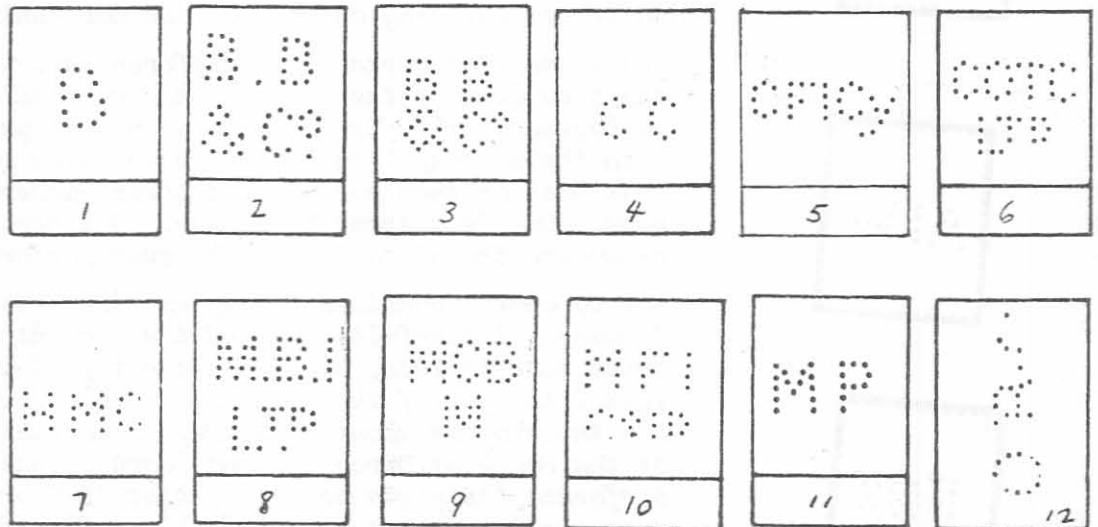


A WORKING CATALOG OF THE PERFINS OF MAURITIUS

According to the worksheet in the library, there are a dozen perfins on the stamps of the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius. Those are shown here along with what is known about them. If you can add anything, contact our foreign catalog chairman, Robert J. Schwerdt (at 9 Memory Lane, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603) and he'll add your information to the file and we'll pass it along in a later issue.



1. User is Barclays Bank. Die was damaged at some point and exists with various pins missing.
2. Identification unknown. Possibly Blyth Brothers. First known use is July 10, 1897.
3. Used by Blyth Brothers & Company, first on 7/1/07.
4. User unknown, but possibly Controller of Customs
5. User unknown.
6. Used by Colonial & Overseas Trading Company, Ltd.
7. Possibly used by Harel Mallac. Illustration is not complete; should be HMC<sup>o</sup>.
8. User was Mercantile Bank of India, Limited.
9. Used by Mauritius Commercial Bank. The machine which made this perfin is said to have had a 51 die head
10. User not known.
11. Used by Mauritius Publicity.
12. Illustration incomplete; full pattern is O.B.C. and user is Oriental Banking Corporation. This pattern is known only fiscally used.

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