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It incorporates the following:

- 1/ Status of the Offices that used barred numeral cancellations.
- 2/ A list of the Sub Offices of major Offices that used barred numeral cancels.
- 3/ The later numeral allocations that were made after barred numerals ceased to be issued.

Dates, codes and times in red are new to the published volumes.

Dates of a change in status are derived largely from the Post Office Guide for January of each year, if a change occurs in say the 1865 edition, it actually took place sometime in 1864.

Status of the Offices

Head Post Offices / Post Town collected, sorted, cancelled and distributed mail from and to a series of Subordinate Offices.

The address of mail sent to a place with a Head Office would end just with the name of the town i.e. Bedford.

Independent Sub Offices evolved in the second half of the 19th Century having an address that was independent of the nearest Head Office, most of their mail could come straight to them.

Mail sent to these addresses ended with S.O. and the county name.

i.e. Shefford S.O. Beds. (from 1873 to 1886)

Railway Sub Offices (R.S.O.)

These were offices that received and sent their mail to a travelling railway post office rather than a conventional head office.

i.e. Shefford R.S.O. Beds. (from 1886 to 1905)

When the term "Railway Sub Office" was abolished in 1905, these became Independent Sub Offices; in 1909 they became Post Towns. Although the term R.S.O. was abolished in 1905 it remained in use in many cds's for several years afterwards.

Subordinate Offices The address of mail sent there had to include the name of the Head Office:-

i.e. Potton, Biggleswade. (1844 to 1854)

i.e. Potton, St Neots. (1854 to 1872)

i.e. Potton, Sandy. (1872 to present)

These normally received and sent most of their mail direct to a Head Office.

In the text the dates given are for the length of time that they were sub offices not the period of use of barred numerals.

A Sub Office in an urban environment, before 1892 was called a Town Receiving Office.

LETTER BOXES.

Pillar Boxes and Wall Boxes, did not normally have their own cancellation, exception were Late Fee Letter Boxes at Railway Stations. The cancellation was applied either in the Travelling Post Office, eg. Euston Square Station with its provincial style 964 cancellation, or in transit the Manchester/Liverpool/Leeds/Bradford Late Box cancellations which were cancelled in London.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE CANCELLATIONS:

1844 type for the single obliterators issued to all the offices in the lists to 1850.



1844

3HOS is a 3 Bar Horizontal Oval Single obliterator

The 3HOS replaced the 1844 type in the 1850's. They can sometimes be very similar in that the 1844's can have three bars at the top and base. The key characteristic to separate these from a subsequently issued 3HOS is the length of the uppermost and lowermost bars. These are long in the 1844 type and short and often convex in the 3HOS. The figure 4 almost always has a serif on the horizontal bar in 1844s and is always sans serif in the 3HOSs.



3HOS



3TH.HOS

4VOS is a 4 Bar Vertical Oval Single obliterator

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Obliterators that were first issued as a 4VOS can through wear and local recutting become a 3VOS or indeed rarely a 2VOS. As these always derive from the original 4VOS they are placed in that category. The evidence is that the size of the figures and letters stay the same despite the reduction in the number of bars. True 3VOS's are separately proofed as such and frequently replace a 4VOS.



4VOS



3VOS



3CD

3 bar Circular oval Duplex



4VOD



3VOD

Spoon and sideways duplex are pre-existing categories that have been used

4 bar Vertical Oval Duplex 3 bar Vertical Oval Duplex

3VODX A distinctive pattern of 3VOD was sent to 21 towns on 10 MAY1873. In the Proof Books the cds and obliterators were separately entered, with the cds often at an angle and some distance from the obliterators. In use the cds and obliterators were also some distance apart, they were the first 3VOD cancellations to be issued. They are often described as a 3VOS in the literature. Of the 21, three are common Birmingham, Manchester and Cheltenham, 11 are very rare, and 7 have never been seen. They might have been for use in an experimental new style of handstamp or cancelling machine. Whatever the nature of the experiment it appears to not to have been successful.

ILLUSTRATIONS

The majority of the illustrations are face different Proof Book entries. These have been photocopied from photocopies held in the Post Office archive.

There are very few examples of the 1844 type in the Proof Books, most examples in the catalogue have been traced from actual examples.

If there are two identical copies of a cancel entered at the same in the Proof Books this can often be shown to be the issue of two different cancels. The official stamping the entry found it easier to make two impressions of the same cancel rather than one of each.

DATE OF ISSUE

The date attached to each illustration is the first date of entry in the Proof Books. Just the month and year are quoted because of the ambiguities in the various possible dates: -

1/ The date a cancellation was sent to a Head Office, this was not always the final destination.

2/ The date in the cds of the cancellation, this is not always the same as the date sent. It can indeed be almost a year out. Volume 15 of the Proof Books consists of cut outs of cancellations, these are often duplicate entries of cancels that are in other Proof Books - however the cds date in volume 15 can often be much earlier in the year than the date in the other Proof Books. The earlier date is certainly the correct one.

3/ The date a cancel was proofed – this is in a column marked “sent” in the Proof Books.

In the literature any of these three sources could have been used for the “date of issue”.

RARITY & PRICE

The rarity index ranges from A = abundant to H = very few recorded. H* has been used for proofed cancels that have only been recorded on loose stamp.

GPO means that the cancel has only been seen in the Proof Books.

Prices for coloured cancels have not been quoted, there is too much variation.

Prices have not been updated from those quoted in the six volume set issued 2011 to 2013 - i.e. they are at least 10 years old.

POST OFFICE LISTS

The list of numeral allocations comes from a combination of several sources:-

1/ The Official Lists held in various forms in the Post Office Archives and several that are privately held.

2/ Individual changes in allocation listed in the Post Office Circular, which was a set of weekly instructions to Postmasters.

The Official Lists that have been used:-

1844 – contained in Dendy Marshall’s book. Thus seen by Brumell.

1845 - 1847 - 1855 - 1856 - 1857 contained in the relevant Post Office Directory.

1874 - 1882 - 1887 - 1892 - currently available in the Post Office Archives, in their file Post 55. The 1882 list is new, it was not seen or mentioned by Brumell.

1899 - Brumell mentions a list that he had not seen that was quoted by Whitworth (Southport 1905) as the “1899” list. Post Office Archives have an 1887 list with manuscript additions up to about 1900. This is certainly Whitworth’s “1899” list.

1902 - seen and listed by Brumell, but there is no longer a copy in the Post Office Archives.

1906 - currently available in the Post Office Archives, in Post 55. This was the last list used by Brumell.

1924, 1929 and 1949 - these have recently become available in the Post Office Archives, in Post 55, called Post Office Form 1013. They were not available to Mackay.

1954, 1959 - listed by George Pearson in his 1959 publication. The lists are not in the Post Office Archives.

1962 - an original list seen and quoted by Mackay. Given by him in 1990 to the Post Office Archives, but no longer available. A privately held copy has been downloaded from the GBPS website.

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Post Office Archives: Many thanks for all their help in the past, although under the current regime research is becoming increasingly difficult. This follows a general tendency amongst archivists to make preservation the all-pervading priority and making access secondary.

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113 BRAMPTON

Sub Office of Carlisle 1844 to 1867, Railway Sub Office 1867 to 1876, Sub Office of Carlisle 1876 to 1912, Post Town 1912 to 1920, Sub Office of Carlisle 1920 to 1922, Post Town 1922 to present. Brampton was allocated number 113 in the lists from 1844 to 1906. Number 113 was later allocated to Blyth (Nthbd) from 1925 to 1962



1844 Used from 13 MAY1844 to 15 APR1861 Price G £40 Can have four bars on the top
 3VOS GPO



4VOD Used from 9 AUG1869 to 7 DEC1877 Codes: Bin v C Price F £25
3VOD Used from 9 SEP1879 to 8 SEP1919 Codes: A B C D Price A £8 on cover, £3 on ppc

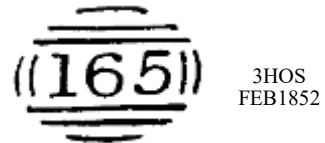
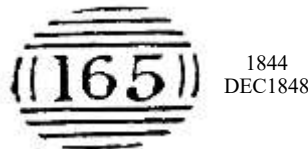
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165 CARLISLE

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

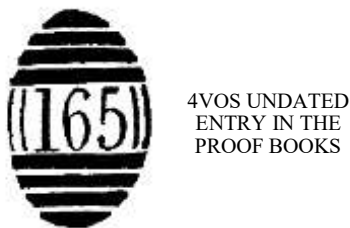
Carlisle was allocated 165 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (using barred numerals): 819 Aspatria 1856 to 1878. 113 Brampton 1844 to 1867 & 1876 to 1912. K39 Dalston 1844 to 1878. D10 Gretna (Dumfries) 1860 to 1917. 166 & G62 Haltwhistle (Nthbd) 1844 to 1902. 350 Haydon Bridge (Nthbd) 1844 to 1846 & 1855 to 1902. 954 Longtown 1902 to 1903. 857 Silloth 1858 to 1876 & 1896 to Present. 879 Wigton 1844 to 1855.



1844 Used from 11 MAY1844 to 24 SEP1854 Price A £6

3HOS Used from 17 MAY1852 to 30 JAN1855 Price G £20



4VOS Seen worn to a 2VOS on undated newspaper wrappers (1871 to 1875) Price H* £15 on undated wrappers

3VOS Used from 14 FEB1885 to 28 AUG1895 Price H £60

3VOS in blue used on 4 APR1892



SDWYS II FEB1855



SDWYS III JUL1857

SDWYS II Used from 1 MAR1855 to 27 DEC1860

Codes: A C D E F (Hsdwys or I) Price C £10

SDWYS II in green Used on 9 JUL1856

SDWYS III Used from 11 JUL1857 to 24 DEC1862

Codes: A C E F O Price E £40



SCOT Used from 1 DEC1857 to 21 NOV1863 Codes: A B C D E F G H O P Price A £8
 Recorded in the Proof Books of Kirkwoods, the makers of Scottish handstamps on
 20 NOV1857, 18 JUN1858, 19 JAN1859 and 17 DEC1861. The 1 MAY1860 date quoted in the
 first edition of the catalogue was from the English & Welsh Proof Books. The cds is often at
 an angle to the obliterator. Can occur with the year in two or four figures.



3CD Used from 28 MAR1860 to 10 APR1862 Codes: A D E F G P Price E £20
 Rare, the Scottish type cancel was normally used.
4CD Used from 12 FEB1864 to 26 MAR1866 Codes: C D E F G H Price B £4



4VOD Time in code Used from 19 JUN1865 to 7 FEB1895
Codes: A B C D E F G H J K L M N O P Q R Two part codes: - 1I 1O 1P 2O 3J 3M 3N 3O
 4I 4H 4M 4N 5B 5C 5Hsdwys 6C 6Hsdwys 6M 7P
 The two part code was used DEC1877 to SEP1880. The numbers were probably used for
 handstamp identification. Price A £3
 16 4VODs were proofed between APR1865 and DEC1877.
4VOD Time in full Used from 25 FEB1896 to 24 DEC1903 Times: 845AM 1230PM 115PM
 345PM 5PM 545PM 630PM 8PM 915PM 1030PM Price C £3

CUMBERLAND 165-209



3VOD Time in code Used from 1 APR1878 to 13 OCT1894 Price A £3

Used a two part code the number probably being for handstamp identification:

2 – J M N O P **R**

3 – E G M N O P R

4 – H K L M N O P Q R

5 – E F K M N O P Q R

6 – G I J K M N O P

7 – D H M N O P Q

Also single codes used from **5 MAY1882** to 5 APR1892:- N O P R

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 7 JAN1895 to 20 MAR1895

Codes: EI*P FF*P H*P HI*P I*P Price G £15

3VOD Time in full Used from 24 MAY1895 to 3 JAN1899

Times: 1015AM 1145AM 115PM 230PM 245PM 5PM 545PM 630PM 8PM 815PM 845PM 1130PM Price C £3

209 COCKERMOUTH

Head Post Office 1844 to present

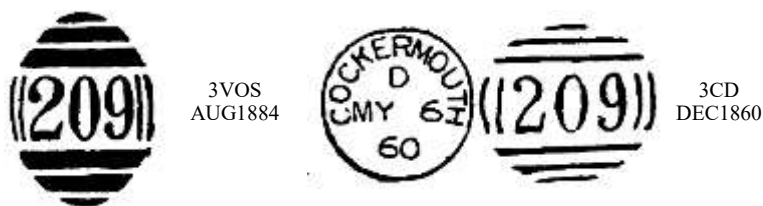
Cockermouth was allocated 209 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 Used from **4 MAY1844** to 22 NOV1858 Price D £8

3HOS Used from 5 AUG1859 to 4 APR1877 Price F £25

The single side arc 3HOS has been seen on precancelled unused newspaper wrappers.



3VOS Used in JAN1882 Price H £20 20thC.

3CD Used from 4 OCT1861 to 16 JUL1863 Codes: A B C Price F £25

CUMBERLAND 209-413



4VOD
JUN1864



4VOD
DEC1871

4VOD Used from 2 JAN1865 to 23 FEB1882 Codes: A B C D 7 Price A £4



3VOD
MAY1882

3VOD Time in code Used from 2 SEP1882 to 16 DEC1894

Codes: A B D E F G H I Price B £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 17 JUN1895 to 11 AUG1909

Times: 610AM 630AM 645AM 1015AM 1230PM 230PM 315PM 330PM 515PM 530PM 545PM
615PM 630PM 715PM 830PM Price A £3

252 SEASCALE

Sub Office of Carnforth 1871 to 1893, Independent Sub Office 1893 to 1897, Railway Sub Office 1897 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1917, Sub Office of Carnforth 1917 to 1919, Post Town 1919 to present.

Seascale was allocated number 252 in the 1906 list and 942 in the lists from 1935 to 1962.

Number 252 was previously allocated to Torpoint (Corn) 1844 to 1857 then Penygraig (Glam) 1882 to 1892 and later to Eccles (Lancs) 1924 to 1962.



3VDO NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

3VOD Used from 15 AUG1894 to 15 SEP1910 Codes: A B C Cinv D Price A £5

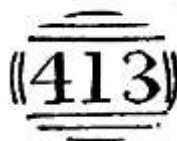
413 KESWICK

Head Post Office 1844 to 1847, Sub Office of Windermere 1847 to 1870, Head Post Office 1870 to present.

Keswick was allocated 413 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
AUG1860

CUMBERLAND 413-519

1844 Used from 21 MAY1844 to 7 JAN1859 Price B £6 and late use on 23 AUG1938
3HOS No dated copies recorded Price H* £40 (Price if found on dated cover)



3VOS
NOV1884



4VODA
SEP1865

3VOS Used from 10 APR1893 to MAR1949 Price H £40 pre 1900, £15 post 1900
4VODA (Straight Keswick) Used from 24 SEP1865 to 12 AUG1874 Codes: A B C D 8
 Price C £5



4VODB
OCT1874



3VOD
JAN1884

4VODB (Curved Keswick) Used from 6 NOV1874 to 3 JUN1887 Codes: A B C Cswdys D E
 Price C £4
3VOD Time in code Used from 28 JAN1884 to 24 JUL1894 Codes: A B C D E F G H
 Price A £3
3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 30 OCT1894 to 27 DEC1894 Code: F*P
 Price H £25
3VOD Time in full Used from 15 FEB1895 to 28 AUG1914
 Times: 7AM 71AM 830AM 1115AM 130PM 145PM 2PM 330PM 6PM 61PM 615PM 645PM
 7PM 745PM none(xmas) Price A £3

519 MARYPORT

Head Post Office 1844 to 1919, Salaried Sub Office 1919 to present.
 Maryport was allocated 519 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3VOS
DEC1884

1844 Used from 5 MAY1844 to 16 AUG1876 Price A £6 Seen in blue
3VOS Used on 21 APR1953 On a philatelic cover Price H £15

CUMBERLAND 519-606



4VOD Used from 24 SEP1866 to 27 NOV1894 Codes: A B C D E F I J none Price A £4



3VOD Time in code Used from 30 DEC1884 to 5 OCT1893

Codes: A B C E F H I Price C £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 1 DEC1895 to 1 DEC1905

Times: 6AM 10AM 1030AM 1045AM 1230PM 2PM 230PM 245PM 3PM 5PM 530PM 545PM 6PM 630PM 645PM 7PM 730PM 745PM Price A £3

530 Millom

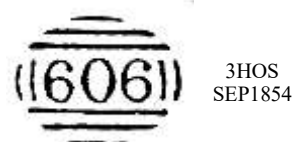
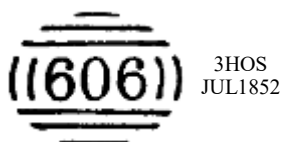
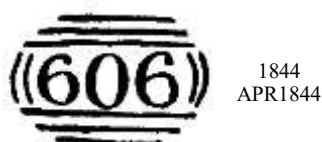
Millom was allocated number D01 in the lists from 1882 to 1906 and then 530 in the lists from 1924 to 1962.

606 PENRITH

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Penrith was allocated 606 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (using barred numerals): 607 Alston 1844 to 1860. 25 Appleby (Westmd) 1855 to 1885. 142 Brough (Westmd) 1855 to 1880. 437 Kirkby Stephen (Westmd) 1855 to 1872. 041 Kirkby Thore 1844 (Westmd) to present. B59 Shap (Westmd) 1844 to 1862. 143 & 045 Temple Sowerby (Westmd) 1850 to present. F82 Warcop (Westmd) 1847 to 1886 & 1887 to 1898.



1844 Used from 23 MAY1844 to 4 MAR1852 Price A £5

3HOS Used from 6 APR1853 to 9 MAR1866 Price A £4

CUMBERLAND 606



3VOS
JUN1873



3VOS
JUL1875



3VOS
DEC1882

3VOS Used from 20 OCT1882 to 31 OCT1960 Price H £60 19th C, to £15 late 20th C.
Occurs on undated QV wrappers
3VOS in red Used on 6 OCT1954



SDWYS II SEP1855



3CD
DEC1857



3CD
FEB1861

SDWYS Used from 26 OCT1855 to 13 NOV1857 Codes: B C Cinv D Price C £15
3CD Used from 3 FEB1858 to 25 SEP1871 Codes: B C D E F Price A £4



4VOD
JUN1864



3VOD
APR1874

4VOD Used from 12 OCT1864 to 27 SEP1887
Codes: A B C D E F H I J K L P Price A £4
Occurs struck through cloth - price £30
3VOD Time in code Used from 15 JUN1874 to 17 MAR1911
Codes: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U W none Price A £3
3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 11 JUN1894 to 21 JAN1896
Codes: HK*A B*P CB*P DF*P EI*P F*P FB*P G*P H*P I*P IF*P K*P M*P Price A £6
3VOD Time in full Used from 21 FEB1896 to 24 DEC1908
Times: 430AM 1245PM 145PM 2PM 315PM 5PM 530PM 545PM 615PM 645PM 7PM 730PM
8PM 815PM 9PM 1030PM 11PM 1130PM none(xmas) Price A £3

CUMBERLAND 607-819

607 ALSTON

Sub Office of Penrith 1844 to 1860, Sub Office of Carlisle 1860 to 1902, Railway Sub Office 1902 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to present.

Although in all the lists from 1844 to 1906, numerals only used from 1844 to 1859.

Number 607 was later allocated to Penmaenmawr (Carn) in the lists from 1924 to 1962.



1844
APR1844

1844 Used from 24 MAY1844 to 16 SEP1859 Price F £60+

1844 in blue Used in 1849

642 RAVENGLASS

Head Post Office 1844, Sub Office of Ulverstone 1845 to 1850, Sub Office of Whitehaven 1850 to 1869, Sub Office of Carnforth 1869 to 1893, Independent Sub Office 1893 to 1897, Railway Sub Office 1897 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1917, Sub Office of Carnforth 1917 to 1919, Post Town 1919 to present.

Ravenglass was allocated number 642 in the lists from 1844 to 1857, G59 in the 1887 to 1902 lists and then K53 in the 1902 to 1906 lists.

Number 642 was later allocated to Petersfield, Jamaica in the lists from 1882 to 1902, Rawtenstall (Lancs) in the 1924 to 1935 lists and Port Erin (IOM) in the 1948 to 1962 lists.



1844
APR1844

1844 Used from 29 MAY1846 to 29 NOV1858 Price E £40

Occurs with 4 bars on top

A 642 3HOS was used in Petersfield Jamaica, only on Jamaican stamps.

819 ASPATRIA

Sub Office of Maryport 1844 to 1856, Sub Office of Carlisle 1856 to 1877, Railway Sub Office 1877 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1920, Sub Office of Carlisle 1920 to present.

Aspatria was allocated number 819 in the lists from 1882 to 1906.

Number 819 was later seen in a charge mark sent to Pickering (Yorks) in 1920 and then to Twyford (Berks) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.



3VOS
JUN1877



4VOD
JUL1877

3VOS GPO

4VOD Used from 28 SEP1887 to 13 JUN1910 Codes: A B C Price A £4

CUMBERLAND 857-877

857 SILLOTH

Sub Office of Carlisle 1858 to 1876, Railway Sub Office 1876 to 1896, Sub Office of Carlisle 1896 to present.

Silloth was allocated number 857 in the lists from 1882 to 1906.

Number 857 was earlier allocated to Welford (Northts) in the 1844 to 1857 lists then to Welwyn Garden City (Herts) in 1928 to 1962.



3VOS
DEC1877



3VOD
OCT1885

3VOS Used from 4 AUG1904 to 15 JUN1906 Price H £80

3VOD Used from 10 SEP1886 to 27 FEB1908 Codes: A B C D Price A £4

877 WHITEHAVEN

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Whitehaven was allocated 877 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (using barred numerals): G80 Parton 1854 to present and 642 Ravenglass 1850 to 1969.



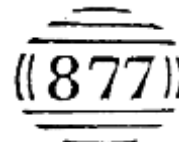
1844
APR1844



3HOS
MAR1853



3HOS
JUL1855



3HOS
JUN1858

1844 Used from 7 MAY1844 to 14 MAY1853 Price A £6

1844 in blue Used from AUG1846 to JUN1847

3HOS Used from 6 JUN1853 to 22 SEP1857 Price D £10



4VOS
SEP1869



3VOS
AUG1877



3VOS
AUG1882

4VOS Used from 6 JUL1870 to 3 APR1875 Price H £80

Becomes a 3VOS through wear and recutting.

3VOS Used from 26 OCT1889 to 22 SEP1893 Price H £60

CUMBERLAND 877-879



3CD Used from 1 FEB1858 to 23 FEB1871 Codes: A B C D E F Price A £4



4VOD
MAR1871



4VOD
NOV1874



4VOD
AUG1877

4VOD Time in code Used from 12 MAY1871 to 1 MAR1899

Codes: A Asdwys C D E F G H I J K Ksdwys M none Price A £4

4VOD Time in full Used from 20 JUL1895 to 11 FEB1898

Times: 6AM 10AM 11AM 1PM 2PM 415PM 445PM 6PM 630PM 915PM Price E £6



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

3VOD Used from 28 APR1896 to 10 JUL1915

Times: 6AM 10AM 11AM 1145AM 1245PM 1PM 145PM 2PM 330PM 415PM 430PM 445PM
5PM 515PM 530PM 545PM 545 610PM 630PM 645PM 7PM 915PM Price A £2

879 WIGTON

Sub Office of Carlisle 1844 to 1855, Head Post Office 1855 to 1919, Salaried Sub Office 1919 to present.

Wigton was allocated 879 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (using barred numerals): K38 Brayton Station 1897 to 1900.

CUMBERLAND 879-880



1844
APR1844



3HOS
MAY1859

1844 Used from 3 MAY1844 to 2 JUL1858 Price D £8

3HOS Used from 3 SEP1859 to 17 DEC1861 Price F £15



4VOS
MAY1869



4CD
UN1863

4VOS Used from 22 JAN1898 to 16 DEC1904 Price H £60

Becomes a 3VOS through wear and recutting.

4CD Used from 4 NOV1863 to 23 SEP1886 Codes: A B C D E G 5 Price B £6



3VOD
MAR1887

3VOD Time in code Used from 25 APR1887 to 18 FEB1895 Codes: A B C E F P Price B £4

3VOD Time in full Used from 2 NOV1895 to 17 MAY1907

Times: 115AM 5AM 6AM 645AM 1115AM 1130AM 130PM 230PM 315PM 330PM 415PM
430PM 545PM 715PM 730PM Price A £3

880 ALLONBY

Sub Office of Maryport 1844 to present.

Allonby was allocated number 880 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 880 was later allocated to Didsbury (Lancs) 1882 to 1906, Wigston (Leics) 1924 and Willington (Dur) 1929 to 1959.

1844 Used from 19 FEB1845 to 1 OCT1858 Price F £60+

Seen in blue.

Occurs with an Allonby cud. and a Maryport cds.



1844
APR1844

CUMBERLAND 921

921 WORKINGTON

Head Post Office 1844 to ? Branch Office to Franchised Post Office in 1997.
 Workington was allocated 921 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
 APR1844



3HOS
 OCT1858

1844 Used from 2 MAY1844 to 17 JUL1858 Price B £8
 3HOS Used from 22 NOV1858 to 16 MAY1862 Price G £20



4VOS
 SEP1867



3VOS
 OCT1877

4VOS Used from 23 JAN1868 to 27 MAR1901 Price G £50
 There is a recut that has thinner bars and very small top and basal bars, which can appear to be a 3VOS.
3VOS GPO See above



3CD
 NOV1861

3CD Used from 7 APR1862 to 7 MAY1873 Codes: B C D Price E £30



4VOD
 SEP1867



4VOD
 JUL1873

4VOD Used from 9 JAN1868 to 28 JUL1894 Codes: A B C D F H I J K Price A £4

CUMBERLAND 921-954



3VOD
MAR1878



3VOD
NOV1885

3VOD Time in code Used from 10 DEC1878 to 5 AUG1894

Codes: A C D H I J K L Price E £8

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 28 SEP1894 to 3 DEC1896

Codes: DI*P EF*P FC*P Price G £15

3VOD Time in full Used from 13 SEP1895 to 27 MAY1908

Times: 545AM 6AM 1130AM 115PM 215PM 330PM 5PM 515PM 530PM 615PM 815PM

Price A £3

942 Seascale

Seascale was allocated number 252 in the 1906 list and 942 in the lists from 1935 to 1962.

954 LONGTOWN

Sub Office of Carlisle 1844 to 1867, Railway Sub Office 1867 to 1873, Sub Office of Carlisle 1873 to 1876, Railway Sub Office 1876 to 1902, Sub Office of Carlisle 1902 to 1903, Railway Sub Office 1903 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1917, Sub Office of Carlisle 1917 to present.

Longtown was allocated number 954 in the lists from 1847 to 1906.

Number 954 was later allocated to Westhoughton (Lancs) in the 1952 to 1959 lists.



1844
APR1844



3VOS
DEC1877



3VOS
OCT1881

1844 Used from 21 FEB1847 to 31 MAR1858 Price G £50

3VOS No dated copies recorded Price H* £80+ (Price if found on dated cover)



4VOD
DEC1867

4VOD Used from 20 AUG1868 to 20 SEP1880 Code: A Price E £25

CUMBERLAND 954-D01



3VOD Used from 27 SEP1883 to 10 SEP1910 Codes: A B Bin v C Price C £6

A01 Whitehaven

Charge marks with the number A01 sent in SEP1915 to Whitehaven, they could have been sent on to a subordinate office.

Number A01 was previously allocated to Kingston Jamaica in the 1874 to 1902 lists, then used in London from 1900 to 1910. Not allocated to any office after 1902.

D01 HOLBORN HILL

Sub Office of Ulverstone 1863 to 1867, Railway Sub Office 1867 to 1869,
Sub Office of Carnforth 1869 to 1876,
Renamed Millom in 1876.

4VOS D01 was issued in 1867 when Holborn Hill became a RSO.
Holborn Hill was allocated number D01 in the 1874 list.

4VOS Used from 14 AUG1867 to 28 FEB1878 Price G £80+



D01 MILLOM

Prior to 1876 called Holborn Hill. Sub Office of Carnforth 1876 to 1893, Independent Sub Office 1893 to 1900, Railway Sub Office 1900 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to present.

Millom was allocated number D01 in the lists from 1882 to 1906 and then 530 in the lists from 1924 to 1962.

Sub Office (using barred numerals): K60 The Green 1896 to Present.



3VOS Used from 2 DEC1879 to 11 FEB1905 Price G £40+ 19th C. £15 20th C.

3VOD Time in code Used from 25 DEC1880 to 4 SEP1894 Codes: A B C D E Price E £12

3VOD Time in full Used from 29 AUG1895 to 16 FEB1906

Times: 9AM 1115AM 1130AM 3PM 315PM 330PM 345PM 5PM 510PM 530PM 545PM
630PM 645PM 745PM 8PM 845PM 88PM 1115PM Price A £3

CUMBERLAND D10-F09

D10 GRETNA

In Dumfries but a Sub Office of Carlisle 1844 to 1856, Sub Office of Annan 1856 to 1860, Sub Office of Carlisle 1860 to 1917, Post Town 1917 to 1926, Sub Office of Carlisle 1926 to present.

In Scotland but used an English style numeral cancel.

Gretna was allocated number D10 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

4VOS Used from 17 DEC1868 to 6 SEP1872 Price G £150++



D58 HARRINGTON

Sub Office of Workington 1844 to 1859, Sub Office of Carlisle 1859 to 1868, Railway Sub Office 1868 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1930, Sub Office of Workington 1930 to present. A Town Sub Office by 1957.

4VOS D58 was issued in 1868 when Harrington became a RSO.

Harrington was allocated number D58 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.



4VOS
MAY1868



3VOS
DEC1874



3VOS
JAN1878

4VOS Used from 6 OCT1868 to 21 JUL1873 Price G £60

3VOS Used from 20 AUG1878 to 24 JUL1884 Price G £60



3VOD
DEC1886

3VOD Time in code Used from 5 JAN1888 to 12 AUG1895 Code: B Price F £12

3VOD Time in full Used from 5 MAR1896 to 13 JAN1913

Times: 630AM 1015AM 1PM 15PM 215PM 230PM 3PM 310PM 5PM 5M 530PM 6PM **65PM**
610PM 630PM 630 Price A £3

F09 HOLM ROOK

Sub Office of Whitehaven 1847 to 1869, Sub Office of Carnforth 1869 to 1893, Independent Sub Office 1893 to 1897, Railway Sub Office 1897 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1917, Sub Office of Carnforth 1917 to 1919, Post Town 1919 to present.

Holm Rook was allocated number F09 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

CUMBERLAND F09-G25



4VOS
OCT1870



3VOS
SEP1887

4VOS Used from 21 OCT1870 to 11 JUL1887 Price G £80
3VOD Used from 9 APR1890 to 10 JAN1910 Codes: A B C Price F £40

G23 CLEATOR

Sub Office of Whitehaven 1845 to 1869, Sub Office of Carnforth 1869 to 1893, Independent Sub Office 1893 to 1897, Railway Sub Office 1897 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1917, Sub Office of Carnforth 1917 to 1919, Post Town 1919 to present.

Cleator was allocated number G23 in the lists from 1874 to 1924.

4VOD Time in code Used from 11 JUN1874 to 15 DEC1900

Codes: A B Bin v C Price C £8

The dot is not always visible

4VOD Time in full Used from 9 OCT1903 to 29 JUN1920

Times: 1015AM 1030AM 415PM 5PM 515PM 545PM 6PM
 615PM 630PM 645PM 1030PM none Price A £3



4VOD
SEP1873

G25 EGREMONT

Sub Office of Whitehaven 1844 to 1869, Sub Office of Carnforth 1869 to 1893, Independent Sub Office 1893 to 1897, Railway Sub Office 1897 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1917, Sub Office of Carnforth 1917 to 1919, Post Town 1919 to present.

Egremont was allocated number G25 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.



4VOD
SEP1873



3VOD
JUL1886

4VOD Used from 8 AUG1874 to 18 MAY1886 Codes: B Bin v Price E £25
3VOD Used from 17 APR1890 to 6 JUN1908 Codes: A B C Price A £6

CUMBERLAND G26-G52

G26 ST.BEES

Sub Office of Whitehaven 1844 to 1869, Sub Office of Carnforth 1869 to 1885, Independent Sub Office 1885 to 1897, Railway Sub Office 1897 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1917, Sub Office of Carnforth 1917 to 1919, Post Town 1919 to present.

St Bees was allocated number G26 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

3VOD Used from 7 NOV1873 to 19 FEB1900 Codes: A B C D E

Price A £6

Occurs with and without the dot



3VOD
SEP1873

G27 CLEATOR MOOR

Sub Office of Whitehaven 1845 to 1869, Sub Office of Carnforth 1869 to 1893, Independent Sub Office 1893 to 1897, Railway Sub Office 1897 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1917, Sub Office of Carnforth 1917 to 1919, Post Town 1919 to present.

Cleator Moor was allocated number G27 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.



3VOD
SEP1873



3VOD
MAR1885



3VOD
MAY1887

3VOD Time in code Used from 11 DEC1873 to 19 DEC1895 Codes: A B C Price D £8

3VOD Time in full Used from 17 JUN1897 to 9 JUN1916

Times: 10AM 430PM 5PM 530PM 6PM 610PM 630PM Price B £6

G52 BECKERMET

Sub Office of Whitehaven 1844 to 1869, Sub Office of Carnforth 1869 to 1893, Independent Sub Office 1893 to 1897, Railway Sub Office 1897 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1917, Sub Office of Carnforth 1917 to 1919, Post Town 1919 to present.

Beckermest was allocated number G52 in the lists from 1882 to 1924.

Sub Office (using barred numerals): K80 Calderbridge 1899 to 1917.



3VOS
SEP1882



3VOD
NOV1887

CUMBERLAND G52-G59

3VOS Used from 24 FEB1885 to 21 DEC1885 Price H £80+

3VOD Used from 23 JAN1895 to 29 AUG1927 Codes: A C Price A £6

G53 FRIZINGTON

Sub Office of Carnforth 1870 to 1893, Independent Sub Office 1893 to 1897, Railway Sub Office 1897 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1917, Sub Office of Carnforth 1917 to 1919, Post Town 1919 to present.

Frizington was allocated number G53 in the lists from 1882 to 1906.



3VOS
SEP1882



3VOD
NOV1887

3VOS Used from 27 NOV1882 to 9 JUN1894 Price F £60+

3VOD Used from 3 MAY1888 to 16 JUL1909 Codes: A B C none Price A £6

G58 BOOTLE

Sub Office of Ulverstone 1844 to 1856, Sub Office of Whitehaven 1856 to 1867, Sub Office of Holborn Hill RSO 1867 to 1869, Sub Office of Carnforth 1869 to 1893, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1893 to 1913, Sub Office of Bootle Station 1913 to 1979, Sub Office of Millom 1979 to present.

Bootle was allocated number G58 in the lists from 1887 to 1902.

Allocated both G58 and K57 in the 1902 list.

3VOS GPO



3VOS
NOV1882

G59 RAVENGLASS

Head Post Office 1844, Sub Office of Ulverstone 1845 to 1850, Sub Office of Whitehaven 1850 to 1869, Sub Office of Carnforth 1869 to 1893, Independent Sub Office 1893 to 1897, Railway Sub Office 1897 to 1905.

Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1917, Sub Office of Carnforth 1917 to 1919, Post Town 1919 to present.

Ravenglass was allocated number 642 in the lists from 1844 to 1857, G59 in the 1887 to 1902 lists and then K53 in the 1902 to 1906 lists.

3VOS GPO



3VOS
NOV1882

CUMBERLAND G80-H87

G80 PARTON

Sub Office of Whitehaven 1854 to Present.

Parton was allocated number G80 in the 1899 list.

Number G80 was previously allocated to Lower Edmonton (Middx) in the 1887 list.

3VOS Used from 16 DEC1896 to 16 DEC1899 Price G £80+



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

H14 WORKINGTON

The H14 3VOS was first sent to Workington in error in MAY1884, it has not been seen used there.

Used in Llanbadarn Fawr, its correct allocation by Feb1886.



3VOS
MAY1884

H85 LANGWATHBY

Sub Office of Penrith 1847 to 1871, closed 1871 to 1878, Sub Office of Penrith 1878 to 1886, Railway Sub Office 1886 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1920, Sub Office of Carlisle 1920 to 1928, Sub Office of Penrith 1928 to present.

3VOD H85 was issued in 1886 when Langwathby became a RSO.

Langwathby was allocated number H85 in the lists from 1887 to 1906.



3VOD
OCT1886

3VOD Used from 20 JUN1890 to 6 DEC1904 Codes: A B C Price A £6

H86 KIRKOSWALD

Sub Office of Penrith 1844 to 1885, Sub Office of Carlisle 1885 to 1886, Railway Sub Office 1886 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1920, Sub Office of Carlisle 1920 to 1928, Sub Office of Penrith 1928 to present.

3VOD H86 was issued in 1886 when Kirkoswald became a RSO.

Kirkoswald was allocated number H86 in the lists from 1887 to 1906.



3VOD
DEC1886

3VOD Used from 1 JAN1887 to 3 OCT1904 Codes: A B C Price A £6

H87 LAZONBY

Sub Office of Penrith 1856 to 1886, Railway Sub Office 1886 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1920,

Sub Office of Carlisle 1920 to 1928, Sub Office of Penrith 1928 to present.

3VOD H87 was issued in 1886 when Lazonby became a RSO.

Lazonby was allocated number H87 in the lists from 1887 to 1906.



3VOD
DEC1886

3VOD Used from 11 DEC1888 to 5 SEP1906 Codes: A B C Price C £8

CUMBERLAND K38-K52

K38 BRAYTON STATION

Sub Office of Carlisle 1888 to 1897, Sub Office of Wigton 1897 to 1900, Became Brayton in 1900.

Brayton Station was allocated number K38 in the 1902 list! After the name change.

3VOD Used from 20 DEC1897 to 24 DEC1899 Code: A
Price H £150



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

K39 DALSTON

Sub Office of Carlisle 1844 to 1878, Railway Sub Office 1878 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1910, Sub Office of Carlisle 1910 to present.

Dalston was allocated number K39 in the lists from 1902 to 1906.

3VOD Used from 28 AUG1893 to 21 OCT1904
Codes: A B C none Price E £25 on cover, £10 on ppc



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

K50 BOOT

Sub Office of Carnforth 1876 to 1893, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1893 to 1917, Sub Office of Carnforth 1917 to 1919, Post Town 1919 to 1928, Sub Office of Holmrook 1928 to present.
Boot was allocated number K50 in the lists from 1902 to 1924.

3VOD Used from 22 OCT1894 to 14 SEP1926 Code: A
Price A £6



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

K51 ESKDALE

Originally was called Green in Eskdale, Sub Office of Whitehaven 1853 to 1869, Sub Office of Carnforth 1869 to 1893, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1893 to 1917, Sub Office of Carnforth 1917 to 1919, Post Town 1919 to 1929, Sub Office of Holmrook 1929 to present.

Eskdale was allocated number K51 in the lists from 1902 to 1924.

3VOD Used from 19 DEC1893 to 8 SEP1926 Code: A Price A £6



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

K52 GOSFORTH

Sub Office of Whitehaven 1844 to 1869, Sub Office of Carnforth 1869 to 1893, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1893 (K52 3VOD first used in 1893) to 1917, Sub Office of Carnforth 1917 to 1919, Post Town 1919 to 1958, Sub Office of Seascale 1958 to Present.
Gosforth was allocated number K52 in the lists from 1902 to 1924.

3VOD Used from 1 DEC1893 to 30 JUL1925 Codes: A B C
Price A £6



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

CUMBERLAND K53-K58

K53 RAVENGLASS

Head Post Office 1844, Sub Office of Ulverstone 1845 to 1850, Sub Office of Whitehaven 1850 to 1869, Sub Office of Carnforth 1869 to 1893, Independent Sub Office 1893 to 1897, Railway Sub Office 1897 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1917, Sub Office of Carnforth 1917 to 1919, Post Town 1919 to present.

Ravenglass was allocated number 642 in the lists from 1844 to 1857, G59 in the 1887 to 1902 lists and then K53 in the 1902 to 1906 lists.

3VOD Used from 31 MAY1897 to 29 OCT1909 Codes: A B none Price B £6



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

K56 BIGRIGG

Sub Office of Carnforth 1884 to 1893, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1893 to 1917, Sub Office of Carnforth 1917 to 1919, Post Town 1919 to 1956, Sub Office of Egremont 1956 to present. Bigrigg was allocated number K56 in the lists from 1902 to 1906.

3VOD Used from 1 JAN1899 to 10 FEB1910 Codes: A B
Price F £60 on cover, £20 on ppc



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

K57 BOOTLE

Sub Office of Ulverstone 1844 to 1856, Sub Office of Whitehaven 1856 to 1867, Sub Office of Holborn Hill Railway Sub Office 1867 to 1869, Sub Office of Carnforth 1869 to 1893, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1893 to 1913, Sub Office of Bootle Station 1913 to 1979, Sub Office of Millom 1979 to present.

Allocated both G58 and K57 in the 1902 list.

Bootle was allocated number K57 in the lists from 1902 to 1906.

3VOD Used from 12 FEB1895 to 30 SEP1897 Codes: A B C Cinv Price A £6



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

K58 BOOTLE STATION

Sub Office of Carnforth 1886 to 1893, Independent Sub Office 1893 to 1903, Railway Sub Office 1903 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1979, Sub Office of Millom 1979 to present.

Bootle Station was allocated number K58 in the lists from 1902 to 1906.

3VOD Used from 30 OCT1894 to 4 AUG1910 Codes: A B
Price F £60 on cover, £20 on ppc



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

CUMBERLAND K59-K80

K59 SILECROFT

Sub Office of Holborn Hill Railway Sub Office 1867 to 1869, Sub Office of Carnforth 1869 to 1893, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1893 to 1917, Sub Office of Millom 1917 to 1919, Post Town 1919 to 1930, Sub Office of Millom 1930 to present.

Silecroft was allocated number K59 in the lists from 1902 to 1906.

3VOD Time in code Used from 4 JUL1995 to 1 JAN1910

Codes: A C Price F £15

3VOD Time in full Used from 1 FEB1903 to 23 OCT1907

Times: 1130AM 630PM 645PM Price D £6



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

K60 THE GREEN

Sub Office of Ulverston 1871 to 1877, Sub Office of Broughton in Furness RSO 1877 to 1880, Sub Office of Carnforth 1880 to 1893, Sub Office of Millom 1896 to present, Town Sub Office by 1974.

The Green was allocated number K60 in the lists from 1902 to 1906.

3VOD Used from 9 DEC1897 to 30 DEC1907 Codes: A B

Price E £25 on cover, £15 on ppc



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

K80 CALDERBRIDGE

Sub Office of Whitehaven 1844 to 1869, Sub Office of Carnforth 1869 to 1893, Independent Sub Office 1893 to 1899, Sub Office of Beckermeth 1899 to 1917, Sub Office of Carnforth 1917 to 1919, Sub Office of Beckermeth 1919 to 1921, Post Town 1921 to 1958, Sub Office of Seascale 1958 to present.

Calderbridge was allocated number K80 in the lists from 1902 to 1924.

3VOS Used from 18 APR1898 to 26 JUN1999 Price G £80+



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS