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Queen Victoria 1837-1901

The Line-engraved Issues

1840: the first postage stamp issued: engraved by Frederick Heath: printed by Perkins, Bacon. Stars in upper corners. Letters in lower.
Small crown watermark. Imperf.

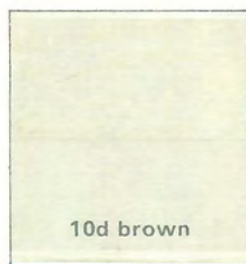


1841: as before but the 2d blue has white lines above 'TWO PENCE' and below 'POSTAGE'. Bluish paper.
Small crown watermark. Imperf.



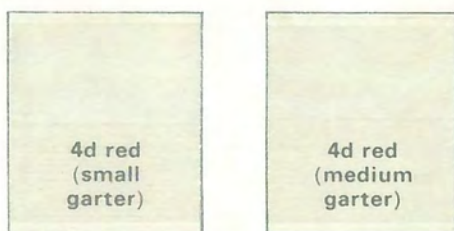
The Embossed Issue

1847–54 : engraved by William Wyon : printed at Somerset House.
Watermark 'V R' (6d) : others on Dickinson paper with silk threads.
Imperf.

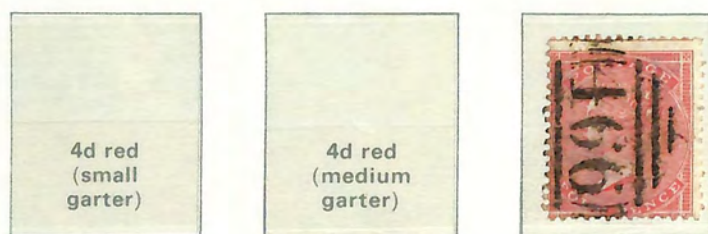


The Surface-printed Issues

1855–7: engraved by J. F. Joubert: printed by De La Rue. Blue paper.
Garter watermark. Perf 14.



As before: white paper. Perf 14.

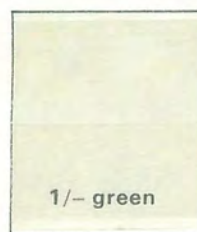
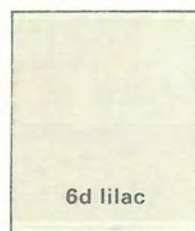


1856 : printed by De La Rue.

Watermark of Emblems (two roses, a thistle and a shamrock).
Perf 14.



1862-4 : printed by De La Rue. Small white letter in each corner.
Garter watermark (4d) : emblems (others). Perf 14.



1865-7 : as before. Large white letters in each corner.
 Garter watermark (4d) : emblems (others). Perf 14.



1867-80 : as before. Spray of rose watermark. Perf 14.

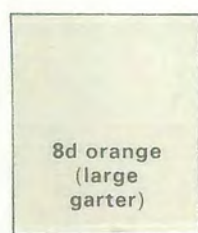
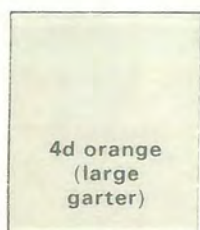
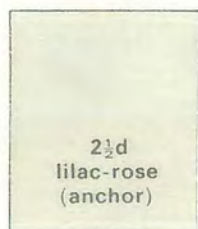


1872-3 : printed by De La Rue.
 Spray of rose watermark. Perf 14.



1873–80: printed by De La Rue. Large coloured letter in each corner.

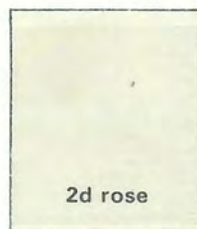
Various watermarks—as shown in brackets. Perf 14.



1880–3: as before. Imperial crown watermark. Perf 14.



1880-4 : printed by De La Rue.
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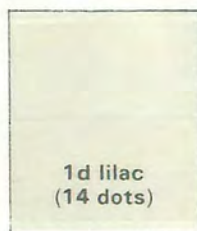


2d rose



5d indigo

1881 : printed by De La Rue. Two dies.
Imperial crown watermark. Perf 14.



1d lilac
(14 dots)



1883. Surcharged in carmine. Issued to prevent the Inland Revenue
being defrauded by cleaned stamps.



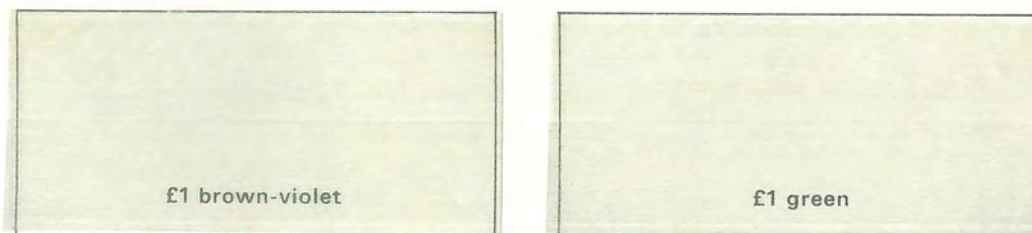
3d on 3d
lilac



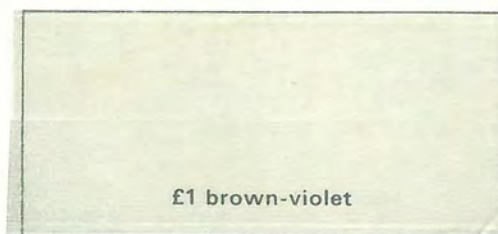
1883-4 : printed by De La Rue. Coloured letter in each corner.
Anchor watermark. Perf 14.



1884-91 : printed by De La Rue.
Three Imperial crowns watermark. Perf 14.



1888 : as before. Three orbs watermark. Perf 14.



1883-4: printed by De La Rue. Coloured letter in each corner.
Imperial crown watermark. Perf 14.



1887-92: printed by De La Rue. 'Jubilee Issue'.
Imperial crown watermark. Perf 14.

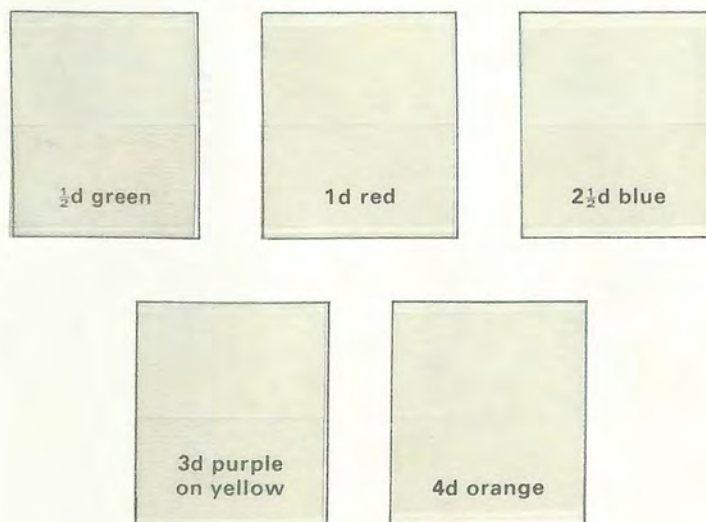


King Edward VII 1901-1910

1902-12: printed by De La Rue, Harrison and then at Somerset House. The printings vary slightly. Imperial crown watermark. Perf 14.



As before. Perf 15 x 14



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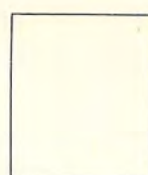
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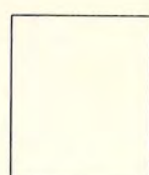
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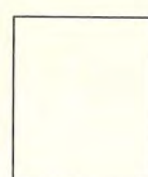
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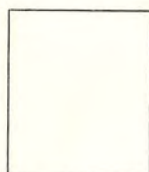
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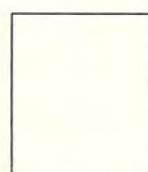
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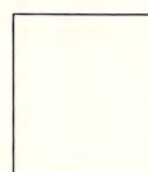
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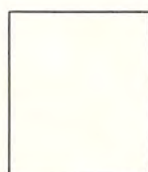
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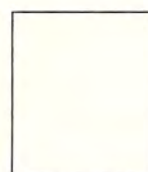
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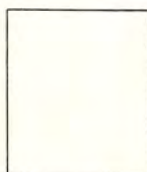
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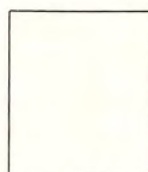
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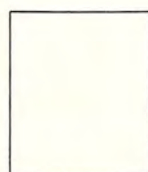
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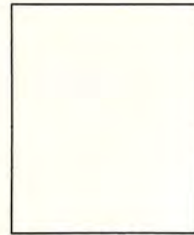
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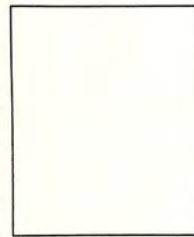
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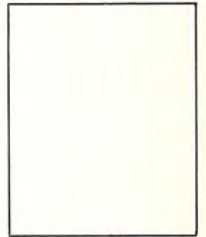
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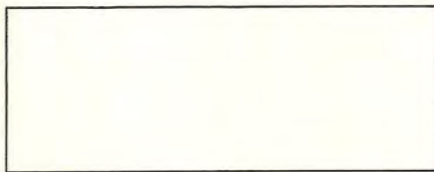
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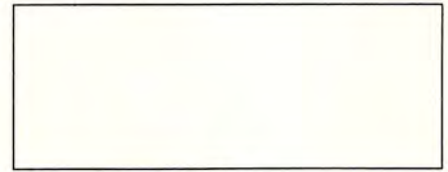
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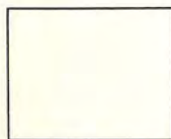
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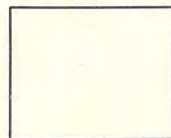
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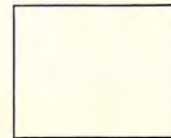
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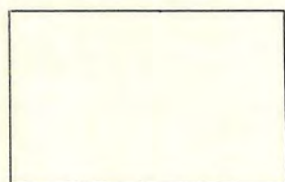


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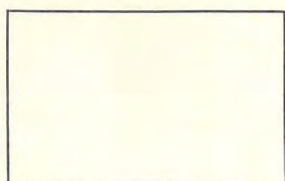


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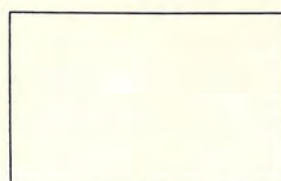
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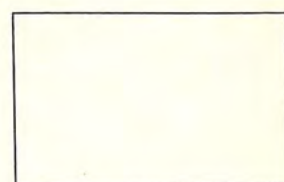
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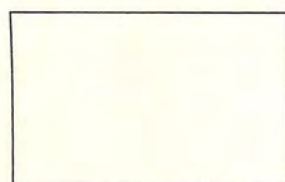
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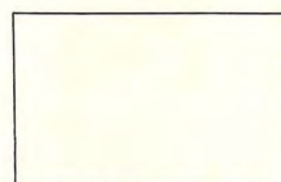
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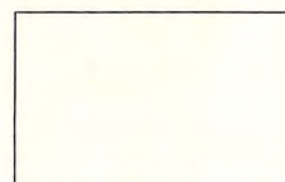
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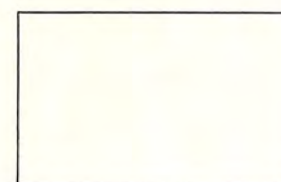
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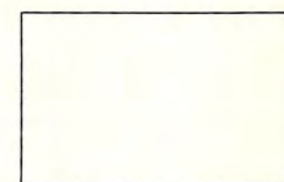
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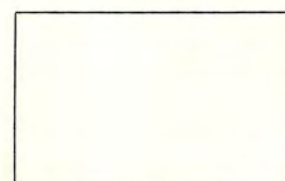
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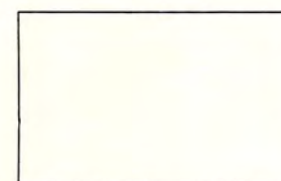
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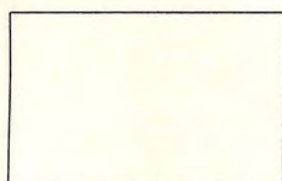
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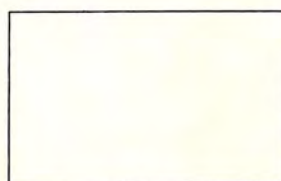
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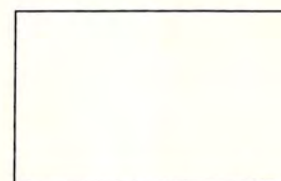
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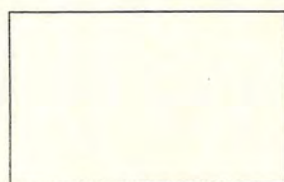
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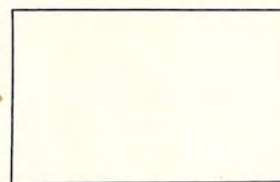
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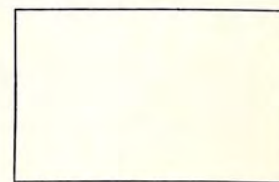
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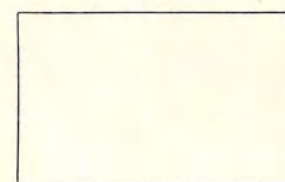
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