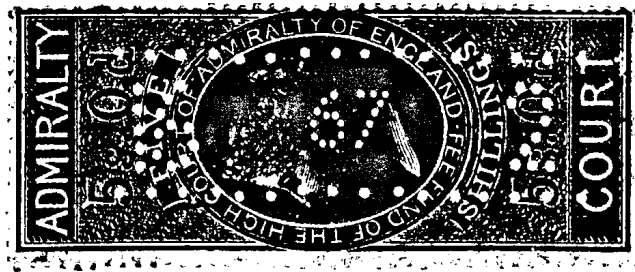


DATE PERFORATION

by David Scott

Stephen Steere's article in Bulletin No.296 page 10 set me wondering what is the earliest known date for a date perforation on a document, or on a stamp.

In my collection I have a 5/- Admiralty Court revenue stamp, which instead of having the usual manuscript cancellation on the face, has a perforated date cancellation 16 67 2, between two perforated horizontal lines.



It surprises me that these two lines are so uneven, although they do seem to be similar in their undulations. Like the examples in Stephen's article, this early perforation must have been done on a machine supplied by Sloper.

Admiralty Court stamps were in use from 1855 up to 1875 when they were superseded by Judicature Fee stamps.

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