

PERFORATED CANCEL OF THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND "R"
within a STAR By Rosemary Smith.

Once again this cancel has been brought to my notice.

In Bulletin 229 Pg.8 there appeared the first copy of this very distinctive perforated cancel which would seem to have been applied to incoming mail at the Edinburgh Office of the Royal Bank of Scotland. The cover was dated 7-AUGUST-1876 and the cancel went through the 1d red stamp but it does not look to be a complete strike.

In Bulletin 241 Pg.8 is another cover, this time dated 8-JULY-1868 which has a very clear strike.

In Bulletin 265 Pg.9, Kevin Parkhill reported that he had a cover from Heidelberg to the Royal Bank of Scotland in Edinburgh dated 27-JULY-1877. It bears a 20 pfennig stamp and the cancellation has many blind holes.

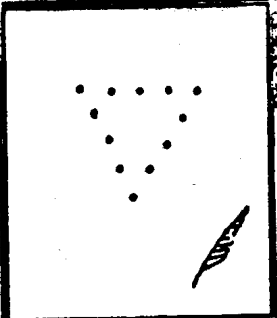
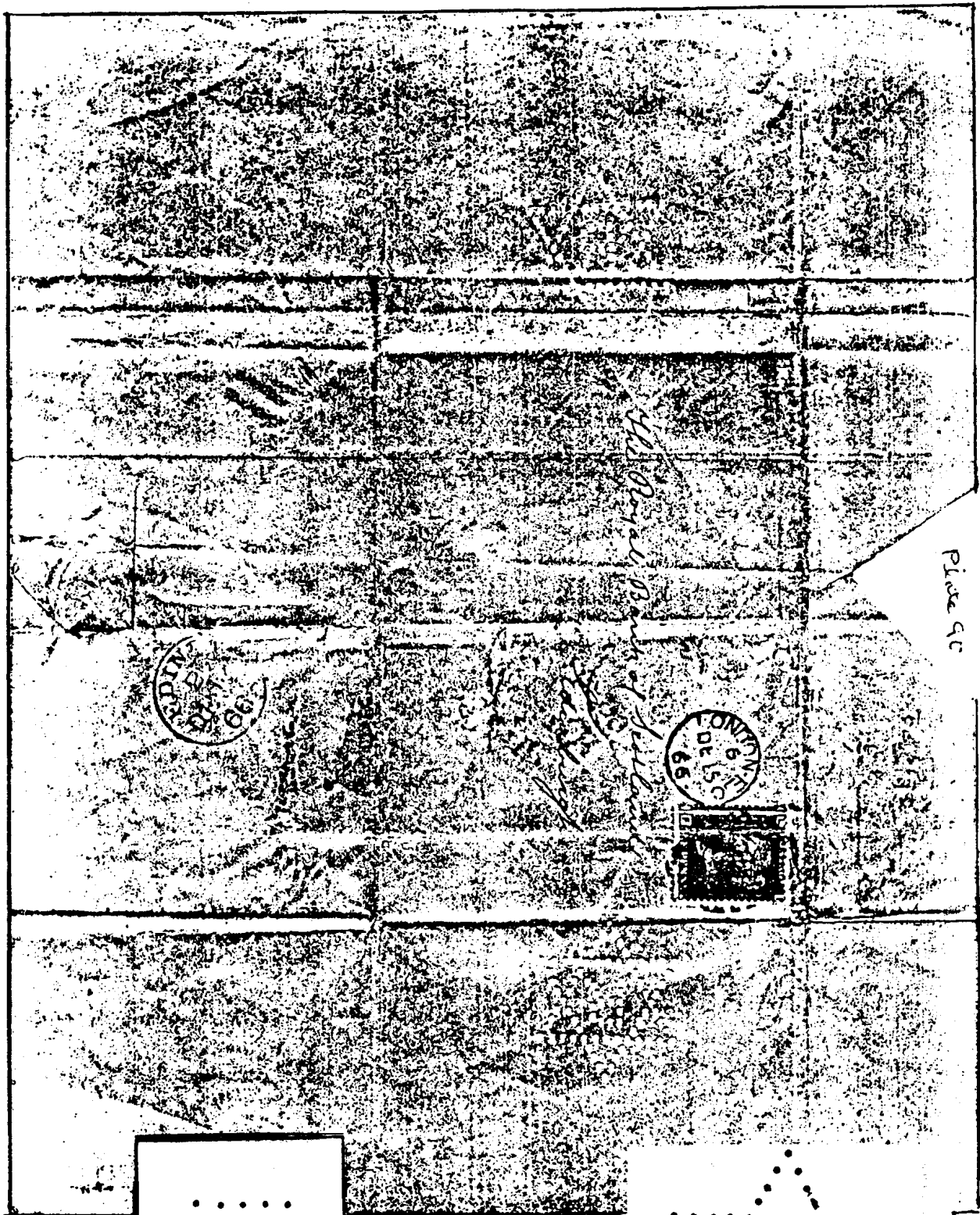
The two new illustrations shown on the next pages come from a non-member. The entire is reduced in size so you can see the whole. Being on blue paper it is not very clear. It has a Plate 90 1d red and is dated 15-DECEMBER-1866. The entire must have had another sheet inside it as the inside is blank but it appears to have been opened, folded in half down the centre through the address and then cancelled because the holes can be synchronised.

The envelope is dated 16-AUGUST-1866; the stamp is a 1d red, Plate 79; the strike is very clear.

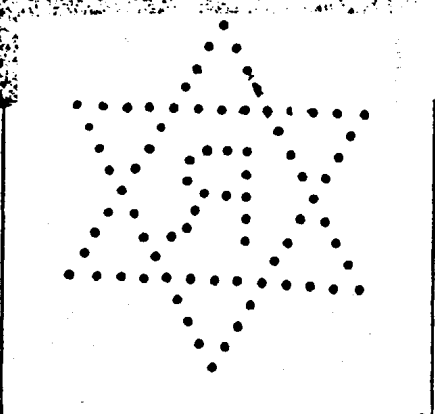
Whilst looking at all these covers, various thoughts occur.

1. The cancelling device was in use prior to perfins.
2. The period of known use is now 1866 to 1877.
3. The cancels of 1876 and 1877 are partials, suggesting much use over a period of time.
4. Is Design 1060.01 one of the points of the star which was punched through a stamp? The only stamp reported in the New Illustrated Catalogue for this die is on a 1d red.

If any other members have copies of this device on cover, please send details and/or a photocopy. I know of six examples, and from the details I have been given, we can already deduce some facts.



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