

Life Span of the

Printing Plates

For

All the line engraved Postage stamps

Produced by

Perkins, Bacon and Petch, (and after 1852, Perkins, Bacon and Co.).

*Also including the embossed issues produced at Somerset House
And the Mulready envelopes*



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Introduction

The following tables give details relating to the life of the various printing plates. Included is the registration and put to press dates, as well as, (where known), the date on which the plate was removed from the press, recommended for defacement and eventually defaced. The end column is for recording the earliest known examples from the various plates, which we hope in time to be able to supplement with illustrations.

On some plates, the entire row of information is presented in **red text**. This has been done to highlight the entry, where the earliest known date for the given plate, pre-dates the recorded date when the plate was put to press. In the cases where this has occurred, it will be noticed that although pre-dating the put to press date, the date falls after the date of registration. When a new plate was registered, 5 sheets were submitted as example impressions. One of these sheets was then placed in the official records, (becoming the imprimatur copy), and the others returned to the printers. It is likely that these returned sheets would have just been included in with an existing batch awaiting distribution.

The recommended dates for defacement are taken from the Inland Revenue records.

In the following tables some symbols have been used. We have tried to keep such use to a minimum, and the following is a list of those used...

??? under a date indicates that this is unconfirmed or dubious.

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Numbers printed

When Perkins, Bacon and Petch, (and after 1852, Perkins, Bacon and Co.), finally completed their contract for the line engraved series on the 31st December 1879, they had produced the following number of stamps, (excluding wastage), from which we have calculated the number of sheets. These figures were provided by the board of trade to Sir Rowland Hill.¹

½ ^d	1,600,276,320	=	(3,333,909 sheets)
1 ^d	20,699,858,040	=	(86,249,408 ½ sheets)
1½ ^d	42,638,160	=	(177,659 sheets)
2 ^d	338,540,280	=	(1,410,584 ½ sheets)

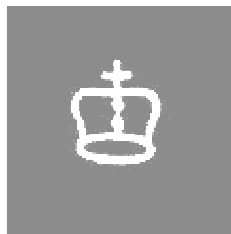
When these figures are compared to those presented in the tables from various sources, we find that those presented by Perkins, Bacon & Co. are generally between 10 and 12 percent lower than those presented in this volume.

The discrepancy between these two sets of figures could be due to the fact that Perkins end of contract figures did not include wastage, where as those presented here may be all inclusive figures which need to be adjusted to allow for this event.

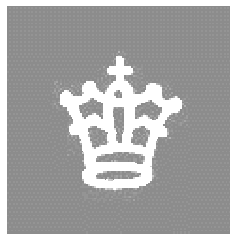
The other point to bear in mind, with regard to these figures, is that they were presented at the official end of the contract for printing these values. In reality, the production of these values continued beyond these dates.

¹ Life of Sir Rowland Hill, K.C.B., Volume 1, page 408

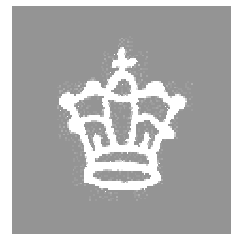
Watermark types



Small crown



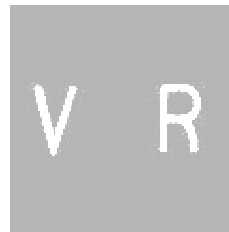
Large crown
Type 1



Large crown
Type 2



Half penny



Embossed

One Penny. Die I. Alp I. Wmk SC. (Imperforate). (Black)

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Rec for Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
1a	Between 8 Apr 40 and 11 Apr 40	15 Apr 40 Unhardened		22 Apr 40		See below	2 May 40
1a		27 Apr 40 Hardened		22 May 40		See below	
1b	26 May 40	Never registered		See below	See below	42,000	8 Jun 40
2	22 Apr 40	22 Apr 40 Unhardened				See below	6 May 40
2		27 Apr 40 Hardened		See below	See below	32,000	
3	12 May 40	9 May 1840			Oct 40 9 Jan 41	20,000	16 May 40
4		19 May 1840			9 Jan 41 Jan 42	28,000	23 May 40
5	28 May 1840	1 June 40 Unhardened				See below	16 Jun 40
5		11 Jun 40 Hardened		See below	See below	See below	
5b	Oct 1840			See below	See below	See below	21 Nov 40
5c	Dec 1840			See below	See below	See below	21 Jan 41
5d	Late Jan 41					36,000	6 Mar 41
6	15 Jun 40	17 Jun 40			9 Jan 41 Jan 42	38,000	29 Jun 40
7	26 Jun 40	8 Jul 40			9 Jan 41 Jan 42	34,000	8 Jul 40
8	3 Jul 40	31 Jul 40		See below	See below	30,000	5 Sep 40
9	6 Nov 40	9 Nov 40		See below	See below	16,000	18 Nov 40
10	8 Dec 40	8 Dec 40		See below	See below	8,000	2 Jan 41
11	1 Feb 41	27 Jan 41 (In red)		2 Feb 1841 Probably not removed, just cleaned ready for use again in red.	See below	700	4 Feb 1841
A		15 Apr 40 Unhardened				3,500	5 June 1845 Stamp FC
A		9 May 40 Hardened		3 Jun 40	6 Mar 50		

The total print run for the One Penny stamps in Black is 284,700 sheets.

Plate 5 is recorded as the 17th June 1840 by Statham
 Plate 8 is recorded as the 11th September 1840 by Statham
 Plate 10 is recorded as the 4th January 1841 by Statham
 Plate 11 is recorded as the 9th February 1841 by Statham

One Penny. Die I. Alp I. Wmk SC. (Imperforate). (Black)

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Rec for Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
A		15 Apr 40 Unhardened				3,500	5 June 1845 Stamp FC
A		9 May 40 Hardened		3 Jun 40	6 Mar 50		



The earliest recorded cover with the VR official

One Penny. Die I. Alp I. Wmk SC (Imperforate).
(Red-Brown)

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Rec for Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
1b		See above		23 Mar 41	19 Nov 41 11 Dec 41	6,000	1 Mar 41
2		See above		23 Mar 41	19 Nov 41	8,000	1 Mar 41
5		See above					12 Feb 41
5b							
5c							
5d							
5e	Apr 1841 ???			23 Mar 41 ???	12 Nov 1841	16,000	4 Sep 41
8		See above		23 March 41	8 Sep 1841	22,000	26 Feb 41
9		See above		23 March 41	7 Oct 1843	35,000	19 Feb 41
10		See above		23 March 41	21 Feb 43	24,000	11 Feb 41
11	29 Jan 41	27 Jan 1841		30 Jan 1841 Probably not removed, just cleaned ready for use in black.	15 Jan 42 15 Jan 43		19 Feb 41
11	3 Feb 41					40,000	

The seven plates listed above, are generally referred to as the black plate. Although all these plates had been used to produce black stamps, plate 11 was in fact the first of the new plates for the production in red.

Plate 1b in red has been reported for the 18th February 1841 but this is unconfirmed

One Penny. Die I. Alp I. Wmk SC (Imperforate). (Continued)

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Rec for Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
12		25 Feb 41			15 Jan 42	40,000	2 Apr 41
13		27 Apr 41			15 Jul 41	21,000	12 May 41
14		27 Apr 41			8 Sep 41	28,000	14 Aug 41
15		23 Jul 41			21 Feb 43	48,000	25 May 41
16		23 Jul 41			21 Feb 43	48,000	16 Aug 41
17		10 Sep 41			18 Mar 42	40,000	17 Oct 41
18		21 Sep 41			5 Mar 42	31,600	24 Oct 41
19		3 Nov 41			7 Oct 43	50,000	18 Nov 41
20		15 Nov 41			7 Oct 43	55,000	31 Jan 42
21		11 Dec 41			21 Feb 43		7 Jan 42
22		30 Dec 41			21 Feb 43		12 Mar 42
23		18 Jan 42			21 Feb 43		2 Mar 42
24		4 Mar 42		18 Aug 43			25 Mar 42
25		17 Mar 42		27 Jan 43			11 May 42
26		22 Jun 42		27 Jan 43			21 Aug 42
27		5 Sep 42			7 Oct 43		28 Oct 42
28		14 Sep 42		16 Sep 43	7 Oct 43		12 Oct 42
29		14 Nov 42		18 Aug 43	7 Oct 43		24 Nov 42
30		6 Dec 42		18 Aug 43	7 Oct 43	41,000	16 Jan 43
31		27 Jan 43		16 Sep 43	7 Oct 43		31 Mar 43
32		7 Feb 43		16 Sep 43	7 Oct 43		27 Mar 43
33		20 Feb 43			7 Oct 43		8 April 43
34		7 Jun 43			25 Jun 43		14 Jul 43
35		7 Jun 43			27 Feb 45		23 Jun 43
36		7 Jun 43			27 Feb 45		10 Jul 43
37		7 Jul 43		17 Feb 44			17 Jul 43
38		26 Jul 43			25 Jun 44		1 Sep 43
39		2 Oct 43			25 Jun 44		10 Dec 43
40		17 Nov 43			25 Jun 44		16 Dec 43
41		6 Nov 43			27 Feb 45		15 Jan 44
42		23 Jan 44			25 Jun 44		4 Mar 44
43		23 Jan 44			27 Feb 45		15 April 44
44		29 Feb 44			1 Apr 46		16 Apr 44
45		29 Feb 44			27 Feb 45		23 Apr 44
46		4 May 44			22 Feb 45		12 Jun 44
47		24 May 44			27 Feb 45		5 July 44

Satham records the following ...

Plate 15 for the 7th September 1841

Plate 26 for the 25th August 1842

Plate 32 for the 21st April 1843

Plate 34 for the 29th July 1843

Plate 35 for the 20th July 1843

Plate 37 for the 5th August 1843

Plate 42 for the 22nd March 1844

One Penny. Die I. Alp I. Wmk SC (Imperforate).

Plate 44



Earliest known use from London to Tiverton
Unit SF cancelled by 1 in cross of the London chief office and
dispatch mark on the rear for the 16th April 1844 (Code W)
Tiverton arrival mark in black for the following day

One Penny. Die I. Alp I. Wmk SC (Imperforate). (Continued)

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Rec for Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
48		19 Jun 44			1 Apr 46		6 Aug 44
49		12 Sep 44			27 Feb 45		4 Nov 44
50		12 Sep 44			27 Feb 45		7 Oct 44
51		3 Dec 44			1 Apr 46		5 Mar 45
52		17 Dec 44			1 Apr 46		12 Feb 44
53		7 Jan 45			1 Apr 46		6 Feb 45
54		25 Jan 45			1 Apr 46		1 Mar 45
55		7 Feb 45			1 Apr 46		27 Mar 45
56		25 Feb 45			1 Apr 46		10 Apr 45
57		9 May 45			1 Apr 46		23 July 45
58		9 May 45			1 Apr 46		30 July 45
59		25 Jun 45			1 Apr 46		10 Aug 45
60		25 Jun 45			15 May 47		18 Aug 45
61		14 Aug 45			15 May 47		3 Sep 45
62		14 Aug 45			15 May 47		8 Sep 45
63		2 Sep 45			15 May 47		2 Nov 45
64		3 Dec 45			15 May 47		5 Feb 46
65		2 Feb 46			15 May 47		15 Mar 46
66		2 Feb 46			15 May 47		26 Mar 46
67		17 Apr 46			15 May 47		3 July 46
68		17 Apr 46			15 May 47		9 Aug 46
69		8 Jun 46			2 Dec 48		7 Sep 46
70		30 June 46 or 30 July 46			2 Dec 48		31 Aug 46
71		21 Oct 46			2 Dec 48		21 Dec 46
72		21 Oct 46			2 Dec 48		3 Nov 46
73		14 Jan 47			2 Dec 48		2 Mar 47
74		14 Jan 47			2 Dec 48		2 May 47
75		19 Apr 47			2 Dec 48		26 May 47
76	Mid-July 47	19 Apr 47			2 Dec 48		15 Dec 47
77	Early Dec 47	19 Apr 47			↓		9 Feb 48
77b		12 Jan 48			2 Dec 48		1848
78		12 Jan 48			2 Dec 48		29 Feb 48
79		12 Jan 48			2 Dec 48		4 Feb 48
80		12 Jan 48			6 Mar 50		18 Feb 48
81	Early Mar 48	12 Jan 48			6 Mar 50		1 May 48
82	Late Apr 48	12 Jan 48			6 Mar 50		29 July 48
83	Mid-Aug 48	12 Jan 48			6 Mar 50		17 Dec 48
84		11 Oct 48			6 Mar 50		23 Jan 49
85	Mid-Nov 48	11 Oct 48			6 Mar 50		18 Dec 48

The defaced dates given for plates 12 – 91 are probably the dates withdrawn from the press but further research is required.

Plate 49 has been reported for the 31 October 1844 but this is unconfirmed

Plate 77 was registered a second time after the missing check letter A on unit BA was inserted.

One Penny. Die I. Alp I. Wmk SC (Imperforate). (Continued)

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Rec for Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
86	Mid-Nov 48	11 Oct 48			6 Mar 50		13 Jan 49
87	Mid-Nov 48	11 Oct 48			6 Mar 50		5 Jan 49
88		20 Mar 49			6 Mar 50		21 July 49
89	? 28 Apr 49 ?	20 Mar 49			6 Mar 50		16 May 49
90		24 May 49			6 Mar 50		9 July 49
91		24 May 49			22 Oct 51		23 Jun 49
92		24 May 49					18 Sep 49
93		6 Dec 49					11 Jan 50
94		6 Dec 49					20 Jan 50
95		7 Jan 50					26 Mar 50
96		6 Dec 49					14 Jan 50
97		6 Dec 49					9 Jan 50
98		6 Dec 49					22 Feb 50
99		7 Jan 50					21 Mar 50
100		25 Feb 50					19 Apr 50
101		25 Feb 50					19 Apr 50
102		12 Jun 50					22 Aug 50
103	? July 50 ?	12 Jun 50					3 Sep 50
104	8 Oct 50	12 Jun 50					14 Dec 50
105	6 Dec 50	12 Jun 50					25 Jan 51
106	6 Dec 50	12 Jun 50					14 Jan 51
107	2 Jan 51	1 Jan 51					9 Apr 51
108	2 Jan 51	1 Jan 51					25 Feb 51
109	6 Jan 51	1 Jan 51					22 Feb 51
110	10 Jan 51	1 Jan 51					24 Mar 51
111	27 Jan 51	1 Jan 51					25 Mar 51
112	6 Feb 51	1 Jan 51					4 Apr 51
113	27 Feb 51	26 Feb 51					7 Jul 51
114	27 Feb 51	26 Feb 51					9 May 51
115	5 Mar 51	26 Feb 51					19 Apr 51
116	24 May 51	20 May 51					1 Jul 51
117	24 May 51	20 May 51					25 Jul 51
118	27 May 51	20 May 51					13 Aug 51
119	30 May 51	20 May 51					30 Jun 51
120	14 Jun 51	20 May 51					9 Sep 51
121	28 Jun 51	20 May 51					16 Jul 51
122	25 Jul 51	25 Jul 51					3 Dec 51
123	25 Jul 51	25 Jul 51					31 Oct 51
124	2 Aug 51	25 Jul 51					2 Oct 51
125	3 Sep 51	25 Jul 51					10 Dec 51
126	3 Oct 51	23 Sep 51					9 Nov 51
127	1 Oct 51	23 Sep 51					12 Dec 51
128	3 Oct 51	23 Sep 51					2 Dec 51
129	7 Nov 51	23 Sep 51					Feb 52

Statham records the following ...
 Plate 92 for the 28th January 1850
 Plate 102 for the 10 November 1850

One Penny. Die I. Alp II. Wmk SC (Imperforate).

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Rec for Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
130	27 Dec 51	23 Sep 51					28 Feb 52
131	10 Jan 52	23 Sep 51					21 Mar 52
132	19 Feb 52						19 Apr 52
133	21 Feb 52						8 May 52
134	23 Feb 52						21 Apr 52
135	28 Feb 52						7 May 52
136	8 Mar 52						8 May 52
137	30 Mar 52						20 May 52
138	17 Apr 52						5 Jun 52
139	17 Apr 52						27 June 52
140	19 Apr 52						8 Aug 52
141	27 Apr 52						3 Jul 52
142	20 May 52						13 Jul 52
143	22 May 52						7 Jul 52
144	11 Jun 52						2 Sep 52
145	11 Jun 52						19 Aug 52
146	11 Jun 52						13 Aug 52
147	15 Jun 52						27 Sep 52
148	16 Jun 52						17 Sep 52
149	27 Jul 52						10 Sep 52
150	28 Jul 52						6 Dec 52
151	28 Jul 52						10 Sep 52
152	28 Jul 52						1 Nov 52
153	10 Aug 52						29 Oct 52
154	14 Aug 52						26 Nov 52
155a	30 Aug 1852	16 Sep 1852		24 Aug 1854		See below	1 Jan 53
155b							9 Feb 54
155c							1 July 54
156	17 Sep 1852	16 Sep 1852				See below	3 Jan 53
157	17 Sep 1852	16 Sep 1852		8 Feb 1855		See below	18 Nov 52
158	3 Nov 1852	16 Sep 1852				See below	29 Dec 52
159	30 Nov 1852	16 Sep 1852				See below	4 Feb 53
160	9 Dec 1852	16 Sep 1852				See below	9 Mar 53
161	17 Jan 1853	14 Jan 1853				See below	4 Mar 53
162	27 Jan 1853	14 Jan 1853		24 Aug 1854		See below	22 Feb 53
163	5 Feb 1853	14 Jan 1853		8 Feb 1855		See below	17 Mar 53
164	17 Feb 1853	14 Jan 1853		24 Aug 1854		See below	7 Apr 53
165	12 Mar 1853	14 Jan 1853		24 Aug 1854		See below	20 Apr 53
166	15 Apr 1853	14 Jan 1853		8 Feb 1855		See below	21 Jun 53
167	18 Apr 1853	18 Apr 1853		24 Aug 1854		See below	23 Jun 53
168	19 Apr 1853	18 Apr 1853		24 Aug 1854		See below	10 Sep 53
169	30 Apr 1853	18 Apr 1853		24 Aug 1854		See below	21 Jun 53
170	4 May 1853	18 Apr 1853		24 Aug 1854		See below	21 July 53
171	24 May 1853	18 Apr 1853		24 Aug 1854		See below	17 Aug 53
172	25 May 1853	18 Apr 1853		24 Aug 1854		See below	29 Nov 53
173	19 Aug 1853	20 Jul 1853		8 Feb 1855		See below	27 Sep 53
174	27 Aug 1853	20 Jul 1853		24 Aug 1854		See below	21 Oct 53
175	15 Dec 1853	20 Jul 1853		24 Aug 1854		See below	20 Jan 54
176	12 Jan 1854	20 Jul 1853		8 Feb 1855		See below	1 Feb 54
177	12 Jan 1854	20 Jul 1853		8 Feb 1855		See below	21 Feb 54

Statham records the following ...

Plate 130 earliest use ... 14 April 1852

Plate 171 earliest use ... 26 August 1853

Plate 155 put to press on the 30 November 1852

Machines constructed by David Napier and Sons for perforating stamps gauge 14, were brought into use on the 28th January 1854. The earliest known use of any stamp from this issue is the 24th February 1854.

One Penny. Die I. Alp II. Wmk SC (Perforated 16).

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Rec for Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
155b				24 Aug 1854		62,000	15 Mar 54
156	17 Sep 1852	16 Sep 1852				60,000	
157	17 Sep 1852	16 Sep 1852		8 Feb 1855		84,000	24 Oct 54
158	3 Nov 1852	16 Sep 1852				58,800	
159	30 Nov 1852	16 Sep 1852				50,600	
160	9 Dec 1852	16 Sep 1852				85,000	
161	17 Jan 1853	14 Jan 1853				85,000	
162	27 Jan 1853	14 Jan 1853		24 Aug 1854		86,000	15 Mar 54
163	5 Feb 1853	14 Jan 1853		8 Feb 1855		77,000	18 Oct 54
164	17 Feb 1853	14 Jan 1853		24 Aug 1854		84,000	15 Apr 54
165	12 Mar 1853	14 Jan 1853		24 Aug 1854		74,000	22 Mar 54
166	15 Apr 1853	14 Jan 1853		8 Feb 1855		52,000	1 Mar 54
167	18 Apr 1853	18 Apr 1853		24 Aug 1854		65,000	30 Mar 54
168	19 Apr 1853	18 Apr 1853		24 Aug 1854		70,000	
169	30 Apr 1853	18 Apr 1853		24 Aug 1854		68,000	24 Mar 54
170	4 May 1853	18 Apr 1853		24 Aug 1854		79,000	15 Apr 54
171	24 May 1853	18 Apr 1853		24 Aug 1854		63,000	11 Mar 54
172	25 May 1853	18 Apr 1853		24 Aug 1854		58,000	28 Feb 54
173	19 Aug 1853	20 Jul 1853		8 Feb 1855		44,000	28 Apr 54
174	27 Aug 1853	20 Jul 1853		24 Aug 1854		4,000	17 Apr 54
175	15 Dec 1853	20 Jul 1853		24 Aug 1854		8,000	27 Feb 54
176	12 Jan 1854	20 Jul 1853		8 Feb 1855		2,500	7 Mar 54
177	12 Jan 1854	20 Jul 1853		8 Feb 1855		2,500	28 Feb 54
178	17 Feb 1854	13 Feb 1854		4 Aug 1855		42,000	1 May 54
179	17 Feb 1854	13 Feb 1854		8 Feb 1855		50,000	28 Apr 54
180	22 Feb 1854	13 Feb 1854		24 Aug 1854		48,000	16 Mar 54
181	17 Mar 1854	13 Feb 1854		24 Aug 1854		42,000	29 May 54
182	24 Apr 1854	13 Feb 1854		8 Feb 1855		32,000	30 May 54

Statham records the following ...

Plate 166 with an earliest known use of the 26 April 1854

Plate 167 with an earliest known use of the 4 April 1854

Plate 172 with an earliest known use of the 16 March 1854

Plate 177 with an earliest known use of the 12 April 1854

One Penny. Die I. Alp II. Wmk SC (Perforated 16). (Continued)

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Rec for Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
183	26 Apr 1854	13 Feb 1854		24 Aug 1854		36,000	20 Jun 54
184	13 Jul 1854	12 Jul 1854		8 Feb 1855		36,000	21 Aug 54
185	18 Jul 1854	12 Jul 1854		8 Feb 1855		28,000	22 Sep 54
186	13 Jul 1854	12 Jul 1854		8 Feb 1855		26,000	9 Sep 54
187	13 Jul 1854	12 Jul 1854		8 Feb 1855		30,000	22 Aug 54
188	18 Jul 1854	12 Jul 1854		8 Feb 1855		43,000	5 Sep 54
189	18 Jul 1854	12 Jul 1854		8 Feb 1855		35,000	19 Aug 54
190	11 Aug 1854	11 Aug 1854		8 Feb 1855		34,000	20 Sep 54
191	12 Aug 1854	11 Aug 1854		8 Aug 1855		37,000	3 Oct 54
192	12 Aug 1854	11 Aug 1854		8 Aug 1855		35,000	11 Sep 54
193	12 Aug 1854	11 Aug 1854		8 Feb 1855		36,000	8 Sep 54
194	23 Sep 1854	21 Sep 1854		8 Aug 1855		43,000	10 Nov 54
195	23 Sep 1854	21 Sep 1854		8 Feb 1855		32,000	15 Nov 54
196	23 Sep 1854	21 Sep 1854		8 Aug 1855		38,000	13 Nov 54
197	29 Sep 1854	21 Sep 1854		8 Aug 1855		27,000	18 Nov 54
198	9 Nov 1854	8 Nov 1854		8 Aug 1855		30,000	20 Dec 54
199	9 Nov 1854	8 Nov 1854		8 Aug 1855		9,000	8 Dec 54
200	9 Nov 1854	8 Nov 1854		8 Aug 1855		28,000	14 Dec 54
201	10 Nov 54	8 Nov 1854		8 Aug 1855		24,000	7 Dec 54
202	2 Dec 1854	30 Nov 54		8 Aug 1855		36,000	24 Dec 54
203	20 Dec 54	30 Nov 54		8 Aug 1855		22,000	21 Jan 55
204	11 Jan 1855	30 Nov 54		8 Aug 1855		13,000	17 Feb 55
R1	22 Nov 54	4 Jun 1852		13 Mar 1855		36,000	13 Feb 55
R2	22 Nov 54	4 Jun 1852		18 Apr 1855		35,000	6 Jan 55
R3	22 Nov 54	4 Jun 1852		10 Apr 1855		35,000	4 Jan 55
R4	22 Nov 54	27 Jul 1852		23 Apr 1854		38,000	12 Jan 55
R5	22 Nov 54	27 Jul 1852		13 Mar 55		36,000	13 Jan 55
R6	22 Nov 54	27 Jul 1852		14 Apr 1855		36,000	13 Dec 54

Statham records the following ...

Plate R1 with an earliest use of the 15 February 1855

Plate R5 with an earliest use of the 20 January 1855

One Penny. Die I. Alp II. Wmk SC (Perforated 14).

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Rec for Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
192	12 Aug 54	11 Aug 54		8 Aug 55			6 Feb 55
193	12 Aug 54	11 Aug 54		8 Feb 55			
194	23 Sep 1854	21 Sep 54		8 Aug 55		5,000	6 Feb 55
195	23 Sep 1854	21 Sep 54		8 Feb 55		500	24 Jan 55
196	23 Sep 1854	21 Sep 54		8 Aug 55		4,500	2 Feb 55
197	29 Sep 1854	21 Sep 54		8 Aug 55		1,500	10 May 55
198	9 Nov 1854	8 Nov 1854		8 Aug 55		4,000	25 Jan 55
200	9 Nov 1854	8 Nov 1854		8 Aug 55		5,000	23 Jan 55
201	10 Nov 54	8 Nov 1854		8 Aug 55		6,000	1 Feb 55
202	2 Dec 1854	30 Nov 54		8 Aug 55		14,000	7 Feb 55
203	20 Dec 54	30 Nov 54		8 Aug 55		8,000	16 Feb 55
204	11 Jan 1855	30 Nov 54		8 Aug 55		8,000	24 Mar 55
R1	22 Nov 54	4 Jun 1852		13 Mar 55		10,000	15 Feb 55
R2	22 Nov 54	4 Jun 1852		18 Apr 55		10,000	17 Jan 55
R3	22 Nov 54	4 Jun 1852		10 Apr 1855		7,000	7 Feb 55
R4	22 Nov 54	27 Jul 1852		23 Apr 54		8,000	27 Jan 55
R5	22 Nov 54	27 Jul 1852		13 Mar 55		10,000	10 Feb 55
R6	22 Nov 54	27 Jul 1852		14 Apr 55		10,000	8 Feb 55

Statham records the following ...

Plate 195 earliest use of the 30 August 1855

Plate 200 earliest use of the 4 March 1855

Plate 202 earliest use of the 9 February 1855

Plate R4 earliest use of the 10 February 1855

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Stham shows different put to press dates for some plates and these are shown in blue type with the earlier dates being for use on the steam press

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Recommended for Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced	Destroyed	Earliest Known
1	16 Jan 55	15 Jan 55		8 May 56			26 Feb 55
2	20 Jan 55	15 Jan 1855		8 May 1856			27 Feb 55
3	22 Jan 55	15 Jan 1855		8 May 1855			2 Mar 55
4	20 Jan 55	15 Jan 1855		8 May 1856			3 Mar 55
5	3 Feb 55	1 Feb 1855		8 May 1856			23 Mar 55
6	3 Feb 55	1 Feb 1855		8 May 1856			23 Mar 55
7	7 Feb 55	1 Feb 1855		8 May 1856			31 Mar 55
8	24 Mar 55	19 Mar 55		8 May 1856			11 Jun 55
9	24 Mar 55	19 Mar 55		8 May 1856			5 Jun 55
10	11 Apr 55	19 Mar 55		8 May 1856			20 Jun 55
11	16 Apr 55	19 Mar 55		8 May 1856			25 Aug 55
12	19 Apr 55	19 Mar 55		8 May 1856			4 Jul 55
13	23 Apr 55	19 Mar 55		8 May 1856			27 Jun 55
14	22 May 55	12 May 55		8 May 1856			17 Aug 55
15	26 May 55	12 May 55		8 May 1856			16 May 56
16	15 May 55 11 Dec 55	12 May 55		22 Jun 1857			
17	15 May 55 30 Nov 55	12 May 55		22 Jun 1857			9 Jan 56
18	1 Jun 1855 11 Dec 55	12 May 55		22 Jun 1857			9 Feb 56
19	16 Oct 1855	12 May 55		8 May 1856			8 Jan 56
20	19 Oct 1855	12 May 55		8 May 1856			22 Jan 56
21	19 Oct 1855	8 Jun 1855		8 May 1856			8 Feb 56

Stham records plate 3 for the 12 March 1855

Stham records plate 12 for the 12 July 1855

Plate 9 has been reported for the 4th June 1855 but this is unconfirmed

Plate 11 has been reported for the 16th July 1855 but this is unconfirmed

Plates 15, 16 and 17 were used on the steam press and the following dates are those believed to be the put to press dates ...

Plate 15 15th May 1855

Plate 16 15th May 1855

Plate 17 1st June 1855

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Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Recommended for Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced	Destroyed	Earliest Known
1	See above			See above			14 Mar 55
2	See above			See above			22 Feb 55
3	See above			See above			2 Mar 55
4	See above			See above			21 Mar 55
5	See above			See above			10 Mar 55
6	See above			See above			31 Mar 55
7	See above			See above			7 May 55
8	See above			See above			19 Jul 55
9	See above			See above			9 Jun 55
10	See above			See above			21 Jun 55
11	See above			See above			16 May 55
12	See above			See above			10 Aug 55
13	See above			See above			29 Jul 55
14	See above			See above			21 Jul 55
15	See above			See above			30 Jul 55

Plate 1 is reported for the 7th March 1855 but this is unconfirmed

Statham records plate 3 for the 2nd March 1855

Plate 4 is reported for the 13th March 1855 but this is unconfirmed

Plate 6 is reported for the 20th March 1855 but this is unconfirmed

One Penny. Die II. Alp II. Wmk LC1 (Perforated 16).

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Recommended for Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced	Destroyed	Earliest Known
1	See above			See above			12 Oct 55
2	See above			See above			8 Jun 55
3	See above			See above			15 Sep 55
4	See above			See above			1 Oct 55
5	See above			See above			4 Aug 55
6	See above			See above			21 Aug 55
7	See above			See above			27 Jun 55
8	See above			See above			3 Sep 55
9	See above			See above			9 Oct 55
10	See above			See above			20 Aug 55
11	See above			See above			29 Aug 55
12	See above			See above			28 Aug 55
13	See above			See above			30 Aug 55
14	See above			See above			28 Sep 55
15	See above			See above			5 Oct 55

Plate 1 is reported for the 6th June 1855 but this is unconfirmed

One Penny. Die II. Alp II. Wmk LC1 (Perforated 14).

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Recommended for Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced	Destroyed	Earliest Known
1	See above			See above			21 Jul 55
2	See above			See above			20 Aug 55
3	See above			See above			9 Mar 56
4	See above			See above			2 Jul 55
5	See above			See above			10 Jun 55
6	See above			See above			3 Aug 55
7	See above			See above			29 Aug 55
8	See above			See above			23 Jun 55
9	See above			See above			13 Aug 55
10	See above			See above			15 Sep 55
11	See above			See above			25 Aug 55
12	See above			See above			21 Aug 55
13	See above			See above			19 Jul 55
14	See above			See above			31 Aug 55
15	See above			See above			6 Aug 55
16	See above			See above			20 Feb 56
17	See above			See above			12 Dec 56
18	See above			See above			9 Feb 56
19	See above			See above			29 Dec 55
20	See above			See above			19 Dec 55
21	See above			See above			26 Dec 55

Plate 6 is reported for the 17th July 1855 but this is unconfirmed

One Penny. Die II. Alp III Wmk SC1 (Perforated 14).

The put to press date for plate 22 in [blue type](#) is that recorded by Statham

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Recommended for Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced	Destroyed	Earliest Known
22	1 Aug 1855 Nov / Dec55	8 Jun 55					5 Mar 56
23	17 Nov 1855	12 Nov 55					10 Mar 56
24	24 Nov 1855	12 Nov 55					11 Jan 56
25	12 Nov 1855	12 Nov 55					8 May 56
26	12 Nov 1855	12 Nov 55					13 Feb 56
27	27 Dec 1855	27 Dec 55					

Plate 22 was used on Mr Neale's steam press. It is believed to have been put to press on the 1st August 1855 and 2,000 sheets were printed.

Plate 25 is also reported to have been used on the steam press but we have no details

In the following tables, two sets of figures are given for the number of sheets printed. The first was, (I believe), extracted from Stones book and was supplied by members of the Mulready Internet group. The other set, (in blue type), are taken from the Wiggins and Tonna book on the Plating of alphabet III. In cases where both sets of figures match, only one entry has been made.

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Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Rec for Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
22	1 Aug 1855	8 Jun 55		22 Jun 1857		7,000 8,000	8 Feb 56
23	17 Nov 1855	12 Nov 55		22 Jun 1857		62,000	15 Jan 56
24	24 Nov 1855	12 Nov 55		22 Jun 1857		80,000 89,000	10 Jan 56
25	12 Nov 1855	12 Nov 55		22 Jun 1857		45,000	8 Feb 56
26	12 Nov 1855	12 Nov 55		22 Jun 1857		40,000	5 Feb 56
27	27 Dec 1855	27 Dec 55		22 Mar 1861		1,011,900 1,011,200	23 Feb 56
28	27 Dec 1855	27 Dec 55		22 Jun 1857		70,000+ 76,000	18 Feb 56
29	27 Dec 1855	27 Dec 55		22 Jun 1857		93,000	19 Jan 56
30	27 Dec 1855	27 Dec 55		22 Jun 1857		88,000	16 Feb 56
31	27 Dec 1855	27 Dec 55		22 Jun 1857		160,000+ 169,000	28 Feb 56
32	8 Feb 1856	16 Jan 56		22 Jun 1857		130,000	28 Mar 56
33	Feb 1856	16 Jan 56	29 Oct 1861	29 Oct 1861		138,000	5 Mar 56
34	22 Jan 1856	16 Jan 56	26 Nov 1864	25 Mar 1862		724,100	27 Feb 56
35	23 Jan 1856	16 Jan 56		22 Jun 1857		145,000 148,700+	5 Mar 56
36	20 Feb 1856	16 Jan 56		1 Mar 1864		1,014,900 1,055,000+	10 Apr 56
37	19 Apr 1856	2 Apr 56	29 Oct 1861	29 Oct 1861		263,600 363,600	31 May 56
38	24 May 1856	2 Apr 56	29 Oct 1861	29 Oct 1861		220,000	1 Jul 56
39	7 Apr 1856	2 Apr 56		29 Oct 1861		110,000 337,000	13 Oct 60
40	3 May 1856	2 Apr 56		22 Jun 1857		110,000	27 May 56
41	7 May 1856	2 Apr 56		7 Mar 1864		361,300 361,609	9 Feb 61
42	23 Jun 1856	2 Apr 56	26 Nov 1864	29 Jan 1862		624,700 669,700+	30 Jul 56
43	5 Jul 1856	2 Apr 56		2 Apr 1864		975,700 1,090,800	23 May 56
44	19 Jul 1856	2 Apr 56	29 Oct 1861	20 Apr 1861		601,000 601,500+	7 May 56
45	26 Aug 1856	25 Jun 56	29 Oct 1861			72,000+ 111,000	25 Oct 56
46	27 Aug 1856	25 Jun 56	26 Nov 1864	28 Apr 1862		325,900 651,400	17 Oct 56

Satham records plate 27 for the 27th February 1856
Satham records plate 39 for the 8th November 1860

One Penny. Die II. Alphabet III. (Continued)

The put to press dates in **blue type** are those listed by Stratham

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Rec for Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
47	15 Dec 1856	25 Jun 56		30 Mar 1864		953,900	29 Jan 57
48	2 Feb 1857	25 Jun 56		1 Mar 1864		799,000 816,700+	25 Feb 57
49	3 Apr 1857	25 Jun 56	29 Oct 1861	29 Oct 1861		473,200 474,200	29 Apr 57
For plates 50 and 51 see below							
52	7 May 1857	11 Feb 57		29 Oct 1861		820,000 1,002,000	2 Jul 57
53	12 Feb 1857	11 Feb 57	29 Oct 1861			2,000	20 Jul 57
55	21 May 1857	11 Feb 57		1 Mar 1864		857,000 1,000,000	9 Jul 57
56	14 Jul 1857	11 Feb 57		2 Apr 1864		805,000 1,000,000	5 Sep 57
57	14 Jul 1857	11 Feb 57		1 Mar 1864		700,000 742,000	4 Sep 57
58	14 Jul 1857 Early Jan 1858	11 Feb 57	29 Oct 1861	10 Apr 1861		408,000	2 Mar 58
59	14 Jul 1857	11 Feb 57		2 Apr 1864		805,000 805,200	23 Jul 57
60	14 Jul 1857	11 Feb 57		1 Mar 1864		803,000 1,000,000	4 Oct 57
61	8 May 1858	18 Jan 58	29 Oct 1861	30 May 1861		186,100	14 Jul 58
62	5 Dec 1859 12 Dec 1859	18 Jan 58		1 Mar 1864		375,000 508,000	9 Feb 60
63	3 Mar 1860 5 Mar 1860	18 Jan 58	29 Oct 1861	30 May 1861		145,000 145,100	16 May 60
64	5 Nov 1860	18 Jan 58	29 Oct 1861	29 Oct 1861		19,400	11 Jan 61
65	14 Jan 1861	18 Jan 58	29 Oct 1861	29 Oct 1861		10,600	23 Mar 61
66	13 Feb 1861	18 Jan 58		17 Mar 1864		325,000 380,000	17 Apr 61
67	13 Feb 1862	18 Jan 58		1 Mar 1864		250,400	5 Apr 62
68	9 Jan 1862	18 Jan 58		1 Mar 1864		150,000 261,000	24 Mar 62
R17	Apr 1862 4 Aug 1862	18 Jan 58		1 Mar 1864		191,200	4 Oct 62

Statham records plate 52 for the 7th July 1857

Statham records plate 59 for the 19th September 1857

Statham suggests that although plate 58 is recorded as being put to press on the 14th July 1857, the date may actually be early January 1858

One Penny. Die II. Alp II Wmk LC2 (Perforated 14).

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Rec for Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
R15	Apr 1862			1 Mar 1864		221,700	13 Jun 62
R16	28 Apr 1862			1 Mar 1864		350,000	1 Jul 62

Statham suggests that both these plates were put to press on the same date, the 28th April 1862

One Penny. Die II. Alp IV Wmk LC2 (Perforated 14).

The put to press dates in blue type are those listed by Statham

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Rec for Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
50	27 June 1856 May 1861	25 Jun 56		2 Apr 1864		450,000	20 Jul 61
51	26 June 1856 May 1861	25 Jun 56		1 Mar 1864		400,000	28 Aug 61

Both these plates were used on the steam press and the date for putting to this press is given as the 27th June 1856 for both plates by Stratham.

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Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Rec for Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
27		See above		See above			30 Dec 57
34		See above		See above			1 Feb 58
36		See above		See above			20 Jan 58
37		See above		See above			22 Feb 58
38		See above		See above			23 Jan 58
42		See above		See above			6 Jan 58
43		See above		See above			10 Jan 58
44		See above		See above			16 Jan 58
45		See above		See above			18 Jan 58
46		See above		See above			29 Dec 57
47		See above		See above			26 Dec 57
48		See above		See above			1 Jan 58
49		See above		See above			7 Jan 58
52		See above		See above			2 Jan 58
55		See above		See above			11 Mar 58
56		See above		See above			23 Jan 58
57		See above		See above			7 Jan 58
58		See above		See above			27 Mar 58
59		See above		See above			8 Jan 58
60		See above		See above			5 Jan 58

Plate 45 has been reported for the 9th January 1858 but this is unconfirmed

One Penny. Die II. Wmk LC2 (Perforated 14).
Plate number series

The figure presented as the “number of sheets printed” is taken from “Great Britain – Numbers issued” by Rikki C Hyde and includes spoilt sheets, which were officially destroyed. The spoilage for the entire production of the 1^d plate number series was about 4%, and this should be taken into consideration.

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Recommended For Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
71	1 Mar 1864	14 Mar 61	13 Jun 1868	9 Jun 1868		557,000	4 Apr 65
72	1 Mar 1864	14 Mar 61	13 Jun 1868	23 Mar 1868		552,800	1867
73	1 Mar 1864	14 Mar 61	13 Jun 1868	5 Mar 1868		529,900	27 Aug 65
74	1 Mar 1864	14 Mar 61	13 Jun 1868	9 Jun 1868		531,000	
76	1 Mar 1864	7 Feb 63	29 Sep 1869	15 Feb 1869		555,500	27 Apr 65
77	Not Used						
78	1 Mar 1864	7 Feb 63	29 Sep 1869	16 Jan 1869		615,600	22 Jan 68
79	1 Mar 1864	7 Feb 63	29 Sep 1869	3 Aug 1869		638,600	12 Aug 65
80	1 Mar 1864	7 Feb 63	29 Sep 1869	12 May 1868		495,200	14 Sep 65
81	1 Mar 1864	7 Feb 63	29 Sep 1869	12 May 1868		520,300	25 Aug 65
82	1 Mar 1864	1 Mar 64	29 Sep 1869	14 Apr 1868		263,400	14 Feb 65
83	1 Mar 1864	1 Mar 64	29 Sep 1869	11 Apr 1866		199,600	13 Jan 66
84	1 Mar 1864	1 Mar 64	29 Sep 1869	31 Jan 1868		369,400	23 Dec 64
85	1 Mar 1864	1 Mar 64	29 Sep 1869	23 Mar 1868		510,300	8 Mar 67
86	1 Mar 1864	1 Mar 64	29 Sep 1869	29 Feb 1868		460,500	7 May 66
87	7 Mar 1864	7 Mar 64	29 Sep 1869	23 Mar 1868		462,400	2 Jan 65
88	17 Mar 1864	17 Mar 64	29 Sep 1869	6 Jun 1866		199,000	12 Nov 65
89	22 Mar 1864	22 Mar 64	29 Sep 1869	10 Oct 1868		503,900	21 Sep 64
90	30 Mar 1864	30 Mar 64	29 Sep 1869	18 Jan 1869		471,700	6 Nov 66
91	5 Apr 1864	5 Apr 64	29 Sep 1869	5 Feb 1868		384,100	14 Feb 67
92	12 Apr 1864	12 Apr 64	29 Sep 1869	10 May 1869		567,700	5 Jan 69
93	19 Apr 1864	19 Apr 64	29 Sep 1869	18 Mar 1868		455,100	10 Jun 67
94	26 Apr 1864	26 Apr 64	29 Sep 1869	23 Mar 1868		478,600	28 Oct 65
95	4 Jul 1864	14 Jun 64	29 Sep 1869	17 Dec 1868		533,600	
96	11 Oct 1864	5 Oct 64	29 Sep 1869	18 Jan 1869		488,300	29 Dec 65
97	7 Mar 1865	5 Oct 64	29 Sep 1869	3 Aug 1869		536,800	3 Jan 68
98	20 Mar 1865	10 Mar 65	29 Sep 1869	12 May 1868		351,400	23 Dec 66
99	6 Jan 1866	5 Jan 66	29 Sep 1869	5 June 1869		355,300	9 May 66
100	19 Jan 1866	5 Jan 66	13 Jun 1868	12 May 1868		256,700	11 Jan 67
101	12 Apr 1866	5 Jan 66	13 Feb 1871	6 Jan 1870		372,500	11 Oct 69
102	16 Apr 1866	4 Apr 66	13 Feb 1871	9 Apr 1870		495,200	5 Mar 69
103	8 Aug 1866	4 Apr 66	13 Feb 1871	8 Nov 1869		400,600	18 Sep 68
104	22 Jan 1868	4 Apr 66	29 Sep 1869	4 Sep 1869		176,400	14 Apr 69
105	31 Jan 1868	4 Apr 66	13 Feb 1871	13 Dec 1869		202,600	Mar 69
106	29 Feb 1868	4 Apr 66	13 Feb 1871	16 Jan 1871		391,300	1 Oct 68
107	18 Mar 1868	4 Apr 66	13 Feb 1871	7 Oct 1870		321,000	
108	23 Mar 1868	23 Mar 68	13 Feb 1871	1 Nov 1869		213,500	14 Mar 70
109	23 Mar 1868	23 Mar 68	13 Feb 1871	5 Mar 1870		236,500	
110	23 Mar 1868	23 Mar 68	10 Jan 1873	9 Apr 1871		316,800	14 Jun 69

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Plate number series (Continued)

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Recommended For Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
111	23 Mar 1868	23 Mar 68	10 Jan 1873	30 May 71		452,700	24 Jun 69
112	12 May 1868	12 May 68	13 Feb 1871	3 Jan 1871		299,400	21 Jul 69
113	12 May 1868	12 May 68	10 Jan 1873	15 May 71		366,000	4 Jul 70
114	12 May 1868	12 May 68	13 Feb 1871	19 May 70		233,100	20 Apr 70
115	12 May 1868	12 May 68	13 Feb 1871	7 May 70		214,000	1873
116	12 May 1868	12 May 68	13 Feb 1871	4 Feb 71		350,500	
117	9 Jun 1868	9 Jun 68	13 Oct 1874	8 May 73		479,000	
118	9 June 1868	9 Jun 68	10 Jan 1873	4 May 72		440,800	
119	15 Aug 1868	15 Aug 68	10 Jan 1873	17 Aug 72		493,800	14 Jul 71
120	8 Sep 1868	15 Aug 68	13 Oct 1874	5 Sep 74		706,800	12 Oct 69
121	17 Dec 1868	15 Aug 68	10 Jan 1873	17 Aug 72		406,200	Apr 71
122	16 Jan 1869	15 Aug 68	15 Dec 1875	19 Jun 75		693,400	17 Mar 70
123	18 Jan 1869	15 Aug 68	10 Jan 1873	5 Nov 72		447,800	29 Nov 70
124	18 Jan 1869	15 Aug 68	6 Sep 1876	4 May 76		597,700	31 Aug 70
125	15 Feb 1869	5 Feb 69	13 Oct 1874	15 Mar 73		429,700	12 May 69
127	3 May 1869	5 Feb 69	13 Oct 1874	11 Oct 73		395,300	
128	Not Used	5 Feb 69	29 Sep 1869				
129	10 May 1869	5 Feb 69	13 Oct 1874	8 May 73		434,800	17 Sep 70
130	5 June 1869	5 Feb 69	15 Dec 1875	29 Dec 74		412,000	1 Oct 72
131	3 Aug 1869	5 Feb 69	10 Jan 1873	20 Apr 72		320,700	
132	4 Sep 1869	5 Feb 69	13 Feb 1871	13 Jul 70		95,300	
133	1 Oct 1869	31 Mar 69	13 Feb 1871	23 Jan 71		141,400	22 Jul 70
134	8 Oct 1869	31 Mar 69	23 Mar 1880	11 Jan 79		793,200	3 Nov 74
135	13 Dec 1869	31 Mar 69	10 Jan 1873	27 Dec 1871		190,500	10 Aug 71
136	6 Jan 1870	1 Mar 69	13 Oct 1874	18 Jan 1873		299,500	Sep 72
137	5 Mar 1870	31 Mar 69	15 Dec 1875	22 May 75		596,200	
138	10 Mar 1870	31 Mar 69	15 Dec 1875	9 Aug 1875		700,300	30 Jan 72
139	19 Mar 1870	2 Feb 70	10 Jan 1873	26 Oct 1872		194,300	11 Jun 70
140	9 Apr 1870	2 Feb 70	8 Mar 1878	8 Sep 1877		982,500	6 Jul 71
141	7 May 1870	2 Feb 70	10 Jan 1873	30 Jan 1872		181,300	
142	13 Jul 1870	2 Feb 70	10 Jan 1873		15 Jan 73	212,300	23 Feb 72
143	7 Oct 1870	2 Feb 70	13 Oct 1874	12 Sep 1874		286,700	1871
144	3 Jan 1871	2 Feb 70	10 Jan 1873	30 Nov 1872		206,600	6 Nov 72
145	16 Jan 1871	23 Dec 70	28 May 1877	18 Nov 1876		545,000	26 Oct 72
146	23 Jan 1871	23 Dec 70	8 Mar 1878	24 Nov 1877		460,100	1875
147	4 Feb 1871	23 Dec 70	15 Dec 1875	26 May 1875		413,300	21 Mar 73
148	29 Apr 1871	23 Dec 70	15 Dec 1875	20 Nov 1875		507,800	29 Jul 73
149	15 May 1871	23 Dec 70	15 Dec 1875	1 Feb 1875		474,900	7 May 73
150	30 May 1871	24 Apr 71	28 May 1877	15 Jan 1877		682,500	3 Sep 74
151	14 Nov 1871	24 Apr 71	13 Oct 1874	2 Apr 1874		282,800	8 May 72
152	14 Nov 1871	24 Apr 71	13 Oct 1874	20 Apr 1874		322,900	5 Jan 72
153	27 Dec 1871	24 Apr 71	13 Oct 1874	21 Jun 1873		128,400	
154	30 Jan 1872	24 Apr 71	6 Sep 1876	8 Jan 1876		415,100	27 Jun 74
155	20 Jul 1872	24 Apr 71	15 Dec 1875	15 May 1875		385,300	

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Plate number series (Continued)

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Recommended For Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
156	22 Apr 72	12 Jan 72	6 Sep 1876	2 Sep 1876		496,800	11 Mar 76
157	22 Apr 72	12 Jan 72	6 Sep 1876	19 Feb 1876		450,000	31 Jul 72
158	4 May 872	12 Jan 72	8 Mar 1878	17 Nov 77		531,000	1 Jun 75
159	17 Aug 72	12 Jan 72	28 May 1877	11 Nov 76		489,700	24 Jun 73
160	17 Aug 72	12 Jan 72	28 May 1877	3 Mar 1877		525,000	20 Mar 74
161	17 Sep 72	12 Jan 72	15 Dec 1875	12 Dec 1874		232,300	3 Oct 73
162	26 Oct 72	24 Oct 72	6 Sep 1876	8 Jan 1876		365,200	
163	5 Nov 1872	24 Oct 72	6 Sep 1876	18 Dec 1875		377,300	19 Jan 73
164	30 Nov 72	24 Oct 72	15 Dec 1875	4 Dec 1875		318,300	31 Oct 73
165	17 Jan 73	24 Oct 72	28 May 1877	19 May 77		483,300	
166	18 Jan 73	24 Oct 72	6 Sep 1876	3 Jan 1876		384,800	6 Nov 73
167	8 Feb 1873	24 Oct 72	8 Mar 1878	8 Sep 1877		497,400	2 Sep 76
168	8 May 73	9 Apr 73	6 Sep 1876	19 Feb 1876		374,300	31 Oct 73
169	21 Jun 73	9 Apr 73	6 Sep 1876	31 Jan 1876		233,100	
170	11 Oct 73	9 Apr 73	2 Oct 1878	6 Aug 1878		572,500	16 Jun 74
171	27 Oct 73	9 Apr 73	23 Mar 1880	21 Oct 1879		906,700	4 Aug 74
172	27 Oct 73	9 Apr 73	28 May 1877	21 Apr 1877		458,600	14 Mar 76
173	2 Apr 1874	9 Apr 73	28 May 1877	19 May 77		303,300	16 Jul 74
174	20 Apr 74	14 Oct 73	23 Mar 1880	8 Apr 1880		450,000	13 Mar 76
175	5 Sep 1874	14 Oct 73	8 Mar 1878	23 Jun 1877		376,900	26 Apr 75
176	12 Dec 74	14 Oct 73	2 Oct 1878	2 Sep 1878		313,100	24 Apr 76
177	29 Dec 74	14 Oct 73	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 80	375,000	7 Feb 76
178	1 Feb 1875	14 Oct 73	28 May 1877	21 Jan 1877		245,600	
179	15 May 75	14 Oct 73	2 Oct 1878	5 Aug 1878		407,600	
180	22 May 75	14 Oct 73	28 May 1877	20 Jan 1877		215,500	3 Apr 76
181	26 May 75	14 Oct 73	23 Mar 1880	21 Jun 1879		478,600	20 Jul 77
182	19 Jun 75	13 Apr 74	28 May 1877	5 Feb 1877		215,200	21 Apr 76
183	9 Aug 1875	13 Apr 74	2 Oct 1878	1 Jul 1878		376,600	19 Oct 77
184	20 Oct 75	13 Apr 74	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 80	291,700	10 Apr 76
185	4 Dec 1875	13 Apr 74	8 Mar 1878	12 Nov 77		221,300	15 May 76
186	18 Dec 75	13 Apr 74	2 Oct 1878	18 May 78		304,400	6 May 76
187	3 Jan 1876	20 Apr 75	23 Mar 1880	11 Mar 1879		427,800	1 Nov 76
188	8 Jan 1876	20 Apr 75	8 Mar 1878	8 Dec 1877		231,600	
189	8 Jan 1876	20 Apr 75	2 Oct 1878	16 Mar 1878		218,000	25 Mar 77
190	19 Feb 76	20 Apr 75	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 80	333,300	24 Apr 76
191	19 Feb 76	3 Sep 75	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 80	333,300	22 Jun 77
192	19 Feb 76	3 Sep 75	23 Mar 1880	23 Jun 1879		460,000	
193	2 Sep 1876	3 Sep 75	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 80	333,300	12 Sep 77
194	13 Nov 76	3 Sep 75	23 Mar 1880	23 Nov 78		275,000	17 Feb 78
195	18 Nov 76	9 Sep 76	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 80	300,000	30 Oct 78
196	15 Jan 77	9 Sep 76	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 80	325,000	12 Jan 80
197	20 Jan 77	9 Sep 76	23 Mar 1880	31 Nov 78		257,200	
198	27 Jan 77	9 Sep 76	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 80	400,000	19 Jul 78
199	5 Feb 1877	9 Sep 76	23 Mar 1880	3 Apr 1879		314,000	24 May 78
200	3 Mar 1877	9 Sep 76	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 80	270,800	20 Feb 78

One Penny. Die II Wmk LC2 (Perforated 14).

Plate number series (Continued)

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Recommended For Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
201	21 Apr 1877	16 Nov 76	23 Mar 1880	6 Sep 1879		347,700	10 Jan 78
202	19 May 1877	16 Nov 76	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880	250,000	24 Apr 81
203	19 May 1877	16 Nov 76	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880	400,000	3 May 79
204	23 Jun 1877	16 Nov 76	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880	354,200	13 Mar 78
205	8 Sep 1877	16 Nov 76	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880	354,200	20 Jan 79
206	8 Sep 1877	10 May 77	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880	383,300	24 Oct 78
207	12 Nov 1877	10 May 77	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880	250,000	18 Feb 79
208	17 Nov 1877	10 May 77	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880	354,200	19 Mar 78
209	24 Nov 1877	10 May 77	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880	354,200	
210	8 Dec 1877	16 Nov 77	23 Mar 1880	7 May 1879		189,100	4 Jan 79
211	16 Mar 1878	16 Nov 77	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880	141,700	10 Feb 79
212	20 May 1878	16 Nov 77	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880	250,000	
213	1 Jul 1878	25 Feb 78	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880	250,000	13 Jul 79
214	6 Aug 1878	25 Feb 78	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880	229,200	4 Dec 79
215	6 Aug 1878	25 Feb 78	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880	229,200	11 Oct 79
216	2 Sep 1878	25 Feb 78	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880	200,000	6 Feb 80
217	23 Nov 1878	14 Aug 78	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880	150,000	6 Oct 79
218	30 Nov 1878	14 Aug 78	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880	154,200	
219	11 Jan 1879	14 Aug 78	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880	50,000	
220	11 Jan 1879	14 Aug 78	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880	154,200	
221	3 Apr 1879	31 Dec 78	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880	129,200	12 Jan 80
222	6 May 1879	31 Dec 78	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880	125,000	14 Nov 79
223	21 Jun 1879	31 Dec 78	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880	62,500	3 Feb 80
224	23 June 1879	31 Dec 78	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880	83,300	
225	27 Oct 1879	31 Dec 78	23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880	12,500	
226	Not Used		23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880		
227	Not Used		23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880		
228	Not Used		23 Mar 1880		8 Apr 1880		

Two Pence. Die I. Alp I. Wmk SC. (Imperforate). (Blue)

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Recommended For Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
1	1 May 40	2 May 1840		18 July 40		16,962	8 May 40
2	21 July 40			29 Aug 40		10,600	18 Aug 40
3	27 Feb 41	25 Feb 1841		Circa 11 March 41		5,000	17 Mar 41
3	Nov 41 or Nov 42			Dec 1849		186,000	
4	Dec 1849	6 Dec 1849		See below		189,393	Jan 50

Two Pence. Die I. Alp I. Wmk SC. (Perforated 16). (Blue)

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Recommended For Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
4	See above			See below		49,242	

Two Pence. Die I. Alp I. Wmk SC. (Perforated 14). (Blue)

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Recommended For Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
4	See above			8 Jun 1855		11,365	

PLATE 4 As can be seen from the tables above, the life span for plate 4 was 5 years and 6 months. Dr Osborne, (in his study of the Two Pence plates), refers to Wright and Creek, quoting a total production for the plate of 250,000 sheets. He also gives time frames for the various issues as follows...(on page 57)

Imperforate	4 years 2 months
Perforated 16	1 year 1 month
Perforated 14 & 16 issued together	3 months

With these time scales and the total production figure, the number of sheets printed for each of the sub issues has been given in the tables, (as estimates), in blue type. It should be noted that the perf 16 total is a low estimate and that for the perf 14 issue, a high estimate, as the later assumes all stamps were perforated 14 during the final 3-month period. Even allowing for these errors, the scarcity of the perforated 14 issue is very striking.

Two Pence. Die I. Alp II. Wmk SC. (Perforated 14). (Blue)

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Recommended For Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
5	9 Jun 1855	8 Jun 1855	29 Oct 1861	8 May 1857		8,000	5 Jul 55

Two Pence. Die I. Alp II. Wmk SC. (Perforated 16). (Blue)

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Recommended For Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
5	See table above					4,000	

Two Pence. Die I. Alp II. Wmk LC1. (Perforated 16). (Blue)

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Recommended For Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
5	See table above					4,000	
6	9 May 57	11 Feb 1857	29 Oct 1861	Circa July 1858		5,500	20 Jan 58

Two Pence. Die I. Alp II. Wmk LC1. (Perforated 14). (Blue)

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Recommended For Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
5	See table above					65,000	
6	See table above					37,000	25 Nov 57

Two Pence. Die II. Wmk LC1. (Perforated 14). (Blue)
Plate number series

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Recommended For Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
7	19 Jul 1858	11 Jun 1858	29 Oct 1861	1859		40,000	
8	21 Sep 59	7 Jul 1859	29 Oct 1861	Circa March 1861		66,000	16 Dec 1859
9	14 Mar 1861	14 Mar 1861	See below			63,214	14 May 61

The total production from plate 9 was 383,500 sheets. Dr Osborne in his book “Two Pence plate nine – A study of the plate and its repairs” states on page 13 that the printings on the large crown type 1 watermarked paper were “those produced in the first year or so of the plate’s life”, and we have estimated this to be 15 months, (up to June 1862). From this we have calculated the number of sheets produced on the type 1 watermarked paper, (shown above), and the remainder has been assigned to the later type of paper, (shown below).

Two Pence. Die II. Wmk LC2. (Perforated 14). (Blue)
Plate number series

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Recommended For Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
9	See above		29 Sep 1869	28 Oct 1868		320,286	7 Sep 67
12	28 Oct 1868	1 Jan 1868	13 Feb 1871	20 Feb 1871		30,600	Apr 69
13	13 Apr 69	31 Mar 69	15 Dec 1875	3 May 1875		125,000	25 Nov 70
14	16 Sep 71	24 Apr 71		1875 or early 1876		87,500	28 Sep 72
15	14 Mar 76	3 Sep 1875		26 Oct 1880 <i>This date is believed to be wrong</i>		87,500	1878

The number of sheets printed for plates 14 and 15 is estimated and taken from “Great Britain – Numbers printed” by Rikki C Hyde, and includes wastage

Three Half Pence Die II Wmk LC.

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Rec For Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
1	22 Mar 60	22 Mar 60		Apr 1860		10,000 8,962 sheets were destroyed in 1867	
1	6 Jun 70			1873-1874	26 Oct 80	66,134	1 Oct 70
3	10 Aug 74	13 Apr 74			26 Oct 80	123,500	8 Jan 72

With the first printing of the three-half pence, (in Rosy Mauve), 1,000 sheets were overprinted 'SPECIMEN' and distributed to postmasters. From the remaining 9,000 sheets, 8,962 sheets were officially destroyed in 1867. The remaining 38 sheets have been split up and are in the hands of collectors. At least one example is recorded used.

The figures for the number of sheets printed, are in some cases estimated, and have been taken from “The Line Engraved Halfpenny” by W. de L. Messenger. All those figures that are estimated only are shown in blue type.

Half Pence.

Plate No.	Put to Press	Registered	Rec For Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
1	20 Jun 70	20 Jun 70		13 May 72	15 Jan 73	121,500	1 Oct 70
2	Plate not completed. See notes below				3 Apr 72 15 Jan 73		
3	28 Jun 70	28 Jun 70		2 Oct 73	2 Oct 73 20 Oct 74	192,500	1 Oct 70
4	4 Jul 70	4 Jul 70		16 Dec 73	16 Dec 73 20 Oct 74	264,600	15 Oct 70
5	12 Jul 70	12 Jul 70					24 Oct 70
5	In March 1875, 29 impressions were re-entered.						
5	On the 29 th May 1876 42 impressions were re-entered			16 Dec 73	16 Dec 76 7 Jun 77	533,200	
6	19 Jul 70	19 Jul 70					19 Oct 70
6	On the 5 th June 1873, 4 impressions were re-entered						
6	On the 19 th May 1875, 47 impressions were re-entered						
6	On the 22 nd December 1875, 11 impressions were re-entered				6 May 76 22 Sep 76	402,100	
7	Plate not completed. See notes below						
8	? 26 July 70 ?	26 Jul 70		28 Dec 70		31,886	31 Oct 70
8	7 Oct 71			4 Apr 72		37,029	
8	20 May 80			? 31 Jul 80 ?	? 31 Jul 80 ? 26 Oct 80	7,200	
9	9 Oct 71	23 Dec 70		4 Apr 71	20 Jun 1904	36,617	5 Dec 71
10	2 Oct 73	24 Oct 72			19 Oct 78	386,100	22 Dec 73
11	21 Jan 74	24 Oct 72			19 May 79 26 Oct 80	411,000	4 Jun 74
12	29 Jun 74	13 Apr 74		? 20 May 80 ?	26 Oct 80	442,556	28 Aug 74
13	6 May 76	20 Apr 75		? 3 Jun 80 ?	26 Oct 80	310,487	27 Jun 76
14	16 Dec 76	20 Apr 75		? 3 Jun 80 ?	26 Oct 80	270,579	9 Mar 77
15	6 May 78	16 Nov 76		? 3 Jun 80 ?	26 Oct 80	160,316	10 Jul 78
16	Plate not completed				6 Jan 77		
17	Plate not completed				? 6 Jan 77 ?		
18	Plate not completed				? 6 Jan 77 ?		
19	18 July 78	16 Nov 77			26 Oct 80	145,299	23 Aug 78
20	27 Jun 79	31 Dec 78			26 Oct 80	74,531	4 Oct 79
21	Completed not used				26 Oct 80		
22	Completed not used				26 Oct 80		

Half Pence. (Additional notes on the plates)

Plate 1. This plate was not hardened

Plate 2. This plate was found to be imperfect after 232 impressions had been transferred to the plate. This plate was hardened on the 2nd July 1870. This plate thus became an experimental plate for the hardening process in the larger furnace. This plate was assigned the current number 172

Plate 3. This plate was not hardened

From this point onwards all the plate were hardened prior to use

Plate 5. The registration sheet is dated the 19th July 1870, but the Inland Revenue document, (IR 79/79 at Kew public records office), shows this date as the 12th July 1870.

Plate 7. It has been stated that either the roller impression was damaged or the figures '7' had been omitted owing to a breakage of the '7' punch. We believe the former to be the case, as in the later it would have been a simple matter to get a replacement punch. This was intended to be the first of two reserve plates.

Plate 8. The put to press date for the initial printing and the withdrawal date from the third and final printing, along with the defacement date following this printing are only estimated. Between printings this plate was stored in the reserve safe at Somerset House.

Plate 9. On the 28th December 1870, this plate was sent to Somerset House and placed in the reserve safe. (IR 79/79). The plate was returned to the printers on the 7th October 1871. After it had completed its print run the plate was again returned to the reserve safe. The defacement date is for the complete defacement of the plate when the reserve safe was cleared of all the old plates.

Plate 12. The withdrawal from press date is estimated based on the date when plate 8 was returned to the press. This plate also had 31 impressions re-entered prior to registration.

Plate 13. The withdrawal from press date is estimated.

- Plate 14.** The registration date shown is 10 days prior to that which generally appears in philatelic reference, and is taken from the official records. (IR 79/79). The put to press date, (generally quoted as the 16th November 1876), is taken from the same records. The withdrawal date is again estimated. In June 1878, two proof sheets were printed in lilac rose, (this is a light purple shade), and these were delivered to Somerset House on the 14th June of that year.
- Plate 15.** 44 impressions were re-entered, probably on the 16th November 1876, but it is uncertain if this was done before or after registration.
- Plate 16.** 198 impressions were made on the plate then the roller spindle broke. This left cracks on the impression for plate 16 which meant that this plate was discarded.
- Plate 17.** The impression for plate 17 was on the same roller, (roller 3), as the impression for plate 16. After repair of the spindle 16 impressions were laid onto the plate and a proof impression taken. This revealed that the cracks from 16 had spread through the plate 17 impression also. Thus Work on this plate stopped and this plate was never completed or used.
- Plate 18.** The impression for plate 18 was on the same roller, (roller 3), as the impression for plates 16 and 17. After the cracks were noticed on the plate 17 impressions transferred to the plate, it was again decided that 16 impressions would be laid onto the plate and a proof impression taken. This revealed that the cracks from 16 had spread through the plate 17 impression and extended into the plate 18 impression also. Thus Work on this plate stopped and this plate was never completed or used.
- Plate 19.** At some time in August 1878, a single proof sheet was printed in pale lilac-rose, (this is a mauve-pink shade). This sheet was delivered to Somerset House on the 7th August 1878.
- Plate 20.** At some time in September 1879, two proof sheets were printed in blue-green. It is known that these had been delivered to Somerset House prior to the 1st October 1879.
- Plate 21.** The complete sheet had been laid in by the 10th September 1879. Following this, on the 21st November 28 impressions were re-entered. By the 10th December, all the engraving was finished, (marginal inscriptions, plate numbers and current number). The plate was never hardened or put to press.
- Plate 22.** The complete sheet had been laid in by the 23rd October 1879 and a proof was approved two days later. This plate was never completed, lacking the marginal inscriptions, plate number and the current number, (272), which was assigned to this plate.

Embossed Issues

Although not produced by the line engraved method, these stamps were produced during the same period as the other issues covered in this work. They are presented here in order of value, but, as will be noted by the dates, they were issued from the highest denomination first.

The one shilling and the ten pence values were embossed onto Dickenson silk thread paper and the six pence was on paper watermarked V R.

Six Pence. Wmk VR (Issued in sheets of 40)

Die No.	Put to Press	Registered	Rec For Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
1 WW	1854					111,000	31 Jan 55
		Total number of sheets issued to the public				88,957	
		Overprinted "SPECIMEN" for distribution to Post Offices				4,000	
	1856	This printing was never issued – <i>See notes below</i>				55,498	

Official records show that 2,941,640 stamps, (73,541 sheets), were officially destroyed when the surface printed stamp of this value was introduced. This total comprised of the entire 1856 production plus 18,043 sheets from the earlier printing. The official total of the number of sheets issued is given as 92,957 but it is known that 4,000 sheets from this were used for distribution on Post Office circulars with the "SPECIMEN" overprint. The figures in the above table have been adjusted to reflect all these events.

Ten Pence. (Issued in sheets of 24)

Die No.	Put to Press	Registered	Rec For Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
W.W.1	1847					16,834	1 Oct 49
Wastage from the 1847 printing						3,166	
2.W.W.	1850					8,000	
	1851					16,000	
	1852					14000	
3.W.W.	1853	8 Feb 1853				32,000	
	1854					25,614	
4.W.W.	1854	8 Feb 1853				8,046	
5.W.W.		8 Feb 1853					

The total printing of the 10^d was 122,000 sheets. This figure included 5,085 sheets, which were damaged and officially destroyed. The initial production in 1847 was 20,000 sheets, thus we are able to show the wastage from die 1. The remaining 1,919 sheets which were destroyed come from the 1850 and later printings. Official records show the number of sheets issued for each die, and these are the numbers given in the table. These records also give a total figure for the stamps issued at 116,915 sheets, (the total for dies 1 to 4), but there is obviously some error here as impressions from die 5 are known for which no records exist. The 10^d was withdrawn on 15th August 1855 but re-issued in 1862 when 2,012 sheets left at Somerset House were put back into circulation.

The registration sheet contains one impression from die 3,4,5,6,7 and 8 in two rows of three. Dies 6, 7 and 8 were never used for the stamps.

One shilling. (Issued in sheets of 20)

Die No.	Put to Press	Registered	Rec For Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Sheets Printed	Earliest Known
W.W.1	1847					40,000	
	1850					16,000	
	1851					32,000	
	1852					46,000	
	1853					16,000	
W.W.2	1853					48,000	
	1854					84,771	

The final printing of 84,771 sheets was made prior to the end of October 1856. Most reference sources show die WW2 as being put to press in 1854. We believe this to be incorrect as official records show the years and the quantities produced. These also give a total production figure for each of the dies, (WW1 at 150,000 sheets and WW2 at 132,771 sheets). By comparison of these figures it is clear that 48,000 sheets were printed from die 2 in 1853, as shown in the table above, but it is unlikely that any impressions from this printing were released prior to 1854.

Mulready's

Although not produced by the line engraved method, these envelopes and letter sheets were issued for use at the same time as the Penny Black and Two Pence blue postage stamps, 6th May 1840. In the list, stereos in **red type** indicate those that were either removed or those that replace the removed impression.

One Penny Letter Sheets.

Stereo No. (Forme)	Put to Press	Registered	Rec For Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Stamps Printed	Earliest Latest Known
A1 (1)							6 May 40 19 Jul 40
A2 (1)							
A4 (1)							4 Jul 40
A5 (1)							
A6 (1)							
A7 (1)							6 May 40 8 Sep 40
A8 (1)							10 Jul 40
A9 (1)							
A10 (1)							25 Aug 41
A11 (1)							
A14 (1)							14 Jun 40 11 Aug 40
A15 (1)							21 Jul 41
A16 (2)							
A17 (2)							28 May 40
A18 (2)							
A19 (2)							10 May 40
A21 (2)							20 May 40
A22 (2)							
A23 (2)							
A24 (2)							10 May 40
A25 (2)							26 Nov 41
A26 (2)							15 Oct 40 27 Jun 41
A27 (2)							6 May 40
A30 (2)							
A31 (1)							
A34 (3)							
A35 (3)							
A36 (4)							
A37 (4)							
A40 (4)							
A42 (4)							27 Sep 41
A44 (4)							
A47 (1)							1 Jun 40
A50 (3)							
A51 (4)							

One Penny Letter Sheets. (Continued)

Stereo No. (Forme)	Put to Press	Registered	Rec For Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Stamps Printed	Earliest Latest Known
A54 (3)							
A57 (3)							27 Jun 40
A63 (3)							22 Oct 42
A64 (3)							27 Jun 40
A65 (3)							2 May 40
A66 (3)							29 Jun 41 30 Jul 42
A67 (3)							22 May 40
A68 (3)							19 May 41
A69 (3)							
A70 (4)							
A71 (4)							
A76							
A77 (4)							
A78 (4)							
A80 (4)							
A81 (4)							
A219							
A220							
A221							
A223 (6)							
A224 (6)							
A226 (6)							
A228							
A229 (3)							
A230 (6)							
A231 (3)							
A232 (6)							24 Mar 42
A233 (6)							
A234 (6)							2 Apr 41
A235 (6)							Oct 42
A236 (6)							
A237 (6)							
A238 (6)							
A239 (6)							
A240 (5)							
A241 (5)							
A242 (5)							
A243 (5)							
A244 (5)							
A246 (5)							
A247 (5)							19 Jan 41
A249 (5)							22 Jun 41
A250 (5)							11 May 42
A251 (5)							
A254 (5)							
A255 (5)							

One Penny Letter Sheets. (Additional notes on the stereos)

Stereo A71 This was used to replace stereo A14 in forme 1 but was originally used in forme 4 as indicated above.

Stereo A76 This was used as a replacement for one of the stereos on forme 3 or 4, but it is unknown which one at this time.

Stereo A219 This was used as a replacement stereo, but at this time has not been allocated to a particular forme. Many reference works allocate these to forme 5 or 6, probably due to the number, however the appearance of A 229 and A231 on forme 3 suggests that these could have been used on any forme.

Stereo A220 See the notes for A219 which apply here also

Stereo A221 See the notes for A219 which apply here also

Stereo A228 See the notes for A219 which apply here also

As with the letter sheets, some stereos are believed to have been substituted, however it is not known on which forme these were used or which of the original stereos they displaced, these are again shown in red type but no forme number is shown. In the case of the stereos shown in normal type, but without a forme number, these are from forme 5 or 6, but have not yet been allocated.

One Penny Envelopes.

Stereo No. (Forme)	Put to Press	Registered	Rec For Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Stamps Printed	Earliest Latest Known
A131 (1)							
A132 (1)							23 Apr 41
A133 (1)							
A134 (1)							20 Jun 40 20 Aug 40
A135 (1)							
A136 (1)							
A137 (1)							
A138 (1)							9 Dec 40
A139 (1)							
A140 (1)							23 Nov 41
A141 (1)							6 May 40
A142 (1)							
A143 (2)							26 Jun 41
A144 (2)							2 May 40 June 44
A145 (2)							11 May 40
A146 (2)							
A147 (2)							
A148 (2)							22 May 40
A149 (2)							20 Jul 40
A150 (2)							
A151 (2)							
A153 (2)							
A154 (2)							25 Jun 40
A155 (3)							
A156 (2)							10 Jun 40
A157 (3)							28 Jul 40
A158 (3)							27 Jun 40 22 Oct 40
A159 (3)							
A160 (3)							16 Aug 43
A161 (3)							29 Jun 40
A162 (3)							
A163 (3)							23 May 40 2 Jul 40
A164 (4)							
A165 (3)							11 Jul 40
A166 (3)							
A167 (3)							

One Penny Envelopes. (Continued)

Stereo No. (Forme)	Put to Press	Registered	Rec For Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Stamps Printed	Earliest Latest Known
A170 (3)							
A172 (4)							6 May 40
A174 (4)							
A175 (4)							
A176 (4)							22 Jun 40
A177 (4)							
A178 (4)							
A179 (4)							
A180 (4)							
A181 (4)							
A182 (4)							
A183							
A186							
A187							
A189 (4)							
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A302							
A305							
A310							
A320							
A321							
A323							

Two Pence Letter Sheets.

Stereo No. (Forme)	Put to Press	Registered	Rec For Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Stamps Printed	Earliest Latest Known
a90 (1)							
a91 (1)							
a92 (1)							23 May 40
a94 (1)							
a95 (1)							
a96 (1)							
a97 (1)							
a98 (1)							
a99 (1)							15 Mar 48
a103 (1)							
a104 (1)							
a105 (1)							

Two Pence Envelopes.

Stereo No. (Forme)	Put to Press	Registered	Rec For Defacement	Withdrawn From Press	Defaced Destroyed	Stamps Printed	Earliest Latest Known
a195 (1)							22 Feb 41
a196 (1)							
a197 (1)							
a198 (1)							
a199 (1)							
a200 (1)							
a201 (1)							
a202 (1)							1 Oct 40
a203 (1)							
a208 (1)							
a209 (1)							
a211 (1)							

a196 is known dated the 11th March 1886 cancelled with a London WC squared circle cancellation of Charing cross. This has not been included in the list as the earliest and latest known dates are to try and establish a time frame when the stereos were substituted.

Current numbers

Current No.	Value Plate	Current No.	Value Plate	Current No.	Value Plate	Current No.	Value Plate
106	(1 ^d) 98	151	(1 ^d) 136	196	(1 ^d) 165	241	(1 ^d) 204
107	(1 ^d) 99	152	(2 ^d) 13	197	(½ ^d) 10	242	(½ ^d) 15
108		153	(1 ^d) 137	198	(½ ^d) 11	243	
109		154	(1 ^d) 138	199	(1 ^d) 166	244	(1 ^d) 205
110	(1 ^d) 100	155	(1 ^d) 139	200	(1 ^d) 167	245	(1 ^d) 206
111	(1 ^d) 101	156	(1 ^d) 140	201	(1 ^d) 168	246	(1 ^d) 207
112	(1 ^d) 102	157	(1 ^d) 141	202	(1 ^d) 169	247	(½ ^d) 16
113	(1 ^d) 103	158	(1 ^d) 142	203	(1 ^d) 170	248	(½ ^d) 19
114	(1 ^d) 104	159		204	(1 ^d) 171	249	(½ ^d) 20
115	(1 ^d) 105	160	(1 ^d) 143	205	(1 ^d) 172	250	(1 ^d) 208
116	(1 ^d) 106	161	(1 ^d) 144	206	(1 ^d) 173	251	(1 ^d) 209
117	(1 ^d) 107	162	(1 ^d) 145	207	(1 ^d) 174	252	(1 ^d) 210
118	(1 ^d) 108	163	(1 ^d) 146	208	(1 ^d) 175	253	(1 ^d) 211
119		164	(1 ^d) 147	209	(1 ^d) 176	254	(1 ^d) 212
120		165	(1 ^d) 148	210	(1 ^d) 177	255	(1 ^d) 213
121		166	(1 ^d) 149	211	(1 ^d) 178	256	(1 ^d) 214
122		167		212	(1 ^d) 179	257	(1 ^d) 215
123	(2 ^d) 12	168	(1 ^d) 151	213	(1 ^d) 180	258	(1 ^d) 216
124	(1 ^d) 109	169	(1 ^d) 152	214	(1 ^d) 181	259	(1 ^d) 217
125	(1 ^d) 110	170	(2 ^d) 14	215	(1 ^d) 182	260	(1 ^d) 218
126	(1 ^d) 111	171	(½ ^d) 1	216	(1 ^d) 183	261	(1 ^d) 219
127	(1 ^d) 112	172	(½ ^d) 2	217	(1 ^d) 184	262	(1 ^d) 220
128	(1 ^d) 113	173	(½ ^d) 3	218	(1 ^d) 185	263	(1 ^d) 221
129	(1 ^d) 114	174	(½ ^d) 4	219	(1 ^d) 186	264	(1 ^d) 222
130	(1 ^d) 115	175	(½ ^d) 5	220	(½ ^d) 12	265	(1 ^d) 223
131	(1 ^d) 116	176	(½ ^d) 6	221	(½ ^d) 13	266	
132	(1 ^d) 117	177	(½ ^d) 8	222	(1 ^d) 187	267	(1 ^d) 224
133	(1 ^d) 118	178	(½ ^d) 9	223	(1 ^d) 188	268	(1 ^d) 225
134	(1 ^d) 119	179		224	(½ ^d) 14	269	
135	(1 ^d) 120	180	(1 ^d) 153	225	(1 ^d) 189	270	
136	(1 ^d) 121	181	(1 ^d) 154	226	(1 ^d) 190	271	(½ ^d) 21
137	(1 ^d) 122	182	(1 ^d) 155	227	(2 ^d) 15	272	(½ ^d) 22
138	(1 ^d) 123	183	(1 ^d) 156	228	(1 ^d) 191		
139	(1 ^d) 124	184	(1 ^d) 157	229	(1 ^d) 192		
140	(1 ^d) 125	185	(1 ^d) 158	230	(1 ^d) 193		
141		186	(1 ^d) 159	231	(1 ^d) 194		
142	(1 ^d) 127	187	(1 ^d) 160	232	(1 ^d) 195		
143		188		233	(1 ^d) 196		
144	(1 ^d) 129	189		234	(1 ^d) 197		
145	(1 ^d) 130	190		235	(1 ^d) 198		
146	(1 ^d) 131	191	(1 ^d) 161	236	(1 ^d) 199		
147	(1 ^d) 132	192	(1 ^d) 162	237	(1 ^d) 200		
148	(1 ^d) 133	193	(1½ ^d) 3	238	(1 ^d) 201		
149	(1 ^d) 134	194	(1 ^d) 163	239	(1 ^d) 202		
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