WHO KNOWS THE ANSWER?

Peter Burrows sends in the following item.

Perfin CD 11,12 5mm on Q.V, ld lilac on cover. The return address is Original Agency Office for Joint Stock Companies Charles Doubble, 14, Serjeants Inn, London, E.C.

The postmark is a London Hooded 'VR' H/S Code 'B' dated 14 August 1883.

Peter asks, 'is this a semi-government concern. The postmark is said to be "Royal".