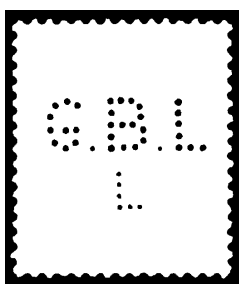


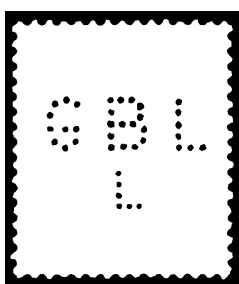
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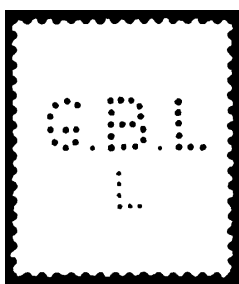
In compiling information for letter “G” of the New Illustrated Catalogue of G.B. Perfins, I looked long and hard at the two perfins “GBL/L” (G0590.01M) and “G.B.L/L” (G0600.01M). Close inspection of examples of the two dies have led me to suspect that the two patterns come from the same die. However, I believe the sequence isn’t just a simple case of missing pins, so I propose the following:



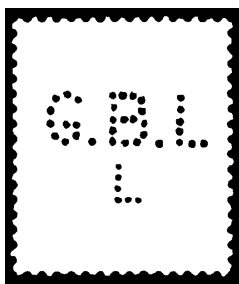
Original state: In use 1870-1885.
Very fine holes form the stops.
Issues: QV LE, Surface Printed, and Issue ‘D’.
Earliest date: 3rd June 1873.
Latest date: 21st April 1885.



Second state: In use 1885-1895.
Both pins missing/removed.
Issues: ‘B’, ‘D’ and ‘E’.
Earliest date: 3rd Feb 1892.
Latest date: ... 1894.



Third state: In use 1895-1901.
Very fine stops return.
Issues: ‘B’, ‘E’
Earliest date: 23rd March 1897.
Latest date: ... Oct 1901.



Final state: In use 1901-1912.
Die refurbished? Stops enlarged.
Issues: ‘B’, ‘C’, ‘E’, ‘F’, ‘H’
Earliest date: 8th Dec 1903.
Latest date: ---

To substantiate or demolish the scenario, can I ask for your help in reporting dated examples?