

1875 Issue

Following the separation of the separate Colony of Gold Coast  
from the British Empire, the first postage stamps of the Gold Coast  
were issued in 1846. The stamps were printed in England and  
were used for the Gold Coast, Sierra Leone, and Liberia.

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The Postage Stamps of the Gold Coast.

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In the following pages I am summarising the information available at this date regarding the first three issues of stamps printed for the Gold Coast. Our thanks are due to the several members who have given considerable help in producing this. Further pages in respect of the subsequent issues will follow in due course. Meanwhile, any additional relevant information, correction or up - dating will be welcome and will be edited for issue later in 'Cameo'.

K.J.Macrae.

January, 1979.

Editor.

1875 Issue ctd.Plate Proofs.

- (i) 4d. imperf. on gummed, watermarked Crown CC paper in issued colour. (J.J.M.)
- (ii) " 1d. blue plate proof imperforate, gummed and in issued colour." ( Danson sale, 4.5.71.)
- (iii) 1d. and 4d., both imperf. and wmk. Crown CC upright.  
(J.R.W.)

Specimens. (Marcus Samuel Type references.)

- (a) "Specimen"
  - (i) 6d. (J.C.)
  - (ii) 1d., 4d., 6d. imperf. with handstamped Type D6, 17.5 x 1.5 mm. (M.S.)
  - (iii) 6d. handstamped Type D8, 15 x 2.5 mm. (M.S.)
  - (iv) 6d. handstamped or overprinted Type D11, 14.5 x 2.5 mm. (M.S.)
  
- (b) "Cancelled"
  - (i) 1d. (J.C.)
  - (ii) 1d., 4d. normal stamps handstamped Type D4. (M.S.)
  - (iii) 1d., 4d., 6d. imperf., all in Royal Collection. (R.C.A.)
  - (iv) 1d. blue with misplaced value tablet and 6d. orange, each affixed to small piece, the first marked "June 8 1875" at top. (R.L., BWA sale, 24.11.76.)

Paper. "Wove" - Spowart.  
"White wove" - Poole.

Watermark. Crown CC.

Perforation. 12½ line.

1875 Issue ctd.Values.

- 1d. Blue. Varies from blue to pale blue. (J.C.)
- 4d. Magenta. Varies from magenta to pale magenta. (J.R.W.)  
Varies towards purple but this may be due to  
climatic conditions. (R.C.A.)
- 6d. Orange. Varies from deep to pale orange. (J.C.)

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<u>Date of Issue.</u>	<u>1d.</u>	<u>4d.</u>	<u>6d.</u>	
8.6.75.	4200	9600	15360	(see copy of De La Rue Day Book)
2.10.75.	12780			
	16980	9600	15360	(see copy of Colin McCaig's note, April 1960)

(see also article by John Easton in London Philatelist, Feb. 1960)

Multiples.

- 6d. Orange. Unused block four in Royal Collection. (R.C.A.)
- Used block four cancelled with 556 (Cape Coast)  
'killer'. (J.R.W.)

Covers.

- (i) Both 1d. and 6d. are known on cover but I have no record of the 4d. (R.C.A.)
- (ii) " 1875 (August 1st) O.H.M.S. env. to Ireland bearing 6d. orange strip of three each with "CAPE COAST CASTLE" c.d.s. and with double-ring Paid c.d.s. on face." (R.L. BWA sale, 21.12.78.)
- (iii) " 1876 env. registered from Cape Coast Castle to Wolverhampton with two 6d. orange used with 1876 perf. 14 1d. strip of four. Face shows framed "REGISTERED" and double-ring "Paid At" date-stamp." (R.L. BWA sale, 21.12.78.)



GOLD COAST.Notes on the 1875 and 1876-79 Issues.

The list of consignments of the first type Gold Coast which John Easton has now published in The London Philatelist sets some very intriguing problems. Since De La Rue made no record of a change of perforation or watermark, the various consignments have generally to be allocated to the relative issues by deduction.

One of the most interesting questions is the date when the first three values were sent to the Colony with perf. 14.

These values were invoiced as follows:-

	1d.	4d.	6d.
8. 6.75	4,200	9,600	15,360
2.10.75	12,780	-	-
31.12.75	20,400	11,820	5,400
21. 9.76	16,440	-	7,080
14. 5.77	5,380	11,400	11,220

Easton suggests that if the S.G. date is correct the last mentioned consignment must have been perf. 14.

There is, however, evidence that the perf. 14 was introduced earlier than this, and it may be worth noting here that while a stamp is not necessarily or even usually put on sale immediately upon its receipt in the Colony, it certainly cannot be sold before that date.

In his paper to the Royal, Agabeg referred to a cover in his collection with a strip of four 1d. perf. 14 dated 26th October, 1876; and I have a single 6d. dated 15th August, 1876, and another on cover dated January, 1877, both perf. 14.

Robson Lowe's Encyclopaedia gives earliest dates for this perf. 14 issue as follows:-

1d.	28th September, 1876
4d.	13th August, 1876
6d.	5th January, 1876

I am not inclined to accept the January, 1876, date for the 6d. as it was not unusual for the alteration of the year to be overlooked for some time after the beginning of January, and this could very easily be an example applied on 5th January, 1877.

The remaining datal evidence, however, seems sufficient to justify the conclusion that the 31.12.75 sendings were perf. 14, giving the following totals for the perf. 12½ issue:-

1d.	16,980 (just possibly 4,200)
4d.	9,600
6d.	15,360

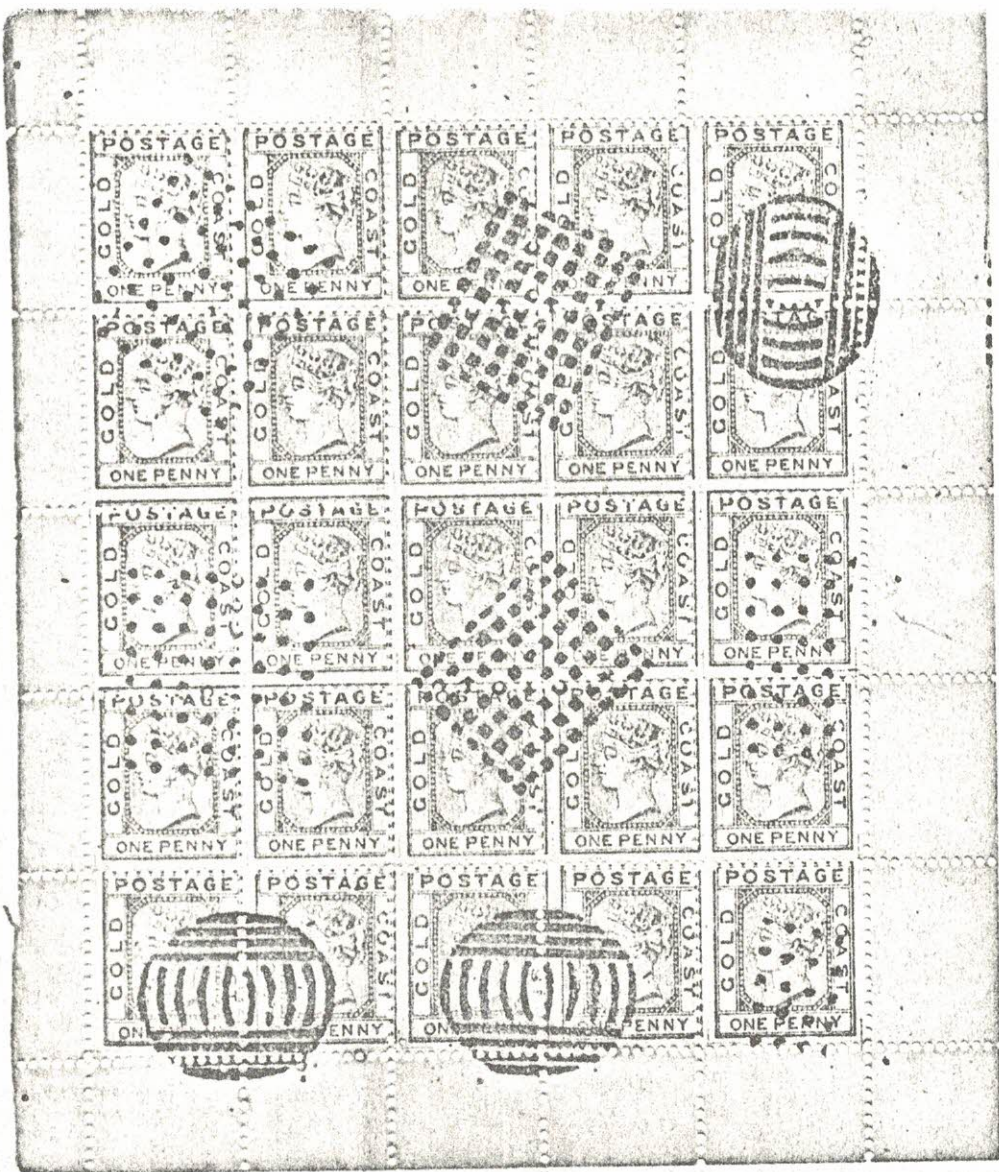
Colin McCaig.  
April, 1960.

1875 Issue ctd.Forgeries.

## A. Notes by J.J.Martin :

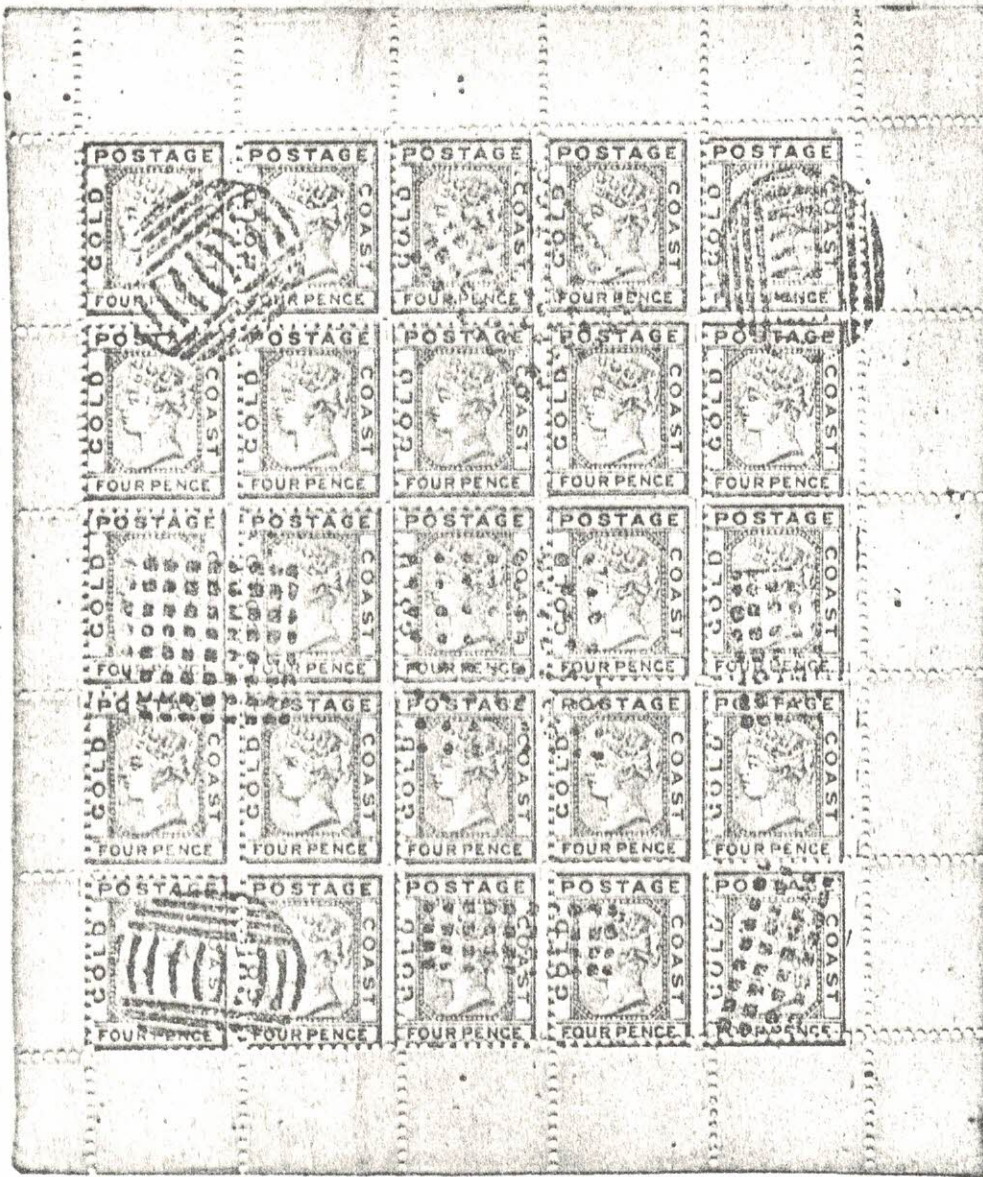
1. Spiro. My examples of all values are nearer P. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- | <u>Genuine.</u>                            | <u>Forgery.</u>  |
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| a. Engraved.                               | Lithographed.  |
| b. Wmk. Crown CC.                          | No wmk.  |
| c. G of GOLD has triangular tail.          | Ordinary tail.   |
| d. White line between neck and frame.      | Base of neck touches frame.                                      |
| e. Head has no outline except at top.      | Strong outline down face and neck but no outline on top of head. |
| f. Ear shaded all over except tip of lobe. | Ear nearly all white.  |
| g. Lines of background do not touch frame. | Lines mostly join frame of the octagon.                          |
| h.   | Forged postmarks.  |
| j.   | Poor quality paper.  |
2. 4d. magenta on fairly good quality paper, forged CC wmk, P 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  and forged B 27 cancel with no serif to 7 and no dot after 27.
3. 4d. pale magenta. Attributed to Panelli. Perf. 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ x11 $\frac{1}{4}$ . Wmk. Crown CC. Indistinct bars cancel. Medium thickness, roughish paper.
4. 4d. purple. No wmk. Perf. 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ x11 $\frac{3}{4}$ . Paper as 3, above. Cancel rectangle of dots.
5. 1d. grey, imperf. Indistinct blue bars cancel. No wmk. Thin, smooth paper.
- B. J. Ince :  
Spiro, 1d., 4d., 6d., sheets of 25 with variety of forged cancels. (photo-copies).
- C. K.J.Macrae :  
Spiro, 1d. marginal block four, 4d. corner block four, 6d. marginal single.

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BLUE

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MAUVE



ORANGE .

1875 Issue ctd.

Forgeries ctd.

D. Notes by J.R. Whitfield :

I had three types in my collection according to H.G.L.Fletcher, F.R.P.S.L., a Forgery expert :

1. By Spiro; 1d., 4d., 6d., lithographed on thin white wove paper, no wmk., with pin roulette perf.  $12\frac{1}{2}$ , also  $13\frac{1}{4}$  on the 1d.
2. By Panelli; 1d. and 4d., finely lithographed on thin wove paper with impressed Crown CC and with roulette perf.  $13\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$  for the 1d. and 11 for the 4d.
3. Forger unknown; 1d. coarsely lithographed on soft wove paper, no wmk., pin roulette perf.  $11\frac{1}{2}$ .

Bisects.

1d. on cover to Boston, 1876, - rate 6d., 1d. and 1d. bisected ( $7\frac{1}{2}$ d.)  
R.P.S. refused certificate. (R.C.A.)

1876-9 Issue.

Design. S.G. diagram 1.

Printers. As for 1875 issue.

Plate Nos. 1, as before - 2d. block four with plate no. 1. (R.C.A.)

Plate Proofs.

- (i)  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 2d., wmk. Crown CC, in same colours on water-marked and gummed paper. (Spowart)
- (ii)  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., imperf. in Royal Collection. (R.C.A.)
- (iii)  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 2d., imperf., wmk. Crown CC. (J.R.W. and R.L., BWA sale, 21.12.78.)

Specimens. Marcus Samuel Type references.)

- (a) "Specimen"
  - (i) 2d., 4d., 6d. in Royal Collection. (R.C.A.)
  - (ii)  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., imperf., and 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., normal with handstamped Type D8. (M.S.)
  - (iii)  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., imperf., and 2d., 4d., 6d., normal with handstamped/overprinted Type D11. (M.S.)
  
- (b) "Cancelled"
  - (i)  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., imperf., and 2d., normal, handstamped Type D4. (M.S.)
  - (ii) 2d. normal, handstamped Type D7. (M.S.)
  - (iii)  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. olive-green imperf. and affixed to piece marked "June 1875 60 set", handstamped Type D4  
2d. green, affixed to piece, " " " "  
(R.L., BWA sale, 24.11.76.)

Paper. "White wove" - (Poole)

Watermark. Crown CC.

1876-9 Issue ctd.

Perforation.

- (a) Perf. 14 Line.
- (b) Perf. 14 Comb. (Probably in consignments sent 10.3.80, et seq. - J.C.)  
(Probably about 1880 a comb machine was introduced. - R.C.A. )

Values.

- 1/2d. Olive-yellow. ( Shades - J.R.W. )
- 1d. Blue. (Bright, pale and deep dull - J.C.)
- 2d. Green. (Bright and pale - J.C.)
- 4d. Magenta. (Deep to pale mauve - J.C.)
- 6d. Orange. Deep to pale - J.C.)

Date of Issue.

<u>Sent.</u>	<u>1/2d.</u>	<u>1d.</u>	<u>2d.</u>	<u>4d.</u>	<u>6d.</u>
31.12.75.		20,400		11,820	5,400
21. 9.76.		16,440			7,080
14. 5.77.		5,880		11,400	11,220
20. 8.77.		28,800		11,220	11,220
13. 7.78.		27,780		11,700	11,280
26. 2.79.		9,540		4,500	3,540
23. 7.79.		12,240		3,900	
23. 9.79.	24,660		24,900	5,400	
10. 3.80.	30,000	30,000	30,180	30,000	
25. 5.80.	12,000	30,000	12,000	30,300	18,000
18.11.80.		30,120	30,000	30,000	
	<u>66,660</u>	<u>211,200</u>			
3. 8.81.	12,000	18,240	30,120	30,000	6,000
	(? CC or CA)	(CA)	(CC)	(CC)	(CC)
			<u>127,200</u>	<u>180,240</u>	<u>73,740</u>
21. 9.82.	18,420				
12. 2.83.	12,000				
	(CA)				
21.12.83.		18,000			
		(CA)			
15. 5.84.	{ 6,000	{ 6,000	{ 3,000	{ 3,060	{ all ungummed)
	{ 6,000	{ 6,000	{ 3,000	{ 3,060	{ all gummed)
			(CA)	(CA)	
5. 4.88.					9,000
					(CA)

This table of

1876-9 Issue ctd.

This table of issues has been produced from John Easton's article in the London Philatelist, Feb., 1960, confirmed and corrected by Philip Beale's researches in the De La Rue Day Books which have brought to notice the despatches dated 26.2.79 and 21.9.82 ( see copy extracts ). The table has been extended to 5.4.88 in illustration of Colin McCaig's article of April, 1967, also reproduced. The totals of the CC issue believed to have been despatched are shown on the basis of the information to date. The discovery of the despatch of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamps on 21.9.82 raises some doubt as to whether the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamps sent on 3.8.81 were CC or CA, which can be settled only by the reporting of dated used copies. Mr. McCaig's conclusion as regards the 1d. value seems, however, to remain unchallenged.

Varieties.

1. (a)  $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 2d. - Watermark inverted. (J.C.)
  - (b) "4d. magenta, unused with much original gum and showing inverted watermark." (R.L., BWA sale, 21.12.78.)
2. Constant Plate Flaws. - see extract from article by R.C. Agabeg on The Gold Coast in The London Philatelist, Feb., 1960.
  - (a) "Plate 1 Constant Flaw - break in inner frame-line at top right-hand corner of POSTAGE - I have examples on the 1d. and 2d., line perf. stamps." (J.J.M.)
  - (b) "Plate 1 Constant Flaw - same as (a) - on 6d., S.G. 8, (K.J.M.)"

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February 1879.

<p>Feb 21</p> <p>to 2000 of State Production in Bonds.</p> <p><u>2000</u></p> <p><u>2000</u></p> <p>2000 Bonds @ 100.      Total 2000      @ 100</p> <p>2000 Bonds @ 100.      Total 2000      @ 100</p> <p>2000 Bonds @ 100.      Total 2000      @ 100</p>	<p>to 2000 of State Production in Bonds.</p> <p><u>2000</u></p> <p><u>2000</u></p> <p>2000 Bonds @ 100.      Total 2000      @ 100</p> <p>2000 Bonds @ 100.      Total 2000      @ 100</p> <p>2000 Bonds @ 100.      Total 2000      @ 100</p>	<p>2000</p>	<p>2000</p>
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Appendix B.

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GOLD COAST

Notes on the 1876-79 Issue

by Colin McCaig

The allocation of the various issues and perforations to consignments is in many cases a matter of conjecture as De La Rue did not include records of watermarks or perforations on their invoices. Accordingly we have to make our deductions from what evidence is available, and two major problems have to be considered:

1. Of the 1875 1d. perf 12½ the first sending included only 4,200 compared with 9,600 of the 4d. and 15,360 of the 6d. As the 1d. is not exceptionally rare by comparison with the other two values we can assume that the second sending of the 1d. on 2.10.75 (12,780 stamps) must also have been perf 12½. The next two consignments were dated 31.12.75 and 21.9.76, and as perf 14 copies have been seen dated before the latter date we can accept the 31.12.75 sending as having been line-perforated 14.

2. The CA Dandy Roll was invoiced on 29.6.81 and it is unlikely that much if any CC paper was made after that date. The De La Rue "History" gives the impression that paper was only made for specific orders and that little if any would be kept in stock. Consignments of the ½d, 1d, 2d, 4d, and 6d were sent on 3.8.81 and we are led to the conclusion that this consignment included some values on CC paper and others on CA paper.

½d and 1d values: These must have been on CA paper as S.G. Catalogue dates and dates seen on stamps are earlier than the dates of the next sendings.

2d value: As the colour changed only in the 15.5.84 consignment and the 2d green is not known on CA paper the 3.8.81 sending must have been on CC paper.

4d and 6d values: The next sendings were 15.5.84 (4d) and 5.4.88 (6d) on CA paper. Earliest dates noted on CA paper are 8.12.84 for the 4d by Cameron and January 1889 for the 6d per Gibbons and R.L. It is difficult to believe that had the 3.8.81 sending been on CA paper use on earlier dates than those noted above would not have been recorded - especially having in mind the seven year gap in the case of the 6d. Accordingly I accept the 3.8.81 consignment as having been on CC paper.

I summarise my views on the individual values and consignments as follows:-

<u>1d.</u>	Sent 23.8.79		24,560 - line
	10.3.80	30,000	
	25.5.80	<u>12,000</u>	<u>42,000</u> - comb
			<u>66,660</u>

The line perf is appreciably scarcer than the comb.

<u>1d.</u>	Sent 31.12.75	20,400	
	21.9.76	16,440	
	14.5.77	5,880	
	20.8.77	28,800	
x.	<del>26.2.79</del> 13.7.78	<del>9,540</del> 27,780	{ 9,540
	23.7.79	<u>12,240</u>	
	10.3.80	30,000	
	25.5.80	30,000	
	18.11.80	<u>30,120</u>	<u>90,120</u> - comb
			<u>201,660</u>

<u>2d.</u>	Sent 23.9.79		24,900 - line
	10.3.80	30,180	
	25.5.80	12,000	
	18.11.80	30,000	
	3.8.81	<u>30,120</u>	<u>102,300</u> - comb
			<u>127,200</u>

<u>4d.</u>	Sent 31.12.75	11,820	
	14.5.77	11,400	
	20.8.77	11,220	
x.	<del>26.2.79</del> 13.7.78	<del>4,500</del> 11,700	{ 4,500
	23.7.79	3,900	
	23.9.79	<u>5,400</u>	
	10.3.80	30,000	
	25.5.80	30,300	
	18.11.80	30,000	
	3.8.81	<u>30,000</u>	<u>120,300</u> - comb
			<u>175,740</u>

<u>6d.</u>	Sent 31.12.75	5,400	
	21.9.76	7,080	
	14.5.77	11,220	
	20.8.77	11,220	{ 3,540
x.	<del>26.2.79</del> 13.7.78	<del>3,540</del> 11,280	
	25.5.80	18,000	
	3.8.81	<u>6,000</u>	<u>24,000</u> - comb
			<u>70,200</u>

April, 1967.

Extract from article by R.C. Agabeg in The London Philatelist,  
Feb., 1950.

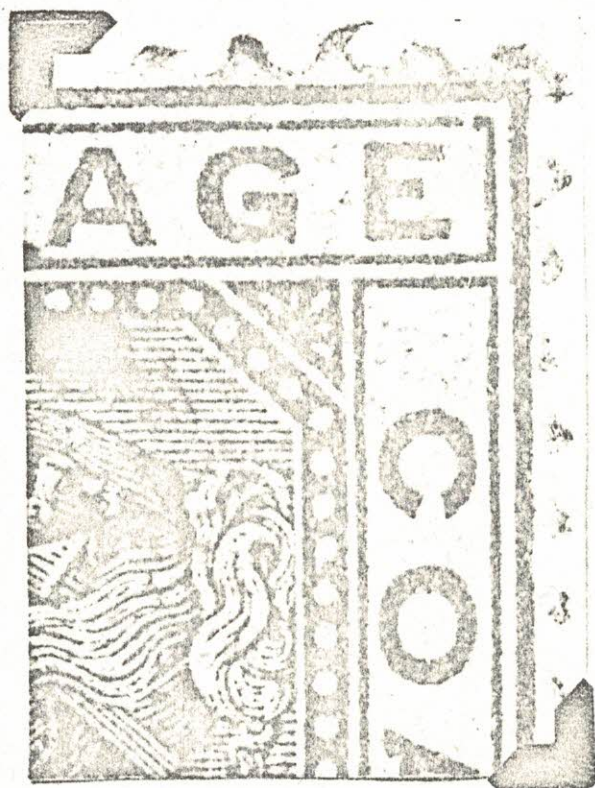
".... A total of five plate flaws have been found on Plate 1 only, and each has been accurately positioned on the sheet by reference to large blocks and panes in the writer's possession. Only the first of these exists on the earliest printings and can therefore be said to have occurred probably during the manufacture of the plate; the others have not yet been recorded on any issue prior to 1884, and therefore arose as damage to the plate during the later stages of use. These flaws may be recognised as follows:-

- (1) Stamp No. 1. A break occurs in the inner frame-line forming the colourless tablet containing the word POSTAGE. It is situated at the top right-hand corner of the tablet and occurs on all printings of Plate 1.
- (2) Stamp No. 58. A break occurs in the inner frame-line of the colourless tablet on the right containing the word COAST. It is situated at the lower left-hand corner, but does not occur on printings prior to 1885.
- (3) Stamp No. 55. A break occurs in the inner frame-line of the value tablet at the bottom of the left-hand vertical line. It does not appear on printings prior to 1884 and seems to get progressively worse on the latest printings.
- (4) Stamp No. 4. A break occurs on the lower horizontal frame-line of the value tablet about  $1\frac{3}{4}$  mm. from the lower left-hand corner. A complete break only occurs on the very latest printings of Plate 1; examples printed in 1884 show no signs of the break, but a transitional stage where a definite weakness is present can be observed and probably represents sheets printed around 1886-87.
- (5) Stamp No. 25. A break occurs in the inner frame-line of the value tablet just to the right of the upper left-hand corner. This also occurs only on very late printings and shows a transitional stage probably related to the printings of 1885-86.

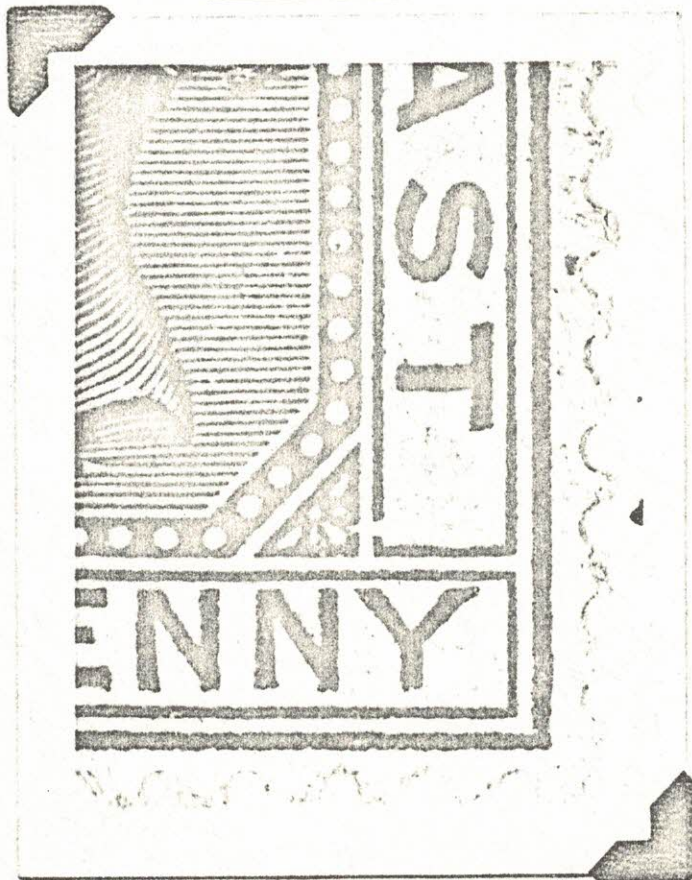
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Flaw 1.

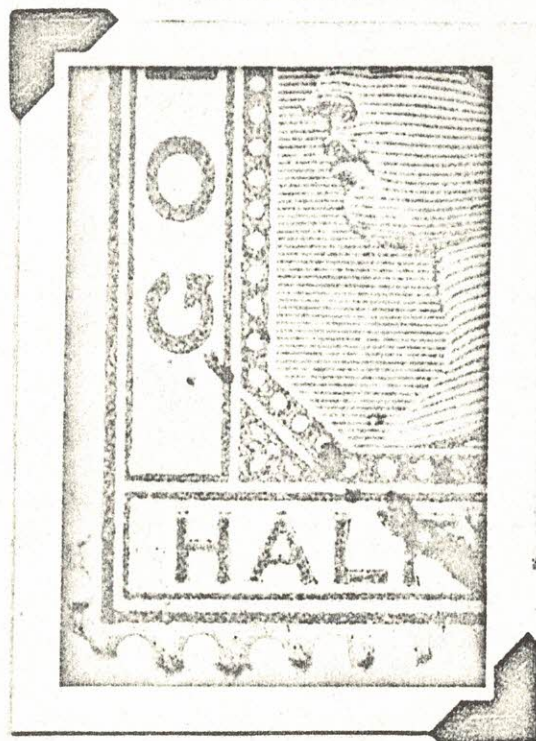
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Flaw 2.

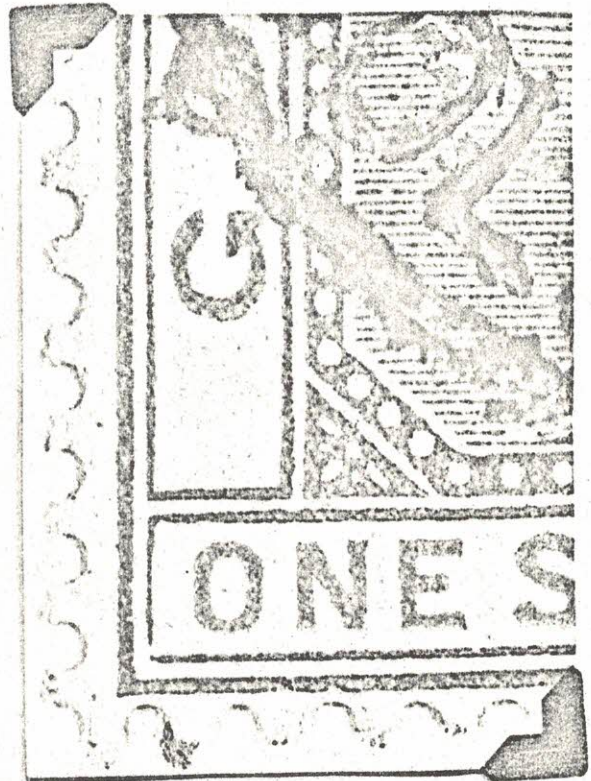
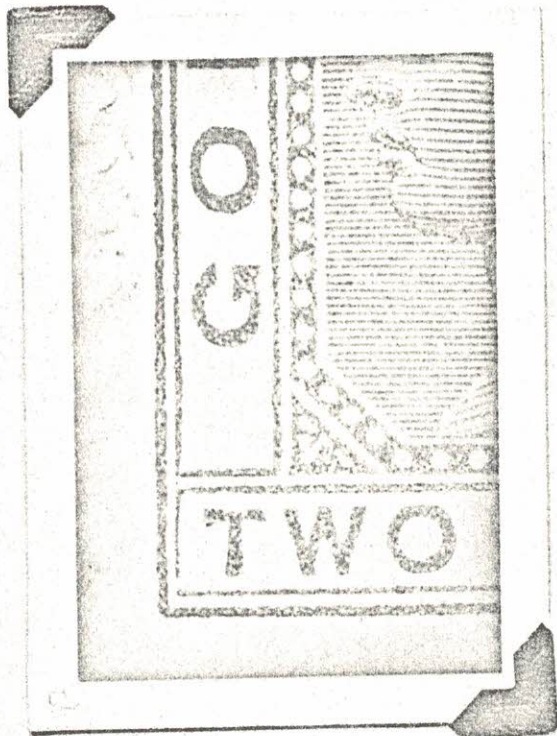


Flaw 5.

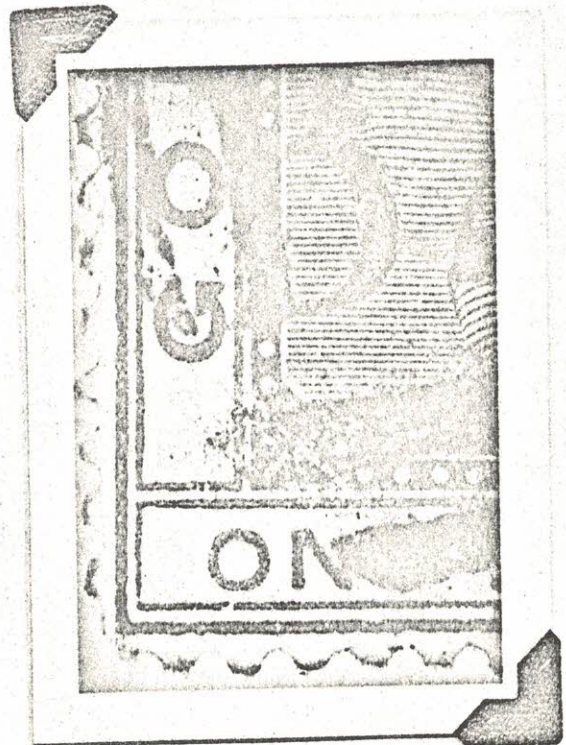


Flaw 3

8G.



Flaw 4.



1876-9 Issue ctd.Covers.

(May)

- (a) 1877/env. registered from Cape Coast to Dundee bearing 1d. blue, two pairs and 6d. orange pair, each centrally cancelled '556' and showing 'PAID AT CAPE COAST CASTLE', framed 'REGISTERED', oval Liverpool Registered and circular Paid Liverpool Br. Packet c.d.s., all in red on face. (R.L., BWA sale, 21.12.78.)
- (b) 1877 (Sept.) env. from Winnebah to Wolverhampton bearing 6d. orange with Winnebah c.d.s. (R.L., BWA sale, 21.12.78.)
- (c) 1880 (May) and 1882 (Sept.) two env. from the same correspondence from Cape Coast Castle to Tunbridge Wells, one with 2d. pair, the other with 4d., clearly cancelled '556' and showing light 'PAID AT CAPE COAST CASTLE' double-ring c.d.s. (R.L., BWA sale, 21.12.78.)

Bisects.

- (a) " These bisects have always been a bone of contention and although some were certainly genuine, others were undoubtedly ' made to order'. I have:-
- (i) Cover to Ain, France, with 1876 1d., 1d. bisect and 6d., making 7½d. rate. Cancelled Liverpool, 10.1.79, so must have been sent in Dec., 1878. Stamps cancelled '556'.
- (ii) Cover to Lagos with 1876 2d. and 1d. bisect, marked Accra, 23.1.84 and Lagos, 11.2.84, stamps cancelled '554' - with a "Royal" certificate dated 2.6.71." (C.McC.)
- (b) " I had 1d. bisect (and 2d.) on cover." (R.C.A.)
- (c) " I have yet to see a bisect that I was convinced was properly used. I have an 1884 bisected 2d. on cover but it does not 'feel' right." (J.J.M.)
- (d) The following were offered in the R.L., BWA sale on 21.12.78 :-
- "(i) 1d. blue, variety bisected diagonally used on piece with two whole 1d.s cancelled 'B 27' and dated 'Quittah 19 Mr 83'.
- (ii) 2d. green bisected diagonally and 6d. orange roughly bisected- to make up the 4d. rate and cancelled with two strikes of the oval seal 'POST OFFICE/ GOLD COAST/ WINNEBAH' used on 1883 (March) env. to London. B.P.A. and R.P.S. Certificates, 1976.

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- (d)(iii) ditto, lightly cancelled '556' on 1883 (Dec.) local env., showing alongside the rare 'PAID AT CAPE COAST/INLAND' c.d.s. and with red crayon '1'. R.P.S. Certificate (1976), 'the Committee are unable to pass the bisect as being genuinely used on this cover' Ex Barer. Sold 'as is'.
- (iv) 2d. green, variety quartered (corner cut away) used with whole 2d. on a small piece, clearly cancelled '556'.
- (v) 4d. magenta, variety quartered and tied by smudged Winnebah c.d.s. to 1884 (Dec.) local env. to Accra. R.P.S. Cert.(1976) states 'the Committee express no opinion on status of these split provisionals, however the cover is genuine' Ex Hopkins.
- (vi) 4d. magenta, variety quartered, tied to small piece by Winnebah date-stamp. B.P.A. Cert. (1955). "
- (e) " I have 2d. green, bisected diagonally, with 2d. green and 1d. carmine (1884), all tied on small piece by red circular date stamps, 'Anamaboe C JA 12 85' - rather questionable. (K.J.M.)
- (f) See copy of 75th. Supplement ex 'The Philatelist'.

SEVENTY-FIFTH SUPPLEMENT

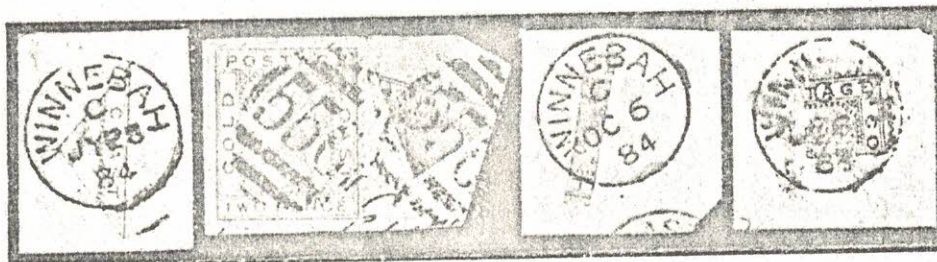
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The following system is adopted to indicate the place where each item should be inserted or where alteration should be made. Each amendment is denoted by the page of its particular volume and, where two columns appear, (i) denotes the left column, (ii) the right column.

For example, corrections to Vol. I as "215 penultimate line—for 'A.E.F.' read 'E.A.F.'" refers to page 215; "235/ii After RP59 add new heading '1952 Increased Rate' and insert below RP60 8½ pence grey F, G, H, H2, K . . . 1 3 0 6" refers to the right-hand column of page 235 below RP59.

A date following the page indicates the issue of that date; where the same date is repeated a further indication is given as "389/ii 1922 Nos. 95/102 . . .". When a line of the text is referred to, the running head-line should not be counted.



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Under COVERS (at foot of page) delete the four earlier amendments and detail of bisects and splits and substitute the following:

Bisects (diagonal unless noted otherwise) and splits are recorded used on the 1876-79 issue as follows (the second price being for splits on piece):

		Rate	Cancellation
Bisected	1d. plus pair 1d. [A]	21d. (£25, £15)	Quittah, B27 (G5a)
..	1d. plus 1d. plus 6d.	71d. (£45, —)	Accra (to U.S.A.), 1877
..	1d. plus 1d. (vertical pair)	21d. (£25, £15)	Addah seal
..	1d. plus 1d. (2)	21d. (£25, —)	Addah seal
..	1d. plus 1d. (pair)	21d. (£25, £15)	B27
..	1d. plus 1d. (pair)	21d. (£15, —)	556
..	1d. plus bisected 4d.	21d. (£40, £20)	Quittah
..	1d. plus 4d. magenta	41d. (£20, —)	554
..	1d.	1d. (£20, —)	B27
..	1d. plus 1d. (pair)	21d. (£25, —)	Dixcove
..	2d. torn roughly diagonal	1d. (£15, —)	556
..	2d. cut vertically	1d. (£25, —)	Cape Coast and 556
..	2d.	1d. (£25, £15)	Winnebah MY 29-8; Accra and 556
..	2d.	1d. (£25, £15)	Cape Coast and 556, FE 19 84
..	2d.	1d. (£25, £15)	Akuse; Elmina (?date) and 14 AUG?; Saltpond
..	2d.	1d. (£25, £15)	29.10.84; Winnebah 30.10.82, 11.4.84, 28.4.84
..	2d.	1d. (£15, —)	556
..	2d.	1d. (£25, —)	Cape Coast Castle and 556, DE 16 83
..	2d.	1d. (£25, £15)	Cape Coast and 556 20 DEC 83 and 1.3.84
..	2d.	1d. (£25, —)	Addah seal
..	2d. plus 2d.	3d. (£30, £15)	Cape Coast and 556, 2.6.84
..	2d.	1d. (£25, £12)	554
..	2d.	1d. (£10, —)	Cape Coast and 554, 8.3.84
..	4d. magenta	2d. (£35, £15)	Quittah
..	4d. (vertical bisect)	2d. (£35, —)	Winnebah 1885
..	4d. plus 4d.	6d. (£40, —)	Winnebah (registered to Germany, DE 19 84)
..	6d.	3d. (£35, £15)	Sezondec
Quartered	2d. plus 2d. (pair)	21d. (£40, £25)	Cape Coast Castle
..	2d. plus 2d. bisects	21d. (£45, —)	(All from different stamps)
..	2d. [B]	1d. (£30, £20)	Winnebah '83 and 28 JY 84
..	2d. plus 2d.	21d. (£30, £15)	556, 11.2.84
..	2d. plus 2d. [C]	21d. (£30, £15)	556 and 556 Cape Coast 11 FE 84 and SP 4 84
..	4d. [E]	1d. (£50, £15)	Appam; Asim; Cape Coast; Winnebah.
..	4d. (threequarters)	3d. (£50, —)	DE 6 83 and 28.7.84
One sixth of 6d. [D]		1d. (£50, £20)	Winnebah 1884; stamp has triangular segment cut from the top — Winnebah June 26 1884 (Royal Collection)
			Winnebah 25 SP 1884 (Royal Collection)

1883 (May) Issue.

' 1d.' on 4d., magenta. (S.G. 8a.)

Status.

- (a) " Two used copies are known. The status of this provisional is doubtful." (R.L. Encycl.)
- (b) " We have received a specimen of the Fourpence surcharged '1d.' in black, about which all we can say at present is, that it was picked up in the 'City'. As we have had occasion to remark in connection with other provisionals, this may be genuine; but we should not be surprised to learn that it was the production of one of those ingenious boys who do so much to destroy the reputation of the innocent quarter in which it was found. (Phil. Record, June 1883.)

In June last we spoke somewhat disrespectfully of the Fourpence surcharged 1d. in black, the authenticity of which seemed to us very doubtful. Respecting this stamp Mr. W. Clifford writes us as follows:- 'I have just received a reply to the enquiries I addressed to one of the officials, who says ' Fourpenny stamps surcharged 1d. in printing were issued here by authority for a very short time; but now they do not exist; their issue has been abolished.' You may depend on the correctness of this information (Phil. Record, Oct. 1883.)

Poole says 'Following extract from a letter received from a Colonial official :- ' Fourpenny stamps surcharged 1d. in printing were issued here by authority for a very short time but now they do not exist: their issue has been abolished.' Spowart also accepts as genuine. This point is somewhat academic since only 2 copies exist ! (J.C.)

Existence.

Two used copies. (One in Tapling Collection in British Museum - J.C.  
No copy in Royal Collection. (R.C.A.)

1883 Issue.Design. see S.G. diagram 1.Printers. As for 1875 issue.Plate Proofs. Values as issued but imperf.Specimens. None.Watermark. Crown CA.Perforation. Perf. 14 Comb.Values.

½d. (Jan. 1883)	Olive-yellow - shades. (J.R.W.)	} Both known in unused blocks of 4 or 6. (R.C.A.)
1d. (May 1883)	Blue. Deep blue. (J.C.)	

Date of Issue.

See table on sheet 7, 1876-9, from 3.8.81.

Varieties.

1. 1d. deformed O in ONE. Royal Collection. (R.C.A.)
2. Plate 1 Constant Flaw - break in inner frame-line at top right-hand corner of POSTAGE. - On ½d. (K.J.M.)

1883 Issue ctd.

Covers.

Bisects.

1. Diagonally bisected 1d. used with pair of 1d. (B 27 cancel) in Royal Collection. (R.C.A.)

Forgeries.

1. " Die Proof of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in olive-yellow on piece of paper 49x76 mm, signed by Jean de Sperati." (J.J.M.)
2. " 1d., the issued stamp unused, signed on reverse by Sperati." (J.J.M.)