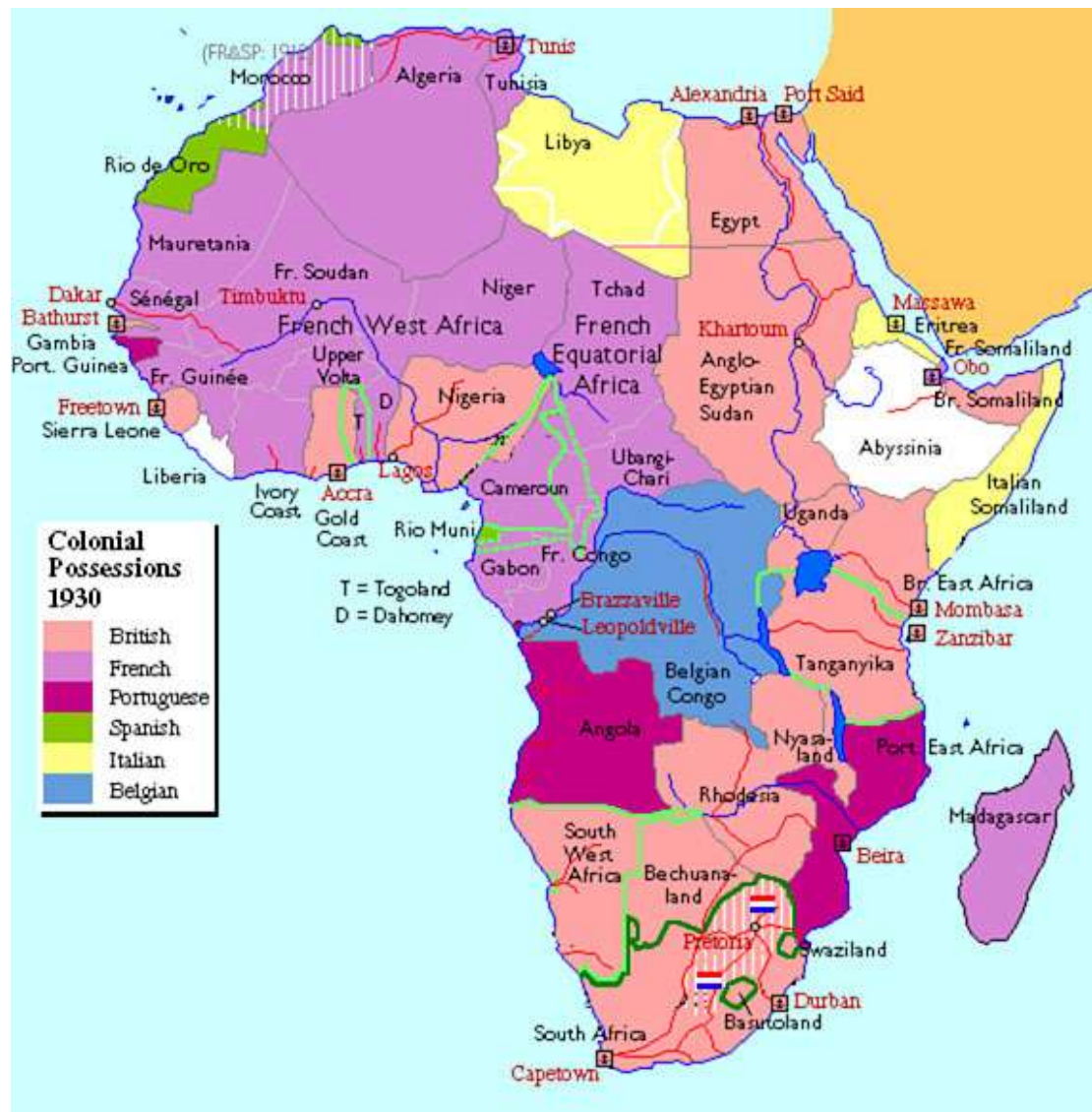


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WARNING NOTE

Over the last few years since this catalogue was produced there are other websites in the Perfin world which have sprung up on the internet, they have copied a lot of this information.

Not only have these new websites copied their information from the Perfin Society website, but they state that it is their own work.

I would not recommend using them, as their information in lots of cases is incorrect and out of date, also the images that they portray are not true to scale.

One thing that you can rest assured about is the fact that the Perfin Society website is updated every few months to cover any new information that has been reported.

It is a great pity that there are such unscrupulous people in the stamp world, but unfortunately this is a fact of life.

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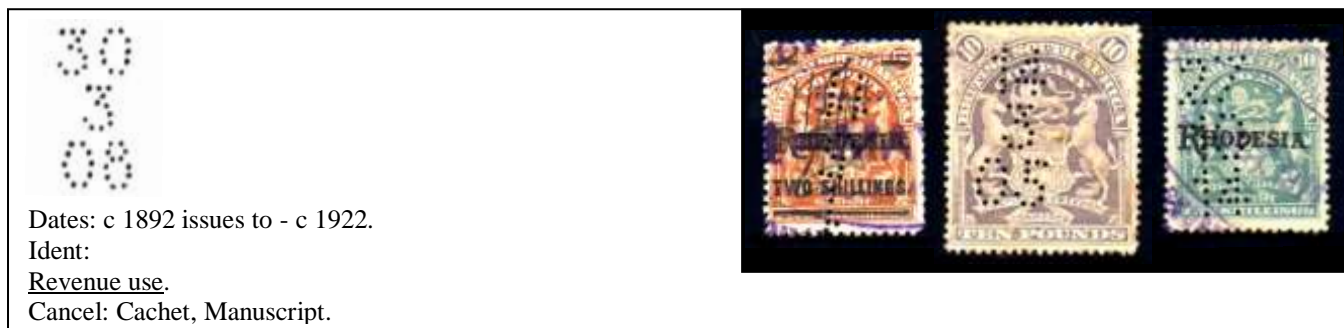
BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA

COMPANY

CANCELLING DEVICES

To date only two (2) cancelling devices have been recorded used by the British South Africa Company.

Various different Date perfins are found on these stamps indicative of Revenue use, with Day, Month, & Year in a vertical format
Also found with Rhodesia Overprints and surcharges.



The word "**USED**" is also found perfinned into stamps again indicating that the stamps have been used. Cachet or manuscript cancels.



Note: - This Specimen perfin is not to scale.



B. S. A. COMPANY PERFIN

(BSAC, BSACO, BSA Company) Mercantile company based in London that was incorporated in October 1889 under a Royal Charter at the instigation of Cecil Rhodes, with the object of acquiring and exercising commercial and administrative rights in South-central Africa. The charter was initially granted for 25 years, and it was extended for a further 10-year period in 1915.

Almost always noted on stamps with Revenue use.
Company Cachet or manuscript cancels.

User: British South Africa Company.
Used: c1892-c1917.



Rhodesia overprint.



BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA

COMPANY PERFINS

To date only these Five (5) different dies have been recorded used on the stamps of the British South Africa Company.

AA
T.C.

Dates: c1910 Issues to c1914.
Ident: Anglo African Trading Company.

Cancel: Salisbury.



BSA
C

Dates: c1892-1917.
Ident: British South Africa Company,
Revenue use. (Perfin found through stamp only, and also through the stamp & document.)
Cancel: Company Cachet, Manuscript.



H&S

Dates: 1924-1931 Issues.
Ident: Haddon & Sly (Department Store)

Cancel:



SPN

Dates: c1897 Issues.
Ident:

Cancel:



BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA

COMPANY PERFIN

RM

Dates: c 1900s.

Ident: R Muller & Company, 77 Strand Street, Cape Town. **(R15 of South Africa)**



Also recorded on Transvaal & Cape of Good Hope stamps with dates to 1908.

Cancel: Umtali.

Dates:

Ident:

Cancel:

Dates:

Ident:

Cancel:

Dates:

Ident:

Cancel:

NORTHERN RHODESIA

PERFINS



King George V c1925, SG15 (Mint)
 King George V c1925, SG16 (Postal use)
 King George V c1923, Bf 1 (Revenue use)



Perfin of: British South Africa Company.

Mint,



Postal cancel,

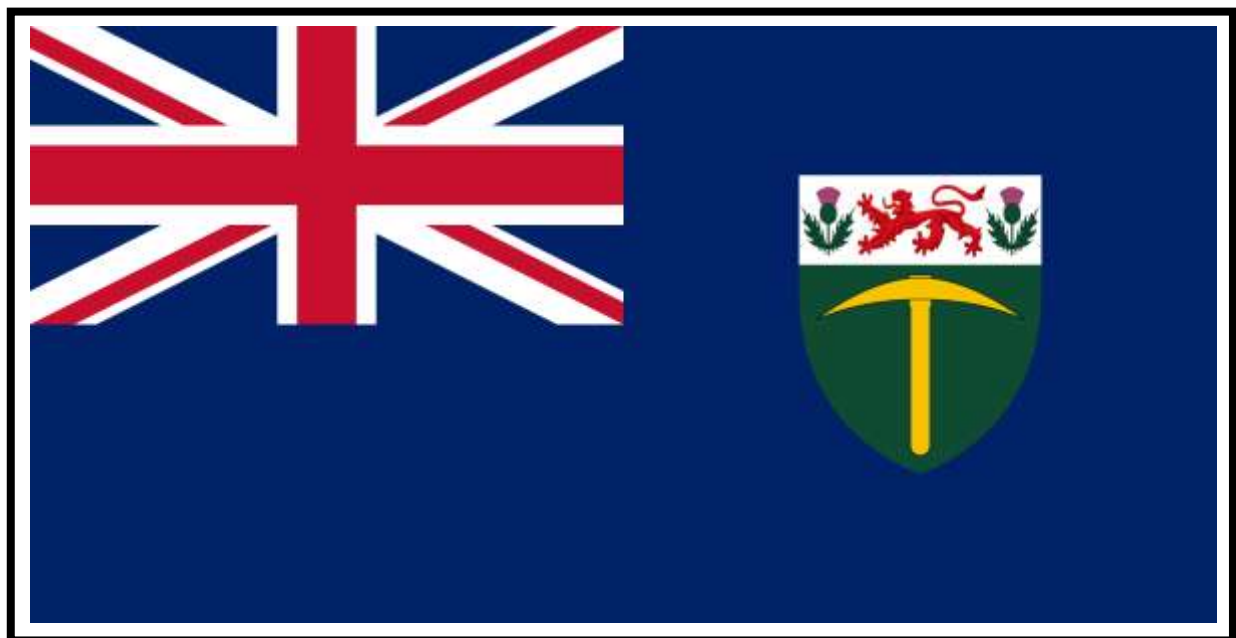


Manuscript cancel,



SOUTHERN RHODESIA

PERFINS



This flag was in use in Southern Rhodesia (later Zimbabwe) from 1923 to 1953 and from 1964 to 1965. It was also used by the unrecognised Rhodesia from 1965 to 1968.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA

PERFINS

To date only Eight (8) different dies have been recorded from Southern Rhodesia plus Two (2) different Paid canceller dies.

AA
TC

Dates: c1924 Issues to c1930s.
Ident: Anglo African Trading Company.

Cancel: Salisbury.



D.R.
Co

Dates: c1931 Issues.
Ident: Dunlop Rubber Company Limited.
Also recorded on GB Stamps D 4130.04 & D21 of South Africa.
Cancel: Postal use, Bulawayo.



H&S

Dates: 1924-1931 Issues, 3-3-1930,
Ident: Haddon & Sly (Department Store)

Cancel: Bulawayo.



LL

Dates: 1924-1931 Issues,
Ident: Lennon Limited.
Also recorded on L12M of South Africa.



SOUTHERN RHODESIA

PERFINS

UM

Dates: c1937-1953 Issues.
Ident: Umtali Municipality.

Cancel: Postal use. Umtali.



RM

NOTE: British South Africa Company overprinted stamp.

Dates: Early 1900s

Ident: R Muller & Company, 77 Strand Street, Cape Town. **R15 of South Africa**

Also recorded on Transvaal & Cape of Good Hope stamps with dates to 1908.

Cancel: Hartlay.



S.R.
G.

Dates: Revenue stamps c1931 Issues to 1937 Issues.

Ident: Southern Rhodesia Government,

(£1 stamp was used for payment of Passport fees,

Cancel: Revenue use. Department of Internal Affairs).

Perfin is through the document.



BSA
C

NOTE: British South Africa Company overprinted stamp.

Dates: Revenue stamps c 1900 to c1931 GV Issues.

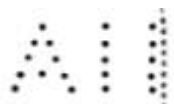
Ident: British South Africa Company.



SOUTHERN RHODESIA

PERFINS

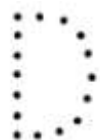
Paid Perfin Cancellers. (Revenue use on Receipts)



Dates: c1931- c1937 Issues.

Ident:

Cancel: "PAID" With a perfin date below.



Dates: 1952 Issues.

Ident: PAID Cancellor.?

Cancel: Manuscript.



Not a true perfin but featured here from an interest point of view.



Dates: c1970.

Ident: Ø Kodak. (Numbers for identifying film ownership).

Cancel: Postal use.



RHODESIA & NYASALAND

PERFINS



This flag was used in Rhodesia & Nyasaland from 1953 to 1963

RHODESIA & NYASALAND

PERFINS

Only the One (1) perfin die recorded

UM

Dates: 1952 QE11 Issues.
Ident: Umtali Municipality.

Cancel: Postal use.



4063
...

1064
7

Dates: 1959 issues.
Ident: Kodak. (Numbers for identifying film ownership).

Cancel: Postal use.

Not true perfins but featured here from an interest point of view.



KENYA & UGANDA

PERFINS



Kenya & Ugandan Flag pins.

KENYA

PERFINS

To date only Two (2) dies have been recorded from Kenya
Both of these are found with Revenue usage.

S B

Dates: 1963 Issues.
Ident: Standard Bank Limited. (Name change in late 1962)

S A Removed from the perfin die below.

Cancel: Cachet. Postal & (Revenue use).



S B
S A

Dates: c1954-1962 Issues.
Ident: Standard Bank of South Africa.

Cancel: Postal & (KENYA Revenue Overprint use).



393

Not a true perfin but featured here from an interest point of view.

Dates: 1963-1964 Issues,
Ident: Ø Kodak. (Numbers for identifying film ownership).

Cancel: Postal use.



UGANDA

PERFINS

To date only One (1) die has been recorded from Uganda
with Revenue usage.

S B

Dates: 1967 Issues.
Ident: Standard Bank Limited. (Name change in late1962)

Cancel: Cachet. (UGANDA Revenue Overprint use).



PAID
24-10-69

Dates: 1960s Issues.
Ident: Paid canceller.
(Revenue use)

Cancel: Manuscript. (Not a true perfin but featured for the interest of the collector).



Dates:
Ident:

Cancel:

Dates:
Ident:

Cancel:

KENYA & UGANDA

PERFINS

To date only Three (3) dies have been recorded from Kenya & Uganda. Two on Postage stamps and One on Revenue stamps.

OS



Dates: 1922 Issues.

Ident: Ø Official Service?

Also recorded on the stamps of the Union, Transvaal, Cape of Good Hope, Uganda, & Tanganyika.

Cancel: Nakuru.

Note: -

The die **O18 "OS"** (South Africa Catalogue) is a recently discovered die, and was provided by Bas Payne U.K.

There is some doubt amongst collectors as to it being genuine, as there is no history to sustain such a die. So it is left to the collector to decide. (Looks good to me !!)

US



Dates: 1922 Issues.

Ident: Ø Ugandan Government? (Uganda Revenue overprint use).

(Overprint in Capitals & Small case)

Cancel: Manuscript.

UNP
& S



Dates: 1922 Issues.

Ident: Ø Ugandan National Parks & Services,

Cancel: Postal use, Kenya.

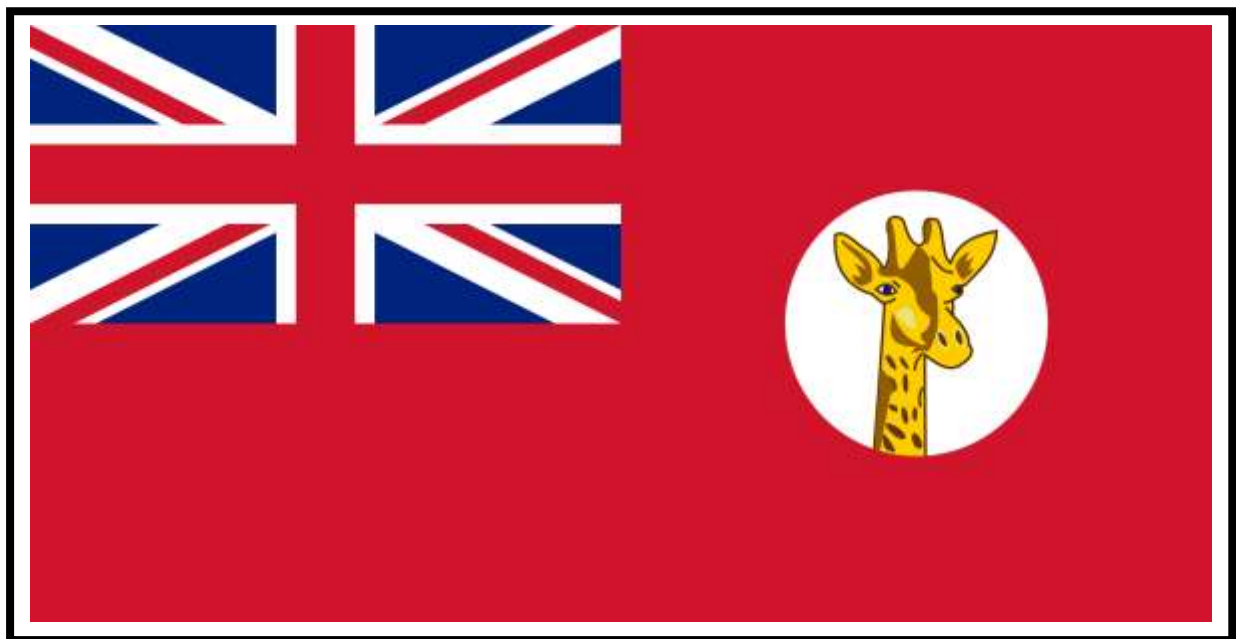
Dates:

Ident:

Cancel:

KENYA UGANDA & TANGANYIKA

PERFINS



Tanganyika Flag.

KENYA UGANDA & TANGANYIKA

PERFINS

To date only Five (5) dies have been recorded from Kenya Uganda & Tanganyika. Three of these dies are also found with Revenue use.

J D

Dates: QEII c1954 Issues.
Ident:

Cancel: Postal use. Nairobi.

Also recorded on GB Stamps J 1960.01M



R D S

Dates: 3-7-1935.
Ident: Ø Royal Dutch Shell,
(Revenue use, Probably a cancellation perfin through a document)
The die is too large for normal size stamps.
Cancel: Manuscript.



S B

Dates: QEII c1954 Issues to mid1960s. --8-1965.

Note: - These early issues would all have dates after 1962.

Ident: Standard Bank Limited. (Name change in late1962)

S A Removed from the perfin die below.

(Uganda Revenue Overprint use also).

Cancel: Cachet, Manuscript, & Postal use.



S B
S A

Dates: GVI 1938 to QEII c1960 Issues.-----1961.

Ident: Standard Bank of South Africa.

(KENYA & Uganda Revenue Overprint use also).

Cancel: Cachet, & Postal use.



KENYA UGANDA & TANGANYIKA

PERFINS



Dates: GVI Issues of 1938. Dated: 20-5-1949.
 Ident: Ø Vithaldas Haridas & Company. (Jinja Sugar factory).
 Later re-named Kakira Sugar Works.

Cancel: Postal use. Jinja, Uganda. Monogram Letters VHC



Vithaldas Haridas & Company history: -
<https://www.monitor.co.ug/uganda/special-reports/uganda-50/between-a-rock-and-a-distant-unknown-place-origin-of-the-madhvani-empire-1516878>

Dates:
 Ident:

Cancel:

Dates:
 Ident:

Cancel:

Dates:
 Ident:

Cancel:

KENYA UGANDA & TANGANYIKA

PERFINS

Below are images of what is thought to be Kodak numeral perfins, these were done to identify films that had been sent in for development.

3799

Dates: GVI 1938 Issues - QEII c1960 Issues.
Ident: Ø Kodak Numerals.

Cancel: Postal use.

Not a true perfin but featured here from an interest point of view.



Here you will see images of a "CANCELLED. 3." perfin die on Telegraph stamps used on the Uganda Railway. It is presumed that these were specimens. Seen & recorded on 8 different values. The Anna values are 4mm narrower.



Note: - The Anna values are "Uganda Railway Telegraphs" and the Rupee values are "Telegraphs Uganda Railway"

Images by courtesy of <https://www.revrevd.com>

BRITISH EAST AFRICA

PERFINS

Only the One (1) perfin die recorded

The area of the British East Africa Protectorate was previously the domain of the Sultans of Zanzibar. In 1887 the administration of the Province was granted to the British East Africa Association, and Post Offices were established at Lamu and Zanzibar early in 1890. In 1903 these stamps were superseded by the stamps of East Africa & Uganda Protectorate.

EA
PO

Dates: 1896-1903 Issue.

Ident:

Cancel: Possible Fiscal use.?



Dates:

Ident:

Cancel:

Dates:

Ident:

Cancel:

EAST AFRICA & UGANDA

PROTECTORATES PERFIN

Only the Three (3) perfin dies recorded

SP
PW

Dates: 18-9-1911

Ident:

Cancel: Postal use, Nairobi. Mombasa.



M.S
C

Dates: 1912-1921 Issues.

Ident: Ø Magadi Soda Company,
Magadi, Kenya.

Cancel: Postal use, Magadi. (This new die and information by courtesy of William Hall)



https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magadi_Soda_Company



EAST AFRICA & UGANDA

PROTECTORATES PERFIN

CANCELLED
N.B.I.LD

Great Britain Type III catalogue number (C04.03)
In use c1916-1930+ Identified by larger letters of N.B.I. Ld.

NOTE: - Cancellation perfin.

This die is a cancelling device used to cancel the document. and may have been Perfinned as a final cancellation in the country to which they were dispatched (Perfin is through the stamp & the document).

This die is also recorded used on the Postage & Revenue stamps of India, Ceylon, & Great Britain.

CANCELLED
N.B.I.LD

Dates: c1912-1922 issues.

Note : - Large letters & No "Of."

Perfin: **Through the document.**

Ident: National Bank of India Ltd,

Cancel: Revenue use. (Stamp Duty).



PAID

Dates: 1907 Issues. (Overprinted Uganda Revenue)

Perfin: PAID Cancelling die.

Ident:

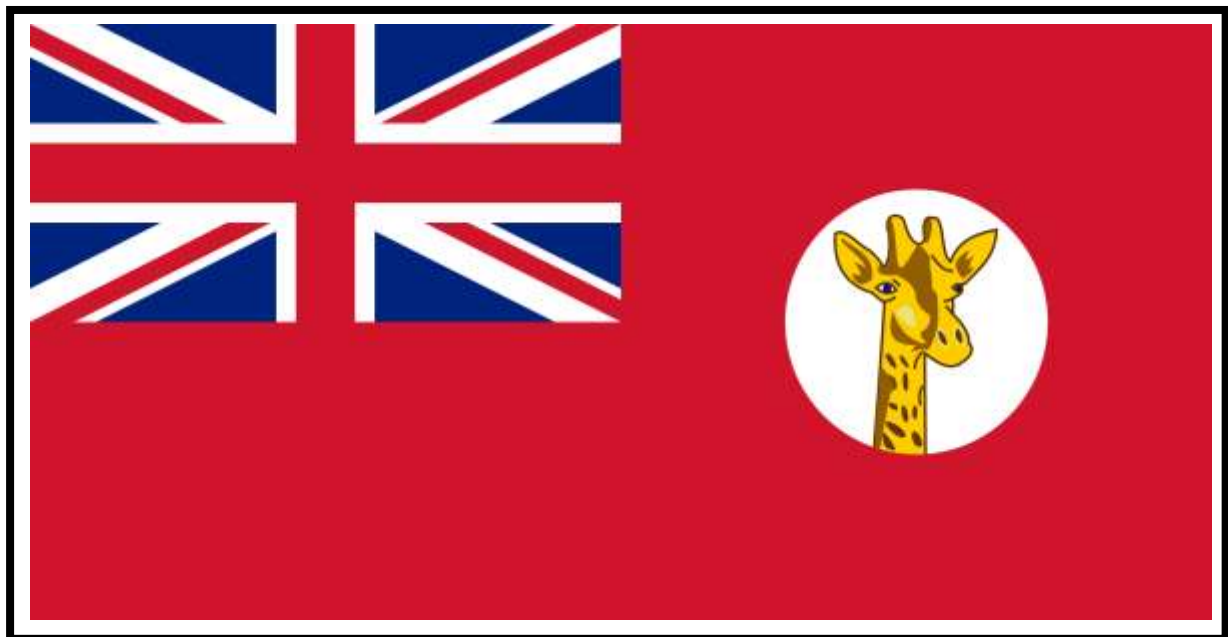
Note : - Not a true perfin but here for the interest of the collector.

Cancel: Revenue use.



TANGANYIKA

PERFINS



Tanganyika Flag.

TANGANYIKA

PERFINS

To date only Three (3) dies have been recorded from Tanganyika. Two (2) are on duty stamps used for Revenue purposes.



Dates: 1927-1931 Issues.
Ident: Ø Official Service?

Also recorded on the stamps of the Union, Transvaal, Cape of Good Hope, & Kenya & Uganda,

Cancel: Nakuru.

Note: -

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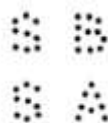


Dates: c1961 Issues. (With cancels of 1962 or later).
Ident: Standard Bank Limited. (Name change in late 1962)

S A Removed from the perfin die below.

(Revenue use)

Cancel: Manuscript.



Dates: 1938-1953 Issues to 1961 Issues.

Ident: Standard Bank of South Africa.

(Revenue use)

Cancel: Manuscript.



NOTE: Not to scale.

Dates: c1960-1970 Issues.

Ident: Paid canceller (Small design top left can be seen on the Canceller die image)

Cancel: Manuscript. (Revenue use) (Not a true perfin but featured for the interest of the collector).

These PAID Cancellers are often found on Travelers Cheques.



ZANZIBAR

PERFINS

To date only Three (3) perfin dies from Zanzibar.

KJ

Dates: -----1906.

Ident: Karimjee Jivanjee, Zanzibar.

Cancel: Zanzibar Postal use.



S B

Dates: c1961 Issues. (With cancels of 1962 or later).

Ident: Standard Bank Limited. (Name change in late1962)

S A Removed from the perfin die below.

(Revenue use)

Cancel: Cachet.



S B
S A

Dates: c1952 Issues.

Ident: Standard Bank of South Africa.

Cancel: Mint & Revenue use.



4078
E7

Not a true perfin but featured here from an interest point of view.

Dates: c1960s.

Ident: Ø Kodak Numerals.

Cancel: Postal.



ZANZIBAR

PERFINS



The stamps below are Indian stamps overprinted **"Zanzibar"**
 These overprints are very Questionable ! They are listed here for the interest of the collector. The "MBI" die is a partial of India **M 23** used by the Mercantile Bank of India. I suspect a partial Madras cancel !
 The other dies are "RB" **R 3** of India and was used by Ralli Brothers.
 And "E&O" **E 25b** of India used by Ernsthusen & Oesterley.

(Fake Zanzibar overprints) ?

NOTE: Fake ? "Zanzibar" overprints are recorded on India stamps with dies "MBI" "E&O" & "RB".



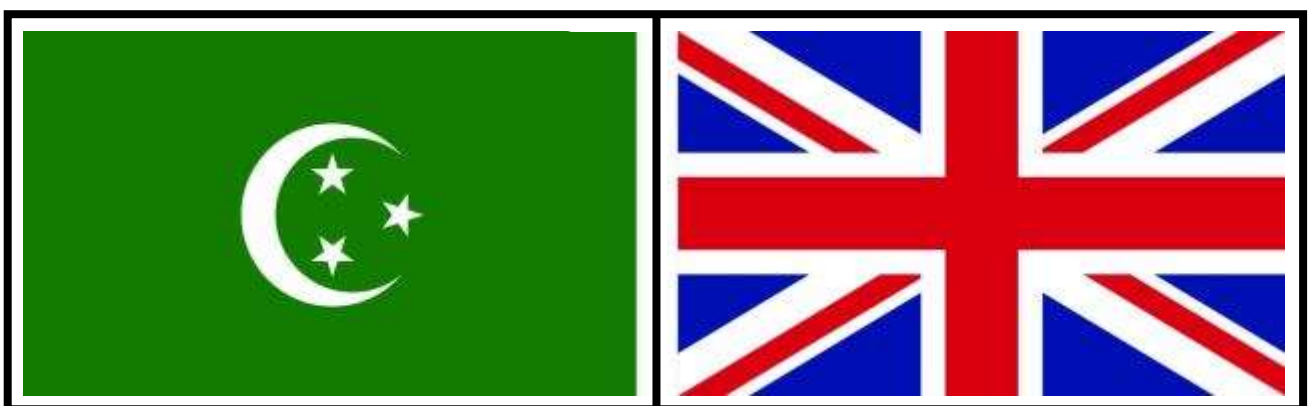
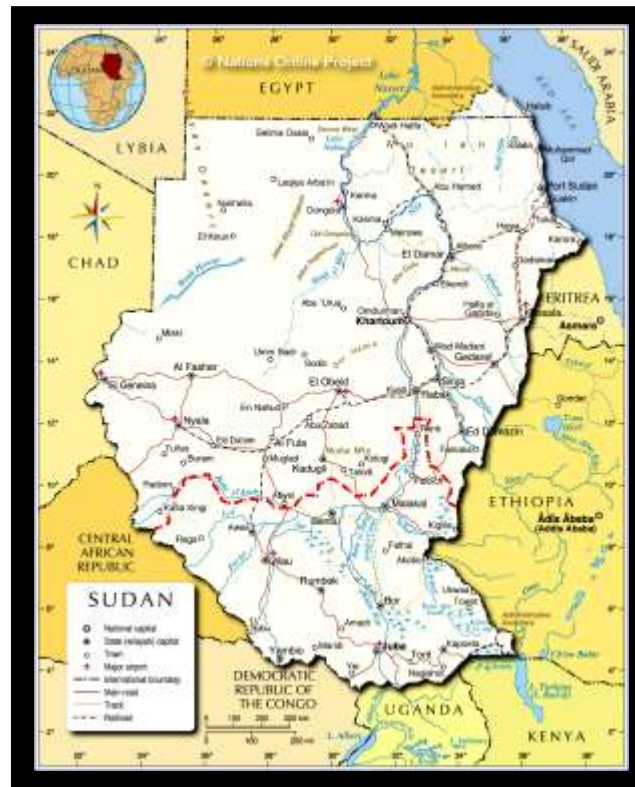
?

MBI E&O RB

Dates: c1895-1896.

SUDAN

PERFINS



Between 1899 and 1956, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan was administered jointly as a condominium by Egypt and the UK. The condominium did not have its own individual flag. Instead, the flag of Egypt and the flag of the UK were always flown together, with the British flag taking precedence.



Wmk

SUDAN

PERFINS



Wmk

To date Seven (7) dies have been recorded from Sudan.
All on Postage stamps.

AS

NOTE: Two different issues and watermarks on these stamps.

Dates: c1912 Issues to mid 1920s.

Ident: Army Service (Official die).

Cancel: Postal use, Khartoum.



AS

NOTE: Two different issues and watermarks on these stamps.

Dates: c1912 Issues to mid 1920s.

Ident: Army Service (Official die).

Cancel: Postal use.



EKO

Dates: c1951 Issues to c1975.

Ident: East Kordofan Council,
Um Ruwaba.

Cancel: Postal use.



SG

NOTE: Two different issues and watermarks on these stamps.

Dates: 1913 Issues to c1930s

Ident: Sudanese Government (Official die).

(Revenue use also)

Cancel: Postal use, Port Sudan.





Wmk

SUDAN

PERFINS



Wmk

To date Seven (7) dies have been recorded from Sudan.
All on Postage stamps.

80

NOTE: Two different issues and watermarks on these stamps.

Dates: c1920s to c1948 Issue.

Ident: Sudanese Government (Official die).

Cancel: Postal use.



SG

NOTE: Egyptian stamps overprinted SUDAN.

Dates: c1897 Overprint Issue, & 1898 Issue. 29-4-1902.

Ident: Sudanese Government (Official die). (Some fakes exist Ref page 39).

Cancel: Postal use, Khartoum. Wadi-Halfa Camp.



خ ٤ ٢

Dates: c1951 Issue to c1960s ---11-1960.

Ident: Khaa-Baa-Meem. (Arabic Letters)

Khartoum Municipal Council.

Cancel: Postal use, Khartoum.



5919

Not a true perfin but featured here from an interest point of view.

Dates: c1951 Issues.

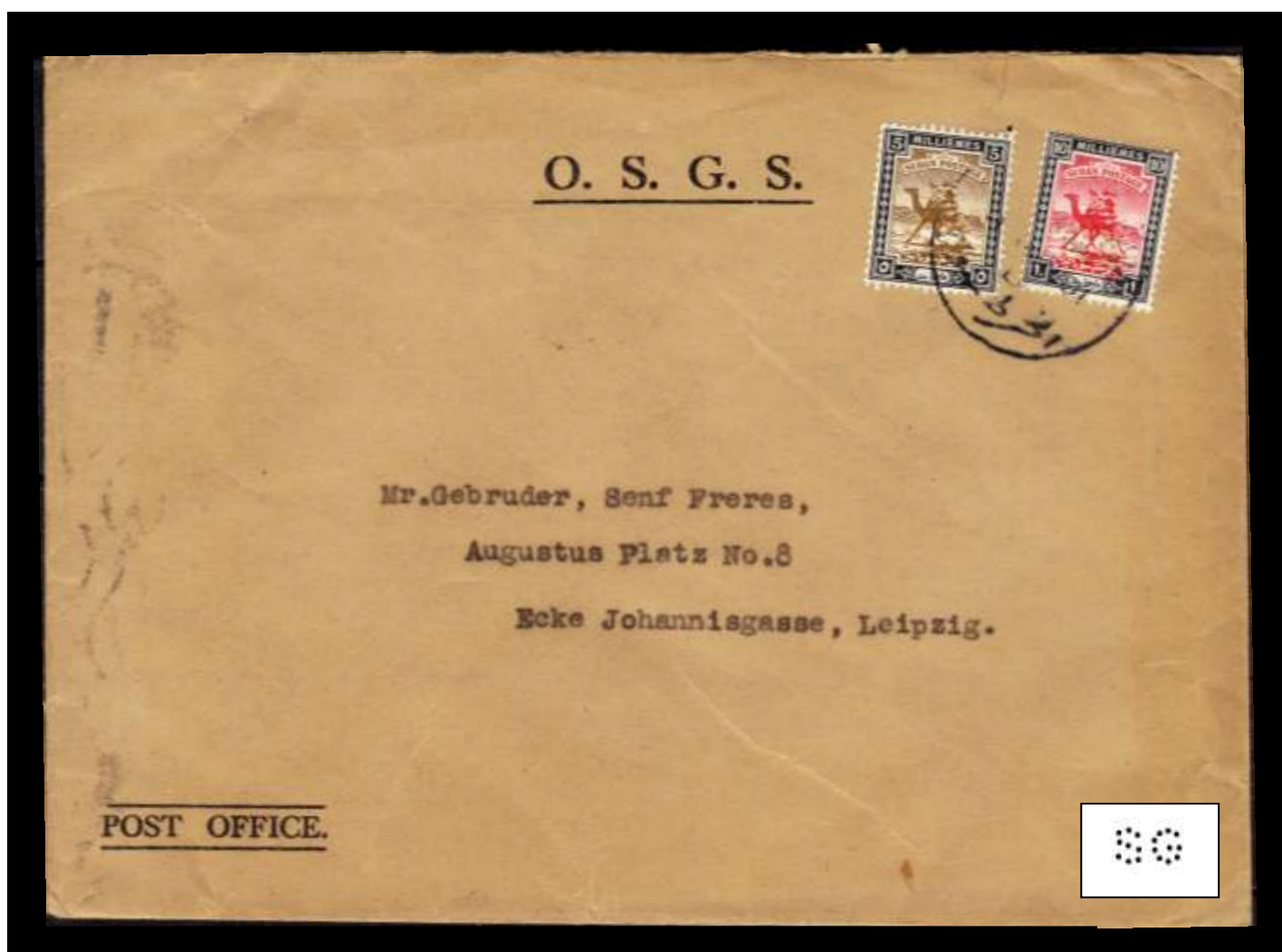
Ident: Ø Kodak Numerals.

Cancel:



SUDAN
PERFINS

1931 Official Cover from the Sudanese Government.



SUDAN

PERFINS

NOTE:

To date four other perfin dies have been reported from Sudan, but they are all on overprinted Egyptian stamps with confirmed **Fake overprints!** No Sudan stamps have been found with these perfins. If any collector has more information then please contact me.

AB
E



Agricultural Bank
of Egypt

T C
& S



Thomas Cook & Sons

VO
Co



Vacuum Oil Company

S.B.



Societe Anomyne
Du Behera

AB
E



Another group of three "AB/E" (Agricultural Bank of Egypt) perfins with Fake overprints. Although the 1c stamp has a clear cancel of ----- HALFA Wadi-Halfa ? which is just over the Egyptian border in Sudan !!

SUDAN

PERFINS

Egyptian 5 mil stamp with the Official Sudan Overprint
and Sudanese Government perfin sent from Ouderman to Cairo
dated 26-6-1900.

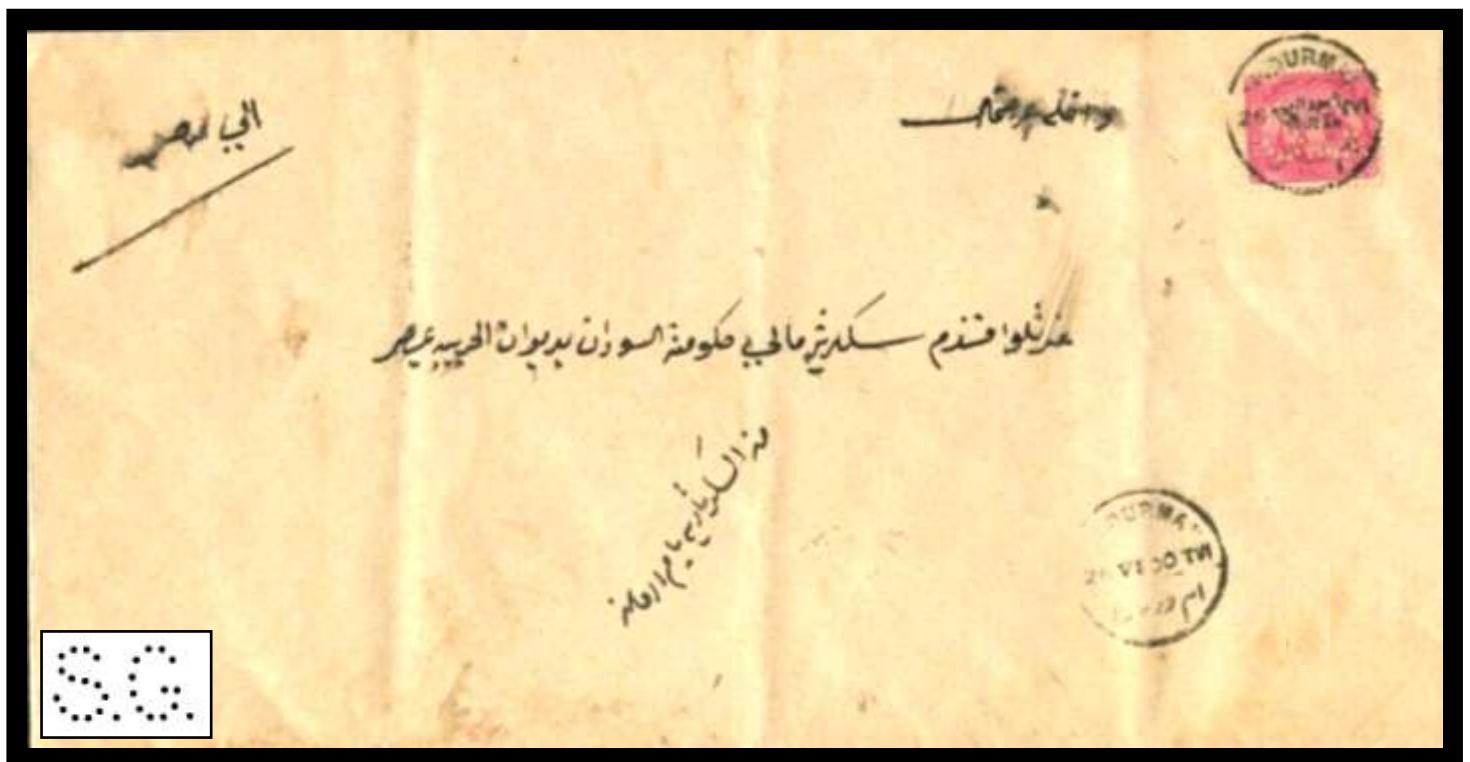


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GENERAL GORDON THE SUDAN

AND PERFINS

For the interest of the collector I am featuring the cutting below, it was written by Rosemary Smith and is taken from the Perfin Society Bulletin 295 August 1998.

From Rosemary Smith

Ever since I first became interested in perfins, in 1970, I have collected any articles which I saw in philatelic magazines which had a bearing on the subject.

One of these articles which I cut out, and only recently re-read, was in *Stamp Monthly*, October 1975. Stuart Rossiter, FRPSL, wrote about 'The Giegler Archive'. Carl Giegler was Chief Engineer of the Telegraphs of the Soudan and the Red Sea, then the Chief of the Posts and Telegraph at Khartoum, and later was raised to the rank of Pasha.

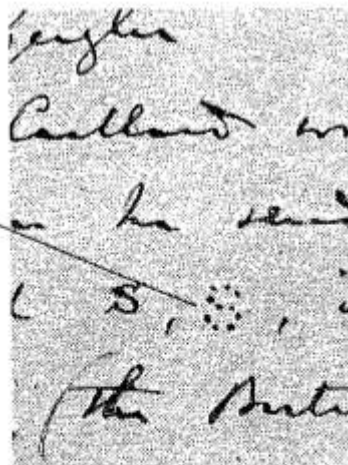
There was an illustration of a letter from Col. Gordon (later General) to Carl Giegler. Unfortunately it is undated but the whole Archive appears to be letters to Giegler mostly from 1874 to 1883. The text of the letter reads:-

My dear Giegler,

If Cartland would perforate all the stamps he sends up here, with the initial S, it would be the best plan, (the British P.O. does this for many great firms in London, to prevent the theft of their stamps.) No perforated stamp could be sold at Cairo, no unperforated stamp could be sold at London.

Every letter from any town, of the Sudan, must have the perforated stamp on it.

*Yours sincerely,
C.E. Gordon*



I would be interested to know if this rings any bells with collectors of Sudan: did these perfins ever materialise? Thanks to John Nelson who confirmed my deciphering of Gordon's letter.

SUDAN

PERFINS

Below are the many types of Official overprint recorded c1979 no doubt that some of these are fake overprints.

ORIGINAL SIX TYPES	السودان SOUDAN I	ADDITIONAL TYPES SEEN ON POSTAL STATIONERY	السودان SOUDAN III-1	السودان SOUDAN B-1
	السودان SOUDAN II		السودان SOUDAN IV-1	السودان SOUDAN C
	السودان SOUDAN III		السودان SOUDAN A	السودان SOUDAN C-1
	السودان SOUDAN IV		السودان SOUDAN A-1	السودان SOUDAN C-2
	السودان SOUDAN V		السودان SOUDAN A-2	السودان SOUDAN D
	السودان SOUDAN VI		السودان SOUDAN B	السودان SOUDAN D-1

E. F. Hass
1979

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH SUDAN

PERFINS

South Sudan split from Sudan on 9-7-2011, and as such is the world's youngest country.

SSPS

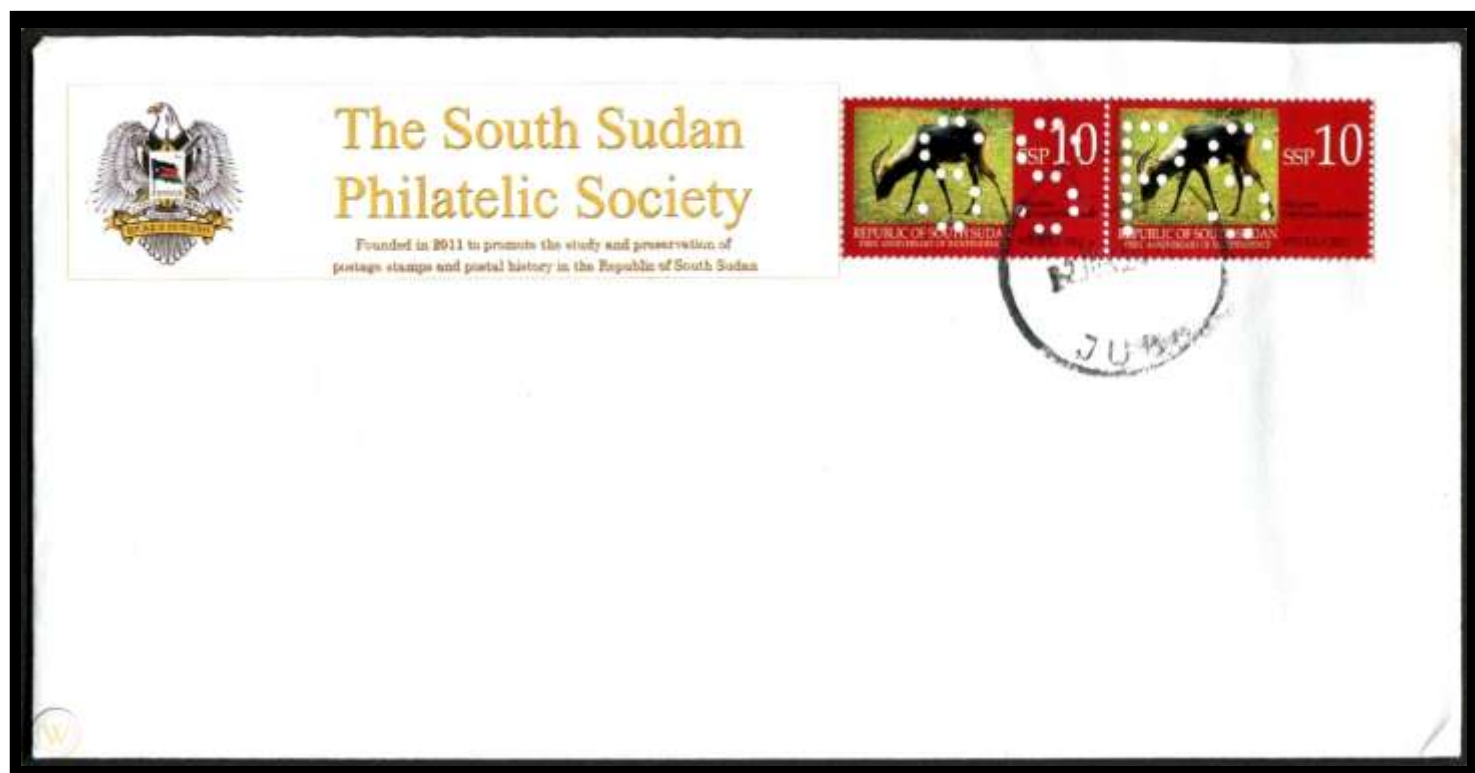
Dates: 9-7-2012.

Ident: South Sudan Philatelic Society

Cancel: Juba

NOTE:

This perfin die "SSPS" was produced by the South Sudan Philatelic Society for their 1st anniversary and as such is not a true perfin but a philatelic item, produced here for the interest of the collector.



BRITISH SOMALILAND

PERFINS



India stamps were used in British Somaliland from 1884 to c1903 at Berbera and Zeila. ● The following dies are India **M 23** used by the Mercantile Bank of India, and India **C 7M** used by the Army & Navy Co-operative Society Ltd. It is feasible that both of these companies were doing business in British Somaliland at that time.

BRITISH SOMALILAND

PERFINS

India M 23



NOTE: Fake overprints are recorded on India stamps.
 (Fake British Somaliland overprint) ??
 QVic Overprint dimensions and the placing at the top of the stamp are correct.

Dates: 1900 issue, in use up to 1903.

Ident: Mercantile Bank of India.

Cancel:

India C 7M



NOTE: Fake overprints are recorded on India stamps.
 (Fake British Somaliland overprint) ??
 EDVII Overprint dimensions are incorrect!

Dates: c1903.

Ident: Army & Navy Co-operative Society Ltd, Calcutta.

Cancel: ---Street, (Very unlikely to have a Street place name in Somaliland)!

India stamp with Calcutta Street name shown above for comparison.

BRITISH BECHUANALAND

PERFINS

For the benefit of collectors I will show this British Bechuanaland overprint with a letter "S" perfin. Again it is thought that it is a fake overprint, but for what reason is anyone's guess !

GB ½d Vermillion in use c1887.

GB Perfin Catalogue Number S 0011.19



Dates: c1887.

Ident: The user of this perfin was Henry Pease & Co's Successors, (Worsted Spinners).

The Mills, Darlington.

Cancel: Postal.