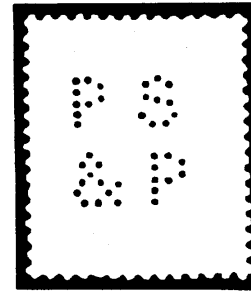
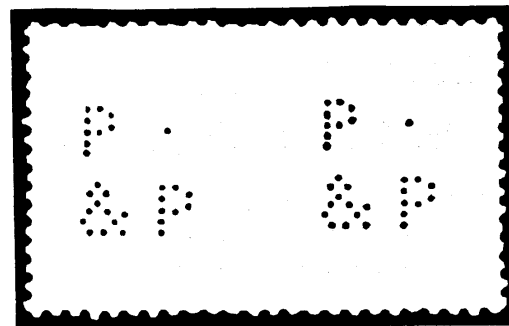
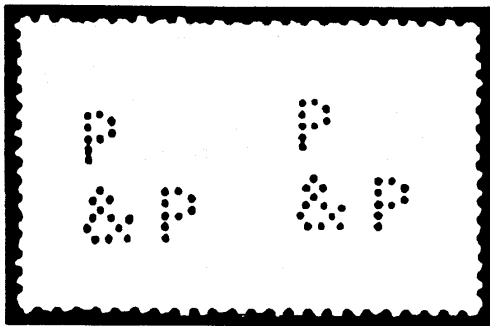


MODIFIED DIE - IPSWICH USER.

In 1995 Peter Tuckey reported a new die "P/∆P" (allocated P3640.01) on a 5/- KGV Seahorse, which was clearly an existing die with a letter completely removed. The original die was PS/∆P (P4430.01), for which I have sparse details. At the time the loss of the "S" could be easily explained by a change in name of the company caused perhaps by the loss of a partner.



Alan Sandy and Ian Burns also report the missing "S" variety on KEVII 5/- (our issue 'G') and KGV 1d issue I(RC) respectively. However, the situation has become further complicated by the existence of a 5/- KGV Seahorse in John Randall's collection showing the centre pin of the "S" re-appearing as a "rogue pin". I have catalogued this variety as P3643.01 on the grounds that it appears to have been deliberate, perhaps in an attempt to restore some balance to the perfin (probably from a single headed die).



State 1 Original condition (1895-1905).

Victorian Issue(s) and values u/k. No reported dates.

State 2 "S" completely removed (1905-1925). Ipswich pmk. Issue 'G' 5/-, 'I(RC)' Id, 'J' 5/- (not re-engraved).

State 3 Central pin from "S" re-appears c1925. Ipswich pmk. Issue 'J' 5/- (not re-engraved).

Can anyone add more detail to that recorded above to help refine the inaccurate dating? A search of Ipswich Trade Directories may lead to a possible user and explanation of the removal of the letter "S".