

## IMPERFORATE ISSUES OF GREAT BRITAIN 1841-1854

Postal Officials quickly became concerned about the reuse of the initial 1840 issues. Postal fraud was costing the post office significant amounts of money. The purpose of this exhibit is to study the development and usages of the 1841 One Penny Red and Two Penny Blue which purpose was to lessen the reuse of current 1840 issue. The scope of the exhibit includes the initial Trials and experimental cancels, production, printings, some varieties and usages of the stamps, for the development of a new colour.

### Treatment

Treatment starts with the example of Postal fraud, the trials, printings of the black plates in red, and the red plates. After the trials the exhibit continues with the plate printings from the Black plates and thereafter through to the last imperforate Plate 177, including the experimental Archer trials. The exhibit further explores the usages both local and foreign. The two penny Blue is divided into Plate 3 and Plate 4 and thereafter various local and foreign usages.

### Importance

The issue continued the development of the postal system. The issue was successful in preventing the reuse of the stamps. Further the issue met the increasing volume as it was a period of great expansion of the use of the postal system by the public.

### Research

The author has researched the area for 15 years and has kept records of unusual uses, cancels, multiples and foreign usages. The exhibit identifies the plates, various varieties, shades, cancels and usages. Proofs, some postmarks, and foreign destinations are the more difficult materials to acquire.

#### One Penny Red

- A) Postal fraud
- B) Proofs and Trials
- C) Red printings from the Black plates
- D) Plates 12-131 Die 1 Alphabet I
- E) Plates 132-177 Die 1 Alphabet II
- F) Constant Varieties
- G) Multiples
- H) Usages
- I) Cancellations & Postal Markings
- J) Mixed Usages
- K) Perforation Trials

#### Two Penny Blue

- A) Plate 3
- B) Plate 4
- C) Usages

### References

Stanley Gibbons Queen Victoria Volume 1  
Rainbow trials David Rowse  
Maltese Cross cancellations Alcock/Holland  
The Plating of the Penny 1840-1864 Roland brown  
Repairs of the 1841 one penny Plates 1-40 J.W.M. Stone