

FOREIGN BILL JIGSAW

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Jeff Turnbull, author of 'The Perfined Revenue Stamps of Great Britain', has recently sent in scans of the following QV Foreign Bills, each with a different perfin, but each showing part of the same identifying cachet. The overlapping stamps are illustrated, poor though they look in black & white, to show the assembled jigsaw, along with a hand drawn illustration of the full cachet.

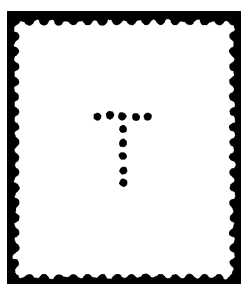


The assembled cachet reads:

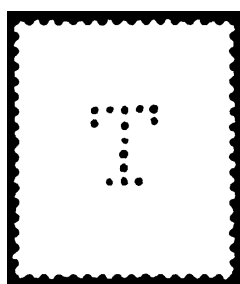
J. C. IM THURN & C^o.
LONDON



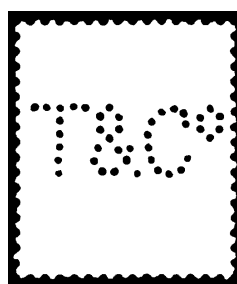
The three dies involved are "T" (T0010.18), "T" (T0010.25), and "T&Co" (T1010.10) but with the start of a reversed "J" showing.



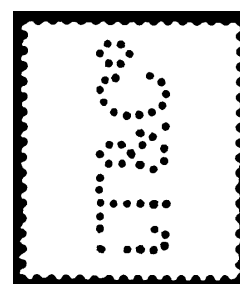
T0010.18



T0010.25



T1010.10



J7631.01

The current Tomkins list T0010.18 as *suspected* of having been used by J C Thurn & Sons, Merchants, 1 East India Ave, London EC, which ties in pretty well with the cachet. Coincidentally, a full strike of 'T1010.10' has also been submitted by **Maurice Harp** on a QV 1d Red (plate 154), showing either a reversed lower-case "j" or an upper-case "J" with a pin missing. In any event I've re-catalogued T1010.10 under the letter "J" as J7631.01. *Can anyone add anymore?*