

PERFIN FTP (Diagonal)

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I was looking at a small accumulation of Edward VII perfins on pieces. Many were F4190.01 'FTP' (Diagonal) of F Tennant Pain. I could see their address was 81 Farringdon Avenue and from the pieces torn from envelopes with a very fancy design, that they were publishers of the FTP Portfolio.

Then I noticed a few pieces, obviously from the same fancy envelopes, but these had the perfins 'TT' of The Times and the full name 'GRAPHIC of the newspaper of that name.

The FTP Portfolio sounds like it might be about Stocks and Shares and Times and Graphic readers might want to purchase it. Presumably they would send their money to the newspaper who might send it to F Tennant Pain in the form of stamps with their own perfin, 'TT' or 'GRAPHIC. F Tennant Pain would use these on their mail as well as their own, FTP perfin. Or it could be that FTP were subscription agents?

Or can you think of a better explanation?

