

J. Sloper & Co.

# PERFORATING MACHINES

This item is a "front piece" manufactured for the Sloper company to affix to any literature that they would produce to advertise their "wares". The centre of the item has a "schematic" of one of the JS / & Co perfin dies that was used by the company to illustrate their product.



Without Joseph Sloper inventing and patenting the devices that puncture the letters and patterns on postage stamps and other financial documents, this display would not be here !! Although others copied and marketed similar devices, J. Sloper Esquire was the father of them all.

**J. SLOPER & CO. LTD.**

ESTABLISHED 1858

LONDON, E.C.4.

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA



Joseph Sloper was the prime mover, when it came to perforating stamps, documents, cheques etc. This letter head illustrates by example the type of business carried out by the company. Although modern by comparison to other material on display, the headed notepaper is far from common, and is cherished by collectors.

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

## Perforating machines

Telegrams, "Naming, Birmingham."

Telephone No. 2893.

BRONZE MEDAL: LONDON, 1884.

**FRANK BAKER,**

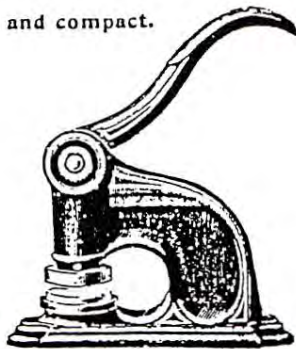
HON. MENTION: DUBLIN, 1865.

## REGISTERED DESIGN GIANT PRESS.

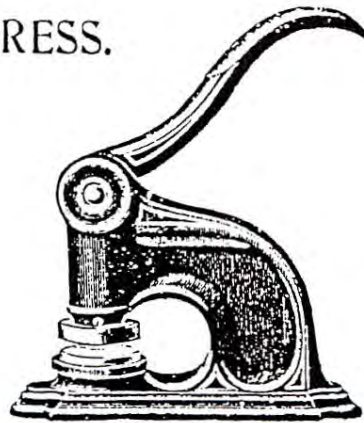
Very light, powerful, and compact.



No. 1 Giant.



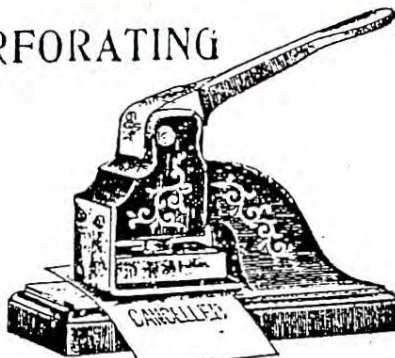
No. 2 Giant.



No. 3 Giant.

This is an illustration on another perforating machine manufacturer, in this case a Frank Baker, offering his various types of presses that would perforate whatever the customer desired. If the customer wanted, Mr. Baker's presses could be mounted on a polished mahogany stand, with drawer, this of course for an additional sum. The two perfins illustrated are examples of his handicraft, the initials F B / B being for Frank Baker in Birmingham.

## BEST QUALITY PERFORATING PRESSES.



BEST QUALITY.

These are of high-class manufacture. All parts liable to wear are best cast steel. Horizontal Levers are nickel-plated.

Vertical Pull-over Levers can be substituted for the ordinary Press-down Horizontal ones for 6/6 extra. All presses may be mounted on polished mahogany stand, with drawer, for 12/6 extra.

### POSTAGE STAMP PRESSES.

- No. 1.—Takes up to four letters, price, including four letters ... .. 15/-
- .. 2.—Takes up to six letters, price, including six letters ... .. 18/6
- .. 3.—Takes up to six letters, with lubricating pad, six letters ... .. 25/-

### BEST QUALITY.

- No. 4—Improved Press, to perforate four rows of stamps, four stamps thick, perforating 16 stamps at one stroke, with two or three letters ... .. 47/6
- Ditto do do five or six letters ... .. 52/-

### ORDINARY OR STOP DIE PRESSES.

- No. 5.—Best Quality, & Co. ... .. 46/-
- .. 6.—" " & Co., NOT NEGOTIABLE ... .. 63/-
- .. 7.—Second " & Co. ... .. 30/-
- .. 8.—Best Quality... .. Price 30/- 1/6 per letter
- .. 9.—" " ... .. 37/- 1/6 "
- .. 10.—" " ... .. 50/- 1/6 "
- .. 11.—" " ... .. 50/- 1/6 "
- .. 12.—Second " ... .. 15/- 1/6 "
- .. 13.—" " ... .. 20/- 1/6 "

### PERFORATING DATING PRESSES.

- No. 14.—Press and Dates complete, with Box of Dies £8 15 0
- .. 15.—" " " " " " " " 10 0 0

**28 & 29, St. Paul's Square, BIRMINGHAM.**

London Office, 91, CANNON STREET, E.C.


## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

### Sloper perfin enquiry

The letter below and the trade sample shown on the next page is an example of what the Sloper company had to offer, when a customer initially enquired as to their services. The letter, apart from the usual details and the stylised letterhead had the J S / & Co perfin incorporated centrally as their "logo". Also appended at the bottom of the letter, the incumbent secretary of the company had his signature emblazoned as a perfin !!!

TELEGRAMS:  
"SLOPER, LUD, LONDON."

TELEPHONE  
CEN. 1351-2.

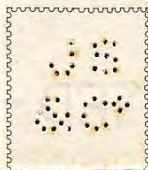


**J. SLOPER & CO.**  
LIMITED  
ESTABLISHED 1858.

PERFORATORS & PRINTERS.

WORKS  
TOWER ROYAL WORKS,  
BLACKBURN ROAD,  
LONDON, N. W. 6.

TELEPHONE: MAIDA VALE 8633-4.



*New Bridge Street House,  
New Bridge Street.*

This system was devised by us in 1858 and is adopted by thousands of commercial houses and public authorities etc., throughout Great Britain.


Stamps are forwarded by us in exchange for your cheque and a small commission charged for our service.

Any quantity of any denomination may be ordered from us and no charge is made for dies required.

During these difficult times it seems more than ever necessary to adopt safeguards and we feel sure from our experience you would have little difficulty in incorporating our system into your present arrangements. A few specimens are enclosed herewith.

If you are interested please write us and full particulars will be forwarded.

We are dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
J. Sloper & Co. Ltd.



Secretary.

WOH/EWM.

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Sloper perfin enquiry

Sloper samples card



The Secretary,  
Messrs. Clapp & Thompson,  
5 Wittington Avenue,  
London, E. C. 3.

23 NOV 1956

22 NOV 1956

Dear Sir,

We beg to bring to your notice our system of supplying the following :-

2d stamps overprinted for receipt purposes (in sheets or rolls).  
Postage stamps perforated with initials (in sheets or rolls).  
Insurance stamps perforated with a Government registered design.  
Holidays with Pay stamps perforated with initials or registered number.

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Also enclosed with the letter is a sample of Slopers wares, in that they could overprint or perfin any postage that the customer wanted. This example here and the letter on the previous page are very rare examples of the Sloper business.

Contents of letter

WHO/EWM.

Secretary.

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

## Q.V. 1d RED PLATES FULL NAMES



HUTH  
H7491.01  
Plate 209  
F Huth  
& Co Ltd



S. C / DOCK / Coy  
S1390.01  
Plate 187  
Surrey Commercial  
Dock Company



COX  
C5680.04  
Plate 216  
Cox & Co  
Bankers



KEEN/ & Co  
K0670.01  
Plate 217  
Keen Robinson  
& Co



TRAVERS  
T3790.02  
Plate 177  
J Travers  
& Son



WIL / LING  
W4350.01  
Plate 199  
Willings Bill  
Posting Service



MAPLE  
M0240.02  
Plate 174  
Maple  
& Co Ltd



HUTTON  
H7500.01  
Plate 171  
J Hutton  
& Son Ltd



BASS  
B0230.02  
Plate 208  
Bass Ratcliffe  
& Gretton

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

ONE AND A HALF PENNY "PLATES"  
ISSUED IN 1870



DT & F  
D4780.01  
Plate 1  
Debenham Tewson  
& Falmer

Early London  
Newspaper branch  
Obliterator



J. G. & Co  
J3085.01  
Plate 1

Queensgate  
Bristol C.D.S.



R & S  
R4530.03c  
Plate 3

Shortened stamp due to  
interrupted Perforator  
with London fancy  
geometric squared  
circle cancel (type III)



BASS  
B0230.02  
Plate 3  
Bass Ratcliffe  
& Gretton

Single London district  
Obliterator with "area code"



IRVINE  
I2210.01  
Plate 3  
Irvine Shipbuilding  
& Dry Dock Co Ltd

West Hartlepool  
Circular date stamp



GLYN  
G3260.02  
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TWO PENNY "PLATES" (thin lines)  
ISSUED IN 1869



J T M  
J7800.01  
Plate 14  
J T Morton  
Preserved Provisions  
Manufacturer  
107-109 Leadenhall St  
London EC



Mc I  
M1280.01  
Plate 15  
M McIntyre & Co  
Also D & C MacIver  
& Burns & MacIver  
both in Liverpool



G R / W  
G4350.02  
Plate 15  
The Great Western  
Railway Company  
Paddington Station  
London W



GLYN  
G3260.01  
Plate 14  
Glyn, Mills,  
Currie & Co  
London EC



STOTT / & Co  
S7490.01  
Plate 13  
W H Stott & Co  
Ship & Insurance  
Brokers Liverpool



HUTH  
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F Huth & Co Ltd  
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## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

An entire sent internally within London in May 1875. This from C Devaux to Frederick Huth & Co. (normally one only gets mail sent by Huth, so one to that company is unusual) The QV 1d plate 168 is perfined C D / & Co and identified to the sender, the postage being cancelled by a London EC duplex. Unusually from this era of the British postal system is that letter took two days for delivery, sent on the 8<sup>th</sup> May but did not arrive until the 10<sup>th</sup> as confirmed by the backstamps !!



## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

Letter used internally within London, with the 1d red postage (plate 217) cancelled by a Charing Cross duplex. The letter to a Lady Higginson is from the bankers Cox and Co. The cover bearing the C & Co initials on the flap, identify's the COX perfinned stamp as originating from the bank.



# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

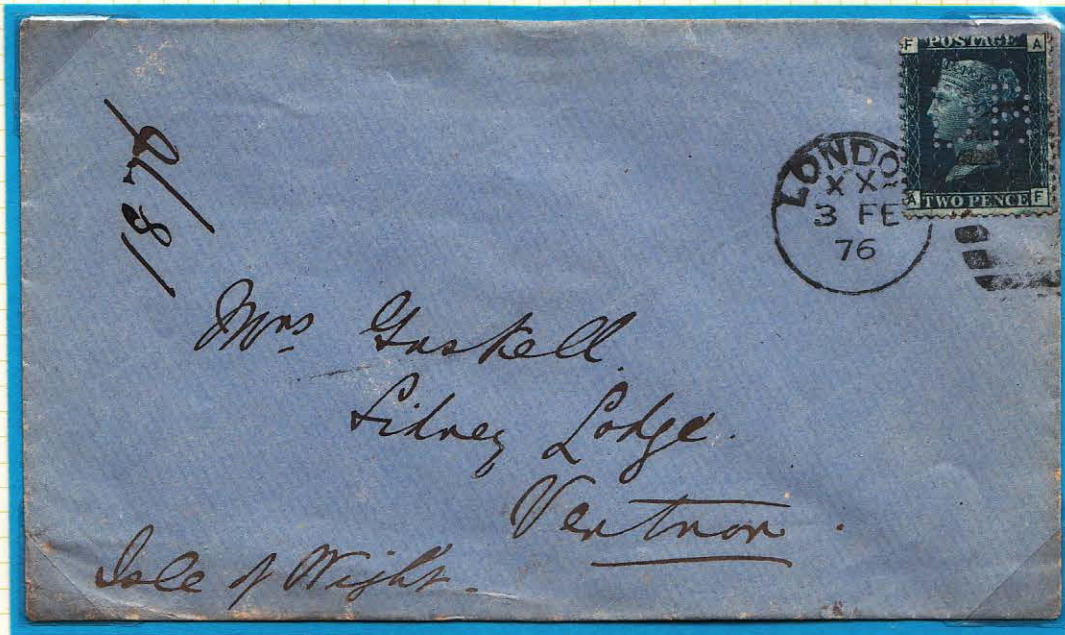


Plate 14

These two letters were sent by David Brown & Co of London to Ventnor on the Isle of Wight to two ladies residing there. The one above sent in February 1876, the one below sent in 1881. The QV postage on both items is perfinned D . B and as aforementioned is identified to the sender David Brown, (also on the back flaps of the envelopes) As in the good old days, correspondence was kept for a while and both envelopes have been annotated with the year of arrival.



# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



A letter from London to Edinburgh, 1d red plate ( 180 ) cancelled by a London duplex of April 1872. The missive from Debenham Tewson and Farmer estate agents and auctioneers, Cheapside, is to solicitors in Edinburgh. The stamp which is perfined D . T & F , for the above named company.

## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

Letter from London to Llangollen in the Principality of Wales. As with many letters of this period there is a solicitor involved as the recipient. The stamp is perfined with G R / W, which is known to be the Great Western Railway. The die is one of the earlier ones used by the company, in that the perforation pins on the head are relatively close together and the lettering is as a whole letter, instead of showing the characteristic holes. The 1d red plate (145) is cancelled by a London district duplex of August 1871.



## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



2d plate 14

2 ½ d plate 3

A somewhat tatty envelope that travelled from the U.K. to Germany in May 1876. The sender, Haynes Roman & Co. of London, and the postage which is perfined H R / & Co and identified for their use, sent a communication to Oehringen which took two days in transit. The red oblong "L 2" mark denoting the 2d late fee and the other two and a halfpenny postage being the postal rate to Europe at that time.



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

1/2d plate 19

1d plate 195



I assume a letter from one solicitor to another ( by the amount of details written onto the envelope ) sent from Bridgewater to Bruton in March 1878. The QV postage is perfined W. B. and gleaned from the manuscript details written on the envelope is attributed to a Wm. Brice. To find a halfpenny and a 1d plate together ( especially perfined ) is a very nice item !!

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



4d. plate 12

3d. plate 8

Another pair of QV period entires similar to the previous two in that they were sent London-Paris to the Perier Brothers. The smaller entire above, sent by Truninger & Co carries a London duplex cancel for September 1872, a Calais ANGI/AMB transit mark and the red oval PD (paid to destination) to assist it's passage to France. The postage is perfined T & Co and is indentified to the sender. The 11d. postage consists of a 4d. rate per. half ounce, plus 4d. per extra half ounce, and a 3d. late fee charge. The entire below was sent from C J Hambro & Co and carries the same markings as the letter above, but sent in August 1874, but by then the postage to Europe had decreased to 2d. The postage is perfined C.I.H / & S and identifies to the sender. The 5d. postage consists of a 2d. rate plus a 3d. late fee charge. Two very nice items of postal history !!



2d. plate 14

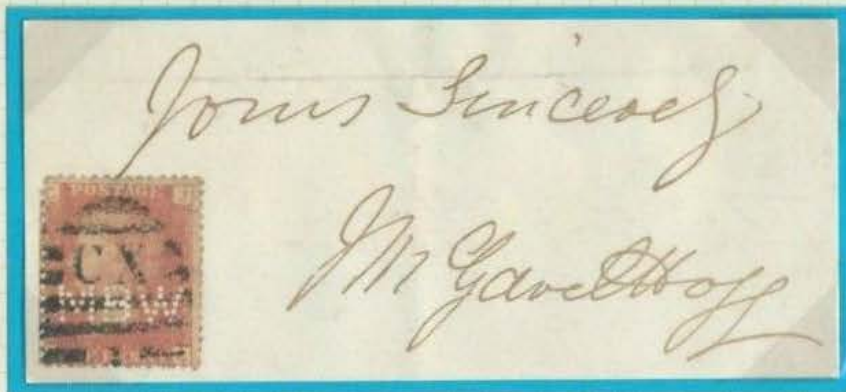
3d. plate 14



Internal mail

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A Queen Victoria period letter carrying a 1d red (plate 134), used internally within London in 1874. The Charring Cross duplex cancels the one penny postage which is perfined M B W . The reverse of the letter has the Metropolitan Board of Works "seal" on the flap, and identifies the user of the perfin as that London Authority.



Mr Gavelhoff was the chap in charge of the MBW at this period

## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

Unfortunately the front only of a letter from Manchester to Torquay, the 5 x 1d reds cancelled by a horizontal oval (498 for Manchester) being the registered postage fee. The stamps (all plate 146) are perfinned S S & H, and as the rear of the cover is not to be found, identification is not yet possible. The letter carries a red oval registered Manchester handstamp dated December 1876.



## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

### Q.V. 1d PLATES (MINT)

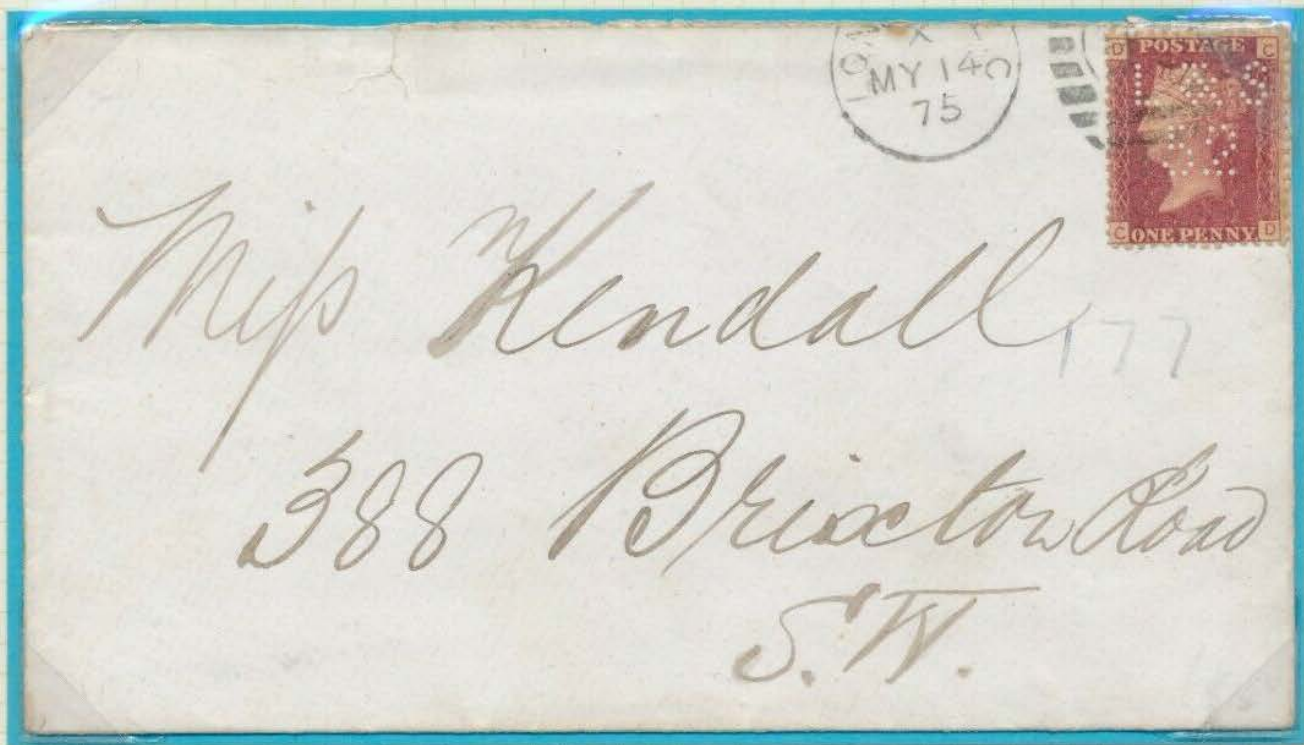
Originally thought to be for Joseph Slopers own use in advertising, these stamps carry the perfin T / B & Co . Sloper used a similar die on the same issue of stamps to affix to advertising literature sent out to solicit business. But alas, these are a slightly different die, and are assumed to come from the archives of the company Thomas Bonar & Co. of Old Bond Street London.



This is the second largest block of 1d red plates known, and being identified as plate 118, this plate number went to press in 1868. As the earliest known use of perfin has been established (so far) as early 1869 this could represent one of Slopers first commissions. This block has no imperfections, trims or separation, and has part of the top selvedge still intact. It is also from the top left hand corner of the sheet starting with stamp A A / A A. Also, as a minor bonus, it shows a minor perforation flaw running down the left edge of the block of stamps. You are looking at a "classic" in G.B. perfin collecting.

## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



A simple letter sent in 1875 internally within London. The QV 1d red plate postage (which someone has written 117, this being the plate number, in ink, on the front of the envelope !!) is perfinned L & S / 52. This is identified to Luchtenberg and Schmits, merchants, 52 Mark Lane, London. ( they moved premises late in 1875 or early 1876 to 66 Mark Lane and their perfin became L & S / 66 !!) The use of numerals along with letters to make up a firms perfin is usually as outlined above, but as they are more unusual, in not being just letters, they are very collectable.

## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail

An entire sent from the U.K. to Italy in 1872, the London duplex cancels 7d worth of postage which is perfined H / C & Co. and identifies the user/sender as H Clarkson & Co. The entire travelled from London to Genoa initially being sent off on the 15<sup>th</sup> march 1872, and apart from the red oval P D (paid to destination) cachet on the front there is no other transit marks except a Genoa arrival datestamp for the 18<sup>th</sup> March. Not bad in that it only took 3 days to travel to Italy by train and boat !!



1d plate 125

6d plate 9

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

A "pay up or else" letter sent to Messrs Munn and Mace requiring them to pay their appropriate dues in time, to the Lord of the Manor. This entire, sent in October 1871 by Furley Hallett and Creery the stewards for the Lord of the Manor's Court Baron, which was to be held in the Dukes Head Inn in Hamstreet. The entire was sent by the use of the QV halfpenny (plate 6) stamp, which is perforated F. H. and is identified to the senders.



Contents of letter

MANOR OF

Tinton

To Messrs Munn & Mace  
and to ——— Tenterden  
the Tenant in possession of his Lands and Tenements  
holden of the said Manor.

WE DO HEREBY GIVE YOU NOTICE, that the Lord of the said Manor hath appointed to hold a Court Baron for the said Manor, at the

Dukes Head Inn Hamstreet

on Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November at Twelve o'clock in the forenoon of the same day, at which time and place you are required to make your personal appearance to do your Suit and Service, to pay your arrear of Quitrent and Reliefs, and to take your Oath of Fealty to the Lord of the said Manor, for all such Lands and Tenements as you hold of the same Manor, according to the Laws and customs of the Manor aforesaid: and to bring then and thither with you a true particular of all such Lands and Tenements as you hold of the said Manor, together with the contents of Acres and boundaries of the same, to the end that such Lands and Tenements may be duly enrolled: and also your last acquittance, in order that there may be no dispute as to the number of years Quitrent that shall be due from and demanded of you. And you are required to take notice, that if the Quitrent in arrear shall not be paid up at the said Court Baron, a distress will be taken upon your said Lands and Tenements holden of the said Manor, for the recovery thereof, without any further application for payment.

DATED the 26<sup>th</sup> day of Oct.

in the year of our Lord 1871

FURLEY, HALLETT, & CREERY, Stewards.

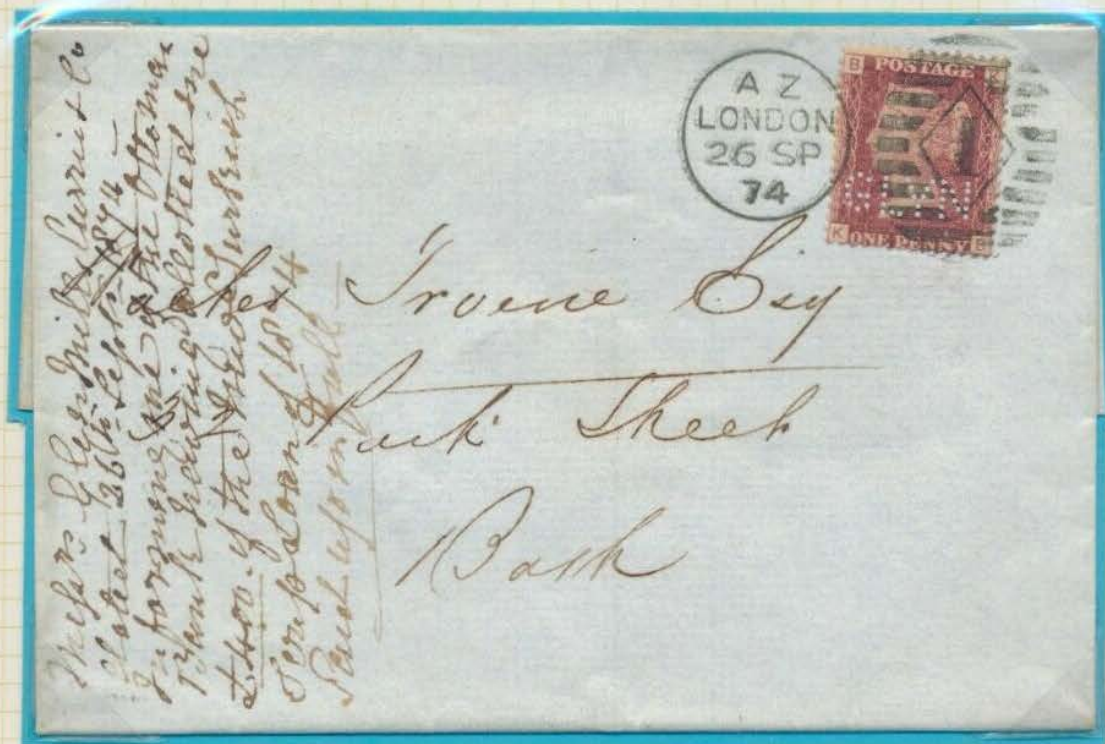
*See back to Munn & Mace  
20 Nov 1871  
F.H. 1/2d*



# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

Cover from London to Bath in 1874, with the 1d red postage (plate 151) cancelled by a fine London Inland section duplex (1 in diamond) for Highgate. The stamp is perfinned GLYN and identified to be used by Glyn Mills & Co from London. 1d red plates on cover with a full name perfin are hard to find.



Reverse of letter



# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

## Q.V. Id VENETIAN RED

1880-81 issue



GR / W  
G4350.02  
Great Western  
Railway



D / C & Co  
D0700.01  
Dennistoun  
Cross & Co



R . B .  
R0330.03  
Identity not  
yet known



JL / & / Co..  
J4950.01  
Identity not  
yet known



B & Co / B & L  
B1540.02  
Baker & Co  
Bristol & London



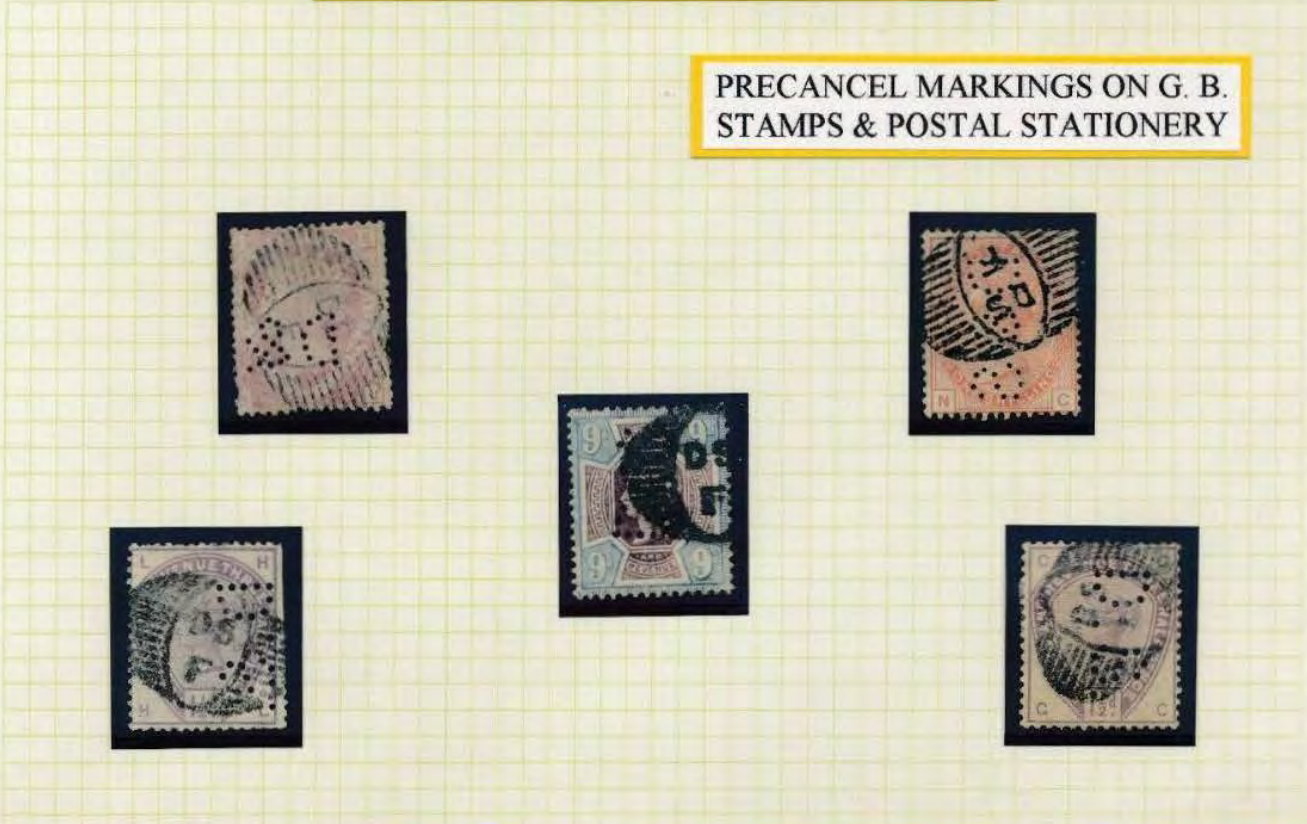
W . W / U.P  
W8270.01  
Wm. Whiteley's  
Universal Providers



H . N / & Co.  
H5375.01  
Identity not  
yet known  
(London fancy  
geometric circle type III)

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

## PRECANCEL MARKINGS ON G. B. STAMPS & POSTAL STATIONERY



William Dawson & Son were wholesale and export booksellers and newsagents, the special hand-stamp was issued to cancel wrappers for the large distribution of newspapers to foreign countries. This canceller was retained at the foreign branch of the Post Office, where the wrappers were taken for pre-cancelling.



W Dawson & Son  
Perfins



William Dawson & Son  
("DS/F" in barred oval)



# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Q.V. 3 PENCE & 6 PENCE



E L / & Co.  
E2617.01  
Plate 21  
Identity not  
yet known



A & G  
A2480.01  
Plate 21  
Ashton & Green  
Iron Co Ltd



H & S  
H6350.02a  
Plate 18  
Hurst  
& Son



GLYN  
G3260.01  
Plate 14  
Glyn Mills  
& Co Ltd



C.I.H. / & S  
C3730.03  
Plate 17  
C J Hambro  
& Sons



H & S / K  
H6660.01  
Plate 18  
J Humphries &  
Sons Kidderminster



S M / & Co  
S4920.01  
Plate 15  
S Montagu  
& Co Bankers



S M S / & T  
S5210.04  
Plate 18  
Identity not  
yet known

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

## Q.V. SURFACE PRINTED



D & S  
D4390.05  
Identity not  
yet known



C S / & Co  
C6920.03  
Charteries  
Spence & Co Ltd



COX  
C5680.04  
Cox & Co  
Bankers



MOSS  
M4330.02  
H E Moss  
& Co



PEARS  
P1770.05  
Pears  
Soap Ltd



MAPLE  
M0240.01  
Maple  
& Co Ltd



P. J / N. T  
P2680.01  
Pryce Jones Ltd  
Newtown Mon's

1883-84 issue



MAW  
M0260.01  
S Maw  
& Co



HUTH  
H7490.01  
F Huth  
& Co Ltd



P & Co  
P1130.01  
Identity not  
yet known

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

## Q.V. FOUR PENCE



C.I.H. / & S  
C3730.03  
Plate 12  
C J Hambro  
& Sons



D. S / & L  
D4500.01  
Plate 16  
Identity not  
yet known



CORY / C  
C5620.02  
Plate 12  
Wm. Cory & Son  
Ltd Cardiff



S M / & Co  
S4920.01  
Plate 13  
S Montagu  
& Co



A & Co / Ld  
A1350.01  
Plate 18  
Arthur  
& Co Ltd



C. D / & Co  
C2087.01  
Plate 9  
C Devaux  
& Co



J / M & S  
J5480.01  
Plate 17  
J Moir  
& Sons



J. J / N. T  
P2680.01  
Plate 17  
Pryce Jones Ltd  
Newtown Montgomery



B / BRS..  
B0900.01  
Plate 18  
Identity not  
yet known

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

## INSURANCE COMPANIES



U A S  
U0130.01  
Union Assurance  
Society



G A / Co  
G0090.01  
Guardian  
Assurance Co. Ltd.



J B  
J0460.03b  
John Bull  
Insurance



N U L  
N3380.03  
Norwich Union Life  
Insurance Society Ltd.



C I Co  
C3620.01  
Caledonian  
Insurance Co.



G A / Co  
G0090.02  
Guardian  
Assurance Co. Ltd.



N U  
N3310.03  
Norwich Union Life  
Insurance Society Ltd.



N U L  
N3380.02  
Norwich Union  
Life Insurance Society



N U L  
N3380.04  
Norwich Union  
Life Insurance Society

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

## QUEEN VICTORIA FULL NAMES



CURRIE  
C7980.01  
J Currie  
& Co. Ltd.



GRAND  
G4190.01  
Grand Hotel  
London



PANTIN  
P0230.01  
W & C Pantin  
Ltd.



COX  
C5680.02  
Cox & Co.  
Bankers



DALE Co  
D0140.01  
Coalbrookdale  
Co. Ltd.



HUTH  
H7490.02  
F Huth  
& Co. Ltd.



HERTZ  
H2340.02  
M Hertz  
& Co. Ltd.



FLOUR  
F2510.01  
Buchanans  
Flour Mills Ltd.



H / LEBUS  
H4530.02  
Harris  
Lebus Ltd.



# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

## QUEEN VICTORIA FULL NAMES



CURRIE  
C7980.01  
J Currie  
& Co. Ltd.



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Q.V. TWO & A HALFPENNY  
"BLUE"



J T M  
J7800.01  
Plate 17  
J T Morton  
London



R. H / & Co. / M  
R2360.01  
Plate 19  
Identity not  
yet known



J T M  
J7800.01  
Plate 18  
J T Morton  
London



H & S  
H6350.12  
Plate 20  
Identity not  
yet known



D. B  
D0220.01  
Plate 21  
Deutsche Bank  
Ltd London



B & L / L  
B4460.01  
Plate 23  
Bailey &  
Leatham Ltd  
(London fancy  
geometric circle type V)



T & Co  
T1010.03  
Plate 22  
Tenninger  
& Co  
(London fancy  
geometric circle type IIA)

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geometric circle type IIA)

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

## Q.V. TWO & A HALFPENNY "ROSY MAUVE"



H. R / & Co  
H6150.02  
Plate 2  
Haynes  
Roman & Co



B(reversed) B / & Co.  
B0650.01  
Plate 5  
Blessig  
Braun & Co



BRYCE  
B6280.03  
Plate 4  
Bryce  
& Co Ltd



S. F / & Co..  
2920.02  
Plate 6  
Identity not  
yet known

1873-80 issue



C / N . H  
C5360.01  
Plate 9  
Identity not  
yet known



JAFFE  
J0170.01  
Plate 8  
Jaffe Bros  
& Co Ltd



JB / & Co  
J0630.03  
Plate 10  
Identity not  
yet known



T. W  
T4920.02  
Plate 13  
Identity not  
yet known



J T M  
J7800.01  
Plate 16  
J T Morton  
London



H. R / & Co  
H6150.02  
Plate 11  
Haynes  
Roman & Co

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

## QV HIGH VALUES



C.I.H / S  
C3730.02  
Plate 1  
C J Hambro  
& Sons

SHILLINGS

2/- 1867-80



D & S  
D4390.07  
Plate 1  
Wm Dawson  
& Sons Ltd



H / C & CO  
H1310.01  
Plate 9  
H Clarkson  
& Co Ltd

1/- 1867-74



S M / & Co  
S4420.01  
Plate 4  
S Montagu  
& Co



I B H L  
I0130.02  
Plate 13  
International Bank  
of London Ltd

1/- 1880



M G  
M2660.02  
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## Q.V. SURFACE PRINTED



LACY  
L0080.01  
Lacy Son  
& Hartlands



E of D  
E3350.05  
Identity not  
yet known



P & G / Ox St  
P2210.01  
Perkins & Gotto  
Oxford Street

### 1880-81 issue



F. P. W  
F3370.01  
Francis, Peek  
Winch & Co



D L & Co  
D2780.01  
Duff Last  
& Co

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PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Q.V. TWO SHILLINGS & SIXPENCE



M B  
M0360.05  
Martins  
Bank



C . B . I .  
C0780.01  
Chartered Bank of India  
Australia & China



C L  
C4210.06  
Credit  
Lyonnaise

1883-84 issue



C . B .  
C0480.01  
The Colonial  
Bank



C . B . I .  
C0780.01  
Chartered Bank of India  
Australia & China



S . M / & Co  
S4950.02  
Identity not  
yet known

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

## Q.V. FIVE SHILLINGS

1883-84 issue



G . B . L / L  
G0600.01  
German Bank  
Of London Ltd



H S B  
H6420.01  
The Hong Kong &  
Shanghai Banking Corp'n



S M / & Co  
S4920.06  
Schwann  
Moderna & Co



W D / & Co.  
W1970.01  
W Dunn  
& Co Ltd



H . S . B .  
H6440.01  
The Hong Kong &  
Shanghai Banking Corp'n



R . B  
R0320.05  
Identity not  
yet known

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

## Q.V. TEN SHILLINGS



HSB  
H6420.01  
The Hong Kong &  
Shanghai Banking Corp'n



HSB  
H6420.01  
The Hong Kong &  
Shanghai Banking Corp'n



GLYN  
G3260.01  
Glyn Mills  
& Co Ltd



CL  
C4210.06  
Credit  
Lyonnaise SA

1883-84 issue



K  
K0010.06  
H S King  
& Co Bankers



C. B. I.  
C0780.01  
Chartered Bank of India  
Australia & China

AA/B  
A0100.01  
Anglo Austrian  
Colonial & Overseas  
Bank Ltd



# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

BANK of NEW ZEALAND, LONDON



London single ring handstamp



Perfin catalogue number B5230.01



Hexagonal late fee cancel



London hooded circle incorporating 3d late fee



triple framed octagon cancel



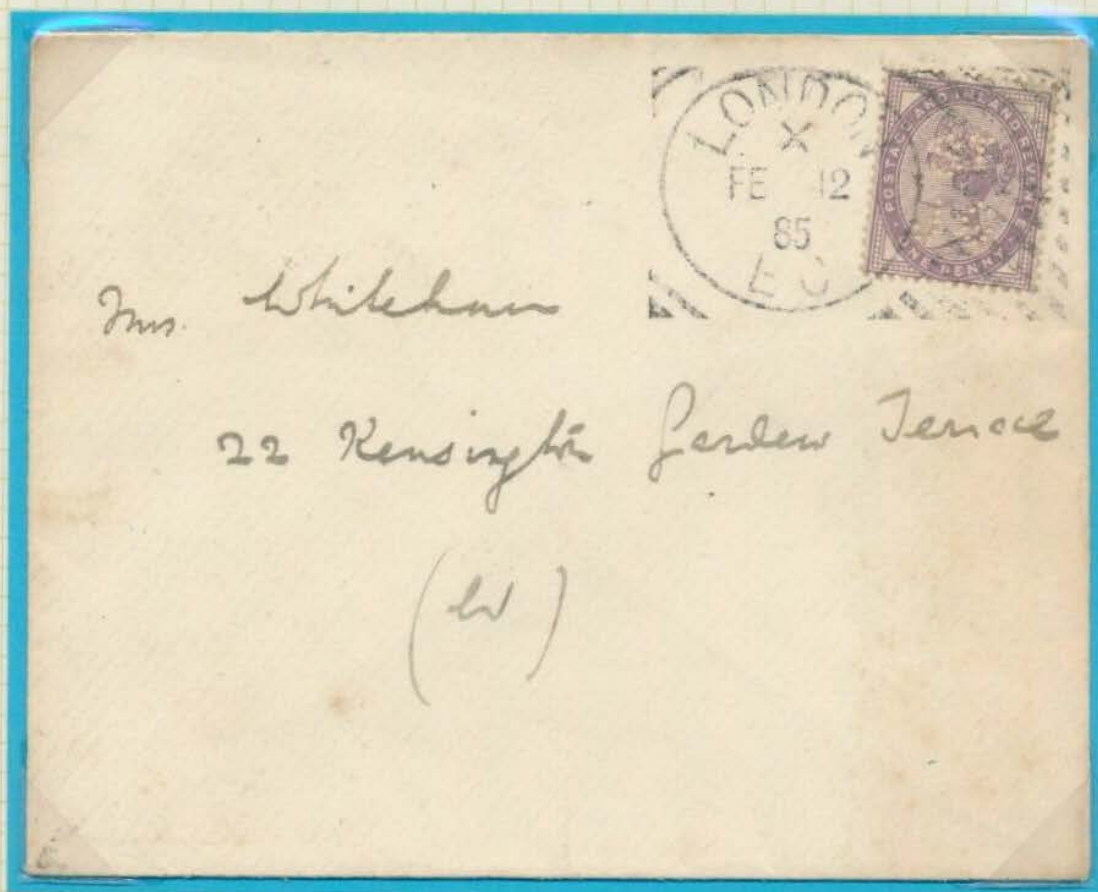
Lombard Street B.O. squared circle handstamp



## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

A simple QV period letter sent internally within London on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 1885. Although the address is somewhat brief the cover has an arrival mark of Paddington for the same day on the reverse. The 1d lilac postage is perfinned ST / J G and the embossed flap of the envelope identifies the user/sender as the St. James Gazette. The postage is cancelled by a clear but weak Hoster machine cancel, quite nice.



# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



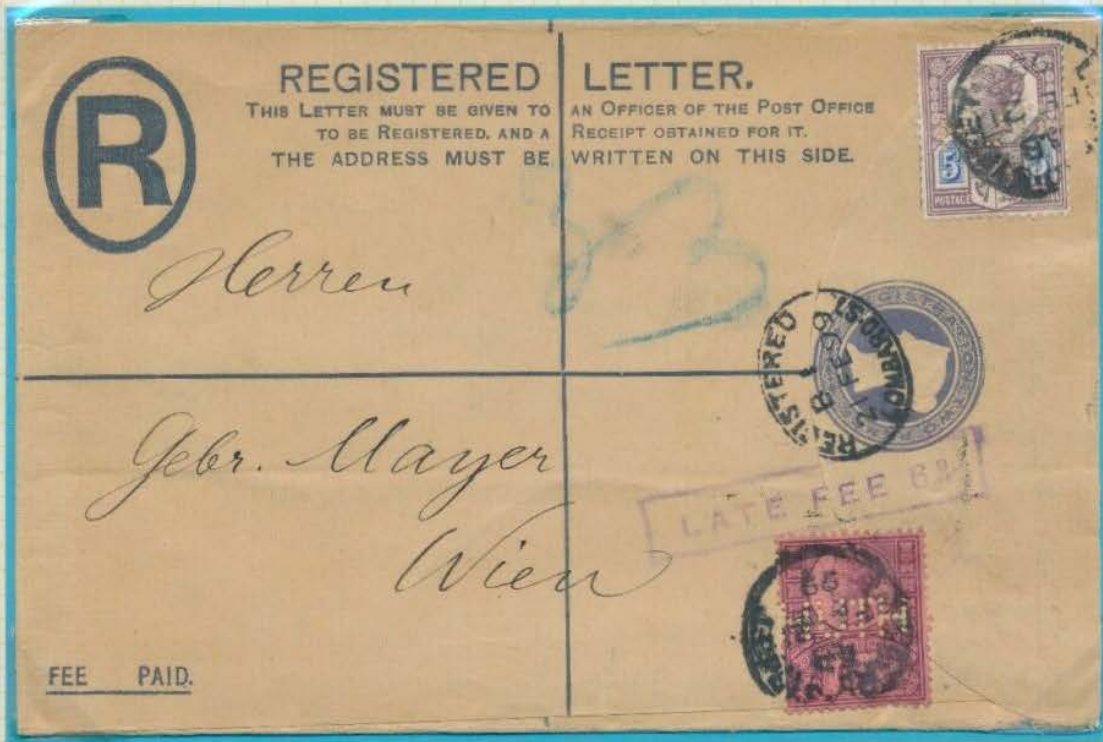
A clean QV period letter sent from the London Mark Lane post office to St. Petersburg in Russia. The extra postage to pay the external rate to Russia, which is perfined C. B. E and as yet no identity as to the user. The letter was despatched on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 1885 and because of the differences between the Julian and Gregorian calendars it arrived in St. Petersburg on the 19<sup>th</sup> may 1885 !!



Reverse of letter

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



Registered Queen Victoria letter from Lombard Street in London to Vienna ( Wien ) then the centre of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. The letter sent by Frederick Huth and Co. carries the 2d registration fee, the 5d postage, and as shown by the cancel the 6d covers the late fee charge. The stamps are perfinned H U T H and as previously stated, are identified to Frederick Huth and Company.



Part of another Huth missive sent by registered post ( to Germany ), this to illustrate the perfin "H U T H".

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



Reverse of letter



A QV period postal stationery embossed letter at the two and a halfpenny rate used with additional postage to sent it as a registered letter from Birmingham to Germany. The letter was registered in Birmingham on the 24<sup>th</sup> December 1901 and arrived in Offenbach on December the 26<sup>th</sup>. (the post offices worked over Christmas then !!)The additional QV postage is perfined S & C and is identified to Steinhart & Co as per the company hand-stamp on the reverse. Apart from the initial registered cancel in Birmingham the cover has attracted the usual "R" in circle and blue crossed lines for registration. A company GERMANY hand stamp and a faint London registered cancel in transit. The reverse of the cover shows the Birmingham, Offenbach and company cancels.



## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail

6d. plate 11



A pair of QV period entires sent from London to France, both to the Perier Brothers and both from Truninger & Co of London. Each letter carries a 6d. postage (nice on cover) and this tied in with the red oval PD (paid to destination) was enough to send them to paris. The postage is perfinned T & Co and is identified to the sender, Truninger & Co. Each letter's postage is cancelled by a London duplex, one for November 1872 the other April 1873. As both letters were transferred by the same postal system the entires also show the "ANGL/AMB Calais" transit mark. Incidentally both letters arrived the next day after posting !!

6d. plate 12



## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



A rather nice entire sent from London to Le Havre in August 1875. The entire has attracted the usual cachets and cancels, a London duplex cancel, an arrival mark and a red PD in oval, plus the sending company's stamp, of Robert Van Glehn and Sons. The postage is perfined 9 . R v G and is identified to the sender. The R v G is just the initials of the name of the company, the number 9 comes from the address at number 9 Fenchurch Street London. The combination of letters and numbers (especially on QV perfins ) is not too common, and combined with a QV one and a halfpenny plate ( 17 ) is quite collectable.

## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

### Foreign mail

An entire sent from Manchester to Portugal in 1869. The letter was sent via France as per the manuscript endorsement and either by land or sea onward to Portugal. The red PD in a circle states paid to destination, and as yet I cannot ascertain what the "FRANCA" in the oval cachet denotes. (answers on a post card please !!)



Plate 8

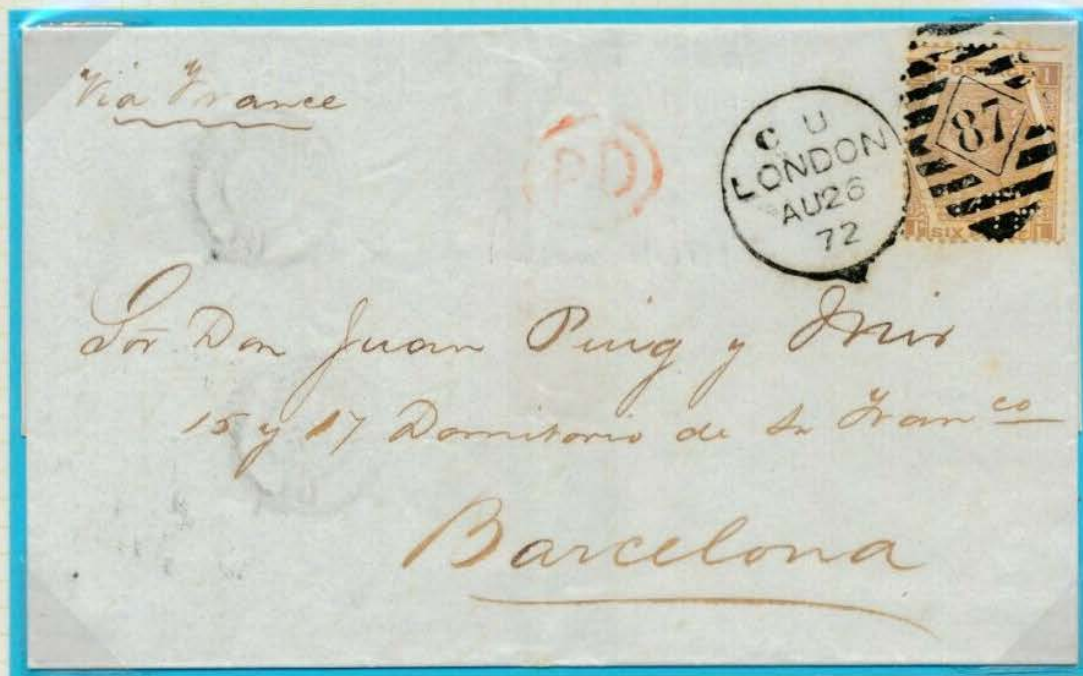
The QV postage is perfinned S M / & Co and is identified to the sender by the company cachet of Schwann Moderna of Manchester applied to the front. The letter sent on the 16th November arrived in Lisbon five days later !!

Post script :- J Sloper only gained his patent and permission from the Post Office to perforate stamps in late 1868, at the time of going to press on this item (May 2002) this cover is the 10<sup>th</sup> earliest known carrying perfinned postage stamps !!

## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail

A fine cover from England to Spain, in August 1872. The letter sent by Frederick Huth & Co. of London to Barcelona. The cover is endorsed in manuscript "via France", so one assumes the three day journey was overland. The cover also carries (in red) a P D in circle (paid) cachet. The cancellation is a fine duplex with a London Inland section numeral in diamond (No 87) from EC North District Office. The 6d (plate 11) postage is perfined HUTH and attributed to Frederick Huth and Co. A very fine example of perfined material.



Reverse of letter



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

Let us get the technical stuff out of the way first, a Queen Victoria cover Nottingham to Dorset in December 1897. From the Digby Colliery Co. to G Outram and Co. The Queen Victoria halfpenny postage being perfinned D C C / N and as is obvious identified to the Digby Colliery Co. Nottingham as the user.



These items illustrate a nice piece of social history, a private coal mine supplying a local coal merchant. A Nottingham duplex (583) cancel on the cover (complete with coal stained fingerprints) showing people worked on Christmas eve then (not as now). The coal was sent in two waggons, one belonging to the Midland, the other to the Great Northern Railway. The delivery note states that a demurrage of 1s. 6d. then 2s. 0d. per day would be charged if the waggons were not unloaded within two days. Yet the "accounting" on the envelope says that the coal was being sold out of the truck in mid January. An allowance of 2 cwt. extra per truck was allowed by the colliery Co. not a practice that would be found today !!

BY RAILWAY.  
FROM DIGBY COLLIERY COMPANY, NEAR NOTTINGHAM.

N.B.—All Trucks must be unloaded and returned within 48 hours after arrival at the Station to which they are consigned, or they will be charged demurrage at the rate of 1s. 6d. for the first day, and 2s. per day afterwards for every Truck.  
The Company load 20 cwt. at the pit, with an allowance of 2 cwt. in each Truck, but they do not guarantee that the Consignee shall receive more than the weight stated on the Invoice.

Monied a/c sent at the end of the month.

24/12/97 1897

For whom.	To where consigned.	Waggons.		Weight.		Description.
		Owner.	No.	T.	C.	
G Outram & Co	Moreton	M	109514	4	9	R Cobb
		G/N	01095	6	14	

## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Official government departments

Board of Trade

ON HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

Herrn H. Schuldt,  
Shipowner,  
Flensburg,  
Germany.

Another very nice item, to a perfin collector anyway !! in that this cover went from London to a Herr Schuldt, a ship owner, in Flensburg Germany. It was sent on the 12 January 1898 by the Board of Trade, emphasising a government department by the "On Her Britannic Majesty's Service" at the top of the envelope. The reverse of the letter shows the Flensburg arrival mark for the next day. Just to confuse me, the envelope flap bears the "seal" of the Committee of Council for Trade, but nevertheless, the well worn letter with the QV 5d Jubilee postage being perfinned "crown" / B T is a very collectable item !!

Reverse of letter



## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Official government departments

On Her Majesty's Service.

BOOK POST.

The Hydrographer,  
Hydrographic Office,  
Admiralty,  
The Hague,  
NETHERLANDS.

MARINE DEPARTMENT,  
BOARD OF TRADE.



The perfin of a crown over the letters B T was authorised for use by the Board of trade, other departments having overprinted stamps for official use. The piece shown here was sent from the Marine Department of the Board of Trade in London to the Hague in the Netherlands in February 1889. The usual "OHMS" is printed on the wrapper, and I assume some periodical, as indicated by the book post endorsement was sent to a department of the Admiralty but based in the Hague. These perfins are very collectable, but are very, very rare on "cover", so feast your eyes !!

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

THE WORLDS FIRST STAMP BOOKLET

THE STAMP DISTRIBUTION ( PARENT ) COMPANY LTD.



Stamp Distribution ( Parent ) Company  
Ltd. S D C perfinned 1d lilac on cover,  
used in London in February 1894.





PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

Enclosed receipt



*Mr. Morrant  
Procee  
Ryde.*

*London.  
21. Soho Square. w.  
Jan 28 1881*

A 1d venetian red paid the postage on this letter from London to Ryde on the Isles of Weight, in June 1881. The stamp is perforated C & B / SOHO and identified to the provisions merchants of Crosse and Blackwell. The enclosed receipt gives a further identity confirmation with the 1d lilac revenue stamp being overprinted with the company's name.

*Sir We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour, enclosing Cheque, value Three Pounds 15/6.*

*which we have placed to your credit, and return you our thanks.*

*We remain,*

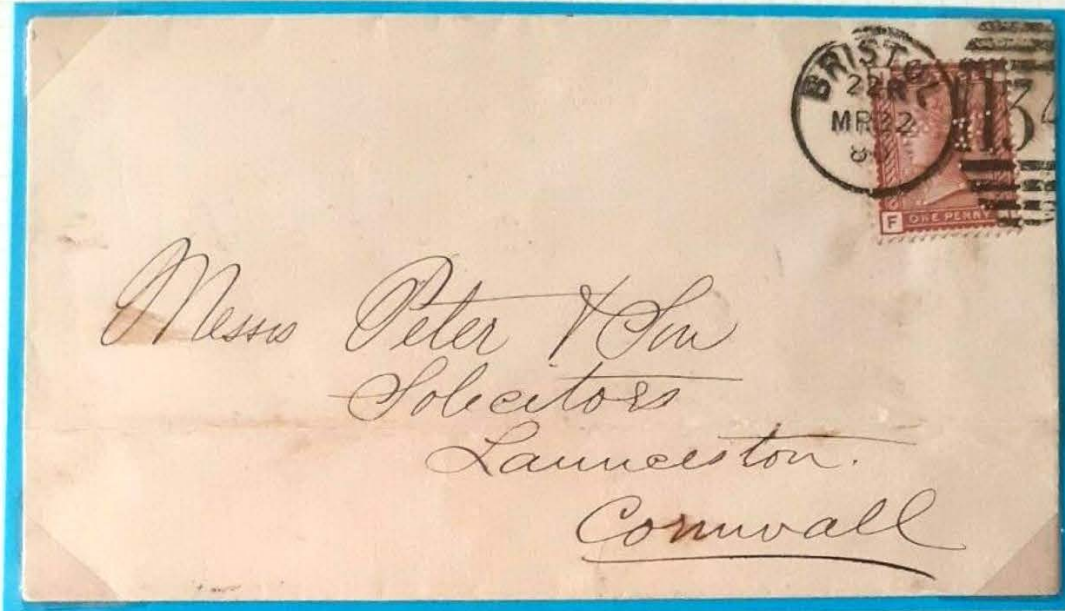
*Your obedient Servants,  
Pro Crosse & Blackwell.*



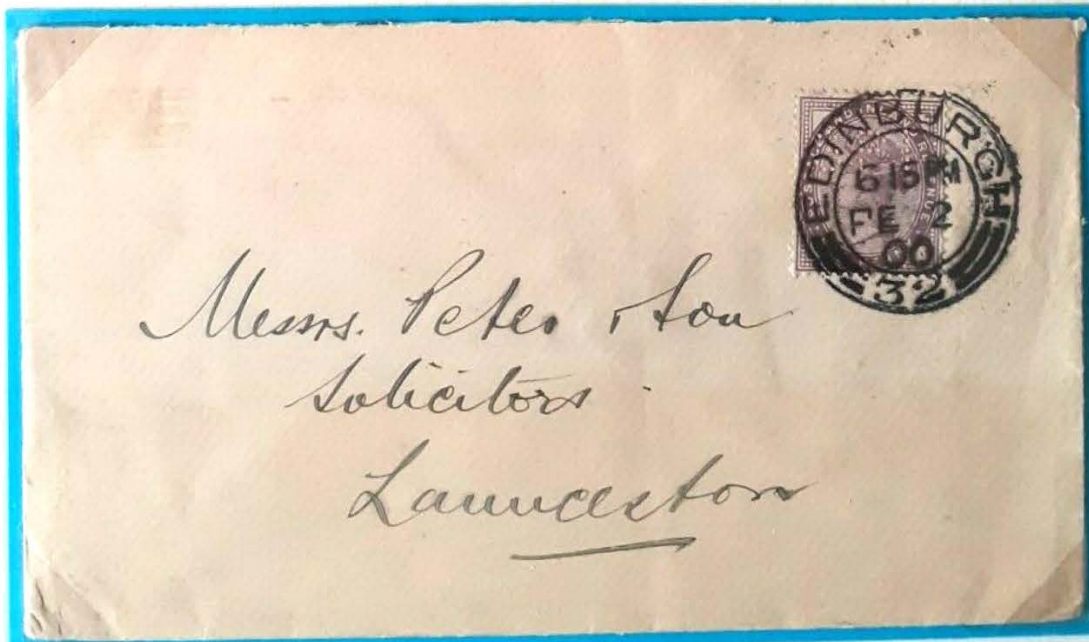
*£ 3. 15. 6.*

## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



Two QV period covers both sent to the “infamous” firm of solicitors of Peter & Son at Launceston in Cornwall. The one above sent from Bristol in 1880 and the 1d venetian red postage is perfinned W . P / & Co and as yet to find an identified user. The one below sent from Edinburgh in 1900 with the 1d lilac postage being perfinned S P I and is identified to the Scottish provident Institution. Just many of the items of postal history to emanate from the archives of this solicitors office !!



## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



An entire sent from London to St. Petersburg in 1882, from Wm. Brandt's and Son & Co. The QV two and a halfpenny (plate 23) postage is perfinned W. B / S Co and identified to the sender. The backstamp shows the arrival as the 11th of September, the difference between the Julian and Gregorian calendars. (the amount of £25,000 is mentioned in the letter, quite a sum in 1882 !!)

London 19 September 1882

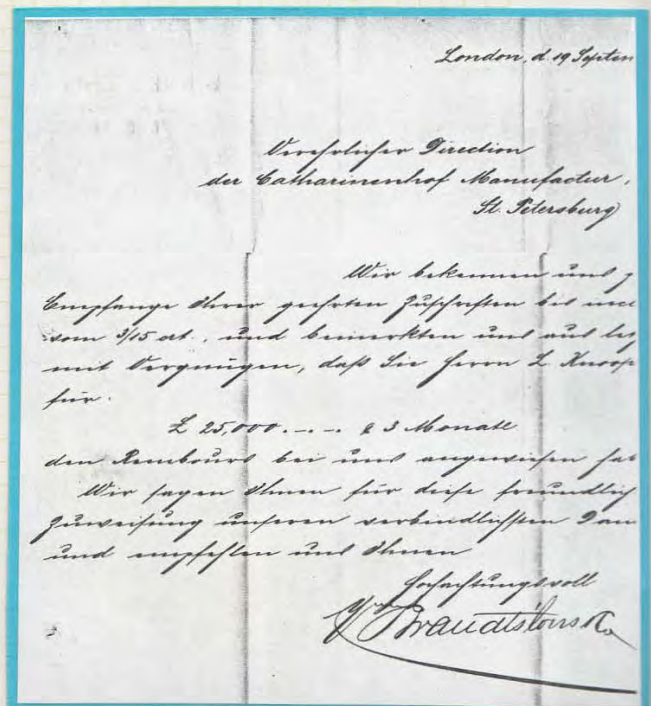
The Honourable Management  
of the Catharinen Hof Manufactory (workshops)  
St Petersburg

We acknowledge receipt of your letters dated up to 15th. /3  
of this year) and have noted with pleasure from the latest  
letter) that you have asked Mr. L. Knoop of St. Petersburg  
to transfer,

£25,000 to us for 3 months as repayment.

We would like to convey our sincere thanks for your obliging  
transfer and remain,

Yours faithfully,  
Wm. Brandt's Sons & Co.

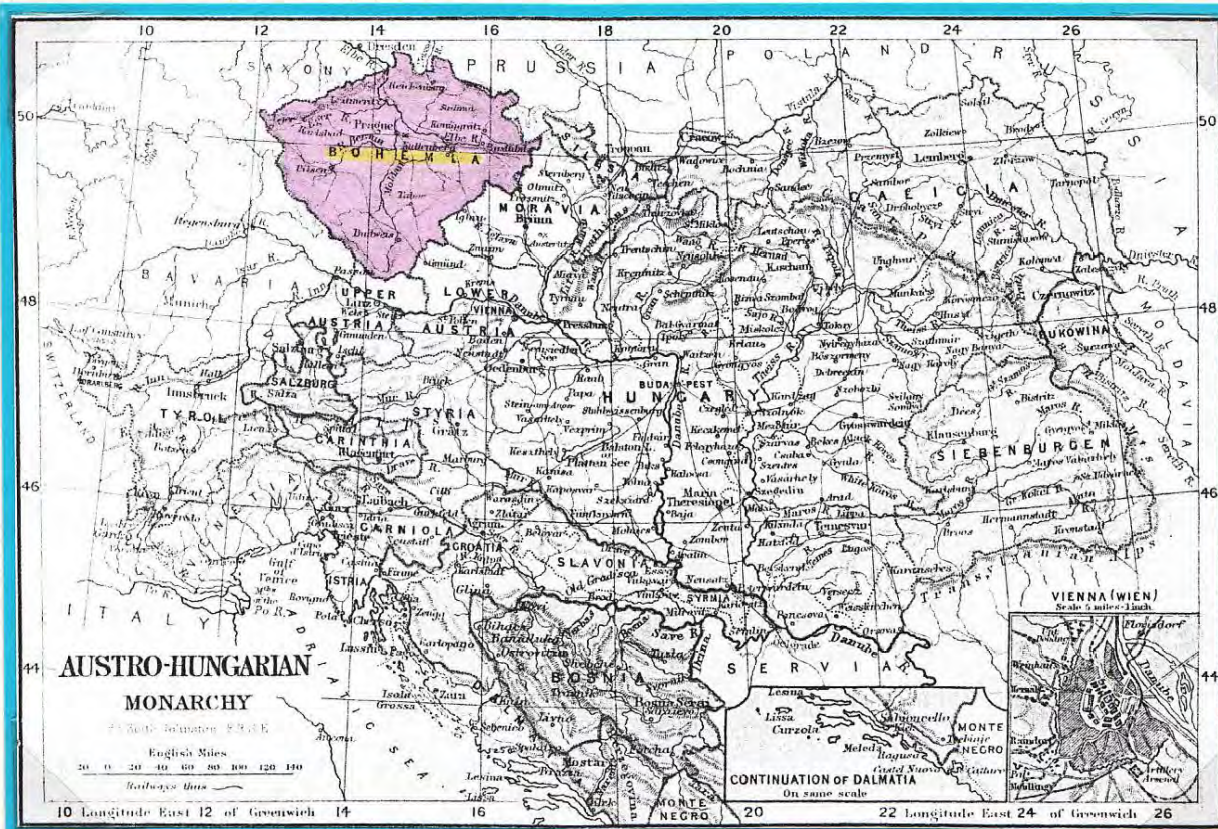


# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail

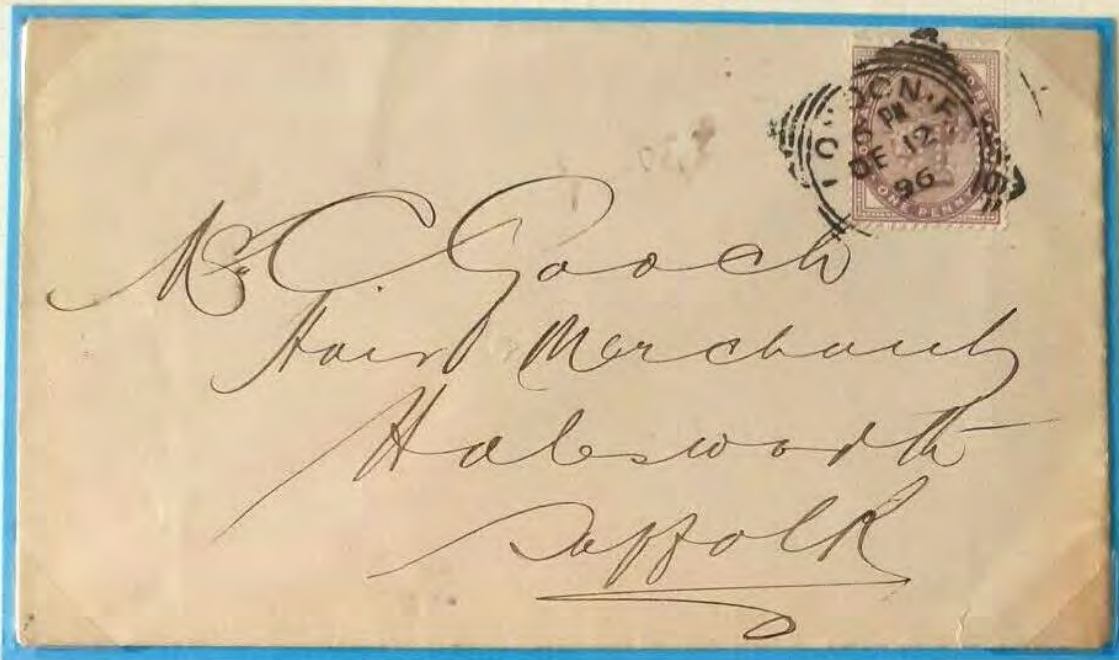


Perforated postal stationery, in that the QV 1d embossed on the letter is perfinned through with the initials A & N / C.S.L. which is identified to the Army and Navy Civil Supply Co Ltd. The letter is uprated by the addition of a further one and a half pence to sent it on it's way to Bohemia. The additional postage is perfinned C / A N / S identified for use by the Army and Navy Co-op Society Ltd. A multiple perfinned cover is not very common. Old stocks of company postage is being used up, as the date is two months into the reign of KE VII, being March 1901. If one does not know where Bohemia was in 1901, a map is provided !!



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



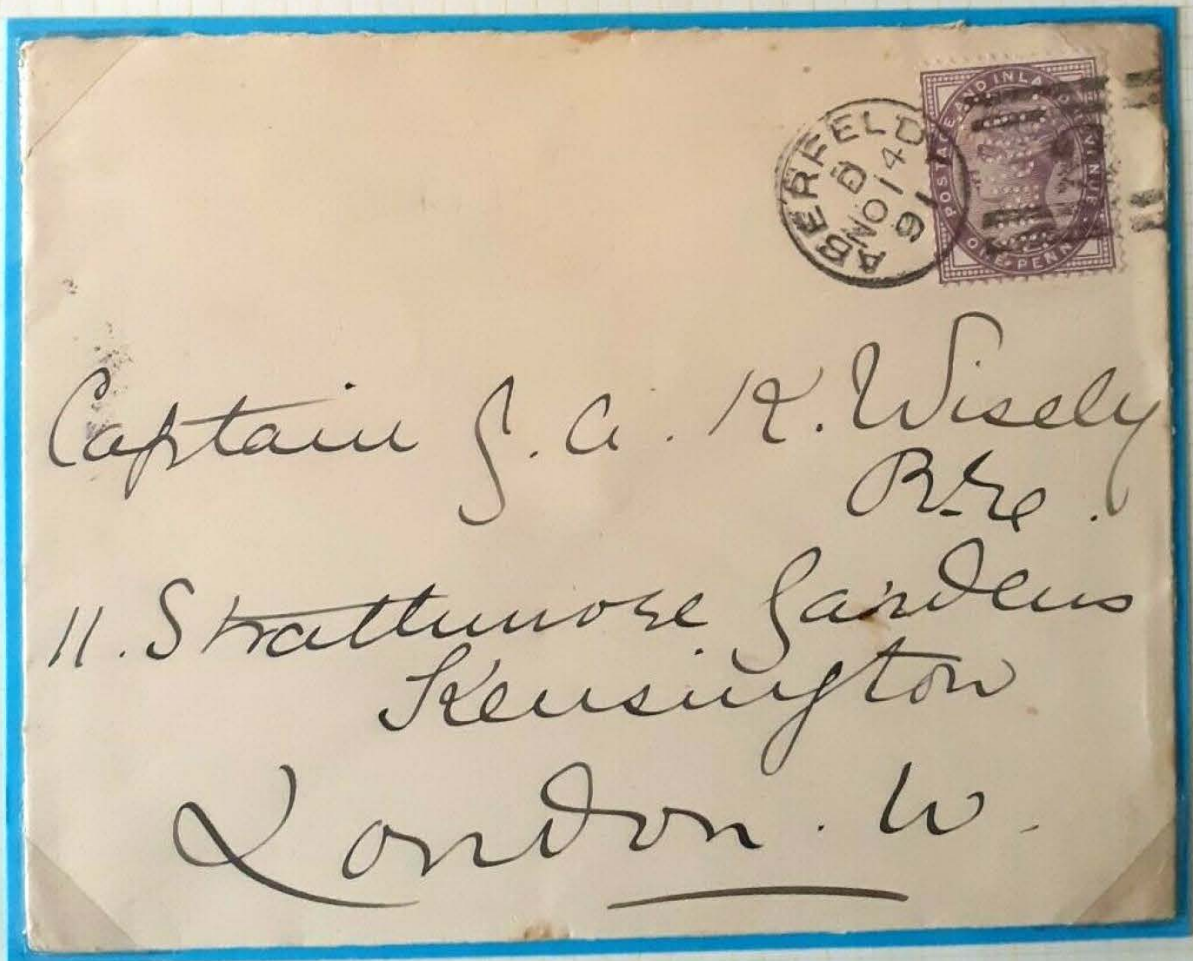
A QV period letter from London to Suffolk in 1896. The sender, the Great Eastern Railway and the postage perfinned G E R come together nicely. The reverse of the envelope is more interesting than the front, in that it is an advertisement for the railway company in the goods services it offers throughout the eastern part of the United Kingdom.

Reverse of letter

The reverse of the letter envelope features a large advertisement for 'FAST GOODS TRAINS RUN DAILY'. The text is arranged in a diamond shape, with 'FAST GOODS TRAINS RUN DAILY' at the top and 'AND ALL PARTS OF' at the bottom. The advertisement lists various destinations: ABERDEEN, BRADFORD, CAMBRIDGE, GLASGOW, HALIFAX, HULL, LEEDS, LINCOLN, LIVERPOOL, DONCASTER, DEWSBERRY, EDINBURGH, MANCHESTER, NEWCASTLE, NORWICH, SHEFFIELD, YARMOUTH, YORK. It also mentions 'LINCOLNSHIRE, LANCASHIRE, YORKSHIRE, NORTH OF ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND.' and provides contact information for 'BISHOPSCATE, E. (Telephone No. 4457.)'. A note states 'THROUGH RATES apply, and in no case exceed those charged by any other Railway Company's route.' There is a circular postmark on the right side of the advertisement.

## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

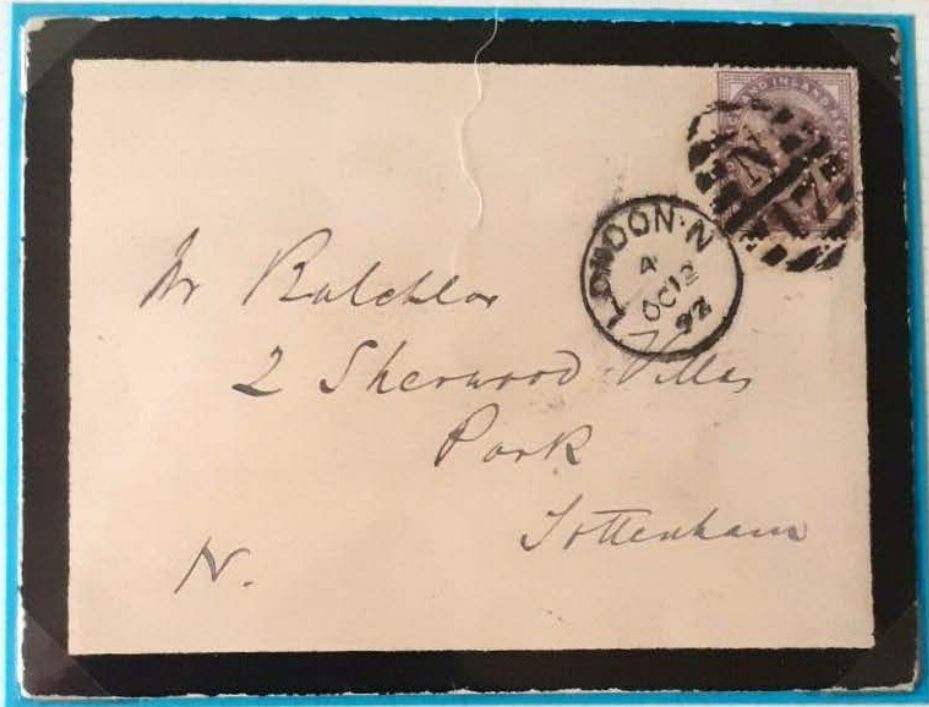
A simple missive from Aberfeldy in Scotland ( NW of Perth ) to London in 1891. The Queen Victoria 1d lilac being perfinned "CURRIE". The cancel shows the Scottish 2 x double bars and the number 2 allocated to Aberfeldy. The identification of the perfin "CURRIE" is known to be for James Currie and Company, the Leith, Hull and Hamburg Steam Packet Company, based in Leith. ( Leith now constitutes part of "greater" Edinburgh )



## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

### Internal mail

A Queen Victoria era mourning envelope, used internally in North London in October 1892. The black edged envelope to intimate condolences as well as the written word. The Queen Victoria 1d lilac postage is perfinned D B, unfortunately the perfin has not yet been given an identification.



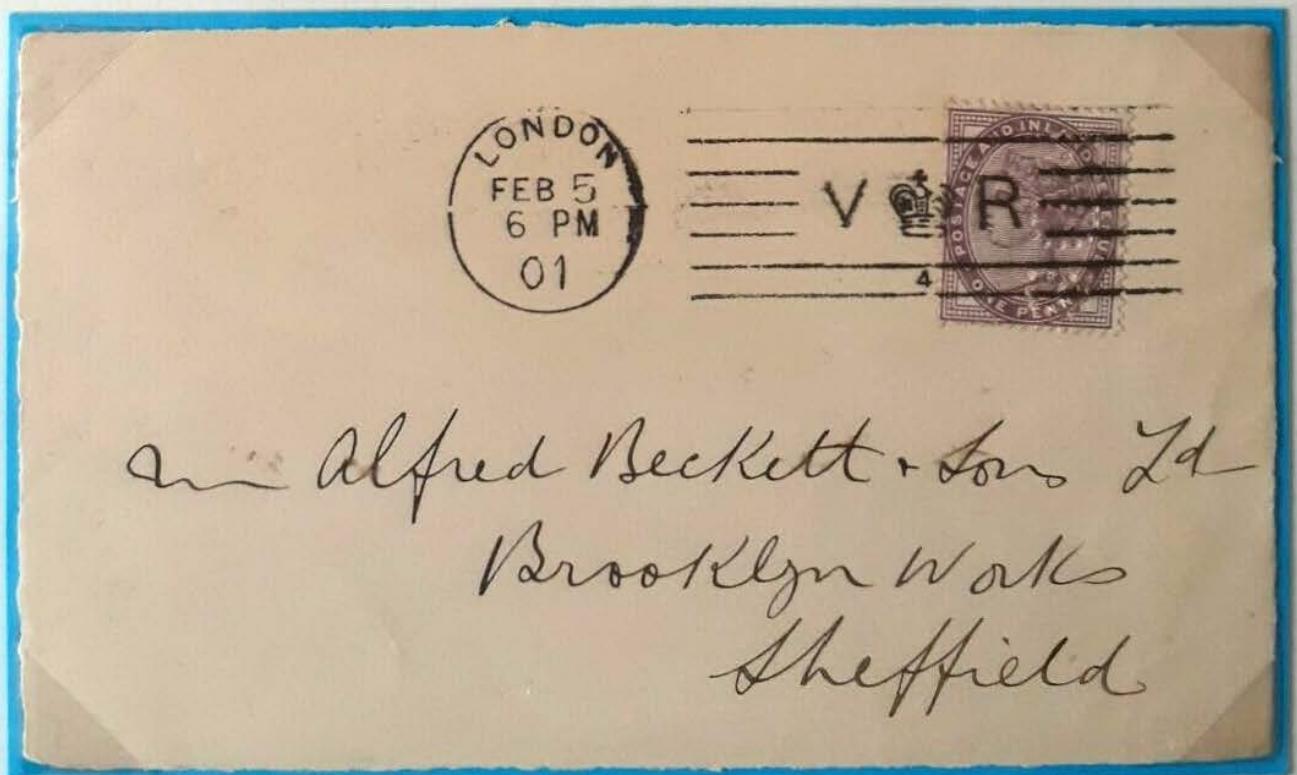
A letter from London to Marlborough in 1899. The addressees, I assume, being a pair of solicitors. The QV 1d lilac postage is perfinned W & S and is identified to Waterlow and Sons Ltd., the producers of many of the postage stamps of Great Britain.



# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

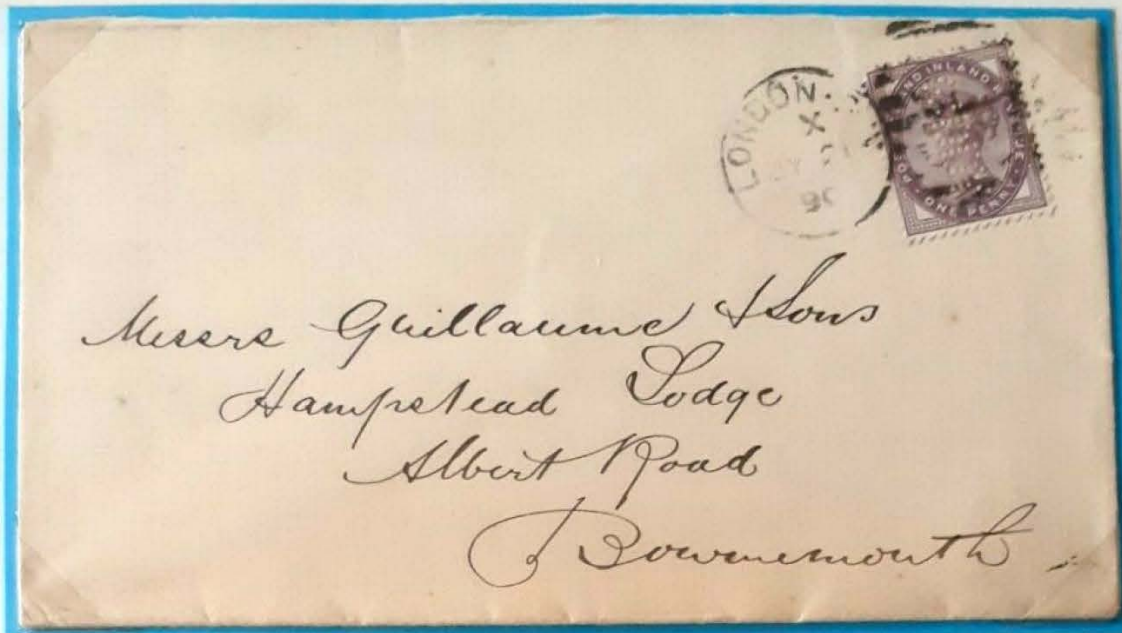
Unfortunately, only the front of an envelope sent from London to Sheffield in 1901. Approximately two weeks after KE VII came to the throne. The QV postage is perfinned F D B and is identified to the firm of Findlay, Durham and Brodie of Cannon Street London. The postage is cancelled by a fine Bickerdyke machine cancel of the non serif, year in two digits, plus numeral under the crown variety !!



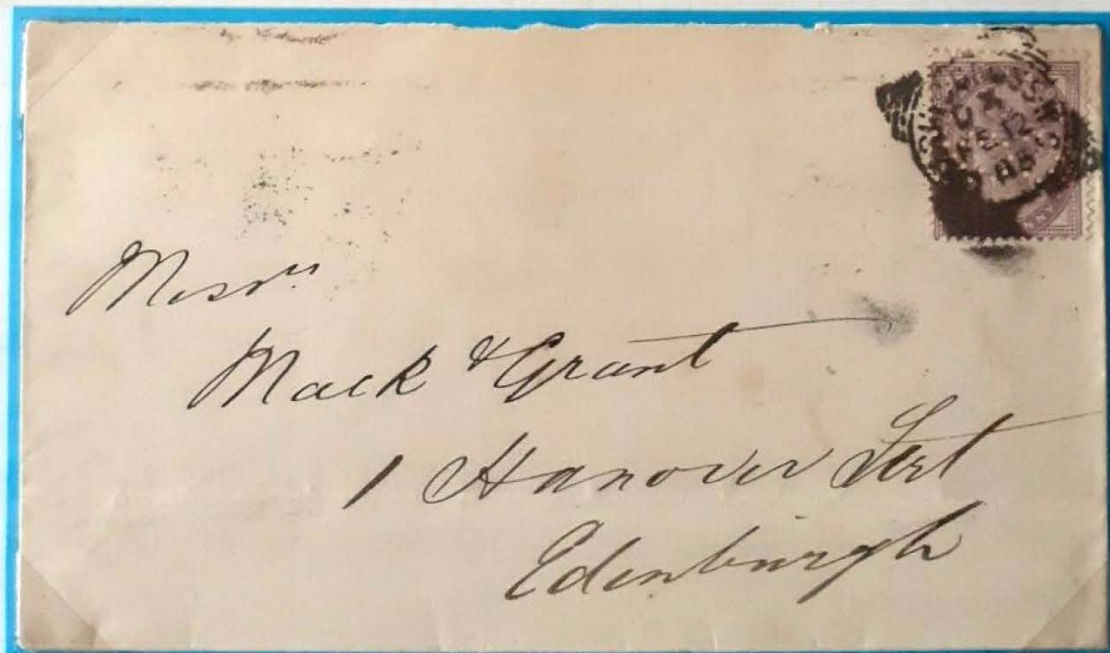


## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



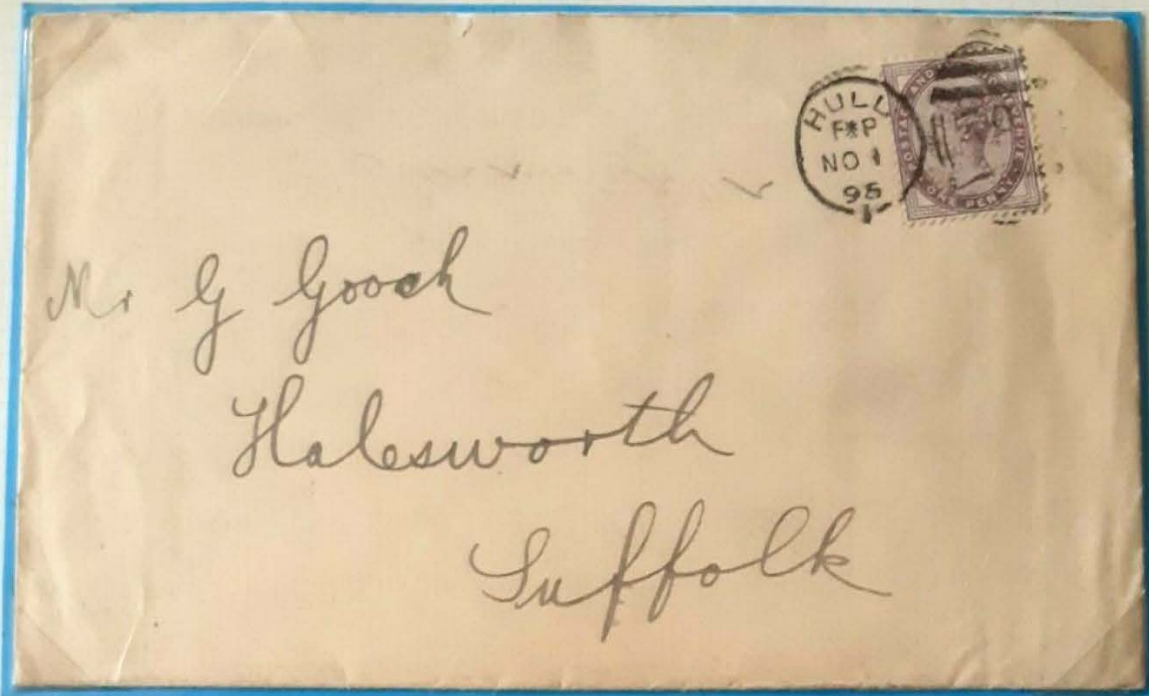
A QV 1d lilac perfined GIDDY paid for this letter to travel from London to Bournemouth in 1890. As a full name perfin it is collectable on cover, but alas, the Giddy name has yet to be identified as to a user.



A rather tatty London squared circle cancel which obliterates the Queen Victoria 1d lilac postage bearing the perfin COX. The letter sent to Edinburgh from Cox and Co. the bankers. Further identification is provided by the C & Co on the flap of the envelope. Full name perfins are quite desirable on cover.

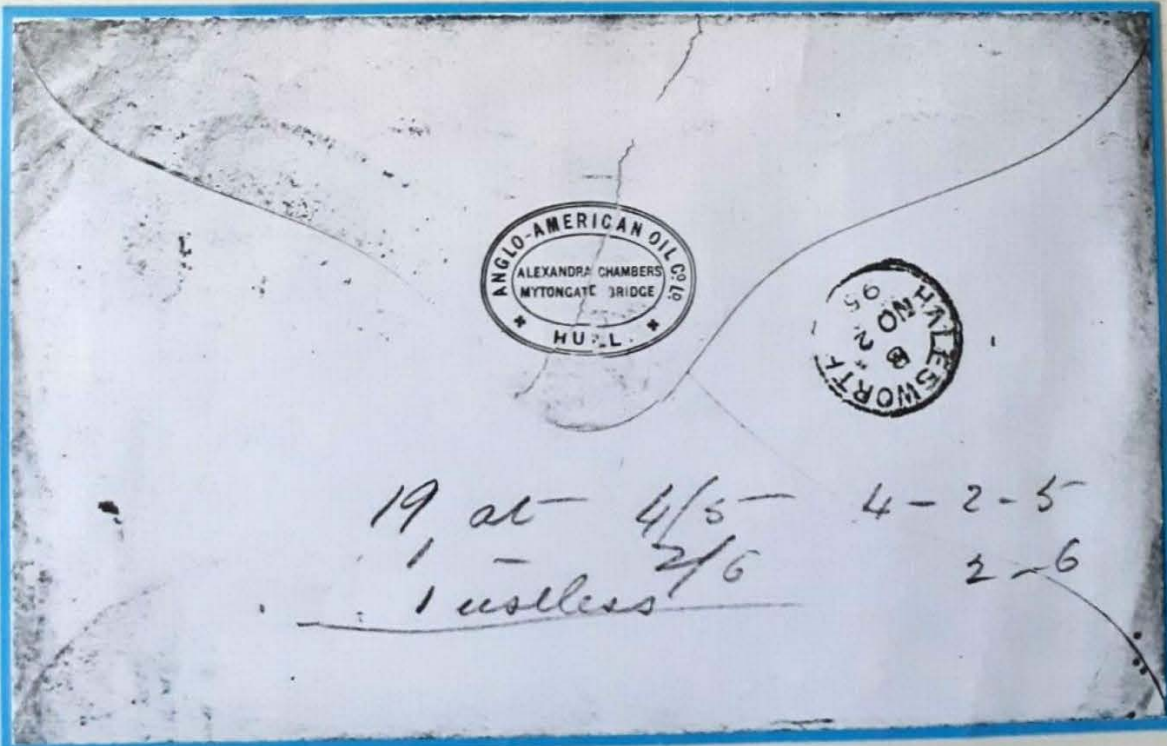
# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



A QV period letter from Hull to Halesworth in Suffolk in 1895. The letter originating from the Anglo American Oil Co. in Hull, which also identifies with the perfin A A / O Co on the postage. Following the normal habit of using old envelopes as notepads, Mr Gooch's sums are on the back.

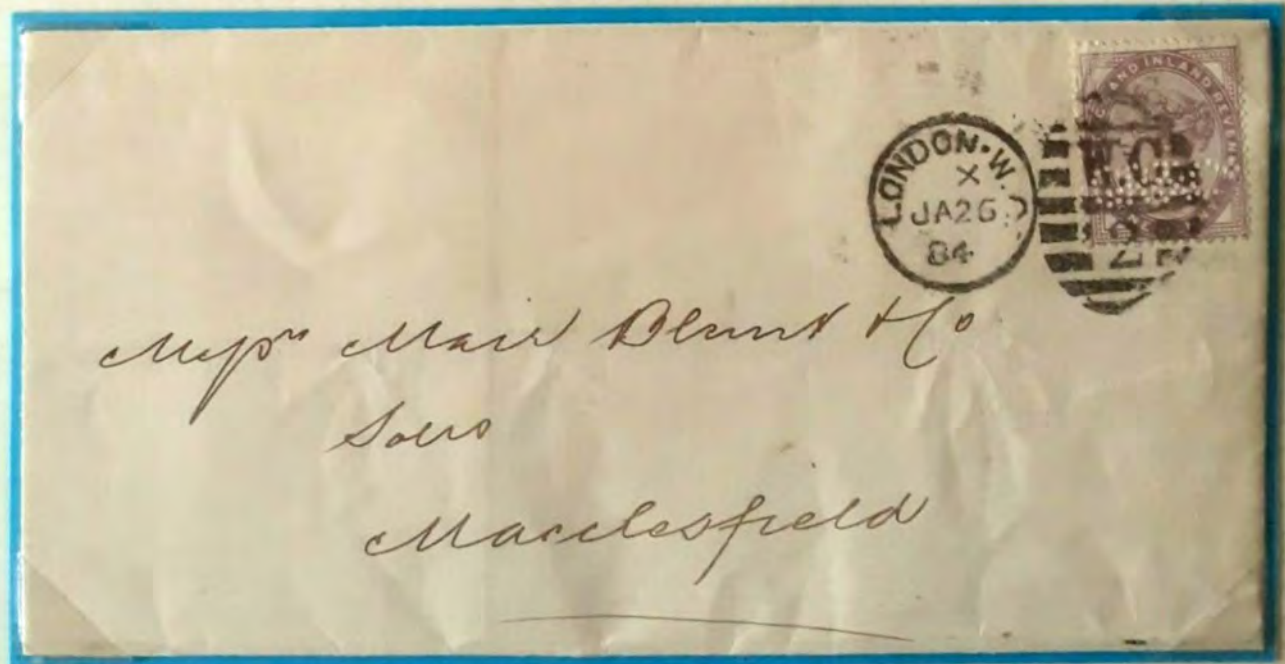
Reverse of letter



## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

Another piece of useless information, in that, the perfin G R & Co shown on the postage of various covers on this and the next two pages was used by the firm of solicitors of Gregory Rowcliffe and Co. in London. As the letters shown only cover the period of the early 1880's this was the time when the perfin G R & Co. reflected the company name. It has been through several changes over the years, i.e. Gregory & Co, Gregory Rowcliffe and Rawle, Gregory Rowcliffe & Co, Rowcliffe Rawle & Co, Rawle Johnstone & Co, Gregory Rowcliffe & Co, and now Gregory Rowcliffe and Milners !! Because of this there are several perfins attributed to the firm, and is further complicated in that different partners of the firm used their own perfins !!, so there are a multitude of different dies. The firm started over two hundred years ago, Rowcliffes being solicitors in Somerset and Gregory, who practised in London acted as their agents. This because county solicitors were not allowed to practice within the city of London. This is just a brief insight into the life of one company when researching the use of perfins, others are much more complicated.



PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail

G R & Co perfins for  
Gregory Rowcliffe & Co.



The Queen Victoria postage used, i.e. the 1d Venetian red and the one and a halfpenny Venetian red from the 1880-1 and 1884 issues are very collectable when perfined, especially on cover.



# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Official government departments

Office of Works perfin

The first issue of stamps to the Office of Works were perfinned H M / O W this in August 1895. (Her majesty's Office of Works) Only two months later a new design of "crown" / O W was introduced in October. (this intimating a crown of state and Office of Works)



H M / O W  
Perfin



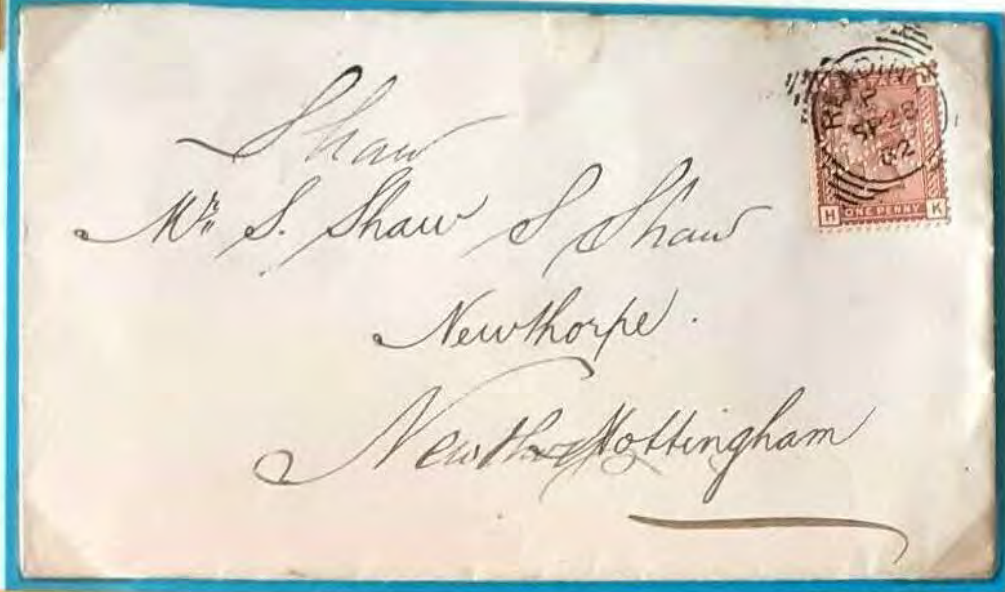
"crown" / O W  
Perfin



The "crown" / O W perfin was also short lived as it was replaced in March 1896 with the more familiar overprinted stamp issue. Therefore the first perfin "H M / O W" only lasted two months, the other "crown" / O W lasted five months. In the grand scale of postage stamp usage, a brief moment indeed, feast your eyes of fine postage items !!

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



A Queen Victoria period letter, sent from Reading to near Nottingham in 1882, this from Sutton and Sons (the Royal Seed Establishment) the postage being perfined S & S and identified to the above company. The enclosure is a "just jogging the memory" note to a former customer about not having received an order recently. It also mentions that Suttons are providers of seeds to several crowned heads of Europe !!

ROYAL BERKSHIRE SEED ESTABLISHMENT.



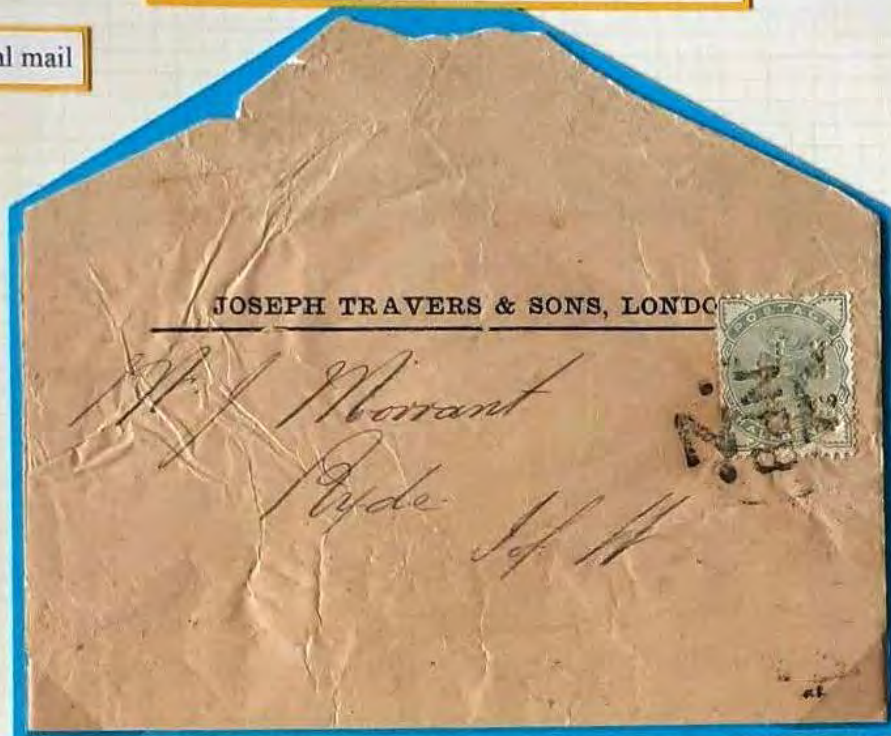
SUTTON & SONS.  
 Seedsmen to  
 HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.  
 H. R. H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.  
 H. R. H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.  
 H. R. H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.  
 H. I. M. THE EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA.  
 H. I. M. THE EMPEROR OF GERMANY.  
 H. M. THE KING OF PORTUGAL.  
 H. M. THE KING OF DENMARK.

Reading, Sept 28, 1882  
 To Mr. S. Shaw  
 Newthorpe, Nottingham

From our books we regret to find that during the past season we do not appear to have been favoured with your orders. When the new edition of our Amateur's Guide is ready we shall have the pleasure of forwarding a copy and we then hope to be honoured with a renewal of your much esteemed commands which shall receive our prompt and careful attention.

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



The newspaper wrapper shown above is from the firm of J Travers and Sons, identified by the postage being perfinned J T / & S (and by the name written on the front !!) The QV halfpenny postage being cancelled by a London newspaper branch obliterator. The invoice below, from the same company to the same recipient, a Mr. J Marrant who resided on the Isle of Wight.

Mr. J. Marrant  
Ryde. Isle of Wight - May 13<sup>th</sup> 1882  
119, CANNON STREET, LONDON, E.C.,

Bought of JOSEPH TRAVERS & SONS.



ENGLISH CHEQUER TO BE CROSSED "BANK OF ENGLAND;" SCOTCH CHEQUES, "NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND;" IRISH CHEQUES, "ROYAL BANK OF IRELAND."  
NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO RECEIVE MONEY IN THE COUNTRY ON OUR ACCOUNT WITHOUT A SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION.  
INTEREST AT 5 PER CENT. CHARGED FROM THE EXPIRATION OF PROMPT.

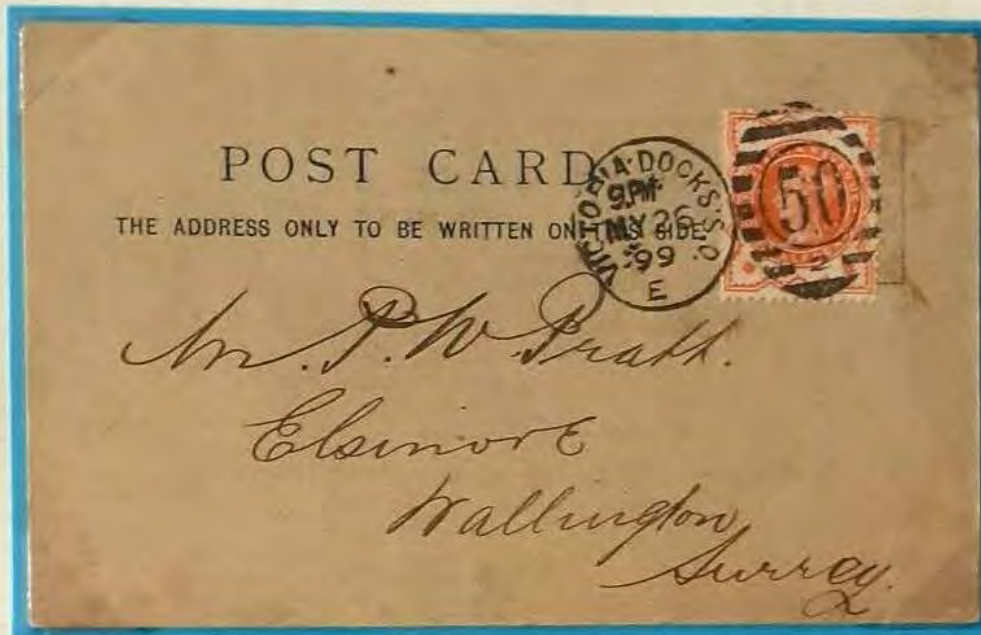
REFINERS' BAR SUGARS, CUBES, & CO., SOLD AT THE ORIGINAL FILLING-OUT WEIGHTS. OTHER GOODS SOLD AT LANDING OR DELIVERY WEIGHTS, OR BY MEASURE, ACCORDING TO THE CUSTOMS OF THE LONDON TRADE.  
ALL WARRANTS AND UNDELIVERED GOODS HELD AS SECURITY AGAINST DEBTS OWING. IN THE EVENT OF LOSS BY FIRE, WE HOLD OURSELVES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MARKET VALUE OF CUSTOMERS' TEAS,  
THE WARRANTS FOR WHICH ARE LEFT IN OUR HANDS AFTER PROMPT OR PAYMENT.

Terms. Prompt - 13/8/82.

x Half Chest Marrant

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



A business post card used by the Lamson Paragon Supply Company Ltd. in this instance to inform a prospective customer that their representative a Mr. R Thompson would be calling on them. The Queen Victoria halfpenny postage is perfined L P / S C and is obviously identified to the above company. The cancellation is a fine Victoria Docks duplex (No 50) for May 1899.

Reverse of post card





# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



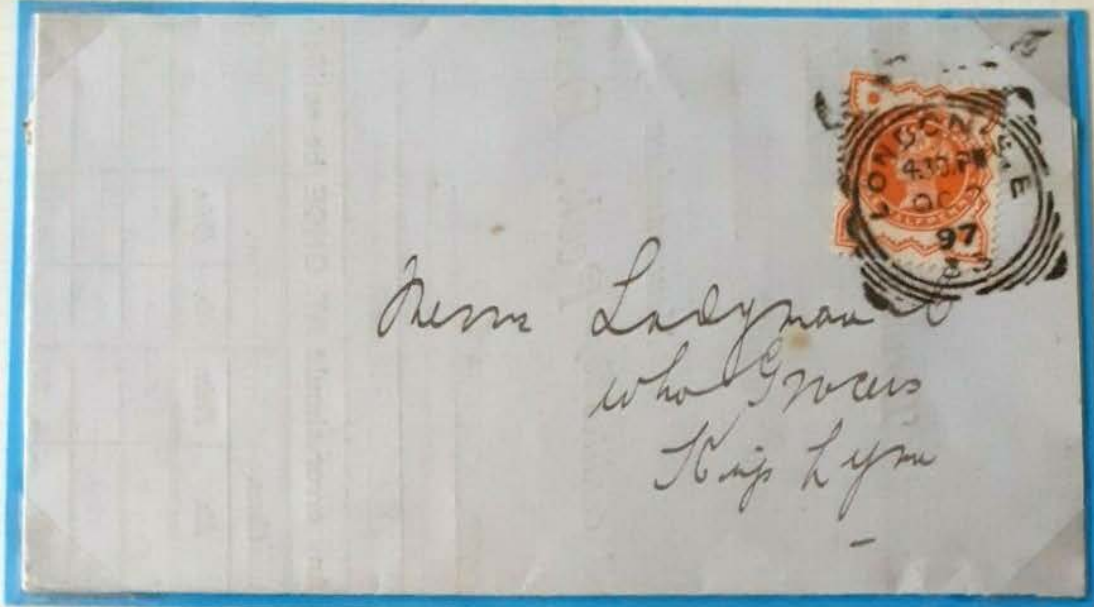
A simple post card ( complete with filing holes ) sent from London in 1896 to Orel in Russia. The extra up-rating half penny postage is perfined P Co L and is identified to the sender, Prashkauer & Co Ltd of Fenchurch Street London. Because of the differences between the Gregorian and the Julian calendars the letter "arrived" eight days earlier than despatched on the 18<sup>th</sup> November.

Reverse of post card



# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



A QV period entire sent in 1897 from London to Kings Lynn. The sender, Peak Frean & Co ( of biscuit fame ) is, apart from the headed note paper further identified by the postage being perfinned P F . The entire forms a "credit note" to Ladyman & Co of Kings Lynn, for 8s. 4d. for the return of empty cases back to the sender.

Copy of credit note

B

Drummond Road,  
London, S.E.

22-7-1897

Memorandum of Empty Packages  
received this day and credited by Peek, Frean & Co. to

Mrs. Ladyman & Co.  
Kings Lynn

Any error should be ONCE be notified.

Boxes.				Cases.			Tins.		Sundries.	Amount.
1/-	1/3	1/6	2/-	Letter	No.	Price.	No.	Price.		
				12	8230	2/-			828	8 4

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



A simple letter internal within London, Stratford to Gunnersbury (Chiswick) in 1884. The 1d lilac postage being perfined H & S and identifies the user as Samuel Hanson and Son Ltd. as the user. ( I only purchased the cover as I lived in Wellesley Road at the time, that is Wellesley Road Great Yarmouth not Wellesley Road Gunnersbury !! )

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

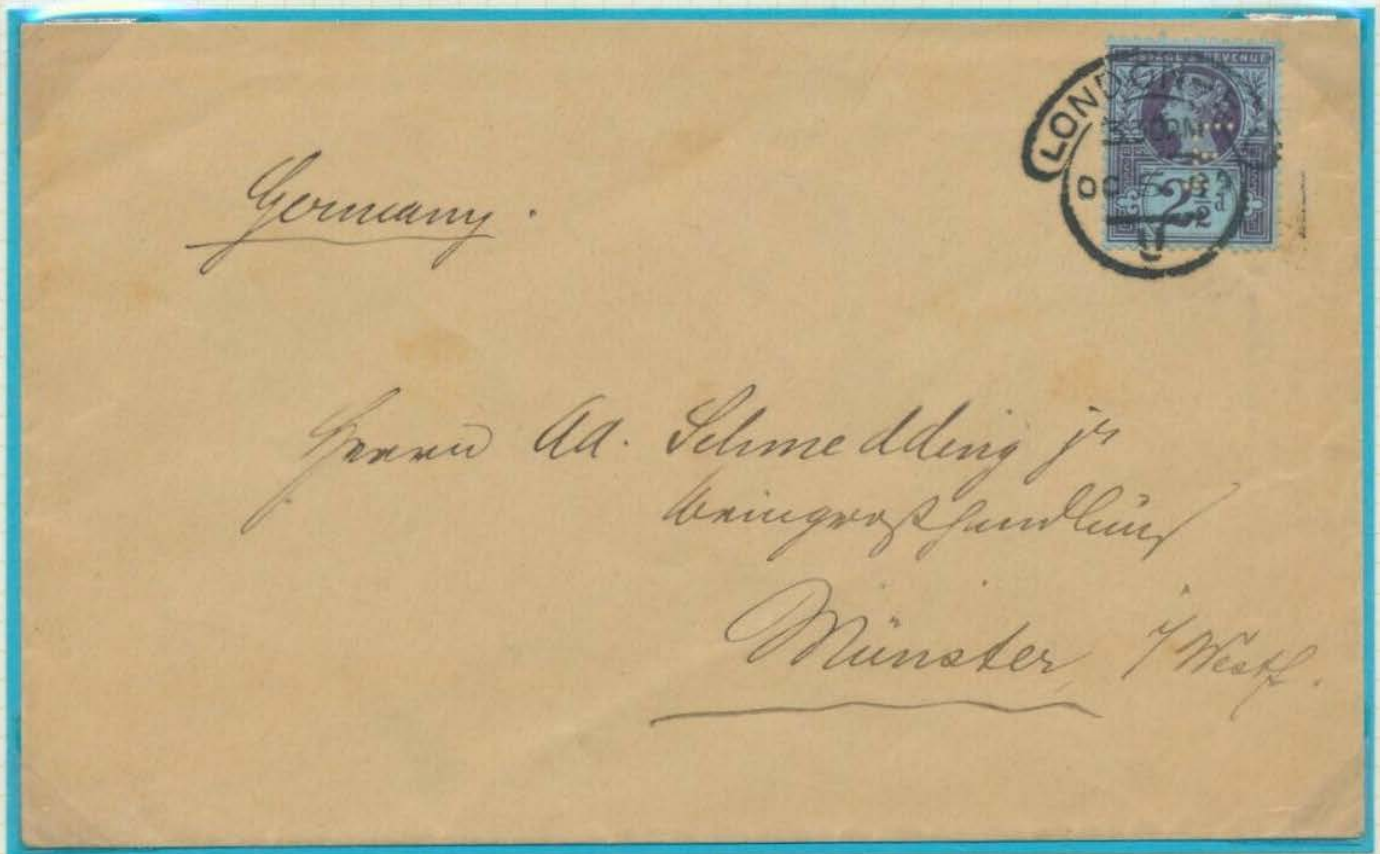
Foreign mail



A QV period registered letter from Leeds to Würzburg in Bavaria. The postage is perfined K B and as yet no identity to the user is known. The letter, a prepaid 2d registered, has an additional two and a half penny stamp added to send it on its way to lower Germany, where it arrived the next day. It was registered in Leeds on the 20th, and arrived in Würzburg on the 21st November 1890 !!

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



A QV period letter sent from London to Munster, Westfalia in Germany in 1895. The two and a halfpenny jubilee postage, cancelled by a fine hooded circle, is perfined with the letter "F", and is identified to the firm of H and C J Feist of 26 Crutched Friars London.

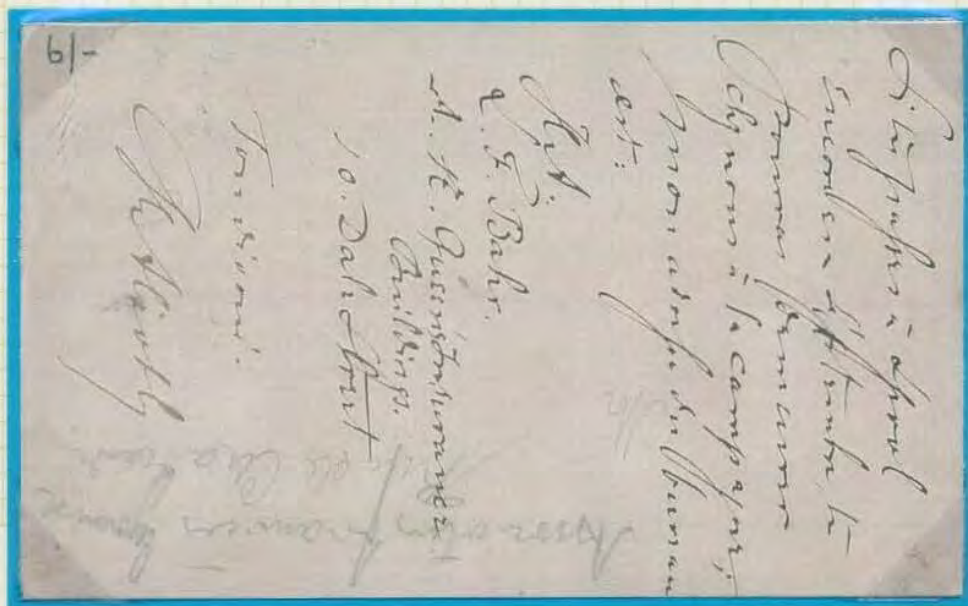
# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



An ordinary QV period post card sent from Liverpool to Switzerland in August 1881. The standard halfpenny rate pre-paid card being up-rated by the addition of another halfpenny to send it abroad. The postage is perfined A & B S, although not officially identified, the reverse of the card mentions an A Bahr, and if his offspring were part of the firm the perfin A & B S would fit for "and son". The postage is cancelled by a Liverpool squared circle cancel, and the card only took two days to get to Beckenried in Switzerland, not the same today !!

Reverse of post card



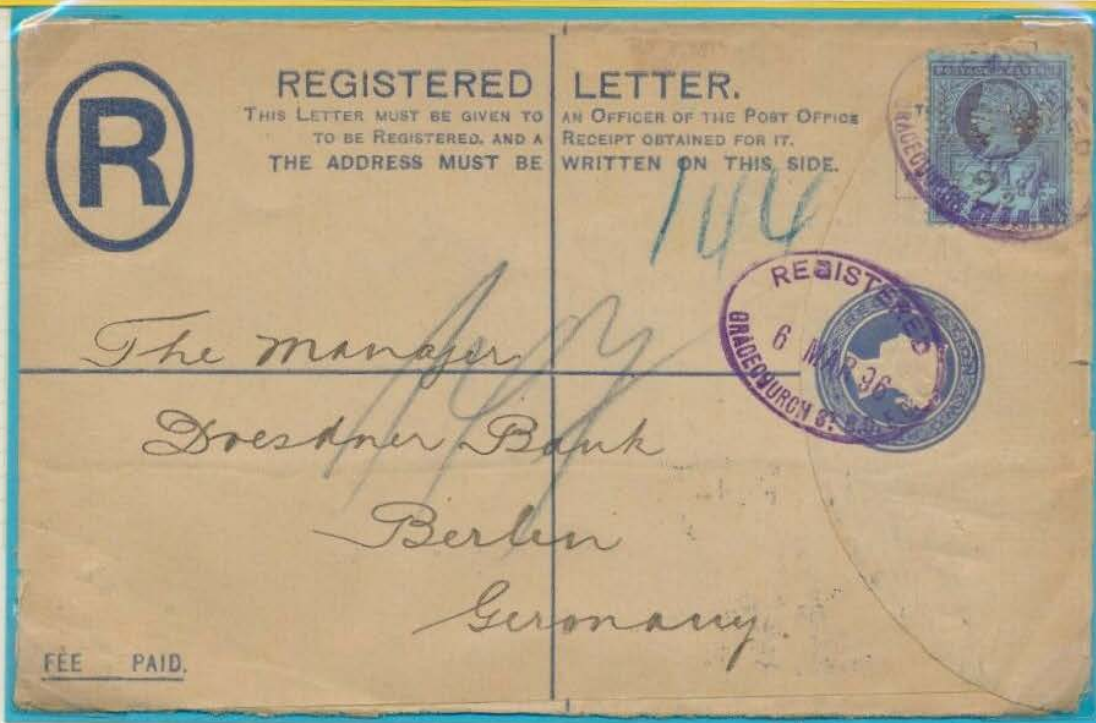
# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

## Foreign mail

A QV registered cover from London to Berlin in 1900. The cover carries the R in circle registration fee paid mark, which was applied at the Barbican post office. The QV Jubilee 3d and 4d postage stamps are perfined A . H . which unfortunately has not yet been identified to a user.



Another QV registered cover to Berlin from London, this in 1896 and registered at Gracechurch Street post office. The cover, to the Dresdener bank, is from the London and South Western Bank, identified by the QV postage being perfined L S W / BK.



# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail

A peculiarly opened letter, sent from Manchester in 1888 to Barcelona in Spain, by the Schill Moderna Company. The QV jubilee two and a half penny postage is perfined S M / & Co and ties in nicely with the company details on the reverse of the letter. The letter took 4 days to reach it's destination.





# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



A nice, if old and battered around the edges cover, from London to St. Catharines in Ontario Canada, sent in 1892. The QV postal stationery envelope for two and a half pence is uprated by the addition of a two and a half penny jubilee stamp, which is perfined C S / & Co. This ties in with the belted oval crest on the reverse of Cooke Sons & Co. of Friday Street in London. The letter was carried across the Atlantic on the S.S. Auriana. The journey time to St. Catharines being only nine days !!



## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail

An up-rated pre-printed newspaper wrapper, unfortunately only the front piece remains, but nevertheless sent to a nice destination. Beautifully hand written, the wrapper found it's way to Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. The up-rating additional QV halfpenny postage is perfinned R. J. R / & Co and as yet not identified to a user. The postage is cancelled by a Newspaper Branch Foreign Section dumb cancel.



## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail

A simple letter sent from London to Libau in Russia. The postage being cancelled by a nice Lincoln duplex on the 17<sup>th</sup> August 1892. The postage is perfined R P / & Co and it does not take a genius to work out that it identifies with the senders details emblazoned on the front of the envelope, in this case Ruston Proctor and Co. Due to the differences in the Gregorian and Julian calendars the letter "arrived" nine days earlier than the dispatch date on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 1892.

RUSTON, PROCTOR & CO., LTD., LINCOLN.

RUSSIA.



**LÖBL. CONSUMVEREIN DER LANDWIRTHE,**

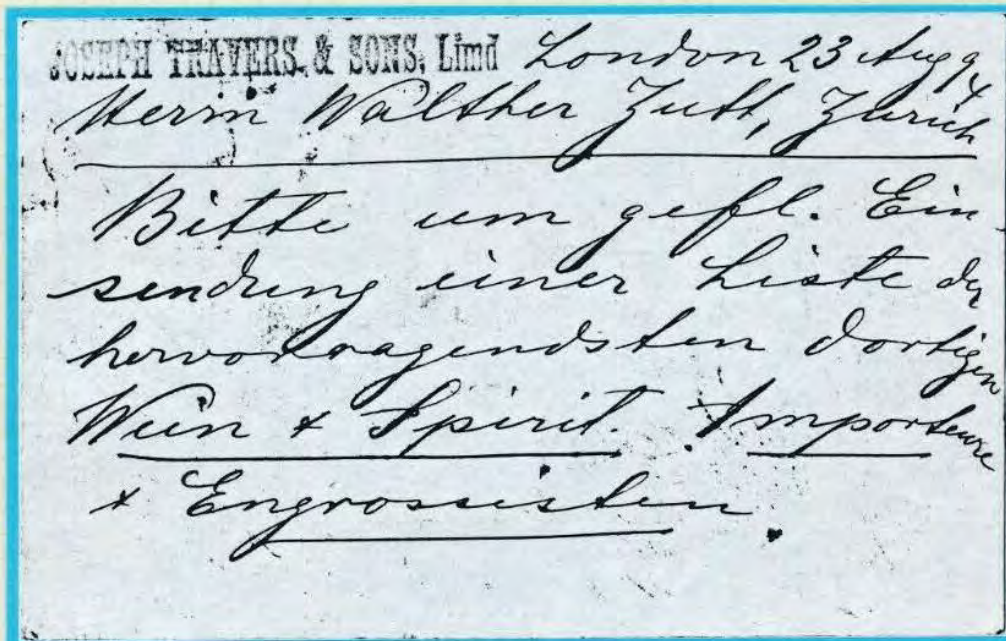
**LIBAU.**

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



A fine 1d Queen Victoria postal stationery card being used by Joseph Travers and Sons Ltd. This to send a missive, in German, to Zurich in Switzerland from London. The cancellation is a Lombard Street Late fee, which obliterates the prepaid and the uprating 1d lilac postage. The 1d lilac postage is perfined J T / & S / Ld and is identified to the sender Joseph Travers.



## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail

A QV period letter sent by sea in 1895 via the SS Etruria from London To Montclair in New Jersey North America. The QV jubilee postage is perfined C J / T C and is identified for use by the China and Japan Trading Company Ltd, I assume from their offices in London, the stamp being cancelled by a type V London fancy geometric squared circle hand-stamp.



It was posted in London on the 13th May 1895 and went via New York receiving a back-stamp of the 18<sup>th</sup>, and finally arriving at Montclair on the 20<sup>th</sup> May. A week to travel a few thousand miles, it takes that long to travel the length of the British Isles these days !!!

## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail

A QV period letter to Pithiviers in the Loire area of France, the QV jubilee postage is perfined S . S and unusually, identification as to the user is found printed inside the envelope. This displayed when the envelope flap is raised, in this instance the user/sender was Stubbs & Co of London.

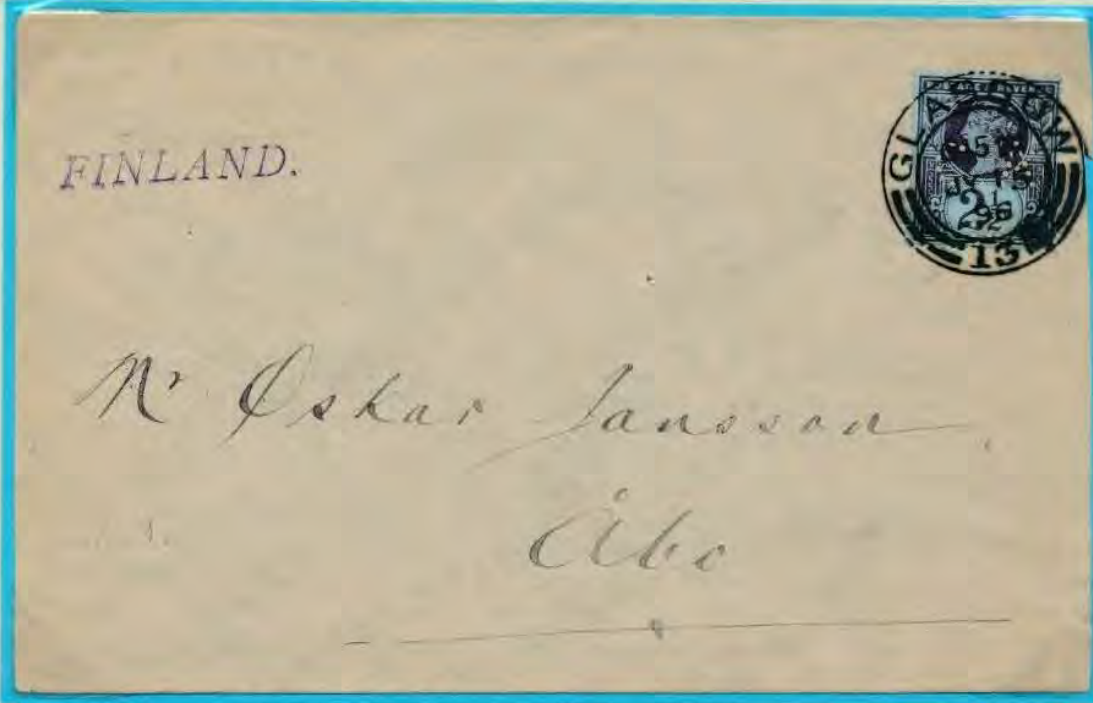


The postage is cancelled by a London duplex for the 24<sup>th</sup> February 1894, and the front of the cover has attracted a Calais transit cancel for the 25<sup>th</sup> February. The letter arrived at its destination also on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February, confirmed by the arrival cancel on the reverse.

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

## Foreign mail

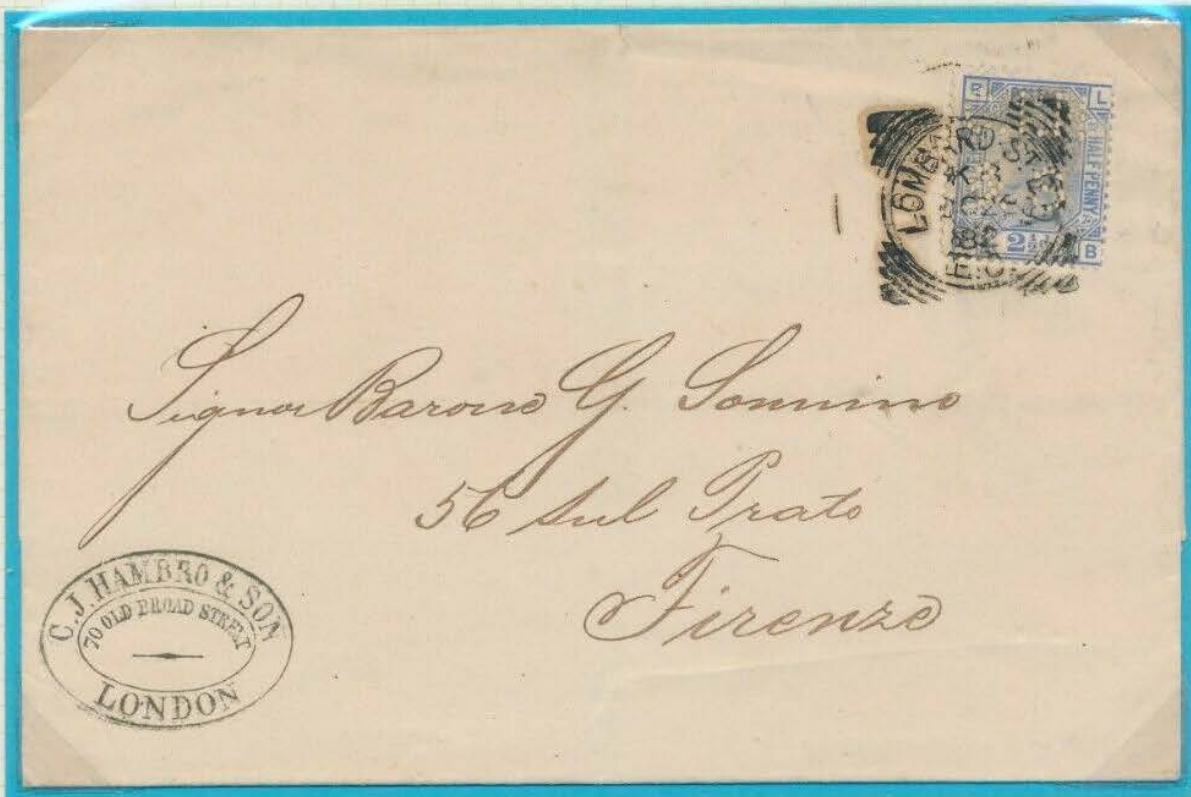
A letter sent in 1896 to Abo in Finland from Glasgow. The QV postage, which is perfined C . A / G is identified to the Central Agency in Glasgow. (it is also written on the reverse of the letter !!) The “hand stamped” FINLAND is a slight mystery, in that who applied it. I assume the sender did to assist the Post Office in sorting the mail to the correct country, as the address is brief. But could it have been applied by the Post Office ?



# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail

Cover from C J Hambro and Son in London, to Florence ( Firenzo ) in Italy. The postage, a Queen Victoria two and halfpenny light blue ( plate 22 ) is cancelled by a fine Lombard Street squared circle. The postage is perfinned C . I . H / & S and is identified as the sender C J Hambro.



Reverse of letter





# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail



A superb cover from London to Szczekociny in 1893. The QV postage is cancelled by a Lombard Street C.D.S. The stamp being perfinned R. B. and identified to the London branch of the Russian Bank for foreign trade. The contents of the envelope are written in French ! The route to be taken for delivery of the letter is outlined on the front of the envelope, first to Berlin Kattowitz, then station Myszkw and onto the destination of Szczekociny in Russian Poland.

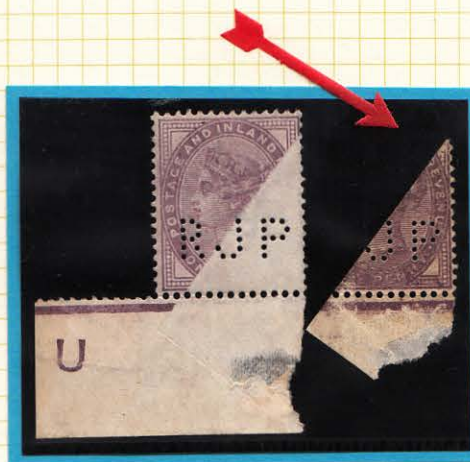


## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

QV 1d lilac error

In 1881 the QV 1d lilac was introduced. The normal practice in production was for the stamps to be printed onto the appropriate paper, gum applied to the reverse of the sheet, and then the sheet of stamps was perforated, this making them ready to be sent to a post office for public purchase.

In this instance the sheet of stamps was also given a perfin, this via a company such as Slopers, who would construct the appropriate die, in this instance R J P and then put the perforated insignia onto all the stamps in the sheet/sheets, however many the customer desired.



The perfin R J P is allocated a die number R3030.01, but the users identity is not yet established.

BUT, somehow, a piece of excess paper had become affixed to the main sheet of imperial crown watermarked paper. The due process of printing, gum application, perforation, and a perforated insignia had been completed. Eventually, this extra piece of paper came free, (an indent on the selvedge shows where it had been situated) BUT in doing so the 1d stamp is only "half" printed, resulting in a spectacular error. All in all a very very nice item !!!!

Insurance documentation

PERFORATED INSIGNIA

# COUNTY FIRE OFFICE,

50, REGENT STREET, LONDON.

Policy No. *40178*



Received this *23<sup>d</sup>* day of *March* 1869, for the  
Directors of the above Office, of *H. J. Pickin Esq*  
the Sum stated in the margin, being for One Year's Premium on £ *250*  
Insured in this Office from Lady-day, 1869, to Lady-day, 1870.

Received, at the same time, the Sum stated in the margin, for Duty  
on the Insurance for the above period.

*Whitfield*

Agent.

Premium . . . . . : *5:3*  
Duty . . . . . : *3:9*  

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£ : *9: .*

THE above Premium has been received, and the said Policy continued on the Terms that the Insured who, on the completion of each successive period of Seven Years' Insurance, shall continue insured in the Office, and who shall not have been Claimants on the Office within that period, are entitled to receive a Return of 25 per cent. upon the actual Amount of Premium paid during such period, instead of the Returns specified in the first condition indorsed in the above Policy.

A policy issued to H J Pickin Esq. For the cover of £250 provided he paid the sum of 9/- ( inclusive of 3/9d duty ) a much larger amount of insurance tax than we pay today. But, each and every seven years,( provided policy renewed and premiums paid etc. ) a 25% refund was mad, can you see an insurance company doing this today !! The term of the cover to run from Lady Day 1869 to Lady Day 1870.



CFO/Ld  
C2590.01  
County Fire  
Office Ltd

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Companies, documents and perfins

The Railway Passenger Assurance Company, apart from providing the insurance cover intimated in the company title, also gave general insurance cover. The policy shown here was for a Mr. Hirkham for one years cover of £250 from the 21st April 1873. The premium being £1. 8s. 10d.



*C. E. Austin* Agency.

## RAILWAY PASSENGERS ASSURANCE COMPANY.

(S)C

64, CORNHILL, LONDON, E.C.

### GENERAL ACCIDENT ASSURANCE.

No. of Policy 29360

Premium ... ..	£	1	12	0
Less Bonus 10 %	£	0	3	2
Nett Premium ... ..	£	1	8	10

Received this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1873, of Mr. W. Hirkham  
the Sum of One Pounds Eight Shillings, and Ten Pence, being  
the Premium for the Assurance of the Sum of £ 250 upon the Life of Himself, for One  
Year from the 21 day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy three, agreeably to the  
terms of a Policy of Assurance granted by the Company, numbered as above.

Witness,

*C. E. Austin*  
*Midgorth St John* Secretary.

s.2.73.