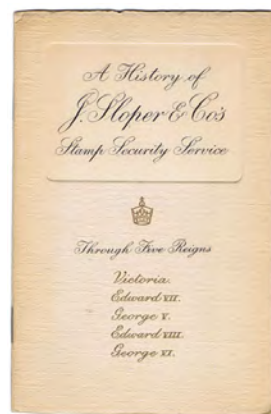


Joseph Sloper took out his first patent in 1858. The patent was for “Indelibly Crossing or Marking Bankers Cheques” by perforation of holes, making up words such as “PAID”, “CANCELLED” or “RECEIVED”. It was not until 1868 that Sloper obtained permission to perforate stamps as a means of providing security against theft. In 1865 Sloper described his company as:-

*“Civil Engineer &c. Inventor, patentee & manufacturer of the new process for indelibly crossing or marking bankers cheques, railway tickets, documents, books &c. &c. by perforation, 106 High Street, Marylebone, London W; office 37 Walbrook London EC”*



In 1939 for some reason Sloper decided to celebrate his company surviving through “5 Reigns”. It’s not clear why 1939 was chosen as King George VI stamps had been released in May 1937 and by September 1939 Britain would be at war. However they produced a number of commemorative plaques illustrating their work on stamps from the “5 Reigns”. At the same time they also produced “A History of J Sloper & Co’s Stamp Security Service”. The history seems to have been produced in significant quantities and was probably given out to their customers.

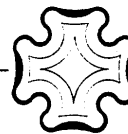
The plaques however seem to be much rarer. Only thirteen copies have so far been recorded. Two of these are known to have been held by Sloper employees. Of the various perfin dies used on the plaques two of them were personal dies used by the owner of the company at the time i.e. Mr R. T. Firminger (RTF) and his wife Mrs M. M. Firminger (MMF). So it may well be that these plaques were produced for staff of the company rather than for their customers.

SUMMARY OF SLOPER "THROUGH FIVE REIGNS" PLAQUES

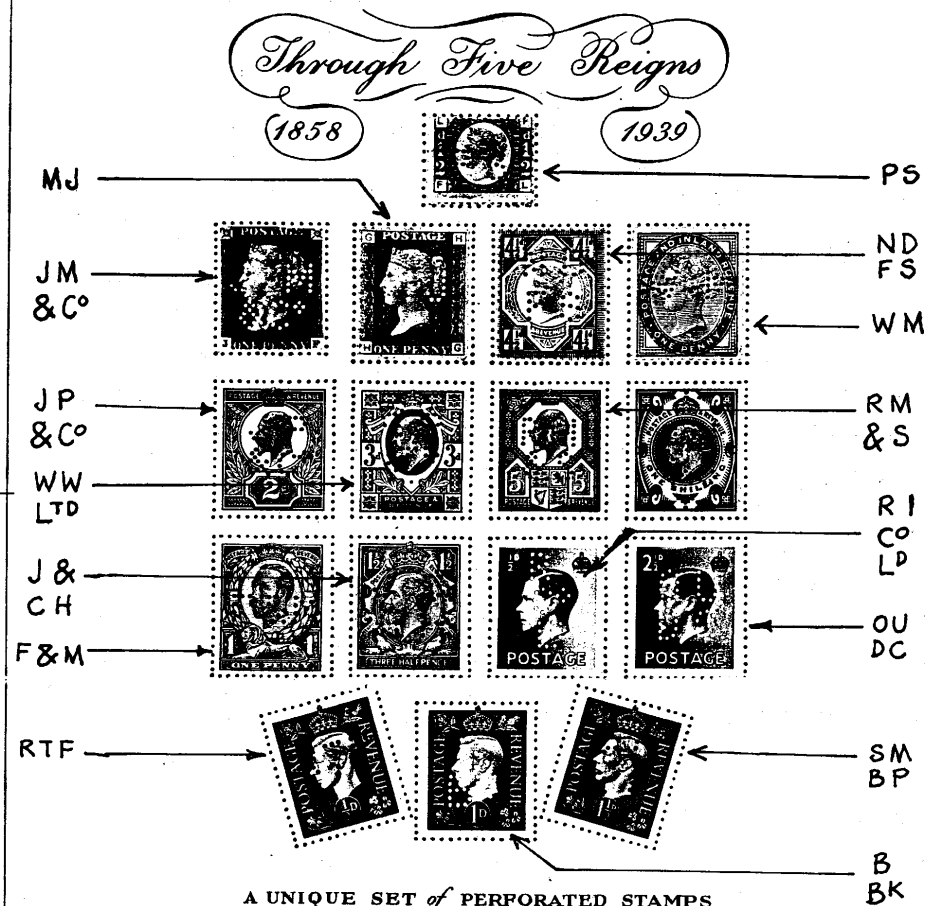
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	½d Plate	PS	P4110.03	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
2	1d Black	J.M.&Co	J5300.01	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Corner Letters				(JF)	(BE)	(MG)	(TG)		(NE)	(FB)	(QB)	(LC)	(KJ)	(HL)	(HA)	(IJ)
3	1d Plate	MJ	M3260.02	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*
	1d Plate	R.T.F.	R5269.01								*					
4	4½d Jub	ND/FS	N1030.01	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
5	1d Lilac	WM	W5160.01	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
6	2d KEVII	JP/Co	J6090.03b	*	*		*				*	*	*	*	*	
	2d KEVII	R.T.F.	R5269.01			*		*								*
	2d KEVII	M.M.F.	M3996.01						*	*						
7	3d KEVII	WW/Ltd	W8120.01	*	*								*	*		
	2½d KEVII	M.M.F.	M3996.01													*
	1½d PUC	M.M.F.	M3996.01				*		*		*					
	2½d PUC	R.T.F.	R5269.01			*						*				
	2½d Jub	ND/FS	N1030.01					*		*						
	2d KEVII	JP/Co	J6090.03b												*	
8	5d KEVII	RM/MS	R3530.01	*	*								*	*		
	3d KEVII	WW/Ltd	W8120.01			*						*			*	*
	3d KEVII	M.M.F.	M3996.01				*	*	*	*	*					
9	1/- KEVII	RM/MS	R5350.01	*	*								*	*		
	½d PUC	R.T.F.	R5269.01			*						*				
	½d KGV	H&S	H6350.04				*	*	*	*	*					
	½d PUC	H&S	H6350.04												*	*
10	1d KGV	F&M	F2630.02	*	*		*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*
	1d PUC	M.M.F.	M3996.01			*						*				
	1d PUC	R.T.F.	R5269.01													*
11	1½d KGV	J&CH	J1470.01	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
12	½d KEVIII	RI/Co/Ld	R2840.01	*	*	*		*		*		*	*	*	*	*
	1d KEVIII	NA/Fl	N0090.02a				*									
	1d KEVIII	AA	A0030.04						*		*					
13	2½d KEVIII	OU/DC	O1910.02	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
14	½d KGV	RTF	R5268.02	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
15	1d KGV	B/Bk	B0740.02	*	*	*		*		*		*	*	*	*	*
	2d KGV	LCC	L1020.01M				*		*		*					
16	1½d KGV	SM/BP	S4810.01a	*	*	*		*		*		*	*	*	*	*
	1½d KGV	MMF	M3994.01				*		*		*					

SLOPER "THROUGH FIVE REIGNS" PLAQUE - NUMBER 1

National Postal Museum



J SLOPER LIMITED - SECURITY PERFORATIONS



A UNIQUE SET of PERFORATED STAMPS  
from the HISTORIC COLLECTION of  
J. SLOPER & COMPANY LTD.

*The Property of J. Sloper & Co. Ltd*  
22, Budge Row, Cannon Street, London, E.C.4.

An advertising card produced in 1939.

Position	Stamp	Perfin	Die
1	½d Plate 12	PS	P4110.03
2	1d Black	J.M.&Co	J5300.01
3	1d Plate	MJ	M3260.02
4	4½d Jubilee	ND/FS	N1030.01
5	1d Lilac	WM	W5160.01
6	2d KEVII	JP/&Co	J6090.03b
7	3d KEVII	WW/Ltd	W8120.01
8	5d KEVII	RM/&S	R3530.01

Position	Stamp	Perfin	Die
9	1/- KEVII	RM/&S	R3530.01
10	1d KGV	F&M	F2630.02
11	1½d KGV	J&/CH	J1470.01
12	½d KGVIII	RI/Co/Ld	R2840.01
13	2½d KGVIII	OU/DC	O0190.02
14	½d KGV	RTF	R5268.02
15	1d KGV	B/Bk	B0740.02
16	1½d KGV	SM/BP	S4810.01a

SLOPER "THROUGH FIVE REIGNS" PLAQUE – NUMBER 2



Position	Stamp	Perfin	Die
1	½d Plate 12	PS	P4110.03
2	1d Black	J.M/Co	J5300.01
3	1d Plate	MJ	M3260.02
4	4½d Jubilee	ND/FS	N1030.01
5	1d Lilac	WM	W5160.01
6	2d KEVII	JP/Co	J6090.03b
7	3d KEVII	WW/Ltd	W8120.01
8	5d KEVII	RM/S	R3530.01

Position	Stamp	Perfin	Die
9	1/- KEVII	RM/S	R3530.01
10	1d KGV	F&M	F2630.02
11	1½d KGV	J&CH	J1470.01
12	½d KGVIII	RI/Co/Ld	R2840.01
13	2½d KGVIII	OU/DC	O1910.02
14	½d KGV	RTF	R5268.02
15	1d KGV	B/Bk	B0740.02
16	1½d KGV	SM/BP	S4810.01a

SLOPER "THROUGH FIVE REIGNS" PLAQUE – NUMBER 3



Position	Stamp	Perfin	Die
1	½d Plate 12	PS	P4110.03
2	1d Black	J.M.&Co	J5300.01
3	1d Plate	MJ	M3260.02
4	4½d Jubilee	ND/FS	N1030.01
5	1d Lilac	WM	W5160.01
6	2d KEVII	R.T.F.	R5269.01
7	2½d KGV PUC	R.T.F.	R5269.01
8	3d KEVII	WW/Ltd	W8120.01

Position	Stamp	Perfin	Die
9	½d KGV PUC	R.T.F.	R5269.01
10	1d KGV PUC	M.M.F.	F2630.02
11	1½d KGV	J&/CH	J1470.01
12	½d KGVIII	RI/Co/Ld	R2840.01
13	2½d KGVIII	OU/DC	O0190.02
14	½d KGV	RTF	R5268.02
15	1d KGV	B/Bk	B0740.02
16	1½d KGV	SM/BP	S4810.01a

SLOPER "THROUGH FIVE REIGNS" PLAQUE – NUMBER 4



Position	Stamp	Perfin	Die
1	½d Plate 9?	PS	P4110.03
2	1d Black	J.M.&Co	J5300.01
3	1d Plate 192	MJ	M3260.02
4	4½d Jubilee	ND/FS	N1030.01
5	1d Lilac	WM	W5160.01
6	2d KEVII	JP/Co	J6090.03b
7	1½d KGV PUC	M.M.F.	M3996.01
8	3d KEVII	M.M.F.	M3996.01

Position	Stamp	Perfin	Die
9	½d KGV	H&S	H6350.04
10	1d KGV	F&M	F2630.02
11	1½d KGV	J&CH	J1470.01
12	1d KGVIII	NA/Fl	N0090.02a
13	2½d KGVIII	OU/DC	O0190.02
14	½d KGV	RTF	R5268.02
15	2d KGV	LCC	L1020.01M
16	1½d KGV	MMF	M3994.01

SLOPER "THROUGH FIVE REIGNS" PLAQUE – NUMBER 6 (JT)



Position	Stamp	Perfin	Die
1	½d Plate 9?	PS	P4110.03
2	1d Black	J.M.&Co	J5300.01
3	1d Plate 192	R.T.F.	R5268.02
4	4½d Jubilee	ND/FS	N1030.01
5	1d Lilac	WM	W5160.01
6	2d KEVII	M.M.F.	M3996.01
7	1½d KGV PUC	M.M.F.	M3996.01
8	3d KEVII	M.M.F.	M3996.01

Position	Stamp	Perfin	Die
9	½d KGV	H&S	H6350.04
10	1d KGV	F&M	F2630.02
11	1½d KGV	J&CH	J1470.01
12	1d KGVIII	AA	A0030.04
13	2½d KGVIII	OU/DC	O0190.02
14	½d KGV	RTF	R5268.02
15	2d KGV	LCC	L1020.01M
16	1½d KGV	MMF	M3994.01

SLOPER "THROUGH FIVE REIGNS" PLAQUE – NUMBER 7



Position	Stamp	Perfin	Die
1	½d Plate 12	PS	P4110.03
2	1d Black	J.M&Co	J5300.01
3	1d Plate	MJ	M3260.02
4	4½d Jubilee	ND/FS	N1030.01
5	1d Lilac	WM	W5160.01
6	2d KEVII	M.M.F	M3996.01
7	2½d QV	ND/FS	N1030.01
8	3d KEVII	M.M.F	M3996.01

Position	Stamp	Perfin	Die
9	½d KGV	H&S	H6350.04
10	1d KGV	F&M	F2630.02
11	1½d KGV	J&CH	J1470.01
12	½d KGVIII	RI/Co/Ld	R2840.01
13	2½d KGVIII	OU/DC	O1910.02
14	½d KGV	RTF	R5268.02
15	1d KGV	B/Bk	B0740.02
16	1½d KGV	SM/BP	S4810.01a



SLOPER "THROUGH FIVE REIGNS" PLAQUE – NUMBER 8



Position	Stamp	Perfin	Die
1	½d Plate 12	PS	P4110.03
2	1d Black	J.M.&Co	J5300.01
3	1d Plate	R.T.F.	R5268.02
4	4½d Jubilee	ND/FS	N1030.01
5	1d Lilac	WM	W5160.01
6	2d KEVII	JP/Co	J6090.03b
7	1½d KGV PUC	M.M.F.	M3996.01
8	3d KEVII	M.M.F.	M3996.01

Position	Stamp	Perfin	Die
9	½d KGV	H&S	H6350.04
10	1d KGV	F&M	F2630.02
11	1½d KGV	J&CH	J1470.01
12	1d KGVIII	AA	A0030.04
13	2½d KGVIII	OU/DC	O0190.02
14	½d KGV	RTF	R5268.02
15	2d KGV	LCC	L1020.01M
16	1½d KGV	MMF	M3994.01

SLOPER "THROUGH FIVE REIGNS" PLAQUE – NUMBER 9



Position	Stamp	Perfin	Die
1	½d Plate 12	PS	P4110.03
2	1d Black	J.M&Co	J5300.01
3	1d Plate	MJ	M3260.02
4	4½d Jubilee	ND/FS	N1030.01
5	1d Lilac	WM	W5160.01
6	2d KEVII	JP/Co	J6090.03b
7	2½d KGV PUC	R.T.F.	R5268.02
8	3d KEVII	WW/Ltd	W8120.01

Position	Stamp	Perfin	Die
9	½d KGV PUC	R.T.F.	R5268.02
10	1d KGV PUC	M.M.F.	F2630.02
11	1½d KGV	J&CH	J1470.01
12	½d KGVIII	RI/Co/Ld	R2840.01
13	2½d KGVIII	OU/DC	O0190.02
14	½d KGV I	RTF	R5268.02
15	1d KGV I	B/Bk	B0740.02
16	1½d KGV I	SM/BP	S4810.01a

SLOPER "THROUGH FIVE REIGNS" PLAQUE – NUMBER 10



Position	Stamp	Perfin	Die
1	½d Plate 12	PS	P4110.03
2	1d Black	J.M&Co	J5300.01
3	1d Plate	MJ	M3260.02
4	4½d Jubilee	ND/FS	N1030.01
5	1d Lilac	WM	W5160.01
6	2d KEVII	JP/Co	J6090.03b
7	3d KEVII	WW/Ltd	W8120.01
8	5d KEVII	RM/S	R3530.01

Position	Stamp	Perfin	Die
9	1/- KEVII	RM/S	R3530.01
10	1d KGV	F&M	F2630.02
11	1½d KGV	J&CH	J1470.01
12	½d KGVIII	RI/Co/Ld	R2840.01
13	2½d KGVIII	OU/DC	O1910.02
14	½d KGV	RTF	R5268.02
15	1d KGV	B/Bk	B0740.02
16	1½d KGV	SM/BP	S4810.01a

SLOPER "THROUGH FIVE REIGNS" PLAQUE – NUMBER 11



Position	Stamp	Perfin	Die
1	½d Plate 12 (IT)	PS	P4110.03
2	1d Black (HL)	J.M.&Co	J5300.01
3	1d Plate (HF)	MJ	M3260.02
4	4½d Jubilee	ND/FS	N1030.01
5	1d Lilac	WM	W5160.01
6	2d KEVII	JP/Co	J6090.03b
7	3d KEVII	WW/Ltd	W8120.01
8	5d KEVII	RM/MS	R3530.01

Position	Stamp	Perfin	Die
9	1/- KEVII	RM/MS	R3530.01
10	1d KGV	F&M	F2630.02
11	1½d KGV	J&CH	J1470.01
12	½d KGVIII	RI/Co/Ld	R2840.01
13	2½d KGVIII	OU/DC	O0190.02
14	½d KGV	RTF	R5268.02
15	1d KGV	B/Bk	B0740.02
16	1½d KGV	SM/BP	S4810.01a

SLOPER "THROUGH FIVE REIGNS" PLAQUE – NUMBER 12



Position	Stamp	Perfin	Die
1	½d Plate 12 (LD)	PS	P4110.03
2	1d Black (HA)	J.M&Co	J5300.01
3	1d Plate (BA)	MJ	M3260.02
4	4½d Jubilee	ND/FS	N1030.01
5	1d Lilac	WM	W5160.01
6	2d KEVII	JP/Co	J6090.03b
7	2½d KEVII	JP/Co	J6090.03b
8	3d KEVII	WW/Ltd	W8120.01

Position	Stamp	Perfin	Die
9	½d- KGV PUC	H&S	H6350.04
10	1d KGV	F&M	F2630.02
11	1½d KGV	J&CH	J1470.01
12	½d KGVIII	RI/Co/Ld	R2840.01
13	2½d KGVIII	OU/DC	O0190.02
14	½d KGV	RTF	R5268.02
15	1d KGV	B/Bk	B0740.02
16	1½d KGV	SM/BP	S4810.01a

SLOPER "THROUGH FIVE REIGNS" PLAQUE – NUMBER 13



Position	Stamp	Perfin	Die
1	½d Plate 12 (MW)	PS	P4110.03
2	1d Black (IJ)	J.M.&Co	J5300.01
3	1d Plate (TH)	MJ	M3260.02
4	4½d Jubilee	ND/FS	N1030.01
5	1d Lilac	WM	W5160.01
6	2d KEVII	R.T.F.	R5269.01
7	2½d KEVII	M.M.F.	M3996.01
8	3d KEVII	WW/Ltd	W8120.01

Position	Stamp	Perfin	Die
9	½d KGV PUC	H&S	H6350.04
10	1d KGV PUC	R.T.F.	R5269.01
11	1½d KGV	J&/CH	J1470.01
12	½d KGVIII	RI/Co/Ld	R2840.01
13	2½d KGVIII	OU/DC	O0190.02
14	½d KGV	RTF	R5268.02
15	1d KGV	B/Bk	B0740.02
16	1½d KGV	SM/BP	S4810.01a