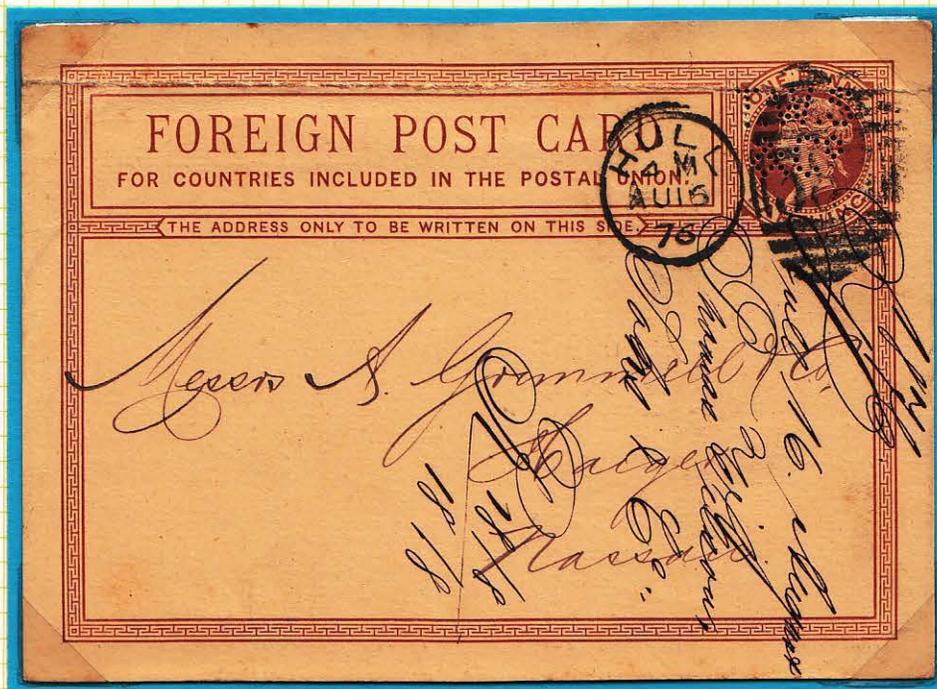


## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

### Perforated postal stationery

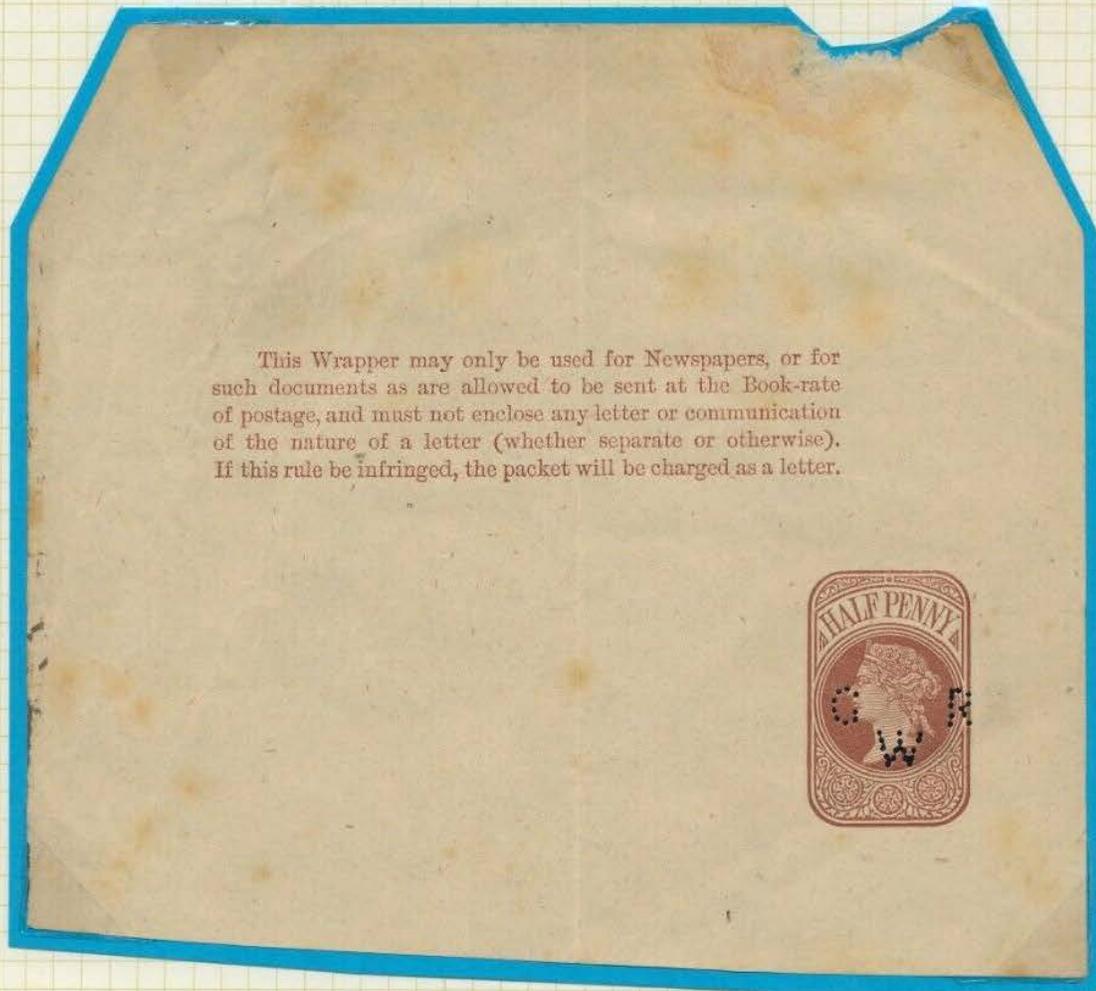
A card from T. Wilson and Sons & Co. to Messrs. Gimmell & Co at Haiger in Nassau. This with reference to a consignment that the Patent Nut & Bolt Company in Birmingham had advised was ready for despatch. T Wilson & Sons were asking for instructions on how to proceed.



A QV postal stationery card, printed for the foreign rate of 1 penny farthing. In this instance sent from Hull on August 16<sup>th</sup> 1876 to the Bahamas. Unfortunately there are no arrival marks to ascertain how long the journey took. The card is perforated through with the initials T.W.S. / & Co which ties in very nicely with the sender. Perforated postal stationery cards are far from common, but at the short lived penny farthing rate, and to an "exotic" destination is very nice indeed.

## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

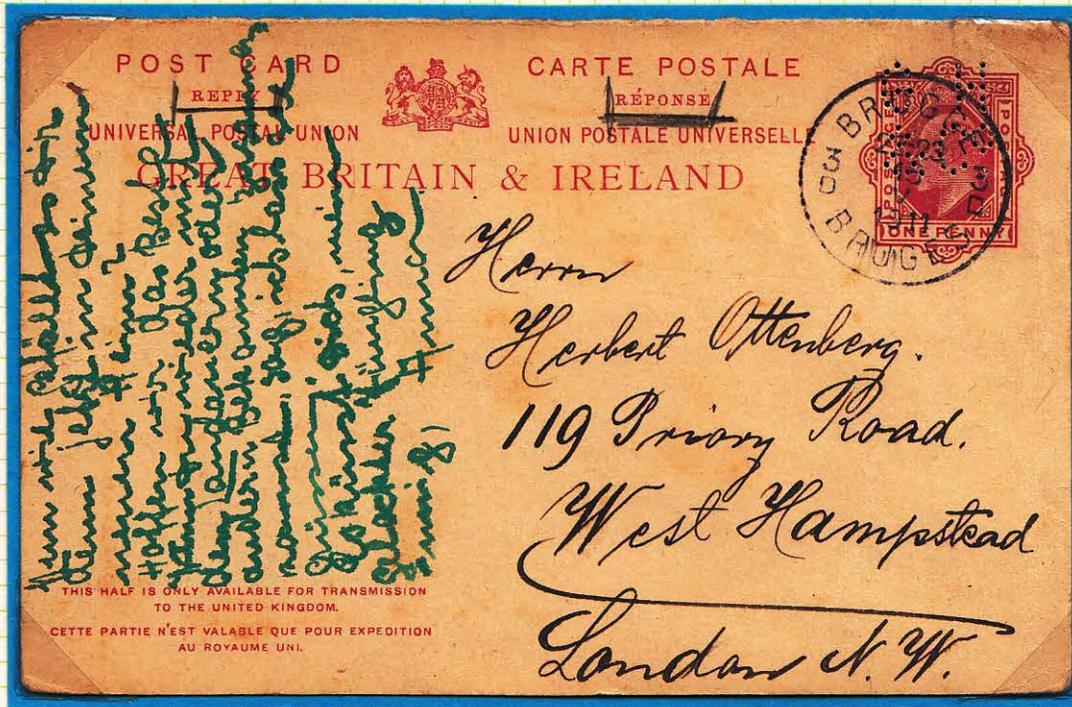
Perforated postal stationery



Unfortunately, but in this case it does not matter, a “front” or part of a newspaper wrapper, tatty at the Western edge but unused. The QV halfpenny pre-paid pre-printed postage is perfinned G R / W and reading from left to right translated into the Great Western Railway as the user. A nice item for the perfin collector, a bit boring otherwise !!

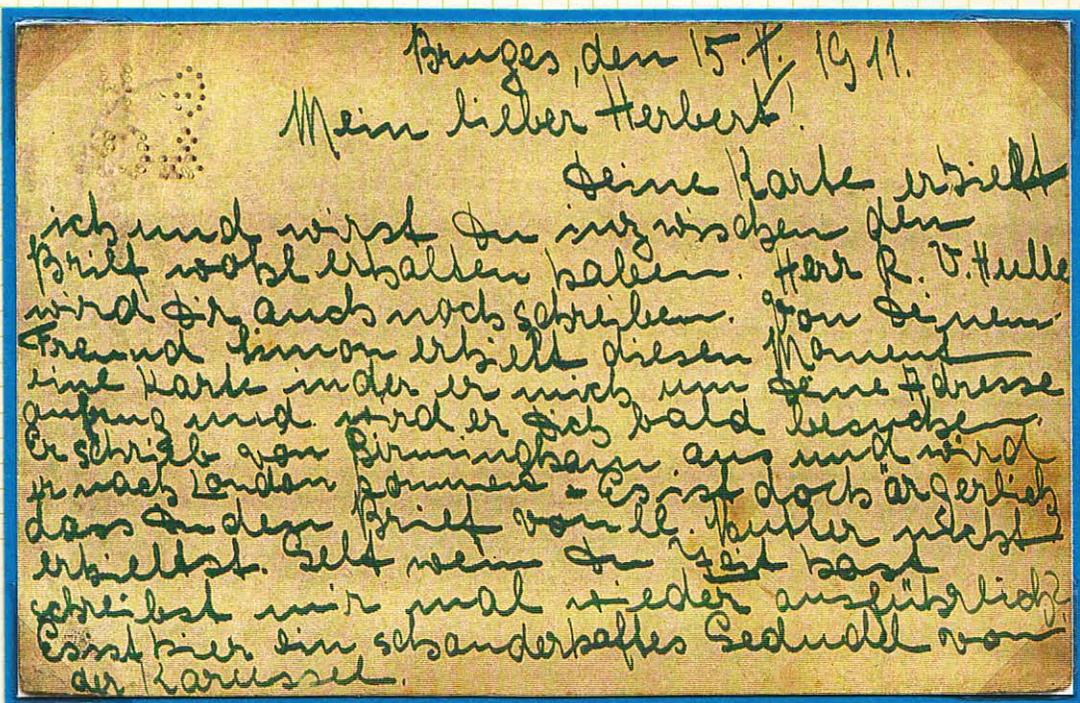
# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

## Perforated postal stationery



In the good old days one could send a letter/card and also include the return writing material along with pre-paid postage. In this instance a missive was sent to Belgium from England. The recipient replied using the international KE VII U.P.U. reply card on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 1911. Interestingly the pre-paid reply card is perfinned with G H / & Co. and is identified for use by G Hadfield & Co Ltd of Liverpool. They must have had German employees based in London !!!

## Reverse of post card



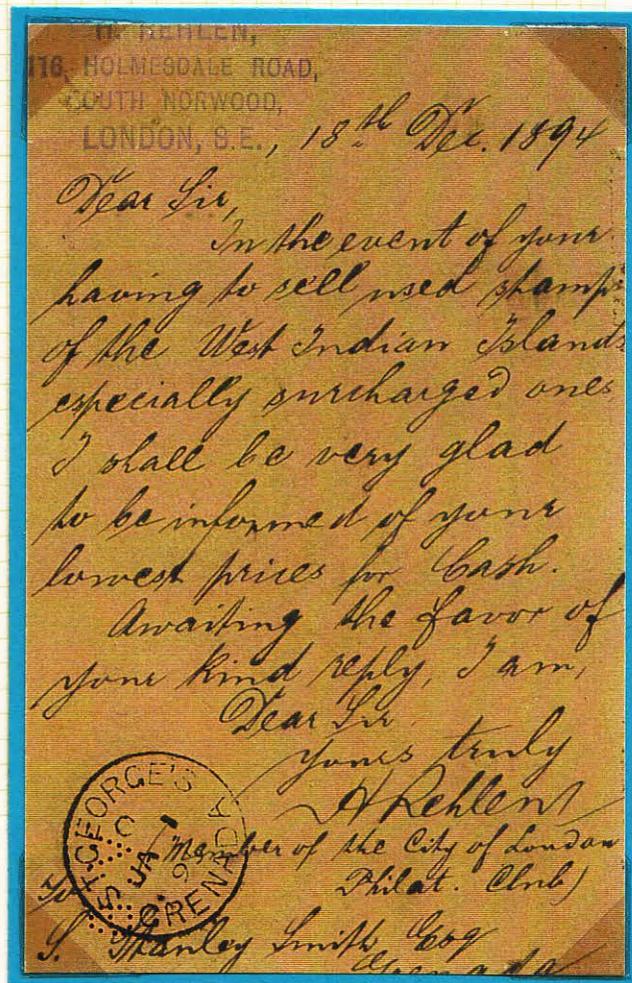
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Perforated postal stationery



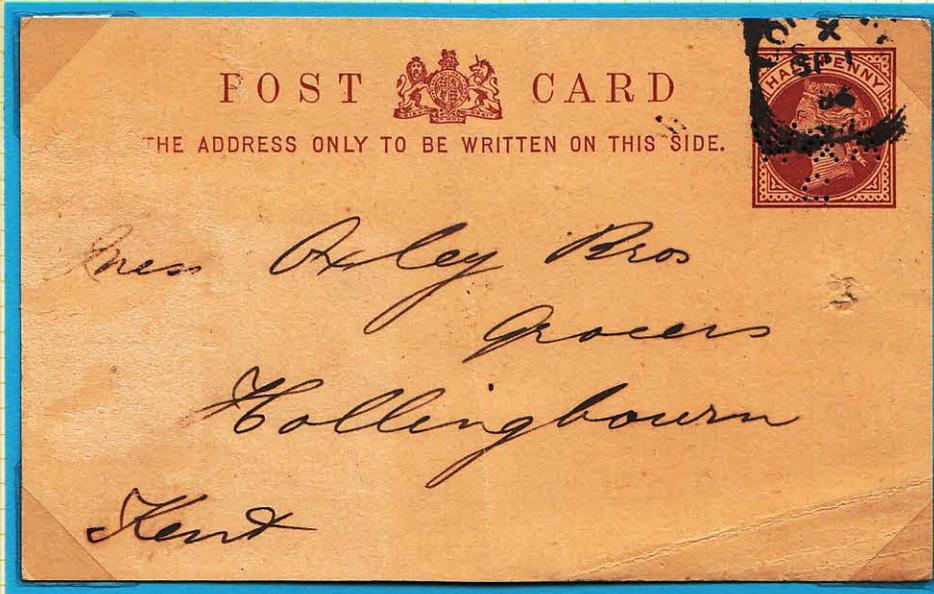
Perforated postal stationery card, QV 1d U.P.U. card sent from the U.K. to Grenada in 1894. The "postage" part of the card is perforated through V . B and identifies the card as being used by Volkart Brothers, but the sender nor the recipient do not seem to have any connection ! The message on the card is a Mr Rehlen asking a Mr Smith about the sale of postage stamps. The card arrived at St Georges in Grenada on the 1st January 1895.

H Rehlen  
 116 Holmsdale Road  
 South Norwood  
 London SE  
 18th Dec 1894  
 Dear Sir,  
 In the event of your having to sell used stamps of the West Indian Islands, especially surcharged ones, I shall be very glad to be informed of your lowest prices for both. Awaiting the favour of your kind reply, I am, Dear Sir,  
 Yours truly, H Rehlen  
 (member of the City of London Philat. Club)  
 To  
 H Stanley Smith Esq. Grenada.



# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Postal stationery



A QV period prepaid halfpenny rated post card used by the firm of W A Gilby (of gin fame) in this instance sent to the Oxley Brothers who were grocers in Kent, on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 1886. As shown on the reverse of the communication it was regarding a credit for the return of empty containers. The card has the perfin W & A / G perfinned through the card, and identified to the above.

Reverse of post card

The undermentioned Empties were placed to your credit on *26/8/86*

2 Doz. Patent	1 1/2 "	1 "	3/4 "	2 1/2 "	4 "	Pint "	10/ Cask	4 Gall. Cask	2 "	1 " Jar	Wickered "	3 Doz. Straw	2 1/2 "	2 "	1 1/2 "	1 "	Sundries	BOTTLES		VALUE		
																		Doz.	Botts.	£	s.	d.
3																			6	15		

PANTHEON, OXFORD STREET W W & A GILBEY



## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

### Perforated postal stationery

Perforated postal stationery, in that the KE VII 1d embossed on the letter is perfinned through with the initials A & N / C.S.L. and is identified to the Army and Navy Civil Supply Co Ltd. This letter being sent from London to Birmingham in 1902. Letters like this in very fine condition are hard to find.



# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

## Perforated postal stationery

The Army and Navy Civil Supply Company was one of the few organisations that perforated their postal stationery letters with the initials through the postage part of the envelope. The cover shown has the perfin A & N / C S L through the envelope, this is difficult to peruse, especially when on a flat surface, so the other two pieces display the perfin from front and reverse views.



A & N / C S L  
reverse view

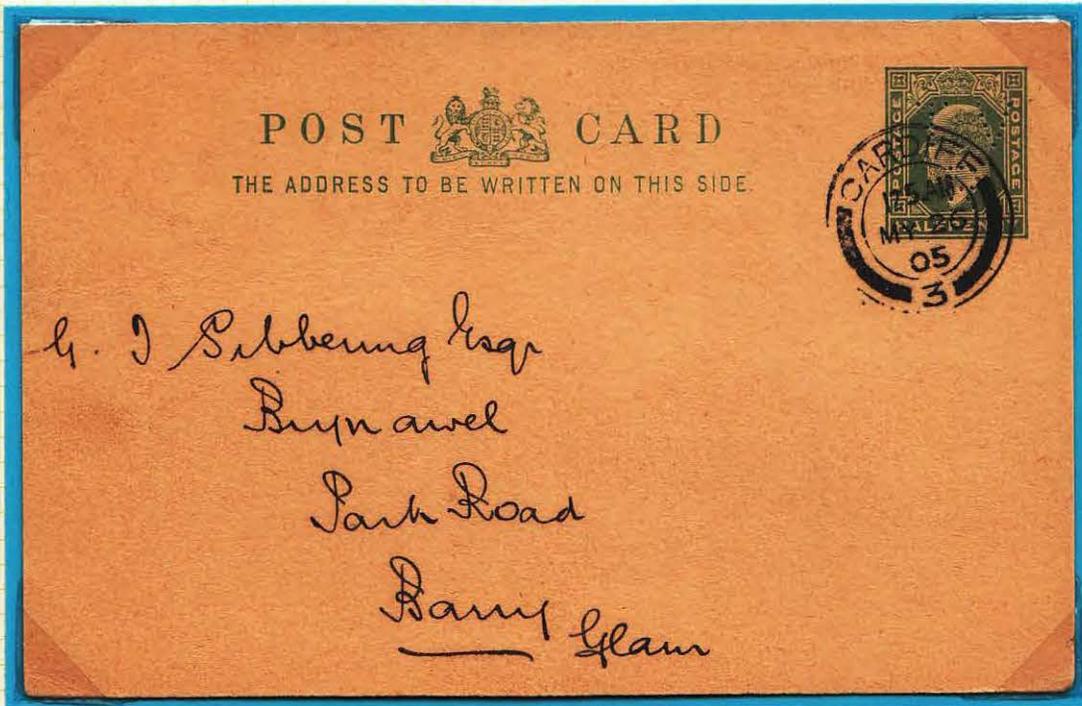


A & N / C S L  
frontal view

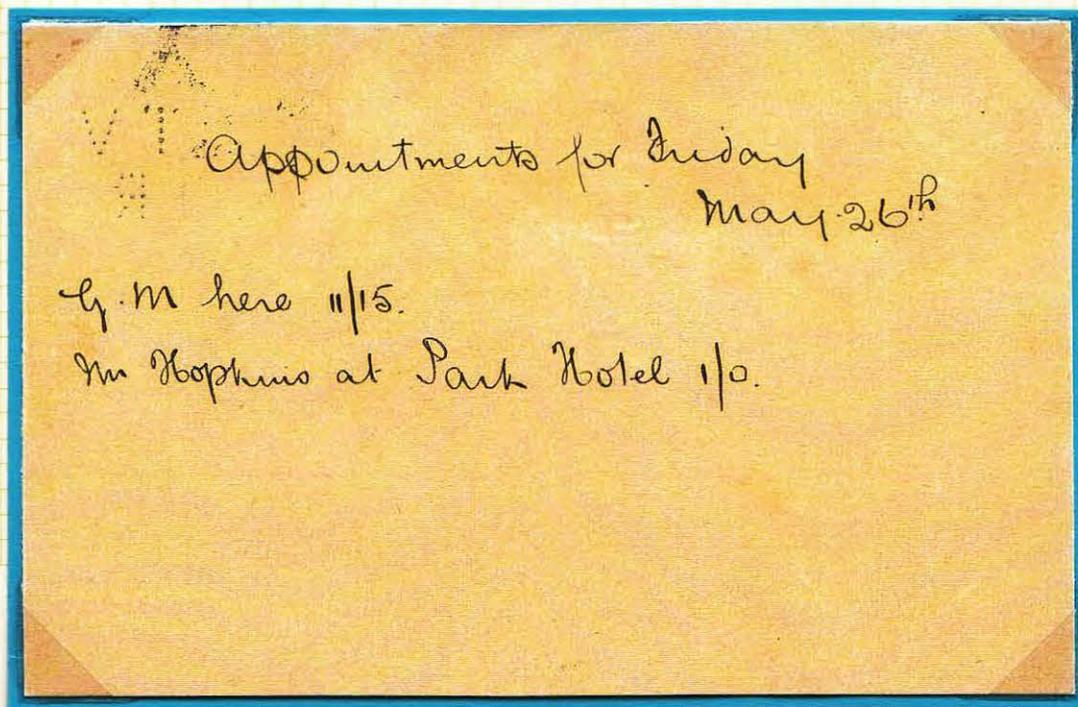
## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

### Perforated postal stationery

Two cards perforated with the perfin T V / R , this being identified to the Taff Vale Railway Co. in Wales. The cards were sent to a Mr. Sibbering who was an employee of the railway company. These were to inform him of future appointments, as he was a representative of the company.

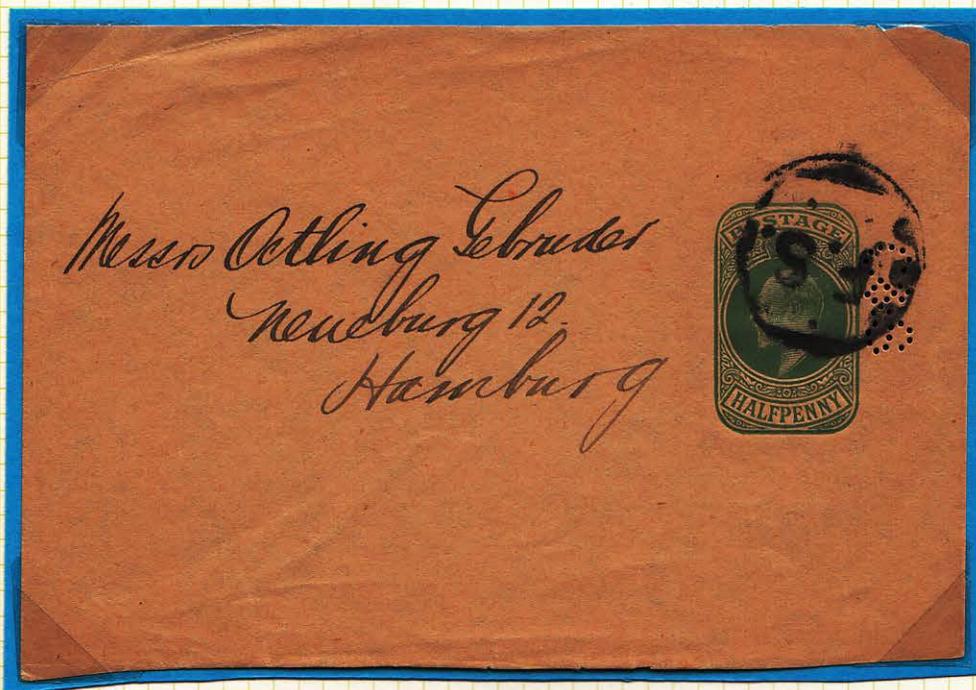


### Reverse of post card



## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Perforated postal stationery

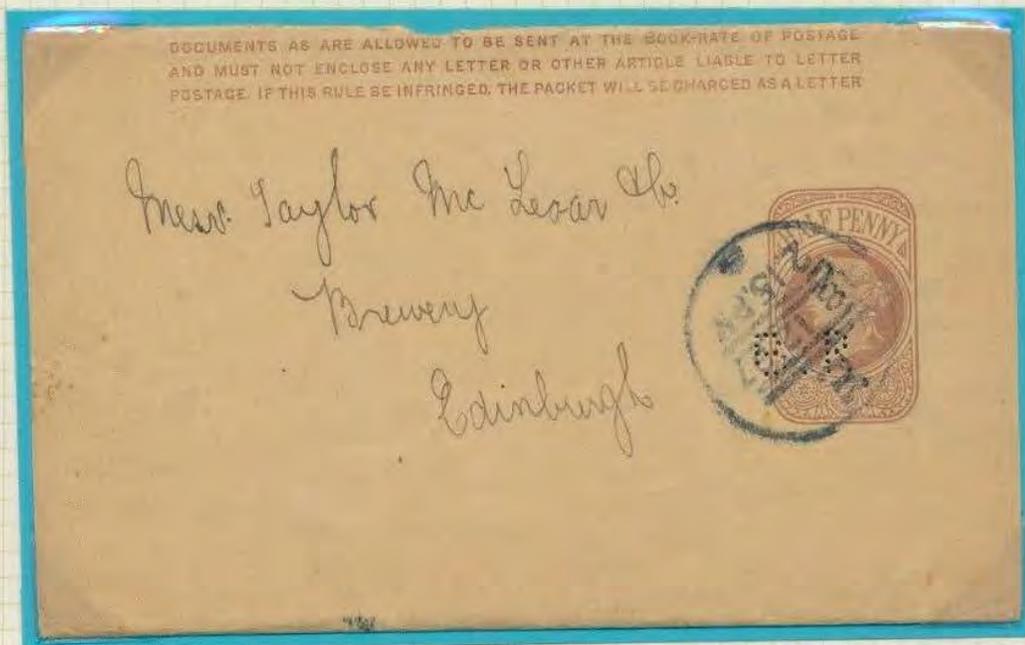


Shown here are two KE VII period newspaper wrappers pre-printed and pre-paid at the halfpenny rate of postage. Both are perforated through with the initials C & S whose identity is suspected to be Clayton Wagons Ltd (Clayton and Shuttleworth) Ltd. Unusually, the perfin normally is printed through the postage but in these cases it is offset, an idle post boy !! The one above was sent to Germany at the halfpenny rate, the one below with the additional postage (not perforated) was sent to the USA, and then redirected.

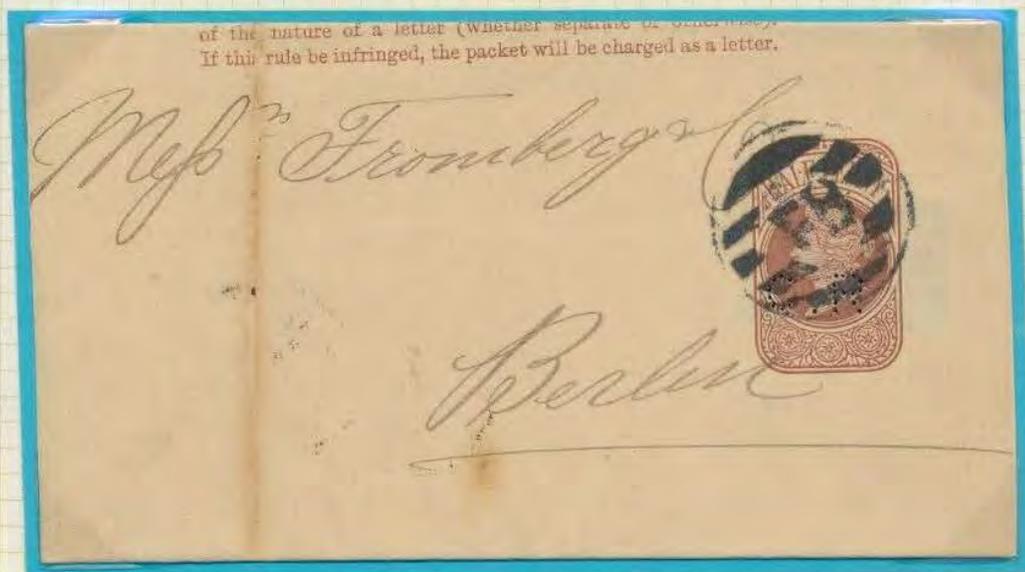


## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

### Perforated postal stationery



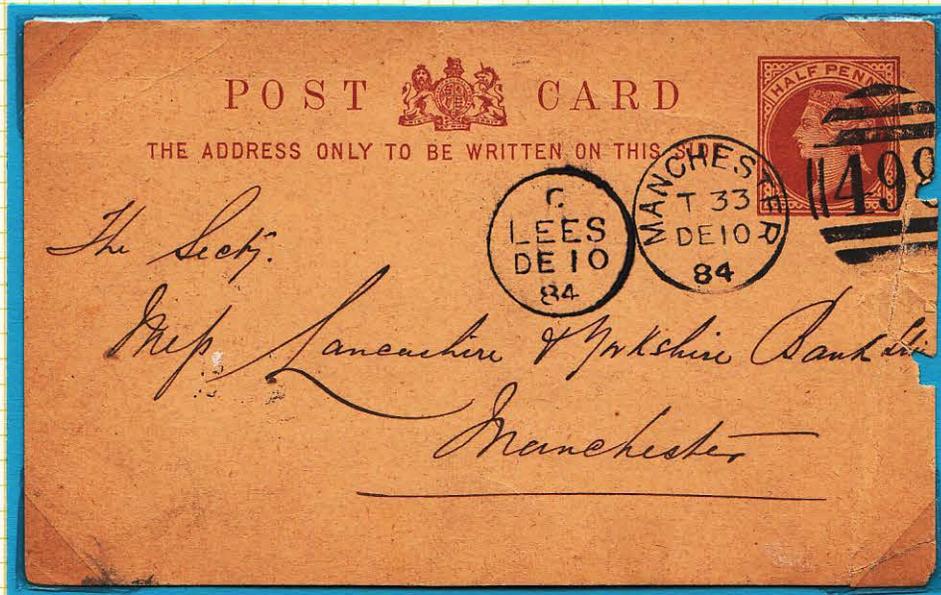
Two QV halfpenny newspaper wrappers, the one above sent internally within the U.K. to a brewery in Edinburgh. The postage part of the wrapper being perfinned B R and identified to the firm of Boakes Roberts. The one below was sent to Berlin in Germany. Because of the use of the Newspaper Branch Foreign Section dumb cancel it cannot be dated. The postage part of the wrapper is perfinned C . R. and as yet to be identified to a user, a nice "little item" but absolutely no information to be gained whatsoever !!



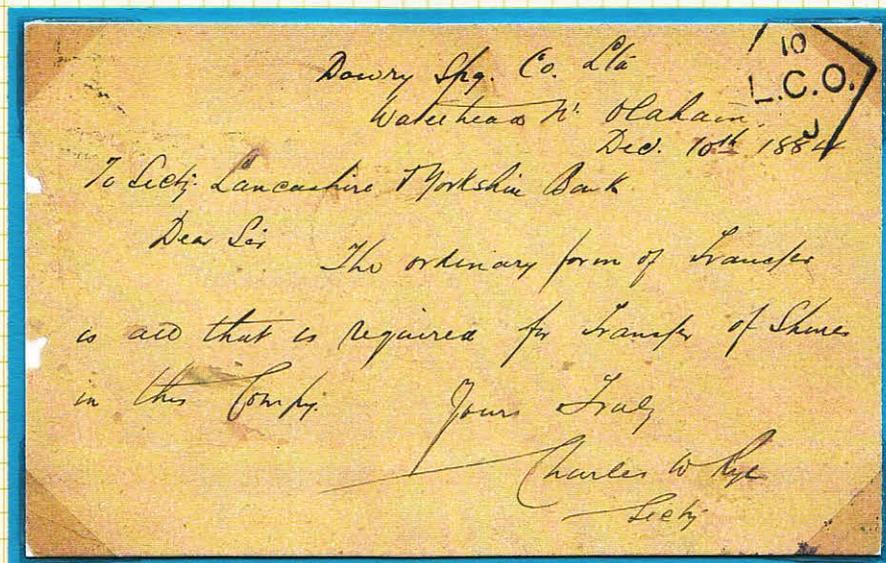
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### Reverse of post card



The card, posted in the Lees area of Oldham has a thimble mark, in this case applied at the local area office (normally used as a receiving mark) on the face of the post card, but then sent onto the main Manchester Office for a full cancellation. (any answers on a post card please !?)

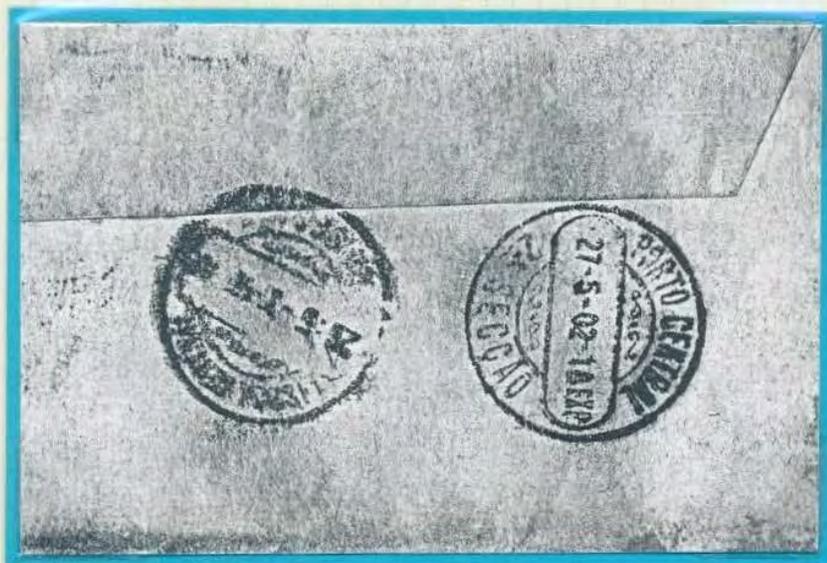
# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Foreign mail

A very nice KE VII newspaper wrapper, used from Newcastle-Upon-Tyne to Oporto in Portugal, May 1902. The printed postage part of the wrapper is perfinned H C, unfortunately as yet not identified as to the user. Newspaper wrappers of this period are not very common.



reverse of the wrapper



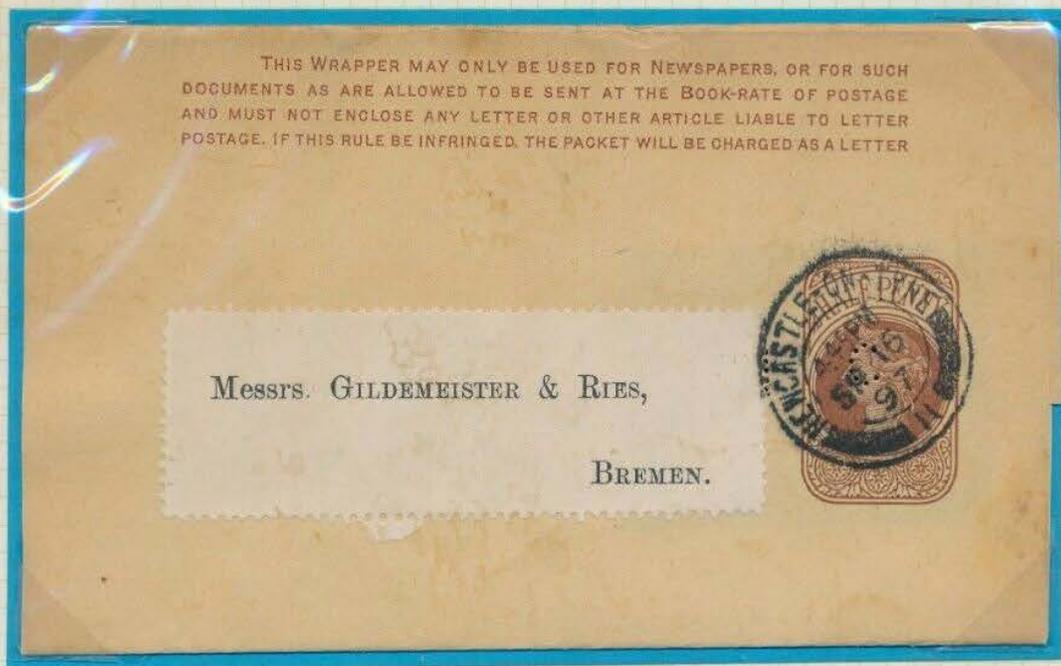
inside of the wrapper to show off the perfin H C



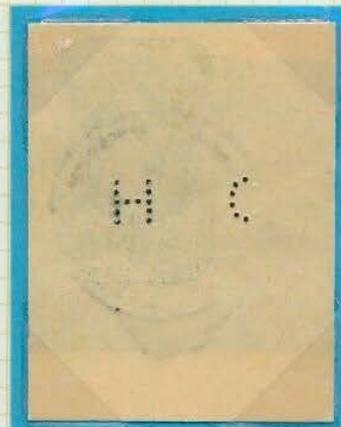
## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

### Perforated postal stationery

A simple QV period newspaper wrapper sent in 1897 from Newcastle upon Tyne to Bremen in Germany. The pre-printed address label suggests frequent correspondence between the sender and recipient. Unfortunately, the user of the perfin H C which is perfinned through the pre-paid postage on the wrapper is unknown.



Perfin H C  
through  
wrapper



## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

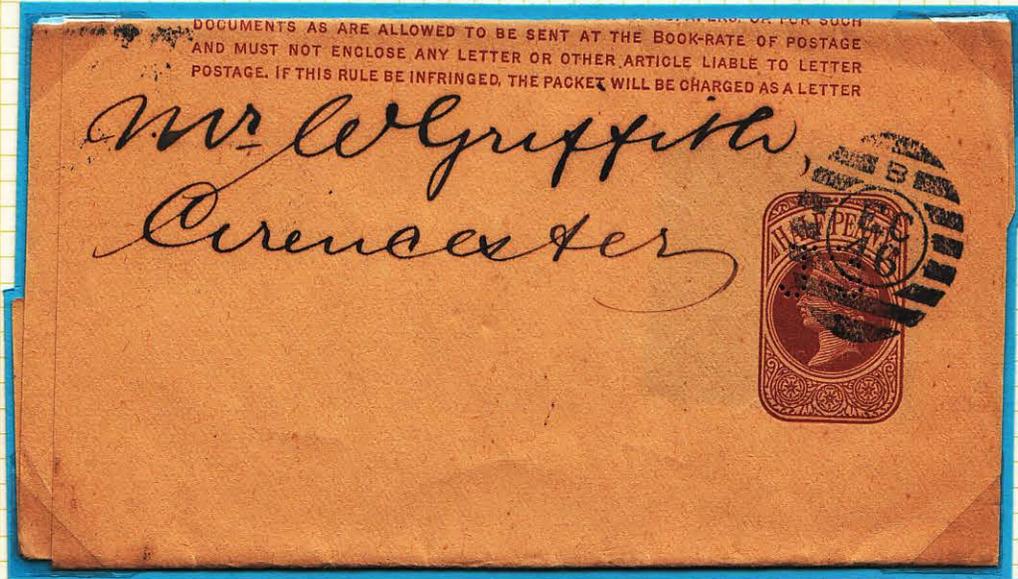
### Postal stationery

A postal stationery wrapper sent internally within London in November 1893. The pre-printed prepaid QV halfpenny postage is cancelled by a London single ring dated cancel. The lower half of the "postage" is perforated A & N / C. S. L. but the process has been repeated, so the initial image was what appeared to be a new "die", but when investigated closely it is of one that is relatively common alas !!!



## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Postal stationery



A QV period newspaper/magazine wrapper sent from London to Cirencester in October 1897 (gleaned from the arrival mark on the reverse of the wrapper). The brief address suggests Mr W Griffith was well known in Cirencester! The prepaid printed "postage" at the halfpenny rate has had a single obliterator applied. The "postage" is perfined through the wrapper JS and is identified to Jeyes Sanitary Compounds Co Ltd. disinfectant manufacturers. I can still remember the smell in public buildings !!

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Perforated postal stationery

A simple newspaper wrapper from the QV period sent from London to Cassel in Germany. The pre-paid pre-printed postage is perfinned through with the letters U M / Co , and as yet unidentified as to the user. A wrapper with great promise but no other details yet to be added !!

THIS WRAPPER MAY ONLY BE USED FOR NEWSPAPERS, OR FOR SUCH DOCUMENTS AS ARE ALLOWED TO BE SENT AT THE BOOK-RATE OF POSTAGE AND MUST NOT ENCLOSE ANY LETTER OR OTHER ARTICLE LIABLE TO LETTER POSTAGE. IF THIS RULE BE INFRINGED, THE PACKET WILL BE CHARGED AS A LETTER

Messrs Gebrüder Alsbeg  
Cassel  
Germany.



## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

### Perforated postal stationery

Keeping in the same parish, so to speak, the item shown here is a KE VII newspaper wrapper, still having the postage rate of a halfpenny, but changed to green preprinted/prepaid onto the wrapper. The postage part of the wrapper is perfinned H C , unfortunately as yet no identification is to be found. The wrapper sent it's enclosure to Lisbon in Portugal from Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 1904. One assumes that the addressees had regular items sent out to Portugal, as the address label seems to have been preprinted onto gummed paper, and then perforated for ease of affixing to any correspondence. ( the forerunner of address labels which now spew out of computer printers !! )

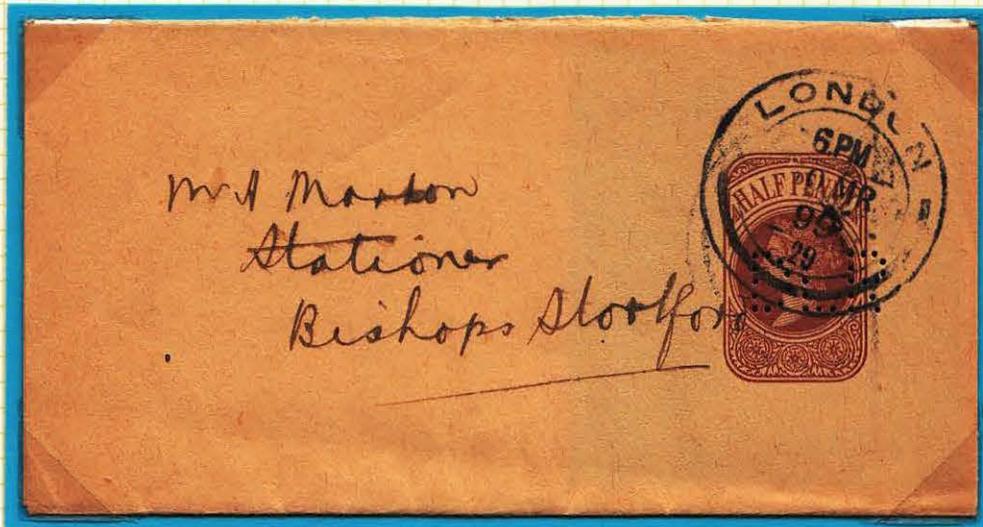


Another newspaper wrapper, with the same details as above but used in December 1903. This has the Newcastle-Upon-Tyne 545 duplex used as a cancel.

## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

### Perforated postal stationery

A Queen Victoria period newspaper wrapper, pre printed with the postage at the half penny to send similar material to Bishops Stortford from London, this in March 1899. The printed "postage" part of the wrapper is perforated through D L R and identifies the sender as Thomas De La Rue & Co ( printers ). Such items as this are far from common.

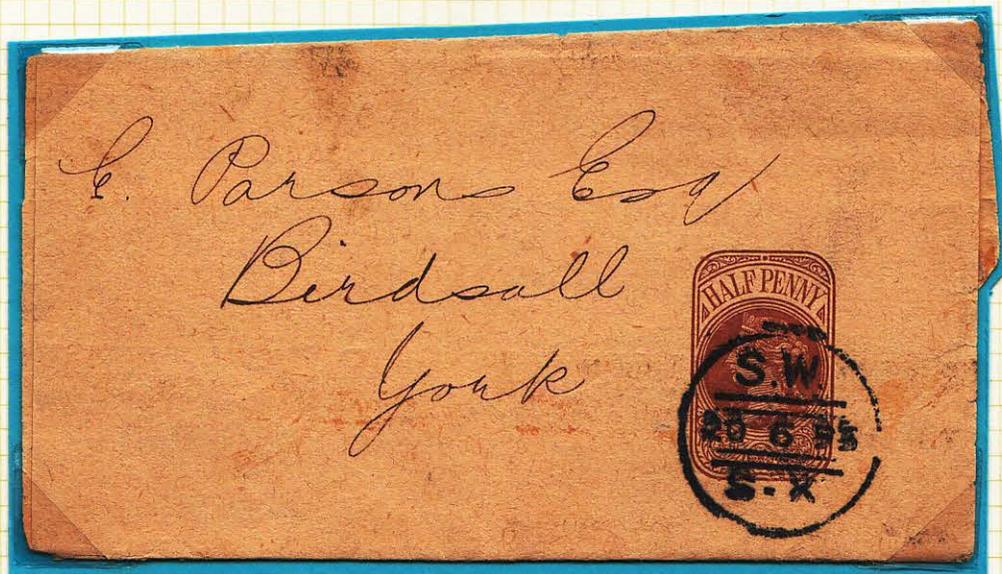


## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Perforated postal stationery



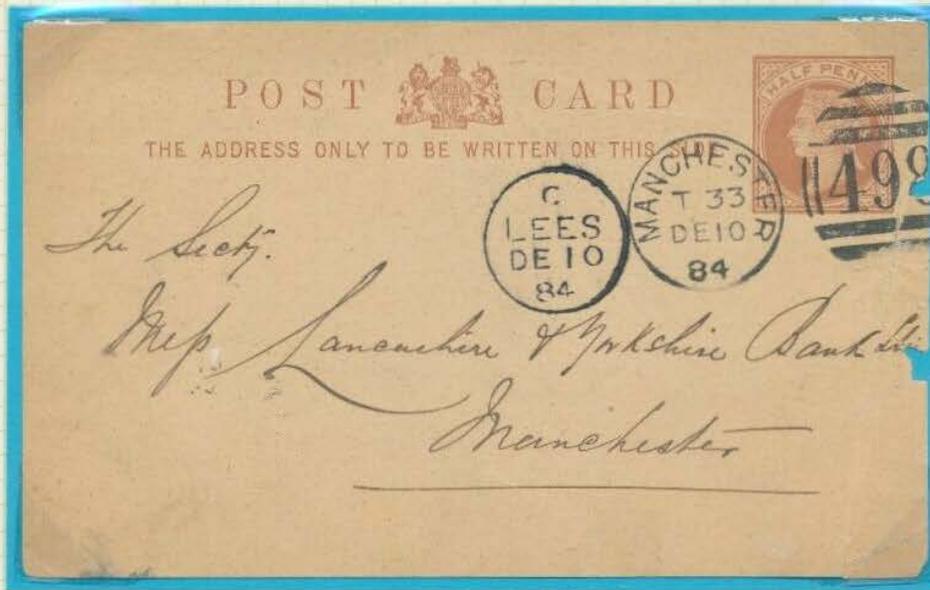
Displayed are a pair of Queen Victoria era newspaper wrappers, both having the Queen Victoria halfpenny brown prepaid postage. The cancels for 1891 and 1893 respectively are London newspaper branch handstamps. Both wrappers are perforated through the postage part of the wrapper with the perforation of the Army and Navy Civil Supply Company Ltd. which is shown as A & N. / C. S. L. One wrapper dispatching a periodical to London the other on its way to York.



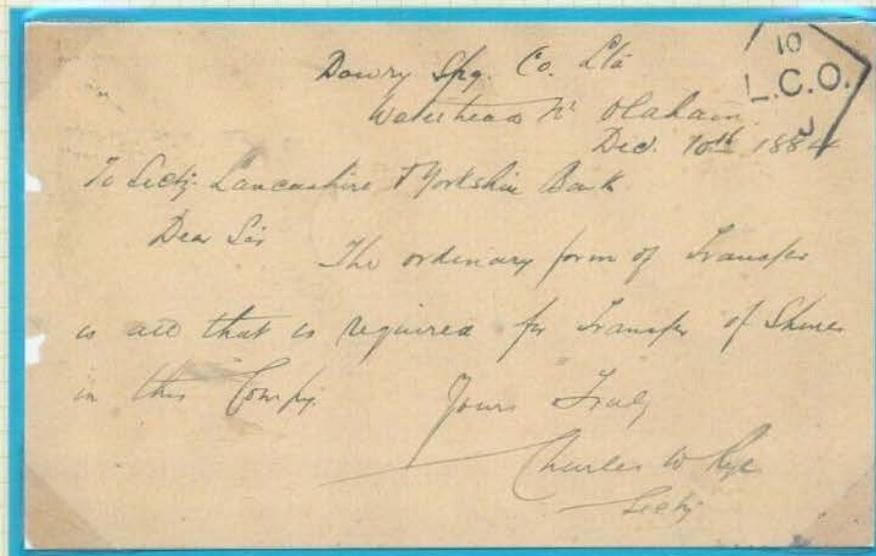
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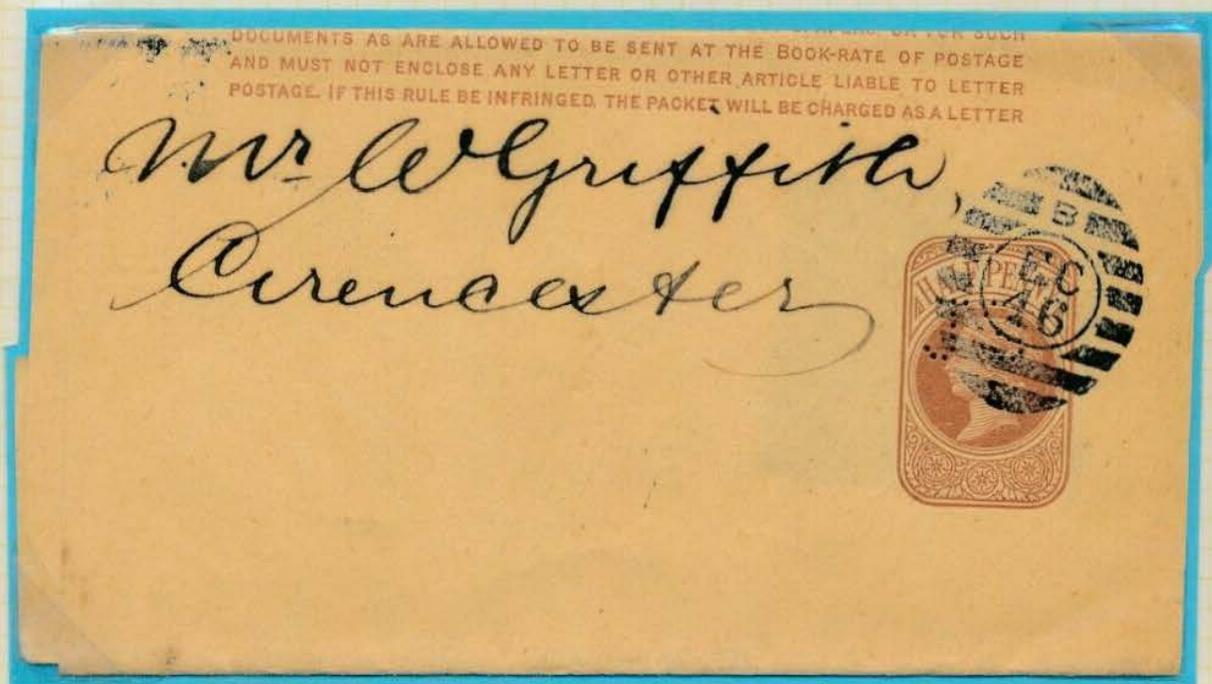
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## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Internal mail



A letter from Wisbech to London in April 1892. The cover is a Queen Victoria postal stationery envelope at the rate of 1d, uprated the addition of an extra halfpenny. A fine Wisbech duplex (897) cancels the postage which is perfined E B / W. This perfin is identified as being used by English Brothers Wisbech. The anomaly is that the office boy has used the company perforating machine to endorse the company perfin through the letter alongside the postage. For whatever reason it was done, this sort of thing is not found very often, and therefore very collectable.

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Postal stationery

A newspaper/magazine wrapper sent from Liverpool to Hamburg in Germany in June 1913. The postage is perfined by a prominent G. J. N. and fortunately ( as a company hand stamp has been applied to the reverse) is identified to C & J Nickson merchants in Liverpool, the Liverpool post mark also helps. I have been informed by a reliable fellow club member that KG V postal stationery wrappers had not been found perfined, but, before your very eyes !! a very nice item.

Von Waldow & Haedicke,  
Merchants,  
H A M B U R G.  
GERMANY.

4/02



## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Postal stationery cards were first issued for postal use in the British Isles on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1870, after an act of parliament. Because of the convenience of being able to purchase writing material and the postage cheaply, the cards became very popular, especially with business users.

On the first day of issue/use 500,000 cards passed through the London G.P.O.. (75 million were to be used in the first year alone !!) The vast increase in use of these cards also happened in other commercial centres such as Manchester, Edinburgh and Liverpool. Because of their popularity, the cancellation of ordinary mail was greatly disrupted.

Orders were given to cancel ordinary mail first, (making sure that the stamps were obliterated so as to be of no further use). In the early days these postal stationery cards sometimes passed through the mail system without any forwarding cancellation, and at times, not even a receiving mark.

As this situation was not satisfactory, the Post Office tried several methods at trying to cancel the plethora of post cards that were now passing daily through the postal system. A cancellation for post cards only was introduced, only operated in London, but this only lasted for the month of January 1871. In conjunction with this, other trials using perforating machines provided by Joseph Sloper were conducted at the London and Liverpool sorting offices, over the period from late 1870 to early 1871. Following on from this approval was given for the use of an "arrow" and an "orb and cross" design to cancel by perforation the post cards. Approximately 100 could be "perforated" at a single time on these new machines. (see table for latest uses of the machines)

Examples can be found showing broken or misplaced "pins", especially those that were processed through the Liverpool office. It is suggested that Sloper, based in London kept his eye on the machine operating there and corrected any failures. Meanwhile, large provincial towns were trying other methods to "cancel" the large quantity of cards passing through their offices.

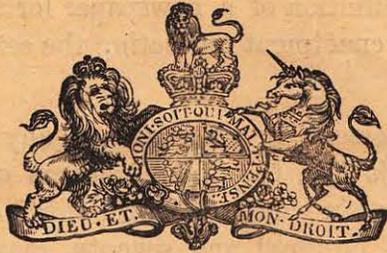
Manchester experimented with a "clip" similar to that of a railway ticket punch. Three main types of clips were applied, a spear, a bracket and a half round cut. One further clip, shaped like the nose of a pair pliers is also mentioned in records, but examples of this are exceedingly rare, and as yet an example has not come to light applied to a post card. Because of the different aptitudes of the Post Office employees, many variations of the first three types mentioned are to be found.

Birmingham, Bradford, Edinburgh and Liverpool used a method of a single hole punch (this through the postage part of the post card) to cancel the cards. Birmingham and Edinburgh were the main users of this type of cancellation, with brief periods of use from the other two towns.

[33 & 34 VICT.]

Post Office.

[CH. 79.]



CHAP. 79.

An Act for further regulation of Duties of Postage, and for other purposes relating to the Post Office. A.D. 1870.

[9th August 1870.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1. This Act may be cited as The Post Office Act, 1870.

Short title.

2. In this Act—

Interpretation of terms.

“The Treasury” means the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury or two of them :

“Treasury warrant” means a warrant under the hands of the Treasury :

“The Postmaster General” means Her Majesty's Postmaster General :

“Post Office regulations” means regulations made by the Postmaster General.

3. For the purposes of this Act, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man shall be deemed parts of the United Kingdom.

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4. The enactments described in the first schedule to this Act shall, from and immediately after the thirtieth day of September one thousand eight hundred and seventy, be repealed ; but that repeal shall not affect the past operation of any of those enactments, or the force or operation of any Treasury warrant or Post Office regulations made, or the validity or invalidity of anything done or suffered, or any right, title, obligation, or liability accrued, before that repeal takes effect ; nor shall this Act interfere with the prosecution or institution of any proceeding in respect of any right, title, obligation, or liability accrued under, or any offence committed against, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred under, any of those enactments before that repeal takes effect ; and section four of and schedule (A.) to the Act first described in the first schedule to this Act, or either of them, shall not be deemed to con-

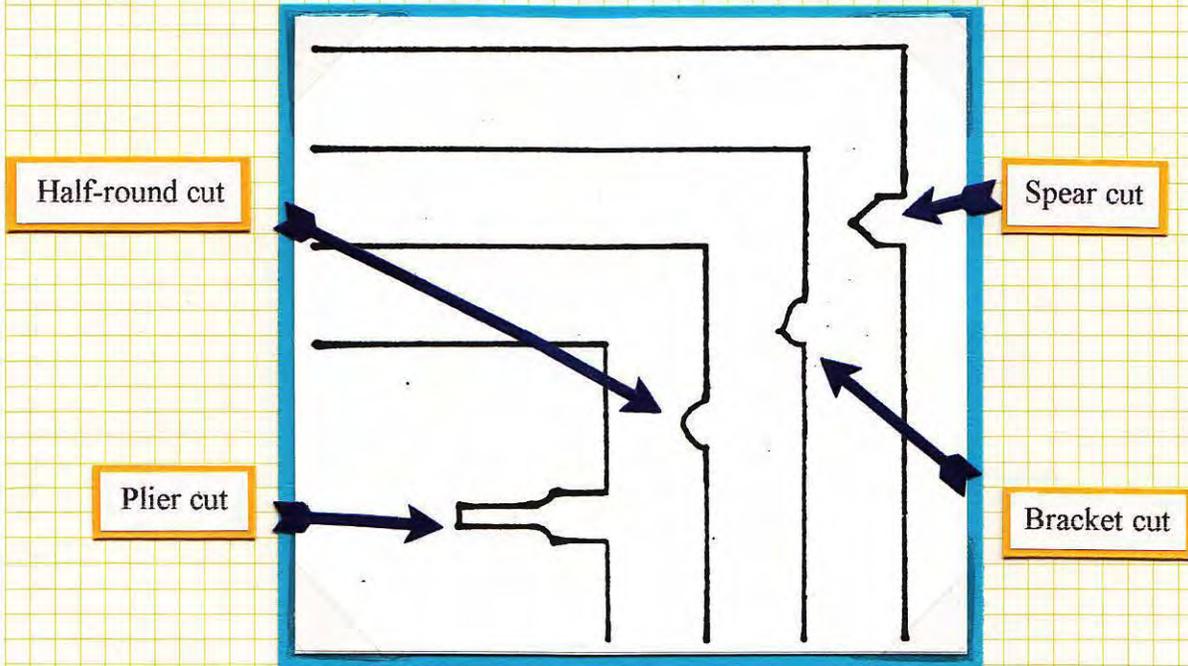
Repeal and limitation of enactments.

POST  
OFFICE  
ACT  
9<sup>TH</sup>  
AUGUST  
1870

Chapter 79 of the QV Post Office Act dated 9<sup>th</sup> August 1870 authorised, among other things, the halfpenny rate for post cards. This to commence on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 1870, but actually happened on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1870. This chapter is displayed here as an introduction to these cards.

## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Examples of the different types of "clips" that were used in the Manchester Post Office to cancel the mail.



The earliest and latest dates recorded for the use of the different types of perforated cancellation are as follows :-

"Arrow" perforated post cards :-

	from	to
Liverpool	5-7-71	21-1-75
London	24-11-70	3-3-73

Manchester "clips" :-

	from	to
Half round cut	11-11-70	3-2-75
Spear cut	3-12-70	10-2-75
Bracket cut	6-5-71	

Single "punch" holes :-

	from	to
Birmingham	27-9-72	28-7-73
Edinburgh	4-4-71	10-1-76
Liverpool	19-10-70	
Bradford	30-1-71	14-9-74

"Orb and cross" perforated post cards :-

	from	to
London (cross at top)	1-11-70	
London (cross at bottom)	27-10-70	23-2-72

## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

This special obliterator was produced to cancel the plethora of post cards being sent through the postal system. It was only used during the month of January 1871, and seems to be a machine cancel that also attempted to deliver a perforated impression along with the other information. It was not a huge success as it was discarded after a very brief period of use.

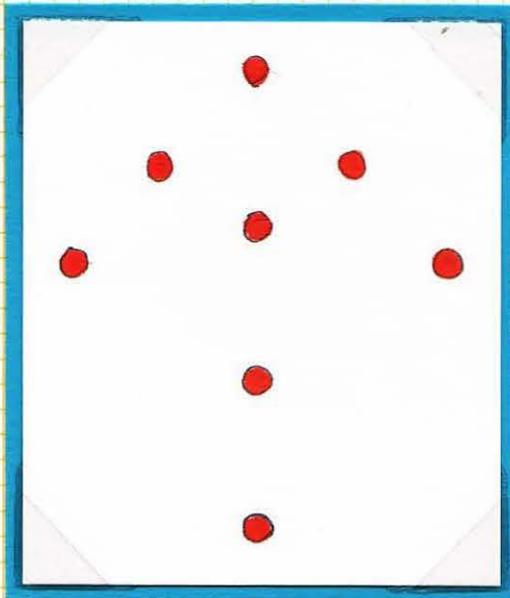


Illustration of the so called Sloper Arrow perforated cancel.

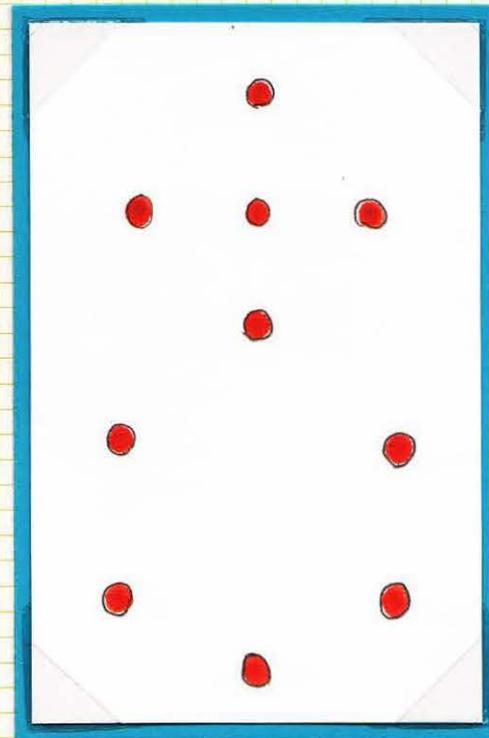


Illustration of the Sloper orb and cross perforated cancel.

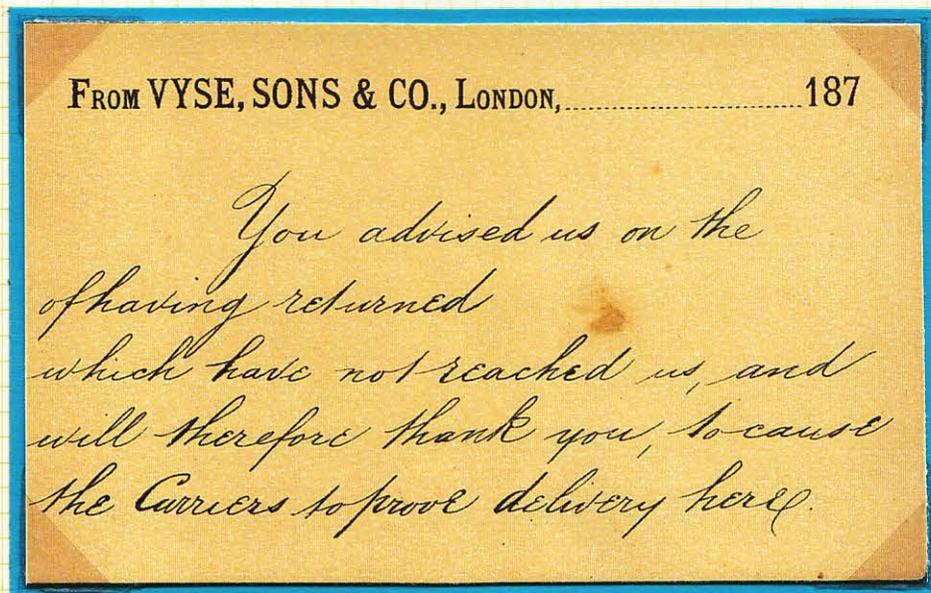
## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Perforated postal stationery

Illustration of an unused violet halfpenny post card, issued for use in October 1870.



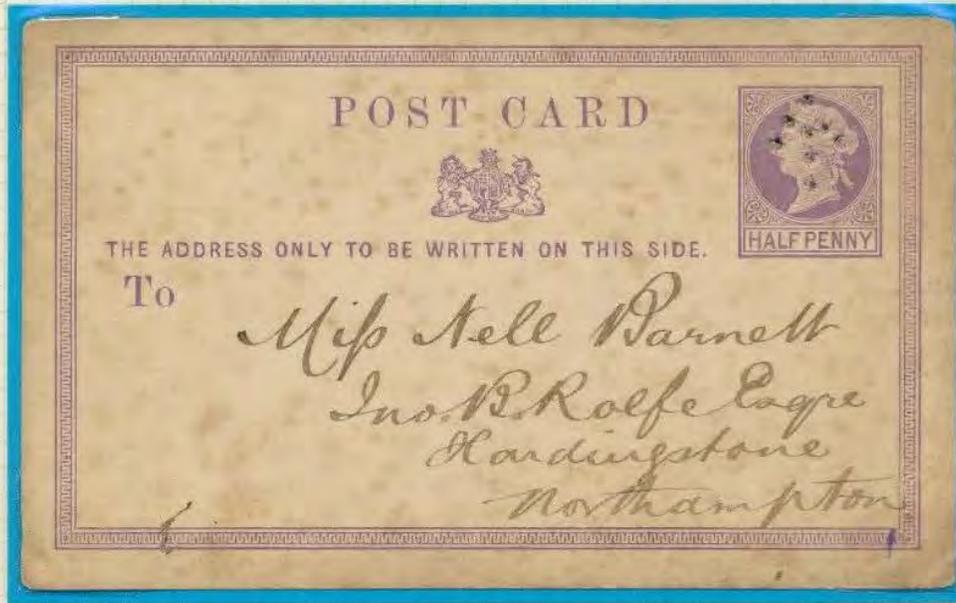
Reverse of post card



This card being prepared for use by  
Vyse Sons and Co. of London.

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Perforated postal stationery



Reverse of post card



A very nice piece of QV period social history as well as a perforated postal stationery item. Shown above on the face of the card is the Sloper arrow type of cancellation, if somewhat of the rough perforated type, and a slight right arrowhead pin distortion (assumed sent from Liverpool) because of this ?? But, the reverse of the item is a hand made/drawn Valentine card received in Northampton on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 1873. All the drawings are from The Midsummer-nights Dream play by Shakespeare. The recipient of the gentleman's approaches was a Miss Nell Darnett who resided at Hardingstone near Northampton. In all a very nice item !!

## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Perforated postal stationery



Another QV pre-paid halfpenny postal stationery card used on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1872 (they did not <sup>have</sup> public holidays then !!) The card is cancelled by a fine, I assume, a Liverpool Sloper arrow cancel. Sent by J Bowes & Bros. to inform Brown Bros. in Galashiels that several bales of wool had been despatched to them from their site in Sillioth street, and of course the invoice was to follow !!

## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

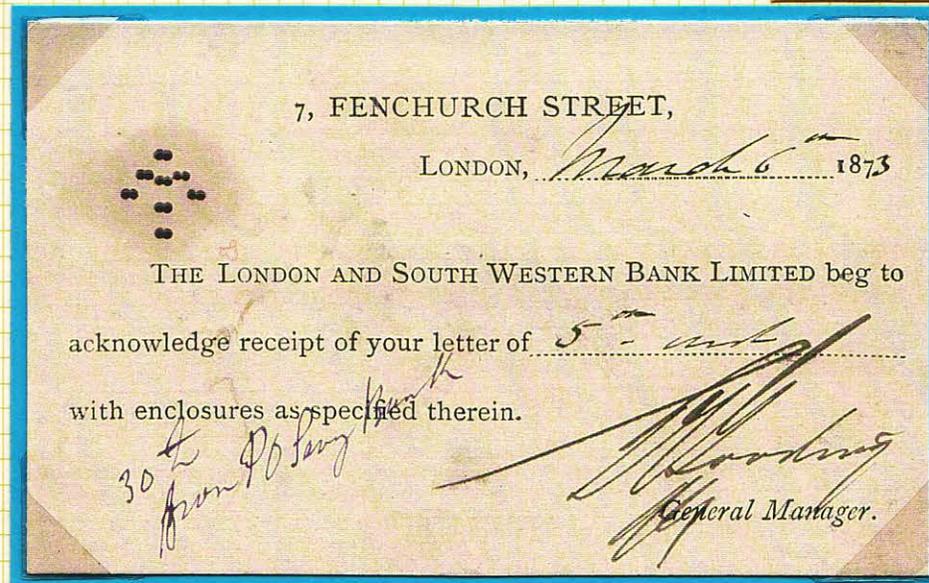
### Perforated postal stationery

At first glance a standard Sloper "arrow" perforated cancel on an early 1870's post card. Sent from London by the London and South Western bank to Ventnor on the Isle of Wight in March 1873, But.



On closer inspection the "arrow" has been punched twice, resulting in an arrow shape made up of "figure of eights" from a double impression.

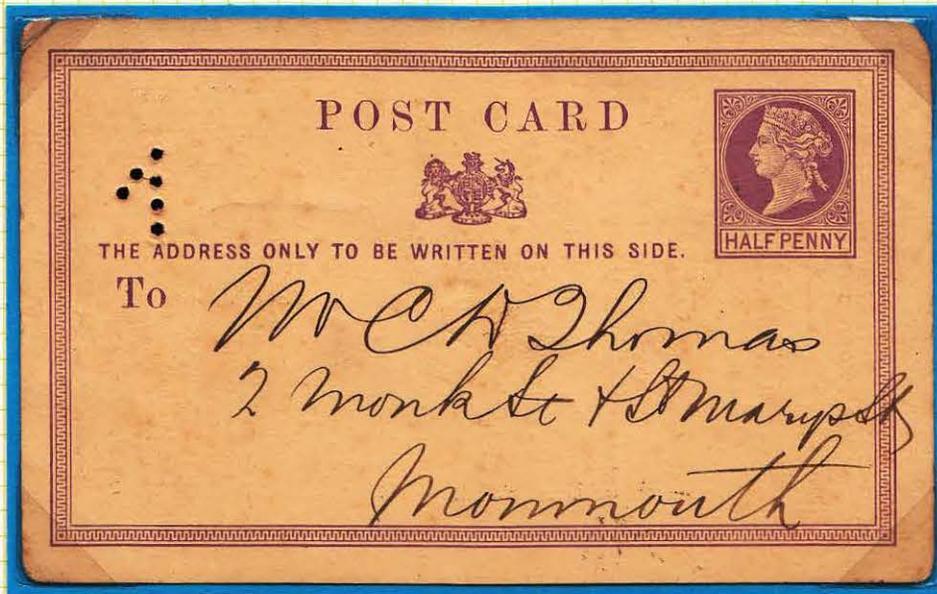
### Reverse of post card



I can only assume that the card was at the bottom of a pile ( about 100 were punched at the same time by the machine ) and, as is evident by the soiled ( oiled ) surface around the arrow, stuck to the base plate of the machine, and as another pile of cards were placed on top to be punched, it received another misplaced perforation. Not earth shattering as such, but, a rather nice piece of perforated postal stationery.

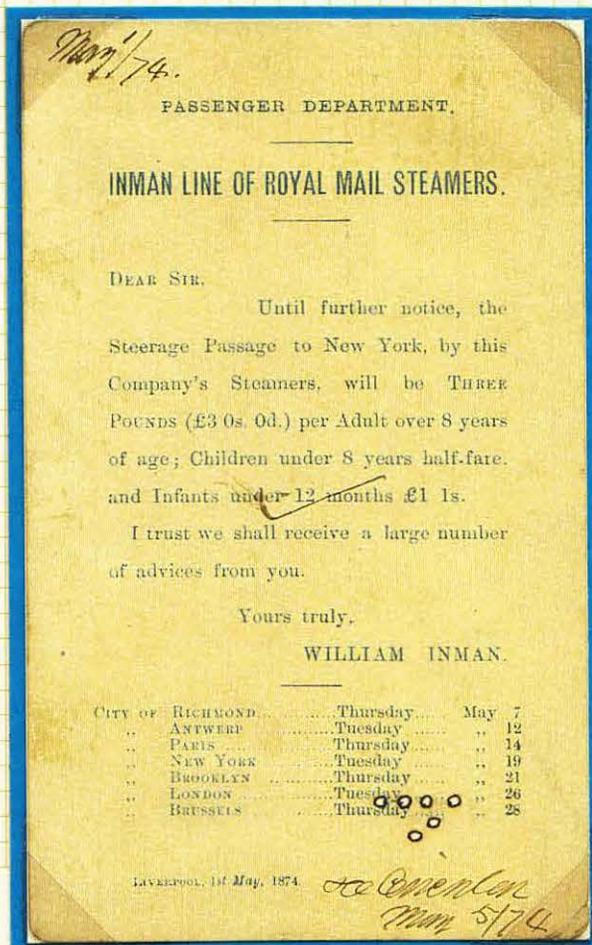
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Printed reverse of card

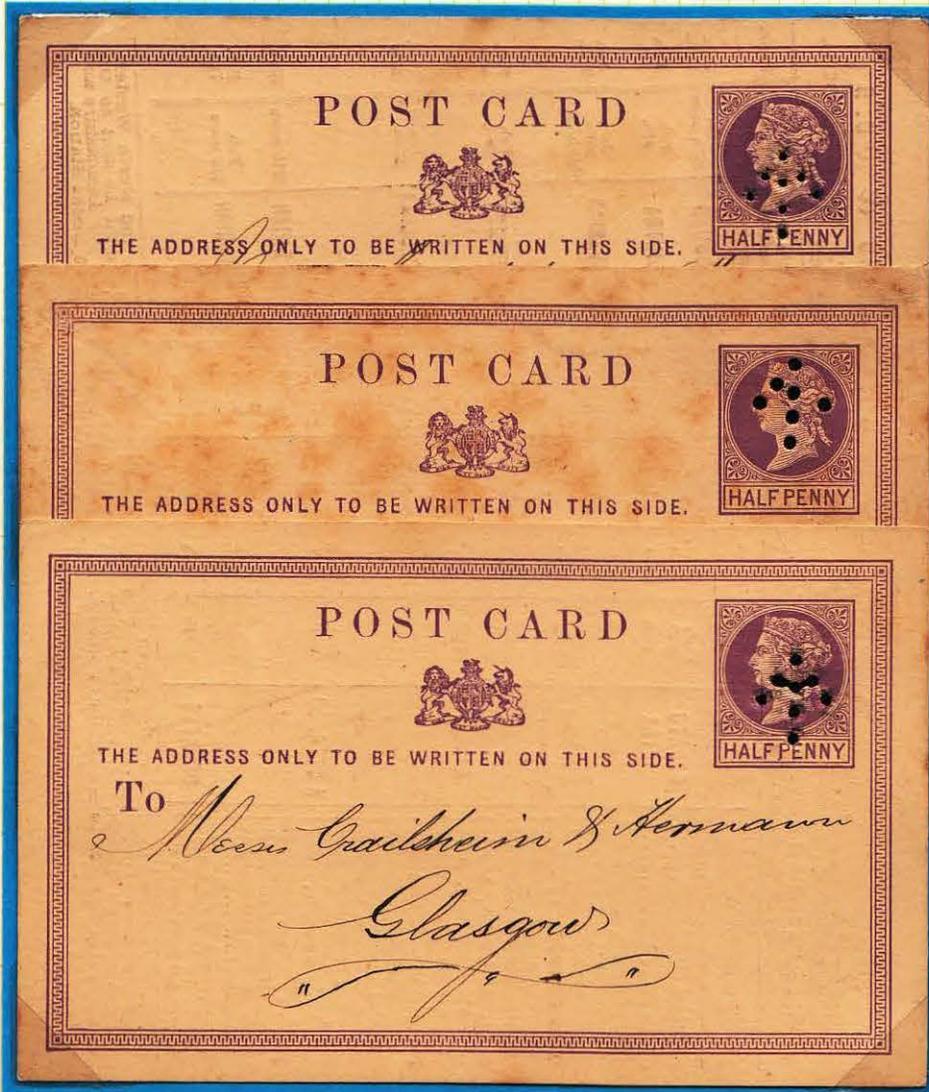
This missive was sent to inform Thomas's in Monmouthshire (I assume the days equivalent to a travel agent) from the Inman Line of Royal Mail steamers at Liverpool of their passenger charges to New York, and a list of all their ships sailing in May 1874. (and a wish to receive a large number of advices !!) But, this type of QV postal stationery at this time in Liverpool was usually cancelled by a Sloper arrow device. It was on the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1874, but, as is obvious the arrow canceller had received damage and the two right hand arrowhead pins had broken off !! Also, the card had been put into the device upside down, hence the cancel being on the "wrong side" of the card. This sort of item is not very common !!



# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

## Perforated postal stationery

Displayed here are three cards that have been cancelled by the Sloper "arrow" at Liverpool. Ranging in dates from 24<sup>th</sup> January, 7<sup>th</sup> march through to 21<sup>st</sup> November 1874. The cards are printed with Frederick England & Co shipping lists out of the port of Liverpool. All cards are addressed to one of their previous customers in Glasgow.



January 1874  
Complete arrow  
strike with  
average pins.

March 1874  
Good punched  
arrow but mid.  
Right central  
arrowhead pin  
broken off.

November 1874  
Rough punched  
arrow resulting  
in three pins  
being "joined".

Printed reverse of card

Fred<sup>h</sup>. Leyland & Co.'s  
SHIPPING LIST, LIVERPOOL.  
24th JANUARY, 1874.

DESTINATION.	NAME OF STEAMER.	GOODS TAKEN UNTIL :	SAILS.
LISBON .....	DOURO	Jan. 28th noon	Jan. 28th.
OPORTO .....	CINTRA	Feb. 4th.	Feb. 4th.
GIBRALTAR, GENOA, } LEGHORN & NAPLES }	BAVARIAN	Jan. 28th. Midnight	Jan. 29th.

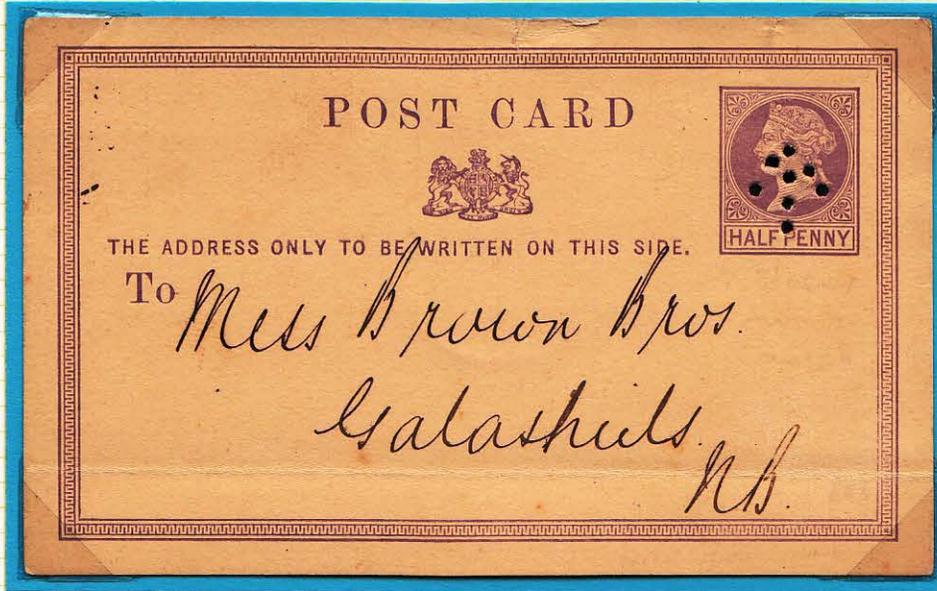
Fred<sup>h</sup>. Leyland & Co.'s  
SHIPPING LIST, LIVERPOOL.  
7th MARCH, 1874.

DESTINATION.	NAME OF STEAMER.	GOODS TAKEN UNTIL :	SAILS.
LISBON .....	DOURO	March 11th Midnight	March 12th.
OPORTO .....	CINTRA	18th.	19th.
GIBRALTAR, GENOA, } LEGHORN & NAPLES }	CRIMEAN	11th.	12th.

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

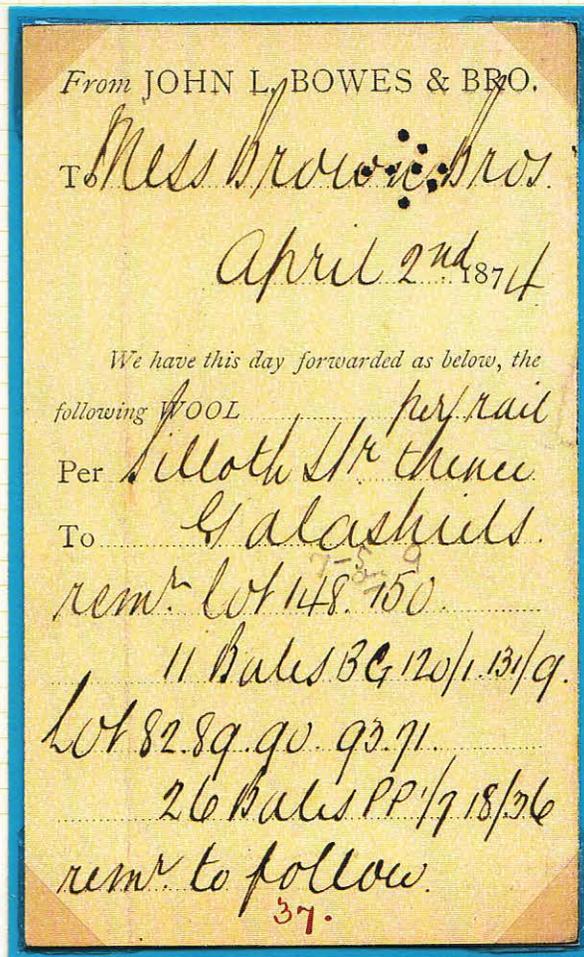
## Perforated postal stationery

A Sloper arrow cancellation used on a post card from Liverpool to Galashiels, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1874. This sent from John L. Bowes and Bro. To Brown Bros. Regarding bales of wool.



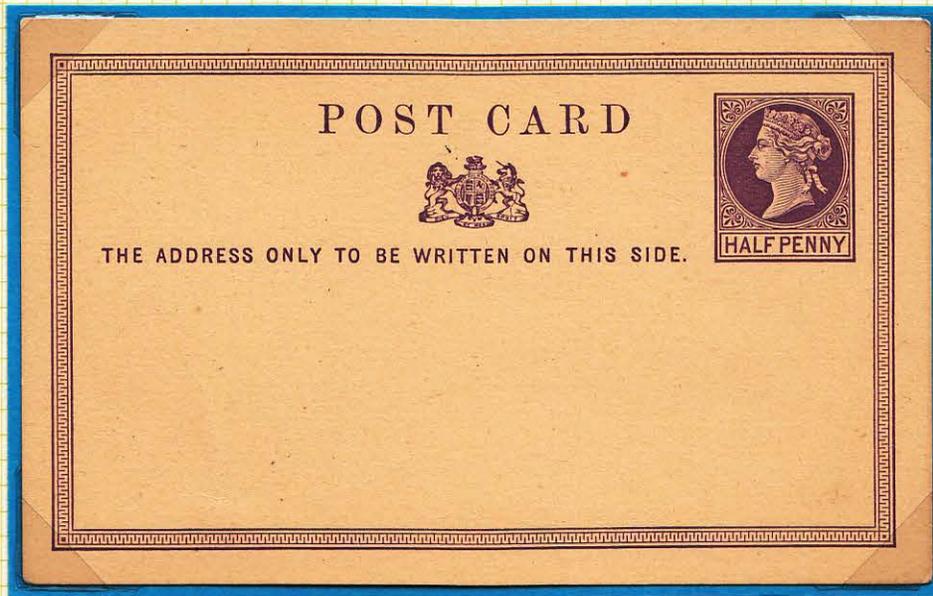
## Reverse of post card

The arrow perforation shows a displaced pin on the arrowhead, the "wide" pin diameter would suggest that the card was placed on the top of the pile when it was being perforated for cancellation.



# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Perforated postal stationery

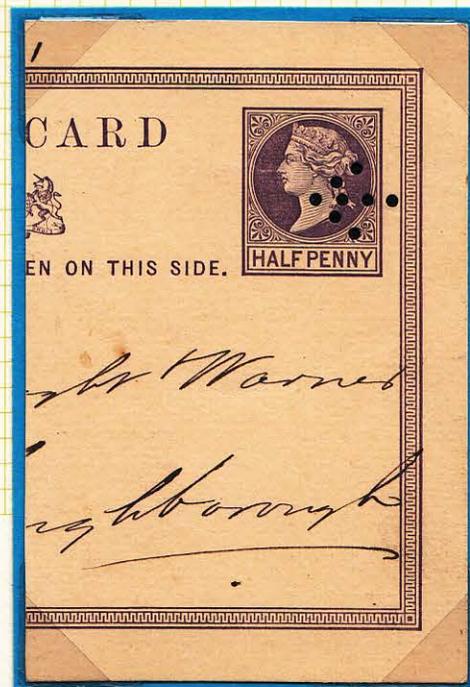
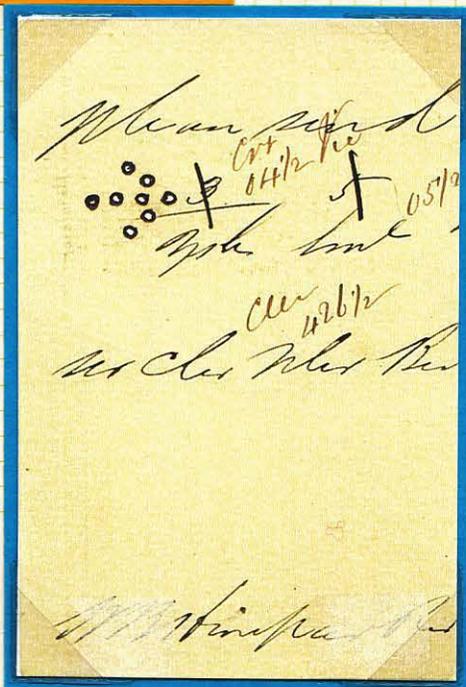


↑  
74 mm  
↓

I assumed, again I hear you say, but in that case wrongly, that with the introduction of these prepaid post cards they would all be the same size, approx. 121 mm x 74 mm. But as shown here with the other part example, another size of card was used. I can interpolate the rough dimensions to be 142 mm x 87 mm. As was the personal or company prerogative, ones own blank stationery could be taken to Somerset House and the "postage" would be printed onto them, at a fee of course. I expect that this was the case here.

Because of the abnormal size difference of the card, and I would assume that the cancelling devices had been set up to cope with the more regular size of post card, this card would not fit, so was turned and cancelled end on. This giving a very fine example of the arrow cancellation, but horizontal instead of vertical !!

Reverse of post card

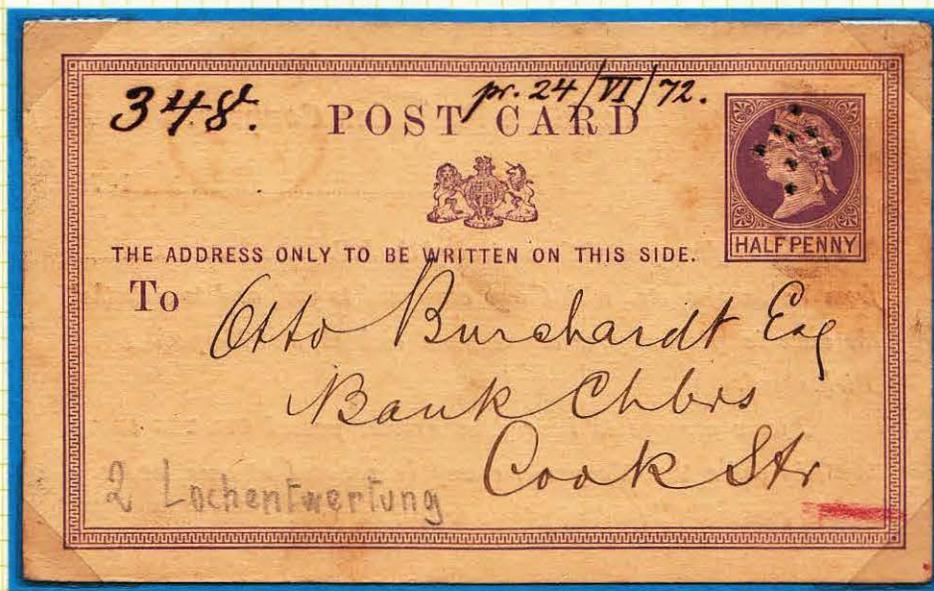


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87 mm  
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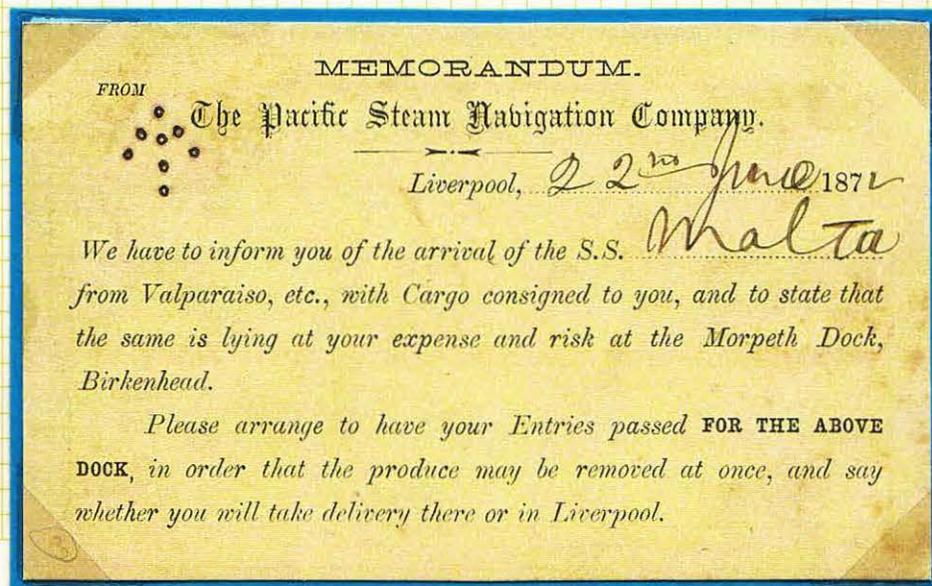
## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

### Perforated postal stationery

An example of the halfpenny QV postal stationery card which is cancelled by the Sloper arrow. In this instance the Pacific Steam Navigation Co. informing a Otto Burshardt Esq. that cargo had arrived for him from Malta and was at Birkenhead on one of their vessels moored at the Morpeth dock. This card was sent on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1872. The arrow cancel has a rough appearance and a slight distortion to the shaft of the arrow head. As to the manuscript annotations on the card I can only guess, but roughly translated the "2 Lochentwertung" means "punch hole/s probably worth a bit !!", as I know to my cost !!

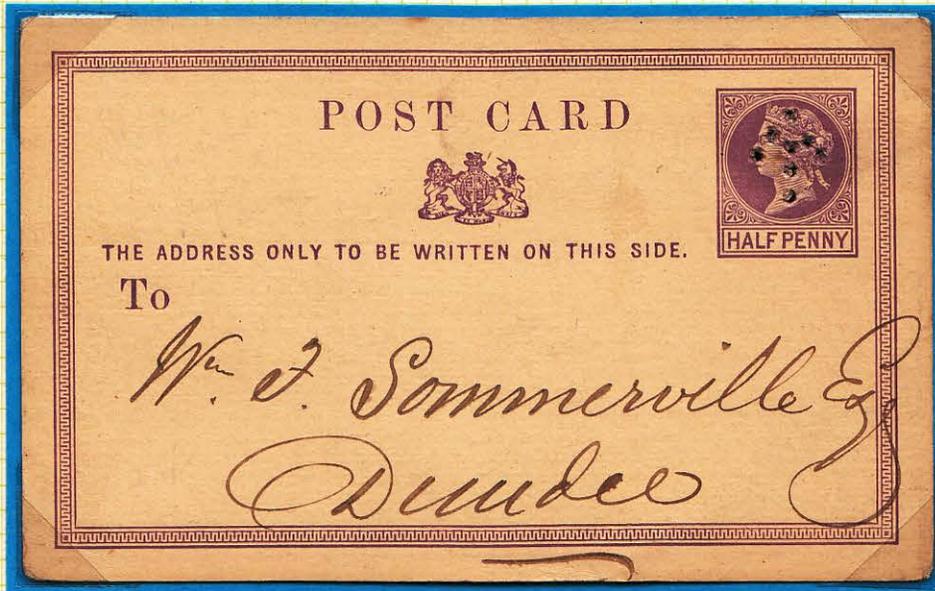


### Printed reverse of card



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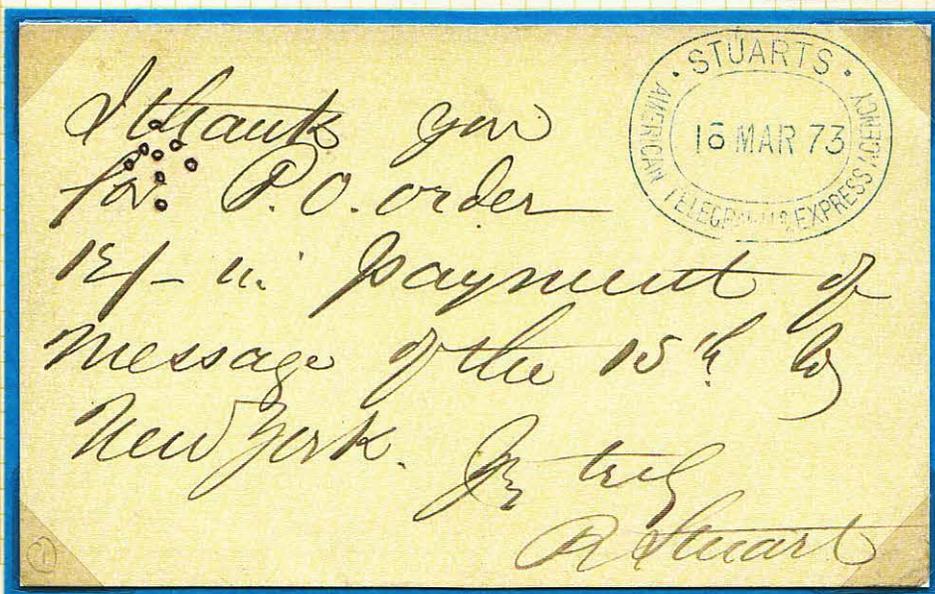
Perforated postal stationery



March 1873  
Rough arrow  
cancel with mid.  
right pin on  
arrowhead bent.

A QV prepaid post card used from Liverpool to Dundee on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1873. As shown on the reverse of the card, it was sent in acknowledgement for the receipt of a postal order sent in respect of a message sent to New York on the 15<sup>th</sup> March on behalf of a Mr. Sommerville. The company concerned, Stuarts, ran the American Telegraph and express agency in Liverpool.

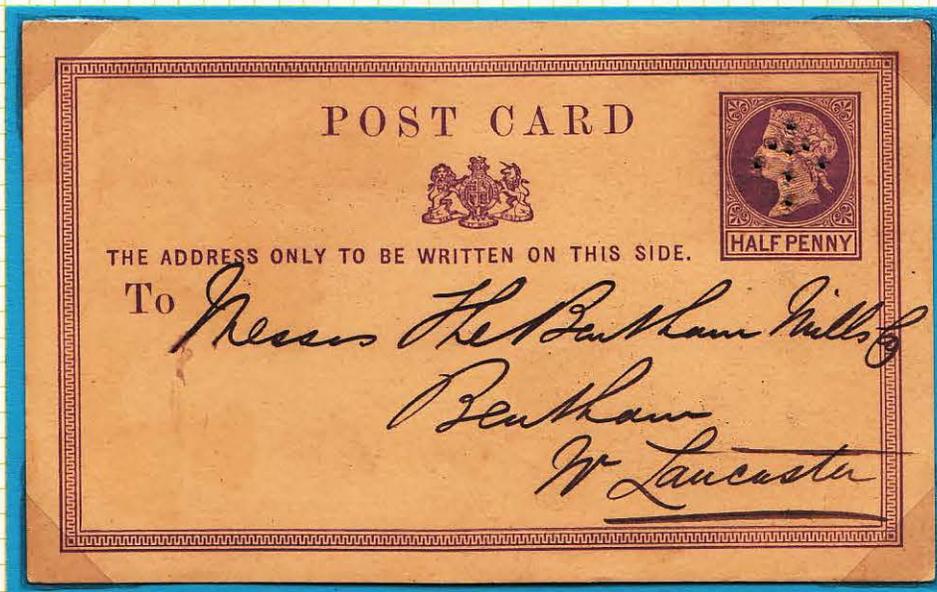
Reverse of post card



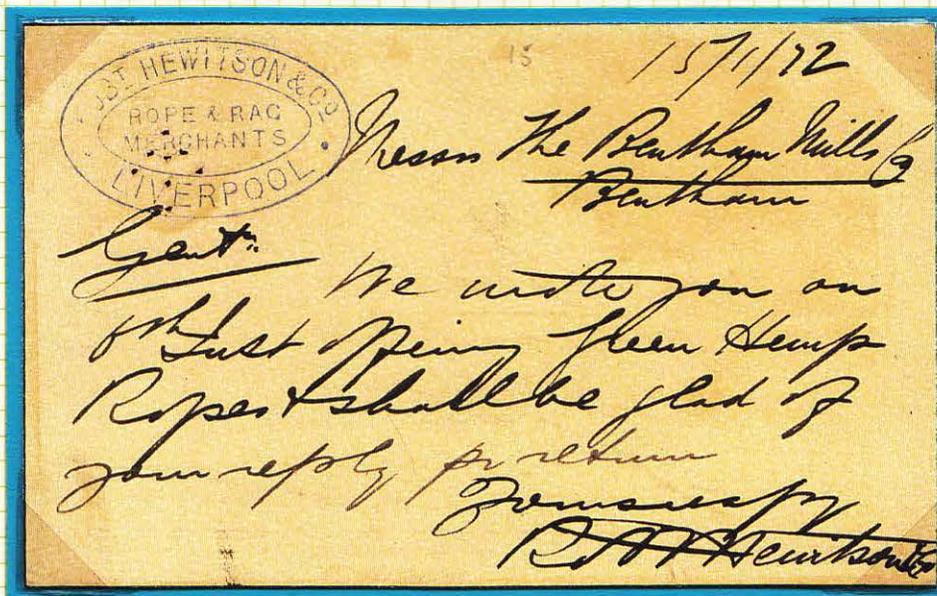
## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

### Perforated postal stationery

A Sloper arrow cancellation used from Liverpool to Lancaster on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 1872. The card being sent from J. B. Hewitson (rope and rag merchants) to the mill company at Bentham near Lancaster.



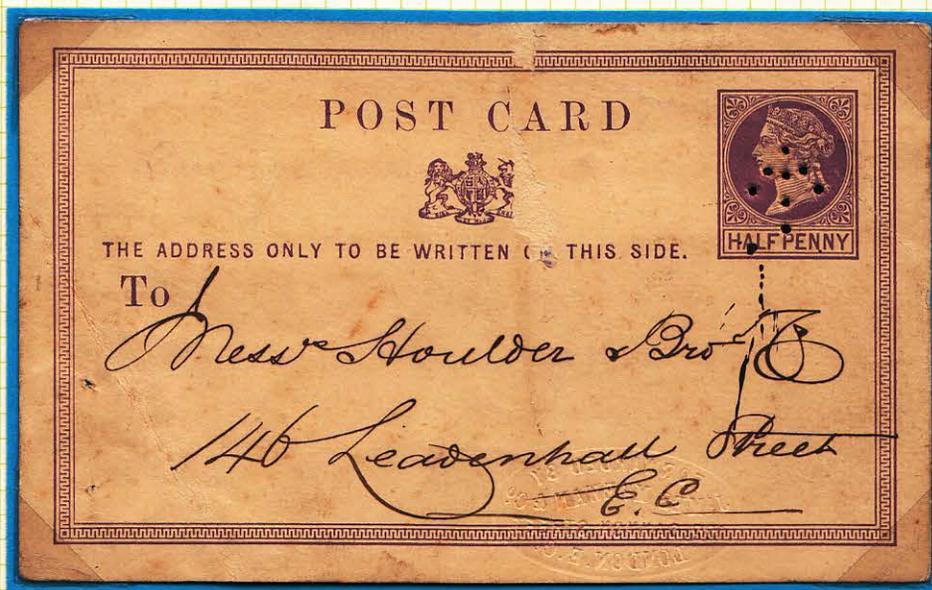
### Reverse of post card



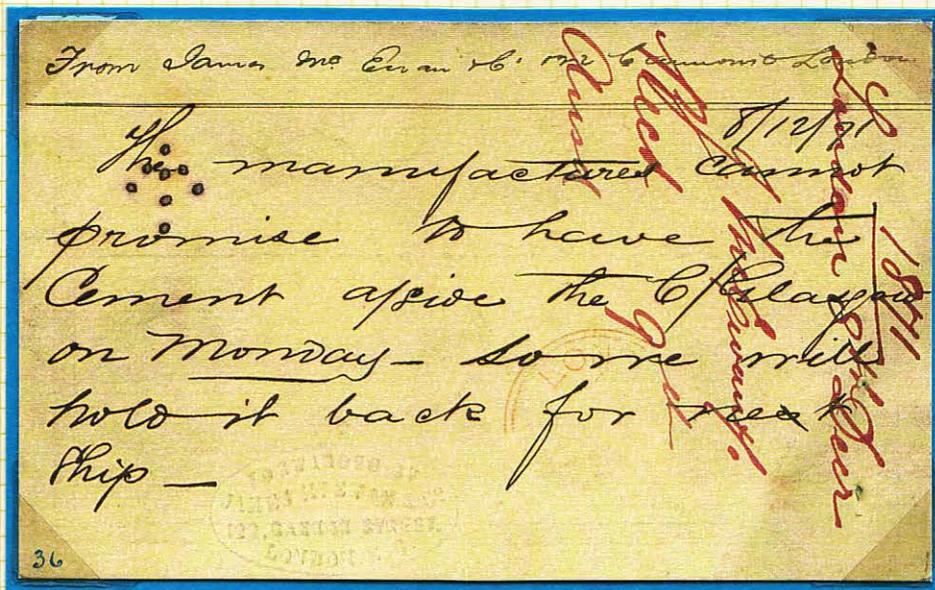
The narrow or slight under perforated appearance of the arrow cancel leads to the assumption that the card was at or near the bottom of the pile when perforated. It is also unusual to obtain a "complete" strike of the Liverpool arrow.

## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

### Perforated postal stationery



### Reverse of post card

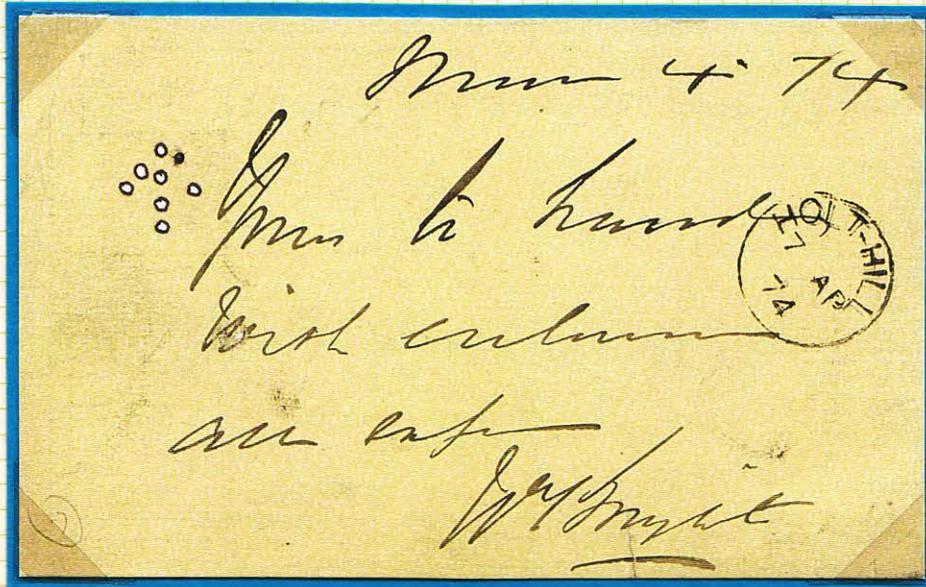


This QV postal stationery item was sent locally by McEwan & Co. who were forwarding agents to Houlder Brothers, just down the road !! Sent on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 1871 I assume it might have been delivered the same day. The postage is cancelled by a very fine Sloper arrow cancel, with the appearance of having narrow pin dimensions, but as aforementioned the card could have been lower down in the pile for cancellation, as the pins tapered.

## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Perforated postal stationery

Reverse of post card



A QV postal stationery card used in April 1874 from Liverpool to Tranmere, South of the Mersey. I cannot decipher the message, (answers on a post card please !) The Sloper arrow cancel is a very fine example, but the left middle pin on the arrowhead has been bent out of alignment. As stated earlier in this section Sloper had more control over his apparatus in London, so I assume he corrected faults with the machine early, unlike Liverpool which seemed to get more “wear and tear”.

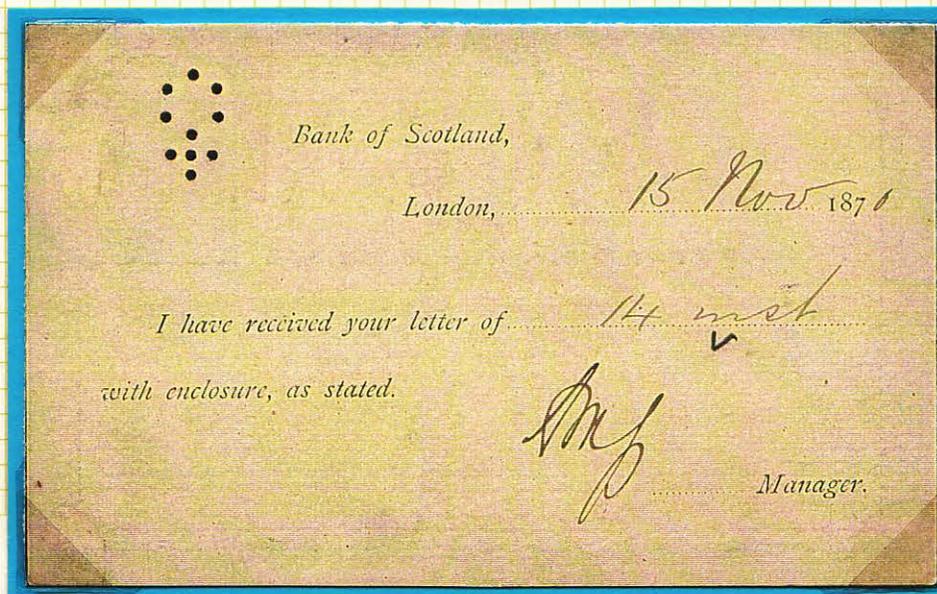
# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Postal stationery



As previously explained, with the introduction of the halfpenny prepaid post card in late 1870, the volume of usage was immense. Different means of cancelling these cards were tried, and one method (patented and produced by J Sloper) was a machine that put a "perfin" cancel through the post cards. About 100 could be "cancelled" at one time, The more visible example of this was an arrow shape, but for a short time in London an orb and cross design was in use. This card was sent in November 1871 from the Bank of Scotland in London to another branch in Dunblane. These cards, especially one in this good condition are extremely rare !!

Reverse of post card

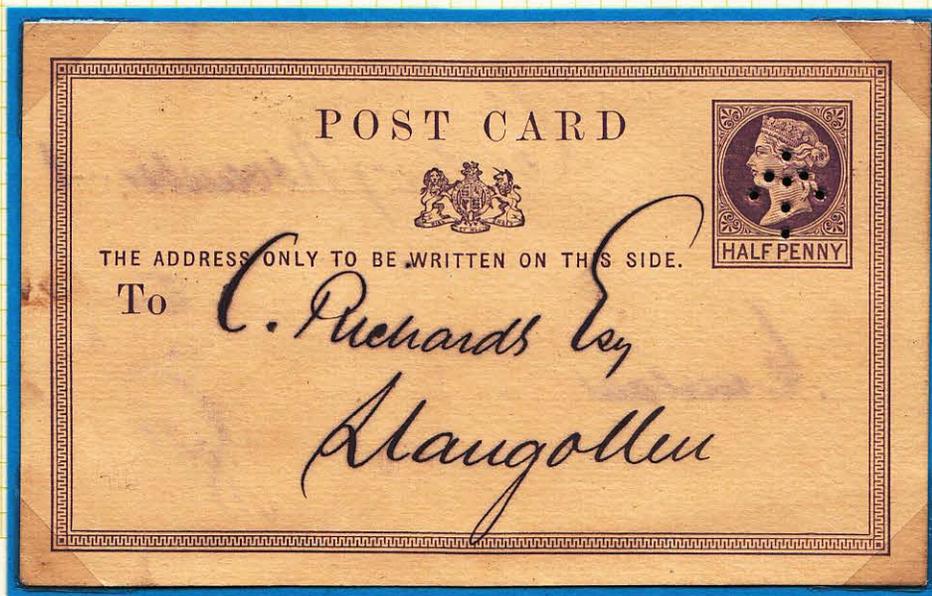
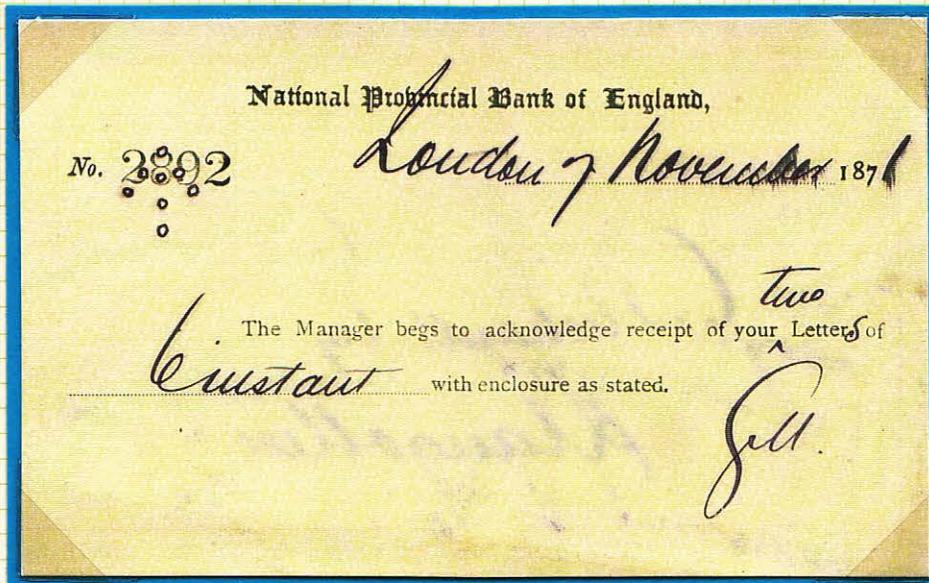


## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

### Perforated postal stationery

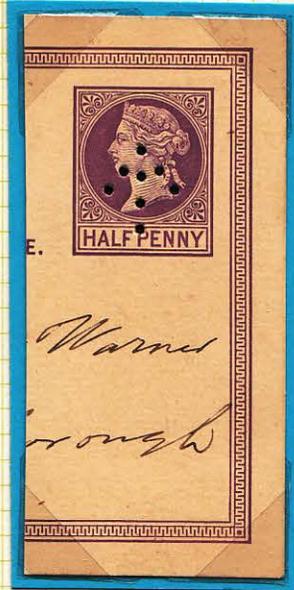
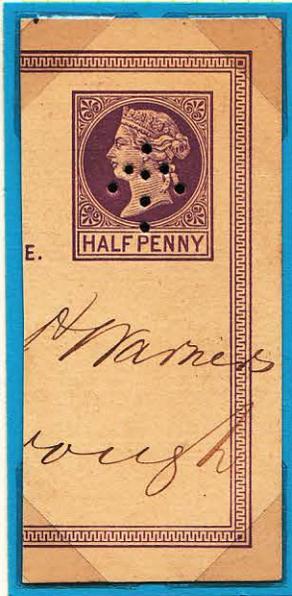
Even though the Sloper arrow cancelling had been in operation for about a year in London, this very fine strike on this card enforces the belief that Sloper himself took a keen interest in the condition of the machine in the London office, hence the fine strike. This QV postal stationery card was sent by the National and Provincial Bank of England on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 1871 to, I assume, a customer in Llangollen in Wales acknowledging a pair of letters.

### Printed reverse of card



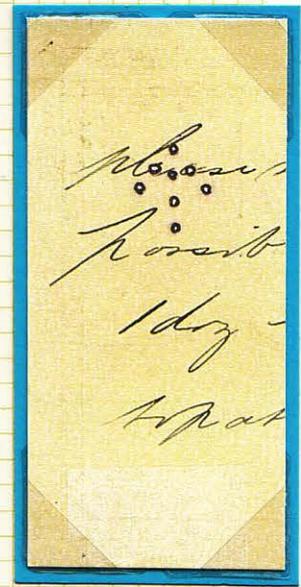
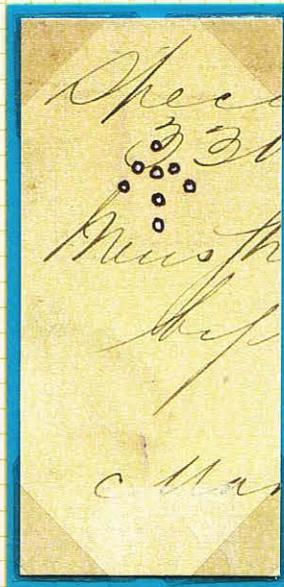
# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

## Perforated postal stationery



Unfortunately some errant individual, I hope not a philatelist (but you never know!) has clipped off the "postage" part of these two QV postal stationery cards. Unfortunately, again, because of the desecration I cannot ascertain a date when the cards were used. But, as one can only see the final part of the address, I assume in both cases the recipient was called Warner !!

As outlined the arrow cancellation punched through both cards are very neat examples of the device. The pins are of an average size and as yet no sign of neglect. Because of the "separation" of the cards I also cannot identify as to where the cards originated, but, as these items were part of a lot that had several items originating from Liverpool I can only assume they were used there !!

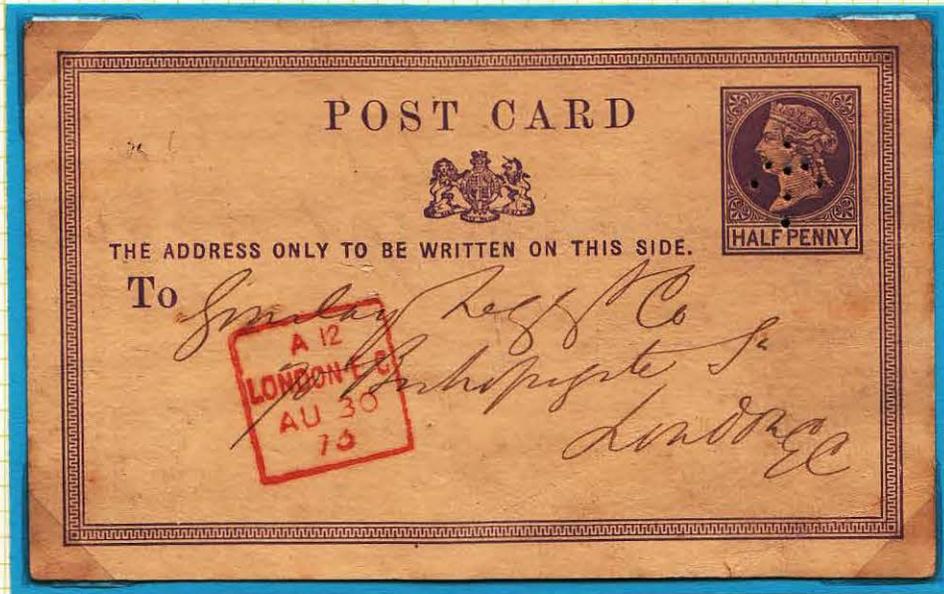


Reverse of post card

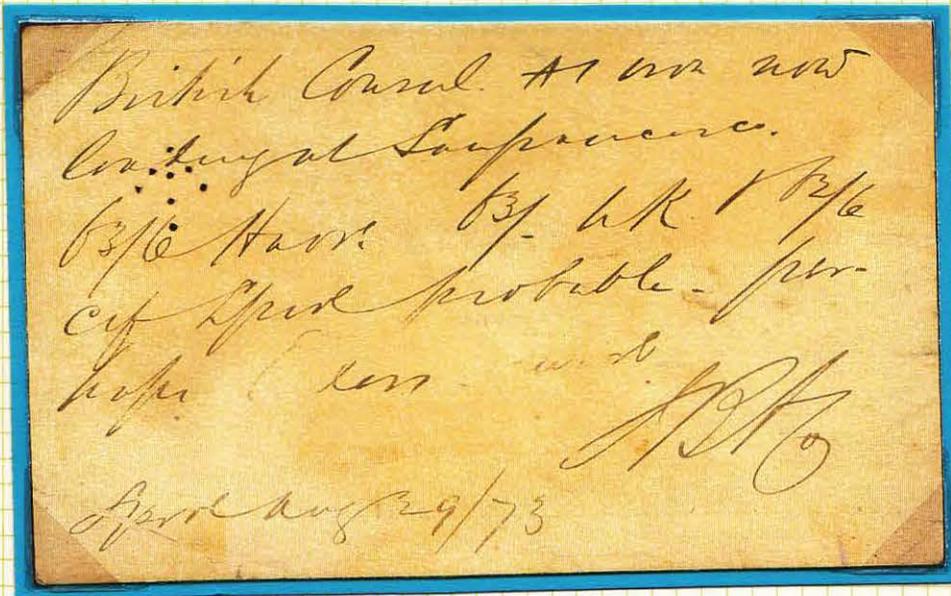
## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

### Perforated postal stationery

A Sloper arrow cancellation, used internally within London on the 30<sup>th</sup> August 1873. I cannot decipher the senders details, but the message begins with a reference to the British Consul, then sent on to Grindley Legg and Co.



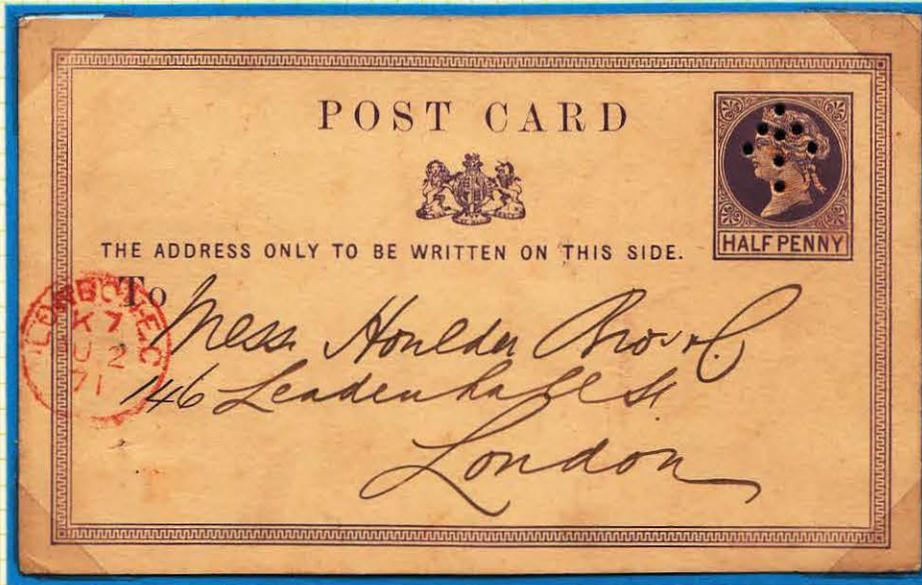
### Reverse of post card



The neat fine diameter of the pin holes in the arrow cancellation, suggests that the card was at the bottom of the pile when being perforated. The post card also carries a square red receiving mark.

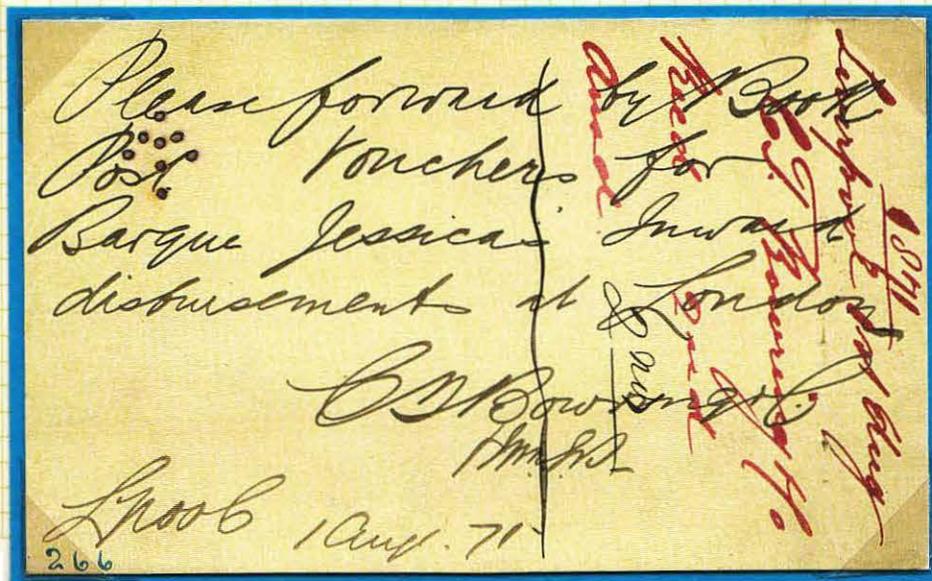
# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

## Perforated postal stationery



A QV postal stationery card sent from Liverpool to London on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 1871, where it received an arrival CDS in red for the 2<sup>nd</sup>. But at Liverpool the card was cancelled by a fine imprint of a Sloper arrow cancel. The sender was asking for vouchers to be sent by book post regarding cargo for the barque Jessica. I assume the reason for the fine arrow cancel was that the machine had been in operation for about a month and had not yet been abused !! This card is a very early example of the use of the arrow cancel at Liverpool.

## Reverse of post card



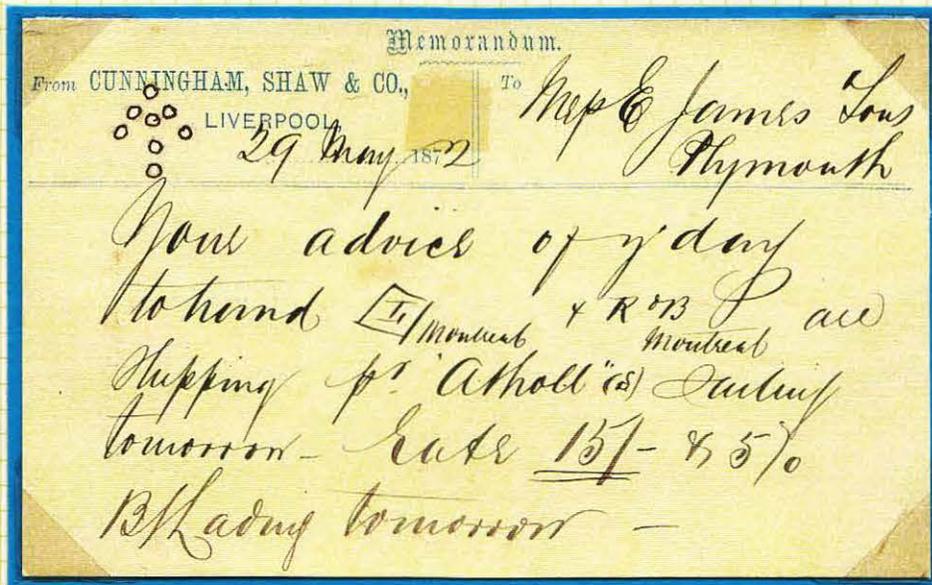
# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Perforated postal stationery



A QV postal stationery card cancelled by a fine Sloper arrow cancel at Liverpool on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 1872. Sent by Cunningham Shaw & Co. to Jones and Sons in Plymouth regarding shipping rates for cargo to Montreal. The cancel is a fair imprint but beginning to show slight wear and tear !!

Printed reverse of card

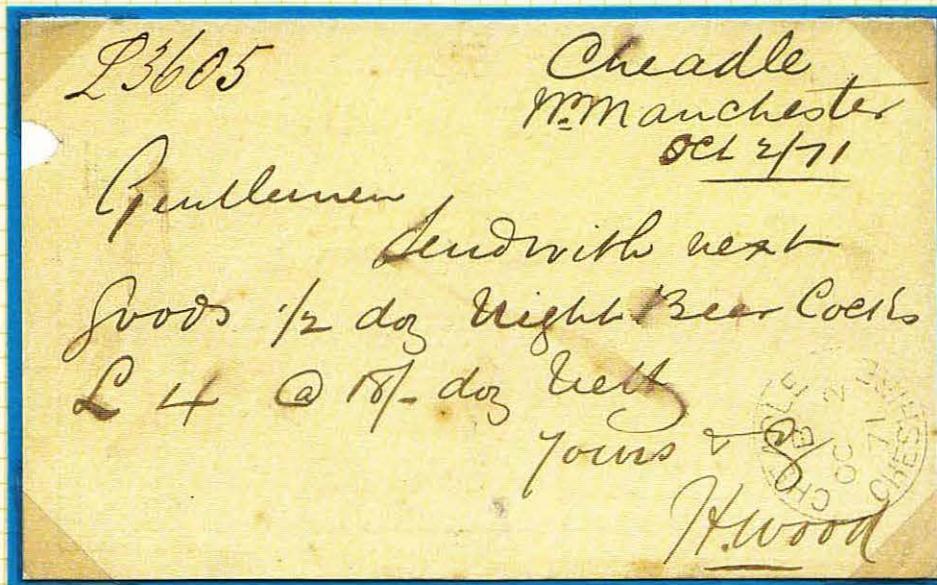


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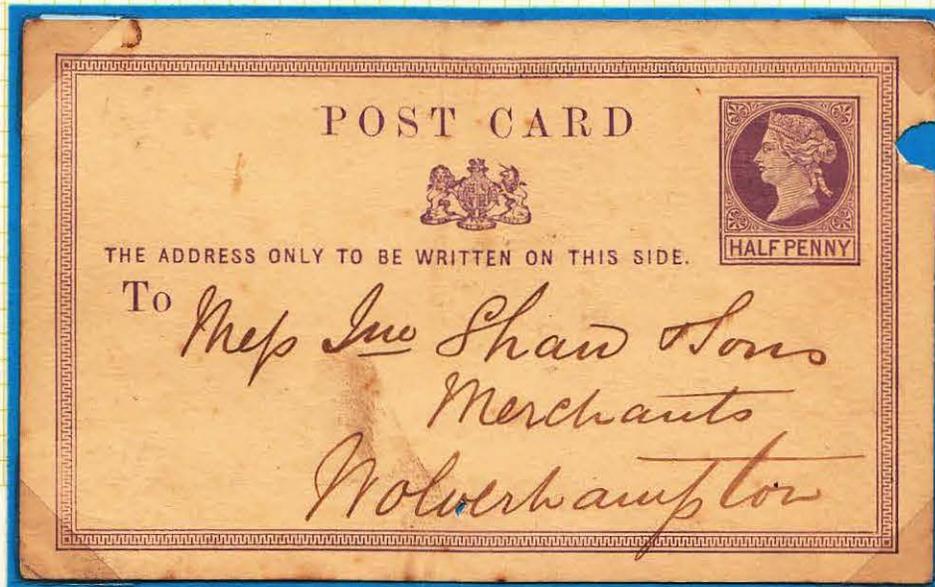
### Perforated postal stationery

A QV pre-paid postal stationery card sent from Cheadle near Manchester to Wolverhampton on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1871. This being a request for half a dozen other items to be sent with their next delivery. The card has attracted a Manchester type clip cancel, but initially, as this type of cancel was only being used by the central/main post office the local Cheadle office had applied a CDS cancel first. I cannot ascertain how these type of clips were administered, but I assume it was done in "bulk" to try and save time over cancelling individually.

### Reverse of post card

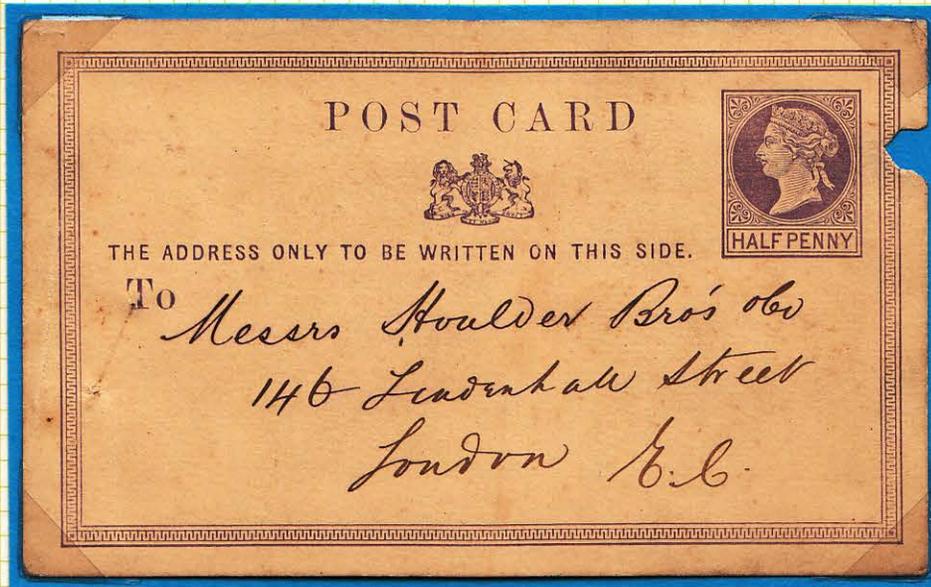


### Manchester spear type clip cancel.



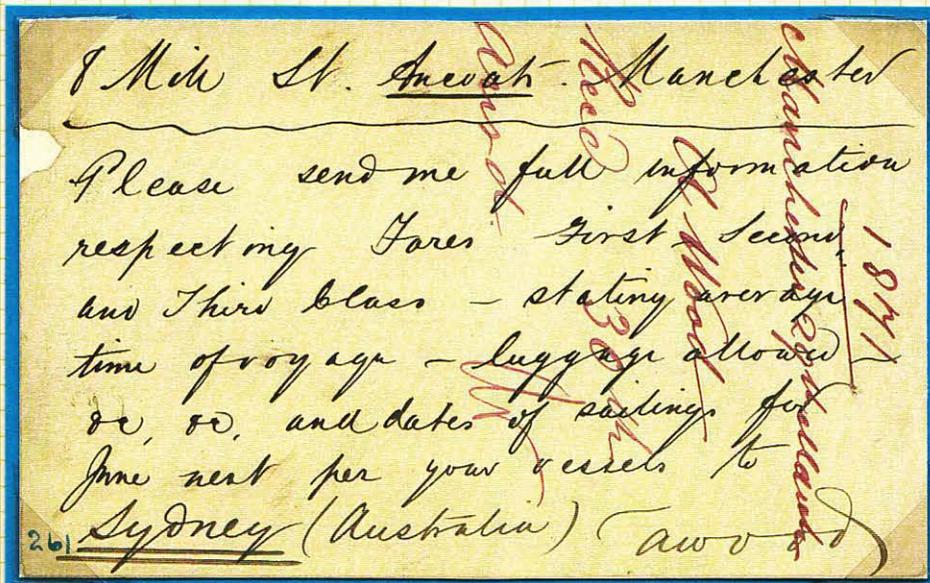
# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

## Perforated postal stationery



A QV pre-paid halfpenny rate postal stationery card sent from Manchester to London on the 29<sup>th</sup> March 1871. The sender a Mr Wood was requesting information from Houlder Brothers regarding their ships departures to Sydney in Australia during June 1871. He wanted the fare details of all classes including baggage allowance etc. The card has been cancelled by the unique Manchester clip, akin to a ticket collectors punch.

## Reverse of post card

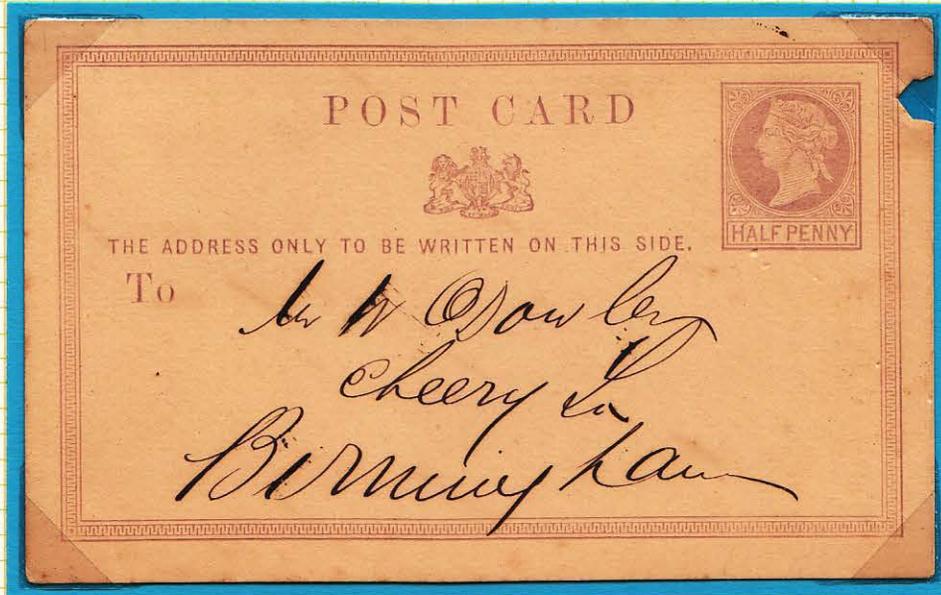


## Manchester spear type clip cancel.

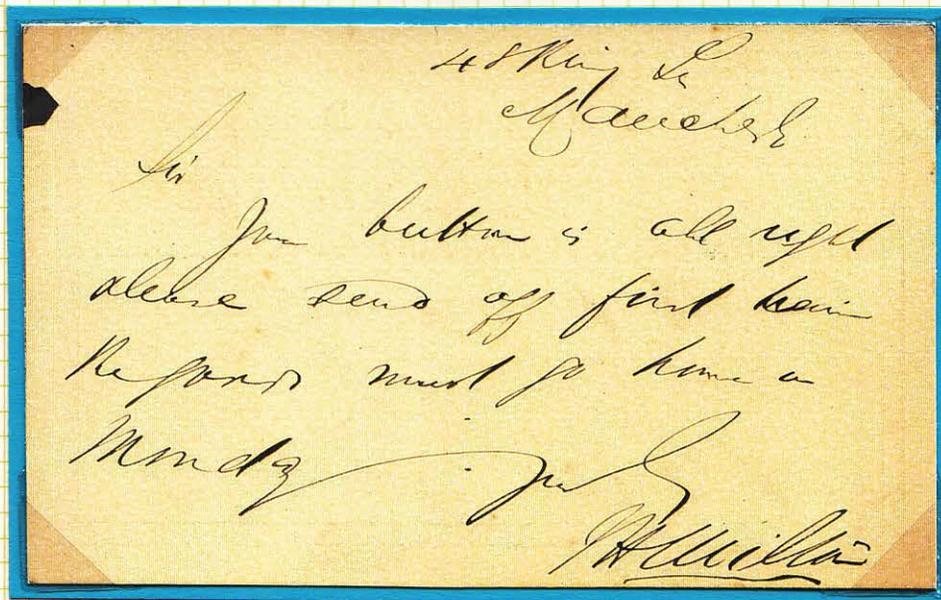
# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Perforated postal stationery

A Manchester clip cancel, the date of use is not decipherable but sent onward to Birmingham.



Reverse of post card

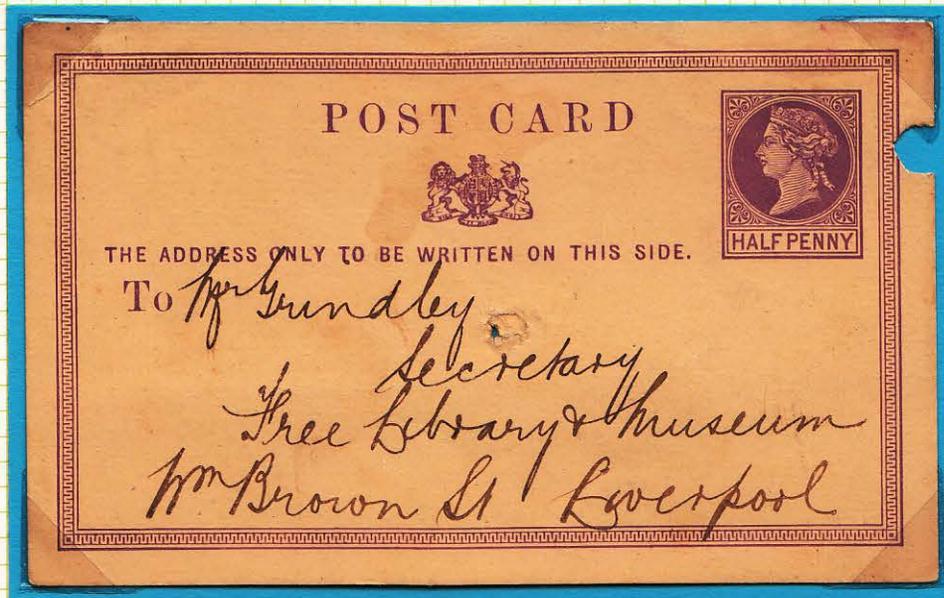


This cancellation is of the spear cut type, and is a good example.

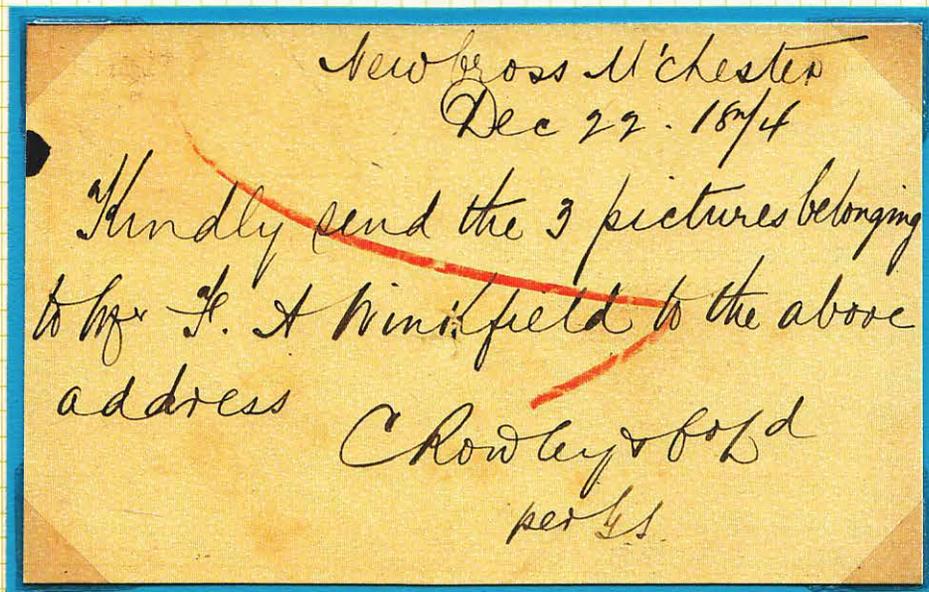
## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

### Perforated postal stationery

Manchester clip cancellation, used from Manchester to Liverpool in December 1874. This sent from Rowley and Co. to the secretary of the Free Library and Museum, regarding three pictures.



### Reverse of post card

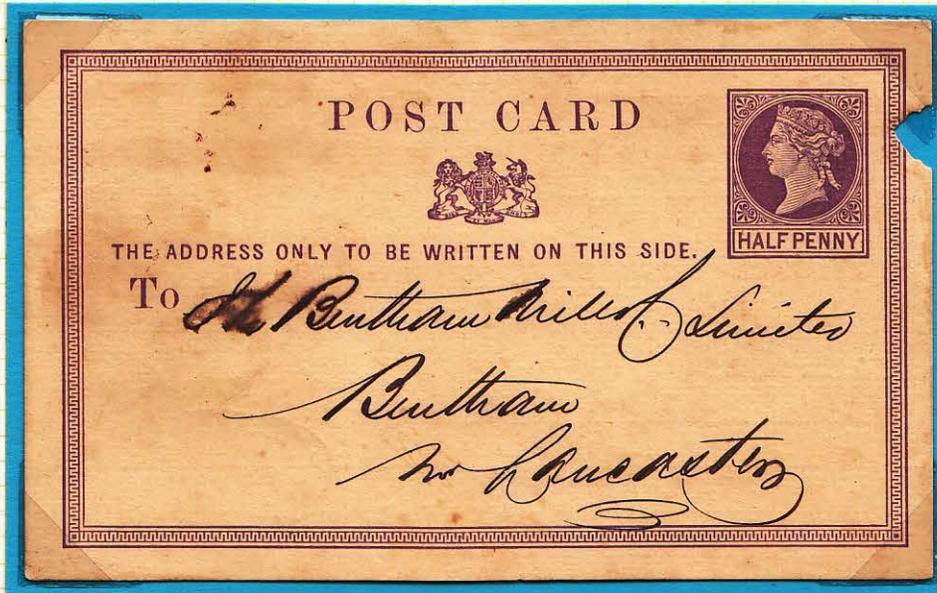


The cancellation is of the half round cut type, this a reasonably fine example.

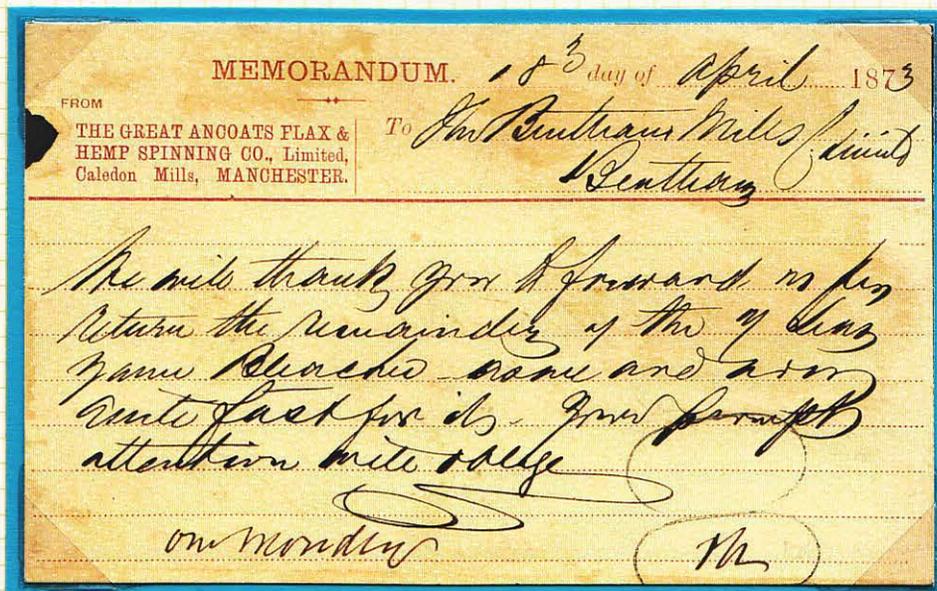
# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Perforated postal stationery

Manchester clip cancellation, used from Manchester to Lancaster on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 1873, from the Great Ancoats Flax and Hemp Spinning Co. Ltd. to the Bentham Mills.



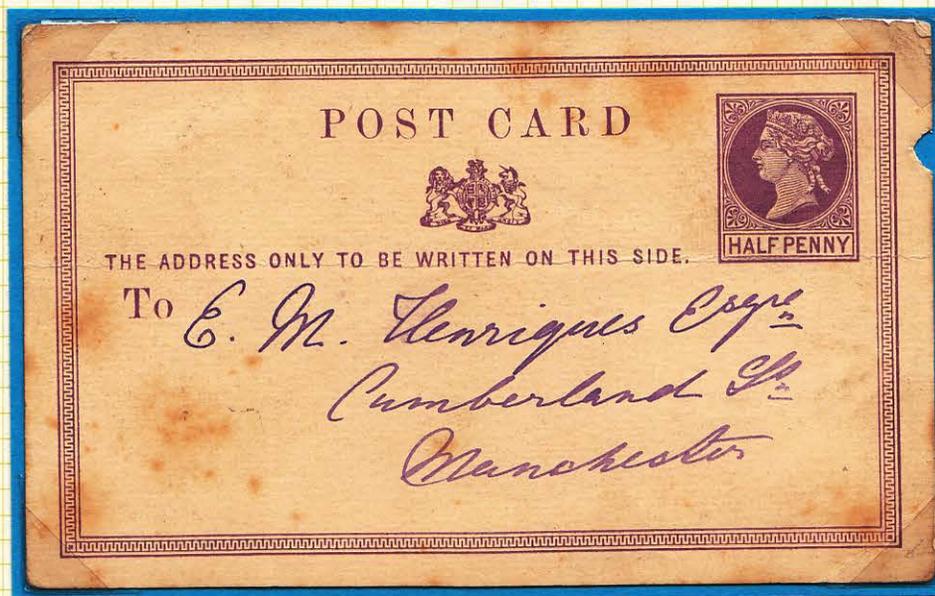
Reverse of post card



This cancellation is of the bracket cut type, and is a fine example.

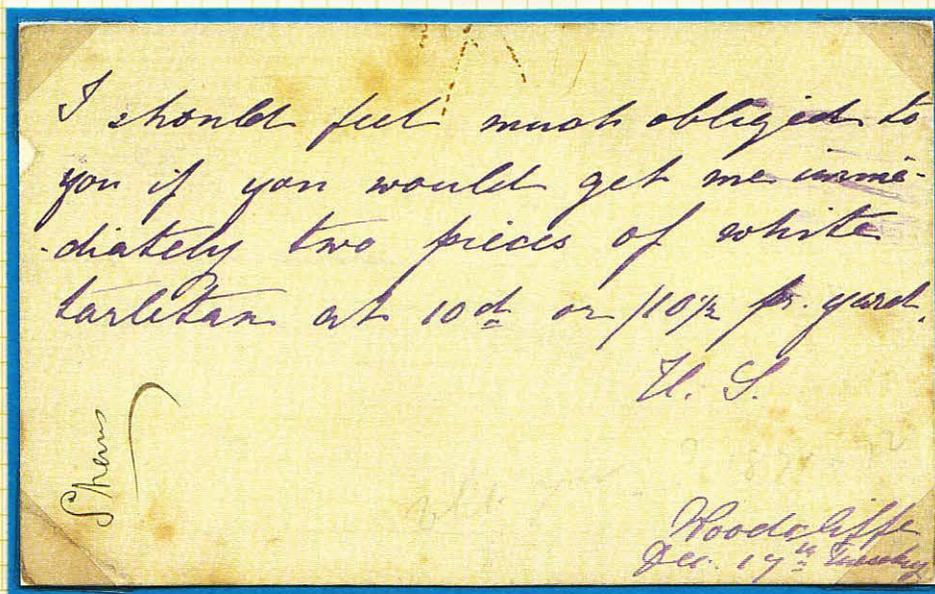
## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

### Perforated postal stationery



A locally used QV postal stationery card sent on December 17<sup>th</sup> 1872 (Tuesday !!) from Woodcliffe (a hotel guest house ??) to E M Henriques Esq. in Manchester for an immediate delivery of two pieces of material. Although no year details are shown on the card using a magic gadget one can find out the year !! The card although only a simple piece of social/postal history has attracted a Manchester clip cancel, used there to process the increased amount of mail these type of cards generated.

### Reverse of post card

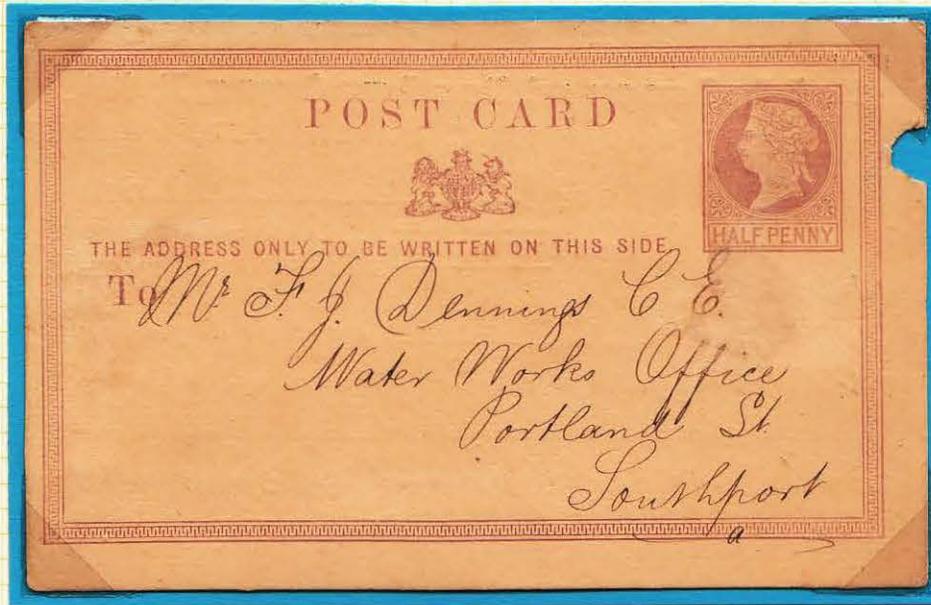


### Manchester half round type clip cancel.

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

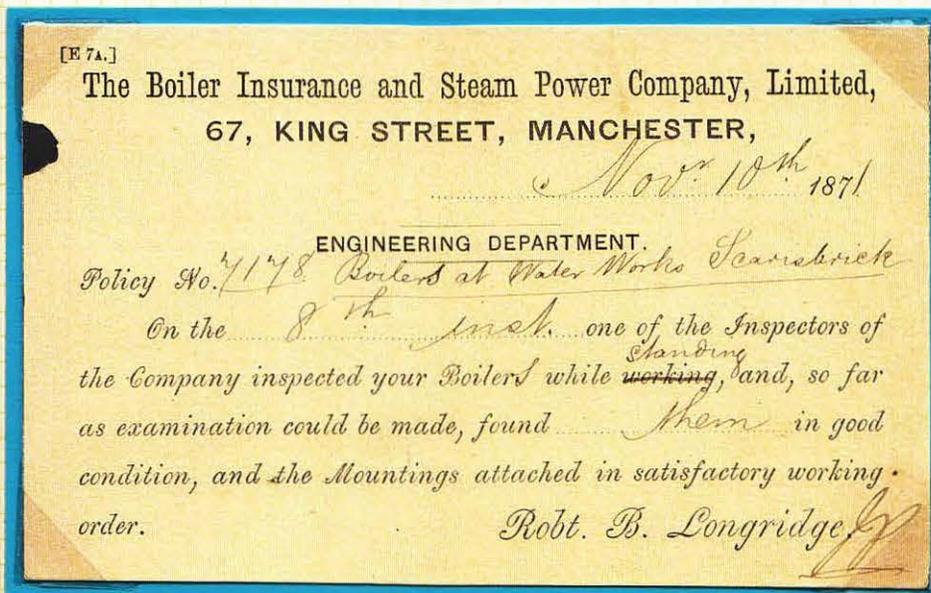
Perforated postal stationery

Manchester clip cancellation used on November 10<sup>th</sup> 1871, from the Boiler Insurance and Steam Power Co. Ltd. To the water works office in Southport.



The cancellation is of a half round cut type, this a poor example, thus illustrating the many variations that can be experienced.

Reverse of post card



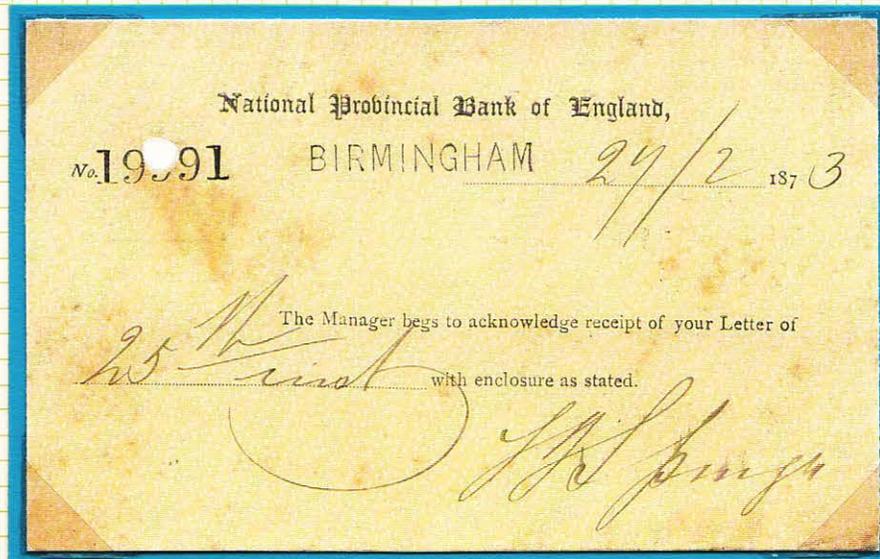
# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Perforated postal stationery

Birmingham single punch hole cancellation, used from Birmingham to Ireland on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 1873. This being sent from the National Provincial Bank of England to their counterpart in Ireland.

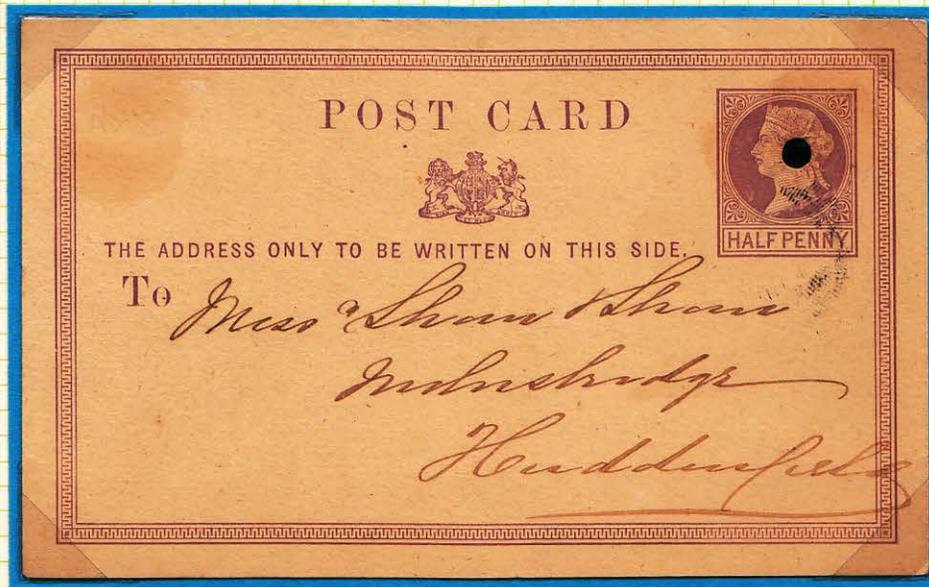


Reverse of post card



## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Perforated postal stationery



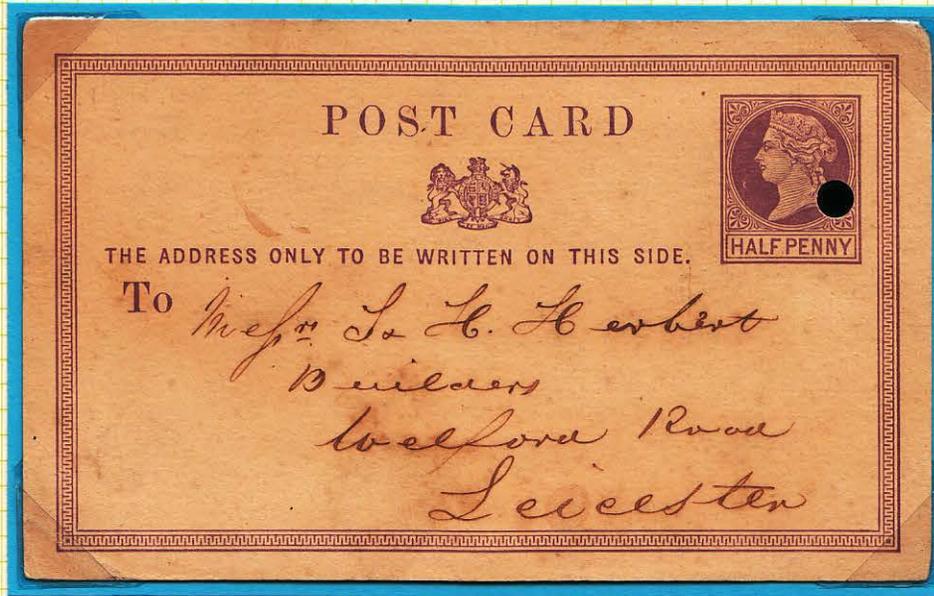
Reverse of post card

As mentioned earlier London and Liverpool used a perforated arrow as a cancel, and Manchester a type of clip on these type of cards to assist in bulk cancelling. Birmingham, Bradford and Edinburgh used a single hole punch as shown here, in this instance this card was sent from Bradford to Huddersfield on November 28<sup>th</sup> 1871. This being a request from a retailer that could the recipient please supply him with the goods, or he would go elsewhere !!

Bradford Nov 28/71  
Are you ever going  
to send me any more  
more. My customers  
cry out very seriously  
and it does not seem  
to be of any use.  
You must either try  
to send them or say  
that I may get  
them elsewhere  
Yours Really  
J W

## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Postal stationery



A QV period postal stationery card prepaid at the halfpenny rate, sent in August 1872 from Birmingham to Leicester. The message on the reverse of the card mentions hinges/fixings/pivots for a set of church doors being prepared for the builder in Leicester. As previously mentioned with the introduction of these cards, and the huge increase in the volume of the post with their introduction, various methods of cancellation were used. In Birmingham instead of the clip like Manchester, or the arrow/orb and cross of London and Liverpool, a "bullet hole" punch was used to "cancel" the mail. This was facilitated the same as the "arrow" punch in that approximately 100 at a time could be rendered unfit for further postal use.

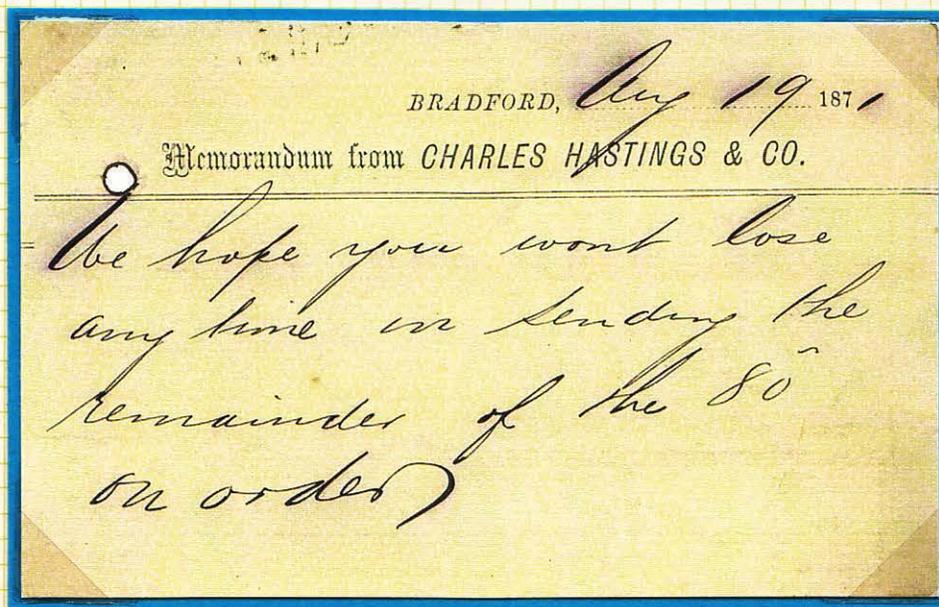
## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

Perforated postal stationery



Another missive from Hastings & Co. sent on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 1872 to the recipient to have one of their reps call for another prospective order, and when could they deliver ??? (same old problems months later) The card has been cancelled by the single hole punch in operation at this time in Bradford for this type of post card. This type of cancelling is far from common so feast your eyes !!!

Printed reverse of card



## PERFORATED INSIGNIA

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

The pre-cancelling of sheets of stamps for postal use has never been sanctioned in Great Britain, but, there has been a long history of pre-cancellation of both stamps and postal stationery within the "Newspaper Industry".

From 1865, four private companies/firms were authorised to have their mail pre-cancelled by distinctive hand-stamps, which were not to be used for any other purpose.



Smith, Elder & Co.  
(letter "S" in three  
concentric circles)

Smith, Elder & Co were publishers and news-vendors, of 158 Fenchurch Street, London. In 1865 they were issued with a special hand-stamp to cancel stamped wrappers used to send out the "Pall Mall Gazette" and the "Cornhill", two magazines of that era with wide circulations.

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

PRECANCEL MARKINGS ON G. B. STAMPS & POSTAL STATIONERY



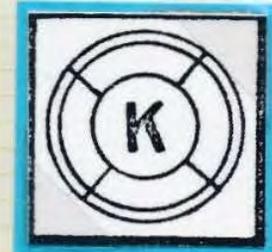
In 1868 the firm of Smith, Elder & Co was taken over by Henry S King & Co, and the previously used pre-canceller was discontinued. The new company were bankers in London, but it was the Stock Exchange Lists, published by Smith, Elder & Co which were sent overseas, the bank having a large trade with the Far East. They used two different types of pre-canceller as shown, the same basic design but with small differences.



Henry S King & Co  
(solid outer circle  
with fat letter "K")



H S King & Co  
perfin



Henry S King & Co  
(double lined outer  
circle with thin "K")

# PERFORATED INSIGNIA

In the beginning



The addition of the printed word, with regard to commercial enterprises, onto G.B. postage stamps did not commence with the advent of under-printing/perforating. During the mid 1860's companies overprinted the revenue stamps that the government provided, to enhance the income to the exchequer. These "gummed perforated labels" to be applied to transaction documents.



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## OVERPRINTS TO PERFINs

Shown earlier were revenue stamps overprinted with company names. Here, some more of the same companies are illustrated, but along with the use of perfins on normal revenue/postage stamps from these companies.

Foster Porter  
and Company



Ryland & Sons  
Manchester



I & R Morley  
Limited



Copestake, Moore  
Crampton and Company



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FOR USE IN VARIOUS COURTS OF LAW

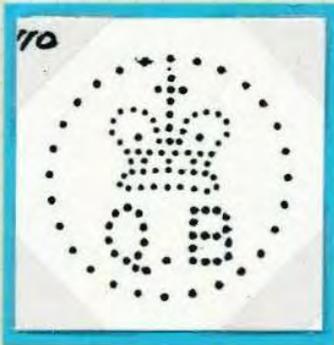


“crown / BT”  
“official Board  
of Trade perfin”

After various studies into the validity of postage stamps perfinned with the design of a crown over the initial “B” and “T”, ( an example shown ) used by the government department of the Board of Trade, and not wishing to put my “two pennyworth” either way as to forgeries or genuine copies, I thought I would illustrate various examples of other perforated/perfinned cancels used mainly by the judiciary, also including a “crown” design in the perfin.



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Probate



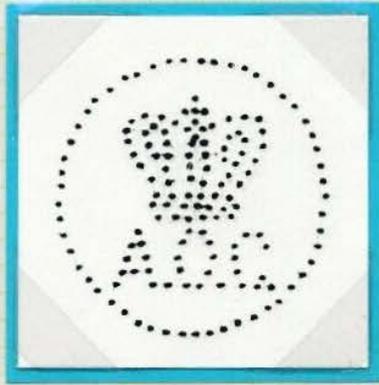
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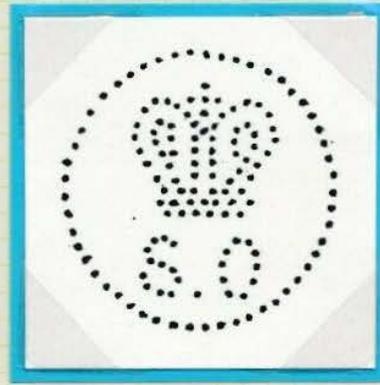
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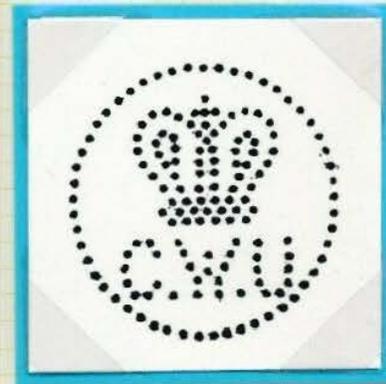
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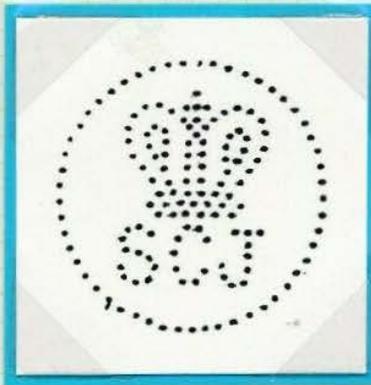
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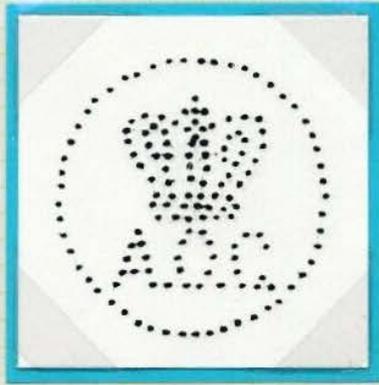
Companies  
Winding up



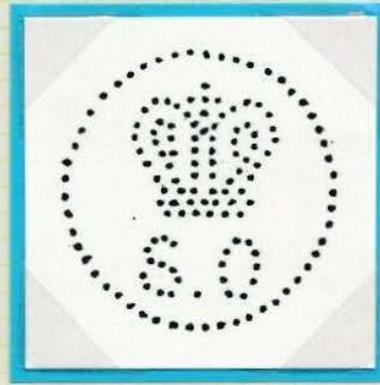
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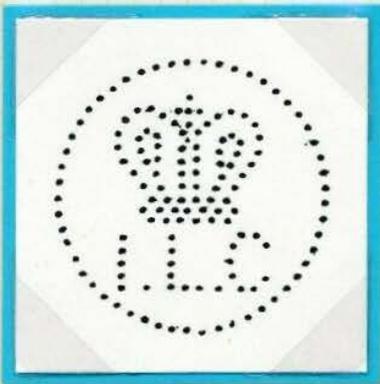
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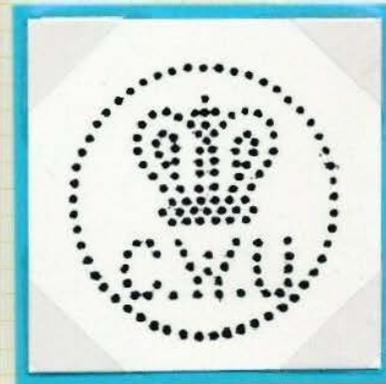
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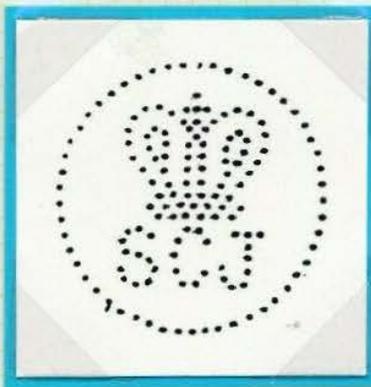
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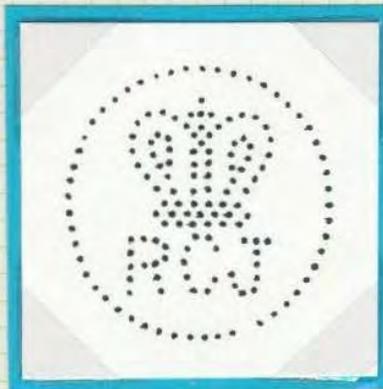
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Royal Courts  
of Justice



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Shown here are several examples of the "crown" / RCJ in a circle perfin used to cancel QV Irish revenue stamps. Unfortunately, the document to which most of the revenue stamps are attached has been "shortened" (but not by me), so I do not know to what the payment refers to. The revenue stamps range from £1 down to 1d.



Revenue stamps  
for use in Ireland  
Judicature  
Circa 1890



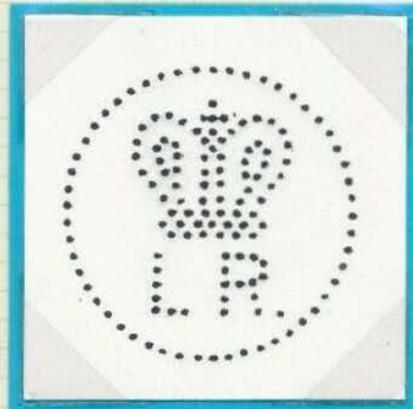
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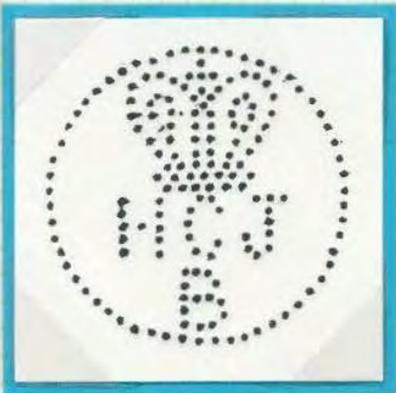


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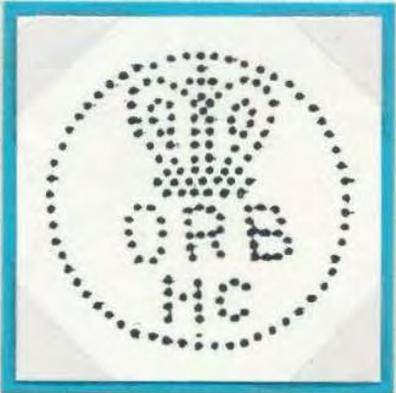
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High Court of Justice



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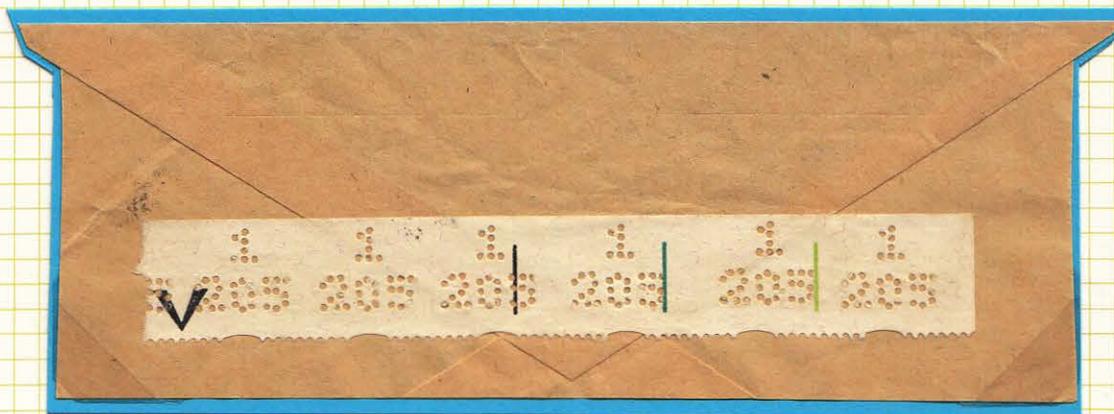


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### Perfin oddments

As usual, when one collects a particular subject ones eyes are drawn to items that relate to it. In this instance a selvedge from a sheet of stamps. What stamps I do not know, the general consensus from colleagues and Society (know it alls !!) is that it may be from a sheet of national insurance stamps.

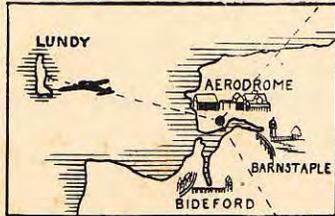


I assume that this piece was from an earlier time, so the present “vogue” of having elliptical perforations as security devices is nothing new as they are evidently along the marginal edge of the stamps. What the significance of the perfin 1 / 205 is can only be guessed at, and why perfin the edge/gutter of the sheet of stamps? (answers on a post card please !!)

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## PS perfins & Lundy stamps

### - LUNDY - A STORY-BOOK ISLAND



Lundy - old Norse for Puffin - is a rocky island off the north coast of Devon. All letters are franked with Puffin Stamps to pay for delivery, nowadays by air. No islander pays rates or taxes and there are no licensing laws. The owner claims it is a separate 'kingdom' being outside the 3 mile limit.

Lundy is the home of rare sea-birds, the Trap Door Spider unknown elsewhere in the British Isles and a cabbage plant from prehistoric times. *Brassicella Wrightii*, still grows. Seals can be heard barking at the foot of the cliffs. Wild deer, and ponies roam.

The island that was the home of the Mariscos, 12th-century knights in perpetual rebellion against the Crown ; a headquarters of piracy and smuggling from Elizabeth I to the Georges, is now a haven of peace in this stormy world.

In 1984 (sinister !!) a Perfin Society member, who was in possession of the Society perforating machine, for some inexplicable reason, but with permission of the postal administrator of Lundy, perfinned approx. 100 + puffin "stamps" of Lundy. This to serve as "postage" for approx. 22 post cards and 20 covers, plus a few extra mint stamps/labels to enhance his collection.



PS monogram  
P4145.01m  
The Perfin  
Society



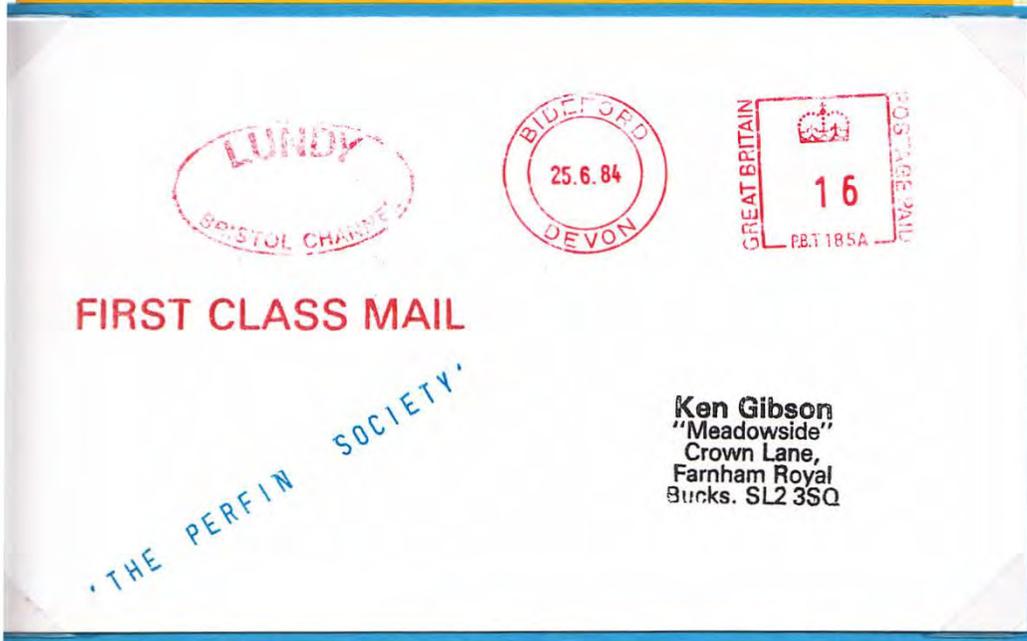
Lundy stamps

This page just illustrates the relation of Lundy to the G.B. mainland, and an example of the Perfin Society PS monogram perfin.

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## PS perfins & Lundy stamps

As aforementioned, displayed is a cover with the correct "postal/puffinage" rate, plus a Bideford machine cancel to carry it through the normal mail system.



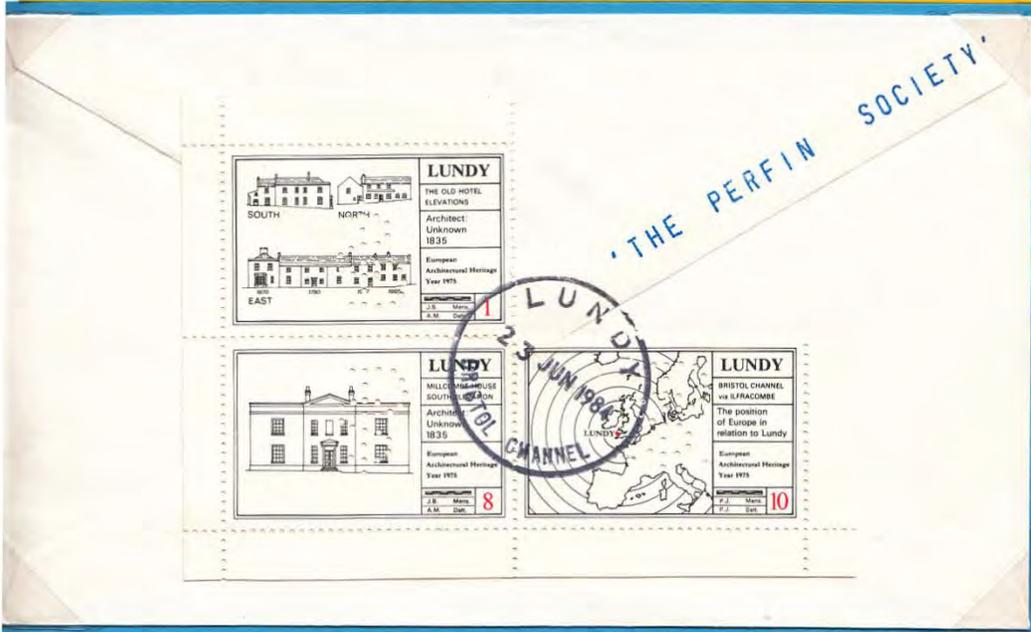
Puffin Peculiar postage



Isle of Canna

These items were sold or donated around senior members of the Perfin Society, and for nearly 17 years remained dormant. Until, E bay auctions (US internet site) had one of these items offered for sale, eventually all the facts above emerged. Even more bizarre, the chap with the perforator put the Society's monogram perfin on stamps/labels of other British local islands, Steephholm, Canna, Puffin Peculiar, Les Ecrehou, Iles Chausey and Les Minquiers. As a final gesture of unbalanced mind perfinned a G.B. framma label !!?

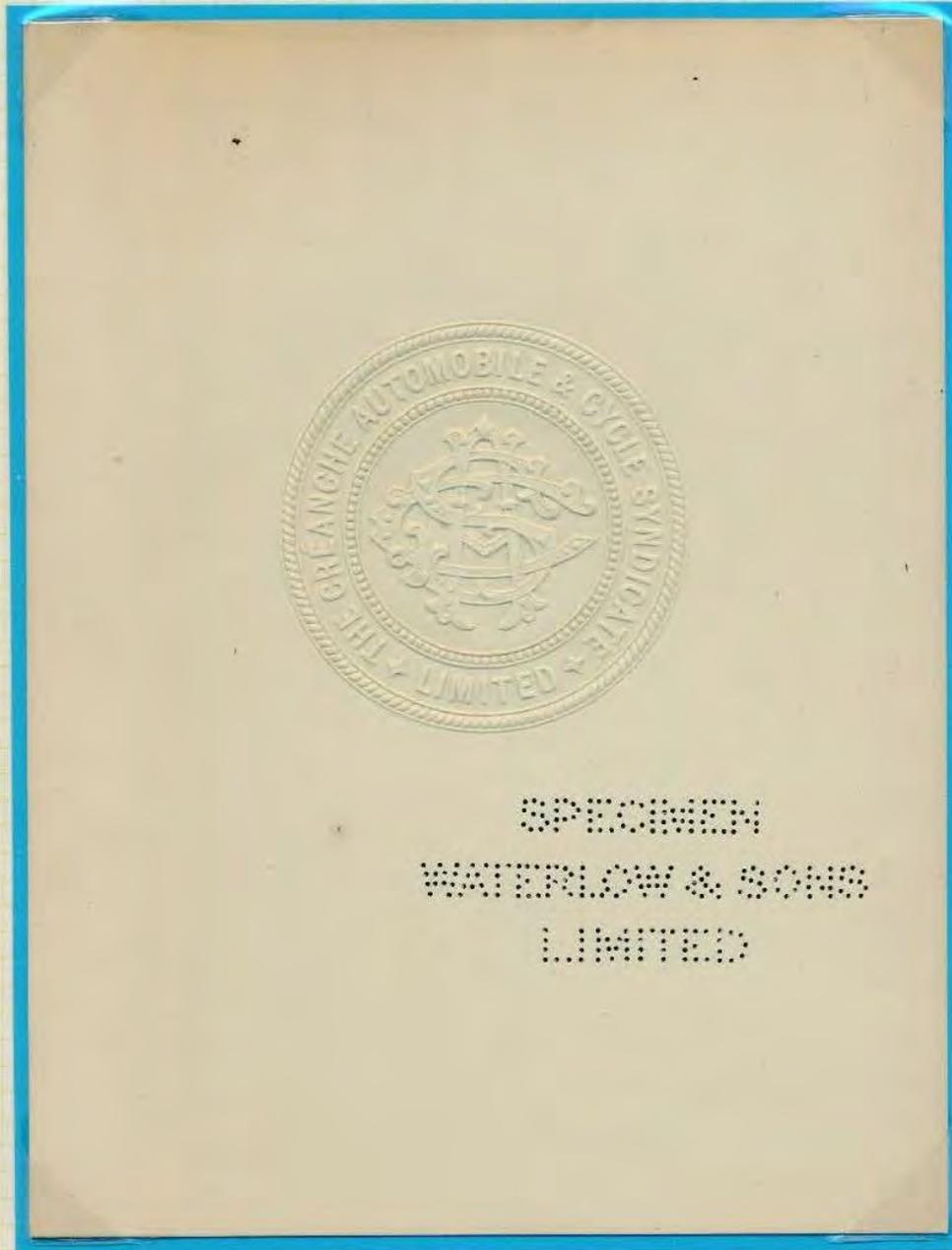
Reverse of cover



PS monogram P4145.01m The Perfin Society

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Specimen perforations



The “front” of an item from the “Creanche Automobile and Cycle Syndicate Ltd”, the piece is also perforated SPECIMEN / WATERLOW & SONS / LIMITED”. Waterlow did perforate stamps though not in the same quantity as Slopers, and I venture to say, not of the same quality. But, they did perforate “specimen” on many new issues of postage stamps throughout the world. I assume this was an example of what they could achieve.

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Not a perfin in the absolute sense but interesting nevertheless. This is an export licence for Charles W G Taylor, who was exporting products supplied by Messrs. Health Products Laboratories Ltd. The licence had to be obtained in London, so that the products could be shipped out of Liverpool by the Elder Dempster Lines. All this just to export Vikelp Tonic Tablets ( flavoured ) 6 dozen of, to the Gold Coast in West Africa. Can anyone remember what were Vikelp Tonic Tablets ??

Applicant's reference No.  
**1774.**

**ELDER DEMPSTER LINES LIMITED.**  
BOARD OF TRADE  
Export Licensing Branch  
INDIA BUILDINGS,  
WATER STREET.

Official reference No. **(E)**  
**3A/34109/46**

**PART II.**

**This document will be effective as an Export Licence only when it has been validated by the Board of Trade**

For the purposes of any Order prohibiting the exportation of goods from the United Kingdom issued by the Board of Trade, under the Import, Export, and Customs Powers (Defence) Act, 1939, the Board of Trade do hereby authorise and permit

(Consignor's name) Charles W. G. Taylor.

and address) (Export Merchant), 56, Cannon St., London E.C.4.

to export from any port in the United Kingdom, or by Post from a Head or Branch Post Office (see note overleaf) within a period of twelve months from the date of this Licence, to

(Country overseas) Gold Coast, West Africa. the following goods, namely:

Quantity [see instructions overleaf]	Full description of goods	F.O.B. value of each item £
6 dozen	No.2 size Vikelp Tonic Tablets, flavoured.	<u>£9.9.-.d</u>
Suppliers:- Messrs. Health Products Laboratories Ltd., 128-134, Baker Street, London W.1.		

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London E.C.4.

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the following goods, namely:

The perfin connection is in the approval of the export licence, in that, B (crown) T / +6 . 11 . 46 / APPROVED is perfinned through the document to show it's authenticity from the Board of Trade.