
Perfins As Postal History - 3

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This cover from Australia demonstrates an unusual use of official perfins. A legal sized cover pre-printed for official use, mailed from Hobart, Tasmania on 20 September 1916. Though possibly not visible in the illustration, the stamp used for the original mailing is the inverted copy of the 1penny George V issue (Scott 21), perforated with small hole OS. Close examination shows that the stamp was originally canceled with the Hobart repeater cancel.

At Bothwell someone determined that "Miss Eley P M" (postmistress?) was now located at Kempton, and changed the address. They added the 1p George

V in the extreme upper right, also an official stamp, but this one with the Tasmania "T" perforated in it. Both stamps then received a Bothwell handstamp dated 27 September 1916.

Use of both the Australia Commonwealth official perfins ("OS") and those of the various states (Tasmania ["T"], New South Wales ["OS/NSW" or "G/NSW"], Victoria ["VG"], Western Australia ["WA"]) occurred concurrently for many years. Examples of each on cover are not scarce, but use of both a Federal and a State official perfin on the same cover is unusual.

