

PRIVATE CANCELLED PERFINS

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A small number of firms have been allowed by the postal authorities to cancel their own mail, and they used various individualistic cancellators to do it. These cancels are usually found on stamped wrappers so perfins are rare. Henry King & Co used a special cancellation consisting of a K in concentric circles and this is known on stamps perfinned H.S.K/&Co. (No. H6670). This firm had another perfin with the single letter K (No. K0010.02) and this too could be found pre-cancelled although I have never seen one. However what I now have seen is a plate 18 QV 3d perfinned D & S (No. D4390.07) and cancelled with the Henry King Special Cancellator. Who were the users of this perfin? Could it have been Dawson & Sons who had their own special cancellator in 1880?