

LANCASTER CHANCERY COURT

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Taken from research by Frank Brown and illustrations from Jeff Turnbull.

Historical background from J Barefoot's "Great Britain Revenues".

When the book "G.B. Official Perfins" by Edwards & Lucas, was published in 1984 by The Perfin Society, none of this information was included. Frank Brown has brought to light much of this new data and if anyone is keen to get details of all stamp values cancelled by perfin for the different divisions of The Lancaster Chancery Court, get in touch with our Publications Officer, Jeff Turnbull.

In 1351 the Duke of Lancaster acquired powers so great that a separate system of Justice was established in the Palatinate of Lancaster (i.e. Lancashire, but not in other land owned by the Dukes of Lancaster in London or other parts of the country). Under Court of Chancery of Lancaster Acts of 1850, 1954 and 1890, the system of Justice was simplified and broadly brought in line with the rest of the country though retaining its special character.

The Fee Receipt stamps were usually cancelled by a circular date stamp and a perfin. Each stamp has a letter followed by a serial number.

There are four known perfin cancellation, used by four different districts within Lancashire.

The Preston & Blackburn District; The Preston District; The Manchester District; The Liverpool District.

PD/C of L/B

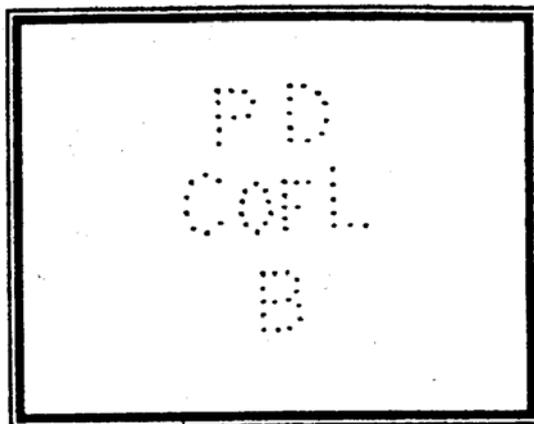
The Preston & Blackburn District
Chancery of the County Palatine of

Lancaster. In use 1890s+

Dates 11-12-1897 1-6-1915

Perfin through document

Values 4d, 6d, 3/-, 5/-



P/C of L/D

The Preston District

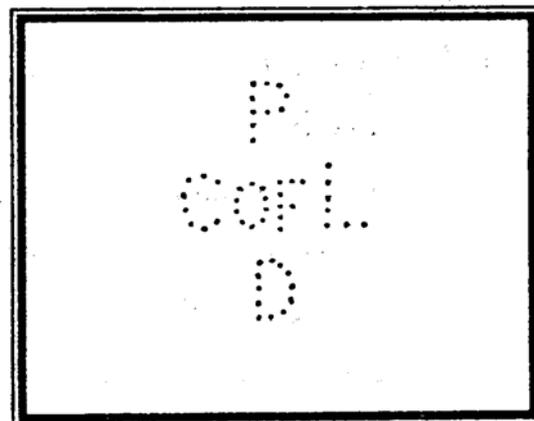
Chancery of the County Palatine of

Lancaster. In use 1886 -

Dates

Perfin through document

Values



M/Cof/D

The Manchester District

Chancery of the County Palatine of

Lancaster. In use 1875-1929

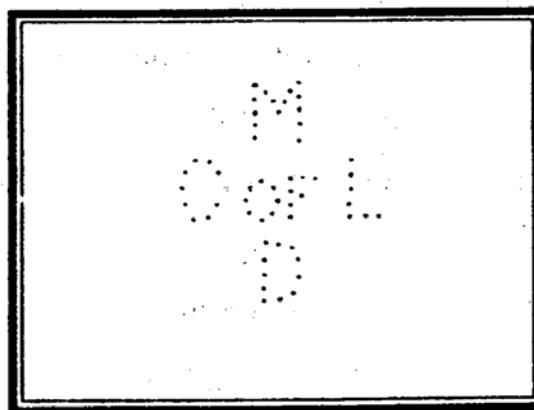
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Perfin through document

Values numerous

Recorded on 1970 document with

perfin through stamp only



L/C of L/D

The Liverpool District

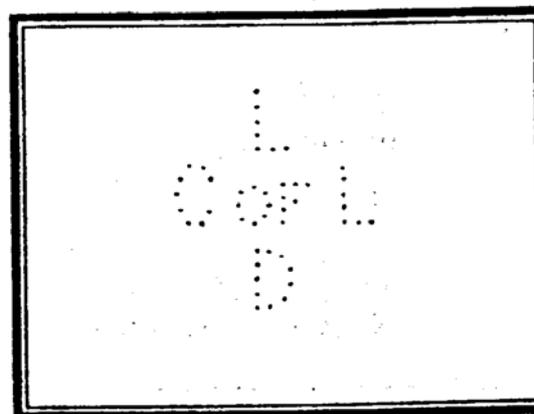
Chancery of the County Palatine of

Lancaster. In use 1886

Dates 16-8-1886 21-5-1924

Perfin through document

Values Numerous



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Cancellations

These have been scanned from documents - hence the loss of clarity. Copy of the 1970 document is on the back of Auction No.3 (2002).

