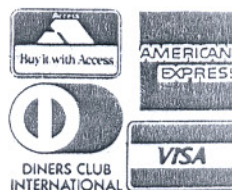




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1. MAY 7 1840. 2nd day of issue. 1d black plate 1a lettered NE. 4 excellent balanced margins. Tied to wrapper by a red Maltese cross. Reverse flap showing an open town CDS in black for 'MY 7 1840/'. Alongside a London CDS for MAY 9th. Repaired opening fault. A 'J WHATMAN 1840' watermark is clearly visible. Displays perfectly. **£2750**
2. 1d intense black plate 2. Lettered FD. A fabulous single. A glorious cross in bright orange – red. **£450**
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6. 1d grey – black plate 3. A perfect shade. Lettered CE. Lovely margins and a featherlight and upright maltese cross in orange – red. **£375**
7. 1d grey black plate 3. With good – HUGE margins. Lettered SA. Very lightly used and tied to small envelope to Bedford Square. London. By a red maltese cross. Alongside an excellent 'FOUR POSTS PENNY POST' in black. Reverse flap a superb 'SOUTHAMPTON PY POST' for AUG 16 1840. Some flap repairs but most attractive. The adhesive is outstanding. **£650**
8. 1d black plate 4. A beautiful example lettered OA. Wonderful margins and a crisp maltese cross in orange – red. **£375**
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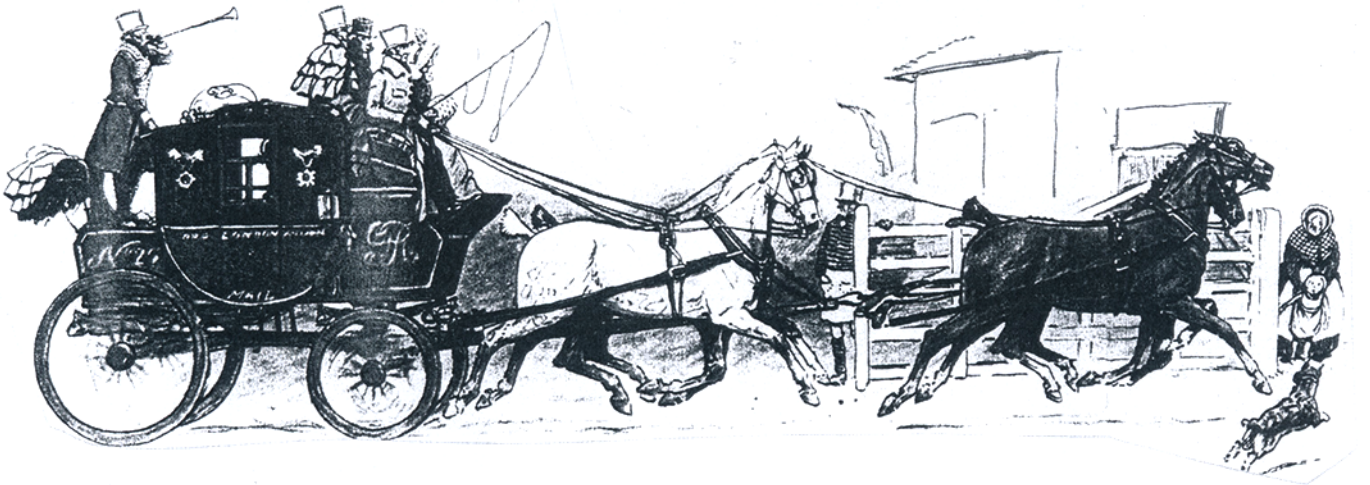
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16. EXHIBITION QUALITY. 1840 2d blue plate 1 lettered SL with large – ENORMOUS margins and a vivid bright orange red Maltese cross exceptional. A Brandon certificate accompanies. **£1400**
17. 1840 2d pale blue plate 1. Lettered SA. A lovely delicate shade. 4 perfect margins and the lightest possible maltese cross in red. Full and upright. **£450**
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23. MAY 6 1840 FIRST DAY OF ISSUE. 1d Mulready envelope. Beautifully addressed to MISS PICKFORD and dated ‘MAY . 6 1840’, cancelled with a crisp Maltese cross in red. To left a clear ‘ROSAMONT ST’ straight line in black. Reverse flap a very fine MY 6 1840 octagonal cancel in red. One of the finest I have seen. **£5750**

The Travelling Post Office

A mishap involved the sorting carriage and several tucks, which fell over an embankment, and on to the beach at the foot of it. As the van went rolling down, the lights were extinguished - and, worse still, the sorter was imprisoned against all chance of escape. Slowly the tide began to flood the van, and the poor fellow not only saw a terrible fate approaching, but his conscientious mind was troubled by the fact that the registered letter and other letters were sucked away each time a wave receded. A registered letter is a sacred thing to the Post Office as the idol in a Burmese temple. Woe to the man who has charge of one and finds it missing; Of course the sorter in the case could not have been held responsible for the valuable letters going out to sea, but he confessed afterwards that he was really far more perturbed at the loss of those precious letters than he was as to whether he would get out alive; so heavily does training and responsibility tell on a man. Later, relief came, and before the tide could threaten further disaster the sorter was rescued. At once his first thought was for the missing letters - especially this which had been registered. A long search in the mud and sand was rewarded, and few if any were lost. One of the registered letters recovered was full of Bank of England notes.

Linden Grove Bayswater
14 Jan 1859

My dear Sir,

If you think an
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might be received at King's College,
I have one that may be sent for.

Yours faithfully
W. Mulready

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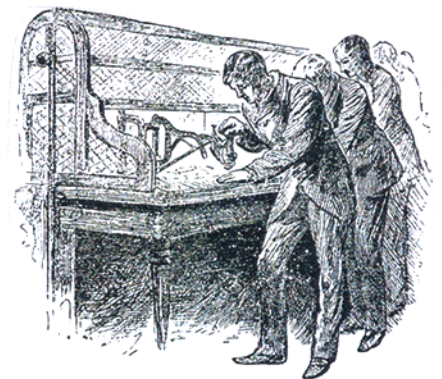


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24. 1840 2d MULREADY LETTERSHEET TO BRISTOL. A fine black maltese cross cancelled CONTRARY TO REGULATIONS not over but to the side of Britannia. Reverse flap a BRISTOL CDS for June 15 1842. Opening faults but wonderfully clean and tidy at front. **£1200**
25. SG 9 1d PALE RED – BROWN (WORN PLATE). A pristine LTLY MOUNTED MINT example lettered TK. With 4 perfect margins and barest hinge trace. **£240**
26. 1841 1d red brown. SG 8 plate 19. An outstanding single lettered PA. Full margins, three being GIGANTIC. A lovely sharp strike of a Maltese cross. **£60**
27. SG 8. 1d plate 27. A fabulous single lettered NI. Superb margins and a crisp Scottish maltese cross. **£60**
28. Number 2 in maltese cross on 1d red brown plate 30 lettered SB. With good – HUGE margins and a wonderful strike. **£110**
29. Number 2 in maltese cross. A lovely upright strike on 1841 1d lettered OL. Perfectly cut with full margins. **£80**
30. NUMBER 3 IN MALTESE CROSS on 1841 1d lettered GJ. Very well cut. A crisp strike. **£85**
31. Number 5 in maltese cross on 1841 1d lettered LI. Fine full margins and a crisp strike. **£60**
32. Number 10 in maltese cross. On 1841 1d red – brown. With fine full margins and a lovely clear strike. **£140**
33. Number 12 in maltese cross. A fine , clear strike on 1841 1d lettered TB. With 4 excellent margins. A fine end to the set. **£180**
34. A pristine blue 328 numeral of HADLEIGH on 1844 1d lettered EH. With perfect margins and a crisp, light, upright and complete strike. MAGNIFICENT QUALITY. **£200**
35. SG 14 1841 2d blue plate 3. Lettered ME. Perfect margins and a lovely sharp maltese cross **£90**
36. SG 13. 2d pale blue plate 4. A PAIR with large – huge – ENORMOUS margins and featherlight numeral cancels. **£120**
37. SG 14 2d blue plate 4. Lettered EI. With 4 choice margins and a crisp London District duplex. **£60**

THE POST OFFICE AND ITS STORY Edward Bennett. 1912

People of the same name living in the same place constantly embarrass the officers of the Department. Two gentlemen, one a Minor Canon and the other an Independent Minister, each bearing the same Christian name and surname, lived in a city on the West Coast of England, and it sometimes happened that a letter or parcel intended for the one was delivered to the other, who sent it on to its rightful owner with an apology. These mistakes never caused any misunderstanding until a parcel of game for the Minor Canon was delivered at the house of the Independent Minister, and in his absence was unopened. As soon as he returned he discovered his mistake and sent the game, which was past eating to the Minor Canon with a letter of apology. But the loss of the game so upset the Churchman that he wrote to the Dissenter, "If you had not assumed the title of Reverend, to which you have no right, this mistake would not have occurred". Soon afterwards another parcel was delivered to the Independent Minister, who found the contents to be manuscript sermons that had been ordered by the Minor Canon from an agent who supplied sermons to preachers unable or unwilling to write them. The sermons were at once repacked and sent to their owner with a note: "Sir, if you had not assumed an office for which you have no qualifications, this mistake would not have occurred".



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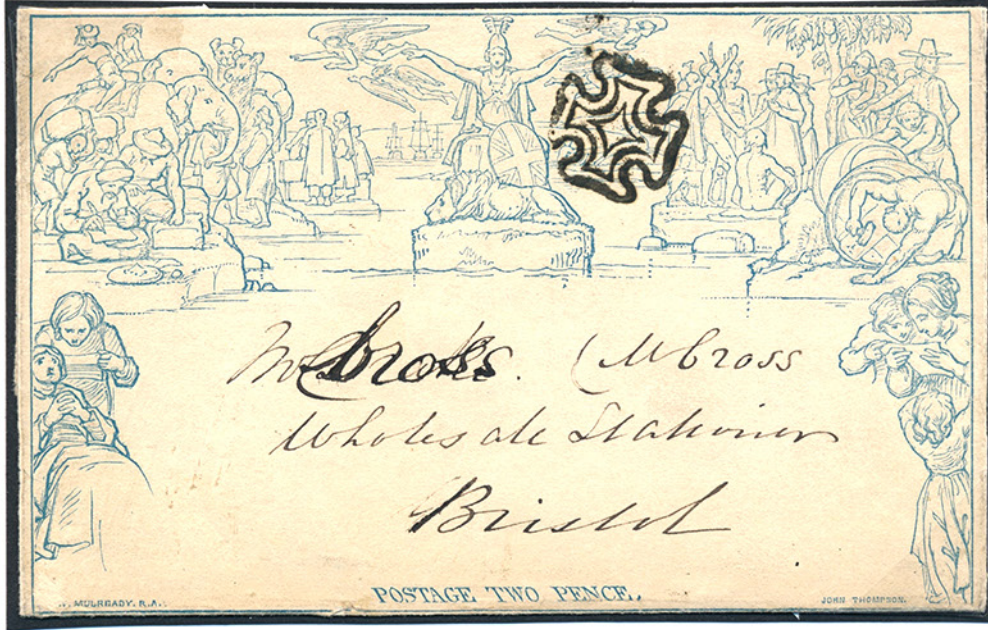
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38. SG 17 1d plate 25. VFU a lovely crisp BATH steel CDS. Very fine. **£80**
39. SG 23 2d blue plate 4. A lovely fresh single with a crisp numeral cancel. **£95**
40. SG 36 1d plate 46. With a lovely crisp steel CDS. **£95**
41. SG 36 1d. A fine example. Tied to clean envelope to Glastonbury by a light 720 numeral of Somerton. Reverse :- Fine Taunton, Glastonbury, Somerton and Bath CDS. Wonderful strikes. **£85**
42. SG 40 1d plate 27. A light 422 numeral of Kingston. Lettered AD. Showing an excellent re – entry. **£45**
43. SG 41 1d deep rose red. Plate 37. A strip of three with crisp DUBLIN CDSs and 186 numerals. **£45**
44. PLATE 225. SG 43 1d. A lightly used example with a partial upright numeral cancel. Both plate numbers are perfectly clear. A fine example. **£385**
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47. SG 54 1/- pale green. A choice full margined example with a numeral cancel. A lovely fresh example. **£425**
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The Royal Mail Hyde. 1889. Lost Letters.

Again, through a great wat of sense, or perhaps a redundancy of stupidity, letters are deposited occasionally in the most extraordinary places, in the idea that they are being posted. A servant girl being sent out to a post a letter, drops it into the letter-box of an empty shop, where it is found when an intending tennant goes to look at the premises. In a town in the north of Scotland a person was observed to deposit a letter in a disused street hydrant, and on the cover of the box being removed, three other letters were found, the senders of which had similarly mistaken the water-pillar for a letter box. The letters had been passed into the bos through the space formerly occupied by the tap-lever. A somewhat similarly absurd thing happened some time ago in Liverpool, where two letters were observed to have been forced behind the plate indicating the hours of collection on a pillar letter-box - the person who had placed them no doubt thinking he was doing the correct thing.



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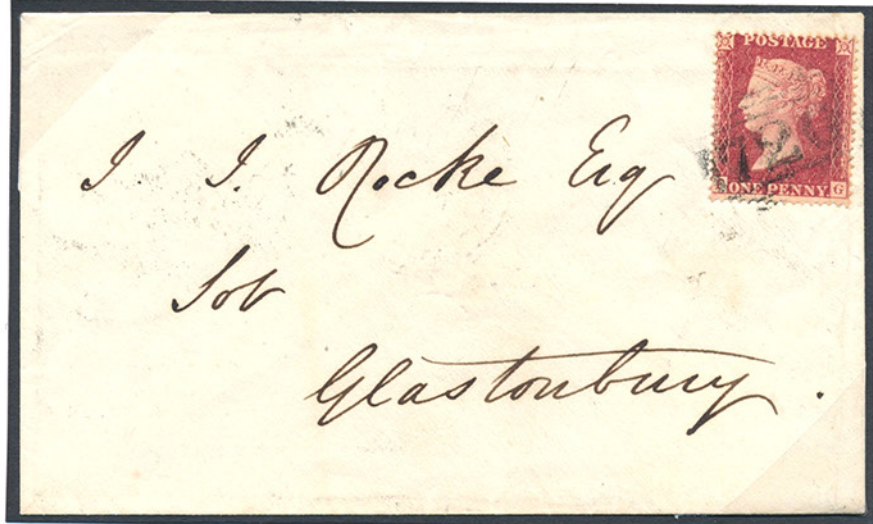
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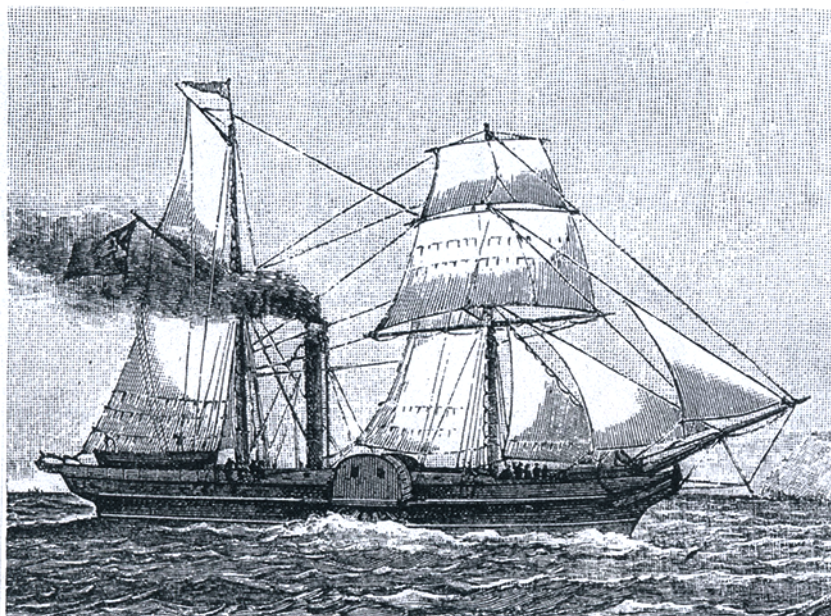
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The Human Express Packet

It is not generally known that it is possible for a person to post himself. Under the Exceptional Express service a regulation first made its appearance in the Post Office Guide of 1905, to the effect that 'Postmaster may arrange for the conduct of a person to an address by an express messenger'. The object of the regulation is to help strangers to find their way in a district with which they may be unfamiliar. The first man to make use of this service was Mr Henry Turner, of Guernsey, who on the morning of July 5 1905 presented himself at the Smith Street office and demanded to be expressed to the Post Office at Sark. He paid a fee of 5s 10d, and was handed into the care of an express messenger named William Gurney who was provided with a stamped form instructing him to deliver Mr Turner to the Sark office and bring back a receipt. The lad took charge of Mr Turner conducting him to the pier where they boarded a steamer. During the crossing while Mr Turner strolled up and down the deck, the express messenger followed him closely all the time, never allowing him to get beyond arms length away. On arriving at Sark, the human express packet was guided straight to the Post Office and was delivered to the Postmaster, which receipted the messenger stamped form to show that he had carried out his task according to the regulations. Later another member of the public went one better than this in an effect to find out just how much the Post Office would do, he posted himself on a bicycle and was accepted as a postal packet.



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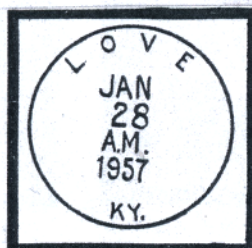
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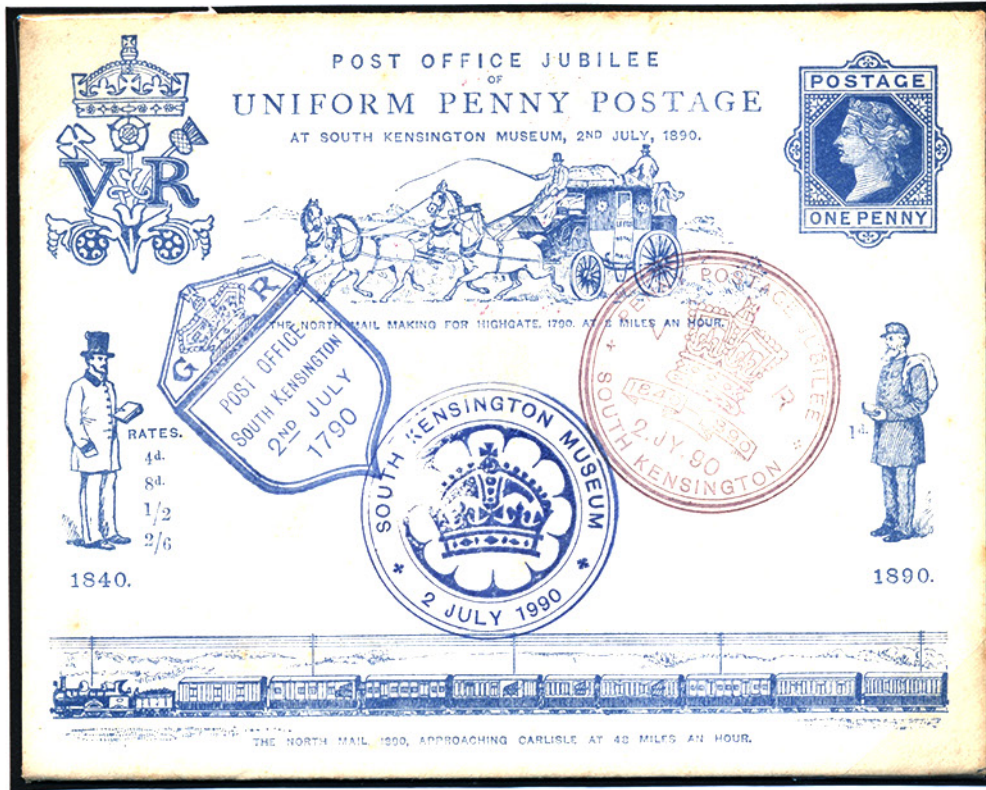
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Love

Replying to a correspondent's inquiry about his town the postmaster of Love (Butler county, Kentucky, U.S.A.) concluded:

'It's grand to be in Love!'



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The cheap way to collect.

The following story, dealing with a novel way of collecting stamps, may interest my ardent stamp collectors. A young man who had not much petty cash to spare on stamps decided on the following way of amassing a large collection. He put in The Times one day the following announcement: 'Marriage - A handsome brunette, twenty years of age, possessing £100,000 in her own right and an expectancy of half a million, would marry an honest man, even though he had no fortune. Letters will be received until the end of nextmonth, and should be accompanied with stamps for return postage to secure attention!' From all parts of Europe it is said, and even Asia and Africa responses soon poured in. The result was that the young mans collection was said to have been augmented by over 25,000 specimens from all over the world.

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