

Great Britain
Stamped to Order Postal Stationery
and
Royal Household Official Mail



Revenue Stamps

Embossed revenue stamps were introduced in 1694.

Left: Embossed without colour from reign of King George I (1714-1727)

Right: Embossed with colour issued in 1883.



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High Value Embossed Stamps

6d issued 1854 on “V R” watermarked paper

1sh issued 1847 on Dickinson “silk” thread paper



Envelopes with embossed stamps were issued from January 1841. There was no differentiation in the dies for regular or stamped to order usage until 1881.



EMBOSSSED POSTAGE STAMPS to be struck upon
Paper and Envelopes.

26th NOVEMBER. 1855



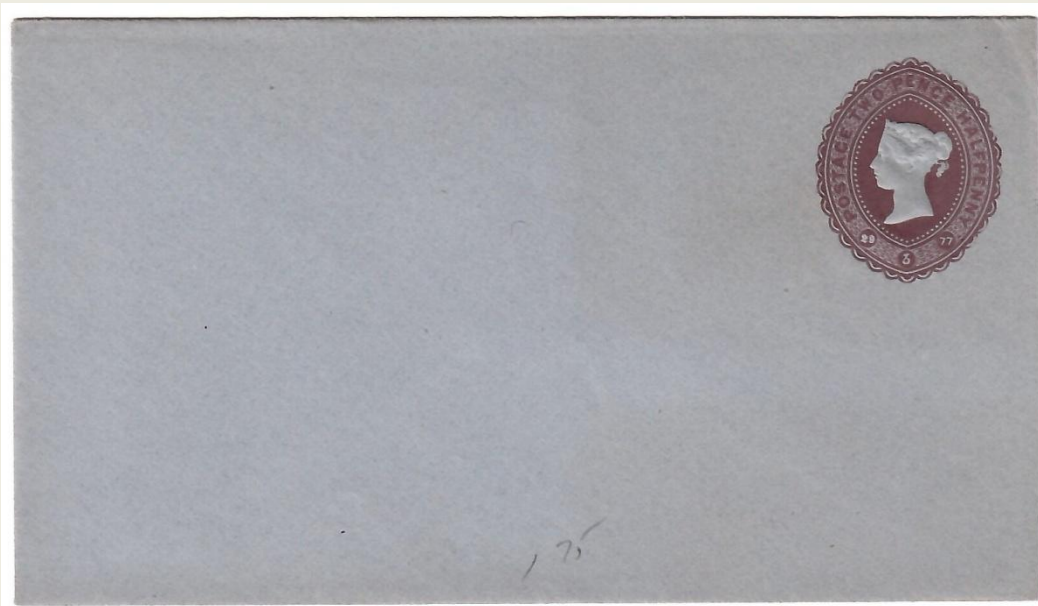
Stamps from the first Postmasters' circular, unfortunately cut down. Although the circular is dated 26 November 1855, the stamps are dated 5-12-55 (6d) and 7-12-55 (4d and 1s).



Embossed Dies
dated 22-8-77



Three stamped to order envelopes



2 ½ d Stamped to Order, regular issue of this denomination did not happen until 1892.

Three examples of envelopes with two stamps.



Example of misalignment

All four stamps are dated
26-1-75





Stamps made on different days: the 1d on 27-4-75,
and the 1 shilling on 26-4-75.



Different arrangement of the two stamps. On the left envelope the 1 ½ d is dated 27-4-75 while the 2d is dated 26-4-75. Both stamps on the right envelope are dated 13-5-75.



A used example (overpaid?)



Another used example, sent to Saxony (Germany)



An example with three stamps: a 1 sh and two 2 ½ d. From 1884 the date plugs were replaced with florets.



A three color example.



Queen Victoria 10d embossed 'SPECIMEN'.
This die was also used for the embossed
adhesives in 1848, but it was not brought into
use for STO work until 1892. It was never
drilled for date plugs.



A large envelope with ten different stamps. The stamps do not have date plugs and the 10d is included, so it is 1892 or later.

A proof sheet of
STO dies, 1892
or later.



Table I: Board of Revenue Records, July 1, 1862 to June 30, 1863.

1d	6,214,710	9d	45	2/6	226
2d	167,841	10d	11	2/8	292
3d	196,524	1/-	1,682	3/-	40
4d	8,038	1/4	7,426	3/4	575
6d	2,808	1/6	100	4/-	750
9d	17,112	2/-	850		

For this one year time period:

STO total orders 6,619,221

P. O. issues 1d 12,998,880

 2d 120

Thus, about 1/3 of all stationery was STO

Two combination STO
covers with 3d + 1 ½ d,
one with Victoria
and one with KEVII.

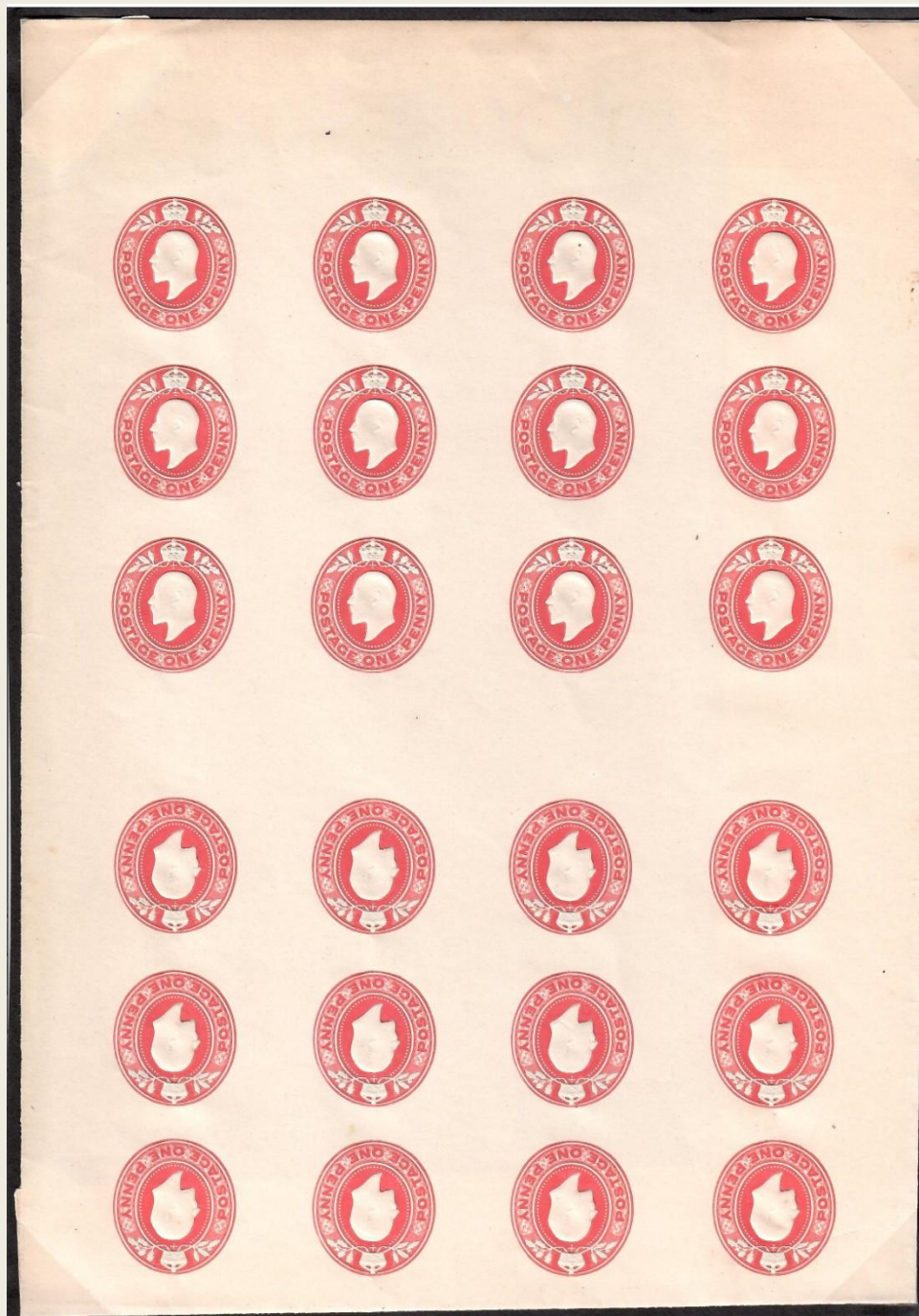


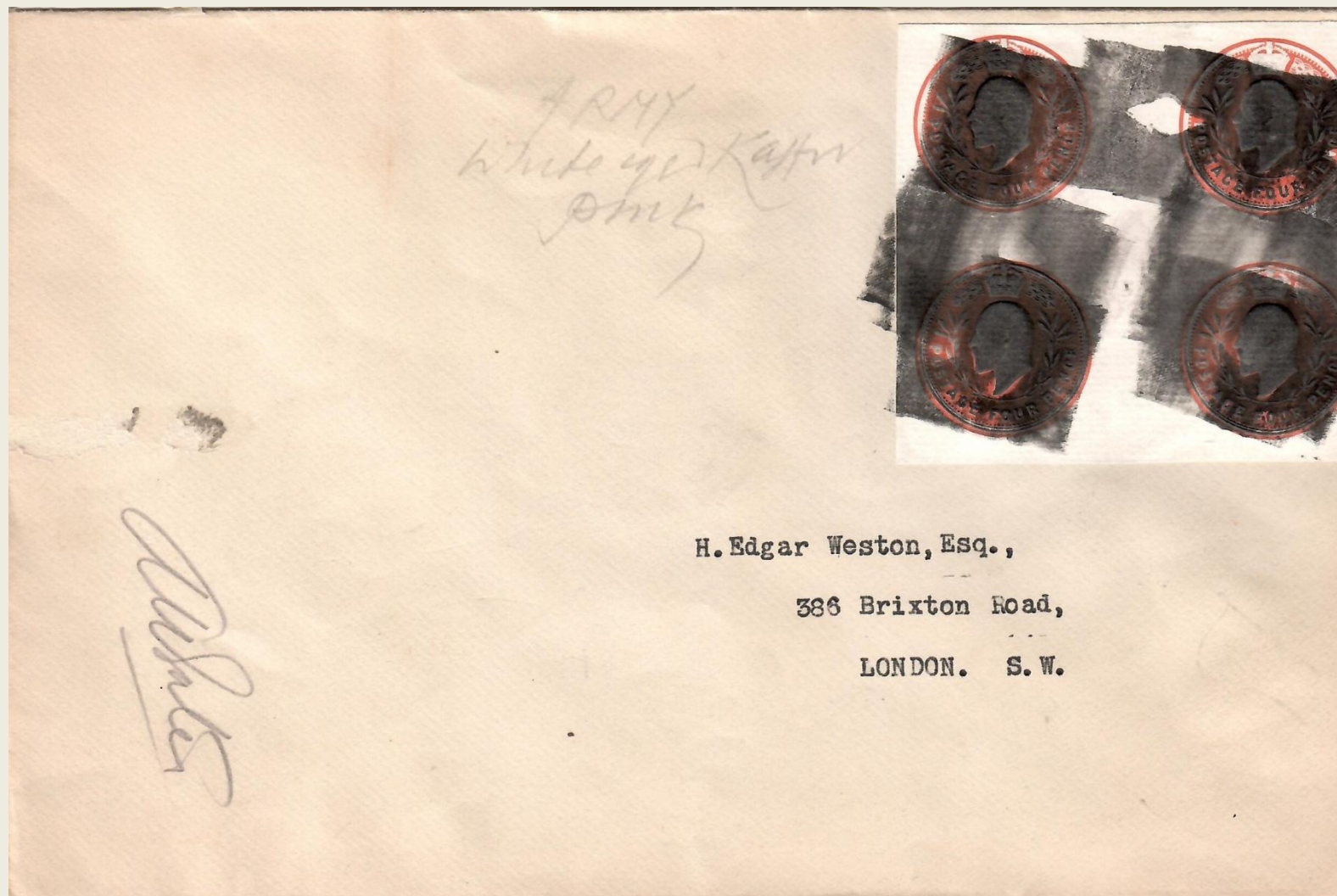
A two-reign STO,
used and unused
examples.





KGV STO stamps
in sheet form
per order of
Edgar Weston





Letter posted to Edgar Weston from the BEF in France during WW1

P.P. RATE.

BY AIR MAIL

P25

London to Brussels



Mlle. M. F. Weston,

28, Rue Vanderdussen,

Molenbeek,

Belgium.

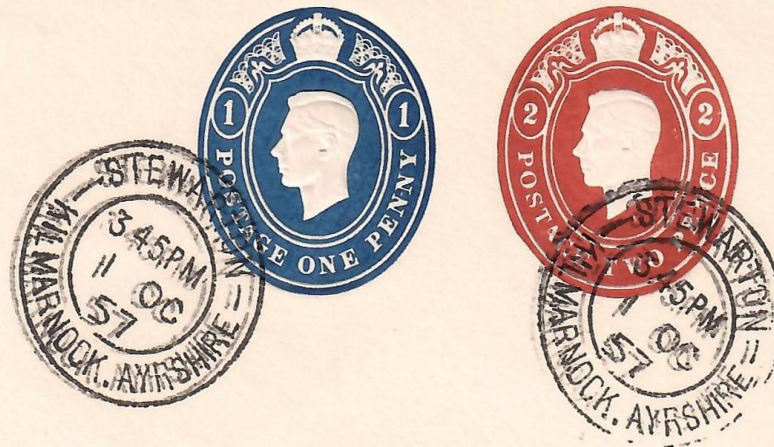
BRUXELLES.

Another Weston cover which also includes the first airmail label issued by the GPO
on 17 August 1920

BY AIR MAIL
P25.



Mlle. M. F. Weston,
28 Rue Vanderdussen 28,
Molenbeek,
Belgium. BRUXELLES.

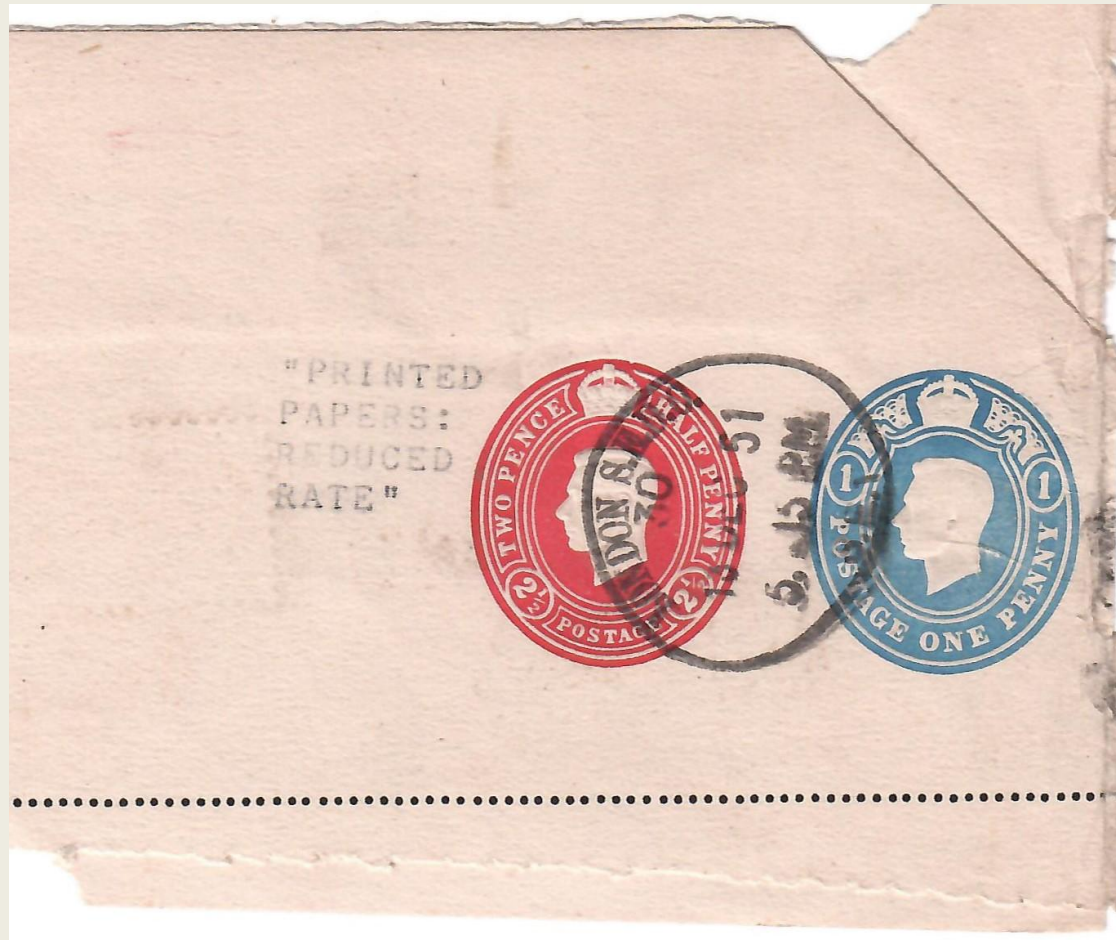


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Redburn Cottage,
by Irvine,

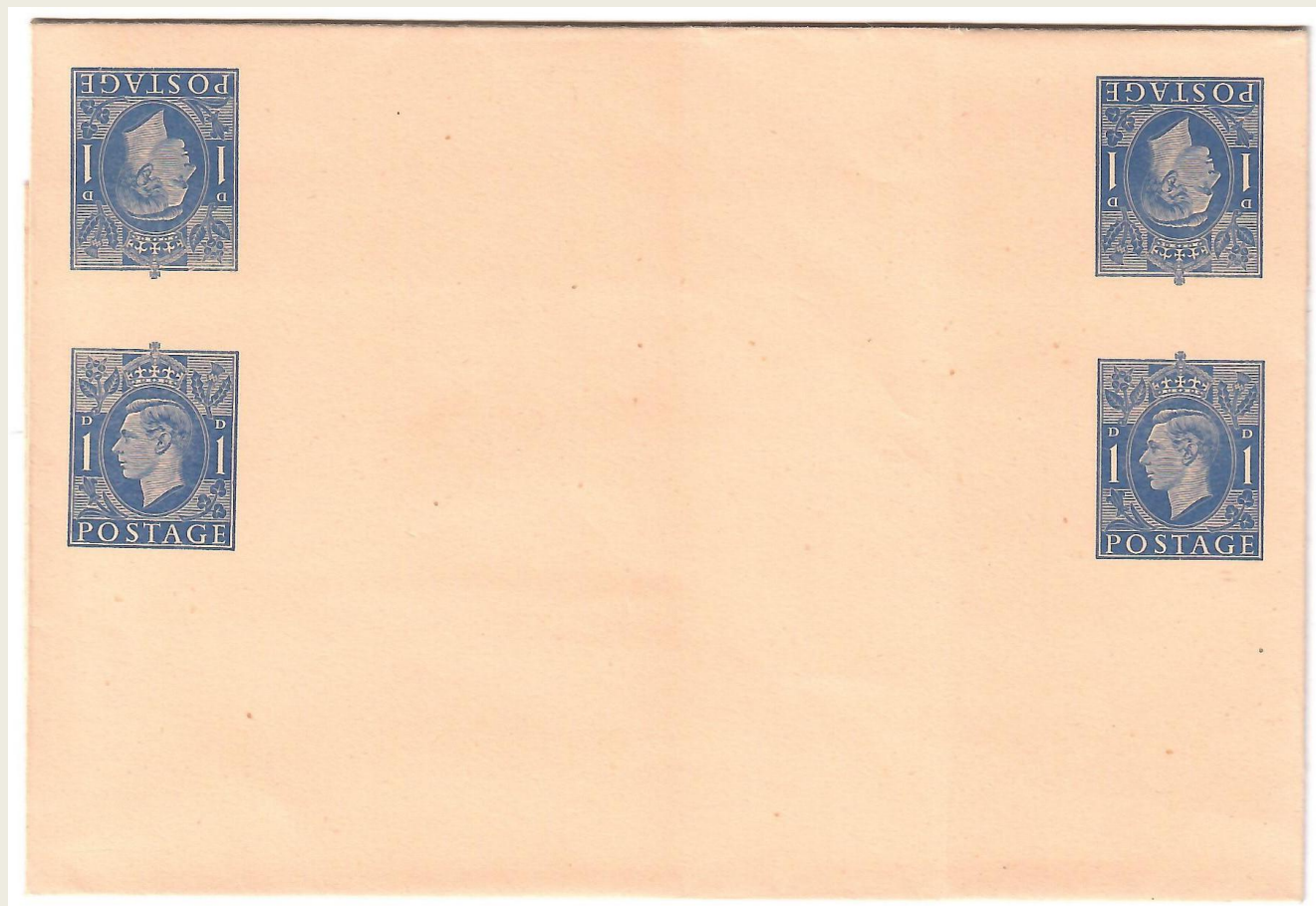
A King George VI STO Envelope



A KGVI STO cover with three indicia



A piece of a King George VI
wrapper for printed papers.



These letterpress dies were used for postal cards, wrappers and letter-sheets. A Victor Marsh persuaded H.M.S.O. Press at Harrow to print stamps in these abnormal positions. Marsh marketed these as “proofs”.



When “proof” sales flagged, Marsh used some from remote islands to prove postal validity



Victor Marsh "Proofs"



An envelope with six stamps,
three QEII and three KGVI



Arnold Strange Esq.,
Plumtree Cottage,
APSLEY END,
Near HITCHIN,
Herts.

1967-68

1970
Sterling Denominations

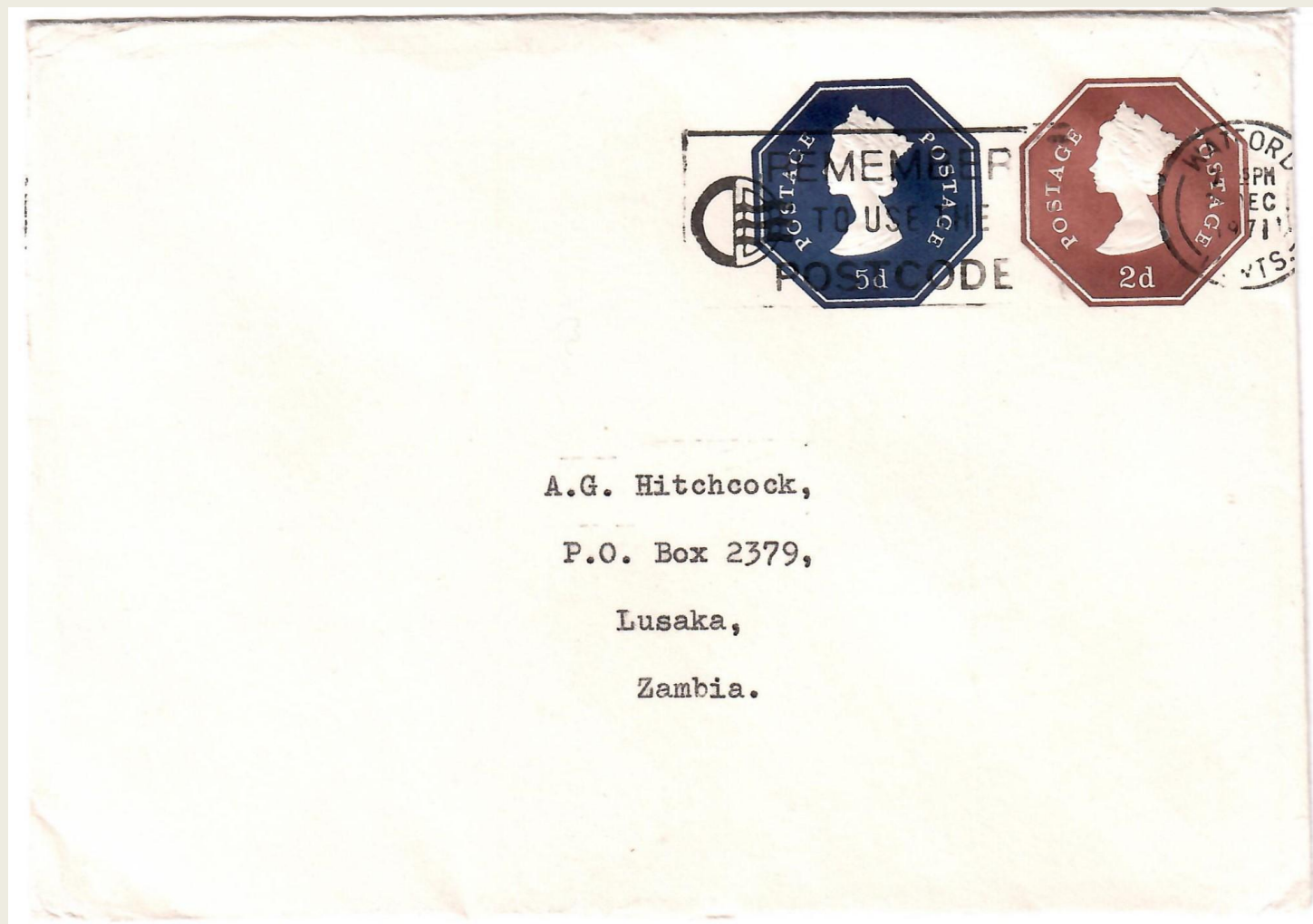


1971
Decimal Currency





1971 Decimal Currency



1970 Sterling denominations - Interesting destination



1971 STO Postal Cards. Indicia similar to stamped envelopes, but without embossing

The Postal History Society

18th Annual Conference

October 4th to 8th 1962

The Globe Hotel, King's Lynn, Norfolk



*Mr L Thorarinnson,
Einkgatan 31*

REYKJAVIK

ICELAND

**LYNN
SHIP LETTER**

P. H. SOCIETY CONFERENCE

Oct 4-8 1962
Hotel (Globe Hotel)

1956-68 QEII STO postcard stamp used with 3d
adhesive.

POST CARD



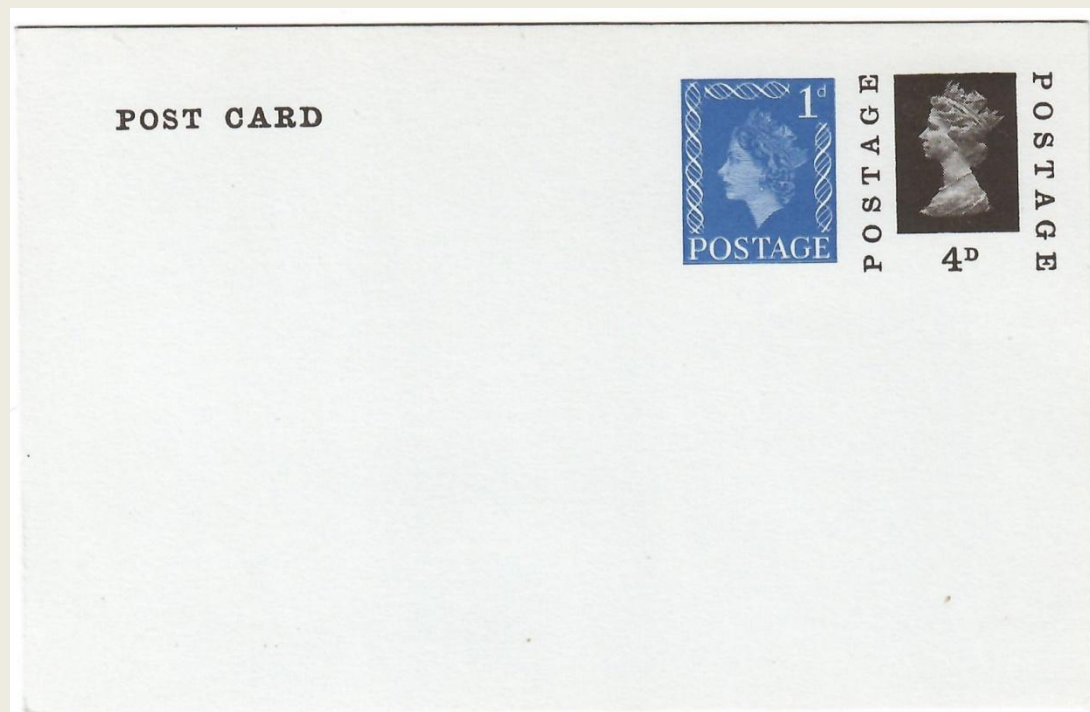
The Secretary,

BRITISH TIMKEN LIMITED,

DUSTON,

NORTHAMPTON.





Postal Card with combination 1d (1954-68) and 4d (1968-69)

Compound
Cards
1968-69





Wrapper with 6d (1968-9) and 2p (1971)
Cancelled by Stamford *Mercury* private cancel



QV stationery cutout used on letter 1908.
Cutouts were legal until prohibited by the PO Act
of 1870, however their use was again permitted
after January 1, 1905



*Dr E. W. Floyd,
Westwood,
Moss Side
Manchester.*

Registered



PARCEL POST.  Leeds Brudenell Road	X LIST Letter and Number.	POSTAGE.	
	137	S.	D.
	Insurance, Registration or Express Fee.		
FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.		DATE STAMP.	
			





ARTHUR H GILL ESQ.

AT. 68 HASTINGS AVENUE.

DANE PARK.

MARGATE

These facsimile MULREADY Envelopes may be obtained from W. WARD, Lomb. St., London.—Price 6d per 10, 1/1 per 25, post free.



1 ½ d QV STO cutout plus 3 halfpenny QEII
adhesives used to pay the 3d rate in 1963.
Unfortunately, the QV STO had been demonetized
decades earlier.

W. H. SMITH & SON,
186, Strand, London.
W.C.

Messrs. L. Jacobson & Co.,
Libreria Europea,
242, Calle Florida, 244,
BUENOS AIRES,
ARGENTINE REPUBLIC
via Liverpool
per Lamport & Holt's Sat. Steamer

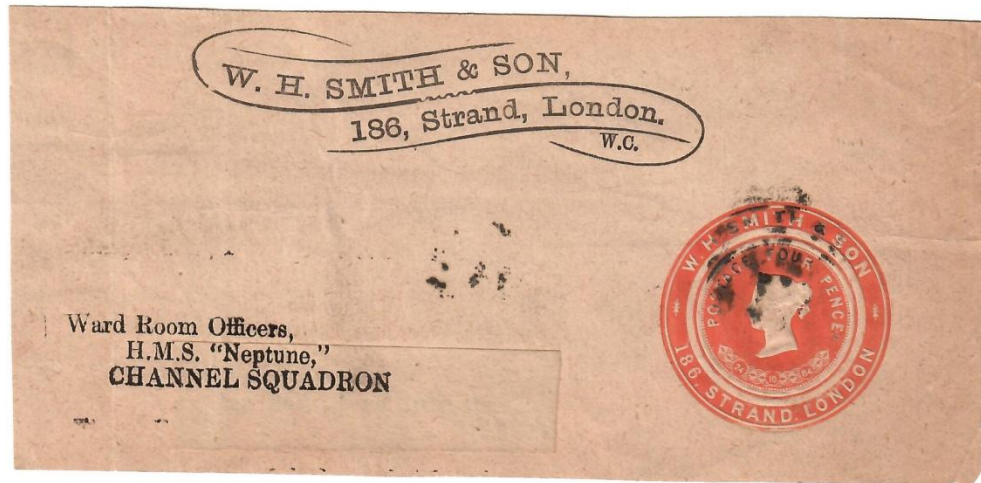
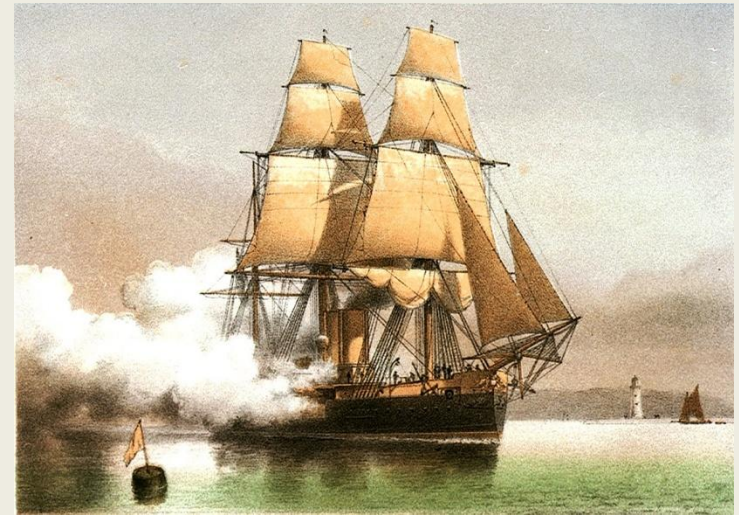


An advertising ring could be added
to your STO stationery order.

From 1857 to 1888 companies were allowed to place a collar/ring around STO embossed stamps. This could be done (for a fee) by the government printer, Somerset House, in one operation at the same time as the stamp was printed, or it could be applied subsequently by a private printer.

Only nine companies availed themselves of the official facility, and about fifty companies added rings privately.

The most prolific user of the rings was W. H. Smith and Son, newsagents, primarily on wrappers. 1d wrappers are relatively common, but higher value wrappers and any value stamped envelope are relatively scarce.



HMS Neptune, an iron steam powered battleship, originally ordered by Brazil but acquired for the Royal Navy in 1878. Commissioned in 1883 into the Channel Fleet. Transferred to Mediterranean Fleet in 1885. The 4d stamp (B) is dated 24-10-84, the 3d stamp (T) is dated 5-4-86



Coloured advertising ring printed by a private printer
for Browne, Rosenheim & Co., London. Stamp dated
7-6-86, cancellation is dated AU 12 86

ROYAL
OFFICIAL MAIL



Cover with KEVII monogram postmarked 03 Jan 1906
at Kings Lynn, so presumably from Sandringham House



Cover with KGV monogram
postmarked 20 JY 1914
at Kings Lynn



BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

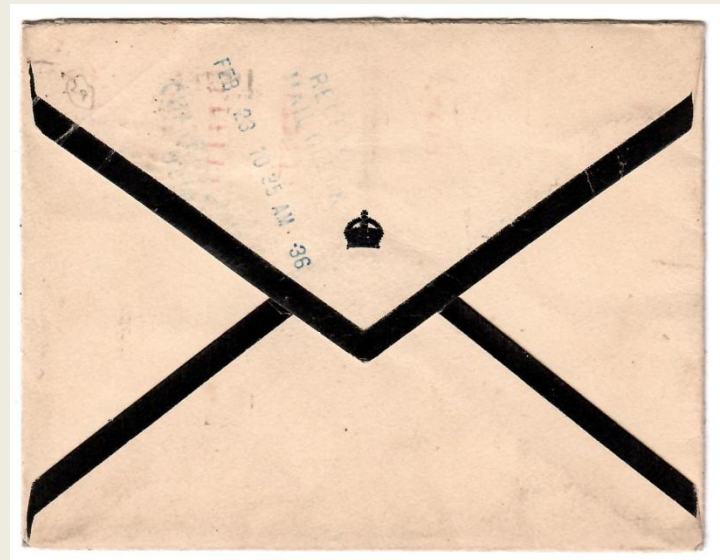
Private

The Private Secretary is
commanded by The Queen to
thank Miss Nellie Chaplin
for her letter of May 11th
with its enclosures.
The Private Secretary
is to express Her
Majesty's regret at
being unable to comply
with Miss Chaplin's
request.

15th May 1929

Miss Nellie Chaplin,
1, Fairfax Road,
Swiss Cottage,
N.W. 6.





1936 Royal Mourning cover with Official
Paid machine postmark used to Canada
after death of King George V.

Registered



Charles Dymoke Green Esq.
Boy Scouts Association,
Buckingham Palace Road.
S.W.1.



Registered cover dated 11 Nov 1936.
He abdicated the throne on 11 Dec 1936.
The inset is a postcard showing Edward as
Prince of Wales in the uniform of the
Chief Scout of Wales.





MARLBOROUGH HOUSE
S.W.1.

Dec. 9. 1945

Dear Canon Fillingham

Queen Mary desires me
to send you the enclosed cheque
to be spent on presents for your
Christmas Tree in St. Michael.

Yrs sincerely
Margaret Wyndham

From a Lady-in-Waiting to
Queen Mary the Queen Mother
in 1945

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ON BEHALF OF
QUEEN MARY



The Rev:

Canon Fillingham



37 Melton Court

Orchard Crescent

S.W.7



Mrs. Coldwell,

6, Snydale Hall,

Old Snydale,

Nr. Pontefract, Yorks.





BUCKINGHAM PALACE

27th April, 1948.

Dear Madam,

I am desired by The Princess Elizabeth to thank you for your letter and to say how very sorry Her Royal Highness is to hear that you have so recently lost your husband.

The Princess has asked me to convey her deepest sympathy with you in your sad loss and to say that Her Royal Highness very much hopes that you will find the parcel useful.

Yours truly,

Jean Phipps

Lady-in-Waiting.

Mrs. Coldwell,
6, Snyderdale Hall,
Old Snyderdale,
Nr. Pontefract, Yorks.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Many kind friends
overseas sent me gifts of food
at the time of my wedding.

I want to distribute it
as best I can, and to share
my good fortune with others.

I therefore ask you to
accept this parcel with my
very best wishes.

Elizabeth



MASTER OF THE HOUSEHOLD.

L. A. J. Stibley,
H.M. Customs & Excise.

Customs Adelaide House,
King William Street,
E.C. 4



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OFFICIAL
PAID

The Town Clerk,
County Borough of Grimsby,
Town Clerk's Office,
Municipal Offices,
Town Hall Square,
GRIMSBY, Lincolnshire.



Private Secretary to the Queen.



Chief Warrant Officer A.D. Rodgers, C.D.,
Regimental Sergeant Major,
The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada,
4781 St. Catherine Street West,
MONTREAL 215,
Quebec.



C A N A D A.



Mr & Mrs David Upson
Stoke Fruit Farm
Battisford
STOWMARKET
Suffolk IP14 2NA





House of Commons



Ms Rebecca Upson

Stoke Farm

Straight Road

Battisford

Stowmarket

Suffolk

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Mental Health
21-12-2017

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mental health



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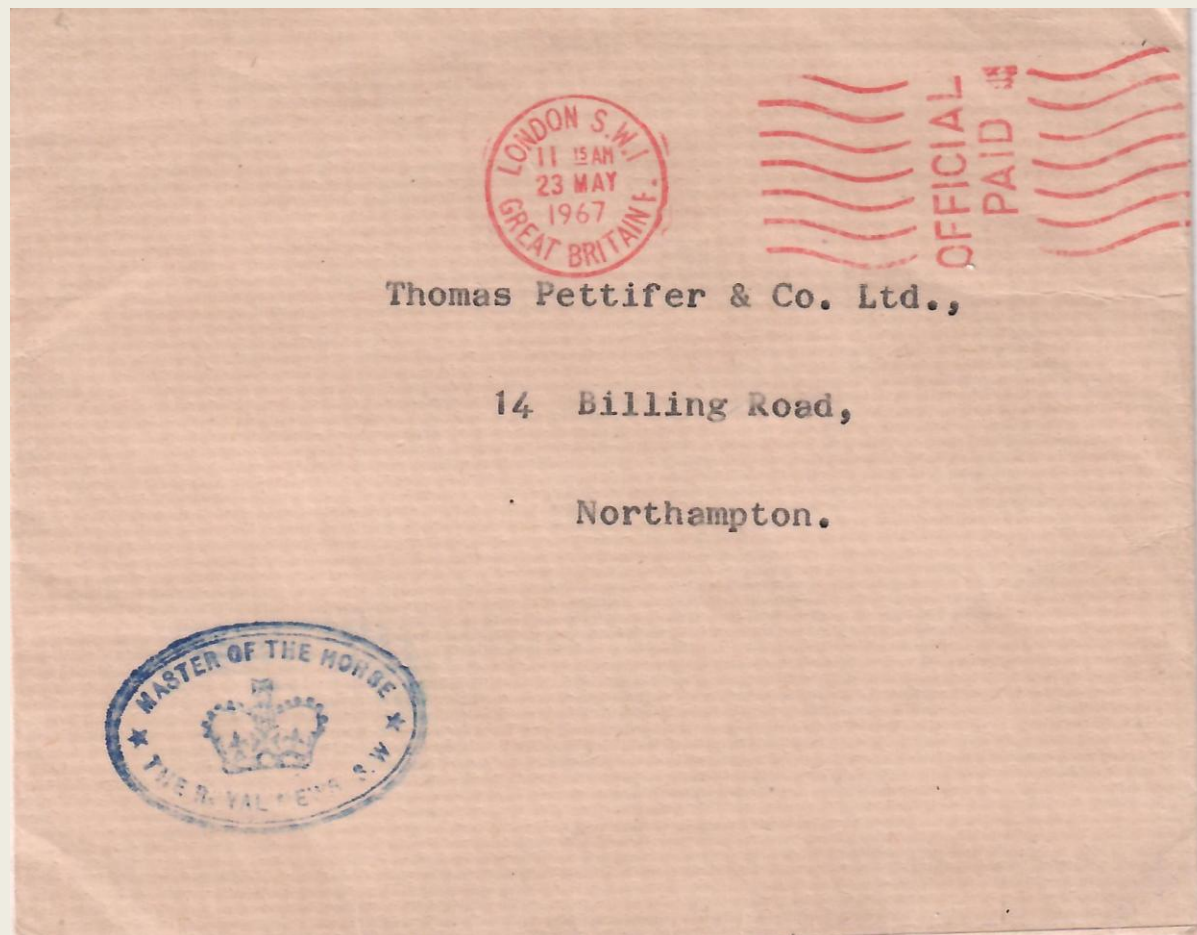




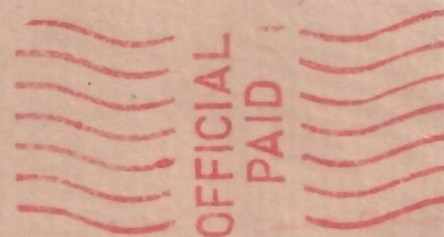
J. M. Horsfield, Esq.,
17 Gibbon Road,
Kingston-Upon-Thames.
Surrey.



“House of Commons / Speaker”



“Master of the Horse / The Royal Mews SW”
23 MAY 1967



Messrs. Thomas Pettifer & Co. Ltd.,
Accounts Department,
14 Billing Road,
NORTHAMPTON.



The Reverend

Frederick W. G. Cameron. MA

All Saints Vicarage

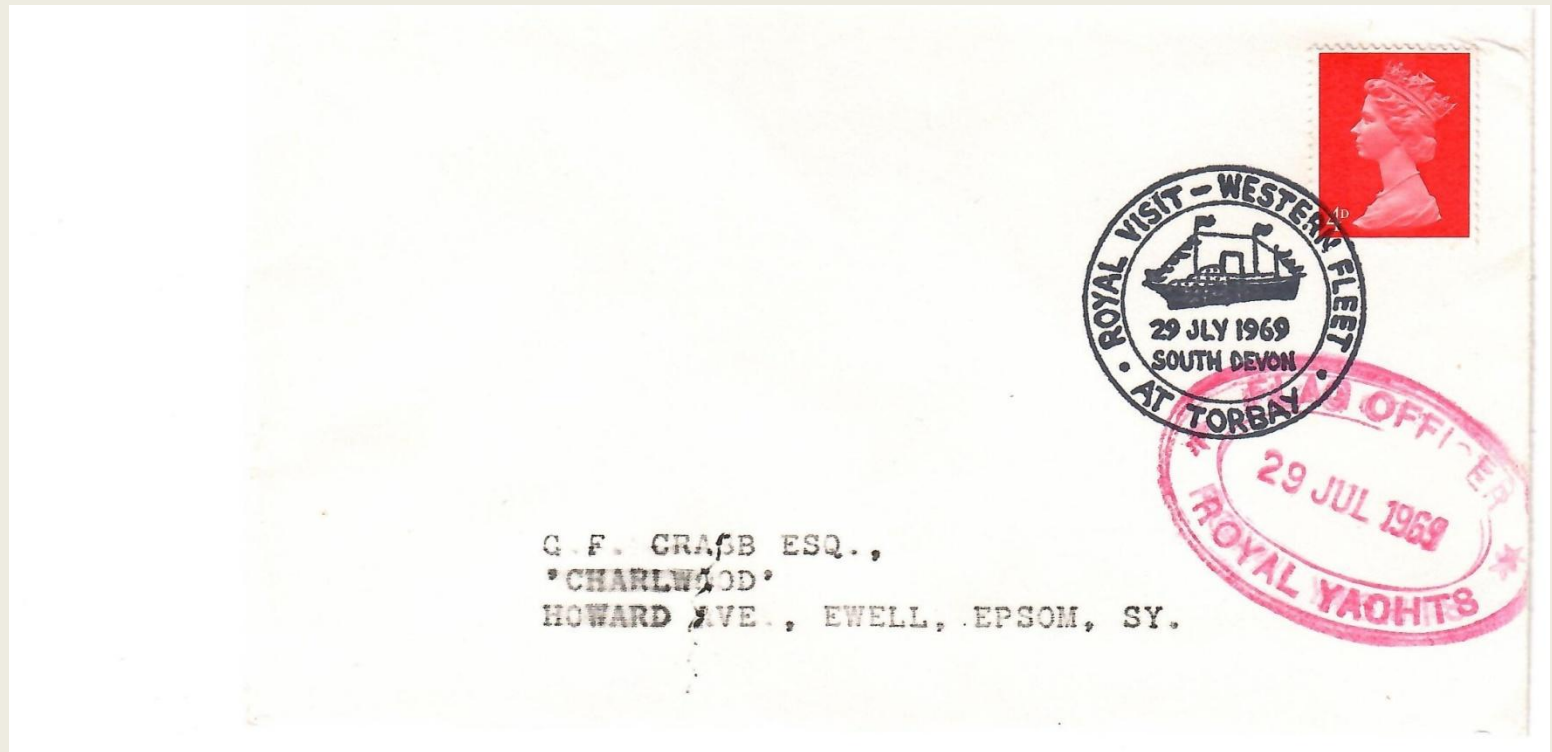


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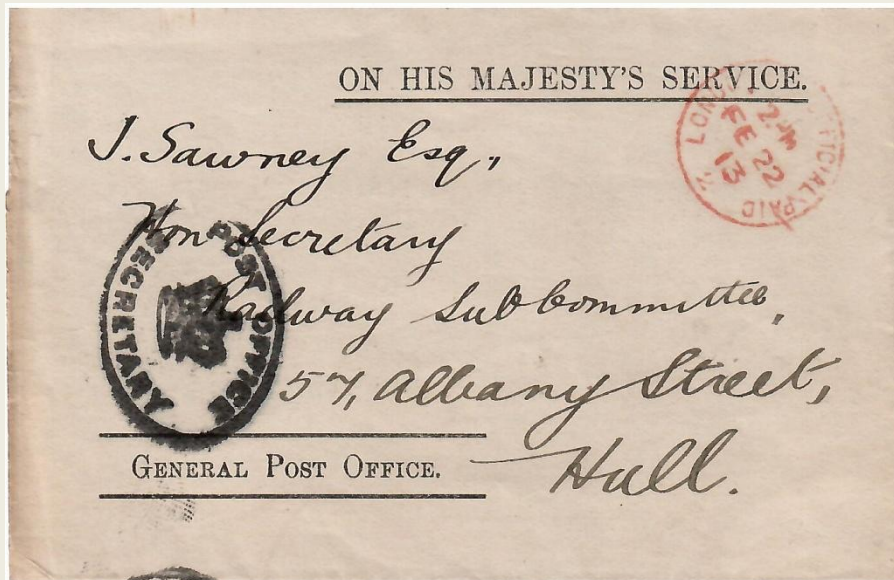
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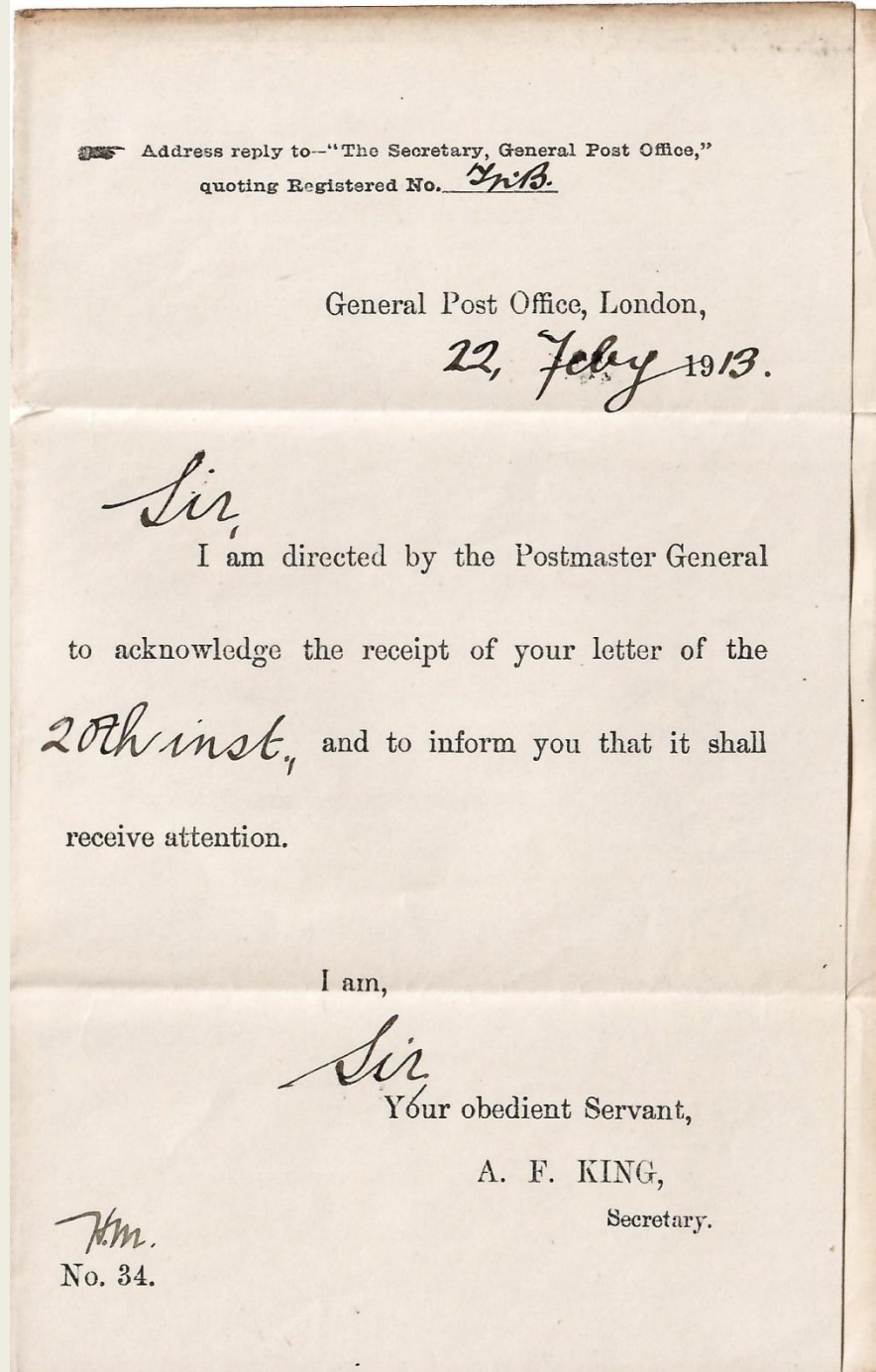
“Lord Chamberlain / St. James Palace”



“Flag Officer / Royal Yachts”
29 JUL 1969



"Post Office / Secretary"



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