

# THE STAMPS & COVERS OF VICTORIAN NATAL 1857 - 1899

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*1857. The unique "Goodricke Cover" showing an embossed block of four 1/- stamps.  
"The highest degree of rarity .... I doubt the existence of any other piece of this country in any way  
comparable to this." 'Stamps of Fame'. (L. N. & M. Williams. 1949.)*

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# Victorian Natal

1857 - 1899

Natal, located in southern Africa, became a British colony in 1856. The following year, embossed postage stamps were issued in the values of 3<sup>d</sup>, 6<sup>d</sup>, 9<sup>d</sup> and 1/-. This exhibit tells the story of those stamps with their uses through the Perkins Bacon and De La Rue issues till the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anglo Boer War in October 1899. On each page, the issue is listed top left, and the items on the page top right.

## Frame 1 1857 The first embossed stamps

These stamps are only presented in used condition, as reprints were made from the original dies and paper and can only be separated from originals by genuine postmarks. No proofs exist. Used multiples of the three higher values (6d, 9d and 1/-) exist only in a single example of each, which are all shown. Seven 3<sup>d</sup> *tête-bêche* pairs are known, but only 3 are in private hands, of which 2 distinct uses are in this exhibit. Only 7 mixed embossed frankings exist, of which 6 distinct uses are shown. Among them is the only recorded block of an embossed issue; a 1/- block on a front with a 9<sup>d</sup>, which is in this exhibit.

## Frame 2 1859 - 1861 Perkins Bacon no watermark 1<sup>d</sup>, 3<sup>d</sup>; the interim use of 1<sup>d</sup> embossed

The Chalon issues open with the only full set of four of die proofs in private hands; the unique 1<sup>d</sup> vertical pair CANCELLED by Perkins Bacon unrecorded by Jaffe and the unique 3<sup>d</sup> two vertical imperf between pairs recorded only on a single cover. Embossed 1<sup>d</sup> provisionals of 1859 (in blue and pink/buff) issued for a Chalon 1<sup>d</sup> shortage are shown on both **soldiers'** letter and newspaper (unique examples for the 1<sup>d</sup> pink/buff); the Salmon front is shown – a parcel front with the only recorded Natal embossed 1<sup>d</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> combination.

## Frame 3 The 1862 – 1867 Perkins Bacon and De La Rue 1<sup>d</sup>, 6<sup>d</sup> and 1/- issues

The largest recorded multiples in private hands of the 1862 6<sup>d</sup>, 1862 1<sup>d</sup> watermark star, 1863 1<sup>d</sup> without watermark, 1865 1<sup>d</sup> watermark crown CC, plus the only 1/- essays are all shown. Uses shown include **soldiers' letters**; 1/4 rate to UK via Mauritius; and 18<sup>d</sup> rate to Canada using only 1<sup>d</sup> stamps.

## Frames 4 - 5 The 1869 - 74 overprints

The 1869 local postage overprints are the hardest to find Natal Chalon stamps. The organization of their printing on the sheet is illustrated and all but 3 (as yet undiscovered) of the 47 possible used stamps are shown; 4 of the 5 mint 1/- are shown for the first time since Ferrary; the unique 1<sup>d</sup> se-tenant Types 2 and 3 strip of three on cover is shown; as is the only 1870 1/- black overprint on cover; the unique printers proof of the 1873 1/- overprint setting is shown as are the largest mint multiples of the 1870/3 1<sup>d</sup>, 3<sup>d</sup> and 6<sup>d</sup>.

## Frames 6, 7 and 8 The 1874 – 1895 Chalons, Shillings and De La Rue Design Issues

The 8 recorded essays of the De La Rue Natal issues of this period are all shown. The only recorded 1877 HALF plus ½ complete pane on DLR 1<sup>d</sup> is shown, as are the 2 recorded 1877 ½<sup>d</sup> provisional inverted on cover. Mixed frankings are shown of Natal stamps with Transvaal, Orange Free State, New Republic and British Inland Mail stamps of Madagascar. The 1883 new colors appendix sheet is shown through the last Victorian stamps; the exhibit ends with the 1897 proposed for Natal, but unissued, AFRICA appendix sheet.

## Philatelic and Related Knowledge, Personal Study and Research

There is no handbook of Natal beyond the plating and 1869 setting studies by Mann (illustrated at the start of the 1869 issues in this exhibit) **in the London Philatelist in the 1940's** and an overview of the postmarks by Hart and co-authors published in 1977. The exhibitor has published a book (2011) & more than 25 articles on Victorian Natal stamps and their uses including an analysis of the manuscript markings on embossed stamps; censi of the recorded uses of the embossed stamps and 1869 issues of Natal on cover and the uses of Transvaal, New Republic and Madagascar British Inland Mail in mixed use with Natal stamps on cover.

## Victorian Natal Synopsis

This exhibit tells the story of the stamps of Natal with their uses, from the earliest known used embossed stamps, through the Perkins Bacon and De La Rue issues till the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anglo Boer War in Oct 1899. On each page the issue is listed top left, and the items on the page top right.

Frame 1. In 1857 embossed 3<sup>d</sup>, 6<sup>d</sup>, 9<sup>d</sup> and 1/- stamps were issued to pay the local intra – Natal rate of postage of 3<sup>d</sup> plus a unique Natal 3<sup>d</sup> port fee on outgoing letters at Durban and multiples of those rates. The stamps only paid external postage to the Cape or the Orange Free State. Prepayment to the UK was only authorized in 1862 after the use of these stamps had ended. Embossed stamps are collected only used, as mint reprints were made later from the original paper and dies. Most examples on cover are the 3<sup>d</sup>, used locally at the 3<sup>d</sup> rate. The hardest to find used stamps of any value are multiples. Seven examples of 3<sup>d</sup> pairs exist *tête-bêche* of which only 3 are outside of museum collections; two unique usages of those three are shown in this exhibit. Unique examples of the 6<sup>d</sup> on cover are recorded to Europe (Germany) and to Australia. Only 3 examples of the 9<sup>d</sup> are known on cover; the 2 in private hands are shown, as is the unique used 1/- block of four.

Frame 2. In 1859 perf 14 Chalon stamps printed by Perkins Bacon (PB) were sent to the colony in 1<sup>d</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> values. Only one complete set of 4 PB die proofs is recorded and shown. The 1859 PB 1<sup>d</sup> is recorded in the **single example on a soldier's** letter and the unique vertical pair CANCELLED by PB, unrecorded by Jaffe, are shown. The 3<sup>d</sup> perf 14 imperf vertically exists (see SG10a) on only a single cover shown here. No high values led to large numbers of 3<sup>d</sup> needed to prepay overweight letters. Failure to order 1<sup>d</sup> stamps in late 1859 led to a shortage, met by printing embossed 1<sup>d</sup> stamps in blue and pink/buff.

**Usages on soldier's letter are very rare and the unique uses of the pink/buff on soldier's letter and newspaper are shown.** Most recorded use of the 1<sup>d</sup> blue embossed was **on newspapers from a single correspondence to the UK. The "Salmon" cover is addressed to "Salmon" and has the only recorded combination of "salmon color" 1<sup>d</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> embossed stamps.**

Frame 3. In 1862 a PB rough perf 6<sup>d</sup> brown was issued; when the PB Chalon 1<sup>d</sup> finally arrived again in Natal they were on watermark star paper. This issue is little recorded mint or on cover. The following year the 1<sup>d</sup> stamps from the UK were the last PB issue and were perf 13 on un-watermarked paper. Large multiples exist only from a single sheet in the Mayfair find of 1925 and the largest reconstructed multiple from that sheet is shown. The 1863 6<sup>d</sup> and 1865 1<sup>d</sup> issues came from De La Rue on crown CC paper. In 1867 the new design De La Rue 1/- was issued, for which the 2 recorded essays are shown.

Frames 4/5. Until 1869, Natal stamps could be used either for postage or revenue purpose. Separation of the finances of the post office called for stamps to be designated as only usable for postage, leading to a series of overprints with the word **"Postage"**. The first printing of these were issued in 1869 in 5 different forms on a single sheet of 240 (20 x 12) stamps.

**The format was worked out by Mann in the 1940's** (illustrated on pages 1 & 2 of Frame 4) and extended by this exhibitor in 2019. These first printings have the overprint low on the 1<sup>d</sup>, high on the 3<sup>d</sup> and 6<sup>d</sup> and low on the 1/-. The second printing is only Type 4 (POSTAGE.) with the opposite orientation = high on 1<sup>d</sup>, low on 3<sup>d</sup> and 6<sup>d</sup> and high on the 1/- stamp. The 1869 stamps are rarities in any kind of multiple, as is their use on cover. Not all of the types, mint or used are recorded on the 3<sup>d</sup> perf 14 and 3<sup>d</sup> intermediate perf. The 1/- mint first printing are recorded only in 1 – 2 copies each in private hands, with only one recorded anywhere of type 5 (shown); 4 of the 5 types are shown mint for the first time since Ferrary. Se-tenant stamps exist in the Royal collection, one 3<sup>d</sup> pair in private hands and a strip of three 1<sup>d</sup> on cover which is shown. The 1870 De La Rue 1/- exists used with trial overprints inadvertently issued in red and black (shown with the unique black overprint use on cover). The largest mint multiples of the 1870/3 De La Rue 1<sup>d</sup>, 3<sup>d</sup> and 6<sup>d</sup> are shown. In 1874, a 1/- brown revenue and 1<sup>d</sup> Chalon were also locally overprinted postage. The only recorded plate proof of the 1/- overprint is shown.

Frame 6. In 1874 De La Rue issued new designs of the 1<sup>d</sup>, 3<sup>d</sup>, 6<sup>d</sup> and, for the first time, a 5/- stamp. All the essays are shown, as are specimens, proofs, and mixed use of the 6<sup>d</sup> with Transvaal stamps and the only recorded non – philatelic use of the 5/-. Finally, the 1875 1<sup>d</sup> local overprint is shown in its largest recorded mint and used multiples.

Frame 7. The 1875 local postage overprints are shown. The 1<sup>d</sup> red is shown in a mixed use with Transvaal stamps and the 6<sup>d</sup> on one of only 3 recorded Natal / Orange Free State mixed uses on cover. In 1877 the single letter postal rate to Europe and USA became 7½<sup>d</sup> and in the absence of this value, 1<sup>d</sup> De La Rue and 1<sup>d</sup> Chalon yellow and 6<sup>d</sup> rose revenue stamps were overprinted ½<sup>d</sup>. The De La Rue 1<sup>d</sup> overprint HALF ½ of 1877 exists in 6 different forms of the ½ and the only recorded full pane is shown with an unrecorded gothic 1 on a single stamp. On the ½<sup>d</sup> yellow the se-tenant missing overprint is shown mint and used. Both recorded inverted overprint uses on cover are shown. The rose stamps' recorded major varieties are all shown as is the use on cover with an OFS stamp. In 1878, 6<sup>d</sup> remainders were overprinted 1<sup>d</sup>. This stamp is rare on cover and is shown on a newspaper. In 1878 DLR issued a new 4<sup>d</sup> for the new 4<sup>d</sup> registration rate and in 1880, finally, a ½<sup>d</sup> stamp was issued, for which the essays, die proofs, DLR plate proof and specimens are shown.

Frame 8. All the De La Rue 1874 – 1880 crown CC stamps, except the 5/- were re-issued in 1882 – 1889 on crown CA paper. The appendix sheet showing perf 12 stamps in new colours is shown. Further ½<sup>d</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> overprints were issued in 1885/6. The ½<sup>d</sup> is shown in its largest recorded multiple and the 2<sup>d</sup> De La Rue proof and specimen are shown. The colonial keyplate 2<sup>d</sup> was issued in 1888 with progressive die proofs shown; and the detached triangle mint and used on cover. In 1890 an orange revenue Chalon 1/- was overprinted by De La Rue with curved red postage overprint which is recorded used in a double print. The entry of Natal into the UPU required a 2½<sup>d</sup> stamp issued in 1891. Accepted and unaccepted essays are shown and the largest recorded 7x multiple of the stamp in use with Madagascar British Inland Mail. Finally, in 1895 the last Victorian stamps of Natal were again ½<sup>d</sup> overprints in response to a shortage. The ½<sup>d</sup> overprint on 6<sup>d</sup> issued on 12 March is shown used on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of use, and the 2 recorded blocks each with a single stamp missing POSTAGE (top right and top left respectively) have been re-united. The final HALF issue (18<sup>th</sup> March) is shown with a new discovery of (HAL) missing. The exhibit ends with the 1897 appendix sheet of the proposed for Natal, but unissued, AFRICA stamps.

**1857 Embossed Issue  
May & Davis PMBurg  
Three Pence**

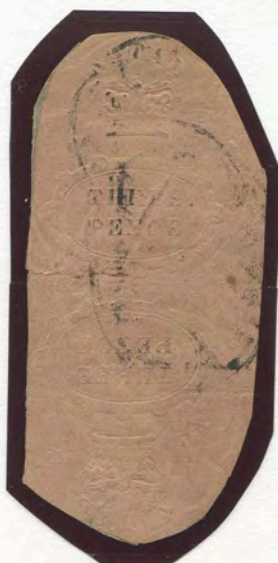
**Mint probable reprint  
Used; Partial & Full Tete - Beche; Pairs**



1 Feb blue Natal Crown  
BPA cert.1971 ex Caspary

Mint probable reprint  
Shown to illustrate design

26 May blue Natal crown  
**Partial tete - beche at bottom**  
RPS cert.1957; BPSB cert.1998



**Unique Tete – Beche Pair with PMBurg oval cancel.**

One of three tete-beche pairs of the embossed 3<sup>d</sup> in private hands

Tear between stamps at left, ex Col Green, Linn's Philatelic Gems 4, p82. Holcombe cert. 1992.



PMBurg oval. One of two pairs in private hands.  
ex Ferrari, Burrus, de la Queillerie

Only recorded "11" Greytown used pair.  
Holcombe cert. 1995. ex Hart

1857 Embossed Issue  
May & Davis PMBurg  
Three Pence

Unique Tête-Bêche Pair on Front

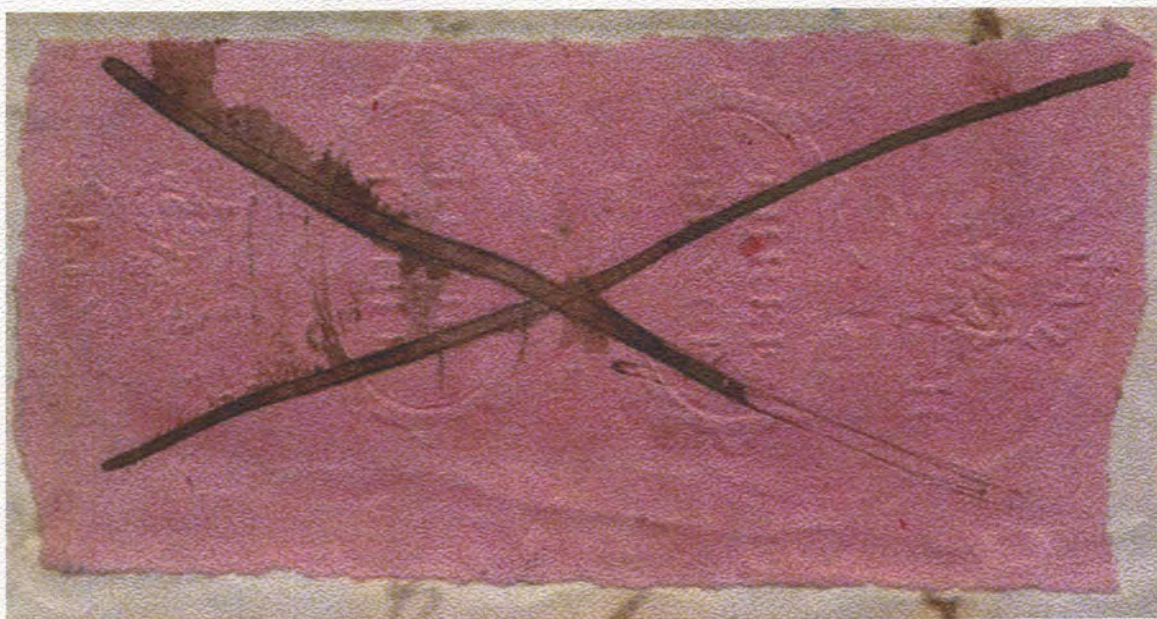
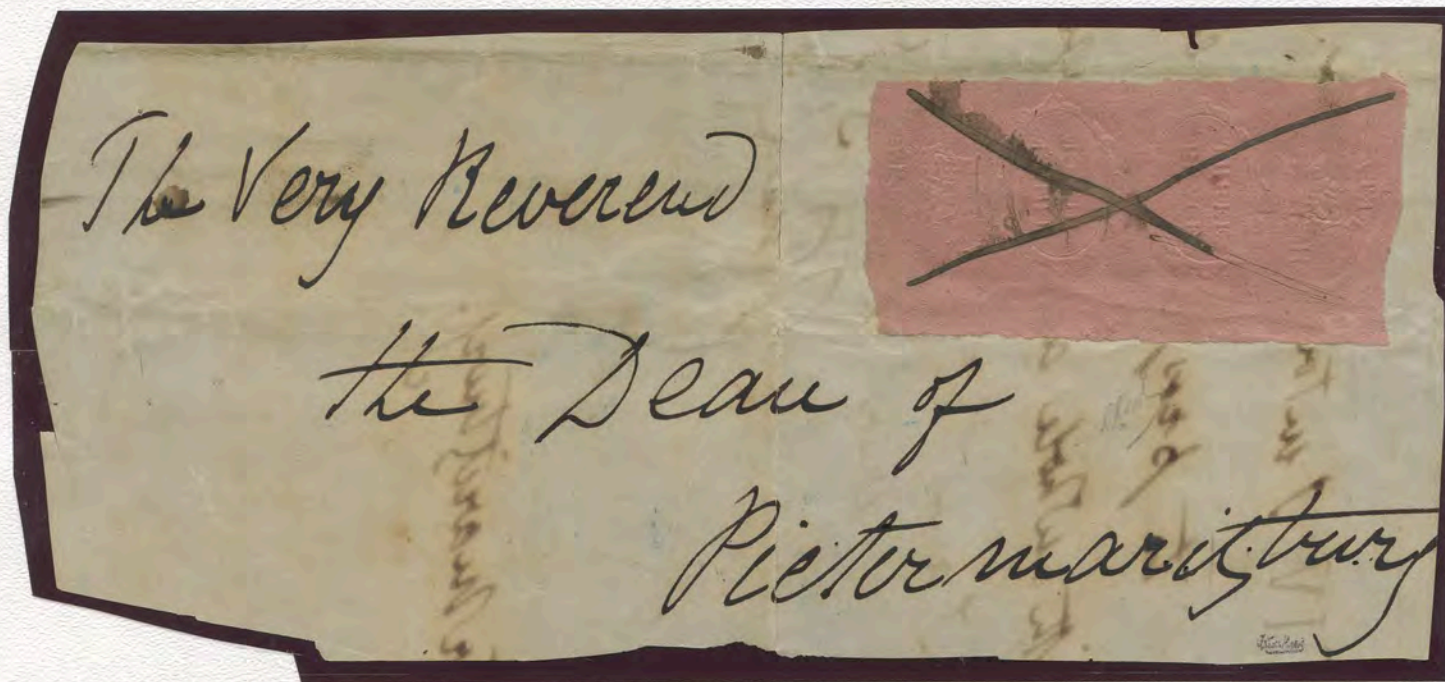


Illustration of stamps 2x enlarged to show tête-bêche



Manuscript X undated (based on the correspondence probably from Pinetown) on tête-bêche 3<sup>d</sup> pair paying double rate to Dean of Pietermaritzburg.

Three examples of tête-bêche pairs exist in private hands and this is the only example of a tête-bêche pair on cover or front.

BPA cert. (1998). Provenance: ex Boker.

1857 Embossed Issue  
May & Davis PMBurg  
Three Pence

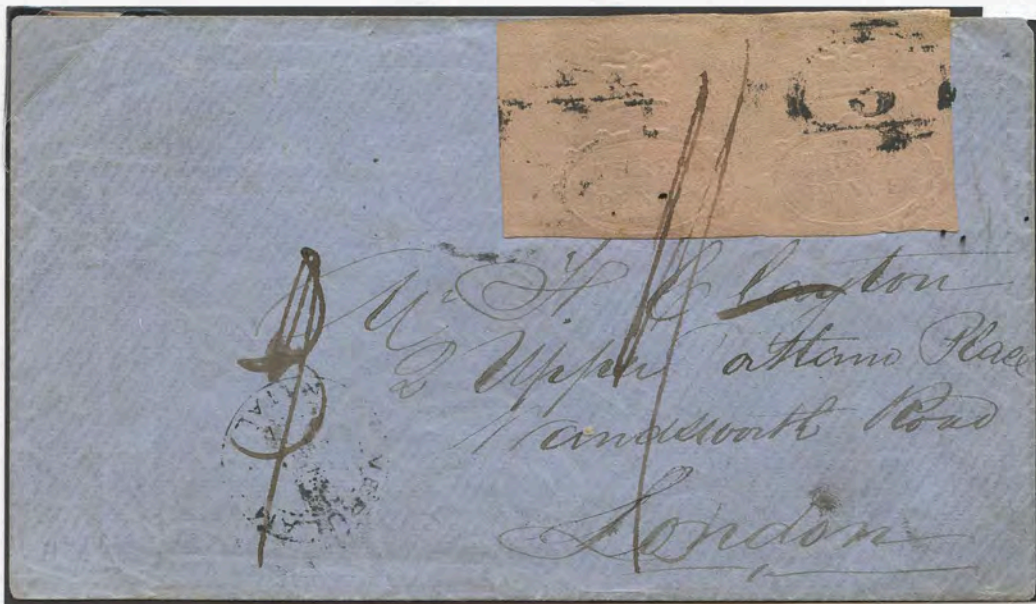
Only Known Example to Australia  
Unique Verulam "3" Cancelled Pair on Cover

All 3<sup>d</sup> embossed covers recorded to date are addressed to Southern Africa or Europe, except this cover.



Earliest recorded use of Natal 3<sup>d</sup> embossed stamp and only recorded 3<sup>d</sup> embossed cover to Australia

5 Jul 1857. 3<sup>d</sup> pays Durban port fee and postage to Cape Town. Sent by Rennie "Madagascar" to Cape Town (18 Jul transit on reverse) and "Lady Sherbourne" from Mauritius with Ship Letter Free Victoria on reverse, as Victoria had no incoming ship letter fee in 1857. Detained for advertisement with Letter Carrier LC OCa 31, 1857 date-stamp. Redirected to Castlemaine with 2<sup>d</sup> internal Victoria postage due and Nov 19 arrival on reverse. BPSB cert. 2016 "Genuine in every respect".



Aug 1861. Unique 3<sup>d</sup> pair recorded cancelled "3" Verulam. Rated as single 3<sup>d</sup> internal rate plus 3<sup>d</sup> port fee to Cape, but rated double weight 1/- due in UK. London 28<sup>th</sup> Sep 1861 arrival. BPA cert. 2003.

1857 Embossed Issue  
 May & Davis PMBurg  
 Six Pence

Mint Probable Reprint  
 Used Singles; Marginal Single; Only Recorded Pair



Used Durban Crown  
 Ex Burrus



Mint probable reprint  
 Shown to illustrate embossed design



Used Durban Crown  
 Marginal Single



"2" Durban  
 RPS cert. 1994



PMBurg Oval  
 ex Dale - Lichtenstein



Ladysmith  
 Oval



Fugitive "4"  
 Umhlali



Pietermaritzburg "1"



*The Only Recorded Pair*

PMBurg "1". This pair is the only recorded multiple of the embossed 6<sup>d</sup>. RPS cert. 1911. BPA cert. 1998 suggests that it has been repaired and repainted. BPSB cert. 1998 "Genuine in all respects. Only used pair recorded to date."

1857 Embossed Issue  
May & Davis PMBurg  
Six Pence

Bisects  
Earliest Recorded Use of a Natal Embossed Stamp



There are six PMBurg "1" bisects in private hands

Unique rectangular bisect

RPS cert 1919. Illus RL, Vol 2 Africa, p57

Three of 5 triangular bisects

Lower left has Fulpius cert 1951



### ***Earliest recorded use of Natal stamp***

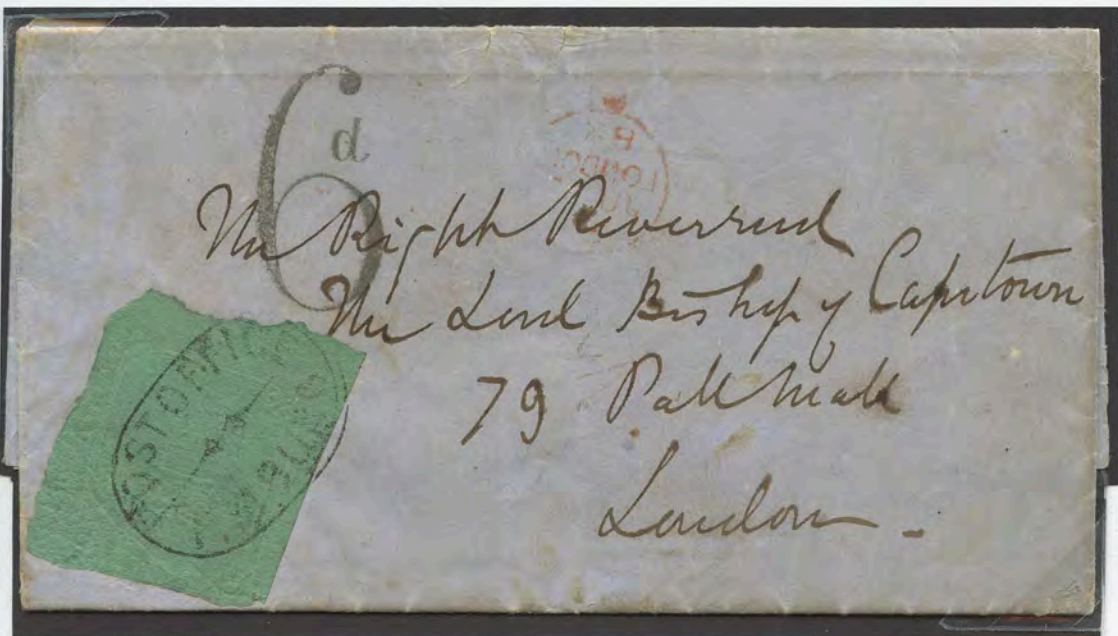
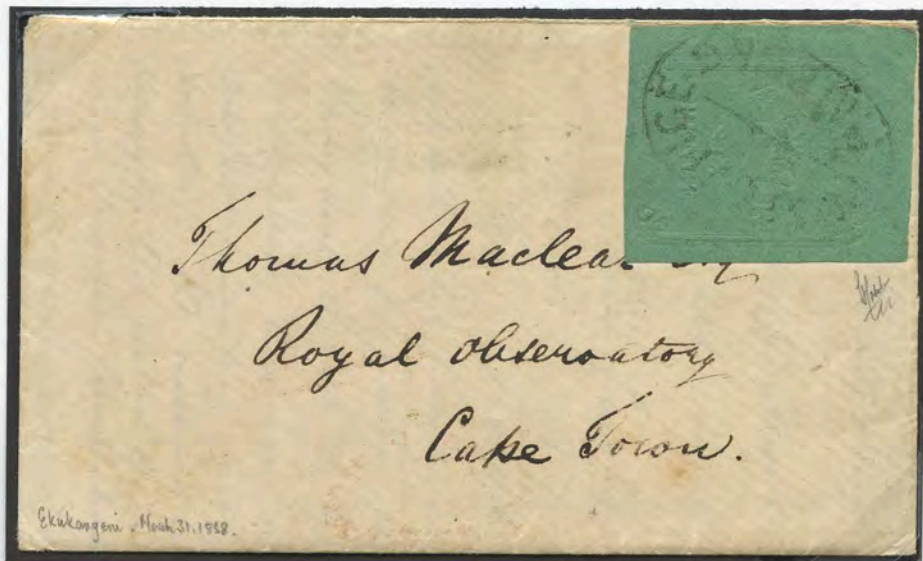
June 1857. PMBurg mute canceller. Rennie "Madagascar" sailed 10<sup>th</sup> Jun which is latest possible date of use. Embossed stamps issued on 26<sup>th</sup> May. Earliest recorded use of any of the values. Cape Town Lindsay "Ireland" 24<sup>th</sup> June; Bristol Aug 13<sup>th</sup>. Glasgow transit; Oban arrival Aug 5<sup>th</sup>. PMBurg oval. BPA Certs 1957 and 1998.



1857 Embossed Issue  
 May & Davis PMBurg  
 Six Pence

Largest Margined 6<sup>d</sup> On Cover  
 Zululand to CT; PMBurg & Umzinto "7" to England

Mar 1858. Meteorological letter from Dr. Robert James Mann at Ekukangeni, Zululand, via PMBurg to Thomas Maclear at the Royal Observatory, Cape Town; Apr 20<sup>th</sup> Cape Town arrival. Mann was requested to make these observations by Sir John Herschel and Thomas Maclear (later Sir), a personal friend who also assisted David Livingstone with astronomical observations. Brandon 1988, Holcombe 1995 certs.



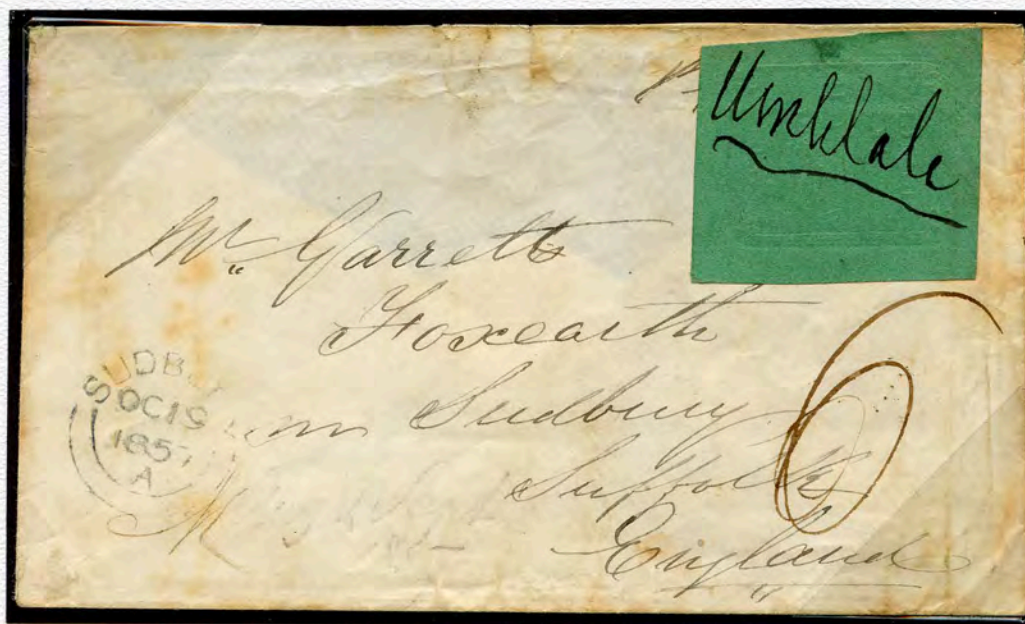
9 May 1859. Letter franked PMBurg oval to London. 6<sup>d</sup> due. Rennie "Waldensian" May 10 to Cape Town. Union "Phoebe" to Devonport with London arrival 27 June 1859 on reverse. BPA cert Feb 2007.

2 Aug 1861. Umzinto "7" to London, 6<sup>d</sup> due. Umzinto CDS. Rennie "Albatross" Durban 5<sup>th</sup> Aug to Cape Town; Union "Dane" 27<sup>th</sup> Aug to Devonport transit 28<sup>th</sup> Sep 1861. Unique usage of the 6<sup>d</sup> with this cancel. ex Burrus. BPA cert. 1998.



1857 Embossed Issue  
May & Davis PMBurg  
Three and Six Pence

Pair of Umhlali Manuscript Covers



Aug 1857. 6<sup>d</sup> embossed via Durban to Suffolk, England. 6<sup>d</sup> due as a ship letter in UK.  
Sudbury Oct 19<sup>th</sup> arrival. BPA cert. 1998.



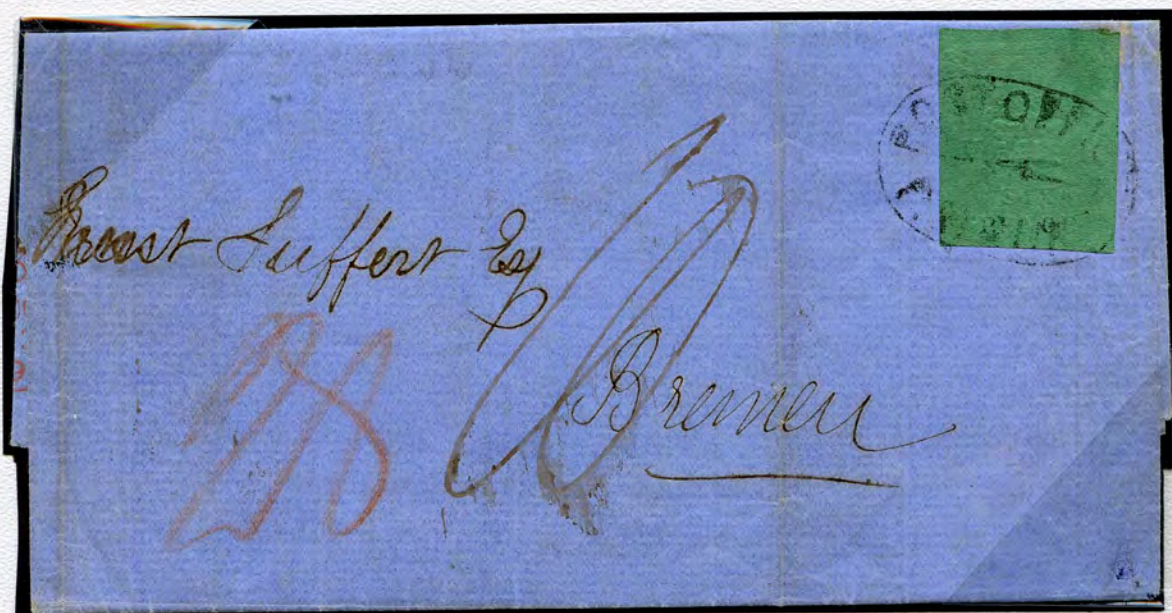
18 Feb 1858. Two 3<sup>d</sup> via Durban to Suffolk, England. 6<sup>d</sup> ship letter due in UK. Boxed  
Liverpool Ship (Robertson S18) April 10<sup>th</sup>; Sudbury April 12<sup>th</sup>. Holcombe cert. 1988.

1857 Embossed Issue  
May & Davis PMBurg  
Six Pence

Unique Uses to Australia and to Germany



July 1859. PMBurg oval to Melbourne. Rennie's "Waldensian" to Cape Jul 22<sup>nd</sup>. By ship "Missent to Adelaide S.A." in blue on front. Adelaide 9<sup>th</sup> October; Melbourne 28<sup>th</sup>. 8d due on arrival as ship letter. BPSB cert. 1998.



9 April 1859. PMBurg oval rated 10<sup>d</sup> to UK; 28 Silbergroschen due in Bremen. Union "Norman" London transit June 2<sup>nd</sup>. RPS cert. 1980.

1857 Embossed Issue  
May & Davis PMBurg  
Mixed Frankings

3<sup>d</sup> plus 6<sup>d</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> plus 9<sup>d</sup>



3<sup>d</sup> plus 6<sup>d</sup> used on fragment



3<sup>d</sup> plus 9<sup>d</sup> used on fragment.

Three of the four recorded 3<sup>d</sup> plus  
6<sup>d</sup> are shown on this and the next page

Unique franking of 3<sup>d</sup> and 9<sup>d</sup>

Blue Durban cancels 20 Jan

Blue Durban cancels 3 Aug  
Brandon cert.1980

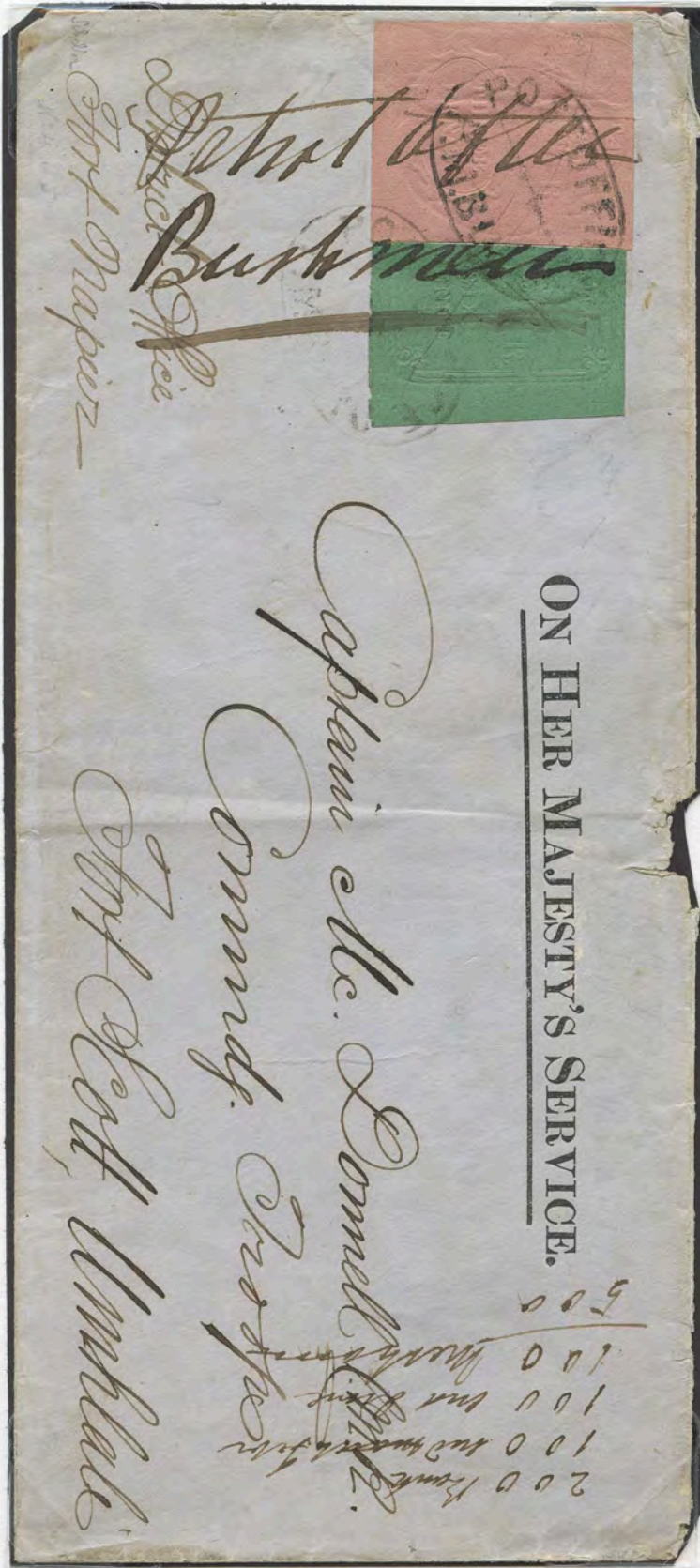


3<sup>d</sup> plus 6<sup>d</sup> paying triple local postage. PMBurg oval to Smith-Windham, Resident Magistrate, Greytown, Upper Umvoti. Provenance: Signed Calves and Houtzhamer; BPSB cert. "Genuine in all respects". BPA letter "whilst the committee do not necessarily disagree with (BPSB) opinion, unable to state whether stamps are or are not the original franking"



1857 Embossed Issue  
May & Davis PMBurg  
Mixed Franking

3<sup>d</sup> plus 6<sup>d</sup>  
Unique Military Franking on "Patrol After Bushmen"



Stamps enlarged 2x to show embossing

1858-9. Triple weight cover, with 3<sup>d</sup> plus 6<sup>d</sup> manuscript X plus "Patrol" after Bushmen" from District Office, Fort Napier with PMBurg ovals in transit to Officer Commanding Cape Mounted Rangers, Fort Scott, Umhlali. Alexandre Roumet cert. 2011.

**1857 Embossed Issue  
May & Davis PMBurg  
Nine Pence**

**Mint probable reprint  
Used; Only Recorded Pair**



Used 1 Sep in Durban  
BPA cert. 2004  
Small tear at right

Used on piece  
11 Jun Durban

Mint probable  
reprint. Shown  
to illustrate design

Used "2" cancel  
RPS cert. 1989

Used Ladysmith  
oval. BPA cert.  
2007 as PMburg oval

"The 9<sup>d</sup> stamp in anything like size and condition is one of the world's rarest stamps"  
(Mann, 1939)



Enlarged 2x to show embossing



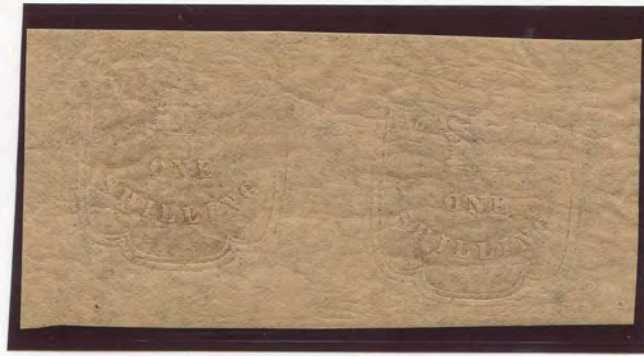
Three 9<sup>d</sup> covers are recorded of which 2 are in private hands (both in this exhibit, Klugman et al, LP, 2005, 114: 331-4). Earliest recorded usage; unique pair; triple letter rate from PMBurg. 6<sup>d</sup> for registration paid by missing stamps or in cash.

Rennie "Waldensian" 9<sup>th</sup> May to Cape Town 19<sup>th</sup>; Union "Celt", 21<sup>st</sup> May, Devonport 2<sup>nd</sup> Jul. 2/6 due for registered cover between 1 and 2 ounces.

Provenance: Weinberger Rarities, Iposta, Berlin, 1930. BPA cert. 1999 repair at top.

1857 Embossed Issue  
May & Davis PMBurg  
Shilling

Mint Reprint Pair  
Use in Durban  
Use on Cover to Cape Town



Mint reprint pair. Shown to illustrate embossed design



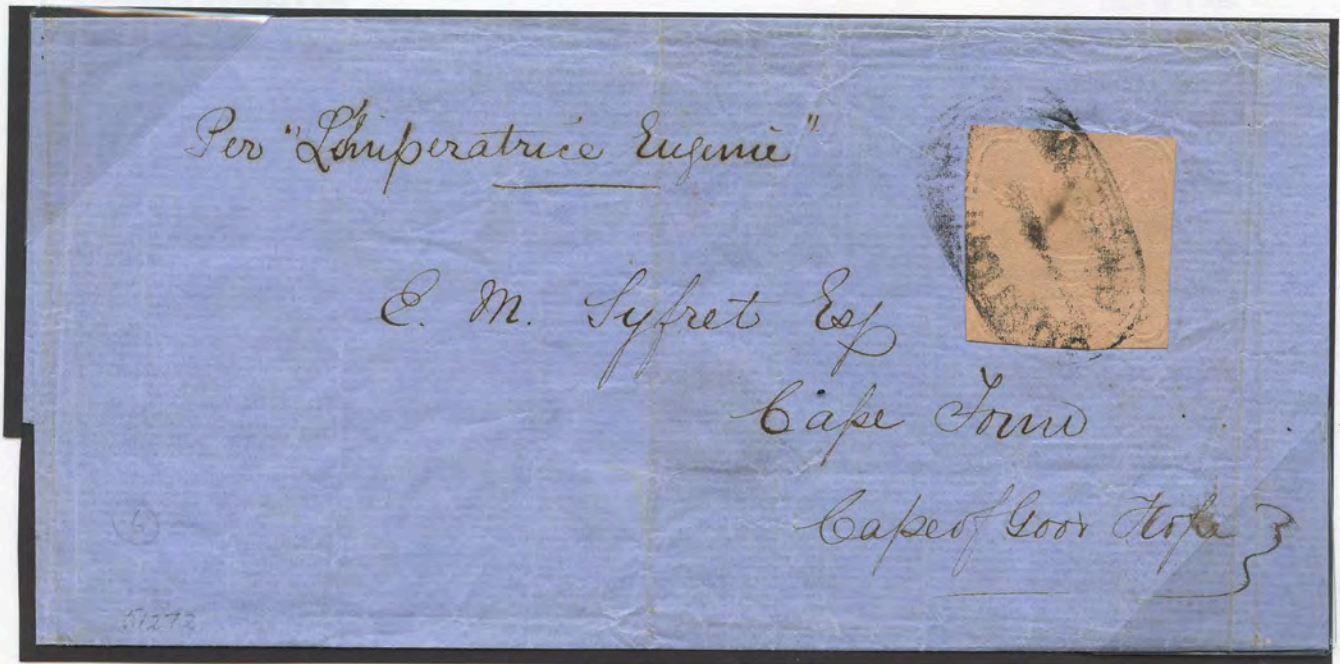
Natal Crown 19 Sep  
BPA cert. 1998  
ex Ferrari



Natal Blue Crown 13 Apr



Natal Blue Crown 10 Oct  
Crease and thin  
ex Dale - Lichtenstein



Eleven covers or fronts of large parcels with the embossed Natal shilling are recorded.  
None are in the Royal, Mann, Hurst or Tapling museum collections of Natal.  
Ten are in this collection (5 of them, each showing different rates, are shown).

March 1859. Double rate PMBurg to Cape Town; 19<sup>th</sup> March 1859 arrival. Endorsed and carried "Per L'Imperatrice Eugenie". RPS cert.1960. BPA cert.1998. ex Dale – Lichtenstein.

1857 Embossed Issue  
May & Davis PMBurg  
Shilling

Unique 2/- Franking of 8 Times Local Rate



Unique example of two Shilling embossed stamps paying the local 8x rate

June / July 1857. Earliest recorded use of Shilling embossed stamps on cover with mute cancels and Post Office P.M.Burg oval only recorded used together during June and July 1857. Two Shilling stamps prepay 8 times the local 3<sup>d</sup> rate on a parcel from the well known correspondence to John Goodricke, attorney at law and Mayor of Durban the following year. The paper of the parcel has a Coles 1854 watermark. RPSL cert. 2016.



1857 Embossed Issue  
 May & Davis PMBurg  
 Shilling

The Only Two Recorded Shilling + 6<sup>d</sup> Registered Covers  
 Quadruple (2/6) and Double (1/6) Registered Rates



2 Apr 1858. Unique quadruple franking. Charged 2/- plus 6<sup>d</sup> registration. Stamps tied PMBurg oval plus Crown Registered and London Registered datestamp. By Rennie "Madagascar", but missed Union "Dane", so sent by HMS "Southampton". London transit; Bolton arrival 26<sup>th</sup> May. ex Weinberger and Wilcocks. BPA cert. 1999.

7 May 1859. Unique double franking. Charged 1/- plus 6<sup>d</sup> registration – entire letter mentions three enclosures – thus double weight. Stamps also tied PMBurg oval with London Registered and Devonport Cape Packet arrival datestamps. Per Rennie "Waldensian" from Durban on 10<sup>th</sup> May then Union "Phoebe" from Cape Town arriving Devonport UK on 25<sup>th</sup> June 1859. Slightly reduced at left. Ex Hart and Besançon.



1857 Embossed Issue  
May & Davis PMBurg  
Shilling

Unique Shilling Block of Four



***Only recorded 1857 embossed issue block of four***

The Goodricke cover. Unique franking.

4/9 shilling block and 9<sup>d</sup> pay 19 times local rate of 3<sup>d</sup> for parcel weighing over 9 ounces.

BPSB cert. "Genuine in all respects"; RPSL cert. 2019 and BPA letter advising that the stamps are genuine, but they cannot be certified as belonging to this front.

Provenance: Stocken, Stamps of Great Price, 1932, states "I consider this combination of the highest degree of rarity and I doubt the existence of any other piece of this country in any way comparable to this in interest".

Exhibited by Weinberger Iposta Berlin 1930; ex Cheveley, Wilson & Co, 1892.



1859 Chalon Heads  
Perkins Bacon  
Die Proofs

Only Set of Die Proofs in Private Hands



Dots in Corners



Unfinished Die of  
Central Design with  
Uncleared Oval  
RPS cert. 1995



Dots Joined by Lines



Natal die proofs. All Natal 3<sup>d</sup> die proofs in private hands are unfinished with an uncleared oval surround and unfinished corners. They exist in two states - 3<sup>d</sup> proof on left has four dots in each corner, which are joined by thin lines in 3<sup>d</sup> proof at right.

**The only complete set of Natal die proofs recorded in private hands.**

1859 Chalon Heads  
Perkins Bacon  
3<sup>d</sup> No Wmk Perf 14

Plate Proof  
Mint and Used Multiples  
Unique Recorded Imperf Between Stamps



Mint block of four  
Largest recorded multiple  
in private hands



Imperf plate  
proof



Misperfected  
missing "Natal"



Used block of 8 is  
largest recorded used block  
Misperfected and reduced at top.



**UNIQUE RECORDED ERROR VERTICALLY IMPERF BETWEEN STAMPS**

5 Jun 1867 PMBurg "1" to Birmingham franked 3<sup>d</sup> perf 14 unique block of four, imperf between the vertical stamps. This is the proving cover mentioned in Stanley Gibbons as the only recorded example of this error, SG10a. Single 1/- rate carried on 12<sup>th</sup> Jun by Union "Saxon" to Cape Town and then Union "Briton" arriving Devonport on 23<sup>rd</sup> Jul 1867. Birmingham back stamp on 24<sup>th</sup> July. BPA cert 1987 as SG10 var and BPA cert 2019 as SG10a.

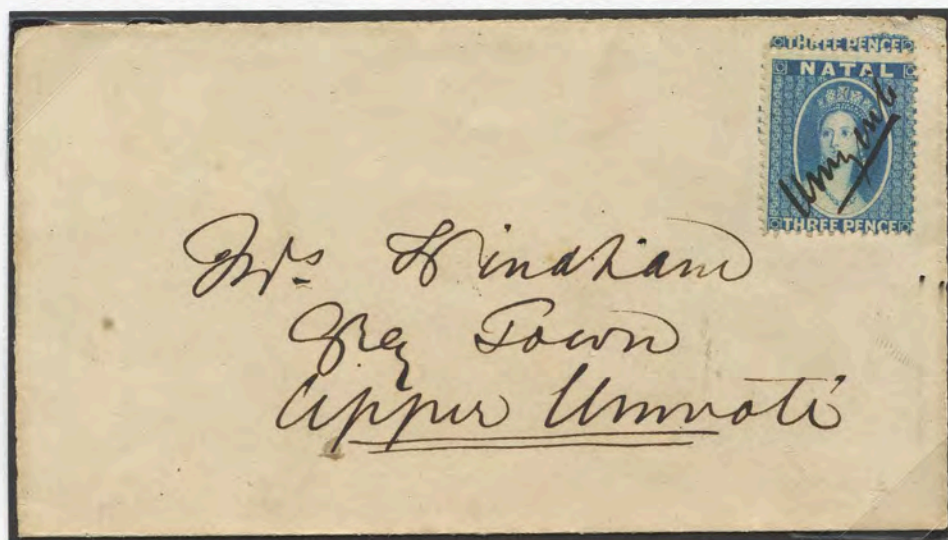
1859 Chalon Heads  
Perkins Bacon  
3<sup>d</sup> Perf 14

Early Manuscript Cancellation  
Earliest Recorded Use of Natal Chalon Stamps  
Umzinto Manuscript



**Earliest recorded use of Natal Chalon stamps**

Aug 9, 1859. Letter dated Springvale; pen cross cancels prior to arrival of date stamp. "Waldensian" Sep 9<sup>th</sup> to Cape Town; "Norman" to Devonport Oct 26<sup>th</sup>. 6<sup>d</sup> packet fee due and redirected within London apparently without charge. Two Chalon 3<sup>d</sup> pay 3<sup>d</sup> postage to Durban and the 3<sup>d</sup> port charge. Use of Natal stamps to prepay overseas postage was only authorized on 1 January 1862. BPA cert.1998.



Umzinto manuscript 3<sup>d</sup> local rate on undated front from well known Windham correspondence of fronts to Greytown. BPSB cert. 1998

1859 Chalon Heads  
Perkins Bacon  
3<sup>d</sup> Perf 14

Largest Recorded Franking



Ten times 1/- rate to England franked with forty 3<sup>d</sup> stamps. The largest recorded franking of this issue – largest multiple on the piece is a strip of 8 in the second row. Seven stamps are affixed on the back with one stamp excised. Two lower right stamps have been excised and re-attached. Cancel appears to be “6” of Pinetown.

**1860 Chalon Head  
Perkins Bacon  
1<sup>d</sup> Perf 14**

**Plate Proofs  
Unique Re-United Pair CANCELLED by Perkins Bacon  
Largest Multiples**



**Imperf plate proof on thick paper**



**Manuscript "Specimen"  
Unrecorded by Samuel  
Only recorded example**

**Plate proofs on thin un gummed paper**

**Plate proofs  
on thick paper**



**Mint block of 9  
2nd largest recorded multiple  
Another mint block of 9 exists**

**CANCELLED by Perkins Bacon  
Re - United Pair from Positions 3 and 5  
The only recorded examples in private hands  
Top ex Hart, Besançon; Bottom Brandon cert. 2006**

**Used block of four  
"1" PMBurg**



**Mint block of 12. Largest recorded multiple of this stamp. Slightly darker shade, but there was only one printing of this issue. Stamps 85-90, row 8 and 97 -102, row 9.**

1860 Chalon Head  
Perkins Bacon  
1<sup>d</sup> Perf 14

Use on Soldier's Letter



**Only recorded use on soldier's letter**

9 Jun 1861. Soldiers cover. Lance Corporal A. Ross 85<sup>th</sup> Regiment (2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Shropshire Light Infantry) from PMBurg (Post Office Oval) to Scotland; Union "Norman" to London then Glasgow 31<sup>st</sup> Jul 1861. PMBurg black ribbon on envelope. Due 2<sup>d</sup> on arrival as Natal stamps not yet accepted for postage in UK. Ex Sattin.



1861 Chalon Head  
Perkins Bacon  
3<sup>d</sup> Intermediate Perf 14 – 16

Largest Recorded Mint Multiple  
Mixed Franking Richmond to London



Mint block of 6. Largest recorded multiple. (Another mint block of 6 exists)



Used block of four "1" PMBurg; London transit.

Used strip of four "1" PMBurg.



9 Mar 1869. Three 3<sup>d</sup> plus three 1<sup>d</sup> pay shilling packet rate from Richmond "12" to London. Transit backstamp PMBurg 10<sup>th</sup> March. Carried by Union coastal steamer "Natal" to Cape Town; then Union "Dane" with Plymouth and London May 8<sup>th</sup> arrivals.

1861 Chalon Head  
Perkins Bacon  
3<sup>d</sup> Rough Perf 14 – 16

Imperf Between and Multiples



Mint pair imperf between pair.  
One of four recorded examples.  
PFSA cert. 1998.



Mint block of four



Used block of four  
"1" PMBurg



Used block of four  
D'Urban intermediate cancel



Mint block of six  
Largest mint multiple  
in private hands



Used block of eight Pieter -  
Maritzburg intermediate cancel  
Largest used multiple in private hands



Used block of six  
"2" Durban

1861 Chalon Head  
Perkins Bacon  
3<sup>d</sup> Rough Perf 14 – 16

Triple Weight Via Mauritius and Marseille



21 Jun 1866. Sixteen 3<sup>d</sup> including strips of 5, 4 and 3, pay triple 1/4 rate = 4 shillings. PMBurg 1"; carried by "Norman" to Mauritius Jun 23<sup>rd</sup>; P&O "Sultan" to Suez; "Ceylon" to Marseille. London transit 6<sup>th</sup> Aug; Birmingham arrival 7<sup>th</sup> Aug.

1859 Embossed Issue  
 May & Davis PMBurg  
 Penny Blue



Mint reprint block of 4  
 Shown to illustrate embossed design

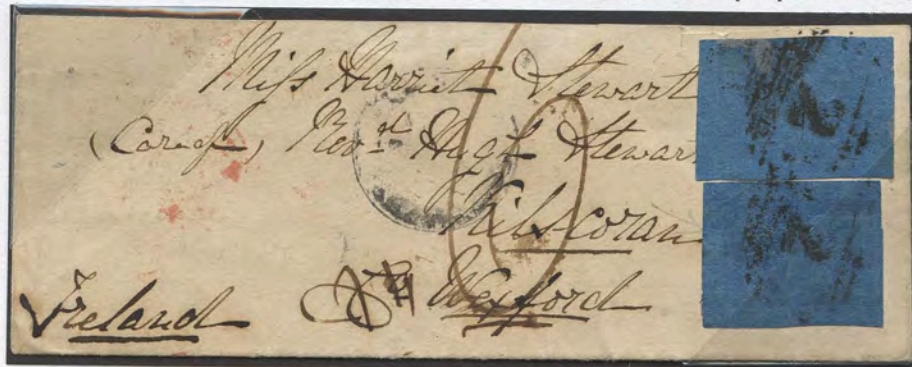
Mint Reprint Block; Largest Used Multiple  
 Earliest Recorded Use on Newspaper; Letter



Single, pair (Holcombe cert. 1995)  
 Strip of 3, with "L" cancels ascribed to Ladysmith



6 Sep 1859 earliest recorded use, Black Natal crown, newspaper rate, header to UK.



Jul 1861. Two 1<sup>d</sup> blue (one missing); only recorded use of 3<sup>d</sup> port charge on letter to Ireland. Black Natal crown "2"; 6<sup>d</sup> Mss due. Union "Athens". Wexford 30<sup>th</sup> Aug 1861.

1859 Embossed Issue  
May & Davis PMBurg  
Penny Blue

The Only Soldier's Letters in Private Hands  
Artillery Letter and Infantry Letter



1860 Artillery Soldier's Cover. Gunner Hunt Battery 12 Brigade; PMBurg oval to England; "Kahlamba" 11<sup>th</sup> Jul to Port Elizabeth then overland to Cape Town. Union "Norman" to Devonport 31<sup>st</sup> Aug; 1<sup>st</sup> Sep arrival. 2<sup>d</sup> due in UK as 1<sup>d</sup> valid only to Cape.



1860 Infantry Soldier's cover. Lance Corporal A. Ross 85<sup>th</sup> Regiment (2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Shropshire Light Infantry; PMBurg Oval to Scotland; "Waldensian" 12<sup>th</sup> Apr to Cape Town; "Athens" to Devonport 24<sup>th</sup> May; London and Glasgow 25<sup>th</sup>. PMBurg green ribbon on envelope. 2<sup>d</sup> due in UK. BPA cert 1992. Ex Sattin.

1859 Embossed Issue  
May & Davis PMBurg  
Penny Blue

Natal Mercury from Durban

# Mercury.

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AUGUST 18, 1859.

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No. 353.

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*To C Clayton Esq  
Mrs Smith  
4 Copper Minington Lane  
Bayswater  
London*

4<sup>th</sup> October 1859.  
"OC" inverted on full newspaper to UK. Six recorded with this stamp — 4 Natal Mercury papers recorded. RPS cert. 1911; BPA cert. 1998. ex Weinberger.

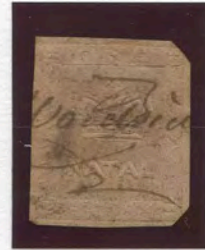
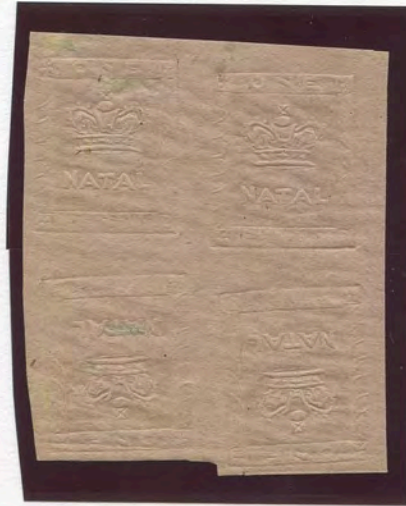


Stamp enlarged 2x to show embossing



1861 Embossed Issue  
May & Davis PMBurg  
Penny Pink / Buff

Mint Reprint Tête-Bêche Block  
Used and Largest Recorded Multiple



PMBurg "1"  
ex Caspary  
BPA Cert. 2001

Durban "2"  
Creased

Mint reprint  
tête-bêche block  
Shown to illustrate embossing

Unique recorded  
Woodside MS

Indistinct  
Numeral



Of 7 recorded examples of this stamp on cover or front, 6 are in private hands.  
All are in this collection. Four unique usages are shown.

Apr 1862. Unique example from Verulam cancelled "3"; Verulam CDS; black Durban arrival CDS on flap. ex Dr James, Burrus, Maria de la Queillerie. BPA Cert. 1998

**The only strip of 3 and the largest recorded multiple of the stamp**

1861 Embossed Issue  
May & Davis PMBurg  
Penny Pink / Buff

Only Recorded Soldier's Letter



**Only recorded use on soldier's letter**

1 Sep 1861. Soldier's cover. Lance Corporal A. Ross of 85<sup>th</sup> Regiment (2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Shropshire Light Infantry); PMBurg (Pink 1<sup>d</sup> with "1" cancel) to Scotland; Per "Waldensian" Sep 3<sup>rd</sup> to Cape Town; Union "Celt" to Devonport Oct 31<sup>st</sup>; 2<sup>d</sup> due as Natal 1<sup>d</sup> not recognized for prepayment in UK. London; Glasgow arrival 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 1861. BPA cert 1993. Ex Sattin.

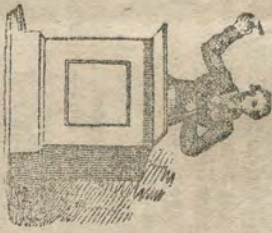


1861 Embossed Issue  
 May & Davis PMBurg  
 Penny Pink / Buff

Only Recorded Use on Newspaper

23 Aug 1861.  
 Only copy of 1<sup>d</sup>  
 pink/buff on a  
 newspaper.  
 Natal Witness  
 from PMBurg.  
 Pen cross  
 cancel to  
 London.  
 BPA cert. 1998.  
 ex T.V. Roberts.

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Stamp 2x to show embossing

1861 Embossed Issue  
May & Davis PMBurg  
Penny Pink / Buff

The Salmon Cover



**Unique embossed 1<sup>d</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> combination use**

4 Aug 1861 – earliest recorded date of use of this stamp

Illustrated in The Stamp Lover of October 1910, this front to Salmon, originally had 9 1<sup>d</sup> stamps. The total franking is  $9 \times 1^d + 3 \times 3^d = 18^d$  (1/6). A rate of 6 times port charge of 3<sup>d</sup> from Durban. Charged 6 times packet rate of 6<sup>d</sup> (3/-) on arrival. Stamps cancelled Durban datestamp. Rennie "Albatross" to Cape Town; Union "Dane" to Devonport 28<sup>th</sup> Sep. Second from right of the five missing stamps has been found.

**This is the highest number of embossed stamps recorded on cover**

Signed Diena; ex Col. Lagerloef. RPS cert.1984 and BPA cert.1988. Individual stamp has PF cert.1965 and BPA cert. 2001

1862 Chalon Head  
Perkins Bacon  
6<sup>d</sup> Rough Perf 14 – 16

Plate proofs  
Largest Recorded Mint and Used Multiples



Imperf plate proof in black on card from lower left corner of the sheet



Mint block - largest recorded  
multiple in private hands  
RPS cert 1981



Only recorded mint marginal strip



Largest recorded  
used multiple

1862 Chalon Head  
Perkins Bacon  
6<sup>d</sup> Rough Perf 14 – 16

Single and Double Packet to UK



Oct 1863. Two pairs PMBurg "1" by Union "Briton" Devonport Nov 21<sup>st</sup>, London Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>, Ipswich 23<sup>rd</sup> on reverse. 1/8 (10<sup>d</sup> X2) due to UK.



Mar 1865. Durban to London. 6<sup>d</sup> plus six 1863 perf 13 no watermark 1<sup>d</sup> cancelled Durban Berri postmarks carried by Union "Athens" Mar 4<sup>th</sup> to Cape Town; Union "Cambrian" to England. London Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> arrival with 10<sup>d</sup> handstamp due to UK in red.

1862 Chalon Head  
Perkins Bacon  
1<sup>d</sup> & 3<sup>d</sup> Watermark Star

MS Specimen, Plate Proofs, Cancelled Proof  
Marginal Mint & Largest Recorded Mint Multiple



Specimen in manuscript  
Perkins Bacon probably  
handed this proof over  
to De La Rue who  
marked it *Specimen*  
Samuel DMS. ex Samuel



Top left marginal corner pair  
Plate proofs



CANCELLED  
Samuel D6  
ex Samuel



Imperf plate proof  
on thick paper



Bottom left marginal block of four  
Plate proofs  
Single line marginal wmk at base



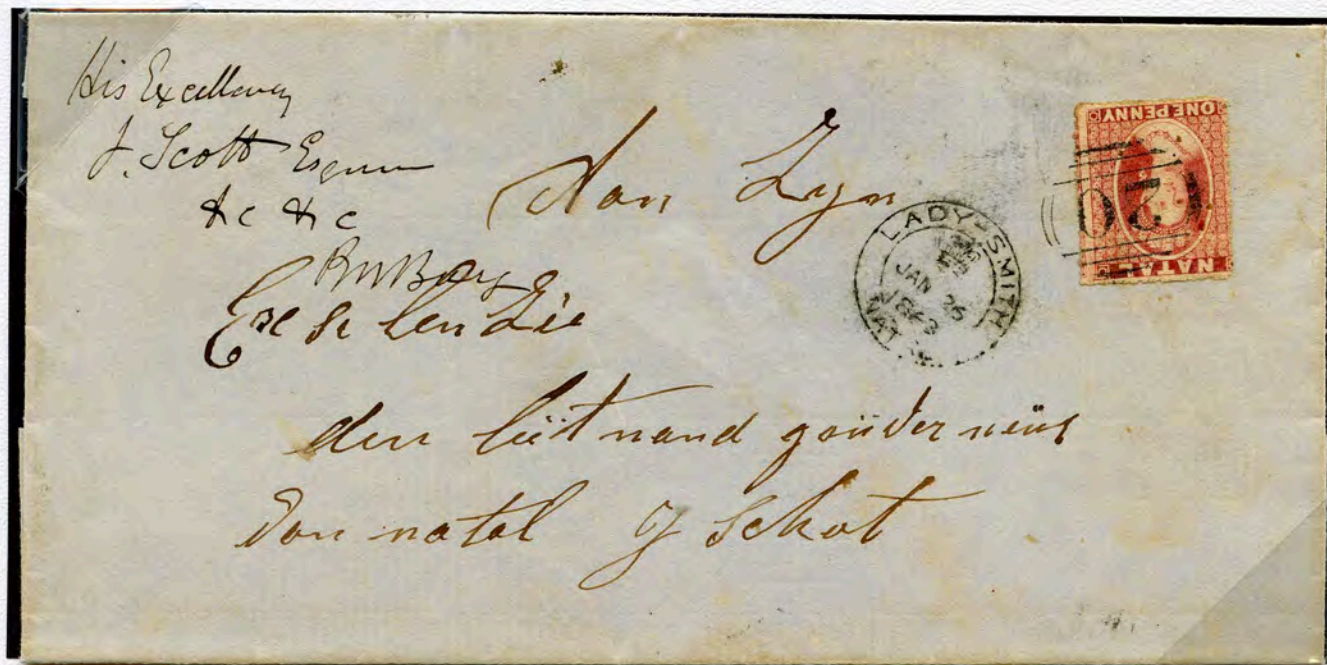
Mint with margin  
showing parallel lines  
marginal watermark



Mint block of 8. The largest recorded multiple of this stamp

1862 Chalon Head  
Perkins Bacon  
1<sup>d</sup> Watermark Star

Local Use – Boer Protest – Stamp Upside Down  
Only Recorded Mixed Franking with 1<sup>d</sup> Watermark Star



26 Jan 1863. 1<sup>d</sup> local postage Ladysmith "20" to PMBurg. Written in Dutch to unpopular Lieut-Governor of Natal, John Scott (later Sir John Scott). Stamp upside down was a means of disrespect to the British government by a Dutch (Boer) resident.



Jun 1863. Shilling rate 3 x 1<sup>d</sup> wmk star and 3 x 3<sup>d</sup> rough perf unwmk Chalons. Cancelled by MS "X"s. Union "Roman". London 22<sup>nd</sup> Jul (1861 date error); Edinburgh 22<sup>nd</sup> Jul 1863. BPA cert. 2003.

1863 Chalon Head  
De La Rue  
1<sup>d</sup> Perf 13 No Wmk

Plate Proof; Manuscript Specimen  
Largest Recorded Mint Multiple



Plate proof



De La Rue Manuscript Specimen  
Samuel DMS, ex Samuel



**THE LARGEST RECORDED REMAINING MULTIPLE FROM THE MAIFAIR FIND (1925)**

The only large multiples of this stamp come from a single sheet discovered in the Mayfair Find  
Rejoined mint blocks of 15 from the Mayfair Find to make the largest remaining multiple of 30  
Rows 6 - 10 stamps 1 - 3 and 4 - 6 in each row

1863 Chalon Head  
De La Rue  
1<sup>d</sup> Perf 13 No Wmk

Use on Soldier's Letter  
Endorsed "Per Diamond Line"



**Only recorded use of this stamp on soldier's letter**

2 Jun 1865. Gunner D Hughes, Royal Artillery at PMBurg to the Gamekeeper, Colomendy, near Mold, North Wales. Penny soldier's letter countersigned by Commanding Officer, carried by Union "Anglian" June 4<sup>th</sup> from Durban, and Union "Briton" to Devonport. London July 18<sup>th</sup> transit, Mold arrival backstamp on same day.



April 1866. Strip of 4, "20" Newcastle. Endorsed "Diamond Line" but paid 4<sup>d</sup> so sent by ship "Priscilla". Illustrated in Hart, Kantey and Leon, p167. BPA cert. 1998.



1863 Chalon Head  
De La Rue  
1<sup>d</sup> Perf 13 No Wmk

Largest Recorded Used Multiple



Sep 1864. Shilling packet to London re-addressed. Block of 10 (largest recorded used multiple) and pair. "Dane" then Union "Briton". London arrival Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1864.

1863 Chalon Head  
De La Rue  
6<sup>d</sup> Perf 12½ Wmk Crown CC

Plate Proofs and Specimens



Lilac plate proof



Violet plate proof



Violet plate proof  
watermark inverted



Violet plate proof pair  
watermark reversed



Perforated stamp  
serifed  
specimen  
Samuel D3



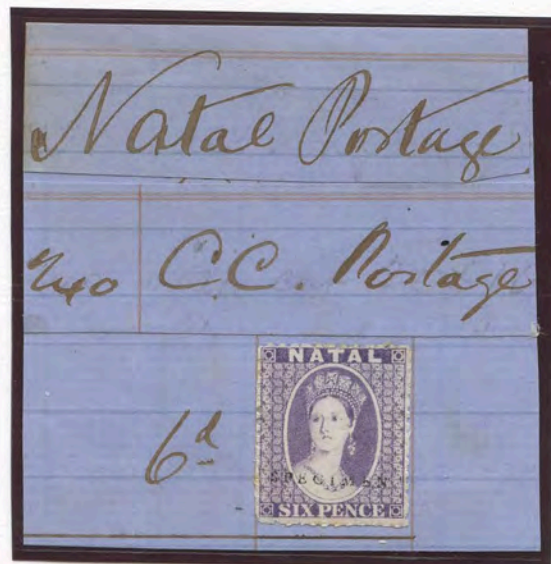
Imperf stamp  
specimen  
Samuel D5  
watermark inverted



Imperf stamp  
cancelled  
Samuel D7  
watermark reversed



Perforated stamp  
manuscript  
specimen  
Samuel DMS



Perforated, specimen D3 on piece ex DLR archive  
Illustrated in The De La Rue Collection Vol 5, page 5001

1863 Chalon Head  
De La Rue  
6<sup>d</sup> Perf 12½ Wmk Crown CC

Pre-Printing Paper Fold; Mint Multiples  
Unique Inverted Watermark Lilac Block



Lilac block  
Unique with watermark inverted



Violet Watermark reversed  
Pre – printing paper fold



Violet pair  
Watermark inverted



Violet block of 6  
Watermark reversed



Lilac block of 12 largest recorded mint multiple  
of this shade ex Tommy Allen



Violet block of 12, 2<sup>nd</sup> largest mint  
multiple. Two stamps damaged

1863 Chalon Head  
De La Rue  
6<sup>d</sup> Perf 12½ Wmk Crown CC

Different Frankings of the  
1/4 Rate Via Mauritius to UK



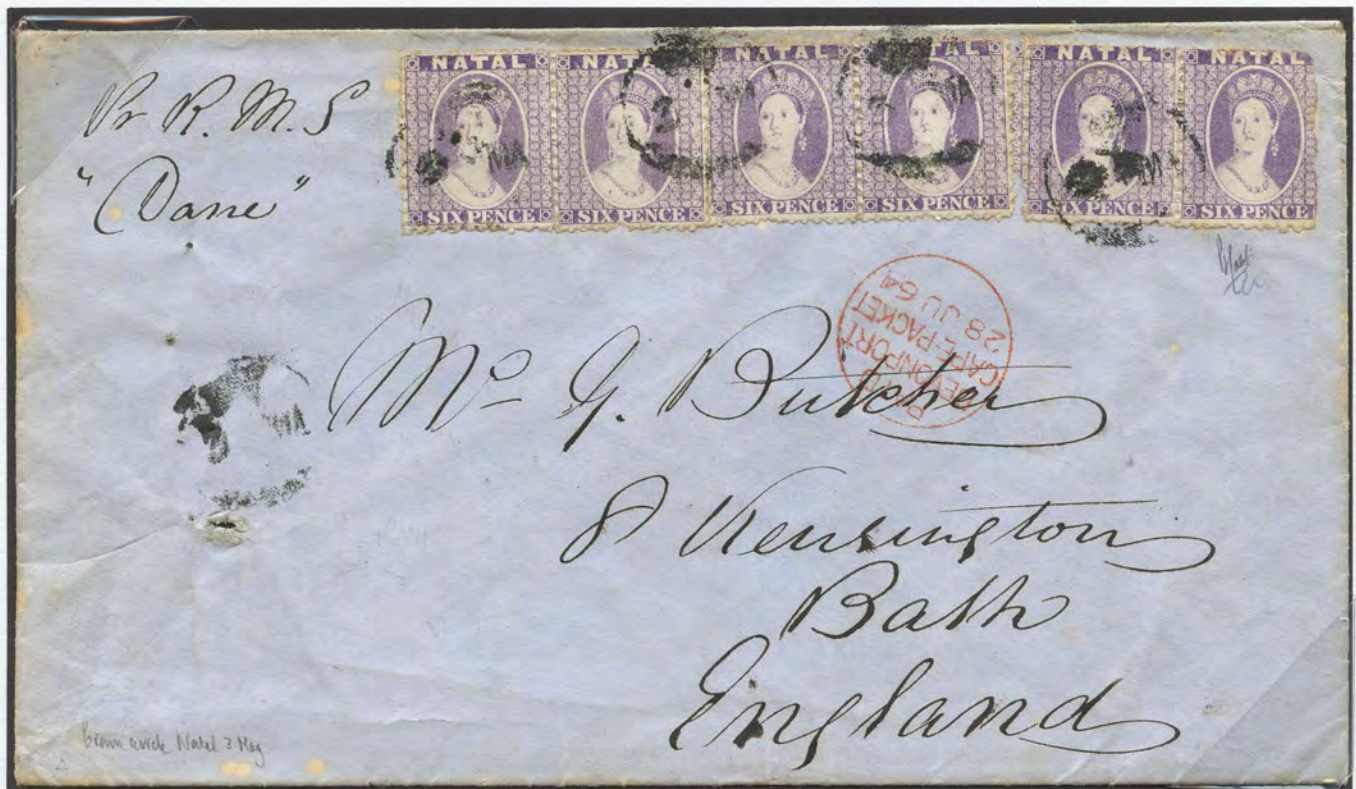
24 Aug 1865. 3<sup>d</sup> rough perf with 1863 1<sup>d</sup>, no watermark brownish lake, and 6<sup>d</sup> pair tied "1" from PMBurg. Endorsed "via Mauritius". Carried 7<sup>th</sup> Sep by "Anglican" to Mauritius, P&O "Sultan" to Suez (25<sup>th</sup> Sep), "Tanjore" on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct from Alexandria to Marseille. Thence overland and across the English channel to Yorkshire. Correct 1/4 rate and faint Mauritius share 4½<sup>d</sup> accounting stamp. BPA cert. 1998.



Dec 1865. Cathkin (Little Tugela) "18" via PMBurg to Scotland. Four 1<sup>d</sup> wmk CC brownish – lake plus two 6<sup>d</sup> lilac. Endorsed "Via Mauritius & Marseille". Union "Mauritius" to Mauritius; P&O "Norma" to Aden; "Pera" from Alexandria to Marseille. London 7<sup>th</sup> March 1866, Glasgow 8<sup>th</sup>. BPSB cert. 1998.

1863 Chalon Head  
De La Rue  
6<sup>d</sup> Perf 12½ Wmk Crown CC

Triple Weight Letter to UK  
Double Weight Wrapper to UK



9 May 1864. Triple weight (3/-) Durban (black crown) three pairs of 6<sup>d</sup>. Endorsed via Union "Dane"; Devonport 28<sup>th</sup> June; Bath 29<sup>th</sup>. Holcombe cert. 1997.



Feb 6 1867. Wrapper PMBurg "1", double newspaper rate of 6<sup>d</sup> to London 26<sup>th</sup> March. Union "Briton".

**1865 Chalon Head  
De La Rue  
1<sup>d</sup> Perf 12½ Wmk Crown CC**

**Plate Proofs and Specimens  
Largest Multiples in Private Hands of All 3 Shades**



**Brownish-red imperf plate proof**



**Red imperf plate proof pair**



**Red marginal imperf plate proof**



**Brownish – red  
imperf specimen D5  
Overprint blue**



**Brownish – red  
imperf specimen D5  
Overprint black**



**Brownish - red  
perf specimen D5**



**Red imperf  
specimen D5**



**Red imperf  
cancelled D4  
Illus DLR Coll, v5, p5002**



**Brownish – red strip of three  
Largest multiple of this colour  
in private hands**



**Red block of 4  
Largest multiple of this colour  
in private hands**

**Marginal rose block of 24. Largest  
multiple in private hands. Wmk  
reversed. Rows 3-8, stamps 1 - 4 in  
each row. ex Legnasse.**

1865 Chalon Head  
De La Rue  
1<sup>d</sup> Perf 12½ Wmk Crown CC

Only Recorded Use on Soldier's Letter  
Wrapper to London



20 Mar 1867. Soldier's cover from Colour Sergeant W. Maynard "K" Company, H.M. 99<sup>th</sup> Regiment at Fort Napier to England. "Union "Natal" to Mauritius; P & O "Dane" to Galle; "Candia" to Suez; "Nyanza" to Southampton; London May 31<sup>st</sup> arrival. RPS cert. 2005 as 1863 perf 13, but 1865 perf 12½. Small repair at top right of stamp. Ex Sattin.



10 March 1867. Three 1<sup>d</sup> PMBurg "1"; 3<sup>d</sup> printed matter rate; Union "Norseman" to London. 2<sup>d</sup> due to UK.

1865 Chalon Head  
De La Rue  
1<sup>d</sup> Perf 12½ Wmk Crown CC

18<sup>d</sup> Packet Rate to Canada



1867. Letter Tongaat "9" with 18 1<sup>d</sup> stamps to Canada. Durban transit, Union "Roman", via London (20<sup>th</sup> Feb); Allan Line "Nova Scotian" Hamilton 10<sup>th</sup> March. Mount Forest arrival 12<sup>th</sup> March. 1/3 due to U K and 5c internal postage due from recipient. The folded block of 12 is the largest recorded used multiple of this stamp. Unique franking and destination for this issue. ex Burrus.



1867 Shilling  
De La Rue  
Perf 14 Wmk Crown CC

Progressive & Finished Die Proofs

Jan. 7, 1867



7 Jan 1867 Top of hair, lower chignon, mid ear, lower crown ornaments all black.

Jan. 9, 1867



9 Jan 1867 Top of hair, lower chignon, mid ear, lower crown ornaments all defined.

Jan. 10, 1867



10 Jan 1867 Better definition of chin.

Jan. 10, 1867

BEFORE HARDENING



10 Jan 1867 Before Hardening.



Colour trial in blue. Later used for revenue.

Jan. 11, 1867



11 Jan 1867 Finished sunken die.

1867 Shilling  
De La Rue  
Perf 14 Wmk Crown CC

Essays, Proofs, Inv Wmk, & Specimens  
Transatlantic Packet 1/6 Rate Use



Unadopted Essay.  
Head printed. Frame hand painted green.



Adopted Essay  
Head and inscription printed.  
Frame hand painted blue.



Imperf trial  
issued colour



Imperf stone  
colour trial  
Cancelled D7



Wmk inverted  
"2" Durban



Imperf proof  
on glazed card  
Specimen D9



Specimen  
D5 in blue



Specimen  
D5 in black



12 Dec 1868. Shilling used with 3<sup>d</sup> perf 14 pair tied by unattributed but distinctive fugitive ink cancels; 1/6 packet rate to US. Union "Dane" via London then Allan Line "Hibernian". 1/3 to UK and 2c due to US. ex Scott Gallagher. Durban 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 1868 transit on reverse; London 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 1869 transit on front and New York arrival 5<sup>th</sup> Feb on reverse. BPSB cert.1998.



# The Overprints of 1869. 1st Setting

Two A4 Display Sheets Merged and Reduced as a Single A4 Sheet  
See Next Two Sheets for Original A4 Display Sheets

## 1869 Local Postage Overprints 1<sup>d</sup>

Mint



Type 1

Rose mint  
BPA cert.  
2002.

Red mint  
BPA cert.  
2002.



Type 2

Rose mint  
watermark  
reversed  
BPA cert. 2006.

Red mint  
watermark  
reversed



Type 3

Rose mint  
BPA cert. 2007.

Red mint  
BPA cert. 2002.

THE VICTORIAN POSTAGE STAMPS OF NATAL 37

THE OVERPRINTS OF 1869. 1ST SETTING  
DIAGRAM OF STAMPS PLATED TO DATE (MAY 1ST, 1949)  
NEARLY ALL FROM STAMPS OF THE 1<sup>d</sup> VALUE

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TYPES

- I. Postage. (1)  
12 1/4 mm. long.
- II. Postage. (2)  
14 1/2 - 15 1/2 mm. long.
- III. Postage. (3)  
13 1/2 mm. long.
- IV. Postage. (4)  
Block capitals with stop.
- V. Postage. (5)  
Tall capitals.

O\* (No. 100). There is good reason to suppose that this is Type II, in which case and supposing, as is more than probable, Nos. 73-76 are Type II, there would be 28 of Type II and 20 of Type III in the setting.

Type 1 (12 3/4 mm) Type 2 (14 1/2 - 15 1/2 mm) Type 3 (13 3/4 mm)

Used



Type 1

Rose used  
watermark  
inverted

Red used pair  
"2" Durban



Type 2

Rose used  
Pen cross & "1"  
BPA cert. 2006.

Red used pair  
"2" Durban



Type 3

Rose used  
"11" Greytown

Red used  
Wmk. reversed  
"6" Pinetown

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# 1869 Local Postage Overprints

1<sup>d</sup>

## Mint



### Type 1

Rose mint  
BPA cert.  
2002.

Red mint  
BPA cert.  
2002.



### Type 2

Rose mint  
watermark  
reversed  
BPA cert. 2006.

Red mint  
watermark  
reversed



### Type 3

Rose mint  
BPA cert. 2007.

Red mint  
BPA cert. 2002.

## THE OVERPRINTS OF

DIAGRAM OF STAMPS PLATED  
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869. 1ST SETTING

TO DATE (MAY 1ST, 1940).  
OF THE 1D. VALUE

TYPES

- I. Postage. (1)  
12 3/4 mm. long.
- II. Postage. (2)  
14 1/2 - 15 1/2 mm. long.
- III. Postage. (3)  
13 3/4 mm. long.
- IV. Postage. (4)  
Block capitals with stop.
- V. Postage. (5)  
Tall capitals.

O\* (No. 100). There is good reason to suppose that this is Type II, in which case and supposing, as is more than probable, Nos. 73-76 are Type II, there would be 28 of Type II and 20 of Type III in the setting.

Type 1 (12 3/4 mm) Type 2 (14 1/2 - 15 1/2 mm) Type 3 (13 3/4 mm)

Used



Type 1

Rose used  
watermark  
inverted

Red used pair  
"2" Durban



Type 2

Rose used  
Pen cross & "1"  
BPA cert. 2006.

Red used pair  
"2" Durban



Type 3

Rose used "11" Greytown  
Red used Wmk. reversed  
"6" Pinetown



1869 Local Postage Overprints  
1<sup>d</sup>

Type 1 Largest Recorded Used Multiple  
Type 3 Largest Recorded Used Multiple



29 Aug 1870. Largest multiple red strip of 6 Type 1; 6<sup>d</sup> rate to South African Republic. PMBurg Aug 30<sup>th</sup>, Ladysmith Sep 1<sup>st</sup> on reverse, Potchefstroom arrival Sep 7<sup>th</sup>. FN Reid in Potchefstroom forwarded the cover to R Noble Acutt at London and Limpopo Company in Tati, Matabeleland, now Rhodesia, during the Tati gold-rush.



20 Aug 1870. Red strip of 4 Type 3, largest recorded multiple, pays registration, with 2<sup>nd</sup> setting Type 4 1/- for packet rate. "2" of Durban; Natal Crown Registered to Scotland; London Registered Oct 8<sup>th</sup>; Aberdeen Oct 9<sup>th</sup>. Union "Briton". 12<sup>d</sup> due to UK.



**Only 1869 se-tenant overprint recorded on cover**

22 April 1871. Durban "2"; 3<sup>d</sup> book post rate on Union "Saxon" to Cape Town (May 1<sup>st</sup> arrival). Se-tenant strip of 3 rose - Type 2 "Postage." (14½ - 15½ mm) stamp in position 100 followed by stamps 101 and 102, Type 3 "Postage." (13¾ mm). BPA cert. 1998.

1869 Local Postage Overprints  
1<sup>d</sup>

Type 4  
First setting

Type 5



Rose mint



Red mint



Type 4  
First setting  
Rows 12 – 15; Cols 7,8

Largest Recorded Mint Block of the 1869 1<sup>d</sup>



Rose used  
"11" Greytown



Red used  
pair  
wmk reversed

Type 4 exists in two settings. The 1<sup>d</sup> First setting has the POSTAGE. overprint towards the bottom of each stamp; the same position as 1<sup>d</sup> Types 1, 2, 3 and 5.



Rose mint  
wmk reversed



Red mint  
ex Burrus

Type 5



Rose used  
wmk reversed



Red used  
"3" Verulam



1869 Local Postage Overprints

1<sup>d</sup>

Type 4 Second Setting

Type 4 Second Setting Proving Cover



Rose mint  
Largest recorded  
multiple. ex Burrus

Red mint

Type 4  
Second setting

Rose wmk inv.  
and rev. used  
"2" Durban  
APS cert 2010

Red used  
"19" Ladysmith

Only recorded example.



Dec 1869. Bottom marginal pair pays local 2<sup>d</sup> rate from Verulam "3' to Durban.

This the proving piece of the 2<sup>nd</sup> setting as Type 4 in the 1<sup>st</sup> setting per Mann, The Victorian Postage Stamps of Natal, p37 (see illustration on the first page of the 1869 1<sup>d</sup> in this exhibit) comprises rows 11 – 15 with no Type 4 in the bottom (row 20) of the sheet. The second setting is thought to comprise just this Type 4 overprint (at the top on the 1<sup>d</sup> stamp) over the entire sheet.





24 Apr 1871. 1<sup>d</sup> rose 1<sup>st</sup> setting pair; 6<sup>d</sup> pair 2<sup>nd</sup> setting; 3d rough perf 2<sup>nd</sup> setting - 1/5 packet rate to Australia from Durban "2" on Union "Saxon", London 8<sup>th</sup> June; from Southampton on P&O "Massilia" to Alexandria, "Nubia" Suez to Galle and "Geelong" to Melbourne Jul 31<sup>st</sup> arrival. 1/3 due to UK. Endorsed "Unclaimed" with LC6 JY 31 71 used on unclaimed letters (Rigo de Righi No.23) and green Dead Letter Branch (Rigo de Righi No.4) Feb 8<sup>th</sup> 1872 on reverse.



15 Dec 1869. Double local rate (4<sup>d</sup>) paid by a strip of 4. Letter in Norwegian from the Norwegian mission at Umpumulo, endorsed "Via Sinkwazi Post Office" where the stamps were cancelled in MS presumably in absence of numeral "24" cancel provided to that Post Office 7 years previously. Addressed to Endumeni Mission in "Zulu Country". Cover paid for transmission within Natal; by missionary mail in Zululand.

1869 Local Postage Overprints  
3<sup>d</sup>

Type 1 (12 3/4 mm) Type 2 (14 1/2 - 15 1/2 mm) Type 3 (13 3/4 mm)



Intermediate  
perf mint  
BPA cert. 2008.



Rough  
perf mint  
ex Ferrary



Intermediate  
perf used  
BPA cert. 2004.



Rough perf largest used multiple



Intermediate  
perf Type 2  
used BPA  
cert. 2007.



Only recorded perf 14 Type 1 on cover.

3<sup>d</sup> overpays 2<sup>d</sup> rate by 1<sup>d</sup>, Durban "2" to Greytown, PMBurg transit Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1869.



Rough perf  
Type 2  
used BPA  
cert. 1964.



Rough perf Type 3 mint  
BPA cert. 2007.



Intermediate perf Type 3  
used "11" Greytown  
Brandon cert. 1994.



Rough perf Type 3 used

1869 Local Postage Overprints  
3<sup>d</sup>

Type 4    Type 5  
First Setting



Perf 14 mint



Int perf mint



Rough perf mint  
**Type 4 First Setting**



Perf 14 used



Int perf used



Rough perf  
overprint double  
BPA cert. 1997  
ex Burrus



Rough perf pair  
"12" Richmond  
**Type 4 First Setting**



Rough perf used



Int perf mint  
BPA cert. 2014



Rough perf mint  
BPA cert. 2007



Int perf used  
"19" Ladysmith  
BPA cert. 2007



Rough perf used  
"2" Durban  
RPS cert. 1989



Rough perf used  
"15" Bushman's  
River

**Type 5**



Perf 14 mint  
BPA cert. 2003



Intermediate perf  
mint



Rough perf  
mint



Perf 14  
used pair



Intermediate perf  
"12" Richmond used pair

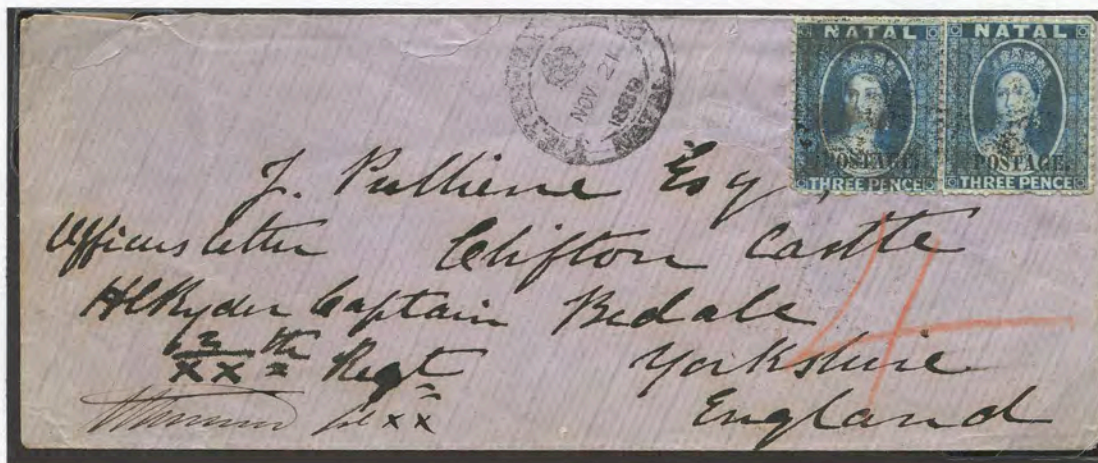


Rough perf  
used pair



21 Dec 1869. PMBurg "1" to Leipzig by Union "Celt" via London at 1/5 rate, 1<sup>d</sup> pair plus 4<sup>d</sup> rough perf and shilling. "Franco Aus England Per Aachen" Paid from England per Aachen 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 1870 with Leipzig arrival on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1/3 due to England.

1869 Local Postage Overprints Type 4 Second Setting Unique on Officer's Letter  
 3<sup>d</sup> Unique Use to Free State (Basutoland)



21 Nov 1869. Pair of 3<sup>d</sup> from PMBurg, the only recorded officer's letter at the short lived Officer's Rate from Natal – per Natal Government Notice No. 3 of 1868, army officers were allowed to pay 6<sup>d</sup> instead of 1/- postage to the UK, with 4<sup>d</sup> (denoted in red manuscript) going to the UK post office. Endorsed "Officer's Letter", these letters required the name, rank and regiment of the officer with a countersignature by their commanding officer as shown. This special rate ended on Dec 31st 1869.  
 Bedale 5 Jan 1870 arrival on reverse.



2 Nov 1869 only recorded use on cover of type 4 second setting overprint perf 14 3<sup>d</sup>. Pair tied PMBurg "1" pay 6d rate to the Orange Free State. Leribe Mission station is in the future Basutoland; this Basutoland forerunner item is addressed to the wife of missionary François Coillard. Ex Hart, ex Besançon.

1869 Local Postage Overprints  
6<sup>d</sup>

Type 1 (12 3/4 mm) Type 2 (14 1/2 - 15 1/2 mm) Type 3 (13 3/4 mm)



Lilac mint  
wmk  
reversed



Violet mint wmk  
reversed. BPSB cert.  
2002; BPA cert.2007.



Largest recorded used  
multiple of this stamp  
BPSB cert.1998.

Type 1



Violet used  
wmk reversed  
"3" Verulam



Violet used  
"2" PMBurg  
Wmk inverted  
& reversed



Violet mint  
wmk rev  
ex Caspary, Lilly



Lilac  
used

Type 2



Violet used  
wmk reversed  
"1" PMBurg



Violet  
wmk reversed  
"11" Greytown



Violet mint  
BPA cert 2008



Lilac used  
BPA cert 2003

Type 3



Violet used  
"1" PMBurg



Violet used  
"7" Umzinto

1869 Local Postage Overprints  
6<sup>d</sup>

Type 1 and Type 2  
Mixed Use to England; Use to Cape Town



15 Mar 1873. PMBurg to Leeds (shilling Packet rate) with mixed use of 1869 6<sup>d</sup> stamps. Left stamp is only recorded example of the Type 2 "Postage." (14½ -15½ mm) 6<sup>d</sup> on cover; Right stamp is Type 1; both cancelled "1". Leeds 5<sup>th</sup> May arrival.



26 April 1873. Single Type 1 6<sup>d</sup> rate to Cape Town; arrival May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Endorsed and carried "Per Zulu".



1869 Local Postage Overprints  
6<sup>d</sup>

Type 4  
First setting

Type 5

Type 4  
Second setting



Lilac mint



Violet mint



Lilac used pair

Type 4 First printing



Violet used "9"

Tongaat  
watermark reversed



Only recorded mint pair  
ex Praportchetovitch  
BPSB cert. 1998



Violet mint  
watermark  
reversed  
BPA cert. 2007



Lilac used "1"  
PMBurg



Violet used "2" Durban  
watermark reversed

Type 5



Violet mint



Violet used  
"9" Tongaat



Violet used  
"2" Durban



Violet used  
"6" Pinetown  
watermark reversed

Type 4 second setting (Lilac not found in 2<sup>nd</sup> setting)



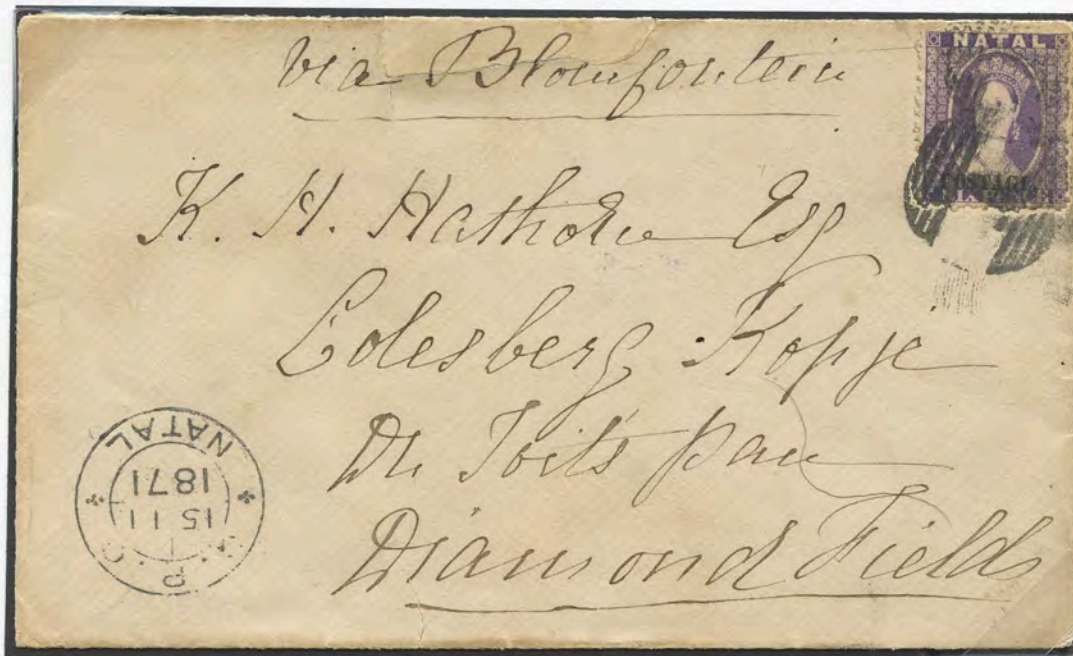
27 Mar 1873 to Binghamton, NY. The only 1869 overprint cover recorded to the USA. Umhlali "4" paying short lived 1/- rate to USA but marked "Insuffi.. Stamped 2<sup>d</sup>", deleted and 26c + 5c due with New York 31 US Notes transit mark. Marked "Too Late" as it missed the connection to the Union Steamer and was carried from next Union steamer "African" from Algoa Bay only on 21<sup>st</sup> April arriving Southampton on 22<sup>nd</sup> May with London 23<sup>rd</sup> May transit on reverse.



19 Aug 1873. Pair of Type 5 6<sup>d</sup> pay 1/- packet rate from Verulam "3" to Aberdeen, Scotland. 2<sup>nd</sup> October arrival at Ellon. BPSB cert. 1998.



8 Aug 1870. Posted at Durban; 6<sup>d</sup> cancelled "2" at PMBurg in transit on 9<sup>th</sup> (backstamp) to R Noble Acutt at the London and Limpopo Gold Mine in Tati, Matabeleland. Carried privately from Potchefstroom (Aug 17<sup>th</sup> transit on reverse) in the Boer Republic of South Africa (ZAR).



15 Nov 1871. PMBurg "1" via Bloemfontein, Boer Republic of the Orange Free State, to Du Toit's Pan Diamond Fields in Griqualand West. On 21 July 1871 the "du Toit II" a 124 carat rough diamond was discovered in Du Toit's Pan leading to British Annexation on 21<sup>st</sup> Oct.

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1869 Local Postage Overprints  
Shilling

Type 1 (12 3/4 mm) Type 2 (14 1/2 - 15 1/2 mm) Type 3 (13 3/4 mm)



Mint  
ex Ferrary  
Holcombe cert. 1997.  
BPA cert. 2008.

Type 1



Used "2" Durban  
BPA cert. 2002.

One of two mint stamps in private hands.



Mint  
ex Ferrary  
Holcombe cert. 1997.  
Brandon cert. 1997.

Type 2



Used Durban CDS  
BPA cert. 1987.

Signed Sismondo, ex Frazier  
One of two mint stamps in private hands.



Type 2 used PF cert. 1955.



Type 3 used RPS cert. 1960.  
No mint type 3 has been seen for almost a century.



1869 Local Postage Overprints  
Shilling

Type 4 First Setting  
Overprint is at the bottom of the stamp

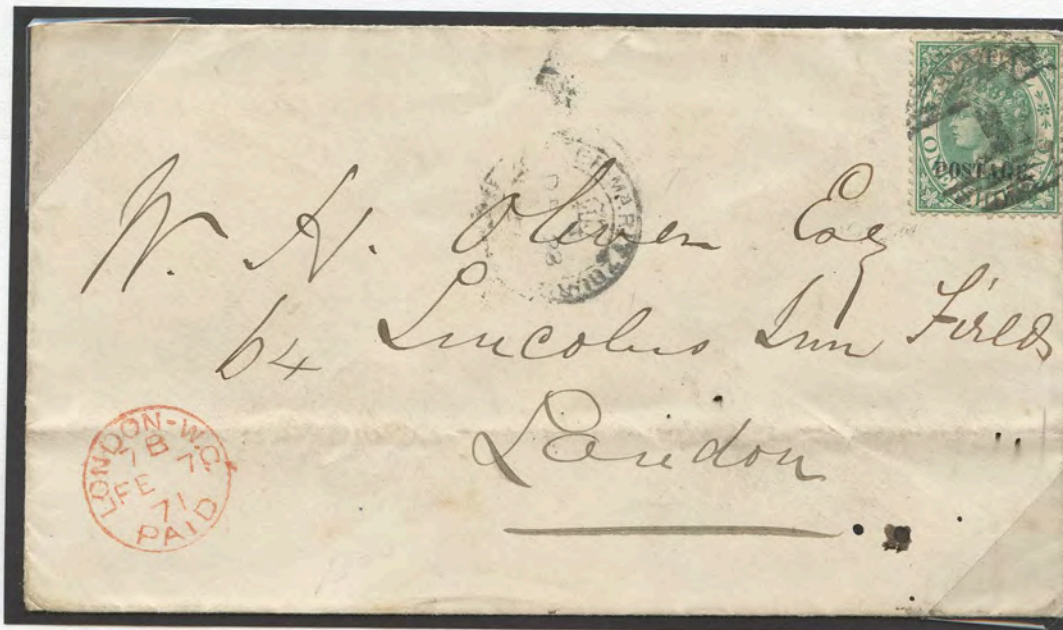


BPA cert. 2003.

Type 4  
First setting

Used "7" Umzinto  
overprint shifted

The only two mint stamps  
in private hands.



28 Dec 1870. PMBurg "1"; Union "Roman" to London; Feb 7<sup>th</sup> 1871 arrival.

One of three examples of the Type 4 first setting shilling recorded on cover.



Type 5  
Mint

ex Ferrari

Holcombe cert. 1997; BPA cert. 2008.  
partially re-perforated at right

**The Only Recorded Mint Example  
of this Stamp**



Used "1" PMBurg  
Ex Burrus; ex Isleham  
RPS cert. 1987



Used "2" Durban  
BPA cert. 1988

Type 5



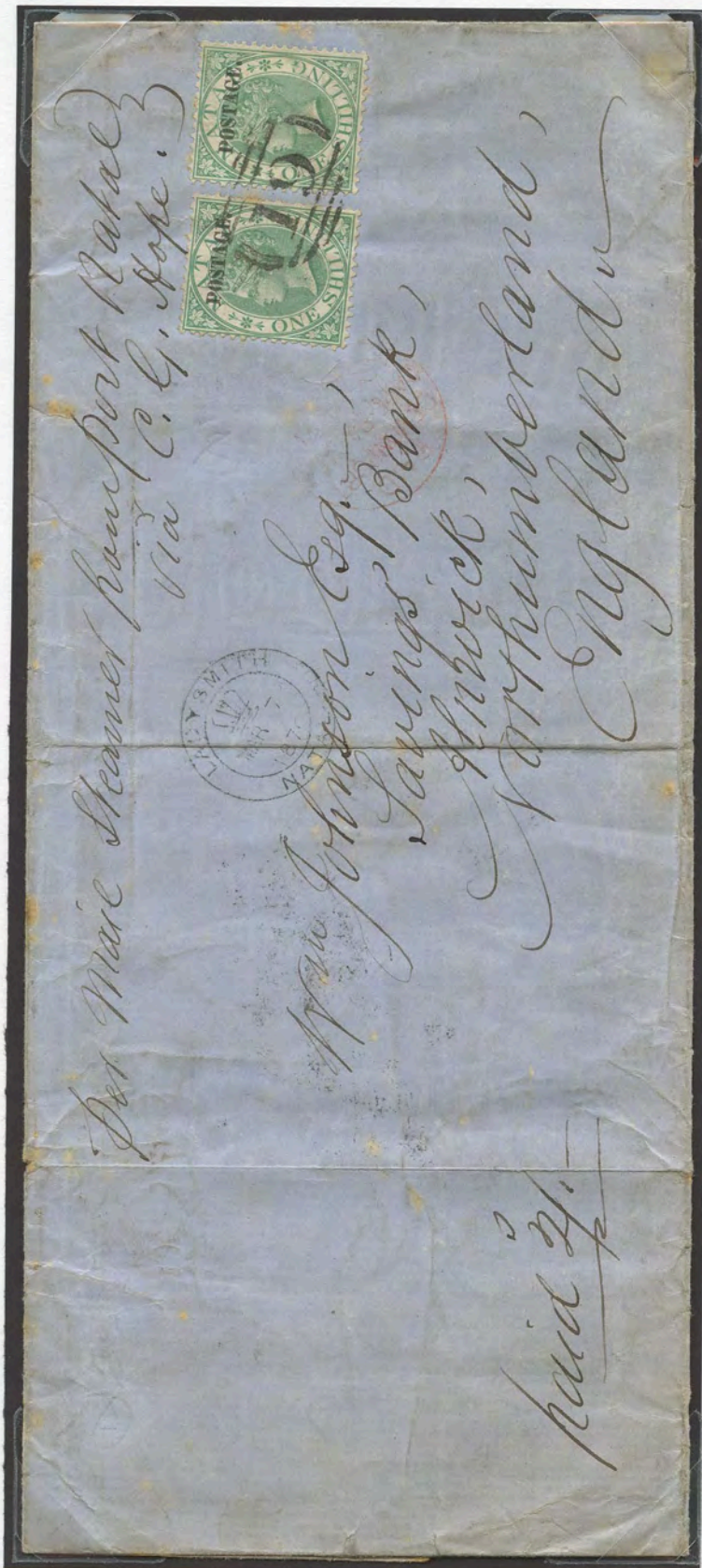
Mint  
BPA cert. 2003



Type 4 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Setting  
Largest recorded multiple



"2" Durban; overprint double  
BPA certs 1959, 2020  
**Only two recorded**



7 Mar 1870. Ladysmith  
"19" via PMBurg 9<sup>th</sup> Mar  
carried on Union "Natal"  
via Cape Town arriving  
Plymouth 14<sup>th</sup> May with  
Alnwick arrival 16<sup>th</sup> May.



**1870 Curved Postage Shilling  
De La Rue**

**Specimens  
Black Overprints Single and Double  
Carmine Overprint**



Specimen Samuel D5 in blue



Cancelled D4  
Only recorded example  
Unrecorded by Samuel



Cancelled Samuel D7



Black overprint  
ex Hart  
Small tear repaired at left.



Black overprint  
RPS cert. 1982.  
BPA cert. 2004.



Black overprint double  
"1" PMBurg  
ex Illman



Black overprint double  
BPA cert. 1952.  
Straight right edge  
Perfs trimmed at base

**Black and Carmine Overprints Only Exist Used**



Carmine overprint  
ex Royal Collection  
BPA cert. 2008. crease at top



Carmine overprint  
Re-perforated top right  
RPS cert. 1951; BPA cert. 2008



Carmine offset  
(Green overprint)

**Two of the six carmine overprints in private hands**

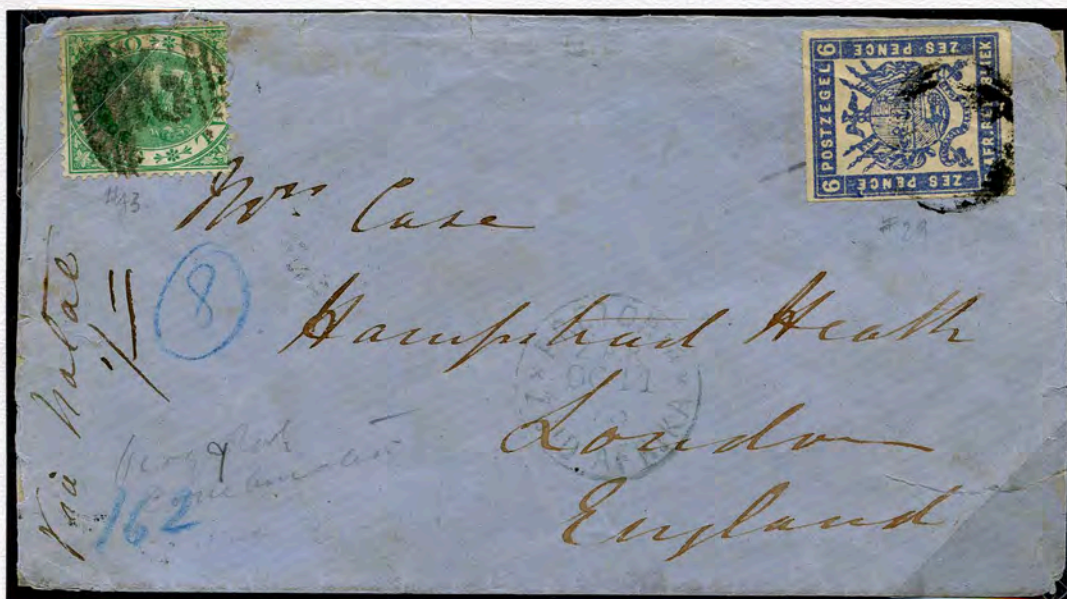
1870 Curved Postage Shilling  
De La Rue

Black Overprint on Cover



**Only recorded example of this stamp on cover**

12 Dec 1873. PMBurg "1"; Shilling pays packet to England. Registration (4<sup>d</sup> from 1869) paid by 1870 1<sup>d</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup>; London 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 1874 arrival. BPA cert.1993; stamps lifted and replaced.



9 Oct 1873. From Pretoria Transvaal 6<sup>d</sup> ultramarine no wmk, fine roulette 15½ -16, Borrius printing position L13, pays postage to Natal. Endorsed "Via Natal" Pretoria Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, Durban "2" 17<sup>th</sup>, shilling packet rate to London 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 1874. Earliest recorded Natal/Transvaal combination and the only recorded with the Natal stamp cancelled at Durban. No. 1 in Drysdall / Klugman list of 17. BPA cert.1991.



Dec 1875. Transvaal and Natal stamps cancelled "14" Pilgrim's Rest. Transvaal Celliers pelure paper fine roulette 6<sup>d</sup> blue pays 6<sup>d</sup> rate to Natal; Natal shilling pays packet rate to London. No. 7 in Drysdall/Klugman list and one of two with Natal stamp cancelled in Transvaal. PFSA cert. 1998.

1870 Curved Postage Shilling  
De La Rue

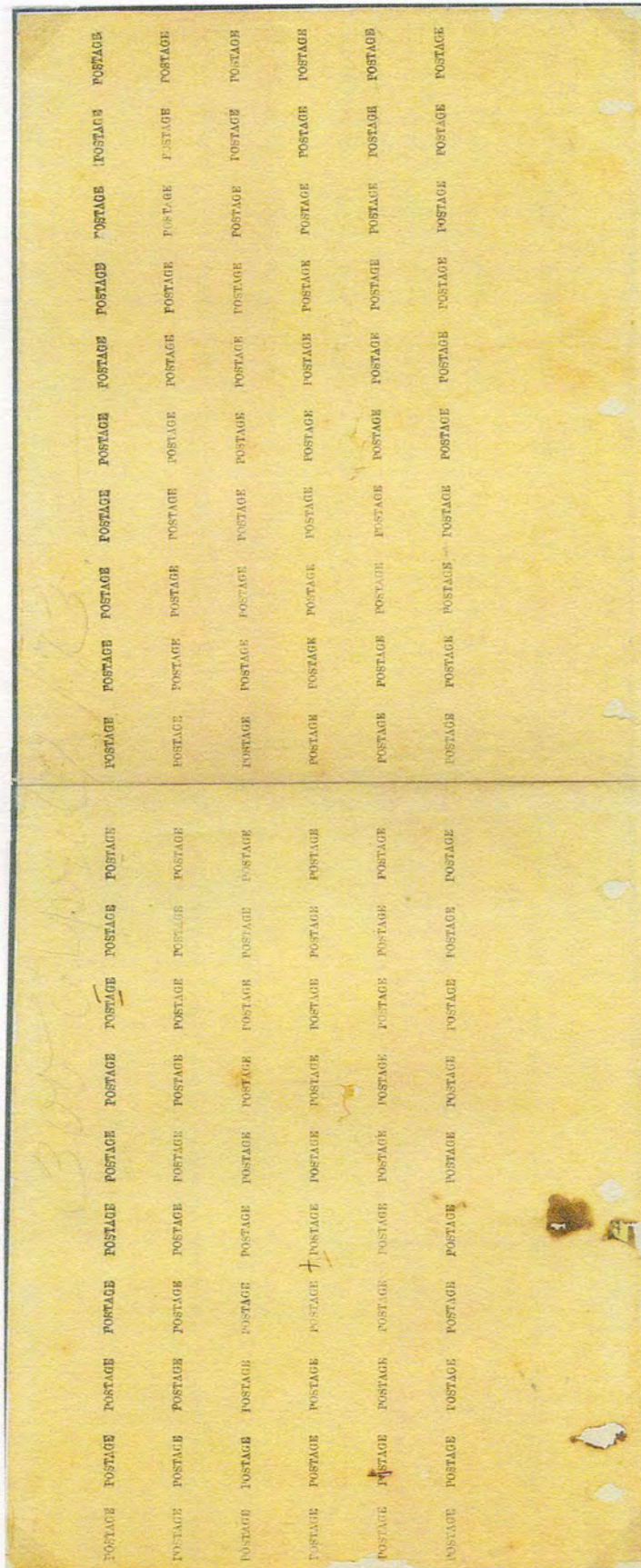
Green Overprint  
Combination Use Cancelled in PMBurg  
Registered to England



Sep 1875. From Pilgrim's Rest, Natal shilling "1" PMBurg. Transvaal 1875-77 Celliers pelure imperf 6<sup>d</sup> blue, cancelled "14" Pilgrim's Rest. PMBurg 14<sup>th</sup> Sep; London arrival 20<sup>th</sup> October. No. 6 in Drysdall / Klugman list. BPA cert.1998.



12 Jun 1875. Registered paid shilling packet and 6<sup>d</sup> registration at Umhlali "4"; Shield type 4 frontstamp and Registered Natal, to England.



17 April 1873. Unique printers proof of overprint proving setting of 120 (half sheet). Manuscript 300 may denote 300 half sheets overprinted ie 36,000 stamps. ex Illman. (Illustration reduced to fit page)

1870 Vertical Postage Overprints

De La Rue

1<sup>d</sup>

Plate Proof; Specimens  
Largest Mint Multiple; Wmk Inv; Wmk Inv & Rev  
Mixed Franking to Nice



Colour proof



Specimen Samuel D5



Imperf Cancelled Samuel D7



Mint corner block of nine. Largest recorded multiple.  
Ex Burrus, Besançon



Mint rose block of six  
Largest recorded rose multiple



Mint red block of four  
Watermark reversed



Mint watermark inverted (Left)  
"46" Hermannsburg wmk inverted (Middle)  
"1" PMBurg wmk inv & reversed (Right)



18 Mar 1872. 8<sup>d</sup> rate Woodside "21" to Nice paid 1869 3<sup>d</sup> Postage 12¾ mm overprint pair; 1870 1<sup>d</sup> pair; per Union "Saxon"  
London 16<sup>th</sup> May arrival. Illustrated outside back cover Hart sale, Cavendish, 1993. BPSB cert. 1998.



1872 Vertical Postage Overprints  
De La Rue  
3<sup>d</sup>

Plate Proof; Specimens  
Largest Recorded Multiples  
Cover Zululand to Norway



Colour proof



Cancelled Samuel D6



Cancelled Samuel D7



Largest Mint Multiple  
Normal Watermark



Largest Mint Multiple of this Stamp  
Watermark Reversed  
Ex Burrus



Oct 1882. Norwegian Missionary Rev Ommund Oftebro in Zululand near Eshowe, double 7½<sup>d</sup> rate paid 1874 DLR 6<sup>d</sup> pair and 1870 3<sup>d</sup> cancelled grid of Lower Tugela 31<sup>st</sup> Oct, London transit 20<sup>th</sup> Nov to Stavanger, Norway. 5<sup>d</sup> colonial share due to Natal.

1873 Vertical Postage Overprints  
De La Rue  
6<sup>d</sup>

Plate Proofs  
Largest Recorded Mint Multiple  
Combination with Transvaal



Lilac and violet plate proofs



Mint block of 9. Largest recorded multiple of this stamp. Ex Burrus, Besançon



27 Feb 1874. Martinus Wessels Stroom, Transvaal franked Borrius milky blue 6<sup>d</sup>; 6<sup>d</sup> missing, plus 1873 6<sup>d</sup> pair cancelled "20" Ladysmith 3<sup>rd</sup> March; GPO, PMBurg 8<sup>th</sup>; London 22<sup>nd</sup> April; Amsterdam arrival 23<sup>rd</sup>. Endorsed "Betaald per Mail van af de ZA Republiek" – "Paid per mail from ZAR". Paid at double ship letter rate, but accepted as paid at double packet rate with 2/- colonial due to UK. 2 times 10c due in Holland.

Only recorded Natal / Transvaal combination cover to Holland.



1873 Local Shilling Overprint

Largest Mint and Used Multiples  
Use to New York



Mint Plate "1" block of 9  
ex Burrus

Used "2"  
Durban

Used block of 12  
top left stamp damaged  
ex Burrus

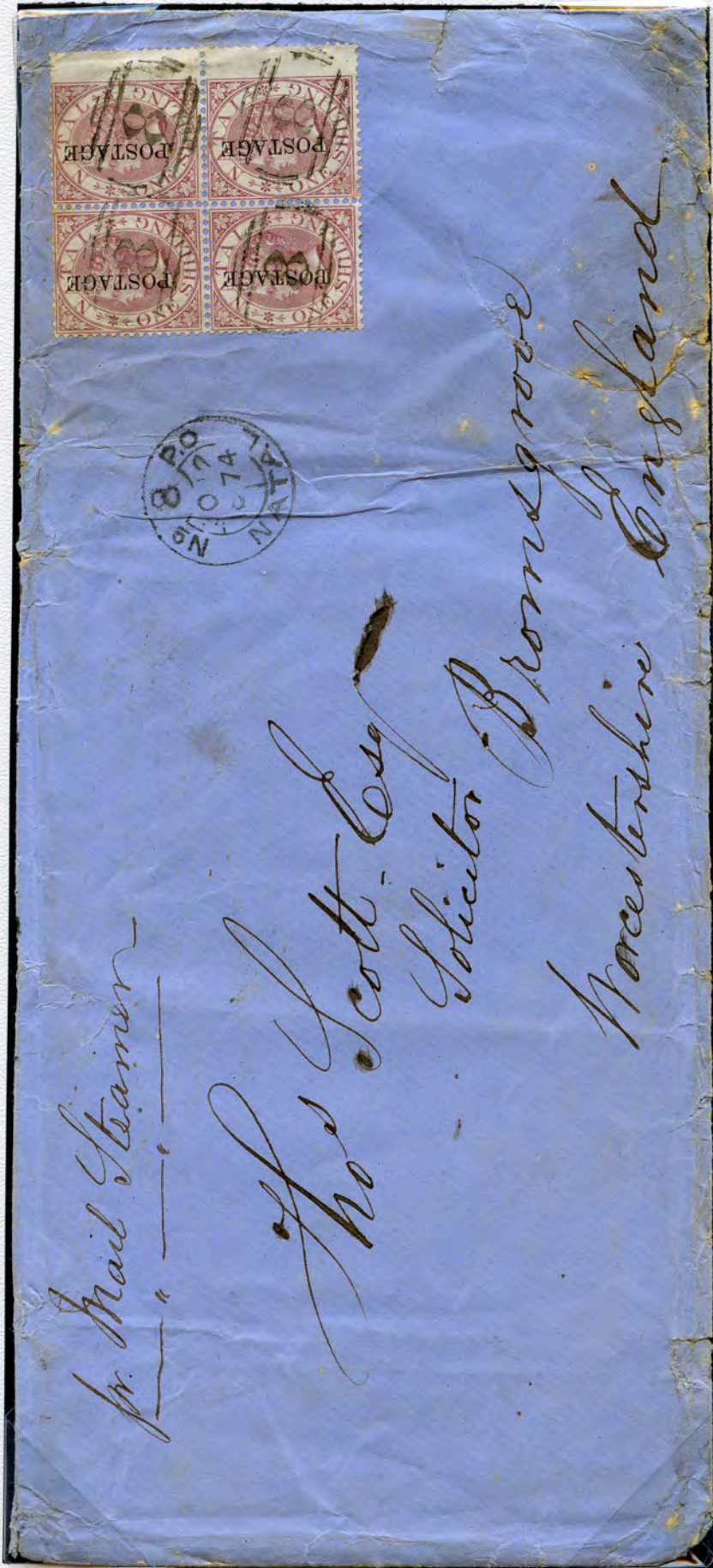
Largest recorded mint multiple

Watermark inverted  
Only recorded example

Largest recorded  
used multiple



15 Jan 1874. PMBurg "1" to New York paid 1873 shilling and 1870 1<sup>d</sup> pair. London transit 7<sup>th</sup> March; NY March 19<sup>th</sup> arrival; shilling due to UK. 2 cents due in US.



30 Dec 1874. Quadruple packet rate of 4/- from Isipingo "8"; Durban 31<sup>st</sup> endorsed "per Mail Steamer to England"; missed Union "Anglican" so carried on Currie Line "Walmar Castle" via Exeter Feb 4<sup>th</sup> same day Bromsgrove arrival. Illus. Natal & Zululand Post, Sep 1997.

1874 Chalon 1<sup>d</sup> Local Overprint

Inverted Watermark; Missing Left Overprint  
Only Recorded Use on Cover



Mint lake



Mint rose -  
carmine



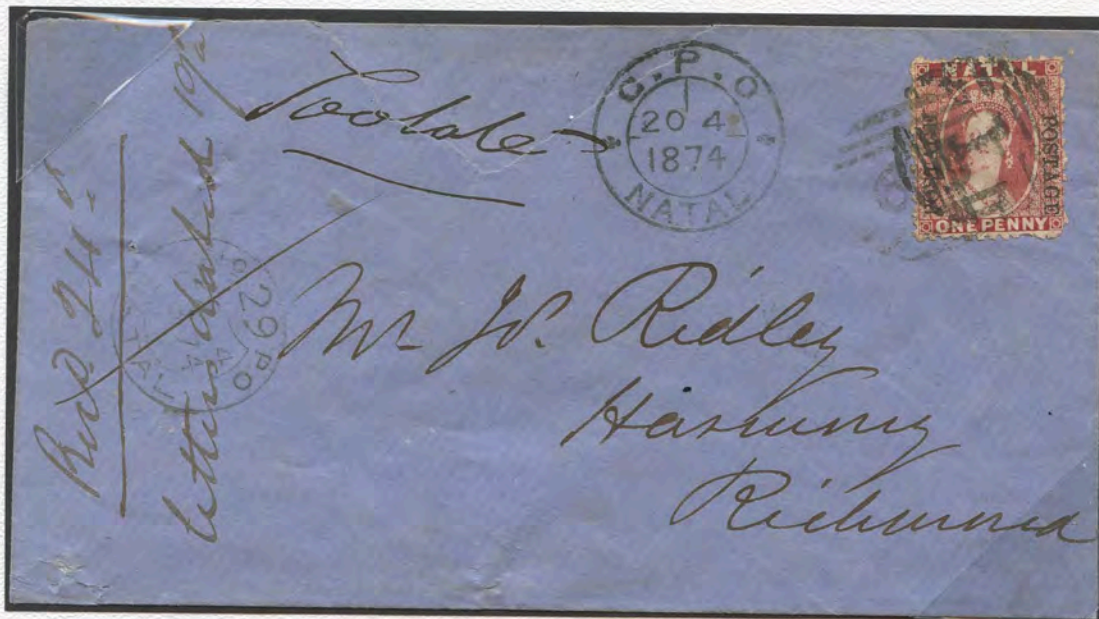
Used Strip  
"2" Durban



Inverted  
watermark  
APS cert 2012



Missing  
left overprint

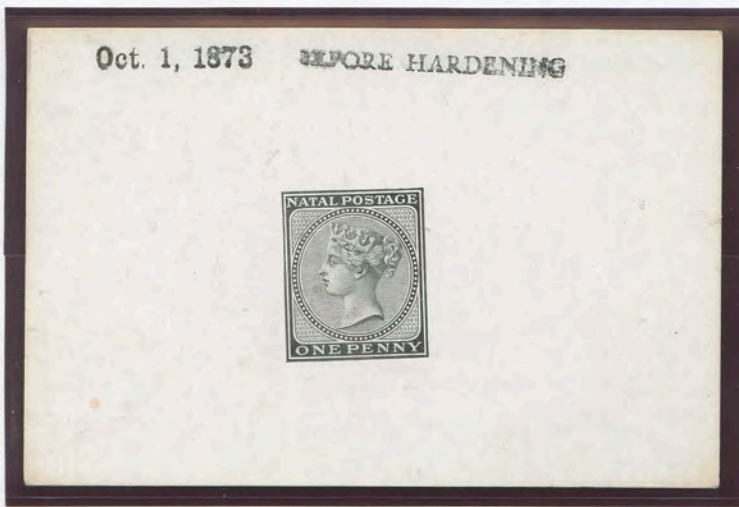


20 Apr 1874. Only recorded use of this stamp on cover. Date is two months before stated date of issue. Pays local rate PMBurg "1" to Springvale; cancelled also "29" on arrival. Marked "Too late". BPSB cert. 1998.

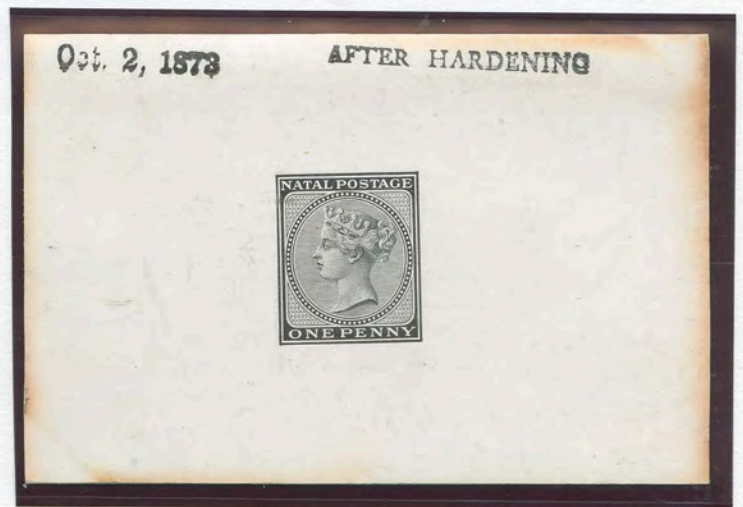




Final die sunk on card



Oct 1 1873, Before Hardening



Oct 2 1873, After Hardening



Finished Die



Die Proof in Orange marked "Darker"



Unique composite essay of this stamp

Head and inner background printed  
Remainder including border, country name, value, in red – brown and Chinese white



Imperf Plate Proof  
BPA cert



Imperf Proof  
Specimen  
Samuel D9



Cancelled  
Samuel D4  
DLR Coll, p5006



Cancelled  
Samuel D6



Cancelled  
Samuel D7



Current Number 2



Plate Proofs Cancelled Samuel D7

Inter-panneau block

1874 De La Rue Design  
1<sup>st</sup> Watermark Crown CC

Multiples; Current Number & Inverted Watermark  
Penny Book Post to UK From Artist Thomas Baines



Irregular mint block of eight



Largest recorded multiple – interpanneu block of 12



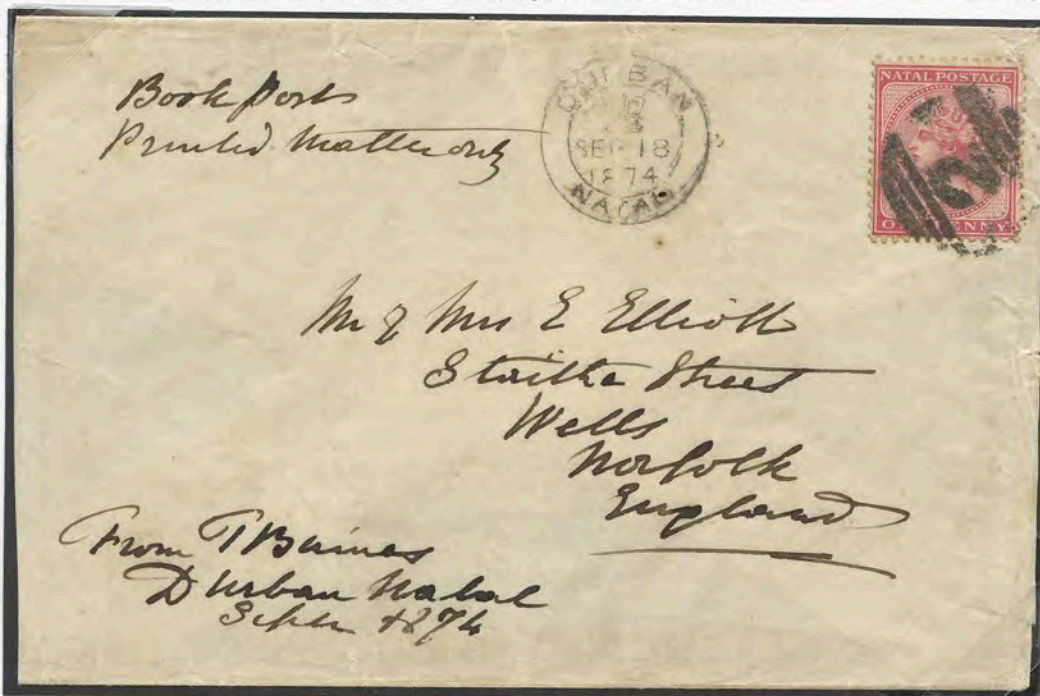
Current number strip of 3



Only Recorded Inverted Watermark. Used "15"  
Bushman's River Shield Type. Ex Besançon



Used strip of 3 cancelled "19"  
Ladysmith



18 Sep 1874. Book post wrapper from Durban "2" to England. Signed by famous artist Thomas Baines.

1874 De La Rue Design  
1<sup>d</sup> Watermark Crown CC  
Soldier's Letters

April 1879 Anglo – Zulu War Battle of Gingindlovu  
Signed Col. Northey Before He Was Killed in the Battle  
December 1879 Natal Used in Transvaal - Post Zulu War



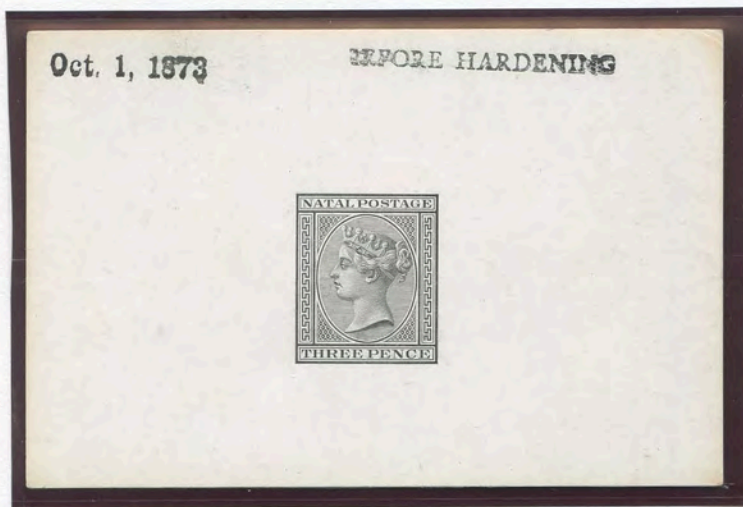
April 1879 soldier's letter from the Battle of Gingindlovu countersigned by Lt. Col Francis Vernon Northey, Commander of 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 60<sup>th</sup> Regiment, who was the highest ranked British officer killed in the battle. He was wounded on 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr and died on the 4<sup>th</sup> – this letter was one of the last he signed as it reached Durban on 8<sup>th</sup> April where De La Rue 1<sup>d</sup> was cancelled "2"; Bristol transit 21<sup>st</sup> May; Alisbury arrival on 22<sup>nd</sup>



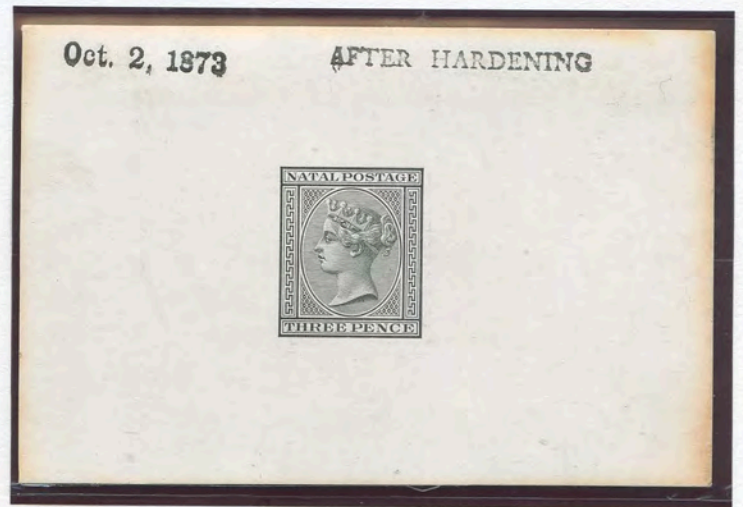
Dec 28 1879. Sgt. Bailey, of 80<sup>th</sup> Regiment, in Pretoria en-route back to Natal and UK after the Zulu War. Countersigned by Lt. Alfred Henry Lindop. Mailed and accepted at Pretoria under British occupation; frontstamp and "1" concentric circle cancel of Pretoria. Durban "2" with Iron Bridge Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 1880 arrival.



Final die sunk on card



Oct 1 1873 Before Hardening



Oct 2 1873 After Hardening



Die Proof in Blue endorsed "Darker"





Unique composite essay of this stamp

Queen's head and inner background printed  
Border, country name & value hand-painted bright ultramarine & Chinese white



Plate Proof  
on gummed  
wmkd paper

Imperf Proof  
Specimen  
Samuel D11

Imperf Proof  
Specimen  
Samuel D9

Cancelled  
Samuel D4  
DLR Coll, p5006

Cancelled  
Samuel D6

Cancelled  
Samuel D7



Plate proof corner block

Cancelled Samuel D7

Plate proof inter-panneau block

1874 De La Rue Design  
3<sup>d</sup> Watermark Crown CC

Used in Transvaal Ship Letter Rate  
Used in Transvaal Packet Letter Rate



Aug 1875. Pilgrims Rest Transvaal; ZAR Marginal Stamp Commission 6<sup>d</sup> cancelled "14"; Natal 3<sup>d</sup> and 1<sup>d</sup> left uncanceled till PMBurg "1" 25<sup>th</sup> Aug to London endorsed "By D(onald) C(urrie) Line"; paid 4<sup>d</sup> ship letter rate. UK arrival 5<sup>th</sup> Oct – No. 5 in Drysdall / Klugman list of 17. Earliest of three Transvaal / Natal combinations recorded franked at the 4d ship letter rate. ex HR Holmes. RPS cert. 1973.



Dec 1876. Pilgrims Rest Transvaal ZAR Celliers 6<sup>d</sup> on stout hard paper cancelled "14"; Natal 3<sup>d</sup> pair "1" PMBurg 20<sup>th</sup> December to London; reduced 6<sup>d</sup> packet rate introduced 1 Aug 1876. UK arrival 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 1877. No. 15 in Drysdall/Klugman list. BPA cert. 1998.

1874 De La Rue Design  
3<sup>d</sup> Watermark Crown CC

Stamps Perf 12½ X 14  
Ship Letter & Double Packet Rate to England



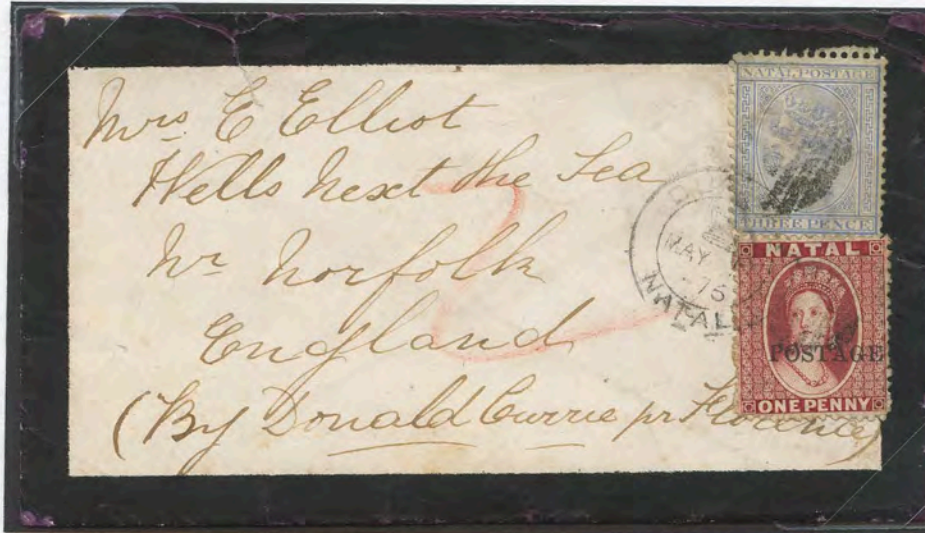
Mint Perf 12½ X 14  
PFSA cert. 2000



Perf 12½ X 14  
BPSB cert. 1998



Used Left side only perf 12½,  
partially imperf  
PFSA cert. 1993



1 May 1876. Mourning letter to UK from Durban franked 3<sup>d</sup> and 1876 POSTAGE overprint 1<sup>d</sup> for 4<sup>d</sup> ship rate; endorsed "By Donald Currie per Florence"; on reverse June 2<sup>nd</sup> arrival; 2<sup>d</sup> due to UK.



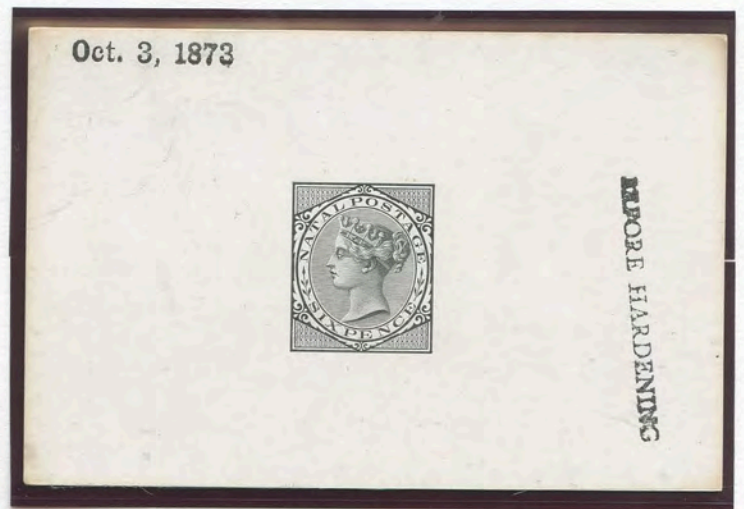
27 April 1876 two shillings paid Durban with arrival Windermere backstamp of 2<sup>nd</sup> June



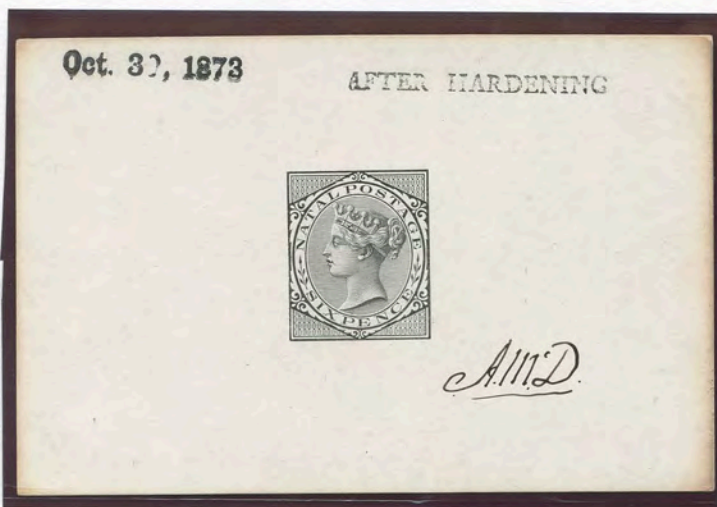
Final die sunk on card



Die Proof Oct 1 1873



Oct 3 1873 Before Hardening



Oct 3 1873 After Hardening. AMD initials.



Die Proof in Purple endorsed "B Darker"

1874 De La Rue Design  
6<sup>d</sup> Watermark Crown CC

Unique Composite Hand - Painted Essay  
Proofs and Specimens  
Inverted Watermark



Unique composite essay of this stamp

Queen's head and inner background printed. Border, country name & value hand-painted lilac shades & Chinese white. AMD initials on reverse



Plate Proof  
on gummed  
wmkd paper



Imperf Proof  
Specimen  
Samuel D11



Imperf Proof  
Specimen  
Samuel D9



Cancelled  
Samuel D4  
DLR Coll, p5006



Cancelled  
Samuel D6



Cancelled  
Samuel D7



Plate proof control block  
Cancelled Samuel D7



Inverted watermark  
used



Plate proof inter-panneau block  
Cancelled Samuel D7



Oct 1876 used with Transvaal 1875 Celliers 6<sup>d</sup> with faint cancel, from the Alcock correspondence from Pilgrim's Rest, both tied by PMBurg transit "1"; Durban transit on reverse on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov with London arrival on Dec 11<sup>th</sup> – this cover is # 13 on the Klugman / Drysdall list of 17 Transvaal / Natal combination covers (Jorgenson #105).  
Ex Besançon.



6 Nov 1875. Registered PMBurg "1" with early strike (predating HKL date of Dec 1877 by 2 years) "Registered Natal" circular cachet (HKL O.2.); London registered arrival 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. Shilling packet paid by wing margin pair 6<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>d</sup> registration by strip of four 1<sup>d</sup>.

1874 De La Rue Design  
5 Shilling Wmk Crown CC

Unique Composite Hand - Painted Essay; Finished Die  
Proof and Specimens



Unique composite essay of this stamp  
Queen's head and inner background printed.  
Rest of design hand-painted in red shades &  
Chinese white. AMD initials on reverse.



Die Proof May 1 1874 Before Hardening



Final Die Sunk on Card



Cancelled  
Samuel D6

Cancelled  
Samuel D6

Cancelled  
Samuel D7

Specimen  
Samuel D9

Specimen  
Samuel D11

Specimen  
Samuel NA1

Perf 15½ x 15

Perf 15½ x 15

Perf 15½ x 15

Imperf

Perf 15½ x 15

Perf 14

Overprint black

Overprint blue

Overprint blue

Overprint black

Overprint black

Overprint blue

DLR Coll, p5006

1874 De La Rue Design  
5 Shilling Watermark Crown CC

Multiples, Plate & Current Numbers  
Maroon Mint & Used



Carmine Plate 1 Control  
Lower selvedge imperf



Rose  
Used block of four  
Durban registered



Rose Current No. 4  
Upper selvedge perforated



Carmine Plate 1 Control  
Lower selvedge perforated



Mint Perf 14 Used  
PMBurg CDS

Maroon

Mint Perf 15 1/2 x 15 Used  
"1" PMBurg



1874 De La Rue Design  
5 Shilling Watermark Crown CC

Rose Largest Recorded Multiple  
Maroon Perf 14 Only Recorded Postal Use



Rose Block of 18



16 April 1888. Durban – part of parcel of drapery addressed to Barberton in the Transvaal.  
Notation of receipt on 24th April. The only recorded postal use of this 5 shilling stamp.

1875 Chalon 1<sup>d</sup> Local Overprint

Largest Recorded Mint Multiple  
Overprint Double Mint and Used  
Largest Recorded Used Multiple



Mint brownish – lake  
Overprint double ex Burrus



Used rose - carmine  
Overprint double  
"19" Ladysmith

Rejoined irregular mint block of 10. Reversed watermark.  
Mint block of six at left is largest recorded. BPSB cert. 1998.



17 Jan 1876. 1/- packet rate to Ireland; 6<sup>d</sup> plus 1<sup>d</sup> block of 6. Largest recorded used multiple. From Point "5" near Durban. BPSB cert. 1998.



19 May 1876. PMBurg to Nova Scotia; 14<sup>d</sup> rate paid 1870 shilling and pair of 1<sup>d</sup>. London Paid transit 20<sup>th</sup> June. 1½<sup>d</sup> due to UK.



26 May 1876. PMBurg to Malta; 18<sup>d</sup> paid by 1870 shilling plus 1<sup>d</sup> strip of 3 (one damaged) and DLR 3<sup>d</sup>. London Paid transit 3<sup>rd</sup> July. 1½<sup>d</sup> due to UK. BPSB cert. 1998.

1876 Chalon Local Overprints  
1<sup>d</sup> Red

Largest Mint Multiple in Private Hands  
Inverted Overprints & Watermarks  
Only Recorded Combination with Transvaal



Mint block of four  
Largest multiple in private hands



Mint inverted overprint  
Three examples recorded  
RPS cert 1921, BPSB cert 1988



Used overprint  
inverted



Used watermark  
inverted. Only  
recorded example



Used watermark  
inverted & reversed  
Only recorded example.  
"12" Richmond cancel



March 1876. Only recorded use of this Natal 1<sup>d</sup> in the Transvaal. From Pigrims Rest "14" ZAR 6<sup>d</sup> Celliers stout paper imperf stamp; Natal 1<sup>d</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> PMBurg "1" 22<sup>nd</sup> March. London May 6<sup>th</sup>. 2<sup>d</sup> due to UK. No. 10 in Drysdall / Klugman list. PFSA cert. 1998.

1876 Chalon Local Overprints Ovpt Double, One Albino; Ovpt Triple, Two Albino  
 1<sup>d</sup> Yellow Only Recorded Local Use  
 Ship Letter to Ireland



Mint pair



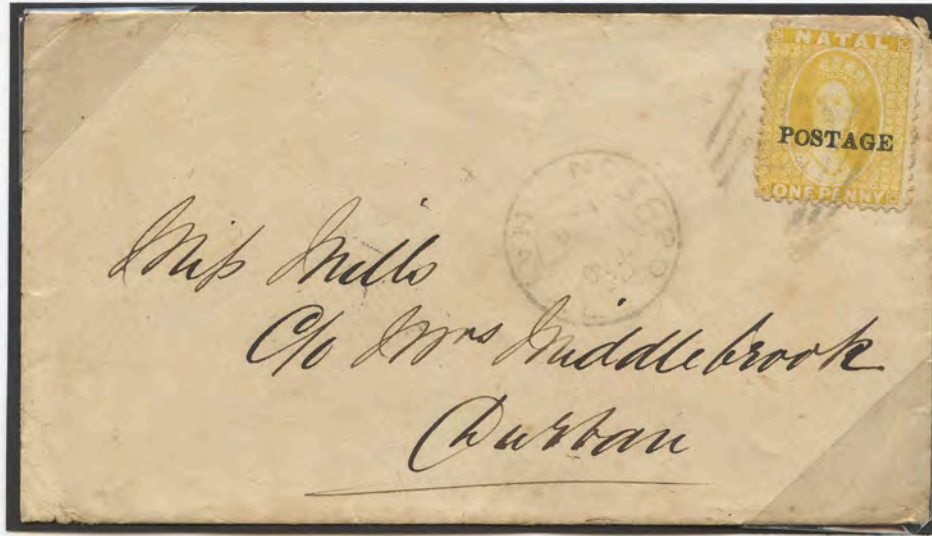
Overprint double,  
one albino. PFSA cert.1995.



Overprint triple,  
two albino. Ex Besançon



Overprint shifted left



7 Aug 1876. Only recorded example paying 1<sup>d</sup> local rate. Umhlanga "36" to Durban.



30 Jun 1876. British official envelope with Council on Education Kensington Museum crest on reverse. PMBurg "1" to Ireland paying 4<sup>d</sup> rate with DLR 3<sup>d</sup>. Endorsed "Via Donald Currie Line" 31<sup>st</sup> Jul Holyhead and Kingston Packet arrival. 2<sup>d</sup> due to UK.

1876 Chalon Local Overprints  
6<sup>d</sup> Violet

Largest Mint Multiple  
Overprint Inverted & Double; Wmk Inverted  
Only Recorded Combination Use in OFS



Mint "1" PMBurg  
Watermark inverted



Mint block. Wmk reversed  
Largest recorded multiple



Wmk inv "2" Durban



Wmk inv & rev "46" Hermannsburg



Overprint inverted  
Mint. Six known.  
RPS cert. 1967  
BPA cert.  
ex de la Queillerie



Overprint inverted  
Wmk inverted & reversed  
"5" Bushmansriver  
Only recorded example



Overprint double  
Used in Durban  
BPA cert. 1959  
Not known mint



18 Jan 1880. Only OFS / Natal combination cover bearing this 6<sup>d</sup>. One of three OFS / Natal combination covers recorded. Harrismith datestamp (Batten Type 341) Free State 1878 4<sup>d</sup> pale blue pen-cancelled possibly in transit by postmaster in PMBurg. 6<sup>d</sup> plus two DLR 1<sup>d</sup> "2" Durban overpay 7½<sup>d</sup> rate. Durban 20<sup>th</sup> Jan; London Feb 25<sup>th</sup> with Feb 26<sup>th</sup> Mecklenberg, Germany arrival. 2½<sup>d</sup> due to Natal. BPA cert. 1998.

1876 Chalon Local Overprints  
6<sup>d</sup> Violet

Inverted Overprint Used to UK  
22½<sup>d</sup> Triple 7½<sup>d</sup> Rate to Germany



8 Sep 1879. Inverted overprint 6<sup>d</sup> from Capt. Cramer 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion "On active service in Zululand" to Isle of Wight. Stamp cancelled "1" PMBurg; Ryde, England arrival Oct 9<sup>th</sup>



26 Nov 1877. Durban "2" with required five stamp 22½<sup>d</sup> franking to Germany bearing 1870 shilling; 1876 and 1877 6<sup>d</sup> local stamp overprints; 1877 ½<sup>d</sup> & DLR 3<sup>d</sup>. 29<sup>th</sup> Dec London transit; 30<sup>th</sup> Hamburg arrival on reverse. Per "Florence". 7½<sup>d</sup> due to Natal.

1876 Chalon Local Overprints  
Shilling

Overprint Double and Triple  
Registered Use to Mauritius



Wing margin mint block of four



Overprint double used



Overprint triple used



22 Nov 1880. Telegram Registered Durban "2"; Red Registered Natal Crown. 6<sup>d</sup> packet, 6<sup>d</sup> registration to Mauritius; Mauritius Registered Dec 6<sup>th</sup>. Richter cert. 1992



1877 HALF ½ on DLR 1<sup>d</sup>  
Only Recorded Pane

2

Overprint Types

a	a	a	a	a	a
a	a	a	a	a	a
a	a	a	a	a	a
a	a	a	a	a	a
a	a	a	a	a	a
a	a	a	a	a	a
d	e	e	f	e	e
e	c	d	b	c	c
d	d	e	d*	d	d
d	d	d	d	d	d

- a: 4½ mm straight foot (24)
- b: 4 mm straight foot (1)
- c: 4 mm curved foot (3)
- d: 3½ mm straight foot (13)
- e: 3½ mm curved foot (6)
- f: 3½ mm smaller 2 (1)

d\* Uncatalogued Gothic

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Top left current No. 2  
pane. Ex Legnasse.

For bottom left control No. 1  
block see next page.



1877 HALF ½ on DLR 1<sup>d</sup>

Control Block Multiple and Shifted Overprint  
Curved Foot ½ Used & on Cover



“Regular” ½ overprint misplaced  
Used single and mint pair



Curved foot ½ used at “2”  
Durban and “18” Cathkin.  
The curved foot ½ used is  
a significant rarity which  
is unpriced in SG.

Plate 1 mint block of 20; four rows (7-10) of ½ ≤ 4 mm high.  
Row 8 stamp 4 is the only 4 mm ½ in the setting; 10 of 14, 3½ mm  
straight foot 2 stamps are shown and all 9 with a curved foot.



**One of only two recorded uses of the curved foot ½ on cover**

27 Dec 1878. Curved foot ½ used with 6<sup>d</sup> 1876 overprint and DLR 1<sup>d</sup> from Verulam “3”  
to Ohio via Durban 28<sup>th</sup> Dec, London 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 1879 and New York 10<sup>th</sup> Feb transit.

**1877 Provisional 1/2<sup>d</sup> Overprint**

**Pairs Lower Stamp Overprint Omitted  
Overprint Double; Overprint Inverted  
Watermark Rev & Inv; "S", "T", "PO", Bar Omitted**



Mint ex Burrus  
4 known in private hands



Vertical pair  
lower stamp  
overprint missing

One of only 2 used examples  
in private hands. BPA cert. 1991  
ex Crocker, Dale – Lichtenstein



Mint "46" Hermannsburg  
Overprint double



Watermark reversed  
and inverted



Mint "2" Durban  
"S" omitted #27 on sheet

Mint "T" omitted



Mint "46" Hermannsburg  
Overprint inverted  
Buhler cert. 1988



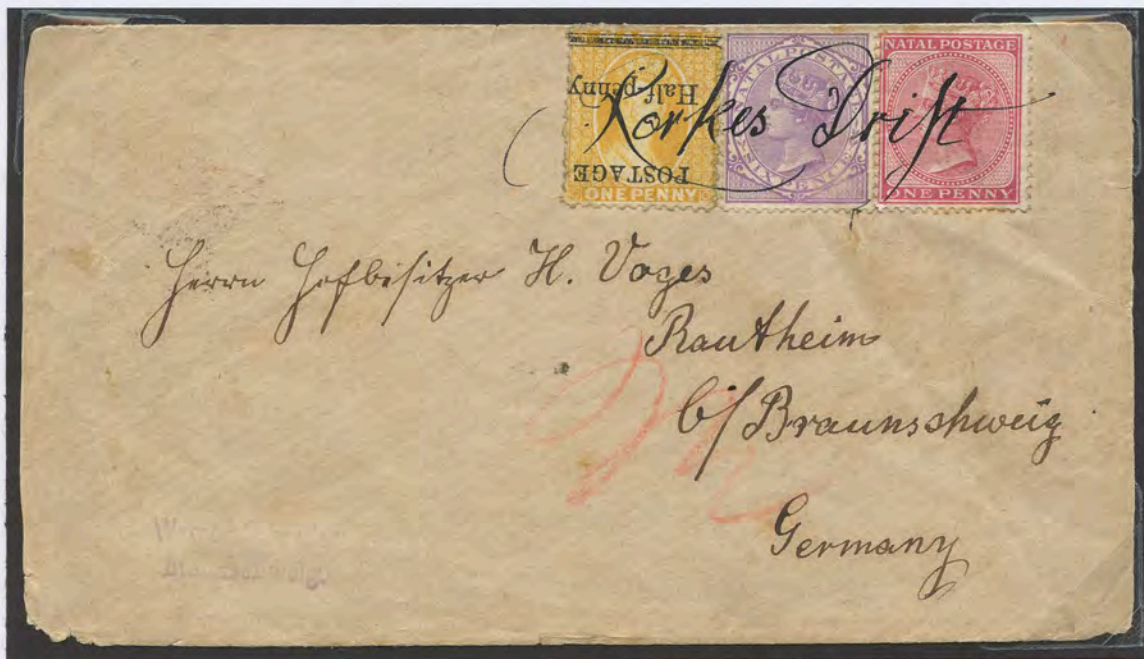
Mint  
Missing bar  
Only top row of sheet



Used  
Missing "PO"



4 Nov 1880. "26" New Hannover, Natal to Hannover, Germany! 7½<sup>d</sup> rate paid by six DLR 1<sup>d</sup> and ½<sup>d</sup> inverted overprint. PMBurg 4<sup>th</sup> Nov, London Dec 8<sup>th</sup>; Hermannsburg, Hannover Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. 2½<sup>d</sup> due to Natal. ex Lagerloef. BPA cert.1998. This and the pen - cancelled cover below are the only recorded on cover examples of this variety.



Aug 1881. Unique letter from G Steilan of the Hermannsburg Missionary Society endorsed on reverse Ehlomohlomo, Zulu Country, care of Rev Witt, Rorkes Drift who cancelled the DLR 6<sup>d</sup> & 1<sup>d</sup> plus inverted overprint ½<sup>d</sup> paying 7½<sup>d</sup> rate to Germany with Greytown 6<sup>th</sup> Aug transit, PMBurg, London and Braunschweig arrival on 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. Only recorded use of this manuscript cancel. PFSA & BMPB certs 2001.

1877 Provisional 1<sup>d</sup> Overprint

Largest Recorded Multiple  
 "S" Omitted  
 Use on Newspaper



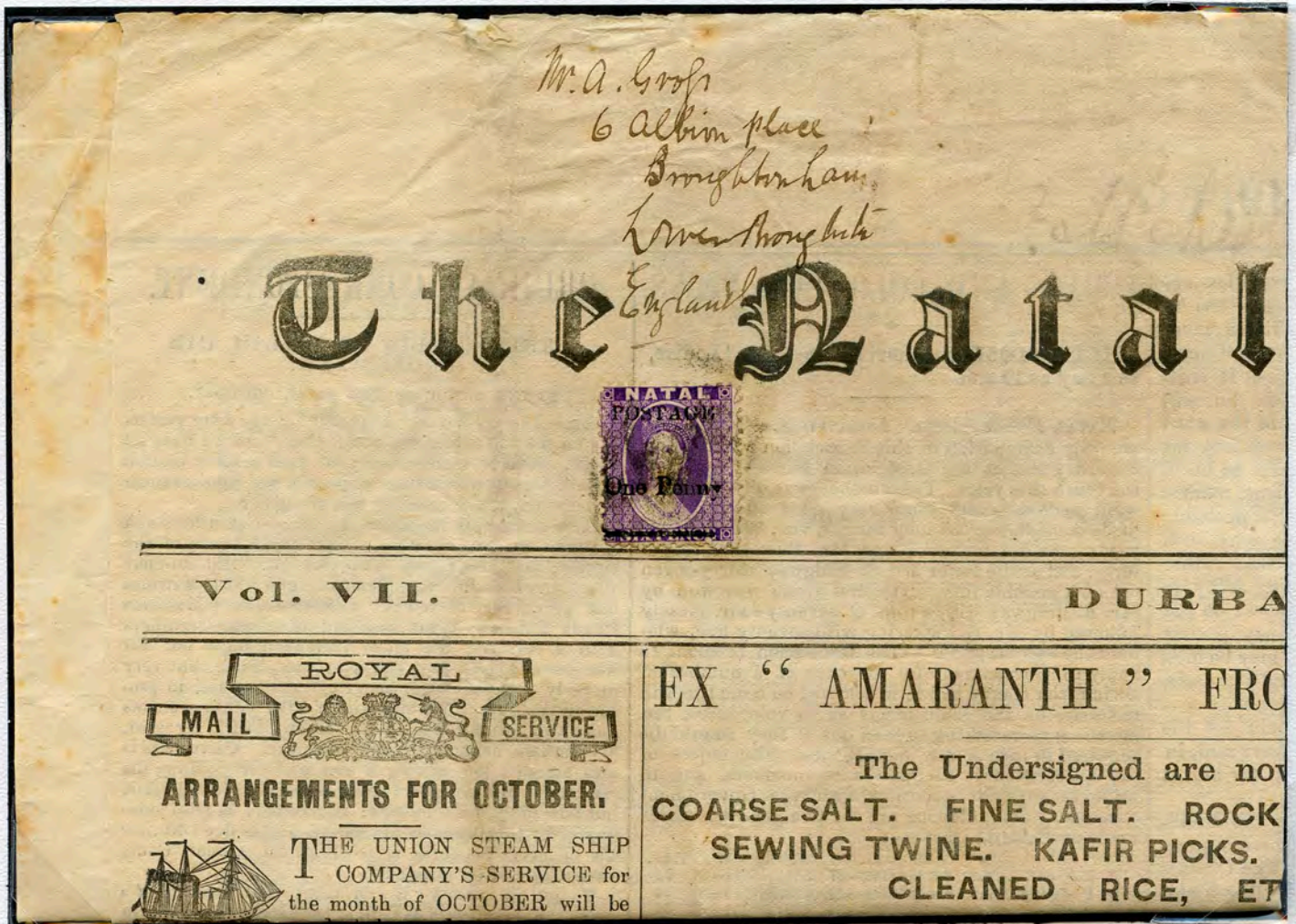
Block of 8. Largest recorded multiple.

"S" omitted No. 27 of sheet

Mint  
 ex Burrus

Used

Mint strip of 4 – 1<sup>st</sup> stamp "S" omitted



19 Oct 1877 The Natal Colonist and Herald. Unique recorded use of this stamp to prepay single newspaper rate to UK.

1878 De La Rue Design  
4<sup>d</sup> Watermark Crown CC

Finished Die  
Progressive Die Proofs



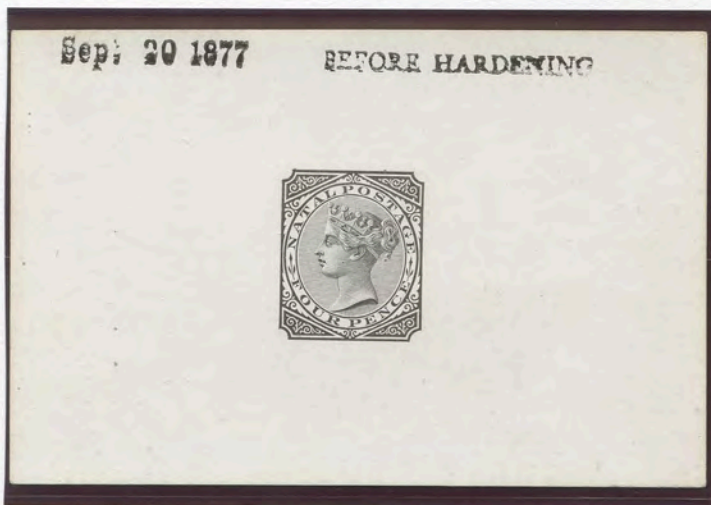
Final die sunk on card



Sept 12 1877  
Top lip all black



Sept 13 1877  
Top lip cleared



Sep 20 1877 Before Hardening



Sept 28 1877 After Striking RD initials

1878 De La Rue Design  
4<sup>d</sup> Watermark Crown CC

First and Second State Essays  
Plate Proof, Specimens  
Perf 12½ Mint & Used; Perf 14 Wmk Inverted



**Unique Composite Hand - Painted First State (Left) & Second State (Right) Essays**

It has recently been discovered by this exhibitor that two states of this essay exist.

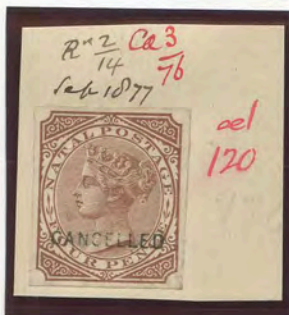
The left unique composite essay has triangles painted with a leaf design & the value painted. Rest of design is as the De La Rue 1874 6<sup>d</sup> stamp. Cancelled Samuel D7 in red. DLR Coll, p5003

30 Aug 1877. The second state of the essay on the right has the corners removed and the detail of the triangle changed from leaves to a geometric design as shown; also cancelled D7 in red.

Ex Hart, Besançon



Plate proof



Specimen D4  
DLR Coll, p 5006



Specimen D11



Perf 12½ Mint



Perf 12½  
pair used



Perf 14  
Watermark  
inverted  
RPS cert 1998

**1879 Provisional 1<sup>d</sup> Overprint**

**Blocks of Four Mint, Used & Plate Proof  
Overprints Inverted, Double & Quadruple  
Zululand Use With Largest Recorded Franking on Cover**



**Mint**



**Un-overprinted Fiscal Plate Proof  
PFSA cert 1984**



**Used**



**Mint Only known example**   **Overprint inverted 5 known**   **Used ex Manus**   **Used Ovp separate 7 known**   **Overprint double superimposed BPA cert 1995**   **Mint Wmk rev**   **Overprint quadruple**   **Used**



April 1879 letter to his father in Ireland, from Capt. William Cox in Zululand. Cox was severely wounded at the battle of Khambula a month earlier on 29<sup>th</sup> March. Endorsed "via Natal" but sent first via Utrecht, ZAR, 28<sup>th</sup> April, so Natal stamps uncanceled there. Durban transit 1<sup>st</sup> May on reverse, where postmaster missed uncanceled Natal stamps on mail arriving from ZAR! Six pence franking accepted for postage to Ireland with Limerick transit June 13<sup>th</sup> and Ballygarra arrival June 14<sup>th</sup> on reverse. Ex Harry Birkhead.



1879 Provisional 1<sup>d</sup> Overprint

Ovp Double, One Inverted  
 Ovp Double, One Inverted "S" Omitted  
 One of Three Known Natal / OFS Combination Covers



Mint  
 ex Ferrari, ex Burrus



Used strip of three  
 "1" PMBurg



Mint "S" omitted  
 RPS Cert. 1933.  
 Only known mint example



Used "S" omitted  
 ex Manus  
 One of two known used



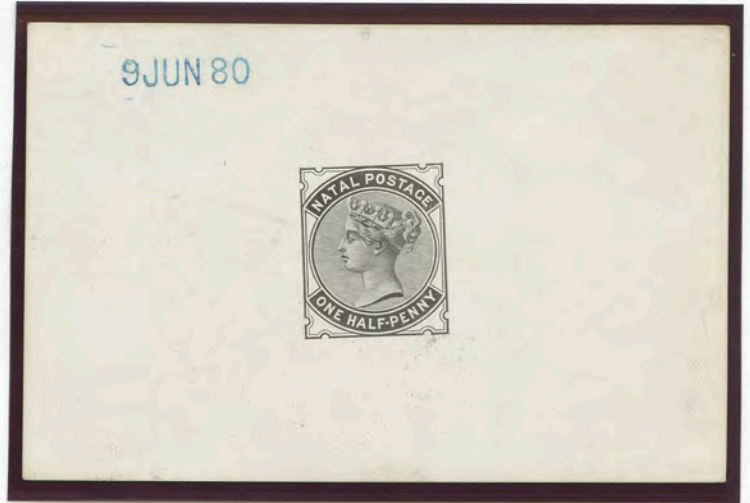
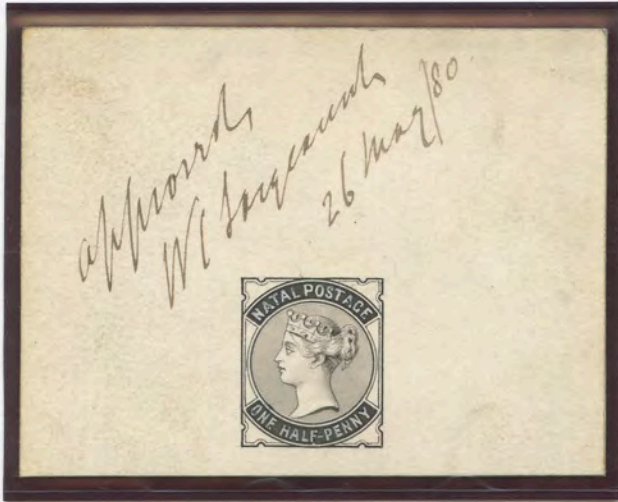
Nov 1879. One of three known Natal / OFS combination covers. Heilbron, OFS to Ireland. 4<sup>d</sup> OFS rate paid by 1878 ultramarine; 6<sup>d</sup> packet Natal to Ireland paid 1878 DLR 4<sup>d</sup> and two 1<sup>d</sup> overprints. OFS stamp cancelled circle of bars of Heilbron; Heilbron backstamp (Batten Type 368); Natal stamps cancelled "1" PMBurg 10<sup>th</sup> November; Coleraine arrival 29<sup>th</sup> December.

Identical cover posted in Oct (not exhibited, but in this collection) has 2006 BPA cert.



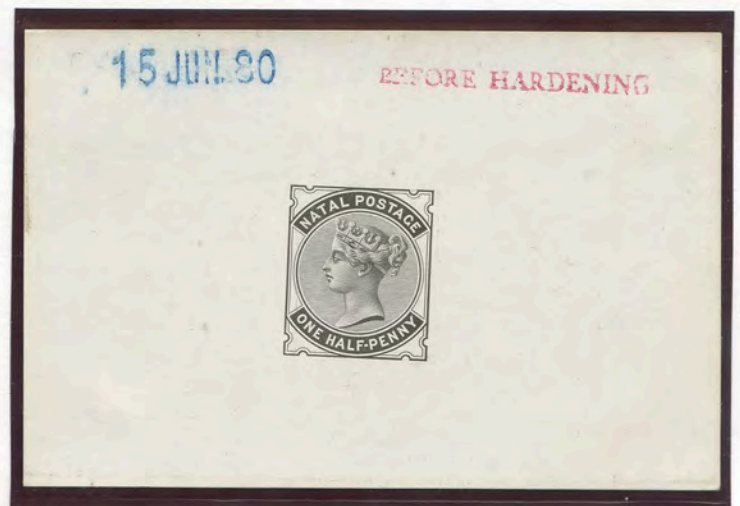
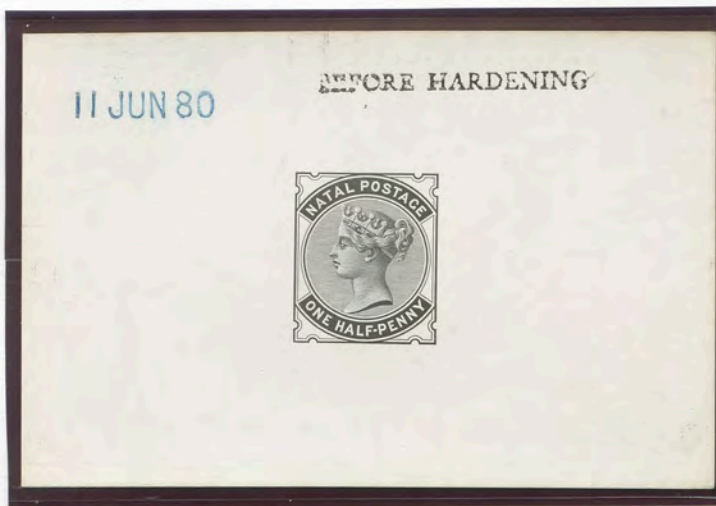
1880 De La Rue Design  
1/2<sup>d</sup> Blue Green Watermark Crown CC

Essay and Die Proofs



26 May 1880. Approved Unique Hand - Painted Essay with De La Rue oriental design dummy stamp in proposed color detached from reverse of the essay.

9 Jun 1880  
Die Proof



11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June 1880 Die Proofs Before Hardening

28<sup>th</sup> Aug 1883. Stamps perf 14 but 3<sup>d</sup> blue is imperf; shilling, proposed colour 1/2<sup>d</sup> green and 3<sup>d</sup> grey are perf 12. Other 1/2<sup>d</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> perf 12 are in "Royal Collection"

*Aug 28/83.*

*Natal Postage Stamps.*  
*Existing and proposed Schemes of Colours*

		<i>Proposed colour, being that established by the International Postal Convention for this duty.</i>
		<i>Colour established by the International Postal Convention for this duty.</i>
		<i>Proposed colour</i>
		<i>These colours cannot be improved upon.</i>
		
		<i>This is the colour the Colonial Secretary, in his letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> August 1880, gave instructions for all future supplies of the 1/2 postage stamps to be printed in.</i>
		<i>This colour cannot be improved upon.</i>

*Existing colours*

(Illustration reduced to fit page)

1882 - 1889 De La Rue Design  
Watermark Crown CA

De La Rue Specimens; Local NA1 Specimens  
Inverted Watermarks



1/2<sup>d</sup> and 3<sup>d</sup> Specimens D11 in green. Illustrated De La Rue Collection, pages 5007 & 5002



1/2<sup>d</sup> D11 Blue 1/2<sup>d</sup> D11 Black 1<sup>d</sup> D11 Blue 3<sup>d</sup> D11 Black 6<sup>d</sup> D11 Blue  
BPA Cert.1987



NA1 local specimen handstamp



1/2<sup>d</sup> used watermark  
inverted

1<sup>d</sup> strip of 6 watermark inverted  
POA 3 of Coalfields, Dundee  
**Largest and only recorded multiple**

6<sup>d</sup> used watermark  
inverted

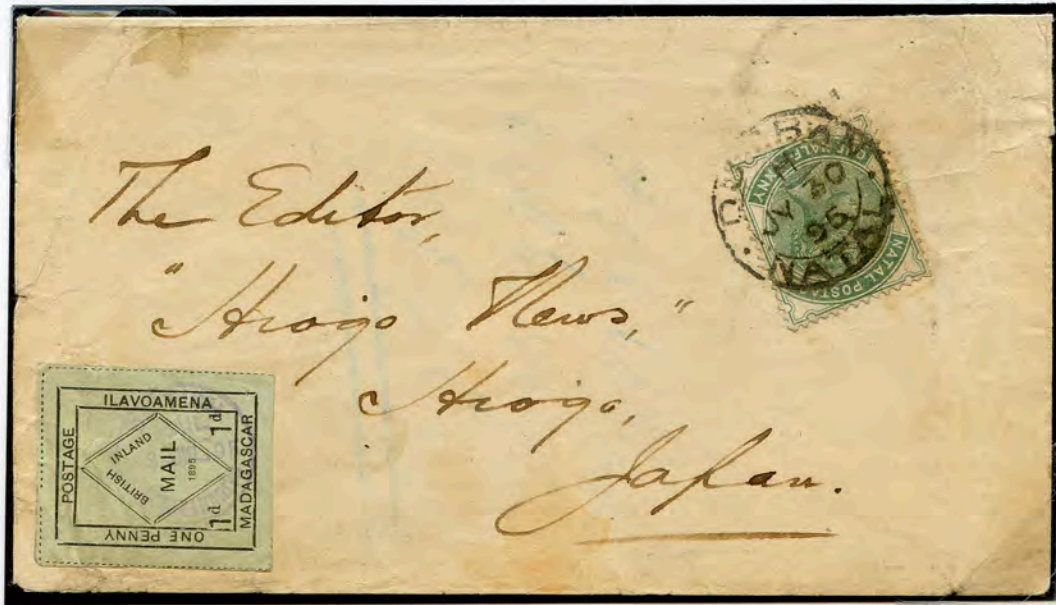


1/2<sup>d</sup> green Plate 1



***Largest recorded multiple of this stamp***

1/2<sup>d</sup> blue – green on Crown CA - Plate 1 block of 16



9<sup>th</sup> Jul 1895. British Inland Mail (BIM) 1<sup>d</sup> cancelled with small dated cancel plus Natal 1/2<sup>d</sup> Jul 30<sup>th</sup> paying UPU unsealed printed matter rate to Hiogo, Japan. All BIM / Natal uses are to UK or USA except for this unique use to Japan. Tuticorin; Colombo transits on reverse. No. 19 in BIM / Natal list in LP (2007). ex Frederick Mayer. BPA cert.1953.

Rev. W. E. Cousins  
"Chalport Road"  
Bkford  
England

Ny amin' ny Fivavahana marina. Diniho ny teny nalaha-dRev. C. Jukes sy Rev. J. Peill, pp. 34 sy 35.

**Ny Fiangonana ny Sekoly.**

ATOKANA HILAZANA NY RAHARAHAN' NY FIANGONANA SY NY SEKOLY.

No. 137.] AN VO, 15 MAY, 1895. [ERANAMBARY.

IRETO NO LOHAN' NY ZAVATRA VOALAZA AMIN' ITY:—

Filazana!—1. Ny Volan' ny Isan-Enim-Bolana. 2. L.M.S. College. 3. Isan-Enim-bolana.—1. Tao Anati-Rova. 2. Tao Antsampanimahazo. 3. Tao Ambonin' Ampamarinana. 4. Fivorian' ny Vehivavy tao

Christiana Tanora.—1. Ny potsy. 2. Ny momba an' Anala-kely.

Moriandro.—Isan-Efa-Bolana tao Ivalokianja. Betsileo.—Ambohimahaso. 1. Ny Nitokanana ny Fiangonana vaovao. 2. Ny amin' ny Sekoly Alahady, etc. Dinidinika.

9<sup>th</sup> Jul 1895. British Inland Mail (BIM) 1<sup>d</sup> large dated cancel plus Natal 1/2<sup>d</sup> Jul 30<sup>th</sup> paying UPU unsealed printed matter rate to England. ex Lagerloef.

1882 - 1889 De La Rue Design  
3<sup>d</sup> Watermark Crown CA

7 Dec 1898.

Only known cover with violet triple  
ring Resident Magistrate Maputa  
Zululand cancel. Ubombo,  
Zululand 10<sup>th</sup>, Nongoma  
Zululand 13<sup>th</sup>, Melmouth  
Zululand 15<sup>th</sup>, Eshowe, Durban  
19<sup>th</sup> and Florida Road on 20<sup>th</sup>.



*Major Deane*  
*Florida Rd: P/O*  
*Durban*

1885 1/2<sup>d</sup> Overprint on DLR 1<sup>d</sup>

Missing Hyphen Mint Current No. Block and Used Overprint shifted; Earliest Recorded Use on Cover



Overprint misplaced used PMBurg



Overprint misplaced

Current Number marginal block of 20; missing hyphen 3<sup>rd</sup> row 1<sup>st</sup> stamp

Missing hyphen used



3 Mar 1885. Earliest recorded use. PMBurg (GPO) to New York with 7 1/2<sup>d</sup> paid 1/2<sup>d</sup> overprint, pair 3<sup>d</sup> blue & 1<sup>d</sup> DLR issues. London Mar 31<sup>st</sup> transit; Brooklyn Apr 13<sup>th</sup> arrival.



**1886 provisional 2<sup>d</sup> Overprint on DLR 3<sup>d</sup> Mint block of 4; DLR Proof and Specimen Use with New Republic to Cape Town**

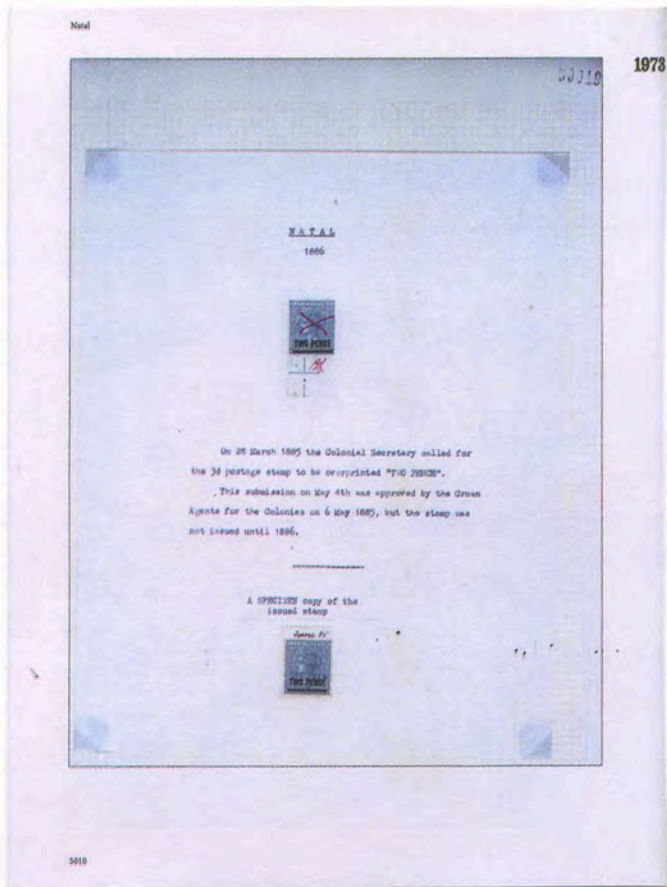
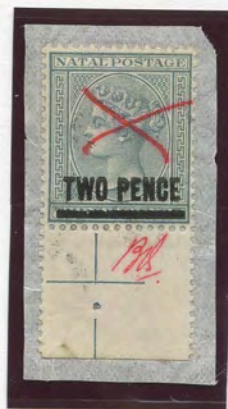


Illustration of DLR Archive, DLR Collection, p 5010



Mint block of 4



Proof of Overprint and DLR Specimen D11 in blue both ex DLR Archive, DLR Collection, p 5010



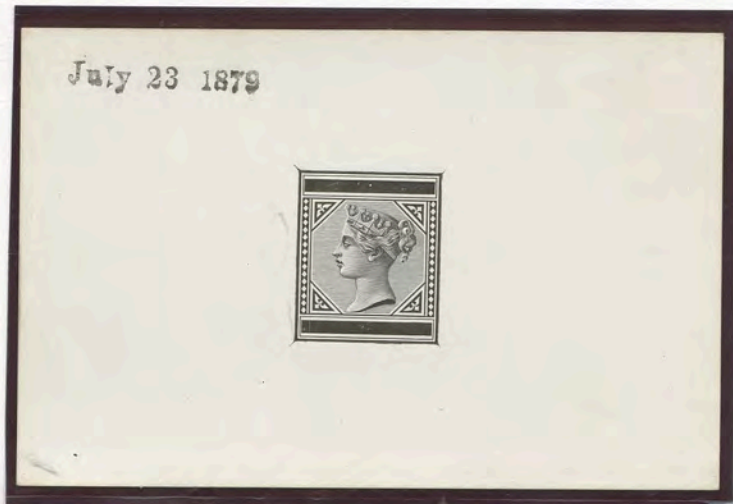
28 Oct 1886. Vryheid two New Republic 30 Aug 86 1<sup>d</sup>; Natal 2<sup>d</sup> cancelled Dundee 31<sup>st</sup> to Cape Town Town with arrival Nov 9<sup>th</sup>

1887- 89 2<sup>d</sup> DLR Keyplate  
Watermark Crown CA

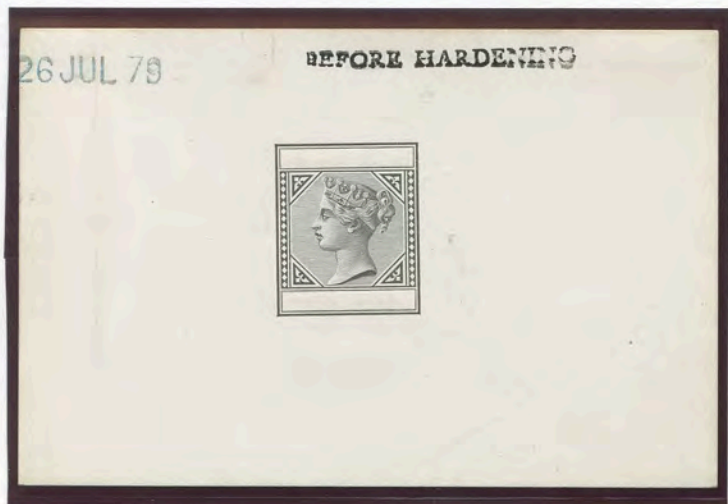
Keyplate Die Proofs, Tablet Die, Specimens  
Unwatermarked Colour Trial; Die 1 Triangle Detached



Tablets blank



Tablets filled  
23 Jul 1879



Tablets blank  
Before Hardening 26 Jul 79



Die of Natal tablets  
Dated 3 Jul 87  
DLR Coll, p 5011



DLR colour trial  
Unwatermarked  
paper  
BPA cert 2020



DLR Specimen  
D11 Red Aug 87  
DLR Coll, p 5011



Mint Die 1 Triangle detached  
Used  
BPA cert. 2000



DLR Specimen  
D11 Blue



UPU Specimens  
D12 Black



Specimen  
NA1

1887 2<sup>d</sup> DLR Keyplate  
Watermark Crown CA

Double Rate with New Republic to Natal  
Quadruple Rate With Triangle Detached & NR to Natal



28 Mar 1888. Vreihed to PMBurg. Two New Republic (NR) second issue blue pennies. Dundee 29<sup>th</sup>, PMBurg 4<sup>th</sup> April. Only 4 covers are known of this 2<sup>d</sup> with New Republic stamps. This is the only recorded double rate NR use to Natal.



**Only recorded use of Natal triangle detached error on cover**

17 Mar 1888. Unique quadruple rate use with NR to Natal. Dundee 20<sup>th</sup>, Helpmekaar 20<sup>th</sup>; PMBurg 22<sup>nd</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> stamp from left triangle detached. ex Lagerloef

**1888 DLR Orange Shilling  
Watermark Crown CA**

**Perf 12 Colour trial; Specimens  
Overprint Double; Mint & Used Multiples**



Perf 12 Colour Trial



DLR Specimen  
D11 dated May 79 – Jan 88  
Endorsed "May 1879  
overprint which was an error"



DLR specimen  
D11 blue



DLR specimen  
D11 black



Specimen  
NA1



Current number single



Mint block of 6



Overprint double  
6 copies recorded – all used  
RPS cert. 1944; BPSB cert. 1998



Used block of 6  
Eshowe 29 Nov 98

1891 Local 2½<sup>d</sup> Provisional Overprint on 4<sup>d</sup>

Specimens; Missing "y"  
Ovp Inverted; Double; Tete - Beche



Samuel NA1 specimen strip of three



Overprint inverted mint



Mint



Used

Overprint  
double



Mint

BPA cert. 1965



Used



Mint

Missing 'y'  
2<sup>nd</sup> row of sheet  
first few sheets only



Used



Mint

The only two tete - beche pairs recorded  
ex Ferrary  
BPA cert. 1993



Used

ex Illman  
RPS cert. 1944

1891 DLR 2½<sup>d</sup>  
Watermark Crown CA

Unique British Inland Mail Septuple Rate



23 Sep 1895. Antanarivo, Madagascar to The Times in London, franked 2/4 for septuple rate paid by only recorded 2/- on cover plus 4<sup>d</sup> to Durban. Seven Natal 2½<sup>d</sup> stamps added. Sent 25<sup>th</sup> Oct by Castle Line "Tantallon Castle" to London. The largest recorded BIM franking. Illustrated in the London Philatelist (2007), 116, 15. ex Dale - Lichtenstein.



First Unaccepted essay 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 1890



Unaccepted essay marked A



Accepted essay marked B.

Essays of 12 Dec 1890

1895 1/2<sup>d</sup> Overprint on 1863 6d Violet  
Watermark Crown CC Paper

Specimens  
Overprint Double, One Vertical



Unique recorded UPU specimen SA3, strip of three.



Unique Specimen reconstructed block of 10; positions 223 -7 & 235 - 9



Overprint double, one vertical. Vertical overprint extends over the left most 6 stamps, thus over two stamps on this strip of 8 from the right of the sheet, positions 125 - 132.



Overprint double, one vertical. Mint block of six. Positions 217-9 & 229-31



**1895 ½<sup>d</sup> Overprint on 1863 6d Violet Overprint double, used; Missing "Postage"  
Watermark Crown CC Paper Earliest Recorded Double Local Rate Cover**



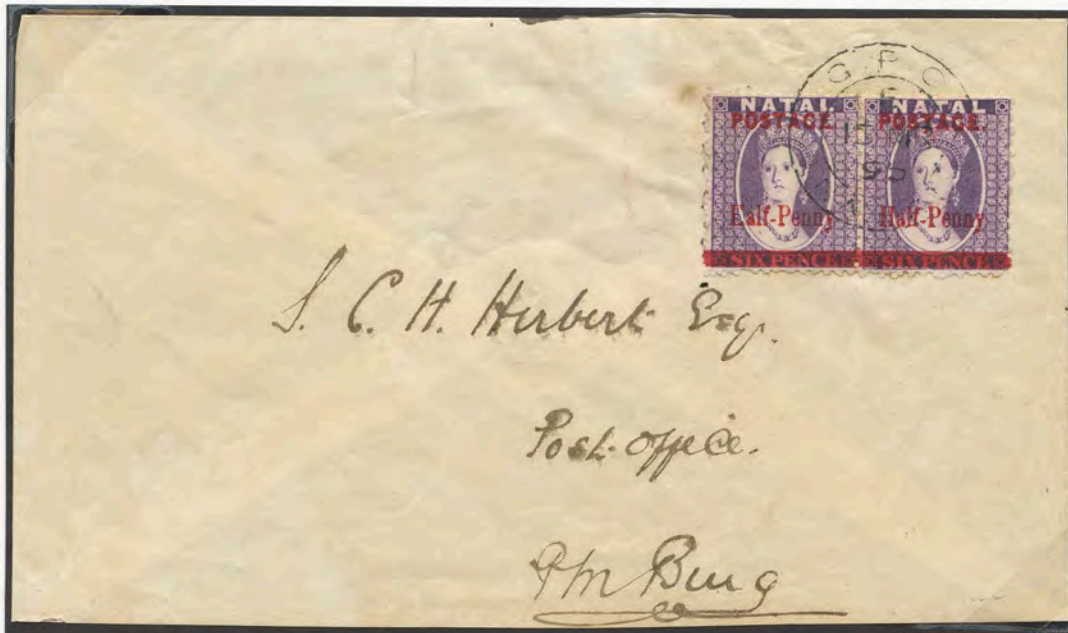
Overprint double used  
Late use before  
demonetization.

Top right stamp POSTAGE  
omitted stamp 4. 1-4, 13-16.

Top left stamp POSTAGE  
omitted stamp 5. 5-6, 17-18.

**Error is on top row of sheet and is probably due to selvedge fold over on 4-5. These two blocks thus contain the only recorded examples of this error.**

Right block RPS cert.1996.



13<sup>th</sup> March 1895. Earliest recorded use for this rate, a day after issue, double rate within Pietermaritzburg.

1895 HALF on 1893 Re-Issue of 1<sup>d</sup>  
Watermark Crown CA

Missing HAL of HALF; Overprint double  
British Inland Mail Use on Newspaper



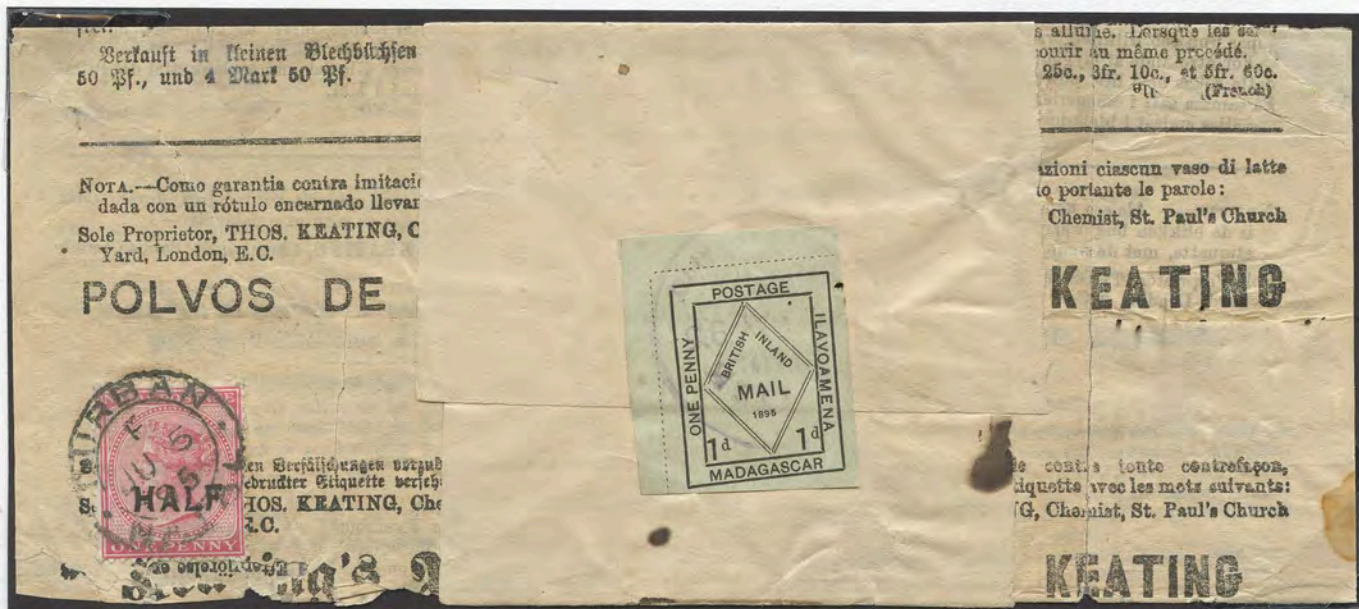
Missing HAL. BPA cert. 2011 Stamp creased  
Only recorded example



Overprint double

Lower pair double  
Mint ex Sir Gawaine Baillie

Upper stamp double  
Mint ex William Frazer  
RPS cert. 1955



May 1895. Advertising sheet to The Editor, The Journal, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA; franked on reverse British Inland Mail 1<sup>d</sup> cancelled May 1895 with 1895 1/2<sup>d</sup> cancelled Durban on Jun 5<sup>th</sup> paying the 1/2<sup>d</sup> international printed matter rate. One of two uses of this Natal stamp with British Inland Mail. Illustrated London Philatelist (2007) 116, 7



12 Jan 1897. Appendix sheet of colour scheme requested for Natal 1896 proposed dual purpose Postage and Revenue designs.

Illustrated DLR collection, p5015.

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