

THE FIRST PERFIN COVER ?

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I read with interest in the April Bulletin John Nelson's article on "SC - The first perfin".

Within a few days a dealer showed me a perfin cover which he thought was one of the earliest, if not the earliest, known.

The cover concerned had been forwarded from London to Paris by C. DEVAUX and Co., London, was franked by two plate 11, 4d vermilion stamps cancelled Sept 29/69 and perfinned C.A/&Co. (Probably C.2087 in the G.B. Edwards Catalogue).

Mr. Nelson does not mention early covers in his article or in his previous one that appeared in "Stamp Collecting" in 1964, and as a quick delve through past Bulletins etc., did not produce any information either, I wondered whether we had any record of early dated covers, or if any of our Members had a cover or covers dated earlier than the one mentioned above.

In my own very modest cover collection, my earliest complete item is an entire from Wm BRANDT'S SONS & Co., London, franked by a Penny Red cancelled 8 Dec 1876 and perfinned WB/SCo (79.2 in Tilles).

My only earlier item being a Penny Red on piece, cancelled June 1873 and perfinned S&S (644.20 in Tilles).

EDITOR: Any information can be sent direct to Albert or via myself to be forwarded.