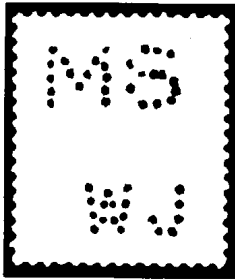


New Railway Die?

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After the request in a recent Bulletin for new "M" dies in preparation for the next section of the 'Illustrated Catalogue, Ian Entwistle duly sent in his batch of dies not in the 'old' catalogue. Amongst them was the following "MS/WJ" perfin, which was indeed a 'New Die' and has now been catalogued as M5410.02v.



The stamp is a QV Jubilee ½d (vermilion), postmarked '766', which is Swindon, and points to the die being used by the *Midland and South Western Junction Railway*. Also of note is the mixture of letter heights.

This would appear to be the first recording of a 4-letter 'SPG' type. Although this is the only example so far reported, should any more turn up I would expect the spacing between rows (and possibly the letters) to be different, hence the suffix 'v' for variable.