POSTMARK PROOF OF PERFIN USER

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On page 25 of Bulletin 300 I rather thoughtlessly said that I could publish a list of the known stamp issues with perfin tied by the special obliterators. I thought I had such a list but after a member writing for this list I find I have numerous bits of paper, various cuttings, a few letters and my collection. I have endeavoured to make a readily understandable list of these stamps and just hope that I get everything in.

Some years ago Harry Skinner answered a letter from myself about this very subject. Harry gave me details of quite a number of stamps, which are included in this list, but did put in his letter, in more than one place, such things as *through to QV Jubilees'* and *'most common on 1883/84 lilac & green set'*. I have therefore only included the stamps which were identified by value or SG number. The ones which are underlined are stamps which are mentioned in articles about the cancels (not the perfin) and as the articles came from a non-perfin journal, it is not clear if the cancel was on a perfined stamp or an ordinary stamp.

Type 2 (K in circle)

There are two types of this cancel in the first the outer ring was solid and the 'K' in heavier type (1868). The second one has a double lined outer circle and thinner 'K' (1875). Make a note of them as 'A' and 'B'.

<u>1d plate 190</u> 192, 203, 206 SG 43 SG46 2d plate 15 ¹/₂d plate 3 **SG48** $1\frac{1}{2}$ d plate 3 SG51 A 2/- plate 1 SG119 3d plate 18 SG 143 1/- plate 13 SG 150 4d plate 17 SG 153 3d plates 20 & 21 SG158 SG 166 1d $1\frac{1}{2}d$ SG.167 B 2dSG 168 1d lilac SG 172

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Type 5 DS/F in oval with thin horizontal lines 1880

SG	151	1/- plate 13
SG	156	8d orange plate 1
SG	159	3d on 3d
SG	160	4d brown plate 8
SG	166	1d
SG	172	1d lilac
SG	179	2/6d
SG	188	$1\frac{1}{2}d$
SG	189	2d
SG	191	3d
SG	192	4d
SG	194	6d
SG	208	6d
SG	209	9d
SG	211	1/-



Type 6 DS/F in oval of heavy hars 1890

Harry tells me these are found on Jubilee issues only. He reports:- SG 179 2/6d The only value I have is:- SG209 9d



This is not known on a perfin. I have a QV ¹/₂d embossed W H Smith newswrapper to Sumatra with this cancel and there is an illustration of the cancel on a 6d Jubilee (SG 208) in an article in *PRECANCELS June 1989 by Roy Osborn entitled PRECANCEL MARKINGS ON G.B. STAMPS AND POSTAL STATIONERY.*

John Marriner sent me a photocopy of a 2/- plate 1 (SG 119) with perfin D&S but with Type 2 (K in circle) cancel.

Please report any others and it would be of interest to know which Type 2 you have, A or B.



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