# QUEENSLAND

The 1895 Queen Victoria Impressed Duty Stamps

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#### **PREFACE**

The serious philatelic study of the Queensland 1895 Queen Victoria Impressed Duty stamp series Three Pence to Five Hundred Pounds has for over 125 years been severely neglected by just about every Queensland philatelic student.

This study is the seventh in a series of studies of Queensland Duty Stamp Adhesives.

Previous Studies in this Series:

'Queensland 1866-1871 Lithographed Stamp Duty Adhesives' 2016.

'Queensland 1871-79 Lithographed Stamp Duty Adhesives' 2019.

'Queensland 1892 Duty Stamps' 2019.

'Queensland 1878 1d Stamp Duty and 1900 1d Duty Stamp' 2019.

'Queensland 1901 King Edward VII Duty Stamp Adhesives' 2020.

'Queensland 1866 Queen Victoria Colourless Impressed Duty Stamps' 2021.

The authors were first attracted to this series of Impressed duty stamps as little to no interest had been shown by early students.

Hopefully with this publication these challenging stamps can finally have some light shone on them that they so richly deserve and they can finally take their rightful place in Queensland's philatelic history.

This 1895 series of impressed duty stamps is important as it is the first purpose impressed adhesives to be issued from all of the Australian States.

Thought to have been designed and engraved by William Knight who was Chief Engraver at the Lithographic Department, Queensland Government Printers. This series was printed by photozincography.

#### **Preface Cont**

Remembering an Impressed Stamp is one which has been produced by any embossing process. This series of adhesive stamps which are inscribed 'Impressed Duty' are not embossed but produced using the Lithographic process which was a world first. They were produced as a security measure as per the 1894 Act with the cancelation always being an ornate inked over embossing cancel tying the 'Impressed' adhesive to the instrument, as described later within this booklet.

Several attempts have been made by early students at cataloguing this long series of sixty-three different values, unfortunately they have all failed. With this long awaited in-depth study, it is hoped that this series can finally be appreciated in the proper context. Understandably early students struggled with their attempts to study this series as the largest multiples to exist are a single set of blocks of four. All printers records have been destroyed excepting one book, covering the period from 1915. At the time of issue in 1895 they were held in the Stamping room by the Treasury and impossible to gain access to study and accumulate bulk material so were subsequently ignored apart from basic listings.

Studying the 1915 record book we can glean the little use of some values right up into early 1920. With the war years slowing down the use of impressed stamps and probably to keep busy, it was not unusual for the printer to print stock that may not be needed for several years. If we investigate the £60 the remaining seven sheets of QV were sent to the Stamp Office on 17 July 1917 with twenty sheets of the KGV £60 sent in December of that year. Yet no copies of the KGV £60 were requested by the Treasury until 1923 when the QV £60 was finally exhausted. Then, just two sheets of the £60 KGV were sent to the Stamp Office.

An estimated quantity of three hundred sets of sixty-three values mixed on watermarked and unwatermarked papers, albino embossed with the Treasury cancel were prepared as gifts and for sale to the public at 10/- per set. Survival of these sets today is close to the three hundred sets with several collectors owning up to ten multiple sets, these sets could be described in the revenue world as common. In comparison to just a single commercially used set of all the sixty-three values recorded, this unique set in the revenue world is described as exceedingly rare.

Within this booklet there are a few scans/photos that appear somewhat blurry; unfortunately this is how they came to us. Over time if clearer scans come our way we will swap them over.

Please do not rely on the colours of the duty stamps within this booklet as these have been gleaned from many different sources. Varieties shown are a very small selection and by no means complete.

#### **Queen Victoria**



Victoria Regina by A. E. Chalon



The central head used on Queensland Stamp Duty adhesives within the Reign of Queen Victoria, including this series of 'Impressed Duty' adhesives came from a painting by Alfred Edward Chalon [1780-1860], drawn for the first public appearance of Victoria as Queen on the occasion of her speech at the House of Lords where she prorogued the Parliament of the United Kingdom in July 1837.

# **Government Printing Office. Brisbane Queensland**

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-BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND.

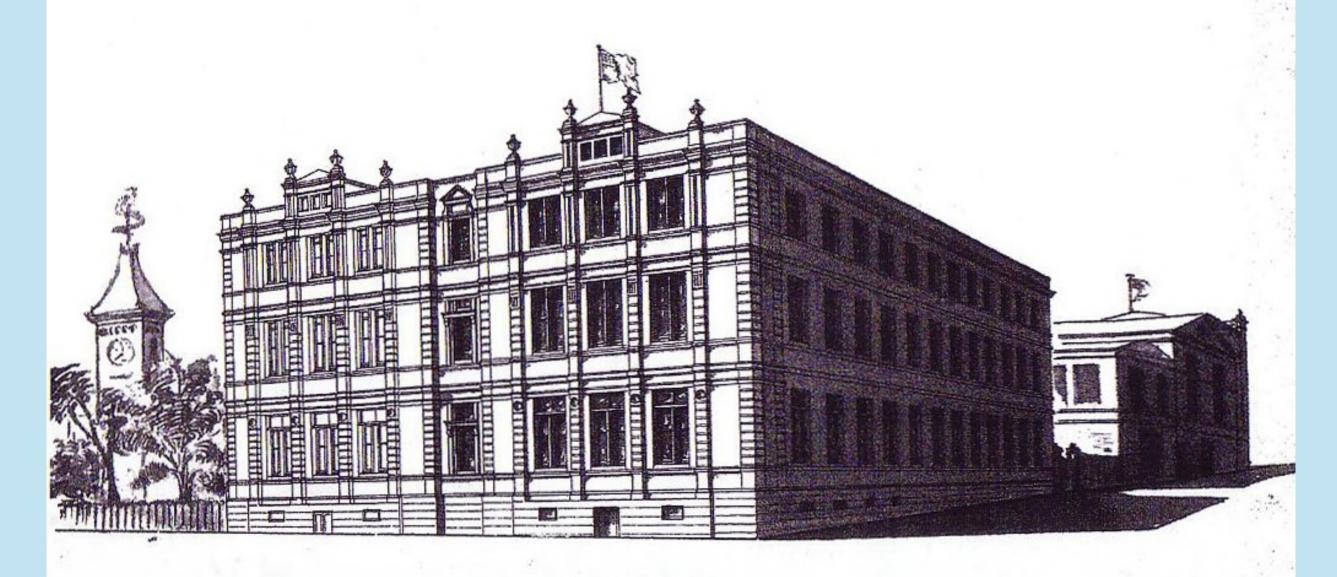
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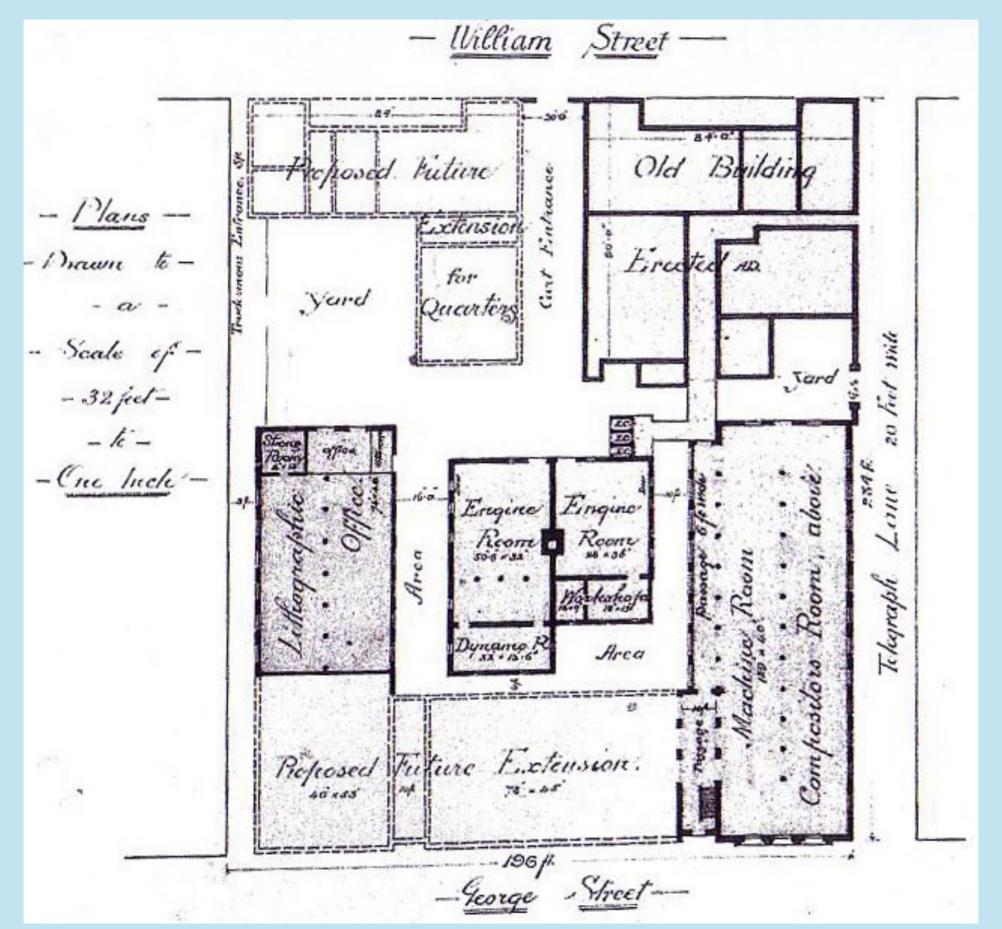
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ROOFCOVERING CORRUGATED IRON

— Cost £21,000. —

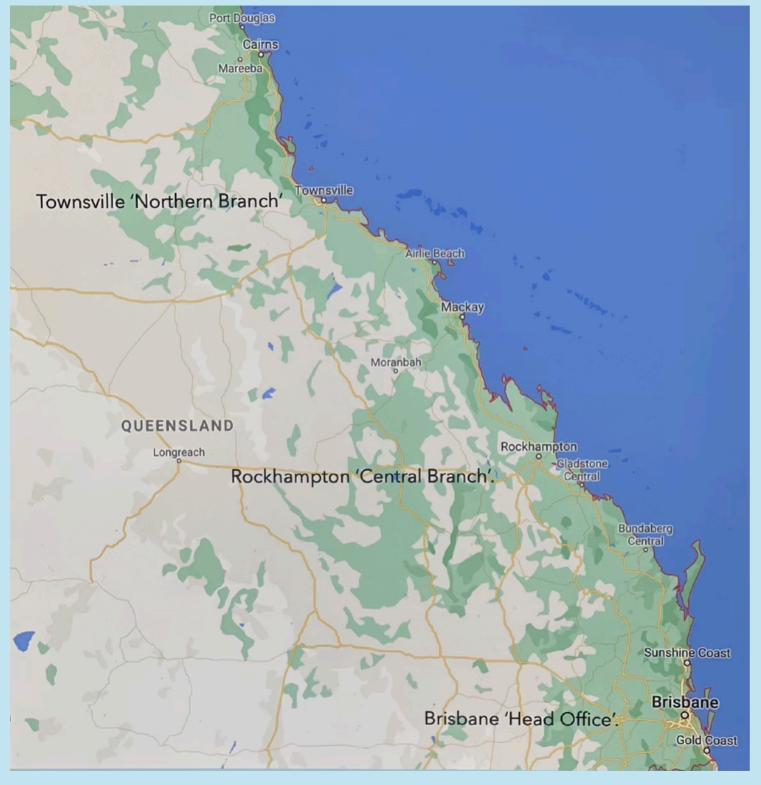


# **Government Printing Office. Highlighting the Lithographic Office Within**



#### **Queensland Treasury Stamp Offices**

Queensland Treasury was split into three Stamp Offices. One Head Office and two Branch Offices



Part Queensland map detailing the geographical layout of the three Treasury Stamp Offices



No. 8.

An Act for Granting certain Stamp Duties in lieu of Duties of the same kind now payable under various Acts, and Consolidating and Amending Provisions relating thereto.

[ASSENTED TO 23RD OCTOBER, 1894.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Queensland in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as "The Stamp Act, 1894," and shall come into operation on the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-four, which date is hereinafter referred to as the commencement of this Act.

"The Stamp Duties Act 1894"

Came into operation 1

November 1894

#### **Over Embossing Dies**

Two different size over embossing dies were designed and engraved by William Wyon's son Leonard Charles Wyon [1826-1891] from their premises in Regent Street London



This 31x42mm die is in Archives



Red ink stick used to cancel Brisbane instruments

This 36x47mm die is in Archives

The floral design used as the central design is called *Epacris impressa*, with the specific name *Impressa*, Latin for 'impressed'

In early December 1894 the 'Stamp Department' announced in part "....a new system in connection with the stamping by the Stamps Department of documents requiring an impressed stamp will come into operation on January 1 1895. The dies for the new impressed stamps, three large embossing presses of the latest pattern, and the necessary material have come to hand from London...."

## **Brisbane Over Embossing Dies**



Over embossing cancels recorded in various shades of Red. 36x47mm



The black 25mm date stamp has been recorded to the end of April 1895. Survival of early use appears very scarce

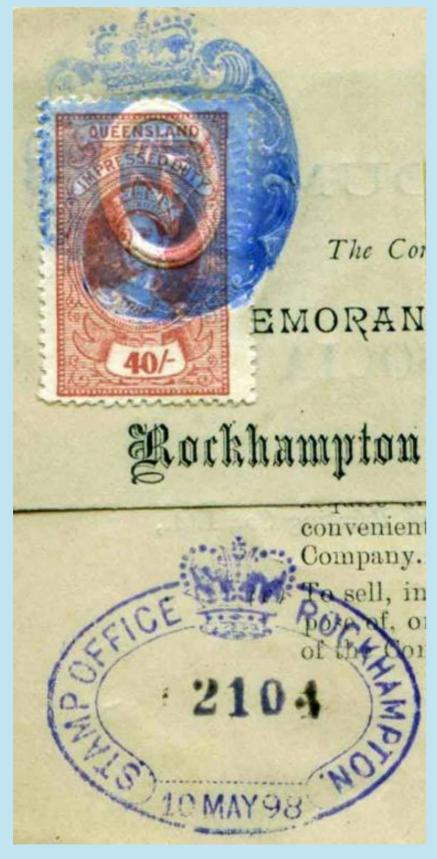
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A smaller 31x42mm embossing die is also recorded for Brisbane

# **Rockhampton Over Embossing Dies**





31x42mm 36x47mm

Two different size over embossing cancels have been recorded in various shades of Blue matching the Brisbane and Townsville pair. So used as a security measure by impressing its pattern into both the stamp and the paper

# **Townsville Over Embossing Dies**





36x47mm 31x42mm

Two different size over embossing cancels have been recorded in various shades of Umber matching the Brisbane and Rockhampton pair. So used as a security measure by impressing its pattern into both the stamp and the paper

# **Townsville FINE PAID First Series Second Issue**

Townsville Undated Colourless Die.

Die size 40x50mm.



This single impression has been recorded on an 1895 adhesive

# **Joint Over Embossing Dies**

Joint office usage where two different offices have stamped an instrument. In this case Rockhampton and Brisbane



Paying 2/6d to register the instrument in Rockhampton, which was then sent to Brisbane to equate the additional stamp duty to be paid on a company capital

#### **Stamp Duty Regulations**

"The Stamp Duties Act of 1866,"

"The Stamp Duties Act Amendment Act of 1890,"

"The Dividend Duty Act of 1890."

One amendment [above] to the 1866 Act now included in the 1894 Act

# REGULATIONS UNDER "THE STAMP ACT, 1894."

The Treasury.

Brisbane, 14th November, 1894.

IIIS Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has been pleased to make the following Regulations for carrying out the provisions of "The Stamp Act, 1894."

HUGH M. NELSON.

#### REGULATIONS.

1. The stamp offices in Brisbane, Rockhampton, and Townsville will be open for the issue of impressed and adhesive stamps from nine a.m. to four p.m. on every working day except Saturday, when the offices will be open from nine a.m. to twelve noon.

2. All applications for stamps must be made on the prescribed forms of requisition (as shown in the Schedule hereto), which can be

obtained at the stamp offices.

3. Licensed vendors may obtain stamps on credit by giving a bank guarantee for the payment, and such vendors receiving credit must produce the stamps on hand for inspection when required, to show that sales have been duly accounted for. A discount of two and a-half per centum will be allowed to licensed vendors on all requisitions amounting to ten pounds or upwards.

4. A discount of two and a half per centum will be allowed to banking companies on cheque, draft, or on demand forms stamped in blank for issue by them to their customers, on requisitions amounting

to ten pounds or upwards.

5. The declarations under sections 68 and 69 of the Act by mortgagees or others holding securities covering further advances must be according to Form G in the Schedule hereto, and must be forwarded to the stamp office at Brisbane, Rockhampton, or Townsville, as the case may be, accompanied, where any duty is payable, by the amount of such duty and a requisition for the stamp required on the usual printed form. The certificates given by the Commissioners under section 68 of the Act shall be in Form H of the Schedule hereto.

Spoiled stamps.

6. All spoiled stamps brought to the stamp offices for allowance, with the parchment or paper on which the same are affixed or impressed, must be accompanied by a declaration according to the Form marked E in the Schedule hereto.

sioners, the said stamps, together with the parchment or paper on which such stamps are affixed or impressed, will be retained by the Commissioners.

7. If any allowance for spoiled stamps be made by the Commis-

#### STAMP DUTIES.

Under "The Stamp Duties Act of 1894."

[CAME INTO OPERATION, NOVEMBER 1, 1894.]

Note .- All Stamp Duties must be denoted by IMPRESSED STAMPS except the following for which ADHESIVE STAMPS can be used: -Agreement under hand; Bills of Exchange payable on demand or at sight; Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes drawn or made out of Queensland; Bank Draft payable outside Queensland when issued from a locality where there is no stamp office; Charter Party; Drafts from outside the colony received by a bank for acceptance and payment within the colony; Policies of Insurance; Receipts or discharges for the payment of money; Transfers of shares or stocks; All documents requiring to be registered at the office of a Clerk of Petty Sessions, Warden, Mineral Land Commissioner, or Mining Registrar.

All duties to be paid according to regulations of Act. 54 & 55 Vic. c. 39,

13. All stamp duties for the time being chargeable by law upon any instruments are to be paid and denoted according to the regulations in this Act contained, and except where express provision is made to the contrary are to be denoted by impressed stamps only.

Payment of duties by adhesive or impressed stamps.

45. The payment of duties imposed by this Act on documents requiring to be registered at the office of a clerk of petty sessions, warden, mineral lands commissioner, or mining registrar, may be denoted by adhesive stamps affixed thereto by the maker or holders thereof, and the person or officer whose duty it is to receive or register such document must cancel or obliterate the stamps by affixing thereto his initials, or by obliterating the same with a stamp in use for cancelling adhesive stamps in his office, and shall also record the date of cancellation of same.

Duties on policies may be denoted by adhesive stampa.

48. (1.) The duties imposed by this Act upon policies of insurance may be denoted by adhesive stamps, or partly by adhesive and partly by impressed stamps.

# **Stamp Duty Regulations**

umber.	Deed. (*)	From	То	Consideration or Value.	Amount.
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
				Amount £	

Forms C & D were required to be filled out prior to having instruments 'stamped'

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				Ar	nount	
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	Succession	Duty.				
1	Register:	Folio:				
Predecessor.	Successor,	Amount.	Rate per cent.			
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# **Master Die - Seventeen Shillings & Six Pence**

The 17/6d value was used as the master die for all 63 values. The 17/6d shows no variation in the value [unlike other denominations] and there is no damage to the value tablet in any of the subjects in the transfer group







The 16/- is a good example of the 17/6 master die use, showing uncleared remnants at top and bottom of the fraction bar

# **Second Series Essays Derived From The Master Die**



The accepted 17/6 insert font



The rejected £500 insert font

# **Second Series Essays Derived From The Master Die**



£500

£500

The composite proofs were printed by lithography in four colours one each in black, brown lilac and red [red includes two heads], with a single £500 in red



#### **Head Insert**

Hand placement of the head into the key plate within the transfer mould varies from central to left to right. This can help when plating each subject







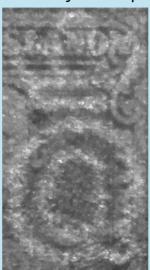
Head central

Head insert tilted left

Head insert tilted right

## Messrs. Alexander Cowan & Sons Watermarked Paper Type IIb

Purpose Duty Stamp Paper



Three Plume Crown Q type IIb 8½mm wide

All values printed on upright Crown over Q watermarked paper

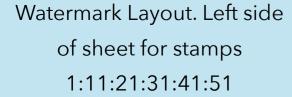
The Cowan paper was supplied in sheets of 100 watermarks and, based on the watermark positions on marginal stamps, it is clear that the printed sheets were of sixty stamps [six rows of ten]

Below is a list of recorded inverted watermarks that are also found upright

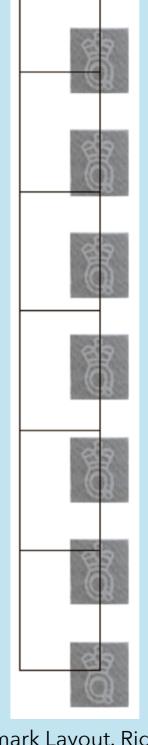


11/-	£17
12/-	£40
13/-	£60
17/-	£70
£11	£80
£12	£90
£13	





Note; £70 - £80 - £90 are equal in upright and inverted watermarks



Watermark Layout. Right side of sheet for stamps 10:20:30:40:50:60

# **Lithographic Stone Make Up**

Sheet Layout showing the 60 subjects

Subject spacing varies with horizontal separation found 3 or 4 mm apart and the vertical spacing 5 or 6 mm apart

Sheet Layout showing the 30 transfer mould

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Sheet make up 10x6

Suspected Transfer make up 2x30 [10x3]

The sheet layout consisted of sixty subjects [6 rows of 10]. Studies show that there were multiple stones used for some of the more commonly used values [e.g. one shilling]. We feel confident that transfer groups of 30 were used

#### **The Perforating Machine Used**



[A] The gauge 12 single-line perforating machine was acquired in 1874 from the Leeds-based firm Hughes and Kimber and by 1895 was only used for stamps which did not fit the more recently acquired comb machines, such as the 1892 Stamp Duties and the large postal Chalons [2/6d to £1]

#### **Emergency Rouletting**



[B] 1895 horizontal roulette 7 recorded top or bottom but never both. Rouletting was done on the Railway Roulette Machine used for separating returned passenger tickets of the time

#### **Transfer Varieties**

Thick and thin papers found

'Α'

'A' No Wmk Thick

Paper. No dot

3d	6d
1/-	1/~
2/~	2/-
2/-	2/6
2/6	3/-
3/-	5/-
5/-	7/6
7/6	10/-
10/-	15/-
15/-	£100
£100	£200
£200	£300

£300

'B' No Wmk Thin Paper. No dot Some values are found with a - or  $\sim$  after the fraction bar in the value

/- and /~	No Dot
1/-	£3
2/-	£12
10/-	£13
15/-	£90
	£100
	£200
	£300

£500

/- and  $/\sim$ 

Dot and No Dot

Dot &

Some values are found with and without the dot [stop] after the value

# **Emergency Compound - Roulette 7 x Perforation 12**



In this case the £300 would measure  $12 \times 12 \times 7 \times 12$ Roulette separation is only recorded horizontally.

Recorded values with Treasury albino cancel £11 : £12 : £15 : £16 : £20 : £30 : £50 : £18 : £20 : £30 : £60 : £80 : £90 : £300.

Commercially used values are exceedingly rare, recorded are: £15 : £20 : £300

## **Key Plate Transfer Varieties**







Fourth white square up from bottom left, retouch, found on all values. Pre retouch [very rare], see page 55. Secondary damage occurring after retouch - broken shading line at left lower within central scroll



Right frame, colour bulges and colour at right of lower frame affecting the 7th square dot and above



16th & 17th dots from left in lower frame joined



Right frame, damage

Common to all values

One subject in each suspected mould of 30

# **Key Plate and Value Transfer Varieties**







Right frame, damage





Inner oval damage
White spot in key plate, adjacent to Queens right shoulder
See 12/-, £8 and £80 in the preceding page









Lower frame damage appears common in the lower values

Common to all values

One subject in each mould of 30

# Transfer Varieties. Misplaced subjects within the Transfer Mould

Stamps 1 2 3 4 noted in red

Stamp 2 shorter than stamps 1 - 3 - 4

1. Plumb to left of second S.8 and S second not central

1, 3 & 4 Plumb to left of central pearl

3. Plumb to right of N and central to 8 and second S



Layout of subjects was not completely symmetric

2. Plumb to right of N. Central to second S. 8 off centre

2 Close to plumb right of central pearl

4. Plumb to right of N and central to 8 and second S

# The 63 Issued Duty Stamps Second Series First Issue Three Pence



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue

Varieties: Value frame damage









# **Six Pence**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue

Varieties: Value frame damage









# **Nine Pence**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue

Varieties: Value frame damage. Re-entry '-' below D -









# **One Shilling**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue

Varieties: Broken fraction bar. White spot above at right





Broken fraction bar and value frame damage







Broken fraction bar

# **One Shilling & Three Pence**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue

Varieties: Value frame damage









# **One Shilling & Three Pence**

Varieties Con't: Transfer Scratch left of Queens head up through Q of Queensland





# **One Shilling & Six Pence**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue

Varieties: Value frame damage









# **Two Shillings**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue

Varieties: Value frame damage









Top frame, damage. '2/-' out of parallel

# **Two Shillings & Six Pence**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue

Varieties: Value frame damage. Breaks to '6'





Fraction bar breaks through top frame



# **Three Shillings**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue









## **Four Shillings**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue









## **Five Shillings**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue

















# **Six Shillings**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue

Varieties: Value frame damage. Long fraction bar











# **Seven Shillings**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue

Varieties: Value frame damage. '7' damage









## **Seven Shillings & Six Pence**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue









# **Eight Shillings**



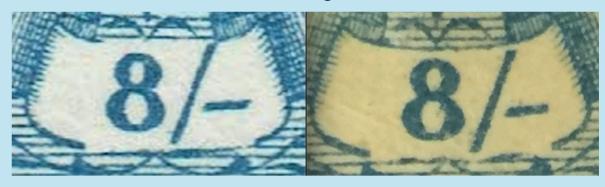
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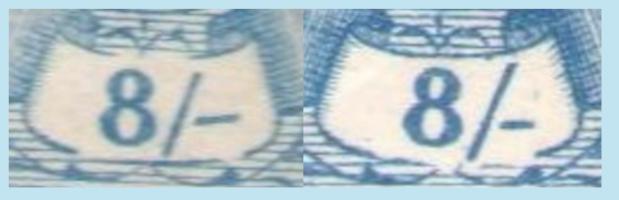
Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue





## **Nine Shillings**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue

Varieties: Major Re-entry. Value frame damage









Base of value frame Major Re-entry

### **Ten Shillings**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue

Varieties: Value frame damage. White spot inside

right of '0' in '10'









## **Eleven Shillings**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Green [shades]









## **Twelve Shillings**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Green [shades]









## **Twelve Shillings & Six Pence**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Green [shades]









## **Thirteen Shillings**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Green [shades]

Varieties: Value frame damage. White spots, various







## **Fourteen Shillings**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Green [shades]

Varieties: Broken tail in 'Q' of Queensland. Value frame damage









## **Fifteen Shillings**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Green [shades]

Varieties: Value frame damage. Thinned fraction bar









Thinned fraction bar

### **Sixteen Shillings**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Green [shades]









Master die use showing uncleared remnants of the top and bottom of the fraction bar.

### **Seventeen Shillings**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Green [shades]

Varieties: Fraction bar touching lower value frame





Top of 'S' in 'Queensland' missing



Retouch to lower value frame

#### **Seventeen Shillings & Six Pence**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Green [shades]

Varieties: This 17/6d value is the Master die. No value frame damage is found. The fraction bar touches top and bottom of each cartouche in all 30 subjects of the mould







Break in 'L'

### **Eighteen Shillings**



Very rare transfer damage to outer frame, prior to retouch. See page 25

Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Green [shades]

Varieties: Frame, value and value frame damage.

White spots













## **Nineteen Shillings**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Green [shades]



Fraction bar touching at base of value frame



## **Twenty Shillings**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Rose









Short - in /-

## **Twenty One Shillings**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Rose

Varieties: Similar lower value frame damage



## **Twenty One Shillings**

Error of Colour



Printed in Cinnamon

Cinnamon being the chosen colour for the higher values £3-£9. also see 30/-

## **Twenty Five Shillings**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Rose

Varieties: Value frame damage. Flat '2' at top









Flat '2' at top

## **Thirty Shillings**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Rose









## **Thirty Shillings**

Error of Colour



Printed in Cinnamon

Cinnamon being the chosen colour for the higher values £3-£9. Also see 21/-

## **Forty Shillings**



Year of Issue: 1895.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Rose









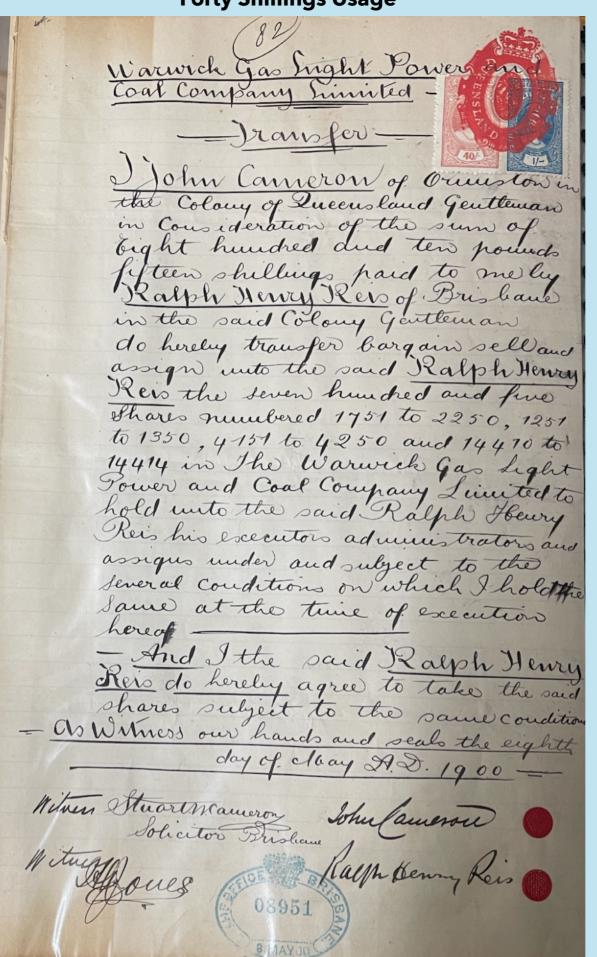


Value bar joins lower frame

**Forty Shillings Usage** 

A typical Share Transfer in the Warwick Gas Light Power and Coal Company Limited

Dated 8 May 1900 for 702 fully paid up shares costing £810-15-0



Paying 41/- stamp duty on £810/15/- or 82 times 6d

...for every £10 or part of £10 of the then value of shares transferred - 6d

## **Forty Five Shillings**



Year of Issue: 1895.

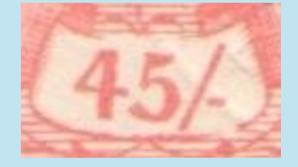
Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Rose









Value bar joins lower frame



Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Cinnamon

Varieties: No Stop

There are very few damaged value frames to be found from £3 - £500 due to no value bar



Value frame damage



No Stop after value



Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Cinnamon

Varieties: Value frame damage. Weak stop after £4.

Left side of 4 is thick. Flat top to  ${\tt f}$ 









Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Cinnamon

Varieties: Break in £ at base. Redrawn inner oval in places showing doubling







Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Cinnamon

Varieties: £ touching top of value frame. Stop square, round or diamond shaped







Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Cinnamon

Varieties: £ touching top of value frame. Inner oval damage 9 O'Clock and doubling of frame







Inner oval damage, adjacent to earring



Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Cinnamon

Varieties: White breaks to upper left outer frame. Inner oval break at 7 O'Clock







Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Cinnamon

Varieties: Two small colour bulges one third up outer left frame. Stop square or round









Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

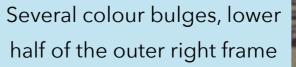
Perforation 12

Printed colour: Lilac

Varieties: Flat top to £.

'I' malformed at base









Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Lilac

Varieties: Top bar of £ broken away at left. Value

frame damage. Bite in 'l'











Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

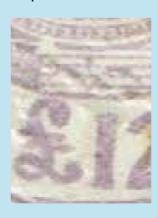
Perforation 12

Printed colour: Lilac

Varieties: No value stop.

Oval break above £.

Stop touches value frame







No Stop after value



Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Lilac

Varieties: No value Stop.

Value frame retouch

below '3.'





No Stop after value



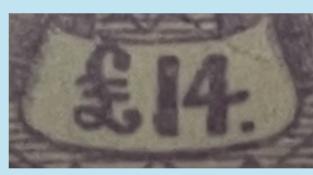
Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Lilac

Varieties: Lower left colour spur on '1' of £14. £ touching top frame. Doubling of inner frame. Head breaks oval at top. 1 and 4 touch









Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Lilac

Varieties: Value frame damage. Bulge in second white square up right frame. 'U' has spur lower left











Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Lilac

Varieties: Outer upper frame breaks left frame adjacent to white squares 7 & 8. Colour spot joining £ to frame at top. Value frame at top and bottom retouched. Upper spur on stop











Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Lilac

Varieties: 12th white square down on right frame broken. Outer head oval damage 11-2pm. Flat top to £









Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Lilac

Varieties: Outer colour spur two thirds of the way down left frame. Lower crossbar in £ broken. Lower crossbar in £ has colour spot









Master die use showing uncleared remnants of the top and bottom of the fraction bar.

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Lilac

Varieties: £ high. Remnants of master die fraction bar at base of value cartouche. Value misplaced to the right with stop touching value frame. White scratches right side of oval









Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Lilac

Varieties: Value frame damage. Misplaced value with stop joining lower frame







£20 Roulette at top



Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Lilac

Varieties: Shading break left of 'M'. Head oval breaks into upper oval. Value stop round









Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Lilac

Varieties: Outer white squares 7 & 8 at base joined. '40' joined. Value stop touches frame. Colour bulge inside '0', two types noted









Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Lilac

Varieties: Value frame damage. Stops after £50 vary









Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Brown

Varieties: Colour bulge in lower curve of 'S'. Remnants of master die fraction bar. Value stop varies in size











Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Brown

Varieties: Third white square at top right is broken. Deformed '7'. Spur on '7' and '0'. Colour below '£'

and '7'











Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

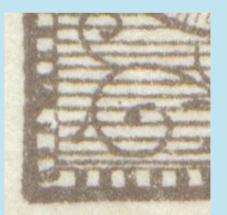
Printed colour: Brown

Varieties: Various stop shapes.

Colour spur extending outside of frame at left.







Master transfer flaw.

Left frame, Fourth
white square up
from bottom
coloured in



No stop appears scarce

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Brown

Varieties: With and without value Stop. Centre of right frame white scratch lines, colour spur extending outside of frame. Stop varies in size and shape









Master die use showing uncleared remnants of the top and bottom of the fraction bar

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Lilac [shades].

Varieties: With and without value Stop. Value frame damage at top. Remnants of master die fraction bar. Colour spot below right side of 1 in 100. £ touches top of frame











Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Lilac [shades]

Varieties: With Stop size varies or No Stop. Over inked head shading Blunt top left corner to value











Master die use showing uncleared remnants of the top and bottom of the fraction bar

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Lilac [shades]

Varieties: With or without value Stop. Scratch top right corner and white spots upper right outer frame. '£300' low





With stop appears scarce



With or without value Stop. See next page

Paper: Thick Paper

Watermark: Crown over Q

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Lilac [shades]

Varieties: Transfer scratch Queens nose to frame at 8 O'Clock. Shading line break below 'IM'. Thick '£500'



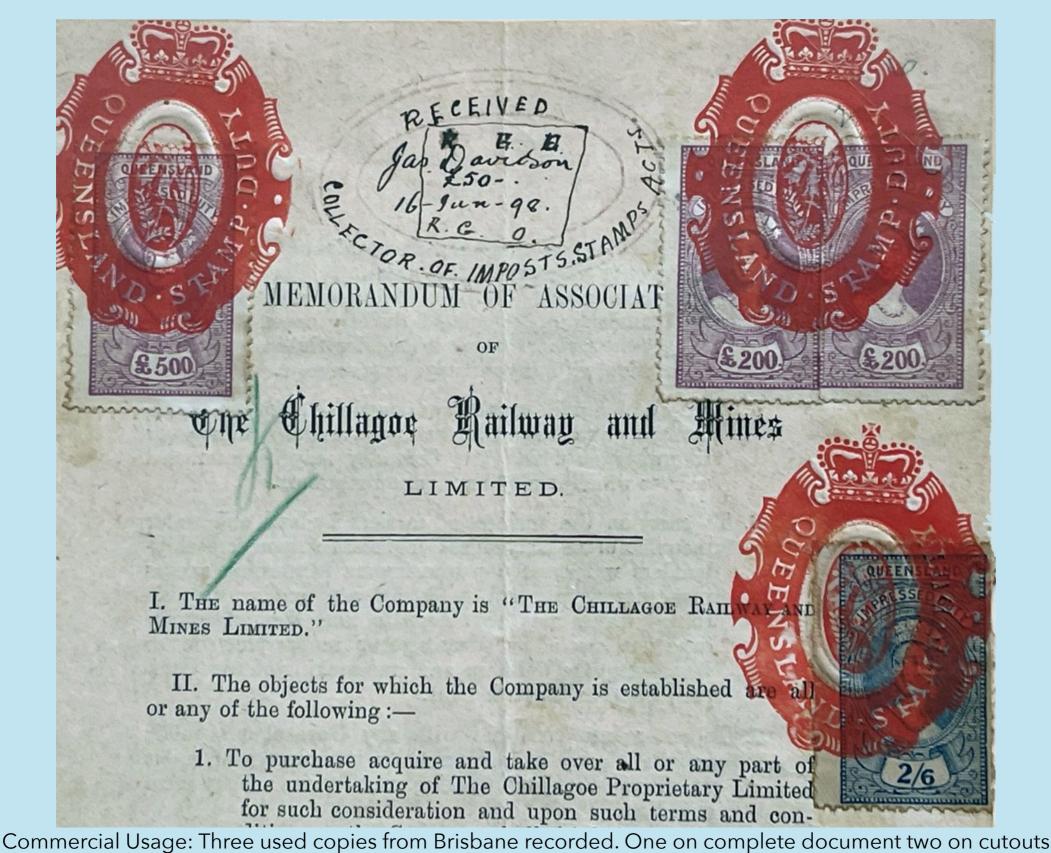






This block highlights the unusual wide vertical spacing between the subjects common throughout this series

One complete instrument is recorded with a used £500



#### Introduction to the Second Series "Second Issue" - Unwatermarked Paper

Year of Issue: 1899









A darkened example of very thin open wove paper

Four existing stamp values on thick and thin open wove unwatermarked paper come from four new lithographic stones using the existing thirty key frame mould with thirty new fresh value types. These four values replaced the existing four due to Litho Stone damage.

Stone 2. Easily identified by the ~ after the fraction bar which, in some subjects can be found wedge shaped.

The 1/- and 2/- can also be found on unwatermarked paper with a straight - after the fraction bar.

Nine further values shown below where demand was high on watermarked paper are also found on unwatermarked paper due to exhaustion of the Crown Q watermarked paper, all using the existing thirty mould



















Although not strictly a second issue the authors have separated all of these thirteen values away from the other sixty three to save confusion

### **Second Series Second Issue.**

### **Six Pence**



Year of Issue: 1899.

Paper: Thick and thin Paper

Watermark: Nil

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue

Varieties: Value frame damage. Also see wmked

issue









# **One Shilling**



Master die use showing uncleared remnants of the bottom of the fraction bar.

Year of Issue: 1899.

Paper: Thick and thin Paper

Watermark: Nil

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue

Varieties: Various sizes/shapes of value font







### **One Shilling**

A 30 mould has been identified when studying the I/- value



30 variations of the value have been identified

# **Two Shilling**



Year of Issue: 1899.

Paper: Thick and thin Paper

Watermark: Nil

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue

Varieties: 2 varies in thickness





Master die use showing uncleared remnants of the top and bottom of the fraction bar



### **Two Shilling & Six Pence**



Year of Issue: 1899.

Paper: Thick and thin Paper

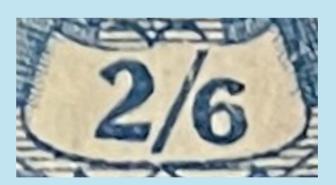
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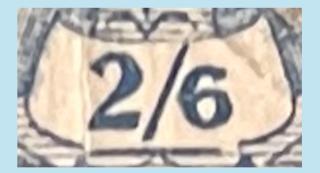
Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue

Varieties: Value frame damage. Also see wmked

issue







Upper right frame white void

# **Three Shilling**



Year of Issue: 1899.

Paper: Thick and thin Paper

Watermark: Nil

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue

Varieties: Fraction bat touches top of value frame.

Also see wmked issue









# **Five Shilling**



Year of Issue: 1899.

Paper: Thick and thin Paper

Watermark: Nil

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue

Varieties: Value frame damage. Also see wmked

issue









# **Seven Shillings & Six Pence**



Year of Issue: 1899.

Paper: Thick and thin Paper

Watermark: Nil

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue

Varieties: Value frame damage. Also see wmked

issue









# **Ten Shilling**



Year of Issue: 1899.

Paper: Thick and thin Paper

Watermark: Nil

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Blue



Varieties: Various '0' font used in '10/-'









Master die use showing uncleared remnants of the top and bottom of the fraction bar

# **Fifteen Shilling**



Year of Issue: 1899.

Paper: Thick and thin Paper

Watermark: Nil

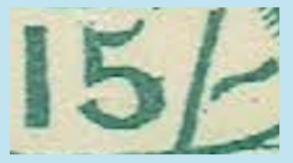
Perforation 12

Printed colour: Green

Varieties: Various misshapen fonts







Fraction bar touching base of value box



Paper: Thick and thin Paper

Watermark: Nil

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Lilac [shades]

All have no stops

Varieties: Value frame damage. Inner oval damage at left. Colour spot below right side of 1 in 100. Also see wmked issue. White shading void above Queens right shoulder







Master die use showing uncleared remnants of the top and bottom of the fraction bar



**Printing Void** 

Possible cause, iron filings caught up on the litho stone or the paper and when dried fell off leaving the appearance of a cracked electro

Stamp has been purposely darkened to highlight the void.





Master die use showing uncleared remnants of the top and bottom of the fraction bar

Year of Issue: 1899.

Paper: Thick and thin Paper

Watermark: Nil

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Lilac [shades]

All have no stops after £200 which is joined

Varieties: Inner oval damage. Also see wmked issue





Year of Issue: 1899.

Paper: Thick and thin Paper

Watermark: Nil

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Lilac [shades]

All have no stops

Varieties: Value frame damage. Inner oval break.

Also see wmked issue









Year of Issue: 1899.

Paper: Thick and thin Paper

Watermark: Nil

Perforation 12

Printed colour: Lilac [shades]

All have no stops

Varieties: Value frame damage. Thick and thin value font. Various size £ crossbars. 00 in £500 joined. Also see wmked issue





Master die use, showing uncleared remnants of the bottom of the fraction bar

Treasury Albino Embossed Cancel typically applied across two stamps

Legend reads "STAMP OFFICE / TREASURY BRISBANE"



This form of marking appears to have been the most common with each stamp having at least half of the Treasury albino cancel embossed into it



Sets with the central albino Treasury Cancel appear rare

An estimated quantity of 300 sets of 63 values mixed on watermarked and unwatermarked papers, albino embossed with the Treasury cancel were prepared as gifts and for sale to the public at 10/- per set. Other gift only sets and with various markings were overprinted and include CANCELLED and SPECIMEN in black, red or blue, various size black rings and ink manuscript also having the Treasury albino embossed cancel as a security measure to prevent reuse. Date stamped with altered single digit year.

'CANCELLED' in blue.



Angled 'CANCELLED' Handstamped [sans-serif no stop] 24 x 3½mm With and without value stop

'CANCELLED' in blue or red sometimes inverted.



'CANCELLED' Handstamped [sans-serif no stop] 21 x 2\%mm and dual black 11mm quarter ring

Sets were sold to the public at 10/- per set of 63 values

'SPECIMEN' in black



'SPECIMEN' Handstamped [sansserif no stop] 15½ x 2mm



Sets with several 25mm date combinations have been recorded

14-3-2 w

01-10-2

13-8-3

29-6-4

'CANCELLED' in blue

		IMPRESSED
Queensland 1895		QUEENSLAND
(Duty plus Postage)	AGE	
Details of Contents:	POSTA	\$100 \$100
		STAMP
ADDRESS:		••••••••

Sets were sold to the public at 10/- per set of 63 values

'CANCELLED' in Black or Red

Red is extremely rare



'CANCELLED' Handstamped [sans-serif no stop] 21 x 2¾mm. With or with out 18mm quarter ring



'CANCELLED' Handstamped [sans-serif] 21 x 2¾mm and an 18mm quarter ring

Sets were sold to the public at 10/- per set of 63 values



'CANCELLED' in black

Recorded Pairs
overprinted
'CANCELLED' Upright,
diagonal, diagonal
inverted with or
without 18mm quarter/
half ring



'CANCELLED' recorded double, also double one vertical up the other inverted





# Cancelled Handstamps, and Other Markings Archival Sale

These £500 values are from two sets of 63 from lot 43 auctioned by public tender in the first of two Australia Post 'Philatelic Archival Sale' with tenders closing 12 February 1987



Catalogue description of lot 43:

Impressed Duty series 3d to £500 (63 values), two sets overprinted "CANCELLED", also various postal fiscals similarly overprinted (11), and various postal and postal fiscal issues overprinted "SPECIMEN" (37) (mixed condition) (173)

Sets were sold to the public at 10/- per set of 63 values



Black 18mm quarter ring. Sets were sold to the public at 10/- per set



Manuscript CTO in black ink

Sets were gifted to parliamentarians

Sets were sold to the public at 10/- per set of 63 values



Black 11mm full ring



Black 18mm quarter ring and 11mm full ring

### **Presentation Booklet c1920**



Some values available in c1920 were used to make a booklet 3d to the £1000. Note security pin punch hole between Queen's eyes.

The Red 22 x 3mm sans-serif SPECIMEN is unique to each of the nineteen values within this booklet

#### **Presentation Booklet c1928**



Values available in c1928 were used to make a booklet 3d-£1000

Each contain a small security pin punch

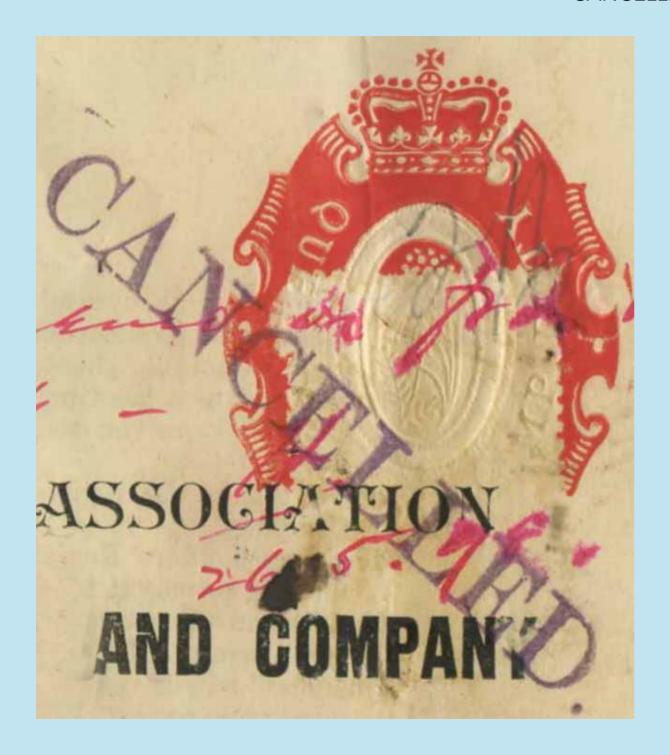
Surplus Queen Victoria values were still being used up in 1930

> 3d 9d 1/3d 1/6d 11/-12/-16/-17/-18/-19/-£10 £16 £17 £18 £19 £40 £50 £70 £80

The 19 values some in use into the 1930s. [see page 133] All other values to £500 were replaced by KEDVII then KGV 123

#### **Miscellaneous Cancels**

**CANCELLED** 





Stamps found with part violet 60mm x 7mm 'CANCELLED' on, can be mistaken for official overprints sold in sets to the public. This handstamp was used to cancel an instrument with or without removing the stamps

### **Miscellaneous Cancels**





Vertical perfs cut off. Security pin punch one quarter up between stamps

Security pin punch above '£8'

### **Miscellaneous Cancels**



Blue Oval 'Exempt from Stamp Duty.' In this case Exempt on Company Capital

One surviving complete set of the 63 duty stamps on watermarked paper commercially used is recorded.































































































































Two surviving cutouts with a £500 exist

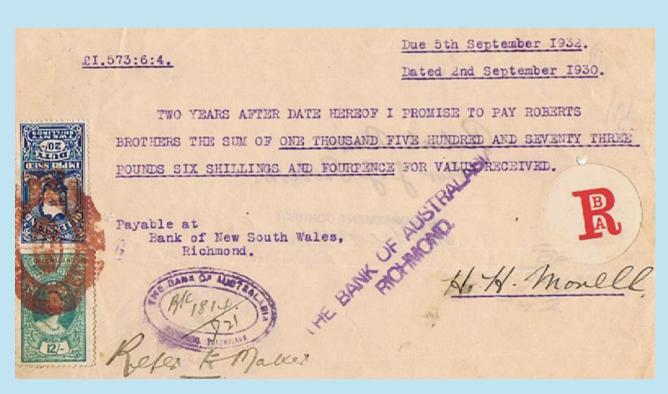
### **Earliest Recorded Date of Use**



Earliest Recorded Date of Use, used in the first week of issue

#### **Examples of Dual Reign Usage**





Attractive two reign late usage can be found used on instruments with KEDVII and or KGV values



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Attractive two reign late usage can be found used on instruments with KEDVII and or KGV values







Used in conjunction with a GB 1/- at top

### **Examples of Triple Reign Usage**

Attractive three reign late usage can be found used on instruments



#### **Duplicate Cancel**

Brisbane Type 2: 1894-1921



The Duplicate Canceller, well worn from years of service



A duplicate to the 'original was stamped' instrument when supplied was stamped with this canceller. The duty value paid on the original was stamped in black as a secondary operation

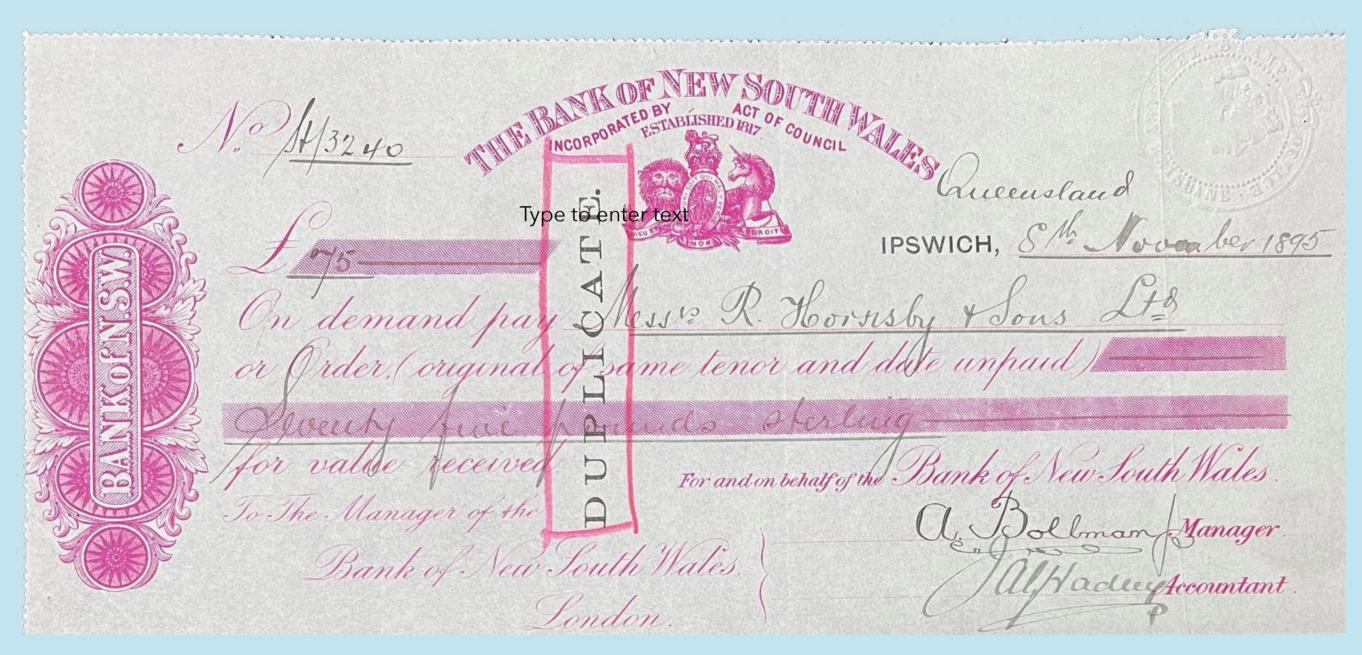
28mm in diameter Always in Red



'Bill of Exchange' Usage

Treasury Receipt Cancel

Survival of instruments carrying this cancel is exceedingly rare



Section 42 of the 1894 Stamps Act 58 Vic. No 8 : Duplicate's Exempt

This single duplicate receipt is the only survivor to date

Type I - High Apostrophe

#### **Practice Direction**

"The Stamp Act 1894". 96 Vic No 8. provides that there -

[a] a person lodges an instrument for a decision by the Commissioner as to whether the instrument, or transaction to which it relates, is imposed with duty; and

[b] the Commissioner decides the instrument or transaction is not imposed with duty

[c] The Commissioner may waive payment of the fee if the Commissioner considers it is appropriate having regard to the type of instrument and the circumstances in which the instrument was lodged

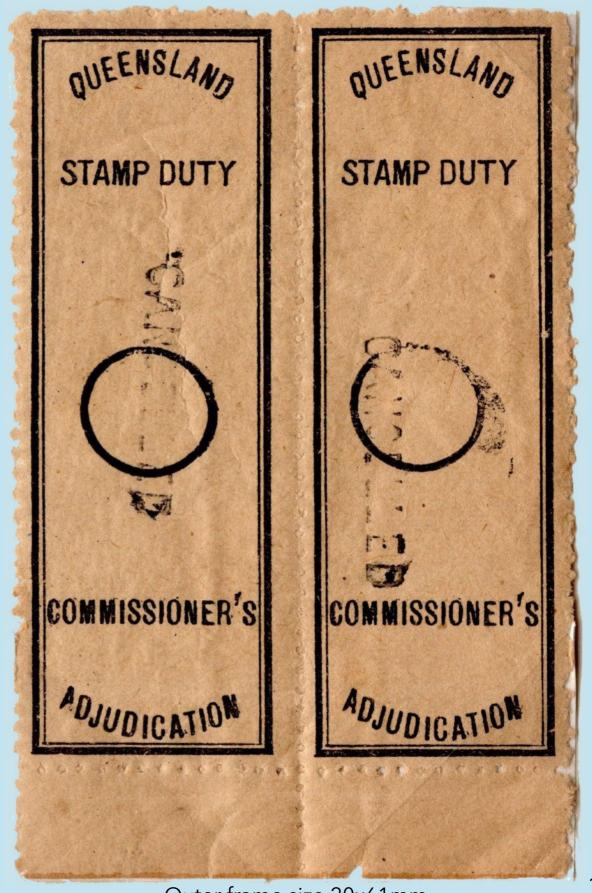
[d] This Practice Direction clarifies the Commissioner's practice in relation to the waiving of adjudication fees on certain types of instruments

Irregular Rough Perforated 12

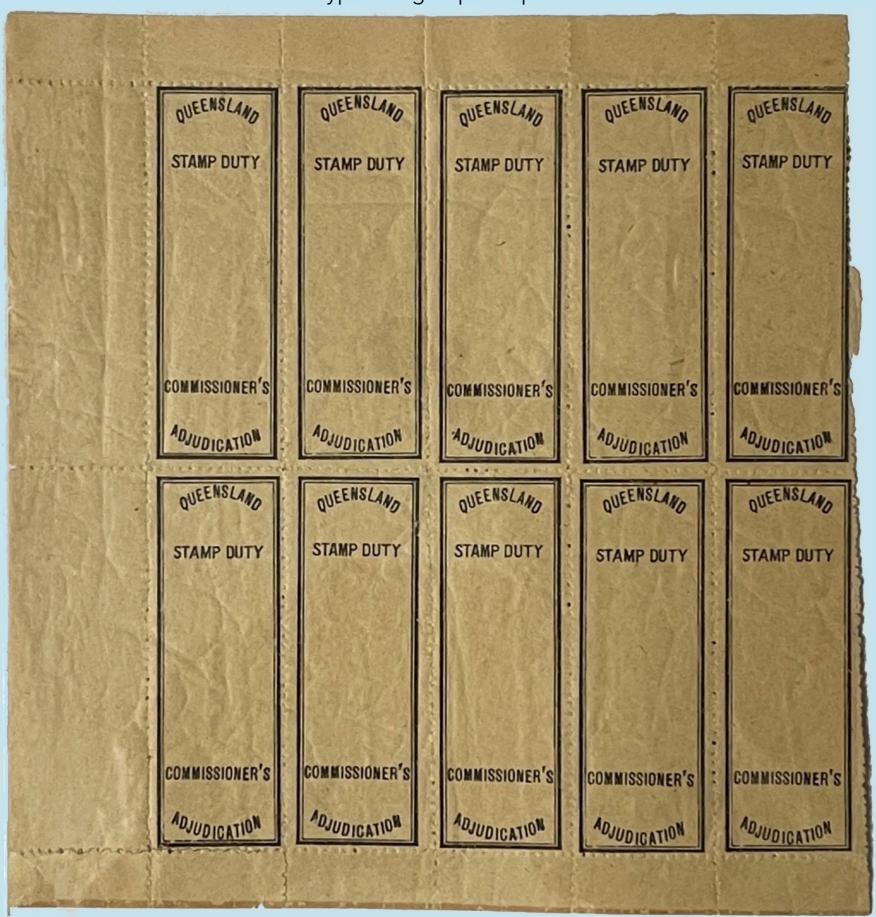
Apostrophe in 'COMMISSIONER'S' high.

Last 'N' high. CTO - on smooth paper

CTO 11mm full ring & 21 x 2¾mm 'CANCELLED' in black, Prepared for inclusion into parliamentary gift packs



Type I - High Apostrophe



Type I - High Apostrophe





made the Frenty Jiffhday of April
1900 BETWEEN ALEXANDER CORRIE, ...

THOMAS REES and DAVID JOHN STEWART all of Brisbane in the Colony of Queensland being The Committee of Management of a Syndicate called the Jordan Creek Gold Mining Syndicate not necessary to be herein more fully described, for and on behalf of themselves and the other shareholders in the said Syndicate whose names are not necessary to be herein set out hereinafter called the Vendors of the one part, AND Edwin Benjamin Kellaway of Brisbane aforesaid Accountant for and on behalf of the Company hereinafter referred to and hereinafter called the purchaser of the other part WHEREAS the vendors are the owners of all that mining prospecting area No. 33 on the Jordan Creek Goldfield of North Queensland containing an area of 150 yards by 150 yards, and which is included in a lease now applied for or about to be applied for by or on behalf of the said vendors, and which together with all the lands buildings hereditaments goods chattels moneys ... contracts debts and other assets whatsoever and wheresoever of the said vendors shall be deemed and taken to be included in the term

Type II - Low Apostrophe Clean Cut Perforated 12





Type II - Low Apostrophe Clean Cut Perforated 12



Rough open wove paper. Apostrophe in 'COMMISSIONER'S' low Outer frame size 20x62½mm

Type I - Thick Brown Gum



Irregular Rough Perforated 12

Type II - Thin Clear PVA Gum



Clean Cut Perforated 12

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