

1881-82. THE QV COLOURED EMBOSSED ISSUE – THE “LICENCE” STAMPS

Three presses were shipped to the Cape of Good Hope and brought into use in July or August 1882. Thirty-eight dies were supplied at £9/10/- each. The recorded impressions are noted in blue, vermilion and buff-yellow, but no reason has been presented for the use of the different colours..

TYPE 1. (46mm X 38mm)

Inscribed “STAMP ACT
M.DCCCLXIV”



One penny grey.

Embossed impression of unknown (proof?) status. While uncoloured copies of the one penny are known from Type 1, no coloured copies have been recorded.

TYPE 2. (44mm X 38mm)

Inscribed “GOVERNMENT
OF CAPE OF GOOD HOPE”



One shilling and sixpence.

DIE PROOF printed on card in vermilion and overprinted “CANCELLED” (Samuel type D6). This duty is not recorded used on the coloured licence stamps.