

1865

Bermuda issued stamps on 28 September 1865 in the values of 1d, 6d and 1s. These were followed by the 3d in 1873 and the 2d in 1877

DIE PROOF



Very few full die proofs exist of the 1d, 6d and 1s values; and only 3 cut down copies of the 2d are known

PLATE PROOF



Plate proofs exist for all values EXCEPT the 1d stamp. Therefore, there is a debate whether the one penny imperforate is a true variety as it is known both used and unused; or the colour trial for that was sent to Bermuda and used examples are from these.

SPECIMENS



Most of these are locally applied, however the vertical specimen in red is believed to be ex DLR archives.

1865 Multiples

Dull blue



Bright blue



Multiples of the first issue are scarce

Purple



Green



COMPOUND PERF 14 x 12 1/2



Imperf between stamp and margin. Complete top pane ex Sir Henry Tucker who kept this plate block. Others exist in pair of strips. A couple of singles from the bottom pane are also recorded. Maximum of 20 examples.

Imperf between vertical stamps, rows 7, 8 and 9. There are a maximum of 24 possible strips. These are from the upper left pane, columns 1, 2 and 3. 2 used pairs (one 1 1/3) and an irregular block of 5.

Largest recorded multiple

1874 Provisionals

Bermuda ran out of the 3d stamp in 1874, one pane as a test was printed on the 1d

1d on 3d



Three blocks of four and one block of six are record-



P and R different



P and R same



BLOCK type

No mint multiples are recorded. A vertical strip of three exists in the Royal Philatelics Collection.



The unique cover paying the 7d rate for mail to England via New York with a 1d and two 3d on 1s stamps with P and R the same.

1875 Provisionals

Bermuda ran out of the 1d stamp in 1875, overprint were produce on 2d, 3d and 1s stamps.

Largest recorded multiple. 1 of 2 blocks of 4



Largest recorded multiple. 1 of 3 blocks of 9



Stop missing after "PENNY."



one of 6



one of 7



one of 3

Inverted



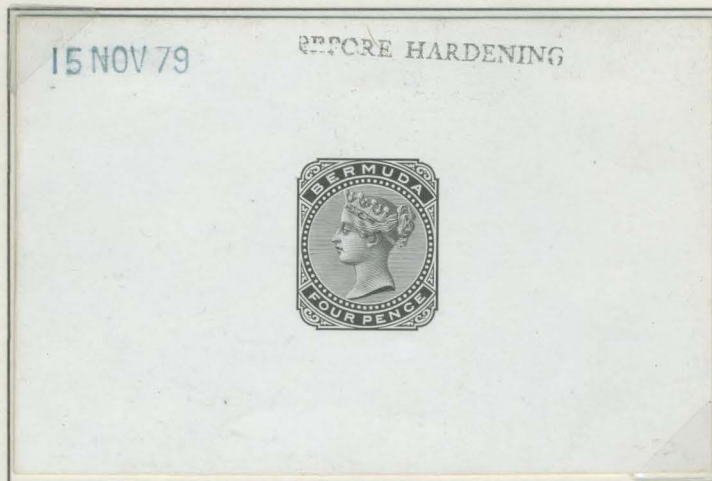
1 of 3

Other than the Moncrieff cover the 1d on 2d is the only Inow cover (front). One other cover with the 1d on 3d is known. Both ex Tucker

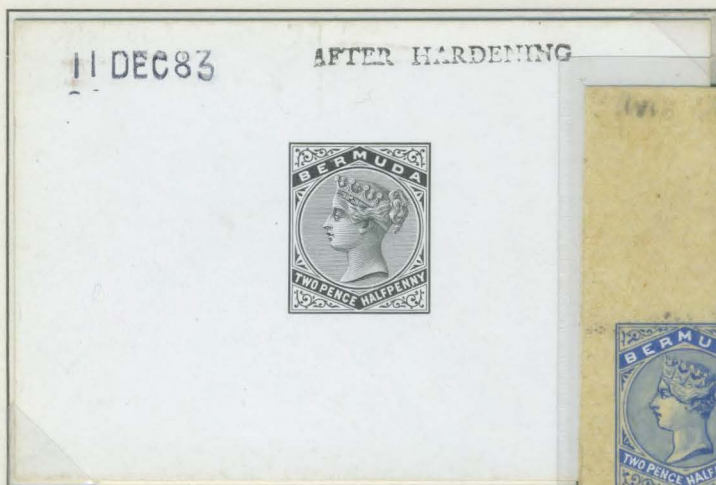


1880

Change in rates required a 1/2d stamp for the 2 1/2d rate to USA and 4d to UK.



With the change in watermark to Crown and CA Bermuda issued the 2 1/2d stamps



Existing colours



Proposed colours,
being those established
by the International
Postal convention
for these two duties.



Proposed colour



^d
2 1/2 Proposed colour, being
that established by the
International Postal Con-
vention for this duty.



Proposed colours.



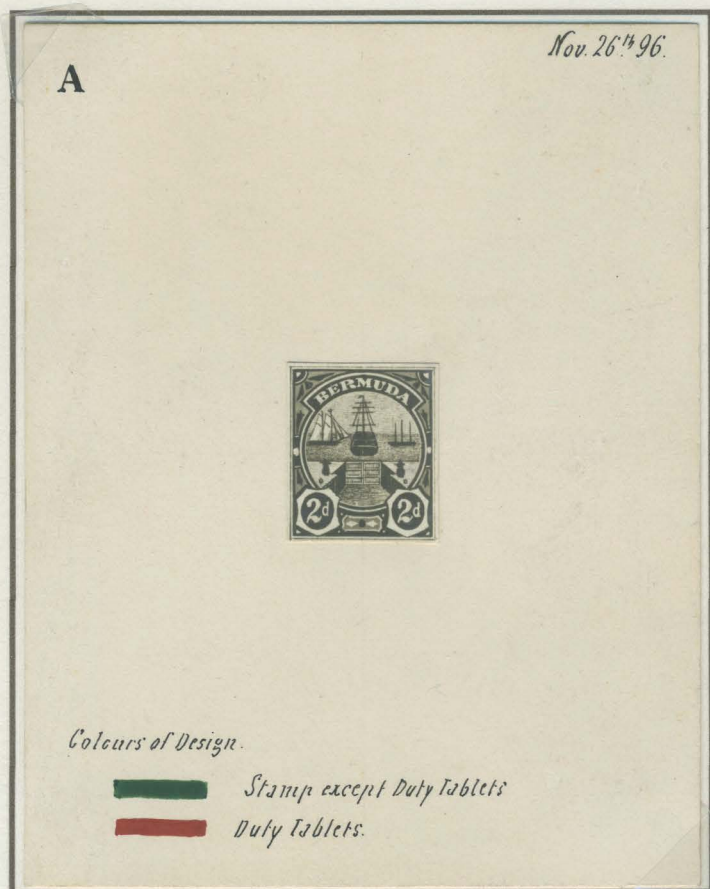
IV: Queen Victoria: 1883, Crown CA
The watermark was changed from CC for Crown Colonies to CA to reflect the new Crown Agents.

APPENDIX SHEET

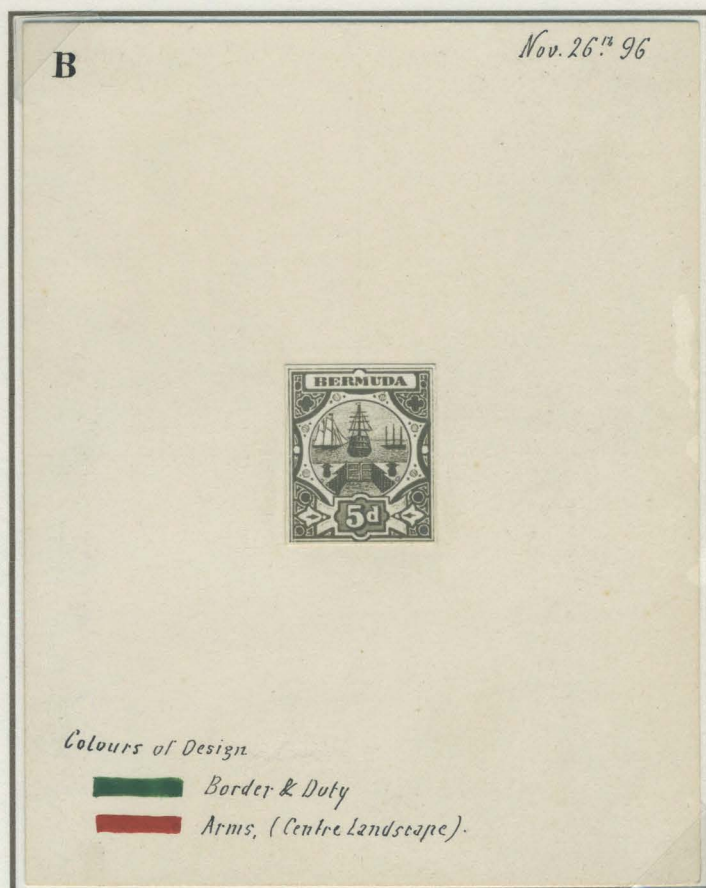
Appendix Sheets were produced with a number of the colour trials and submitted for approval of the colour for the various values. This sheet bears fourteen examples of the colour trials with approval for the colours for the 1/4d, 1d and 3d values, these are perf 12 vs normal stamps perf 14.

ESSAYS

There was a need for a 5d value for double rate and supplemental rate mail to the United States, therefore, on October 22, 1896 the Colonial Secretary requested the printers De La Rue & Co and the Crown Agents to prepare a 5d value in a new design. De La Rue prepared two essays using the central design of the great seal of Bermuda. This design was taken from woodcuts provided by the Crown Agents. The second essay was approved on August 8, 1901 and De La Rue was instructed to prepare plates for 1d stamps and ¼ d newspaper wrappers. On December 19, 1901, it was decided to use this design for other values as and when required.



Composite Essay "A",
not approved



Composite Essay "B", approved
on August 8, 1901 (the approval
received on September 3, 1901)

The two unique essays that lead to the Dock Issue

May 30th 1902.
Bermuda
Reg. 82/1901.

Appendix

another colour
selected } see below

1d
1/4



Approved
W.H.M.

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1d



Approved

W.H.M.

App^d for 1/4d
(5th) W.H.M.
14.7.05



3d



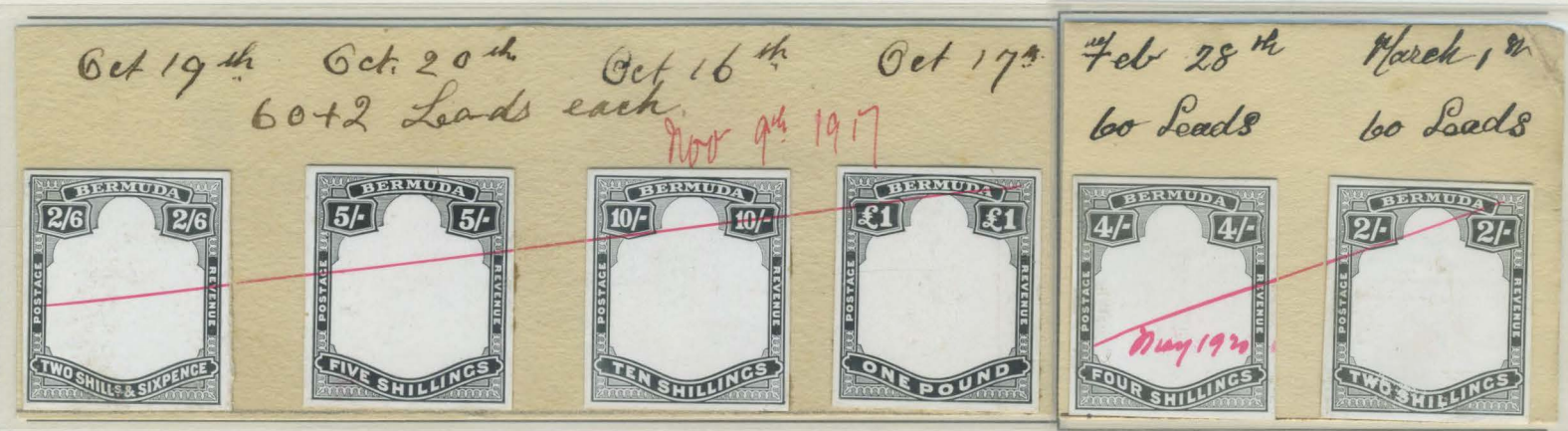
31/5/12
W.H.M.

Approved
(signed) W.H.M.
6.4.03

King George V



Leads for Duty Plates



Value tablets ex De La Rue archives. The 2s and 4s were printed in 1920

Revenue / Revenue
1 of 3 plate blocks

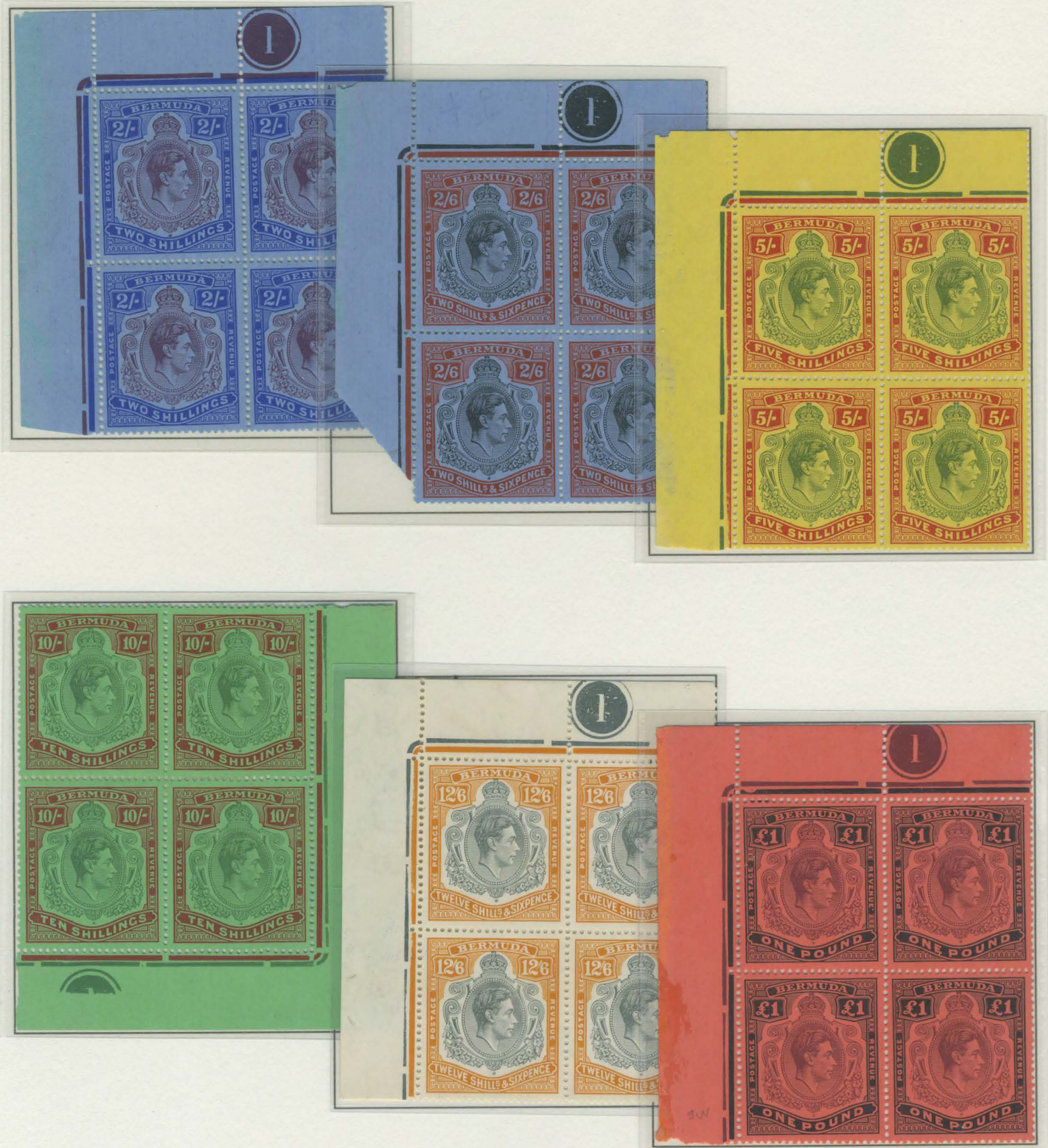
The high values were primarily used for revenue purposes with finally a Revenue - Revenue stamp being produced in 1936.



King George VI

First Printings

High values stamps were issued on Jan 20, 1938. Few plate blocks of the first printing are recorded. After this printing the the plate plug under position 59 was replaced with the one that was above position 2.



King George VI
Major Flaws



1941 Line perf plate block with major
flaw 59 and 60 on the bottom stamps.
One of 3 plate blocks



1941 Bronze Green with major flaw on
stamp 60.
Only plate block with complet margins



June 1946 printing "Lemon Yellow"
One of 6 plate blocks



Nov 1951 "White Island" flaw in the
value tablet on the top left stamp. Only
part of the printing was affected.

Queen Elizabeth II
1962-70 Building issue
Major Errors



Green omitted
3 known



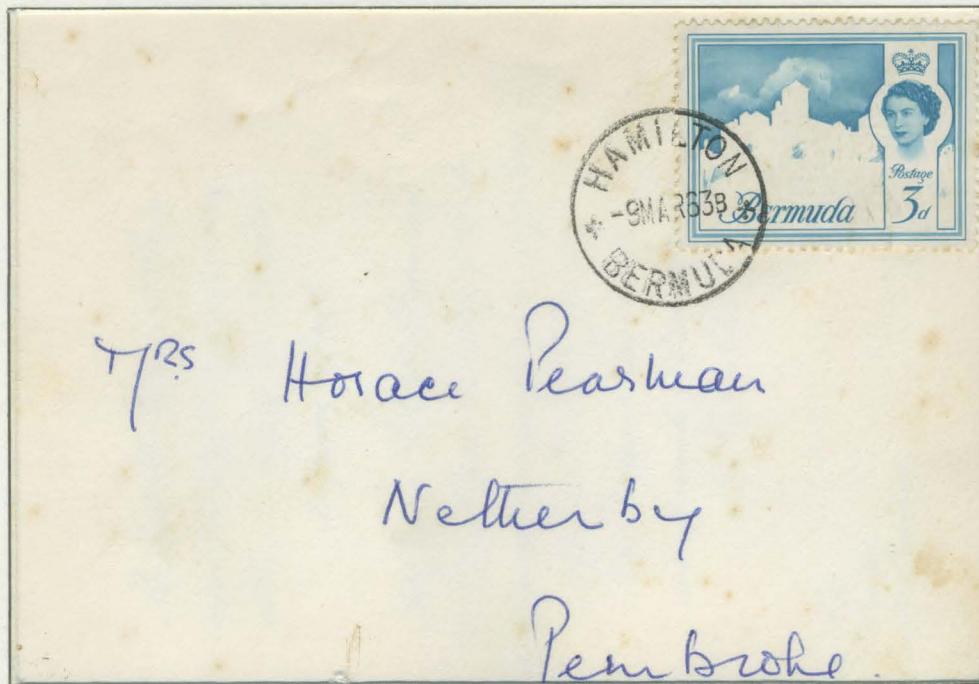
Lilac omitted
3 known used



Value omitted
1 known



Imperforate
1 sheet known



Brown omitted
Discoverv copy with RPS certificate