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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 obliterator were separately entered, with the cds often at an angle and some distance from the obliterator. In use the cds and obliterator were also some distance apart, they were the first 3VOD cancels 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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James A. Mackay, *British Post Office Numbers 1924 to 1969*. Published by the author 1981.

A good summary of what information was available at that time.

Marshall, Dendy *The British Post Office from its beginnings to the end of 1925*. Oxford University Press 1926.

An interesting collection of information on the history of stamp issues and an index of people, places and items associated with British Postal history. Contains a good annotated bibliography.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

This has been a cooperative effort, with over two hundred and fifty correspondents over the last forty years. Their input varies from a making a few additions to complete editing of whole chapters.

Particular help has been provided over many years by Grahame Blackman and David Tolfrey.

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.

## WORCESTERSHIRE

Astwood Bank 024

**BEWDLEY 68**

**BLOCKLEY K71**

**BROADWAY 137**

**BROMSGROVE 139**

Coleshill 109

Cradley Heath 035D

**DROITWICH 262**

**DUDLEY 263 (293) (392)**

**EVESHAM 284**

**GREAT MALVERN 497**

**HALESOWEN 77**

**KIDDERMINSTER 415**

**MALVERN LINK B85**

**MALVERN WELLS B72**

**OLDBURY 035 (034)**

**PERSHORE 611 917**

**REDDITCH 140**

Rowley Regis 035C

**SHIPSTON ON STOUR 706**

Smethwick 035B

**STOURBRIDGE 750**

**STOURPORT 751**

**TENBURY 783**

**UPTON ON SEVERN 920**

Warley 035A

**WORCESTER 918**

### 68 BEWDLEY

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Bewdley was allocated number 68 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

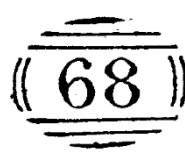
*Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- Cleobury Mortimer 1844 to 1885.*



1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
JAN1858



3HOS  
SEP1860



3HOS  
NOV1865

**1844** Used from 2 APR1845 to 16 DEC1857 Price A £5

**1844 in blue** Used from 7 JUN1849 to 19 JUL1852

**3HOS** Used from 4 MAR1858 to 25 JUL1864 Price D £5



3VOS  
MAY1885



3CD  
JAN1863

**3VOS** GPO

**3CD** Used from 2 DEC1863 to 23 OCT1869 Codes: B C Price D £5

## WORCESTERSHIRE



4VODA  
DEC1865



4VODB  
JAN1875

**4VODA (Straight Bewdley)** Used from 6 JUL1866 to 17 NOV1875 Code: B Price F £15

**4VODB (Curved Bewdley) Time in code** Used from 30 MAR1876 to 2 JAN1894

Codes: B D Price D £4

**4VODB (Curved Bewdley) Time in asterisk code** Used from 6 JUN1894 to 23 SEP1901

Codes: C\*P FF\*P G\*P IF\*P K\*P Price C £6

**4VODB (Curved Bewdley) Time in full** Used from 3 AUG1902 to 1 JAN1905

Times: 530AM 11AM 1245PM 530PM 545PM 6PM 630PM 10PM Price A £3



3VOD  
JAN1878



3VOD  
OCT1886

**3VOD** Used from 3 AUG1878 to 11 MAY1892 Codes: A C **Cinv** D Price B £3

### 77 HALESOWEN

Last cancellation recorded in Dec1858, despite being in all the lists to 1962.

Sub Office of Birmingham 1844 to 1967, Post Town 1967 to present.

Halesowen was allocated number 77 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

**1844** Used from 1 APR1845 to 18 OCT1854 Price F £50



1844  
APR1844

### 109 Coleshill

Coleshill was allocated number 109 from 1949 to 1962.

### 137 BROADWAY

Head Post Office 1844 to 1894, Railway Sub Office 1894 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to present.

Broadway was allocated number 137 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



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1844  
APR1844

**1844** Used from 6 DEC1847 to 31 MAR1862 Price A £5  
**1844 in blue** Used in MAY1851



3HOSA  
DEC1862



3HOSB  
DEC1862

**3HOSA (Round top three)** Used from 22 DEC1862 to 3 NOV1914 Price F £15  
**3HOSB (Flat top three)** Used from 10 DEC1863 to 12 JUN1884 Price B £3 Occurs on QE II undated ppc's The 1844 and the flat top three 3HOSB form one series of varying subtypes that were in use for over a hundred years.



3VOD  
JAN1880

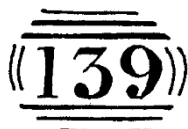
**3VOD** Used from 23 JUL1880 to 8 AUG1890 Code: C Price G £30

### 139 BROMSGROVE

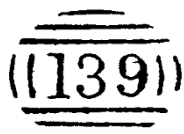
Head Post Office 1844 to 1916, Salaried Sub Office 1916 to present.

Bromsgrove was allocated number 139 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

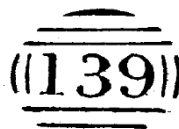
*Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- Alcester 1850 to 1867, Redditch 1844 to 1867 and Studley 1844 to 1867.*



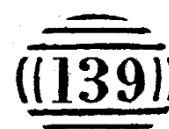
1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
DEC1853



3HOSA  
APR1857



3HOSA  
MAY1857

**1844** Used from 9 DEC1844 to 8 JUN1853 Price C £5  
**3HOS** Used from 14 SEP1856 to 6 JUN1867 Price C £3

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4VOS  
JUL1871



3CD  
JAN1859

**4VOS** Used from 31 JUL1873 to 3 MAY1905 Price G £40

**3CD** Used from 25 FEB1859 to 20 MAY1874 Codes: B C D E Price A £3



4CD  
AUG1863



4VOD  
MAR1876

**4CD** Used from 10 JUL1867 to 10 JUL1874 Codes: C D E Price B £3

**4VOD Time in code** Used from 8 JUL1876 to 23 JAN1894

Codes: A C D E F G H I J L M Price A £3

**4VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 3 JUL1894 to 25 MAR1895

Codes: HD\*P MB\*P Price G £15

**4VOD Time in full** Used from 22 MAY1896 to 20 JUL1898

Times: 2PM 445PM 615PM 8PM 815PM Price E £8



3VOD  
DEC1880

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 4 MAR1881 to 4 MAR1893 Codes: D F G H I Price D £6

**3VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 19 MAY1895 to 16 APR1909

Codes: EK\*A IA\*A K\*A DK\*P FE\*P HD\*P HH\*P HI\*P Price D £8

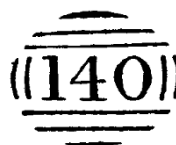
### 140 REDDITCH

Sub Office of Bromsgrove 1844 to 1867. Head Post Office 1867 to present.

Redditch was allocated number 140 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
APR1857

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1844 Used from 3 MAY1844 to 20 MAR1856 Price D £10

3HOS Used from 15 JAN1858 to 24 APR1867 Price E £10



3VOS  
AUG1873



3VOS  
AUG1875

3VOS GPO



4VODA  
JAN1865



4VODA  
AUG1871



4VODA  
APR1872



4VODA  
JUL1874

**4VODA (Double side arcs) Time in code** Used from 13 JUL1865 to 19 NOV1894

Codes: A B C D F G H Price A £3

Six were proofed between JAN1865 and JUL1874, several later subtypes were not proofed

**4VODA (Double side arcs) Time in asterisk code** Used from 19 APR1895 to 20 MAY1895

Codes: LA\*A GG\*P Price G £15

**4VODA (Double side arcs) Time in full** Used from 18 JAN1897 to 15 JAN1910

Times: 1115AM 1PM 6PM 630PM 8PM 830PM Price D £4



4VODB NOT  
ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF  
BOOKS



3VODS  
DEC1883

**4VODB (Single side arcs)** Used from 13 DEC1894 to 20 OCT1896

Codes: E\*P GG\*P HA\*P HG\*P Price G £15

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 13 MAY1884 to 27 OCT1893 Codes: D F H Price E £6

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 26 FEB1896 to 5 DEC1900

Times: 8AM 1115AM 145PM 445PM 730PM 8PM 830PM Price B £3

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### 262 DROITWICH

Head Post Office 1844 to 1916. Salaried Sub Office 1916 to present  
Droitwich was allocated number 262 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
AUG/SEP  
1863



3HOS  
APR1867

**1844** Used from 8 JUN1844 to 20 APR1863 Price C £5

**1844 in blue** Used from 14 FEB1851 to JUL1852

**1844 in brown** Used in FEB1859

**3HOS** Used from 22 FEB1865 to 11 AUG1877 Price E £15



4VOS  
MAR1867



3VOS NOT  
ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF  
BOOKS

**4VOS** Used from 4 JUL1868 to 4 JUL1894 Price G £30

**3VOS** The 29 MAY1981 Philatelic usage is illustrated



4CD  
AUG1863

**4CD** Used from 2 SEP1863 to 29 AUG1874 Codes: C 6 6sdwys Price G £40



4VOD  
JAN1875



4VOD  
DEC1875

**4VOD** Used from 29 JUN1875 to 4 APR1903 Codes: A C D Dinv E H none(xmas) Price C £3

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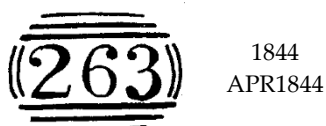


**3VOD** Used from 3 MAY1878 to 16 DEC1880 Codes: A D E F Price D £8

**263 DUDLEY**

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Dudley was allocated number 263 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



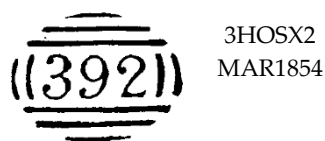
**1844** Used from 9 SEP1844 to 30 OCT1850 Price B £5

**1844 in blue** Used from MAY1849 to 28NOV1849

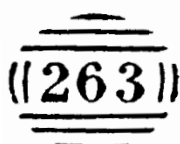


**3HOSX1 (Error of number 293)** Used from 2 OCT1850 to 21 JAN1853 Price F £80

**3HOSX1 in blue** Used from 9 NOV1850 to 1852



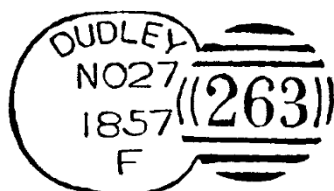
**3HOSX2 (Error of number 392)** Used from 19 MAY1854 to 1 DEC1854 Price H £120++



**3HOS** Used from 10 DEC1854 to 19 MAY1856 Price F £15

**3HOS in bright green** Used on 8 JAN1856

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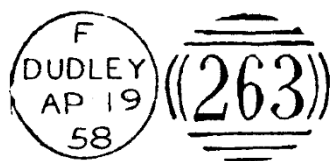
SPOON  
SEP1856

SPOON Used from 24 SEP1856 to 19 JUL1860 Codes: A B Bin v C D E F 4 none Price E £140



SDWYS II  
APR1857

SDWYS II Used from 7 MAY1857 to 9 DEC1858 Codes: B Bin v C none Price C £10

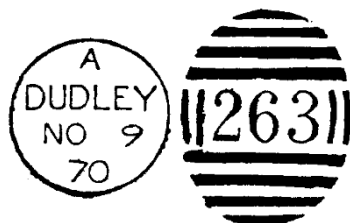


3CD  
APR1858



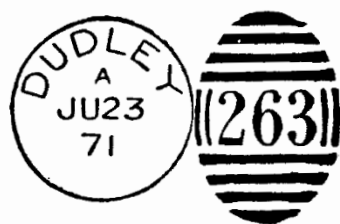
3CD  
MAY1870

3CD Used from 5 FEB1859 to 30 JUL1872 Codes: A B C D E 4 none Price A £3  
A total of 38 different 3CDs were proofed!

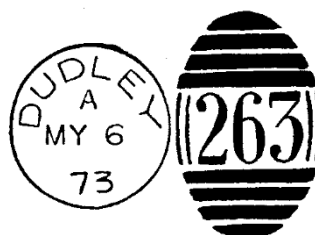


4VODA  
NOV1870

4VODA (Straight Dudley) Used from 5 DEC1870 to 20 MAR1871 Codes: C D Price E £15



4VODB  
JUN1871



4VODC  
MAY1873

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**4VODB (Curved Dudley & round top three)** Used from 9 MAR1873 to 15 APR1875

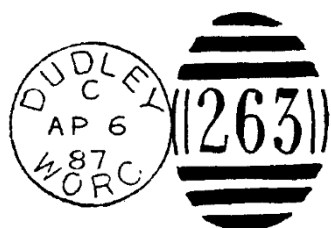
Codes: A C Price F £15

**4VODC (Curved Dudley & flat top three) Time in code** Used from 2 JUN1874 to 29 DEC1891

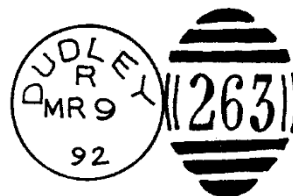
Codes: A B C D E F G H K L O P R U W X Price A £3

**4VODC (Curved Dudley & flat top three) Time in asterisk code** Used on 10 SEP1894

Code: CF\*P Price H £25



3VODA  
APR1887



3VODB NOT  
ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF  
BOOKS

**3VODA (Dudley Worc in cds) Time in code** Used from 31 DEC1888 to 12 JUN1899

Codes: B C D E F H I K O P R S T T2 U V Price B £3

**3VODA (Dudley Worc in cds) Time in asterisk code** Used from 22 DEC1894 to 8 APR1896

Codes: K\*A DA\*P I\*P Price G £15

**3VODA (Dudley Worc in cds) Time in full** Used from 12 DEC1896 to 30 MAY1903

Times: 1015AM 1030AM 315PM 45PM 515PM 530PM 545PM 645PM 8PM 830PM 845PM  
9PM 95PM 930PM Price B £3

**3VODB (Dudley in cds) Time in code** Used from 4 JUN1891 to 14 FEB1896

Codes: B H J R S T U V Price E 8

**3VODB (Dudley in cds) Time in full** Used from 26 AUG1895 to 17 AUG1896

Times: 1030AM 1045AM 9PM Price G £12

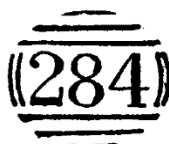
### 284 EVESHAM

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Evesham was allocated number 284 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
FEB1861



3HOS  
JUL1866

**1844** Used from 5 AUG1844 to 31 JUL1860 Price A £5

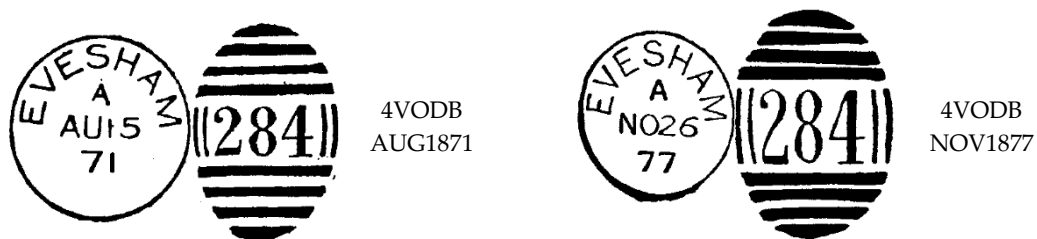
**3HOS** Used from 1 MAR1861 to 27 MAR1880 Price B £3



4VODA  
JUN1866

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4VODA (Straight Evesham) Used from 20 SEP1866 to 31 JUL1871 Codes: B C D Price A £3

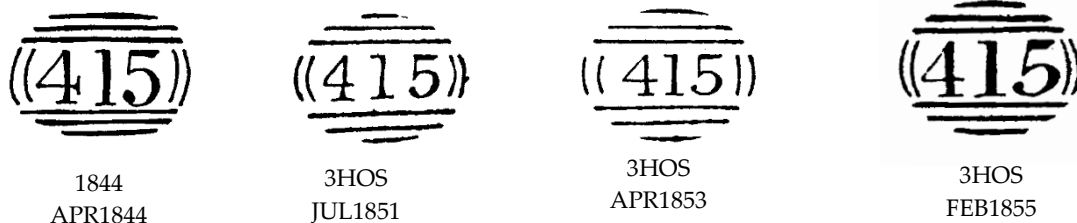


4VODB (Curved Evesham) Used from 9 SEP1871 to 9 MAY1881 Codes: A B C D E none  
Price A £3

415 KIDDERMINSTER

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

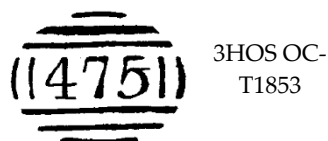
Kidderminster was allocated number 415 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 Used from 17 MAY1844 to 16 JUN1851 Price B £5

1844 in blue Used on 30 MAY1850

3HOS Used from 8 AUG1851 to 23 SEP1853 Price D £4



Described in the Proof Books as having been sent to Kidderminster, 475 was the number of Loughborough. It has not been seen used in either place.





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**4VOS** Used on 5 JUN1869 Price H £60+  
**3VOS** Used on 15 DEC1890 Price H £60+



SPOON  
JUN1857



SPOON  
OCT1860

**SPOON** Used from 22 JUL1857 to 12 JUL1861 Codes: A B C D E Price F £140



SDWYS II  
MAR1856

**SDWYS II** Used from 20 OCT1856 to 12 JUN1858 Codes: B C Price E £30  
**SDWYS II in red** Used on 29 MAR1856



3CD  
JUL1858



3CD  
JUN1864

**3CD** Used from 23 OCT1858 to 22 JUL1858 Codes: A B C D E F G Price A £3  
 Eleven proofed between Jul1858 and Jun1864



4VOD  
JUN1864



4VOD  
MAY1871

**4VOD** Used from 29 JUL1864 to 20 AUG1876 Codes: B C E F 5 Price B £3

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3VOD  
JUN1874



3VOD  
JUN1882

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 11 NOV1875 to 19 FEB1894

Codes: A B C D E F G H K L M N P T V X Price A £3

Six proofed between JUN1874 and JUL1885 Several later subtypes not proofed

**3VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 25 SEP1894 to 19 JUL1895

Codes: LH\*A CE\*P E\*P GH\*P HF\*P Price G £15

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 12 DEC1895 to 27 SEP1915

Times: 6AM 10AM 1115AM 1PM 110PM 115PM 415PM 7PM 715PM 730PM 745PM 830PM  
930PM 945PM none(xmas) Price B £3

**3VOD1\* (1 cut in basal bars)** Used from 30 DEC1894 to 17 SEP1896

Codes: K\*A CF\*P GE\*P GH\*P HF\*P II\*P Price F £12

**3VOD1t (1 cut in basal bars)** Used from 11 AUG1898 to 31 DEC1919

Times: 1110AM 1115AM 1245PM 1PM 110PM 330PM 515PM 630PM 645PM 7PM 715PM  
730PM 745PM 8PM 845PM 915PM 945PM Price A £3

**497 GREAT MALVERN**

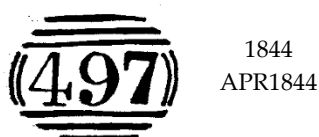
Head Post Office 1844 to present.

"Great Malvern" in the sideways duplex. Later duplexes have "Malvern".

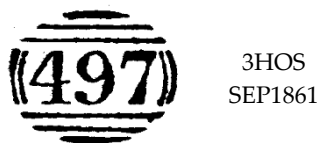
Sub Office of Malvern Link 1878 to 1899 then a Town Receiving House of Malvern.

Great Malvern was allocated number 497 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- Malvern Wells 1844 to 1864 & 1886 to 1899,*



1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
SEP1861

**1844** Used from 5 JUL1844 to 17 JAN1857 Price B £5

**3HOS** Used on 24 JUN1874 Price H £15



3VOS  
NOV1878

**3VOS GPO**

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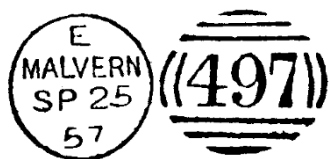


SDWYS II  
JUL1856



SDWYS II  
MAR1857

SDWYS II Used from 15 AUG1856 to 14 SEP1857 Codes: B C D Price D £20



3CD  
25SEP1857



3CD  
AUG1861

3CD Used from 6 NOV1857 to 5 AUG1894 Codes: B C D E F Price D £10 for the 18mm cds and Price A £3 for the 19mm cds. Twelve proofed between SEP1857 and SEP1864. The 25 SEP1857 issue was sent on the same day as the Exeter 'Creswell', it also has a smaller diameter cds (18mm) It is not as small as the Exeter "Creswell" which is 16mm in diameter.

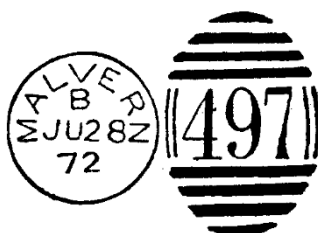


4CD  
AUG1863

4CD Used from 7 SEP1863 to 7 MAR1864 Codes: C D Price G £40 Only one proofed



4VODA  
SEP1864



4VODB  
JUN1872



4VODB  
MAR1875

4VODA (Straight Malvern) Used from 26 SEP1864 to 19 JUN1872

Codes: A D E Esdwys F 3inv Price A £3

Nine proofed (3 duplicates) between SEP1864 and AUG1869.

4VODB (Curved Malvern) Used from 11 OCT1872 to 11 SEP1880

Codes: A B D E F Price A £3

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3VOD  
JUL1883

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 26 JAN1879 to 16 FEB1894

Codes: A C E F G H I J K L M Price A £3

**3VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 22 MAY1894 to 21 JAN1898

Codes: E\*A HD\*A II\*A LC\*A A\*P C\*P CC\*P CD\*P EI\*P F\*P GD\*P GF\*P LC\*P LD\*P  
Price B £6

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 15 NOV1898 to 24 FEB1905

Times: 1AM 545AM 9AM 945AM 1115AM 115PM 315PM 5PM 545PM 7PM 715PM 730PM  
830PM none(xmas) Price A £3

**611 PERSHORE**

Head Post Office 1844 to 1907, Salaried Sub Office 1907 to present.

Pershore was allocated number 611 in the lists from 1844 to 1906 and 917 from 1928 to 1962.

Number 611 was later allocated to Pinner (Middx) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.



**1844** Used from 12 MAY1844 to 24 JAN1859 Price A £5

**3HOS** Used from 26 MAY1859 to 15 MAY1879 Price B £3



4VOD  
MAR1865



4VOD  
DEC1871



4VOD  
MAY1877

**4VOD** Used from 20 JUN1865 to 30 JUL1879 Code: C Price A £3



3VOD  
OCT1879

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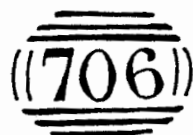
**3VOD** Used from 17 NOV1879 to 8 MAY1880 Codes: C E Price F £20

### 706 SHIPSTON ON STOUR

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Moved from Worcestershire to Warwickshire in 1931.

Shipston on Stour was allocated number 706 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844  
APR1844

**1844** Used from 10 MAY1844 to 14 AUG1871 Price A £5

**1844 in blue** Used from 17 NOV1845 to 1 OCT1850

**1844 in red** Used in MAR1854



4VOS  
APR1872



3VOS NOT  
ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF  
BOOKS

**4VOS** Used from 25 OCT1872 to 22 NOV1876 Price F £30

**3VOS** No dated copies recorded Price H\* £50 (Price if found on dated cover)



4VOD  
JUN1877



3VOD  
DEC1883

**4VOD** Used from 8 APR1878 to 12 JUN1883 Code: B Price E £15

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 12 JAN1885 to 20 APR1897 & Late xmas use 23 DEC1903

Codes: A B C D Price B £3

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 29 JUN1897 to 12 NOV1906

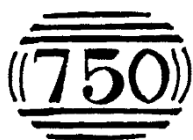
Times: 645AM 7AM 11AM 530PM 6PM 630PM 645PM 7PM Price A £3

### 750 STOURBRIDGE

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Stourbridge was allocated number 750 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

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1844  
APR1844

1844 Used from 11 MAY1844 to 16 SEP1853 Price A £5



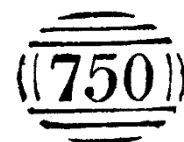
3HOS OC-  
T1853



3HOS  
MAY1854



3HOS  
JUL1859



3HOS  
AUG1859

3HOS Used from 1 DEC1853 to 17 JUN1858 Price E £10



SDWYS II  
JAN1856



3CD  
MAY1858

SDWYS II Used from 26 APR1856 to 21 NOV1862 Codes: A B C D E Einv Finv H none  
Price A £12  
3CD Used from 15 JUN1858 to 22 JAN1872 Codes: A Ainv B C D E Price A £3



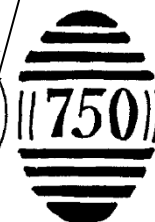
4VOD  
JAN1869



4VOD  
AUG1871



4VOD  
JUL1870



4VODX NOT  
ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF  
BOOKS

## WORCESTERSHIRE

**4VOD Time in code** Used from 25 JAN1869 to 3 JUN1894

Codes: A B C D E F L M N O 1C 1D 1I 1L 1M Price A £3

**4VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 21 FEB1898 to 14 NOV1898

Codes: CL\*A AF\*P CF\*P DF\*P FF\*P HC\*P IA\*P IF\*P IG\*P IL\*P K5\*P MD\*P

Price B £6

**4VODX (Stourbrigde error)** Used from 30 DEC1880 to 23 NOV1881 Codes: A E F

Price E £75



3VOD  
DEC1881



3VOD  
OCT1882

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 28 DEC1891 to 18 AUG1893

Codes: A B D E F I J K L M N O 1B 1C 1D 1I 1J 1K 1L 1M 1N 1O 1U Price A £3

**3VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 30 NOV1894 to 28 JUL1898

Codes: 10\*A KD\*A LF\*A AD\*P F\*P FF\*P HC\*P IA\*P IC\*P Price B £6

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 7 JAN1899 to 28 JUL1898

Times: 345AM 6AM 915AM 10AM 1015AM 1130AM 115PM 230PM 330PM 445PM 5PM  
530PM 6PM 630PM 8PM 830PM 95PM 915PM 930PM 1015PM none(xmas) Price A £3

### 751 STOURPORT

Head Post Office 1844 to 1919. Salaried Sub Office 1919 to present

Stourport was allocated number 751 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844  
APR1844



3HOS  
FEB1861

**1844** Used from 1 JAN1845 to 7 NOV1860 Price C £5

**1844 in blue** Used in 1850 Also seen in brown

**3HOS** Used from 8 APR1861 to 23 FEB1881 Price H £25



3CD  
SEP1862

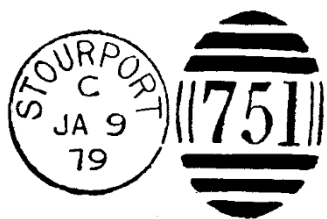


4VOD  
DEC1871

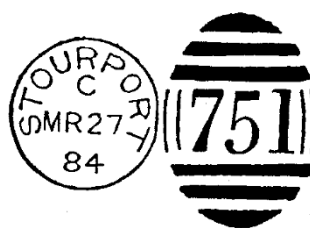
**3CD** Used from 19 DEC1862 to 30 OCT1869 Code: C Price F £20

**4VOD** Used from 12 OCT1873 to 6 DEC1877 Code: C Price E £15

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3VOD  
JAN1879



3VOD  
MAR1884

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 16 FEB1880 to 2 AUG1899

Codes: A B C D E G Price A £3

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 27 APR1900 to 2 APR1907

Times: 1045AM 12PM 515PM 645PM 9PM Price C £3

**783 TENBURY**

Head Post Office 1844 to 1919, Salaried Sub Office 1919 to present.

Tenbury was allocated number 783 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- Little Hereford 1854 to 1925.*



1844  
APR1844



3TH.HOS  
FEB1864

**1844** Used from 28 JUL1844 to 1 NOV1863 Price C £5

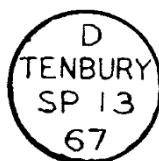
**1844 in blue** Used in 1850

**3TH.HOS** Used from 19 AUG1864 to 26 JUL1867 Price G £40



3VOS  
MAR1874

**3VOS** Used in JAN1906 Price H £50 (20<sup>th</sup> C. Price)



4VODA  
SEP1867



4VODB  
APR1875

**4VODA (Straight Tenbury)** Used from 5 NOV1868 to 4 MAR1875 B Price D £5

**4VODB (Curved Tenbury)** Used from 21 JUL1875 to 26 SEP1892 B C Price C £3

**4VODB in dark blue** Used on 21 JUL1875



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**3VOD Time in code** Used from 14 FEB1882 to 8 DEC1894 Codes: A B D none Price D £3

**3VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 12 MAR1895 to 11 FEB1898

Codes: ID\*A GD\*P Price F £12

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 21 NOV1897 to 14 NOV1906

Times: 615AM 915AM 1145AM 5PM 515PM 615PM 7PM 715PM 730PM

917 Pershore

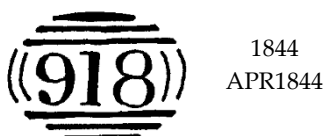
Pershore was allocated number 611 in the lists from 1844 to 1906 and 917 from 1928 to 1962.

**918 WORCESTER**

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

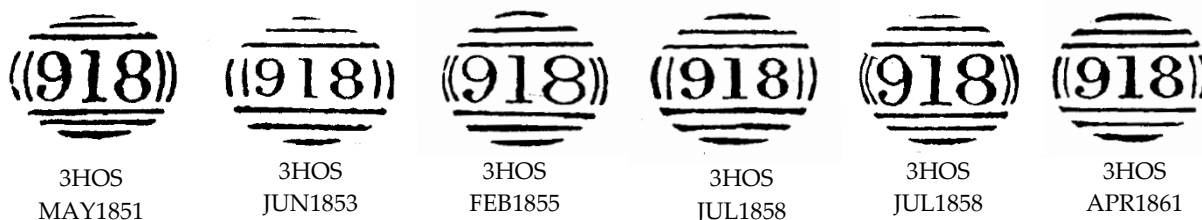
Worcester was allocated number 918 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- Bromyard 1850 to 1930 and 920 Upton on Severn 1844 to present*



**1844** Used from 29 JUN1844 to 30 APR1851 Price A £5

**1844 in blue** Used from 1 MAY1848 to 1 APR1849



**3HOS** Used from 18 NOV1851 to 1 NOV1866 Price A £3



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**4VOS** No dated copies recorded Price H\* £60+ (Price if found on dated cover)

**3VOS** Used from 14 MAR1881 to 10 MAR1892 Price F £20

**3VOS in blue** Used from 24 JAN1878 to 14 MAR1881



SPOON  
NOV1857



SDWYS II  
SEP1855

**SPOON** Used from 18 DEC1857 to 19 JUN1869 Codes: B C D E F H I J K Kinv L M 7 7inv  
Price A £25 Recut seven times

**SDWYS II** Used from 21 OCT1855 to 2 JUN1859 Codes: B C D E F G H I Minv Price B £10



3CD  
JAN1859



3CD  
JAN1866

**3CD** Used from 21 JAN1859 to 9 NOV1871 Codes: B C D E G H I J K L M Price A £3  
Seven proofed (1 duplicate) between JAN1859 and JUN1869.



4VOD  
JAN1870



4VOD  
DEC1871



4VOD  
DEC1873

**4VOD** Used from 23 JAN1871 to 8 MAR1904 Codes: B D E G H I J K L M N O Z Price A £3



3VOD  
JAN1879

## WORCESTERSHIRE

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 25 JAN1879 to 10 JUL1894

Codes: A B E F G H **K** L M N O P T X Xsdwys / A1 F1 J1 N1 O1 P1 S1 T1 X1 X2 Price A £3  
Numbers 1 and 2 are handstamp identification numbers, these can be missing in which case there is a single letter on the left hand side of the cds.

(code A1 is on the left i.e. it is anomalous with no handstamp identification letter)

**3VOD Time in asterisk code** Used from 5 MAY1894 to 20 DEC1896

Codes: HK\*A MF\*A AH\*P BI\*P C\*P CF\*P DK\*P EK\*P EL\*P FF\*P G\*P GF\*P HC\*P  
HD\*P HG\*P Price B £6

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 18 NOV1895 to 13 SEP1907

Times: 1230AM 930AM 945AM 1130AM 1230PM 230PM 245PM 430PM 445PM 630PM 7PM  
715PM 730PM 805PM 815PM 830PM none(xmas) Price A £3

**3VOD1\* (cut in basal bars)** Used from 14 JUL1894 to 27 APR1895

Codes: LL\*A MF\*A BI\*P FF\*P FI\*P GF\*P MK\*P Price E £10

**3VOD1t (cut in basal bars)** Used from 9 MAR1896 to 2 SEP1896

Times: 1230AM 1230PM 730PM Price F £8

**3VOD2 (2 cut in basal bars)** Used from 7 JAN1895 to 16 JAN1896

Codes: FF\*P HG\*P Price H £25 This can have very little of the 2 visible

## 920 UPTON ON SEVERN

Sub Office of Worcester 1844 to present.

Upton on Severn was allocated number 920 in the lists from 1844 to 1906.

Number 920 was later allocated to Woodford Green, Essex in the 1928 to 1962 lists.

Brumell records 931 used at Upton in 1851.



1844  
APR1844



3VOD  
MAR1883

**1844** Used from 31 MAR1845 to 25 MAY1863 Price C £5

**3VOD** Used from 19 JAN1884 12 APR1892 Codes: A B C D Price C £3

**No. cut in basal bars:**

**3VOD1S (Small 1 cut in basal bars)** Used from 20 SEP1894 to 20 DEC1899

Codes: H\*FA II\*A CF\*P F\*P FI\*P GF\*P H\*P Price D £8

**3VOD1L (Large 1 cut in basal bars)** Used from 18 NOV1900 to 24 APR1906

Times: 930AM 1130AM 630PM 730PM Price A £3

## 024 Astwood Bank

Astwood Bank was allocated number 024 in the 1962 list.

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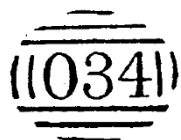
### 035 OLDBURY

Sub Office of Birmingham 1844 to 1967, Sub Office of Warley 1967 to present.

Oldbury was allocated number 035 in the 1855 to 1967 lists

3HOS 035 was first issued in OCT1854 and sent in error to Smethwick, whilst a 3HOS 034 was sent to Oldbury.

Number 035 was first correctly used in Oldbury in a 3CD from NOV1862..



3HOS OCT1854 TO  
OLDBURY IN ERROR

**3HOS (Number 034)** Used from 16 NOV1854 to 5 SEP1861 Price G £100+



3CD  
JUN1862



4VOD  
AUG1876

**3CD** Used from 3 NOV1862 to 12 MAY1876 Codes: A B Price D £8

**4VOD** Used from 9 FEB1877 to 1 OCT1880 Codes: B C Price F £20

### 035A Warley

Warley was allocated number 035A in the 1967 list.

### 035B Smethwick

Moved from Staffordshire to Worcestershire in 1967.

Smethwick was allocated number 035B in the 1967 list.

### 035C Rowley Regis

Rowley Regis was allocated number 035C in the 1967 list.

### B72 MALVERN WELLS

Sub Office of Great Malvern 1844 to 1863, Railway Sub Office 1863 to 1886, Sub Office of Malvern 1886 to Present. Town Receiving House from 1899 to present.

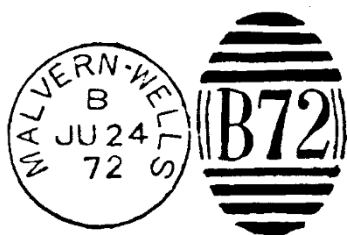
Malvern Wells was allocated number B72 in the 1874 to 1902 lists.



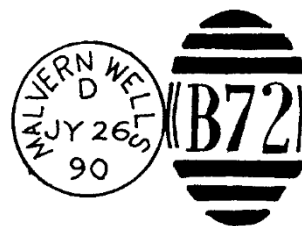
3CD  
FEB1863

**3CD** Used from 20 AUG1863 to 13 MAY1871 Codes: A B Price E £15

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4VOD  
JUN1872



3VOD NOT  
ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF  
BOOKS

**4VOD Time in code** Used from 29 JUN1872 to 8 OCT1889 Codes: A B C D Price D £10

**4VOD Time in full** Used from 6 JUN1895 to 7 MAY1899

Times: 615PM 730PM 930PM Price E £10

**3VOD** Used from 26 JUL1890 to 19 MAR1894 Codes: A D Price F £20

**B85 MALVERN LINK**

Sub Office of Malvern 1844 to 1864, Railway Sub Office 1864 to 1878, Sub Office of Malvern 1878 to present. Town Receiving House from 1899.

Malvern Link was allocated number B85 in the 1874 to 1902 lists.



UNDATED UNALLOCATED  
ENTRY IN THE PROOF  
BOOKS



4VOS  
APR1869

**3HOS** GPO There is no evidence that this was sent or used in Malvern Link.

**4VOS** Used from 9 MAY1869 to 9 NOV1872 Price H £50



4CD  
JUN1863



3VOD  
SEP1881

**4CD** Used from 7 NOV1863 to 13 APR1881 Codes: A B Price A £6

**3VOD Time in code** Used from 8 AUG1882 to 25 SEP1893

Codes: A B C D Price C £5

**3VOD Time in full** Used from 14 DEC1895 to 8 NOV1904

Times: 215PM 6PM 630PM 745PM 8PM 745 Price D £5 on cover, £3 on ppc

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### **K71 BLOCKLEY**

Sub Office of Moreton in the Marsh 1844 to 1853, Sub Office of Broadway 1853 to 1856, Sub Office of Moreton in the Marsh 1856 to 1880, Independent Sub Office 1880 to 1900, Railway Sub Office 1900 to 1905, Independent Sub Office

1905 to 1938, Sub Office of Moreton in Marsh 1938 to 2008, closed 2008.

Moved from Worcestershire to Gloucestershire in 1931.

**3VOS** Used on 19 FEB1896 Price H £100++



3VOS NOT  
ENTERED IN  
THE PROOF  
BOOKS