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CHRIS CARR writes that at least twenty years ago, he handled the sale of a £1 PUC (SG 438) perfined BW, probably B7560.01. It was thought to be Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co. Ltd. because they printed the stamp! He recalls it went to an American collector who was a member of our society. Perhaps this collector, if still a member, would write and confirm the existence of this perforated stamp so that we can delete this from the list of stamps not recorded as perfins. A nom de plume will be acceptable if secrecy is desired.

From MIKE BAVIN comes the following thoughts:-

The use of G.B. high value stamps has always attracted interest. In Queen Victoria's reign, these would most probably come into the U.K. on packages from British Consuls. The high proportion of Jersey and Guernsey soft packet cancellations on KEVII high values arose from payment of duty on parcels of tobacco, part of which was recovered by the importers selling the stamps to the stamp trade. QV high values were used for fiscal purposes too. e.g. a block of 24 10/- cancelled Accounts Branch, Glasgow. Others were used on lengthy telegrams and probably included the £5 orange. So does any member know the origin of the EVII 2/6d perfin GNR, and stamped CANCELLED. I had more than 120 including blocks of 4 and 6. (Dr. Reg Powell made mention of similar stamps, but stamped EXAMINED in his 8 page paper sent out with Bulletin 234 (April 1988))