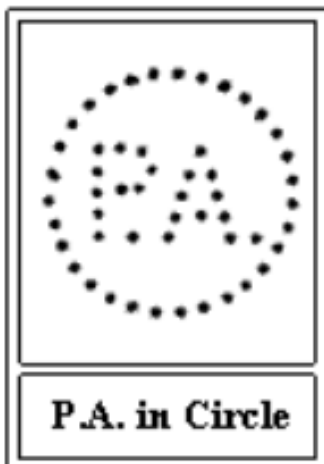


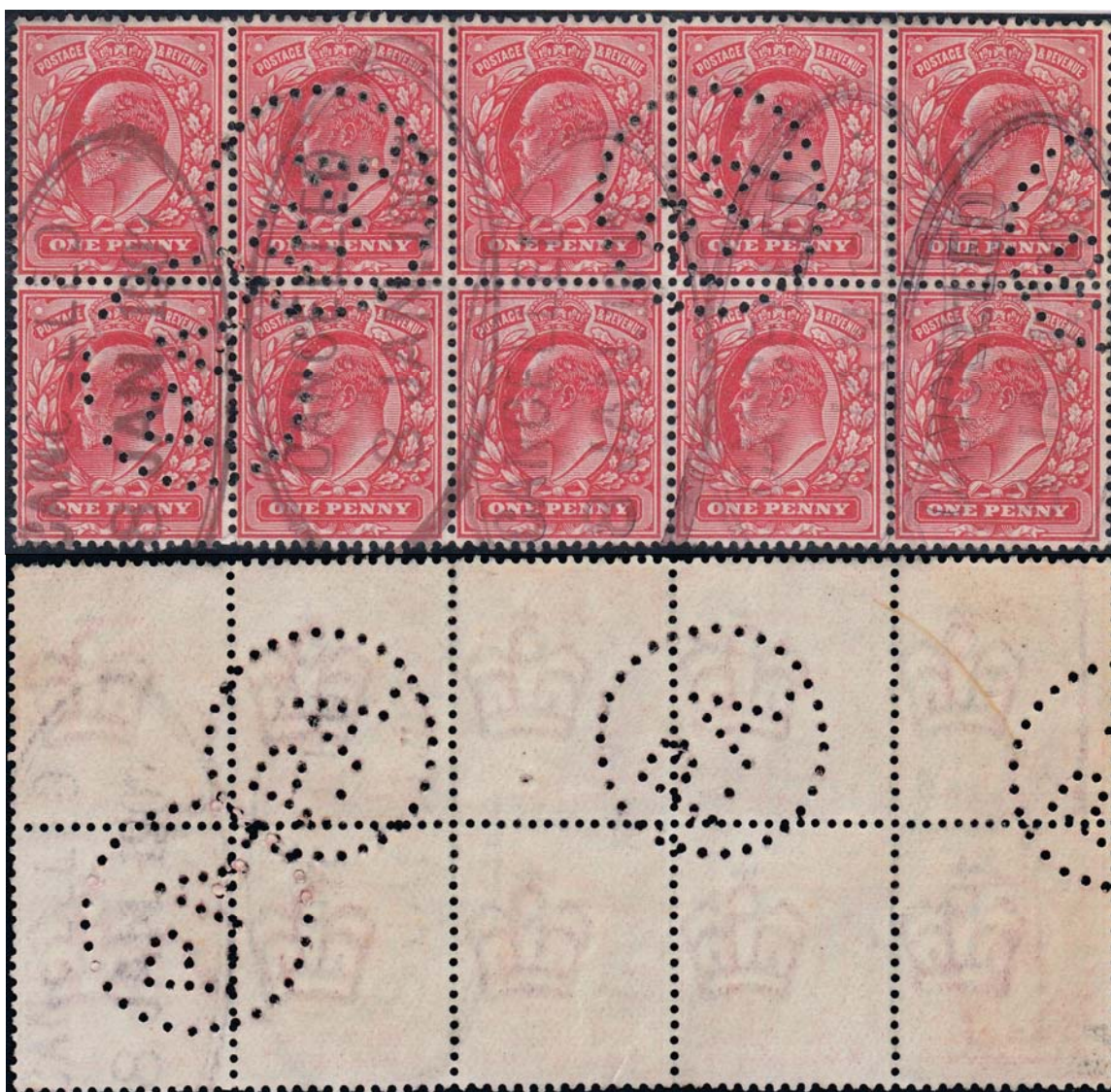
“P.A. IN CIRCLE” PERFIN

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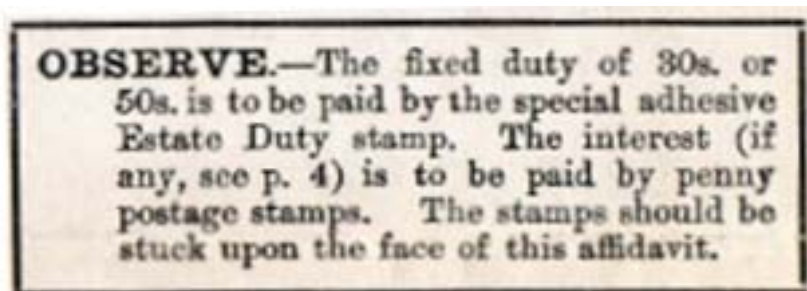


This ‘P.A. in Circle’ perfin is an unusual item. This perfin is mentioned in the Edwards, Lucas Official Perfins book, and in **Jeff Turnbull’s** catalogue of Official perfins.

The block of ten SG200 illustrated below recently appeared in a dealers stock. The 5 x 2 block has been perfined with four strikes of the die and is cancelled with an oval hand stamp "CANCELLED/8 JAN 1907". The random pattern of the strikes shows a single headed die.



I consulted **Jeff Turnbull** for more detailed information on the die, and he explained that the perforator design is found perforating Estate Duty fiscals, the Victorian £1 and £1.10.0 values and the Edwardian £1.10.0 value. It is also found perforating documents of the Inland Revenue Department on Affidavits used in conjunction with Probate. The initials may stand for 'Probate Affidavit', 'Probate Accountant' or 'Probate Affidavit'.



On Victorian Estate Duty documents for Probate there can be observed a boxed square at the top left of the form which states that the interest (if any) must be paid using Postage stamps, which should be stuck upon the face of the affidavit. This would account for the use of the block of ten and would indicate that the P.A. most likely stands for Probate Affidavit.

Lastly I must show you this splendid piece taken from an Estate Duty document that was shown to me by Jeff. The piece is cancelled August 1898.

