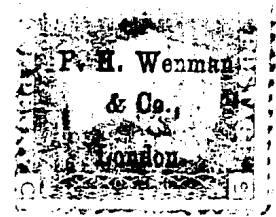


A NEW 1d PLATE OVERPRINT

At the beginning of the year, **KEN KLOSS**, from America wrote asking for information about a Penny Plate with overprint. It was an overprint which did not appear to be in any catalogue. The overprint is on a mint copy of Plate 120 and the wording is F.H.Wenman/ & Co./London.



I, Ed, could not find anything in my Victoria Catalogues so I wrote to John Nelson who knows a thing or two about the Line Engraved issues! He too was stumped and suggested Maurice Harp as a possible source of information. Maurice has a check list of all underprints known (to himself) and this one is not on that list. He thinks it could be a new find which deserves to be noted by Gibbons. Maurice did track down the company in his directories and the following are the extracts.

1865 Kelly's. Francis Heathcote Wenman
 Ship & Insurance Brokers
 19 Bishopsgate St Within
 London EC

1877 Kelly's. Wenman & Co
 Shipping & Commission Agents
 3 Suffolk Lane
 London EC

Maurice is sure these two are the same company and that sometime between 1865 and 1877 they were known as F.H.Wenman & Co. The name Wenman is pretty unusual in both directories so the chance of two Wenmans in the shipping business is pretty small.