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N I G E R I A

1914-26

DIE I

Printer Typographed - De La Rue & Co. Wmk. Mult. Crown CA Perf. 14
 $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 1d Sheets of 240 (four panes of 6 x 10).
2d - £1 Sheets of 120 (two panes of 6 x 10) - Plate nos. in margin,
also a sheet no. in black. Each pane was surrounded by a
single marginal line of colour broken over each stamp.
(Jubilee Line).

PROOFS

Known Die Proofs of country name and value tablet in black on
glazed card (92 x 60 mm) each unmarked.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 4d.

Robson Lowe auction 21 December 1978.

' $\frac{1}{2}$ d to £1', the set of 12, Die Proofs of the duty plate
affixed to irregular piece (max. 119 x 165 mm) variously
dated between 'Jan 11' and 'Feb 9', all but the $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 1d
(both '240 leads') marked '120 leads each', endorsed with
diagonal red ink line and date 'March 10th 1914' which
crosses all but the 3d, 10/- and £1, some slight rubbing,
also two similar 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d Die Proofs on pieces, one marked 'Nov.
14th. 120 + 6' and the other 'Dec. 7th. 120 to make up plate
to 240 set'.

BI-COLOURED

PROOFS

1/-, in black on vermillion imperforate, cut down and
struck on glazed card, shaded value tablet. 5/-, a
similar proof but with unshaded value tablet. (It is
thought that these could be the successors to the
'Imperium' Proofs. Similar proofs are known for Cayman
Is., Grenada and St. Lucia).

SPECIMENS

3d, 4d, 1/-, 5/- and 10/- white backs.

All values with coloured backs.

Robson Lowe auction 21 December 1978.

'1914-24 $\frac{1}{2}$ d to £1, less 6d, eleven values affixed to separate pieces, the $\frac{1}{2}$ d marked 'Mar. 1914', the $2\frac{1}{2}$ d 'Die and plate destroyed 12/1930' and the 3d to £1 marked 'DF', all overprinted 'specimen' (D12); 1924 Die I 3d violet dated 'Sept. 1923'.

VARIETIES

1d and 1/- inverted wmk.

Stop after 'd' on 4d value (lemon back).

Nearly all values will be found with traces of double impressions.

1914-26

DIE I

PRINTINGS

$\frac{1}{2}$ d	PLATES	1, 2, 3, 4, 7.
1d	PLATES	1, 2, 3, 4, 7.
2d	PLATES	1, 5, 8.
$2\frac{1}{2}$ d	PLATE	1.
3d	PLATES	1, 8, 9.
4d	PLATES	1, 6, 8.
6d	PLATES	1, 6, 8.
1/-	PLATES	1, 6, 8, 9.
2/6	PLATES	1, 5, 8.
5/-	PLATES	1, 8.
10/-	PLATES	1, 5, 8.
£1	PLATES	1, 5, 6, 8.

1914-26

Although the colony commenced its history on January 1st, 1914, the first supplies of stamps bearing the title of Nigeria were not placed on sale until June 1st, of the same year. The delay was caused by the desire to use up existing stocks of the old Protectorate issues.

PAPER All the lower values to 2½d were printed on ordinary unsurfaced wove paper, the values 3d to £1 being printed on chalk surfaced safety paper.

The first supplies on yellow and green papers had the colour tinted on the face only, the back of stamp being white. In subsequent printings experiments were made with various tinted papers resulting in a variety of shades.

In 1917, the 1d appeared in scarlet, due to a wartime shortage of the carmine - red printing ink.

YELLOW PAPERS

White Back	A paper with a yellow face and white back.
Lemon Back	A paper tinted yellow on face and back, but having a greenish tinge.
Yellow Back	A paper slightly thicker than usual tinted on both face and back. The shade of yellow on the face is of a deep tone.
Orange Buff	A paper, pale yellow on face with a distinct brownish tinge on the back.
Pale Yellow Back	A paper with a pale yellow tint front and back. The back varies from pale yellow to yellowish buff.

GREEN PAPERS

White Back	A paper tinted green on face with a white back.
Green Back	A paper tinted green on both sides and varying from bluish to yellow-green.

Olive Back	A paper blue-green on face with a pale olive-green back.
Emerald	A paper emerald-green on face with a pale olive-green
Surface	back.
Emerald	A paper tinted emerald-green on both sides.
Back	

THE TWO DIES



DIE ONE



DIE TWO

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1914 DIE I Wmk. Mult. Crown CA

DESPATCHED	ISSUED	VALUE	PLATE NO.	COLOUR AND DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY PRINTED
10 Mar 1914)	1914	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	2 & 1	Green, White Gum	1,018,353
)				894,480	
)				Specimen 393	
5 May 1914)				Booklet 123,480	
17 May 1915)	1915	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	2 & 1		1,004,040
27 May 1915)				360,000	
5 Jun 1915)				164,040	
28 Jun 1915)				Booklet 120,000	
16 Dec 1919	1919	$\frac{1}{2}$ d		Booklet 48,000	48,000
22 Dec 1919	1919	$\frac{1}{2}$ d		Booklet 72,000	72,000
31 May 1920)	1920	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	7 & 4	Deep Green	303,840
)				242,640	
5 Aug 1920)	1920	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	7 & 4	Booklet 61,200	
4 Aug 1921	1921	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	7 & 4	Green	239,280
ALL STOCKS OF THE $\frac{1}{2}$ d VALUE WITH BLOCK CA WMK WERE OFFICIALLY DESTROYED AT LAGOS ON 22 FEBRUARY 1926.					
10 Mar 1914)	1914	1d	2 & 1	Carmine-Red, White Gum	3,058,893
)				2,304,000	
)				Specimen 393	
20 Mar 1914)				569,280	
15 May 1914)				Booklet 185,220	
17 May 1915)	1915	1d	2 & 1	Carmine-Red, Yellowish Gum	4,433,920
)				360,000	
)				360,000	
27 May 1915)				720,000	
5 Jun 1915)				2,813,920	
28 Jun 1915)				Booklet 180,000	
14 Jun 1917)	1917	1d	3 & 4	Scarlet	2,380,440
)				600,000	
23 Jun 1917)				1,780,440	
16 Dec 1919	1919	1d		Booklet 72,000	72,000

DESPATCHED	ISSUED	VALUE	PLATE NO.	COLOUR AND DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY PRINTED
22 Dec 1919	1919	1d		Booklet 108,000	108,000
31 May 1920)	1920	1d	7 & 4	Carmines-Red 1,553,280	1,645,080
5 Aug 1920)				Booklet 91,800	
4 Aug 1920)	1921	1d		Carmines-Red	2,397,120
10 Mar 1914)	1914	2d	1	Grey, White Gum 119,040	119,433
)				Specimen 393	
27 Apr 1915)	1915	2d	1	Dull Grey, Yellow Gum 120,000	290,520
5 Jun 1915)				170,520	
26 Jun 1918	1918	2d	5	Slate Grey	183,720
30 Jul 1920	1920	2d	8	Dull Slate Grey	1,222,440
10 Mar 1914)	1914	2½d	1	Bright Blue, White Gum 122,160	122,553
)				Specimen 393	
27 Apr 1915)	1915	2½d	1	Dull Blue, Yellow Gum 120,000	333,600
27 May 1915)				213,600	
10 Mar 1914)	1914	3d	1	Purple on Yellow, White Back 240,240	240,633
)				Specimen 393	
27 Apr 1915)	1915	3d	1	Purple on Yellow, Lemon Back	
)				Purple on Deep Yellow	
)				Thick Paper, Yellow Back 489,120	489,500
)				Specimen 380	
14 May 1920)	1920	3d	8	Purple on Pale Yellow	
)				Orange-Buff Back 24,000	
27 May 1920)				156,240	180,210
4 Aug 1920)	1921	3d	8	Purple on Pale Yellow	122,010
)				Creamy Yellow Back	

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DESPATCHED	ISSUED	VALUE	PLATE NO.	COLOUR AND DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY PRINTED
9 Feb 1921)	1921	3d	9	Purple on Pale Yellow Pale Yellow Back	601,680
10 Mar 1914)	1914	4d	1	Grey-Black & Red on Yellow, White Back	120,393
				Specimen	120,000 393
27 Apr 1915)	1915	4d	1	Grey-Black & Red on Yellow, Lemon Back	120,000
7 Jun 1915)	1915	4d	1	Black & Red on Deep Yellow, Thick Paper, Yellow Back	195,740
				Specimen	195,360 380
19 Jun 1919)	1920	4d	6	Black & Red on Pale Yellow Back Also in Jet Black	117,120
14 May 1920)	1920	4d	8	Black & Red on Pale Yellow Orange-Buff Back - Also with Yellow-Buff Back	119,880
27 May 1920)	1920	4d	8		24,000 95,880
4 Aug 1920)	1921	4d	8	Black & Red on Pale Yellow, Orange-Buff Back	73,200
25 Jan 1921)	1921	4d	8	Grey-Black & Red on Yellow with Yellow-Buff Orange Buff and Pale Yellow Backs	458,640
10 Mar 1914)	1914	6d	1	Purple & Bright Mauve White Gum	303,993
				Specimen	303,600 393
27 Apr 1915)	1915	6d	1	Dull Purple & Bright Mauve, Yellowish Gum	564,840
5 Jun 1915)	1915	6d	1		120,000 144,840

DESPATCHED	ISSUED	VALUE	PLATE NO.	COLOUR AND DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY PRINTED
26 Jun 1919)	1919	6d	6	Dull Purple & Mauve	229,200
5 Jul 1919)				24,000	
				205,200	
31 May 1920)	1920	6d	8	Pale Purple & Bright Mauve	120,480
19 Aug 1920	1921	6d	8		315,960
ALL STOCKS OF THE 6d PLAT 8 WERE OFFICIALLY DESTROYED AT LAGOS ON 22 FEBRUARY 1926					
10 Mar 1914)	1914	1/-	1	Grey-Black on Pale Blue - Green, White Back (on Yellow-Green Face Also)	303,273
				302,880	
				Specimen	393
27 Apr 1915)	1915	1/-	1	Black on Pale Blue-Green Yellow Green Back (on Blue-Green Back Also)	555,980
				120,000	
				Specimen	380
5 Jun 1915)	1915	1/-	1		435,600
23 Jun 1917)	1918	1/-	6	Deep Black on Pale Blue-Green, Pale Olive Back	71,640
21 Dec 1918	1919	1/-	6		121,680
19 Jun 1919)	1919	1/-	6	a) on Deeper Olive Back Yellowish Gum	364,560
14 May 1920)	1920	1/-	8	Black on Emerald Face Pale Olive Back a) on Paler Creamy-Olive Back	243,120
				24,000	
17 May 1920)				219,120	
4 Aug 1920)	1921	1/-	8	Grey-Black on Emerald Face, Emerald Back a) on Bright Emerald Face	555,600
9 Feb 1921)	1921	1/-	9	Black on Emerald Face Emerald Back	1,167,000

NOTE, THE SHADES OF ALL GREEN PAPERS VARY

TY D	DESPATCHED	ISSUED	VALUE	PLATE NO.	COLOUR AND DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY PRINTED
00	10 Mar 1914)	1914	2/6	1	Grey-Black & Red on Pale Blue, Dull Blue Back	60,513
	)					60,120
	)				Specimen	393
30	27 Apl 1915)	1915	2/6	1	Black & Red on Pale Blue Greenish-Blue Back	144,000
50	)				Yellowish Gum	48,000
	)					96,000
	27 May 1915)	1915	2/6	1		
3	23 Jun 1917)	1918	2/6	5	Jet-Black & Red on Pale Blue	61,440
	)				Deep Blue Back	
	12 Jan 1921)	1921	2/6	8	Grey-Black & Red on Pale Blue, Deep Blue Back	244,080
	)				a) Also on a Greenish- Blue Back	
0	10 Mar 1914)	1914	5/-	1	Green & Red on Yellow White Back	40,713
	)					40,320
	)				Specimen	393
0	27 Apl 1915)	1915	5/-	1	Green & Red on Yellow Lemon Back	48,000
0	27 May 1915)	1915	5/-	1	Green & Red on Deep Yellow	49,580
	)				Yellow Back, Thicker Paper	49,200
	)				Specimen	380
	17 May 1920)	1920	5/-	8	Green & Red on Pale Yellow	18,000
	)				Yellow-Buff Back	
	18 Dec 1920)	1921	5/-	8	Green & Red on Pale Yellow	244,800
	)				Orange-Buff	
	)				Yellow-Buff and Pale Yellow Backs	

ALL STOCKS OF THE 5/- PLATE 8 WERE OFFICIALLY DESTROYED
AT LAGOS ON 17 NOVEMBER 1926

DESPATCHED	ISSUED	VALUE	PLATE NO.	COLOUR AND DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY PRINTED
10 Mar 1914)	1914	10/-	1	Green & Red on Pale Blue-Green, White Back	41,073
)					49,680
)				Specimen	393
27 Apl 1915)	1915	10/-	1	Green & Red on Pale Blue-Green, Blue-Green Back	61,100
)					60,720
)				Specimen	380
23 Jun 1917)	1918	10/-	5	Green & Red on Pale Blue-Green, Pale Olive Back	* 11,880
)				* (This Total must include Blue-Green Backs in same Consignment)	
14 May 1920)	1920	10/-	8	Green & Red on Emerald Pale Olive Back	24,720
)					18,000
17 May 1920)	1920	10/-	8		6,720
18 Dec 1920)	1921	10/-	8	Green & Red on Emerald Emerald Back	121,800
)				Also on Deep Emerald Back	
10 Mar 1914)	1914	£1	1	Deep Purple & Black on Red	12,273
)					11,880
)				Specimen	393
27 Apl 1915)	1915	£1	1	Deep Purple & Black on Red	36,720
)					
23 Jun 1917	1918	£1	5	Purple & Black on Red	12,600
19 Jun 1919	1919	£1	6	Purple & Black on Red	24,360
17 May 1920	1920	£1	8	Purple & Black on Red	18,480
18 Dec 1920	1921	£1	8	Purple & Black on Red	120,000

1921-26

Die I $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 2d, $2\frac{1}{2}$ d, 3d and 6d. Die II the remainder.

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PERF 14.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d and 1d Sheets of 240 (four panes of 6 x 10).

2d - 10/- Sheets of 120 (two panes of 6 x 10).

PROOFS Die Proofs of the name and value tablet in black on glazed cards exist for the $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, $2\frac{1}{2}$ d, 4d and 1/- values.

COLOUR TRIAL The 3d value (violet) Die I on watermarked paper imperf. Also, 3d value imperf. colour trial affixed to appendix sheet (142 x 176 mm), endorsed 'Approved for colour', signed and dated '2 Aug. 23'.

SPECIMENS $\frac{1}{2}$ d to 10/- eleven values overprinted.

<u>PRINTINGS</u>	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	PLATES	7, 9.
	1d	PLATES	7, 9.
	2d	PLATE	9.
	$2\frac{1}{2}$ d	PLATE	9.
	3d	PLATE	9.
	4d	PLATES	10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21.
	6d	PLATE	9.
	1/-	PLATES	11, 16, 17, 20, 21, 26.
	2/6	PLATES	11, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21.
	5/-	PLATES	11, 16, 20, 21.
	10/-	PLATES	11, 16, 17, 20, 21.

Plates 9, 10, 16 and 20 have the plate number at bottom of sheet only. All other plates have numbers at four

corners. When plate 18 was first made, it had the plate numbers at all four corners; later, it was made into an upper 120 set plate for occasional combined use with plate 20 when it had the plate numbers at top only.

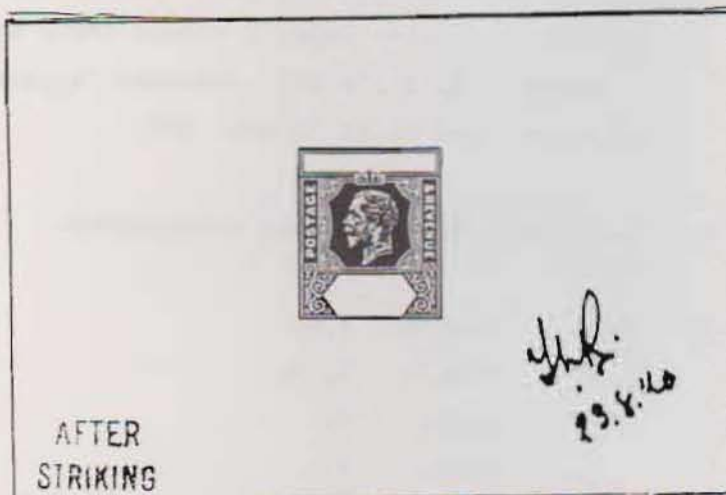
VARIETIES

Dies I and II se-tenant - $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 1d values. Each printed from combined plates 7 and 12, the upper panes - plate 7 - being Die I and the lower panes - plate 12 - Die II.

4d and 5/- on 'Lemon' paper.

DIE ONE

23.8.20



1921-26 DIE I - $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, 2d, $2\frac{1}{2}$ d, 3d, & 6d
 DIE II - REMAINDER
 ORDINARY PAPER - VALUES $\frac{1}{2}$ d TO 3d
 CHALK SURFACED PAPER - OTHER VALUES

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DESPATCHED	ISSUED	VALUE	PLATE NO.	COLOUR AND DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY PRINTED
19 Jan 1921)))	1921	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	7 & 9	Green, White Gum 1,209,360 Specimen 397	1,209,757
18 Dec 1923	1924	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	7 & 9	Dull Green, Yellow Gum	355,440
27 Nov 1924	1925	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	7 & 12	Deep Dull Green	119,640
25 Jun 1921)))	1921	1d	7 & 9	Rose-Carmine 2,403,600 Specimen 400	2,404,000
5 Apl 1921	1921	1d	7 & 9	Booklets	120,840
28 Sep 1922)))	1923	1d	7 & 9	Aniline Carmine 1,728,000	4,707,360
2 Oct 1922)	1923	1d	7 & 9	2,979,360	
18 Dec 1923	1924	1d	7 & 9	Dull Scarlet	2,914,080
25 Feb 1924	1924	1d	7 & 9	Booklets	36,360
27 Nov 1924	1925	1d	7 & 12	Deep Bright Carmine	2,640,000
8 Dec 1924	1925	1d	7 & 12	Deep Bright Carmine	389,160
24 Feb 1921)))	1921	2d	9	Deep Dull Grey 1,815,000 Specimen 400	1,815,400
12 Mar 1921	1921	2d	9	Dealers	7,704
25 Apl 1921)))	1921	2d	9	Deep Grey Booklets	181,260
12 Feb 1921)))))	1921	$2\frac{1}{2}$ d	9	Bright Blue, White Gum Also Dull Blue, Yellow Gum 360,000 Specimen 400	360,400

DESPATCHED	ISSUED	VALUE	PLATE NO.	COLOUR AND DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY PRINTED
12 Mar 1921	1921	2½d	9	Dealers	7,540
ONLY ONE PRINTING OF THIS VALUE, WHICH BECAME OBSOLETE IN MARCH 1931 WHEN IT WAS REPLACED BY A NEW 3d VALUE (BLUE)					
17 Sep 1923)	1924	3d	9	Bright Violet	368,091
)				359,280	
)				Specimen 411	
)				Dealers 8,400	
28 Sep 1922)	1923	4d	10	Grey-Black & Red on Pale Yellow, Pale Yellow Back and Lemon Yellow Back	121,853
)				109,440	
)				Specimen 413	
)				Dealers 12,000	
10 Dec 1923)	1925	4d	11	Black & Red on Pale Yellow	175,200
)				Lemon Yellow Back	
8 Dec 1924)	1926	4d	11	Jet-Black & Red on Yellow, Lemon-Yellow Back	190,560
11 Sep 1925)	1927	4d	11	Grey-Black & Red on Pale Yellow, Pale Yellow Back	242,040
)				120,000	
9 Dec 1925)				122,040	
18 Oct 1926)	1927	4d	17	Deep Black & Red on Pale Yellow, Pale Yellow Back	241,440
)				120,000	
8 Jan 1927)				121,440	
30 Aug 1927)	1928	4d	16	Black & Red on Pale Yellow	122,520
)				Pale Yellow Back	
10 Apl 1928)	1929	4d	16	Jet-Black & Red on Pale Yellow, Lemon Back	247,080
25 Oct 1928)	1929	4d	18	Jet-Black & Red on Pale Yellow, Lemon Back	242,880
)				192,000	
15 Nov 1928)	1929	4d	18		50,880

QUANTITY PRINTED	DESPATCHED	ISSUED	VALUE	PLATE NO.	COLOUR AND DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY PRINTED
7,540	17 Jul 1930)	1930	4d	21	Black & Red on Very Pale Yellow, Lemon Back	248,280
LETE EE	9 Oct 1930)	1931	4d	21	Black & Red on Very Pale Yellow, Lemon Back	182,400
368,091	15 Nov 1933)	1934	4d	20	Black & Red on Yellow Pale Yellow Back	246,840
21,853	12 Feb 1921)	1921	6d	9	Purple & Bright Mauve 192,000 Specimen 400	589,840
	24 Feb 1921)	1921	6d	9	397,440	
	12 Mar 1921	1921	6d	9	Dealers	6,440
	28 Sep 1922	1923	6d	9	Pale Purple and Mauve	60,600
75,200	10 Dec 1923)	1924	1/-	11	Jet-Black on Bright Emerald, Emerald Back 421,920 Specimen 415 Dealers 6,000	428,335
0,560	8 Dec 1924)	1925	1/-	11	Jet-Black on Emerald Emerald Back	521,400
2,040	11 Sep 1925)	1926	1/-	11	Black on Paler Emerald Emerald Back 408,000 353,160	761,160
1,440	18 Oct 1926)	1927	1/-	17	Jet-Black on Deep Emerald. Deep Emerald Back 300,000 300,240	600,240
2,520	16 Aug 1927)	1928	1/-	16	Black on Emerald, Emerald Back	775,560
7,080	2 May 1928)	1929	1/-	16	Black on Emerald Emerald Back	794,640
2,880	17 Oct 1929)	1930	1/-	21	Black on Deep Emerald Emerald Back	995,400
	25 Jul 1930)	1931	1/-	21	Black on Blue-Green Also on Yellow-Green Face, Emerald Back	486,120

DESPATCHED	ISSUED	VALUE	PLATE NO.	COLOUR AND DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY PRINTED
17 Aug 1931)	1932	1/-	20	Black on Deep Emerald	849,120
)				Emerald Back	
)					600,000
2 Sep 1931)					249,120
4 Jan 1933)	1933	1/-	26	Black on Bluish-Emerald	477,240
)				Emerald Back	
15 Nov 1933)	1934	1/-	20	Black on Emerald	613,440
)				Yellow Green Back	
8 Dec 1924)	1925	2/6	11	Deep Black & Carmine on	59,811
)				Blue Face and Back	
)					57,000
)				Specimen	411
)				Dealers	2,400
23 Dec 1925)	1926	2/6	11	Deep Black and Carmine on	60,000
)				Blue, Grey-Blue Back	
3 Nov 1926)	1927	2/6	17	Deep Black and Dark Red on	116,520
)				Blue, Grey-Blue Back	
)					60,000
8 Jan 1927)					56,520
30 Aug 1927)	1928	2/6	16	Black and Carmine on Blue,	49,320
)				Grey-Blue Back	
2 May 1928)	1929	2/6	16	Black and Carmine on Blue,	49,800
)				Grey-Blue Back	
7 Dec 1928	1929	2/6	18	Deep Black and Red on Blue	94,200
9 Oct 1930	1931	2/6	21	Deep Black and Red on Blue	117,120
15 Nov 1933	1934	2/6	20	Black and Red on Blue	64,410
2 Jul 1926)	1926	5/-	11	Deep Green and Red on Pale	62,822
)				Yellow, Pale Lemon Back	
)					60,000
)				Specimen	422
)				Dealers	2,400
8 Jan 1927)	1927	5/-	11	Deep Green and Red on Pale	57,600
)				Yellow, Pale Lemon Back	
30 Aug 1927)	1928	5/-	16	Green and Red on Pale	24,480
)				Yellow, Pale Lemon Back	

QUANTITY
PRINTED

9,120

7,240

1,440

9,811

1,000

1,520

1,320

1,800

1,200

1,120

1,410

1,822

1,600

1,480

DESPATCHED	ISSUED	VALUE	PLATE NO.	COLOUR AND DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY PRINTED
2 May 1928)	1929	5/-	16	Deep Green and Red on Pale Yellow, Pale Yellow Back	97,440
17 Oct 1929)	1931	5/-	21	Green and Red on Very Pale Yellow, Pale Yellow Back	121,800
15 Nov 1933)	1934	5/-	20	Green and Red on Yellow Pale Yellow Back	61,200
11 Sep 1925)	1926	10/-	11	Green and Red on Emerald Emerald Green and Yellow Green Backs	61,372
					30,000
				Specimen	412
				Dealers	1,200
9 Dec 1925)					29,760
3 Nov 1926)	1927	10/-	17	Dull Green and Red on Deep Emerald, Emerald Back	25,200
					12,000
8 Jan 1927)					13,200
16 Aug 1927)	1928	10/-	16	Green and Red on Bright Emerald, Dark Emerald Back	24,240
2 May 1928)	1929	10/-	16	Green and Red on Bright Emerald, Dark Emerald Back	48,360
25 Oct 1929)	1930	10/-	21	Green and Red on Bright Emerald, Dark Emerald Back	71,570
15 Nov 1933)	1934	10/-	20	Green and Red on Emerald, Yellow-Green Back	30,360
3 Nov 1926)	1927	£1	17	Deep Purple and Black on Red	48,000
					24,000
8 Jan 1927)					24,000
30 Aug 1927	1928	£1	16	Deep Purple & Black on Red	12,000
2 May 1928	1929	£1	16	Deep Purple & Black on Red	23,040
17 Oct 1929	1930	£1	21	Purple and Black on Red	45,960
15 Nov 1933	1934	£1	20	Purple and Black on Red	18,000

PLATE NO. 16 HAD NUMBERS ON BOTTOM OF SHEET ONLY

1924-25

Wmk. Mult. Script CA

Change to Die II.

PRINTINGS

$\frac{1}{2}$ d	PLATES 12, 13, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22, 26, 27.
1d	PLATES 12, 13, 16, 18, 19, 20, 22.
2d (grey)	PLATES 11, 17.
3d (bright violet)	PLATES 11, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21.
6d	PLATES 11, 16, 18, 21, 26.

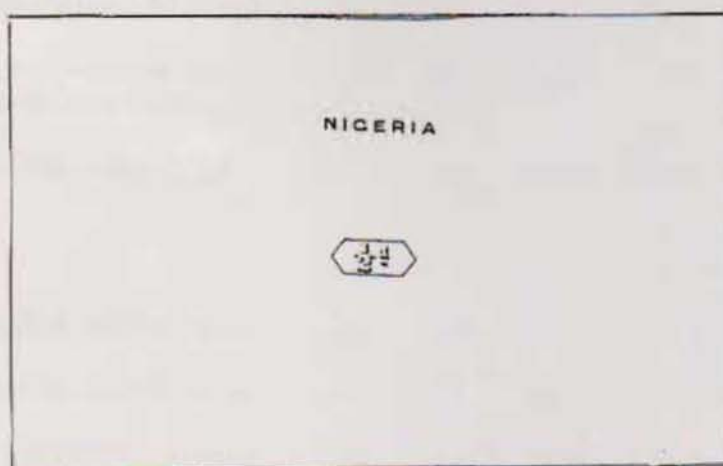
VARIETIES

6d Inverted wmk (plate 11).
 $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d - Dies I and II se-tenant. Each printed from combined plates 7 & 12, the upper panes - plate 7 - being Die I and the lower panes - plate 12 - Die II.

PROOF

3d (Bright Violet) imperf. colour trial affixed to appendix sheet (142 x 176 mm) and endorsed 'Approved for colour' signed and dated '2 August 1923'.
3d (Violet) dated 'September 1923' affixed to piece and overprinted type D16.

OVERPRINT PLATE FOR HALFPENNY VALUE



1924-25 CHANGE TO DIE II
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Plates 10, 16 and 20 have the plate number at bottom of sheet only, all other plates have numbers at four corners.

When plate 18 was first made it had the plate numbers at all four corners. Later it was made into an upper 120 set plate for occasional combined use with plate 20, when it had the plate numbers removed from the bottom margin.

DESPATCHED	ISSUED	VALUE	PLATE NO.	COLOUR AND DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY PRINTED
27 Nov 1924	1925	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	7& 12	Deep Dull Green	119,640
17 Aug 1925)	1926	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	13&12	Pale Green	478,000
9 Dec 1925)					240,000
					238,000
6 Oct 1926)	1927	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	13&16	Green	450,480
8 Jan 1927)					240,000
					210,480
16 Aug 1927	1928	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	19&20	Bright Green	238,560
10 Apl 1928	1929	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	19&20	Bright Green	484,560
17 Sep 1929	1930	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	18&20	Deep Green	780,000
17 Jul 1930	1931	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	18&20	Deep Green	238,080
25 Jul 1931	1931	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	22&20	Green	777,120
15 Jan 1932	1932	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	22&20	Green	1,394,640
22 Dec 1932	1933	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	22&20	Deep Green	1,200,000
31 Oct 1933	1933	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	22&20	Green	480,000
9 Feb 1935	1935	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	26&27	Bright Green	611,280
8 Dec 1924	1925	1d	7& 12	Deep Bright Carmine	389,160
4 Feb 1925)	1925	1d	7& 12	Deep Bright Carmine Booklets	38,640

DESPATCHED	ISSUED	VALUE	PLATE NO.	COLOUR AND DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY PRINTED
17 Aug 1925)	1926	1d	13&12	Bright Rose-Red	3,959,520
)				1,488,000	
11 Sep 1925)	1926			432,000	
30 Nov 1925)	1926			Booklets 60,000	
9 Dec 1925)	1926			1,979,520	
6 Oct 1926)	1927	1d	13&16	Carmine-Red	2,184,720
)				2,160,000	
3 Nov 1926)				Booklets 24,720	
16 Aug 1927)	1928	1d	19&20	Rose-Scarlet	4,860,600
)				3,840,000	
30 Aug 1927)				960,000	
30 Sep 1927)				Booklets 60,600	
10 Apl 1928)	1928	1d	19&20	Carmine-Rose	3,901,560
)				1,920,000	
2 May 1928)				1,920,000	
)				Booklets 61,560	
16 Oct 1928)	1929	1d	18&20	Carmine-Red	4,873,200
)				4,800,000	
8 Dec 1928)				Booklets 73,200	
27 Sep 1929)	1930	1d	18&20	Carmine-Red	3,720,600
)				960,000	
1 Oct 1929)				1,680,000	
4 Oct 1929)				481,200	
10 Oct 1929)				478,800	
13 Nov 1929)				Booklets 120,600	
15 Jul 1930)	1930	1d	18&20	Carmine-Rose	3,888,720
)				Booklets 48,720	
17 Jul 1930)				1,680,000	
25 Jul 1930)				2,160,000	
29 Jan 1931)	1931	1d	18&20	Carmine-Rose	91,200
)				Booklets	
20 Jul 1931)	1932	1d	22&20	Carmine-Rose	7,242,000
)				1,920,000	
24 Jul 1931)				960,000	
28 Jul 1931)				720,000	
17 Aug 1931)				2,880,000	
2 Sep 1931)				702,000	
)				Booklets 60,000	

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9,520

8,720

9,600

5,560

200

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720

200

000

DESPATCHED	ISSUED	VALUE	PLATE NO.	COLOUR AND DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY PRINTED
22 Dec 1932	1933	1d	22&20	Carmine-Rose	1,200,000
25 Feb 1924	1924	2d	11	Bluish-Grey (Booklets)	60,540
13 Dec 1924)	1925	2d	11	Slate-Grey, Also Pale	1,285,560
)				Slate-Grey	
)					528,000
1 Jan 1925)					699,600
4 Feb 1925)				Booklets	57,960
30 Nov 1925	1926	2d	11	Grey (Booklets)	90,000
18 Oct 1926)	1927	2d	17	Pale Grey	631,440
)					300,000
3 Nov 1926)				Booklets	37,080
8 Jan 1927)					294,360
8 Dec 1924)	1925	3d	11	Deep Violet	219,000
)					120,000
13 Dec 1924)					99,000
11 Sep 1925)	1926	3d	11	Dull Violet	481,680
)					240,000
9 Dec 1925)					241,680
18 Oct 1926)	1927	3d	17	Pale Violet	121,080
)					60,000
8 Jan 1927)					61,080
30 Aug 1927	1928	3d	16	Dull Violet	238,800
10 Apl 1928	1929	3d	20	Violet	243,120
15 Nov 1928	1929	3d	18	Pale Violet	246,360
10 Oct 1929	1930	3d	21	Pale Violet	372,000
10 Dec 1923	1924	6d	11	Deep Purple and Mauve	301,680
13 Dec 1924)	1925	6d	11	Pale Dull Purple and	283,320
)				Bright Mauve	
11 Sep 1925)	1927	6d	11	Deep Reddish-Purple and	600,480
)				Mauve	
)					312,000
9 Dec 1925)	1927	6d	11		288,480

DESPATCHED	ISSUED	VALUE	PLATE NO.	COLOUR AND DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY PRINTED
30 Aug 1927	1928	6d	16	Deep Purple and Mauve	366,480
2 May 1928	1929	6d	16	Deep Purple and Mauve	240,120
15 Nov 1928	1929	6d	18	Purple and Bright Mauve	363,240
17 Jul 1930	1931	6d	21	Purple and Mauve	488,400
17 Aug 1931	1932	6d	21	Purple and Mauve	362,400
4 Jan 1933	1933	6d	26	Dull Purple and Mauve	486,840

DIE TWO

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IDENTITY
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1927-31 Wmk. MULT. SCRIPT CA DIE II

55,480
50,120
53,240
58,400
52,400
55,840

PRINTINGS

1½d	Plates 20, 21, 22
2d (Chestnut)	Plates 16
2d (Chocolate)	Plates 16, 18, 20, 21, 26
3d (Bright Blue)	Plates 20, 21

PROOFS

1½d Die Proof of name and value tablet in black on glazed card, dated 15th November 1930 and marked 'After Striking'. Also known unmarked.

1½d duty plate die proof with hand drawn figures of value, struck on glazed card (93 x 61 mm) dated 1st November 1930 and marked 'Appd 3/11'.

Robson Lowe Auction 21st December 1978.

2d (Chestnut) dated 'July 27' and 1931 3d (Blue) (Imperforate) dated 'July 1930' on separate pieces and overprinted type D16, and 1928 2d (Chocolate) on piece dated 'February 1928' and handstamped 'Specimen' (D18 and used on Booklets).

COLOUR TRIALS

(Robson Lowe Auction 21st December 1978).

Trials on separate pieces of 1½d (orange) marked 'B Appd for colour 11th December 1930', 2d (Chestnut) 'Approved for colour 22nd June 1927', 2d (Chocolate) 'Approved for colour except that the shade should be slightly deeper, i.e., similar to the Fiji ¼d stamp 1922 printing 14th March 1928', and 3d (Blue) 'Approved for colour 28th June 1930'. All on watermarked paper, imperforate.

SPECIMEN

1½d and 3d perforated 'Specimen' in sideways semi-circle.
2d (Chestnut) overprinted 'Specimen' in black.

1927-31

The 2½d value became obsolete on 31st March 1931 and was replaced on 1st April by a 3d value (Blue), which superseded the 3d (Violet) - This change of colour was due to the increased postage rate on letters to foreign countries.

On 1st April 1931, a new 1½d value was also put on sale in consequence of the change of the British Empire rate of postage from 2d to 1½d per the first ounce. Owing to the financial stringency the old rate of 2d was restored from 1st October 1931.

The new 1½d value had a double 'Jubilee' line of colour broken over each stamp in place of the single marginal line.

DESPATCHED	ISSUED	VALUE	PLATE NO.	COLOR AND DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY PRINTED
5 Jan 1931)	1931	1½d	21	Orange-Yellow	1,400,000
)				Dealers	1,100,000
)				Specimen	25,000
29 Jan 1931)				Booklets	100,000
24 Jul 1931)	1931	1½d	21	Orange-Yellow	700,000
)				Booklets	600,000
2 Sep 1931)					100,000
15 Jan 1932	1932	1½d	22&20	Orange-Yellow	2,100,000
1 Jul 1932)	1932	1½d	22&20	Orange-Yellow	*1,000,000
8 Jul 1932)					500,000
				* Cut in half sheets and numbered	500,000
22 Dec 1932)	1933	1½d	22&20	Orange-Yellow	1,400,000
30 Dec 1932)					500,000
31 Oct 1933	1933	1½d	22&20	Orange-Yellow	*2,000,000
				* This issue has perforated and imperforated margins.	

DESPATCHED	ISSUED	VALUE	PLATE NO.	COLOUR AND DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY PRINTED
30 Aug 1927)	1927	2d	16	Chestnut	818,162
)				714,840	
)				Dealers 12,000	
)				Specimen 422	
30 Sep 1927)				Booklets 90,900	
2 May 1928)	1928	2d	16	Brown	816,900
)				724,560	
)				Booklets 92,340	
25 Oct 1928)	1929	2d	18	Chocolate	845,520
)				735,720	
8 Dec 1928)				Booklets 109,800	
1 Oct 1929)	1930	2d	21	Brown	911,820
)				240,000	
4 Oct 1929)				453,120	
10 Oct 1929)				37,800	
13 Nov 1929)				180,900	
15 Jul 1930)	1931	2d	21	Paler Brown	687,720
)				Booklets 73,080	
17 Jul 1930)				614,640	
24 Jul 1931	1932	2d	21	Brown	371,040
30 Dec 1932)	1933	2d	26	Dark Brown	600,000
)				480,000	
4 Jan 1933)				120,000	
31 Oct 1933)	1934	2d	20	Dark Brown	858,840
)				336,000	
15 Nov 1933)				522,840	
15 Jul 1930)	1931	3d	21	Blue	603,076
)				12,000	
17 Jul 1930)				590,640	
)				Specimen 436	
24 Jul 1931)	1932	3d	21	Blue	361,560
)				144,000	
28 Jul 1931)				217,560	
15 Nov 1933	1934	3d	20	Bright Blue	366,120

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RE-APPEARANCE OF DIE I

PRINTINGS

2d (Chocolate) Plate 23

4d Plate 23

2/6 Plate 23

5/- Plate 23

10/- Plate 23

£1 Plate 23

DESPATCHED	ISSUED	VALUE	PLATE NO.	COLOUR AND DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY PRINTED
15 Jan 1932	1932	2d	23	Dark Brown	363,840
23 Jun 1932)	1932	2d	23	Dark Brown	831,000
1 Jul 1932)				432,000	
				399,000	
23 Jun 1932)	1932	4d	23	Deep Black & Red on Yellow Pale Yellow Back	241,440
23 Jun 1932	1932	2/6	23	Deep Black & Red on Blue	49,920
23 Jun 1932)	1932	5/-	23	Dull Green & Red on Yellow Pale Yellow Back	44,760
23 Jun 1932)	1932	10/-	23	Green & Red on Emerald, Emerald Back	31,200
23 Jun 1932	1932	£1	23	Purple & Black on Red	12,120

6 MAY 1935

Silver Jubilee

PRINTER

Recess, Waterlow and Sons Ltd.

DESIGNER

H. Fleury.

PERF

11 x 12

WMK

Mult, Script CA.

Printed in sheets of 60 (6 x 10) and sheet number in black in upper right hand corner over last stamp. No marginal lines or plate numbers.

Stamps on sale from 6 May to 31 December 1935.

SPECIMEN 412 complete sets perforated 'Specimen' diagonally from bottom left hand to top right hand corner. These were additional to numbers shown below.

A second printing of each value was sent to the colony in July-August 1935, but 3d and 1/- values cannot be distinguished from the first printing. The 1½d and 2d values had four figure sheet numbers instead of five figures in the original printing. Also, in the second printing of the 1½d value the sheet number appears at the right hand side margin at the second stamp instead of at the top.

No stamp booklets were printed.

FIRST PRINTING

DESPATCHED	ISSUED	1½d	2d	3d	1/-
18 Mar 1935	May 1935	84,000	84,000	36,000	36,000
26 Mar 1935	May 1935	180,000	120,000	60,000	72,000
8 Apl 1935	May 1935	288,000	48,000	149,820	376,440
16 Apl 1935	May 1935	1,453,680	522,960	-	-
Dealers		22,680	18,000	14,220	11,400
		<u>2,028,360</u>	<u>792,960</u>	<u>260,040</u>	<u>495,840</u>

SECOND PRINTING

29 Jul 1935	Oct 1935	216,000	156,000	60,000	60,000
13 Aug 1935	Oct 1935	222,480	121,860	64,440	70,380
		<u>438,480</u>	<u>277,860</u>	<u>124,440</u>	<u>130,380</u>
	TOTAL	2,466,840	1,070,820	384,480	626,220

SPECIMENS

1. Complete set perforated 'Specimen' in a half circle.
2. $\frac{1}{2}$ d part imprint block (5 x 3), 1d marginal block (4 x 4), $1\frac{1}{2}$ d corner block (2 x 3), 2d vertical strip of 4, 4d, 6d vertical strip of 3 and 2/6, each stamp handstamped with type D15 in violet. (Robson Lowe Auction 21 December 1978).

1 FEBRUARY 1936

PRINTER

WMK

PERF

Definitive Issue.

Recess. De La Rue and Co Ltd.

Mult. Script CA.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d - 1/- $11\frac{1}{2}$ x 13 $1\frac{1}{2}$ d and 3d also perf $12\frac{1}{2}$ x $13\frac{1}{2}$ 2/6 - £1 14.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d - 1/- sheets of 60 stamps (10 x 6)
2/6 - £1 sheets of 60 stamps (6 x 10) } all Plate 1

'Thomas De La Rue and Company Limited - London' printed along the bottom edge and Plate No. 1 under the second stamp from the right on the bottom row.

ESSAYS 1. $\frac{1}{2}$ d - £1 gloss photographic essays (12) all in an upright format with King's Head at top, 'Nigeria' across centre and Government House vignette, each dated '30 July 1934'.

2. Also $\frac{1}{2}$ d (Matt) and 1/- as above, the frames as in the issued set but with unissued vignettes.

3. $\frac{1}{2}$ d - £1 Matt photographic essays as issued each dated '11 May 1935' on reverse.

4. $\frac{1}{2}$ d mainly photographic essay (of 21 May 1935) in green on board (33 x 43 x $1\frac{1}{2}$ mm) in similar design to that issued but with ships bows pointed left, considerably touched up by hand and with engraved King's Head superimposed.

PROOFS 1. $\frac{1}{2}$ d - 2d, 3d - 1/- and 2/6 - £1 groups, three proofs in black on plain paper of the approved frames.

2. 2/6, 5/-, 10/- and £1 proofs in black on plain paper of the four vignettes affixed to separate pieces (min 100 x 31 mm), each dated and marked 'Appd for Die'.

3. 1/- in olive on piece of watermarked paper (30 x 39 mm), affixed to piece (91 x 44 mm) marked 'Appd for Die 30 July 1935'.

COLOUR TRIALS 1. $\frac{1}{2}$ d - £1 the set of twelve values imperforate with 2 - $3\frac{1}{2}$ mm margins in the issued colours on watermarked paper.

2. $\frac{1}{2}$ d in green on plain paper (46 x 63 mm) on piece 116 x 68 mm marked 'Approved by Letter' and with typed '19 June 1935' date.

1936

DEFINITIVE ISSUE

DESPATCHED	ISSUED	VALUE	PLATE NO.	COLOUR AND DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY PRINTED
20 Sep 1935)	1936	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	1	Dark Green	2,464,498
)				960,000	
)				Dealers	24,000
)				Specimen	418
2 Oct 1935)					1,320,000
11 Oct 1935)					160,080
25 Aug 1937	1937	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	1	Dark Green	35,000
25 Nov 1937)	1938	$\frac{1}{2}$ d	1		18,000
22 Dec 1937)					330,000
20 Sep 1935)	1936	1d	1	Carminc	2,819,818
)				1,260,000	
)				Dealers	15,000
)				Specimen	418
2 Oct 1935)					1,544,400
9 Oct 1937	1938	1d	1	Carminc	1,250,000
6 Jan 1938	1938	1d	1	Carminc	672,000
20 Sep 1935)	1936	$1\frac{1}{2}$ d	1	Brown	5,699,398
)				2,400,000	
)				Dealers	12,000
)				Specimen	418
9 Oct 1935)	1936				2,014,980
11 Oct 1935)	1936				1,272,000
20 Sep 1935)	1936	2d	1	Black	2,497,618
)				960,000	
)				Dealers	10,200
)				Specimen	418
9 Oct 1935)	1936				1,368,000
18 Oct 1935)					69,000
20 Sep 1935)	1936	3d	1	Blue	739,198
)				480,000	
)				Dealers	9,600
)				Specimen	418
18 Oct 1935)	1936				72,000
31 Oct 1935)	1936				177,180

DESPATCHED	ISSUED	VALUE	PLATE NO	COLOUR AND DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY PRINTED
20 Sep 1935)	1936	4d	1	Red-Brown	514,138
)				480,000	
)				Dealers 8,400	
)				Specimen 418	
31 Oct 1935)	1936			25,320	
20 Sep 1935)	1936	6d	1	Dull Violet	628,018
)				480,000	
)				Dealers 7,200	
)				Specimen 418	
31 Oct 1936)	1936			140,400	
24 May 1937	1937	6d	1	Deep Violet	222,720
1 Sep 1937)	1937	6d	1		739,860
25 Sep 1937)	1937			288,720	
				451,140	
20 Sep 1935)	1936	1/-	1	Olive-Green	1,465,438
)				480,000	
)				Dealers 6,000	
)				Specimen 418	
2 Oct 1935)	1936			240,000	
18 Oct 1935)				336,000	
31 Oct 1935)				403,020	
20 Sep 1935)	1936	2/6	1	Ultramarine and Black	132,418
)				60,000	
)				Dealers 3,600	
)				Specimen 418	
2 Oct 1935)				68,400	
20 Sep 1935)	1936	5/-	1	Olive-Green and Black	102,898
)				42,000	
)				Dealers 2,400	
)				Specimen 418	
2 Oct 1935)				58,080	
20 Sep 1935)	1936	10/-	1	Slate-Grey and Black	58,558
)				18,000	
)				Dealers 1,800	
)				Specimen 418	
2 Oct 1935)				38,340	
20 Sep 1935)	1936	£1	1	Orange and Black	38,278
)				18,000	
)				Dealers 1,320	
)				Specimen 418	
2 Oct 1935)				18,540	