

NOTEBOOK

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IN THIS DOUBLE ISSUE.....

.....we are delighted to offer the first instalment from **Barrie Jay of a major update to his London catalogue**. He writes..... "I have decided not to produce another edition of the London Catalogue, particularly as the Receivers have been covered so well by Hugh. I will, however, update sections of the Catalogue from time to time and will submit the to the LPHG *Notebook*."

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..... and from **John Parmenter the Introduction and the Middlesex section** (to act as an introduction to the meeting on January 20th) of the final draft for his publication "London Offices That Used Provincial Style Barred Numeral Cancellations".

He invites all readers to send in their comments.

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Introduction

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Middlesex

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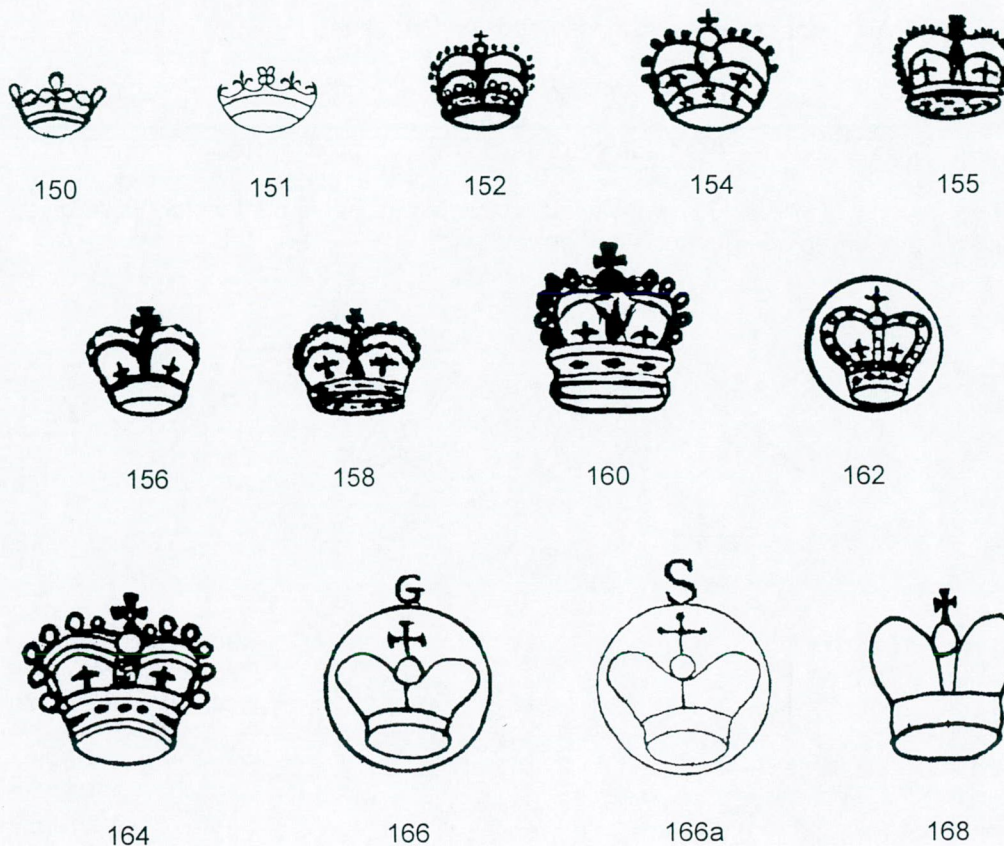
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London General Post Instructional and Other Stamps

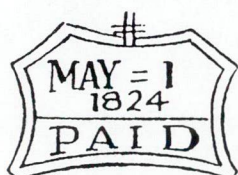
In addition to Instructional Stamps, this section includes handstamps not covered in the previous sections. For other Instructional Marks, see the sections on the London Penny and Twopenny Posts and on the Foreign Office.

Crowns were used as official confirmation of a change in the rate applied to a letter. Those listed below were used in London; others were used in Edinburgh, Dublin, Brighton and Glasgow.

Measurements given are the width of the base, the maximum width and the height.



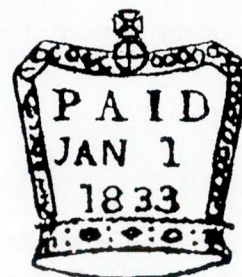
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150	Crown	8 x 12½ x 8½ mm		Black	1682-05	F
151	Crown	9 x 13 x 8½ mm		Black	1682-88	G
152	Crown	11 x 15 x 14 mm		Black	1705-12	D
154	Crown	12 x 20 x 18 mm		Black	1717-25	D
155	Crown	13 x 17 x 15 mm		Black	1730-41	D
156	Crown	8 x 16 x 15 mm		Black	1733	E
158	Crown	14 x 18 x 18½ mm		Black	1742	D
160	Crown	14 x 23 x 22		Black	1745-64	C
162	Crown	in circle	19	Red	1765-67	E
164	Crown	fancy design	various	Black, purple & red	1766-99	C
166	Crown	in circle, codes A-G above	23	Red	1798-11	E
166a	Crown	in circle, code S (Sunday)	22	Red	1799	H
168	Crown	plain design	various	Red	1800-40	B



170



171



172

170 crown/Date/PAID [not seen – existence needs confirmation]

171 crown/PAID/Date GPO 15 Jan 1828 33x35 GPO

172 crown/PAID/Date GPO 1 Jan 1833 30x35 Red 1857 K

The above two stamps (L171 & 172) were used on parcels of banknotes which were given special treatment and were charged one quarter of the normal rate.



175



177



179a



181



182



183

174a Solid star 15mm rays

Red 1796 C

175 Solid star 17mm rays

Red 1797 C

175a Solid star 22mm rays

Red 1798-17 B

177 Hollow star 21mm rays

Red 1804-09 B

179 Double lined star 23mm rays

Red 1815-25 B

179a Double lined star 17-20mm rays GPO 7 Sept 1833

Red 1825-38 B

181 Double lined star, circle inside

Red 1841-43 D

These stars (L175-181) were probably used on letters out of course or delayed internally in the GPO and a number also received the date stamp, L14d (with a cross instead of code letter), probably a supervisor's stamp. Many are on official or semi-official letters that have been prepaid or correctly charged. The use of these marks was discussed at length by VB McDermott and, more briefly, by JHS Harrison.

182 Cross with circle in centre GPO 9 June 1835 13 Red 1836-37 E

This tiny handstamp is also probably an Inspector's mark and was used both by the General and Foreign Offices.

183 Circle with cross inside

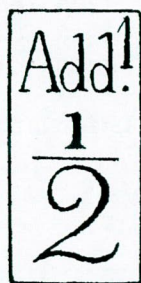
15 Black 1794-04 D

183a as L183 but

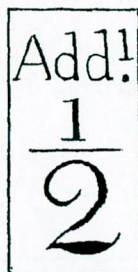
14 Red 1799-46 C

L183 and 183a are seen on the occasional letter transferred from the General Post to the London Penny or Twopenny Post and which have been delayed for some reason.

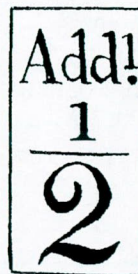
From June 1813 all letters (except Soldiers' and Seamen's letters) to or from Scotland, except for those to or from certain border towns, were charged an additional halfpenny. Various towns in the British Isles, including London, were issued with handstamp to indicate this additional charge. Many towns used similar handstamps and collectors interested in this complicated series of stamps should refer to *The Scottish Additional Halfpenny Mail Tax* by K Hodgson & WA Sedgewick (1984). The Hodgson & Sedgewick figure numbers are given before the range of dates.



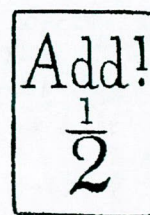
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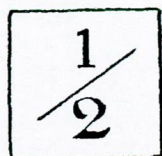
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185(1) Addl ½ H&S131: 17.6.13-3.7.13
 185(2) Addl ½ H&S132: 23.6.13-8.9.17
 185(3) Addl ½ H&S133: 4.8.13-16.2.17

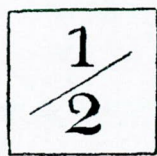
17x37½ Black 1813 D
 18x36 Black 1813-17 D
 18x36½ Black 1813-17 D

186 Addl ½ H&S134: 29.3.16-3.2.18

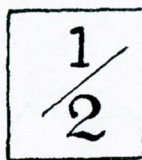
19x23½ Black 1816-18 C



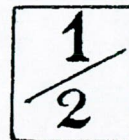
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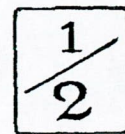
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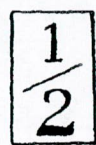
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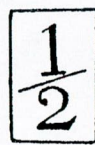
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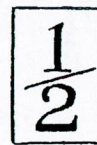
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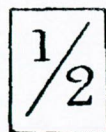
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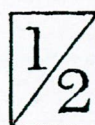
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187(14)



187(15)



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187(1) ½ H&S135: 8.2.17-29.9.23
 187(2) ½ H&S140: 22.1.19-16.7.27

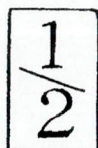
20x20 Black 1817-23 B
 20x20 Black 1819-27 B

this stamp appears to have been restricted to redirected letters
 and those where the original handstruck ½ was poorly struck

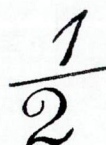
187(3) ½ H&S136: 20.7.19-25.7.19
 187(4) ½ H&S137: 21.4.20-30.10.24
 187(5) ½ H&S138: 26.8.22
 187(6) ½ H&S139: 13.1.23-1.12.24
 187(7) ½ H&S141: 13.12.24-24.7.29

18½x20½ Black 1819 B
 16½x18½ Black 1820-24 B
 15x17 Black 1822 B
 19x20 Black 1823-24 B
 11x18 Black 1824-29 C

187(8)	½	H&S143: 7.6.28-24.7.29; GPO 1.5.28 probably a special duty stamp	9x16½	Black	1828-29	E
187(9)	½	H&S142: 10.7.28-9.1.33	11½x18½	Black	1828-33	C
187(10)	½	H&S144: 11.11.28-6.8.31	18½x12	Black	1828-31	B
187(11)	½	H&S145: 25.11.29-21.1.33	11x17½	Black, Blackish-blue & Green	1829-33	B
187(12)	½	H&S147: 2.8.34-3.9.35 top frame line becomes damaged	11½x18½	Dirty Green	1834-35	B
187(13)	½	H&S148: 3.12.35-23.12.35	12½x15½	Dirty Green	1835	C
187(14)	½	H&S149: 27.1.36-9.10.38	13x17	Dirty Green	1836-38	B
187(15)	½	H&S150: 13.2.36-2.4.36 south-east corner damaged early; right frame line double	14x16½	Dirty Green	1836	C
187(16)	½	H&S151: 17.6.37-21.7.38	12x16	Dirty Green	1837-38	B



188



189

188	½	H&S146: 8.2.33-5.7.34 reversed fraction bar	12x19½	Black & Dirty Green	1833-34	D
189	½	H&S152: 26.11.38-5.12.39	14x18	Dirty Green	1838-39	C



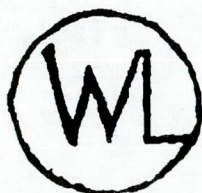
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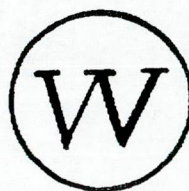
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202



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205



206

190	A	13-16	Red	1808-19	C
190a	A	13-16	Black	1820-28	D

L190 & 190a may have been used in the Twopenny Post

195	L in circle, L 13mm high This may have been used only in the Twopenny Post – ?Late	20	Red	1802-57	C
199	R ?in circle, Returned or Redirected Letter		Black	1783	G
200	R in circle, Returned Letter	25	Red	1808-11	F
202	WL in circle, Window Letter	21	Black	1771	G
203	WL in oval, Window Letter	24x16	Black	1773-77	G

205	W in circle type 1, W 10mm high	25	Black	1787-90	E
206	W in circle type 2, W 12mm high	25-26	Black	1791-04	D
206a	W in circle type 2, W 12mm high	25-26	Red	1799-04	E

For C, L and V in circle, used in Branch Offices of the General Post usually on letters posted on a Sunday, see L32-34.

Letters wrongly posted in the General Post for delivery within the London Postal area were treated as Window letters, and received the **W** in circle handstamp (L205-206a). These letters were charged 2d until April 1801, after which they were charged 3d.

'All letters for London which may be accidentally or otherwise be put in at this office in future be charged 3d instead of 2d, double 6d, treble 9d, and so on to be stamped as usual with a W.'

(President's Order Book, 4 April 1801.)

For further details of the **W** in circle handstamps, see LPHG Bulletin No 15, 1973 & Postal History No 183, March-April 1974.



207

ABOVE
WEIGHT

208

In all

210

207	1	on a soldier's letter	43	Red	1832	F
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Most prepaid soldier's and seaman's letters had a red manuscript **1** to indicate the prepayment; occasional letters had a handstruck **1**. For other handstruck numerals, see L570 *et seq.*

208	ABOVE/WEIGHT	29x11	Black	1831	G
210	In all [lower case 'a']	32x 9	Black	1760-81	D

L210 was applied to General Post letters to indicate that the total postage had been charged. For 'In All' with capital 'A' see L638-9.

IRELAND

225

S
IRELAND

227

IRELAND

225a

S
IRELAND

227a

IRELAND

225b

225	IRELAND	43x 6	Red	1777-98	D
225aa	IRELAND	43x 6	Black	1785-90	F
225a	IRELAND	64x12	Red	1799-04	F
225b	IRELAND	56x 7	Red	1805-10	E
225c	IRELAND	40x5½	Black	1785-86	F
227	S/IRELAND	36x12	Red	1798	H
227a	S/IRELAND	65x20	Red	1798-02	H

Between 1777 and 1810 letters from Ireland passing to or through London received the IRELAND handstamp in red (L225, 225a & 225b). Between 1798 and 1802 letters from Ireland which arrived in London on a Sunday received the special S/IRELAND handstamp (L227 & 227a).

Initial studies indicate that L225aa, the black 43mm IRELAND, was also applied in London and it is possible that this was accidentally struck in black rather than in red. The black 40mm IRELAND (L225c) may have been struck in Dublin (see Jay B, Postal History 1998, No 287, pp48-49).

MIS - SENT TO LONDON

MISSENT TO
LONDON

MISSENT TO LONDON

231

232

233

*Missent
TO
London*

235

Missent to
London

236

231	MIS-SENT TO LONDON	56x3½	Black	1808-11	G
231a	MIS-SENT TO LONDON	56x3½	Red	1814	G
232	MISSENT TO/LONDON	43x12	Red	1815	F
232a	MISSENT TO LONDON	43x12	Black	1821-36	E
233	MISSENT TO LONDON circular	21	Black	1822	G
235	Missent/TO/London	37x14	Red	1837-41	E
235a	Missent/TO/London	37x14	Black	1838-43	E

GPO 6.7.33



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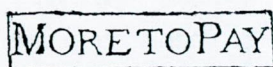
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MORE TO PAY MORE TO PAY MORE TO PAY

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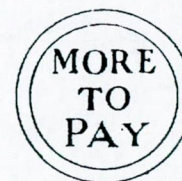
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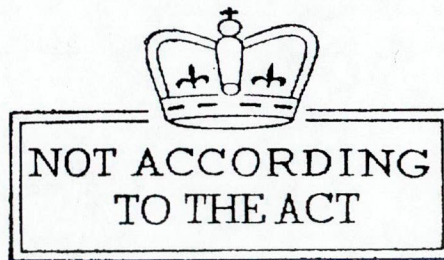
MORE TO PAY

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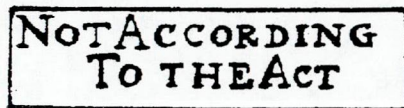


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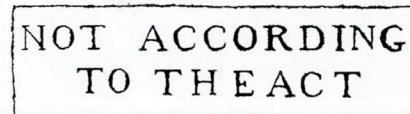
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240a	crown/MORE TO/PAY	43x44	Purple	1807	H
241	MORE TO PAY	50x4½	Red-Brown	1801	G
241a	MORE TO PAY	50x4½	Black	1801	G
242	MORE TO PAY	54x 5	Black	1805-18	F
243	MORE TO PAY	42x3½	Black	1806	F
244	MORE TO PAY framed	35x 7	Black	1809-21	E
245	MORE TO PAY	45x4½	Red	1817	F
253	MORE/TO/PAY in double circle	25-26	Red	1812-30	D
253a	MORE/TO/PAY in double circle	23	Black	1815-46	B
253b	MORE/TO/PAY in double circle	24	Blue	1832	E



255



256



256a

255	crown/NOT ACCORDING/TO THE ACT	57x33	Purple	1809	K
256	NOT ACCORDING TO THE ACT	52x13	Black	1814-35	J
256a	NOT ACCORDING TO THE ACT	53x15	Black	1815-38	J

L255 and 256 were applied to letters which did not qualify as soldiers' or seamen's letters according to the Act of 1795 (35 Geo3, c53). They were also applied to Newspapers which did not qualify for reduced postage.

NOT • CALLED • FOR

257

NOT CALLED FOR

258

257	NOT • CALLED • FOR	65X3½	Black	1826	G
258	NOT CALLED FOR	55x 4	Red	1826-34	F
258a	NOT CALLED FOR	55x 4	Black	1826	G

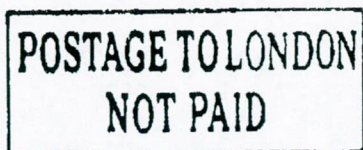
*Postage to London
Not Paid*

262

POSTAGE^{TO} LONDON
NOT - PAID

264

262	Postage to London/Not Paid	68x22	Black	1805	F
262a	Postage to London/Not Paid	68x22	Red	1807-32	E
264	POSTAGE TO LONDON/NOT-PAID	54x 9	Black	1802-06	E



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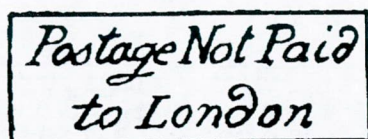
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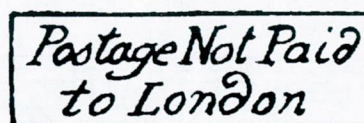
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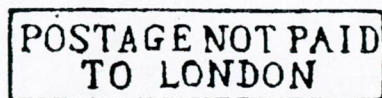
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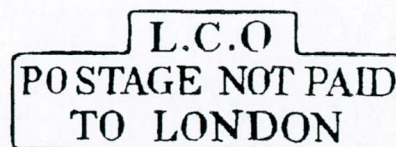
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267 POSTAGE TO LONDON/NOT PAID
267a

49x12 Red ? D
Black 1808-19 D

A handstamp similar to L267 but with a double frame has been reported in the past. Evidence of its existence is required

268 POSTAGE/NOT PAID/ IN LONDON

77x45 Black 1807 H

269 POSTAGE NOT PAID/ TO LONDON

49x10 Black 1811-17 D

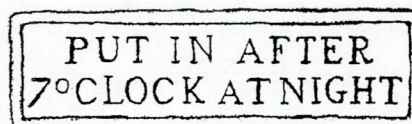
271 POSTAGE NOT PAID/TO LONDON

58X15 Black 1819-28 E

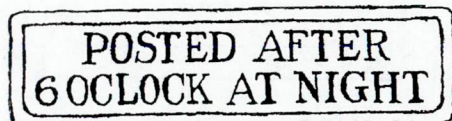
273	Postage Not Paid/to London	49x20	Black	1823-28	D
273a	Postage Not Paid/to London	49x16	Black	1828-31	E
274	POSTAGE TO LONDON NOT PAID letters 3mm high	25	Black	1822-32	D
274a		26	Red	1830	E
275	POSTAGE TO LONDON NOT PAID letters 4mm high Possibly only used in Foreign Office	28	Black	1828-38	D
277	POSTAGE NOT PAID/TO LONDON	52x12	Black	1831-39	D
277a			Red	1836-57	D
280	L.C.O./POSTAGE NOT PAID/TO LONDON Probably Letter Carriers Office	51x18	Red	1833-49	E



286



286a



288



290

286	PUT IN AFTER/7°CLOCK AT NIGHT	58x15	Red	1807-15 1832-40	D D
286a	PUT IN AFTER/7°CLOCK AT NIGHT	53x14	Red	1817-31	D
288	POSTED AFTER/60CLOCK AT NIGHT	58x15	Red	1840-41	E
290	POSTED AFTER/7.0'CLOCK AT NIGHT	57x14	Red	1841-46	C

*Posted After
7. P.M*

294



298



298a



298b



298c



298d

294	Posted After/7.P.M	GPO 30.7.38	38x14	Red	1838-39	F
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Issued to each of the Branch Offices (Borough, Charing Cross, Lombard Street & Vere Street)

298	REBATE/INLAND OFFICE	GPO 27.9.39	30x24	Red	1839	J
298a	REBATE/L.S.B.O		29x23	Red	1839	J
298b	REBATE/SHIP LETTER OFFICE	GPO 15.10.39	30x24	Red	1839	J
298c	REBATE/F.B.O	GPO 27.9.39	30x24	Black	1839	J
298d	REBATE/FOREIGN OFFICE	GPO 27.9.39	29x24	Red	1839-40	J

Certain larger banks and businesses kept accounts with the Post office before the introduction of cheap uniform postage. Occasional letters were incorrectly overcharged and, when taken back to the Post office for reassessment, were stamped with one of the special **Rebate** handstamps which were issued to the Inland Office, Lombard Street Branch Office, the Ship Letter Office and the Foreign Office (2 types – L298c & 298d).

This Letter put into the Post without an address
appears to come from and is returned to

300

300	printed label	84x10	Black	1825	H
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TOO LATE

302

TOO LATE

303

Too Late

304

302	TOO LATE	40x 5	Black	1833	E
303	TOO LATE boxed	37x13	Black	1837	E
304	Too Late script	39x 9	Red	1838-49	B



306

*Wants a better
Direction*

308

WANTS BETTER
DIRECTION

309

306	TRANSPORT OFFICE	27x25	Black	1798-15	G
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Many letters written to or from French and British prisoners of war were handled by the Transport Office which was situated in Dorset Court, Westminster and where L306 was applied. The Transport Office was a branch of the Admiralty.

308	Wants a better/Direction	51x15	Red	1806	F
309	WANTS BETTER/DIRECTION	46x16	Black	1815-36	F
309a			Red	1847	F

INTRODUCTION

LONDON OFFICES THAT USED PROVINCIAL STYLE BARRED NUMERAL CANCELLATIONS

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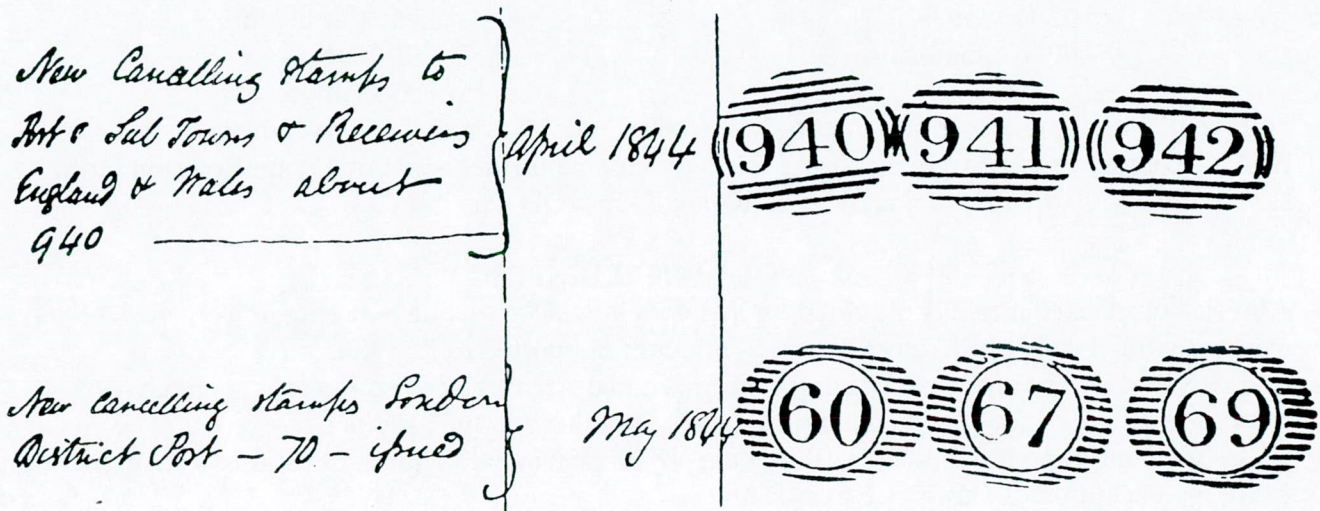
Whilst making a list of Provincial style numeral cancellations that were used either within London, or in offices that had been part of London, for the recently published "*Barred Numeral Cancellations of London*" BPT. 1999. I realised that there was an interesting and not clearly documented history of the status of the offices on the outer suburbs of London.

Hitherto I had always thought of a Provincial Area using provincial style cancellations and a Suburban Area of London, using suburban style cancellations.

I have been through the Post Office Directories / Guides from 1844 to 1895 and noted the status of the offices that used provincial style cancellations for some time during that period.

Because of the depth of local knowledge held by members of the L.P.H.G. I thought that it would be sensible to first publish the work, in parts, in the Notebook. I hope that members will be able to add significant details and correct errors.

The classic Proof Book entry, that has been frequently illustrated, shows the simple division into a style for the provinces and a style for London:



OFFICES THAT USED PROVINCIAL STYLE CANCELLATIONS FALL INTO FOUR GROUPS:

Group 1/ Offices at the ends of London District Post Rides that were issued 1844 type cancellations.

Group 2/ Offices that used provincial style cancellations, despite always being in the Suburban Area of London.

Group 3/ The Woolwich District that used provincial style cancellations for a few years before moving into the Kent Provincial Area.

Group 4/ The majority of offices in this catalogue simply went from the London Suburban Area into the Provincial Area, sometime in the 1860's.

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1/ 1844 OFFICES IN THE LONDON DISTRICT AND GENERAL POSTS

From 1844 onwards the Post Office was issuing 1844 type, provincial style cancellations to several offices that were only listed as being within the London District Post. Most were situated at the end of Rides and were also part of the General Post, They were not listed as being in the General Post in the Post Office Guides.

Notably:-	144 Bromley	770 Stanmore
	201 Chislehurst	771 Shooters Hill
	394 Hounslow	835 Waltham Cross
	395 Southall	937 Barnet
	422 Kingston	938 Croydon
	668 Romford	

2/ OFFICES THAT WERE ALWAYS IN LONDON

Several offices used provincial style cancellations, despite always being in the Suburban Area of London.

When these offices were in London but using provincial style cancellations, they were characterised by having the comment "*District initials should be omitted from the address*" when listed under London Districts in the Post Office Guide.

Notably:-	42 Chiswick	117 Tottenham
	43 Turnham Green	119 Edmonton
	102 Leyton	801 Wimbledon
	109 Walthamstow	809 Merton
		833 Chingford**

** (Chingford was an exception in not always being part of London. It moved from the North Eastern District to the Provincial Area in 1867, when the former was broken up. Returning to London in 1877 when a provincial style duplex 833 4VOD was issued.)

3/ WOOLWICH DISTRICT

A more complex example is provided by Woolwich, which became a district in its own right and used provincial style obliterations from 1873/5. It still reported to London.

In 1879 it became fully part of the Kent Provincial Area (all the employees got a pay cut! – the Postmen in London received a higher salary than those in the provinces).

In this interim period, between 1873/5 and 1879, provincial style cancellations were used (with the exception of Halfway Street Eltham).

When these offices were in London but using provincial style cancellations, they were characterised by having the comment "*District initials should be omitted from the address*" when listed under London Districts in the Post Office Guide.

When Woolwich in 1879 was transferred to the Kent Provincial Area, the following Offices were also transferred along with it:- (The year in brackets is when provincial numeral obliterations were first issued.)

Belvedere (1875).
Bexley. (1875).
Bexley Heath. (1875).
Charlton (1874)
Crayford. (1875).
Crook Log. (1875).
Eltham. (1873)
Erith. (1875).
Lessness Heath. (1875).
New Charlton (1874)

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Plumstead. (1875).
Shooters Hill. (1875).
Welling. (1875).

4/ OFFICES THAT MOVED FROM LONDON TO PROVINCES

The majority of offices in this catalogue simply went from the London Suburban Area into the Provincial Area, sometime in the 1860's:-

IN 1865:-

Romford moved to the Essex Provincial Area taking the following Offices with it:

Grays
Purfleet
Rainham
Stanford le Hope

Barnet moved to the Hertfordshire Provincial Area taking the following Office with it:

Potters Bar

Waltham Cross moved to the Hertfordshire Provincial Area taking the following Office with it:

Cheshunt

Bromley moved to the Kent Provincial Area taking the following Offices with it:

Bickley Station
Chelsfield
Farnborough
Orpington
West Wickham

Hounslow moved to the Middlesex Provincial Area taking the following Office with it:

Feltham

Croydon moved to the Surrey Provincial Area taking the following Offices with it:

East Molesey
Kingston
Norbiton
Surbiton
Thames Ditton
Warlingham

IN 1867:-

Woodford Green moved to the Essex Provincial Area, with the demise of the North Eastern District on 31stDec1866. Taking the following Offices with it:

Buckhurst Hill
Chigwell
Loughton
Woodford Bridge

Harrow moved to the Middlesex Provincial Area taking the following Offices with it:

Harrow Station
Harrow Weald
Sudbury

Twickenham moved to the Middlesex Provincial Area taking the following Offices with it:

Hampton
Sunbury
Teddington

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Chislehurst moved to the Kent Provincial Area taking the following Office with it:

St.Mary Cray
Sidcup

IN 1868:-

The following were made Head Post Offices and transferred to the Provincial Area:

Brentford	Stanmore
Edgware	Sutton
Isleworth	Barking (1870)
Mitcham	Ilford (1870)
Richmond	

BREAK UP OF THE NORTH EASTERN AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS

The North Eastern and Southern Districts were deemed to be too small and most offices were placed in other districts. However several offices moved into the Provincial Area and a few stayed in a district but they used provincial style cancellations.

The North Eastern District was the first to go on 31st December 1866. The offices went either to the Eastern District or the Provincial Area:

Eastern District;- Leyton and Walthamstow, both were issued provincial style cancellations in 1874.

Provincial Area:- Buckhurst Hill, Chigwell, Loughton, Woodford, Woodford Bridge, Woodford Green and Chingford (the latter went back into the Eastern District in 1877).

The Southern District went in March 1868. Office went to either the South Western District, South Eastern District or the Provincial Area:

South Western District:- Merton (issued provincial style cancellation in 1877).

Provincial Area:- Carshalton, Croydon, Mitcham, Sutton, Thornton Heath and Warlingham.

TPO's

Paddington Station (046) and Euston Square Station (964) had provincial style cancellations that were used on Travelling Post Offices.

OFFICE STATUS

Going through the various issues of the Post Office Guide I collected a very large range of terms that had been used by the Post Office to show the significance of the various offices in the overall organization. There was much ambiguity, particularly in such terms as Sub Office. Some of the terms that were used are described below, in order of importance:-

Head Post Offices an office that distributed and collected mail from a series of subordinate offices. This includes: **Post Towns**, a term used in the 19th Century for a town with a Head Post Office.

Sub Office by itself is a term restricted to former Head Offices of London Districts ie Putney and Wimbledon

Independent Sub Offices these evolved in the second half of the 19th Century, being less important than the Head Offices and having an address that was independent of the nearest Head Office. When the term "Railway Sub Office" was abolished in 1905, these offices became Independent Sub Offices, then later in 1909 they became Post Towns.

Railway Sub Office These were offices that received and sent their mail direct to a Travelling Post Office, rather than a Head Post Office.

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Suburban District or Sub District were terms used in London for a collection of Receiving Houses. The name was usually, but not always, derived from the primary Receiving House, where the Letter Carrier's met, it was the office where queries about mail delivery were answered.

Town Receiving Houses:-

Town Branch Office, a Sub Office in an urban environment.

Town Sub Office, a less important Subordinate office in an urban environment.

Pillar Boxes and Wall Boxes. Clearly these were not capable of having their own cancellations unless they were Letter Boxes at Railway Stations placed there to accept Late Fee letters. The cancellation was then applied in the Travelling Post Office, eg. Euston Square Station and the provincial style 964 cancellation.

NUMERAL ALLOCATIONS

All the numbers allocated to these outer suburban offices have been listed. This is from a full listing of the numerals of England, Wales and London that Ken Smith and I are currently working on. They include all the available lists from 1844 to 1962.

DATES

The dates used in this compilation come from the January issue of the Post Office Guide and, or the Post Office Directory for each year. Thus when 1868 is mentioned, it means that by January 1868 whatever had happened had already taken place, this would have been any time in the previous year. This could sometimes be even earlier, as changes were not always made as quickly as possible. The Post Office Directory after 1856 is particularly bad for delayed changes.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Many members will have a lot of detailed local knowledge that would improve this catalogue. By issuing this catalogue in the Notebook, prior to full publication in the Handbook. I am relying on members to act as unpaid editors; any comments would be very welcome. One example would be actual dates of when things happened rather than the year they were entered in the Post Office Guide.

PRICES

Cover prices are as before based on good clean collectable covers in normal condition. The stamp prices come from the new catalogue on Low Number Ovals sent out with this copy of the notebook, they are for four margined imperforate stamps or well-centered stamps with no perforation defects. The vast majority of stamps are not of this standard and should be priced accordingly. How much one discounts for poor condition is very subjective.

There are two types of collectors of postmarks on loose stamps. Those who come from a stamp collecting background and those from a postal history background. The former regard the quality of the stamp as all-important whilst for the latter it is the quality of the postmark. At the time of writing it is the stamp collectors who are setting the prices with low number ovals. For them the price of a loose stamp is about 30% of the same item on a cover. With postal history collectors, 5% or less is normal

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MIDDLESEX - 1

BRENTFORD

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 – 1857

A Country Sorting Office on the Hounslow Ride, with Brompton 37, Kensington 38, Hammersmith 39, Acton 40, Brentford 41 and Hounslow 394 (394 a Provincial number).

The Receivers salary was only £8, however it was an active office, judging by the number of covers and stamps recorded.

41.A

Issued in May 1844.

Used 20th Aug 1846 to 2nd Oct 1857, for later use see below:

Covers: rarity D, price £75.

Stamps: rarity A, price on imperf £20, perf £10.



BRENTFORD

WESTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1868

In the c.1860 Ride, with Paddington 38B, Notting Hill 37B, Kensington 38, Hammersmith 39, Turnham Green, Brentford 41, Isleworth 56 and Hounslow 394.

1857 – 1868 A Suburban District with Kew amongst its receiving houses.

41.A

Issued in May 1844.

Used before 1857 and after 1867.

May not have been used whilst in the Western District, there are certainly no dated covers, from this period.

Rarity on cover G.P.O.

BRENTFORD

PROVINCIAL AREA 1868 +

1868 – 1919 Head Post Office

41.A Still in use, for earlier use see above:

Issued in May 1844.

Used from 23rd Aug 1867 to 19th Apr 1870.

Covers: rarity D, price £75.

Stamps: rarity A, price on perf £10.



1919 Demoted to a Salaried Sub Office which was equivalent to a Post Town.

E95 was allocated to Brentford in the Provincial Lists from 1874 to 1924, and then both **O95** and **021A** from 1929 to 1959, **021A** until 1962. Isleworth and Teddington also had duplicate numbers, the reason is not known.

E95 4VOS

Becomes a 3VOS through wear

Issued 17th Jun 1870.

No dated copies seen.

Rarity H*

Price £35, if seen on cover



E95 4VOD

Issued 17th Jun 1870.

Used 9th Sep 1871 to 19th Jan 1878

Rarity C.

Price £8.



E95 3VOD

Issued 27th Apr 1878

Time in code

Used 10th Sep 1878 to 15th Nov 1895

Rarity B Price £5

Time in full

Used 11th Jul 1896 to 25th Apr 1900

Rarity D. Price £3



CHISWICK **LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 – 1857**

Under Hammersmith. The Receiver's salary was £10, which shows it to be a small office.

CHISWICK **WESTERN DISTRICT. 1857 +**

1857 – 1860 A Receiving House in the Acton Suburban District.

1861 – 1874 A Receiving House in the Turnham Green Suburban District.

1875 – 1881 Still a Receiving House in the Turnham Green Suburban District but with the additional comment in the 1875 Post Office Guide "*District Initials should no longer be used in the address*".

Normally this would indicate that Chiswick was in London but only used Provincial style cancellations, however number 57 was later issued in a suburban format. Chiswick was never listed in the Provincial Office Lists in the Post Office Guide. Despite this it was allocated the number **42** in the Provincial Lists from 1874 to 1887.

1874 Jan. The first barred numeral cancellation issued was in the same format as that used in the Head Offices of the Districts, why this format was used in Chiswick is unknown.

4D1

Issued c.27th Jan 1874.
Used Oct 1874 to Jul 1881.
Rarity G.
Price £50.



42 3VOS Issued Feb 1874. There are two entries in the Proof Books, one was entered in the London Book and one in the Provincial Book, and neither has ever been seen used. Rarity G.P.O.



London



Provincial

1882 Became part of the newly established Paddington District

1882 Number 42 in **3VOS** and **3VOD** format were issued:

42 3VOS

Note serifs on four.
Issued 24th Mar 1882.
Seen used on loose stamps.
Rarity H*.
Price £60, if seen on cover



42 3VOD

Issued 24th Mar 1882.
Used 26th Jul 1882 to 14th Sep 1889.
Rarity D.
Price £8.



1882 – 1889 Suburban District in the Paddington District.

1889 Number 57 issued in a suburban format. **57** was allocated to Chiswick in the London Lists from between 1887 and 1892 to 1962.

MIDDLESEX - 3

Chiswick Continued:

57.B

Issued 18th Nov 1889.

Used 29th Jul 1892.

Rarity H.

Price £60.



1890 – Suburban District in the Western District.

EDGWARE

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 – 1857

In the Edgware Ride with Hampstead 4, Hendon 5 and Edgware 6.
Receivers salary of £18 shows a middle size active office.

6.A

Issued in May 1844.

Used May 1844 to Mar 1851.

Covers: rarity D, price £100.

Stamps: rarity D, price on imperf £35, on perf £15.



EDGWARE

NORTH WEST DISTRICT 1857 – 1868

1857 – 1868 A Suburban District, for most of the time, with just one Receiving House: Edgware.

In the c.1860 Ride with Hampstead 4, Hendon 5, The Hyde 44B, Edgware 6 and Stanmore 42B.

A new cancel 6.B was sent to the East Central District in Jan 1861. This was used later in Edgware when it was in the Provincial Area. It has not been recorded used in the East Central District. See below:

EDGWARE

PROVINCIAL AREA 1868 +

1868 – 1903 A Head Post Office.

6.B

Issued to the EC District 26th Jan 1861.

Used in Edgware from 11th Jul 1870 to 11th Jul 1875.

Covers: rarity C, price £75.

Stamps: rarity C, price on perf £12.



1875 Number 328 numerals were issued.

1903 – 1905 A Railway Sub Office.

1905 – 1935 An Independent Sub Office / Post Town.

1935 - A Head Post Office.

328 Was allocated to Edgware in the Provincial Lists from 1882 to 1962.

328 4VOD

Issued 19th Feb 1875.

Used in 4th Jul 1875.

Rarity H.

Price £50.



328 3VOD

Issued 5th Feb 1878.

Used 17th Jun 1878 to 24th Dec 1909.

Rarity A.

Price £10 on cover, £2 on ppc.



EDMONTON **LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 – 1857**

In the Enfield Ride with Stoke Newington 7. Tottenham 8, Edmonton 10 and Enfield 11.

Always divided into Upper Edmonton and Lower Edmonton.

Receiver's salary Lower Edmonton £12, Upper Edmonton £30 in 1842 rising to £35 in 1854. The latter was a Country Sorting Office.

10.A

Issued in May 1844.

Used 25th Oct 1847 to 24th Jun 1852.

Covers: rarity G, price £200.

Stamps: rarity C, price on imperf £30, perf £12.



EDMONTON **NORTHERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1883 +**

Edmonton never left London despite being allocated 119 in the Provincial Lists of 1874, 1882 and 1887. Edmonton and Tottenham had a similar history.

1857 – 1873 A Suburban District with Receiving Houses in the two Edmontons. Initially there were also offices in Southgate and Winchmore Hill.

1873 Number 10 and number 75 were issued in suburban style barred numerals.

1874 – 1883 A Suburban District with Receiving Houses in the two Edmontons. with the comment that "*District initials should be omitted from the address*" This indicates that Edmonton was in London, but only used Provincial style cancellations. Edmonton was never listed in the Provincial Office Lists in the Post Office Guide.

1874 Number 119 issued in the provincial style 3VOS and 3VOD. These were entered in the Provincial Proof Book and annotated "*sent to the Northern District Office*"

1883 The two Offices Lower and Upper Edmonton were issued with their own cancellations - two 3VODs.

10 C

Issued 12th Jun 1873

Not seen used.

Rarity G.P.O.



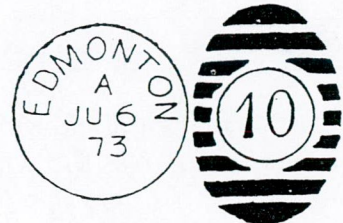
10 B

Issued c. 6th Jun 1873

Used Jan 1874 to Feb 1882.

Rarity F.

Price £30.



75 B

Issued 12th Jun 1873

Not seen used.

Rarity G.P.O.



75 A

Issued c. 12th Jun 1873

Not seen used.

Rarity G.P.O.



119 3VOS

Issued 23rd Apr 1874.

Not seen used.

Rarity G.P.O.



119 3VOD

Issued 23rd Apr 1874.

Used 21st May 1874 to 7th Jun 1882.

Rarity G.

Price £35



MIDDLESEX - 5

UPPER EDMONTON:

NORTHERN DISTRICT 1883 +

1883 – 1890 A Suburban District with “*District initials should be omitted from the address*”.

1883 G78 3VOD issued, with SO in the cds – SO = Sorting Office.

1890 – 1895+ A Postman’s Office with “*District initials should be omitted from the address*”.

Number **83** was allocated to Upper Edmonton in the London Lists from 1899 to 1962, there are no numeral cancellations with this number.

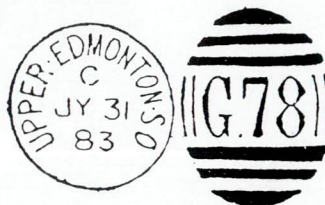
G78 3VOD

Issued 31st Jul 1883.

Used 13th Nov 1883 to 19th Nov 1887.

Rarity G.

Price £35.



LOWER EDMONTON:

NORTHERN DISTRICT 1883 +

1883 + A Suburban District.

1883 G80 3VOD issued.

Number **81** was allocated to Lower Edmonton in the London Lists from 1899 to 1962, there are no numeral cancellations with this number.

G80 3VOD

Issued 11th Oct 1883.

Used 9th Sep 1884 to 12th Jun 1889.

Rarity G.

Price £35.



ENFIELD

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 – 1857

The last Office in the Enfield Ride with Stoke Newington 7, Tottenham 8, Edmonton 10 and Enfield **11**. The Receivers salary was £15 which is low as it was also a Country Sorting Office.

11.A

Issued in May 1844.

Used 4th Apr 1848 to 3rd Jun 1858.

The first Northern District cancellations were issued in September 1858.

Covers: rarity G, price £200.

Stamps: rarity D, price on imperf £35, on perf £15.



ENFIELD

NORTHERN DISTRICT 1857 - 1866

1857 – 1867 A Suburban District.

In the c.1860 Ride with Stoke Newington 7, Tottenham 8, Edmonton 10, Ponders End 1B, Enfield **11**, Waltham Cross 835 and Cheshunt 64.

11.B

Issued in 9th Aug 1860.

Used 26th Apr 1862 to 1867.

Covers: rarity G, price £150.

Stamps: rarity E, price on perf £20.



MIDDLESEX - 6

ENFIELD NORTHERN DISTRICT 1866 – 1871 and PROVINCIAL AREA 1866 +

1866 – 1871 A Head Post Office in the Provincial Area and a Receiving House in the Ponders End Suburban District, at the same time.

1871 – 1924+ Just a Head Post Office in the Provincial Area.

C85 allocated to Enfield in the Provincial Lists from 1874 to 1924.

251 allocated to Enfield in the Provincial Lists from 1927 to 1962.

C85 4VOD

Issued 23rd Oct 1866.

Used 16th Dec 1867 to 11th Apr 1880.

Rarity D.

Price £10.



C85 4VOS

Issued 28th Jun 1867.

Used 3rd Sep 1870 to 21st Dec 1871.

Rarity G.

Price £35



11.C

Used in 19th Aug 1870. To Enfield

Highway a Receiving House in

Ponders End Suburban District.

Not seen used on cover.

Cover: rarity H*,

Stamps: rarity H,

price on perf £40.



C85 3VOD

Issued 5th Nov 1880.

Time in code:

Used 20th Apr 1881 to 13th Oct 1886.

Rarity E. Price £6.

Time in full:

Used 16th Sep 1897 to 12th Dec 1903.

Rarity A. Price £2.



EUSTON SQUARE STATION

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1848 – 1857

In the Town Area of the London District Post. In the same overall location as the current Euston Station.

964 1844 type

Provincial style cancellation issued 8th Feb 1848.

Used 15th Feb 1851 to 19th May 1866.

Rarity E. Price £50 with a 1d stamp,

£350 with an additional 4d or 6d stamp for the late fee.



This was for use on Late Fee mail on the London and North Western Railway. The cancellation must have been applied in the Travelling Post Office because up until 1870 the "Office" was only a Letter Box or a "Suspended Bag". It was open early in the morning and in the evening just before the mails left. The late fee was an extra 6d to 1857, 6d or 1d from 1857 to 1863, 6d from 1863 to 1865, 4d from 1865 to 1867, which had to be prepaid in stamps.

EUSTON SQUARE STATION

NORTH WESTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1892+

1857 – 1869 Letter Box at the station for Late Fee mail. The late fee rate was, an extra 2d from 1867 to 1880 then from 1880 onwards to the First World War, with the inland rate at ½d and the foreign rate 2d.

964 4VOS

Issued 27th Sep 1867.

Used 27th Nov 1874 to 6th Feb 1880.

Rarity G.

Price £50 with a 1d stamp,

£100 with an extra late fee stamp.



MIDDLESEX - 7

Euston Square Station Continued:

1870 A Town Receiving House.

1871 – 1892+ A Town Branch Office.

964 was allocated to Euston Square Station in the Provincial Lists from 1849 to 1892.

964 3VOS

Issued 4th Dec 1880.

Not seen used.

Rarity G.P.O.



FELTHAM

PROVINCIAL AREA 1844 +

1844 – 1873 A Receiving House under Hounslow, which was in the London District Post and Western District from 1844 to 1865. However Feltham was not part of London.

1873 – 1897 A Independent Sub Office.

1897 – 1905 A Railway Sub Office.

1905 – 1949+ An Independent Sub Office / Post Town.

663 allocated to Feltham in the Provincial Lists from 1882 – 1962, it was used in a duplex cancellation from 1876 to 1908.

HAMPTON

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 – 1857

In the Hampton Ride with Wandsworth 31, Putney 32, Mortlake 33, Twickenham 35 and Hampton 36. Receivers salary £22 ie. a medium size office. It was a County Sorting Office.

36.A

Issued in May 1844.

Not seen used on cover.

Cover: rarity H*.

Stamps: rarity C. price on imperf £30, on perf £12.



HAMPTON

SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1867

In the c.1860 Ride with Brompton 37, Fulham 46B, Mortlake 33, Richmond 34, Twickenham 35, Teddington 33B, Hampton 36 and Sunbury 47B.

36.B.

Issued in Nov 1858.

Not seen used on cover.

Cover: rarity H*.

Stamps: rarity F. price on perf £30.



HAMPTON

PROVINCIAL AREA 1867 +

1867 – 1873 A Receiving House under Twickenham.

1873 – An Independent Sub Office / Post Town.

C95 was allocated to Hampton in the Provincial Lists from 1874 to 1924.

895 was allocated to Hampton in the Provincial Lists from 1928 to 1962.

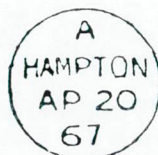
C95 4VODA

Issued 11th Apr 1867.

Used 18th Jun 1869

to 13th Sep 1873.

Rarity F. Price £20



C95 4VODB

Issued 1st Oct 1872.

Used 31st Aug 1876 to 10th Jun 1909.

Rarity A.

Price £8 on cover, £2 on ppc.



MIDDLESEX - 8

Hampton Continued:

C95 3VOD

Issued 9th Jul 1880.
Not been seen used.
Rarity G.P.O.



HARROW

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 – 1857

In the Harrow Ride with Paddington 59, Kilburn 60, Willesden 61 and Harrow 62.

Receivers salary was £21 in 1842 reducing to £16 by 1853, ie an active Office. Was a Country Sorting Office.

62 Dubus Type 2

Issued 2nd Aug 1850.
Used 13th Feb 1856 to 19th Nov 1856.
and later see below:
Covers: rarity G, price £150.
Stamps: rarity F, price on perf £30.



HARROW

NORTH WESTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1867

In the c.1860 Ride with St.John's Wood 41B, Kilburn 60, Willesden 61, Sudbury 43B and Harrow 62.
1857 – 1867 A Suburban District.

62 Dubus Type 2

No covers recorded whilst in the North Western District

HARROW

PROVINCIAL AREA 1867 +

1867 – 1949+ A Head Post Office

C91 issued Mar 1867, this had a very short life of little over a year, it was used at the same time as 62 Dubus Type 2.

D75 issued Jul 1868. A series of numeral obliterations used.

D75 was allocated to Harrow in the Provincial Lists from 1874 to 1924.

73 was allocated to Harrow in the Provincial Lists from 1927 to 1962.

62 Dubus Type 2

Issued 2nd Aug 1850.
Used 4th Mar 1867 to 30th Jun 1868.
and earlier see above.
Covers: rarity G, price £150.
Stamps: rarity F, price on perf £30.



C91 4VOD

Issued 26th Mar 1867.
Used 13th Nov 1867 to 25th Jun 1868.
Rarity G
Price £60.



D75 4VODA

Issued 27th Jul 1868.
Used 5th Dec 1868 to 9th Jun 1871.
Rarity D.
Price £8.



D75 4VOS

Issued 13th Aug 1868.
Used 7th Nov 1872.
Rarity H.
Price £35.



MIDDLESEX - 9

Harrow Continued:

D75 4VODB

Issued 15thFeb1872.

Time in code:

Used 15thAug1872 to 12thOct1896.

Rarity A. Price £2.

Seen in blue, Used in 7thFeb1874.

Rarity H. Price £150.

Time in full:

Used 10thJun1895 to 29thDec1904.

Rarity D. Price £2.



D75 3VOS

Issued 8thApr1878.

Not seen used on cover.

Rarity H*.

Price £30, if seen on cover.



D75 3VOD

Issued 30thJan1882.

Time in code:

Used 1stSep1886 to 22ndSep1894.

Rarity B. Price £2.

Time in full:

Used 1stJun1895 to 7thSep1905.

Rarity A. Price £1.



HARROW STATION

NORTH WESTERN DISTRICT 1859 – 1867

1859 – 1867 A Letter Box under Harrow.

HARROW STATION

PROVINCIAL AREA 1867 +

1867 – 1882 A Receiving House under Harrow

1882 Became Wealdstone – see below.

909 3VOS

Issued 13thMar1878.

Not seen in use.

Rarity G.P.O.



WEALDSTONE

PROVINCIAL AREA 1882 +

1882 Previously Harrow Station.

1882 – 1888 Under Harrow.

1885 – 1905 Railway Sub Office.

1905 – 1914 Independent Sub Office / Post Town.

1914 – Town Receiving House of Harrow.

H73 was allocated to Harrow in the Provincial Lists from 1887 to 1906.

H73 3VOD.

Issued 2ndApr1886.

Time in code:

Used 24thJul1889 to 30thNov1894.

Rarity G. Price £12.

Time in full:

Used 5thSep1895 to 5thFeb1900.

Rarity D. Price £6.



H73 3VOS.

Issued 5thJul1886.

Used 22ndFeb1899 to 10thMar1899.

Rarity G.

Price £35.



ARROW WEALD	NORTH WESTERN DISTRICT 1861 – 1867
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1861 – 1864 A Pillar Box in Stanmore Suburban District.
1865 – 1867 A Receiving House in Stanmore Suburban District.

HARROW WEALD	PROVINCIAL AREA 1867 +
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1867 – 1880 A Receiving House under Stanmore.
1880 - 1881 A Receiving House under Pinner.
1881 – 1903 An Independent Sub Office.
1903 – 1905 A Railway Sub Office.
1905 – 1928 An Independent Sub Office / Post Town.
1928 - A Town Receiving House of Harrow.
H71 was allocated to Harrow Weald in the Provincial Lists from 1887 to 1906.

H71 3VOS

Issued 25th Feb 1886.
 Used 19th Jul 1891 to 2nd Sep 1891.
 Rarity G.
 Price £35.



H71 3VOD

Not entered in the Proof Books
 Used 19th Jul 1901 to 24th Dec 1908.
 Rarity C. Price £5.



HOUNSLOW	LONDON DISTRICT POST. 1844 – 1857
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In the Hounslow Ride with Brompton 37, Kensington 38, Hammersmith 39, Acton 40, Brentford 41 and Hounslow **394**.
 Receivers salary was £23, ie a medium size office. It was a Country Sorting Office.

394 1844 type.

Issued in Apr 1844.
 Used 7th Jan 1845 to after 1857.
 Rarity B. Price £6.
 Seen in blue:.
 Used 4th Mar 1853 to 6th Jun 1853.
 Rarity G. Price £50.



HOUNSLOW	WESTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1865
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In the c.1860 Ride, with Paddington 38B, Notting Hill 37B, Kensington 38, Hammersmith 39, Turnham Green, Brentford 41, Isleworth 56 and Hounslow **394**.
1857 – 1865 A Suburban District, that included many Receiving Houses with Hounslow High Street etc.
394 1844 type continued in use.

HOUNSLOW	PROVINCIAL AREA 1857 +
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1857 – 1865 A Head Post Office. Was in the Provincial Area and the Western District at the same time.
1865 – 1983 A Head Post Office. Reduced to a Branch Office in 1983.
394 was allocated to Hounslow in the Provincial Lists from 1844 to 1949.

MIDDLESEX - 11

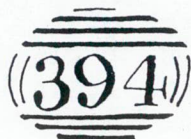
Hounslow Continued:

394 1844

Issued Apr1844.

Used before 1857 to 27thApr1869.

Rarity B. Price £6



394 3CD

Issued 13thFeb1858.

Used 24thMay1859 to 18thJun1868.

Rarity G. Price £20.



394 3TH.HOS

Issued 25thFeb1865

Not been seen in use.

Rarity G.P.O.



394 4VODA

Issued 21stDec1866.

Used 13thApr1869 to 25thJan1872.

Rarity E. Price £12.



394 4VOS

Issued 9thApr1867.

Seen used on loose stamps.

Rarity H*.

Price £25, if seen on cover.



394 4VODB

Issued 22ndFeb1872.

Used 25thJun1874 to 30thAug1878

Rarity D. Price £8.



394 3VOD

Issued 22ndMar1879.

Time in code:

Used 23rdNov1879 to 3rdMar1897.

Rarity C..Price £3.

Time in full:

Used 25thNov1904 to 30thSep1905.

Rarity F. Price £3.



ISLEWORTH

LONDON DISTRICT POST. 1844 – 1857

1844 – 1857 Under Brentford.

Receivers salary £15 ie a medium size Office.

ISLEWORTH

WESTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1868

In the c.1860 Ride, with Paddington 38B, Notting Hill 37B, Kensington 38, Hammersmith 39, Turnham Green, Brentford 41, Isleworth **56** and Hounslow 394.

1857 – 1858 Isleworth Suburban District, with Isleworth Square as the main Receiving House.

1858 – 1868 Isleworth Suburban District, with Smallbury Green as the main Receiving House.

1858 - 56.B issued in Apr1858 to Smallbury Green, not used until Isleworth was in the Provincial Area.

ISLEWORTH

PROVINCIAL AREA 1868 +

1868 Smallbury Green renamed Isleworth.

1868 + Head Post Office.

56.B

Issued 11thOct1858 whilst the Office was in the Western District, but only used once it was in the Provincial Area.

Used from 21stJan1869 to 17thJun1870.

Covers: rarity E, price £125.

Stamps: rarity D, price on perf £12.



MIDDLESEX - 12

Isleworth Continued:

E97 allocated to Isleworth in the Provincial Lists from 1874 to 1924.

997 was allocated to Isleworth from 1928 to 1949 and **O21B** from 1929 to 1962. Why the overlapping two numbers is a puzzle. Brentford and Teddington also had two numbers.

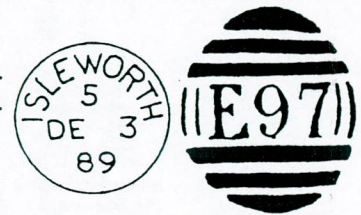
E97 4VOD

Issued 30th Jul 1870.
Used 11th Feb 1871 to
1st Jan 1889.
Rarity B.
Price £6.



E97 3VOD

Not entered in the Proof Books.
Use 3rd Dec 1889 to 4th Nov 1894.
Rarity E. Price £10.



PADDINGTON STATION

TRAVELLING POST OFFICE 1855 – 1892 +

I believe that this was of a similar nature to the 964 of Euston Square Station, in that it was for use on the TPO rather than a separate Office at the Station. Paddington Station is not separately listed as a Station in either the London or Provincial listings in any of the Post Office Guides.

The reason a numeral cancellation was needed was to cancel Late Fee mail handed in at the Station.

The Late Fee rates were as follows: (all had to be prepaid in stamps stuck on the envelope):

1855 – 1857 6d.

1858 – 1864 1d and 6d.

Jan 1865 reduced to 4d.

Jul 1866 reduced to 2d.

Mar 1880 reduced to ½d for Inland mail. At Paddington Station there was a 2d late fee for the Cape mail from 1882 to 1890.

049 3HOS

Issued 2nd Oct 1855.
Used 24th Nov 1855 to 30th Oct 1876.
Rarity H.
Price £120 to £500.



The price depends on the face value of the stamp used to pay the late fee.

PONDERS END

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 – 1857

Receivers salary was only £5 which signifies a very small office. Under Enfield.

PONDERS END

NORTHERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1871

In the c.1860 Ride with Stoke Newington 7, Tottenham 8, Edmonton 10, Ponders End **1B**, Enfield 11, Waltham Cross 835 and Cheshunt 64. Offices that were Suburban Sorting Offices at this time, that did not have numbers, were given them. Thus Ponders End was allocated 1B.

1857 – 1871 A Suburban District.

1B.A.

Issued 15th May 1861
Has not been seen used.
Rarity G.P.O.



MIDDLESEX - 13

PONDERS END

PROVINCIAL AREA 1871 +

1871 - 1922 A Head Post Office

1871 Numeral cancellations with the number **F58**, issued to coincide with being made a Head Office.

1922 Became a Branch Office of Enfield.

F58 was allocated to Ponders End in the Provincial Lists from 1874 to 1924.

F58 4VOS

Issued 22nd Dec 1871.

Not seen used.

Rarity G.P.O.



F58 4VOD

Issued 22nd Dec 1871.

Used 1st Jan 1873 to 11th Jul 1879.

Rarity D.

Price £10.



F58 3VOD

Issued 21st Feb 1880.

Time in code:

Used 11th Mar 1880 to 13th Aug 1895.

Rarity B. Price £5.

Time in full:

Used 13th Jan 1896 to 28th Aug 1906.

Rarity A. Price £5 on cover, £2 on ppc.



POTTERS BAR

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 – 1857

1844 – 1857 Under the Barnet Sorting Office in the Barnet Ride.

Receivers salary was £6, a small office.

POTTERS BAR

NORTHERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1865

1857 – 1865 A Receiving House under Barnet.

POTTERS BAR

PROVINCIAL AREA 1865 +

1865 – 1883. A Receiving House under Barnet.

1880 D44 numeral issued

1883 – 1904 An Independent Sub Office.

1904 – 1905 A Railway Sub Office.

1905 – 1949+ An Independent Sub Office / Post Town.

1963 Moved from Middlesex to Hertfordshire.

D44 was allocated to Ponders End in the Provincial Lists from 1882 to 1906.

610 was allocated to Ponders End in the Provincial Lists from 1924 to 1962.

D44 3VOD

Issued 13th Oct 1880 with a dot and 5th May 1885 without a dot.

Time in code:

Used 14th Feb 1884 to 22nd Aug 1896.

Rarity D. Price £4.

Time in full:

Used 5th Mar 1898 to 12th Sep 1907.

Rarity A. Price £3 on cover, £1 on ppc.



SOUTHALL

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1846 – 1857

Ceased being a Post Town just before the 1844 numerals were issued, yet received the number **395** in the Provincial series, this was issued in Apr1844 and has been seen used in 1845. Southall was first listed in the London District Post in 1846. The number **395** was allocated to Southall in all the Provincial Lists from 1844 to 1962.

1846 – 1857 Under Edgware.

395 1844 type

Issued in Apr1844.

Used 7thMar1845.

Rarity H.

Price £50.



SOUTHALL

WESTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1865

The end of the new c.1860 Ride, with each Suburban Sorting Office being given a new number with a B suffix: Paddington 38B, Notting Hill 37B, Shepherds Bush 39B, Acton 34B, Ealing 35B. Hanwell 36B and Southall **40B**.

1857 A Receiving House under Ealing.

1858 A Receiving House under Hanwell.

1859 – 1865 A Suburban District.

40B.A

Issued 15thMay1861.

Not seen used on cover.

Cover: rarity H*.

Stamps: rarity H. price on perf £40.



SOUTHALL

PROVINCIAL AREA 1857 – 1862 & 1866 +

1857 – 1862 Listed as under Hounslow in the Provincial List in the Post Office Guide.

1866 – 1949+ A Head Post Office.

1866 Numeral cancellations with the number **395** issued to coincide with being made a Head Office.

395 4VOS.

Issued 28thApr1866.

Not seen used.

Rarity G.P.O.



395 4VODA.

Issued 28thApr1866.

Used 24thApr1867 to 9thFeb1877.

Rarity D.

Price £12.



395 4VODB.

Issued 23rdOct1874.

Used 8thJun1876 to 23rdDec1882.

Rarity F.

Price £20.



395 3VOD.

Not entered in the Proof Books.

Time in code:

Used 23rdJun1882 to 2ndAug1895.

Rarity F. Price £8.

Time in full:

Used 6thNov1896 to 11thMay1902.

Rarity C. Price £2.



STANMORE

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 – 1857

The Provincial number **770** is allocated to Stanmore in all the Provincial Lists from 1844 to 1962. Listed as being in the London District Post in the 1845 to 1855 Post Office Directory and 1856 Post Office Guide.

1844 – 1857 Under Edgware.

770 1844 type

Issued in Apr1844.

Used 26th May1844 to Aug1858.

Rarity F.

Price £20 in black, £50 in blue.



STANMORE

NORTH WESTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1868

The end of the Stanmore Ride with Hampstead 4, Hendon 5, The Hyde 44B, Edgware 6 and Stanmore **42B**. Given the number **42B** because it was a Suburban Sorting Office without a suburban number.

1857 – 1868 A Suburban District.

42B.A Issued May1861.

Not used whilst in the North Western District. See below:-

STANMORE

PROVINCIAL AREA 1868 +

1868 + A Head Post Office.

42B.A

Issued 15th May1861.

Used 15th Jan1869 to Aug1873.

Cover: rarity D, price £100.

Stamps: rarity C. price on perf £12.



770 3VOS

Issued 28th Nov1873.

Used 24th Oct1882 to 3rd Dec1882.

Rarity G.

Price £35.



770 3VOD.

Not entered in the Proof Books.

Time in code:

Used 18th Oct1888 to 31st Jul1895.

Rarity F. Price £6.

Time in full:

Used 1st Apr1898 to 24th Dec1911.

Rarity A. Price £2.



770 4VOD

Issued Jan1876.

Used Sep1876 to May1896.

Rarity C. Price £8.

SUDBURY

NORTH WESTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1867

In the c.1860 Ride with St.John's Wood 41B, Kilburn 60, Willesden 61, Sudbury **43B** and Harrow 62. Given the number **43B** because it was a Suburban Sorting Office without a number.

1857 – 1858 A Receiving House of Harrow.

1859 – 1867 A Suburban District.

43B A.

Issued 15th May1861.

Not been seen in use.

Rarity G.P.O.



SUDBURY

PROVINCIAL AREA 1867 +

1867 – 1914 A Receiving House under Harrow.

1914 Became a Town Receiving House of Harrow.

J64. In the Provincial Lists from c.1900 to 1906.

J64 3VOS

Not entered in the Proof Books.

Used 30th Apr 1902.

Rarity H. Price £60.



SUNBURY

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 –1857

Under Hampton. Receivers salary £12, which suggests a medium sized office.

SUNBURY

SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1867

In the Ride with Brompton 37, Fulham 46B, Mortlake 33, Richmond 34, Twickenham 35, Teddington 33b, Hampton 36 and Sunbury **47B**. Given the number **47B** in c.1860 because it was a Suburban Sorting Office without a number.

1857 – 1867 A Receiving House under Hampton.

47B.A

Issued 16th Jul 1861.

Not seen in use.

Rarity G.P.O.



SUNBURY

PROVINCIAL AREA 1867 +

1867 – 1873 A Receiving House under Twickenham.

1873 – 1912 An Independent Sub Office / Post Town.

1912 A Town Receiving House of Sunbury Common.

C96 in the Provincial Lists from 1874 to 1906.

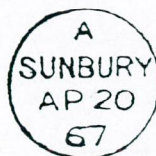
C96 4VOD.

Issued 17th Apr 1867.

Used 25th Sep 1867 to 14th Oct 1878.

Rarity D.

Price £12.



C96 3VOS.

Issued 4th Sep 1878.

Not seen in use.

Rarity G.P.O.



C96 3VOD

Issued 28th Aug 1878

Time in code:

Used 9th Feb 1880 to 24th Nov 1897.

Rarity D Price £6.

Time in full:

Used 7th Aug 1899 to 28th Jul 1905.

Rarity D.

Price £5 on cover, £2 on ppc.



MIDDLESEX - 17

TEDDINGTON

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 - 1857

Under either Hampton (in the Twopenny Post) or Kingston (nearest Money Order Office).
Receivers salary £12, ie. a small office.

TEDDINGTON

SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICT 1857 - 1867

In the Ride with Brompton 37, Fulham 46B, Mortlake 33, Richmond 34, Twickenham 35, Teddington 33B, Hampton 36 and Sunbury 47B. Given the number 33B in about 1860 because it was a Suburban Sorting Office without a number.

1857 - 1858 A Receiving House under Twickenham.

1859 - 1867 A Suburban District.

33B.A

Issued 15th May 1861.

Not seen in use.

Rarity G.P.O.



TEDDINGTON

PROVINCIAL AREA. 1867 +

1867 - 1873 A Receiving House under Twickenham.

1873 - 1901 An Independent Sub Office.

1901 + A Head Post Office.

C94 was allocated to Teddington in the Provincial Lists from 1874 to 1924.

O21C and 797 were both allocated to Teddington in the Provincial Lists from 1929 to 1959, O21C continued to the 1962 list. Brentford, Isleworth and Teddington all had duplicate numbers, the reason is not known.

Upper Teddington was allocated J26 in the Lists from 1892 to 1902, no numeral cancellations are known.

C94 4VOD.

Issued 17th Apr 1867.

Used 12th Jun 1867 to 9th Apr 1894.

Rarity A.

Price £5.



C94 3VOS.

Issued 7th May 1875.

Used 16th Aug 1882.

Rarity H

Price £35.



C94 3VOD.

Not entered in the Proof Books.

Used 29th Aug 1893 to 5th Apr 1897

Rarity D. Price £8.



TOTTENHAM

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 - 1857

In the Enfield Ride with Stoke Newington 7, Tottenham 8, Edmonton 10 and Enfield 11.

The Receivers salary was £10 for North Tottenham and £24 for South Tottenham, the latter was an active Country Sorting Office.

MIDDLESEX - 18

8.A

Issued in May 1844.

Used 27th Oct 1855 to 18th Feb 1857.

Covers: rarity G, price on cover £250.

Stamps: rarity B, price on imperf £25, on perf £10.



TOTTENHAM

NORTHERN DISTRICT 1857 +

1857 – 1874 A Suburban District.

1874 + A Suburban District with the comment "*District Initials should no longer be used in the address*". This normally signifies that Tottenham was now in the Northern District and Provincial Area at the same time. However Tottenham did not leave the Northern District, and it was never in the lists of Provincial Offices in the *Post Office Guide*. The number 117 was in the Provincial Lists of numeral allocations for 1874 through to 1892 and was in use from 1874 to 1888 but the Office was in the Northern District at the time.

The suburban style numbers were used in sequence:-

8.A

Issued in May 1844.

Used 10th Oct 1870.

Covers: rarity G, price on cover £250.

Stamps: rarity B, price on perf £10.



74.A

Issued 12th Jun 1873.

Not seen in use.

Rarity G.P.O.



74.B

Issued c. 14th Jun 1873.

Used Aug 1873 to 31st Dec 1873.

Rarity G. Price £50.



8.C

Issued 12th Jun 1873.

Not seen in use.

Rarity G.P.O.

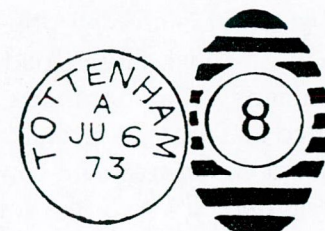


8.B

Issued c. 6th Jun 1873.

Used Dec 1873 to Apr 1883.

Rarity C. Price £6.



West Brompton in the South Western District used number 8 at the same time as Tottenham, Issued Nov 1875 and used Nov 1875 to Dec 1906.

45.A

Issued 1st Nov 1883.

Used Dec 1883 to Jan 1884.

Rarity G. Price £50.



Number 117 in the Provincial style was in use whilst the above sequence were used. The Proof Book entries for the 3VOS and 4VOD on 23 Apr 1874 says that they were sent to the Northern District Office, the volume in which they were entered was solely for Provincial cancellations!

MIDDLESEX - 19

Tottenham Continued:

117 3VOS.

Issued 23rd Apr 1874.

Two issued with and Without dot.

Used 27th Mar 1875.

Rarity H.

Price £40.



117 4VOD.

Issued 23rd Apr 1874.

Used 6th May 1874 to 16th Jun 1880.

Rarity F. Price £20.



8 was allocated to Tottenham in the London Lists from 1844 to 1857.

45 and 74 were not in any List

117 was allocated to Tottenham in the Provincial Lists from 1874 to 1892.

80 was allocated to Tottenham in the London Lists from 1899 to 1962.

Edmonton and Tottenham had a very similar history.

TURNHAM GREEN

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 – 1857

A Country Sorting Office, the Receivers salary was £23 ie an active office.

TURNHAM GREEN

WESTERN DISTRICT. 1857 – 1882

In the Hounslow Ride with Paddington 38B, Notting Hill 37B, Kensington 38, Hammersmith 39, Turnham Green, Brentford 41, Isleworth 56 and Hounslow 394. Turnham Green is the only Sorting Office in these c.1860 rides that did not get a number allocated to it.

1857 A Receiving House under Acton.

1858 – 1874 A Suburban District.

1875 – 1879 A Suburban District with the comment "*District Initials should no longer be used in the address*". This signifies that Turnham Green was in London but only used Provincial style cancellations. Turnham Green did not leave London.

1880 – 1882 As above but now in the Paddington District.

1882 Renamed Chiswick High Road, became the primary Receiving House in the Chiswick Suburban District. "Turnham Green" became a Pillar Box that was also in the Chiswick Suburban District.

43 was allocated to Turnham Green in the Provincial Lists from 1874 to 1882.

In 1874 Turnham Green was sent cancellations in a Provincial style 43 in a 3VOS format and three cancellations numbered 1 to 3 in a format that was used in the Head Post Offices of each District. Why this was so is unknown, Turnham Green was not a Head Office, Chiswick also received a similar cancellation.

1D1

Issued c.26th Jan 1874.

Used Nov 1874 to Sep 1876.

Rarity G. Price £60.



2D1

Issued c.26th Jan 1874.

Used 20th May 1874 to 14th Jul 1881.

Rarity G. Price £60.



3D1

Issued c.26th Jan 1874.

Used Jun 1876 to Oct 1879.

Rarity F. Price £40.



MIDDLESEX - 20

43 3VOS Issued Feb 1874. There are two entries in the Proof Books, one was entered in the London Book and one in the Provincial Book, neither has ever been seen used. Rarity G.P.O.

London:



Provincial:



TWICKENHAM

LONDON DISTRICT POST 1844 – 1857

On the London District Post Ride with Wandsworth 31, Putney 32, Mortlake 33, Richmond 34, Twickenham **35** and Hampton 36.

The Receivers salary was £42, which indicates a large and active Country Sorting Office.

35.A

Issued in May 1844.

Used 8th Aug 1844 to 1854 and later see below:

Covers: rarity E, price on cover £150.

Stamps: rarity B, price on imperf £25, on perf £10.



TWICKENHAM

SOUTH WESTERN DISTRICT 1857 – 1867

In the "1860" Ride with Brompton 37, Fulham 46B, Mortlake 33, Richmond 34, Twickenham **35**, Teddington 33B, Hampton 36 and Sunbury 47B.

1857 – 1867 A Suburban District

35.A

Issued May 1844

Used prior to 1857 (see above) to Apr 1866.

Covers: rarity E, price on cover £150.

Stamps: rarity B, price, on perf £10.



TWICKENHAM

PROVINCIAL AREA 1857 +

1857 + A Head Post Office.

C93 was allocated to Twickenham in the Provincial Lists from 1874 to 1924.

893 was allocated to Twickenham in the Provincial Lists from 1928 to 1962.

C93 4VODA

Issued 3rd May 1867.

Used 2nd Sep 1867 to 9th Jan 1885.

Rarity A. Price £3.



C93 4VOS

Issued 22nd Feb 1872.

Not seen in use.

Rarity G.P.O.



C93 4VODB

Not entered in the Proof Books.

Used 5th Jun 1885 to 25th Nov 1886.

Rarity G. Price £15.



C93 3VOD

Not entered in the Proof Books.

Time in code:

Used 1st Oct 1888 to 9th Sep 1895.

Rarity A. Price £2.

Time in full:

Used 16th Oct 1895 to 1st Mar 1899.

Rarity C. Price £2.



WEALDSTONE – See after Harrow Station.