

Peter Rolfe Kenilworth Display: Sierra Leone Postal Stationery

Peter writes that he has no record of previously displaying this area of his collection to WASC (“possibly pre-empted by Keith Hanman”). He has shown parts, most recently the Military mail in 2017, modestly commenting that “It seems unlikely that anyone would remember this.”

I have organised the pages in the order given in Higgins & Gage:

- Postal Cards - 2 frames
- Envelopes (non-registered) - 2 frames
- Registered Envelopes - 3 frames
- Wrappers - 1 frame
- Air Letters with printed indicium - 4 frames

Although Peter thought that the final display would contain mostly my items with just a few of his, the opposite is most definitely the case!

My aim was to display at least one example of each item, with a mixture of mint, used and specimen overprints. I have included all of the proof material! Please note that I have Peter’s albums with me, and would be delighted to show items that there was no room to display to anyone interested.

I would just like to acknowledge Jeremy Martin’s invaluable contributions in this field, in particular a series of articles in the early issues of *Cameo* (of which he was the first Editor); these no doubt inspired and helped many subsequent authors, not least Philip Beale and Frank Walton.

PQ, 22.7.25

Postal Cards

The first postcards were produced in 1881: 1d only paid for internal use until 1892 while 1½d paid the rate to the UK.

Reply cards with the same two denominations followed in 1883. Both were perforated 6 between the two halves (6 holes per 3 cm, not per 2 cm as for stamps). I find it easiest to measure the spacing between holes: 5 mm for perf 6 and 4.3 mm for the later perf 7.

The 1d + 1d had three reprints from 1893 onwards, by which time it paid the UK rate; these were all perf 7 and on buff card. The 1½d + 1½d card was not reprinted, so only exists perf 6 (perf 7 quoted in H&G is an error). The two portions of the reply card were sometimes separated and the return half used for outward correspondence; Peter doesn't have any return halves used in the intended manner (and neither do I).

The internal postcard rate was reduced to ½d in 1892 and new single and reply cards were issued the following year (1893). Peter has one used internally; these are scarce from any issue: often cards were uprated and used externally. I have an unseparated reply card that was sent registered to Gambia. The return half was not used and remains attached; unfortunately the stamps to uprate it have been removed!

Neither Peter nor I have encountered any used examples of the QE2 cards, not even philatelic ones!

Non-registered Envelopes

The non-registered envelopes were produced in 3 sizes, designated 8¼, 9½ and 13 by De La Rue, the printers. Sizes are 120 x 94, 140 x 78 and 133 x 106 mm, respectively.

The QV 2½d envelope was the first to be ordered, in 1898. It came in size 13 (the 9½ in Beale is a typo), and Peter has one of the 3 recorded essays. The stamp was printed from a generic colonial die and the country name inserted by hand in china white. The 1d envelope was produced in all three sizes between 1899 and 1901, and between us we have examples of all three. The 8¼ size was not used again until the QE2 3d.

The same 1d and 2½d denominations were used for E7 and G5, then changed to 1d and 2d for G6, for which the indicium was embossed. In our experience the G6 are very scarce used; fortunately Peter has examples of both. In 1942 an emergency O.H.M.S. overprint was applied to a small batch of the 2d envelope, the letters being printed above a broad, black band that covered most of the indicium. McCaig had a used one, illustrated in *Cameo* no.6.

The 1912 KGV postcards and envelopes exist with a small, sans-serif SPECIMEN overprint, Samuel SL2; however, Beale comments that their status is "dubious".

The QE2 3d envelope is also scarce used; Peter and I both only have examples used after Independence; however we are in good company, as Philip Beale in his book also had to illustrate an example used in 1962! We have never seen the 3c arms issue used.

Registered Envelopes

Building on the work of Robson Lowe, Jeremy Martin, Philip Beale and Higgins & Gage, Frank Walton covered the Sierra Leone registered envelopes right through to the 1980s in his *Sierra Leone Registration* monograph, of which the 3rd edition is available from our website as a free download.

The sizes of the envelopes are denoted by letters: F = 134 x 82; G = 151 x 93; H = 202 x 126; H2 = 227 x 101, all mm.

The first registered envelopes were sent in 1893, with 2d indicium in sizes F, G and H2 (the only time H2 was ordered). Thereafter, size F was dropped after the G5 3d; size G continued until the end (late 1980s), being joined by size H from 1955.

The 1912 G5 envelope also exists with the small SPECIMEN overprint seen on the postcard and ordinary envelope from that year.

Highlights are die proofs for the G6 3d indicium in blue and orange-brown.

Several designs show variations in the colours of the indicium and inscriptions, while the G6 3d design exists with three different versions of De La Rue's name; these will have originated from different printings. The QE2 4d exists both with and without the Sender panel on the back.

Inflation in the 1980s and 1990s rendered the indicia obsolete, a 35c envelope is shown with the value replaced by Le1.40 in blue biro.

Wrappers

To my mind these are the poor relations, with low survival rates, especially when used internally. Always ½d in face value and green (the UPU specified colour), they lasted from QV in 1898 through to the KG6 printings in 1938 and 39. Zero inflation back then. None were issued for QE2 or after Independence.

Air letters

With due acknowledgement to Peter Richards' articles (and Daynes & Lutwyche), air mail letter cards were first issued to members of the West African forces on 1 October 1941, but they had no printed stamp. From summer 1944, now called air letters, they were made available for civilian use.

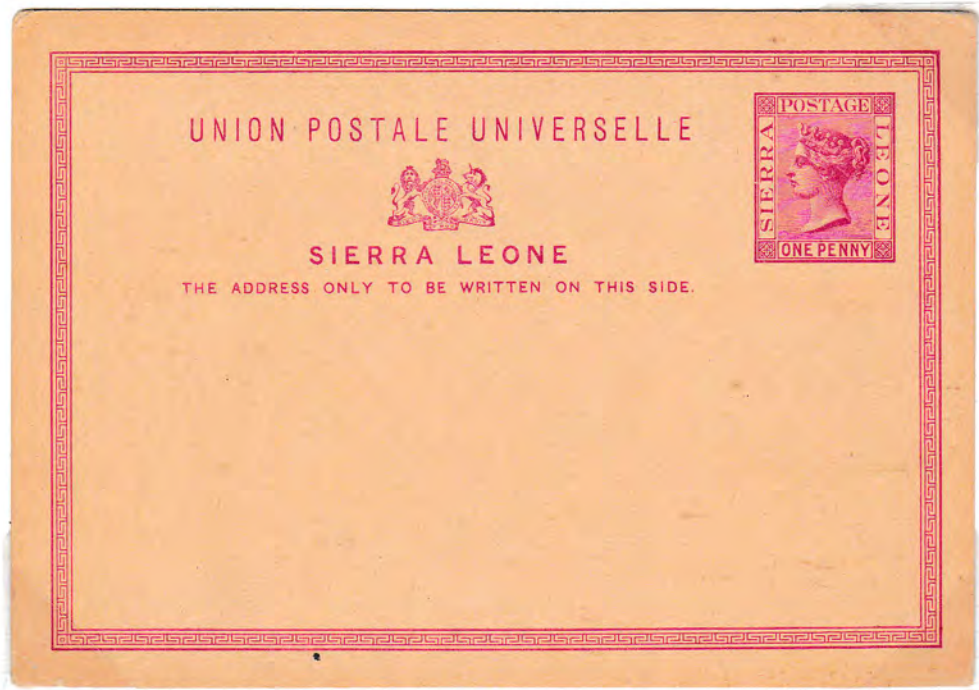
The first issue with indicium, the 6d rice harvesting design, was despatched in June 1950 (Beale): AIR LETTER was not italicised and the stamp had a pale border. Over the following 5 years, it underwent several design changes: firstly the stamp border disappeared and AIR LETTER changed to italic. This came in three versions, with minor alignment differences of the wording in the AIR LETTER tablet and in one of the lines of dots. A more obvious change in 1954 was the addition of the word AEROGRAMME under the tablet; this is scarce - a survey by Ray Harris logged only 7 or 8 examples. The tablet finally changed in 1955 to a scroll design for the BY AIR MAIL. These were all printed by McCorquodale (ref. Harris).

The QE2 issue of 1956 introduced watermarked paper. Bradbury Wilkinson used a curved IMPERIAL and straight line AIR MAIL above and below a castle. A letter under the castle indicated the year of printing (not necessarily the year of sale at the post office). Beware, because the portion of the watermark with the letter does not always appear in an individual air letter, and the letter is sometimes unreadable if it falls under a dark part of the design! The letters used were H (1955), I (1956), K (1957), L (1958), M (1959), O (1960) and P (1961). J and N were omitted. The letter V referred to in H&G and Beale must be a misread because it wasn't used by the printers until 1964 (this is where Ghana comes in useful!). Neither H&G nor Beale mention the existence of P, which differs from its predecessors in that the flaps have sharp corners rather than curves; it is quite scarce but easy to spot when you know what to look for.

Internal air letters were introduced in 1961 @ 3d. With this and subsequent issues, used copies are generally found uprated and used internationally. Through the next decades, the aerogramme designs continued to feature images from the current definitives: flowers, map, eagle, President Stevens, birds, ships, butterflies, then finally in the early 1990s back to birds. During the period there were two major changes of format: firstly from quarter-folded, 120 x 100mm with two sealed flaps to third-folded, 150 x 107mm with three sealed flaps. The first design in the new format was the 1969 9½c eagle. Around 1990 there was a further increase in the folded dimensions to 210 x 104mm (⅓ of an A4 sheet), the first design being the Le50 butterfly. Peter's research in the NPM Archives (published in the Postal Stationery Journal) revealed that the first format change resulted from a British Post Office plan for mechanised mail handling. It also affected the manufacturers of formula aerogrammes, resulting in considerable correspondence on the issue.

Highlights include the scarce 1954 issue with printed AEROGRAMME, proofs of the 1963 6d and 1965 3c flower designs, the 1968 9½c map indicium printed on formula paper stock, with the manufacturer's details obliterated by a wide bar, the 70c ship with two sizes of printed stamp, and the rare 1989 Le 3 ship, which became obsolete very soon after its issue.

1881 1^D POSTCARD - H & G A.1



POSTMARK FREETOWN A SP 11 97

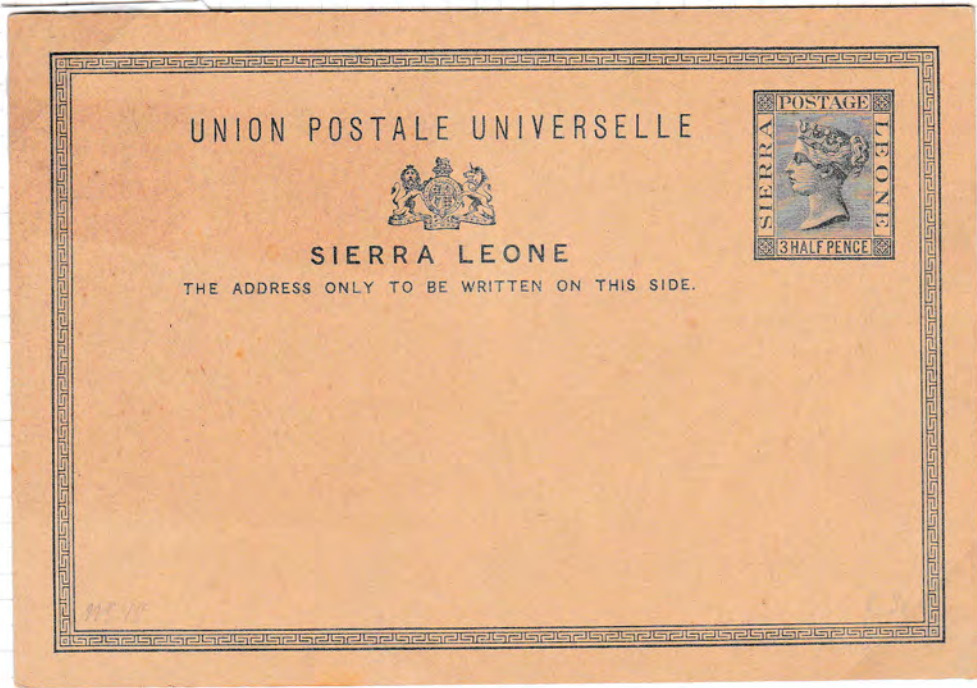
ORIGINALLY ISSUED FOR "COAST AND LOCAL" USE ONLY.

THE INTERNATIONAL POSTCARD RATE WAS REDUCED TO 1^D 1st OCT 92

FIRST DISPATCH 15.12.80 - TOTAL SENT 30,852

1881

1 1/2d Postcard



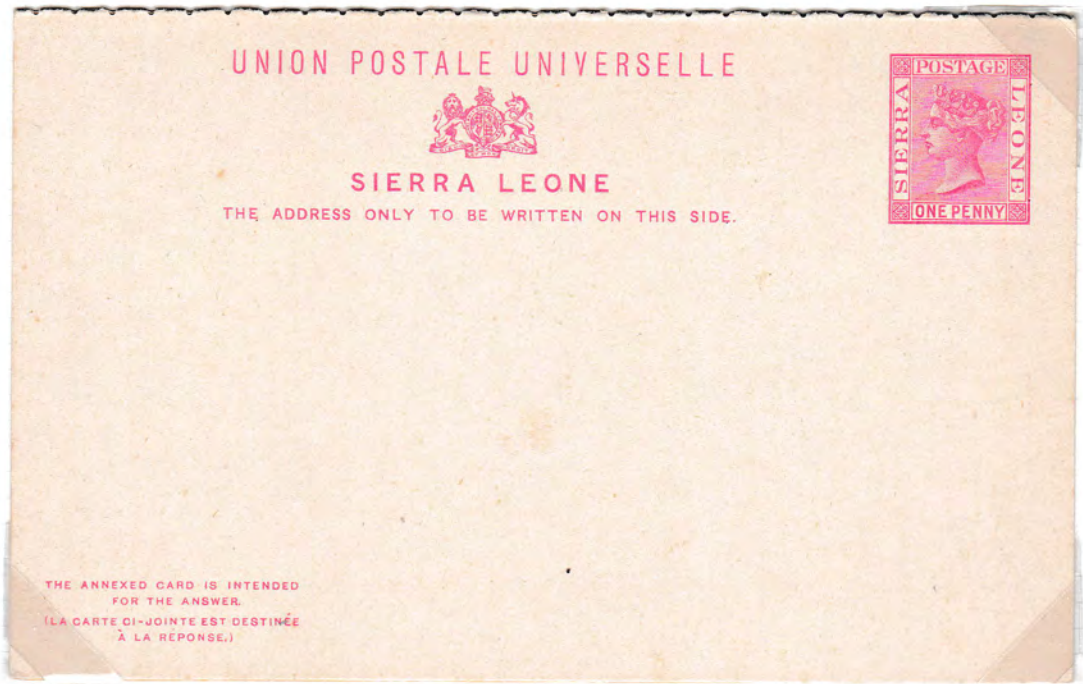
1885 Sherbro to Marseille via Freetown
and Calais a Paris TPO



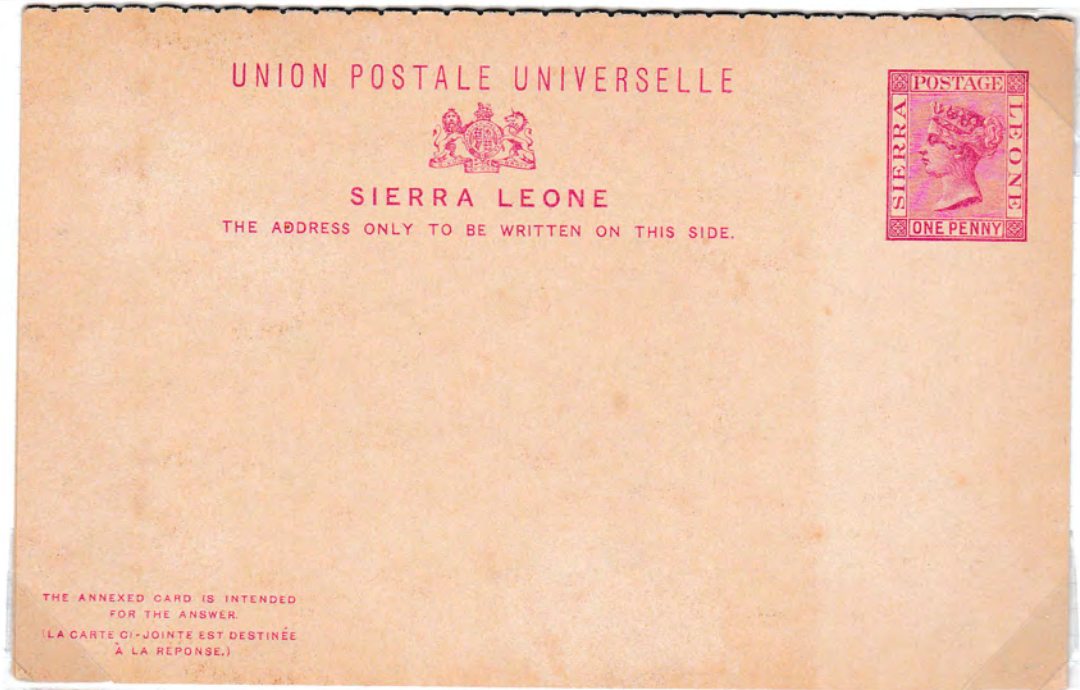
PO
page
to
cards

1883 1^D + 1^D REPLY POSTCARD - H & G A.3 and A.3a

PERF 6



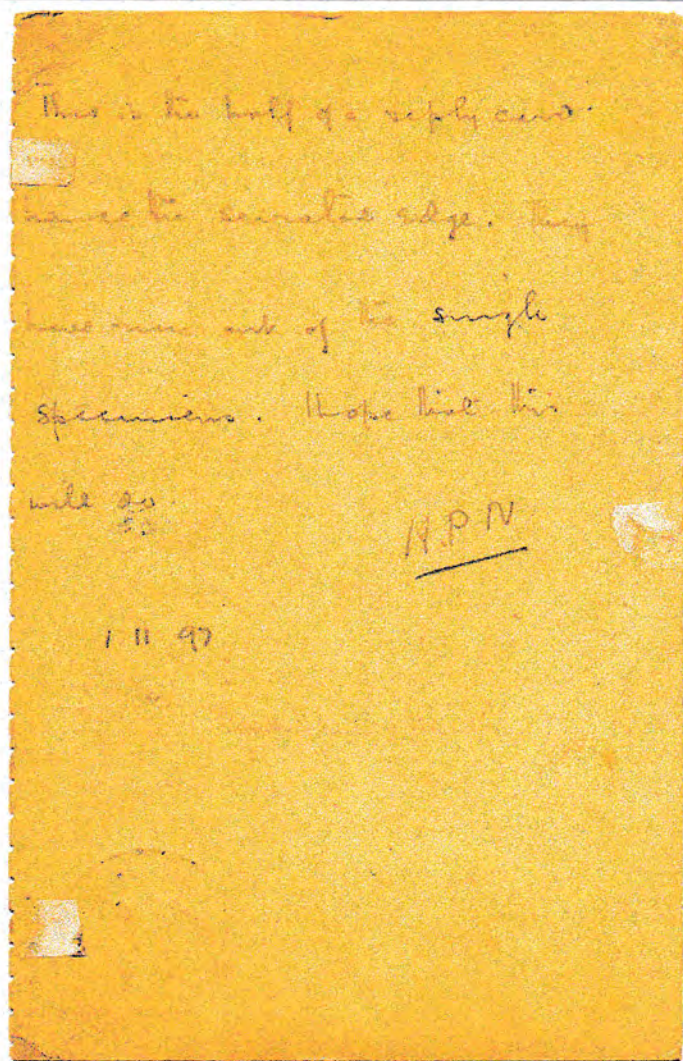
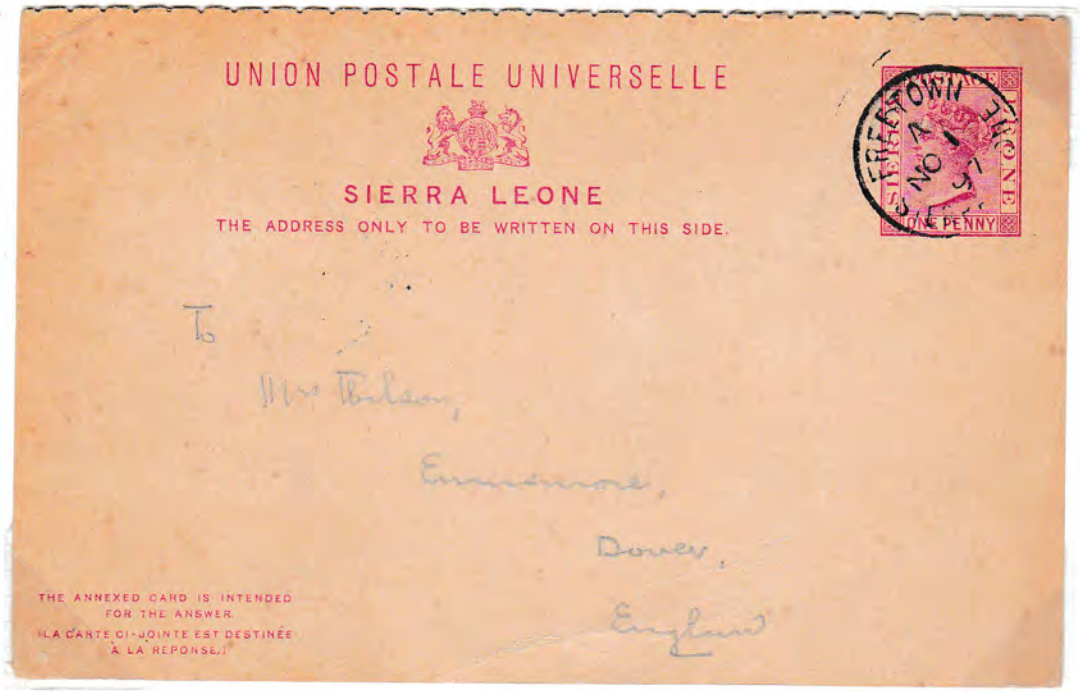
PERF 7



First sent 21.2.83 - Total sent 9372

1883 1^d + 1^d REPLY POSTCARD - H & G A.3-

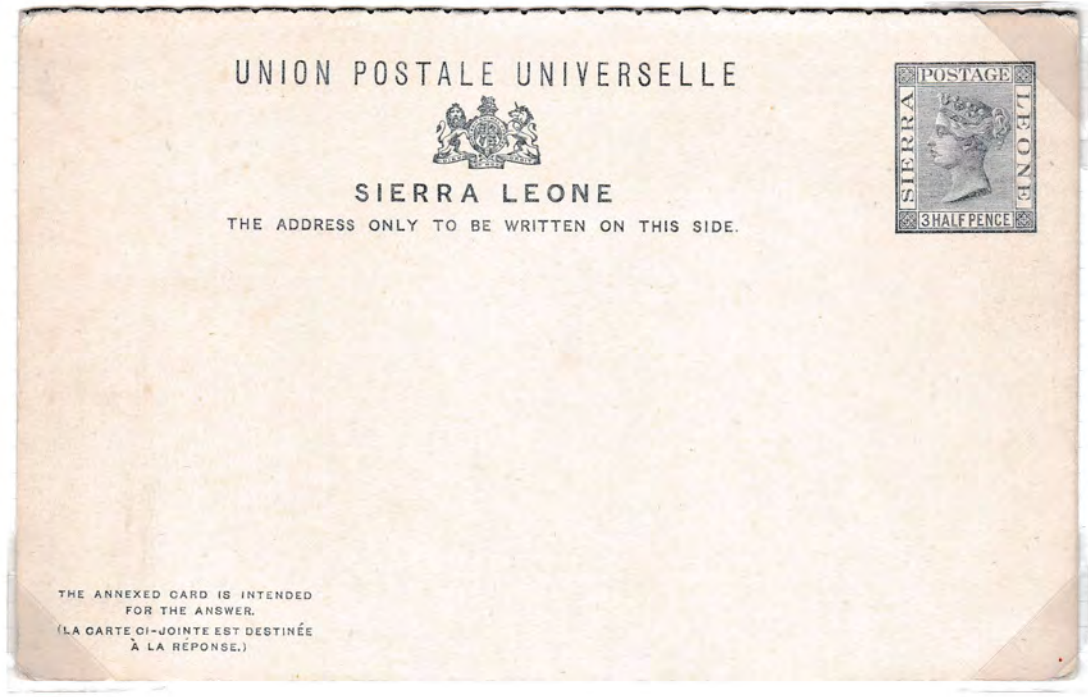
PERF 7



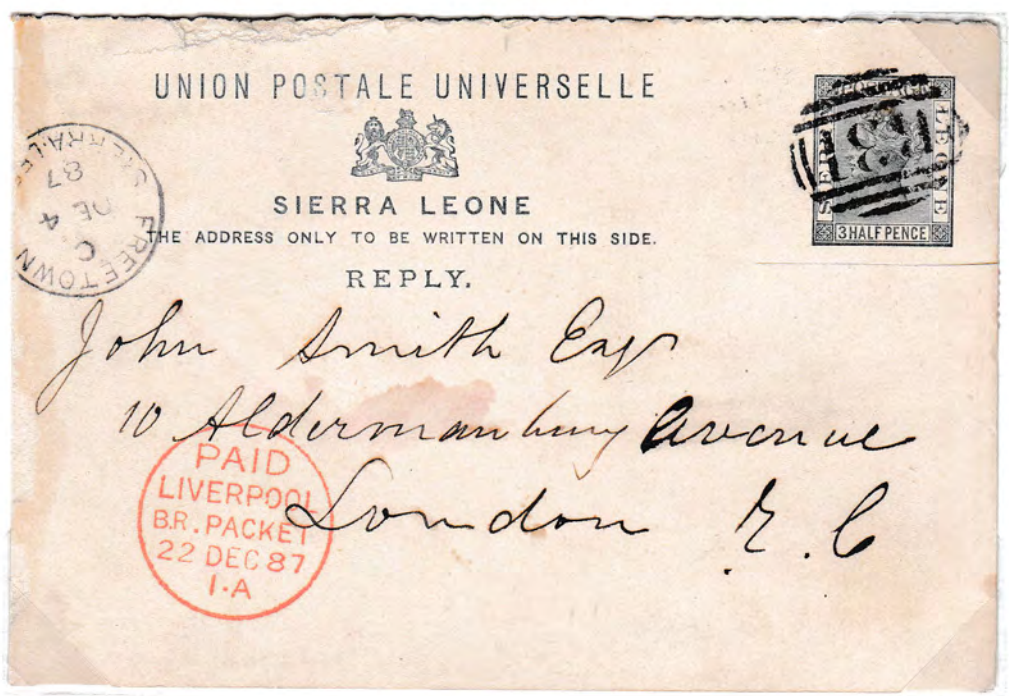
MESSAGE INDICATES USE AS SINGLE POSTCARD DUE TO ABSENCE OF SINGLE ITEMS.

1883 1¹⁰ + 1¹⁰ REPLY POSTCARD - H & G A. 4

PERF 6



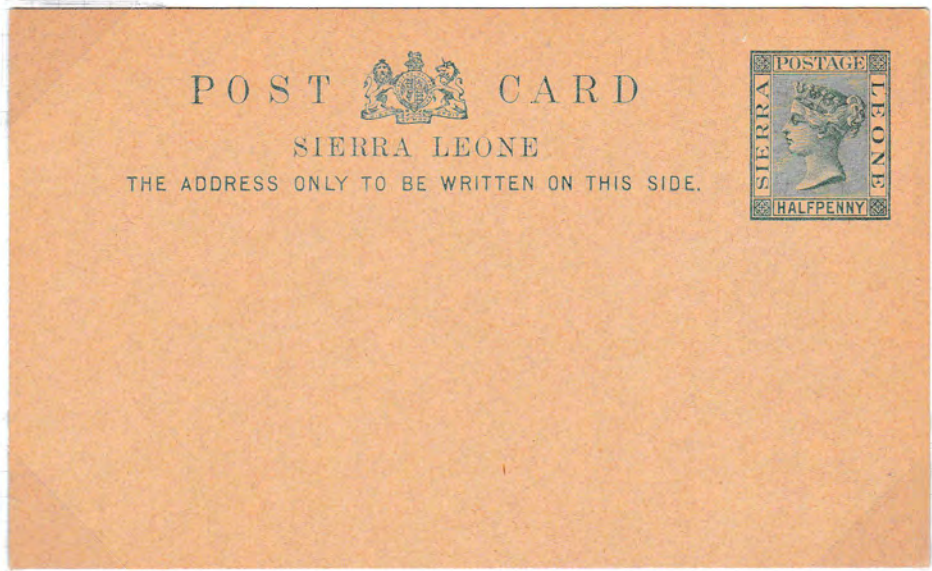
REPLY HALF USED AS OUTGOING POSTCARD



CANCELLED WITH B 31 TYPE 035.12 IN BLACK
POSTMARK FREETOWN C DE 4 87
RECEIVING MARK LIVERPOOL B.R. 22 DEC 87

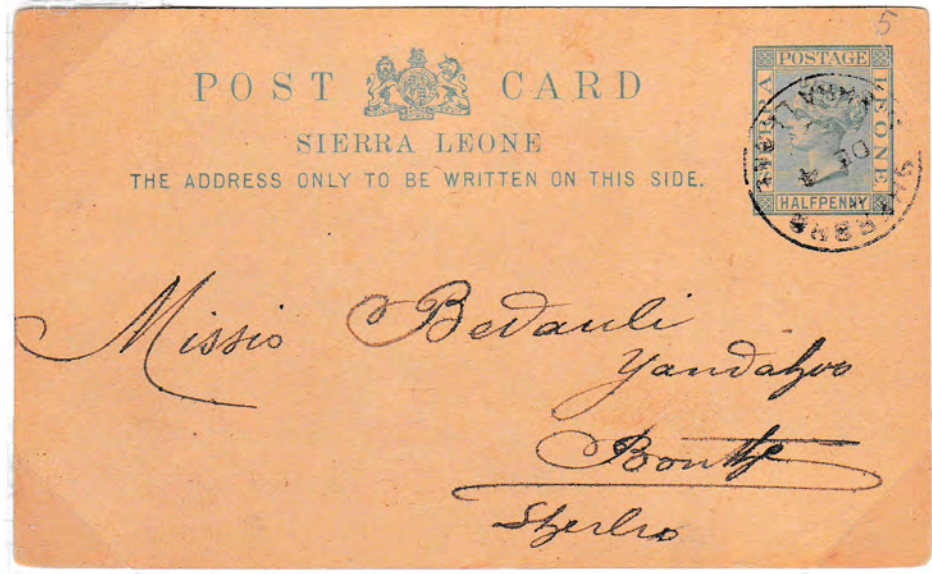
FIRST DESPATCH 21.2.83 - TOTAL SALES 4200

1893 1/2^D POSTCARD - H R G A.S

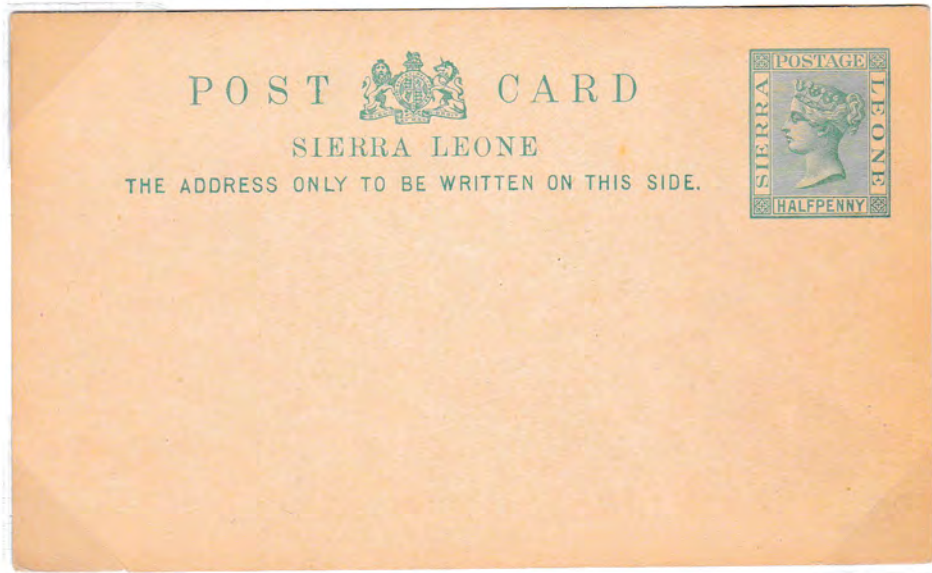


of DARK BUFF

USED LOCALLY



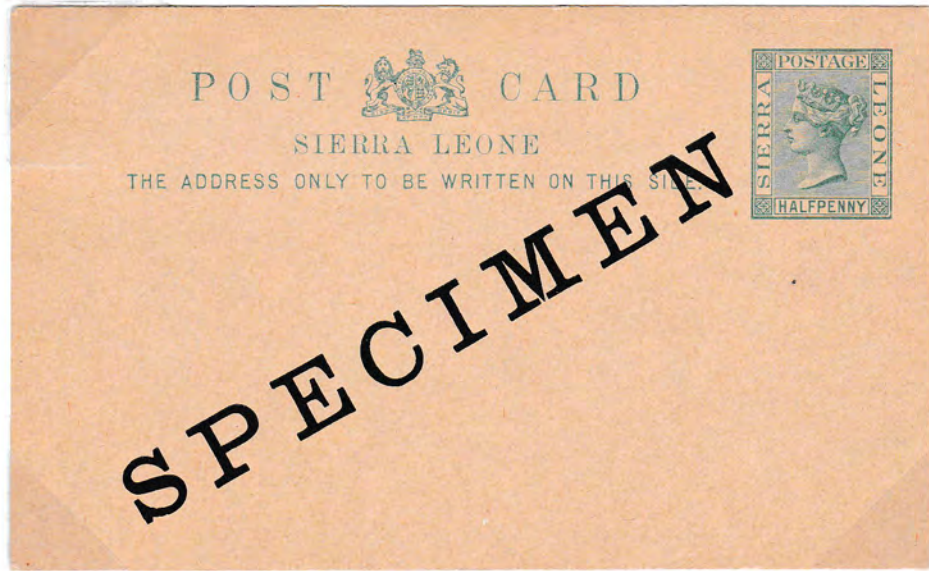
Postmark SHERBRO DE 494



of PALE BUFF

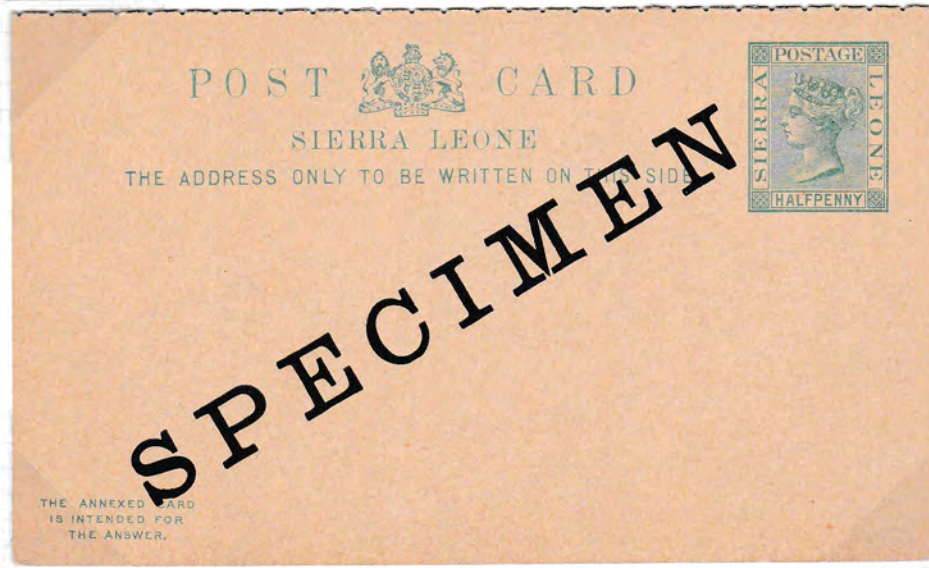
1893 POSTCARDS WITH SPECIMEN OVERPRINT

H X G A.5



750 DESPATCHED 20.11.93

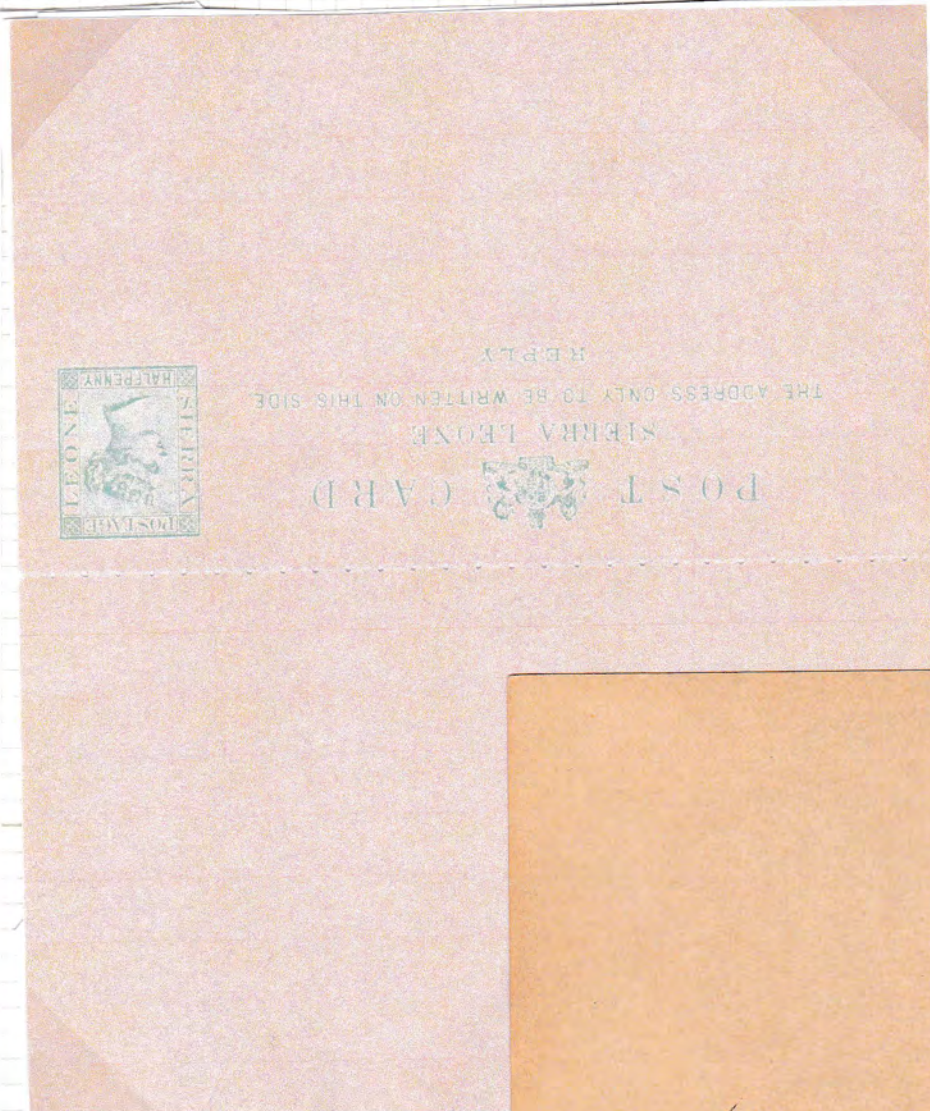
H X G A.6



750 DESPATCHED 20.11.93

1/2d + 1/2d Reply Card

Reverse of card



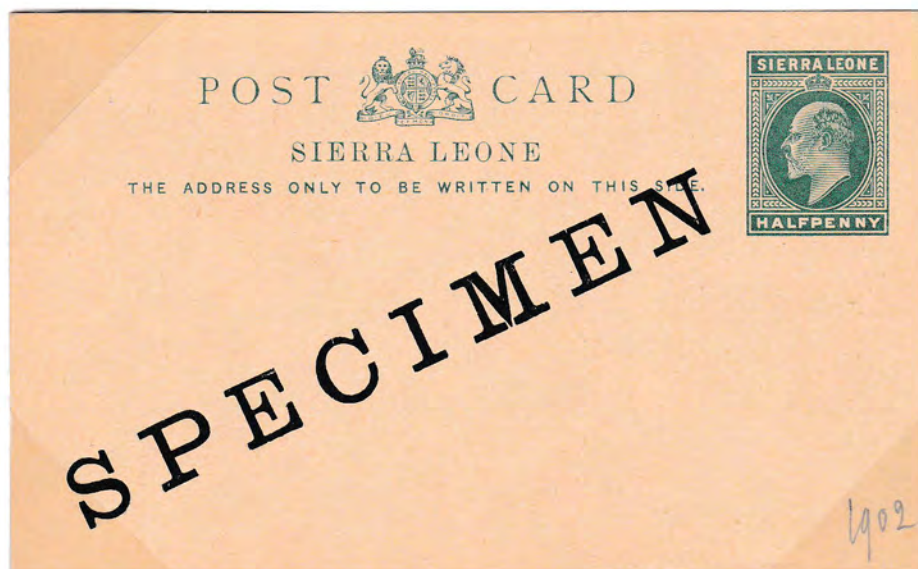
Registered to Gambia
1844, stamp(s) removed.



PR cover
+ sheet

1902 POSTCARDS WITH SPECIMEN OVERPRINT

H & G A.7 - 1/2^D VALUE

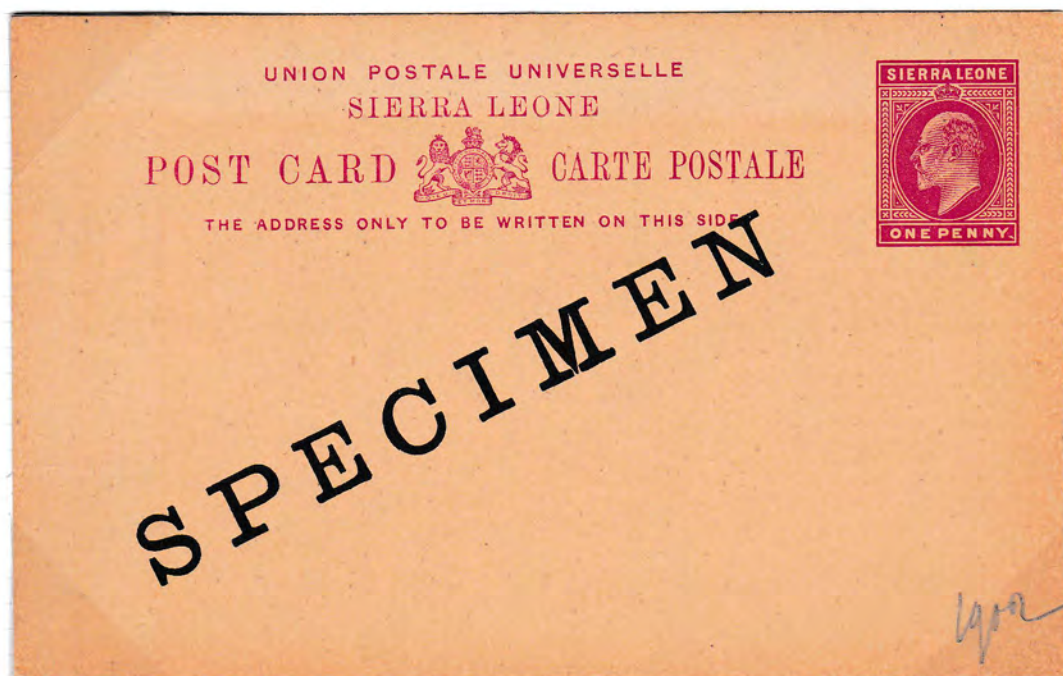


POST CARD
SIERRA LEONE
THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.
SPECIMEN

1902

727 DESPATCHED 31.12.02

H & G A.8 - 1^D VALUE

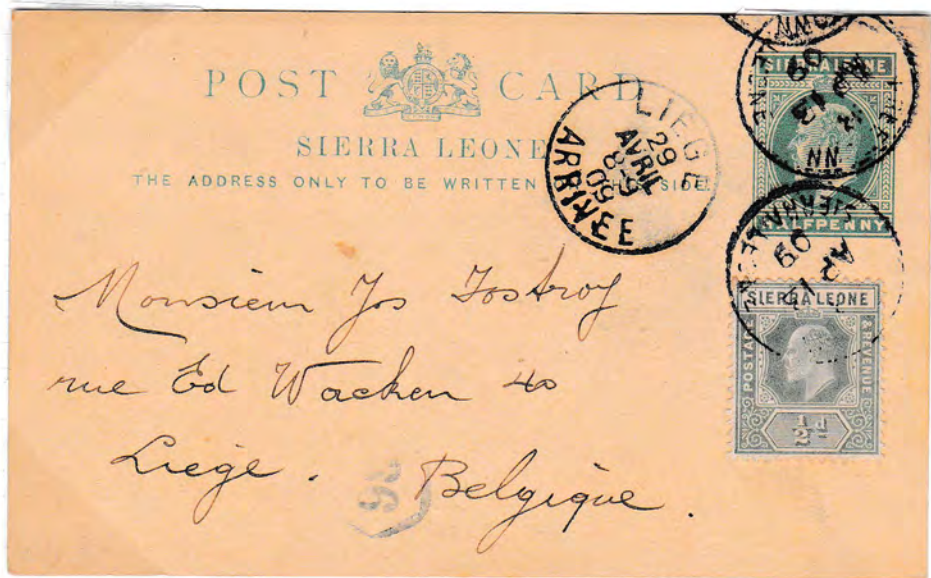


UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE
SIERRA LEONE
POST CARD CARTE POSTALE
THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.
SPECIMEN

1902

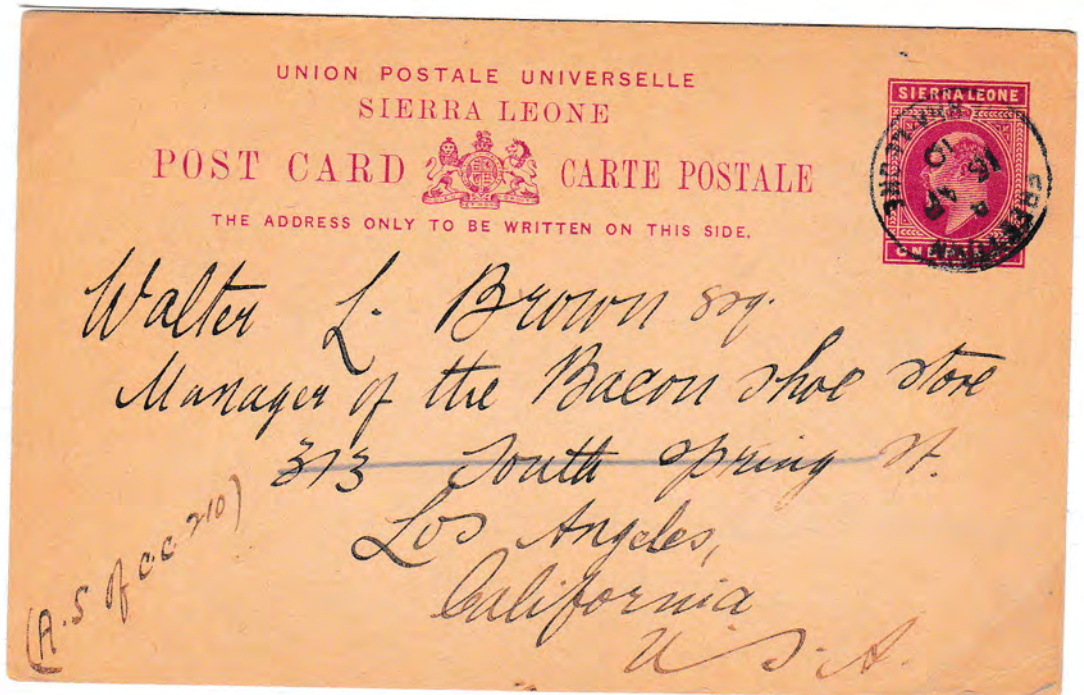
727 DESPATCHED 31.12.02

INTERNAL USE POSTCARD OPERATED TO BELGIUM



Postmarks - FREETOWN AP 13 09
LIEGE 29 APRIL 09

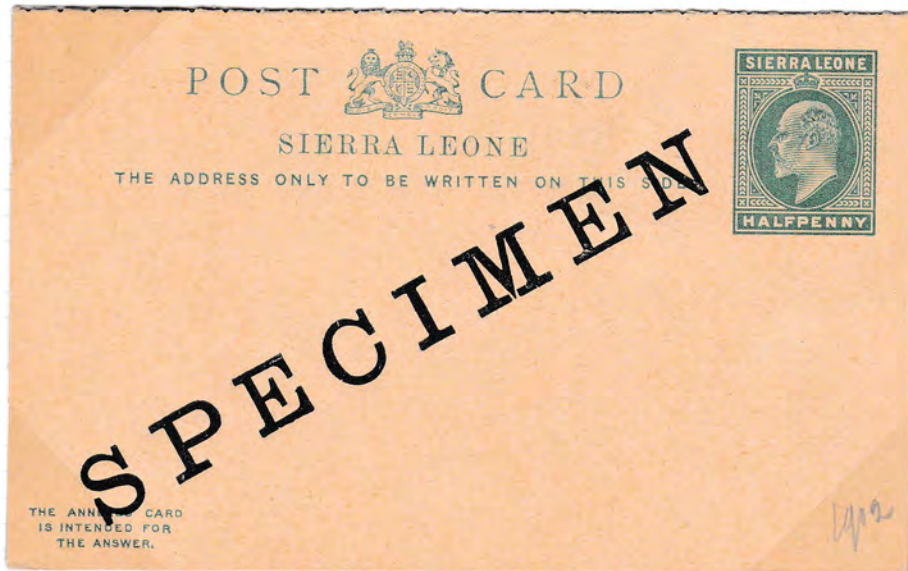
PQ card
Freetown to
Los Angeles
1910



(A.S. 700-710)

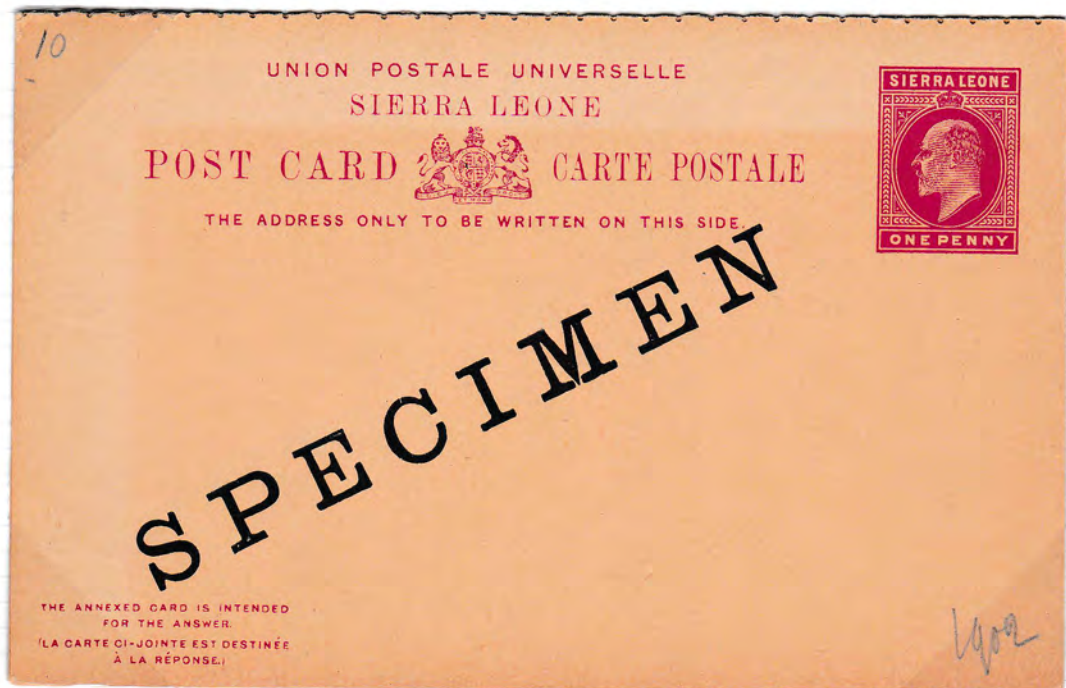
1902 REPLY POSTCARDS WITH SPECIMEN OVERPRINT

H & G A. 9 - 1/2^D + 1/2^D VALUE



727 DESPATCHED 31.12.02

H & G A. 10 - 1^D + 1^D VALUE



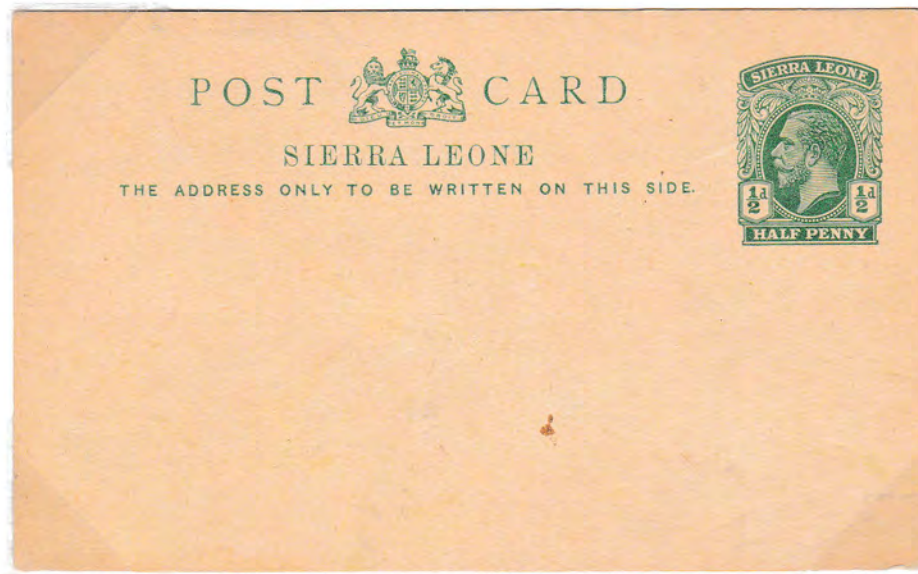
727 DESPATCHED 31.12.02

1912 1st POSTCARD - H & G A. 11

FOR INTERNAL USE



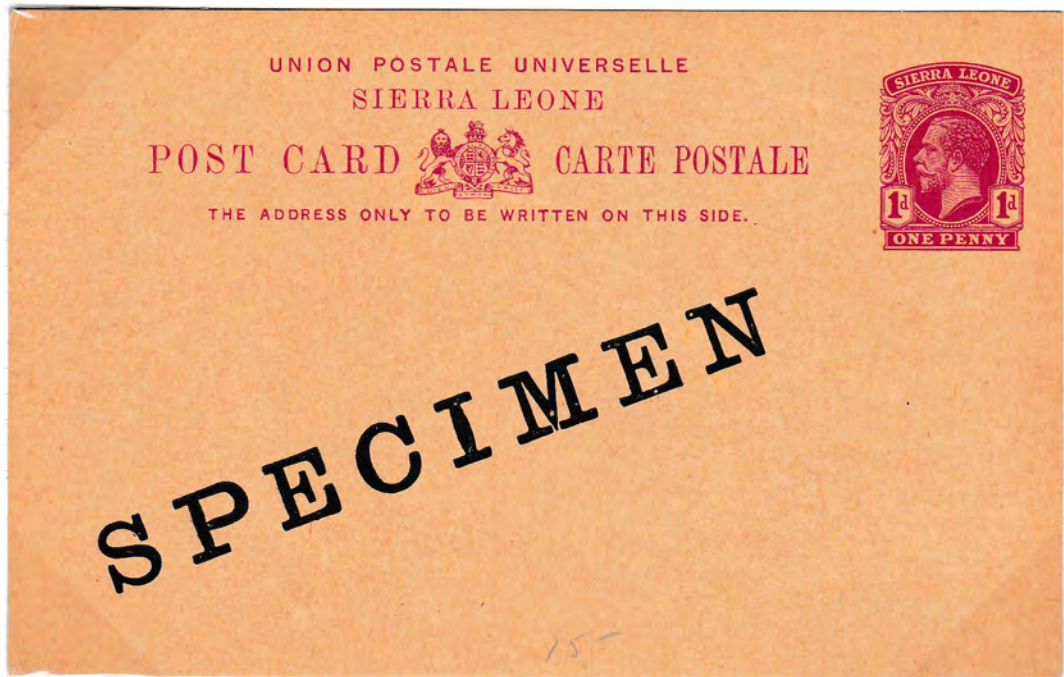
1404 DESPATCHED 9.9.12



FIRST DESPATCH 9.9.12 - Total sent 19,620

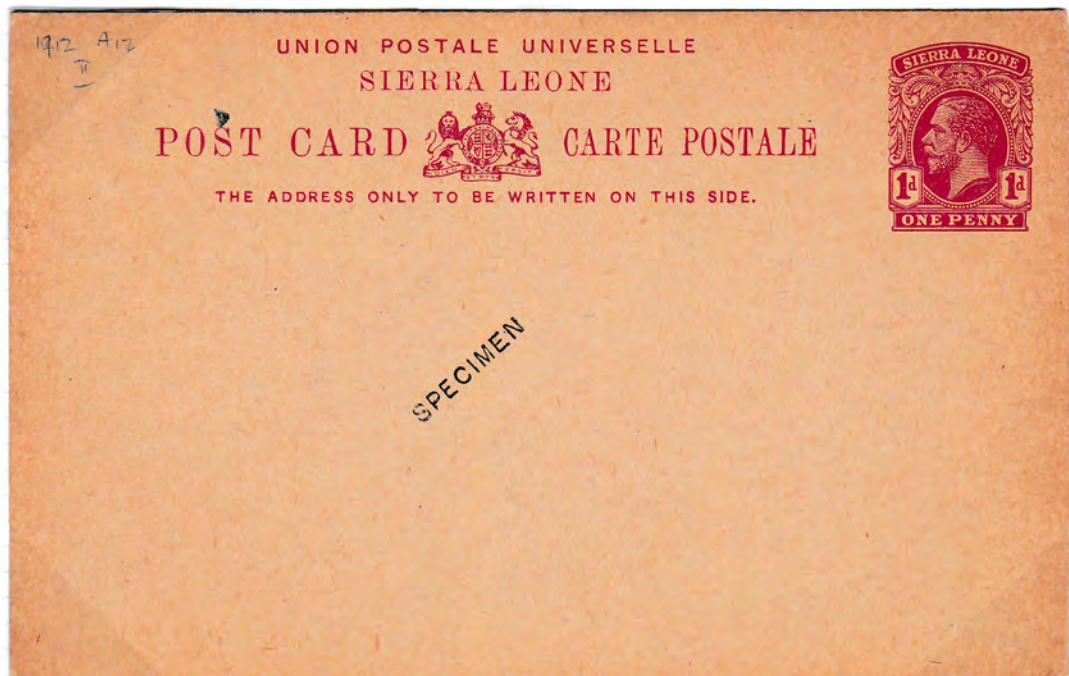
1912 1st POSTCARD WITH SPECIMEN OVERPRINT

a) STANDARD OVERPRINT



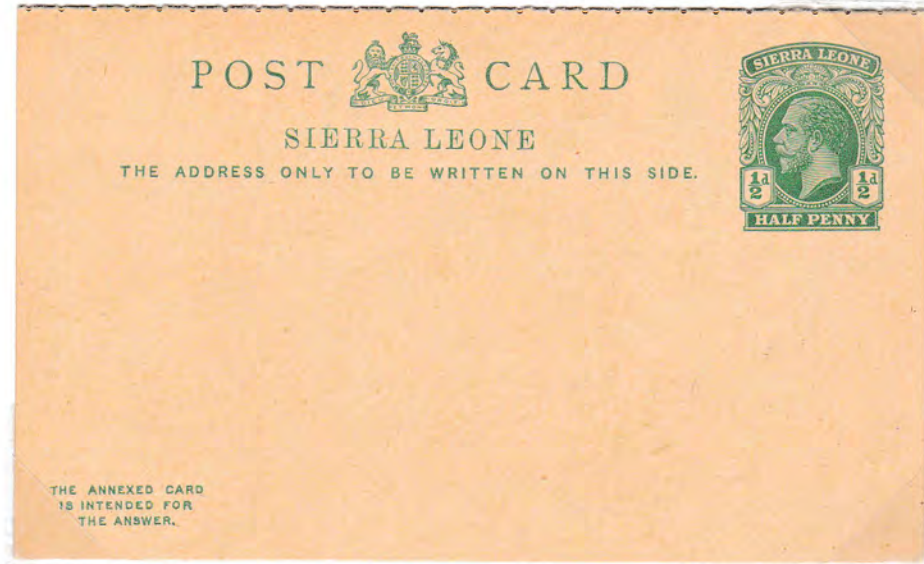
404 DESPATCHED 9.9.12

b) NON-STANDARD OVERPRINT



1912 $\frac{1}{2}$ + $\frac{1}{2}$ REPLY POSTCARD - H & G A.13

FOR INTERNAL USE



USED TO U.K. WITHOUT ADDITIONAL POSTAGE, ATTRACTING SURCHARGE

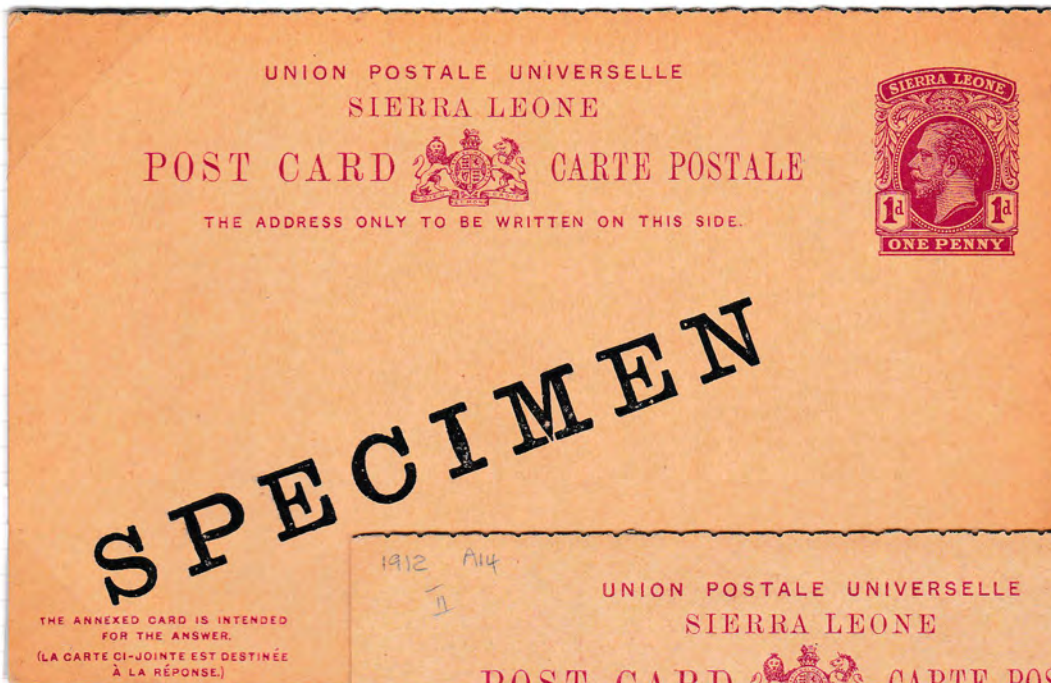


Postmark FREETOWN C MY14 19
RECEIVED MAIL LONDON W.C. 3 JU 19

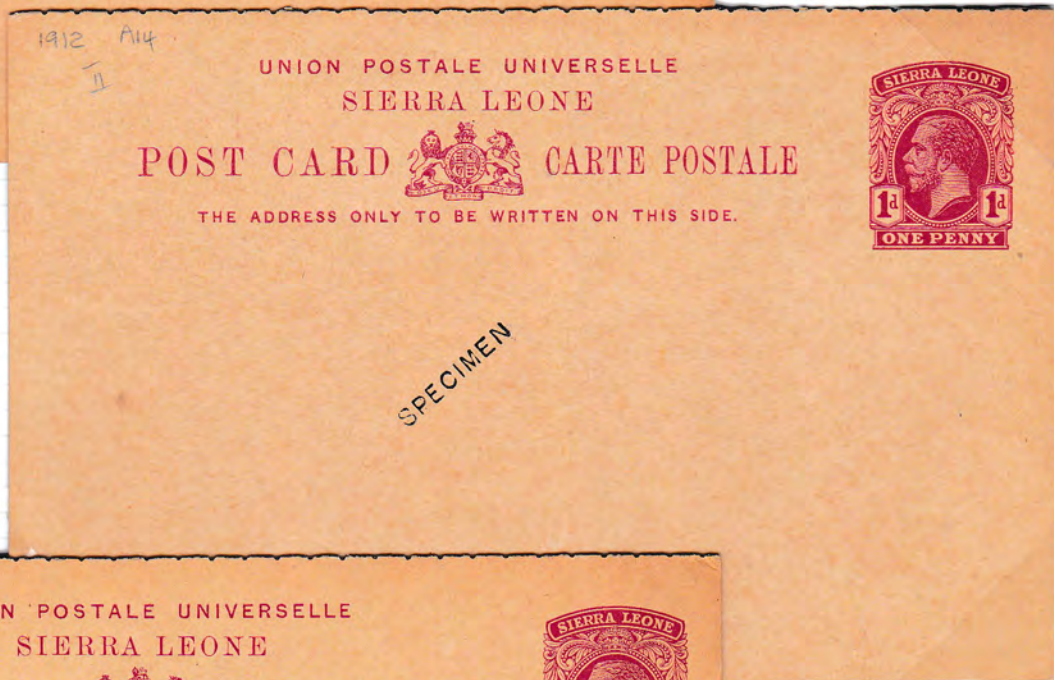
FIRST DESPATCH 9.9.12 - Total sent 1254

1912 1^p + 1^p REPLY POSTCARD - H & G A.14

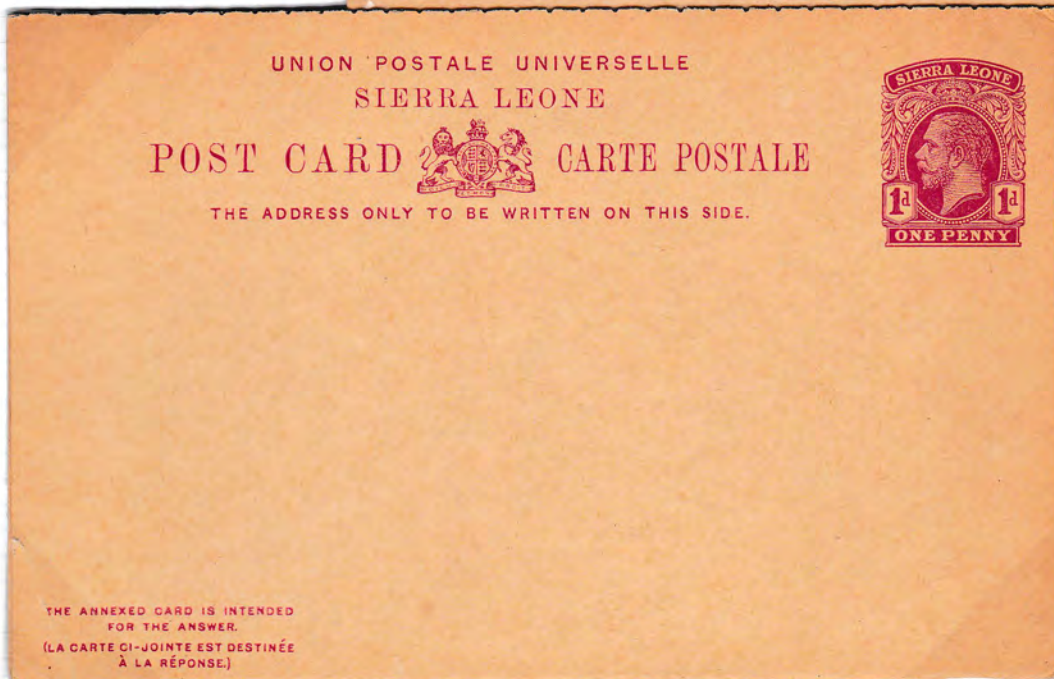
FOR OVERSEAS USE



STANDARD SPECIMEN
OVERPRINT
DESPATCH 9.9.12
TOTAL SENT 404



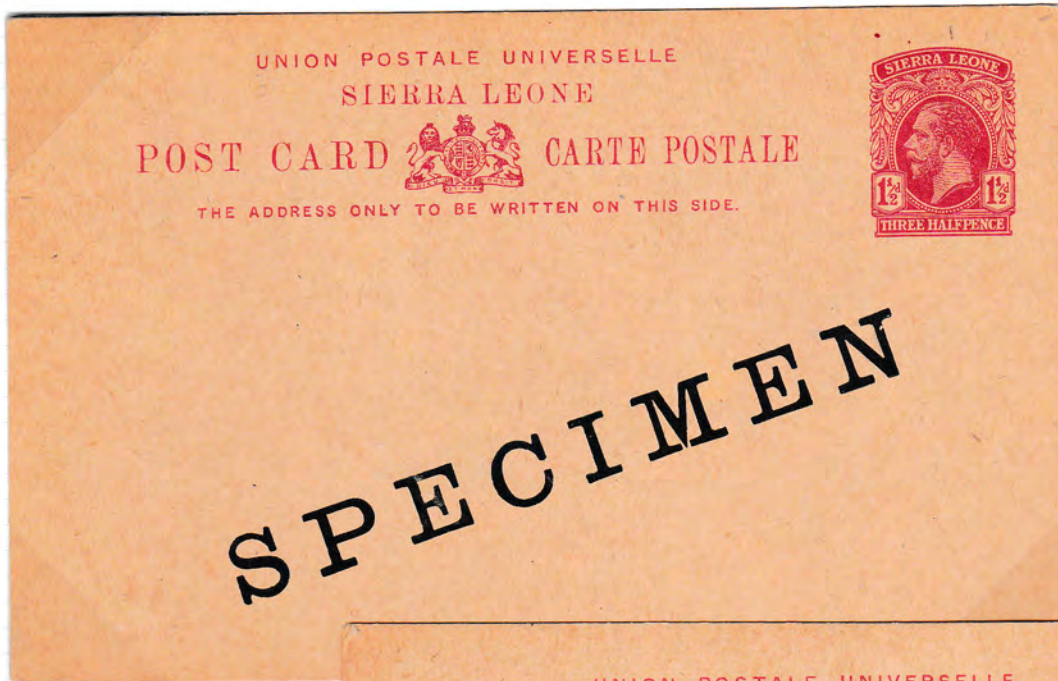
NON-STANDARD
SPECIMEN
OVERPRINT



FIRST DESPATCH 9.9.12
TOTAL SENT 1,278

1923 1^{1/2} POSTCARD - H & G A.15 FOR OVERSEAS USE

THE RATE WAS RAISED TO 1^{1/2} -> 1.12.21

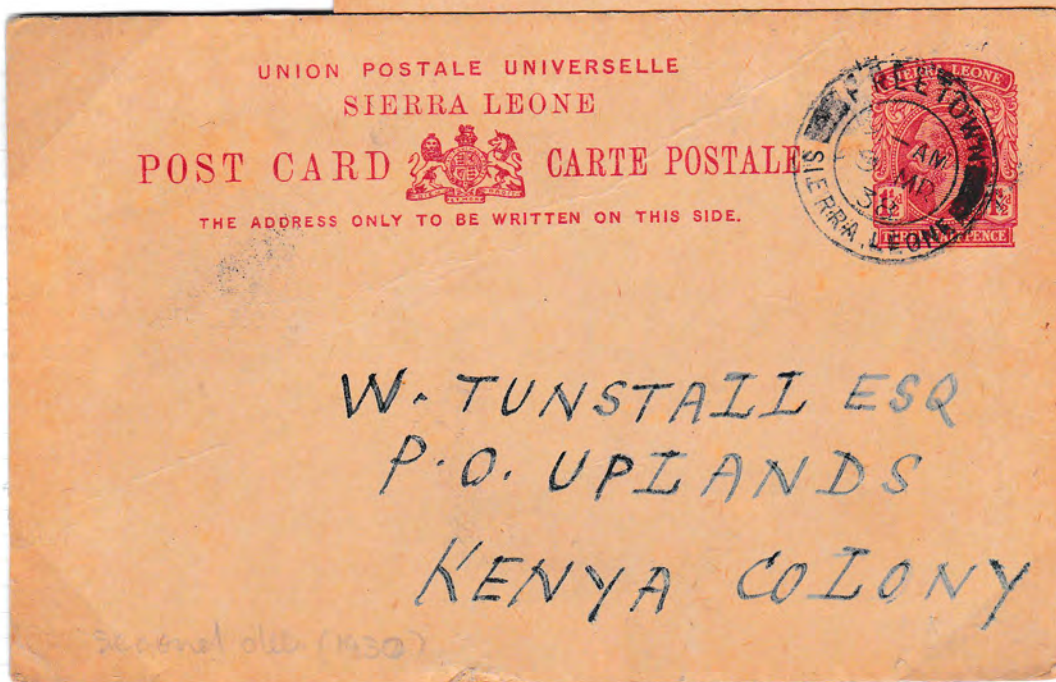
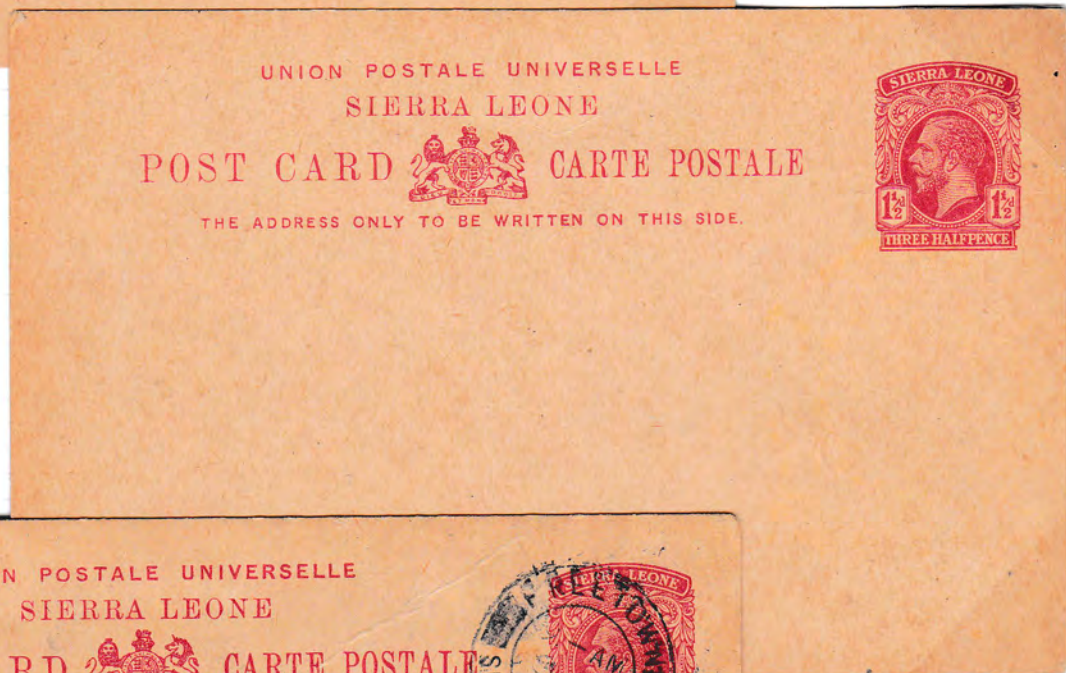


SPECIMEN

408 DESPATCHES

1.10.23

SPECIMEN



FIRST DESPATCH 1.10.23

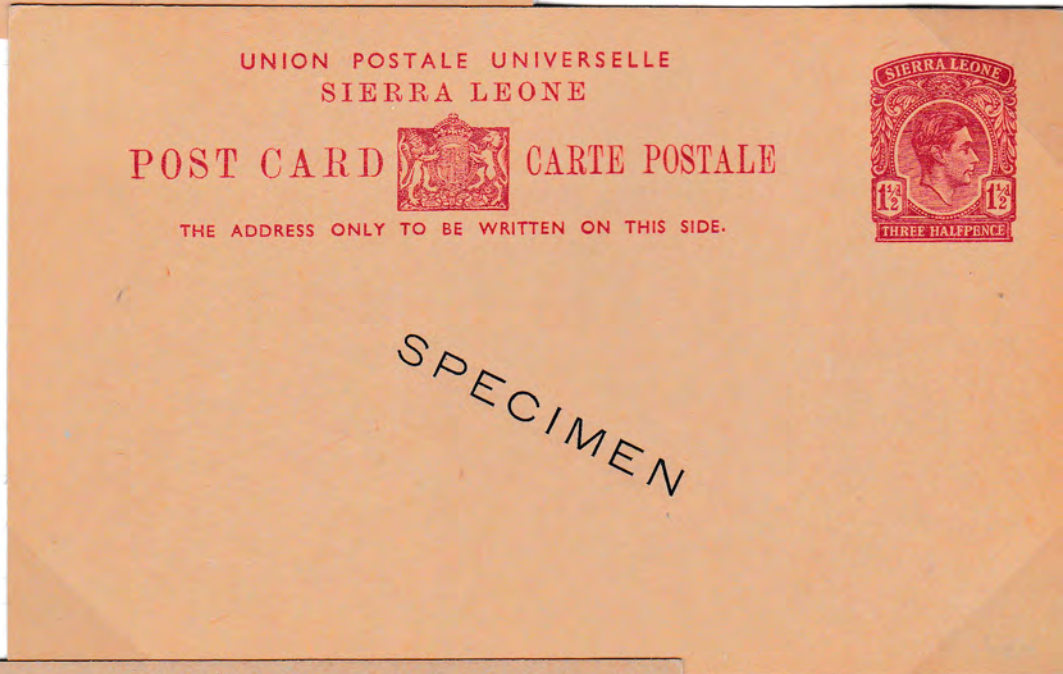
TOTAL SENT 5424

GEORGE VI POSTCARDS WITH SPECIMEN OVERPRINT



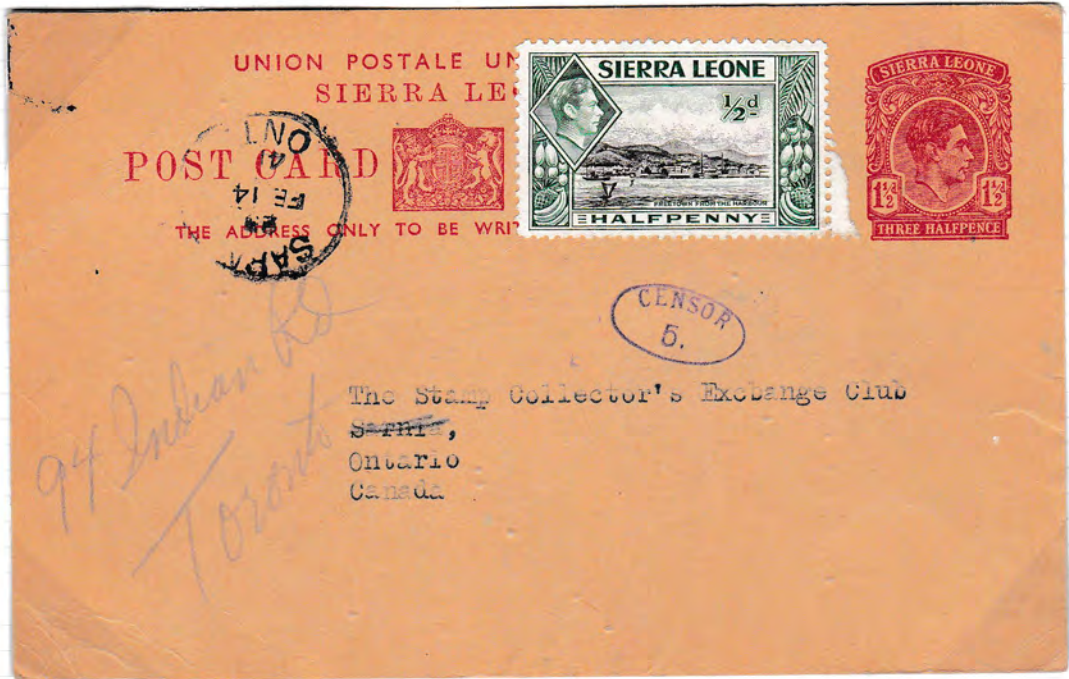
1/2^d VALUE 25.7.38
397 ISSUED

1 1/2^d VALUE 16.1.39
397 ISSUED



2^d VALUE 29.4.41
360 ISSUED

H E G A 17 USA - CANADA JANUARY 1941 - OVERSEAS RATE 20150 - 2

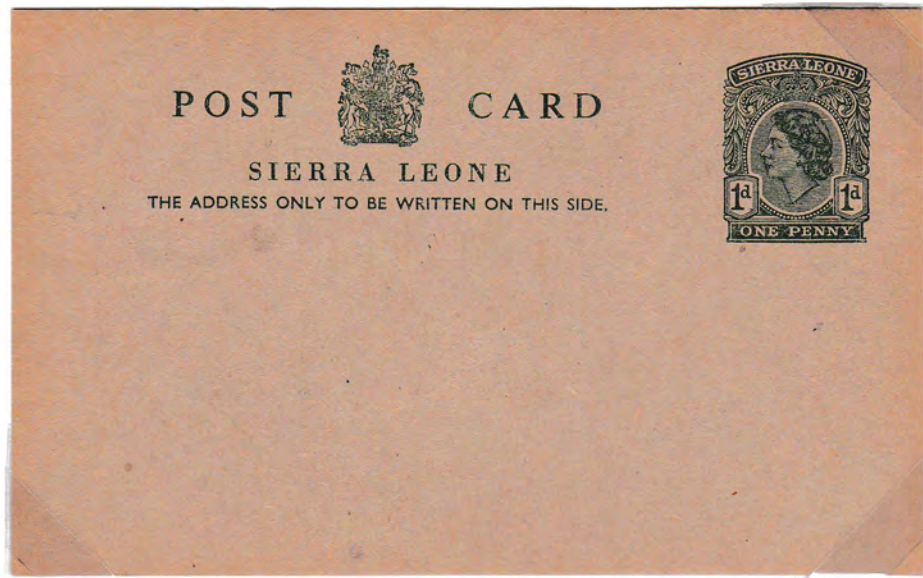


CARD FROM MAKENI DATED 1 JAN 41 WITH CIVIL
CENSOR MARK TYPE 3 No. 5. AND RECEIVING
HANDSTAMP FOR SIERRA, CANADA DATED 14 FEB 41

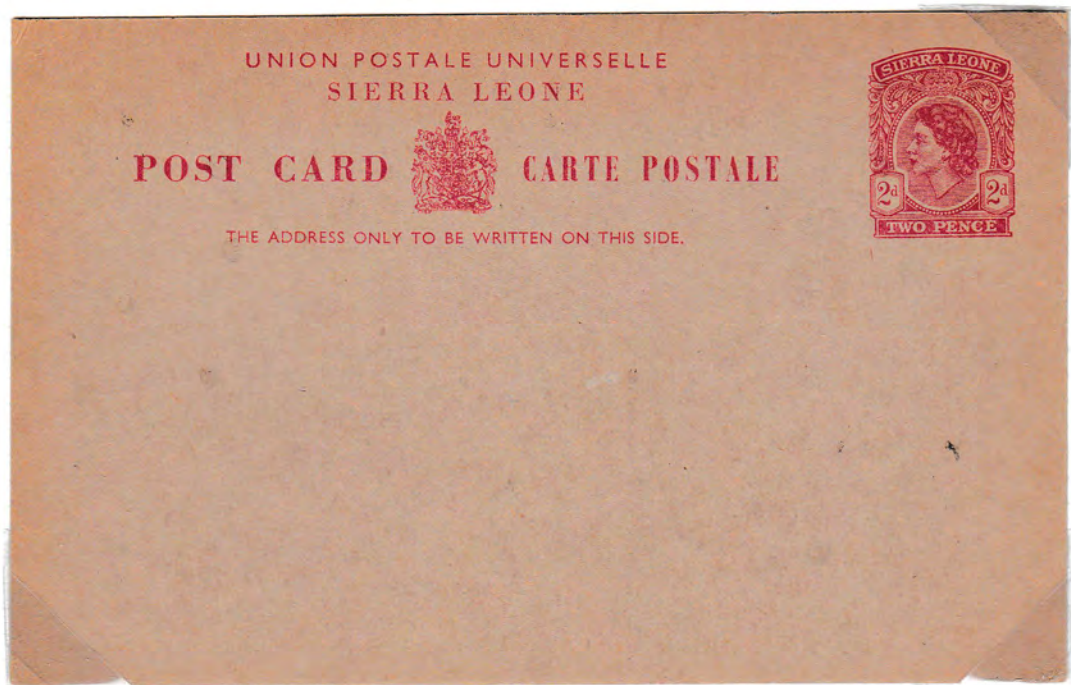
COMPARTMENT AUTHORIZED BY THE
BARRING OF SALES BY THE POSTAL
BOARD AND PROHIBITED BY THE

1955 1st and 2nd POSTCARDS - H & G A.20 and A.21

FOR INTERNAL AND INTERNATIONAL USE RESPECTIVELY



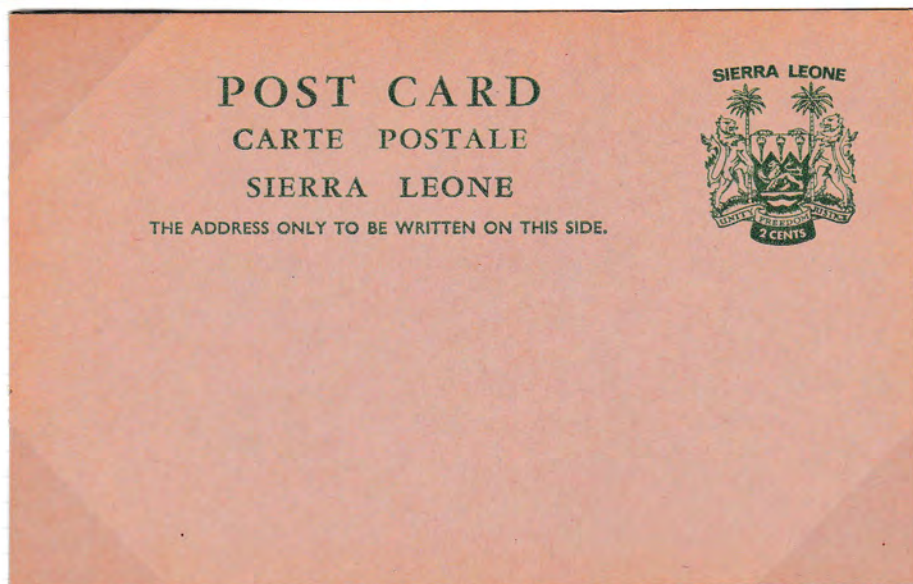
FIRST DESPATCH 15.8.1955 - TOTAL SENT 3476



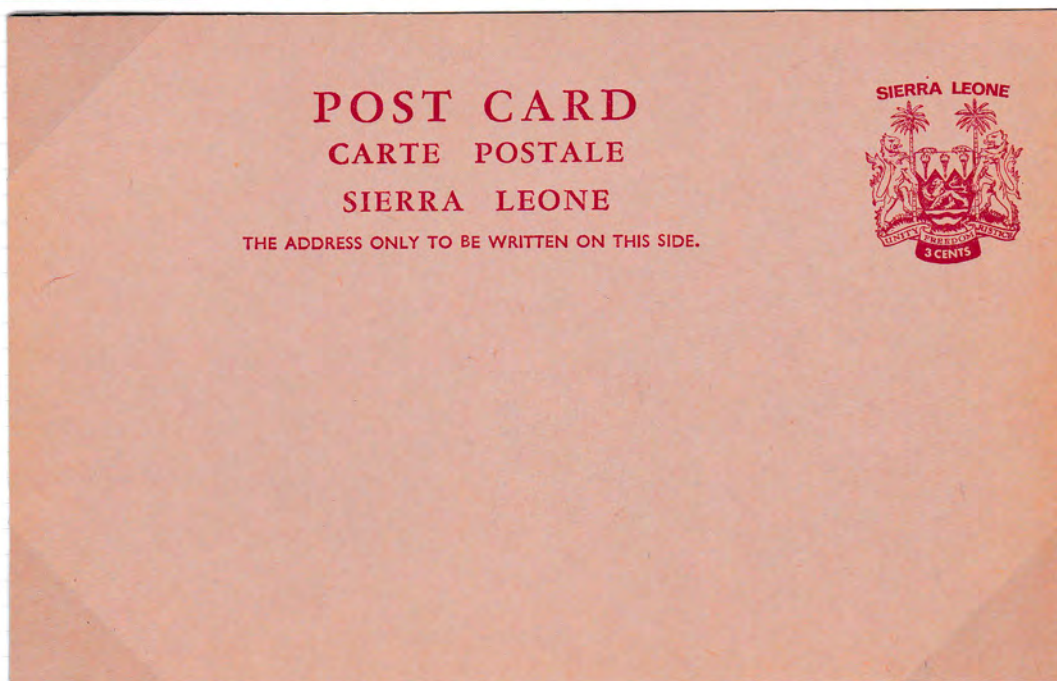
FIRST DESPATCH 15.8.1955 - TOTAL SENT 2904

1964 DECIMAL POSTCARDS

a) 2c VALUE FOR INLAND USE



b) 3c VALUE FOR COMMONWEALTH USE (FOREIGN COUNTRY RATE WAS 5c)



AUTHORISATION FOR THESE CARDS WAS GIVEN ON 27th JULY 1964 WITH THE NEW DECIMAL POSTAL RATE TARIFF. PROOF COPIES WERE APPROVED ON 16th NOVEMBER 1964 BUT NO ISSUE DATES ARE KNOWN. QUANTITIES ISSUED ARE ALSO UNKNOWN.

THE 2c RATE WAS VALID UNTIL 1st JULY 1975 BUT THE 3c RATE WAS SUPERCEDED IN THE "NEW RATES" OF 30th NOVEMBER 1967.

1898 2 1/2 ENVELOPE

AN ESSAY WITH THE COUNTRY NAME PICKED OUT IN CHINESE WHITE



1899 1d envelope H^oG B.1

Size 120 x 94 mm

Sherbro (backstamp) via Freetown to Alsace, 1899.



pc
page
cover

MADE AND PRINTED IN ENGLAND

1899 1st ENVELOPE - H & G B. 1a

SIZE 140 x 78mm



USED TO U.K.

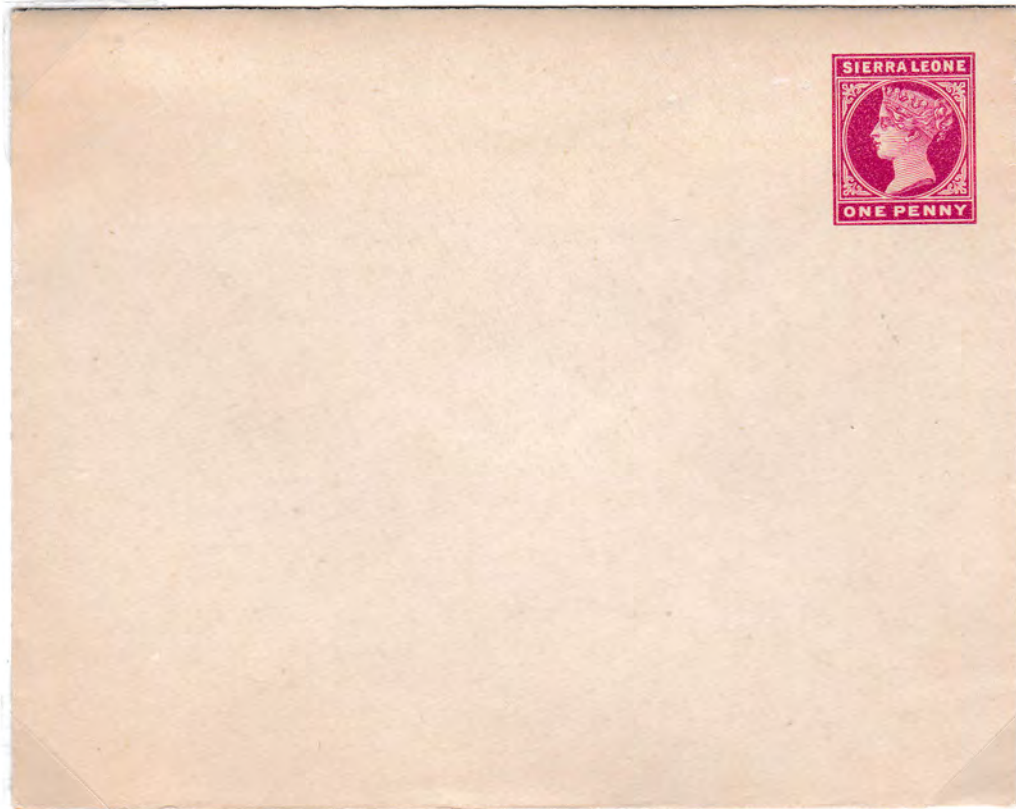


POSTMARK FREETOWN B MR4 99
RECEIVING MARKS PLYMOUTH SHIP LETTER MR16 99
LONDON HF MR17 99

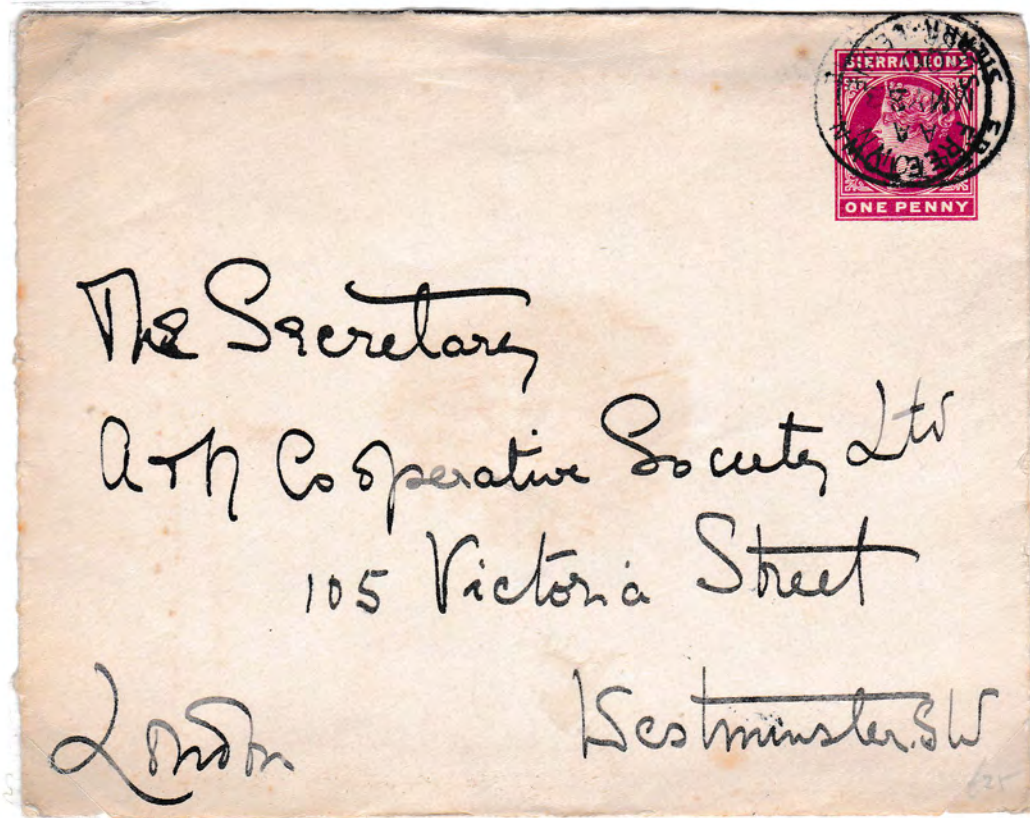
FIRST DESPATCH 16.1.99 - TOTAL SENT 24,328

1844 1^D ENVELOPE - H & G B.16

SIZE 133 x 106 mm



Used to U.K.



POSTMARK FREETOWN A MY 3 00

FIRST DISPATCH 16.1.99 - TOTAL SENT 5064

1898 2^{1/2} ENVELOPE - H & G B. 2

SIZE 133 x 106 mm



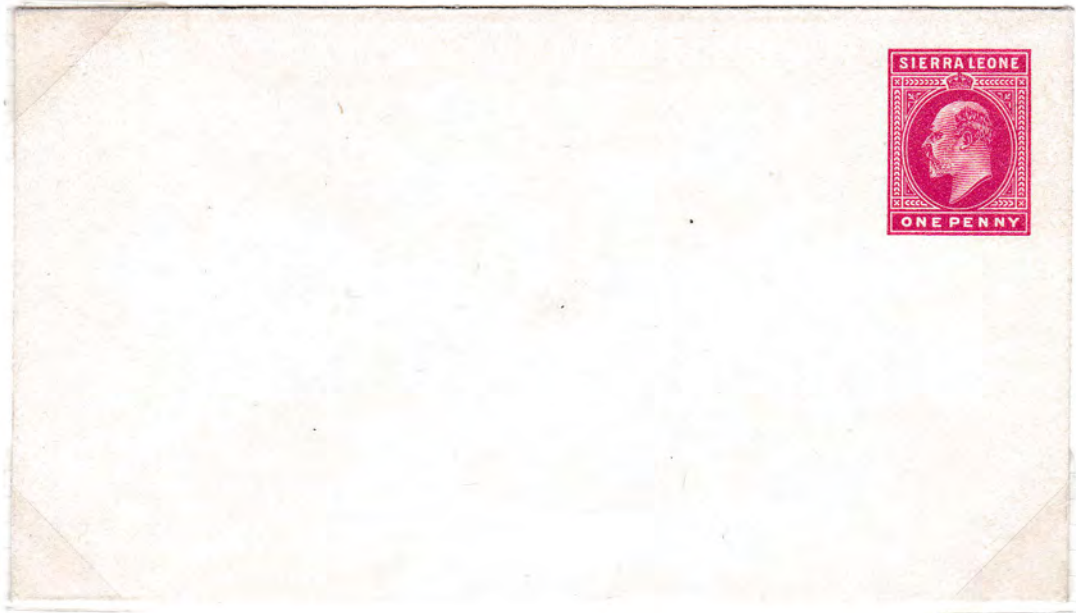
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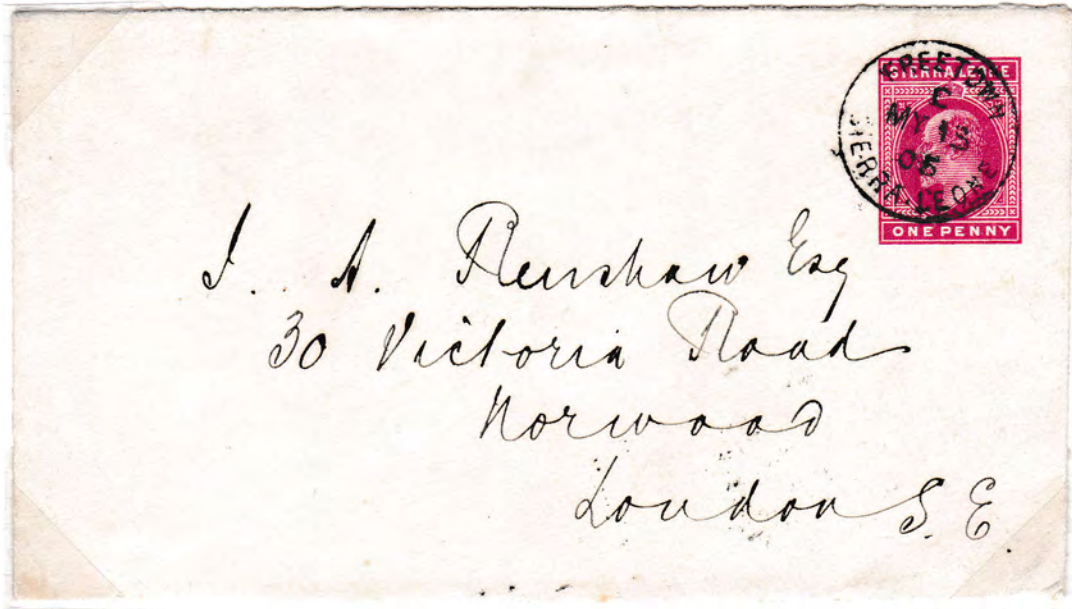
POSTMARK FREETOWN A MR 10 02
RECEIVING MARK CLEVELAND/OHIO APR 12 1902
FIRST DESPATCH 30-9-98 - TOTAL SENT 6,290

1902 1^d ENVELOPE - H & G B.3

SIZE 140 x 78mm



USED TO U.K.



POSTMARK FREETOWN C 13 MY 05
RECEIVING MARK LONDON. SE MY 29 05

FIRST DESPATCH 12.3.02 - TOTAL SENT 223,584

1902 1^d ENVELOPE - H & G B.3a

SIZE 133 x 106mm



Used to U.K.



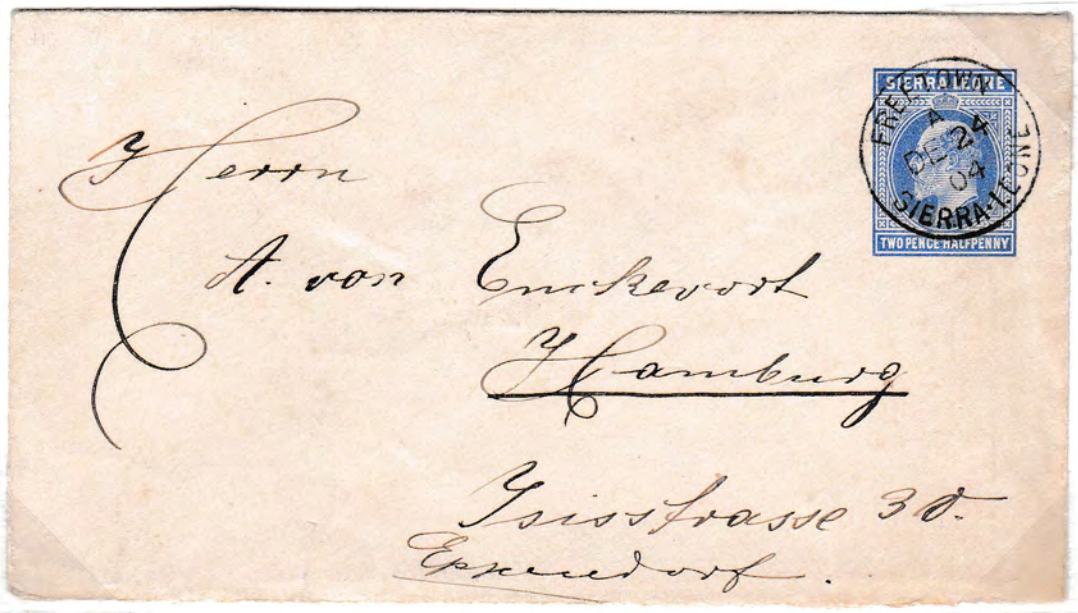
POSTMARK FREETOWN A NO 6 05
RECEIVING MARK NEWCASTLE NO 18 05
FIRST DESPATCHED 12.3.02 TOTAL SENT 241,344

1903 2½ ENVELOPE - H & G B.4

SIZE 140 x 78mm



USED TO GERMANY



POSTMARK FREETOWN A DE 24 04

on REVERSE SHERBRO DE 23

HAMBURG 9.1.05

FIRST DESPATCHED 31.12.02 - TOTAL SENT 15,216

1903 2^{1/2} ENVELOPE - H & G B.4c

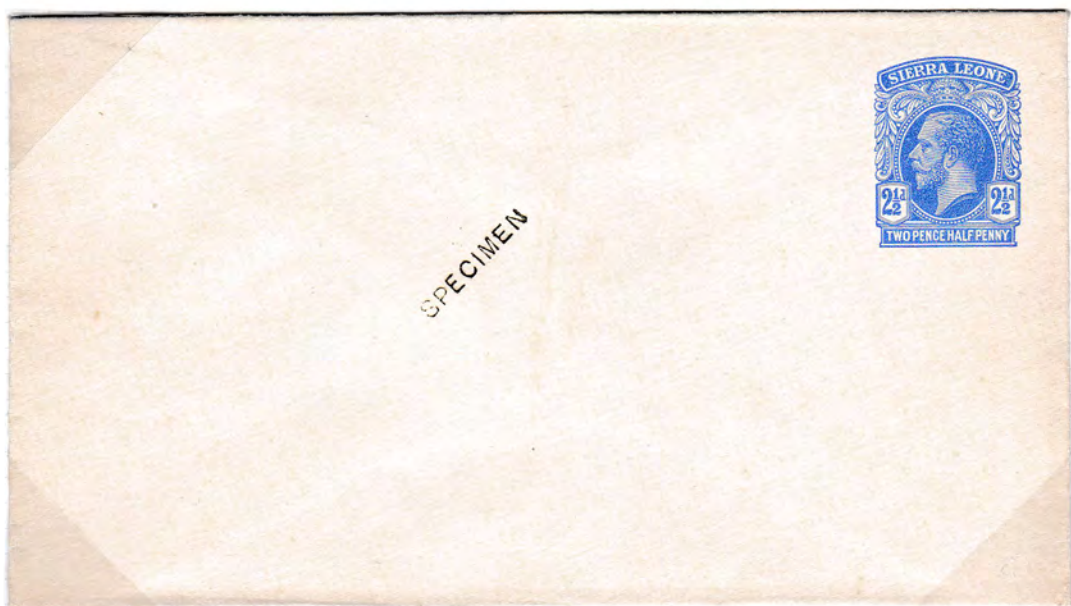
SIZE 133 x 106MM



FIRST DESPATCHED 31.12.02 - TOTAL SENT 15,288

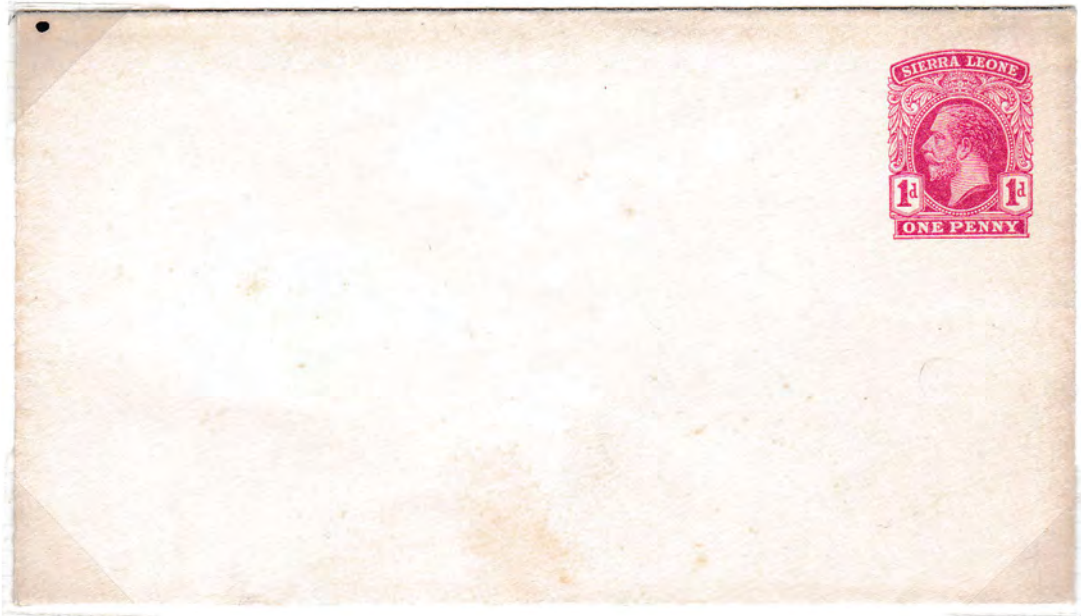
1912 1^o ENVELOPE - H & G B.5a

SIZE 133 x 106MM BUT WITH "SPECIMEN" OVERPRINT (SAMUELS SL 2)

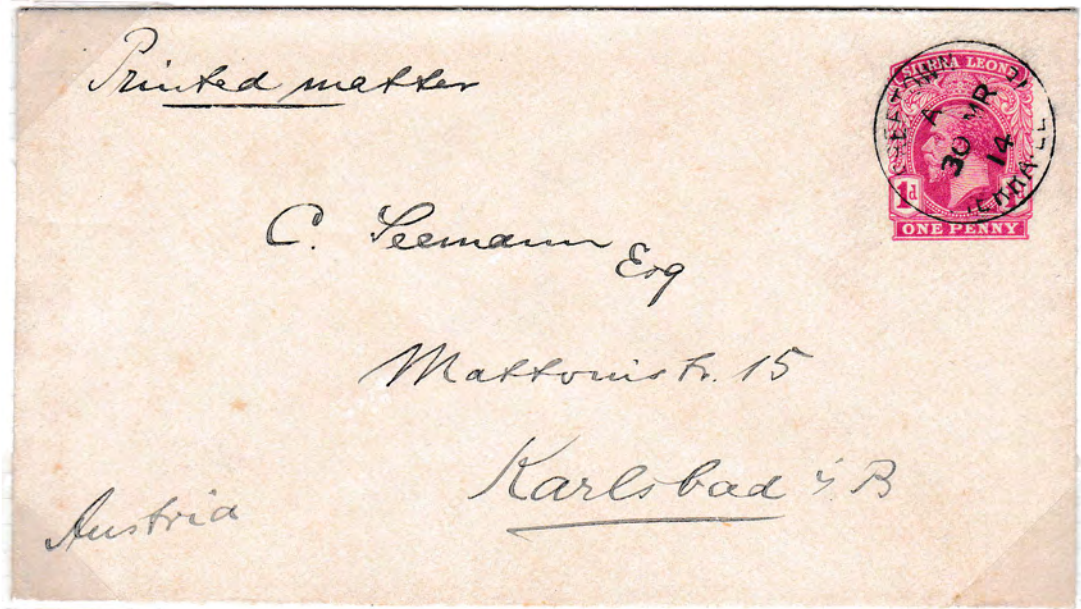


1912 1^d ENVELOPE - H & G B.S

SIZE 140 x 78mm



USED TO AUSTRIA



POSTMARK FREETOWN A 30 MR 14

FIRST DESPATCH 5.7.12 - TOTAL SORT 80,312

1912 1st ENVELOPE - H & G B. 54

SIZE 133 x 106 mm



INTERNAL USE
to
KENEMA



BUMP 008 13

FIRST DISPATCH 13.7.12 - TOTAL SENT 196,874

1912 2½^d ENVELOPE - H & G B.6

SIZE 140 x 78mm



USED TO GERMANY WITH ADDED 1^d POSTAGE - RATE INCREASED 1.12.21



POSTMARK FREETOWN APIS 36

FIRST DESPATCH 13.7.12 - TOTAL SENT 4680

1912 2^{1/2} ENVELOPE - H & G B. 6a

SIZE 133 x 106mm



USED TO
GERMANY



POSTMARK FREETOWN A 22 JA 14

FIRST DISPATCH 13.7.12 - TOTAL SENT 5016

1937 G VI ENVELOPES WITH SPECIMEN OVERPRINT



397 OF EACH ISSUED

BRITISH LIBRARY - THE PATRICK
MORRIS AND PETERLIN FOUNDATION

1937 GVI ISSUES

FIRST DESPATCH
5.10.37



O. H. M. S.



1942 - A SMALL
QUANTITY WERE
OVRPRINTED O.H.M.S.

G VI issues used

1d used
internally
Bo to
Freetown
1938



2d used
to UK.
November
1937.
First despatch
5.10.37



1959 3rd ENVELOPE - H & G B.4 INLAND RATE FROM 1.4.58

SIZE 123 x 95 mm - THE ONLY SIZE ISSUED



USED TO ENGLAND POST - INDEPENDANCE BY REGISTERED AIRMAIL



POSTMARKS LUN SAR * 7 OCT 61
REGISTERED 10 OCT 61 DVOU
RECEIPT MARK 13 OCT 1961

FIRST DESPATCHED 13.11.58 - TOTAL SENT 36,000

1964 3 CENTS ENVELOPE

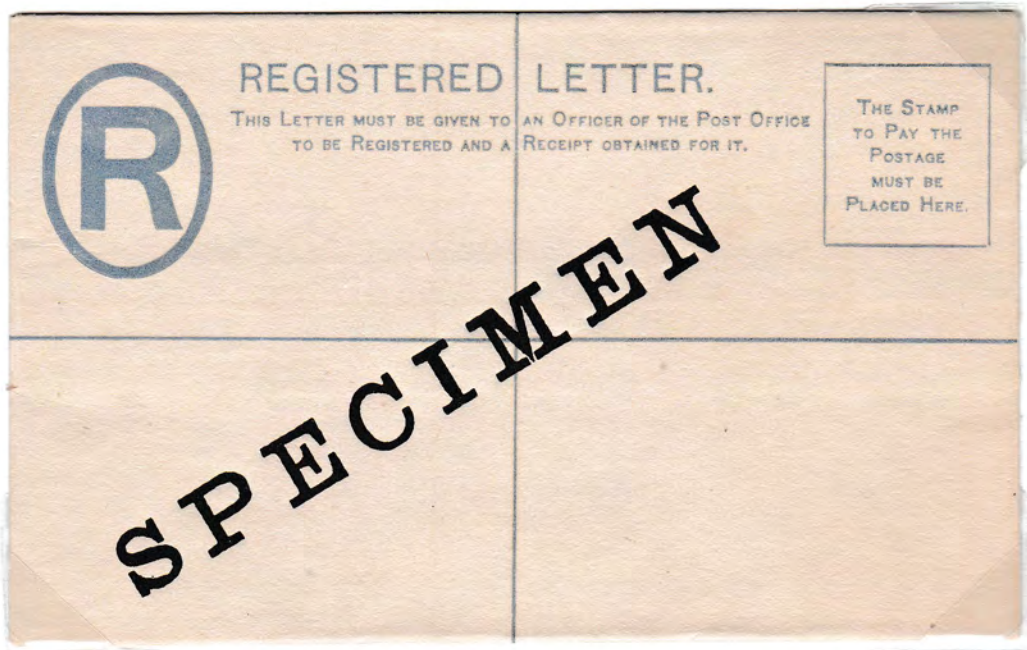
SIZE 121 x 95mm - THE ONLY SIZE ISSUED



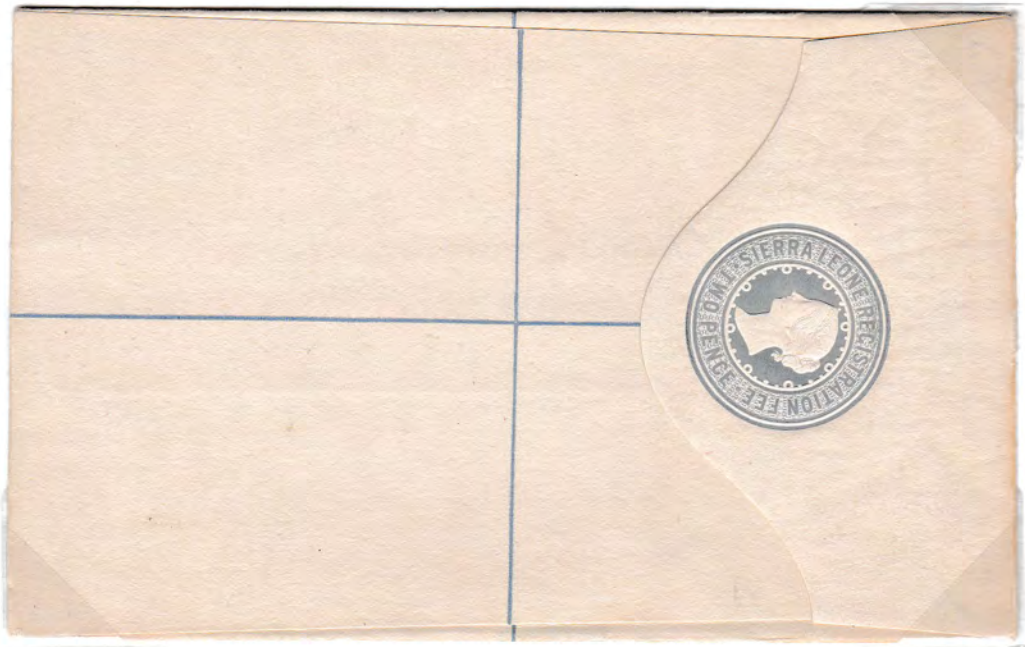
A DECIMAL CURRENCY WAS INTRODUCED ON 4TH AUGUST 1964 WITH AN INLAND LETTER RATE OF 3 CENTS PER 102. THIS ISSUE WAS APPROVED BY THE CROWN AGENTS IN LONDON ON 16TH NOVEMBER 1964 AND AN ORDER PLACED FOR 2000 BUT WITH NO DELIVERY DATE.

1894 2^o REGISTERED ENVELOPE

Size F (133 x 83 mm) WITH BLUE PRINTING - H & G C.1



750 DESPATCHES 20.11.93



PRINTED BY THOS. DE LA RUE & CO.

FIRST DESPATCH 20.11.93 - TOTAL SENT 15,725

1894 2^d REGISTERED ENVELOPE

SIZE F (133 x 83 mm) WITH GRAY-GREEN TEXT (bottom)

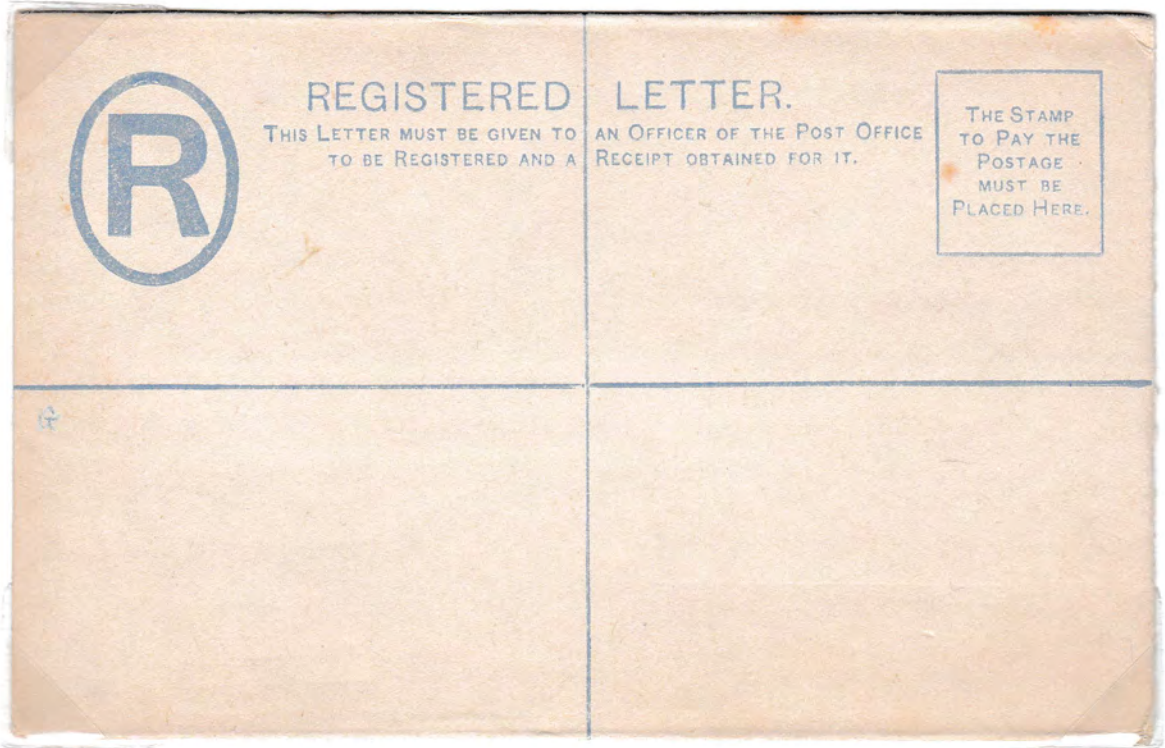
Blue text. Note m/s *Avis de Reception*.



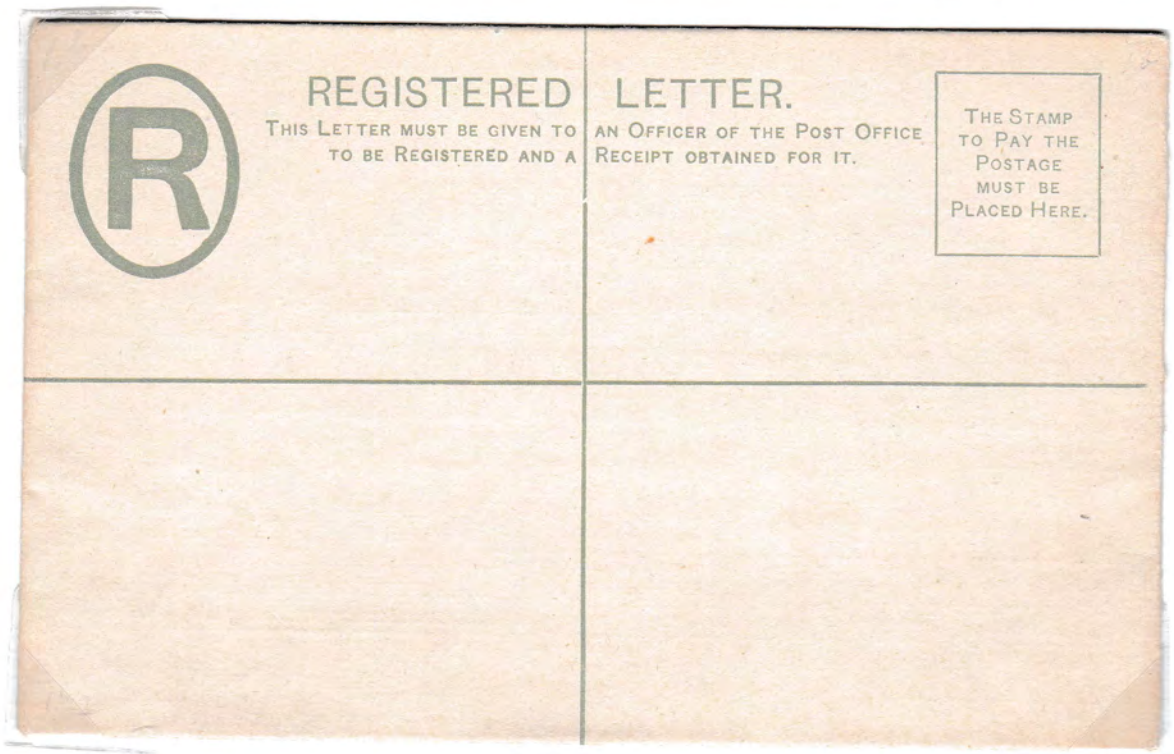
POSTMARKS FREETOWN A JA 9 99
 REGISTERED A JA 9 99 OVAL
 LIVERPOOL 27 JA 99 OVAL
 ON REVERSE SPRINGFIELD, MASS. FEB 7 1899

1894 2^D REGISTERED ENVELOPE

SIZE G (152 x 96mm) H & G C.12 WITH BLUE PRINTING



WITH GREY-GREEN PRINTING



PRINTED BY THOS. DE LA RUE & Co.
FIRST DISPATCH 20.11.93 - TOTAL SENT 13,100

1894 2^o REGISTERED ENVELOPE - SIZE G

With BLUE TEXT - USED TO U.K.



With GRAY-GREEN TEXT - USED TO U.K.



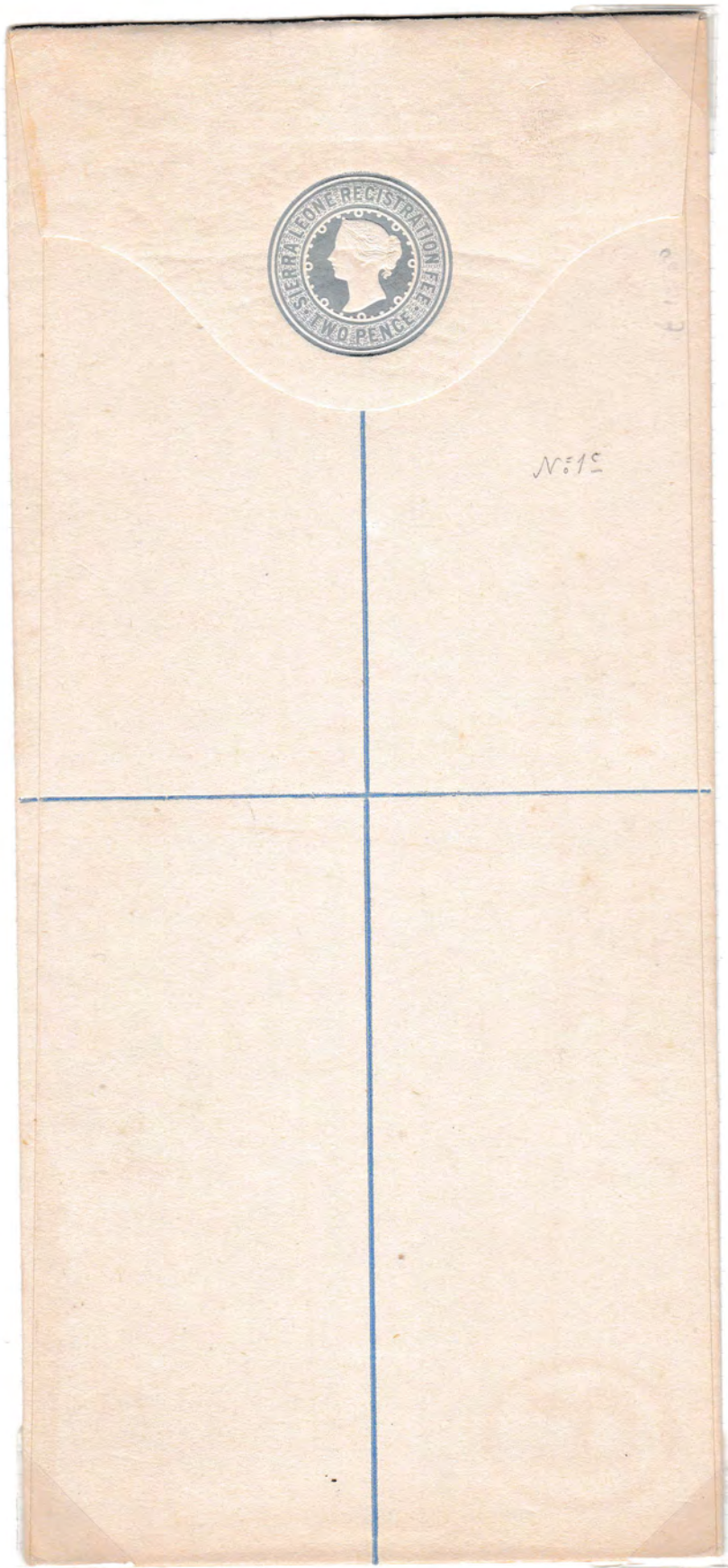
1894 2^d REGISTERED ENVELOPE

SIZE H2

(225 x 100mm)

WITH BLUE PRINTING

H & G C. 16

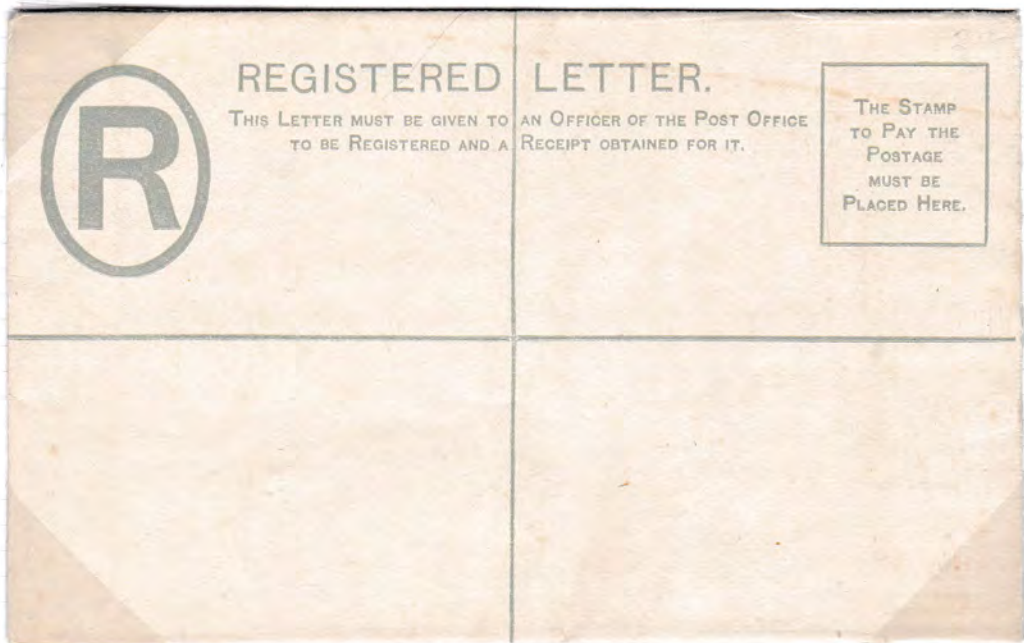


PRINTED BY THOS. DE LA RUE & Co.

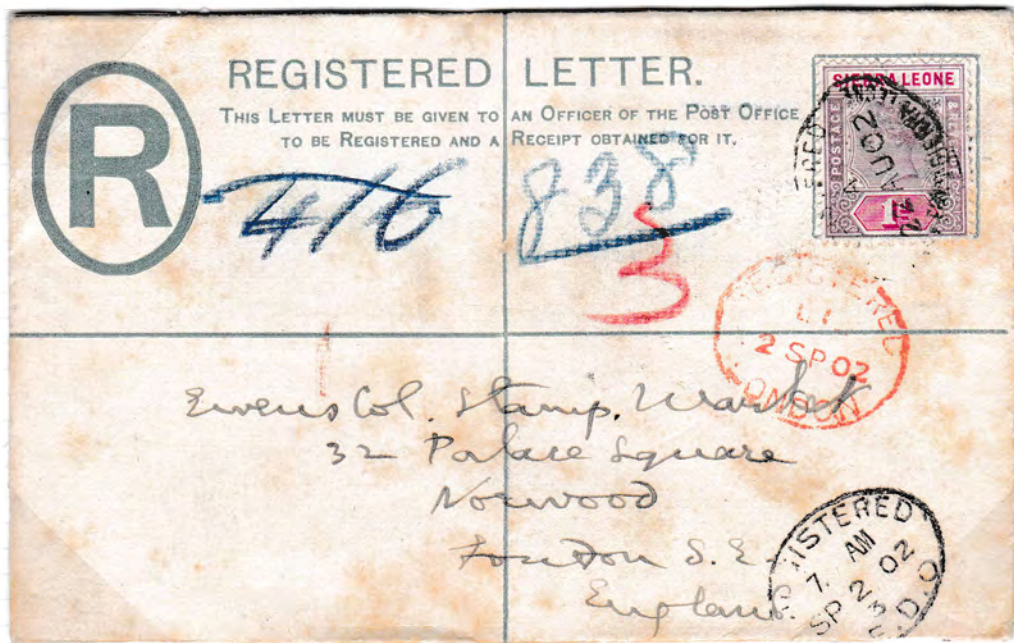
FIRST DISPATCH 20.11.93 - TOTAL SENT 2000

1902 REGISTERED ENVELOPE - SIZE F (133 x 83mm) H & G C.2

a) WITH TEXT IN GREY - OLIVE



b) WITH TEXT IN DULL BLUE-GREEN



Postmark - REGISTERED 22 AU 02 (Lond)

LONDON SP 2 02

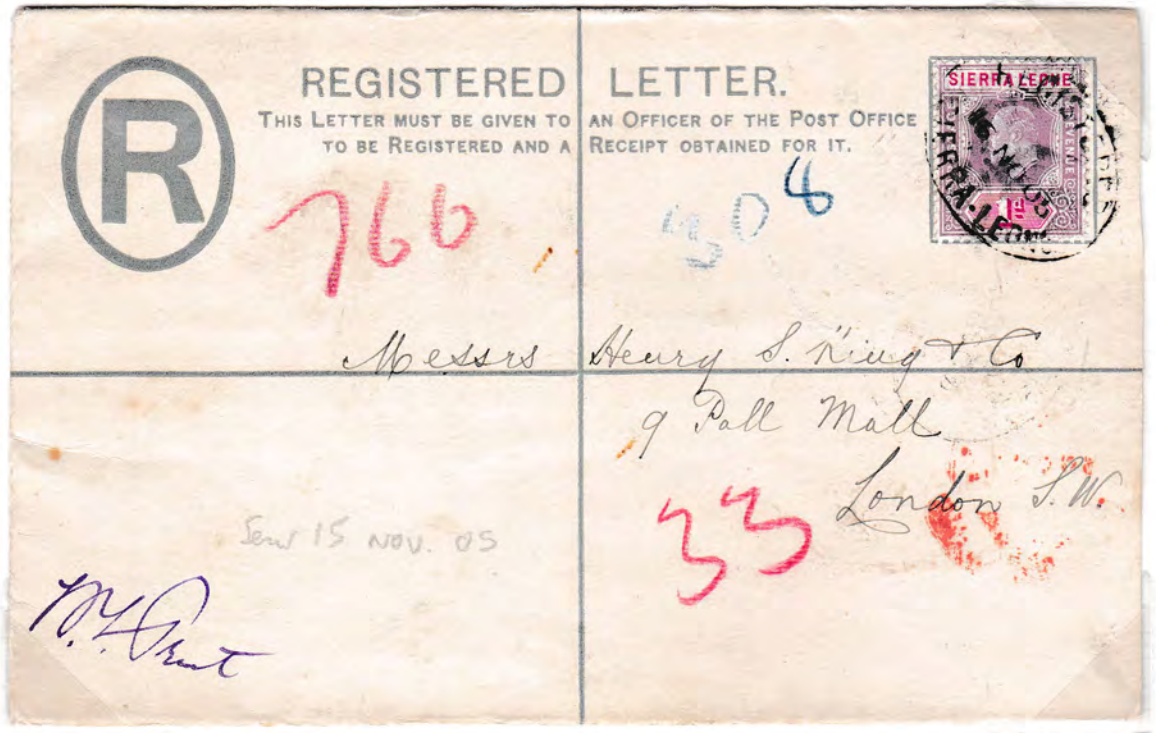
PRINTED BY THOS. DE LA RUE & CO.

FIRST DESPATCH 9.6.02 - TOTAL SENT 85,771

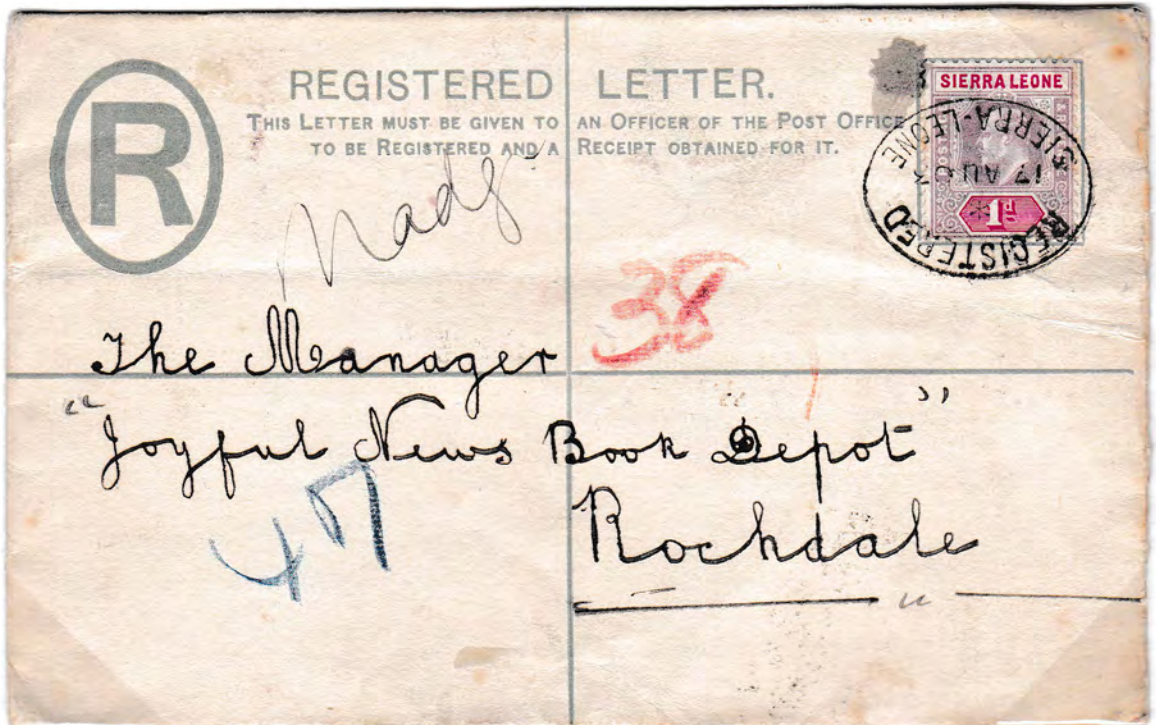
1902 2^D REGISTERED ENVELOPE

SIZE G (152 x 96mm) WITH OLIVE GREEN PRINTING

USED TO U.K.



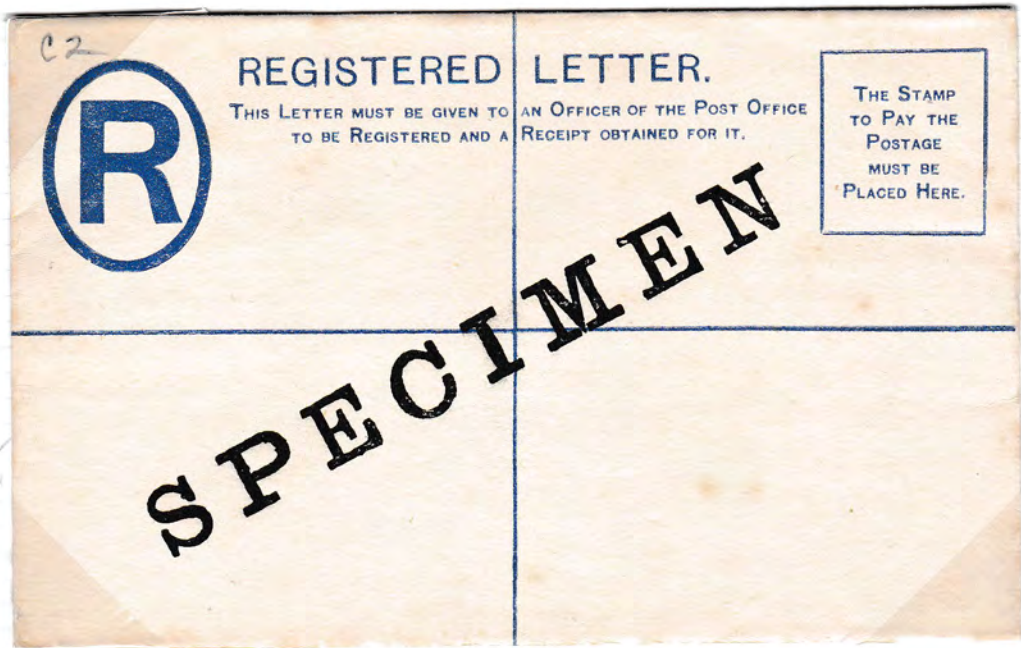
POSTMARK REGISTERED 15 NOV 05 (oval)



POSTMARK REGISTERED 17 AUG 03 (oval)

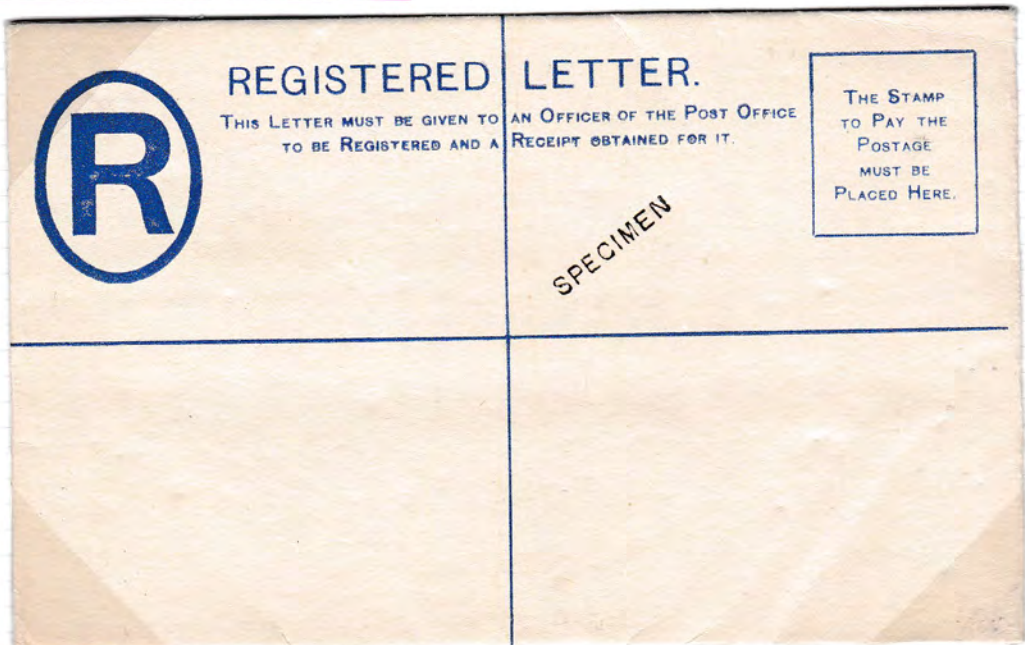
1912 2^D REGISTERED ENVELOPE - SPECIMEN OVERPRINTS

SIZE F (133 x 83mm) WITH BLUE PRINTING



404 DESPATCHED 5.6.12

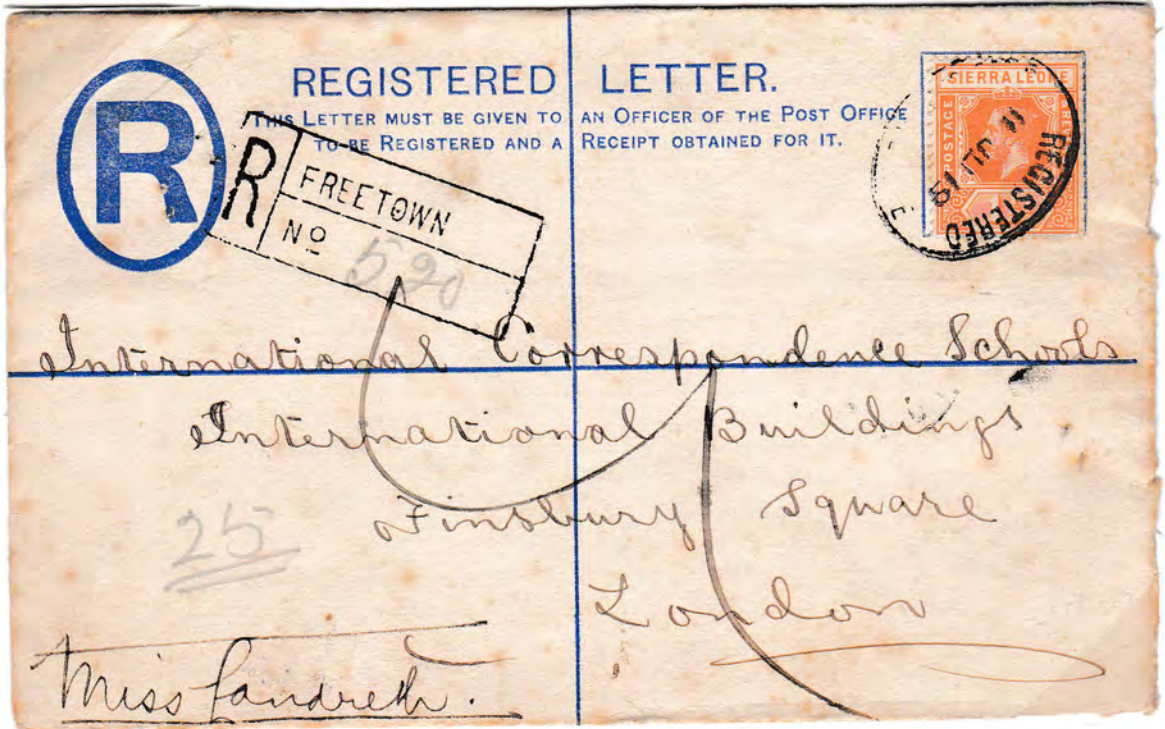
WITH NON-STANDARD OVERPRINT (SAMPLE SL2)



1912 2^D REGISTERED ENVELOPE

SIZE G (152 x 96mm) WITH BLUE PRINTING - H & G C.34

Used after rate increase to 1 1/2d.



USED TO U.K.



POSTMARKS REGISTERED 14 FE 17 (OVAL)
LONDON 27 FE 17

FIRST DESPATCH 5.6.12 - TOTAL SENT 52,589

1922 3rd REGISTERED ENVELOPE

Size F (133 x 83mm) with Blue Printing - Shows Variation



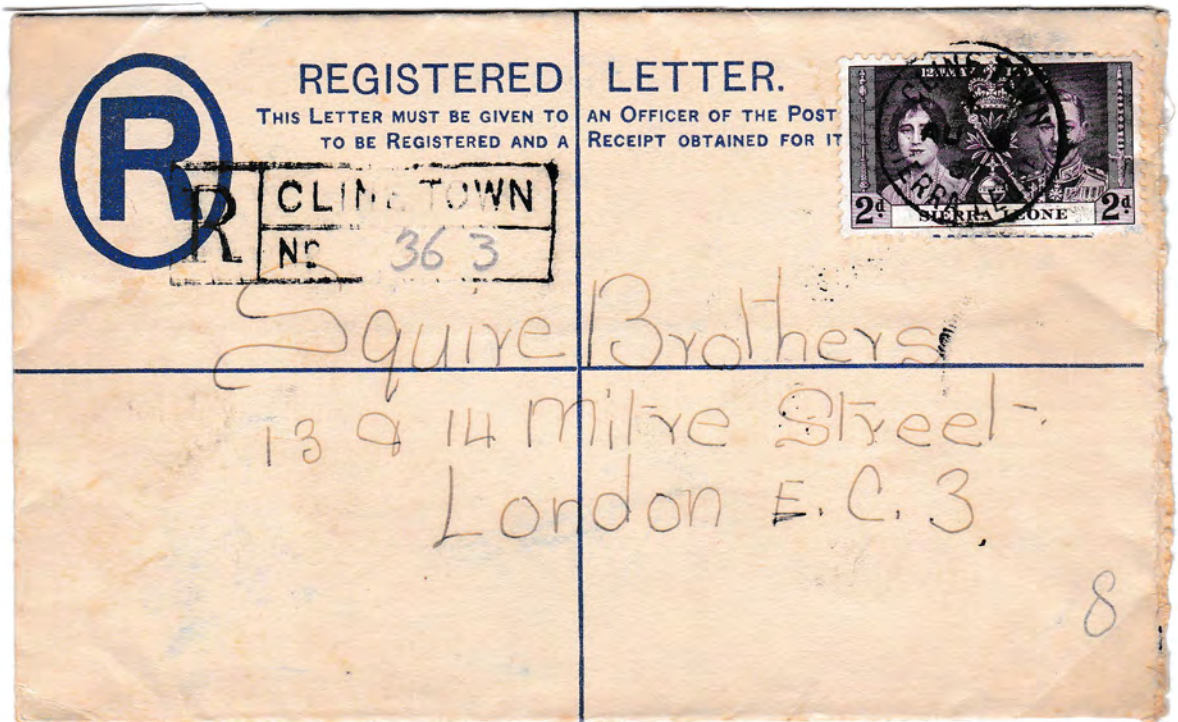
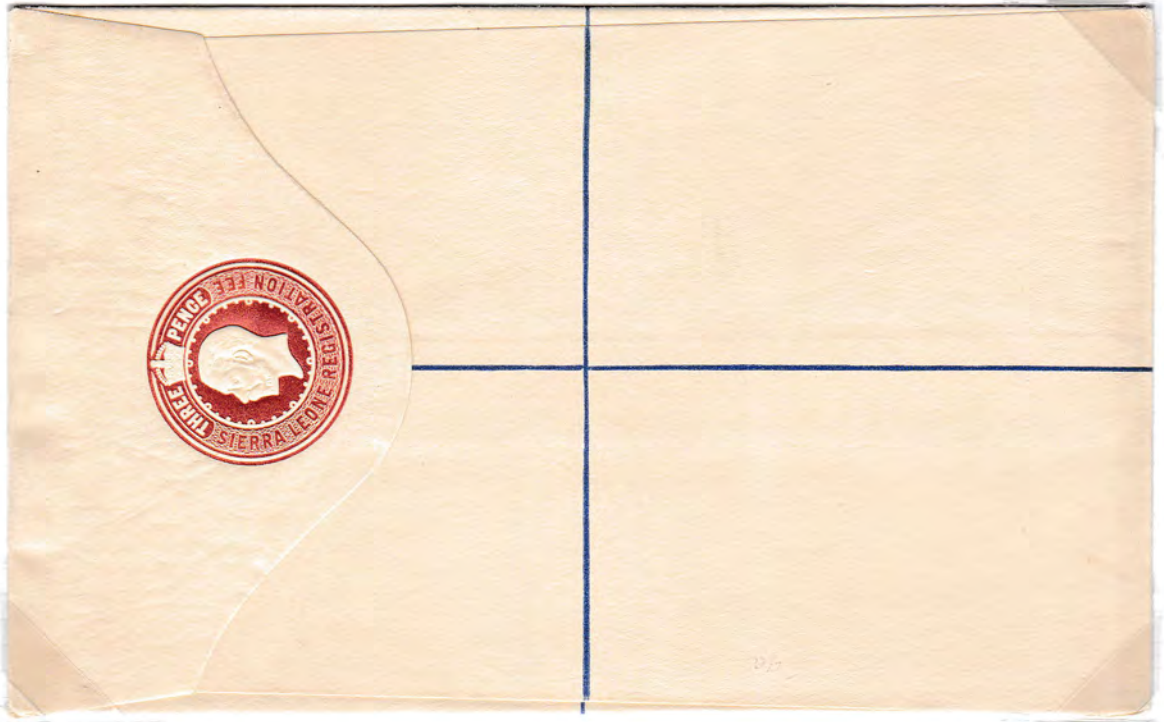
POSTMARKS REGISTERED G.P.O. 18 SP 34 oval
PLYMOUTH 29 SP 34
BALTIMORE 11 OCT 1934

PR Normal shade



1934 3rd REGISTERED ENVELOPE

SIZE G (156 x 96mm) WITH BLUE PRINTING - H & G C. 4a



PRINTED BY THOS. DE LA RUE & CO.

FIRST DISPATCH 21.3.34 - TOTAL SENT 48,850

SIERRA LEONE

1937 3rd REGISTERED ENVELOPE

DIE PROOFS FROM THE DE LA RUE ARCHIVES
AND SPECIMEN OVERPRINT AS ISSUED



BLUE ON WOVE PAPER
DATED 21.8.37 ON REVERSE



ORANGE-BROWN ON WOVE
PAPER

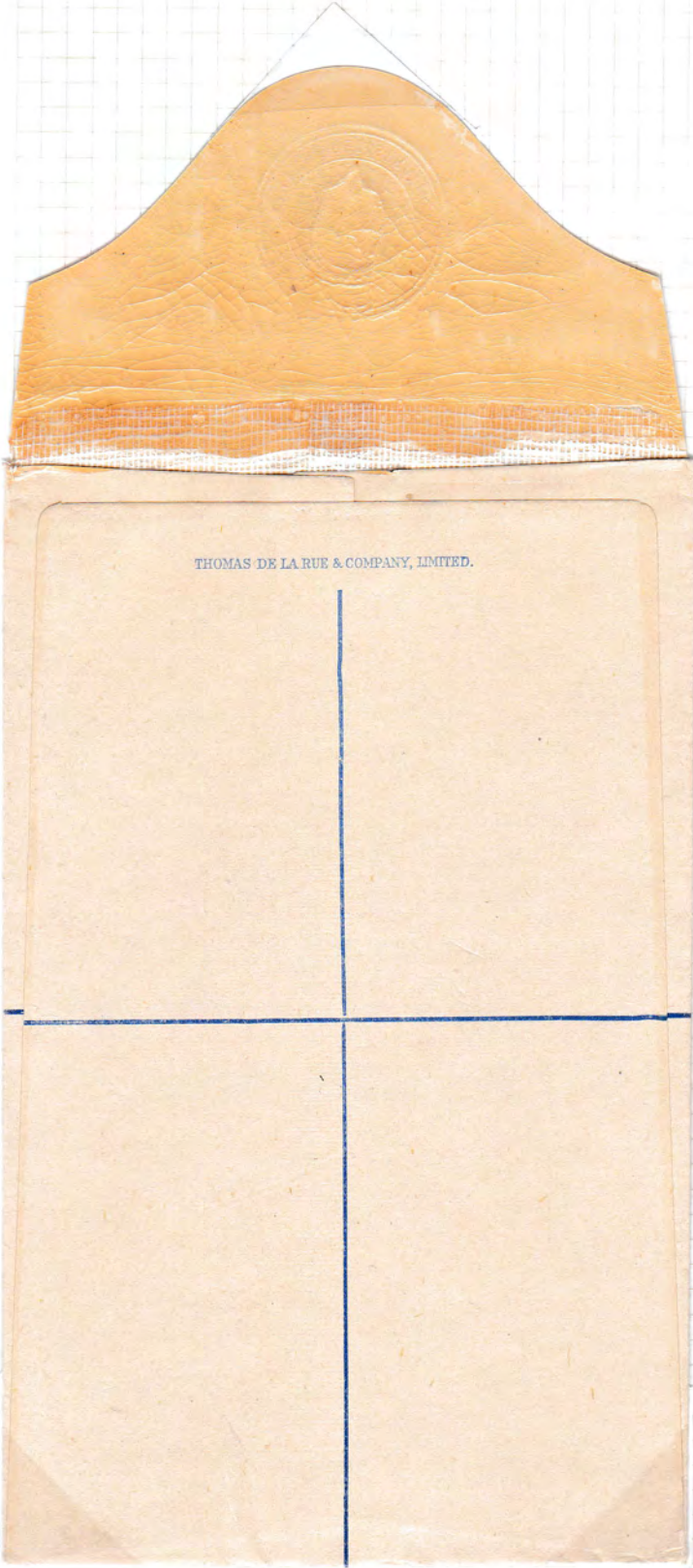
1937 KG VI 3d Size G



MADE AND PRINTED IN ENGLAND

PA sheet. PR covers

KG VI 3d size G



Bonthe to UK, 1939
used. Thos. De la Rue & Co.



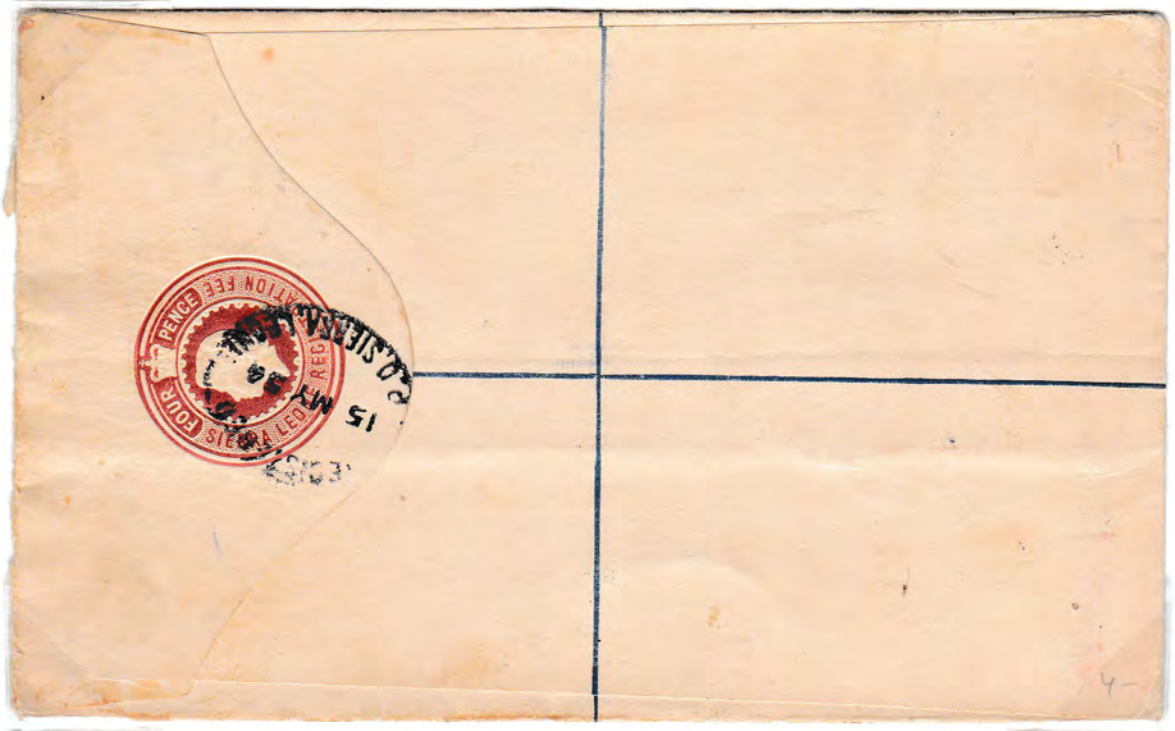
MADE AND PRINTED IN ENGLAND

1954 4^D REGISTERED ENVELOPE - FEE RAISED TO 4^D IN FEB 1954

SIZE G (152 x 96 mm) ORANGE-BROWN w/ CREAM - H & G C.G

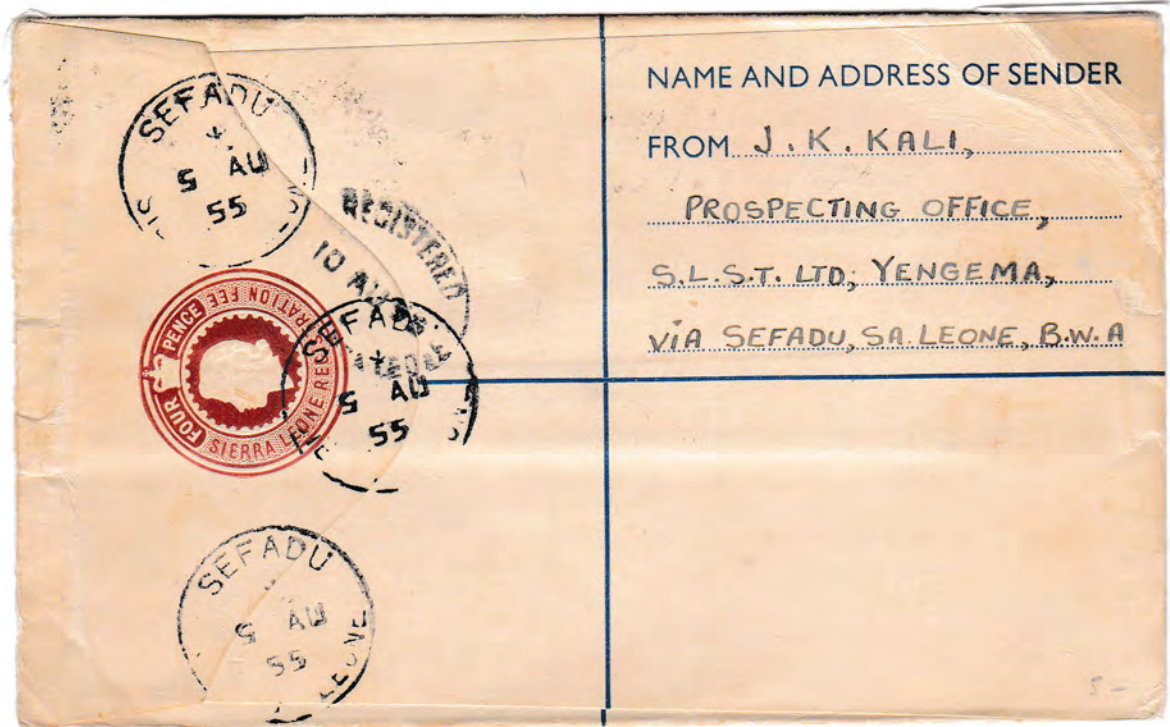
USED TO U.K.

NO sender panel



POSTMARK REGISTERED 15 MY 54 (oval)

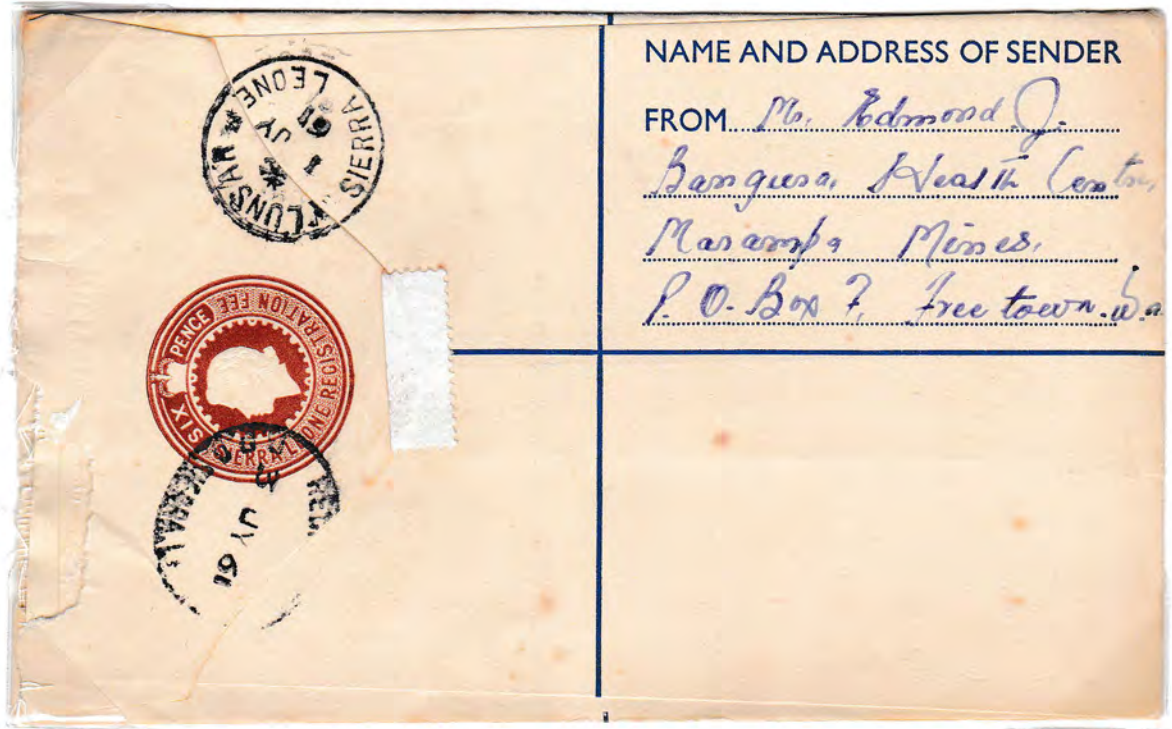
With sender panel



INSCRIBED THOMAS DE LA RUE & COMPANY LIMITED
FIRST DESPATCH 22.2.54 - TOTAL SENT 20,375

1959 6th REGISTERED ENVELOPE

SIZE G (152 x 96mm) - H & G C.7 - SHADE VARIATIONS
USED TO U.K. POST INDEPENDENCE



Postmarks LUN SAR * 1 JY 61
REGISTERED 3 JY 61 (oval)



X Postmarks PEPEL * 16 AP 63
REGISTERED 23 AP 63 (oval)

PC
Numea
pink
uncommon

1958 6^d REGISTERED ENVELOPE

SIZE H (202 x 127 mm) - H & G C.7a

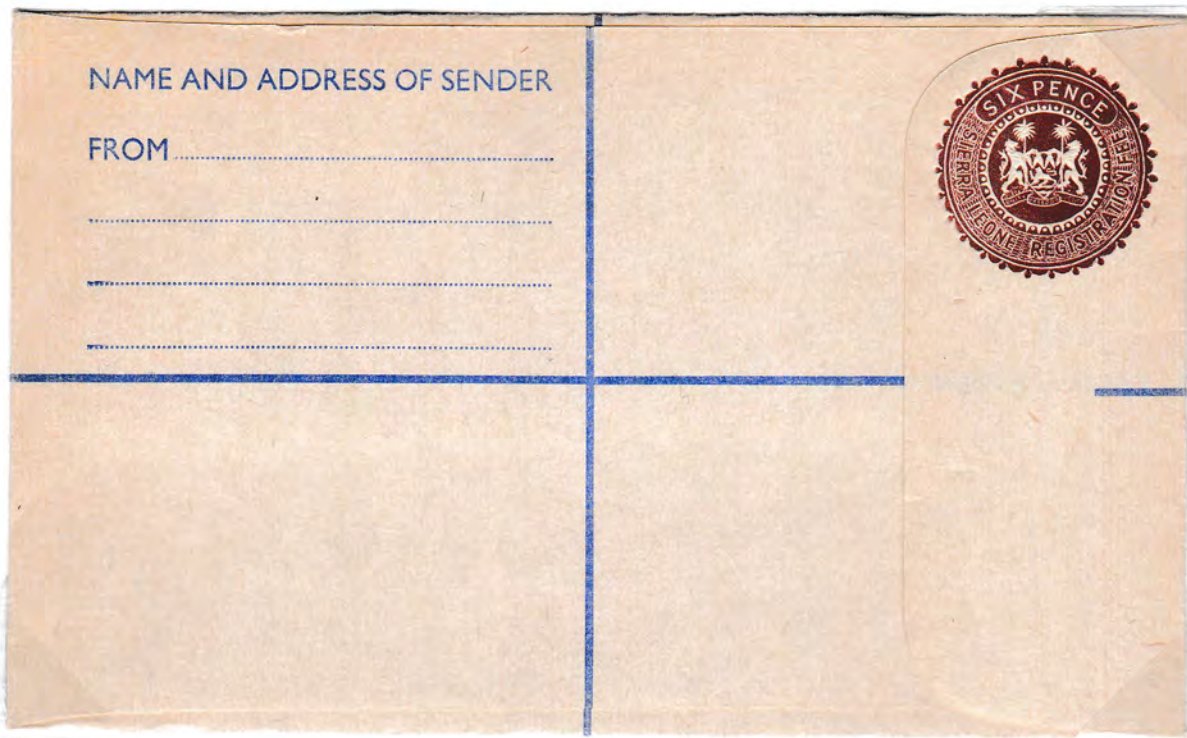


POSTMARKS SUMBUYA 6 JY60
REGISTERED G.P.O. 8 JY60

LEAF NO. 366 (P. 60)
MADE AND PRINTED IN ENGLAND

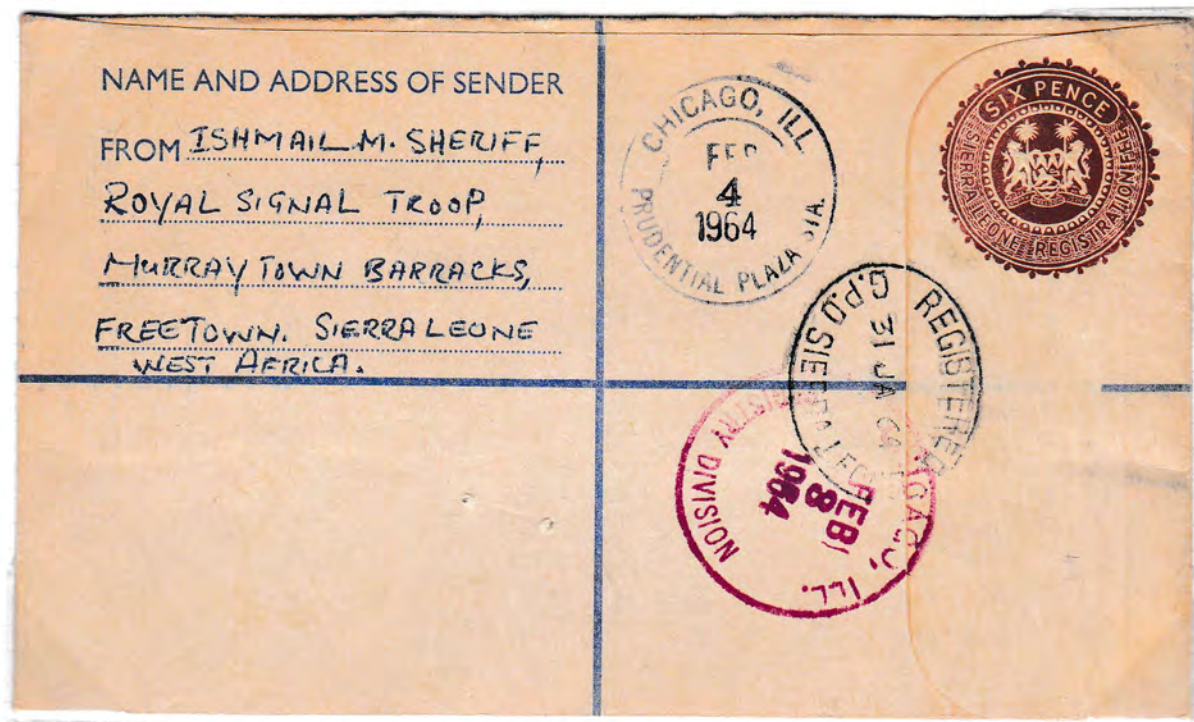
1963 6^D REGISTERED ENVELOPE

Size G+ (156 x 96 mm) ORANGE-BROWN ON CREAM WITH ULTRAFINE TEXT



THIS ISSUE BY A NEW PRINTER AND WITH REVISED LAYOUT WAS THE SIERRA LEONE COAT OF ARMS INSTEAD OF THE QUEEN'S HEADS.

USED TO U.S.A. WITH 25 6D ADDED POSTAGE

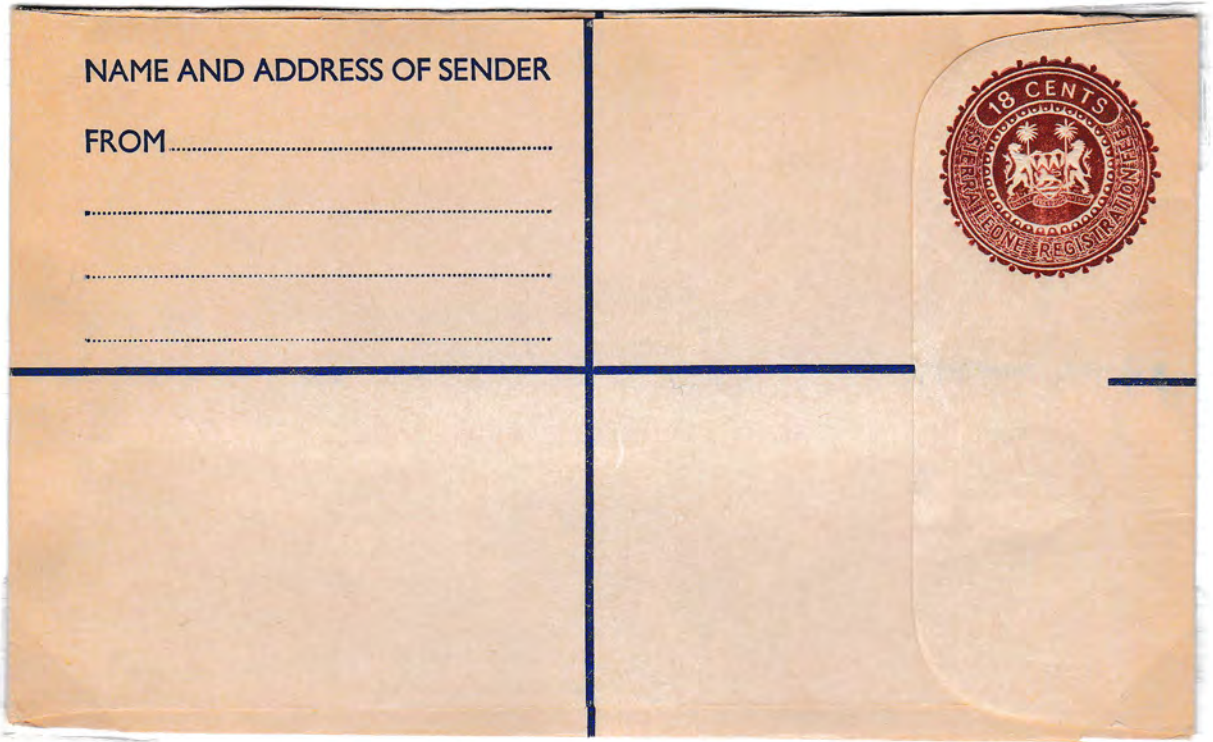


POSTMARK REGISTERED 31 JA 64

INSCRIBED McCORQUODALE & CO. LTD.

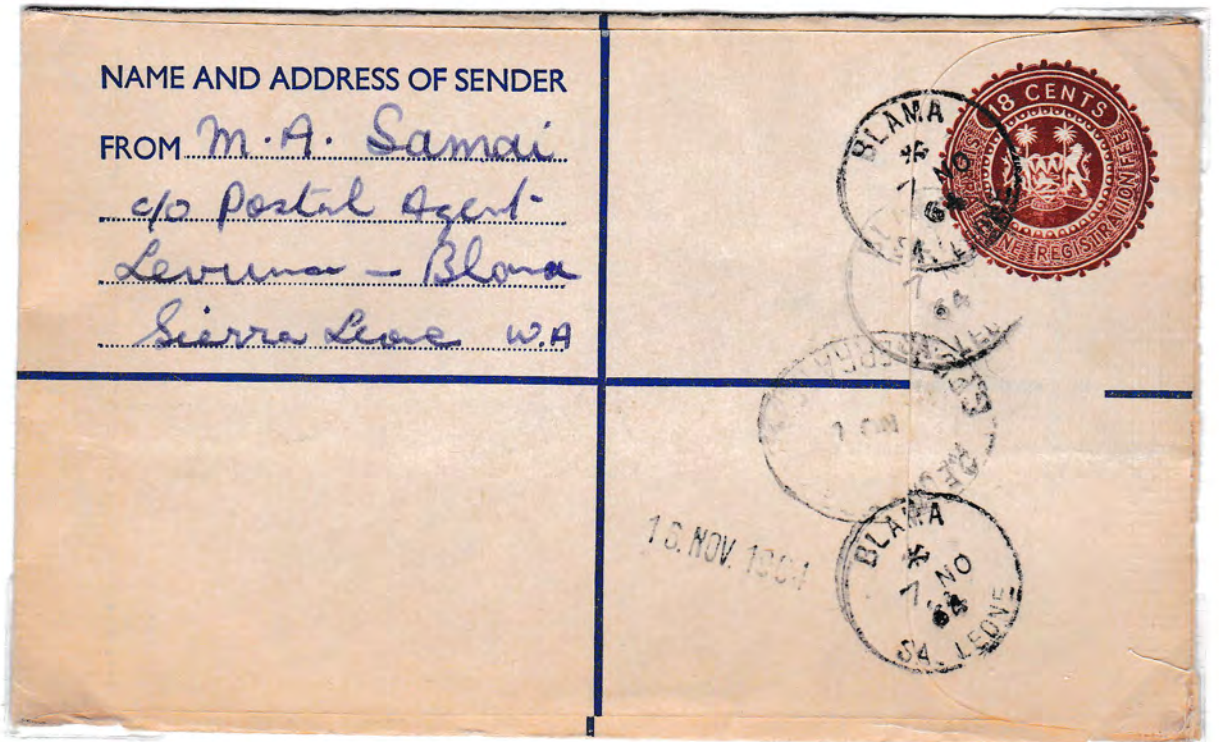
1964 18 CENTS REGISTERED ENVELOPE

Size G (156 x 96mm)



THE NEW REGISTRATION FEE WAS 15c. 18c WAS THE SOLD PRICE OF THIS ITEM

USED TO U.K.



POSTMARK BLAMA * 7 NO 64 FORGOTTEN 2017 3000
PRINTED BY M. LORQUEDALE & CO. LTD.

23RD APRIL 1968

1964 Issue 20 CENTS Fee — Size H

USED TO UK WITH 30c POSTAGE ADDED

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SENDER

FROM Joseph F. Kpasowa
P. O. Box 20
Mattru Jong
Sierra Leone



POSTMARK: MATTRU 23 AP 68 TYPE 112.03
ALSO A CIRCULAR REGISTERED G.P.O. 23 AP 68 TYPE

THE FRONT HAS A COMMEMORATIVE POSTMARK FOR THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION.

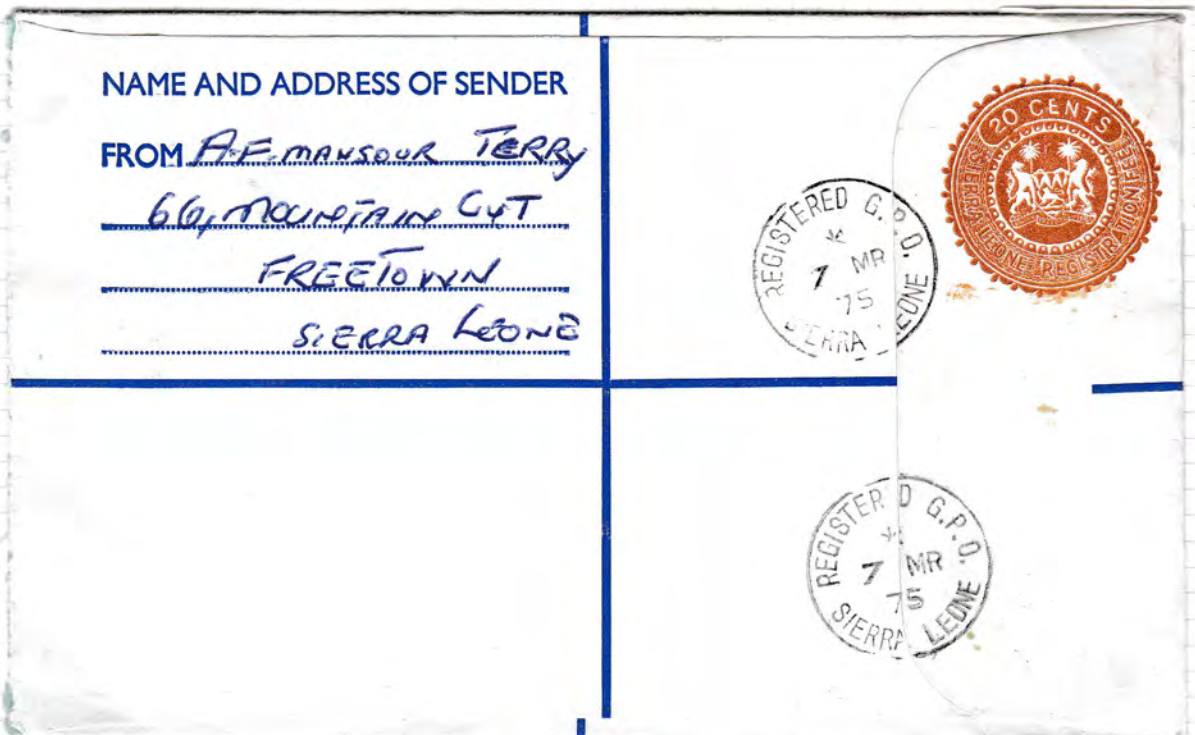
THE CORRECT AIR MAIL POSTAGE RATE TO UK WAS 15c FOR 1/2 OZ. WITH 30c VALUE ADDED THIS ITEM PRESUMABLY WEIGHED OVER 1/2 OZ.

1968 and 1974 20c envelopes

1968



1974 Blue tinted paper



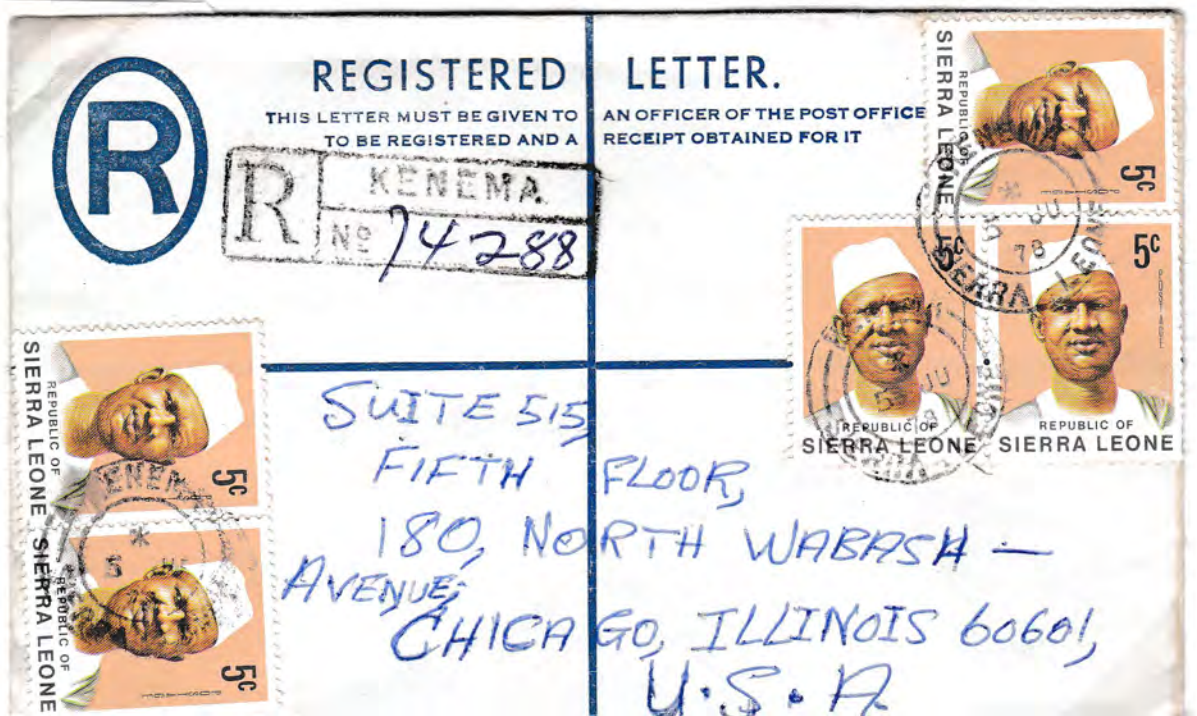
MADE AND PRINTED IN ENGLAND

1976 30 CENTS REGISTERED ENVELOPE - FEE RAISED TO 30¢ ON 1.7.75

SIZE G (156 x 96 mm) ORANGE-BROWN OR WHITE

NOTE : THE ENVELOPE STILL HAS A BLUE LINING BUT IT IS NOW WHITE ON THE OUTSIDE. THE EMBOSSED RATE OF 30 CENTS NOW SHOWS THE REGISTRATION FEE.

USA
USED TO JERSEY

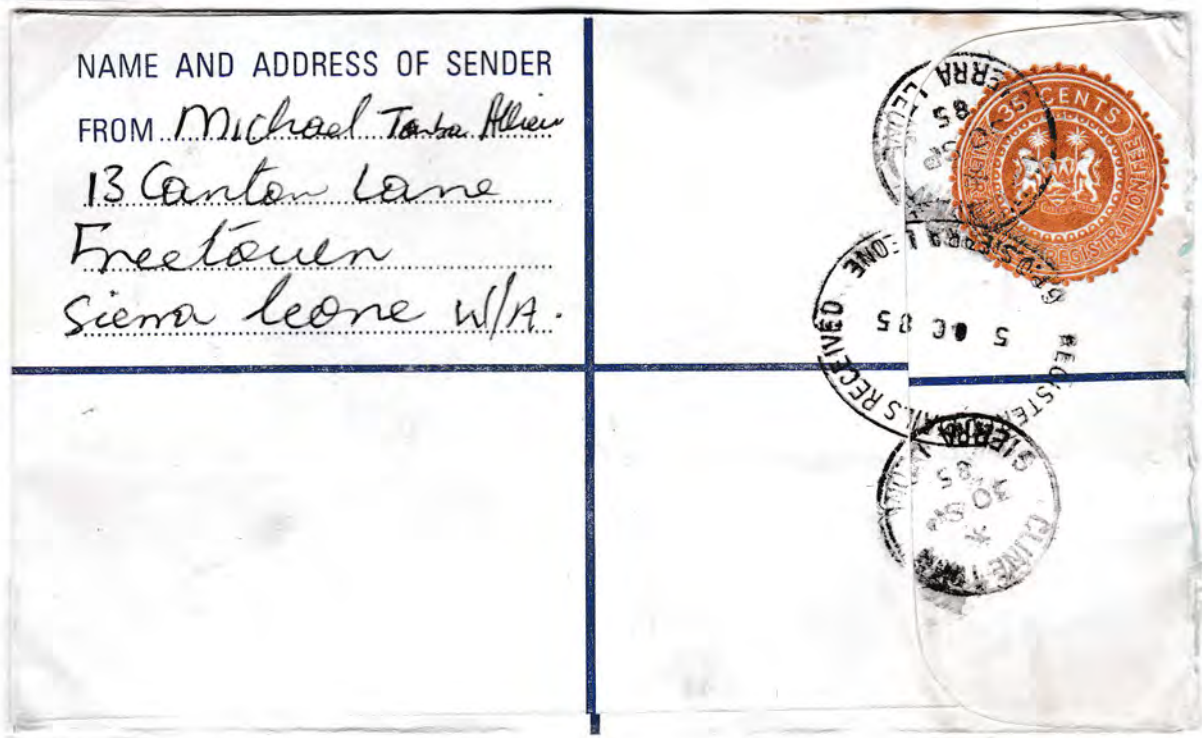


1981 35 CENTS REGISTERED ENVELOPE

SIZE G (156 x 96mm) DARK ORANGE - BROWN WITH DEEP ULTRAMARINE TEXT



USED TO JERSEY

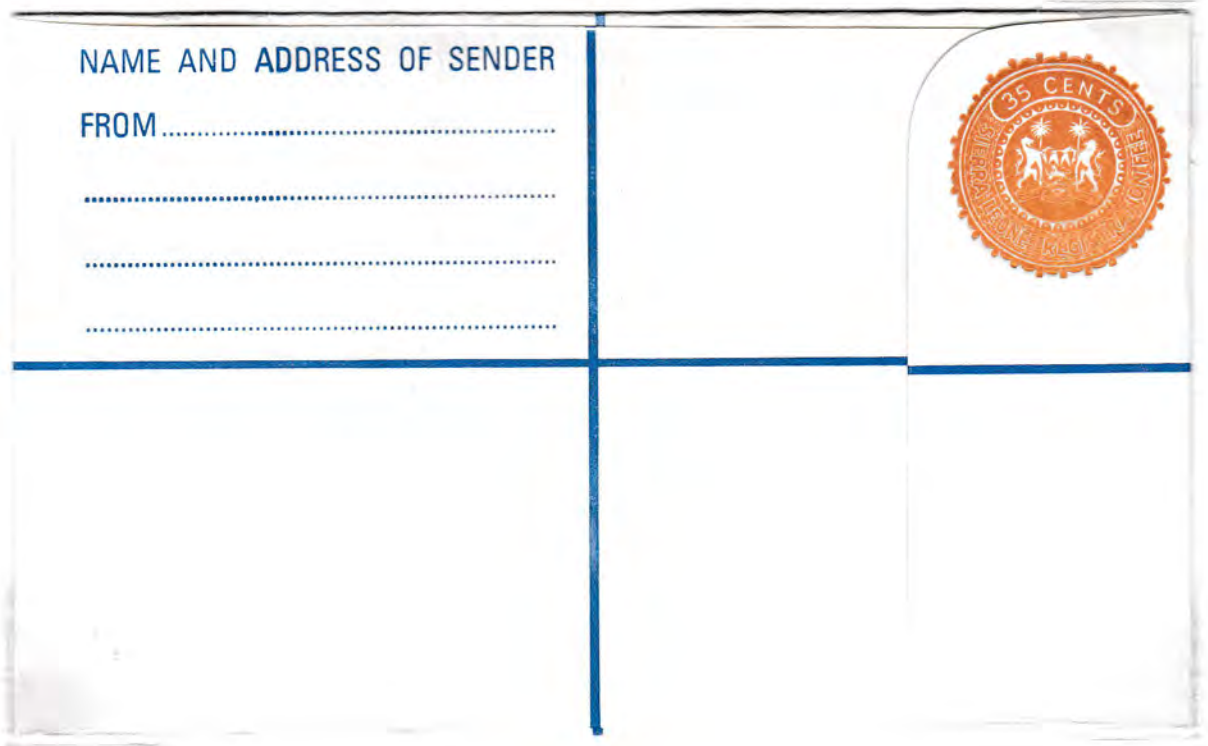


POSTMARKS CLINE TOWN * 30 SP 85

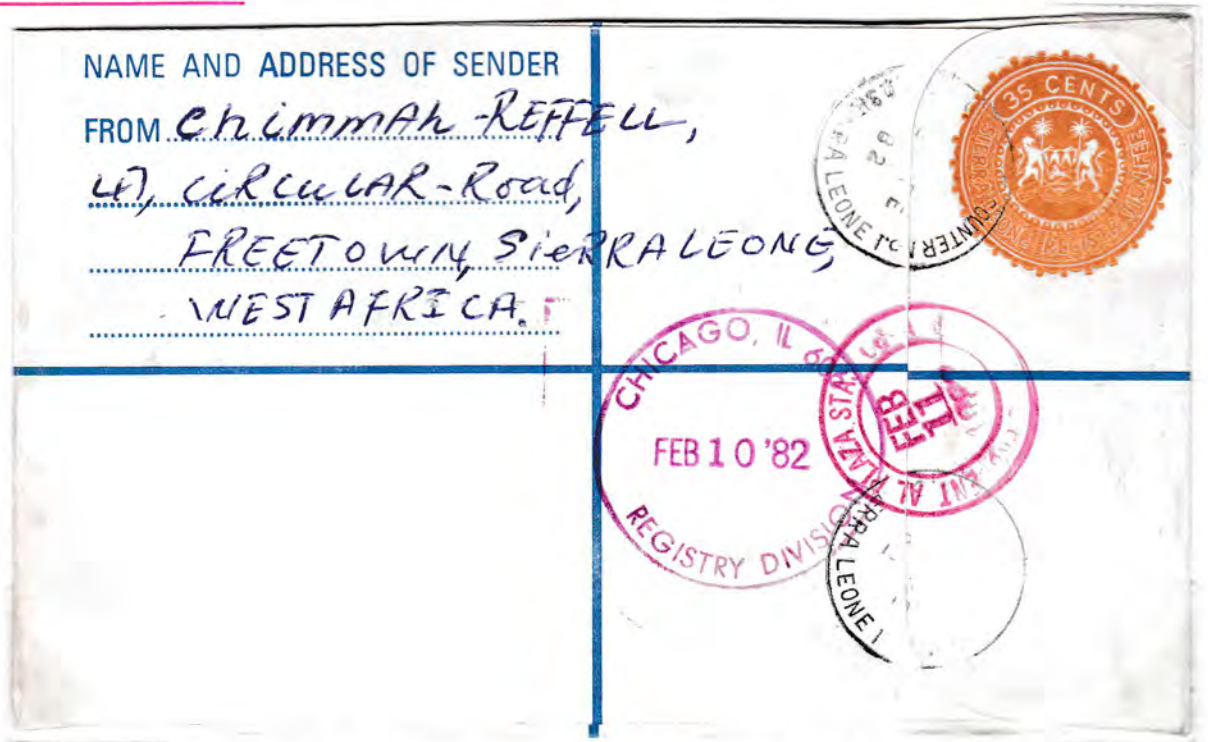
REGISTERED MAILS RECEIVED 5 06 85 (oval)

1981 35 CENTS REGISTERED ENVELOPE

SIZE G (156 x 96 mm) LIGHT ORANGE - BROWN WITH BLUE TEXT





USED TO U.S.A.


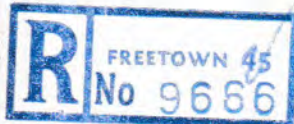
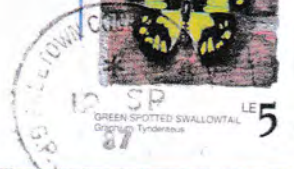


Postmark FREETOWN COUNTER No.1 2 FE 82

PRINTED BY McCORMACK & CO. LTD.

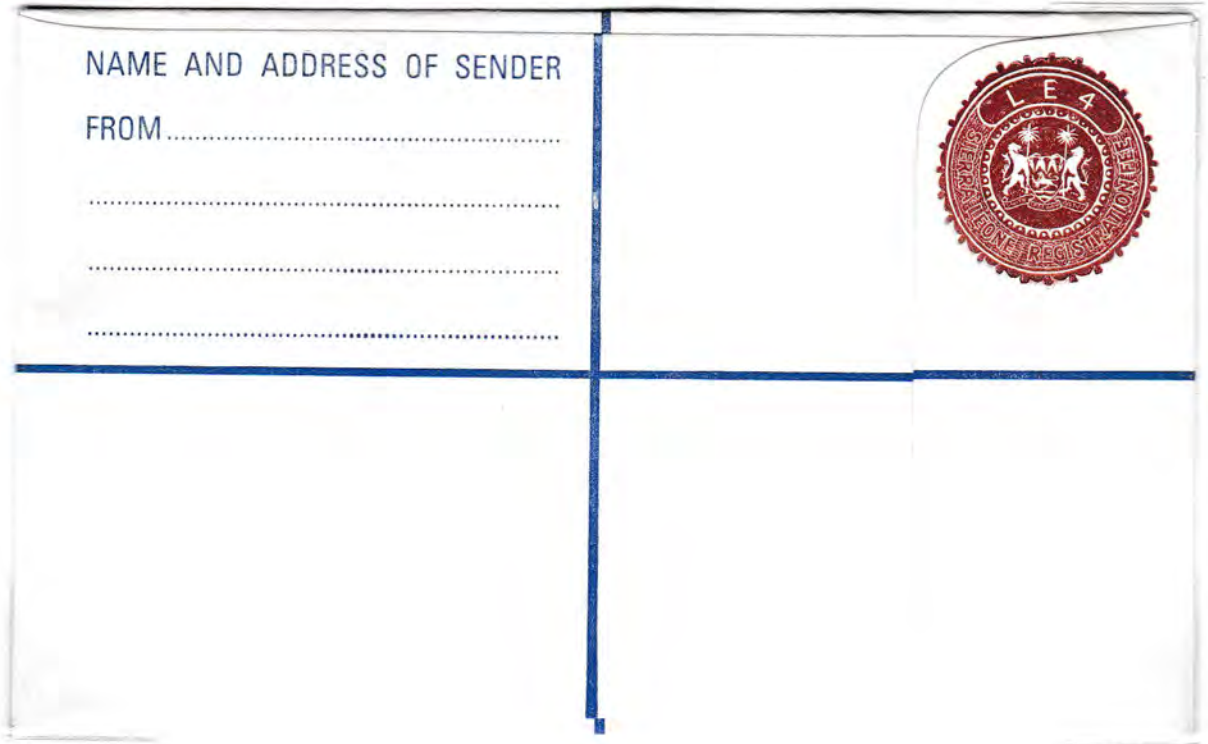
1987 35c altered to Le1.40

<p>NAME AND ADDRESS OF SENDER FROM <u>ABDULAI - S. BAH,</u> <u>NO 38 BOMBAY STREET,</u> <u>FREETOWN,</u> <u>SIERRA LEONE,</u></p>	<p>Le 1.40 </p>
<p>WEST AFRICA.</p>	

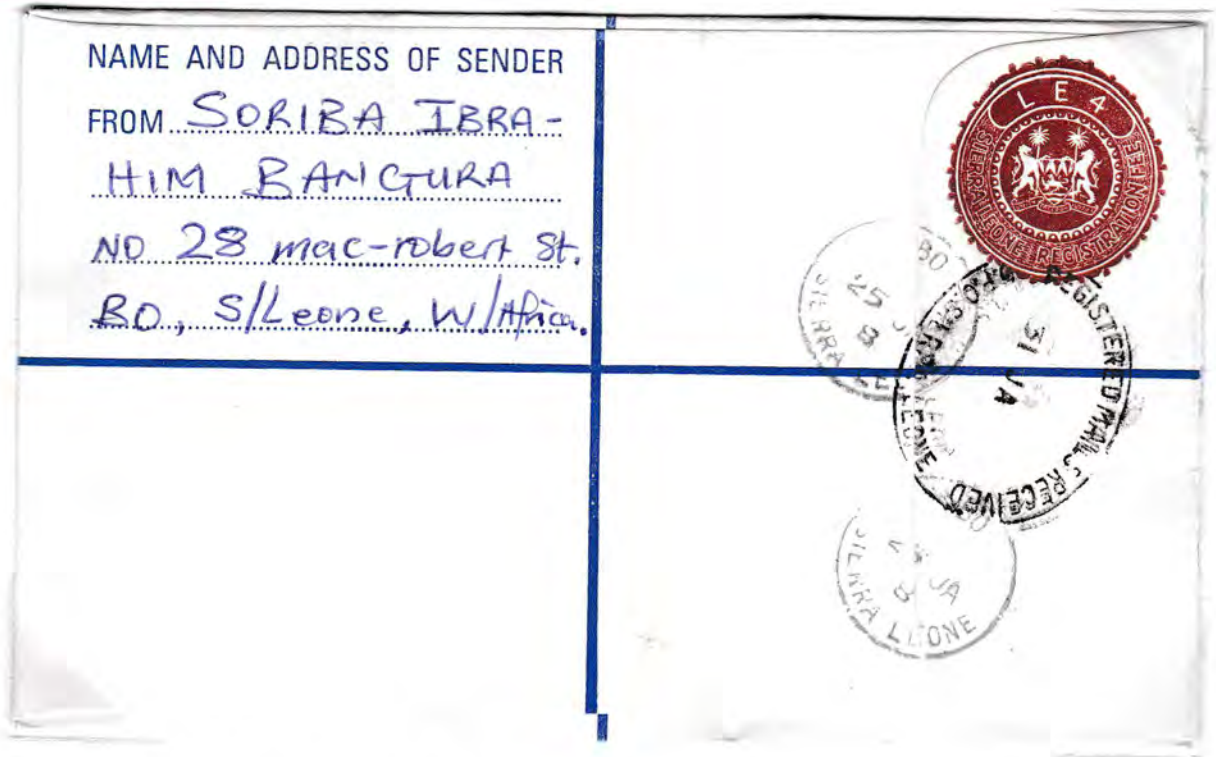
	<p>REGISTERED</p>	<p>LETTER.</p>	<p>Sierra Leone</p>
<p>THIS LETTER MUST BE GIVEN TO TO BE REGISTERED AND A</p>		<p>AN OFFICER OF THE POST OFFICE RECEIPT OBTAINED FOR IT</p>	
			
<p>IYS, INTERNATIONAL PB 125, SF-20101 TURKU 10, FINLAND.</p>		<p>YOUTH SERVICE,</p>	

1987 LE.4 REGISTERED ENVELOPE

Size G (156 x 96mm) ORANGE - BROWN or WHITE



USED TO U.K.



POSTMARKS BO 25 JA 8

REGISTERED MAILS RECEIVED 31 JA (oval)

INSCRIBED McCORQUODALE ENVELOPES LTD.

1987 L.E. 5 REGISTERED ENVELOPE

SIZE H* (203 x 122 mm) ORANGE - BROWN OR WHITE

THIS ISSUE IS SLIGHTLY NARROWER THAN THE STANDARD SIZE H

The diagram shows a rectangular envelope with a vertical blue line on the right side and a horizontal blue line across the middle. In the top-left corner, there is a circular red postmark with the text "L.E. 5" and "SIERRA LEONE". In the bottom-left corner, the text "NAME AND ADDRESS OF SENDER" is written vertically. Below this, the word "FROM" is written vertically, followed by four vertical dotted lines for the address.

INScribed Mc CORQUODALE ENVELOPES LTD.

ERW057 2077 3000 24 DB 91

Le5 size H

used October 1990, Wellington to Finland



LETTER.

AN OFFICER OF THE POST
RECEIPT OBTAINED FOR



REGISTERED

THIS LETTER MUST BE GIVEN TO
TO BE REGISTERED AND A

WELLINGTON
SIERRA LEONE
R No 0658

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE
PB 125 SF-2010 TURKU
FINLAND

1848 ¹⁰/₂ NEWSPAPER WRAPPER - H & G E. I

SPECIMEN OVERPRINT

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SPECIMEN



750 ISSUES 30.9.48

1898 NEWSPAPER WRAPPER - H & G E. I

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Mr
A. Albrecht
1259 Broadway
Cleveland, Ohio
U. S. A.

Sierra Leone (Wrapper)

POSTMARK FREETOWN

RECEIVING MARK CLEVELAND APR 11 1902

FIRST DISPATCH 30.9.98 - Total sent 26,270

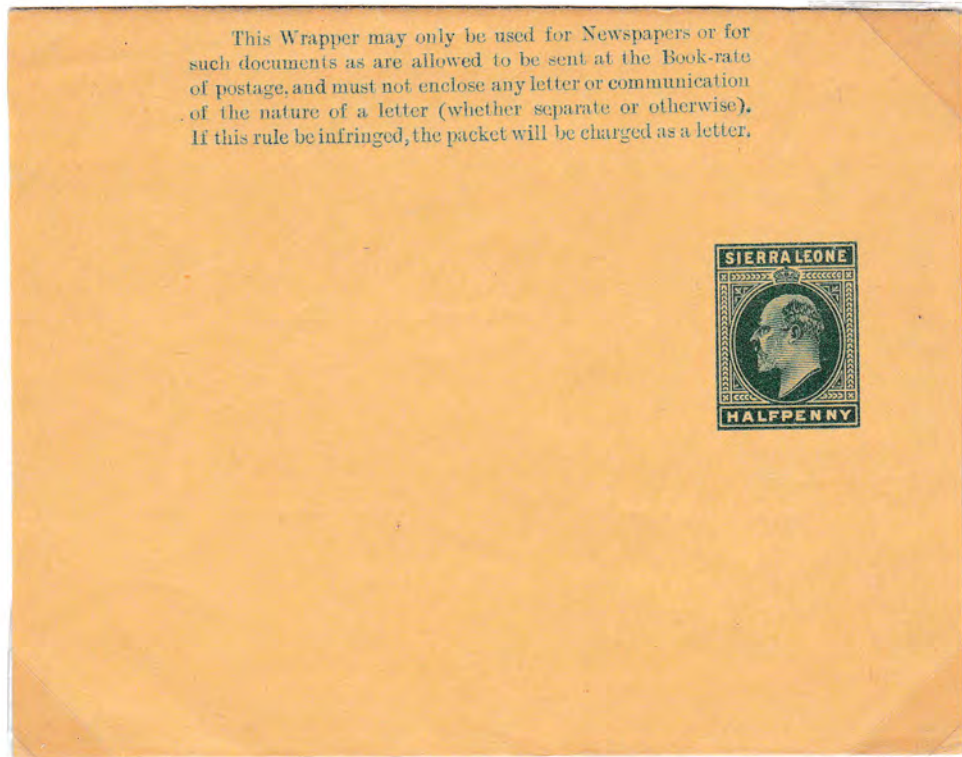
1902 1/2¹⁰ NEWSPAPER WRAPPER - H & G E. 2

SPECIMEN OVERPRINT

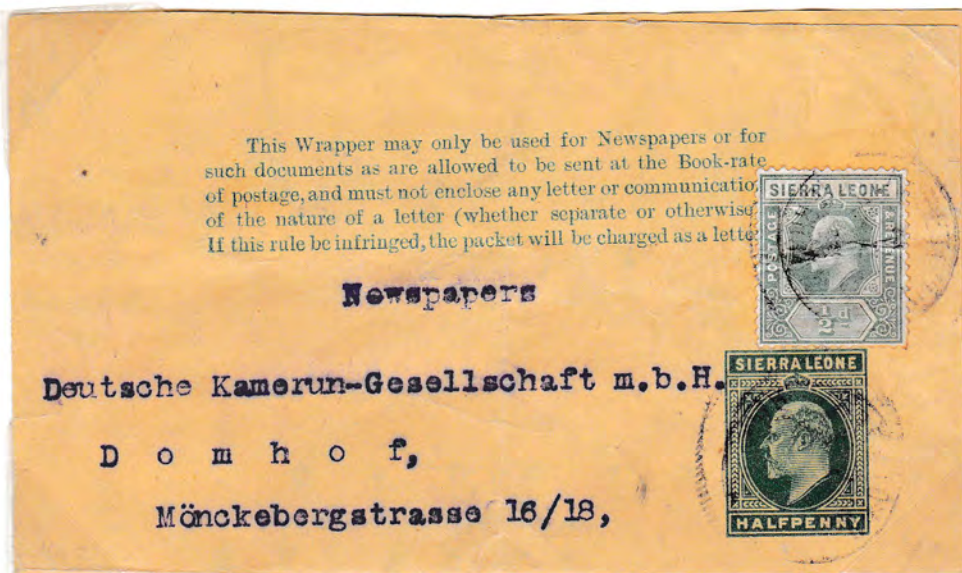


727 ISSUED 31.12.02

1902 - 1/2 NEWSPAPER WRAPPER - H & G E.2



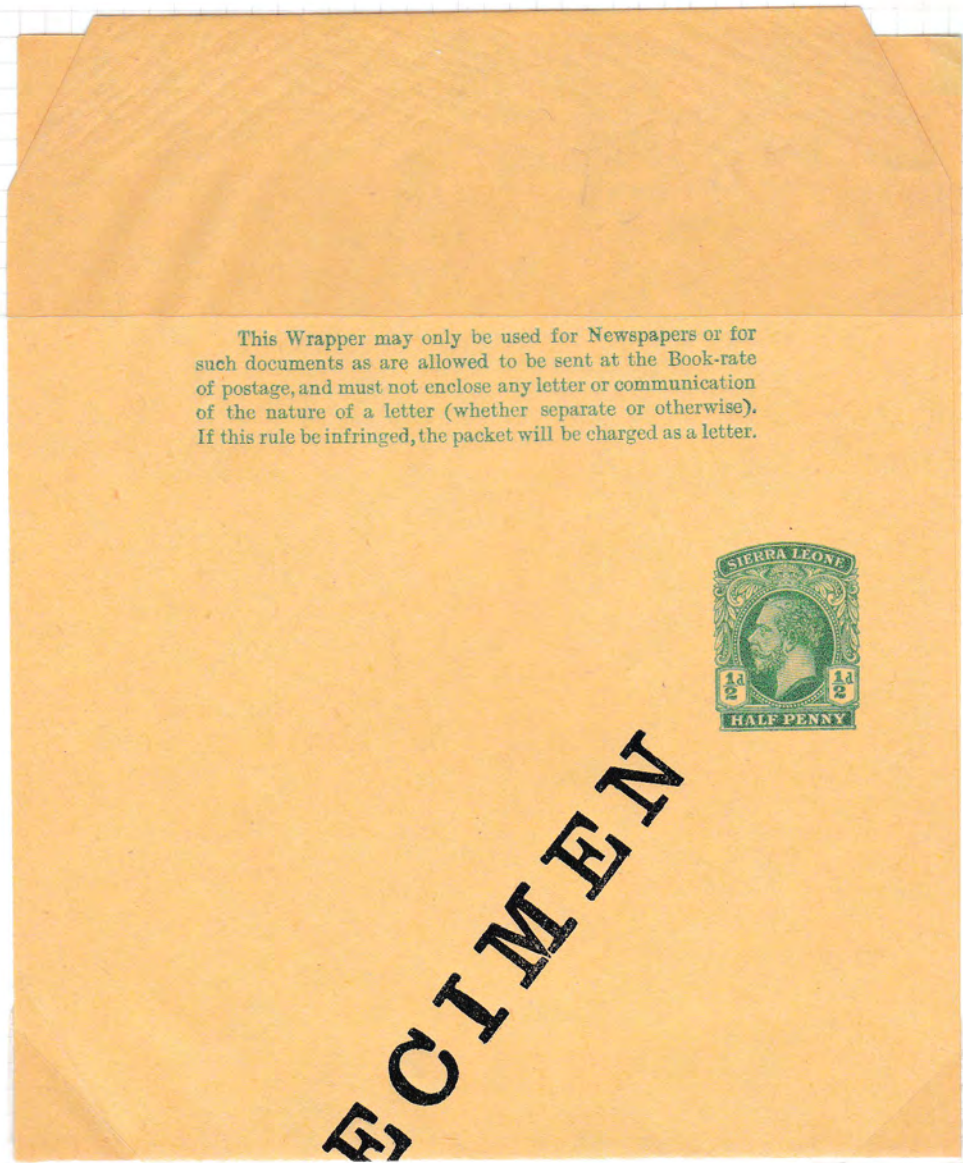
USED TO GERMANY WITH 1/2 ADDED POSTAGE



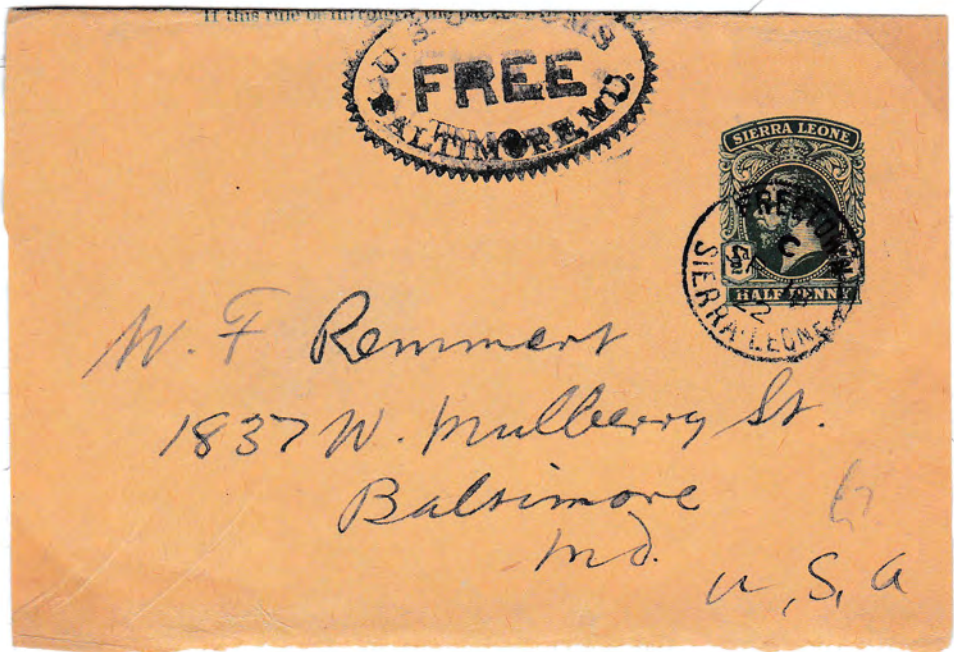
FIRST DISPATCH 31.12.02 - TOTAL SENT 35,460

1912 1/2⁰ NEWSPAPER WRAPPER - H & G E. 3

SPECIMEN DYPALPRINT



404 ISSUED 9.9.12



No 30 32 Enclout

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BRUNNEN & CO. SMITH - 1111 1/2 ST. N. W. WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

1938 1/2^D NEWSPAPER WRAPPER

SPECIMEN DUPLICATE

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SPECIMEN

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PR

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Front to Liberia.

PR

7/10



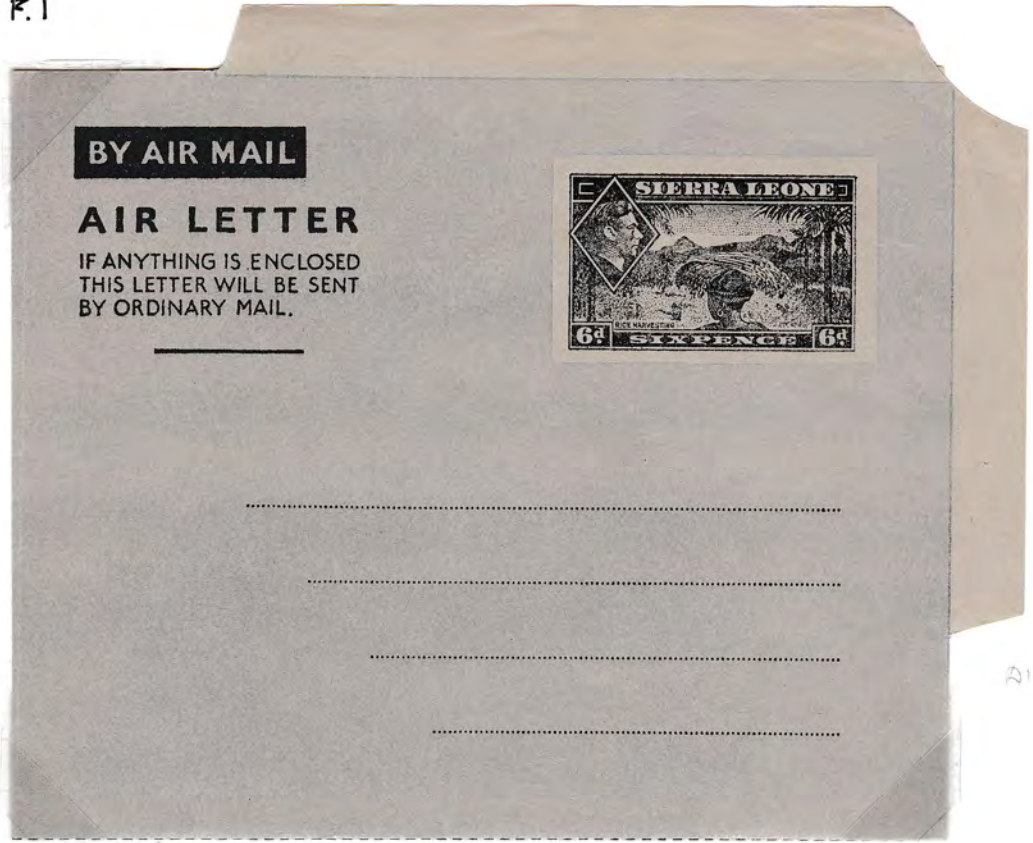
Muhlenberg Mission
Monrovia
Liberia

1950 6^d VALUE

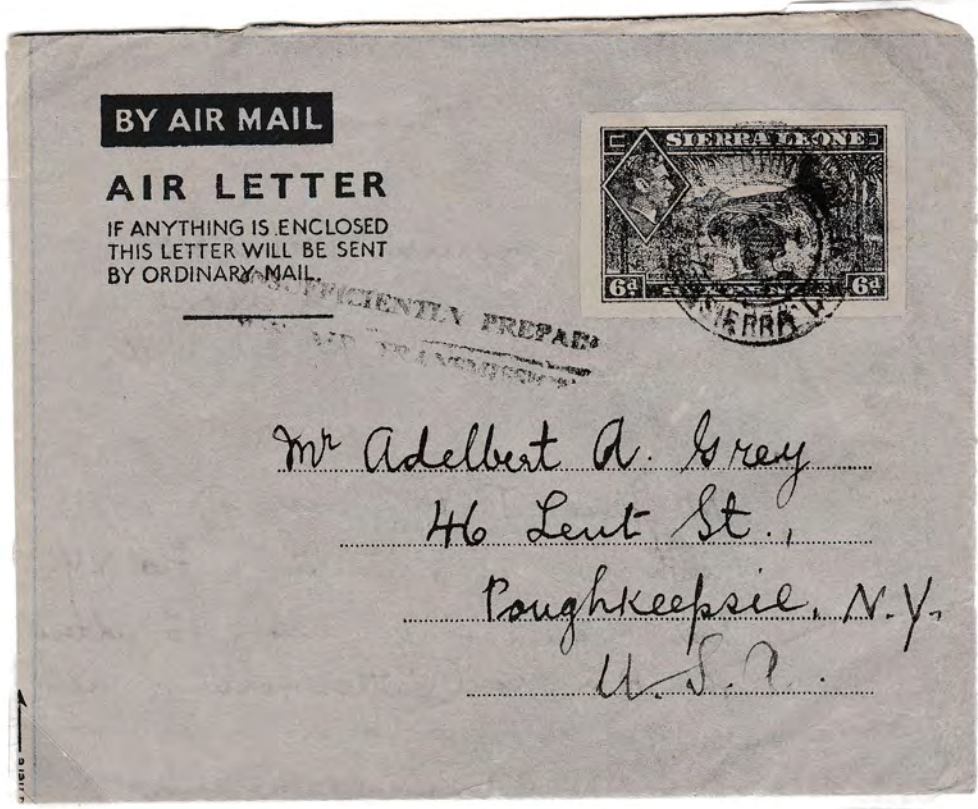
RICEFIELDS DESIGN AS KG VI DEFINITIVE ISSUE 6^d VALUE - No Wax

H & G Type R.1

3 dots
(Harris
p.9)



clear
dot
before
.ENC



FIRST DISPATCH 8.6.50

F 2 with SPECIMEN OUTPRINT

BY AIR MAIL

AIR LETTER

IF ANYTHING IS EN-
CLOSED THIS LETTER
WILL BE SENT BY
ORDINARY MAIL.



SPECIMEN

1951 6^D VALUE RIVERFIELDS DESIGN

H & G F.2 - REVISED TABLET AND NOW ON BLUE PAPER



POSTMARK B.O. * 3 NOS 2

REPRINT VARIATIONS



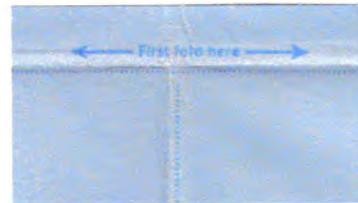
F.2

DOTTED LINE POINTING
TO "OL" or "FOLD"



F.3

DOTTED LINE POINTING
BETWEEN "First fold"



F.4

DOTTED LINE POINTING
TO "F" or "FOLD"

1951 6^d VALUE RICEFIELDS DESIGN - REPRINT

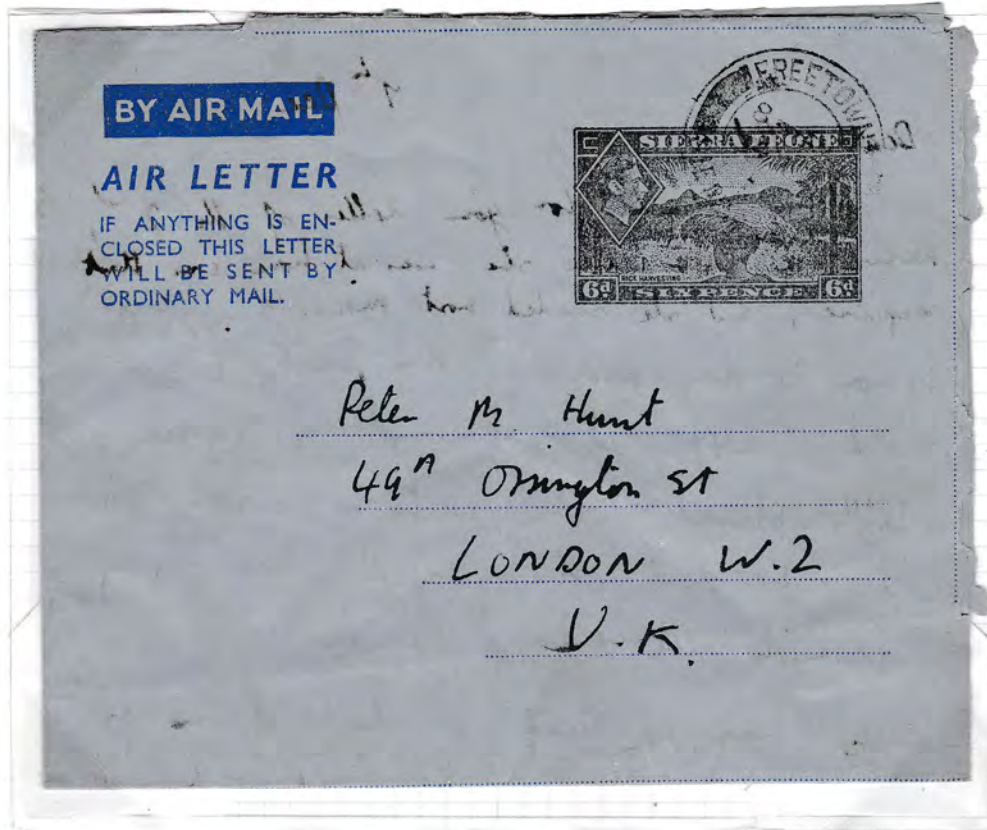
H & G F.3 WITH VARIATIONS AS DESCRIBED AND TO TABLET TYPE 2



POSTMARK FREETOWN 26 OCT 53

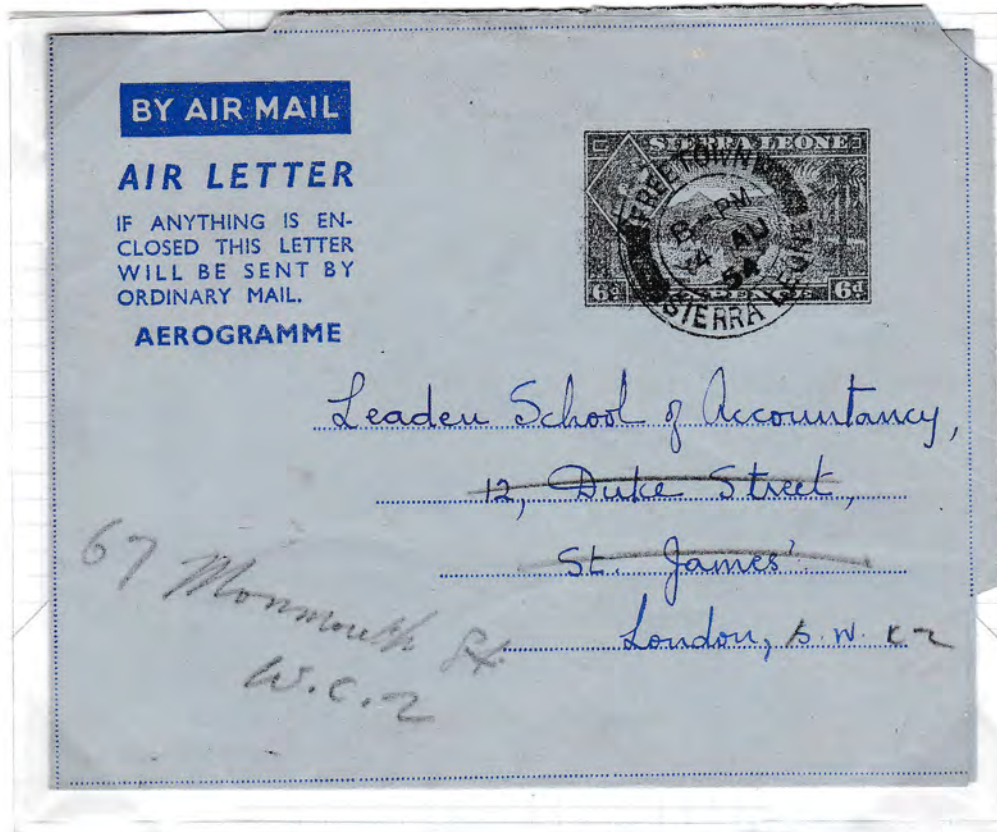
1953/4 6^d VALUE RICEFIELDS DESIGN REPRINTS

H & G F.4 WITH VARIATIONS AS DESCRIBED



POSTMARK
FREETOWN
14 DE 53

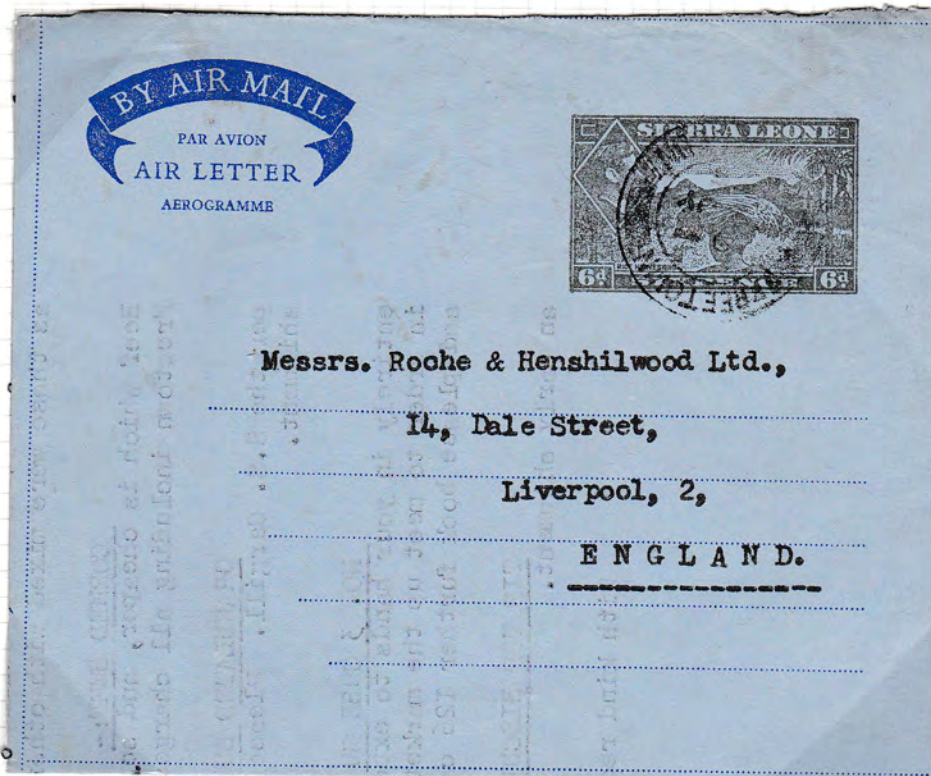
H & G F.4a WITH THE ADDITION OF "AEROGRAMME"



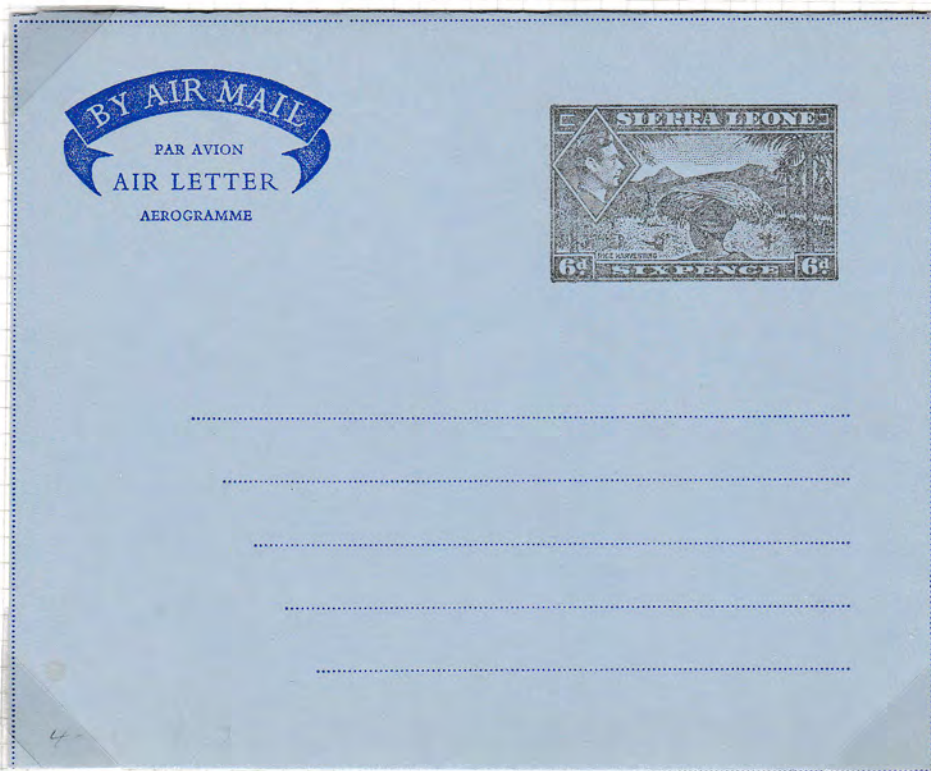
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1955 6^D VALUE

K.G. VI ISSUE SIMILAR TO FIRST ISSUE BUT WITH REVISED "BY AIR MAIL"
TABLET AND THE ADDITION OF "AEROGRAMME" INSCRIPTION
H & G. TYPE FS - NO WATERMARK



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1956 6^d VALUE WHALE BAY DESIGN

H & G F.6 WITH WATERMARK H

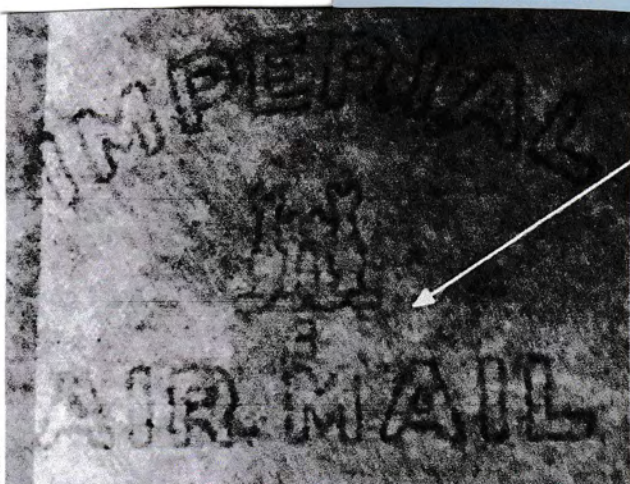
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BY AIR MAIL

PAR AVION

AIR LETTER

AEROGRAMME



From Hørlyck. The letter is a reversed F, which is not found on Sierra Leone air letters.

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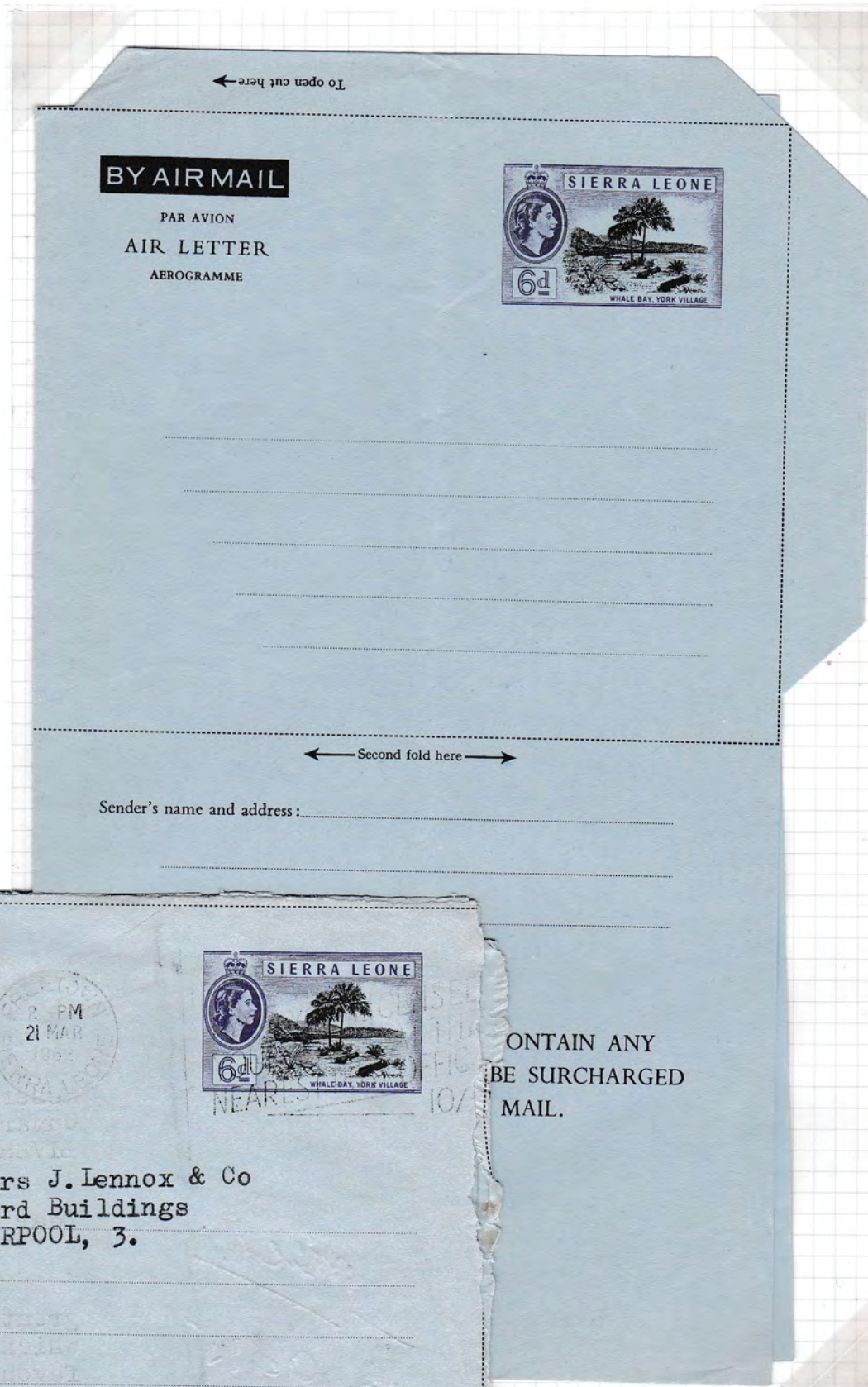
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FURTHER REPRINTS HAVE WATERMARKS I, K, L, M, O AND V NOT SEEN BUT ADD D

1956 6^d VALUE - REPRINT WITH ANGULOS DIE-CUT SEALING FLAPS

H & G F.6 var

Wmk 'P'



BY AIRMAIL

PAR AVION
AIR LETTER
AEROGAMME



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AIR LETTER
AEROGAMME



CONTAIN ANY
BE SURCHARGED
MAIL.

Messrs J. Lennox & Co
Cunard Buildings
LIVERPOOL, 3.

POSTMARK

FREETOWN QUAY 4 FEB 63

21 MAR 62

1960 3^d VALUE RICE HARVESTING DESIGN

H & G F.7 No WATERMARK

BY AIRMAIL
AEROGamme
AIR LETTER



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1st DISPATCH 25.5.60 - TOTAL SENT 549,000

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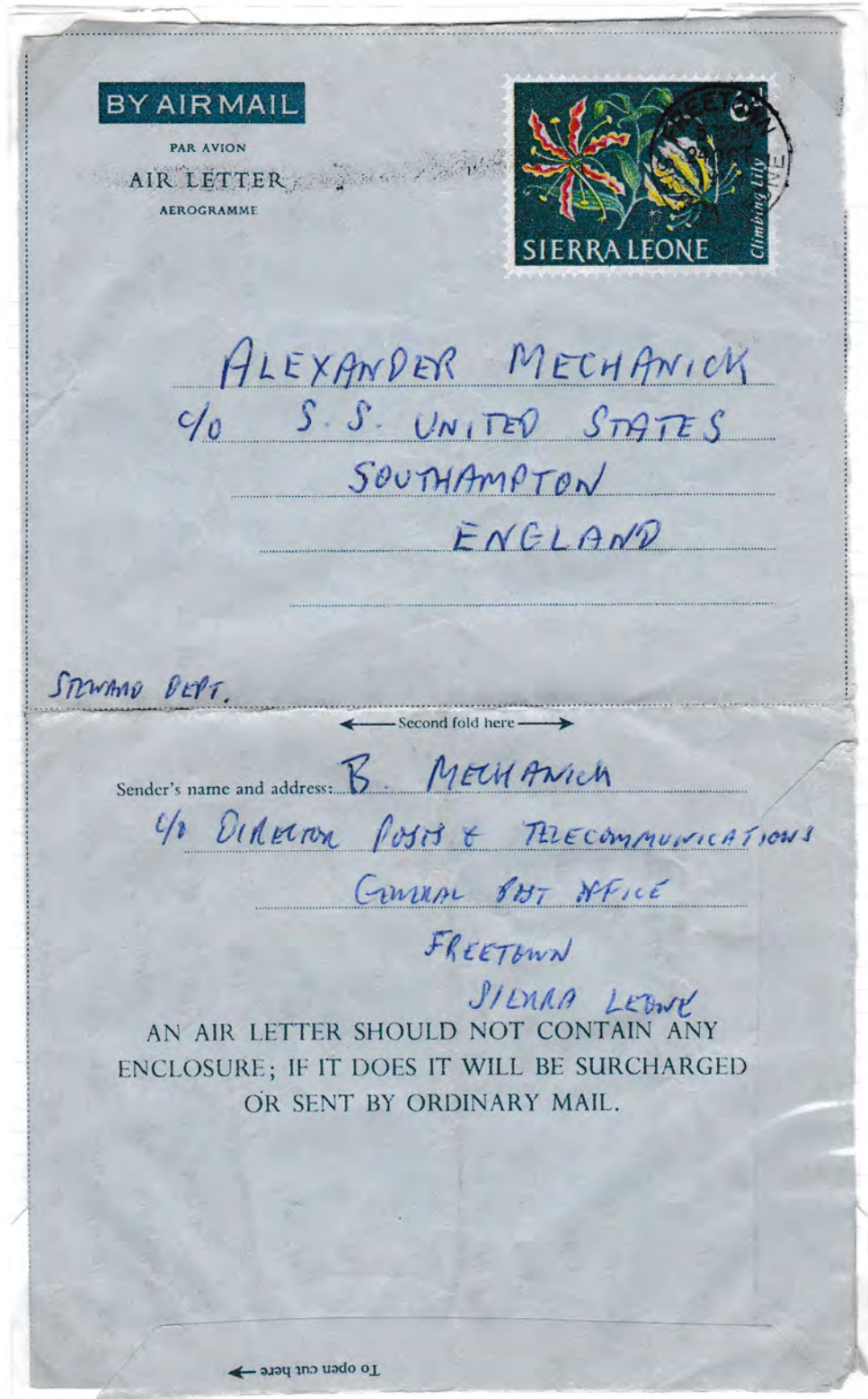
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1963 Climbing Lily Aerogramme
Unguillotined printers proof horizontal pair
On blue airmail paper

1963 6^p VALUE CLIMBING LILY DESIGN

Used to U.K. 24 Oct 1963



The postmark seems to be a "SLEEDON" type without BOAS or SLEEDON
Sender is BRANDAS MECHANICK

Thursday October 24, 1963

FALSTON SIERRA LEONE

My dear Jack:

NEVER RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YOU I HAD HOPE YOU WOULD SEND TO ABUBU ABASS. IN THE MEANTIME I'VE SORTED OUT IN ACCRA AND MET THE VARIOUS OFFICIALS INVOLVED. I REMEMBER TO SAY THAT I DID NOT RECEIVE ANY PARTICULARLY WARM WELCOME OR EXCESS DETENTION AT THE HOUSE OF NESSBITT'S LETTER. INCIDENTALLY THE AIR OFFICE OFFICER DID WRITE HIM ASKING WHY I HADN'T COME, BUT THIS WAS AN OFFICIAL REACTION TO MY UNCOMPLETED BIT OF CORRESPONDENCE. TO SUM UP I MADE MY PROPOSALS AND IT IS NOW UP TO THE GULFIA GOVERNMENT TO ACCEPT OR DECLINE. I HAVE COMPETITION FROM TWO FRONTS: 1ST THE ORIGINAL HODDER OF THE CONCESSION A MR. LECHEMAN WHO HAS DO MUCH MONEY OUT OF GULFIA IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS HE CAN WELL AFFORD TO WASTE INFLUENTIAL OFFICIALS AND HIS PAYROLL, THIS YOU CAN APPRECIATE IF EXCESSIVELY HARD COMPETITION TO BEAT WOMEN IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME I CANNOT MYSELF DETERMINE WHEN TO MAKE EQUIVALENT PAYOFFS.

2ND: STOLON IN THE FORM OF KENNY WHO UNBETHOUGHT TO MYSELF MADE A TRIP TO GULFIA IN SEPTEMBER AND MADE THEM A PROPOSITION WHICH WAS AT THE TIME VERY WELL CONSIDERED. HERE TOO KENNY MAY HAVE BEEN IN A POSITION TO SPEND MONEY IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. ANYHOW I HAVE THE SATISFACTION OF TRYING VERY HARD AND GIVING THE BOYS A LOT OF RUN FOR THEIR MONEY.

I'VE BEEN HERE IN SIERRA LEONE ONLY 24 HOURS AND IT IS A BIT TOO EARLY TO DETERMINE THE POSITION OF MY LATEST LOCAL PROPOSAL. I SHALL REMAIN HERE DEPENDING ON THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF MY PROPOSAL UNTIL EITHER OCTOBER 30TH OR NOVEMBER 8TH. IN THE LATTER EVENT I WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO GO DOWN TO BATHURSTON AND SEE YOU. I WILL OF COURSE BE WAITING TO HEAR ABOUT MY PLANS.

IF YOU WRITE ME IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF THIS LETTER FROM BATHURSTON NOT HOW I COULD RETURN YOUR LETTER.

B. MECHANICAL

FOR MY RETURN TO ENGLAND c/o Director Post & Telecommunications
I SHALL HAVE TO GO TO WINDSOR GENERAL POST OFFICE
IMMEDIATELY TO INCREASE THE PRODUCTION OF MY MEDIA LEONE FALSTON
GOMBSHILL - THIS WILL TAKE FROM SIERRA LEONE

FIVE TO SIX WEEKS AND I WOULD LIKE TO GET BACK HOME BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN
HEAVENLY YOURS

92

P.S. I DON'T THINK I MENTIONED IT BEFORE BUT THE BISHOP OF TUBA WAS NOT IN HOME. HE AT THE MOMENT COULDN'T AFFORD TO COME. WHICH IS A GOOD SIGN HE WOULD WELCOME ANY FINANCIAL PROPOSITION

1965 7c CLIMBING LILY FLOWER - NEW DECIMAL CURRENCY



1965 3c BENISEED FLOWER



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PAR AVION
AIR LETTER
AEROGRAMME



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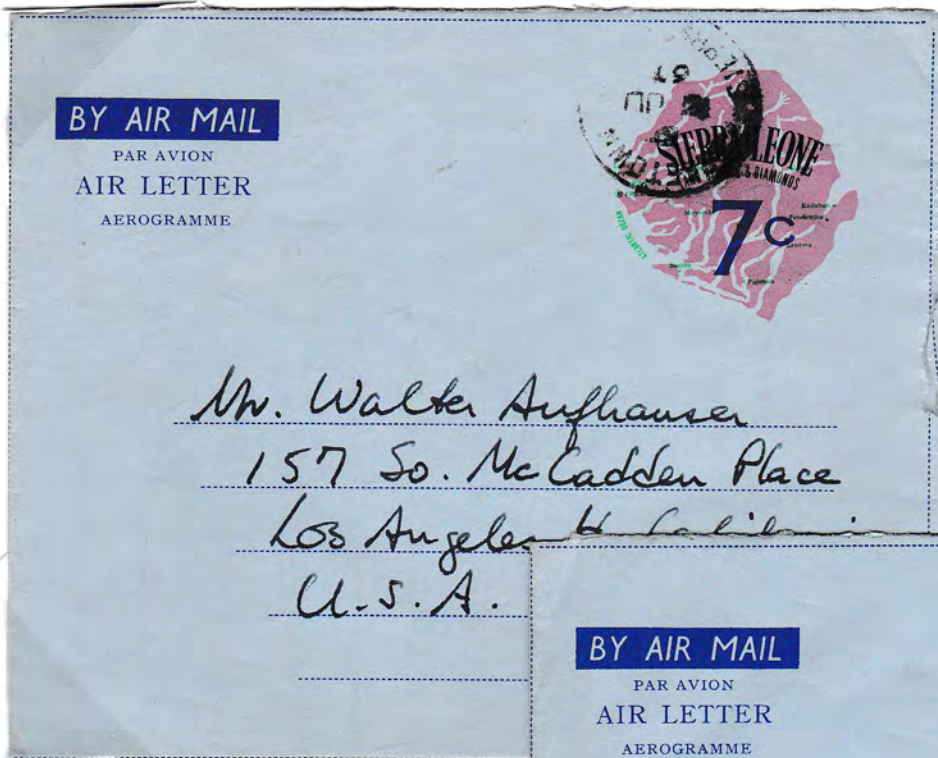
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1967 7c VALUE MAP DESIGN BASED ON 1963 SELF-ADHESIVE ISSUE

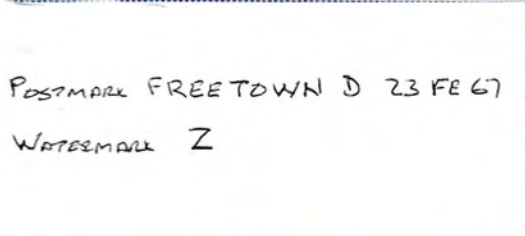
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CARMINE-ROSE MAP ON BLUE PAPER WITH DEEP ULTRAMARINE TEXT



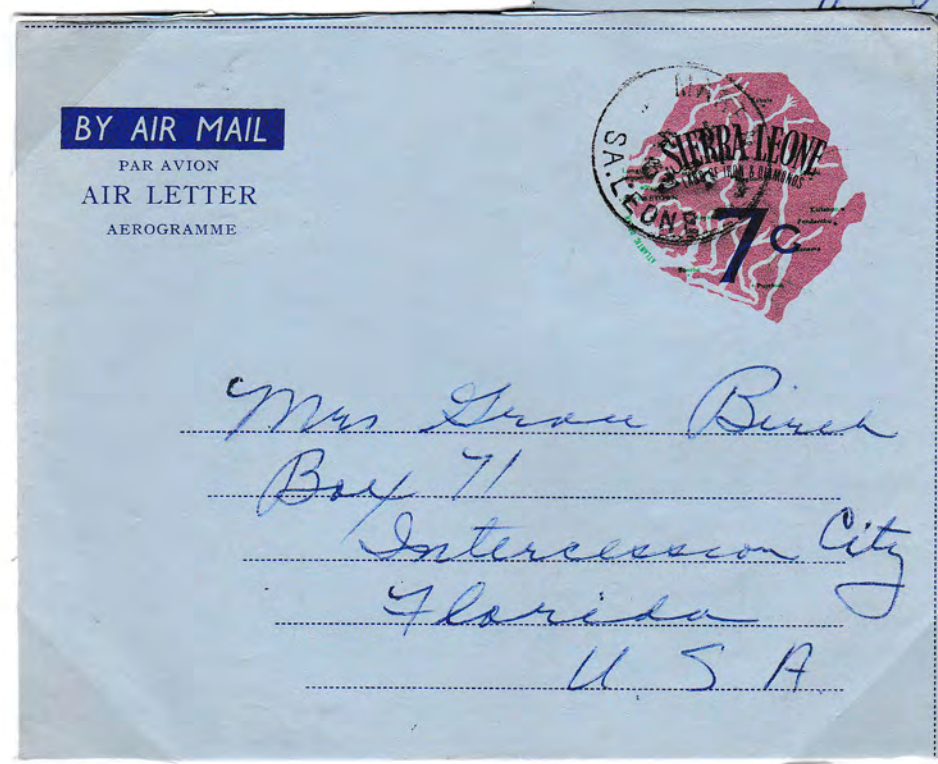
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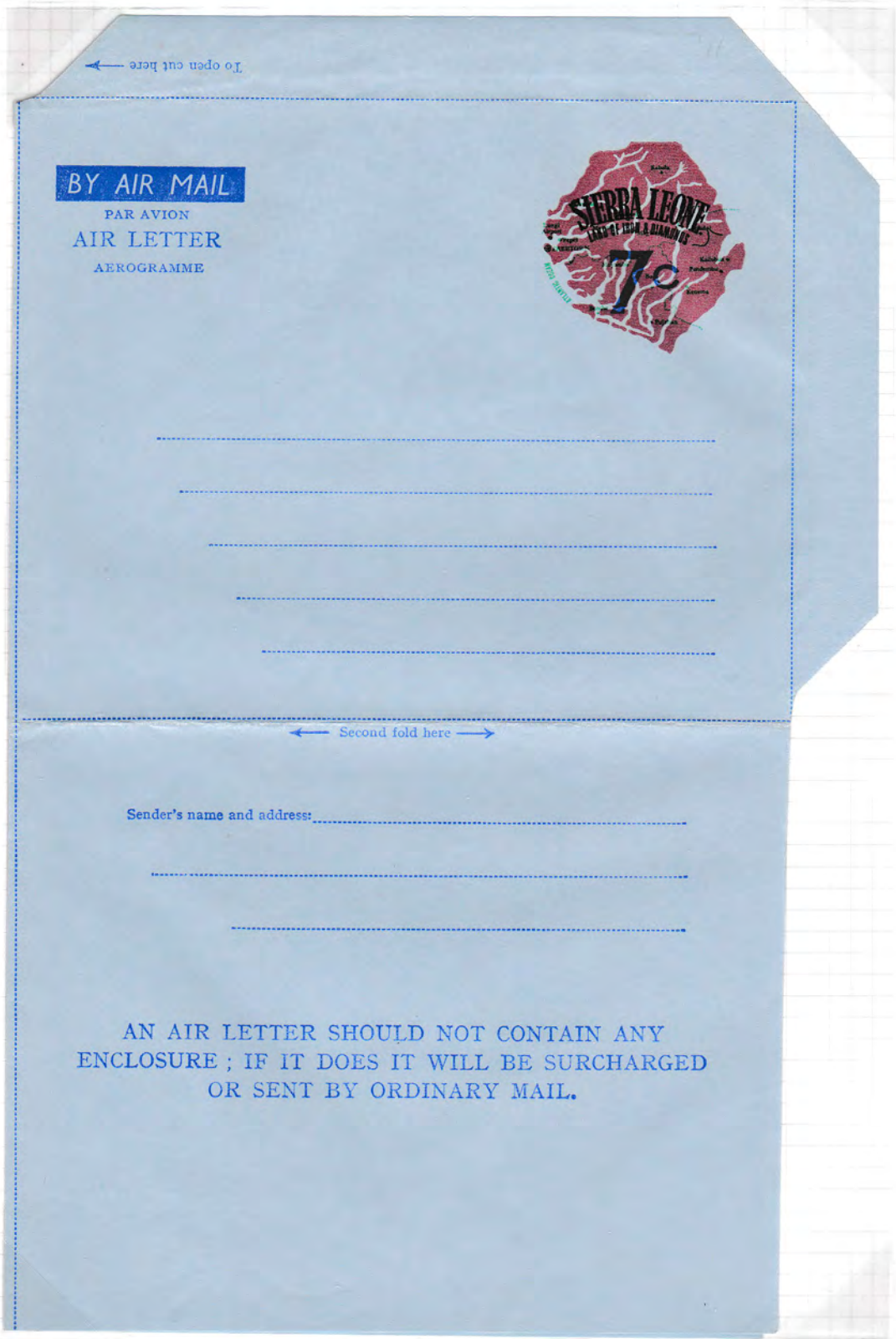
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WATERMARK A

1967 MAP DESIGN REPRINT

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DULL ROSE MAP ON BLUE PAPER WITH BRIGHT BLUE TEXT.



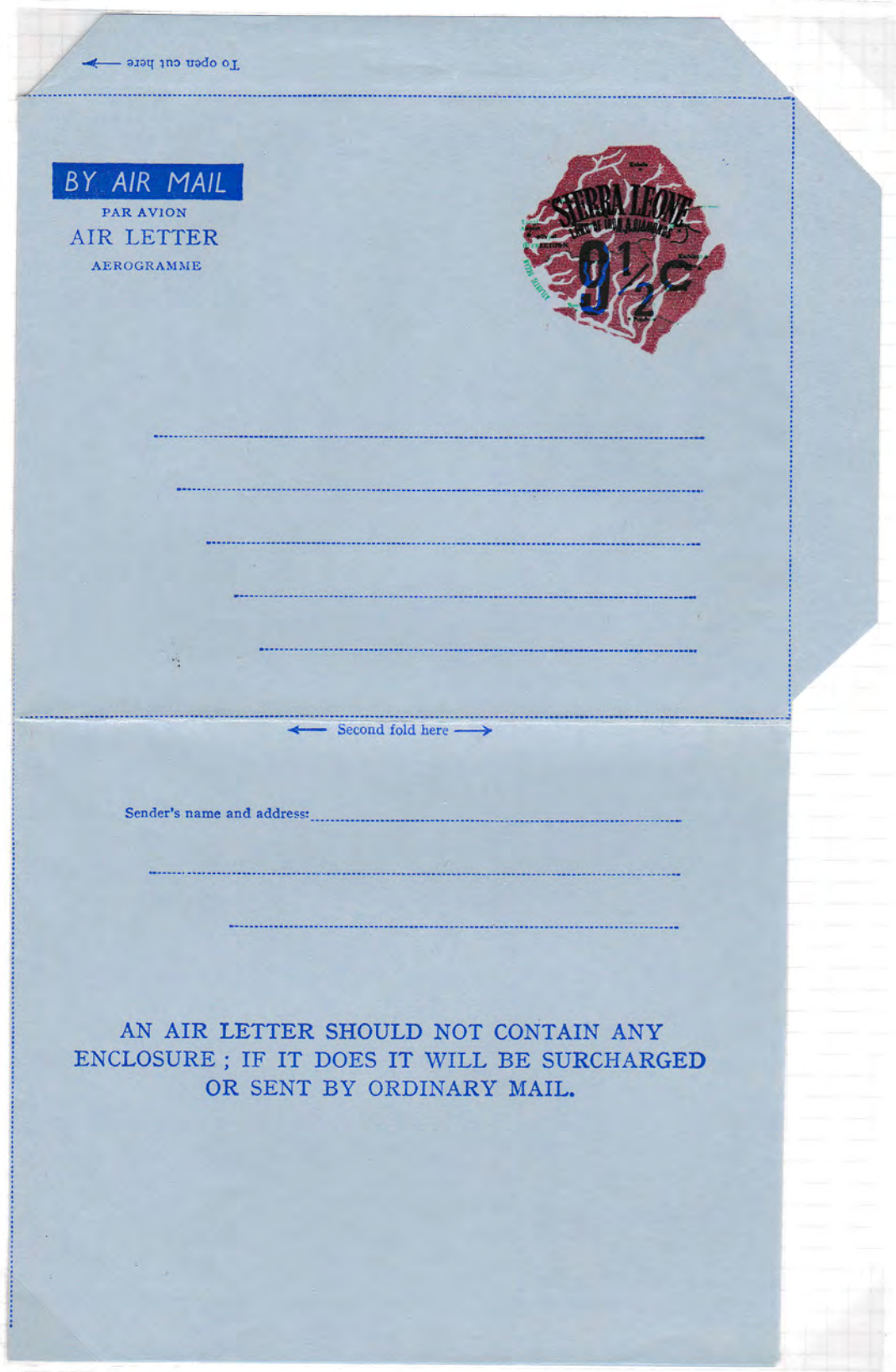
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NOTE WALL
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SEALING

EARLIEST DATE SENT 4 JULY 1967

1968 9½c MAP DESIGN AS BEFORE BUT NEW VALUE - RATE RAISED ON 4th DEC.

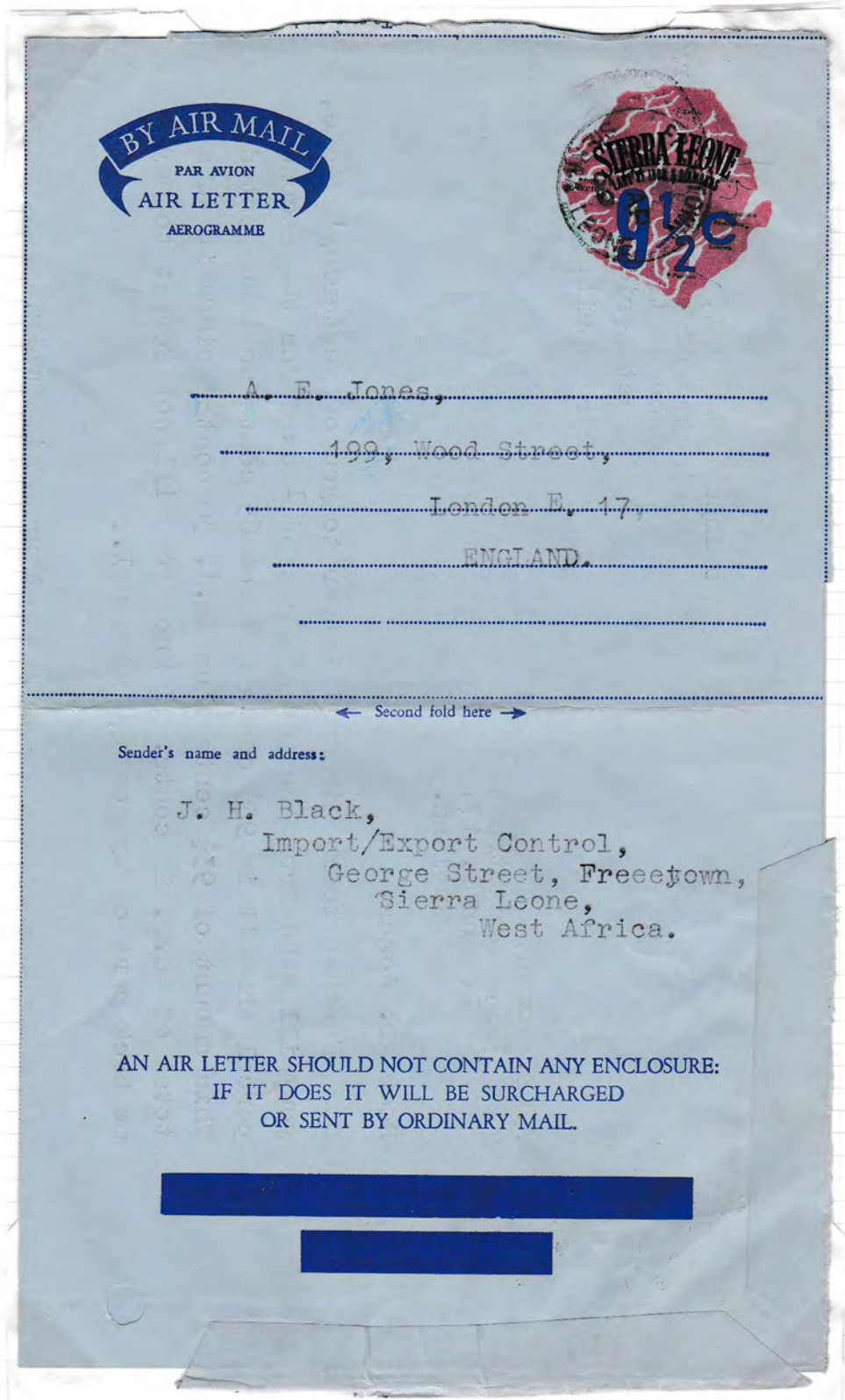
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BROWN ROSE MAP ON BLUE PAPER WITH BRIGHT BLUE TEXT



1969 9½c MAP DESIGN

AN EMERGENCY ISSUE PRINTED ON A COMMERCIAL FORM
WITH "SCROLL" TABSET - Wmk A



BY AIR MAIL
PAR AVION
AIR LETTER
AEROGRAMME



A. E. Jones,
100, Wood Street,
London E. 17,
ENGLAND.

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Sender's name and address:

J. H. Black,
Import/Export Control,
George Street, Freeetown,
Sierra Leone,
West Africa.

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POSTMARK 23 APR 69

1969 9½c EAGLE DESIGN

TYPE 1 No Wmk. - SCARLET EAGLE ON BLUE PAPER

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W. S. P. LTD.

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BY AIR MAIL
AIR LETTER
PAR AVION AEROGRAMME



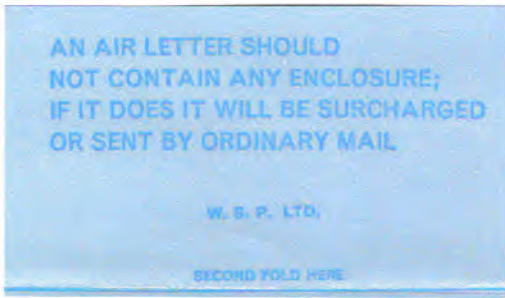
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1969 9½c EAGLE DESIGN BASED ON CURRENT DEFINITIVE AIR MAIL STAMP

DESPITE A SHORT CURRENCY THERE WERE SEVERAL PRINTINGS WHICH DIFFER SLIGHTLY IN THE BACK PANEL, AS DESCRIBED BELOW.

IN ADDITION, THERE ARE VARYING SHADES OF THE EAGLE MOTIF.

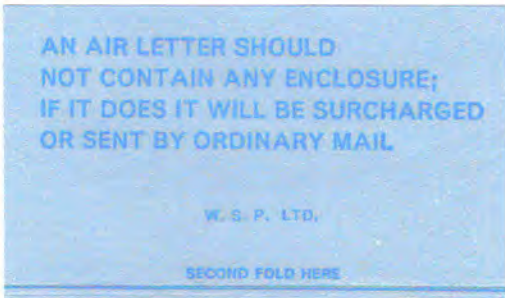
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TYPE 1

INSCRIBED W.S.P. LTD. MEASURING 15MM OVERALL. THE "D" OF "LTD." IS SLIGHTLY TO THE LEFT OF "H" OF "HERE" BELOW. THE INSIDE AND BACK PANELS ARE CUT AWAY TO A WIDTH OF 145MM APPROX.

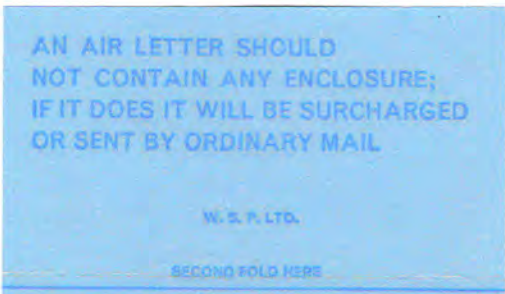
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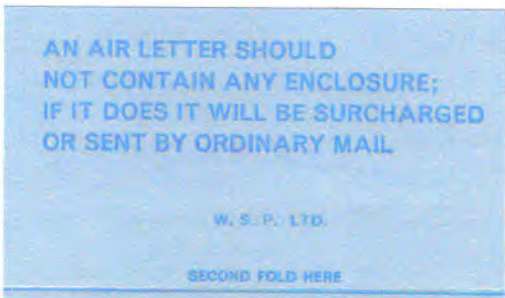


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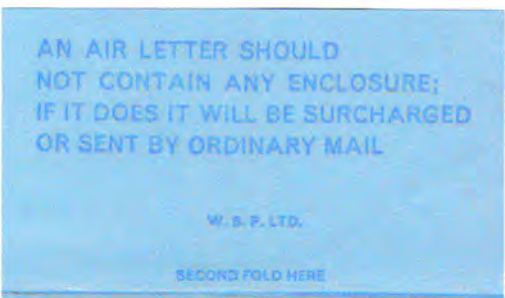
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TYPE 4

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T.2 b



TYPE 5

INSCRIBED W.S.P. LTD. MEASURING 13MM OVERALL. THE "D" OF "LTD." IS DIRECTLY OVER THE "H" OF "HERE" BELOW. INSIDE AND BACK PANELS ARE NARROWER OF 147MM APPROX.

1972 9 1/2 EAGLE DESIGN

AS PREVIOUS ISSUE BUT NOW INSCRIBED McCORQUODALE PRINTERS LTD. OF
BACK PANEL.

TO OPEN SLIT HERE

SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

T. M. Kondeque
Ministry of Ext. Affairs
George Street
Freetown
Rep. of Sierra Leone

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AIR LETTER
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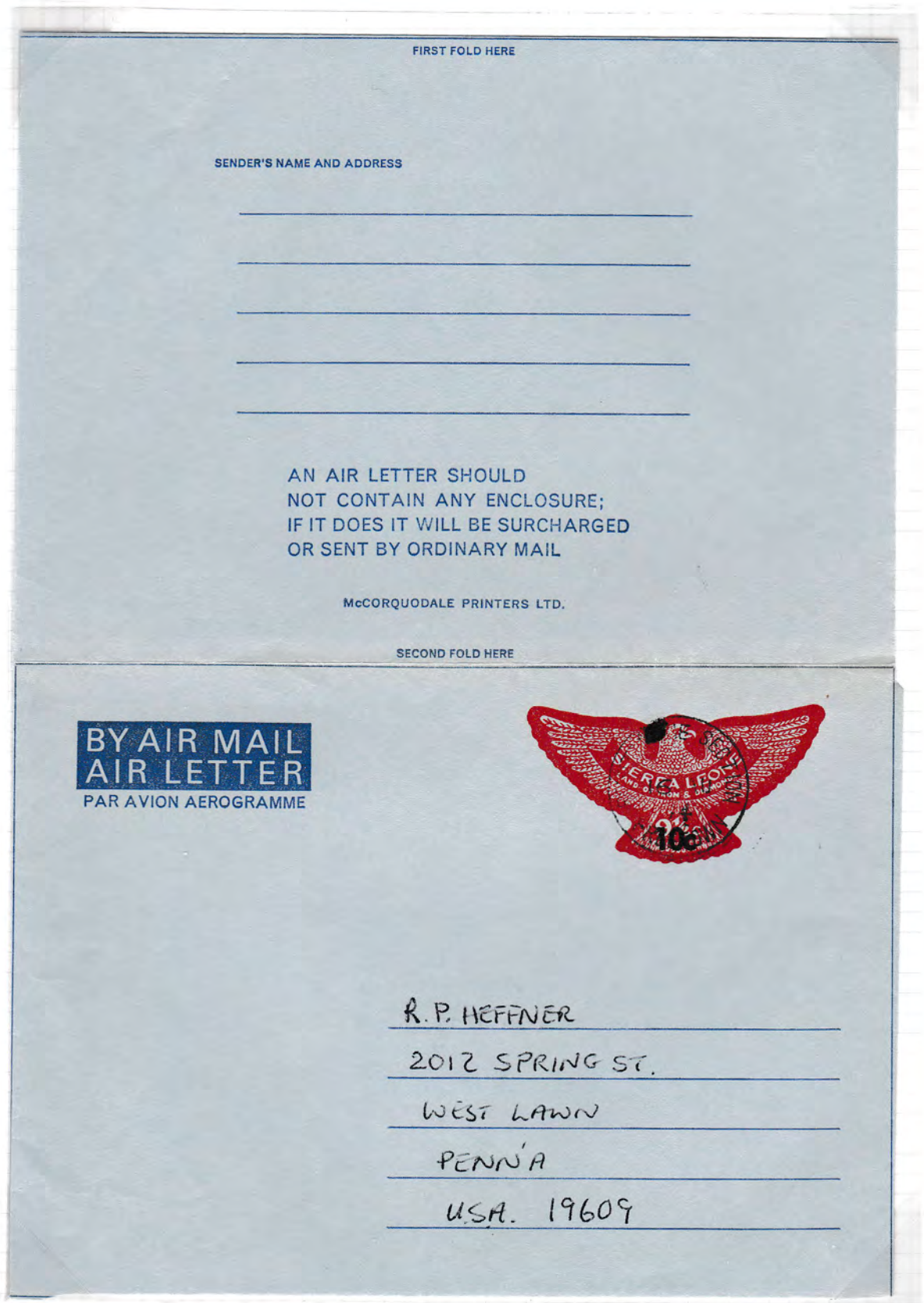
Global Publishing Corp.,
462 Boylston Street,
Boston, Mass. 02116,
United States of America

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Postmark FREETOWN 11 AU 72

1972 9½c EAGLE DESIGN WITH 10c SURCHARGE

TYPE 1 NO Wmk. - RED EAGLE ON PALE BLUE PAPER, BLACK SURCHARGE



CANCELLED REMITTANCE SECTION / FREETOWN 16 AU 74

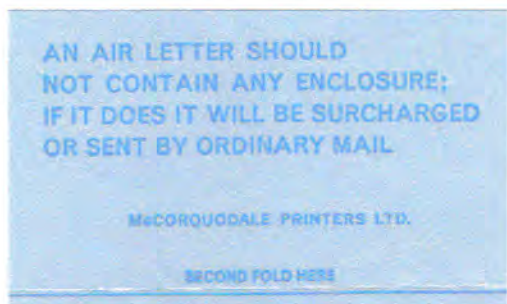
1972 9½c EAGLE DESIGN WITH 10c SURCHARGE OVERPRINT

THIS ISSUE IS SIMILAR TO THE PREVIOUS 9½c EAGLE DESIGN BUT IS NOW INSCRIBED McCORQUODALE PRINTERS LTD. ON THE BACK PANEL. THERE WERE SEVERAL PRINTINGS WITH SMALL SETTING VARIATIONS, AS LISTED BELOW, AND SOME SHADES OF THE EAGLE AND PAPER. ALL EXAMPLES SEEN HAVE A SURCHARGE OVERPRINT TO COVER A RAISED RATE. THIS CAN BE EITHER BLACK OR DARK GREEN.



TYPE 1

THE VERTICAL LEG OF THE "T" OF "PRINTERS" POINTS TO THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE OF THE FIRST "E" OF "HERE" BELOW.



TYPE 2

THE VERTICAL LEG OF THE "T" OF "PRINTERS" POINTS TO THE LEFT-HAND SIDE OF THE SECOND "E" OF "HERE" BELOW.



TYPE 3

THE VERTICAL LEG OF THE "T" OF "PRINTERS" POINTS TO THE UPRIGHT OF THE "R" OF "HERE" BELOW.

1973 10c SIAKA STEVENS PORTRAIT DESIGN REPRINT

No Wmk. - Yellow - Olive background with Dot by 10c
PRINTING ERROR - MISPLACED BROWN TO PORTRAIT

5 bar
v312

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BY AIR MAIL
AIR LETTER
PAR AVION AEROGARME



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COMPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION UNIT
LONDON W1P 0LH

1979 20c SIKA STEVENS PORTRAIT DESIGN FOR RAISED RATE

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COMPATIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO
BARRING LOSS-SAVING TUBULAR
BANDS AND PROTECTIVE ENVELOPES

1981 20c WOOD OWL DESIGN AS CURRENT DEFINITIVE ISSUE

No Wmk.

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MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

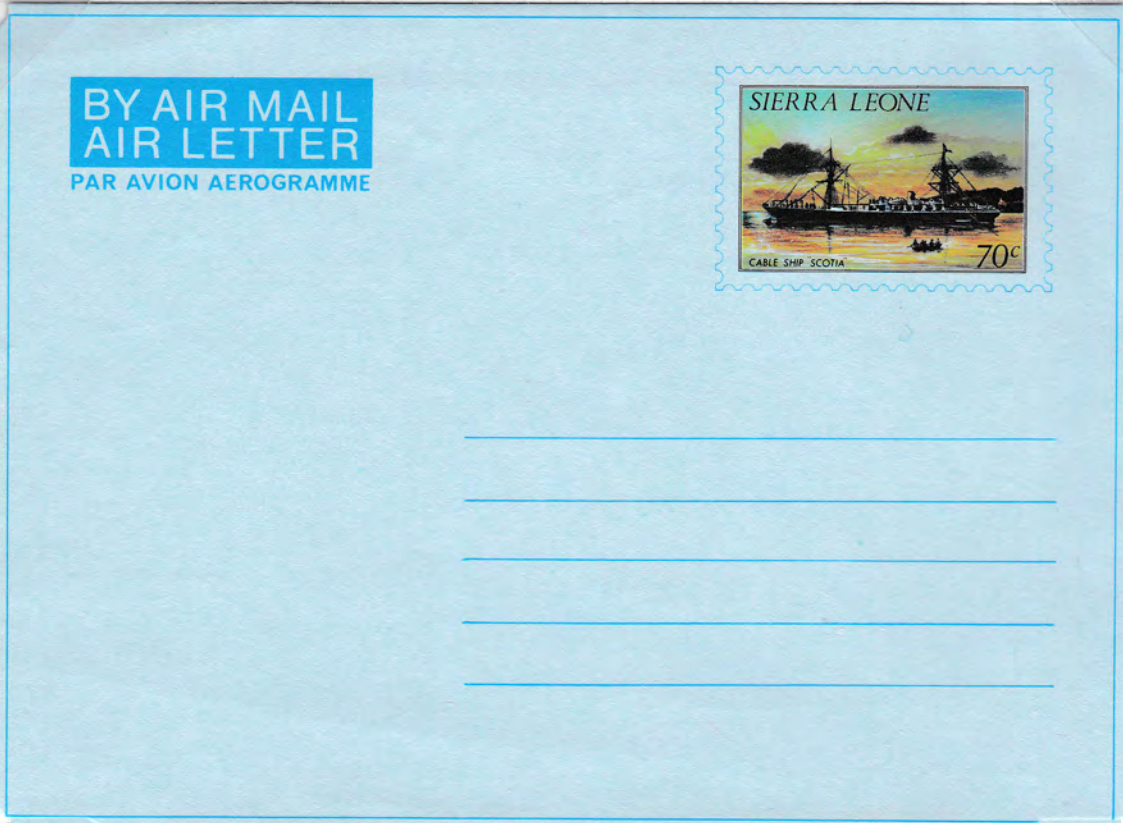
1985 70c SHIP DESIGN AS CURRENT DEFINITIVE ISSUE

FULL SIZE
IMAGE
1.7 x 25.6



COMPANY ALBERTA REP. OF
BARRETT'S SMITHY THE LATER
WORLD AND PRINTED BY THE LATER

REDUCED
IMAGE
1.5 x 24.9



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1987 SHIP DESIGN

AS BEFORE WITH REDUCED IMAGE AND RE-VALUED Le.3



message dated 19 June 1987

1988 LE. 3 RED CYMOTHOE BUTTERFLY

BY AIR MAIL
AIR LETTER
PAR AVION AEROGamme



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1990 LE. 9 RED CYMOTHOE BUTTERFLY

BY AIR MAIL
AIR LETTER
PAR AVION AEROGamme



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1991 50 LE VALUE - DESIGN AS BUTTERFLY DEFINITIVE ISSUE

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By air mail
Par avion



FREETOWN COTTON TREE



Five horizontal blue lines for an address.

BUTTERFLY DESIGN AS DEFINITIVE ISSUE BUT WITH BLUE HEADINGS AND ILLUSTRATIONS
NO WATERMARK

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SENDER'S NAME & ADDRESS

Five horizontal lines for writing the sender's name and address.

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A SEASIDE HOTEL

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LAW COURTS BUILDING



STATE HOUSE



G.P.O. BUILDING (SALPOST HQ)

1993 150 LE VALUE BUTTERFLY PICTORIAL

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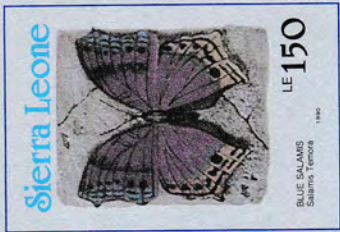
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By air mail
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FREETOWN COTTON TREE

EXPRESS



Five horizontal lines for an address.

1994 L.300 VALUE CABANI'S YELLOW BUNTING

DESIGN BASED ON THE 1992 BIRDS DEFINITIVE ISSUE
LAYOUT AND OTHER DETAILS AS PREVIOUS BUTTERFLY ISSUES



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By air mail
Par avion



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NOTE: IN THIS ISSUE THE STAMP SUBJECT IS A TURQUOISE - GREEN
AND THE TEXT AND LINING IS ULTRAMARINE

2001

**By air mail
Par avion**



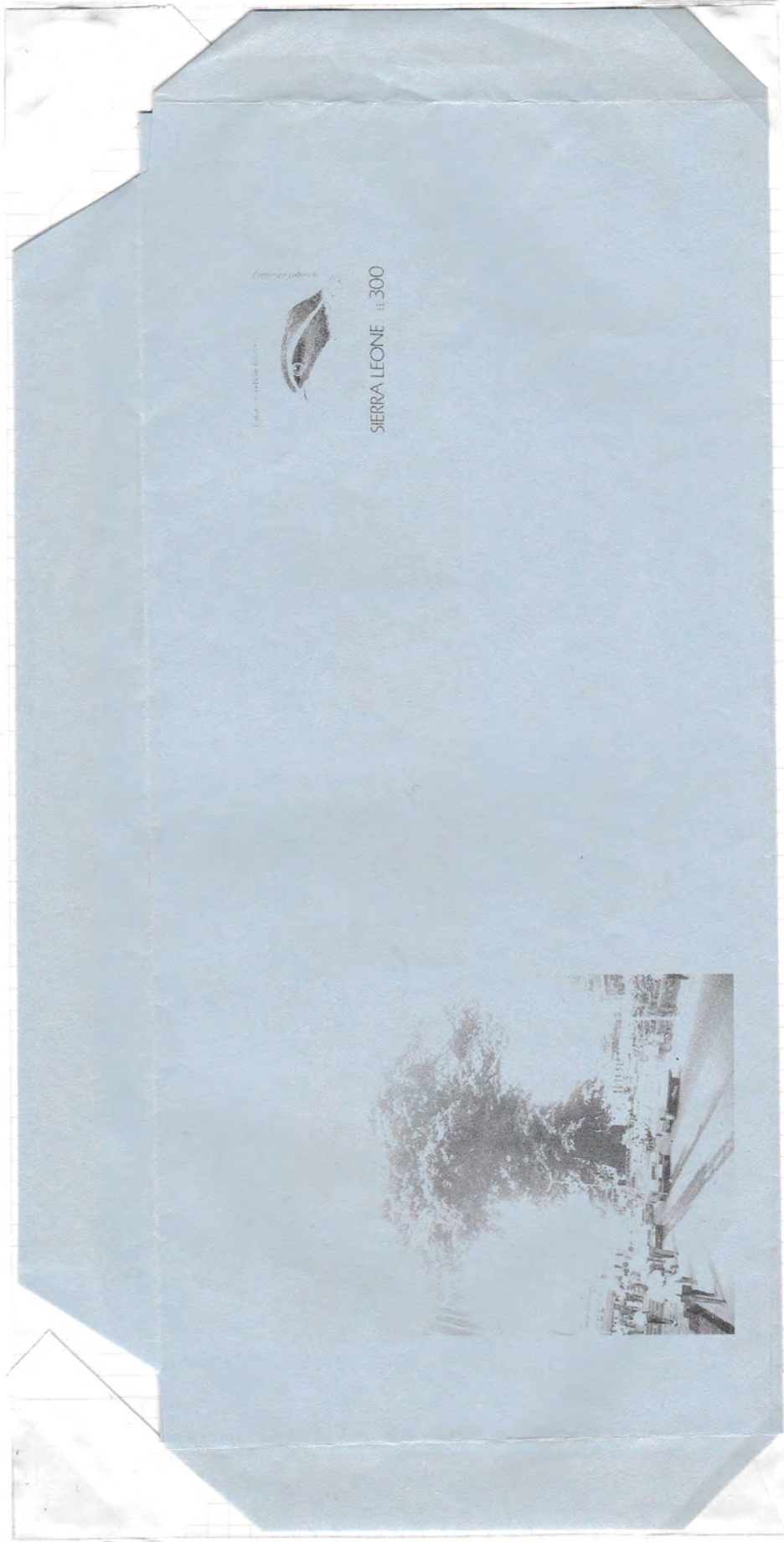
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1994 LE. 300 VALUE CABANI'S YELLOW BUNTING

MISSING COLOURS



ALL COLOURS ARE MISSING EXCEPT BLACK

1994 LE. 300 VALUE CABANI'S YELLOW BUNTING
MISSING COLOURS



ALL COLOURS MISSING EXCEPT BLACK AND RED

1994 LB. 300 VALUE CASANI'S YELLOW BUNTING

MISSING COLOURS



MISSING YELLOW AND ULTRAMARINE TEXT