

2d BLUE IMPERFORATE WITH A PERFIN.

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Some fifteen years ago, *Alan Sandy* reported to me an Imperforate QV 2d Blue with a Perfin - "ST/&B" (S7150.05M) - and as requested, also sent me a colour image of the stamp. According to my records, the photocopy duly arrived on 3rd September 2004 which I tucked away intending to use it in the Line Engraved catalogue then underway, although only part 1 (A-J) was ever completed. When it came to produce the 2nd edition of Section 'S' of the 'New Illustrated Catalogue of G.B. Perfins', all I had to go on was my basic m/s note as the image had gone 'AWOL'.

While trying to make some space in my study by cleaning out drawers, I came across a raft of old notes which contained, amongst other things, the all important photocopy of Alan's 2d Blue Imperforate!



The stamp is a QV 2d Blue 'with lines'. The white lines were added to distinguish the 'new' 2d labels (plate 3 onwards) from the 'old' labels (plates 1/2). Both plates 3 (1841-1849) and 4 (1849-1853) were issued imperforate, although plate 4 was also issued perforated 16 (1st May 1854), and p14 (22nd February 1855). The imprimatur sheet of plate 3 illustrated in Osborne's '2d Blue Studies' shows QC, but the placement of the corner letters (above) do not match. This makes Alan's example Plate 4, dating it to the early 1850's. The Perfin looks genuine enough, so it begs the question where on earth did '*Spencer, Turner & Boldero*' get hold of these twenty year old imperforate stamps?