

The Numeral Cancellations of Portugal 1856 - 1866. (cont.)

(The 'normal' type consists of the P.O. number at the center of a circle of thinish bars). Finally, departing from the normal type, is the dotted mark of Lisbon

(1) and Oporto (52), of which these two principal administrations made use uninterruptedly for ten years, 1856 - 1866. Both present two varieties: one, thin dots and figures (Figs. 4 and 5); and the other slightly thicker dots and figures (Figs. 6 and 7).



Fig. 4.



Fig. 5.



Fig. 6.



Fig. 7.

There are in fact several different sizes/shapes of these figures, esp. "52". (See below)





Lisbon was always No. 1  
 Scott numbers shown for  
 better stamp.  
 many XF or Jumbo copies.



FOR Nos. 48  
 to 51, see →  
 at end, after 229



PORTO: "52" in many different  
 shapes and sizes.  
 (some useful stamps)







#13  
XF  
rare

#1  
VF

#9

#16

#19

#24

#1  
VF

#9 x2  
Shades, VF

#7  
VF

#21

#7  
VF

#1  
Junho

#7

#8  
VF

#2

#3

#6A  
VF











# THE NUMBER CANCELLATIONS OF "THE NEIGHBOURING ISLANDS."

"THE Neighbouring Islands" (Ilhas Adjacentes) is the official title of the Archipelagos of the Azores and Madeira, which as everyone knows do not belong to the colonial dominions of Portugal, being an integral part of the mother country. The Madeira group constitutes an administrative district of its own, with Funchal as capital; that of the Azores is divided into three distinct administrations, with capitals at Angra do Heroismo, Horta and Ponta Delgada. As Metropolitan provinces they are therefore included in the postal administration of the motherland, and so, in the first re-organisation of the postal service, mentioned above, the numbers for the offices set up are:—

Angra do Heroismo	48
Horta	49
Ponta Delgada	50
Funchal	51

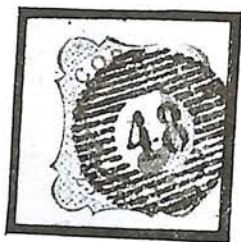


Fig. 12.



Fig. 13.



A collection of the stamps of the "Ilhas Adjacentes" commences with the overprinted issue of 1868, if one omits conveniently the fifteen years during which use was made of stamps not specially for those Islands, which—be it noted—boasted at that time of actually a population as dense as (for Madeira even treble) that of the mainland, and there must have been, in any town of the district, a postal traffic as large as any in the motherland.

In the August, 1928, number of *Filatelia*, Signor Carlos George, the chief of the Lisbon philatelists, the most diligent and hence the most well-informed of the stamps of Portugal, in a valuable study dealt with what he called "the precursors of the stamps of the Azores and Madeira," that is to say with the cancellations which we are examining.

From that study it may be learned that in the two Archipelagos were used all the imperforate postage stamps except the 80 and 100 reis of the issue of 1866, and the first perforated issue (1867) except the 25 reis, that is to say, taking into consideration the four offices that were set up, 100 stamps. Now as appears in the list at the end of the article, of the 100 stamps existing, he only possesses 65, collected, as he says, in twenty-five years research; this gives some idea of the rarity of not a few of them.

A diligent enquiry into the matter has lead me to the following conclusions: the stamps of Donna Maria are not rare; those of Don Pedro are common; those of the first issue of Don Luis I, are common except the 50 and 100 reis; very rare are those of the issue of 1866, less the 25 reis, because they served only for a very short time, the over-printed issue having been received shortly after their appearance.

Of all issues the least easy to find are those of Horta and Madeira, that is the two offices with the odd numbers.

Rare are the 5 reis of all the issues and the 10 reis of 1862 and 1866; very rare is the 5 reis of Madeira, to the point that Signor George possesses only the 5 reis brown of



Don Pedro (Yvert 9); "even the distinguished collector, Signor Hempel, who lived many years in Madeira and died there some time ago," he adds, "was unable to inspect examples of other issues."



Fig. 14.



Fig. 15.

The 5 reis was used for the forwarding of newspapers, which cou'd not be obtained in the Island and were of scant distribution, as will be understood when it is explained that on the advent of the Republic, many years after the time we are considering, the percentage of illiterates amounted to 71.60 per cent.

For the rest, little use was made of the low values, which explains the rarity of the 5 and 10 reis of the first issue of the Azores, and the parallel issue for Madeira lacked either of these two values.



Fig. 16.

Very rare is the 25 reis perforated (1867 issue) not only because it was, as stated, overprinted, but also, as we have seen, because towards the end of 1866 the Island Offices were distinguished by fresh number marks. Signor George possesses only No. 51, and I can only offer No. 48 (Fig. 16).



## (2) Second Postal Reform 1869-79.

By decree of the 12th November, 1868, the Ministry of Commerce decided on a new re-organisation of the postal service. The offices were increased to 237, but the principal administrations were reduced by the suppression of those of Vianna do Castelo and Estremoz.

As a result of several offices interpolated and of some others suppressed the numbering was subjected to a general re-arrangement so that with few exceptions all the offices had a number differing from the former one.

Also the type of cancellation was suppressed and replaced by another, oval in form, with thicker bars and having only two bars at the side and three above and below the figures indicating the office.



Fig. 56.

= The "Second Reform"

This type began to appear with the issue of 1866 (although for some years the old and new types were used concurrently), and continued until 1880, in which year they were withdrawn.

A cada Administração Central ou Direcção do Correio correspondiam, na 2ª Reforma, os seguintes números:

The numbering of Post Offices in the ————— was as follows:

- 1 Lisboa
- 2 Alcacer do Sal
- 3 Alcoentre
- 4 Aldeia Gallega do Ribatejo
- 5 Alemquer
- 6 Alhandra
- 7 Almada
- 8 Alverca
- 9 Arraiolos
- 10 Arruda
- 11 Athougua da Baleia
- 12 Azambuja
- 13 Barreiro
- 14 Benavente
- 15 Caldas da Rainha
- 16 Carregado
- 17 Cartaxo
- 18 Cascaes
- 19 Castanheira
- 20 Cezimbra
- 21 Cintra
- 22 Grandola
- 23 Lourinhã
- 24 Mafra
- 25 Moita
- 26 Montemor o Novo
- 27 Obidos
- 28 Oeiras
- 29 Palmella
- 30 Peniche
- 31 Rebaldeira
- 32 Rio Maior
- 33 Sacavem
- 34 Salvaterra de Magos
- 35 S. Thiago de Cacem
- 36 Seixal
- 37 Setubal
- 38 Sobral de Monte Agraço
- 39 Torres Vedras
- 40 Vendas Novas
- 41 Villa Franca de Xira

### Ilhas Adjacentes Islands

- Azores {
- 42 Angra do Heroismo (Terceira)
  - 43 Horta (Faial)
  - 44 Ponta Delgada (S. Miguel)
  - 45 Funchal (Madeira)

### 46 Porto

- 47 Amarante
- 48 Arcos de Valle de Vez
- 49 Barcellos

- 50 Braga
- 51 Cabeceiras de Basto
- 52 Caminha
- 53 Celorico de Basto
- 54 Santa Cruz
- 55 Espozende
- 56 Fafe
- 57 Felgueiras
- 58 Guimarães
- 59 Lixa
- 60 Louzada
- 61 Melgaço
- 62 Monção
- 63 Paredes
- 64 Paredes de Coura
- 65 Penafiel
- 66 Ponte da Barca
- 67 Ponte de Lima
- 68 Povoia de Lanhoso
- 69 Ruivães, depois Vieira
- 70 Santo Thyrsio
- 71 Valença
- 72 Vianna do Castelo
- 73 Villa do Conde
- 74 Villa Nova da Cerveira
- 75 Villa Nova de Gaia
- 76 Villa Nova de Famalicão
- 77 Villa Verde

### 78 Coimbra

- 79 Agueda
- 80 Albergaria a Velha
- 81 Alcobaça
- 82 Alvaizere
- 83 Anadia
- 84 Santo André de Poiares
- 85 Arganil
- 86 Arouca
- 87 Aveiro
- 88 Batalha
- 89 Cantanhede
- 90 Condeixa a Nova
- 91 Estarreja
- 92 Feira
- 93 Figueira da Foz
- 94 Figueiró dos Vinhos
- 95 Leiria
- 96 Louzã
- 97 Mealhada
- 98 Montemor o Velho
- 99 Oliveira de Azemeis
- 100 Ovar
- 101 Penella
- 102 Pombal
- 103 Porto de Moz

- 104 Redinha
- 105 Soure
- 106 Villa Real
- 107 Alijó
- 108 Barca d'Alva
- 109 Bragança
- 110 Carraceda de Anciães
- 111 Chaves
- 112 Freixo de Espada á Cinta
- 113 Macedo de Cavalleiros
- 114 Santa Martha de Penaguião
- 115 Mesãozinho
- 116 Miranda
- 117 Mirandella
- 118 Moncorvo
- 119 Mondim de Basto
- 120 Montalegre
- 121 Murça
- 122 Pesqueira
- 123 Peso da Regua
- 124 Provezende
- 125 Sabrosa
- 126 Villa Nova de Foscôa
- 127 Villa Pouca de Aguiar
- 128 Vinhaes

### 129 Viseu

- 130 Aguiar da Beira
- 131 Almeida
- 132 Avô
- 133 Castro Daire
- 134 Ceia
- 135 Celorico da Beira
- 136 Gouveia
- 137 Guarda
- 138 Lamego
- 139 Lapa
- 140 Mangualde
- 141 S. Miguel do Outeiro
- 142 Mortagoa
- 143 Moimenta da Beira
- 144 Nellas
- 145 Oliveira do Hospital
- 146 S. Pedro do Sul
- 147 Penalva do Castelo (Castendo)
- 148 Pinhel
- 149 Rezende
- 150 Sabugal
- 151 Sandomil
- 152 Santa Comba Dão
- 153 Satam (Villa da Igreja)
- 154 Sinfães
- 155 Tábua

Portugal

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LISBON-1

#49, Break in  
embossing +  
paper adhering.  
? Reinforced.

#30

#32



#42



#43a



#44



#45



#50



#42



#42



#45



#39



#38



#39



"42" Angra  
(Azores) #27c



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Perf 14 stamps  
are rare #27a

"43" Horta  
(Azores) #28c

AGORES

"45" Funchal  
(Madeira)

MADEIRA

MADEIRA

MADEIRA

"46" Porto  
(many different  
numerals)



#31



#32  
SE



#33  
(5475)















#27

#42

#42

#27  
VF

#27  
VF

ANGOLA  
blue