

CHANNEL ISLANDS BISECT PERFIN

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Jeff Turnball brought the cover shown below to my attention. It was offered on e-bay with a reserve of 40 Swiss Francs (approx £18). The piece finally sold for 146 CHF (approx £65). Following German Occupation of the Channel Islands the existing supplies of British stamps were used until exhausted. Due to a dearth of 1d stamps on 27th December 1940 it was decided to bisect the 2d 1937 definitive and 1940 stamps centenary commemoratives. I am not sure if the seller realised that the cover was in fact a first day of issue with a clear cancellation of Ville Du Roi, Guernsey, used 27th December 1940. The two penny bisect has a perfin but the only part of the design that is discernable is a Type II ampersand. Can anyone make a stab at what the die might have been?

