

## SLOPER AND GWR

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One of the illustrations in the article from *Cross Post* by **Michael Bament** was a letter from The Great Western Railway, Accountants Office, Paddington, London W to The Midland Railway, Derby. It is dated 14th October 1869 and reads:-

*Dear Sir,*

*In reply to your letter of the 11th inst. received this morning, I beg to inform you that all the Postage and Receipt Stamps used in this Company's service are perforated "GWR" by Mr Sloper of Walbrook House, E.C., who I am quite sure will be most happy to give you any information you may require.*

*I may mention that Mr Sloper obtained the sanction of the Post Office authorities to use his invention before we entered into arrangements with him.*

*We have the Stamps we receive for Transfer Fees perforated as well as those we purchase.*

*Yours truly*

From the plate numbers on the 1d reds, we know that The Great Western Railway was one of the very early users of Sloper's security device, namely perforated initials, for postage stamps.