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HAVE A RUMMAGE.



1. 1d black plate 1a. A stunner lettered GA. With good – large – huge margins and a vivid orange – red maltese cross. Such a fine example. £485
2. 1d intense black plate 1b. Lettered GD with good – ENORMOUS margins and a wonderful bright red maltese cross. Stunning. £475
3. 1d black plate 1b. Lettered RJ. Generously cut with a crisp upright Maltese cross in red. Very fine. £425
4. 1d black plate 1b. Lettered JJ. With good – large margins and tied to piece by a crisp Maltese cross in black. Very attractive. £325
5. 1d black plate 2 on wrapper from Appleby to Kirkby Lonsdale. The adhesive lettered PK and tied by a red Maltese cross. Excellent margins cut good – LARGE. Reverse flap with two APPLEBY CDSs for NOV 11 1840. Fine & uncreased. £37!

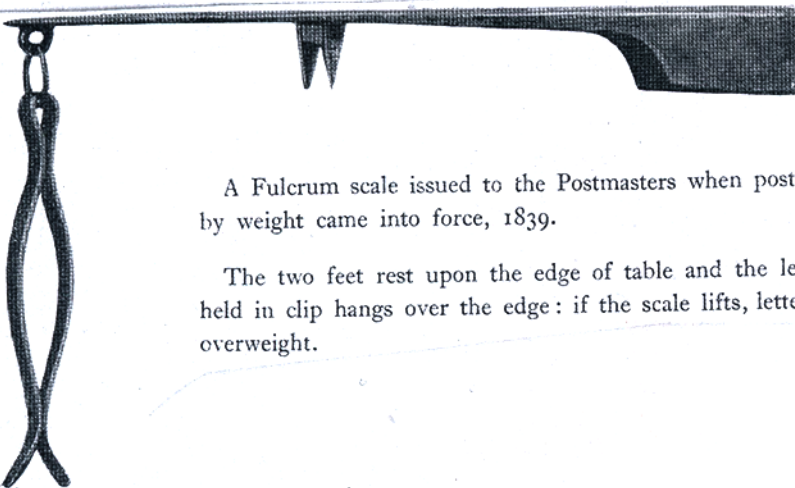
A nice little selection to get the tweezers snapping.



6. 1d grey blackplate 3. A lovely single lettered RB. Cancelled with a light orange – red Maltese cross. Superb quality. £385
7. 1d black plate 7. A lovely example. Very well cut and lettered OF. A lightly placed Maltese cross in black. **£325**
8. 1d intense black plate 8. Lettered PL. The Letter 'P' is very high. Well cut. A lovely deep shade and an orange – red Maltese cross. **£325**
9. PLATE 10. A TRUE GIANT OF A STAMP lettered TI with enormous square cut margins and a partial Maltese cross in black. In all respects exceptional. £675
10. 1840 2d blue plate 1. A very choice single lettered BH. Outstanding margins and a crisp Maltese cross in black. **£485**
11. 1840 2d blue plate 1. A superb example lettered EC. Fine full margins and the very lightest upright Maltese cross in black. **£450**
12. 1840 2d deep blue plate 1. Lettered NJ. With excellent margins and a crisp black maltese cross. Wonderfully rich colour. **£450**
13. 1840 2d pale blue plate 1. Lettered CC with perfect margins and an upright strike of a Maltese cross in red. **£375**
14. A BLUE MALTESE CROSS on 1841 1d plate 32 lettered DF. With margins cut good to enormous. A lovely example. £220
15. A GREENOCK MALTESE CROSS. A lovely upright strike on 1d plate 33 on fine uncreased entire wrapper. Perfect, full margined and reverse flap a very fine GREENOCK box in red brown for MARCH 26 1844 at **£220**
16. NUMBER 2 IN MALTESE CROSS. 1841 1d lettered NK with margins cut good – large – huge. A crisp upright strike. **£75**

G P O Crutchley

Coleridge told a story in his RECOLLECTION which illustrates how the Post Office was defrauded. 'One day when I had not a shilling that I could spare, I was passing by a cottage not far from Keswick, where a letter carrier was demanding a shilling for a letter, which the woman of the house was unwilling to pay, and at last declined to take the postage, and when the man was out of sight she told me that the letter was from her son, who took means of letting her know that he was well, the letter was not to be paid for. It was then opened and found to be blank.'



A Fulcrum scale issued to the Postmasters when postage by weight came into force, 1839.

The two feet rest upon the edge of table and the letter held in clip hangs over the edge: if the scale lifts, letter is overweight.

November 20, 1837

An alteration has this week taken place in the Penny Post communication between Portsmouth and Gosport, by which letters are delivered from that town in Portsmouth and Portsea, with the first delivery in the morning and again at ten o'clock, while at Gosport they are distributed with the London letters in the morning and again at six in the evening. A still greater change has taken place with regard to letters Eastward; they are dispatched from Portsmouth to Brighton at three in the afternoon and of course not delivered that night; and they are received here from Brighton at eleven in the morning and must of course have been written over night. We cannot call this an improvement.

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Anagram Competition.

Early in February, 1894, *Pearson's Weekly* had a competition for the cleverest anagrams on the words:

"STANLEY GIBBONS, LTD., STAMP DEALERS."

All the letters had to be used, neither more nor less.

The Editor of *P. W.* stated that more than 15,000 readers had competed, and after careful consideration the prizes were awarded to the senders of the following anagrams in the order named:

- 1st. "I beg all my best pals send to Strand."
- 2nd. "My last tip, gentle Bob, read S. S. and S. L."
- 3rd. "A grand list, best send me all by post."
- 4th. "All a grand list, send me best by post."
- 5th. "Spend liberally, most and best at S. G."
- 6th. "All smart boys get a splendid set."
- 7th. "Trade samples. Best lot in land by S. G."
- 8th. "Pretty labels add blessings to man."

17. NUMBER 5 IN MALTESE CROSS. A lovely strike on 1841 1d lettered CK with choice full margins. **£70**
18. NUMBER 6 IN MALTESE CROSS. A super strike on 1841 1d plate 29 lettered LH with 4 excellent margins. **£70**
19. NUMBER 8 in Maltese cross. A wonderful strike on 1841 1d lettered JJ. **£110**
20. Number 9 in Maltese cross on 1841 1d lettered JJ. Lovely balanced margins and a light crisp strike. **£110**
21. Number 10 in Maltese cross. A fine clear strike on 1841 1d plate 3. Lettered CL with 4 excellent margins. **£140**
22. RE-DIRECTED AND UP-RATED. 1842 entire wrapper bearing Sg 10 1d deep red – brown lettered CH on wrapper to Selby. From Blackburn and showing a fine Blackburn CDS at reverse for Aug 22 1842. Received at Selby on August 23 with a fine CDS at lower left in blue. Not delivered but instead opened and returned to Blackburn on 24th. A fine CDS on reverse. Then re-addressed in another hand and another 1d SG 8 lettered PB affixed and re – sent to Clitheroe on Aug 24. Both adhesives just shaved at corners, otherwise with goo d-large margins. With TWO DIFFICULT SHADES & TWO DIFFERENT MALTESE CROSSES. File crease but A MOST RARE USAGE. **£400**
23. 1844 1d. FULL SHEET MARGINAL . FULL MARGINED. Tied to piece with 'BISHOPSGATE ST WITHIN' straight line. (The part of Bishopsgate that lays within the defensive London wall). The adhesive neatly tied and shows inscriptional detail in margin. A super piece. **£225**
24. 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**

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25. SG 8a 1d red brown plate 132 on deeply blued paper. Lettered BI. With HUGE – GIGANTIC margins tied to envelope to Hackney by a 635 numeral of reading. Superb blue reading CDS and red receivers CDS on reverse together with a very fine intact wax seal in brown. **£70**
26. NUMBER 8 in MALTESE CROSS on SG 14 2d blue plate 3. Lettered GB. Good to huge margins and a lovely crisp strike. Rare this fine. **£725**
27. NUMBER 12 IN MALTESE CROSS on 1841 2d blue plate 3. Lettered HI. Perfect margins. Bright and fresh. **£185**
28. 1841 2d blue plate 4. A perfectly cut STRIP OF 5. With LONDON district duplexes. Middle stamp a 'PD' in red. Last two stamps half a French CDS. Perfect condition. **£165**
29. SG 14 2d blue plate 4. With fine full margins and Queens features clear of a numeral cancel. Shows a clear SHIFTED TRANSFER at top. **£75**



30. SG 36a 2d blue plate 6. A lovely single with a featherlight numeral cancel. **£140**
31. LATE USEAGE of SG 38 1d. A very fine upright NEWCASTLE – ON – TYNE CDS for JUNE 22 1897. **£80**
32. 'MADELINE SMITH' postmark of Glasgow. SG 32 1d tied to piece by a crisp, full strike. **£35**
33. SG 43 1d plate 151. A perfectly centred block of 4 with crisp BIRMINGHAM steel CDSs. Lovely and clean. **£140**
34. SG 43 1d plate 160. A fine sheet marginal block of ten. With two adhesives mounted leaving eight mint unmounted. **£285**

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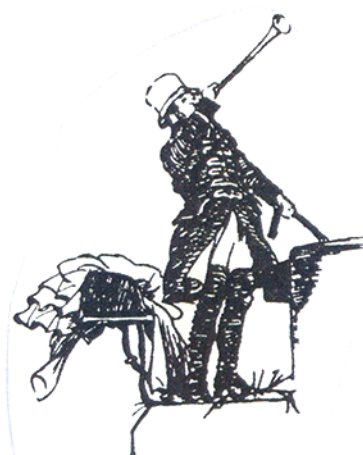
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- 35. SG 43 1d plate 175. SUPERB MINT. Fine MM from the sheet corner. £140
- 36. A CARLISE & AYR SORTING TENDER CDS on SG 43 1d plate 189. A lovely strike. £65
- 37. SG 47 2d plate 14. Pristine unmounted. Side of sheet marginal. Wonderfully centred. AS ISSUED QUALITY HERE £375
- 38. SG 47 2d plate 14. Very well centred. A lightly placed steel CDS. £40
- 39. SG 53 1 1/2d rose – red plate 1 THE 'OP-PC' ERROR OF LETTERING. A very well centred example with half a POOL steel CDS and numeral cancel. A clear variety. A lovely adhesive. A period 1964 Royal certificate and DIENA certificate of the same year. Very fine for these. £950
- 40. SG 52 1 1/2d plate 3. A nice clear CHESTER steel CDS. £70
- 41. SG 58 6d mauve. A very choice full margined single with the lightest possible postmark. Outstanding colour and freshness. Superb quality here. £425
- 42. A DECORATIVE ladies envelope circa 1870. A quite beautiful envelope addressed simply to MISS Agnes Broadhart. Dale House. With matching insert toned in part. The envelope in fine condition. Hand delivered so no postal markings. Beautifully coloured. Wonderfully bright and clean. Truly beautiful and certainly rare. £375

A POSTMANS CHALLENGE 1912

As a rule the public trusts the Post Office too much. They have a kind of impression that it can work miracles, and very little assistance in consequence is needed in their part. How else can we explain an address such as this? "To my dear father in Yorkshire at the white cottage with green palings". This was the address of a packet containing a pair of steel spectacles which a poor girl was sending to her father, implicitly believing that the Post Office would deliver it. Of course it could not be delivered neither could it be returned. I cannot deny that the Post Office frequently encourages people in the idea that it can do great things. An Aberystwith postman managed to deliver to the proper person a letter bearing the address "Mrs Brown, Wearing a large bear boa, Violet flowers in bonnet, promenade mornings, Aberystwith". The letter was from the lady's son, who had mislaid his mother's seaside address.



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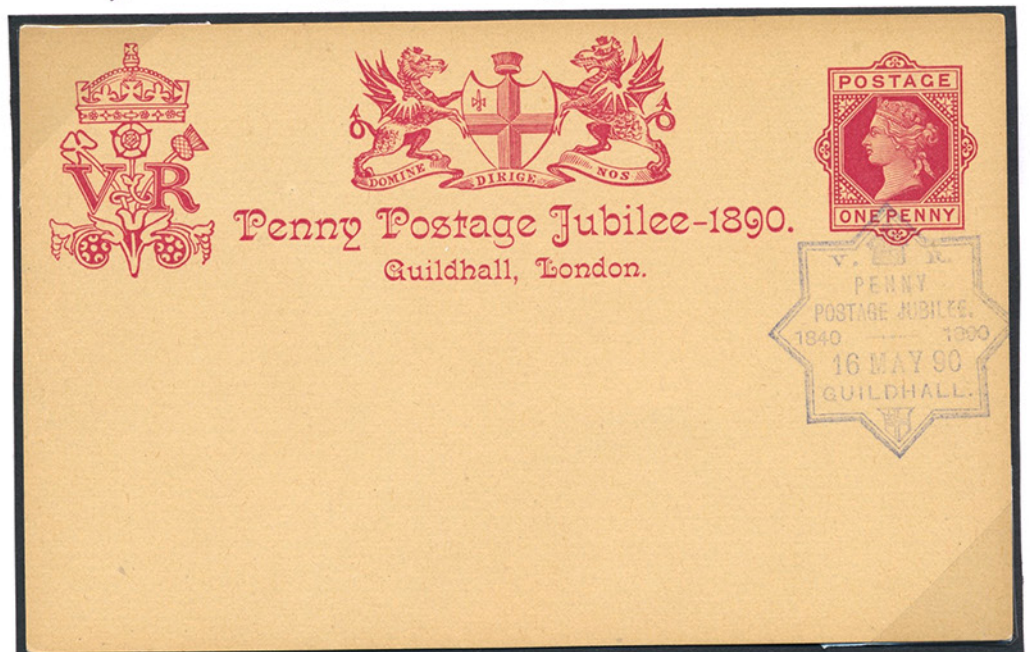
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43. SG 48 1/2d plate 13. A very choice and well centred MINT UNMOUNTED adhesive. **£90**
44. SG 52 1 1/2d plate 1. With parts of two steel CDSs. Very fine indeed. **£80**
45. SG 76b. 3d on thick paper. Very lightly used. A fine example of this variety. **£95**
46. SG 94 4d plate 7. In combination with SG 43 1d sent registered to Woburn., Tied by Clifton Bristol CDSs and 134 numerals. Fine Woburn CDS and red LONDON registered oval. A scarce plate on cover. **£90**
47. SG 102 3d plate 7. DEEP ROSE. With a crisp and light PARK LANE steel CDS. **£40**
48. SG 103 3d plate 8. A handsome block of 4 cancelled CONTRARY TO REGULATIONS by two very fine STAFFORD steel CDSs. **£220**
49. SG 102 3d deep rose plate 8. A very fine NEWRY steel CDS for 20 June 1872. **£45**
50. SG 103 3d plate 9. VFU with a crisp LONDON CHIEF OFFICE CDS. **£65**
51. SG 103 3d plate 10. A pristine GLOUCESTER steel CDS. Crisp and complete. Very fine for this plate. **£110**
52. PLATE 6. The stock exchange forgery. Lettered CC. Still affixed to part of the stock exchange form and tied by crisp CDSs for June 3 1873. Plate 6 is very rare to find. **£2850**
53. SG 122 6d deep chestnut. A superb pair cancelled by a single complete PORTREE steel CDS. A wonderful pair. **£110**
54. SG 126 5/- rose plate 1. A particularly fine example touched by two corner CDSs leaving entire portrait clear. The colour is wonderful. **£285**
55. SG 139 2 1/2d rosy – mauve plate 2. Very choice very lightly mounted. Almost mint unmounted. Exceptional quality and a BPA certificate accompanies. **£350**
56. SG 141 2 1/2d rosy mauve plate 13. Very fine, a crisp corner CDS. **£65**
57. SG 143 3d rose plate 14. Perfectly centred. A crisp CHARING CROSS steel CDS. **£70**
58. SG 147 6d grey plate 16. A small part steel CDS. **£75**
59. SG 147 6d grey plate 16. With a crisp upright and complete LONDON steel CDS. **£65**
60. SG 159 3d on 3d. A crisp DOLLAR steel CDs. A nice bright stamp. **£85**
61. SG 160 1/- plate 17. A pin sharp SKINGSBRIDGE steel CDS. Lovely and crisp **£60**
62. SG 161 6d plate 17 with a crisp, upright BRIGHTON steel CDS. **£65**



THE ORIGINAL BATH MAIL COACH : 1784



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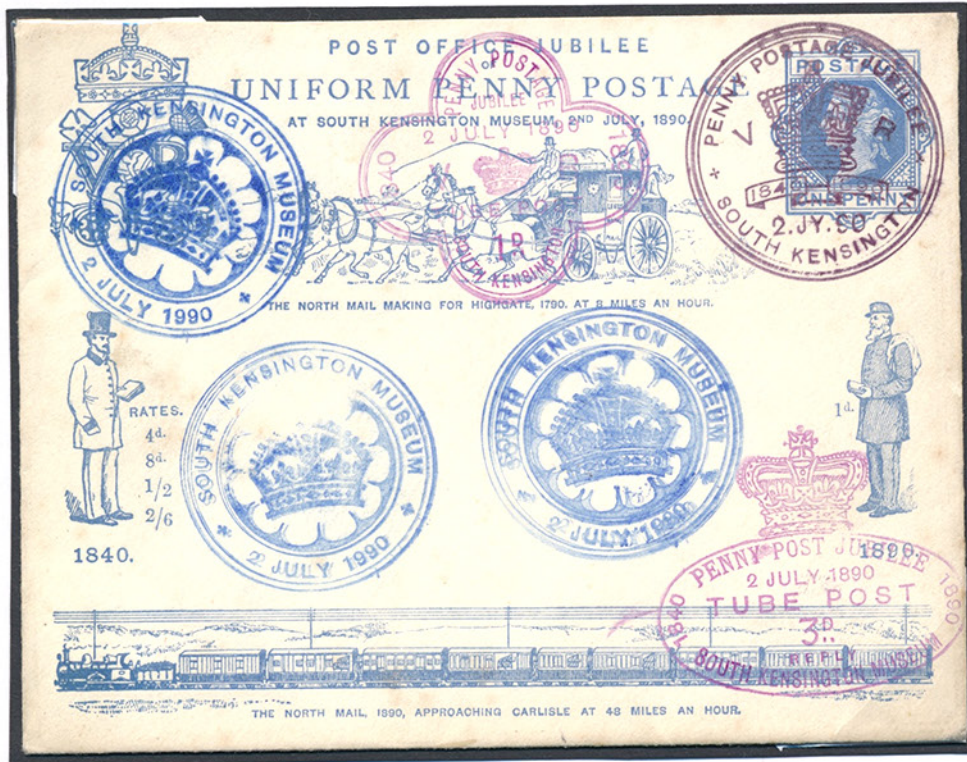
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63. SG 163 1/- plate 13. With a lovely, crisp corner EDINBURGH steel CDS. **£115**
64. SG 167 1 1/2d with a crisp BURNLEY steel CDS. **£35**
65. SG 169 5d INDIGO. Pristine mint unmounted. Very well centred. A lovely bright adhesive. **£525**
66. SG 169 5d indigo. A crisp CAMPBELLTOWN double ringed CDS. **£85**
67. SG 172 1d lilac CONTROL 'F' without jubilee line. Very fine MM. from the scarce 1st printing. **£60**
68. SG 172 1d CONTROL 'G' WITHOUT JUBILEE LINE. From the 1st printing. A fine mint unmounted pair. Very difficult to find. **£90**
69. SG 178 2/6d. A fabulous PORT-GLASGOW steel CDS. Perfection. **£180**
70. SG 179 2/6d. A crisp LIVERPOOL EXCHANGE steel CDS. **£90**
71. SG 180 5/- ROSE. A superbly placed MANCHESTER TELEGRAPHS steel CDS. **£115**
72. 1890 POST OFFICE JUBILEE illustrated envelope bearing six strikes of the special postmarks used during the celebrations. **£160**
73. 1890 PENNY POSTAGE JUBILEE pre – paid post card cancelled with a fine strike of the Commemorative postmark. Flawless condition. **£50**
74. SG 193 5d dull green. A lovely fresh single with a corner steel CDS. **£110**
75. SG 196 1/-. With outstanding colour and a crisp LANCASTER steel CDS. A lovely end to the set. **£180**
76. SG 209 9d with a crisp SOUTHPORT steel CDS. Very fine. **£30**
77. SG 214 1/- with a crisp upright STRATFORD-On-AVON CDS. **£70**
78. 1900. Pre – paid advertising stationary envelope. Brussels and Power Kidder factory. Yorkshire. A fine London CDS. Basel CDS at reverse flap. Unusual. **£45**



I am afraid a great many people furnish puzzle addresses with malice aforethought, and the Department does its best to discourage such attempts to waste its time. An official may sometimes make an effort to deliver such packets, but there is no call upon him to do so. For instance, a letter was posted in London addressed as follows :—

“From an old Bachelor
To a Young Lady,
The Youngest of Three,
Who lives in a house
Close down by the sea.
The house is quite large,
Part of it used for a shop,
Where the relatives
Deal in tea, bacca, and soap,
In the scraggy tail end of the British Isles.”

The letter was passed on from one sorter to another, and was finally hung up. Then a sorter wrote in blue pencil across it—

“Now, postal officials, don't curse so;
It's probably intended for Thurso.”



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79. FORST DAY OF ISSUE. SG 219 1d with a crisp, upright LONDON CDS for JAN 1 1902. **£60**
80. SG 249 7d. A lovely BLOCK OF SIX with featherlight GUERNSEY steel CDSs. **£60**
81. SG 249a 7d deep grey – black. A lovely example with a featherlight steel CDS and a Royal certificate **£60**
82. SG 254 10d slate – purple and carmine – pink. Superb mint unmounted. Outstanding quality. Copy of a Royal certificate when in a block of 6. **£375**
83. SG 255 10d slate – purple and deep carmine M43 (3). Pristine mint unmounted. A lovely shade and a Royal certificate. **£300**
84. SG 257a 1/- with a BARNARDS GREEN steel CDS. **£30**
85. SG 260 2/6d. with a lightly applied BRACKNELL steel CDS. **£110**
86. SG 260 2/6d. VFU indeed a crisp REGISTERED steel CDS for 5 June 1905. **£80**
87. SG 263 5/- with a clear, crisp MARYPORT CDS for JAN 13 1905. **£95**
88. SG 264 5/- deep bright carmine. A rarely seen strip of 4 featherlight CDS to each adhesive. A STRIKING multiple. **£285**
89. SG 265 10/- ultramarine. A crisp REGENT ST steel CDS for AP 22 1910. A lovely example. **£275**
90. SG 316 2/6d Dull reddish purple. M50 (2) Very choice untouched mint unmounted. **£385**
- ~~91.~~ SG 351 1/2d very pale green. N14 (4). Perfect mint unmounted and a royal certificate. **£220**
92. SG 400 2/6d. with a light full CDS. **£110**
93. PUC FORST DAY OF ISSUE. 10 MAY 1929. 1/2d – 2 1/2d together on UPU BURLINGTON GARDENS note headed paper. All tied by POSTAL UNION CONGRESS CDSs for the first day of issue. Rarely seen and very choice. **£950**
94. SG 043 1d ARMY OFFICIAL. A control X corner of sheet block of 8. With 5 adhesives mint unmounted. **£150**





March 1979

In March 1979, workmen at Ballymscra, County Antrim, replaced a telegraph pole upon which was fixed a post box. The workmen did not have the official keys needed to release the clips that fastened the box to the pole, so they raised it over the top of the old one and then slipped it down the new one. The new pole turned out to be thicker than the old one and the post box came to rest nine feet above the ground. It remained in this position for three weeks during which time some post still managed to get through. 'I am told' said Mr Ernie Dermott, the post master, 'that someone, provided a step ladder'.

- 95. SG 067 9d GOVT PARCELS. With a full, light steel CDS. **£70**
- 96. SG 084 1d BOARD OF EDUCATION> with a lovely corner CDS. **£30**
- 97. SG 0104 2d ADMIRALTY OFFICIAL. A clear and upright GOSPORT CDS. **£80**
- 98. SG 038 2d OW Official with a super upright strike of a PARLIAMENT STREET CDS> Very choice and a BPA certificate accompanies. **£325**
- 99. SG 038 2d OW Official. With a crisp upright SOUTH DISTRICT OFFICE CDS. Very fine indeed. **£275**
- 100. SG 0105 2 1/2d ADMIRALTY OFFICIAL. Pristine mint unmounted. Wonderfully centred. A sparkling example and a Brandon certificate accompanies. **£375**

EXTENDED PAYMENTS,

I am very happy to offer extended payment on any item you would like to add to your collection. In this way you can fill those gaps that would otherwise remain empty.



Early Channel Island Post

Prior to the establishment of Post Offices in Jersey and Guernsey and a regular packet service to the islands in 1794, letters for those places were sent to an agent, usually at Southampton but occasionally at Brixton or Portsmouth, master and 1d for each agent. Letters from the Channel Islands to England were handed over to the post office at Southampton by the ship's captain and therefore cost only 2d on top of the postage. Most of the agents were merchants but some were also ship owners and one or two shopkeepers or bankers. Many of the London coffee houses also acted as agents and bags for particular ship's captains were often to be found in them.