









Distinguishing the KGVI Nyasaland 10/- SG 142 & 142a



SG 142 Chalky Paper



SG 142a Ordinary Paper

History

There are two different Printings of the 10/- King George VI Nyasaland Issues. They are listed in the Commonwealth Catalogue as CW 17 and 17a and by the SG Catalogue as 142 and 142a respectively. Examples of these two stamps are shown above.

According to the late Robert Dickgiesser in his *Green Book* collaborated with *Eric P Yendall King George VI Large Key Type Stamps of Bermuda, Leeward Islands, Nyasaland* CW17 was Printed in November 1937 and CW 17a was reprinted in January 1938. There is a difference of opinion on this issue, apparently there is no Record of a reprint. It is Possible that these Stamps were Printed at the same time. Dickgiesser's Book indicates that there were 24,440 copies of CW 17 Printed and only 4,500 copies of CW 17a, so Legitimately Stamps from this Printing are *Rare*.

The most noticeable difference between these two Stamps is the Blue Green Head Plate color of CW 17a when compared with CW 17, you will also see that CW 17 has a much Brighter Red frame color when compared with the Brownish Red frame of CW 17a.



CW 17 Bright Red Frame

Black Dots & Bubbles in the Paper



CW 17a Brownish Red Frame

Probably the most subtle difference is the Paper used for CW17 a when examined under close inspection and magnification you will notice *Tiny Black Holes which appear as Dots in the Paper*, it almost appears like little bubbles formed when the Paper was made and rose to the surface, these Bubbles do not appear on CW 17. Other indicators are the Head Plate colours which varies within both Printings, another Reliable indicator is Darker Head shades, However, the Paper of CW 17a is always a Darker Green when compared with the Pale Emerald of CW 17.

Some Students agree with Dickgiesser that CW 17 a was a replacement Printing done shortly after the end of the Print run due to spoilage of a number of sheets of CW 17.

Dickgiesser states on page 116 that because of excessive waste during the initial Printing, a Reprint was immediately ordered *De La Rue* did not record replacement Printings as they were not the subject of a new Requisition, but merely the



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