
	22 May 2007	Harmers London		150	£1,000	£900
	2016		Beving			
28-A			Not recorded			
29-A : Faked 'postmark' in 2016						
	26 Jul 2016	Spink	Lionheart	346	£1,100	Withdrawn
30-A : With Plate No. 1						
	24 Sep 2020	Harmers London		410	£300	

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Stamp	Date	House / Dealer	Reference	Lot No.	Estimate	Realised
01-A	1966 24 Nov 2005	Sotheby's	Hunter Baillie V	798	£900	£650
02-A			Not recorded			
03-A	1 Oct 1980	Stanley Gibbons		685	£275	
04-A	4 Oct 2018	Bolaffi		1150	€250	
05-A	15 Nov 1977 2016	Harmer Rooke NY	Halawi	1755		
06-A	1954 11 Mar 1987 13 Mar 2020 2 Jun 2020	Christie RL New York Bolaffi Cherrystone	BPA Cert Isleham 4	2277 1080 6565	\$100 €250 \$1,900	\$350
07-A			Not recorded			
08-A	11 May 1964 20 Apr 1985 May 2015	Harmers London Cavendish Cherrystone	Macmillan	719 956 867	£20 £200	£25 £220 \$1,500
09-A	24 Jun 2015 2016	Feldman	Tatiana Halawi	51757	£600	
10-A	25 Mar 2011 2016	Postiljonen	Halawi	1475	€300	€1,100
11-A			Not recorded			
12-F	2003 8 May 2003 3 Nov 2006	Spink Grosvenor	RPSL Cert 185,217 Frazer Tompkins 2	92 1243	£17,500 £20,000	£17,000 £38,000
13-A			Not recorded			
14-A			Not recorded			
15-C : <i>Horizontal Crease</i>	25 Apr 1923 1997 2008 13 May 2008 22 Jul 2009 Sep 2009 1 Oct 2020	Broquelet & Gilbert Spink Shreve Spink Shreve Cherrystone Spink	Ferrari Brandon Cert BPA Cert 72,071 Sovereign Lionheart	ex 576 444 950 595 791	£18,000 £4,500	\$3,500 \$4,250 £5,500
16-C	2005 6 Nov 2014	Colonial	BPA Cert 65,900	1085	\$34,000	
17-A : <i>Vertical Crease, red manuscript marks on back</i>	1978 1 May 1984	Harmers London	RPSL Cert 104,710	1636	£150	£220

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Stamp	Date	House / Dealer	Reference	Lot No.	Estimate	Realised
18-D						
	1966		RPSL Cert			
	19 Jun 1972	Harmers London		496	£300	
	29 Jan 1997	Harmers London		1001	£3,500	
	1998		BPA Cert 60,830			
	15 Sep 2000	Shreve	Gibraltar 2	2131		\$5,000
19-B						
			Royal Philatelic Collection			
20-A						
	20 Apr 1985	Cavendish	Macmillan	957	£65	£90
21-A						
	25 Apr 1923	Broquelet & Gilbert	Ferrari	ex 576		
	1976		RPSL Cert 94,048			
22-D						
			Royal Philatelic Collection			
23-D						
	25 Apr 1923	Broquelet & Gilbert	Ferrari	ex 576		
	11 Jun 1934	Harmers London	Hind	ex 741		
	5 Oct 1949	Robson Lowe	Boucher	311	£8	£11
24-D						
	pre-1969		Philatelic Fnd Cert			
	21 Feb 1969	Siegel	Jarvis	883	\$1,000	
	2019	Bolaffi		1252	€1,500	
	2019	Halawi				
25-A						
	17 Oct 2003	Shreve		2225	\$1,700	\$575
26-A : Signed Brun & "U of M State" handstamp						
	24 Nov 1976	Stanley Gibbons	Imperial	592	£85	
	22 Jan 2009	Spink		398	£675	£580
27-A						
	1964	Mondolfo			4362	L25,000
	29 Jan 1997	Harmers London		999	£1,500	
28-A						
			Not recorded			
29-A						
			Not recorded			
30-A						
	Jun 2003	Stanley Gibbons	Private Treaty List		£1,000	
	21 Jun 2016	Status International	eBay 272227129990		\$2,000	
	17 Mar 2017	Status International	eBay		\$2,000	
	11 Dec 2017	Status International	eBay		\$1,800	
	4 Jun 2020	Status International		7186	A\$2,500	

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01-A			Not recorded			
02-A			Not recorded			
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04-A			Not recorded			
05-A			Not recorded			
06-A			Not recorded			
07-A			Not recorded			
08-A			Not recorded			
09-A			Not recorded			
10-A			Not recorded			
11-A			Not recorded			
12-F			Royal Philatelic Collection			
13-A			Not recorded			
14-A			Not recorded			
15-C	11 Jan 1966 2004	Harmers New York	BPA Cert 62,757	1668	\$325	\$300
	26 Mar 2004	Spink	Frazer 2	881	£6,500	£6,000
	17 May 2012	Stanley Gibbons	Arnhold	936	£11,000	
	15 Aug 2012	Stanley Gibbons	Stock List P12309526		£18,000	
16-C			Royal Philatelic Collection			
17-A : <i>Postmarked NO 9 / 98</i>	Feb 2002	Stanley Gibbons	Retail list?	742	£1,100	
	17 May 2012	Stanley Gibbons	Arnhold	935	£1,100	
	8 Dec 2014	Stanley Gibbons	Website Item G1341881X		£1,800	
	Mar 2015	Stanley Gibbons	West Africa List Item G1341881X		£1,800	
	Jul 2016	Stanley Gibbons	West Africa List Item G1341881X		£1,800	
18-D : <i>Postmarked AU 14 / 97</i>	c1938		Mosely at British Library			
19-B : <i>Postmarked AU 14 / 97</i>	25 Apr 1923	Broquelet & Gilbert	Ferrari Colonial Stamp Co Ref Coll	ex 576		
20-A			Not recorded			

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Stamp	Date	House / Dealer	Reference	Lot No.	Estimate	Realised
21-A : Pair with 22-D						
	25 Feb 1935	Harmers London	Nielsen	784	£18	
	1964	Mondolfo		4364	L70,000	
	2004		BPA Cert 62,755			
	26 Mar 2004	Spink	Frazer 2	880	£4,000	£3,800
	3 Mar 2019	Mayfair		1134	£8,750	
22-D : Pair with 21-A						
	See 21-A					
23-D : Light Horizontal Crease, Signed Bloch						
	1976		RPSL Cert 94,049			
	1977		Philatelic Fnd Cert			
	pre-Sep 1992		Friedl Cert			
	17 Sep 1992	Colonial		929	\$7,500	
	22 May 1996	Siegel	Passano	812	\$7,000	\$2,700
	pre-Feb 1998		Israelow			
	19 Feb 1998	Colonial		1382	\$11,550	
	18 Feb 1999	Colonial		1072	\$12,750	
	17 Feb 2000	Colonial		992	\$12,750	
24-D						
	25 Nov 1957	Harmers London		527		
	1967		RPSL Cert 64,381			
	23 Nov 1978	Sotheby's	Cramer	1244	£750	£1,800
	19 May 1988	Stanley Gibbons	Prestige	217	£4,000	£4,000
	28 Oct 1994	Stanley Gibbons	Columbus	939	£6,500	£6,000
	24 Feb 1996	Western		1323	£9,000	
	3 Nov 2006	Grosvenor	Tompkins 2	1241	£7,000	£32,000
	2016		RPSL Cert 224,689			
	2016		Halawi			
25-A						
			Not recorded			
26-A : Signed Turpin						
	1991		BPA Cert			
	26 May 1992	Harmers NY Chicago	Panzram / Swanborough	487	\$1,500	\$650
	17 Sep 1992	Colonial			\$3,500	
	8 Aug 1994		Rendon Cert 12620			
	2 Feb 1995	Colonial			\$3,500	
	19 Feb 1998	Colonial			\$3,500	
	18 Feb 1999	Colonial			\$3,500	
	16 Jun 2005	Spink	Gilbert	1229	£550	£400
	26 Jan 2015	Spink	Hudson	2572	£550	
27-A						
			Not recorded			
28-A						
			Not recorded			
29-A : Postmarked AU 14 / 97						
	15 Dec 2004	Spink		1054	£750	£900
	Jul 2016	Stanley Gibbons	Stock List P15607932		£2,250	
30-A : Postmarked AU 14 / 97						
	15 Aug 1934		Eastick			£2
	c1938		Mosely at British Library			

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Stamp	Date	House / Dealer	Reference	Lot No.	Estimate	Realised
01-A			Not recorded			
02-A	19 Jun 1991	Ivy Shreve Mader	Samos	1193		
03-A	1998		Brandon Cert			
	15 Sep 2000	Shreve	Gibraltar 2	2129		\$1,100
04-A	1981		Brandon Cert			
	27 Jul 2016	Spink		1278	£750	£750
	2016		Halawi			
05-A			Not recorded			
06-A	22 Mar 1982	Colonial		1496	\$2,350	
07-A	23 May 1949	Harmers New York		859		
	22 May 1996	Siegel	Passano	811		\$850
	1996		BPA Cert			
	25 Apr 2008	Schuyler Rumsey		1858		\$1,400
	Jun 2008	Stanley Gibbons	Stock list			
	22 Sep 2015	Stanley Gibbons	Atkinson	741	£1,100	
	Jul 2016	Stanley Gibbons	Stock list P15612591		£2,000	
	Jan 2019	Stanley Gibbons	Stock list P15612591		£1,500	
	1 Oct 2019	Stanley Gibbons		480	£950	
	29 Sep 2020	Siegel		1299	\$1,250	
08-A			Not recorded			
09-A	13 Feb 1990	Colonial		1476	\$1,500	
	21 Apr 2017	Aste Bolaffi		4138	€150	€850
	2017		Halawi			
10-A	22 Sep 1994	Ivy Mader	Asch II	2670		
11-A			Not recorded			
12-F	14 Mar 1932	Harmers London	James	225	£45	
	1997		RPSL Cert 169,284			
	1997		Brandon Cert			
	1998		BPA Cert			
	3 Nov 2006	Grosvenor	Tompkins 2	1242	£21,000	£40,000
	7 May 2009	Grosvenor		1009	£29,000	unsold
	24 Nov 2009	Feldman		60074	€27,500	€22,000
13-A			Not recorded			
14-A			Not recorded			
15-C : <i>Thin Spot</i>	pre-1987		Friedl Cert			
	11 Mar 1987	Christie RL New York	Isleham 4	2279	\$1,500	\$5,000
16-C	1997		BPA Cert			
	29 Jan 1997	Harmers London		1000	£6,500	
	3 Nov 2006	Grosvenor	Tompkins 2	1239	£9,500	£12,000
	7 May 2009	Grosvenor		1007	£11,000	unsold
	24 Nov 2009	Feldman		60073	€11,000	€9,000
	1 Aug 2010	Stanley Gibbons	Stock list		£18,000	
	Jun 2011	Stanley Gibbons	Stock list	727	£18,000	
	18 Sep 2013	Corinphila		1152	CHF7,500	CHF19,800

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Stamp	Date	House / Dealer	Reference	Lot No.	Estimate	Realised
17-A			Not recorded			
18-D						
	1971		RPSL Cert 77,494			
	1983		Friedl Cert			
	19 May 1988	Stanley Gibbons	Prestige	216	£2,000	£2,200
	27 Oct 1994	Stanley Gibbons	Columbus	938	£2,300	£2,900
	3 Nov 2006	Grosvenor	Tompkins 2	1240	£3,750	£5,000
	7 May 2009	Grosvenor		1008	£4,500	£4,000
	1 Aug 2010	Stanley Gibbons	Stock list		£8,000	
	18 Sep 2013	Corinphila		1153	CHF4,000	CHF11,400
19-B						
	pre-1937		Duveen			
	Nov 1937	Harmer Rooke	Insley Blair	220		
	14 Mar 1991	Harmers New York Mondolfo	Dale Lichtenstein 18	329	\$27,500	
	2007		BPA Cert			
	22 May 2007	Harmers London		151	£25,000	£24,000
	2019	Brandon				
20-A : Signed Diena			Brandon Cert			
	25 Jun 1998	Colonial		1407	\$3,500	
	28 Jun 1999	Colonial		1120	\$3,500	
	15 Jun 2000	Colonial		1037	\$3,500	
	4 Oct 2001	Colonial		1343	\$3,500	
	21 Nov 2002	Colonial		913	\$3,750	
	18 Nov 2004	Colonial		1577	\$4,250	
	14 Dec 2006	Colonial		911	\$4,750	
	3 Apr 2008	Colonial		1162	\$5,000	
	27 May 2010	Colonial		1066	\$5,250	
	22 Mar 2012	Colonial		1097	\$5,500	
21-A						
	8 Mar 2018	Bolaffi		782	€250	
22-D						
			Not recorded			
23-D						
	14 Mar 1991	Harmers New York Mondolfo	Dale Lichtenstein 18	328	\$10,000	\$6,500
24-D						
	9 Apr 1986	Stanley Gibbons		1445	£1,200	£1,300
	4 Oct 2018	Bolaffi		1151	€2,500	
	2018	Halawi				
25-A						
	14 Mar 1991	Harmers New York	Dale Lichtenstein 18	326	\$1,500	
26-A						
			Not recorded			
27-A						
	4 Oct 2018	Bolaffi		1502		
	26 Sep 2019	Colonial		1272	\$5,000	
28-A						
	1973		RPSL Cert 83,593			
	28 Jan 2011	Harmer-Schau		722	\$900	\$1,495
29-A						
	1975		Philatelic Fnd Cert			
	23 Mar 1994	Ivy Shreve Mader		3464	\$1,500	\$800
	23 Feb 1996	Shreve	Gibraltar	543		\$850
	16 Jun 2000	Shreve		1200	\$1,700	
	pre-2001		Israelow			
	24 Jun 2001	Matthew Bennett	Rubin	802		
	26 Jun 2014	Stanley Gibbons	Rexton	770	£900	
30-A						
			Not recorded			

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Stamp	Date	House / Dealer	Reference	Lot No.	Estimate	Realised
01-A	May 2015	Cherrystone		866		\$1,100
02-A			Not recorded			
03-A	25 Sep 1991	Harmers New York		970	\$1,500	\$1,100
04-A : <i>Postmarked MY 28 / 98</i>	19 May 1971	Stanley Gibbons		ex 951	£40	£33
	28 Oct 1994	Stanley Gibbons	Columbus	937	£650	£500
	23 May 1996	Stanley Gibbons		948	£800	
	c1997	Stanley Gibbons	SG Stock 945.03116C		£1,250	
05-A			Not recorded			
06-A : <i>Signed Bloch</i>	pre-1969		Philatelic Fnd Cert			
	21 Feb 1969	Siegel	Jarvis	882	\$175	
	19 Nov 1985	Feldman	Melat	33236	\$200	
	21 Oct 2010	Kelleher	Amberley	884	\$4,000	\$2,760
	pre-2014		BPA Cert			
	6 Nov 2014	Colonial		1084	\$6,750	
07-A : <i>Postmarked AP 28 / 97</i>	2008		Colonial Stamp Co Ref Coll			
08-A	9 Jun 2014	Spink		2302	£650	
	Mar 2015	Stanley Gibbons list	Stock No. P14518524		£2,000	
09-A : <i>Postmarked AP 20 / 97</i>	28 May 2011	Eastern	Anderson	302	C\$1,500	C\$3,220
	2016		Halawi			
10-A : <i>Postmarked AP 20 / 97</i>	30 May 1978	Colonial		1632	\$375	
11-A			Not recorded			
12-F	pre-1937		Duveen			
	17 Nov 1937	Harmer Rooke	Insley Blair	223		
	14 Mar 1991	Harmers New York	Dale Lichtenstein 18	330	\$27,500	£26,000
	2006		BPA Cert 68,899			
	22 May 2007	Harmers London		155	£25,000	£24,000
	2019	Brandon				
13-A			Not recorded			
14-A						
15-C : <i>Used Pair postmarked MY 28 / 98</i>	22 Nov 1906	Ventom, Bull & Cooper (<i>on cover with four other singles</i>)			£7	
	11 Mar 1932	Harmers London	James (not illustrated)	226	£29	
	21 Apr 2017	Aste Bolaffi		4139	€1,000	€75,000
	2017		Halawi			
16-C : <i>Creased</i>	2008	Brandon Cert				
	Mar 2009	Cherrystone		1114	\$9,500	
	Feb 2011	Cherrystone		860	\$9,000	
	Jul 2013	Cherrystone		909	\$8,500	
	9 Sep 2015	Cherrystone		879	\$9,000	
	2 Nov 2016	Cherrystone		2344	\$6,750	

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Stamp	Date	House / Dealer	Reference	Lot No.	Estimate	Realised
17-A : Postmarked MY 4 / 97. Creased						
	2018		BPA Cert			
	25 Jul 2018	Stanley Gibbons	Sale 5898	605	£800	
18-D : Postmarked MY 4 / 97						
	11 Jan 1966	Harmers New York		1669	\$250	\$210
	1967		BPA Cert 60,639			
	19 May 1971	Stanley Gibbons		952	£100	unsold
	11 Nov 1971	Temple Bar		ex 396	£150	
	2008		Colonial Stamp Co Ref Coll			
19-B						
			Not recorded			
20-A						
			Not recorded			
21-A						
	6 Jun 2008	H.R. Harmer Inc	South Beach	2782	£1,700	\$800
22-D						
	11 Mar 1987	Christie RL New York	Isleham 4	2280	\$1,500	\$2,900
	21 Oct 2010	Kelleher	Amberley	885	\$11,500	\$4,025
23-D						
	10 Nov 1943	Robson Lowe	Pattisson	302	£8	
	19 May 1947	Harmers London	Bryant	915	£13	
	1948		<i>RL Encyclopaedia</i>			
	2007	Behr				
	2008		Halawi			
24-D : Postmarked MY 28 / 98						
	9 Aug 1972	Sehn				
	22 Sep 1977	Harmers London	Baumann	404	£550	£280
			BPA Cert 82,634			
	2016		RPSL Cert 224,690			
	2016		Halawi			
25-A						
			Not recorded			
26-A						
			Not recorded			
27-A						
	30 Jan 1986	Colonial		1749	\$2,000	
	1986		RPSL Cert 136,252			
	2008		Colonial Stamp Co Ref Coll			
28-A						
	1930	Luder		2709		
29-A						
	4 May 1971	Robson Lowe	Danson	353	£50	
30-A						
	2007		BPA Cert 68,592			
	26 Jun 2013	Siegel	World Traveler	1501	\$4,000	\$1,400

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Chapter 6

Early Records

These elusive stamps started appearing in public auctions very soon after their issue date. The earliest reference discovered is to a Plumridge sale in London on 5 March 1901, less than four years after the issue date.

Another very early reference can be found in *The London Philatelist* of December 1902 (Ref. 6.1). This is a report of an 'Exhibition of the South African Colonies.' The Sierra Leone section was as follows:

SIERRA LEONE

These stamps were shown by Baron A. de Worms, Messrs. C. McNaughtan and H.J. White. In the first case the general issues were shown practically complete, and included the Halfpenny CA of 1894 with inverted surcharge. Mr. White's stamps included a sheet of twenty-five of the 2½d on 2s, containing all types, inclusive of the rare thick 'd'. Mr. McNaughtan's exhibit was very strong in the provisional issues.

It is not clear exactly what the phrase 'a sheet of twenty-five' meant as the sheets were of 60 stamps and the forme was of 30. Nevertheless, it is a block that would have made a wonderful reference piece today.

On 22 November 1906 Ventom, Bull and Cooper sold a lot described as: "*Sierra Leone, 2½d on 2s dull lilac, horizontal pair, Types a and d used together with four other 2½d provisionals on piece of registered envelope*". This is the only reference to a cover. The lot was sold for £7 2s 6d. The used pair (Sheet IV Bottom, stamps 14 and 15) has now been recorded. This item has set, as far as is known, a new record price for a Sierra Leone item when it realised €75,000 at auction in Italy in April 2017.

Puttick and Simpson offered on 23 April 1912: "*Sierra Leone, 2½d on 2s lilac, a strip of 10, being the bottom row of sheet, with margins, consisting of seven Type a and three Type d.*" This lot realised £16 15s. Whilst this piece does not exist today it is interesting to note that it had sheet margins; very few marginal examples remain.

The early auction catalogues are seldom illustrated, with the first photographs of 2½d on 2s being those in the Ferrari sale in 1923. After 1932 photographs of these rare items appeared regularly. The earliest photograph encountered anywhere is from an RPSL Certificate dated 1915.

There are several auction descriptions which cannot be correct. In 1915 the 'War Fund' sale offered a Type f used; Plumridge offered a strip of three, Types a, a and c as well as a pair of Types a and e in their 26 June 1919 auction.

Chapter 7

Forgeries

Bearing in mind the high catalogue values of some of these stamps, it is remarkable that so few forgeries have been encountered during the research of the book. One reason for this is that the host 2s STAMP DUTY adhesive is itself very difficult to obtain in mint condition. Only three forged examples have been discovered so far.



Two forgeries apparently from the same source. Both are chemically cleaned used revenue stamps with forged overprint and 'postmark'. Additionally there are traces of the POSTAGE / AND / REVENUE three line overprint similar to that applied on the contemporary ONE PENNY Stamp Duty adhesive.

Genuine unused example from Position 29 of Sheet II Bottom with a facsimile cancellation to appear as a used stamp.

2016 RPSL Cert 225,388
2017 Halawi

2016 RPSL Cert 223,479.
11 Jul 2017 UPA Lot 16345
Est £60 as forgery

26 Jul 2016 Spink 'Lionheart'
Lot 346 withdrawn before sale

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