

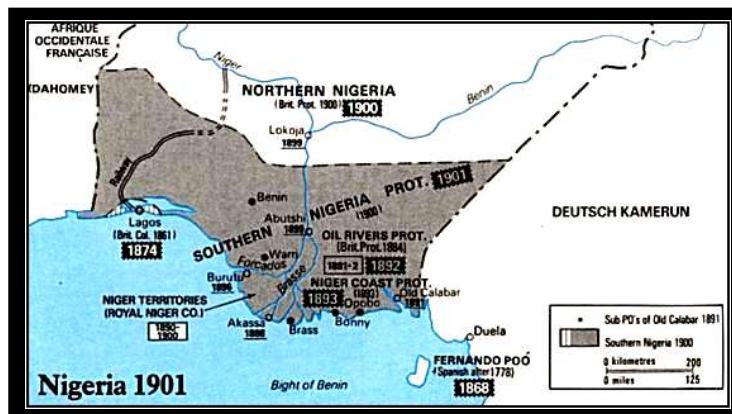
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PERFINS



Oil Rivers Protectorate



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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I would not recommend using them, as their information in lots of cases is incorrect and out of date, also the images that they portray are not true to scale.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, copying other peoples work and claiming it to be their own, but unfortunately this is a fact of life and the scourge of modern times.

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 Mr. Simon Heap

Sadly I must also say that there were other prominent collectors who failed to respond to my requests.

**Any and all new information will be gratefully received,
 and will be given due acknowledgement in the catalogue**

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GOLD COAST



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To date only Four (4) different dies have been recorded used on the stamps of the Gold Coast.

Perfin Obliterator "CANCELLED"

Used by the Judiciary, c1900-1910.

A Carpet die used to cancel Documents, only found in partial on stamps.

Perfin through the stamp & Document. Found on QVic & EDVII stamps with postal cancels!, also on stamps with the JUDICIAL overprint.

NOTE :- It is thought that the stamps with postal cancels may have been removed from the original documents and further used fraudulently for postage.

CANCELLED

Dates: 15-8-1904, 9-2-1907.

Ident: Judicial cancelling device used in the Courts.

NOTE: - A further date perfin cancel is found above this die.

Cancel: Postal & Manuscript.



AGC

Dates:

Ident:

Cancel: **NOTE**: - Reported some 25 years ago, no other information to date.

KGM

Dates: 1938 Issues, 6-4-1940, ---1948.

Ident: Konongo Gold Mines,

Cancel: Postal use Konongo,



PAYEES

Dates: 1910-1913 EDVII Issues,

Ident:

Cancel: Postal use. **NOTE**: Possible reuse of a stamp which has had previous Receipt use. (PAYEES)



D9 (30.6.10)-(23.11.13)



GOLD COAST

GVI Cover from Konongo to London, Dated 6-4-1940.
Passed by Censor stamp WW11



From an interest point of view there is also this large PAID Perfin cancel.

PAID

Dates: 1938 Issues,
Ident: 8-10-1939,

Cancel: Manuscript.



NIGERIA



To date only Five (5) different dies have been recorded used on the postage stamps of Nigeria.

NIGERIA

ANL

Dates: 1953 Issues,
Ident:

Cancel:



E&F
UP

Dates: 10-10-1956,
Ident: Elders & Fyffe Ltd,

Cancel: Tiko, Cameroons.



K
NA

Dates: Independence issue 1961.
Ident:

Cancel:



M
NA

Dates: 1953 Issues,
Ident:

Cancel:



NIGERIA

NRC

Dates: 31-11-1957, 11-3-1975.
Ident: Nigerian Railway Corporation,

Cancel: Ebute-Metta, Lagos,

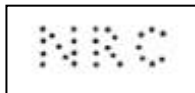


NIGERIA

Cover from Ebute-Matta
to London.

Dated 11-3-1965.

User: -
Nigerian Railway
Corporation.



NIGERIA

The Judicial Court dies (below) have recently been reported
 Courtesy of William Hall, there is also one (1) Police die.
 Apparently there were many of these courts spread throughout Nigeria,
 each one dealing with up to ten villages or about 70,000 people.

NOTE: The 12 Revenue stamp Perfin die images below are approximate.

AROADA

COURT

Dates: GV, c1916-1921. 1/-, 10/-, £1,

Ident: Judicial, Ahoada Court.

Cancel: Manuscript. (Revenue use Court Duty)



MEKO

COURT

Dates: GV, c1916- 1921. £5,

Ident: Judicial, Meko Court.

Cancel: Manuscript. (Revenue use Court Duty)



OPOBO

NOTE: Ø Could well be part of a larger die similar to the Judicial Court dies above (OPOBO / COURT) ?
 The letters have the same die configuration.

Dates: GV, 1914-1927. Postage Issues, 5/-,
 These high value Postage stamps are recorded with Revenue use around this time.
 Ident: Ø Judicial, Opoobo Court,

Cancel: Manuscript.



IKOM

COURT

Dates: GV, c1916-1921. 2/6, 5/-, 10/-, £1, £5,

Ident: Judicial, Ikom Court,

Cancel: Manuscript. (Revenue use Court Duty)



NIGERIA

UYO
COURT

Dates: GV, c1914-1921. £1,

Ident: Judicial, Uyo Court,

Cancel: Manuscript. (Revenue use Court Duty)



AFIKPO
COURT

Dates: GV, c1916-1921. £5,

Ident: Judicial, Afikpo Court,

Cancel: Manuscript. (Revenue use Court Duty)



Dates:

Ident:

Cancel:

Dates:

Ident:

Cancel:

NIGERIA

D.C. OGOJA

NOTE: These Key plate issues of 1916 were discontinued early in 1921.

Dates: c1917-1921. GV, Issues, £1,

Ident: District Commissioner Ogoja,

Cancel: Manuscript. (Revenue use Court Duty)



D.C. ITU

Dates: c1916-1921. GV, Issues, 1d, 3d, 6d, 1/-, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-, £1, £5,

Ident: District Commissioner Itu.

Cancel: Manuscript. (Revenue use Court Duty)



D.C. UYO

Dates: c1914-1921. GV, Issues, 10/-,

Ident: District Commissioner Uyo.

Cancel: Manuscript. (Revenue use Court Duty)



Dates:

Ident:

Cancel:

NIGERIA

DEPUTY REGISTRAR
CALABAR

Dates: c1916-1921. GV, Issues, 3d, 5/-,

Ident: Ø Deputy Registrar, Calabar.

Cancel: Manuscript. (Revenue use Court Duty)



COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
WARRI

NOTE: These Key plate issues of 1916 were discontinued early in 1921.

Dates: c1916-1921. GV, Issues, 6d, 1/-, 2/6,

Ident: Commissioner of Police, Warri.

Cancel: Manuscript.



CUSTOMS
WARRI

Dates: c1916-1921. GV, Issues 5/-,

Ident: Customs Warri.

Cancel: Manuscript. (Perfin Image approximate).



Dates:

Ident:

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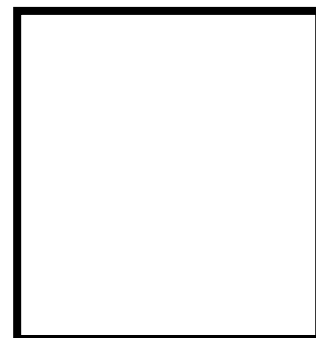
CUSTOMS PERFINED REVENUES



Image approximate size.

King George V In use:- c1912-1921.

Perfin of: - "CUSTOMS / LAGOS"



NORTHERN NIGERIA

IKOM
COURT

Dates: c1912-1921. GV Issues 5/-, 10/-,

Ident: Judicial, Ikom Court,

Cancel: Manuscript, (Revenue use Court Duty)



Dates:

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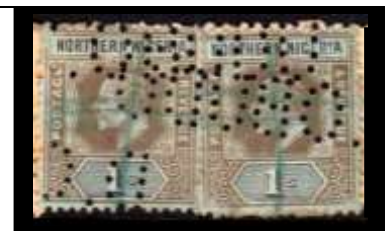
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D. C. OBU DU

Dates: EDVII, c1904-1908. Issues 1/-, 5/-, GV, c1912-1921. Issues, 10/-,

Ident: District Commissioner Obudu.

Cancel: Manuscript. Revenue use.



SOUTHERN NIGERIA

EPE
COURT



NOTE: Like the Judicial Court dies of Nigeria (Page-11).
These letters have the same die configuration.
Epe was one of five administrative divisions of the Lagos State.

Dates: In use EDVII c1904-1908. Issues. 5/-,

Ident: Judicial, Epe Court

Cancel: Revenue use (Court Duty).

IKOM
COURT



Dates: EDVII c1904-1908 Issues. 2/6, £1, GV, c1912-1921 Issues. 5/-,

Ident: Judicial, Ikom Court,

Cancel: Manuscript, (Revenue use Court Duty)

ABAKALIKI
COURT



Dates: EDVII, c1904-1908 Issues. 6d, 1/-,

GV, c1912-1921 Issues, 5/-,

Ident: Judicial Abakaliki Court,

Cancel: Manuscript, (Revenue use Court Duty)

D.C. OBUJU



Dates: GV, c1912-1921. Issues. 2d, 4d, 6d, 1/-, 2/6, 10/-,

Ident: District Commissioner Obudu.

Cancel: Manuscript. Revenue use.

NIGERIA

SOUTHERN CAMEROONS

Reported with the **CAMEROONS / U.K.T.T.** overprint.



EQF
LTD

Dates: QEII, 1956-1961.
Ident: Elders & Fyffe Ltd,
Tiko, Cameroons.
Cancel: Tiko, Cameroons.

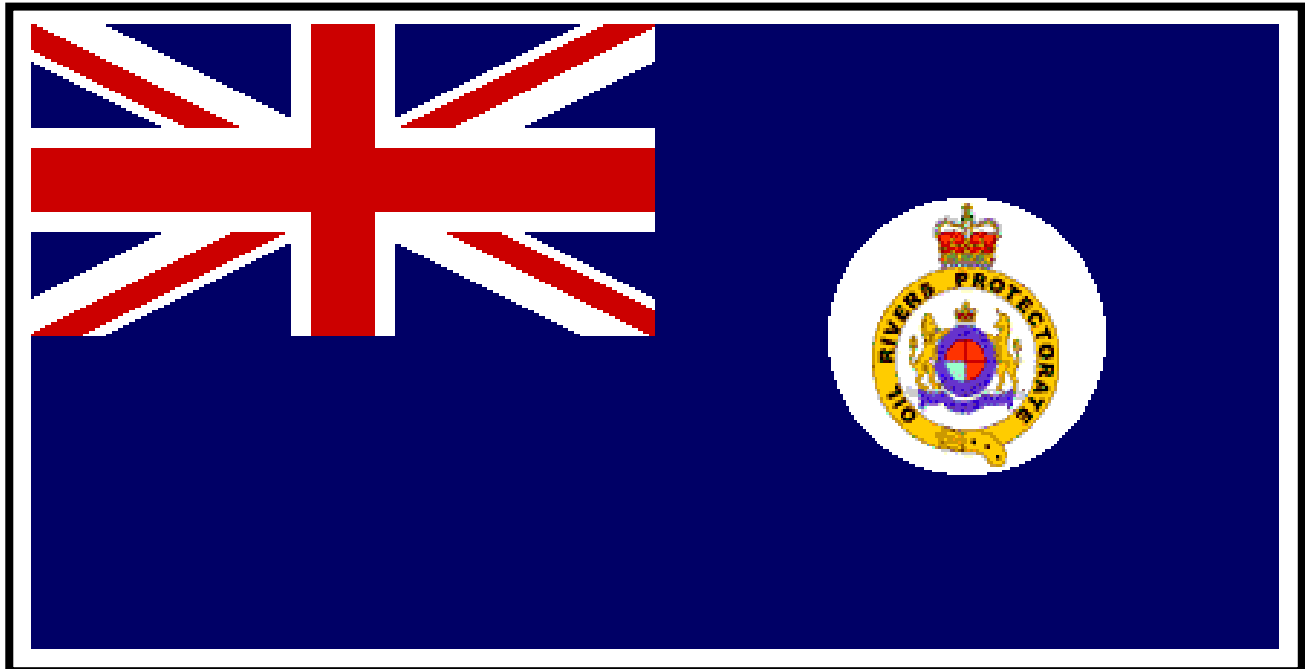
(The overprint "**CAMEROONS / U.K.T.T.**" (United Kingdom Trust Territory).
was only in use for 1 year, (October 1960 until October 1961)
when Southern Cameroon became part of the independent Republic of Cameroon.

NOTE: -

Un-overprinted Nigeria stamps with a clear cancel of Tiko, Cameroons. 10-10-1956.



OIL RIVERS PROTECTORATE



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BRITISH STAMPS USED IN

AKASSA

This pair of stamps one with the C.M.S perfin of the Church Missionary Society were used by the Missionary's in the Niger Delta of the Oil Rivers Protectorate. Letters and parcels were posted back home to the U.K via the Royal Niger Company at Akassa. (See cancellation below).

Dated 15----1896

C 5050.01

C.M.S



OIL RIVERS PROTECTORATE BRITISH STAMPS USED IN AKASSA

Images by courtesy of Simon Heap.

C.M.S



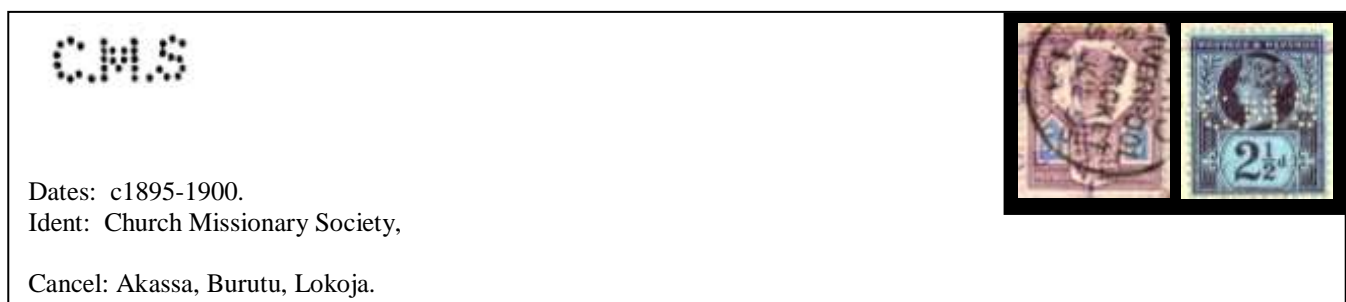
C.M.S



OIL RIVERS PROTECTORATE

As depicted on the page above the only known perfin stamps to emanate from the Oil Rivers were British stamps which had been used there by the Missionaries, the stamps would have had the perfin of the "Church Missionary Society".

NOTE: - More detailed information is available if required.



Other British stamps can be found with Paquet Boat cancels emanating from the West African coastal sea route from South Africa. These have the perfin "U^N/C^o" of the Union Steamship Co Ltd. Mail picked up from Various ports of call en-route would have these Shipping Company perfin stamps affixed, and they would be cancelled at the next port of call, some examples are shown here.



OIL RIVERS PROTECTORATE

From an interest point of view I am including this page of "**Fake**" overprints. They are easily recognized as fakes with the overprint being on top of the cancel or of the wrong dimensions.

Below are two examples to give the collector an image of what to look out for.

No Genuine "Oil Rivers" overprinted perfins have so far been recorded.

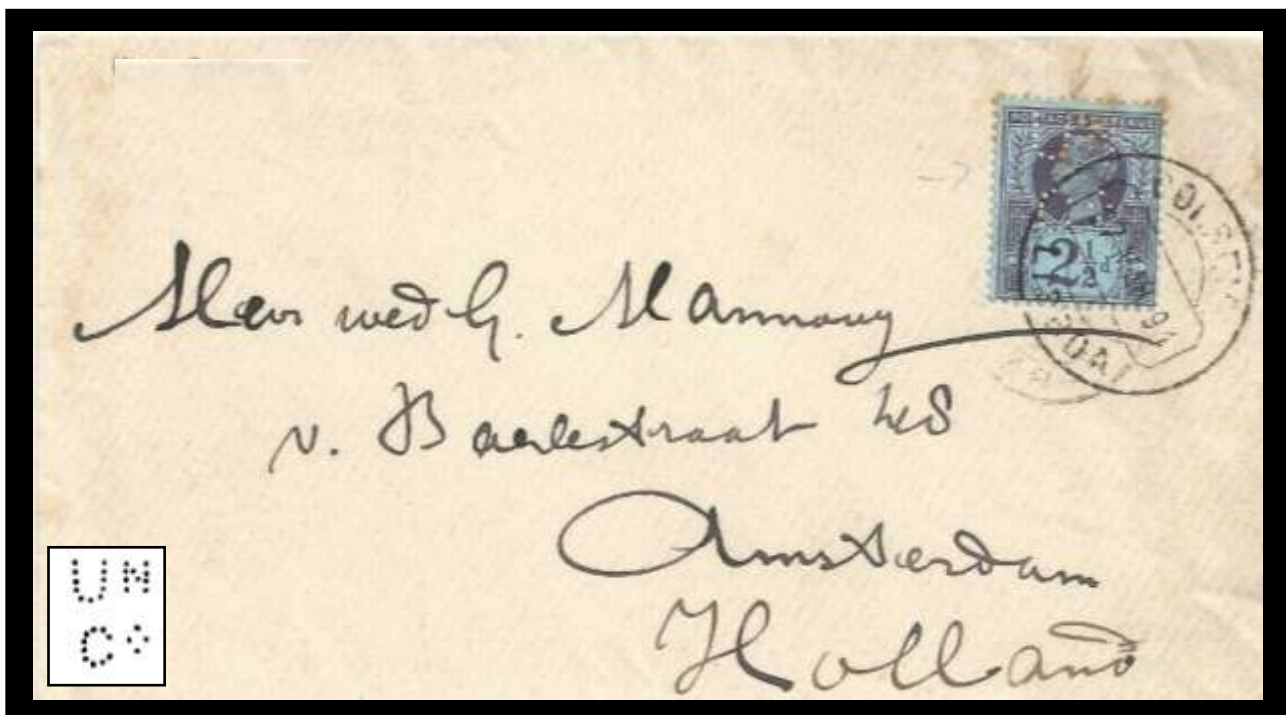
**BRITISH
OIL RIVERS**



**BRITISH
PROTECTORATE
OIL RIVERS**



Lisbon Paquet Boat Cancel on mail to Holland. 27-3-1894.



OIL RIVERS PROTECTORATE
THE UNION STEAMSHIP
COMPANY LTD

Cat No U 1420.01

A nice ship-letter cover posted from "Salt River" (Cape Colony)
 Dated 15-6-1897 with arrival cancel of Southampton ship-letter 26-6-1897.
 Taking 11 days to travel by sea from the Cape.

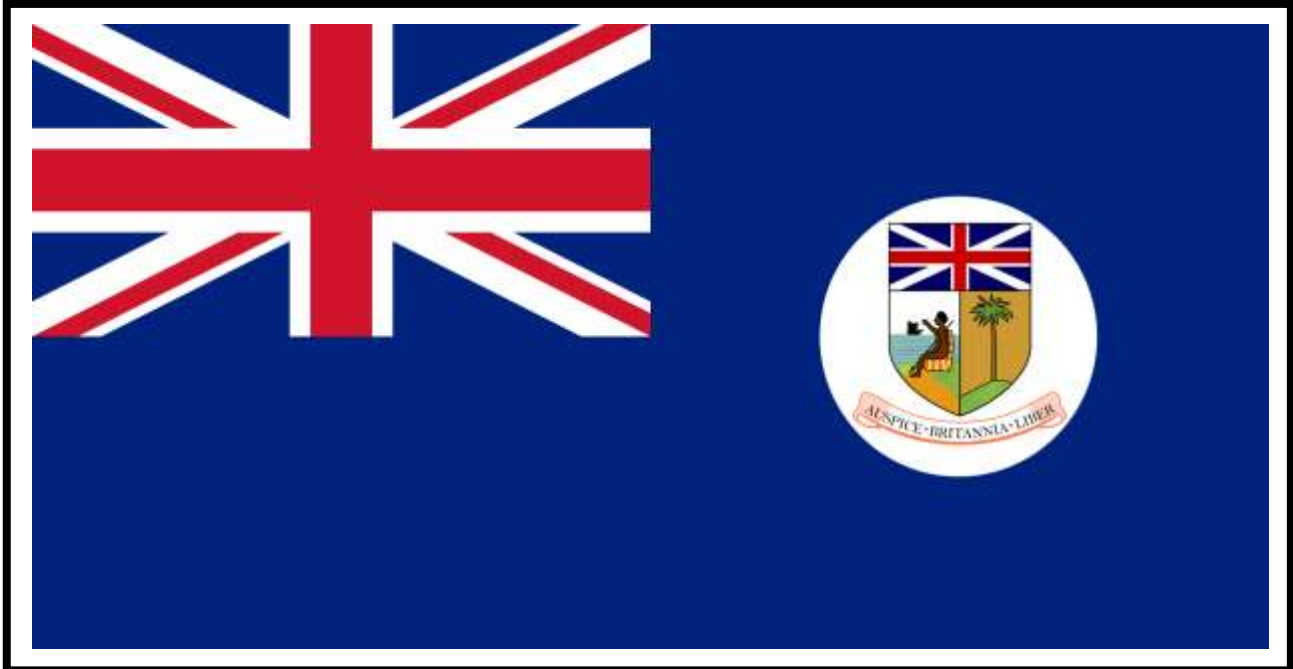
UN
CO



Salt River is a mainly industrial suburb of Cape Town located near Table Bay to the east of the city. It is named after a river of the same name, this being a continuation of the Black River. The name Salt River is a corruption of the Dutch for sweet or fresh river. Salt River is now served by a railway station of the same name

This origin information is contained in the contents of the letter

SIERRA LEONE

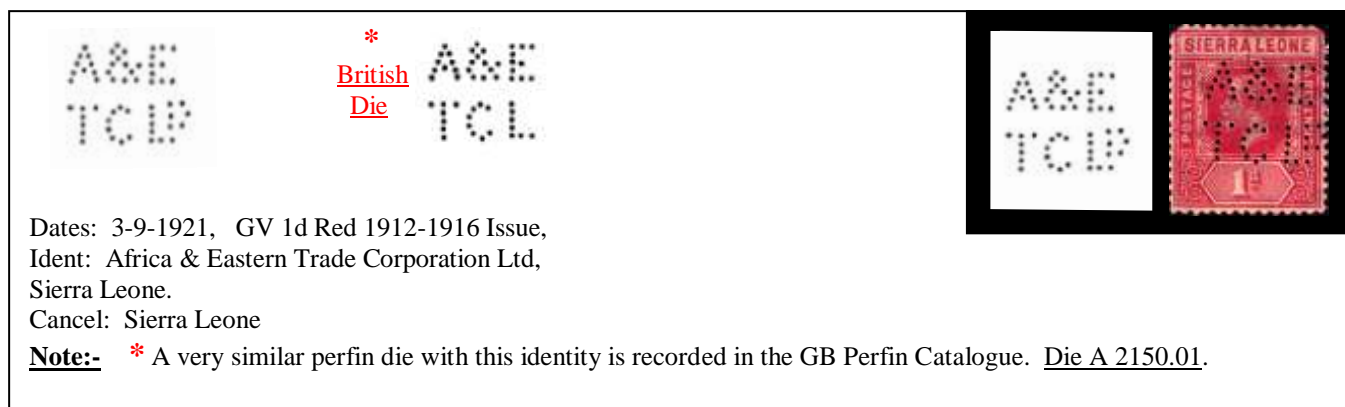


Bruce Island •

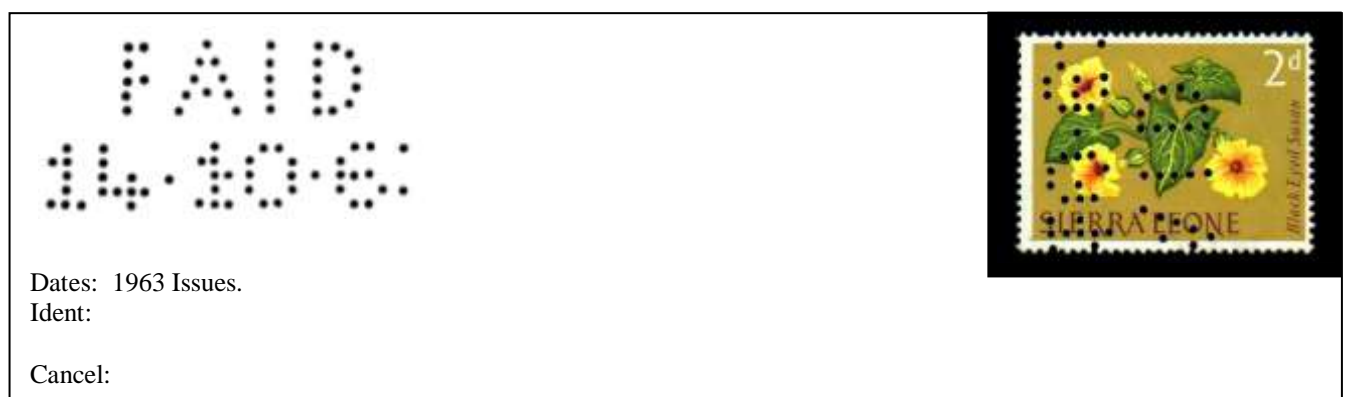


SIERRA LEONE

To date only Two (2) different dies have been recorded used on the postage stamps of Sierra Leone.



From an interest point of view there is also this large PAID & DATE Perfin cancel.



SIERRA LEONE

"2/WIR" of the Second West Indian Regiment.
Is recorded on the following stamps.

<u>SG</u>		<u>Stamp</u>	<u>Dates recorded</u>
27	QVic 1884 Issues	½d Green	
28	"	1d Carmine	
31	"	2½d Ultramarine	4-5-1896
41	QVic 1896-97 Issues	½d Dull Mauve & Green	20-10-1897
45	"	2½d Dull Mauve & Ultramarine	25-10-1897
46	"	3d Dull Mauve & Slate	
49	"	6d Dull Mauve	
74	EDVII 1903 Issues	1d Dull Purple & Rosine	----1903

Covers are also known, all bearing 2½d values SG 45



After Sierra Leone became a Crown Colony in January 1808 the Military presence there consisted only of the Royal Africa Corps, which was composed of almost entirely white troops. Because of the climatic conditions the mortality rate was severe and this led to their replacement by a detachment of the West Indian Regiment, which came from Barbados in 1812, and which used Bruce Island • as a recruiting depot.

By May 1819 there were a total of five companies of the Second West Indian Regiment all sent from Jamaica to Garrison Sierra Leone and the Isles of Los and the Gambia.