



1865-66
WATERMARKED CROWN & C.C., PERFORATED 14.



THE 1d, 6d DULL PURPLE, & 1/-, WERE ISSUED FOR POSTAGE ON SEPT. 25, 1865, & THE 2d BLUE ABOUT MARCH 14, 1866. THEY WERE SURFACE-PRINTED BY DE LA RUE & CO., IN SHEETS CONSISTING OF 240 STAMPS, IN FOUR PANES OF SIXTY STAMPS, IN TEN HORIZONTAL ROWS OF SIX. THE PERFORATING WAS DONE FIRST AT SOMERSET HOUSE, BUT LATER DE LA RUE INSTALLED PERFORATING MACHINES OF THEIR OWN, AND THE WORK WAS DONE BY THEM AT THEIR WORKS IN BUNHILL ROW.



IMPERFORATE PROOF -
WATERMARKED CROWN & C.C.

ISSUED ON 25TH SEPTEMBER, 1865.



ISSUED ABOUT 14TH MARCH, 1866.



1873 - THREEPENCE PERFORATED 14.



PLATE PROOF



THE 3d. VALUE WAS ISSUED TO PREPAY LETTERS OF NOT MORE THAN $\frac{1}{2}$ OUNCE FROM BERMUDA TO NORTH AMERICA. SOME AUTHORITIES WISHED TO EMPLOY A DESIGN SHOWING THE QUEEN AS A WIDOW, BUT IN THE INTERESTS OF ECONOMY WERE PERSUADED TO ACCEPT THE HEAD IN CURRENT USE, WITH NECESSARY ALTERATIONS. A SUPPLY OF 9800 3d. STAMPS WAS RECEIVED IN THE COLONY ON MARCH 10, 1873, AND THEY WERE PROBABLY ISSUED IMMEDIATELY. THE SHEETS WERE THE SAME SIZE AS THE ISSUES OF 1865-66.

1874 - SIXPENCE PERFORATED 14.



THE 6d. DULL MAUVE APPEARED SOME TIME IN 1874, AND THE COLOUR WAS SO DISTINCT FROM THE DULL PURPLE OF 1865 AS TO SUGGEST THAT THE PRINTERS WERE GIVEN DEFINITE INSTRUCTIONS TO MODIFY THE ORIGINAL SHADE. THE PLATES USED FOR PRINTING THE 6d. + 1/- STAMPS REMAINED IN USE UNTIL ABOUT 1911, WHEN THESE VALUES WERE REPLACED BY THE SHIP TYPE.

1873
WATERMARKED CROWN & C.C., PERFORATED 14.



INVERTED
WATERMARK.



1874



1875

PERFORATED 14 x 12½.



IT IS NOT KNOWN DEFINITELY WHEN THESE STAMPS WITH COMPOUND PERFORATION WERE MANUFACTURED, AS THEIR APPEARANCE IN THE POST OFFICE WAS RECORDED AT WIDELY DIFFERING DATES - THE 3d. IN 1886, 1/- IN 1894, + THE 6d. IN 1903. IT IS THOUGHT, HOWEVER, ON GOOD AUTHORITY, THAT THESE STAMPS WERE A CONSIGNMENT PRINTED AND SENT TO THE COLONY SHORTLY AFTER 1875, AND PLACED ON SALE WHEN PREVIOUS SUPPLIES OF THESE VALUES WERE EXHAUSTED.



1875
WATERMARKED CROWN+C.C.
PERFORATED 14 x 12½.



THREEPENCE ON COVER, PROPERLY USED TO PAY RATE FOR LETTERS NOT
OVER ½ OUNCE TO NORTH AMERICA. BACKSTAMPED YARMOUTH, N.S., DEC. 11, '85.



1875
THE 'ONE PENNY' PROVISIONALS.

THE STOCK OF ONE PENNY STAMPS BECAME LOW AT THE BEGINNING OF 1875, AND BEFORE A SUPPLY COULD BE OBTAINED FROM LONDON IT BECAME NECESSARY TO PREPARE AND ISSUE PROVISIONAL STAMPS OF THAT DENOMINATION. FOR THIS PURPOSE THE THEN CURRENT TWOPENCE, THREEPENCE, AND ONE SHILLING STAMPS WERE SURCHARGED IN BLACK 'ONE PENNY' IN TWO LINES IN ORDINARY ROMAN PICA TYPE. THE PRINTING WAS PROBABLY DONE AT THE OFFICE OF THE ROYAL GAZETTE AT HAMILTON.

RECORDS SHOW THAT THE FOLLOWING QUANTITIES WERE SURCHARGED :
1d. ON 2d - 4,800 ; 1d. ON 3d - 12,000 ; 1d. ON 1/- - 23,500. IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE TYPE WAS SET UP SO AS TO SURCHARGE A COMPLETE PANE OF SIXTY STAMPS AT A TIME.



1880

WATERMARKED CROWN + C.C.



ALTHOUGH BERMUDA JOINED THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION ON APRIL 1, 1877, THIS LED TO NO ALTERATION IN ITS STAMPS. IN 1880 TWO NEW DENOMINATIONS, THE $\frac{1}{2}$ d. + 4d, APPEARED, IN MARCH, BUT EVEN THEN THEY WERE NOT IN U.P.U. COLORS. AS BEFORE, THE SHEETS WERE OF 240 STAMPS.



1880

WATERMARKED CROWN + C.C.



INVERTED
WATERMARK.



EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

1884-93

WATERMARKED CROWN+C.A.



THE $\frac{1}{2}$ d IN GREEN WAS ISSUED IN OCTOBER, 1892, TO CONFORM WITH UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION REGULATIONS. THE 1d DULL ROSE WAS ISSUED ABOUT MARCH, 1884, AND WAS CURRENT WITH NUMEROUS SHADES UNTIL REPLACED IN DECEMBER, 1886.

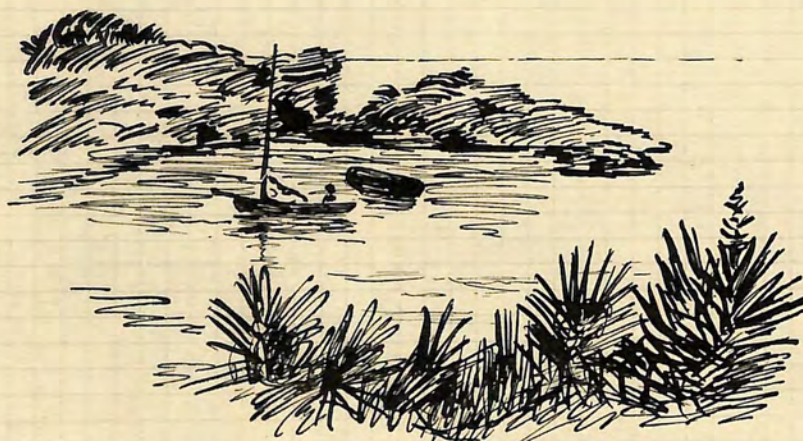


1884

WATERMARKED CROWN + C.A.



1886
 WATERMARKED CROWN + C.A.
 ISSUED IN DECEMBER. THE 1d OCCURS IN SHADES
 OF CARMINE, ROSE CARMINE + ANILINE CARMINE.



SMALL INLET IN HARRINGTON SOUND.

1886

WATERMARKED CROWN + C.A.



HAMILTON
(LATE USE)



INVERTED
WATERMARK



ST. GEORGES



SOMERSET BRIDGE



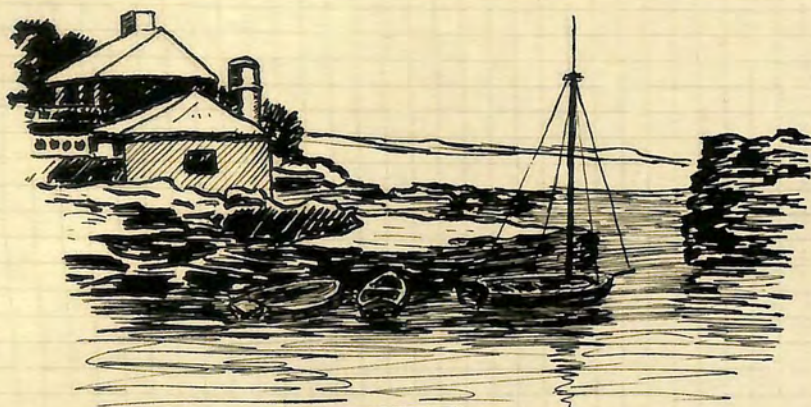
FLATTS

1892

WATERMARKED CROWN + C.A.



1884
WATERMARKED CROWN & C.A.



A LITTLE INLET ON THE NORTH SHORE ROAD NEAR FLATTS.



THE 2½d ULTRAMARINE WAS ISSUED ON NOV. 10TH, 1884, TO PAY
THE POSTAGE RATE BETWEEN BERMUDA AND THE UNITED STATES.



1884
WATERMARKED CROWN + C.A.



1886

WATERMARKED CROWN + C.A.



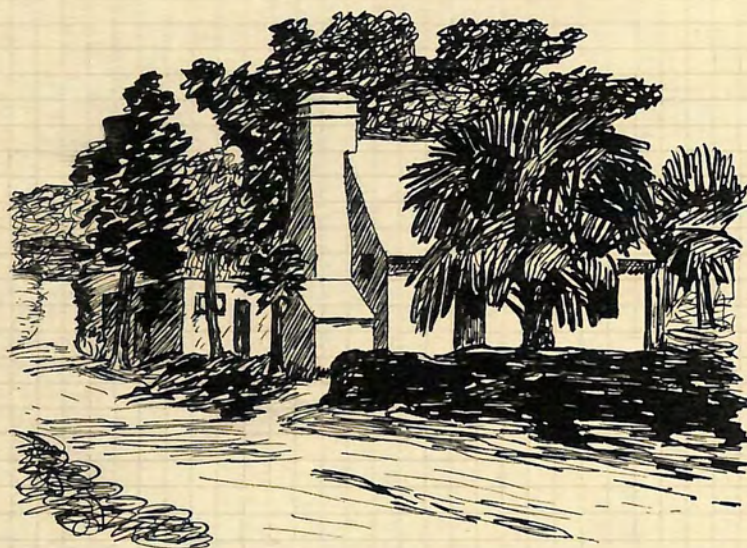
1893

WATERMARKED CROWN + C.A.

THE TWOPENCE PURPLE WAS ISSUED IN JULY, 1893. FIRST PRINTINGS WERE IN ANILINE-PURPLE, BUT LATER PRINTINGS WERE BROWN PURPLE.



STAMPEN



A COUNTRY ROAD IN SMITH'S PARISH, AND A TYPICAL NEGRO COTTAGE.



1893

WATERMARKED CROWN & C.A.

THIS STAMP WAS ISSUED IN JULY, 1893, AND WAS IN USE
UNTIL REPLACED BY THE ONE SHILLING 'SHIPTYPE' IN 1912.



VIEW OF RIDDLE'S BAY.



THE ONE FARTHING PROVISIONAL OF 1901.



DURING 1900 THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF BERMUDA PASSED AN ACT UNDER WHICH AN INLAND POSTAL RATE OF ONE FARTHING PER TWO OUNCES WAS LEVIED ON NEWSPAPERS WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN CARRIED FREE. THE ACT CAME INTO FORCE AS FROM JAN. 1, 1901, AND IT WAS NOT CONSIDERED PRACTICABLE TO HAVE A NEW FARTHING STAMP PREPARED BY THAT DATE, HENCE DE LA RUE + CO. WERE INSTRUCTED BY CABLE TO PRINT A SUPPLY OF STAMPS IN GREY FROM THE ONE SHILLING PLATE AND SURCHARGE THEM 'ONE FARTHING'. THE SHIP BRINGING THE INITIAL SUPPLY OF THESE STAMPS TO BERMUDA WAS DELAYED, AND DID NOT ARRIVE AT HAMILTON UNTIL JAN. 10, 1901, AND THEY WERE PLACED ON SALE THE FOLLOWING DAY.



THE CONSTANT VARIETY, 'G' OF 'FARTHING' DEFECTIVE, OCCURS ON THE LAST STAMP OF THE THIRD ROW ON EACH OF THE RIGHT HAND PANES OF THE SHEET, AS THE SURCHARGE WAS APPLIED TO TWO PANES OF SIXTY AT A TIME.

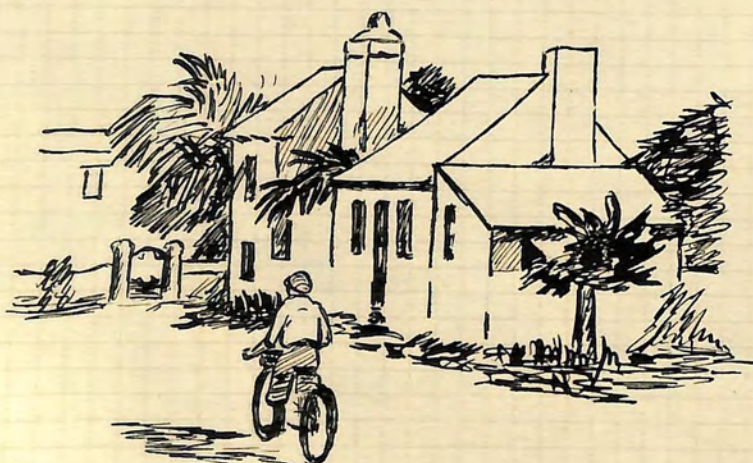
NORMAL

G

DEFECTIVE

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THE ONE FARTHING PROVISIONAL OF 1901.



1903 - SIXPENCE PERFORATED 14 x 12½.



ALTHOUGH ISSUED EARLY IN 1903, THE SIX-PENCE PERFORATED 14 x 12½ WAS ALMOST CERTAINLY RECEIVED IN THE COLONY ALONG WITH THE 3d. & 1/-, IN OR ABOUT 1875. AS VERY FEW 6d. STAMPS WERE USED, THE SUPPLY LAY IN THE TREASURY UNTIL THE PREVIOUS SUPPLY OF 6d. STAMPS RAN OUT, IN 1903. THE PERFORATION WAS 14 HORIZONTALLY AND 12½ VERTICALLY, BY TWO SINGLE-LINE MACHINES, AND THE PAPER WAS WATERMARKED CROWN & C.C. THE COLOUR IS BRIGHTER THAN THE PREVIOUS ISSUES. THIS 6d. STAMP REMAINED CURRENT UNTIL THE APPEARANCE OF THE 'SHIP' TYPE 6d. IN 1912.



1904
WATERMARKED CROWN & C.A.
PERF. 14.



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, THE PARISH CHURCH OF PEMBROKE.

THE 'DOCK' ISSUE OF 1902-1903.
WATERMARKED CROWN + C.A.



ANILINE CENTRE

THE DESIGN ADOPTED WAS TAKEN FROM THE SEAL OF THE COLONY, AND SHOWS AN OLD THREE-DECKER COMING OUT OF (OR GOING INTO) AN ORDINARY DOCK WITH GATES, AND NOT, AS HAS SO OFTEN BEEN STATED, A PICTURE OF THE DOCK WHICH WAS TOWED TO BERMUDA IN 1902. SURFACE-PRINTED BY DE LA RUE IN SHEETS OF 240 STAMPS, FOUR PANES OF SIXTY STAMPS IN TEN ROWS OF SIX. THE PLATE FOR THE CENTRAL PORTION WAS USED FOR ALL VALUES, BUT A SEPARATE ONE FOR EACH DENOMINATION WAS MADE FOR THE FRAME DESIGN.

SPECIMEN

all 3 values exist

THE 'DOCK' ISSUE OF 1902-1903.



ANILINE CENTRE

THE 'DOCK' ISSUE OF 1906-1910.
WATERMARKED MULTIPLE CROWN + C.A.



SPECIMEN

The 1/4d, 2d, 2 1/2d & 4d exist.

THE 'DOCK' ISSUE OF 1908-1910.
WATERMARKED MULTIPLE CROWN & C.A.

COLOURS CHANGED TO CONFORM TO UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION REGULATIONS.



SPECIMEN

all three values exist.

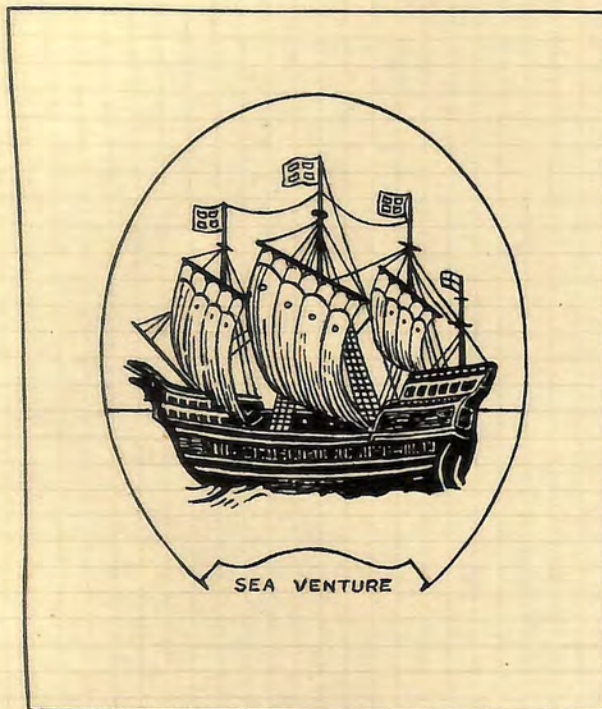
THE 'DOCK' ISSUE OF 1906-1910.



1908-10
U.P.U. COLORS.



THE 'SHIP' ISSUES.



PROPOSALS WERE MADE IN 1909 TO COMMEMORATE THE FOUNDING OF THE COLONY BY THE ISSUE OF A SPECIAL SET OF STAMPS, BUT THE PROPOSALS FELL THROUGH AND, INSTEAD, A NEW PERMANENT ISSUE WAS DECIDED ON.

THE 'DOCK' DESIGN OF THE PRECEDING ISSUE APPARENTLY DID NOT FIND FAVOUR WITH THE COLONISTS, AS AN EXTRACT FROM THE ROYAL GAZETTE OF BERMUDA REFERRED TO 'THE UGLY UNMEANING THING WHICH NOW DEFACES OUR STAMPS'.

THE NEW DESIGN INCORPORATED A SEVENTEENTH CENTURY SHIP IN FULL SAIL WITH THE CROSS OF ST. GEORGE AT EACH MAST-HEAD, SIMILAR TO THE SHIP APPEARING FIRST ON THE EARLY LOCAL COINAGE, AND LATER IN THE SEAL OF THE BERMUDA COMPANY. THIS SHIP WAS INTENDED TO COMMEMORATE THE 'SEA VENTURE', IN WHICH SIR GEORGE SOMERS WAS CAST AWAY NEAR ST. GEORGE'S IN 1609, AND THEREFORE CONSIDERED SINGULARLY APPROPRIATE FOR THE PROPOSED SERIES OF STAMPS FOR THE COLONY.

HOG-MONEY WAS THE EARLIEST ATTEMPT AT INTRODUCTION OF CURRENCY IN BERMUDA. IT WAS A BRASS OR COPPER TOKEN FOR PAYMENT TO LABOURERS, AND EXCHANGEABLE FOR PROVISIONS, ETC., TO THE VALUE INDICATED ON THE FACE, AT THE STORE OF THE CHARTERED COMPANY. THE OBERSE SHOWED A WILD BOAR (HENCE THE NAME 'HOG-MONEY') WITH ROMAN NUMERALS INDICATING THE VALUE OF THE COIN, AND THE WORDS 'SOMMER ISLANDS'; ON THE REVERSE A SHIP UNDER SAIL WITH FLAGS AT THE HEAD OF EACH OF THE FOUR MASTS.

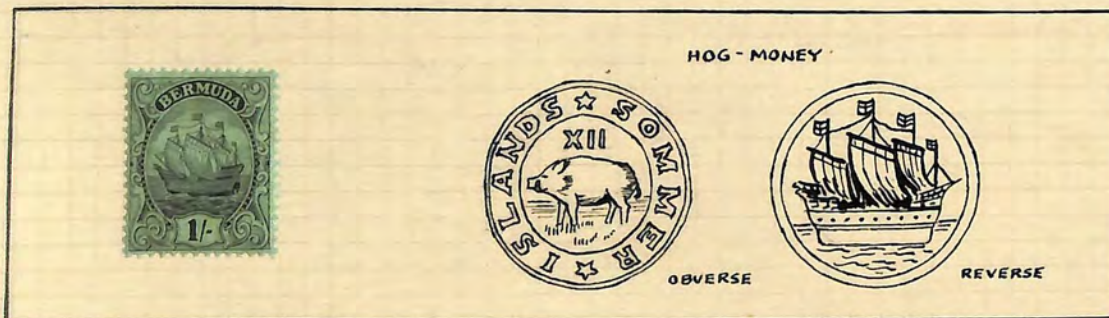




PLATE 2



THE 'SHIP' ISSUE OF 1910-1919.
WATERMARKED MULTIPLE CROWN + C.A.
RECESS-PRINTED BY DE LA RUE + CO.



THE ONE FARTHING WAS ISSUED MARCH 26, 1912, HALFPENNY ON JUNE 4, 1910, AND ONE PENNY ON OCTOBER 15, 1910. THE ONE PENNY IN THIS WATERMARK WAS PRINTED FROM TWO PLATES, THOSE FROM THE SECOND PLATE ALL BEING IN A PALE SHADE OF CARMINE AND PRINTED ON A ROUGH PAPER WHICH IS OF A BLUISH TINGE + PRACTICALLY UNSURFACED. THIS MAY HAVE BEEN USED PROVISIONALLY UNTIL THE INTRODUCTION OF THE 'SCRIPT' PAPER. ALL VALUES OF THIS ISSUE WERE PERFORATED COMB 14.



1d

PLATE 1

1d

PLATE 2





THE 'SHIP' ISSUE OF 1910-1919.
WATERMARKED MULTIPLE CROWN + C.A.
RECESS-PRINTED BY DE LA RUE + CO.



TWOPENCE ISSUED IN JANUARY, 1913, TWO-
PENCE HALFPENNY ON MARCH 27, 1912, THE
THREE PENCE IN JANUARY, 1913, AND THE
FOUR PENCE SEPT. 1, 1919. THE FINAL PRINT-
INGS OF THE 2½d. WERE ON THE SAME
BLuish, UNSURFACED PAPER AS THE 1d.



THE 'SHIP' ISSUE OF 1910-1919.
WATERMARKED MULTIPLE CROWN + C.A.
RECESS-PRINTED BY DE LA RUE + CO.



THE SIXPENCE WAS ISSUED ON MARCH 26, 1912, ON THIN PAPER & ON JUNE 2, 1924, ON THICKER PAPER. THE ONE SHILLING WAS ISSUED ON MARCH 26, 1912, ON DEEP GREEN PAPER; LATER ON BLuish GREEN. IN 1920 THE PAPER WAS A LIGHT GREEN COLOUR, AND IN 1925 AN OLIVE COLOURED PAPER APPEARED.





PLATE 1



PLATE 2



LINE



THE 'SHIP' ISSUE OF 1910 - 1919.
 WATERMARKED MULTIPLE CROWN + C.A.
 RECESS-PRINTED BY DE LA RUE + CO.





THE 'SHIP' ISSUE OF 1910-1919.
WATERMARKED MULTIPLE CROWN + C.A.
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1910-19 - MAJOR RE-ENTRY.



THIS RE-ENTRY OCCURS ON ALL VALUES OF THE 'SHIP' TYPE EXCEPT PLATE 4 OF THE ONE PENNY, THE $1\frac{1}{2}$ d, AND PLATE 2 OF THE $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. IT OCCURS ON STAMP NO. 10 OF THE $\frac{1}{4}$ d, $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d, + $2\frac{1}{2}$ d, WHICH WERE PRINTED IN SHEETS OF 120 STAMPS, TEN ROWS OF 12, AND ON STAMP NO. 4 OF THE OTHER VALUES, WHICH WERE PRINTED IN SHEETS OF 60, TEN ROWS OF 6, FROM THE RIGHT HALF OF THE PLATE. THIS RE-ENTRY IS CONSTANT IN BOTH THE 'MULTIPLE C.A.' + 'SCRIPT' PRINTINGS.



1918

WATERMARKED MULTIPLE CROWN + C.A.
 TYPOGRAPHED BY DE LA RUE + CO.



2/6

THE PASSING OF THE STAMP DUTIES ACT IN 1917 MADE THESE HIGH VALUES NECESSARY. THOUGH PRIMARILY INTENDED FOR FISCAL USE, THEY WERE INSCRIBED 'POSTAGE + REVENUE' AND WERE THEREFORE AVAILABLE FOR POSTAL SERVICE. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THESE HIGH VALUES WERE THE FIRST BERMUDA STAMPS TO SHOW ANY INDICATION ON THEIR FACE OF THE USE FOR WHICH INTENDED.

5/-

SPECIMEN

SPECIMEN



INVERTED WATERMARK



1918
WATERMARKED MULTIPLE CROWN + C.A.
TYPOGRAPHED BY DE LA RUE + CO.



SPECIMEN

BOTH VALUES EXIST.

1920

WATERMARKED MULTIPLE CROWN & C.A.
TYPOGRAPHED BY DE LA RUE & CO.

DURING 1920 A NEED FOR 2/- AND 4/-
STAMPS LED TO THE ISSUE OF THESE VALUES.

ALL SIX HIGH VALUES WERE SURFACE-PRINTED ON CHALK-SURFACED
PAPER & PERFORATED COMB 14. THE FRAMES WERE PRINTED IN SINGLY-
FUGITIVE INK AND THE HEAD IN DOUBLY-FUGITIVE INK. THE SHEETS
CONSISTED OF SIXTY STAMPS IN ONE PANE OF FIVE ROWS OF TWELVE.



SPECIMEN

BOTH VALUES EXIST.

1918-20
WATERMARKED MULTIPLE CROWN + C.A.
TYPOGRAPHED BY DE LA RUE + CO.



THE 'WAR TAX' OVERPRINT OF 1918
ISSUED 4TH MAY.



WORN PLATE, SMUDGED PRINT.
SOME RETOUCHING.



MINOR RE-ENTRY
STAMP #77
ALSO HEAVY RE-TOUCHING, TOP LEFT.



RE-TOUCHING



'EXTRA ROPE' CAUSED
BY DIAGONAL SCRATCH.
ALSO RETOUCH



EARLY IN 1918, TO RAISE MONEY FOR HEAVY
WAR EXPENDITURES, THE CURRENT 1d STAMP
WAS OVERPRINTED 'WAR TAX' IN ONE LINE
IN DE VINNE CAPITALS, AND USED TO COLLECT
THE SPECIAL TAX OF 1d ON LETTERS. THE
ENTIRE SHEET OF 120 STAMPS WAS DONE AT
ONE TIME, FROM PLATE 1 WHICH WAS CURRENT.

THE 'WAR TAX' OVERPRINT OF 1920.
ISSUED IN MARCH.

THE OVERPRINT WAS RESET AT THE BEGINNING OF 1920, 120 TIMES AS BEFORE, BUT THIS TIME IN IONIC CAPITALS. THE STAMPS USED FOR THIS ISSUE WERE PRINTED FROM PLATE 2 OF THE ONE PENNY. THE USE OF THESE SPECIAL STAMPS FOR COLLECTING THE TAX CONTINUED UNTIL 1ST JANUARY, 1921, WHEN THE WAR TAX ON LETTERS WAS ABOLISHED. WAR TAX STAMPS REMAINING ON HAND WERE ALLOWED TO BE USED AS ORDINARY POSTAGE STAMPS UNTIL THE SUPPLY WAS GONE.



MAJOR RE-ENTRY, STAMP #10

