

Perfins on Cover



King Edward VIII airmail cover with 1 1/2d brown SG459 and 2 1/2d blue SG460 both perfined PAGE (P0160.01) and identity of Chas Page and Co Ltd, 52 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1. Flimsy airmail cover sent to Athens, Greece on 24 March 1937 and received on 28th March as per backstamp. Die in use from 1918 to 1958.

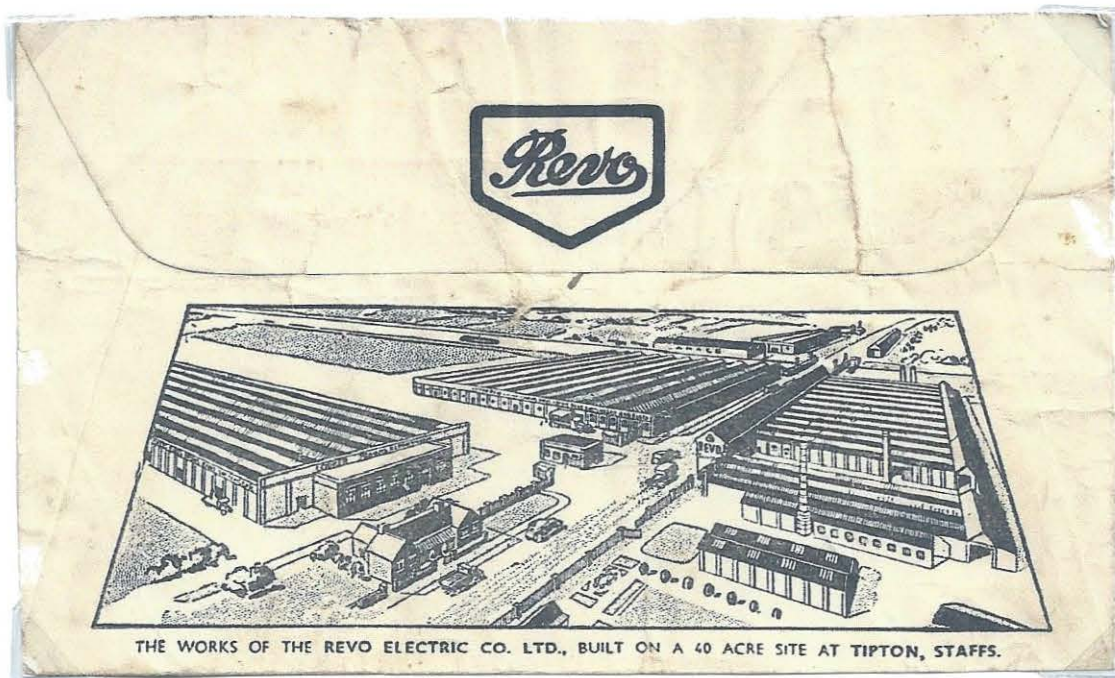
Perfins on Air Mail cover



King Edward VIII Air Mail cover with 4 x 1d red SG458 all perfined R&G catalogued R1975.01M and identity of Reynold & Gibson, Cotton Brokers, 27 Cotton Exchange Buildings, Liverpool. Sent 12th January 1937 to Allassio, Italy and received on 14th January as per receipt back stamp. This die was in use between 1929 and 1939.

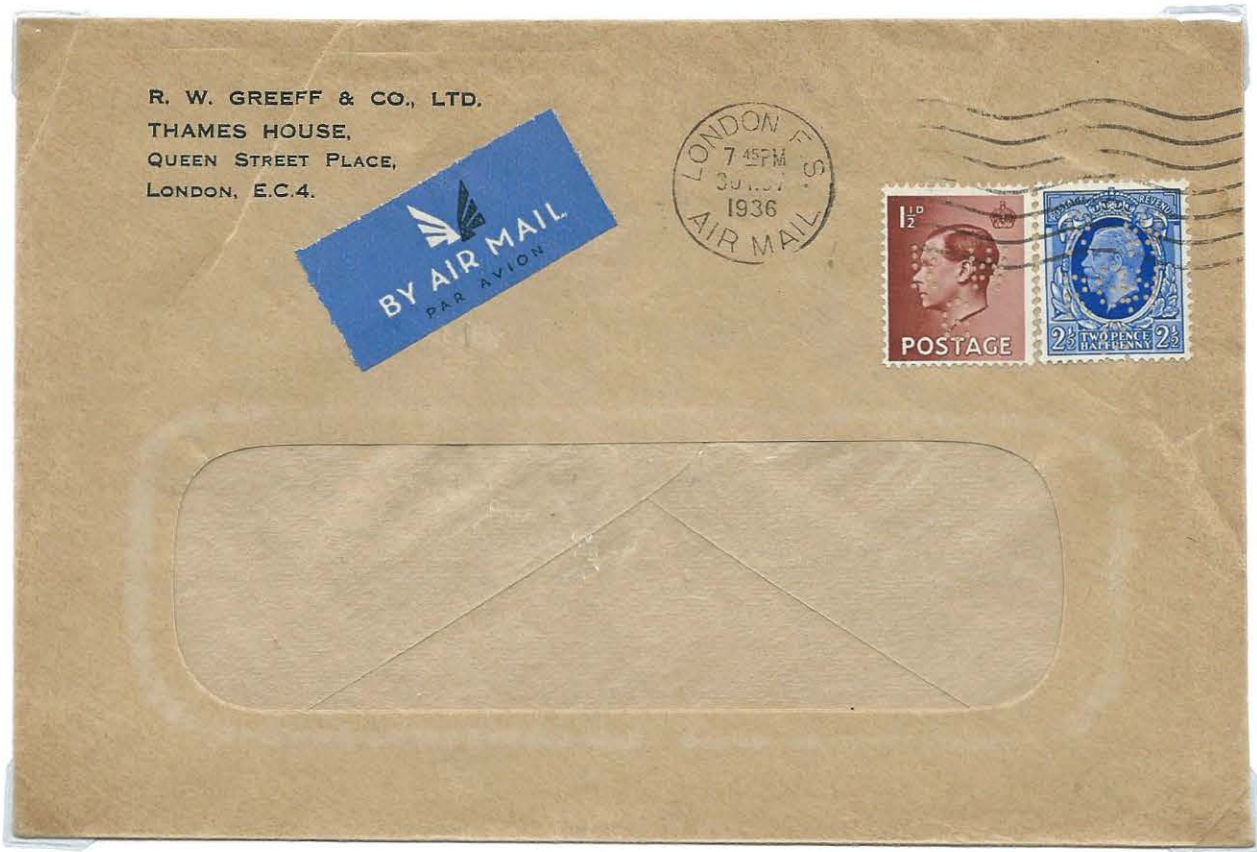
Reynolds and Gibson were founded in 1864 and traded successfully for nearly 100 years with other offices in London and Manchester. Their Senior Partners included Sir James Reynolds DSO, Conservative Member of Parliament for Liverpool Exchange 1929-1932, who gifted Woolton Woods and its adjoining field to the city during World War 1. He was followed as an MP by John Joseph Shute, another Senior Partner, from 1933 to 1945.

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King George V and King Edward VII cover with 2d SG442, 1d SG458 & 1 1/2d SG459, all perfined R.E. and catalogued as R1580.01 with identity of Revo Electric Co Ltd, Tipton, Staffordshire. Cover is dated 1st January 1937, cancelled Dudley, Worcs and sent to New Zealand. The Company was originally formed in 1907 as a private company called Cable Accessories Co. which adopted the name 'Revo' as a trademark in 1924. In 1927 the company was renamed Revo Electric Co. Limited and in 1936 became a public limited company. By 1939 it was the biggest manufacturer of electric irons and the second largest manufacturer of electric fires. It also manufactured industrial and street lighting equipment, control gear, electric fans, switchgear, domestic electric cookers and appliances, electronic equipment. Revo were also vitreous enamellers to the trade and brass founders. By 1961 it had 2,000 employees.

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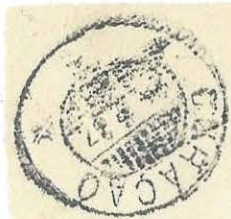
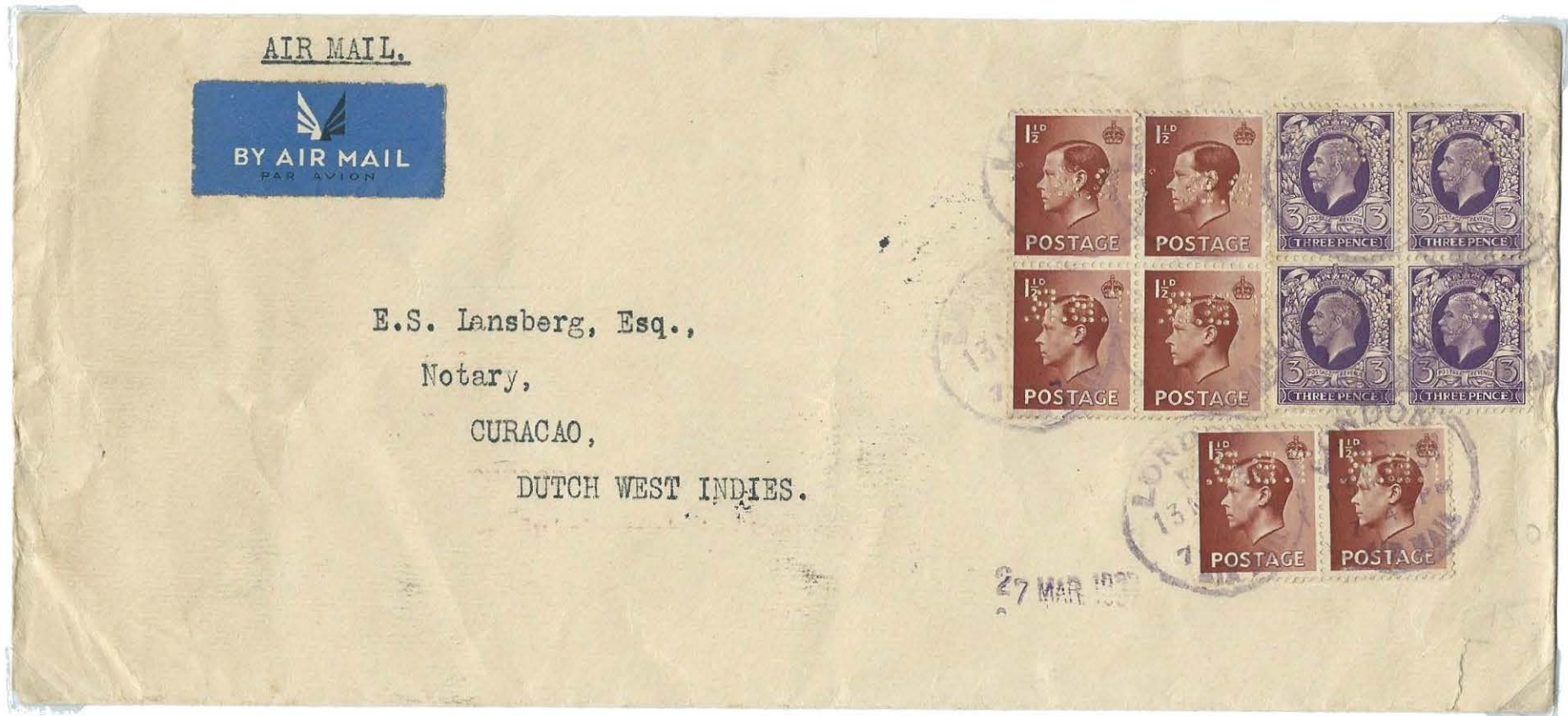


Two Kings window airmail cover with King George V 21/2d SG443 & King Edward VIII 11/22 SG459, both perfined RW/G catalogued R5730.01, and identity of R. W. Greeff & Co Ltd, Chemical Importers and Merchants, London EC4. Sent 30th November 1936 to Frankfurt am Main and back stamped 1st December. Has London F.S. Air Mail wavy line machine cancel.

R. W. Greeff was founded in 1880 as a private company converting to a private limited company in 1920 as the business continued to grow. In 1922 it became the first company to sell 3M products with their famous Wet & Dry abrasives, thereby diversifying and expanding its product range.

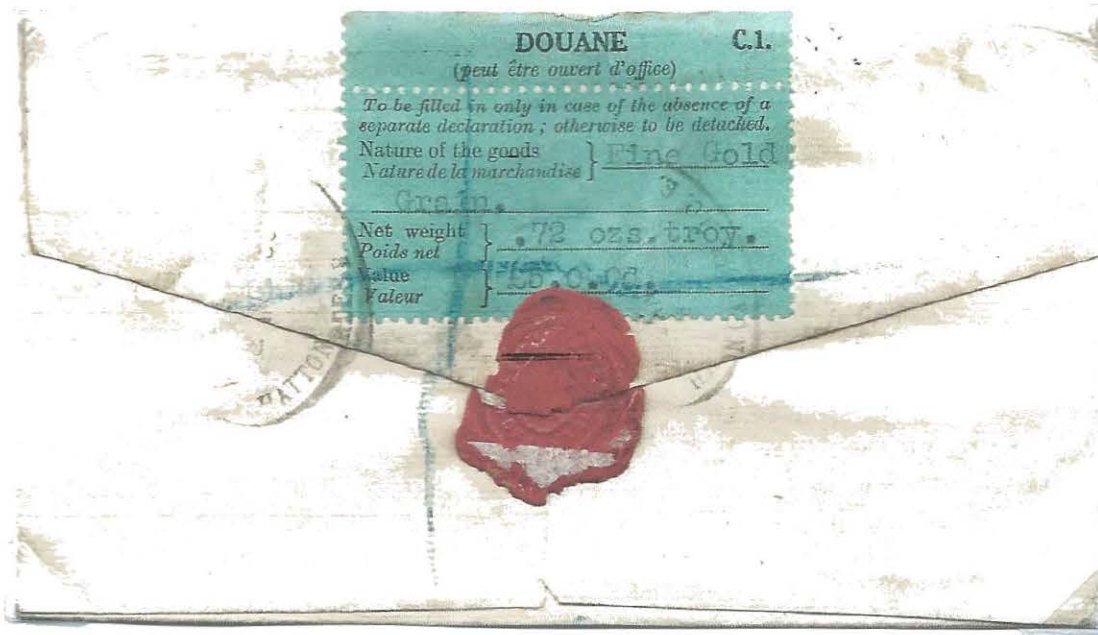
The business continued to be successful and in the 1980's and 1990's through mergers and takeovers, it expanded further to include the sales of a wide range of Industrial Consumables including tapes, adhesives, cleaning products, silicones & lubricants and health & safety products. It also established a new Head Office in Tamworth, Staffordshire and subsequently became a division of Univar Speciality Consumables, supplying high performance industrial consumables to the transportation, aerospace, electronics, construction and industrial sectors, not only in the UK but also in Europe. It continues to trade today.

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Airmail cover with 4 x King George V 3d violet SG444 & 6 x King Edward VIII 1 1/2d brown SG459, all perfined T.B.B. (T0370.01MM) and identity of T B Browne Ltd, Advertising Contractors, 117 Piccadilly, London W1. Sent 13th March 1937 to Curacao, Dutch West Indies via Maracaibo, Venezuela as per back stamps. Has large single ring London, Air Mail, cancels.

Johnson Matthey & Co Ltd



"Two Kings" registered cover with George V 6d purple SG426 and Edward VIII 1d red SG458, both perfined JM/C (J5270.01) and identity of Johnson Matthey & Co Ltd, Precious Metal Manufacturers & Dealers, 78/79 Hatton Garden, London EC1. Sent January 1937 to Paris, France with oval Registered Hatton Garden cancels. Reverse has wax seal and customs label detailing contents as 0.72 troy ounces of Fine Gold Grain valued at £5 for customs purposes.

Johnson Matthey traces its origins to 1802, when Percival Norton Johnson set up business as a gold assayer in London. In 1851 George Matthey joined the business and its name was changed to Johnson & Matthey. The following year the firm was appointed Official Assayer & Refiner to the Bank of England. The company had branches in Birmingham and Sheffield to supply the jewelry, silverware and cutlery trade with raw materials and ancillary supplies, such as silver solder and flux, which it manufactured.

Apart from dealing in Precious Metals, from the 1960's onwards, Johnson Matthey diversified into Banking, Chemicals and Emission Control Catalysts. In the early 1980s the bank expanded its activities outside the bullion business and started making high-risk loans. Bank assets more than doubled between 1980 and 1984, their loans became concentrated to a few borrowers and the size of the loans grew to exceed the level of the bank's capital. To prevent a wider banking crisis the Bank of England organized a rescue package purchasing the Bank for £1.

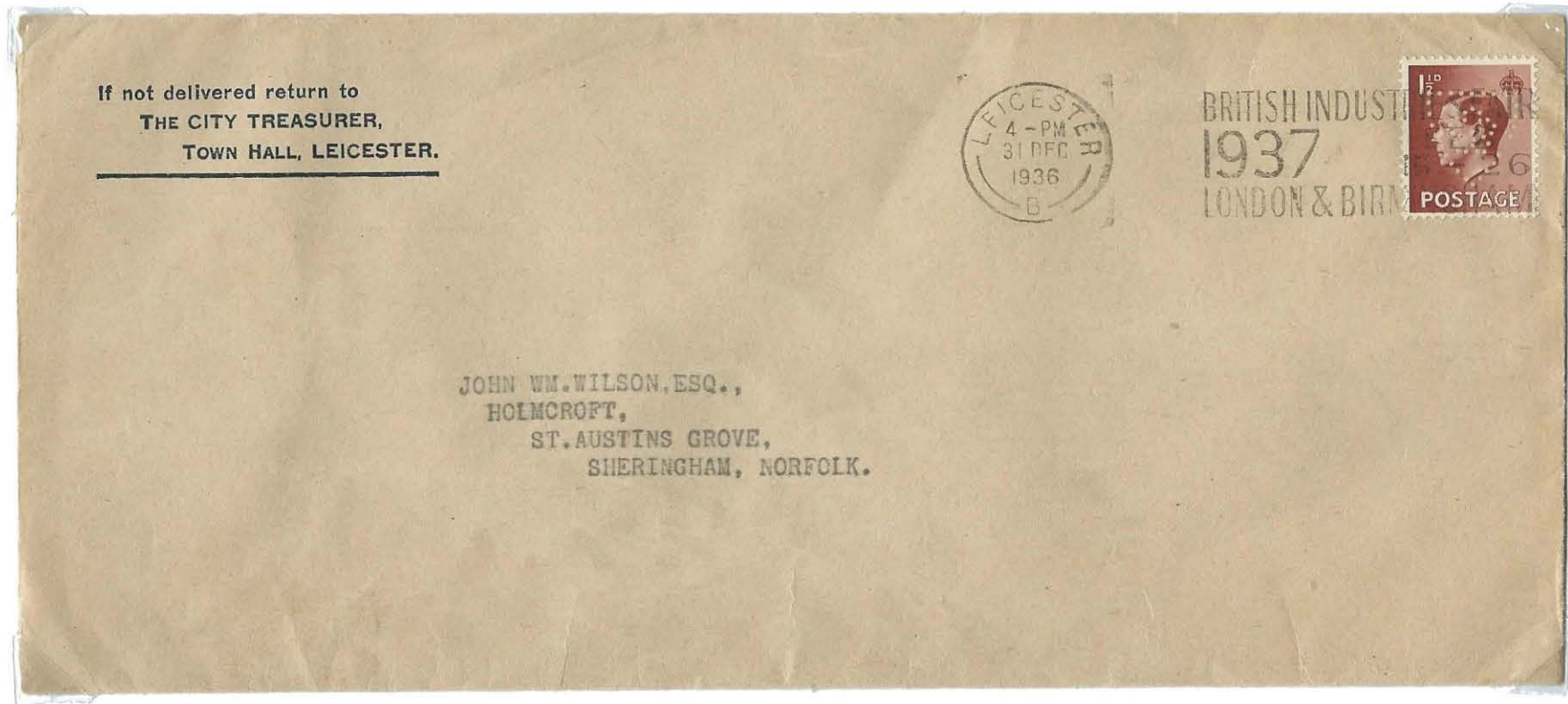
The rest of the company is still trading profitably today.

City of Leicester Perfin

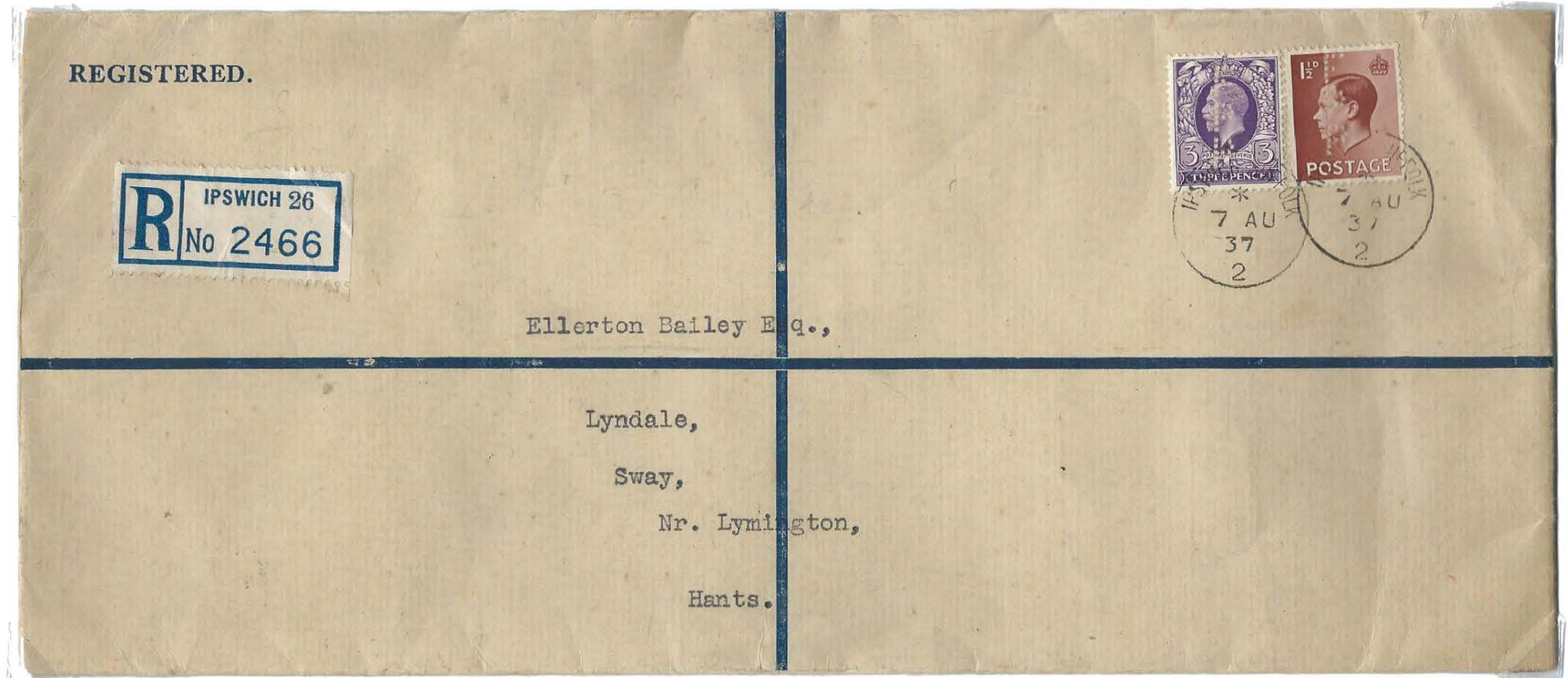
Some Municipal Authorities used Perfins which depicted a design on a shield forming part or all of their official Coat of Arms. Of necessity, only a broad outline can be included in the die but the similarity can be seen by comparing the die with the Coat of Arms as shown below for the City of Leicester.



This City of Leicester perfin catalogued Des0110.01, was in continual use between 1890 and 1939. Below is an example on a King Edward VIII cover with 11/2d brown SG459 sent 31st December 1936 to Sheringham, Norfolk with "British Industries Exhibition 1937" and Leicester machine cancel .

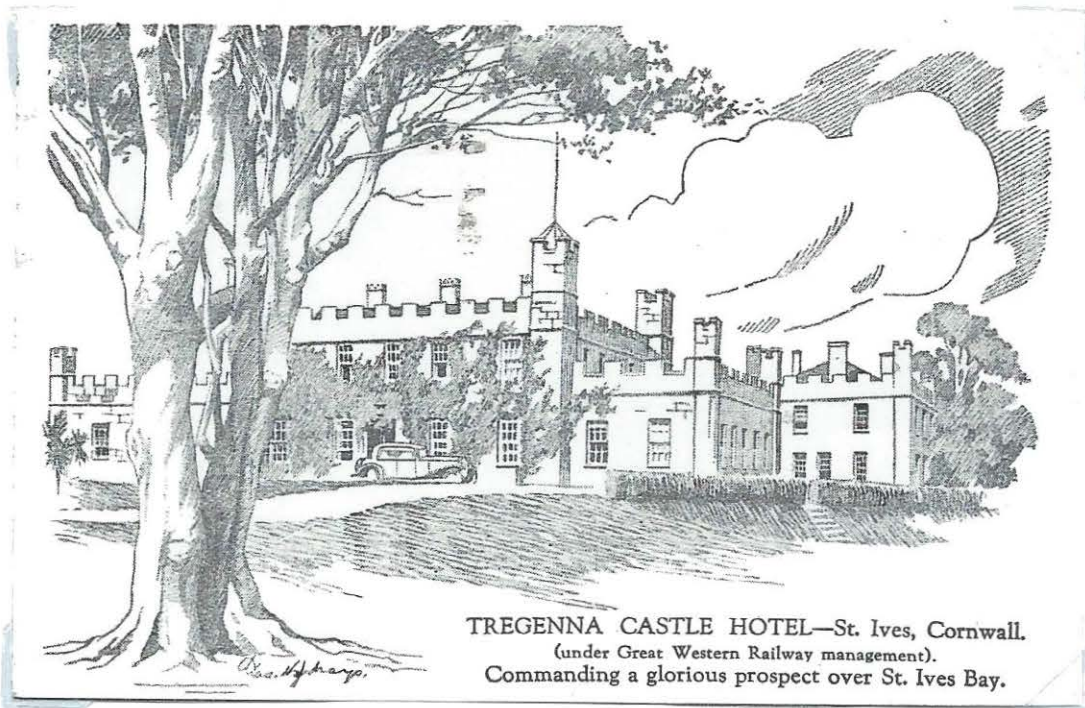
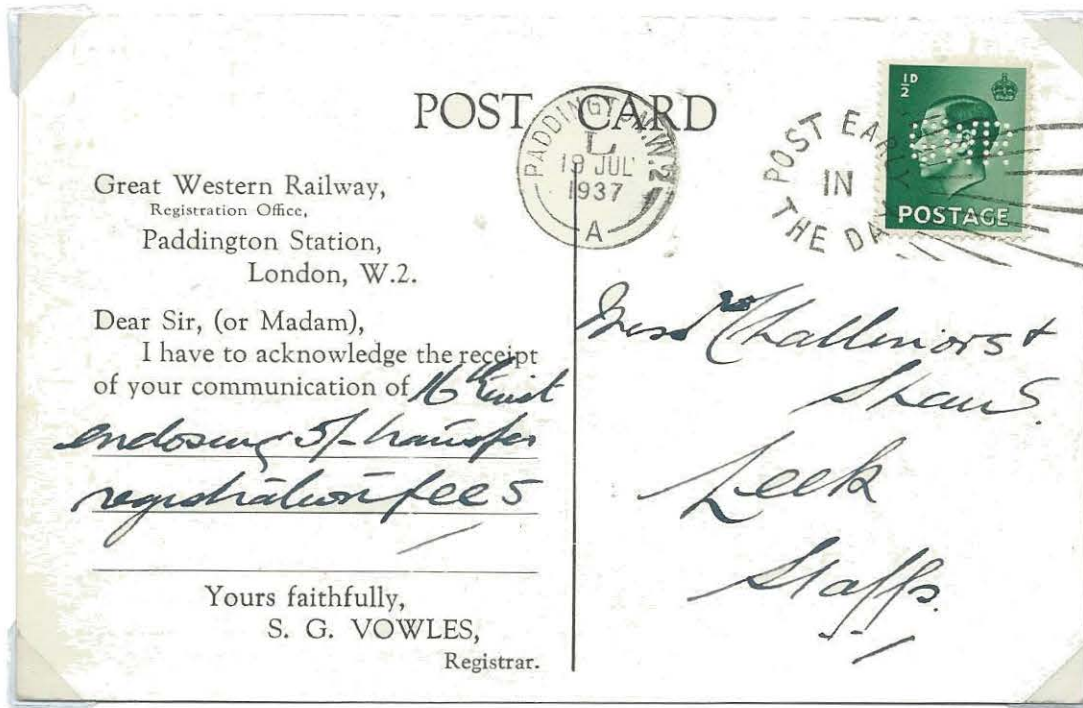


Perfins on Registered Cover



Two Kings Registered cover, Ipswich 26 no 2466, with King George V 3d violet SG444 & King Edward VIII 11/2d brown SG459, both perfined F/P/P (F3340.01) and identity of Fison Packard & Prentice Ltd, Fertilizer manufacturers, Ipswich, Suffolk. Sent 7th August 1937 to Sway near Lymington, Hampshire with two single ring Ipswich cancels. Reverse has Lymington double ring receipt cancel dated 9th August. This die was in use between 1935 and 1939.

Perfin on Trade Post Card



King Edward VIII Trade post card with 1/2d green SG457 perfinned GWR and identity of Great Western Railway, Registration Office, Paddington Station, London W2. Sent to Leek, Staffordshire 19th July 1937. Shows drawing of Tregenna Castle Hotel, St. Ives, Cornwall, (under GWR management).

The Great Western Railway (GWR) opened its St Ives branch line on 1 June 1877 and it leased the Tregenna Castle as an hotel the following year on 5 August 1878. Early railway hotels had only been situated near large terminals or junctions, but this one was the first intended by the GWR as a holiday destination in its own right. It subsequently purchased the hotel outright in 1895. The Great Western Railway named two of its express locomotives after the hotel. Duke Class number 3280 carried the name "Tregenna" from 1897 to 1930 and Castle Class number 5006 was given the name "Tregenna Castle" in 1927.

After nationalisation on 1st January 1948, railway owned hotels throughout the United Kingdom came under the wing of British Transport Hotels division and were eventually all privatised in the 1980's. The hotel and grounds are currently managed by the Tregenna Castle Estate.

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SAVOY HOTEL,
LONDON.

King Edward VIII cover with 11/2d brown SG459 perfinned SB/C, catalogued S0590.04aM, and identity of The Savoy Hotel, Strand, London WC2. Includes contents and is a reply from the Directors' Office to a request for accommodation during the forthcoming Coronation which never took place. Sent 9th November to Charleston, West Virginia with wavy line and London WC machine cancel.

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Thursday November 5 1936

HOTELS AND THE CORONATION

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—With reference to Sir Herbert Matthews's letter in *The Times* of to-day, the question of accommodation for visitors during the Coronation period has been the subject of anxious consideration for some time. The hotels have many applications for rooms from regular clients, both from abroad and at home, who expect and should receive as far as possible priority of treatment.

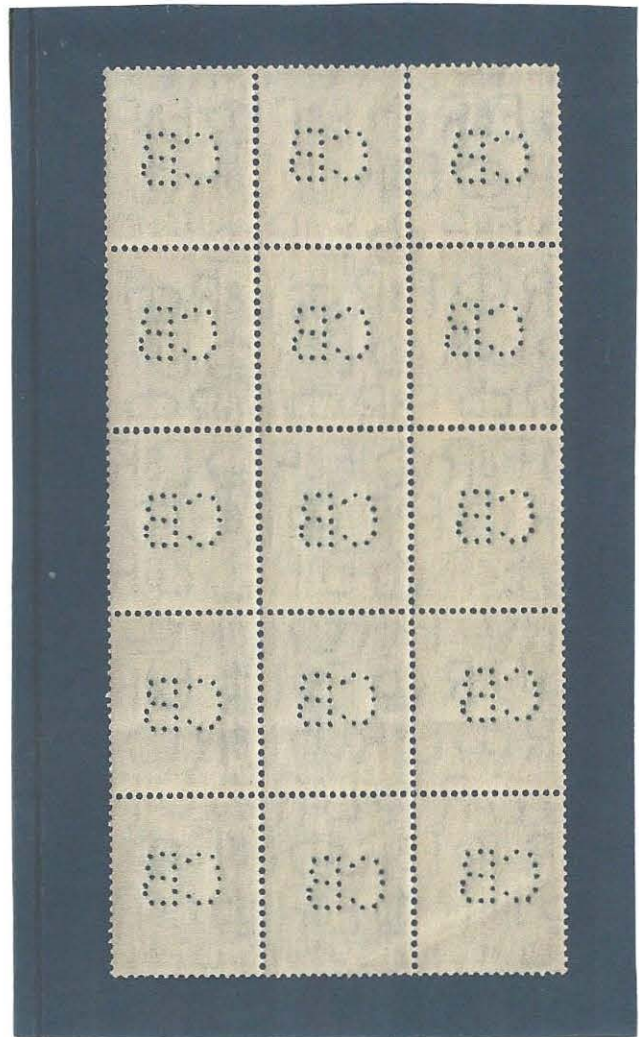
It has been decided, therefore, to form a committee consisting of representatives of the Hotels Association, the Residential Hotels Association, the Travel Association, the railway companies, London Transport, and possibly others, with a view to setting up a clearing office for accommodation. This clearing office will have particulars of accommodation for visitors not only in the London area, but in the many excellent hotels in towns and districts within a reasonable distance of London, including some of the South Coast towns where there is a great deal of accommodation, and from which excellent transport is available.

The committee will also collect particulars from owners of large West End houses who are willing to let them from May 10th to May 15th inclusive, or for a longer period.

Yours faithfully,

G. REEVES-SMITH, Chairman of the
Executive Committee, Hotels and
Restaurants Association of Great Britain.
11, Southampton Row, W.C.1, Nov. 3.

Mint Perfins



Block of 15 KEIII 1/2d SG457. Perfin CB (C0460.11). City of Birmingham.



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