

One of our members, Andy Donaldson, has written to say that he purchased this item in the Martin Townsend Sale. (It is nice to know that it is in the hands of a perfin collector) I wrote to Andy with a few questions about the advert. There is nothing on the advert to indicate a date. The proof stamp is indeed a loose stamp. He has no proof that the loose stamp is really linked to the advert and/or Braham. He enclosed a printout of the scanned advert (opened out flat), the back being blank.

This advert is almost identical to the one shown in Bulletin 314 Page 15 except the two examples at the bottom of the left hand side of the advert are misplaced. The RH/&/JP die covers the letters "BAN" of BANKERS and the AZ/&C⁰ die blacks out the "ET, E.C." of the address. The larger Id lilac at the top of the page is also out of alignment. This would indicate that the advert was static but the stamp dies used were printed on to these adverts at a second stage of printing. I have a very poor photocopy of another of these adverts, the Id lilac is the same, the stamp at bottom left is unrecognisable but the bottom right is for die ED/WJ which is not in any of our catalogues.

I am always grateful for any photocopy of perfin material. They are filed away and I can often add extra information to queries in the Bulletin by reference to these articles.