The

I T Pickering collection

The Maltese Cross
The collection formed by Mr I T Pickering on the Maltese Cross postmarks was a truly superb collection, not only for the items it contained, but also for the information that it pulled together.

The collection, which contained in its final state 128 pages, has been partly displayed at National and International exhibitions in the past. Even allowing for this there are many students of Victorian postal history who have never had chance to see the complete collection. In 2003 a dealer acquired the collection and over a period of time it was broken down into smaller lots and sold.

This book has been compiled, (without permission), to preserve this remarkable collection, (as it was originally formed), for the benefit of future generations who would find the insights of Mr Pickering useful in their own studies.

All 128 pages are presented within this volume along with many enlargements to allow easier identification.
The Maltese Cross

The "Obliterating Stamp" issued by the General Post Office
to cancel the World's first stamps in 1840 was
developed from the designs below.

The original eight sided cross of Malta was a
Heraldic Insignia worn by the Knights of the
Hospitaliers of St. John at Jerusalem during
the period of the Crusades.

A similar cross with Maltese Cross connections
often used in Heraldry was the "Croix Pate" with
only four sides was favoured for development
into the so called Maltese Cross handstamp.

The final design of the
Maltese Cross

General Post Office instructions for
the first red ink to be used

Full Printers Red Ink
1/2 Pint Ammoniac Oil
1/2 Pint of the Drippings of Sweet Oil
To be well mixed

Post Masters did not always adhere to
the Red recipe causing many shades.

Black ink was introduced already
prepared by the Post Office to
cancel the new Red Stamps
issued Feb 1841

The exhibit depicts the special crosses, coloured, small villages, types, to the misapplication
of crosses by Post Masters not knowing their postal directives. It is possible characteristic
Maltese Crosses combined with other cancellations await discovery by the avid collector.

Frame 1 Large multiple with shades of the Red Maltese Cross
Frame 2 Red & Black crosses in combination, contrary to regulations & Rainbow colour trials.
Frame 3 Change over from Red & Black crosses. Brown & Orange shades & cover with Green crosses.
Frame 4 Violet, Magenta, Blue & covers without adhesives.
Frame 5 Scottish & English special crosses.
Frame 6 Irish & English special crosses.
Frame 7 Penny postes & recieving hand stamps with Maltese Cross.
Frame 8 Numbers in Cross, various cancellations, with cross and late use.
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Red Shades Of Maltese Cross

1850 4d pale CA-CB struck five times. Plate #3

Pale Red Plate #3

Dull Red Plate IX

LIVERPOOL SHIP LETTER

Dermillion Red of Cheltenham Plate III

John Thomson Esq.
Captain Royal Bank of Scotland
Edinburgh
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Dull Red Maltese Cross

1840 One Penny Black

Strip of six & three pairs

1840 Plate BB

Very few covers exist bearing twelve Penny Blacks.

Edinburgh - London

JAN
22 N
1841

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Red Shades of Maltese Cross

Pinkish Red
Plate 9B

Pink Cheltenham Cross

25 Jan 1841
Cheltenham to Edinburgh
Plate vi

Robert Sym, Millionaire
Secy Royal Bank of Scotland
Edinburg
Red Maltese Cross

Plate VI

1840 One Penny Black

Plate VII

NEWPORT. M.O.
AU 24
1840

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Red Maltese Cross
1860 Two Pence Blue
Plate 1

London Ship Letter via New York - Canada
Per "British Queen"  "Paid To New York"  27 cts, accountancy

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Unofficial Use of the Maltese Cross

Single Orange Red Cross cancelling marginal pair
Two Pence Blues Plate 1

Extra Orange Cross used to cancel forme Art Mulready wrapper.
Birmingham 17th Au 1840

1840 ad Art Mulready wrapper cancelled with three Orange Red Crosses
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Red Maltese Cross

1840 Fourpence Blue

Plate 11

London to Norwich: The largest known strip on cover from Plate 11

NORWICH
NO15
1840

Norwich
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Enlargement from page 12
Red Maltese Cross

1840

One Penny Black
Plate 99
Fourteen on place

One of two rows known of this plate

The complete horizontal row with a pair from the vertical row

O R
Very few exist postally used.
Most have trial cancellations.

Plate A

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Bright Orange Maltese Cross
10th May 1840, The First Sunday
One Penny Mulready Stereo Age (form 21) used locally in Leominster.

Kendal Vermillion Maltese Cross
Barnamese Penny Post, 14th Dec 1840 2nd Mulready 1840 Kendal - Liverpool

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London Orange Red Maltese Cross
31st July 1850 1840 on Malready. Over ½d, uprated with ½d Black Plate 1A

Brownish Orange Maltese Crosses
14th Oct 1850 Malready letter sheet London-Dundee cancelled with two crosses. Returned to London bearing ½d Plate D struck with three similar shades of cross.

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Red & Black Maltese Crosses

Plates
1840 Two Pence Blue Plate 11

1841 One Penny Red Plate v

Colne-Manchester

George Wilson Esq.
Chairman of the National
Linth-Brun-Bog-Bossar,
London N.W.
Skralls Building
Manchester.

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Combination of Colours

K8 with Red-Maltese Cross - Black on LH
Most unusual

Pair K8 - LH Plate II

15th May Southampton - London
Cancelled with Black & Red Maltese Crosses
The earliest known cover with this combination Plate 1A
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London Black Maltese Cross Used In Experimental Period
1st Sep 1840 Limerick - London with red cross. First stamp removed,
new stamp struck with Black Cross on 2nd Sep. the second day of the experiment Plate A.

Ninehead - London
Very unusual use of the Black Cross outside London during 1840 Plate V1
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Black & Red Maltese Crosses

London Experimental Black Cross 23 Sept 1840 used within London Redirected to Shrewsbury with another at Black, this & the original at Black being struck with red crosses.

Plate vi & Plate ii
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Enlargement from page 21
Maltese Cross Used Contrary to Regulations

Only single cross on two stamps

Plate v

Plate ix

Carrick on Shannon Maltese Cross

Marginal 1840 2d Blue Plate 1 affixed below the address. Notice of 7 May 1840 states stamps "to be placed on the front of the letter & upon the right hand corner of the upper side."

Dublin 12 Aug 1843

large type English cross

STAMP REVENUE:

To

WILLIAM GRAVES, Esq.,
Bank of Ireland,

Dublin.

Postmarked
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Unusual Combinations With Maltese Cross

8d Issue

Plate vi Plate ii

5 Sep 1840 Walsall - Bremwood

1d Mulready letter sheet Stereo A30, uprated by 3d
with 1d Plate ii & 2d Plate i
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Black Maltese Cross
1840 & 1841 Issues Used In Combination

11th Jul 1842 Dalry-Glasgow paying 2d Rate

Plate 16 Plate VIII

William Johnston Esq.
Railway Office
Glasgow

DALRY JY 11 1842
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Unusual Combinations With Maltese Cross

Seldom seen Five Pence Rate.
1841 1d Red Plate 22 & 2d Blues Plate 11

1841 One Penny Red & 1850 Pair of Blues

5 Jan 1852 London - Somerset 1841 1d Red Plate 17 & 1850 2d Blues Plate 11

Fox, Brothers,
Wellington,
Somerset.
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Unusual Combinations With Black Maltese Crosses

1830 & 1831 issues used in combination

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Plate 2

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Black Maltese Cross
1840 Twopence Blue Plate 1

Strip also cancelled with Ship Letter

Stamps at tilted angle, symbolic of a love message
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Enlargement from page 31
The Maltese Cross

April 1840 Experimental removal trails of black ink by Rowland Hill on "OR" Penny black with chemical agents.

The Rainbow Trails

The one penny red brown with void corners

From the second trial sheet of twelve State 3, R 5/2, no watermark. Cancelled with four dots inside the inner cross. Few exist, another in the Royal Collection.

Chemical agent has almost destroyed the stamp as well as the cancellation

Untreated state

The Maltese cross partially visible with little effect on the red brown colour
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Contrary to Regulations

"Labels to be placed above the address & towards the right hand side of the letter."

5th Mar 1841 Ambleside - Hawskhead Plate iv Black Cross

Mr. Slater
 solicit
 Hawskhead

Replaced One Penny blacks, Plate ii & late use of the Red Maltese Cross

Mr. Comyns Clegg
 solicitor
 Honiton
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Enlargements from page 33
Brownish Red Maltese Cross
8th May 1840 Saddle - Burnley Plate 10

Bister Brown Maltese Cross
24 Aug 1840 Newport Isle of Wight - Basingstoke Plate 19
Orange Red Maltese Cross

Maltese Cross struck on obverse & ad charge mark
Postal clerk then observed the adhesive on reverse,
cancelled it three times & deleted the manuscript "z"

Local Bristol cover

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Blood Red Maltese Cross
6th Jr 1840 Preston - Exeter Plate 44

Dyed Red Maltese Cross
2 Oct 1840 qd letter sheet Hamilton - Edinburgh

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Aberdeen Ruby Maltese Cross

One of the largest multiples known

15 Aug 1840 Aberdeen - Edinburgh Plate 13 B

Thomas Vandem Cq.
S.T.C.
Edinburgh
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Green Belmullet Maltese Cross

1841 One Penny Red
21st Nov 1843 Belmullet, very few known  Plate 54

"Lord Clifford Correspondence"
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Brown Maltese Cross

1840 Two Pence Blue Plate 1 Haddington - Edinburgh

Thought to be the only existing cover with this combination

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- Towcester Rust Maltese Cross
  22nd Jan 1841
  2d more to pay

- Derry Red Maltese Cross
  29th Jan 1841
  above ½ ct. 2d more to pay
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Spilsby Maltese Cross
The Spilsby Post Master Constantly Struck An Extra Cross

20th Sept. 1840 Spilsby - Sheffield
Red Cross, One penny black Plate iv

19th April 1841 Spilsby - Sheffield
Black Cross, One penny black Plate ix

Mrs. W. M'Clure,
7, New Market Street,
Near Sheffield.
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Red & Black Maltese Cross Matched Pair
Red cross & Langport mileage stamp on Maleady Envelope for the Age of 1745

Langport

Black Cross & Langport – Mileage Stamp
Mileage Letter Sheet Formed in 1742 on 17th March 1742

Langport

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Violet Maltese Cross

Market Street – Wrexford Stereo Ad

Malready contains Milton Press "puffer" advertisement

Ex Shaida

MARKET STREET
SP 17 1840
Maroon Maltese Cross
Costellokeley  Plate iii

Purple Maroon Cross
Plate iv  Bodmin - London

John Wall Esq.
1 Hartlet Buildings,
London
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Magenta Maltese Cross
Crude Cork type cancellation

1840 2d Blue Plate 1

Deep Magenta
Plate 11

Pale Magenta
Plate 1A

PRESTOZ
JA 7
1841

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*Blue Maltese Cross*

1841 ad Red Plate 76
Julia Moore - Dublin
Late use 15th May 1844

Wraper dated 7 Jan 1843
Few exist on cover

1841 ad Blue Plate 111
Truro - St. Columb

Triangular envelopes rarely seen on this value

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Blue Maltese Crosses
1841 Issue

Truro Deep Blue
22nd Feb 1843
With boxed No.1 receiver

Lancaster
Blue Green on local wrapper
Black Stamp
26th May 1843

St. Columb
Grey Blue
Also No.1 Receiver
30th Jan 1842

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Solid Brown Maltese Cross

1840 sh. Malready with brown cork cut cross & matching

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Blue & Black Maltese Cross

6th March 1841 Penrith - Carlisle Plate 6
Struck twice, first in blue then in black

One Penny Red on wrapper of 22 Nov 1843 cancelled twice with
Blue Maltese Cross of Guisborough & overstruck with
a Black Cross on arriving at Ripon

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Plate XI One Penny Black & Red
With Red Maltese Cross

Red Cross

Black Cross

The only known combination of the OA Plate XI
Re-Entry matched pair cancelled in Red

OA

Few covers exist with Red Cross
11 Feb 1841 One Penny Postal - London - Liverpool - Dublin
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Red Maltese Cross
1841 One Penny Red

The largest known multiple with this value in red Plate 11.

Cover bearing four 1d Reds from Plate 11, 11th Feb 1842
Ermelbridge - London. Double ring More to Pay, manuscript.
2d erased and corrected to 4d.

The largest known cover with this combination.
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Blue-Black Maltese Cross

Plate 22

Plate 21
7th Sep 1842 Preston - Clitheroe

Henry Wall Esq
Collector
Clitheroe
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Unusual Use Of The Maltese Cross

23rd Nov 1840 cover
With Red Maltese Cross
Cancelling the
Chatham Backstamp

Chatham
No 24
1841
Late Use Of Red Maltese Cross

New York - Paris 11 Aug 1842
Per "Great Western", London boxed packet
letter oversstruck with Red Maltese Cross.

Liverpool Ship Letter 24 Aug 1842  London Date Stamp 25 Aug 1842
Mixed Ink Maltese Cross

22nd Feb 1831 Dublin to Sliqo with Dublin handstuck 2 on obverse, reverse shows Dublin paid mark struck in error & over cancelled by Red Black Cross. Correct diamond datestamp applied.
Unusual Use Of The Maltese Cross

2nd Aug 1852 York to Beverley

J Robinson Jr
Beverley

Special type struck without adhesive & charged 2d
25 Nov 1853 Greenock - Glasgow

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acknowledged Kings of all Nations

J D Hamilton Esq
Beverley
Hanover for Glasgow
Scottish Maltese Crosses
1841 One Penny Red
6th July 1841 Watermark type from No 14 District of Glasgow, Plate 35

2nd Dec 1843 Watermark linked Cross of Alexandria Plate 35
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Greenock Maltese Cross

Late use of 1840
One Penny Black
Plate 11

Period of use
from May 1841
10 April 1844

One of Five known covers

26th Jan 1842

Plate 11

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Kilmarnock Cross
In use from late 1843 until June 1844

Plate 54
Plate 111

3rd May 1844 Kilmarnock - Dublin
One Penny Red envelope used one
month after the introduction of the 1844
type numeral cancellation in England

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Stirling Maltese Cross
In use Nov 1841 - late 1844
Heavy outlined Cross.

1840 Issue Plate 11

Normal Cross in Deep Red Brown
16 Nov 1840 Stirling - Paris Plate vi

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Kesfo Maltese Cross
in use 1842-44

The cross was rarely cleaned resulting in many stamps being over inked.

Prior to 1842 a normal English type cross was in use
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Stonehaven Double Lined Maltese Cross

Known from June 1840 to Feb 1841
Plate I

Plate II
1840 issue
Plate II

24 Oct 1840
Unusual early use of Black Cross
Plate IV

STONEHENGEN
24 OC
1840

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Scottish Maltese Crosses

Plate 1

1d King's Head - Obverse
One Narrow Arm

Plate VII

8 Mar 1841

John Robertson
Ayr
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Dunnet Manuscript Maltese Cross

As the original Maltese Cross may have been lost or broken the postmaster attempted to copy a proper Maltese Cross. His earlier efforts in April & May 1842 have three lines, hastier drawn ones have only two.

Dunnet
50
Sub Office of Jersey

Three Line Type

Two Line Type

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Edinburgh Maltese Crosses To Selkirk
1840 - 1841

Type 1
Large outer cross with large central diamond.

Type II
Large fine lined cross with small central diamond.

Type III
Fine lined cross with medium size central diamond.

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London Types Of Maltese Cross

Broken points to central diamond

Plate x

Plate 1

Broken ends to inner cross

Plate II

Plate II

16th May 1850 at Malandra As 63 London-Norwich
Red cross showing prominent breaks on inner cross.

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Coventry Maltese Cross

1841 Issues Plate 11 In use early 1843-44

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Plate 53

10 July 1845 Coventry - Devonport Forwarded
10 July 1845 Devonport - London manuscript

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Manchester Cross

1840 Issues
"Fichaud" type

2d NR 1841 Manchester - Oldham Plate v

2d Apr 1841 Plate v

To Richard Redfern Esq.
Solicitor Oldham
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York Maltese Cross

In use July 1842-44

Plate 25
Plate 11
Plate 11

1840 Two Pence Blue

The largest multiple

8th Jy 1842 York - Richmond
Plate 25

Mr. W. Allison
Richmond
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Limerick Maltese Cross
1840 2d Sfulb Plate 1, few known

Moate Maltese Cross
In use Aug 1842 - 44
One arm of inner cross pointed
Moate - Dublin 10 Aug 1842 Plate 23

Ex Acock
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Belfast Maltese Cross
In use early 1843

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23rd April 1844

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Mullingar Maltese Cross

1843 registered cover – London via Dublin
bearing two 1841 ad Reds
Blue Mullingar 4th July 1843 Boxed Mullingar in Black
Registration Fee Boxed Dublin in red

Red London Townse on adhesive

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Dublin Maltese Cross

6th May 1844  Type m  6th Feb 1844  Type iv

Dublin 6th February 1844
D. B. Cooper
3

Dublin 6th May 1844
D. B. Cooper
3

English type used until late 1842  5th Feb 1842  Plate w Re-Entry

John Tuthill Esq.

near

Athlone
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Dublin Maltese Cross & Varities
1843 Two Pence Blue
Only two blocks known

Type I

1843 issue

Dot Type I.A.

Break, Type II.A.

Two Strikes Type I

Dublin - London

12th Feb 1844

Edward, Dublin City

Adv. M'l. W. L. H., 26, 6th St., Philadelphia

London
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Duroy Maltese Cross
One deep indentation of outer cross. Early 1843

1841 Twopence blue plate 111

Galway Maltese Cross
Small compact cross with irregular central cross.
18th Apr 1844 Galway - Dublin Plate 37
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Over Inked Maltese Crosses

Coleshill
Plate 22

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Knights
22 Apr 64 Knariton - Lullow Plate x1

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Enlargements from page 88
Thick & Thin Maltese Crosses

Thin Lined
7 Oct 1843 Edinburgh. Stamp placed to left of cover, struck twice with small diamond Maltese Cross.

Luntwitt Penny Post
18th Apr 1841 Cowbridge - Cardiff  Plate viii Thick squat type similar to the Coventry Cross.

The Rt. Rev. Morgan
Colonel the Methodist Minister
Cardiff
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Damaged Maltese Crosses

Central Diamond Missing

Third 30th July 1841 Plate 1x

Only outer cross remaining

Hollymount 14th Aug 1843 Plate 2a

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Leamington Maltese Cross

[Image of Leamington Maltese Cross]

Leamington to Wootton

Leamington to Wootton

Plate iv

Plate iv

[Image of postal envelopes]

Leamington to Lichfield

The largest known multiple on front. Plate ii

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Plymouth & Norwich Maltese Cross

In use at Plymouth 1841 to May 1842

Plate 6
Plate 1

Dated Plymouth 6th March 1841
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Plymouth & Norwich Maltese Cross

In use at Norwich late 1842-44

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Dated Norwich 30th Mar 1843
Norwich Penny Post Plate 30
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Large Size Crosses
The controversial Maltese Cross thought to be Southamptom reliever cancellation
In use 1843-45 Plate 39

Whitehaven Cross
A wide inner cross with central diamond
In use 1841-64 Plate v
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Poulton Penny Post & Maltese Cross

1840 Issue

Magenta

Red

Blue Crosses

Black Crosses

1841 Issue

No 10 in Cross
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Manchester Maltese Cross & Penny Post
12th May 1841 Hyde-Salford bearing 1d Red cancelled by Hyndia Hyde Penny Post & Manchester Cross. Plate v

Obliterating Maltese Cross
8th Dec 1841 Garstang - Breck baring 1d Red brown lightly struck cross, Forwarded to Blackburn with 1d Black cancelled by a Black cross & Poulton Penny Post, The 1d Red being cancelled out by a second heavy cross. Plate v Plate v
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Black Maltese Cross & Recieving Houre

Double strike of the
Recieving handstamps in Diolet

Black cross struck
on arrival at parent
office of Capar

Recieving - Edinburgh

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Maltese Cross & Recieving House
BROUGHON

1840 One Penny Black cancelled Black Maltese Cross

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Two Pence Blue with Red Cross & Broughton
17th Feb 1841 via Ravenglass - Whitehaven
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Maltese Cross & Mottram Penny Post

The largest known multiple in this combination

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Period Sep 1840-42

31st July 1840 Manchester Red Cross Plate 1A

7th May 1841 Manchester Black Cross Plate x

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Maltese Cross & Town Stamp

Sent from London – Richmond 1843 bearing 6d cancelled with the Maltese Cross. Forwarded to Boston with vertical pair of 6d reds overlapping the original stamp & cancelled by Dorchester Handstamp.

Illustration reveals stamp underneath.
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Red Maltese Cross & Undated Circle
22nd June 1840 Newport - Tredegar - Blaina Plate III

2 June 1840 Tredegar - Newport Plate I

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Red & Black Maltese Cross with Circular Date Stamp

Red Cross
Red Exeter
27th May 1840

Red Cross
Blue Exeter
23rd Oct 1840

Black Cross
Red Crewkerne
28th Nov 1842

Black Cross
Blue Bathmaston
13th Nov 1843

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Attempts To Defraud the Post Office by Reuse Of Cancelled Postage Stamps
The Two Types Of “OS” Old Stamps Handstamps Of Dublin.

Crawford 31st Oct 1841. Notated By Inspector “Stamp has been reused” Charged Double 2d

Castlepollard 26th Dec 1841. Dublin Inspector Noticed “Stamps previously used” Charged Double 2d

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Red Maltese Cross & Pen Cancellation

Ipswich - Stalford 7th Aug 1830
Redirected J unpaid & stamp deleted
to Drumlin Castle Thornhill Plate A

Readressed Exeter cover
Rated 5 & Manuscript across stamp
24th Aug 1830 Exeter - Exmouth Plate v

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Maltese Cross & Pen Cancellation

Pink Cross. Pen Cancelled when
Reforwarded on 3rd Jul 1840

Plate II

Sunderland boxed too late & red cross to
Houghton-le-Spring, pen cancelled with cross
When re-addressed to Tynemouth

Sunderland 3rd Oct. 1840

Plate II
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Red Maltese Cross & Pen Cancellation
Laid down half ounce
London 31st May 1840 Plate A Stamped

Barney - London
Sunday 21st May 1840 Plate A

Stamped

Handwritten letter:
Thos. Brook Esq.
18 King's Arms Yard
Coleman St.
London.
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London Inland Office Number in Maltese Cross

Introduced 23rd Mar 1843 - May 1844

1840 Issue No. 1 One Penny Black

The only known pair Plate ix

London to Stratford On Avon Plate iii

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London Inland Office Number in Maltese Cross
In the March 1843 to May 1844

17th Feb 1844

Forme A65

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Maltese Cross Used As An Obliterator

27th Jan 1844 London-Winborne with red cancelled No 5 in Cross. The Winborne date stamp bearing the wrong date. cancelled out with Winborne Cross & correct date stamp of 28th Jan 1844 applied.

5th Jan 1844 Pink envelope from London-Ormskirk cancelled No 5 in Cross. The erroneous 5th Jan Arnskirk date stamp overstruck with the Ormskirk Maltese Cross.
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London Numbers in Maltese Cross Struck Contrary to Regulations

No 9 struck well to the right of Britannia. Dated 4th May 1844
London - Tipperary with Economic Assurance Sec. adhesive inside

Rev. Jonas Ridge
Caster
Tipperary
Ireland

One Penny Red apportioned Maltese Arms
8th April 1845 London - Southampton No 10 Plate 35

Ship's Bill of Sale
Plymouth
Southampton

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London Numbers in Maltese Cross

Unusual to have different numbers on same cover

Preparing Post Fee  Cheltenham 20 May 1845  Numbers 3 & 1

Oriel Terrace
Cheltenham

Redirected cover; local London - London Dover

Dover 8th Nov 1845  Numbers 3 & 9

Sir F. M. Wilson, Bart
Capt. Evans
Dover
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Black Maltese Cross

1841
Two Pence Blue

Complete "X" row with normal Cross

Complete "Q" row with missing Cross
No 1 & No 12 in Maltese Cross

Most unusual to have different No's on the same multiple. The only recorded example.

20th Apr 1843

More to pay 2d Due.

[Image of a letter with a stamp and postmark]
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No. 2 & No. 6 In Maltese Cross

16 Aug 1843 London City Letter bearing 6d Red with No. 2 in Cross. Forwarded the same day with 10 then rated 13 centimes to Paris & reforwarded to Bagnére.


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Various Cancellations & Maltese Cross

Black Maltese Cross and
American target cancellations

Red Cross & Red No.6 Plate vii

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Black Cross & Liverpool arrival mark
1st Aug 1841 Ramsgate. Plate 1

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Red Maltese Cross & Late Mail

Edinburgh
Hereford
9th July 1840

PAID
1st EXTRA

Late Fee paid in cash
Plate A

To: Mrs Fox

Colton Bishop
Hereford

Too Late

1st Jul 1842

London - Norfolk
Plate III

Cambridge

Hollis James

York

Norfolk
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Sanday Maltese Cross & 1844 Cancellation

3 Mar 1844 Sanday-Kirkwall 20 7 númeral

SANDAY PENNY POST

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Late Use Of Maltese Cross

1854 Embossed issue
6d Purple
Possibly the only one
with Maltese Cross


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