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New K.U.T. perfin – May 2020

Jeff Turnbull reports: “An RDS perfin from K.U.T. which has never been seen before”. A shell-like embossed impression suggests it may be from Royal Dutch Shell but there have been concerns expressed as to the perfin’s genuineness. Has anyone seen the like before?



Nauru’s split B – May 2020

Recently noted was a further example of the split B overprint occurring on Nauru’s 2d value, thus seeming to confirm this flaw on the value that had previously been considered to be free of it.



Voucher attempt – May 2020

Also noted was what appears to be a simulation of a G.B. booklet advertisers voucher stamp. As well as a ham-fisted attempt at the word “cancelled”, its puncture seems not to have been made while folded.



Part sheet numbering – April 2020

Spotted in a small collection was this Nigeria 3d which indicates that, for its part sheets, numbering for the upper half occurred adjacent to 5/6 and our Between the Sheets table has been thus amended.



Canadian shrinkage – April 2020

The stamp on the left is vertically short by at least one perforation. It doesn't appear to have been re-perforated, (why would one bother, anyway?).

Perhaps a reader has an explanation.



Another perforation query – April 2020

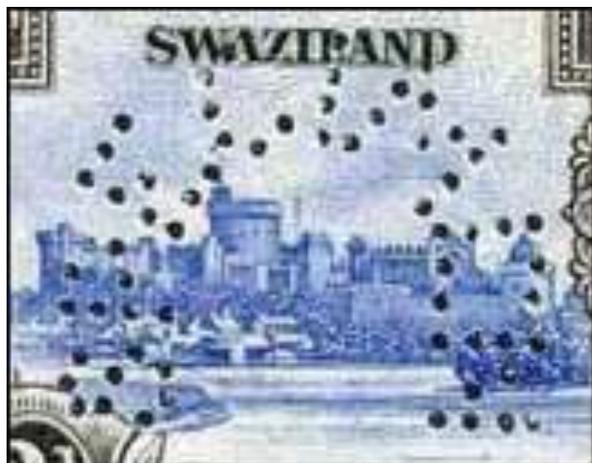
While the perfs per inch with these St Helena values seem to match, the size of the pins used for the 1½d appear to be about twice the size of those used for the 2d.

We'd welcome your comments.



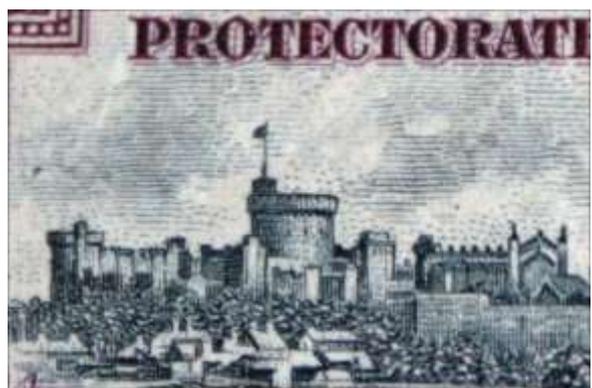
Swaziland first printing – April 2020

With the evidence of this offering of a Swaziland specimen set and the 2d showing the extra flagstaff variety, it confirms the addition of plate 1 to the Pioneer Plates table for this value.



Wv2B.7/2 further marks – March 2020

Hugh Alexander-Jupp asks if other marks he noticed on this variety are also constant: A flagpole top extension; a dot over the Henry III tower; and the chapel's left hand pinnacle has a smoke-like tail.



Cook Islands response – January 2020

Regarding the Cook Islands short 'R' in the last Stop Press, John Platt replied:

I do have the Cook Islands set of three in full sheets though I haven't got them scanned in at 600dpi. Having been through the 6d whole sheet with a magnifying glass I have to say there are differences in the overprint all over the place. There are shifts all over the place as well i.e. the left funnel can be seen under the 'E' and the 'O'; under the 'O'; touching the 'O'; touching the 'E'. I haven't got to hand where SG has the catalogued 'Narrow "N" in "King"' position but there are differences, ok some quite subtle, in lots of them.

With regard to the 'R', I took a photo of the lower left block of the 6d using my phone (attached) so the quality isn't the best, but....

If you look at the 'R' in 10 1, 10 2, 10 3, 10 4 they are all different in some small way; and in 10 2 and 10 3 the letter 'R' is smaller in height than the letters next to them. If we had another full sheet, that would be interesting. If I had been the editor of the SG Catalogue where these varieties were listed I think I would have been shouting 'hold the presses'.

