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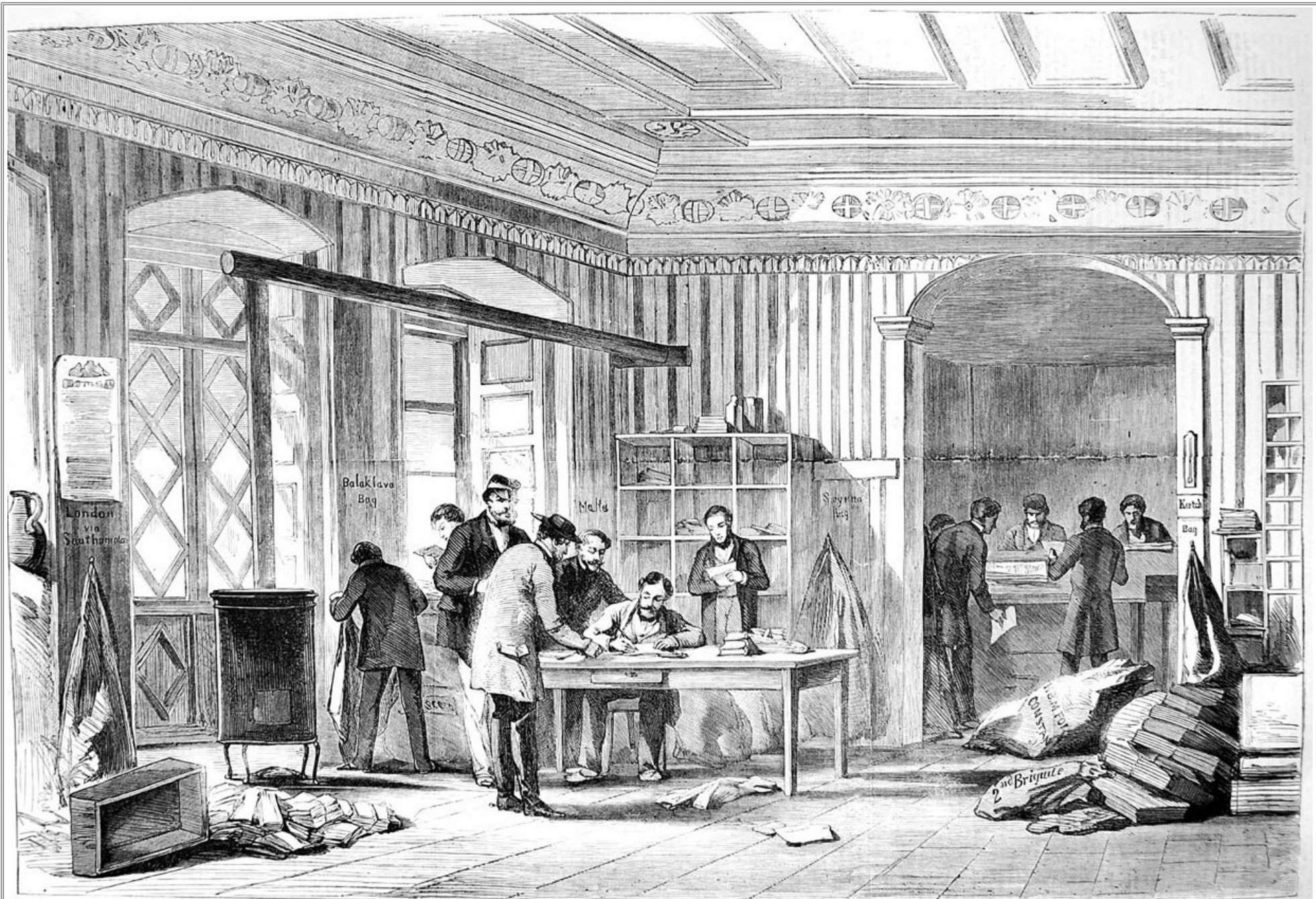


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THE BRITISH ARMY POST-OFFICE, CONSTANTINOPLE  
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## Introduction

The catalogue listings in *Gibbons* or *Stoneham* of Penny Red Stars used abroad are incomplete, referring to 1d red, 1d red-brown or 1d rose-red by year, with incomplete identification, and with no reference to the printing plates. The *Stoneham* editors are to be commended for the inclusion within their 2006 catalogue of a Used Abroad section, so ably compiled by Paul Dauwalder. Such an addition would also be welcomed within the *Stanley Gibbons Great Britain Specialised Stamp Catalogue*. This illustrated record of the groups and printing plates of Penny Red Stars used abroad attempts to fill some of this information deficit, to which further new information will be continually added, as and when it emerges.

Penny Red Stars were used abroad from 1842 to 1864 and later, after which they were superseded by the 'plate number' series of stamps, with letters in all four corners and plate numbers on the individual stamps. The groups of Penny Red Stars are those listed in *Stanley Gibbons Great Britain Volume 1 Queen Victoria Stamp Catalogue* (Ref. 1). For assistance, these are described in Appendix 3. The data below, noted up to September 2008, were drawn from many references and sources, including: *The Essential Guide to the Line Engraved 1<sup>d</sup> and 2<sup>d</sup> Stars* by Dr Ken Statham (Ref. 2), *Stanley Gibbons Catalogue of Commonwealth & British Empire Stamps 1840-1952*, (Ref. 3), *GB Used Abroad: Cancellations and Postal Markings* by John Parmenter (Ref. 4), auction catalogues, philatelic journals, dealers' pricelists, other collectors and the author's collection. For reasons of security, no reference is made which may identify the individuals who have furnished scans from their collections.

As further material is constantly added, this may never to be a complete and correct record of the information so presented. Research continues into Penny Red Stars on ship letters and overseas mail from soldiers and sailors. Any omissions and errors are entirely the author's, who welcomes corrections, amendments, additions and other information, sent by email to: [mikebatty1947@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mikebatty1947@yahoo.co.uk)

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The amount of information has greatly increased since commencing this project, which had first appeared as an extended article in the American journal: *The GBCC Chronicle* during

2007–2008, later emerging as a 26 page A5 book. By mid–2009 this necessitated an increase to page size A4, together with modifications to the size of font and illustrations. Further revisions in 2010 included a separate section for mail from the Crimean War, with a major resetting of text and illustrations during January 2011. In late 2011 an additional section was added, *Concession Mail for British Soldiers and Sailors, (Excluding the Crimean War)*, to incorporate data emerging from the auction of Gerald Elliott's collection.

Up until February 2012, Penny Red Stars of all the SG Specialised groups, with the exceptions of SG Spec. A2 (imperforates from the 'Penny Black' plates) and SG Spec. CE1 (the Archer roulettes) have been reported from 51 countries, 3 mailboat lines and 4 locations in the Crimean War (Turkey, Bulgaria, Russia and the Baltic Naval Expedition); a total of 59. These areas in turn yielded 209 cancellations and / or back-stamps, which resulted in 315 combinations of cancellations seen with differing SG Specialised groups, giving a current total of 839 combinations of stamps from each printing plate, from each SG Spec. group, with each obliterator, from all countries, Crimean War areas, shipping lines and moveable boxes. The above totals do not include the fakes and forgeries. Any items recorded under more than one category are only counted once.

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


## British Post Offices Abroad

Penny Red Stars were officially distributed abroad to various agencies mainly in the Americas, Mediterranean, North Africa and The Ottoman Empire, usually through British Consulate appointments, the Military campaign to Russia, and mail distributed via British Packet Mail-boat lines. On various occasions, soldiers and sailors would have concessionary rates for posting their mail; many would have brought postage stamps with them.

The origins of the network of Post Offices, Postal Agencies and Packet Agents can be recognised from the 18<sup>th</sup> century, but the system did not become established until the expansion of trade, following the end of the Napoleonic Wars in 1815. Many offices were provided in newly acquired dependent territories within the Commonwealth and the British Empire and were then, eventually, transferred

## Great Britain Postage Stamps Used Abroad



Distribution of British postage stamps for use abroad was accompanied with identifiable obliterators. The design of the first cancellations of these countries was similar to the British numeral cancellations of England and Wales – horizontal lines in an oval shape. Dates quoted for an obliterator are those on which the hand-stamp appears in the GPO Record Books, but it seems to have been normal for the hand-stamps to be sent to the office concerned immediately following this registration. The large initials ‘C’, ‘G’ and ‘M’ substituted for the numerals in the early cancellations of Constantinople, Gibraltar and Malta. Two distinctive types of cancellations, crown between stars \*\*, and star between ciphers OO, are well-known on mail during the Crimean War; others were also used during this conflict. Soldiers and sailors also used their own supplies of postage stamps when sending mail back home from their overseas barracks, naval bases and ships.

In addition to the postal services, private ships transported mail between England and France: some late mail and mail posted on board in the ‘Movable Box’ were cancelled on arrival at the destination port, such perforate Penny Red Stars receiving French lozenge cancellations. Perforate Penny Red Stars have also been noted with other French cancellations or with French mail-boat cancellations.

from the control of the British Post Office to the evolving local administrations. Those in foreign countries, nearly always based on existing British Consular appointments, were mostly connected to the network of British Packet lines which had been re-established in 1814. They tended to survive until the country in which they were situated established its own efficient postal service or joined the UPU. The term ‘Post Office Agent’ was employed by the British GPO and ‘Packet Agent’ by the shipping lines to describe similar functions.

During the pre-adhesive period and from 1842, letters and packets forwarded through these offices to the United Kingdom, to any of its territories, to a foreign country, or between two foreign ports, had a crowned-circle handstamp applied, with the postage, paid in advance, noted alongside in manuscript.




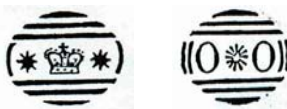

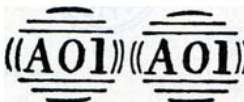










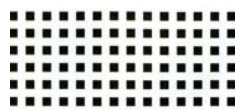
During 1857, Penny Red Stars and obliterators were distributed to British Post Offices in Constantinople, Gibraltar, Malta, the Caribbean and Central America, and in 1858-1859 to Egypt. From July 1860 to June 1862, British stamps could be used at Fernando-Po and Lagos on the West African coast, but examples have not been displayed since the 1980’s. The early colonial horizontal oval numeral cancellers were followed by duplex versions linked to a circular date-stamp.

Sadly, forgeries of obliterators are known, including Antigua A02, Constantinople C, Gibraltar A26 (vertical oval), Kingston, Jamaica A01, Malta M, Malta cds-A25 duplex, St Lucia A11, St. Vincent A10, Crimean War \*\* and OO, and Cunard Mailboats A91 and B62. Fakes are also known, where alterations have been made to existing cancellations on stamps, eg 806 altered to fake the B01 obliterator of Alexandria, Egypt, 803 altered to fake the P & O Mailboat B03, and 159 altered to fake the A59 obliterator of Morant Bay, Jamaica. Others examples almost certainly exist.

Between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1864 in Great Britain, the last of the Penny Red Star printing plates were withdrawn and replaced by the ‘plate number’ series, with check-letters in all four corners of the design. Consequently, Penny Red Stars disappeared from the system of distribution by the Post Office, as the supplies of them were exhausted during and after 1864.






## Types of Obliterators

									
Crowned-circle	Horizontal oval with capital letter and numerals			Horizontal oval with large capital letter			Horizontal oval with symbols		
									
Wavy-line grid	Double horizontal ovals with capital letter and numerals			Circular date-stamps (numerous styles)			Duplex: circular date-stamp and horizontal oval		
									
Vertical oval with capital letter and numerals	Vertical oval with numeral and capital letter			Concentric octagons			'Parilla'		
									
'Telaraña'	'Rueda'		'Losange'		Pin-roller		Roller of square dots		

**N**ote: Relevant British obliterators and other cancellers are shown in Appendix 1, with foreign obliterators in Appendix 2. The above illustrations, together with those throughout the text and in the two appendices, are purely representative.

## Cancellations and Stamps Recorded

Note: In the right-hand column, 'SG Spec.' is the abbreviation for 'Stanley Gibbons Specialised', referring to recognised stamp groups in *Stanley Gibbons Specialised Catalogue*, (Ref. 1) which are tabulated, together with some additional sub-groups, in Appendix 2.





Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Antigua	English Harbour		14 June 1858	1858 – 1860	1858 – 1860	Not recorded on cover	C10	56
Antigua	St John's		14 April 1858	1858 – 1860	1858 – 1860		C10	34, 44, 47, 48, 52, 56, 59
			28 April 1858				C10	FORGED obliterator on Plate 59




Antigua  
A02 of St John's  
SG Spec. C10, plate 47  
[ex – Author's collection]



Antigua  
FORGED A02 of St John's  
SG Spec. C10, plate 59

Argentina	Buenos Ayres		7 May 1860	1860 – end–June 1873	1860 – end–June 1873	1860	C10	41, 42, 48, 60
			7 May 1860					
			8 October 1863					
Ascension	Post Office established on the island in 1860. Circular date-stamp applied to envelope and stamp(s) cancelled after UK arrival.	 FORGERIES are known	Supplied 1858 for use at the Royal Navy Establishment	1858 – 1930	1867		C6	Unplated "1855 red-brown" listed in SG Part 1

Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Australia	Melbourne Victoria State						B1	125
							B2	143



Australia  
1  
V of Melbourne, Victoria State, applied on arrival

SG Spec. B1, plate 125 (HG)



Australia  
1  
V of Melbourne, Victoria State, applied on arrival

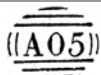
SG Spec. B2, plate 143 (LL)

Australia	Victoria State						B1	39
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Australia  
2  
V of Victoria State, applied on arrival

SG Spec. B1, plate 39 (QJ)






Bahamas	Nassau		14 April 1858	1858 – 1860	1858 – 1860	14 Dec 1858 17 Mar 1860	C10	52, 56
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Bahamas  
A05 of Nassau  
SG Spec. C10, plate 52  
[ex – Author's collection]



Belgium	—	—				1852 – 1854?	B2	Exists but plate not recorded.
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Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Brazil	Rio de Janeiro	    	sent June – October 1866  sent June – October 1866  8 January 1868  8 January 1868  8 January 1868	1866 – 1874	1866 – 1875	1870	C10	27



Brazil  
 C83 of Rio de Janeiro (c 1870)  
 SG Spec. C10, plate 27  
 Hand-stamp  
 RDE J INSUFFICIENTLY PREPAID  
 with manuscript *11d* postage due

British Guiana	Demerara (Georgetown)	 	14 Apr 1858	1858 – 1860	1858 – 1860	7 Feb 1860	C1	Unplated
							C10	34, 42, 43, 55, 56, 57, 59


Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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British Guiana  
A03 of Demerara (Georgetown)  
SG Spec. C10, plate 43  
Circular dated back-stamp  
DEMERARA FE 7 60



British Guiana  
A03 of Demerara (Georgetown)  
SG Spec. C1, unplated  
Black and white scan (Ref. 5)

British Guiana	Berbice (New Amsterdam)		14 Apr 1858	1858 – 1860	1858 – 1860	25 Jul 1858	C10	56; other plates not yet recorded
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British Guiana  
A04 of Berbice (New Amsterdam)  
SG Spec. C10, plate 56  
Circular dated back-stamp  
BERBICE JY 25 58

British Honduras	Belize		14 Apr 1858	1858 – 1860	May 1858 – end-Apr 1860	17 Mar 1860	C10	56; others exist but unplated.
			28 Apr 1858					



British Honduras  
A06 of Belize  
SG Spec. C10, plate 56

British Levant	Constantinople Civilian Post Office opened 1 or 2 July 1857 (Ref. 6) and not September 1857, as in Parmenter (Ref. 7)	 <b>FORGERIES</b> are known.  <b>Back-stamps</b>  	2 May 1857 (Ref. 6) and not 15 Oct 1857 as in Parmenter (Ref. 7)	Jul 1857 or earlier - 1891	22 Sep 1857 – 1900	7 Dec 1859	C1	R5
							C3	4
							C4	Exist but unplated.
							C6	Exist but unplated.
							C10	27, 34, 36, 39, 42, 43, 44, 47, 48, 49, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 62, 63, 66, 68
			2 May 1857	1 Jul 1857 – 1866	(unstamped mail before this date received the PAID back-stamp)		C12	Exist but unplated.
			2 May 1857	5 Sep 1857 – 13 Aug 1875				



Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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British Levant  
C of Constantinople  
Spec. C1, plate R5



British Levant  
C of Constantinople  
Spec. C3, plate 4  
[ex – Author's collection]



British Levant  
C of Constantinople  
SG Spec. C10, plate 58  
Circular dated back-stamp  
BRITISH POST OFFICE  
CONSTANTINOPLE DE 7 1859  
[ex – Author's collection]

British Levant	Smyrna (cancelled after UK arrival)					9 Feb 1943	B1	30
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British Levant

Smyrna

SG Spec. B1, plate 30 (DF)

Folded letter dated 9 February 1843 from Smyrna to London, stamp tied on arrival by a black Maltese Cross cancellation repeated below, with a handstruck T.P/G<sup>t</sup> Russell S<sup>t</sup> B<sup>o</sup> alongside in black; London arrival date-stamp MR 2 1843 on the reverse.

British Virgin Islands	Road Town, Tortola		14 Apr 1858	1858 – 1860	1858 – 1860	Not recorded on cover	C10	46, 52
			28 Apr 1858					



British Virgin Islands

A13 of Tortola

SG Spec. C10, plate 52

Canada	Montreal					3 Apr 1856	C4 or C5	12; watermark unchecked.
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Canada

Concentric circle obliterator

SG Spec. C4 or C5, plate 12  
(watermark unchecked)

Folded letter with double-arc circular date-stamp  
MONTREAL AP 4 1856


Chile	Coquimbo		26 Jan 1865	1865 – 1874	1865 – 1881		C10	Exist but unplated.
Colombia	Carthagena		1865	1865 – 1872	Aug 1865 – 1881	31 Jan 1869	C10	Unplated cover to Le Havre seen.
Danish West Indies	St Thomas		16 Jun 1865	Aug 1865 – 6 Dec 1872	1865 – 1877		C10	Exist but unplated.
Dominica	Roseau		14 Apr 1858	May 1858 – May 1860	1858 – 1860		C10	36, 44, 47, 48, 56



Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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Dominica  
A07 of Roseau  
SG Spec. C10, plate 47

Ecuador	Guayadil		26 Jan 1865	1865 – 1880	1865 – 1880		C10	Exist but unplated.
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Ecuador  
C41 of Guayadil  
SG Spec. C10, unplated

Egypt (Ottoman Empire)	Alexandria The British Packet Agency in Alexandria was converted to a Post Office in March 1858. Mail from Cairo was, at first, forwarded to and cancelled at Alexandria.		8 Aug 1859	1859 – 1878	Mar 1858 – 1879	5 Nov 1861 11 Nov 1860	C10	44, 60; others exist but unplated.
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Egypt  
B01 of Alexandria  
Circular dated back-stamp:  
ALEXANDRIA 5 NO 61  
SG Spec. C10, plate 44

Egypt (Ottoman Empire)	Cairo - use of a similar B01 obliterator at Cairo		26 Sep 1859	1859 – 1873	1859 – 30 Jun 1873	26 Mar 1861	C10	60; others exist but unplated.
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Egypt  
B01 of Cairo  
Circular date-stamp:  
CAIRO 26 MR 61  
SG Spec. C10, plate 60

Egypt (Ottoman Empire)	Alexandria or Cairo  [loose stamps, off-cover]	 FAKED obliterators known.		1859 – 1878	Mar 1858 – 1879		B1	FAKED obliterator on Plate 109.
							C8	45
							C10	44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 55, 56, 60, 62, R17
							C12	50, 51

Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Egypt	Suez		8 Aug 1859 10 Aug 1859	1859 – 1878	1859 – 30 Mar 1878	19 May 1860 11 Sep 1863 10 Apr 1864	C10	27, 44, 46, 47, 48, 52, 55, 59, 60



Egypt  
B01 of Alexandria or Cairo  
SG Spec. C8, plate 45



Egypt  
FAKED B01 of Alexandria or Cairo,  
(altered from 806 or 808)  
SG Spec. B1, plate 109



Egypt  
B01 of Alexandria or Cairo  
SG Spec. C12, plate 51  
[ex – Author's collection]

Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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Egypt

B02 of Suez

Circular date-stamp:  
SUEZ AP 10 64



SG Spec. C10, plate 60



Egypt

B02 of Suez ?

SG Spec. C10, plate 68 (KE) sold as B02, but the obliterator is 802.

Fernando-Po	—	 	19 Feb 1859  19 Feb 1859	1859 – 1874	Jul 1860 – Jun 1862, and again in 1875		C10	Exist but unplated. Some covers were last displayed in the 1980's and their current whereabouts are unknown.
France	Calais	manuscript 5				7 Mar 1842	B1	19



Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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France

Calais

SG Spec. B1, plate 19

Entire from Calais to London, the stamp tied by manuscript '5' applied in France, with a CALAIS 6 MARS 1842 circular date-stamp. Not accepted for postage upon arrival in England and charged 1/3.

France	—			1849 – 1852		16 Oct 1851	B1	114, 121
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France (black and white scan)

Diamond grill

SG Spec. B1, plate 114 (SC, SD)

Circular date-stamp  
STRASBOURG 16 OCT 1851

France	—			1852 – 1863			B1	75
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France

Continuous dots in red,  
over a faint circular date-stamp

SG Spec. B1, plate 75

[ex – Author's collection]

France	Paris – Central Bureau			—		4 Nov 1856	C1	Exist but unplated.
							C3	4
							C10	42, 55



France

20mm circular date-stamp of the Paris Central Bureau  
PARIS 4 NOV 56

SG Spec. C3, plate 4


[ex – Author's collection]



France

20mm cds

SG Spec. C10, plate 55

France	Marseille			1852 – 1862			C8	35
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SG Spec. C8 Plate 35 stamps are known used from the Crimean War, as is mail carried from there by French boat and cancelled at Marseille; off-cover, such use or the route of this stamp cannot be confirmed.

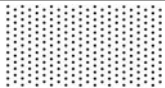


France

'Petit chiffre losange' 1896 of Marseille

SG Spec. C8, plate 35 (KC)

[ex – Author's collection]

Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
France	Paris – Central Bureau			1852 – 1863		24 Oct 1857	C10	37



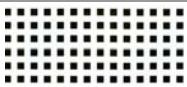
France

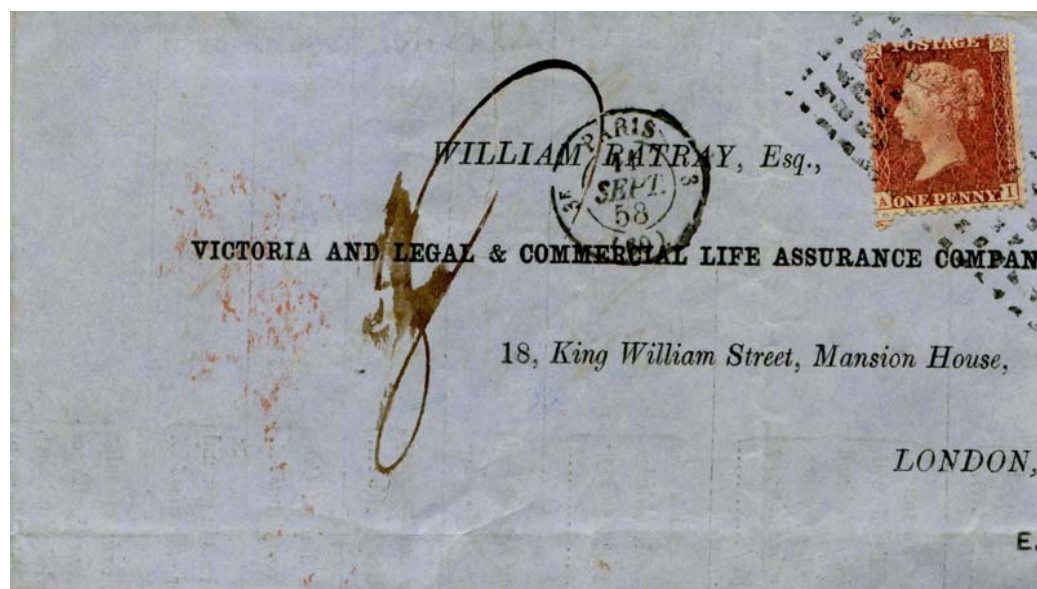
A pin (roller ?) obliterator was used on registered mail and on mail to foreign destinations.

SG Spec. C10, plate 37

Paris Central Bureau circular date-stamp PARIS 24 OCT 57, with 8d postage due in manuscript and London barred oval, 11 in diamond, en-route to Ireland. Back-stamped with Calais dated transit mark, PARIS – CALAIS 24 OCT 57, London dated transit mark LONDON OC25 57, and Dublin dated arrival mark OC 26 1857.

[ex – Author's collection]

France	Paris – Central Bureau			1849 – 1875 (and later?)		11 Sep 1858	C10	55
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France

A roller-obliterator of large continuous squares, which was used on registered mail and mail to foreign destinations.

SG Spec. C10, plate 55

Paris Central Bureau circular date-stamp PARIS 11 SEPT. 58, 8d postage due in manuscript, and back-stamped with dated arrival mark LONDON SP13 58

[ex – Author's collection]

Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Germany	Baden			1846		1 Sep 1846	B1	65



Germany

Date-stamp  
BADEN 1 Sep 46

SG Spec. B1, plate 65

R.F.B. handstamp in black (Rayon Frontalier Badois) is the border crossing mark, into France; back-stamped with UK arrival mark NT 6 SP 1846 in red and receiving office mark REIGATE SE 7 1846 in black.

[From the Pearson correspondence]

Germany	Bavaria – Railway Post					12 Aug - -	B1	32
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Germany

Royal Bavarian State Railways, (*Königliche Bayerische Staats-Eisenbahnen*)

Circular date-stamp: K.B. BAHNPOST 12 AUG - -

SG Spec. B1, plate 32

Germany	Frankfurt					24 Aug 1846	B1	65
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Germany

Circular date-stamp:  
FRANKFURT 24 AUG 1846

SG Spec. B1, plate 65(LH, LI)

German rate mark, despatch date-stamp 25 8, framed 'P.D.' in red, and French transit mark 27 August. London Paid date-stamp of AU29 1846 and Reigate arrival date-stamp AU29 1846 on the reverse.

[From the Pearson correspondence]

Gibraltar	The Packet Agency had premises at Turnbull's Lane and the Overland Post Office operated from the office of the Colonial Secretary in Secretary's Lane. (Ref. 8)	<b>SHIP LETTER</b> (upon arrival in UK)				21 Dec 1848	B1	76
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Gibraltar

London SHIP LETTER hand-stamp struck on arrival

SG Spec. B1, plate 76

Sender departed for India, overland from Gibraltar. The cover carried a GIBRALTAR SHIP LETTER mark and circular date-stamp GIBRALTAR DE 21 1848 on the front, but the stamp was cancelled at the port of arrival by the SHIP LETTER (London) handstamp. On reverse are the London arrival mark for 7<sup>th</sup> December 1848, and a green Gerrards Cross circular date-stamp for 8<sup>th</sup> December 1848

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection]

Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Gibraltar	The Gibraltar Post Office was created on 1 <sup>st</sup> January 1857, when the Packet Agency and the Overland Post Office were amalgamated under the control of the Postmaster General of Great Britain and Ireland. The Postmaster Edmund Creswell secured funding from London for building a new post office, work on the building commenced at 104 Main Street and it was inaugurated on 1 <sup>st</sup> September 1858. (Ref. 8)		25 Aug 1857	1857 – 19 Feb 1859	3 Sep 1857 – end-1885	10SP 1857 1 Oct 1857 14 Oct 1857 22 Oct 1857 24 Mar 1858 25 Feb 1863	B2	Exist but unplated.
							C1	Exist but unplated.
							C2	Exist but unplated.
							C3	Exist but unplated.
							C4	Exist but unplated.
							C5	Exist but unplated.
							C6	Exist but unplated.
							C8	Exist but unplated.
							C10	27, 34, 42, 44, 47, 55, 56, 57



Gibraltar


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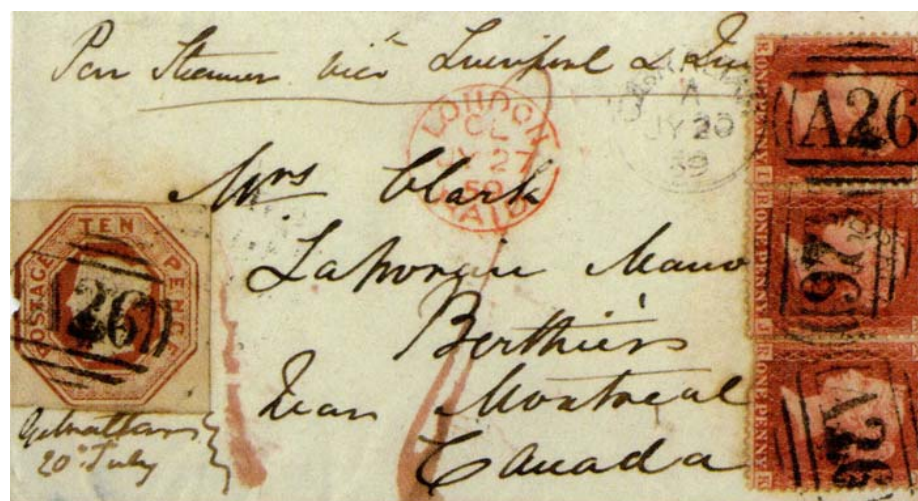
SG Spec. C10, plate 34

Circular date-stamp GIBRALTAR 10SP 1857

Red cachet VIA DE MARE (E) added to mail arriving by sea at Genoa.



Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Gibraltar	104 Main Street		2 Feb 1859  2 Feb 1859	end-Feb 1859 – Dec 1885	3 Sep 1857 – end-1885	11 Jul 1859 JU20 59		<u>Note: combined record for A26 and cds – A26 duplex:</u>
							B2	Exist but unplated.
							C1	169
							C6	Exist but unplated.
							C8	Exist but unplated.
							C10	27, 44, 46, 47, 49, 52, 55, 56, 66, 68, R17
							C12	50, 51
							C13	R15



Gibraltar

A26

SG Spec. C10, plate 47

Circular date-stamp, applied separately:  
GIBRALTAR JY20 59




Gibraltar,

A26

SG Spec. C13d, plate R15

[ex – Author's collection]

Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Greece	—	—		1852 – 1854?			B2	Exist but unplated.
Grenada	St George's		14 Apr 1858	1858 – 1860	1858 – 1860	8 Feb 1858 9 Dec 1858 20 Dec 1858	C8	38
							C10	44, 56, 58, 60







Grenada  
A15 of St George's  
SG Spec. C10, plate 56  
Circular dated back-stamp  
GRENADA 8 FE 1859

Italy	Genoa	VIA DI MARE (E)		1851 – 1863			C10	57
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The mark was probably applied as the stamp was uncanceled upon arrival. The mail could have originated from Gibraltar, Malta or elsewhere, either carried by a British packet boat or carried by the French Malta to Marseille paquebot, which sailed via Messina, Naples, Civita Vecchia, Livorno and Genoa.





Italy  
Genoa – red VIA DI MARE (E) mark.  
SG Spec. C10, plate 57  
The mark was applied to mail arriving by ship at Genoa.




Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Jamaica	Kingston Head Post Office		14 Apr 1858	8 May 1858 – 1864	8 May 1858	MR 31 59	C10	42, 43, 44, 47, 48, 49, 52, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60
			28 Apr 1859			SP 10 59	C11	Exist but plates not yet recorded.
			28 Apr 1859			MR 13 60	C12	51; see Footnote 2.
			28 Apr 1859			AP 24 60 MY 7 60 JY 11 60		



Jamaica  
A01 of Kingston  
SG Spec. C10, plate 59  
Circular date-stamp  
KINGSTON JAMAICA JY 11 60




Jamaica	Kingston Head Post Office		30 Apr 1858	May 1859 – 1870	May 1858 – 1860		C10	Exist but unplated.
			30 Apr 1858					
		FORGERIES are known.						



Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Jamaica	Kingston Head Post Office		30 Apr 1859	30 May 1858 – 19 Jul 1859	May 1858 – 1860		C10	Exist but unplated.
Jamaica	Alexandria District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	55
Jamaica	Annotto Bay District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	37, 41






Jamaica  
A28 of Annotto Bay  
SG Spec. C10, plate 41

Jamaica	Bath District Post Office			1858 – 1859	May 1858 – 1860		C10	Exist but unplated. Before delivery of A29 obliterator, circular date-stamp on front and stamps cancelled A01 at Kingston.
Jamaica	Bath District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	Exist but unplated.
Jamaica	Black River District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860	12 Dec 1859	C10	57; others exist but unplated.








Jamaica  
A30 of Black River  
SG Spec. C10, plate 57  
Circular back-stamp  
BLACK RIVER JAMAICA DE 12 59  
[ex – Author's collection]



Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Jamaica	Brown's Town District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	Exist but unplated.
Jamaica	Buff Bay District Post Office			1858 – 1859	May 1858 – 1860		C10	Exist but unplated. Before delivery of A32 obliterator, circular date-stamp on front and stamps cancelled A01 at Kingston Head PO
Jamaica	Buff Bay District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860	JU 12 60	C10	43, 49



Jamaica  
A32 of Buff Bay  
SG Spec. C10, plate 49  
Circular date-stamp  
BUFF BAY JAMAICA JU12 1860

Jamaica	Chapelton District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	Exist but unplated including the example in the Joseph Mahfood collection.
Jamaica	Claremont District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	Exist but unplated.
Jamaica	Clarendon District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	48
Jamaica	Dry Harbour District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	Exist but unplated.
Jamaica	Duncans District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1858 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	58



Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Jamaica	Ewarton District Post Office							Post Office closed before A38 obliterator delivered.
Jamaica	Falmouth District Post Office			1858 – 1859	May 1858 – 1860	20 Oct 1858 25 Jan 1859	C10	59 Before delivery of A39 obliterator, circular date-stamp on front and stamps cancelled A01 at Kingston Head Office.




Jamaica

Falmouth (before delivery of A39 obliterator)

SG Spec. C10, plate 59

Stamps affixed to cover at Falmouth and circular date-stamp FALMOUTH JAMAICA OC 20 58 on front. Stamps cancelled A01 at Kingston Head Office, with manuscript date **22<sup>nd</sup> Oct'r 1858** added by Postmaster.

Jamaica	Falmouth District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860	20 Dec 1859 7 Feb 1860	C10	55, 57, 59, 60 Unplated pair on partial cover in the Joseph Mahfood collection.
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Jamaica

A39 of Falmouth

SG Spec. C10, plate 57

[ex – Author's collection]

Jamaica	Flint River District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1858	May 1858 – 1860		C10	56
Jamaica	Gayle District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	36


Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Jamaica	Golden Spring District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	Exist but unplated.
Jamaica	Gordon Town District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	Exist but unplated.
Jamaica	Goshen (Santa Cruz) District Post Office			1858	May 1858 – 1860	FE – – 1859	C10	Unplateable cover; others seen remain unplated. Before delivery of A44 obliterator, circular date-stamp on front and stamps cancelled A01 at Kingston Head Office.



Jamaica

Goshen circular date-stamp FE - - 1859, (before delivery of A44), with Kingston Head Post Office A01

SG Spec. C10, unplateable

Jamaica	Goshen (Santa Cruz) District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860	JY 5 1859 2 Sep 1859 19 Dec 1859	C10	34, 48, 57, 59
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Jamaica




A44 of Goshen

SG Spec. C10, plate 59

Circular date-stamp GOSHEN JY 5 1859

[ex – Joseph Mahfood collection]

Jamaica	Grange Hill District Post Office			1858	May 1858 – 1860		C10	Exist but unplated. Before delivery of A45 obliterator, circular date-stamp on front and stamps cancelled A01 at Kingston Head Office.
Jamaica	Grange Hill District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1858	May 1858 – 1860		C10	49

Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Jamaica	Green Island District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	Exist but unplated.
Jamaica	Highgate District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860	27 Dec 1859	C10	57, 58
Jamaica	Hope Bay District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860	AP15 1859	C10	48; others seen but unplated.



Jamaica

A48 of Hope Bay

SG Spec. C10, plate 48 (TG-TH-TI-TJ)

Circular dated back-stamp HOPE - BAY AP15 1859

[ex – Joseph Mahfood collection]

Jamaica	Lilliput District Post Office	cds				JA25 58	C10	42
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Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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Jamaica

Circular date-stamp LILLIPUT JA25 58 and stamps cancelled by A01 obliterator of Kingston, date-stamp showing inverted month slug. Usage before the arrival of the A49 obliterator for Lilliput.

SG Spec. C10, plate 42 (II-IJ,HI-HJ-HK-IK)

Circular dated back-stamp HOPE - BAY AP15 1859

[ex – Joseph Mahfood collection]

Jamaica	Lilliput District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860	JY 10 59 SP 27 59 OC 11 59	C10	34, 47, 59, 61 and an unplated pair on partial cover in the Joseph Mahfood collection.
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Jamaica

A49 of Lilliput

SG Spec. C10, plate 61



Circular date-stamp  
LILLIPUT JAMAICA SP27 59



Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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Jamaica  
A49 of Lilliput  
SG Spec. C10, plate 61  
Circular date-stamp  
LILLIPUT JAMAICA SP27 59

Jamaica	Little River District Post Office							Post Office closed before A50 obliterator delivered.
Jamaica	Lucea District Post Office	manuscript <b>PO Lucea</b>		1858	May 1858 – 1860		C10	Exist but unplated. Before delivery of A51 obliterator, District Office in manuscript on front, and stamps cancelled A01 at Kingston Head Office.
Jamaica	Lucea District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	59





Jamaica  
A51 of Lucea  
SG Spec. C10, plate 59(RF)

Jamaica	Manchioneal District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	Exist but unplated.
Jamaica	Mandeville District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860	AU23 1859 JU17 1859	C10	59; others seen but unplated.

Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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Jamaica  
A53 of Mandeville  
SG Spec. C10, plate 59  
Circular back-stamp  
MANDEVILLE JAMAICA JU17 59

Jamaica	May Hill (Spur Tree) District Post Office			1858 – 1859	May 1858 – 1860	JA25 1859	C10	Covers seen but unplated. Before A54 delivered, circular date-stamp on front of cover and stamps cancelled A01 at Kingston Head Office.
Jamaica	May Hill (Spur Tree) District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860	SP 20 59 OC 7 1959 OC 15 59	C10	36, 59





Jamaica  
A54 of May Hill (Spur Tree)  
SG Spec. C10, plate 59  
Stamps cancelled A54 at May Hill,  
with circular dated back-stamp  
MAY HILL SP27 1859.  
Circular date-stamp SP28 59 applied to front at  
Kingston.

Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Jamaica	Mile Gulley District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	42, 59; others seen but unplated.





Jamaica  
A55 of Mile Gulley  
SG Spec. C10, plate 59 (QF)  
[ex – Author's collection]


Jamaica	Moneague District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	Exist but unplated.
Jamaica	Montego Bay District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860	MR 3 1859 AP18 1859	C10	37, 48, 49, 57, 60; others seen but unplated. MR 3 1859 cover has A57, sending office, and A76, receiving office, obliterated on an unplated pair.



Jamaica  
A57 of Montego Bay  
SG Spec. C10, plate 49 (JC-KC)  
Circular date-stamp MONTEGO BAY AP18 1859  
[ex – Joseph Mahfood collection]





Jamaica	Montpelier District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	Exist but unplated.
Jamaica	Morant Bay District Post Office	 FAKED obliterator known.	delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	Exist but unplated.



Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Jamaica	Ocho Rios District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	57; others unplated.




Jamaica  
A60 of Ocho Rios  
SG Spec. C10, plate 57 (OE-OF)  
[ex – Joseph Mahfood collection]

Jamaica	Old Harbour District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	36, 58
Jamaica	Plantain Garden River District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	56, 59 Unplated single on partial cover in the Joseph Mahfood collection.
Jamaica	Pear Tree Grove District Post Office			1858			—	No genuine examples known.
Jamaica	Port Antonio District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	34, 47, 48, 58




Jamaica  
A64 of Port Antonio  
SG Spec. C10, plate 47 (RE)  
[ex – Joseph Mahfood collection]

Jamaica	Port Morant District Post Office	manuscript <b>Port Morant</b>		1858	May 1858 – 1860		C10	Exist but unplated. Before A65 delivered, District Office written on front of cover and stamps cancelled A01 at Kingston Head Office.
Jamaica	Port Morant District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	49, 56



Jamaica  
A65 of Port Morant  
SG Spec. C10, plate 56  
[ex – Author's collection]



Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Jamaica	Port Maria District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	52, 56; others seen but unplated.





Jamaica

A66 of Port Maria

SG Spec. C10, plate 52 (KI, KJ, KK, KL)

Circular date-stamp PORT MARIA DE27 1859

[ex – Joseph Mahfood collection]

Jamaica	Port Royal District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860	29 Aug 1864	C10	Exist but unplated. 1864 cover marked “ <b>no good</b> 2d to Pay”
Jamaica	Porus District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860	JU17 1859	C10	55; and unplated cover.



Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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Jamaica

A68 of Porus

SG Spec. C10, plate 55 on unfolded piece showing circular dated back-stamp: PORUS JU17 1859

Jamaica	Ramble District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	47, 57
Jamaica	Rio Bueno District Post Office			1858	May 1858 – 1860	25 Feb 1859	C10	60 Before delivery of A70 obliterator, circular date-stamp with day and month in manuscript on front, and stamps cancelled A01 at Kingston Head Office.

Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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Jamaica

Rio Bueno (before delivery of A70 obliterator)

SG Spec. C10, plate 60

Stamps placed on cover at Rio Bueno with circular date-stamp on front RIO BUENO JAMAICA **Feb 25** 1859 and stamps cancelled A01 at Kingston Head Office.

Jamaica	Rio Bueno District Post Office	(A70)	delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	48, 58, 59
Jamaica	Rodney Hall (Linstead) District Post Office	(A71)	delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860	16 Sep 1859	C10	36, 44, 47, 48
Jamaica	Saint David (Yallahs) District Post Office	(A72)	delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	59
Jamaica	St Ann's Bay District Post Office	(A73)	delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860	25 Mar 1859	C10	36, 49, 55, 59







Jamaica

A73 of St Anne's Bay

SG Spec. C10, plate 55 (SH-SI)


Circular dated back-stamp:  
ST ANN'S BAY 25 MR 59

[ex-Joseph Mahfood collection]

Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Jamaica	Salt Gut District Post Office			1859	May 1858 – 1860	FE18 1859	C10	Cover seen but unplated. Before delivery of A74 obliterator, circular date-stamp with day and month in manuscript on front and stamps cancelled A01 at Kingston Head Office.
Jamaica	Salt Gut District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	Exist but unplated.
Jamaica	Savanna-La-Mar District Post Office			1858	May 1858 – 1860	AU 5 1858	C10	Cover seen but unplated. Before delivery of A75 obliterator, circular date-stamp on cover with stamps cancelled A01 at Kingston Head Office.
Jamaica	Savanna-La-Mar District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860	MR - - 59 JU 2 59 MR 10 60	C10	34, 56, 57 Unplated strip of 4 on partial cover front in the Joseph Mahfood collection.





Jamaica  
A75 of Savanna-La-Mar  
SG Spec. C10, plate 34  
[ex – Author's collection]

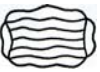



Jamaica	Spanish Town District Post Office	$\frac{1}{2}$		1858 – 1859	May 1858 – 1860		C10	Exist but unplated. Before delivery of A76 obliterator, ½ handstamp used as a canceller.
Jamaica	Spanish Town District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860	8 Sep 1859	C10	34, 42, 59, 61



Jamaica  
A76 of Spanish Town  
SG Spec. C10, pPlate 59  
[ex – Author's collection]

Jamaica	Stewart Town District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860	24 June 1859	C10	Exist but unplated.
Jamaica	Vere (Alley) District Post Office		delivered Mar 1859	1859 – 1861	May 1858 – 1860		C10	59



Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Malta	Valetta	<b>MALTA SHIP LETTER</b>	1841	1841 – 1 Feb 1880		19 Aug 1863 28 Aug 1863	C10	Two unplated covers to Corfu are recorded by the Malta Study Circle. (Ref. 9)
Letters which were to be carried by non-packet ships, (vessels not under contract to the Post Office), were struck with the ‘MALTA SHIP LETTER’ hand-stamp at the Malta Packet Office or, later, at the Malta Post Office. (Ref. 10)								
Malta	Valetta	 	Data concerning mail sorted and cancelled at Malta with these postmarks are listed under <i>Crimean War Mail</i> .					
Malta	Valetta British Post Office opened September 1857	 The bottom of the 'V' in the centre of a genuine 'M', touches the base of the letter, level with the feet of the two uprights. (Ref. 11).  <b>FORGED obliterator</b> 	not dated	12 Sep 1857 – 13 Feb 1859  (Some later use recorded in 1861)	Sep 1857 – 31 Dec 1884	27 Nov 1857 9 Jan 1858 1 Feb 1858 6 Feb 1858 20 Mar 1858 27 Mar 1858 19 Apr 1858 21 Apr 1858 24 Apr 1858 17 Jul 1858 15 May 1858 23 Oct 1858	B1	No genuine examples seen
							B1	FORGED obliterator 75(QG), 94(AI), 125(EI)
							B2	144 reported but not seen
							B2	FORGED obliterator 139(TB)
							C1	R4
							C3	Exist but unplated.
							C4	7
							C5	7
							C6	2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 15, 16, 17
							C8	26, 27, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38
							C9	44
							C10	27, 34, 36, 37, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 64
							C11	44



Malta  
FORGED ‘M’  
SG Spec. B1, plate 75(QG)



Malta  
FORGED ‘M’  
SG Spec. B1, plate 94(AI)

Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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Malta

M

SG Spec. C6, plate 17

Piece opened out to show circular dated back-stamp MALTA AP 21 58 in red

[ex – Author's collection]



Malta

M

SG Spec. C10, plate 55

Circular dated back-stamp MALTA MR27 1858 in red

[ex – Author's collection]

Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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Malta

M

SG Spec. C11, plate 44

Malta	Valetta		2 Feb 1859	1859 – 1884	1857 – 1884		B1	25
			2 Feb 1859				B2	141, 151, 158, 168
			2 Feb 1859				C1	Exist but unplated.
			2 Feb 1859				C4	1, 8
			2 Feb 1859				C5	Exist but unplated.
			2 Feb 1859				C6	13, 20
			2 Feb 1859				C8	27, 31, 33, 34, 43, 46
							C10	27, 39, 63



Malta

A25


SG Spec. B1, plate 25



Malta

A25

SG Spec. C10, plate 39

Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Malta	Valetta		2 Feb 1859	1859 – 1884	1857 – 1884	MR 19 59	B2	158
			MY 7 59			C4	1	
			MY 25 59			C8	27, 34, 43,	
			JU 4 59			C10	27, 34, 36, 37, 38, 39, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66, 67, 68, R17	
			JY - - 59					
			OC 22 “56”					
			NO 5 “56”			C10	59, Greece – Athens sailor’s letter	
			NO 21 “56”					
			DE 16 59			C12	50, 51	
			DE 5 59			C13	R15, R16	
			DE 19 59					
			MR 2 60					
			MR 20 60					
			MR 23 60					
			MY 25 60					
			OC 8 61					
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			MY 17 61					
			MY 18 61					
			JU 8 61					
			OC 30 63					
			JA - - 62					
			MR 23 63					
			MR 2 64					



Malta

cds-A25 duplex MALTA DE 19 62

SG Spec. C8, plate 43



Malta

A25 duplex MALTA NO 5 56 [inverted ‘9’]

SG Spec. C10, plate 55 (HJ-HK-HL)

Between 30<sup>th</sup> September 1859 and 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1859, the ‘9’ in the year part of the date was accidentally inverted, forming the date ‘56’ instead of ‘59’. (Ref. 28).



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Malta

A25 duplex MALTA MR 2 60

SG Spec. C10, plate 34 (LF) and Plate 62 (LD)

Oval PD and transit marks on front.  
Back-stamped with black transit mark PARIS 6  
MARS 60 and red receiving mark  
AMSTERDAM 7 / 3 1860



Malta	Valetta		17 Dec 1880	8 Jan 1881 – 22 Dec 1884; also used on military mail up to 15 Jan 1897			B1	The one unplated example is philatelic. (Ref. 11)
Montserrat	Plymouth	 	14 Apr 1858  28 Apr 1858	1858 – 1860	1858 – 1860		C10	42, 43, 47, 48, 56, 60



Montserrat

A08 of Plymouth

SG Spec. C10, plate 60

Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Nevis	Charlestown	 	14 Apr 1858  28 Apr 1858	1858 – 1860	1858 – 1860		C10	41, 46, 47, 48, 55, 56










Nevis

A09 of Charlestown

SG Spec. C10, plate 46


[ex – Author's collection]

New Zealand	Auckland					1862 – 1863	C12	51 On cover with circular date-stamp, possibly cancelled on arrival.
Nigeria	Lagos	  	19 Feb 1859  16 Feb 1859  made locally	1859 – 1874	Jul 1860 – Jun 1862		C10	Exist but unplated. Covers were last displayed in the 1980's and their current whereabouts are unknown.
Morocco	Tangier	Cancelled at Gibraltar			Mar 1858 – Dec 1885		C10	Exist but unplated. Mail from Tangier, pre-paid in British stamps, was later cancelled in Gibraltar.
Porto Rico	San Juan		14 Aug 1865	1865 – 1877	1865 – 1877		C10	Exist but unplated.
St Christopher (St Kitts)	Basseterre	 	14 Apr 1858  28 April 1858	1858 – 1860	1858 – 1860	13 Sep 1858	C10	27, 49

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St Christopher  
A12 of Basseterre  
SG Spec. C10, plate 27  
Dated back-stamp  
BASSETTERRE ST CHRISTOPHER  
SE 13 58

St Lucia	Castries		14 Apr 1858	1858 – 1860	1858 – 1860		C10:	36, 44, 48, 52, 55, 57, 59
			28 Apr 1858					FORGERIES of obliterator are known.




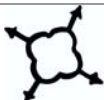
St Lucia  
A11 of Castries  
SG Spec. C10, plate 55

St Vincent	Kingstown		14 Apr 1858	1858 – 1860	1858 – 1860	11 Jun 1859 11 Jul 1859 9 Apr 1861	C10	27, 41, 43, 47, 48, 55, 57
			28 Apr 1858					FORGERIES of the A10 obliterator are known, but are usually on the issues of the late-1800s.

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St Vincent  
A10 of Kingstown  
SG Spec. C10, plate 57  
Back-stamped  
KINGSTOWN ST VINCENT JU23 58

Spain	San Roque 'parilla' on mail from Gibraltar			1852 – 1862 and later			B1	Exist but unplated.
							B2	151; others exist but unplated.
							C1	Exist but unplated.
Spain	— 'telaraña' on mail from Gibraltar			1852 – 1857			B1	123



Spain (black and white scan)  
'telaraña' or 'spider-web'  
SG Spec. B1, plate 123



Spain	San Roque 'rueda' on mail from Gibraltar			1852 – 1862 and later			B1	Exist but unplated.
							B2	Exist but unplated.
							C1	Exist but unplated.
Tobago	Scarborough		14 Apr 1858	1858 – 1860	May 1858		C10	43, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 56, 59
			28 Apr 1858					



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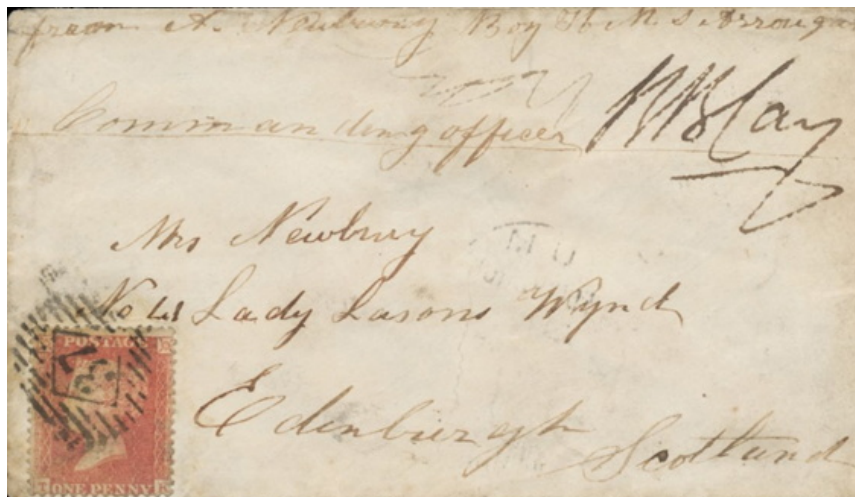


Tobago  
A14 of Scarborough  
SG Spec. C10, plate 48

United States	Cancelled upon arrival?			1841 – 1854?			B1	Exist but unplated.
							B2	Exist but unplated.
Uruguay	Montevideo				1864 – 1872			No examples of penny red stars recorded, but 4d rose seen on cover dated 2 March 1864.
Uruguay	Montevideo		8 Oct 1864	1864 – 1872	1864 – 1872			No examples of penny red stars recorded.

# Concession Mail for British Soldiers and Sailors, (Excluding the Crimean War)

Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Ascension	Sailors' letters	Cancelled after UK arrival					C10	61



Ascension sailor's letter

SG Spec. C10, plate 61, cancelled after UK arrival by '37'-in-diamond cancel of London Foreign Branch.

1861 sailor's letter from HMS Arrowgant at Ascension. Carried per Union SS "Norman", departed Ascension 5<sup>th</sup> July 1861, arrived Plymouth 31<sup>st</sup> July 1861.

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection lot151]

Australia	New South Wales Sailor's letter	Cancelled after UK arrival					C10	52
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Australia sailor's letter

SG Spec. C10, plate 52, cancelled after UK arrival by '50'-in-diamond of the London Foreign Branch.

1864 sailor's letter from HMS Salamander, surveying along the east coast of the continent.

Carried per P&O "Bombay", departed Sydney 22/10/1864; "Simla", departed Galle 17/11/1864; "Delhi", departed Alexandria 4/12/1864, arrived Southampton 21/12/1864.

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection lot 245]

Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Bermuda	Sailors' letters	Cancelled after UK arrival				Jan 1856	C6	7
						Feb 1862 Jun 1864	C10	60 & one unplated (misperf) cover

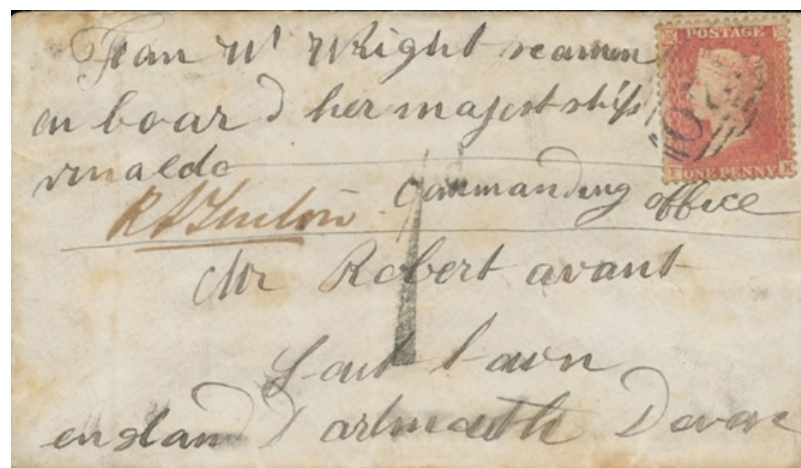


Bermuda sailor's letter

SG Spec. C6, plate 7, cancelled after UK arrival by 43-in-diamond of the London Inland Branch.

January 1856 cover from a seaman on HMS *Boscawen*, Bermuda with a London back-stamp and CHATHAM MR 6 1856 arrival back—stamp in blue. Carried per SS *Curlew*, departed Nassau 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1856, arrived St Thomas 29<sup>th</sup> January 1856; RMS *Parana*, departed St Thomas 18<sup>th</sup> February 1856: arrived Southampton 5<sup>th</sup> March 1856.

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection lot 312]



Bermuda sailor's letter

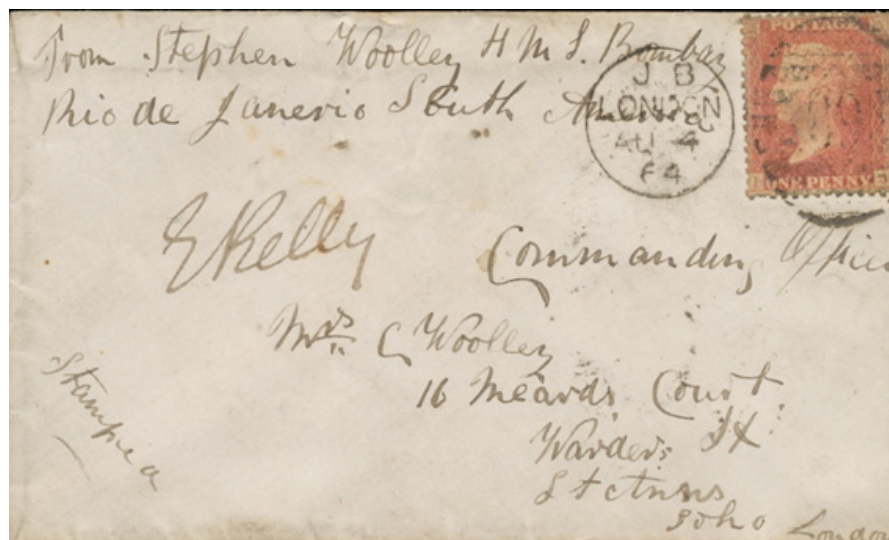
SG Spec. C10, plate 60, cancelled after UK arrival by 302 of Plymouth.

Sailor's letter from HMS *Rinaldo* at Bermuda. Carried by HMS *Cleopatra* to England, with dated arrival back-stamp: PLYMOUTH MR 5 1862.

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection lot 313]



Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Brazil	Rio de Janeiro Sailors' letters	Cancelled after UK arrival				Jun 1864	C10	61, 62



Brazil sailor's letter

SG Spec. C10, plate 62, cancelled after UK arrival by a London duplex.

Sailor's letter from HMS Bombay at Rio de Janeiro. Carried by PSNC Magdalena, departed Rio de Janeiro 9<sup>th</sup> June 1864; arrived Southampton 4<sup>th</sup> August 1864.

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection lot 293]

British Honduras	Sailors' letters	Cancelled after UK arrival				Sep 1860	C10	57
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British Honduras sailor's letter

SG Spec. C10, plate 57, cancelled after UK arrival by a LONDON OC 13 60 / 88 in diamond duplex Pearson Hill machine cancellation.

1860 cover from a marine on HMS Icarus, Belize Bay, Honduras. Carried per RMSP Wye, departed Belize 17<sup>th</sup> September 1860; Conway, departed Kingston 24<sup>th</sup> September 1860; Atrato, departed St Thomas 30<sup>th</sup> September 1860; arrived Southampton 13<sup>th</sup> October 1860.

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection lot 301]



Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Canada	Esquimalt British Columbia Sailors' letters	Cancelled after UK arrival				Apr 1862	C10	52




Canada sailor's letter

Esquimalt Naval Base, British Columbia

SG Spec. C10, plate 52, cancelled after UK arrival by LONDON EC JU 12 62 – 82 duplex.

Sailor's letter from HMS *Bacchante* carried per PSNC to Panama; across the isthmus; RMSP *Solent*, departed Colon 8<sup>th</sup> May 1862, arrived St Thomas 14<sup>th</sup> May 1862; *Atrato* departed St Thomas 29<sup>th</sup> May 1862; arrived Southampton 12<sup>th</sup> June 1862.

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection lot 282]

Canada	Halifax, Nova Scotia Sailors' letters	Cunard mailboat A92					C10	One unplated cover, (primary listing under <i>Mailboats</i> ).  Royal Navy mail was put aboard the Cunard Line mailboat at Halifax, Nova Scotia.
Canada	Quebec Soldier's letter		13 Jan 1842				B2	Unplated
Chile	Valparaiso Sailors' letters	Cancelled after UK arrival				Apr 1853	B2	One unplated cover
						Feb 1864	C10	60

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Chile sailor's letter

Valparaiso

SG Spec. B2, unplate, cancelled after UK arrival 35-in-diamond cancel of the London Foreign Branch.

Sailor's letter from HMS *Amphitrite*, carried per PSNC *Santiago*, departed Valparaiso 15<sup>th</sup> April 1853 for Panama; carried across the isthmus; RMSP *Avon* departed Chargres 10<sup>th</sup> May 1853; *Plato* departed St Thomas and arrived Southampton 30<sup>th</sup> May 1853.

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection lot 295]



Chile sailor's letter

Valparaiso

SG Spec. C10, plate 60, cancelled after UK arrival 24-in-diamond cancel of the London Foreign Branch.

1864 cover from HMS *Columbine*, Valparaiso. 6d hand-stamp and a segmented inspector's hand-stamp in red on front; FM LONDON MR29 64 back-stamp in blue; YARMOUTH NORFOLK MR30 64 arrival Back-stamp in red. Carried per PSNC ?, departed Valparaiso 15<sup>th</sup> February 1864 for Panama; carried across the isthmus; RMSP *Tyne*, departed Colon 7<sup>th</sup> March 1864; *Atrato*, departed St Thomas 15<sup>th</sup> March 1864; arrived Southampton 29<sup>th</sup> March 1864.

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection lot 296]

China	Hong Kong Sailors' letters	Cancelled after UK arrival				Oct/Nov 1857	C8	31
						Apr/May 1859 Jun 1859	C10	43, 46, 55

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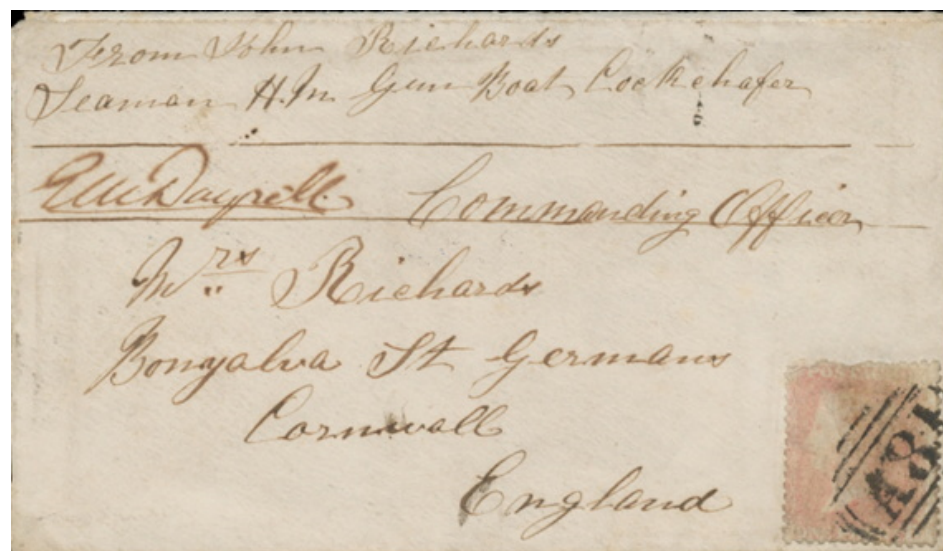


China, Hong-Kong sailor's letter  
SG Spec. C8, plate 31 (LD-LC, KC) and SG Spec. C10, Plate 55 (QC-QD-RC-RD, PD), cancelled after UK arrival by 44-in-diamond cancel of the London Inland Branch.

June 1859 sailor's letter from HMS Retribution. Arrival back-stamp PLYMOUTH AU 7 59

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection lot 209]

China	Hong Kong Sailors' letters	P&O mailboat A81				JU11 64	C10	One unplated cover, (primary listing under <i>Mailboats</i> ).
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China, Hong Kong sailor's letter  
A81 of P & O Line, used aboard SS *Baroda*  
SG Spec. C10, faded and unplated

Sailor's letter of 1864 from HMS Cockchafer (Gunboat). HONG-KONG C JU11 64 back-stamp in blue; carried per P&O *Orissa*, departed Hong Kong 13<sup>th</sup> June 1864; *Mooltan*, departed Galle 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1864; *Baroda*, departed Alexandria ?; *Delhi*, departed Malta 28<sup>th</sup> July 1864; arrived Southampton 6<sup>th</sup> August 1864; ST GERMANS AU 7 64 arrival back-stamp.

[ex-Gerald Elliott collection lot 218]



Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
China	Hong Kong Sailors' letters	P&O mailboat A83				1860 Dec 1860 AP 13 63	C10	44, 59, & one unplated (primary listing under <i>Mailboats</i> ).



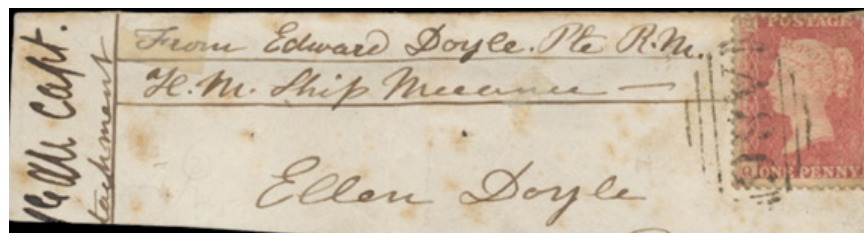
China, Hong Kong sailor's letter

A83 of P&O Line used aboard SS *Euxine*  
SG Spec. C10, plate 59

1860 Royal Marine's letter from HMS *Adventure* with GLASGOW FE18 61 arrival back-stamp. Carried per P&O *Ottawa*, departed Hong Kong 31<sup>st</sup> December 1860; *Nemesis*, departed Galle 18<sup>th</sup> January 1861; *Euxine*, departed Alexandria 4<sup>th</sup> February 1861; *Ceylon*, departed Malta 8<sup>th</sup> February 1861 and arrived Southampton 16<sup>th</sup> February 1861.

[ex-Gerald Elliott collection lot 217]

China	Hong Kong Sailors' letters	P&O mailboat A86				Mar1863	C10	R17, (primary listing under <i>Mailboats</i> ).
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China, Hong Kong Royal Marine's letter

A86 of P&O *Ripon*  
SG Spec. C10, plate R17

Large piece of a March 1863 letter from HMS *Meeanee* with CARLOW AP27 63 arrival back-stamp.

[ex-Gerald Elliott collection lot ]

China	Hong Kong Sailors' letters	P&O mailboat A99				Apr 1860	C10	36, (primary listing under <i>Mailboats</i> ).
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China, Hong Kong sailor's letter

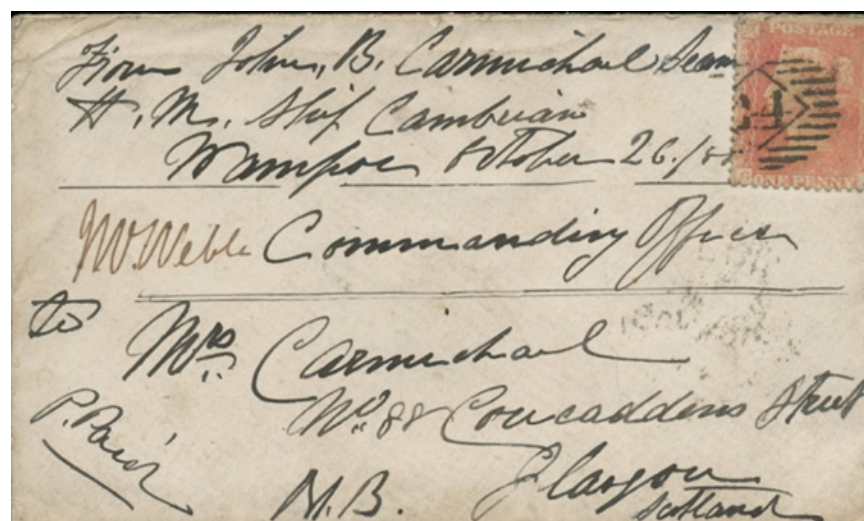
A99 of P&O Line

SG Spec. C10, plate 36

Sailor's letter from HMS *Esk*, in an April 1860 Naval mailbag from Hong Kong.

HMS *Esk* was part of the East Indies Station of the Royal Navy, and departed Hong Kong in the summer of 1860, as part of the action to seal the Bohai Gulf.

China	Huangpu ("Whampoa") Sailors' letters	Cancelled after UK arrival				Oct 26 1858	C10	48
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China, Huangpu [Whampoa] sailor's letter

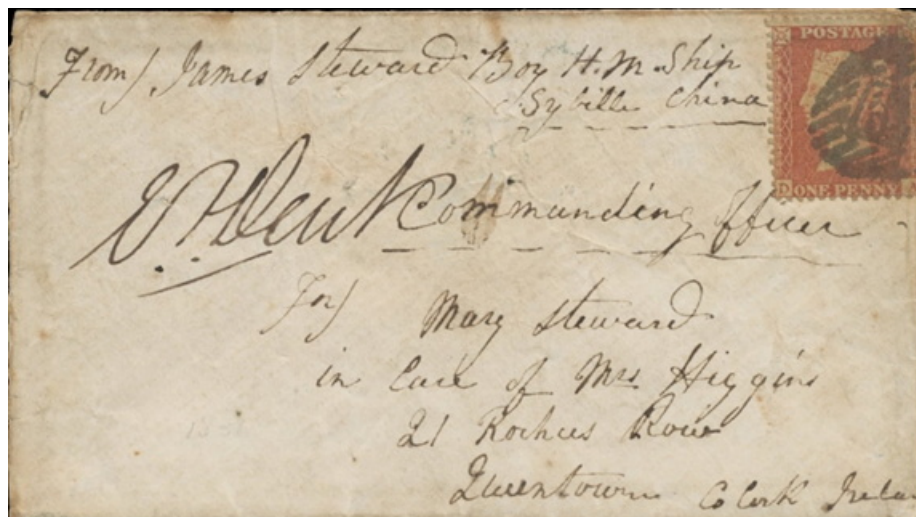
SG Spec. C10, plate 48, cancelled after UK arrival 44-in-diamond cancel of the London Foreign Branch.

Sailor's letter, dated October 26<sup>th</sup> 58, from HMS *Cambrian*, Wampoa. Transit back-stamp 58 DE22 LONDON.

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection lot 208]

China	Shanghai Sailors' letters	Cancelled after UK arrival				Sep 1856	C6	12
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China, Shanghai sailor's letter

SG Spec. C6, plate 12, cancelled after UK arrival by 29-in-diamond cancel of the London Foreign Branch.

1856 sailor's letter from HMS Sybille. Carried per P&O *Erin*, departed Shanghai 6<sup>th</sup> September 1856; *Ganges*, departed Hong Kong 13<sup>th</sup> September 1856; *Hindoostan*, departed Galle 1<sup>st</sup> October 1856; *Pera*, departed Alexandria 21<sup>st</sup> October 1856; arrived Southampton 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1856. London transit back-stamp of 3NO3 1856 and Cork arrival back-stamp in blue.

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection lot 207]

China	Shanghai Sailors' letters	P&O mailboat A83				Nov 1861	C10	37, (primary listing under <i>Mailboats</i> ).
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China, Shanghai sailor's letter

A83 of P&O Line used aboard SS *Euxine*.

SG Spec. C10, plate 37

Sailor's letter from HMS *Acorn*, hospital ship at Shanghai. Arrival back-stamp HONG KONG C NO13 61; carried per P&O *Emeu*, departed Hong Kong 15<sup>th</sup> November 1861; *Simla*, departed Galle 1<sup>st</sup> December 1861; *Euxine*, departed Alexandria 20<sup>th</sup> December 1861; arrived England ? Arrival back-stamp RIPON JA 3 62.

[ex-Gerald Elliott collection lot 212]

Gibraltar	Sailors' letters	Cancelled after UK arrival				1842	B1	One unplated cover
						Mar 1860	C10	47



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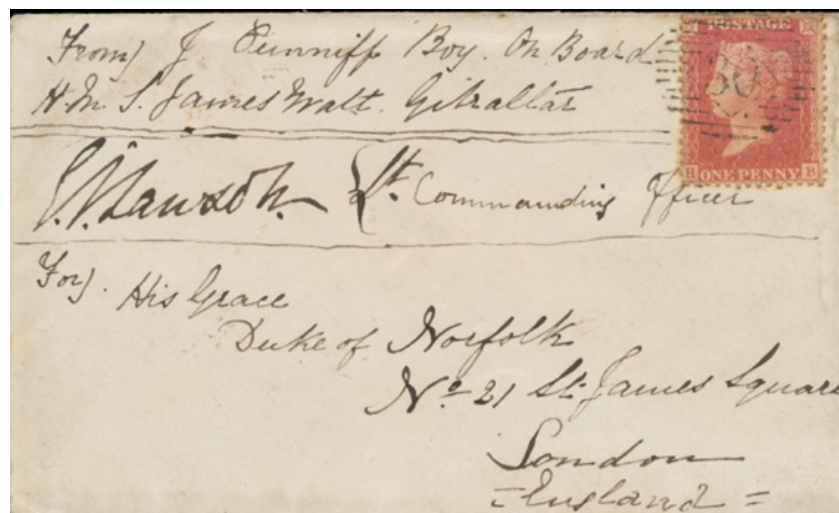


Gibraltar sailor's letter

SG Spec. B1, plate 24 (SI), cancelled by a Maltese Cross after UK arrival.

1842 seaman's letter from HMS *Malabar*; probably carried privately to England; light 'TP Deptford' handstamp; with London transit and boxed PORTGLASGOW arrival back-stamps.

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection lot 33]



Gibraltar sailor's letter

SG Spec. C10, plate 47, cancelled after UK arrival 30-in-diamond cancel of the London Foreign Branch.

Seaman's letter from HMS *James Watt.*, carried per P&O *Ceylon*; departed Gibraltar 14<sup>th</sup> March 1860; arrived Southampton 19<sup>th</sup> March 1860; BO LONDON MR20 60 arrival back-stamp in red.

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection lot 35]

Greece	Athens Sailors' letters	Malta cds–A25				7 Nov 1861	C10	59, [primary listing under <i>Malta</i> ]
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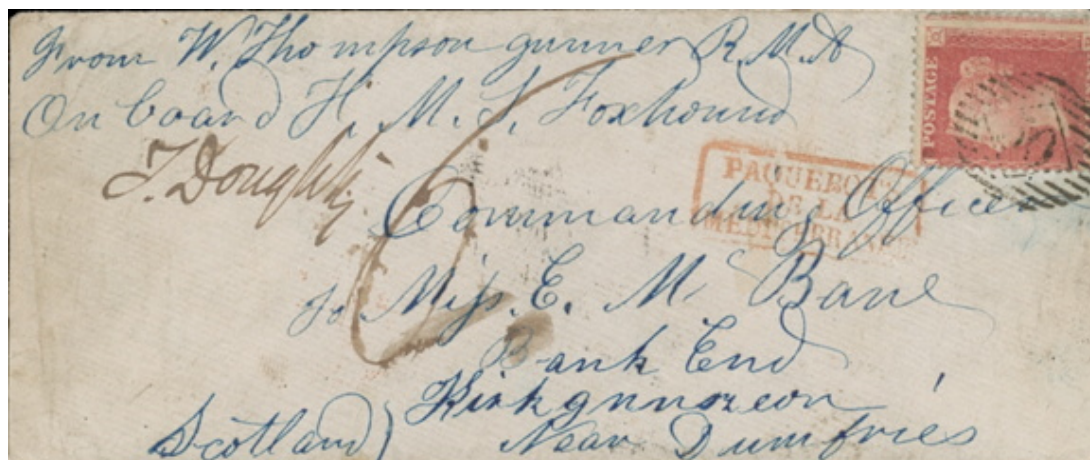
Greece sailor's letter

SG Spec. C10, plate 59, cancelled in transit at Malta by cds- A25 duplex MALTA NO18 61.

1861 seaman's letter from HMS *Caesar*, Athens, dated inside 7<sup>th</sup> November 1861.

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection lot 43]

Greece	Piraeus Sailors' letters	Cancelled after UK arrival				8 Apr 1863	C10	Unplated
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Greece sailor's letter

SG Spec. C1, unplated, cancelled after UK arrival by 30-in-diamond cancel of the London Foreign Branch.

Seaman's letter from HMS Foxhound, [at Piraeus 8<sup>th</sup> April 1863], carried by French Packet. Boxed PAQUEBOTS DE LA MEDITERANEE handstamp in red, and rated 6 in black for the unpaid 3d per ¼oz for transitting France. Back-stamps for Marseilles (10 AVRIL), Paris, London and Carlisle.

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection]

India	Bombay [Mumbai]			1856 – 1860?			B2	One unplated cover from Bombay [Mumbai] to UK, stamp tied by concentric octagons cancel, seen by author.
							C8	35 [removed from soldier's letter]



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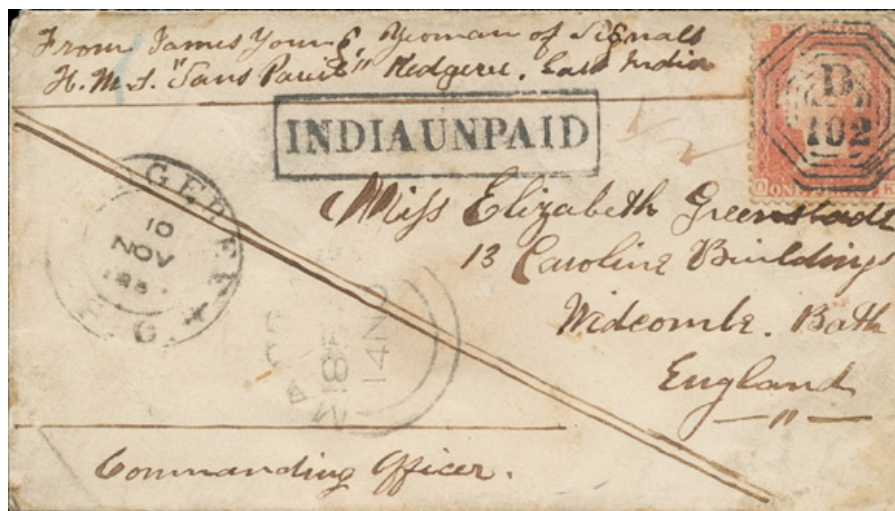
India

Octagonal B/1 of Bombay [Mumbai]

SG Spec. C8, plate 35, [sadly, removed from soldier's letter]

[ex – Author's collection]

India	Kedgerie PO Sailors' letters			1856 – 1860?		10 NOV 1857	C10	44, 59
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India sailor's letter

Octagonal B / 102 of Kedgerie Post Office

SG Spec. C10, plate 44

Seaman's letter from HMS *Sans Pareil*, Kedgerie, East India, with KEDGERIE P.O. 10 NOV 1857 cds, MADRAS 1857 14NO cds [Chennai], and **INDIA UNPAID** handstamp; transit back-stamp LONDON DE19 57, and BATH arrival back-stamp. Carried to Ceylon; per P&O *Bengal*, departed Galle 18<sup>th</sup> November 1857; *Nemesis*, departed Alexandria 5<sup>th</sup> December 1857; arrived Southampton 18<sup>th</sup> December 1857.

[ex – Gerald Elliott collectionlot 195]

India	—			1856 – 1860?			C10	60, 64
India	Skevan PO [Siwan?] Sailors' letters			1856 – 1860?		18 NOV 1857	C10	58

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The writer was in the Medical Staff Corps, an Army unit, assigned to the Naval Brigade aboard HMS *Pearl*.

Forces from HMS *Pearl* and HMS *Shannon* were engaged in inland operations during the Indian Mutiny, in the campaign that led to the relief of Lucknow.






India sailor's letter

Octagonal B / 58 of Skevan Post Office, beneath 28-in-diamond of the London Foreign Branch

SG Spec. C10, plate 58

Letter from Medical Staff Corps / Naval Brigade, HMS *Pearl*, with **INDIA UNPAID** handstamp. SKEVAN P.O. 18 NOV 1857 (Siwan?) back-stamp in red; PATNA P.O. back-stamp in red; KM LONDON JA 6 58 arrival back-stamp in blue. Carried to Ceylon; per P&O *Alma*, departed Galle 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1857; transferred at sea to the *Adjaha*; *Indus*, departed Alexandria 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1857; arrived London 5<sup>th</sup> January 1858.

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection lot 196]

India	—			1856 – 1860?			C10	68
Ionian Islands	Corfu Soldiers' letters		19 Apr 1844	1844 – 1864			C6	Seen on soldier's letter but unplated.
Ionian Islands	Corfu Soldiers' letters		19 Apr 1844			9 Oct 1863	C10	27, 61



Ionian Islands soldier's letter

Circular date-stamp  
CORFU SE25 63

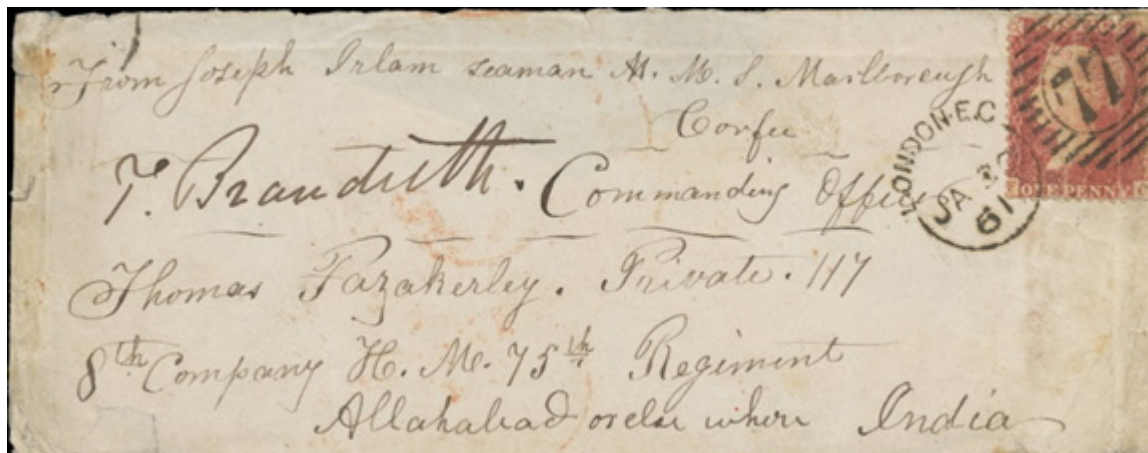
SG Spec. C10, plate 61

Soldier's letter with dated arrival mark in red  
LONDON OC 9 63



Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Ionian Islands	Corfu Sailors' letters	Cancelled after UK arrival					C10	43

[Regulations required that soldiers' letters be sent to London in a locked bag, even if the destination was in the opposite direction, as here, to India.]




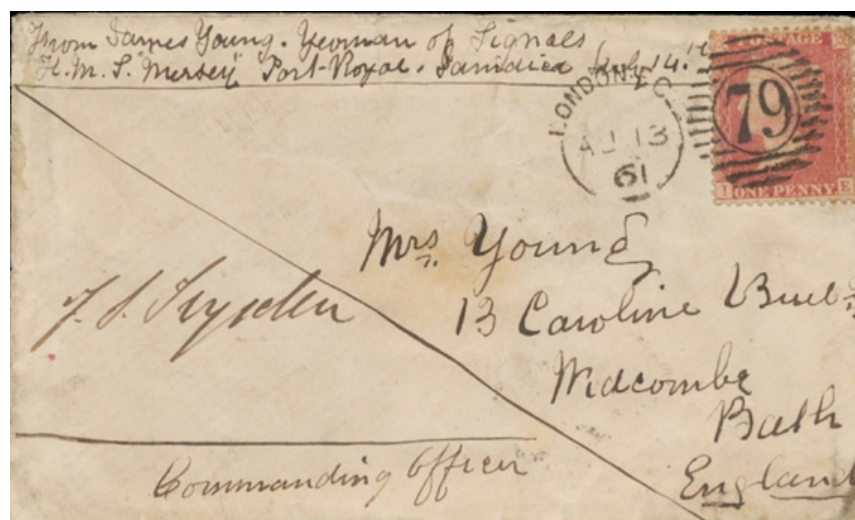
Corfu, Ionian Islands sailor's letter  
Cancelled after UK arrival by  
LONDON EC JA30 61 – 77 duplex.

SG Spec. C10, plate 43

1861 seaman's letter from HMS Marlborough Corfu to a soldier in India', but sent via London. Indian back-stamps of Bombay transit, Calcutta transit, and Allahabad arrival, all in red.

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection lot 49]

Ionian Islands	Zante (Zakinthos) Soldiers' letters		19 Apr 1844	1844 – 1864			C10	Exist but unplated, on soldiers' letters.
Jamaica	Port Royal Sailors' letters	Cancelled after UK arrival				May 1860 14 July 1861 March 1863	C10	34, 49, 52



Port Royal, Jamaica sailor's letter

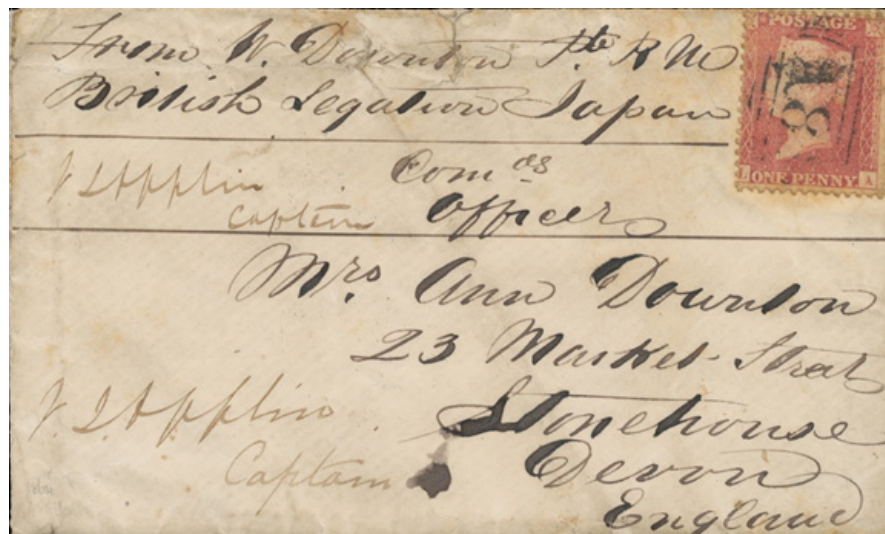
Cancelled after UK arrival by LONDON EC AU13 61 – 79 duplex.

SG Spec. C10, plate 34

1861 seaman's letter dated July 14<sup>th</sup> from HMS Mersey, Port Royal, Jamaica, with 'BATH arrival back-stamp. Carried per RMS Trent, departed Port Royal 24<sup>th</sup> July 1861; Atrato, departed St Thomas 29<sup>th</sup> July 1861; arrived Southampton 13<sup>th</sup> August 1861. Port Royal is Kingston's harbour

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection lot 317]

Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Japan	Yokohama Sailors' letters	P&O mailboat A83				Oct 1864	C10	62, (primary listing under <i>Mailboats</i> ).



Yokohama, Japan sailor's letter

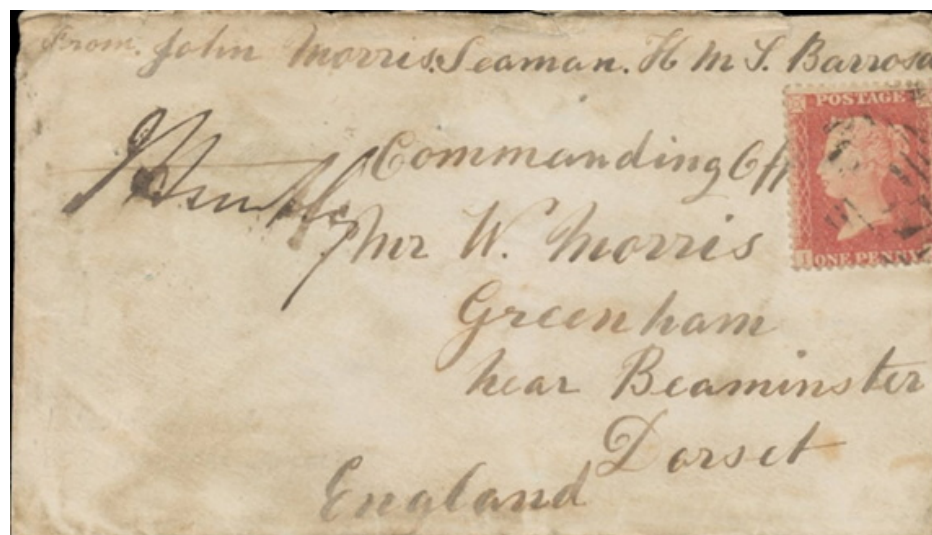
A83 of P&O *Euxine*

SG Spec. C10, plate 62

1864 cover from a Royal Marine at the British Legation, Japan, cancelled by mailboat A83 used aboard the *Euxine*, with back-stamps: HONG-KONG C OC29 64 transit in blue, and PLYMOUTH DE22 64 arrival. Carried per P&O *Cadiz* from Shanghai; *Benares*, departed Hong Kong 1<sup>st</sup> November 1864; *Simla*, departed Galle ?; "Euxine", departed Alexandria ?; *Delhi*, departed Malta 8<sup>th</sup> December 1864; arrived Southampton 21<sup>st</sup> December 1864.

[ex-Gerald Elliott collection lot 234]

Japan	Yokohama Sailors' letters	P&O mailboat B57				August 1864	C10	62, (primary listing under <i>Mailboats</i> ).
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Yokohama, Japan sailor's letter

B57 of P&O *Baroda*

SG Spec. C10, plate 62

Sailor's letter from HMS *Barrosa*, Yokohama, Japan. Carried per P&O *Ganges*, departed Yokohama 26<sup>th</sup> August 1864; *Orissa*, departed Shanghai 4<sup>th</sup> September 1864; *Mooltan*, departed Galle ? ; *Baroda*, departed Alexandria ? ; *Ripon*, departed Malta 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1864; arrived Southampton 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1864.

[ex-Gerald Elliott collection lot 233]





Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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Malta sailor's letter

A81 of P&O Line cancelled aboard SS *Vectis*.

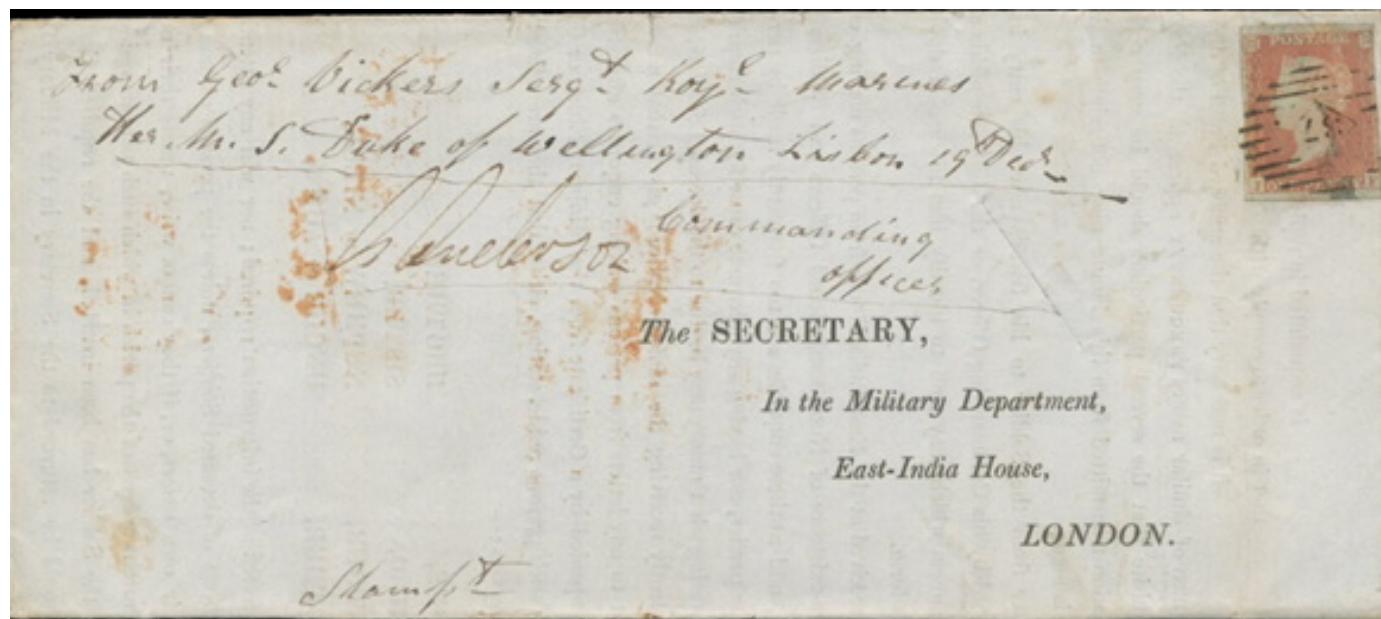
SG Spec. C10, plate 49 (DH-EH-FH)

1860 sailor's letter from HMS *Caesar*, Malta Novr 29th, to London, with London arrival cds of DE15 60 in red on the face. *Vectis* departed Malta 9<sup>th</sup> December 1860; arrived Marseilles 13<sup>th</sup> December 1860.

[ex-Gerald Elliott collection lot 59]

Mauritius	Port Louis Sailors' letters			1857 – 1862	not available		C10	42, 48 Loose stamps off-cover were probably from seamen's letters, as British stamps were not available from the Mauritius Post Office.
Portugal	Lisbon Sailors' letters	Cancelled after UK arrival				19 Dec 1853	B2	148

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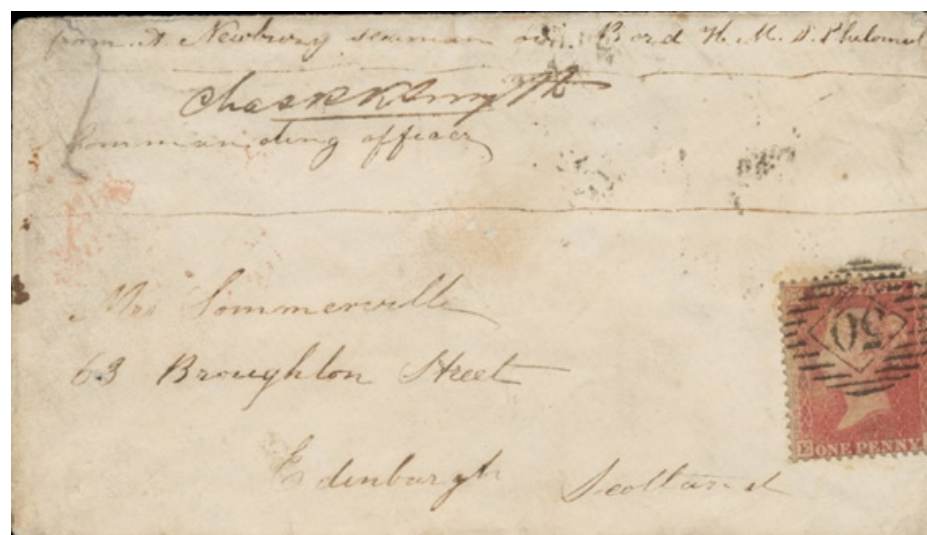
Portugal sailor's letter

SG Spec. B2, plate 148 (JF), cancelled after UK arrival by London Foreign Branch 37-in-diamond cancel.

19<sup>th</sup> December 1853 seaman's letter from HMS *Duke of Wellington*, Lisbon. Carried per P&O *Tagus* from Lisbon 19<sup>th</sup> December 1853; arrived Southampton 24<sup>th</sup> December 1853.

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection lot 29]

St Helena	James Town Sailors' letters	Cancelled after UK arrival				Apr 1862	C10	57
						1864	C13	R15



St Helena sailor's letter

SG Spec. C10, plate 57, cancelled after UK arrival by London Foreign Branch 50-in-diamond cancel.

April 1862 seaman's letter from HMS *Philomel*, St Helena. London transit back-stamp MY 2 62 and Edinburgh arrival back-stamp. [Ship's log records vessel at anchor off James Town, St Helena on 1<sup>st</sup> April 1862]. Carried per Union SS *Dane*, departed for Ascension 4<sup>th</sup> April 1862 and arrived Plymouth 1<sup>st</sup> May 1862.

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection lot 164]

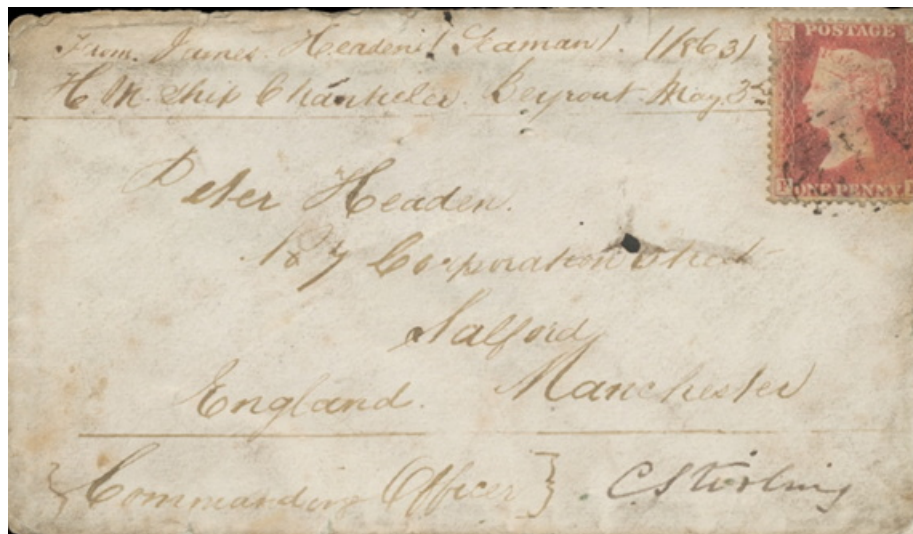






Country	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
							<p>Singapore sailor's letter</p> <p>A88 of P&amp;O Line, used aboard the <i>Euxine</i>.</p> <p>SG Spec. C10, plate 57</p> <p>1862 sailor's letter from HMS <i>Scout</i> at Singapore, carried per P&amp;O <i>Orissa</i>, departed Singapore 5<sup>th</sup> August 1862; <i>Colombo</i>, departed Galle 19<sup>th</sup> August 1862; <i>Euxine</i>, departed Alexandria 5<sup>th</sup> September 1862; <i>Pera</i>, departed Malta 8<sup>th</sup> September 1862; arrived Southampton 18<sup>th</sup> September 1862; arrival back-stamp RIPON SP18 62.</p> <p>[ex-Gerald Elliott collection lot 241]</p>	
							<p>Hong Kong sailor's letter</p> <p>A99 of P&amp;O Line, Far East Mailboat</p> <p>SG Spec. C10, plate 36</p> <p>1860 sailor's letter from HMS <i>Esk</i>, Hong Kong, when part of the East Indies and China Station of the Royal Navy. In an April 1860 Naval mail bag from Hong Kong, (prior to the departure of HMS <i>Esk</i> in the summer of 1860, as part of the action to seal the Bohai Gulf).</p>	
Syria [now Lebanon]	Beyrout Sailors' letters	P&O mailboat A83				1863 May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	C10	60, (primary listing under <i>Mailboats</i> ).

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Syria sailor's letter

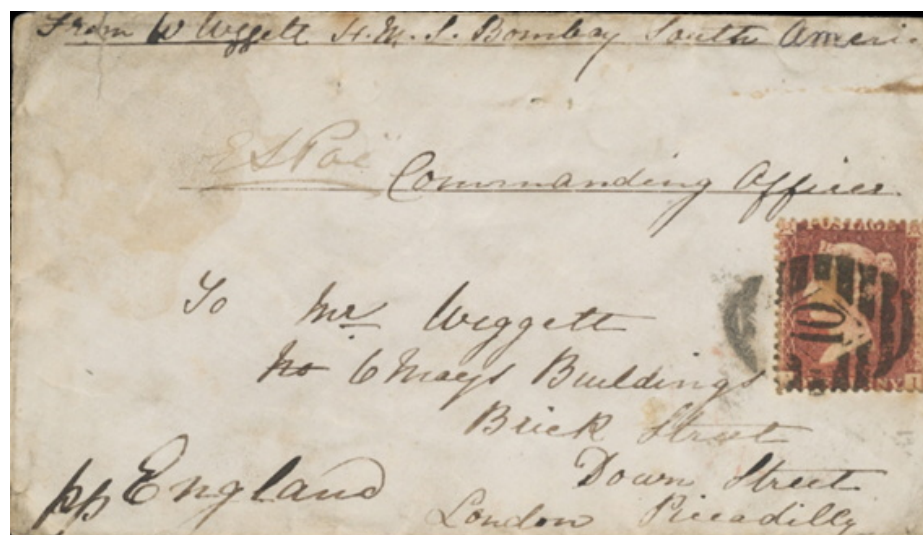
A83 of P&O Line, used aboard the *Euxine*.

SG Spec. C10, plate 60

Sailor's letter from HMS *Chanticleer*, Beyrout 1863 May 3<sup>rd</sup>, with Manchester arrival back-stamp JU 3 63. The mail bag was taken to Egypt; per P&O *Euxine*, departed Alexandria 19<sup>th</sup> May 1863; per *Ceylon*, departed Malta 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1863; arrived Southampton 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1863.

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection lot 79]

Uruguay	Montevideo Sailors' letters	Cancelled after UK arrival				Aug 1864 mid-Nov 1864 28 Nov 1864	C12	50
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Uruguay sailor's letter

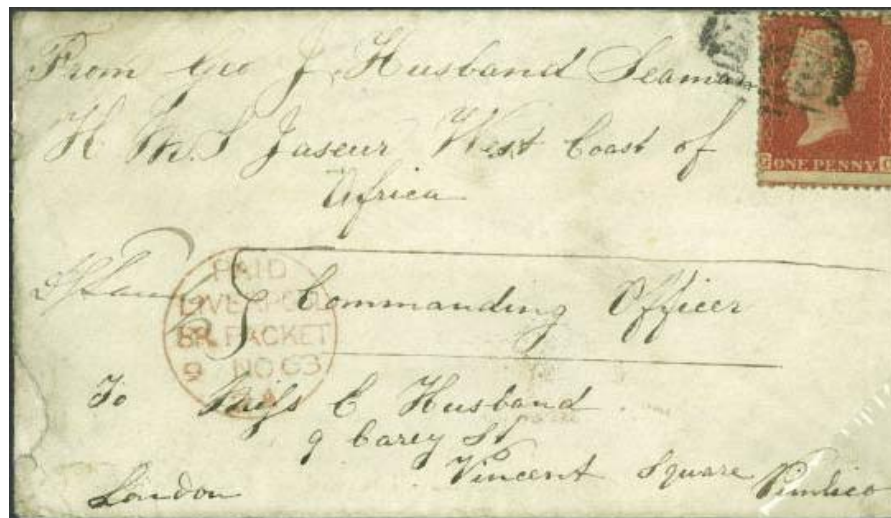
SG Spec. C12, plate 50, cancelled after UK arrival by 10-in-diamond, vertical oval of the London Foreign Branch.

August 1864 sailor's letter from HMS *Bombay*, [Montevideo], South America. Arrival back-stamp LONDON - W MC OC 1 64. Carried per RMSP Packet, departed Montevideo 29<sup>th</sup> August 1864, arrived Southampton 1<sup>st</sup> October 1864.

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection lot 307]

West African Coast	Sailors' letters	Cancelled after UK arrival				1863	C10	43, 61
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HMS Jaseur, West Coast of Africa

SG Spec. C10, plate 43, cancelled 466 after arrival at Liverpool.

1863 sailor's letter with circular date-stamp PAID LIVERPOOL BR PACKET 9 NO 63.





## Crimean War Mail

Most of the conflict would eventually take place on or around the Crimean Peninsula, but there were smaller campaigns in the Baltic Sea, the White Sea, the Pacific Ocean, and western Turkey. The two main theatres of operations in the war with Russia were the Crimea and the Baltic. Britain and France had declared war on Russia on 28th March 1854. The British force travelled via Malta, where cholera and dysentery were contracted en-route, and began to reach Turkey at the end of April 1854, the Allied forces making a base near Gallipoli. They then moved to the Selimiye barracks at Scutari (Üsküdar), opposite the city of Constantinople, where an Allied base and a Field Post Office were to be located. Thousands of sick were transferred to field hospitals here. The Allied expeditionary force transferred by sea and landed at the Bulgarian port of Varna in June 1854, where a base was established, together with a Field Post Office, but little advance was made from there. London, Paris, Constantinople and Varna were connected by telegraph. The Black Sea naval campaign was conducted from Varna, from where the Crimean landings of 14th September 1854 and other actions were planned. During mid- to late-September the Allied force at Varna moved on to the invasion of the Crimea, and headquarters were established near Balaclava, together with a Field Post Office. An undersea telegraph cable linked Varna with Balaclava.

During 1854, in-transit mail from the Army Field Post Offices in the Crimea, from the Black Sea Fleet and from Constantinople was sorted and cancelled at Valetta, Malta. 1854 mail has been recorded either with the Malta circular date-stamp cancellation on the stamp(s), or with a manuscript cancellation across the stamp(s) and back-stamped with the Malta circular date-stamp.

Copies of the crown between stars obliterator, together with the POST OFFICE BRITISH ARMY circular dated back-stamp, were sent from London on May 27<sup>th</sup> 1854 to the Army Field Post Offices at Constantinople, Varna and the Crimea, with different code letters inserted in the back-stamps at each location. Dated mail is recorded from July 9<sup>th</sup> 1854 to beyond July 1855, although any mail prior to 14<sup>th</sup> September 1854 was **not** from the Crimea. Mail from the Crimea, from the Black Sea Fleet and from Constantinople would be carried by British and French vessels to Marseille. A British GPO official was sent out as Postmaster-General to the forces and a British Army Post Office opened in Constantinople on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1855, for the sorting and cancelling of in-transit Crimean War mail, using the existing cancellers supplied from London. The star between ciphers obliterator followed in March 1855. They are recorded in use from March 24<sup>th</sup> 1855, with the POST OFFICE BRITISH ARMY circular dated back-stamp. The wavy-line grid obliterator was sent to Malta in March 1855 for franking stamps on uncanceled mail en-route

from the Crimean War, with mail receiving a Malta dated back-stamp.

Much 1854 – 1856 mail is also recorded with the POST OFFICE BRITISH ARMY circular dated back-stamp but the stamps not cancelled \*\* or O; regulations at one time required that soldiers' and sailors' mail be sent to London in a locked bag; such mail was then cancelled upon UK arrival, by a variety of London Inland, number-in-diamond obliterator and others. The Postmaster-General's report for 1856 records that one and a half million letters were received in the UK from the Army and Navy from April 1854 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 1855. British stamps from the Crimea are also noted with dotted lozenge cancellations of the French Army Corp, and mail from Selimiye Army Barracks and Hospital at Scutari, Constantinople has been recorded carried by French paquebot to Marseille, where it was cancelled by the 1896 *petits chiffre losange* of Marseille. Anglo-French forces were not involved in the Siege of Kars in western Turkey from June to 28<sup>th</sup> November 1855.

In March 1854 the Anglo-French fleet, containing 15 British ships, commenced their Baltic campaign to blockade Russian ports in the Gulf of Finland, attacking Russian Baltic fortresses: bombarded Sveaborg, which guards Helsinki; bombarded Kronstadt, which guards St Petersburg; and destroyed Bomarsund in the Åland Islands. They maintained a blockade for the remainder of the war. A weekly mail service via Danzig was established, whereby mail from the British Baltic Fleet was landed at Danzig and a Danzig circular date-stamp applied to the front, carried by the Prussian Postal Service, and cancelled upon UK arrival. British mail from Sveaborg received a French cachet in red if carried aboard ships of the French Baltic Squadron, and was cancelled in London after arrival in UK. Similar naval action also took place in the White Sea in June 1854, and Archangel was bombarded in June 1855.




In the Pacific, a Russian force on Sakhalin Island was blockaded in 1854. The Siege of Petropavlovsk on the Kamchatka peninsular on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August 4 was the main operation on the Pacific Theatre of the Crimean War, during Allied naval actions between August 18 and 4<sup>th</sup> September 1854. In early 1855 Anglo-French naval squadrons returned to the region, patrolled the Seas of Okhotsk and Japan, searching for Russian warships and merchantmen. During August and September 1855 Anglo-French forces seized Urup, in the Kuril Islands. To date, no specific mail has been identified from these Pacific actions.

The following tables summarise the course of the war and some of the associated postal events:



















## Crimean War Mail — Timeline Linking Events and Postal Service

### Pre-War

May 1853	The Mediterranean Fleet was ordered to join the French Fleet at Besika Bay, in anticipation of hostilities erupting between Russia and the Ottoman Empire, arriving June. Sailors were responsible for providing their own stamps when writing home to the UK.	Cancelled after UK arrival
December 1853:	British troops sent to the east to Malta. Sacks of soldiers' mail sorted and cancelled at the British Packet Agency, Valetta, and/or sacks sent directly to UK.	
December 1853:	Allied Fleet enters Black Sea. Sacks of sailors' mail sorted and cancelled at the British Packet Agency, Valetta, and/or sacks sent directly to UK.	
Naval mail prior to March 1854	It was usual for Naval mail to be carried from Constantinople by French packet to Marseilles. The standard concession rates for sailors of 1d paid and 2d unpaid, officers 6d, applied, unless sent by private ship, in which case the 2d additional fee applied.	Cancelled after UK arrival
1854 to 1855:	Circular date-stamp of the Malta Packet Agency used as an obliterator or a back-stamp. Pen-cancellation of stamps also noted with the dated back-stamp.	




### Declaration of War

28 March 1854:	Great Britain & France declared war on Russia. Sacks of soldiers' and sailors' mail was sorted and cancelled at the British Packet Agency, Valetta, and/or sent directly to UK.	
End of April 1854:	British Army force began to reach Constantinople and was quartered at the Selimiye barracks at Scutari. Mail sent from British Army HQ Constantinople, via Malta and Marseille.	
12 <sup>th</sup> May 1854:	3d postal rate introduced for the British Armed Forces. British Army HQ based at Scutari, Constantinople, where a Field Post Office would later be established.	
May 27 <sup>th</sup> 1854:	*  * obliterations and circular, dated back-stamps sent from London initially to Constantinople, secondly to Varna, and thirdly to Balaklava. Recorded in use from July 1854 to beyond July 1855 at Field Post Offices, with sacks of mail sent via Malta.	
May 1854:	Black Sea Fleet moves up to the port of Varna, Bulgaria. Naval mail came ashore at Varna, Bulgaria, and a second Field Post Office opened, where mail was cancelled and backstamped.	
May to June 1854:	Army sails to Varna, arriving 31 <sup>st</sup> May. Edward Smith, of the Post Office Inland Letter Section London, was appointed as the Army Postmaster General, and left London in June 1854 with an Assistant Army Postmaster, Thomas Angell. On their arrival they set up a Base Army Post Office at Scutari. An Army Field Post Office was next established at Varna with Mr W Angell as Postmaster. Mail cancelled and back-stamped at Varna. Constantinople Field Office continues to operate, so mail now from both Varna and Constantinople.	
July 1854:	The Assistant Army Postmaster, Thomas Angell set up an Army Post Office in Varna in support of the Army Headquarters. A regular seaborne mail service was established between Varna and Constantinople.	



August 1854:	Black Sea Fleet operating off Sevastopol. Naval post cancelled and back-stamped at Varna.	
September 1854:	Angell transfers the Army Post Office aboard HMS Sovereign, moored at Varna harbour.	
14 September 1854:	Allies land in Crimea, some 30 miles from Sevastopol. British Army HQ eventually established at Balaclava, with a third Field Post Office; Smith and Angell switch places, Edward Smith to Balaclava, and Thomas Angell to Constantinople. Any mail prior to this date, with these cancellations, was <b>not</b> from the Crimea.	
December 1854	GPO Notice 76 stated that Naval letters would be charged 1d for seaman & 6d for officers if sent per British packet, and 3d for both seamen & officers if sent per French packet via Marseilles.	
January to February 1855:	Two more Assistant Army Postmasters, Mr Sissons and Henry Mellersh, plus seven sorters were despatched from London, arriving at Constantinople on 5 February 1855, to establish the British Army Post Office, Constantinople, for the sorting and cancelling of in-transit Crimean War mail. Existing obliterations and back-stamps used.	
March 1855:	New O*O obliterations dispatched from London and used from March 24 <sup>th</sup> 1855, together with the circular dated back-stamp, between March 1855 and 1856 at Constantinople, Varna and Balaclava. Both obliterations in use for many months, although the O*O obliterations gradually superseded the *C* obliterations. Mr W Angell is recorded as Postmaster to the Forces, Crimea, located at the Field Post Office, Balaclava.	 
March – April 1855:	A further Army Post Office was established at Scutari Hospital, to provide postal services to the Barrack Hospital staff and patients.	
31 March 1855:	Wavy-line grid obliterations sent from London to Malta, and recorded in use from 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 1855 to 1856 together with the Malta circular dated back-stamp. Supplied for use on any unfranked mail from the Crimean War, sorted and cancelled at Malta.	 
1854 to 1856:	Throughout the entire period, much mail from the Crimean War was only back-stamped and the bulk sacks sent directly to England, although the stamps were uncanceled. The stamps were then cancelled at London with various Inland Branch numeral obliterations.	

## Back-stamps



Sending offices were indicated by four variations of code letter inserted below the date on the circular dated back-stamp, but it is uncertain when the use of such code letters was first adopted. The Balaclava “B” back-stamp has been recorded on 28 December 1854, and the Constantinople “A” on 18 December 1854. Earlier post from these locations may have had no code letter, as with Varna.

  Blank (no code letter) Varna (and Balaclava prior to use of B)	 A Constantinople	 B Balaclava	 C Scutari Hospital
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## French Obliterators

British Crimean War mail was carried by the French Postal Service on many occasions, occasionally with British stamps cancelled by French dotted lozenge obliterations.	 AOM of French Army Corp, Crimea	 1896 of Marseille
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## Allied Baltic Naval Expedition of 1854 and 1855

March 1854:	In March 1854, Britain dispatched a fleet of 15 ships to blockade Russian ports in the Gulf of Finland. A weekly mail service via Danzig was established.	
May to 31 <sup>st</sup> October 1854:	The rate for seamen was 5d and for officers 8d.	
End of October 1854	The fleet moved to Kiel and mail went via Hamburg.	
3 <sup>rd</sup> April 1855:	The mail service via Danzig was reinstated, with the introduction of a new rate of 3d per ¼oz for both sailors and officers. A Danzig circular date-stamp was applied to the front. and the mail was then carried by the Prussian Postal Service, ferried from Belgium across the English Channel, and the stamps were cancelled after UK arrival.	
1855:	If carried aboard ships of the French Baltic Squadron, British mail received a French cachet in red, and the stamps were cancelled in London upon arrival.	

## End of the War

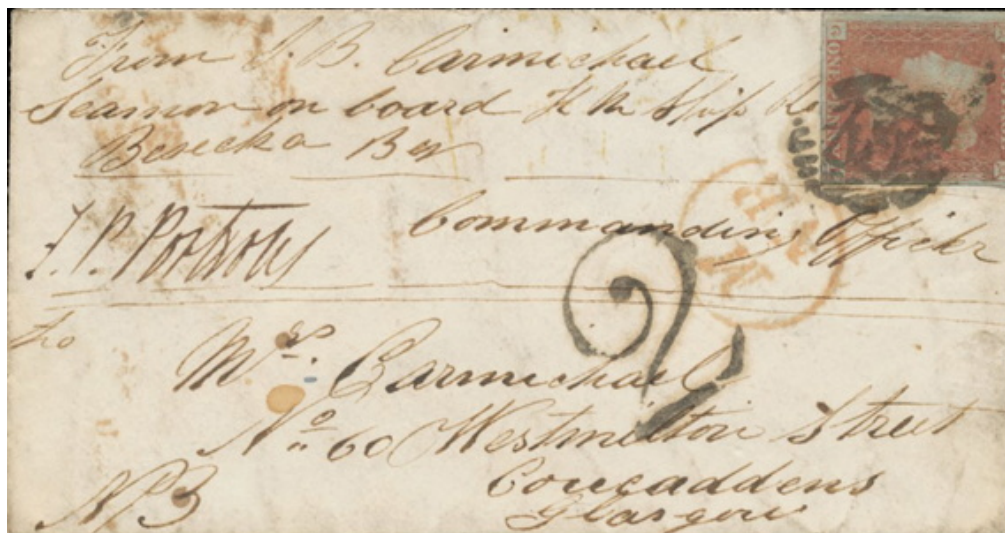
June/July 1856 onwards:	With the evacuation of British forces from the Crimea, the Balaclava Field Post Office closed. The former Field Post Office at Varna remained temporarily as a British-run telegraph station.
12 <sup>th</sup> September 1856:	Concession postal rates were withdrawn for soldiers, sailors and their families.
Late-1856:	The British Army Post Office in Constantinople was closed.
23 <sup>rd</sup> February 1857:	The British-run telegraph station at Varna was taken over by Turkey.



## Cancellations and Stamps Recorded

Crimean War	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Pre-war	Besika Bay, Turkey	cancelled after UK arrival				July 1853 Aug 1853 Oct 1853 Nov 1853	B2	152, 158, 172

HMS *Rodney* arrived at Besika Bay on the west coast of Asia Minor on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1853, and in late-October 1853 sailed into the Black Sea.




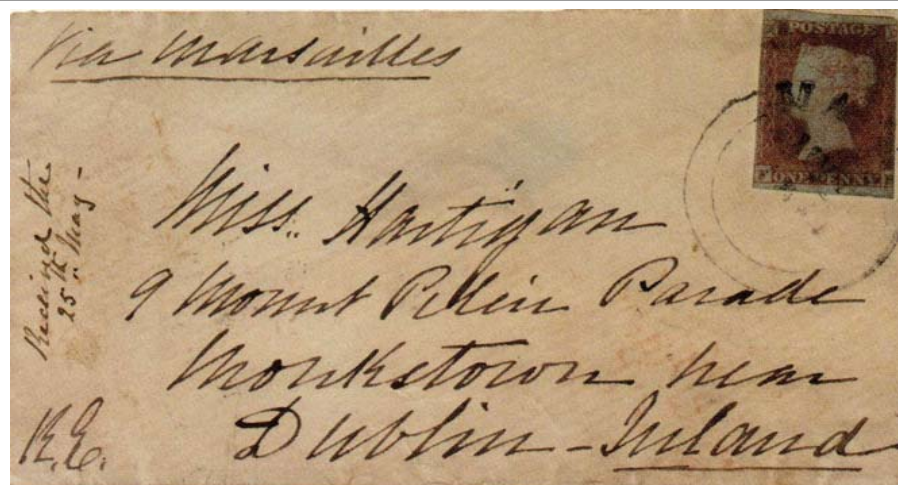
Turkey, pre-Crimean War,

SG Spec. B2, plate 158, cancelled after UK arrival by 37-in-diamond obliterator of the London Inland Office

August 1853 letter from a seaman aboard *HMS Rodney*, at Besika Bay, Turkey; two hand-stamps on front: large 2 for the master's gratuity and red MNB – in-circle from the sorting tender of the Midland and Northern Railway; London 19SP19 1853 back-stamp in red; boxed GLASGOW SEP 19 1853 arrival back-stamp in red. Carried per French packet to Malta; private ship *Sarah* from Malta, (thus attracting the 2d gratuity), which arrived Gravesend 18<sup>th</sup> September 1853.

[ex-Gerald Elliott Collection, lot 88]







Malta	British Packet Agency, Valetta		11 Oct 1837	1837 – 1878	—	2 May 1854	B2	158, 168, 177
							C1	Unplated

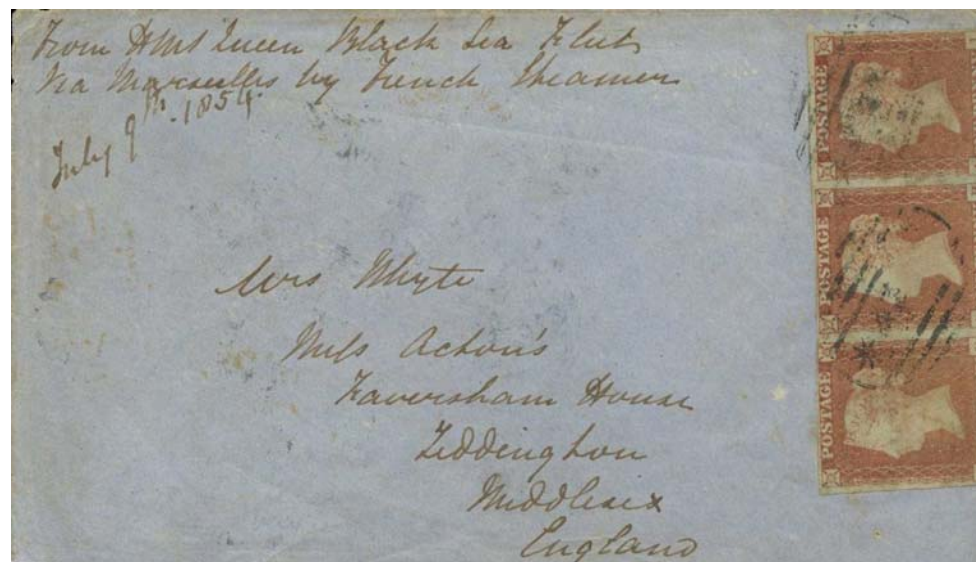


Malta

Double-arc circular date-stamp  
MALTA MY 2 1854

SG Spec. B2, plate 177

Crimean War	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded	
Turkey, Bulgaria and Russia	Field Post Offices in Constantinople, Varna or the Crimean Peninsular, and the British Army Post Office, Constantinople.  From January 1855, mail sorted at the British Army Post Office.	 FORGERIES of this obliterator noted.	27 May 1854	July 1854 – April 1855	Jan 1855 – 1856	9 Jul 1854 29 Jul 1854 AU 9 1854 [V] 10 Aug 1854 3 Sep 1854 8 Sep 1854 OC20 1854 27 Oct 1854 5 Nov 1854 NO 7 1854 B 14 Nov 1854 7 Dec 1854 10 Dec 1854 28 Dec 1854 16 Mar 1855 MR20 1855 A 22 Mar 1855 AP 5 1855 19 Apr 1855 26 Apr 1855 12 Jul 1855 14 Jul 1855	B1	123, 125	
							CE2	Unplated, used in 1854, in the McGowan collection. (Ref. 13)	
							B2	142, 149, 154, 155, 156, 160, 162, 165, 168, 169, 171, 174, 176	
		Code Letters in Back-Stamps						B2	FORGED obliterator on Plate 155
		none	A	B	C		C1	155, 163, 164, 166, 167, 170, 171, 174, 175, 176, 177, 179, 180, 181, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 194, 197, 198, 199, 203, R2, R6	
		Varna	Constantinople	Balaclava	Scutari Hospital		C2	196, 200, R1, R2, R3, R5	
							C3	1; others exist but unplated.	
							C4	1, 2; others exist but unplated.	
							C6	FORGED obliterator on 1, 16	



Crimean War, Varna  
From HMS Queen, Black Sea Fleet



SG Spec. B2, plate 168

Dated back-stamp:  
1854 JY 9 (no code letter)

Year above date



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Crimean War, Varna



SG Spec. C1, plate 176

Dated back-stamp:  
POST OFFICE BRITISH ARMY  
JY14 1855 (no code letter)



Crimean War, Constantinople



SG Spec. C4, plate 1

Dated back-stamp in blue:  
POST-OFFICE BRITISH ARMY MR20 1855 A  
Naval officer's letter from HMS Sidon, 20<sup>th</sup> Mar  
55 at Kazatch Bay. London arrival back-stamp AP  
2 1855.



Crimean War

FORGED \*\* obliterator


SG Spec. B2, plate 155









Crimean War	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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The stamp is noted as C6 by its owner, but the use of this obliterator had ceased prior to the supply of such stamps. [If watermark large crown is confirmed, then the obliterator is a forgery, but this item has not been examined by the author.]




Crimean War  
FORGED \*\* obliterator  
SG Spec. C6, plate 1


Turkey, Bulgaria and Russia	Field Post Offices in Constantinople, Varna or the Crimean Peninsular, and the British Army Post Office, Constantinople.  From January 1855, mail sorted at the British Army Post Office.	 FORGERIES of this obliterator known.	Mar 1855	24 March 1855 – 1856	Jan 1855 – 1856	- - 1855 12 Mar 1855 22 Mar 1855 10 Apr 1855 30 Apr 1855 May 1855 11 Jun 1855 16 Jul 1855 9 Aug 1855 SP 6 1855 B NO26 1855 A 3 Dec 1855 14 Jan 1856 21 Jan 1856 11 Feb 1856 27 Mar 1856 28 Mar 1856 24 Apr 1856 MY 5 1856 A JY 9 1856 B 24 Jul 1856	B1	75, 101, 102, 126
							B2	135, 139, 147, 148, 149, 156, 162, 169, 171
							C1	155, 157, 166, 174, 175, 176, 179, 180, 183, 189, 194, 198, 200, 202, 203, 204, R1, R2, R3, R4, R5
							C2	194, 196, 200, 202, 204, R1, R2, R3, R4
							C3	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14
							C4	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 15
							C5	4, 6, 8
							C6	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14,
							C7	Plate unknown, was reported by Seymour pre-1939 but destroyed in the Second World War. (Ref. 14)
							C8	24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36
							C10	44 — FORGED obliterator

Code Letters in Back-Stamps				
none	A	B	C	
Varna	Constantinople	Balaclava	Scutari Hospital	
				
				



Crimean War  
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SG Spec. B1, plate 102



Crimean War  
O  
SG Spec. B2, plate 148

Crimean War	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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Crimean War, from Constantinople

O\*O

SG Spec. C1, plate 196, strip of three

Dated back-stamp:  
AP30 1855 A



Crimean War, from Constantinople

O\*O

SG Spec. C3, plate 13

Dated back-stamp:  
POST OFFICE BRITISH ARMY AP10 1855 A



Registered letter from an officer of the British Army  
servin' in the East

17/16  
Miss Charlotte Leves

Rasharkin Glebe

Ballymoney  
Co. Antrim  
Ireland

Crimean War

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SG Spec. C2,  
plate 196

1855



Crimean War	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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Crimean War, from Scutari, Constantinople

O\*O

SG Spec. C4, plate 3

Dated back-stamp:  
POST OFFICE BRITISH ARMY JA21 1856  
(code letter not recorded)



Crimean War

O\*O

SG Spec. C5, plate 4

Author's collection



Crimean War, from the Black Sea Fleet

O\*O

SG Spec. C6, plate 9

Dated back-stamp:  
POST OFFICE BRITISH ARMY FE11 1856  
(code letter not recorded)

Crimean War	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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Crimean War  
**O\*O**  
 SG Spec. C8, plate 28  
 Dated back-stamp:  
 POST OFFICE BRITISH ARMY JU12 1856  
 (code letter not recorded)

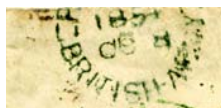


Crimean War  
**FORGED O\*O**  
 SG Spec. C10, plate 44





Crimean War	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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year above date  
no code letter



Crimean War, from Balaclava or Varna

Dated back-stamp in green, year above date:  
POST OFFICE BRITISH ARMY 1854 OC 8, no code letter.

SG Spec. C1, plate 181

Stamps cancelled after UK arrival by the London Inland double-46-in-diamond obliterator.

[Ex - author's collection]

Camp Highland Brigade  
15 May 1855



Crimean War, from Balaclava

Letter written from the Highland Brigade Camp on 15<sup>th</sup> May 1855. Dated back-stamp:  
POST OFFICE BRITISH ARMY MY 19 1855, no code letter.

SG Spec. C2, plate 198

Stamps cancelled after UK arrival by the London Inland double-47-in-diamond obliterator.

Crimean War	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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year below date  
no code letter



Crimean War, from Varna

Dated back-stamp: POST OFFICE BRITISH ARMY SP25 1855, without code letter.

SG Spec. C3, plate 13

Stamps cancelled after UK arrival by the London Inland double-46-in-diamond obliterator.

[Ex - author's collection]



Crimean War, from Varna

Dated back-stamp: POST OFFICE BRITISH ARMY SP29 1855 without code letter

SG Spec. C4, plate 2 (II-IJ-JI-JJ-KI-KJ)

Stamps cancelled after UK arrival by the London Inland triple-48-in-diamond obliterator.



Crimean War	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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Crimean War

Dated back-stamp: POST OFFICE BRITISH ARMY MR- - 1856, [code letter not recorded].

SG Spec. C6, plate 6

Stamps cancelled after UK arrival by the London Inland double-47-in-diamond obliterator.



Crimean War, from Balaclava

Dated back-stamp: POST OFFICE BRITISH ARMY MY 7 1856 B

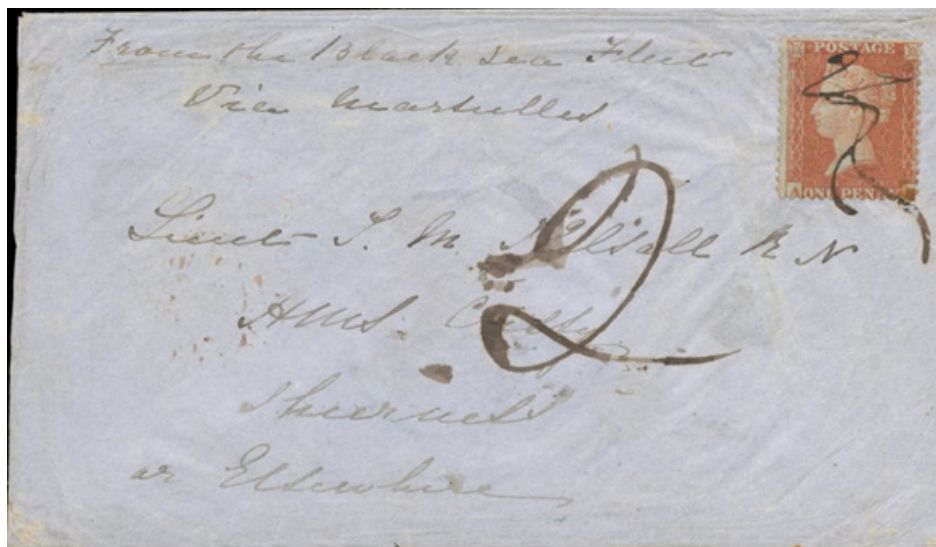
SG Spec. C8, plate 25

Stamps cancelled after UK arrival by the London Inland single-44-in-diamond obliterator.

[Ex author's collection]



Crimean War	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Turkey, Bulgaria and Russia	Field Post Offices in Constantinople, Varna, Balaclava and possibly from the British Army Post Office, Constantinople.	pen-cancelled				JU 6 1856	C6	12



Crimean War, from Varna

SG Spec. C6, plate 12 (AB)

Pen cancellation and dated back-stamp in red: POST OFFICE BRITISH ARMY JU 6 1856

Sailor's letter written May 20<sup>th</sup> from HMS Queen of the Black Sea Fleet. Rated 2 for the deficiency. London transit back-stamp JU 17 1856 in red, and SHEERNESS arrival back-stamp in blue.

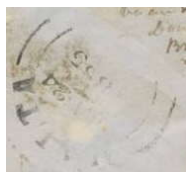
[ex – Gerald Elliott collection lot 103]

Malta	British Packet Agency, Valetta	pen-cancelled		1854 – 1855		JA24 1855	C1	171
						JA10 1855	C2	R2



11 Oct 1837

Crimean War	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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Malta dated back-stamp



Crimean War, Black Sea Fleet — via Malta

Broad ink band on the stamps, not extending to the envelope of a naval officer's letter in transit from the Crimean War.

SG Spec. C1, plate 171 (GA-GB-GC)

Circular back-stamp MALTA JA24 1855 at the British Packet Agency, Malta.

Endorsed *Black Sea Fleet Letter*, and *Via Marseilles*, (across the stamps), rated 6 in black, carried privately to Malta where it was placed in the post, and treated as wholly unpaid. London transit back-stamp, and PORTSMOUTH FE 9 1855 A arrival back-stamp in blue.

[ex – Gerald Elliott collection, lot 96]





Crimean War, Malta

Pen cancellation at the British Packet Agency of mail in transit from the Crimean War.

SG Spec. C2, plate R2

Circular back-stamp MALTA JA 10 1855

Crimean War	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Malta	British Packet Agency, Valetta  Obliterator supplied for use on unfranked mail from the Crimean War	  <b>Back-stamp</b> 	31 Mar 1855	23 Apr 1855 – 1856		29 Apr 1855 3 Jul 1855 6 Oct 1855 7 Oct 1855 Feb 1856	B1 B2 C1 C2 C3 C4 C5 C6 C8	Exist but unplated. Exist but unplated. R5; others exist but unplated. Exist but unplated. 5 1, 4, 5, 9, 12 1, 4, 12 4, 7, 13; others exist but unplated. 23; others exist but unplated.



Malta

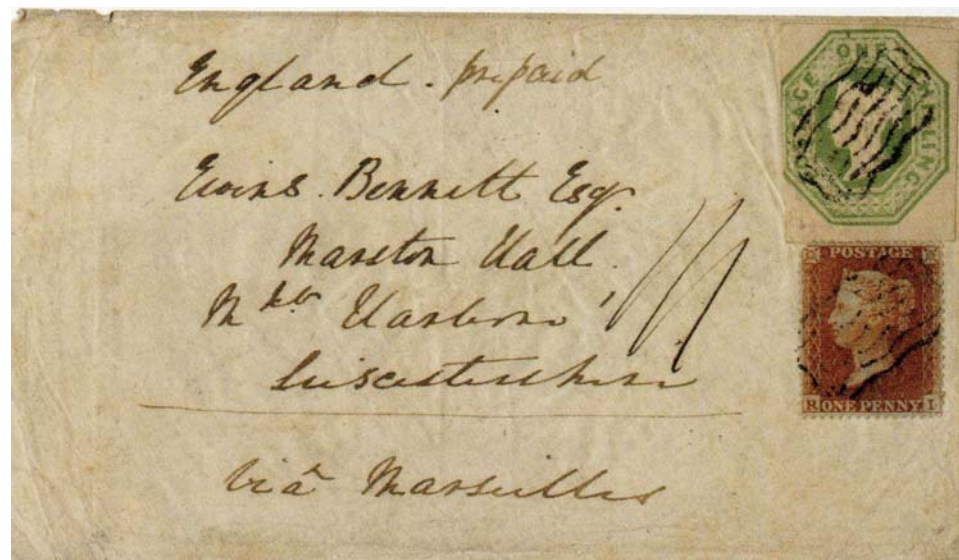


SG Spec. C3, plate 5

Obliterator applied to uncanceled mail en-route from Selimiye Army Hospital, Scutari, Constantinople to India, with circular back-stamp MALTA AP 29 1855.



Crimean War	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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Malta



SG Spec. C4, plate 4

Circular back-stamp MALTA OC 7 1855



Malta




SG Spec. C6, unplated misperf



Malta



SG Spec. C8, plate 23(NL)


France	Post Office of the French Army Corps in the Crimea			Sep 1854 – Feb 1856			C4	8
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Crimean War

AOM dotted lozenge of the French Army Corps in the Crimea

SG Spec. C4, plate 8(OC)

Crimean War	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
France	Marseille: mail carried by French <i>paquebot</i> from Constantinople			1852 – 1862		28 Jan 1855	C1	AJ unplated
							C8	35 (KC) shown in the main France section is most probably Crimean War usage, but cannot be confirmed off-cover.



France (Crimean War mail)

'Petits chiffres losange' 1896 of Marseille

SG Spec. C1 (AJ); (unplateable: 21 position AJ examples are missing from the registration sheets).

Entire sent from Selimiye Army Barracks Hospital, Scutari, Constantinople, on 28 January 1855, via French postal service to Marseille, overland to Pisa and redirected to Livorno. French circular date-stamp CADRE D - - 5 FEVR 55 and Italian circular date-stamp LIVORNO 19 FEV 1855 on front; back-stamped with French circular date-stamp MARSEILLE 16 FEVR 1855.

SG Spec. C8 Plate 35 stamps are known used from the Crimean War, as is mail carried from there by French boat and cancelled at Marseille; another possibility could be the Malta Moveable Box; off-cover, such use or the route of this stamp cannot be confirmed.







France

'Petit chiffre losange' 1896 of Marseille

SG Spec. C8, plate 35 (KC)

[Ex- author's collection]

Crimean War	Area, Town or City	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
The Baltic Fleet	1854 and 1855 mail from the British Baltic Fleet was landed at Danzig, carried by the Prussian Postal Service, and cancelled upon UK arrival	Baltic Fleet mail received a Danzig date-stamp to the front and the stamps were cancelled after UK arrival by the use of various London Inland Office number-in-diamond obliterations of the types below: single (1-37, 39-44, 52-75)	 double (45, 46, 47)  triple (48, 49)  Date-stamp 			19 / 8 [1854] 25 / 5 [1855] 1 / 6 [1855] 6 / 7 [1855] 15 / 6 [1855] 22 / 6 [1855] 20 / 7 [1855] 21 / 7 [1855]	C1	166, 171, 172, 175, 191, 202 and others unplated.
							C2	R4
							C3	5



Crimean War, Baltic Fleet 19  
 1854 circular date-stamp DANZIG 8  
 SG Spec. C1, unplated, cancelled after UK arrival by the London Inland Branch 35-in-diamond obliterator  
 Sailor's letter from *HMS Imperieuse* with a red L-in-circle hand-stamp and black 4, being the amount due to Prussia; two London back-stamps AU22 1854 in red.  
 [ex – Gerald Elliott collection lot 83]





## Mailboats — British

The system of sorting some of the steamship contract mail en route began experimentally in 1858 on the P & O mail packets to Australia. In 1859 the Postmaster General in his fifth report stated:

*‘The arrangements for sorting letters on board ship, hitherto confined to the Australian Mails, having been found to work well, and greatly to expedite the delivery of the letters, have been extended within the present month to the Indian Mails; and I am in communication with the Postmasters General of the United States and Canada, with a view to the adoption of the same plan in the packets between this country and North America.’*

Barred oval numeral handstamps were distributed to postal officers in charge of mails carried by certain steamship companies. These sorters operated on ships holding mail contracts from the British GPO. The handstamps were for use on mail posted on board, but most examples occur on letters from soldiers and sailors serving overseas which were forwarded to the mailboats without postmarks. An impression of each handstamp and the date of its issue were recorded in the dispatch books of 1859, 1860 and 1861 at Post Office Records.


Each of these entries names a person to whom the handstamp was originally sent, and it was assumed for a long time that these were the names of the officers in charge of mails on board the steamships. Examination of the Post Office Establishment records shows that the names were those of the clerical officers in the GPO Circulation Office, (R Casson, A R Douglas, T Mounsey, R Perkins, W Roberts, U Romaine, G Gilpin, D Fisher, E H S

Fisher, W B Nash, C W Cook, R Corlett, W P White and F D White), who were responsible for the issue of particular handstamps to those who were specifically entitled to use them. In the case of mailboat officials the numeral obliterating handstamp was usually one of a set of eight different handstamps issued to each officer for his specific use during the whole of his term of duty, irrespective of the different ships on which he served over a period of time. These sets of handstamps also contained different kinds of handstruck rate and postage due marks according to the mail-contract routes on which they were used.

Letters bearing adhesive stamps uncanceled at the place of origin and, later, letters posted on board were struck with the mailboat handstamp. The letter of the alphabet and the number on the handstamp had no reference to any specific ship. A mail officer served terms of duty on different vessels, but he retained for his exclusive use the set of handstamps issued to him. The system was in use between 1858 and 1870 on vessels of the P & O Line, and between 1859 and 1868 on vessels of the Cunard Line. British GPO sorters worked on Atlantic mailboats of the Canadian-owned Allen Line between November 1859 and April 1860. Six cancellations B17, B18 and B27 to B30 were issued to the Allen Line by the British GPO, but these have not been reported used on Great Britain stamps during this brief period, and it is therefore most unlikely that any Penny Red Stars were used on mail from these vessels. All the obliterators were subsequently reallocated to British post offices.


## Cancellations and Stamps Recorded

Concession Mail for British Soldiers and Sailors, (excluding the Crimean War), cancelled by various mailboat obliterators, is dealt with in an earlier section, but details are also noted below; the concession mail cover with P&O A99 obliterators is repeated in this section, as no alternative is available.

Shipping Line	Route	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Cunard Line Mailboats	North Atlantic	 FORGERIES of this obliterators are known.	14 June 1859				C10	43, 46, 57, 58

Shipping Line	Route	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
						Cunard Line mailboat A91 SG Spec. C10, Plate 58 [ex – Author’s collection]		
Cunard Line Mailboats	North Atlantic		14 June 1859			23 Jan 1864 - 6 Feb 1864	C10	27, 43, 62 Royal Navy mail was put aboard mailboat at Halifax, Nova Scotia.
						Cunard Line mailboat A92 SG Spec. C10, plate 27 Envelope originated in London where the paid datestamp was applied, but the adhesives were not cancelled, although an inspector’s mark was applied. Cunard Line “Arabia” left Liverpool, January 23 <sup>rd</sup> , mail sorted on board, where the A92 obliterator was applied and the letter bagged for Chicago. Arrived Boston, February 6th 1864. At Chicago a CHICAGO. AM. PK. 24 FEB 7 cds was used, and a 35 U.S. NOTES depreciated currency stamp was also applied.		
Cunard Line Mailboats	North Atlantic		14 June 1859				C10	34, 62
						Cunard Line mailboat A93 SG Spec. C10, plate 34		
Cunard Line Mailboats	North Atlantic		14 June 1859				C10	41



Shipping Line	Route	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Cunard Line Mailboats	North Atlantic		14 June 1859			Mar 1862	C10	44, 59, 62, 66
							C12	50



Cunard Line mailboat

A95

SG Spec. C10, plate 62

MR—1862, with Brecon arrival circular date-stamp AP16 1862 on reverse



Cunard Line mailboat

A95

SG Spec. C12, plate 50

Cunard Line Mailboats	North Atlantic		14 June 1859				C10	Exist but unplated.
Cunard Line Mailboats	North Atlantic		14 June 1859			13 Jun -- 21 Jun 1862	C10	59
							C13	R16

Shipping Line	Route	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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Mailboat

A97 of Cunard Line, used aboard "Europa"

SG Spec. C10, plate 59

Ship left Halifax, Nova Scotia 13<sup>th</sup> June 1862, arriving at Queenstown 21<sup>st</sup> June 1862.

Arrival back-stamp: TUNBRIDGE WELLS JU 23 1862.

Cunard Line Mailboats	North Atlantic		14 June 1859				C10	38, 41, 47, 60
							C12	50






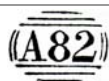

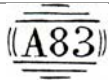


Mailboat



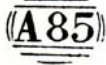
A98 of Cunard Line

SG Spec. C10, plate 38

Cunard Line Mailboats	North Atlantic		13 Mar 1862					No examples are known
Cunard Line Mailboats	North Atlantic		12 Dec 1859					No examples are known
Cunard Line Mailboats	North Atlantic		19 Dec 1859					No examples are known
Cunard Line Mailboats	North Atlantic		13 Mar 1862				C10	Exist but unplated. No covers known.
Cunard Line Mailboats	North Atlantic	 FORGERY reported	Mar 1862				C10	The only example seen, on Plate 39, failed to receive a RPSL certificate in 2011, as the B62 obliterator was not considered genuine.

Shipping Line	Route	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
					Mailboat FORGED B62 (of Cunard Line) SG Spec. C10, plate 39, inverted watermark large crown type 1			
P&O Line Mailboats	Southampton to Alexandria packet		24 Apr 1858					No examples are known.
P&O Line Mailboats	Mediterranean, Africa & Far East		11 Mar 1859				C10	68
P&O Line Mailboats	Mediterranean, Africa & Far East		17 Mar 1859, handed over 18 Mar 1859			18 Apr 1859 7 Aug 1868	C10	27, 34, 37, 49, 55, 56, 59, 60, 61, 66
						Jun 1864	C10	unplated Hong-Kong sailor's letter
						29 Nov 1860	C10	49, Malta sailor's letter
					Mailboat A81 of P & O Line SG Spec. C10, plate 60 [FG] [ex – Author's collection]			
P&O Line Mailboats	Mediterranean, Africa & Far East		24 Mar 1859			28 Sep 1859	C10	47, 55
					Mailboat A82 of P & O Line SG Spec. C10, plate 55			
P&O Line Mailboats	Mediterranean, Africa & Far East		31 Mar 1859			15 Dec 1859	C8	Exist but unplated.
							C10	36, 49, 56, 57, 58, 59, R17
						1860 Dec 1861 AP 13 63	C10	44, 59, one unplated, Hong-Kong sailors' letters
						Nov 1861	C10	37, Shanghai sailor's letter
						3 May 1863	C10	60, Syria sailor's letter
						Oct 1864	C10	62, Yokohama sailor's letter



Shipping Line	Route	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
						Mailboat A83 of P & O Line SG Spec. C10, plate 58		
P&O Line Mailboats	Mediterranean, Africa & Far East		8 Apr 1859				C10	Exist but unplated.
P&O Line Mailboats	Mediterranean, Africa & Far East		8 Apr 1859			9 Aug 1863 25 Dec 1864	C10	52, 56, 59, 66
							C12	50



Mailboat  
A85 of P & O Line  
SG Spec. C10, plate 66  
backstamped: TRURO DE 26 64

P&O Line Mailboats	Mediterranean, Africa & Far East		18 Apr 1859			Nov 1859	C10	49, 52, 58, 60, 61
						Mar 1863	C10	R17, Hong-Kong sailor's letter

Shipping Line	Route	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
								<p>Mailboat</p> <p>A86 of P &amp; O Line</p> <p>Mediterranean Packet "Pera"</p> <p>SG Spec. C10, plate 61</p> <p>Vessel left Alexandria 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1859, to Marseilles for overland passage to England, arriving London 16<sup>th</sup> November 1859.</p>
P&O Line Mailboats	Mediterranean, Africa & Far East		18 Apr 1859			May 1860	C10	43, 44, 52, 67
								<p>Mailboat</p> <p>A87 of P &amp; O Line</p> <p>Mediterranean Packet "Valetta"</p> <p>SG Spec. C10, plate 43</p> <p>Carried from Alexandria, May 1860, sorted at Malta and continued to Marseilles for overland passage to England.</p>
P&O Line Mailboats	Mediterranean, Africa & Far East		26 Apr 1859				C10	27, 36, 59, 62, 68
							C12	51
						Aug 1862	C10	57, Singapore sailor's letter

Shipping Line	Route	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
							Mailboat A88 of P&O Line SG Spec. C10, plate 59 [ex – Author's collection]	
P&O Line Mailboats	Mediterranean, Africa & Far East		26 Apr 1859				C10	34, 44
							Mailboat A89 of p & O Line SG Spec. C10, Plate 34	
P&O Line Mailboats	Mediterranean, Africa & Far East		date not in Proof Book			28 Sep 1864 (arrival)	C10	58 and one unplated cover recorded, 6d rate via Mediterranean Packet to Bombay.
							Mailboat A90 of P & O Line Spec. C10, plate 58	
P&O Line Mailboats	Mediterranean, Africa & Far East		26 Jun 1859			Apr 1860	C10	36, Hong Kong sailor's letter



Shipping Line	Route	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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Mailboat / Hong Kong sailor's letter  
A99 of P&O Line, Far East Mailboat  
SG Spec. C10, plate 36

1860 sailor's letter from HMS Esk, Hong Kong, when part of the East Indies and China Station of the Royal Navy. In an April 1860 Naval mail bag from Hong Kong, (prior to the departure of HMS Esk in the summer of 1860, as part of the action to seal the Bohai Gulf).

P&O Line Mailboats	Mediterranean, Africa & Far East		18 Aug 1859			no covers recorded	C10	47
							C10	48, FAKED from 803




Mailboat  
FAKED B03 of P & O Line  
(altered from 803 of Dulverton, Somerset)  
SG Spec. C10, plate 48  
[ex – Author's collection]

P&O Line Mailboats	Mediterranean, Africa & Far East		10 Oct 1859				C10	44, 47, 52, 59
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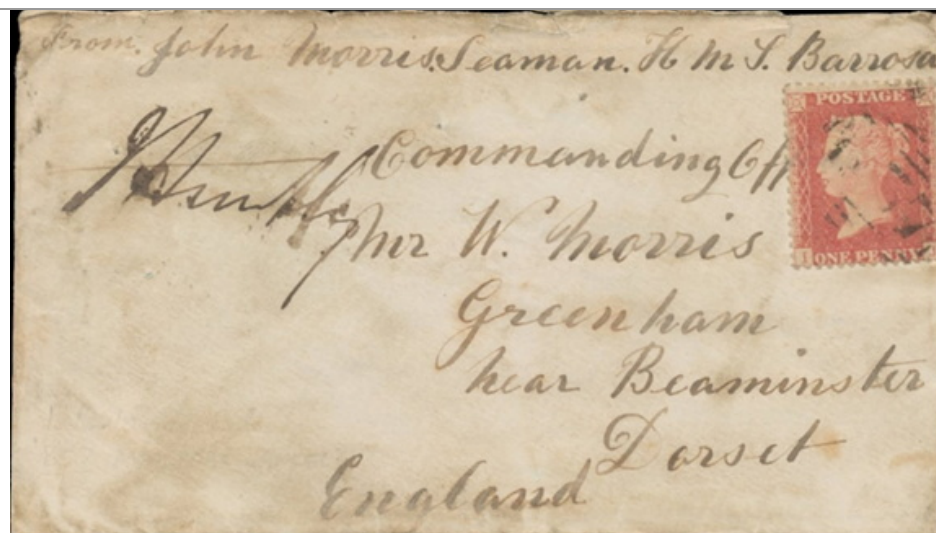
Mailboat  
B12 of P & O Line  
SG Spec. C10, plate 59  
[ex – Author's collection]

Shipping Line	Route	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
P&O Line Mailboats	Mediterranean, Africa & Far East		24 Nov 1859			1861	C10	60; others exist but unplated.





Mailboat  
B16 of P & O Line  
Mediterranean Packet "China"  
SG Spec. C10, plate 60  
Mourning envelope dated 1861

P&O Line Mailboats	Mediterranean, Africa & Far East		17 Jul 1861				C10	Exist but unplated.
P&O Line Mailboats	Mediterranean, Africa & Far East		24 Jul 1861				C10	41, 57, 58, 59; others exist but unplated.
						Aug 1864	C10	62, Yokohama sailor's letter



Mailboat [Japan sailor's letter]  
B57 of P&O Baroda  
SG Spec. C10, plate 62  
Sailor's letter from HMS Barrosa, Yokohama, Japan. Carried per P&O Ganges, departed Yokohama 26<sup>th</sup> August 1864; Orissa, departed Shanghai 4<sup>th</sup> September 1864; Mooltan, departed Galle ? ; Baroda, departed Alexandria ? ; Ripon, departed Malta 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1864; arrived Southampton 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1864.  
[ex-Gerald Elliott collection lot 233]



Shipping Line	Route	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Obliterator in Use	GB Stamps Available	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
P&O Line Mailboats	Mediterranean, Africa & Far East		25 Aug 1860			none recorded		No stamps recorded. Proof book note: “ <i>Lent temporarily to Mr White (our Avoca official) for use on the P &amp; O steamer Ellora.</i> ”
P&O Line Mailboats	Mediterranean, Africa & Far East		11 June 1866					Unlikely to have been used on Penny Red Stars, due to date of issue of obliterator.

### Mailboats — French (Paquebot)

Mail agents on board vessels of the French passenger–freight–mail packet boat company *Compagnie des Messageries Nationales* (so-named 1853 – 1871) were issued with a dotted lozenge obliterator, with an anchor in place of the usual numerals. This was to be used to cancel stamps on letters either posted on board or posted at the docks. Circular date-stamps, recognised by their double concentric circles with a

flower petal shape in the lower annulus, were to be struck on the face or on the back of the cover. Stamps of countries other than France, either alone or in combination with French stamps, were sometimes cancelled with the anchor, particularly on the New York line and on the Orient runs. (Ref. 15)

### Cancellations and Stamps Recorded

Shipping Line	Route	Obliterator		Obliterator in Use	Date-stamp	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
CMN	—			1857 – 1876			C10	67



France:

CMN Line ‘*losange*’ with anchor

SG Spec. C10, plate 67

[ex – Author’s collection]



## Moveable Box — Mail from English Ports and the Channel Islands to France

Regular Post Office Packet vessels carried the bulk of the mail between Great Britain and France, via the Dover to Calais route. The Anglo-French Postal Convention of 1843 allowed the transport of mail between British and French ports by private ships sailing between certain French and English ports. The system of maritime ‘*Movable Boxes*’ did not commence until early-1844, with such lockable boxes provided either at the quayside or on steamships sailing to Le Havre and later, to Boulogne-Sur-Mer, from the ports of Southampton, London, Dover or Brighton, and in 1855 from Folkestone. Margate, Plymouth and Weymouth were possibly included, although they remain unrecorded. (Ref. 16)







A new Anglo-French Postal Convention was drawn up in 1856 and commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1857. This now included the English port of Newhaven, ports on the islands of Guernsey and Jersey, and in 1858 Weymouth. In addition to Le Havre, octagonal, English Moveable Box date-stamps were issued to the French ports of Bordeaux, Boulogne-Sur-Mer, Cherbourg, Dieppe, Granville and St Malo, (Ref. 16). A French source does not include Dieppe and queries the issue of date-stamps to Calais and Morlaix; it does record that circular date-stamps were issued to Plerin and Port Bail, and the Moveable Box to Bordeaux was carried on the English Packet Boat. (Ref. 29). No British stamps have so far been noted by this author as cancelled at Bordeaux, Plerin, Calais, Dieppe or Dunkerque, (the last three were arrival ports for sacks of mail to and from the British Post Office, although examples of French mails in the ‘*Boite Mobile*’ from these ports have been

recorded arriving in England). The captains of such ships were to be paid 1d per letter and on arrival of the vessel, the moveable box was carried to the local postmaster, who opened it, took out the letters, and returned it to the ship.

This mail received an octagonal ‘*Angl. BM*’ date-stamp in red, with the stamps obliterated by a diamond-shaped lozenge of dots. The earlier obliterations with small 4mm numerals, ‘*petits chiffres losange*’, were replaced from 1<sup>st</sup> January 1863 by a different series with larger 7mm numerals, ‘*gros chiffres losange*’, with large, 7mm numerals, used together with a circular ‘*Angl. BM*’ datestamp, (Ref. 17). This apparent change from octagonal to circular is not recorded in another book, which also illustrates an 1870 Le Havre cover with a red octagonal ‘*Angl. BM*’ datestamp, (Ref. 18). Before the receipt of the larger format cancellers at certain Post Offices, the newly allocated number was incorporated in a canceller of the old 4mm format, possibly manufactured locally.

Three British letterpress (surface printed) stamps are recorded cancelled by the 2896 ‘*gros chiffre losange*’ of Port-Bail on the coast of Normandy. These were from letters carried by summer excursion steamers between Gorey and Port-Bail and that service was by no means regular. The port silted-up in 1885 and the steamer service ceased, (Ref. 19). This service commenced well after the period of use of Penny Red Stars; likewise, the introduction of circular date-stamps at Port Bail, Plerin and St Malo was long after the period of use of Penny Red Stars.

## Cancellations and Printing Plates Recorded

France	Town / Port	Small (4mm) Numerals	Large (7mm) Numerals	Obliterator in Use	Date-stamp	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
France	Bordeaux (English Packet Boat)			1852 – 1862				No stamps recorded, although Paq. Angl. BM date-stamp recorded for the English packet calling at Bordeaux, (Ref. 34).
France	Bordeaux (English Packet Boat)			1863 – 1876				No stamps recorded, although Paq. Angl. BM date-stamp recorded for the English packet calling at Bordeaux, (Ref. 34).
France	Boulogne-Sur-Mer			1852 – 1862			C10	SG Spec. C10: 43, 60; others exist but are unprinted.

France	Town / Port	Small (4mm) Numerals	Large (7mm) Numerals	Obliterator in Use	Date-stamp	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
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France — Moveable Box

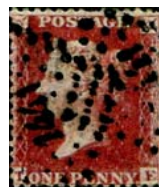
'Petits chiffres losange' 455 of Boulogne

SG Spec. C10, plate 43

[ex – Author's collection]

France	Boulogne-Sur-Mer			1863 – 1876			C10	Exist but unplated.
France	Calais			1852 – 1862				No stamps recorded
France	Calais			1863 – 1876				No stamps recorded
France	Cherbourg			1852 – 1862				No stamps recorded, although BM date-stamp recorded for Cherbourg, (Ref. 34).
France	Cherbourg			1863 – 1876				No stamps recorded, although BM date-stamp recorded for Cherbourg, (Ref. 34).
France	Dieppe			1852 – 1862				No stamps recorded.
France	Dieppe			1863 – 1876				No stamps recorded.
France	Dunkerque			1852 – 1862				No stamps recorded, although BM date-stamp recorded for Dunquerke, (Ref. 34).
France	Dunkerque			1863 – 1876				No stamps recorded, although BM date-stamp recorded for Dunquerke, (Ref. 34).
France	Granville			1852 – 1862			C10	56; others exist but unplated.

France	Town / Port	Small (4mm) Numerals	Large (7mm) Numerals	Obliterator in Use	Date-stamp	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
France	Granville			1863 – 1876			C10	Exist but not yet recorded.
France	Granville			After 1863			C10	60
							C13	R15



France — Moveable Box

‘Petits chiffres losange’ 1441 of Granville



SG Spec. C10, plate 60



France — Moveable Box

‘Petits chiffres losange’ 1441 of Granville

SG Spec. C13, plate R15

France	Le Havre			1860		23 - - - 60	C10	34, 47, 56, 60, R17; others exist but unplated.
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France — Moveable Box

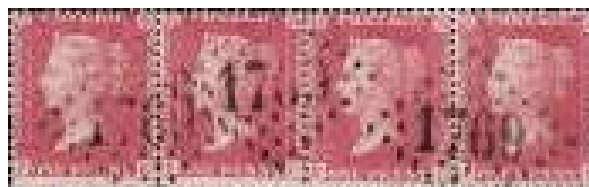
‘Petits chiffres losange’ 1495 of Le Havre

SG Spec. C10, plate 60

Red octagonal arrival mark:  
LE HAVRE 23 - - - 60





France	Town / Port	Small (4mm) Numerals	Large (7mm) Numerals	Obliterator in Use	Date-stamp	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
France	Le Havre			1863 – 1876			C10	34, 44, 52, 55, 56, 57, 59, 60
							C12	51
France	Le Havre			1852 – 1862			C10	36
France	Le Havre			1863			C10	55



France — Moveable Box

*‘Gros chiffres losange’* 1769 of Le Havre

SG Spec. C10, plate 55

France	St Malo			1852 – 1862			C8	46
							C10	27, 34, 36, 43, 46, 47, 48, 58, 61, 66, 68
							C12	50



France — Moveable Box

*‘Petits chiffres losange’* 3176 of St Malo

SG Spec. C8, plate 46 (AG, AH-AJ rejoined scans)

[AG ex-Author's collection]





France — Moveable Box

*‘Petits chiffres losange’* 3176 of St Malo

SG Spec. C10, plate 43

[ex – Author's collection]

France	Town / Port	Small (4mm) Numerals	Large (7mm) Numerals	Obliterator in Use	Date-stamp	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
France	St Malo			1863 – 1876		28 Mar 1863 15 Feb 1864 17 Feb 1864	C9 C10 C12 C13	27 27, 39, 43, 60, 67, R17 50 R15, R16



France — Moveable Box

*‘Gros chiffres losange’* 3734 of St Malo

SG Spec. C9, plate 27

[ex-Author’s collection]



France — Moveable Box

*‘Gros chiffres losange’* 3734 of St. Malo


SG Spec. C13, plate R15

Red octagonal arrival mark:  
ST MALO 17 FEVR 1864

## Moveable Box — England

Under the terms of the Anglo-French Postal Conventions of 1843 and 1856 the principal French ports, where moveable boxes from England were landed, applied a special mark to identify the origin of such letters bearing British stamps, whilst, mail

from France bearing French stamps received corresponding cancellations on arrival at English ports. Occasionally mail bearing British stamps would be placed in the Moveable Box departing a French port, bound for England.

Country	Town / Port	Obliterator	Proof Book Entry	Hand-stamp in Use			Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
England	English		1843	1843 – 1856				B1	70

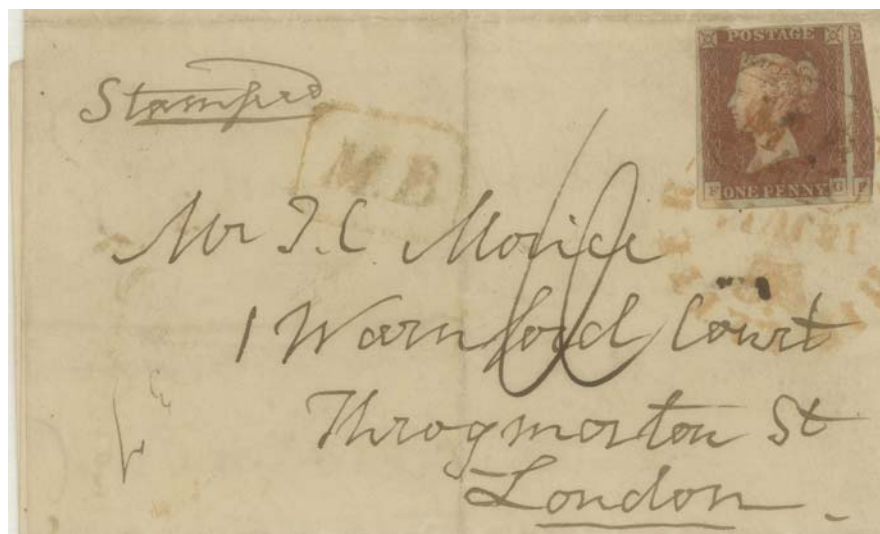


Great Britain

MB English Moveable Box mark; mail posted at the dockside of a French port or when aboard a vessel bound for England.

SG Spec. B1, plate 70(TK)

England	London						14 JU 1844	B1	43
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Moveable Box / Ship Letter

SG Spec. B1, plate 43

Letter posted in the Movable Box on the quayside in Boulogne on the evening of Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 1844. Stamp cancelled on arrival with a boxed MB and a circular date-stamp LONDON SHIP LETTER 14 JU 14 1844, both in red.









[The RM Phillips Collection]























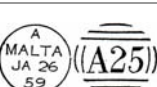





## Moveable Box — Mediterranean




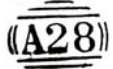


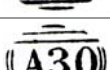





















Under the terms of The Anglo-French Postal Convention of 1856, the principal ports where moveable boxes were landed applied a special mark to identify the origin of such letters. Moveable box date-stamps were issued to many ports, including, in the Mediterranean, Malta and Alexandria. The Malta Moveable Box date-stamp has been noted on mail from Alexandria via Malta to Marseille, including two items with Penny Red Stars, (Ref. 20). The Moveable Box was taken ashore at Valetta, the contents sorted and the MB

mark was applied; stamps on mail for Malta would be cancelled with a Maltese obliterator, whilst onward mail was returned to a Packet Boat bound for Marseille, where the French stamps were cancelled with strikes of the either a '1895 *petit chiffres losange*' or a '2240 *gros chiffres losange*' together with a paquebot date-stamp. Mail arriving at Alexandria in a Moveable Box aboard vessels from such places as Southampton, Marseille, Messina, Malta and Syria would be cancelled with the Alexandria Moveable Box date-stamp.

Country	Town / Port	MB Date-stamp	Proof Book Entry	Date-stamp in Use	Destination Obliterator	Date-stamp	Dated Items	SG Spec.	Printing Plates Recorded
Malta	Valetta		15 Oct 1857	1857 – 1 Feb 1880	—	—		C10	No covers recorded to date (2011)
France	Marseille		15 Oct 1857	1857 – 1 Feb 1880			10 Oct 1862	C10	Unplated cover recorded by The Malta Study Circle, (Ref. 21).
France	Marseille		15 Oct 1857	1857 – 1 Feb 1880			2 Mar 1864	C10	Unplated cover recorded by The Malta Study Circle, (Ref. 21).
Egypt	Alexandria		1857		—	—		C10	No covers recorded to date (June 2011)













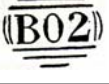











## Appendix 1 – Representations of British Barred Oval Obliterators and Other Cancellations























Postmark	Allocation	Postmark	Allocation
	Kingston, Jamaica – Head Post Office		Kingston, Jamaica – Head Post Office
	Kingston, Jamaica – Head Post Office		St John's, Antigua
	Georgetown (Demerara), British Guiana		New Amsterdam (Berbice), British Guiana
	Nassau, Bahamas		Belize, British Honduras
	Roseau, Dominica		Plymouth, Montserrat
	Charlestown, Nevis		Kingstown, St Vincent
	Castries, St Lucia		Basseterre, St Christopher
	Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Isles		Scarborough, Tobago
	St George's, Grenada		P&O Line Mailboat
	English Harbour, Antigua		Valetta, Malta
	Valetta, Malta		Valetta, Malta
	Valetta, Malta		British Packet Agency, Valetta, Malta – on Crimean War Mail
	British Packet Agency, Valetta, Malta – on Crimean War Mail		Gibraltar

Postmark	Allocation	Postmark	Allocation
	Gibraltar		Gibraltar
	Alexandria, Jamaica – District Post Office		Annotto Bay, Jamaica – District Post Office
	Bath, Jamaica – District Post Office		Bath, Jamaica – District Post Office
	Black River, Jamaica – District Post Office		Brown's Town, Jamaica – District Post Office
	Buff Bay, Jamaica – District Post Office		Buff Bay, Jamaica – District Post Office
	Chapelton, Jamaica – District Post Office		Claremont, Jamaica – District Post Office
	Clarendon, Jamaica – District Post Office		Dry Harbour, Jamaica – District Post Office
	Duncans, Jamaica – District Post Office		Ewarton, Jamaica – District Post Office (closed before obliterator delivered)
	Falmouth, Jamaica – District Post Office		Falmouth, Jamaica – District Post Office
	Flint River, Jamaica – District Post Office		Gayle, Jamaica – District Post Office
	Golden Spring, Jamaica – District Post Office		Gordon Town, Jamaica – District Post Office
	Goshen, Jamaica – District Post Office		Goshen, Jamaica – District Post Office
	Grange Hill, Jamaica – District Post Office		Grange Hill, Jamaica – District Post Office
	Port Royal, Jamaica – District Post Office		Porus, Jamaica – District Post Office



































Postmark	Allocation	Postmark	Allocation
	Ramble, Jamaica – District Post Office		Rio Bueno, Jamaica – District Post Office
	Rio Bueno, Jamaica – District Post Office		Rodney Hall (Linstead), Jamaica – District Post Office
	Saint David (Yallahs), Jamaica – District Post Office		St Anne's Bay, Jamaica – District Post Office
	Salt Gut, Jamaica – District Post Office		Salt Gut, Jamaica – District Post Office
	Savanna La Mar, Jamaica – District Post Office		Savanna La Mar, Jamaica – District Post Office
$\frac{1}{2}$	Spanish Town, Jamaica – District Post Office		Spanish Town, Jamaica – District Post Office
	Stewart Town, Jamaica – District Post Office		Vere (Alley), Jamaica – District Post Office
	P&O Line Mailboat		P&O Line Mailboat
	P&O Line Mailboat		P&O Line Mailboat
	P&O Line Mailboat		P&O Line Mailboat
	P&O Line Mailboat		P&O Line Mailboat
	P&O Line Mailboat		P&O Line Mailboat

Postmark	Allocation	Postmark	Allocation
	P&O Line Mailboat		Cunard Line Mailboat
	Cunard Line Mailboat		Cunard Line Mailboat
	Cunard Line Mailboat		Cunard Line Mailboat
	Cunard Line Mailboat		Cunard Line Mailboat
	Cunard Line Mailboat		P&O Line Mailboat
	Alexandria, Egypt		Cairo, Egypt
	Suez, Egypt		P&O Line Mailboat
	P&O Line Mailboat		P&O Line Mailboat
	Allen Line Mailboat		Allen Line Mailboat
	Allen Line Mailboat		Allen Line Mailboat
	Allen Line Mailboat		Allen Line Mailboat
	Buenos Ayres, Argentina		Buenos Ayres, Argentina










Postmark	Allocation	Postmark	Allocation
	Port Louis, Mauritius		P&O Line Mailboat
	P&O Line Mailboat		Cunard Line Mailboat
	Cunard Line Mailboat		Victoria, Mahé Island, Seychelles
	Montevideo, Uruguay		Coquimbo, Chile
	Guayadil, Ecuador		St Thomas, Danish West Indies
	Carthagen, Colombia		San Juan, Porto Rico
	P&O Line Mailboat		Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
	Temporarily loaned to P&O Line Mailboat		Constantinople (British Levant)
	Crimean War – Field Post Offices and the British Army Post Office, Constantinople		Crimean War – Field Post Offices and the British Army Post Office, Constantinople
	Corfu, Ionian Islands		Corfu, Ionian Islands
	Fernando-Po, West African Coast		Fernando-Po, West African Coast
	Zante, Ionian Islands		India, Bombay [Mumbai]























Postmark	Allocation	Postmark	Allocation
	India, —		India, Skevan [Siwan?]
	India, Kedgerree		India, B-179
	Lagos, Nigeria		Lagos, Nigeria
	Lagos, Nigeria		Montreal, Canada
	Montreal, Canada		Quebec, Canada
	Auckland, New Zealand		Victoria State, Australia
	Victoria State, Australia		Maltese cross
	Single London Inland number in diamond (1 – 37, 39 – 44, 52 – 75)		Double London Inland number in diamond (45, 46, 47)
	Triple London Inland number in diamond (48, 49)	<b>SHIP LETTER</b>	Ship Letter
<b>GIBRALTAR SHIP LETTER</b>	Gibraltar ship letter	<b>MALTA SHIP LETTER</b>	Malta Ship Letter
	Moveable Box, England		Ascension
	Malta FORGED M		









Date-stamp	Allocation	Date-stamp	Allocation
	Malta Moveable Box		Alexandria Moveable Box
	Auckland, New Zealand		London Ship Letter
Back-stamp	Allocation	Back-stamp	Allocation
	Crimean War Field Post Office, Varna		Crimean War Field Post Office, Varna, but year slug inserted above month and day.
	Crimean War Field Post Office, Scutari and, (later), British Army Post Office, Constantinople		Crimean War Field Post Office, Balaklava
	Crimean War Field Post Office, Scutari Hospital		British Packet Agency and British Post Office, Valetta, Malta
	British Post Office, Constantinople with 'PAID' above date		British Post Office, Constantinople without 'PAID' above date

## Appendix 2 – Representations of Foreign Obliterators and Cancellations

Postmark	Allocation	Postmark	Allocation
	Diamond grill, France		1002 (7mm) Cherbourg, France
	Pin roller used on registered and foreign mail (usually black, but occasionally red), France		1096 (4mm) Dieppe, France
	Roller of square dots used on registered and foreign mail, France		1152 (4mm) Dunkerque, France
	Paris – dotted star, France		1129 (7mm) Dieppe, France
	441 (4mm) Bordeaux, France		1364 (7mm) Dunkerque, France
	455 (4mm) Boulogne, France		1441 (4mm) Granville, France
	532 (7mm) Bordeaux, France		1495 (4mm) Le Havre, France
	549 (7mm) Boulogne, France		1495 (7mm) Le Havre, France
	583 (4mm) Calais, France		1706 (4mm) Granville, France
	698 (7mm) Calais, France		1706 (7mm) Granville, France
	842 (4mm) Cherbourg, France		1769 (4mm) Le Havre, France



Postmark	Allocation	Postmark	Allocation
	1769 (7mm) Le Havre, France		1896 (4mm) Marseille, France
	2240 (4mm) Marseille, France		2445 (4mm) Port-Bail, France
	2984 (7mm) Port-Bail, France		3176 (4mm) St Malo, France
	3734 (7mm) St Malo, France		AOM, French Crimean Army Corps [Armee D'Orient Bureau M]
	Anchor, French Paquebot		Spain – ‘parilla’
	Spain – ‘telaraña’		San Roque, Spain – ‘rueda 63’
	Baden, Germany		Frankfurt, Germany
	Railway Post, Germany		
Date-stamp	Allocation	Date-stamp	Allocation
	Paris, France		Paquebot – France
	Montevideo, Uruguay		Kamiesch, Crimea (French Crimean Army Corp)
	Danzig, Prussia	<div>ESCADRE DE LA BALTIQUE</div>	Cachet of the French Baltic Naval Squadron

Date-stamp	Allocation	Date-stamp	Allocation
	Boulogne, France – ANGL. B.M. (Moveable Box from England)		Granville, France – ANGLETERRE BOITE MOBILE (Moveable Box from England)
	Le Havre, France – ANGL. B.M. (Moveable Box from England)		Marseille, France – ANGLETERRE PAQUEBOT (English Packet Boat)
	France – ST MALO ANGL. B.M. (Moveable Box from England)		France – ANGL. B.M. CHERBOURG (Moveable Box from England)
	France – ANGL. B.M. DUNKERQUE (Moveable Box from England)		France – PAQ. ANGL. B.M. BORDEAUX (Moveable Box from English Packet Boat)

### Appendix 3 – Specialised Groups of the Penny Red Stars

Although the normally accepted range for Penny Red Stars is SG Spec. groups A2, B1, CE1, CE2, B2, and C1 to C13, the table below is expanded to include further sub-groups, following a chronological order.

Note: In the second column, ‘*var*’ denotes a variety, group or sub-group which may not have a reference number in the *Stanley Gibbons Specialised Catalogue*, 2008, (Ref. 1).

Year	SG Spec.	SG	Watermark	Die	Separation	Alphabet	Shade or hue of printing ink	Shade or hue of paper	Printing plates and notes
1841	A2	7	small crown	1	imperf	1	red–brown	blued	1, 2, 5, 8 to 11 Printed from ‘ <i>Penny Black</i> ’ plates
1841	DP22	16	—	1	imperf	1	red–brown	very blued	11 Dickinson ‘thread paper’
1841	A2	7	small crown	1	private roulette	1	red–brown	blued	Various plates Unofficial or unauthorised roulette
1841 – 1852	B1	8 – 12	small crown	1	imperf	1	red–brown	blued	12 to 131
1841 – 1848	B1	8 – 12	small crown	1	private roulette	1	red–brown	blued	115 131 and other plates Unofficial or unauthorised roulette
1848	CE1	16a	small crown	1	11½ roulette	1	red–brown	blued	70 and 71 Rouletted by Henry Archer
1850	DP71 <i>b</i>	—	—	—	imperf	—	red–brown	white	Archer’s letterpress, ( <i>surface printed</i> ), Prince Consort essays, included as part of the history of the Penny Red Stars
1850	DP71 <i>c</i>	—	—	—	Archer perf 16	—	red–brown	white	Archer’s letterpress, ( <i>surface printed</i> ), Prince Consort essays, included as part of the history of the Penny Red Stars
1850	CE2	16b	small crown	1	Archer perf 16	1	red–brown	blued	90 to 101 Perforated by Henry Archer
1851 – 1852	CE2	16	small crown	1	Archer perf 16	1	red–brown	blued	105, 107, 108, 111, 116 Probably perforated at Somerset House on Archer’s machine.
Jan – Mar 1851	B1/ <i>var</i>		small crown	1	imperf	2	red–brown	lavender tinted	98 A few examples are reported from printings a year earlier than the accepted date period
Jan–Mar 1852	B1/	—	small crown	1	imperf	2	red–brown	lavender tinted	118, 119, 121 to 131 Early–January to mid–/late –March 1852



Year	SG Spec.	SG	Watermark	Die	Separation	Alphabet	Shade or hue of printing ink	Shade or hue of paper	Printing plates and notes
1852 – 1854	B2	—	small crown	1	imperf	2	red–brown	blued	132 to 177
1852 – 1854	B2	—	small crown	1	private roulette	2	red–brown	blued	151 (10 APR 53 cover) and other plates
Jan-Mar 1852	B2 <i>k</i>	—	small crown	1	imperf	2	red–brown	lavender tinted	132 to 136 Early–January to mid–/late –March 1852
Nov 1852 – 1853	B2 <i>a</i> & B2 <i>aa</i>	—	small crown	1	serpentine roulette	2	red–brown	blued	133, 138, 141, 146 to 154, 156 to 158, 160 to 165, 167, 168, 170, 171, 173. (Ref. 30) Unauthorised serpentine roulette. [The so-called ‘ <i>Treasury</i> ’ roulette]
1852 – 1854	B2 <i>var</i>	—	small crown	1	imperf	2	red–brown	blued	R7 to R14 Unissued reserve plates
1853	CE3	16c	small crown	1	perf 16	2	red–brown	blued	140, 164 So-called ‘ <i>Government trial perforation</i> ’ on dated covers which, if genuine, may possibly have been made on Archer’s machine.
1854 – 1855	C1	17 – 18	small crown	1	perf 16	2	red–brown	blued	155, 157, 162 to 204, R1 to R6 First official perforation
1855	C2	22	small crown	1	perf 14	2	red–brown	blued	194 to 198, 200 to 204, R1 to R6 Second official perforation
1855	C3	24 – 25	small crown	2	perf 14	2	red–brown	blued	1 to 21
1855	C4	21	small crown	2	perf 16	2	red–brown	blued	1 to 15
1855	C5	26	large crown type 1	2	perf 16	2	red–brown	blued	1 to 15
1855 – 1856	C6	—	large crown type 1	2	perf 14	2	red–brown	blued	1 to 21
1855	C7	—	small crown	2	perf 14	3	red–brown	blued	22 to 27, and 31. Plate 30 was reported at a GBPS meeting in October 2007 and a possible 28 in the Fletcher Collection remains unexamined.

Year	SG Spec.	SG	Watermark	Die	Separation	Alphabet	Shade or hue of printing ink	Shade or hue of paper	Printing plates and notes
1855	C6 <i>var</i>	—	large crown type 1	2	imperf	2	red–brown	blued	16 to 18 Neale’s steam–press trial
1855 – 1857	C8	29 – 33	large crown type 1	2	perf 14	3	red–brown	blued	22 to 38, 40, 42 to 48
1855 –1856	C8 <i>var</i>	—	large crown type 1	2	imperf	3	red–brown	blued	22, 25, 39, 41 and, possibly, 43 and 44 Neale’s steam–press trial
1855	C8 <i>var</i>	—	large crown type 1	2	imperf	3	red–brown	blued	R18 and R19 Unissued reserve plates
1855	C7 <i>var</i>	—	small crown	2	imperf	3	red–brown	blued	R20 Unissued reserve plate
Early – 1856	C6 <i>var</i>	—	large crown type 1	2	perf 14	2	deep rose or orange-brown	unblued	16 to 18 Neale’s steam–press trial: deep rose and orange shades were probably within the normal range of shades, (Ref. 22).
1856 – 1857	C8A	37	large crown type 1	2	perf 14	3	red–brown	unblued	23 to 38, 40, 42 to 48
Early-1857	“Former” C9	—	large crown type 1	2	perf 14	3	orange-brown	unblued	27, 31, 33 to 38, 40, 42 to 48 Deep and orange shades of early-1857 were within the normal range of shades, (Ref. 22).
March – May 1857	“Revised” C9	—	large crown type 1	2	perf 14	3	pale rose	white	27, 31, 34, 36, 37, 38, 40, 43, 44, 47, 49, 52, 53, 55 Savoy Street printings, (Ref. 22).
June 1857	C10 <i>var</i>	—	large crown type 1	2	perf 14	3	rose–red	white	27, 34, 36, 37, 38, 43, 44, 47, 49, 52, 55 Savoy Street printings, (Ref. 22).
1857 – 1862	C10	38 – 41	large crown type 1	2	perf 14	3	rose–red	white	27, 33 to 34, 36 to 39, 41 to 49, 52, 55 to 68, R17
1857 – 1858	C11	36	large crown type 1	2	perf 16	3	rose–red	white	27, 34, 36 to 38, 42 to 49, 52, 55 to 60
1861 – 1864	C10c	—	large crown type 2	2	perf 14	3	rose–red	white	27, 34, 36, 39, 41 to 44, 46 to 49, 52, 55 to 68, R17 Single copy of 64(TB re-entry) and two from 65 (IA; LG in a mixed watermark pair LG-LH)

Year	SG Spec.	SG	Watermark	Die	Separation	Alphabet	Shade or hue of printing ink	Shade or hue of paper	Printing plates and notes
1861 –1862	C10 var	—	large crown type 1 and large crown type 2	2	perf 14	3	rose–red	white	27, 34, 36, 39, 46, 55, 57, 58, 59, 60, 65, 67, R17 Mixed watermarks – both large crown type 1 and type 2 watermarks are present on adjacent stamps of pairs, strips or blocks
1861 – 1862	C12c C12d	42	large crown type 1	2	perf 14	4	rose–red	white	50 51
1861 – 1864	C12	—	large crown type 2	2	perf 14	4	rose–red	white	50, 51
1862	C13d C13e	—	large crown type 1	2	perf 14	2	rose–red	white	R15 R16
1862 – 1864	C13	—	large crown type 2	2	perf 14	2	rose–red	white	R15, R16
1865	DP35b	—	large crown 2	2	imperf	3	rose–red	white	66 No records authorising or requesting a printing in red
1890?	A2 var	—	small crown	1	perf 11½	1	red–brown	blued	10 Unofficial 11·38 line perforation by Perkins, Bacon; matches the Mauritius 5s stamps overprinted ' <i>L.P.E. 1890</i> ' at the London Philatelic Exhibition, perforated on Perkins, Bacon machine A, (Ref. 23).

## Footnote 1 – SG Catalogue Listings for ‘Army Field Offices in Russia - the Crimea’ (Ref. 24).

For many years I have believed that there were some misleading inaccuracies in the ‘GB Used Abroad’ section of the *Stanley Gibbons Catalogue of Commonwealth & British Empire Stamps 1840-1952*, (Ref. 3), concerning the listings: *Russia – Field Offices in the Crimea, 1854-57*. This catalogue listing, which still endures into the 2011 edition, may benefit from being described as Crimean War Mail, 1854 – 1856, and the SG editors have been so informed.

Copies of the \*❖\* and O❖O obliterations and circular back-stamps were sent not only to the Army Field Post Office(s) in the Crimea, but also to other Army Field Offices established to serve the forces based at the Selimiye Barracks in Constantinople from April 1854, from May 1854 at the Black Sea port of Varna, (now in Bulgaria), and to the British Army Post Office which opened in Constantinople in January 1855. As noted earlier, the Allied force landed in the Crimea on 14<sup>th</sup> September 1854. Mail from the British Army Barracks and Hospital at Selimiye is recorded with the appropriate cancellations. The dates summarised below, from the Imperial War Museum and the National Archives, indicate that the war finished and Allied forces started to leave the Crimea during 1856:

25th February 1856:	The Paris Peace Conference opened.
29th February 1856:	The Armistice was signed.
30th March 1856:	The Treaty of Paris was signed.
27th April 1856:	Ratification of the Treaty of Paris in London, which formally ended Britain's participation in the war.
9th July 1856:	The Allied forces commenced their evacuation from

The evacuation of British & French forces was completed by September / October of 1856, with some British forces remaining at Constantinople. Other, non-British, forces remained as a buffer between Moldavia and Bessarabia.

After the Crimean War, a British Postal system lingered at Varna (Bulgaria), as the telegraph service from there to Constantinople remained under British control (Lieut. Biddulph) until Turkey took it over on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1857, with a small staff of British officers, (Ref. 25). Prior to, and following, the closure of the British Army Post Office at Constantinople at the end of 1856, there were representations from British commercial and diplomatic interests to the British government, and a British Post Office was eventually opened at Constantinople in July 1857.

The final SG listing of Penny Red Stars from the Crimean War is ‘Z15 1d red-brown

(1855), die II, wmk Large Crown, perf 14’, which corresponds with SG Spec. C6, on blued paper. Alphabet 3 stamps were also recorded from the Crimean War but have not been added to Gibbons listings: SG Spec. C7, reported by Seymour pre-1939 with O❖O cancellation, plate unknown, (Ref. 14), and SG Spec. C8, Plates 24 to 36. Stamps from Plate 36, which was put to press on 20<sup>th</sup> February 1856, were last recorded with O❖O cancellations.



SG Spec. C8, plate 34  
[ex – Author’s collection]



SG Spec. C8, plate 36

Although the 1d value is by far the most common stamp to be encountered in use during the period of the Crimean War, no stamps have so far been seen from later printing plates of group SG Spec. C8, or from the subsequent groups SG Spec C8A and C9, printed in mid- to late- 1856 or early- 1857.

The listing by Stanley Gibbons of ‘4d rose (1857)’ must be doubtful, as the date would indicate it to be SG Spec. J51 with large garter watermark, (issued in January 1857). Either it was mistaken for the medium garter watermark, although neither SG Spec. J48 4d rose, (first issued 25<sup>th</sup> February 1856 with medium garter watermark) nor the earlier SG Spec. J47 4d rose, (issued July 31<sup>st</sup> 1855, with small garter watermark), appear under their catalogue listings for the Crimean War, or it may have been cancelled with a forged obliterator.

Between 1907 and 1909 a series of articles entitled ‘British Stamps used Abroad’ by I J Bernstein and Chas. Nissen appeared in *Gibbons Stamp Weekly*, (Ref. 26), which later became the basis for much information in the first catalogue listings of these stamps. In Group VI of their articles, when discussing the Crimea 1854-6, the authors wrote:

“Peace was declared in April, 1856, but the Crimea was not finally evacuated by the Allies till 12 July, 1857; consequently we can assume British stamps were used there from about November, 1854, till 12 July, 1857.”

“The varieties known are:- ..... Cyphers and Star ... 4d Large Garter”



The above article included a few minor errors, and the Field Post Office(s) in the Crimea closed in 1856, as a consequence of the Allied forces evacuation. The Record of Penny Red Stars used in the Crimean War supports this assumption, with no dated covers so far reported after July 1856. Further supporting evidence is the deeply sad fact that soldiers who had survived the Crimean campaign were later killed, in July 1857, during the Siege of Lucknow, India, which started on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1857. The current

## SG 2012 Catalogue Amendment

In the 2012 edition, the editors have not only altered the dates to 1854 – 1856, but also removed the 4d with large garter watermark.

## Footnote 2 – SG Spec. C12 Plate 51 ‘Used in Jamaica’

There may possibly be a minor error concerning Plate 51 in Volume 16 of *The Essential Guide to the Line Engraved 1d and 2d Stars 1840–1864* by the late Dr Ken Statham.

On page 3162 he recorded SG Spec. C12 Plate 51 used abroad with the A01 cancellation of Kingston, Jamaica, (Ref. 27).

The use of British stamps in Jamaica ceased on 1st August 1860, when the island assumed responsibility for its postal service. Plate 51 did not go to press until 10½ months later, in mid- to late-June 1861 with the earliest recorded date of use 28 July 1861 in Great Britain. It would be most unlikely that such stamps were used in Jamaica. This usage could only be

description and date listing in the Gibbons catalogue is a continuation of the factual errors in the 1907 to 1909 articles by Bernstein and Nissen, which the SG editors may choose to amend in the future. Unless, of course, a 4d rose with large garter watermark and O\*O cancellation is confirmed ?

correct if on a cover with a Kingston, Jamaica datestamp. Stamps from Plate 51 cancelled A01, but off cover, may possibly have been used at the London Foreign Branch Office, where this obliterator was later used.

Late use of a now-invalidated British stamp would have been contrary to regulations, and any cover endorsed with the amount to be paid by the recipient. The author has seen and inspected an 1864 cover from Port Royal, Jamaica which is endorsed: “No good” and “2d to Pay”, and for this reason, continues to list SG Spec. Plate 51 in the Kingston, Jamaica section of this book.

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