MBW" and "M^CI" Update.

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Following the article in Bulletin N°.325, Jack Brandt, John Nelson, Maurice Harp and Joe Dooley all responded - many thanks.

Maurice has inspected in fine detail his holdings of "MBW" (M0810.01M) and agrees with the suggestion that the die was *multi-headed*, 6x1. He also highlights very fine differences between the six patterns, including the widely spaced "B" and "W" in columns 'A' and 'G', and a broken pin in the bar of the "B" from columns 'D' and T.

Both Jack and John report a QV 1d Red plate 180 (put to press in May 1875) showing " $M^{C}I$ " with the fine pinned "c". John also reports a QV 2¹/₂d plate 2 (put to press June 1875) with the fine pins. Thus my suspected date of 1874 for the 'strengthening' of the "c" is a little early, and probably took place in the *second half of 1875*.

But can anyone report any *higher* plate numbers with the *fine* "c"?

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