



Categories of Overprints on Newspaper Wrappers

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Introduction



- Newspaper wrappers are overprinted for various purposes, just like stamps and other postal stationery. In this presentation, we explore newspaper wrapper overprints and categorize them by overprint's purpose.
- The outline of this presentation borrows heavily from an article by Dr. John K. Courtis, FRPSL, that appeared in the September 2016 issue of *Postal Stationery*, titled *Overprints and Surcharges on Post Office Postal Stationery Wrappers*. His contribution is here acknowledged. *Postal Stationery* is the publication of the United Postal Stationery Society (UPSS).
- All material shown is from the presenter's personal collection.

Categories of Overprints

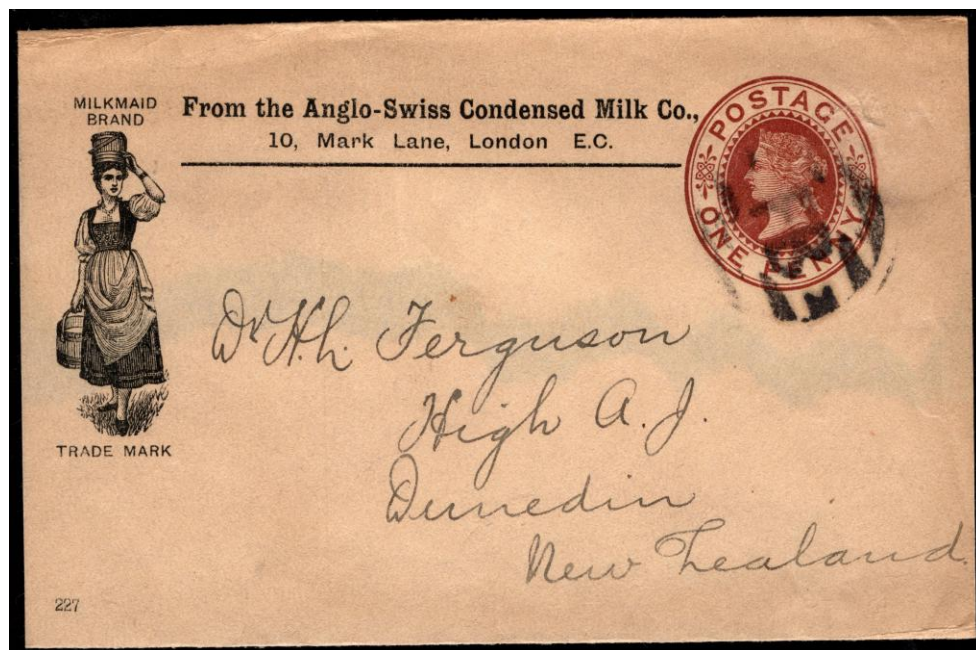
- Surcharges – change of denomination
- Precancels
- Changing the entity name
- Denoting a purpose
- Specimens



We Do Not Cover Private Overprints & Additions

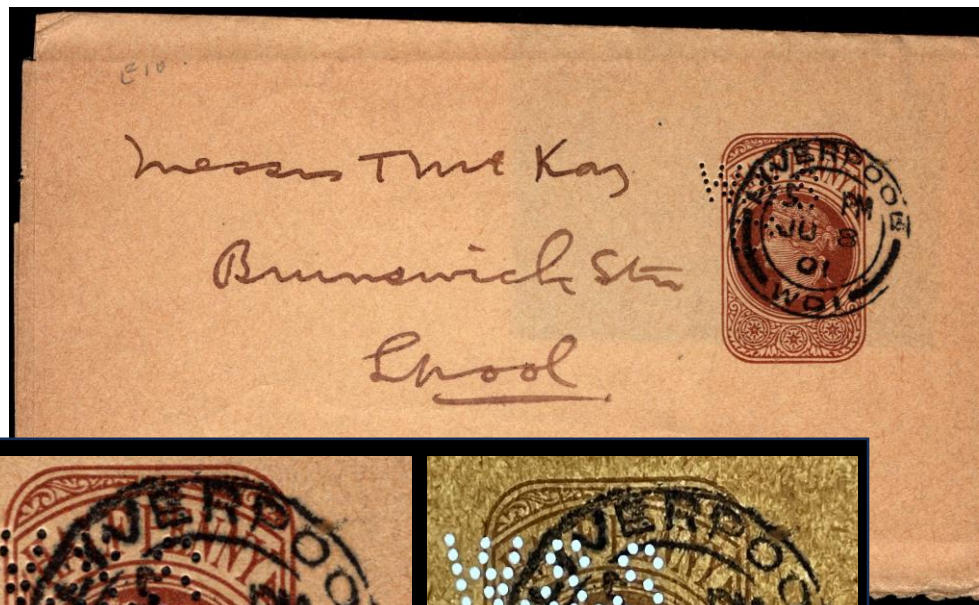


Indicium printed on paper supplied by company or company information printed on post office wrapper.



H&B WS3 1878 or later

Perforated initials (sometimes referred to as “perforated insignia”) – perfin – was added by private organizations.



H&B WP17 1898 or later

Enhanced to show perfin clearly

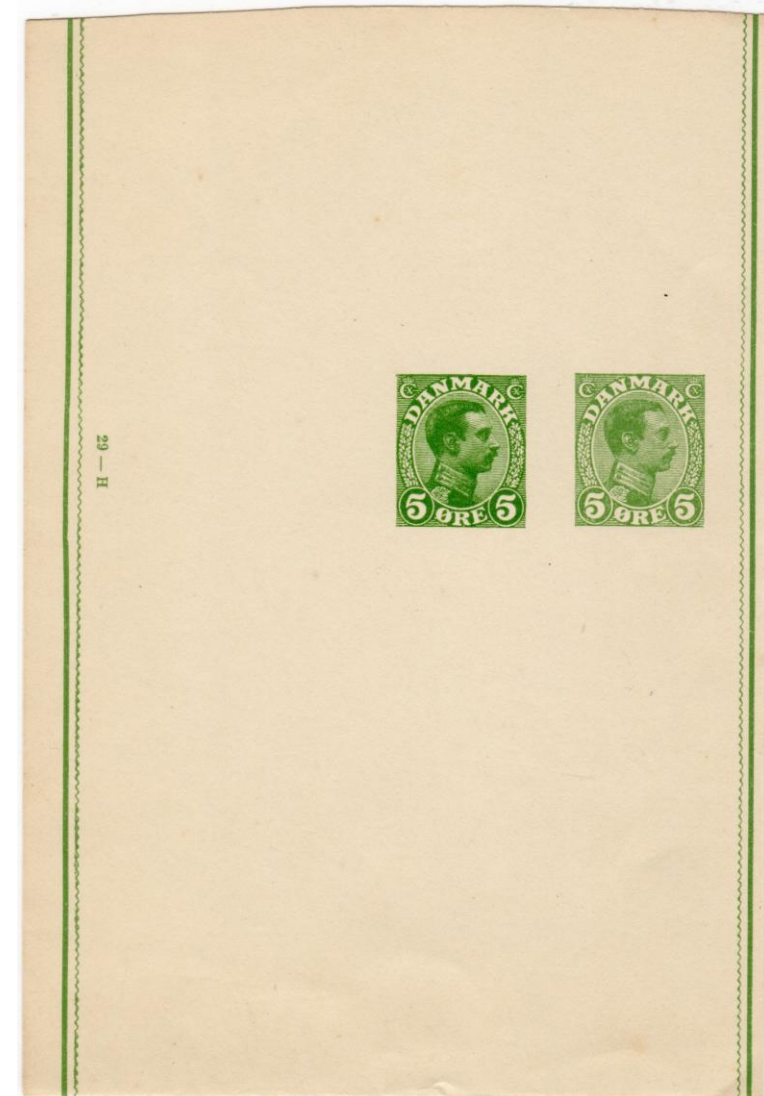
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H&B WS10

The two indicia were printed at the same time to make up the rate requested by the customer, so we do not consider it an "overprint"

The indicium at left was added by the Danish Post Office after a rate change, so we consider it an "overprint"

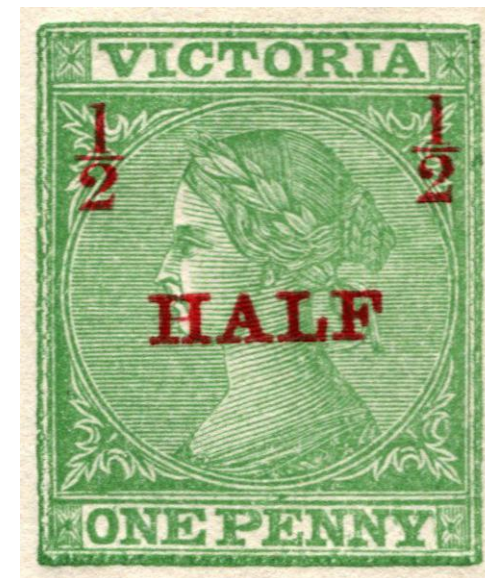
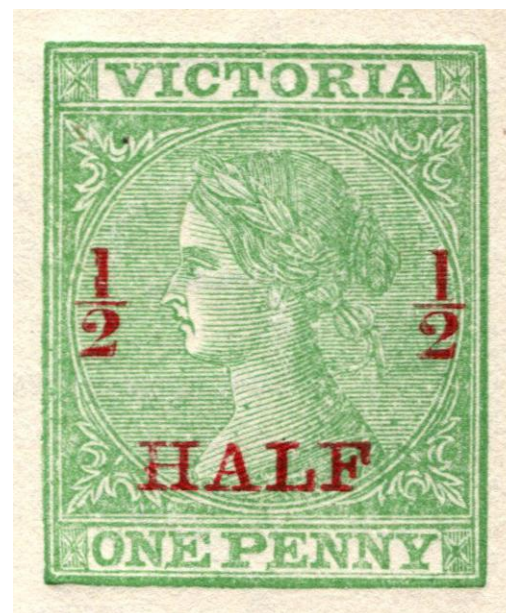


K 030 1921



Surcharges

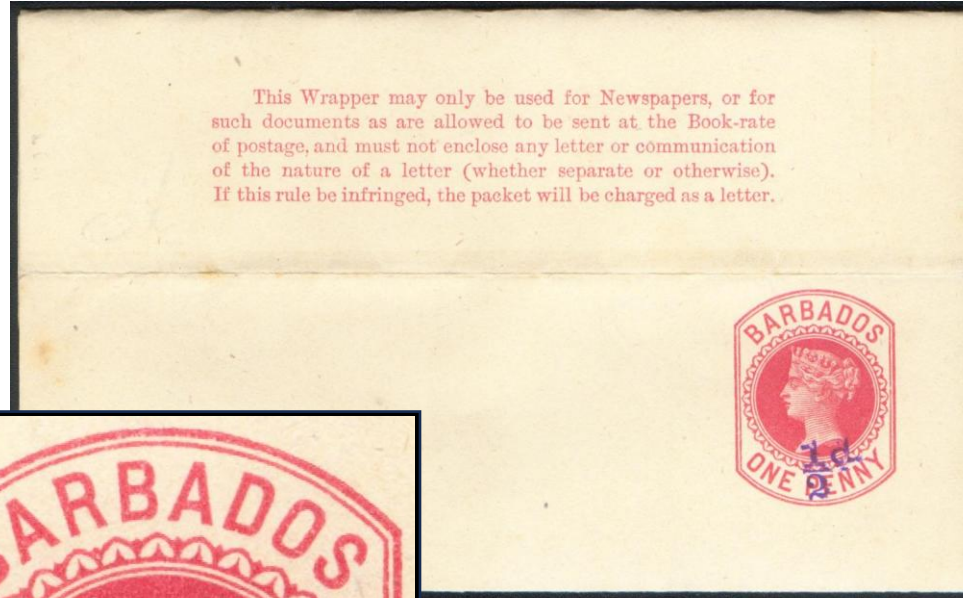
Change in denomination



In most cases, surcharges reflect changes in postal rates.

In rare cases, a commonly used denomination is exhausted and remainders of another denomination are surcharged to replenish stocks of the commonly used denomination.

Surcharges – Change of Denomination - Barbados

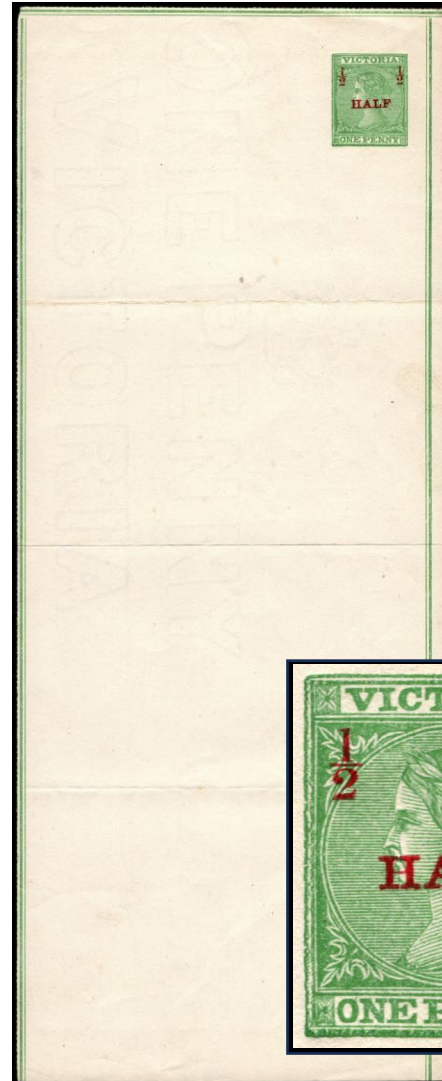


K 003 1893

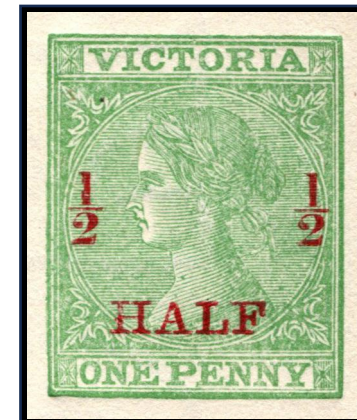
Surcharges – Change of Denomination – Australian States



New South Wales



Victoria
Interesting watermark



Surcharges – Change of Denomination - Cyprus



Surcharges – Change of Denomination - Denmark

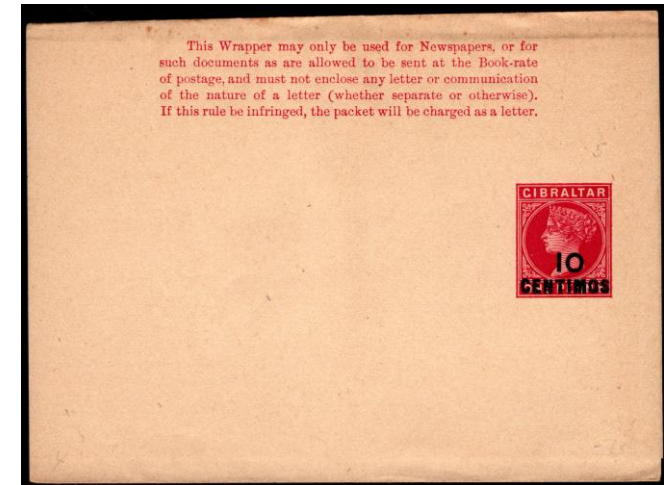
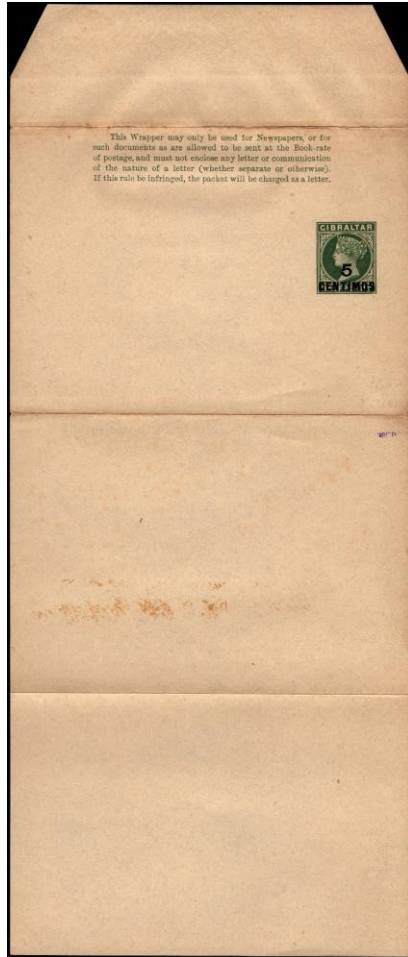
A surcharge –change in denomination- can also be accomplished by adding a second indicium.



Both added indicium
and overprint
changing
denomination.

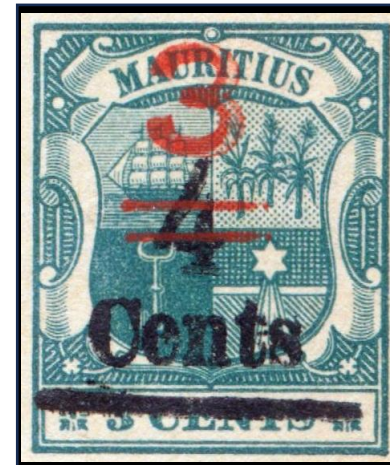
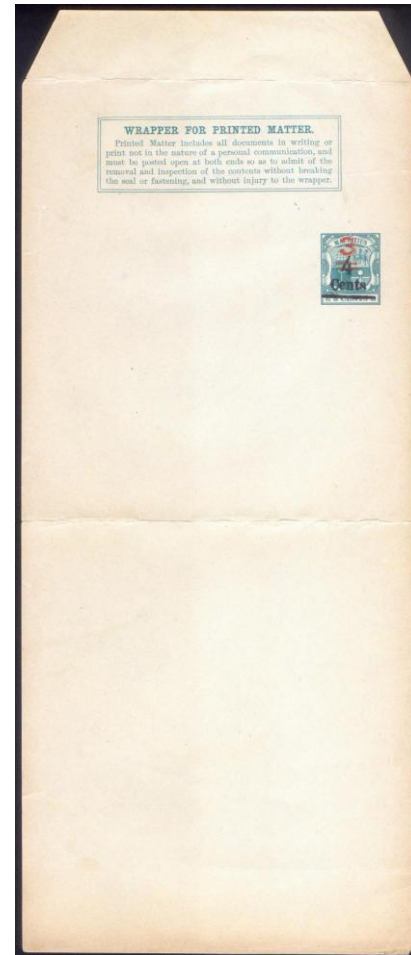


Surcharges – Change of Denomination - Gibraltar



Surcharges – Change of Denomination - Mauritius

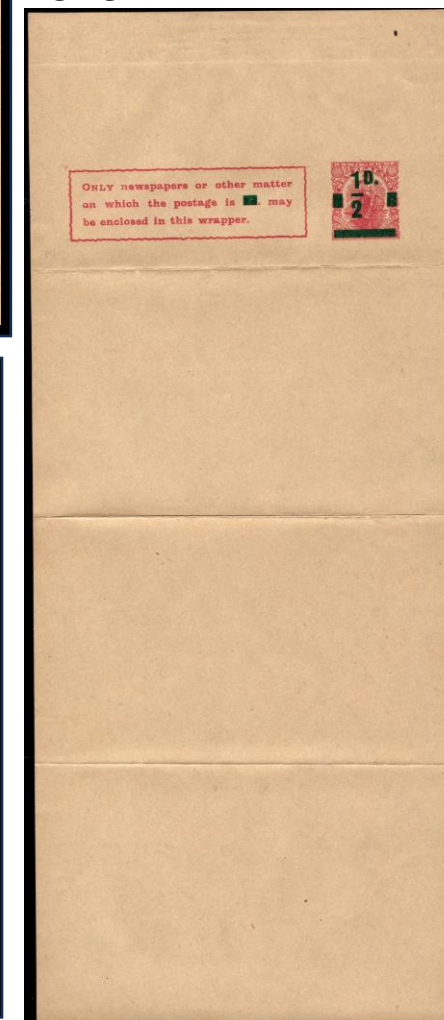
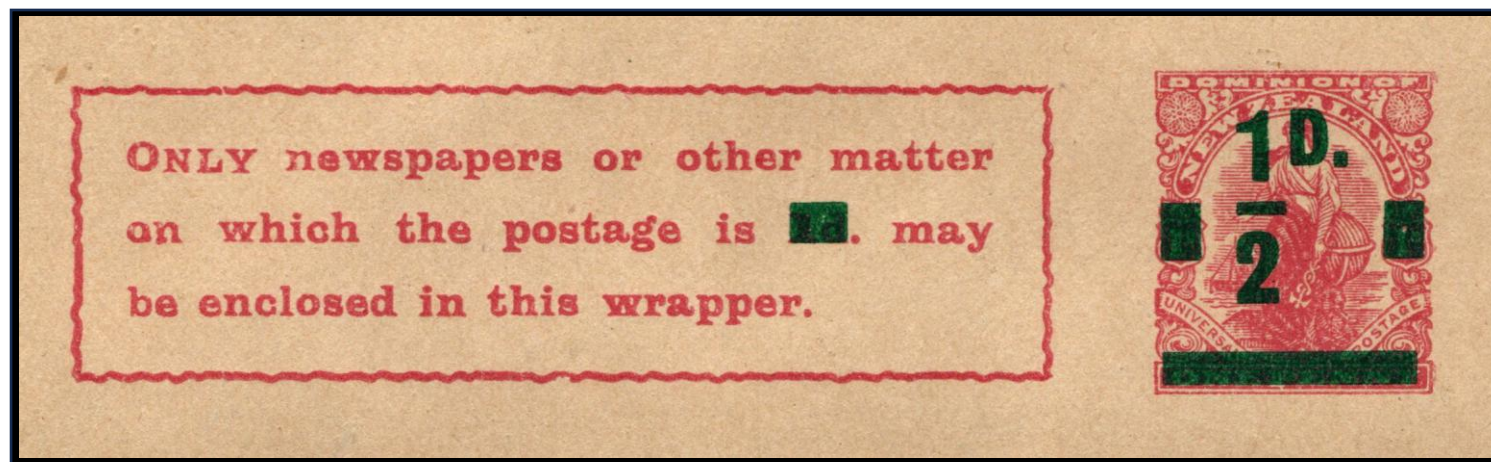
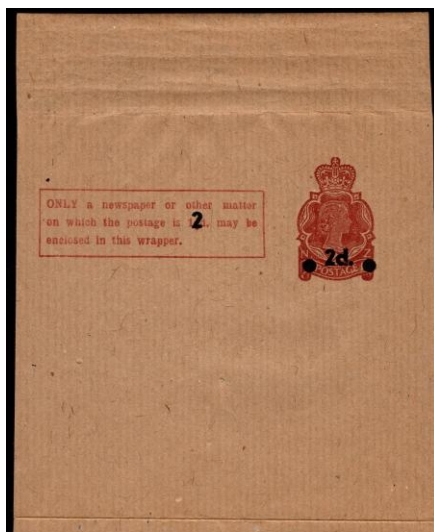
Two surcharges on Mauritius wrapper.



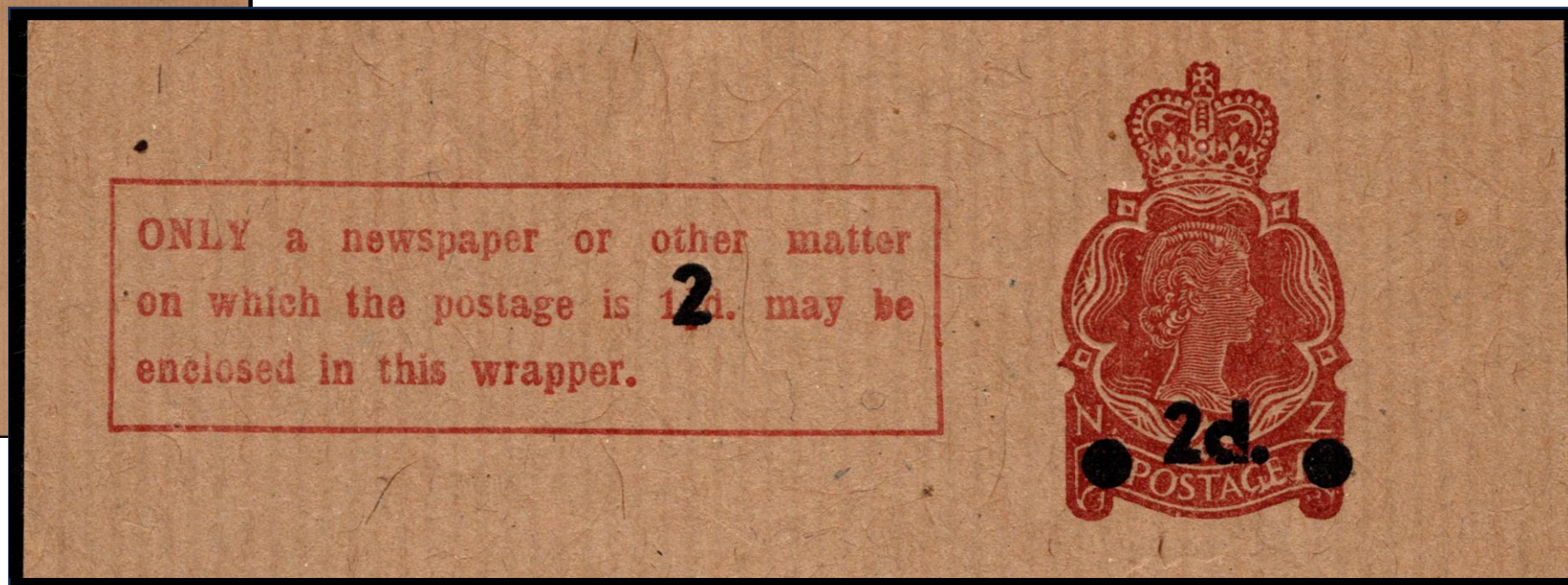
Surcharges – Change of Denomination – New Zealand



K 014a
1923

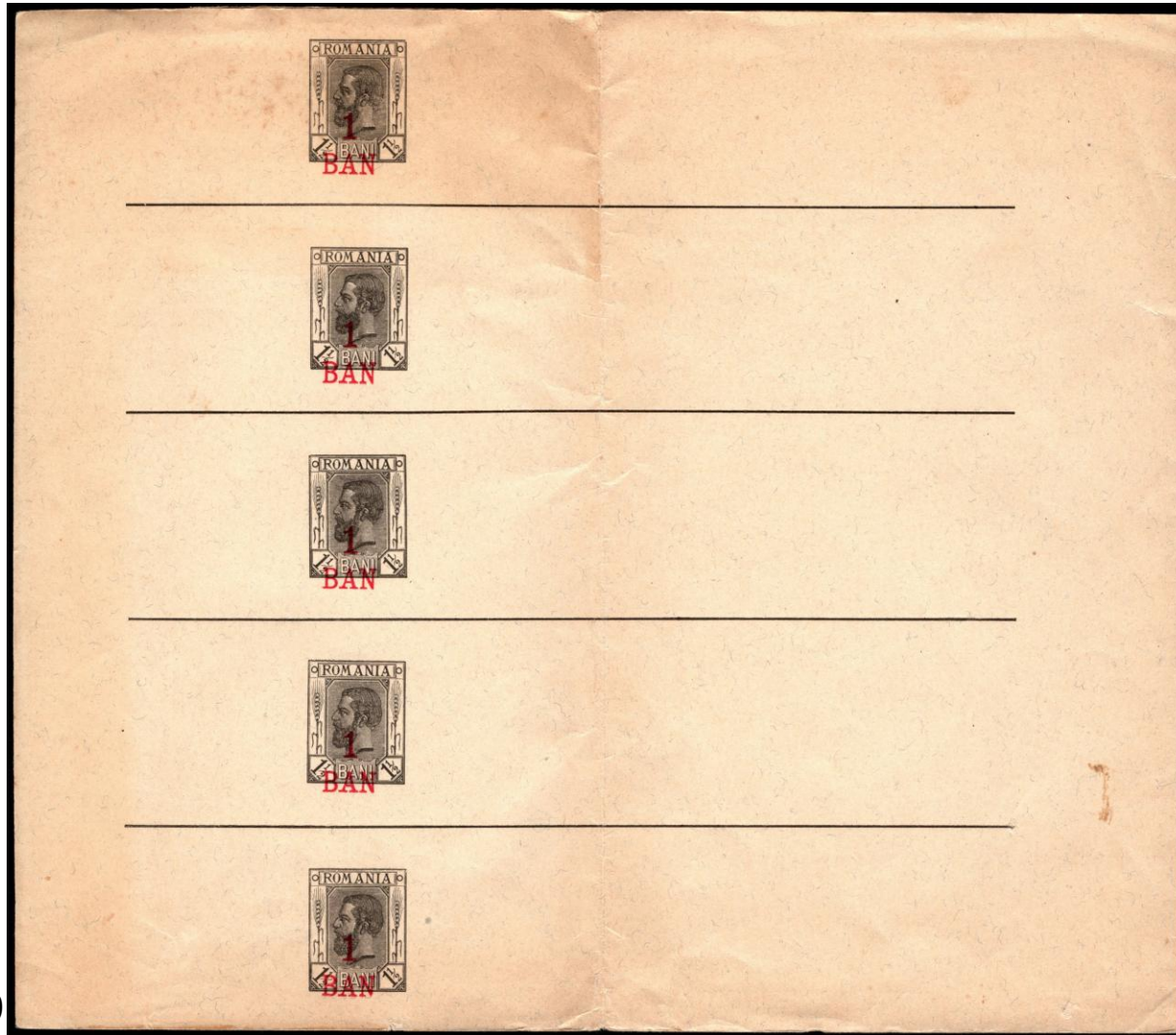


K 040a
1956



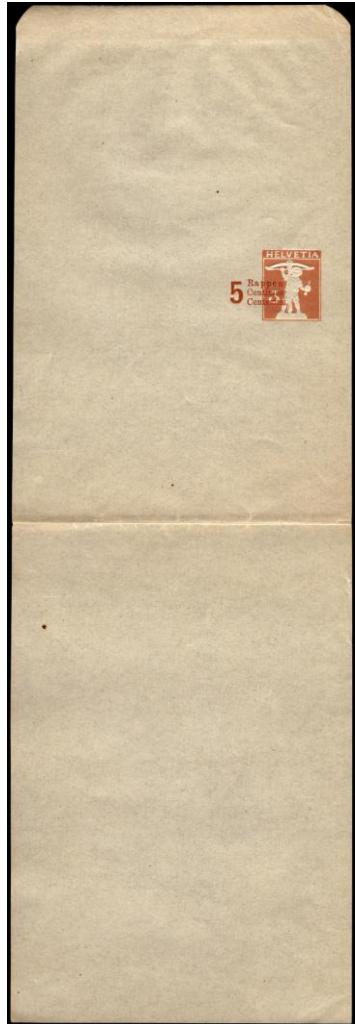
Surcharges – Change of Denomination - Romania

Romanian sheet of wrappers surcharged.



K 007 1899

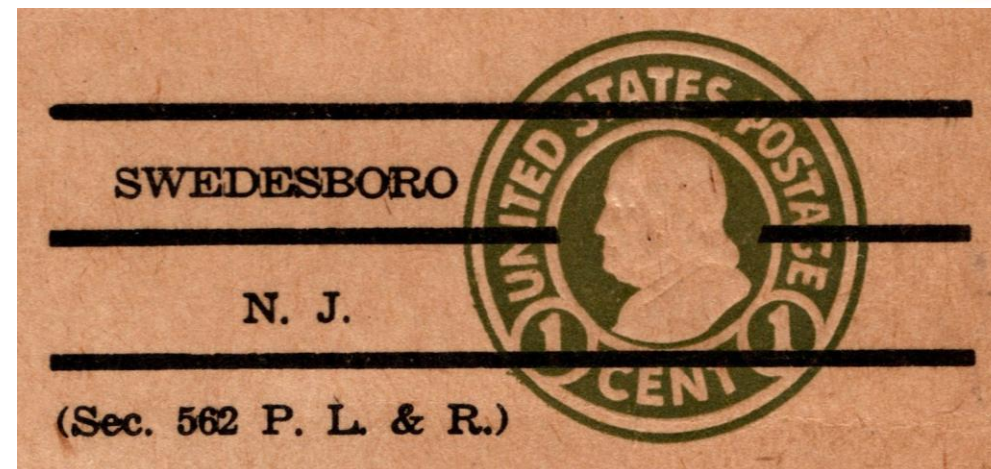
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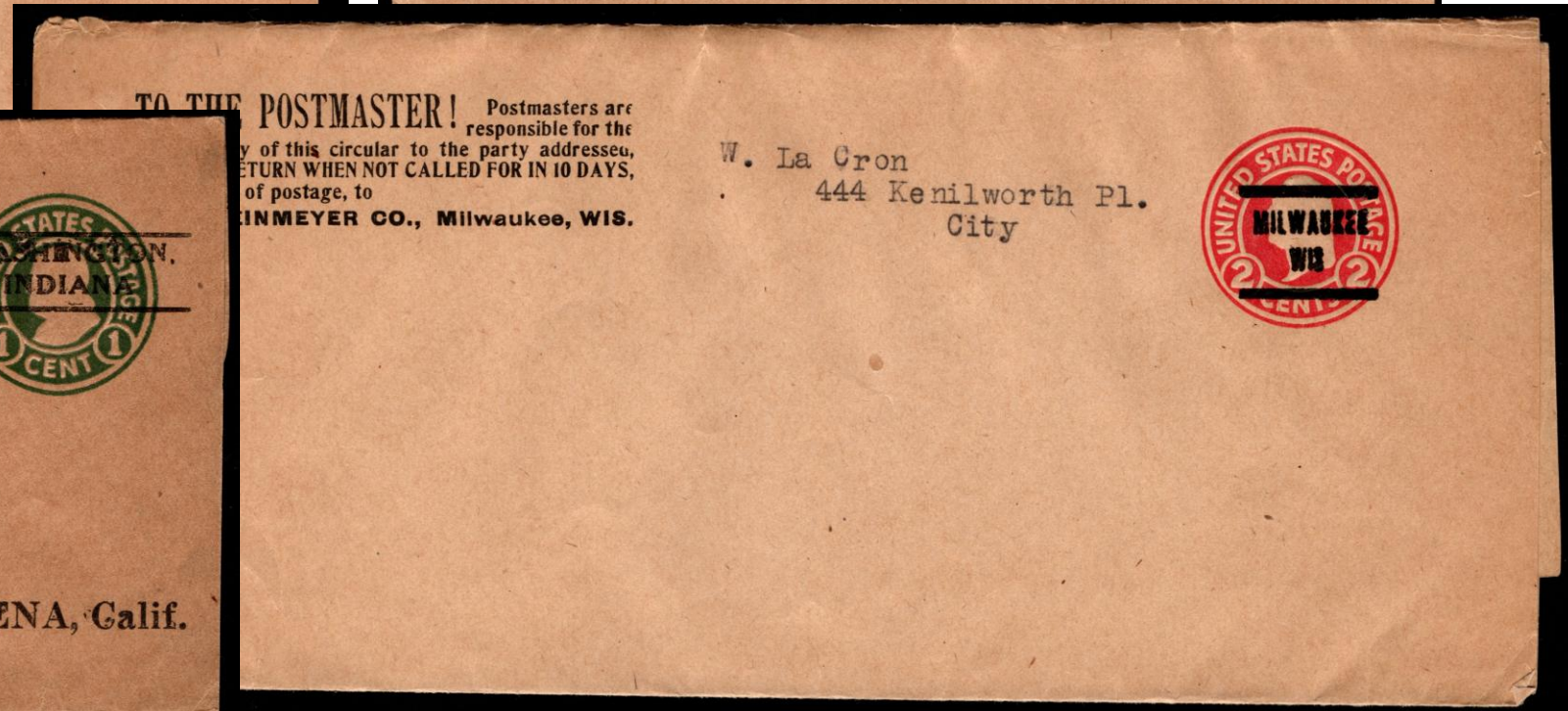
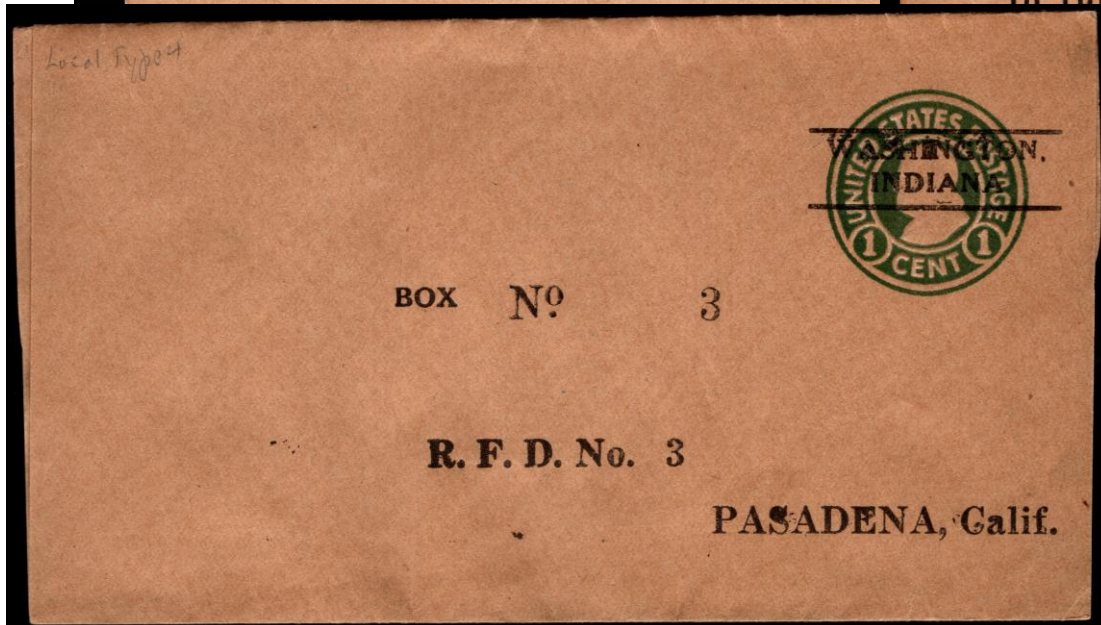
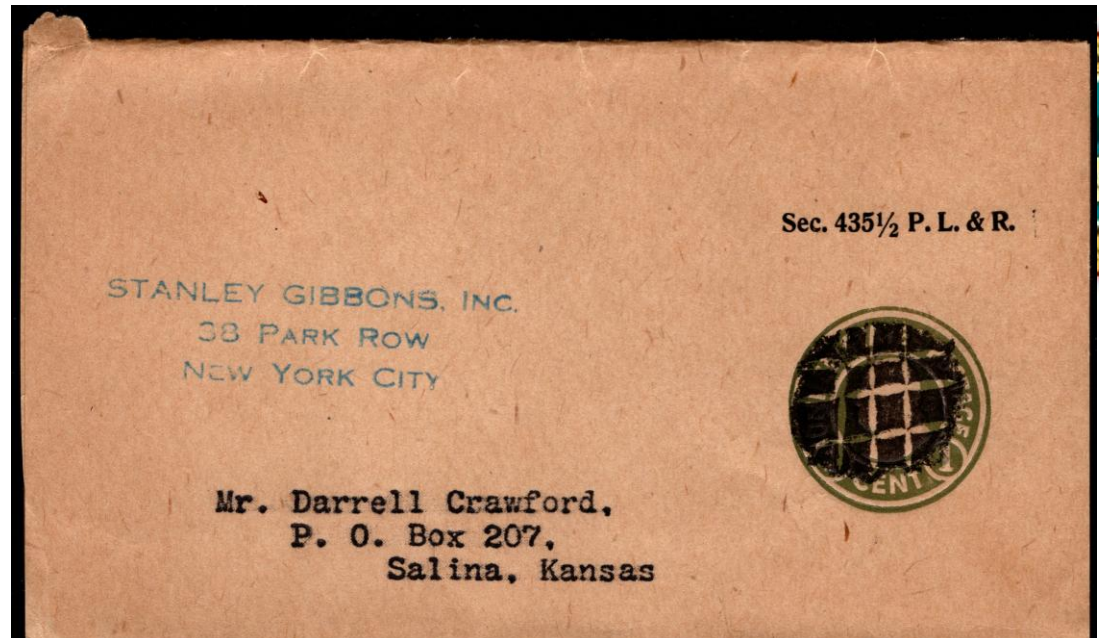
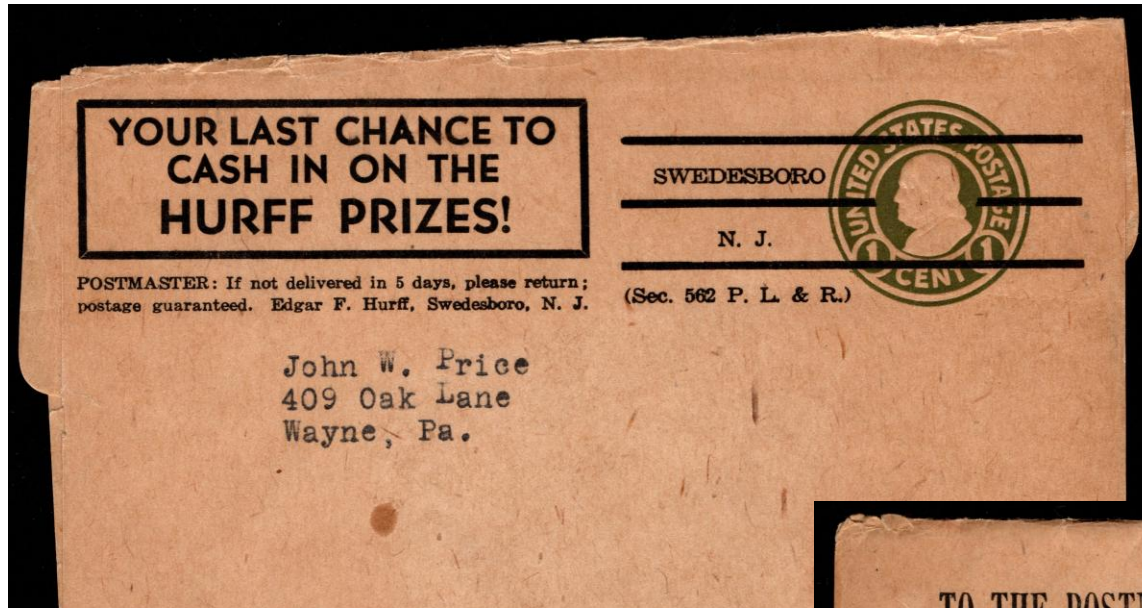
Surcharges can indicate a reduction in denomination



Precancels



Precancels u.s.



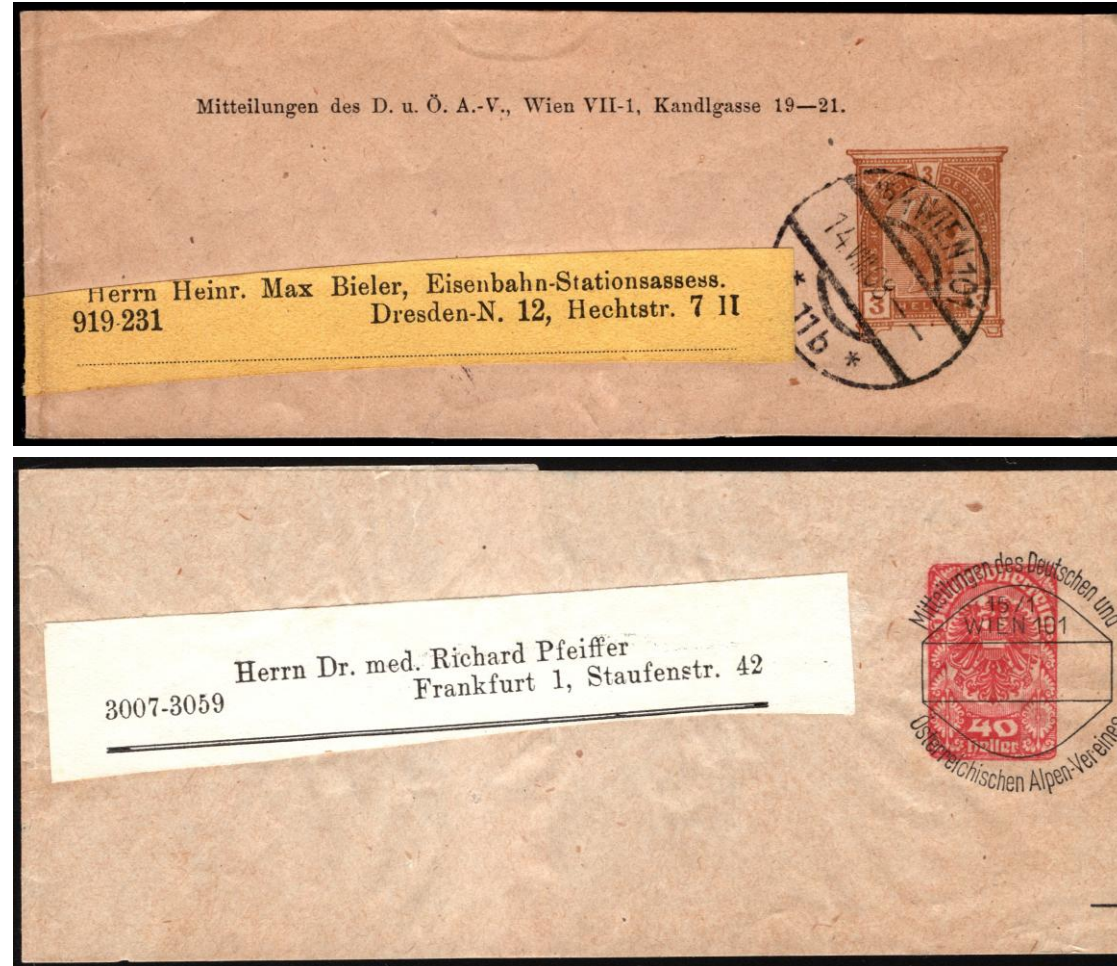
Precancels

Austria - German-Austrian Alpine Club

Mailings abroad used indicia replicating regular postage stamps



Mailings within Austrian-Hungarian Empire used indicia replicating newspaper stamps



Precancels

Austria - German-Austrian Alpine Club

Incomplete set of indicia
for mailings within the
Austrian-Hungarian Empire

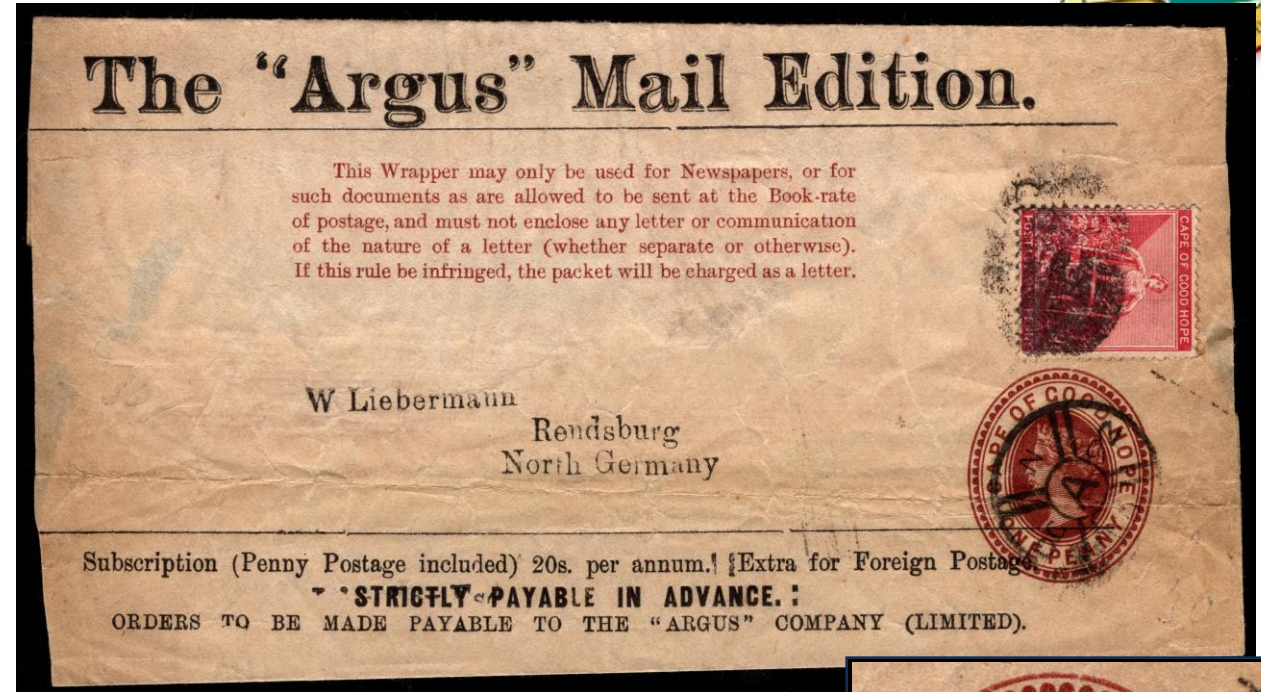
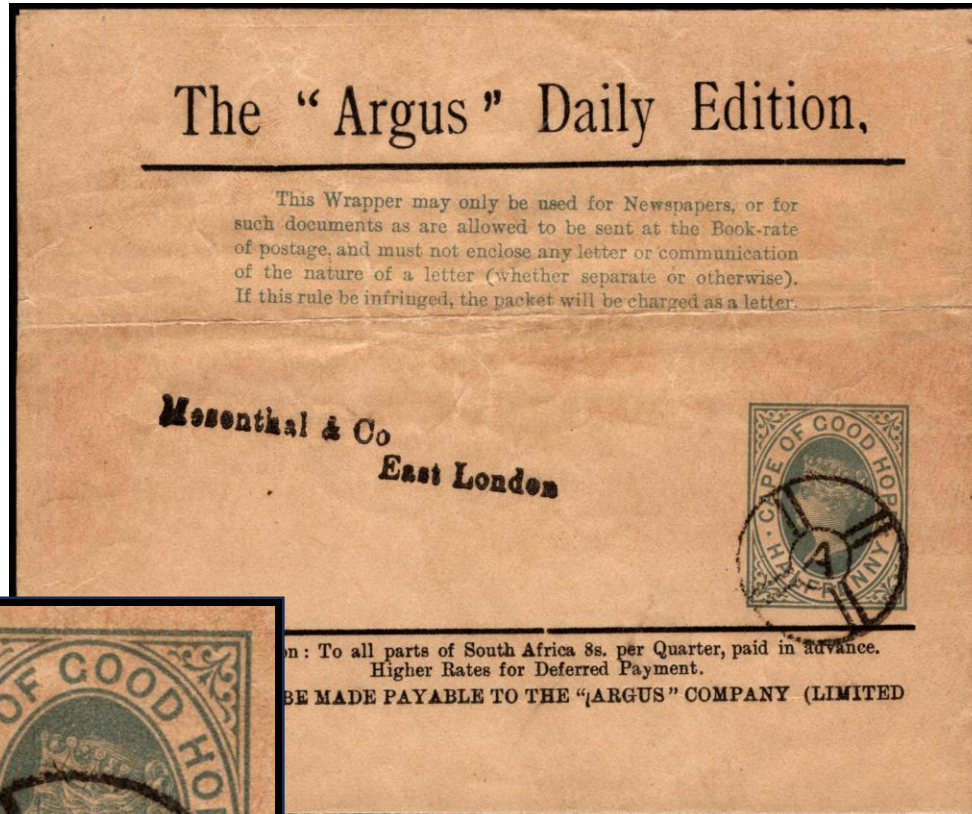


Complete set of indicia
for mailings abroad



Precancels

Cape of Good Hope



This precancel used for the "Argus" and "South African Star" publications.
South African Star was also published by Argus.
Note precancel at right has month and year "OC 92".

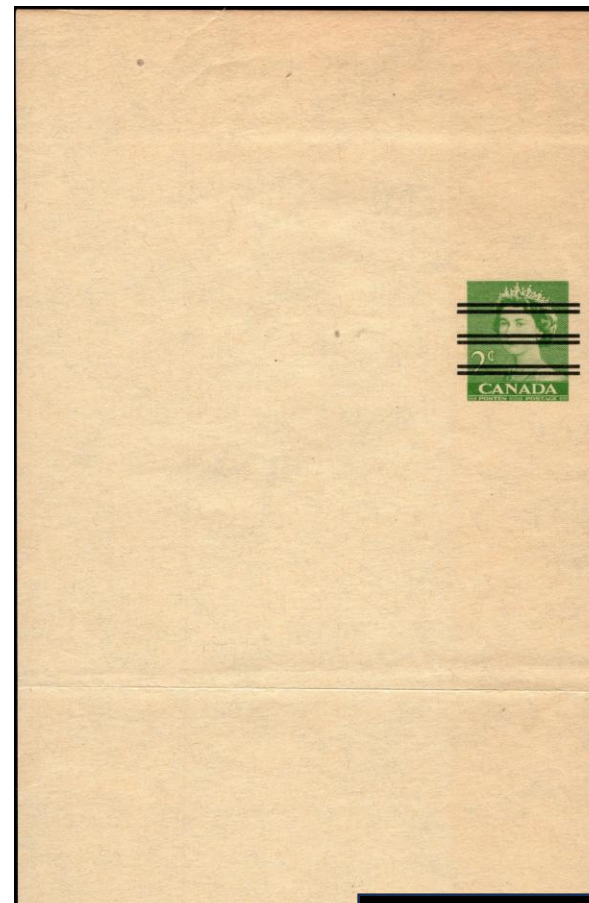
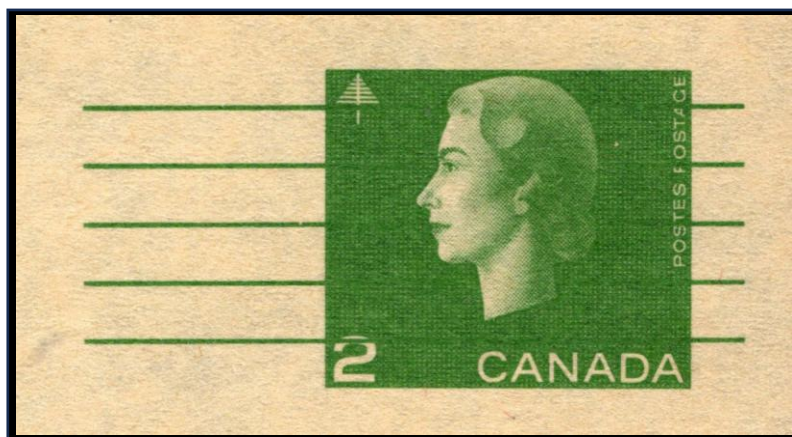
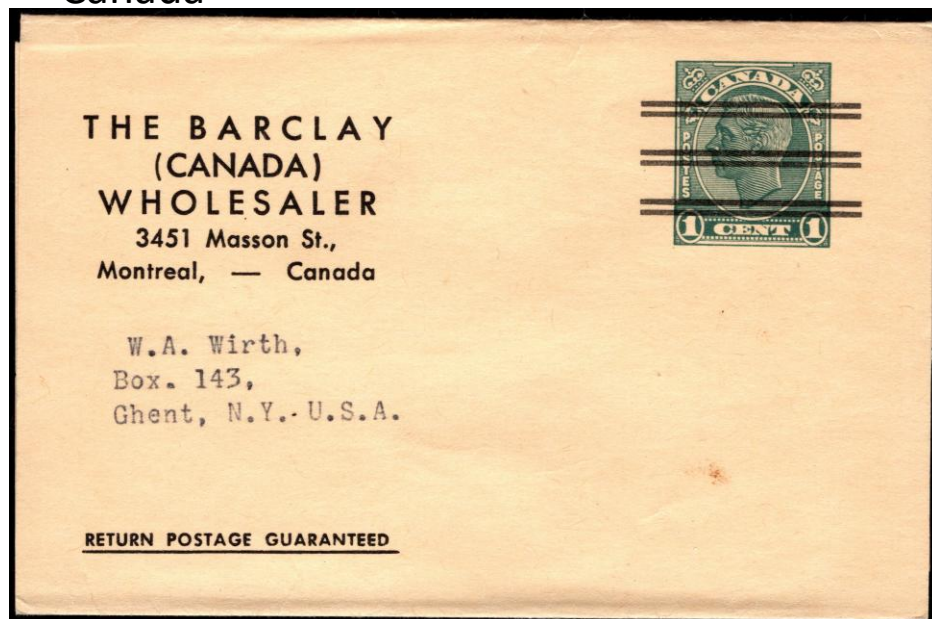


K 002 after 1882

K 001 after 1881

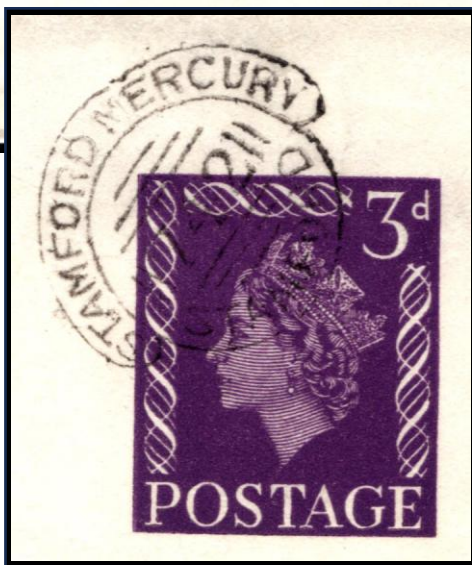
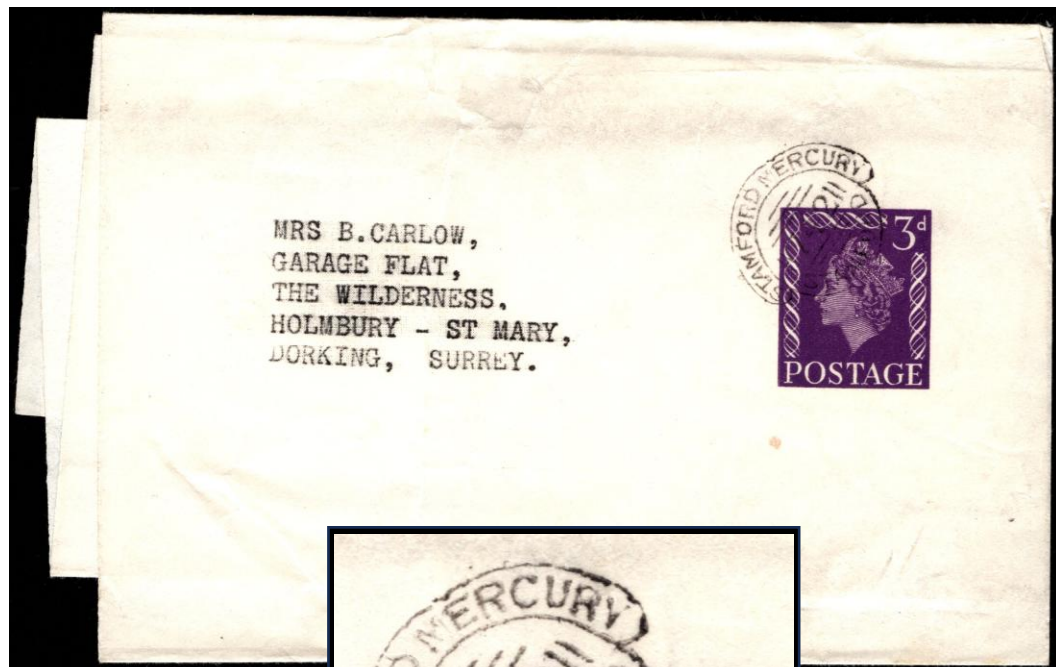
Precancels

Canada



Precancels

GB – Stamford Mercury Precancels – used 1878 through 1973.



Precancels

GB precancels, in particular those used on newspaper mailings, often look like regular cancels



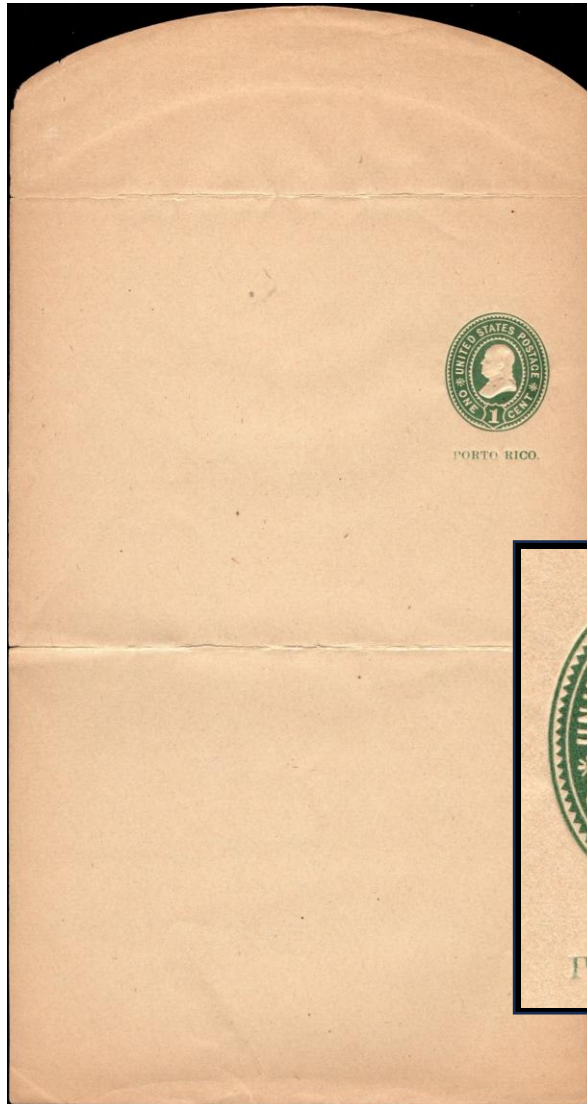


Changing the entity name

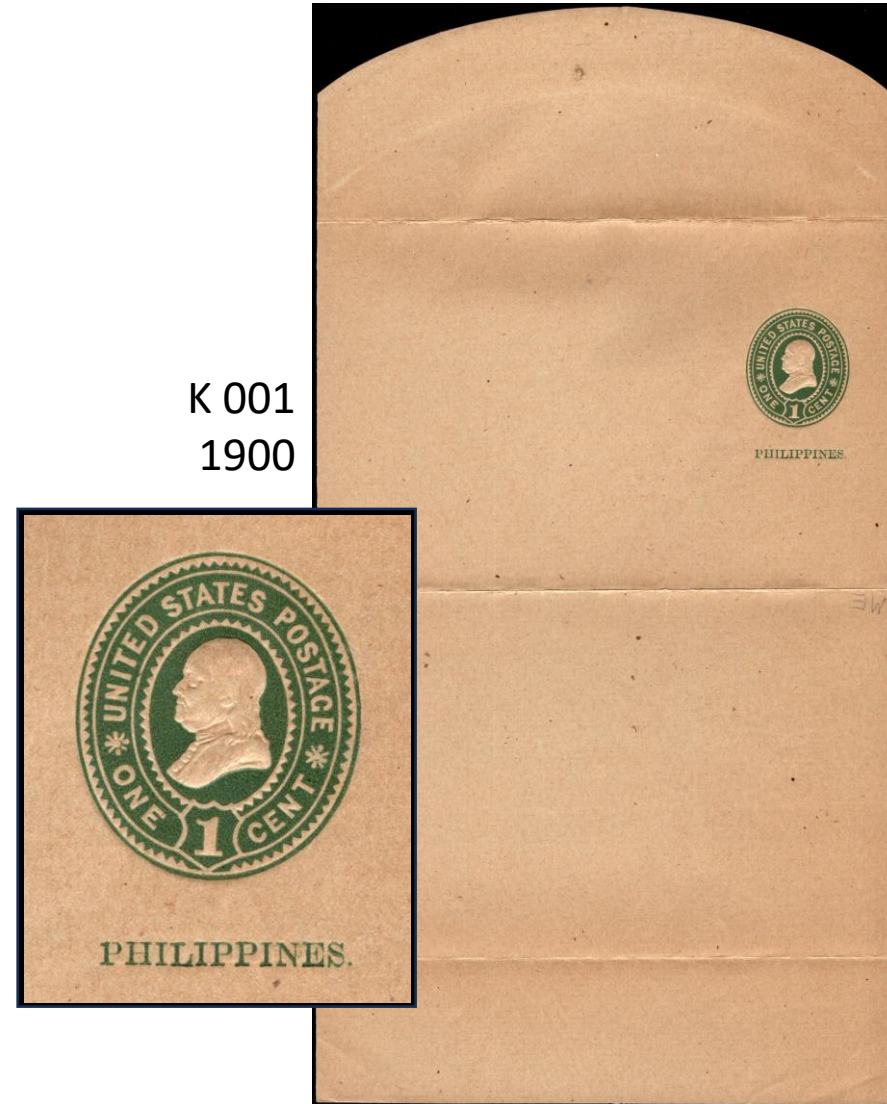
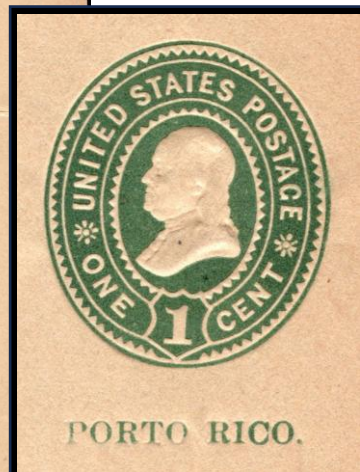
- Items used in colonies & territories
- Items used in another country
- Postal systems operated in another country
- Wars, revolutions and civil disturbances

Changing the Entity Name – Colonies & Territories

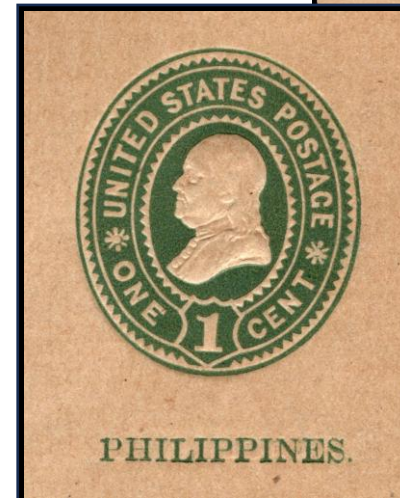
US administration in the Philippines and Puerto Rico



K 001
1899

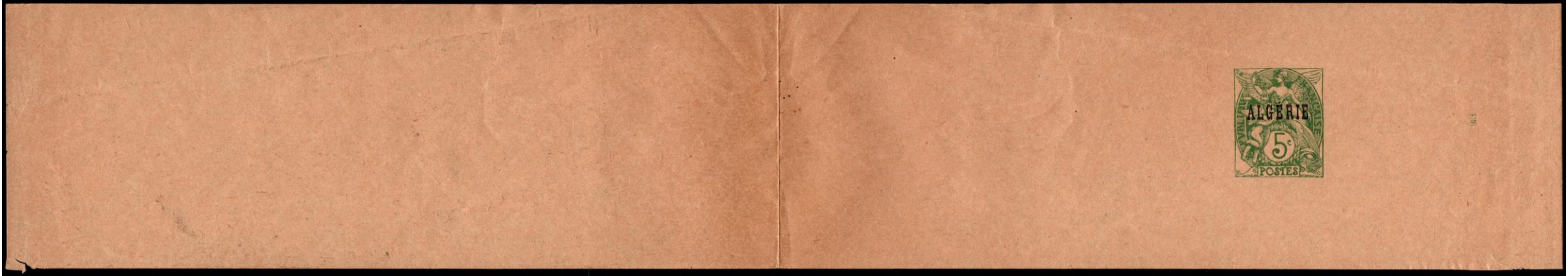


K 001
1900



Changing the Entity Name – Colonies & Territories

Algeria overprinted French wrappers



K 004 1924



Changing the Entity Name – Colonies & Territories

British Bechuanaland overprinted GB wrappers.



K 003b 1887



K 004 1887

Changing the Entity Name – Colonies & Territories

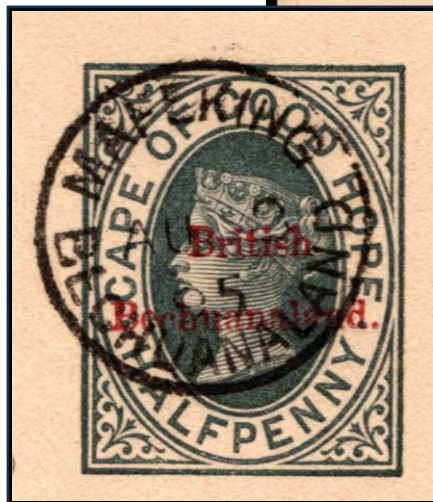
British Bechuanaland overprinted Cape of Good Hope (COGH) wrappers.



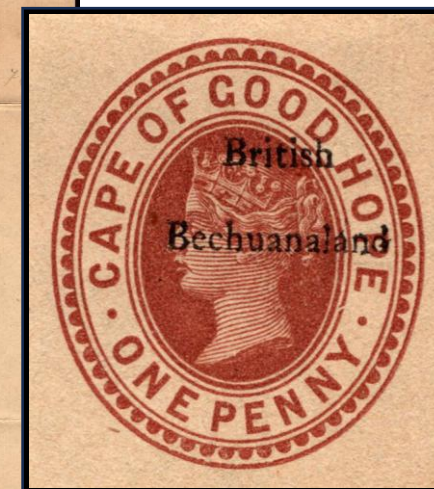
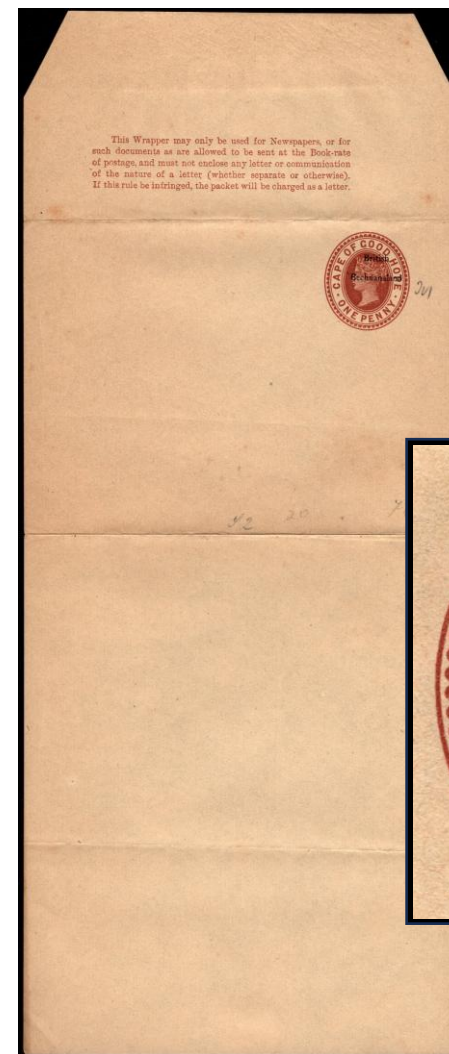
K 005
1889



Unusual destination:
Montenegro
Taxed



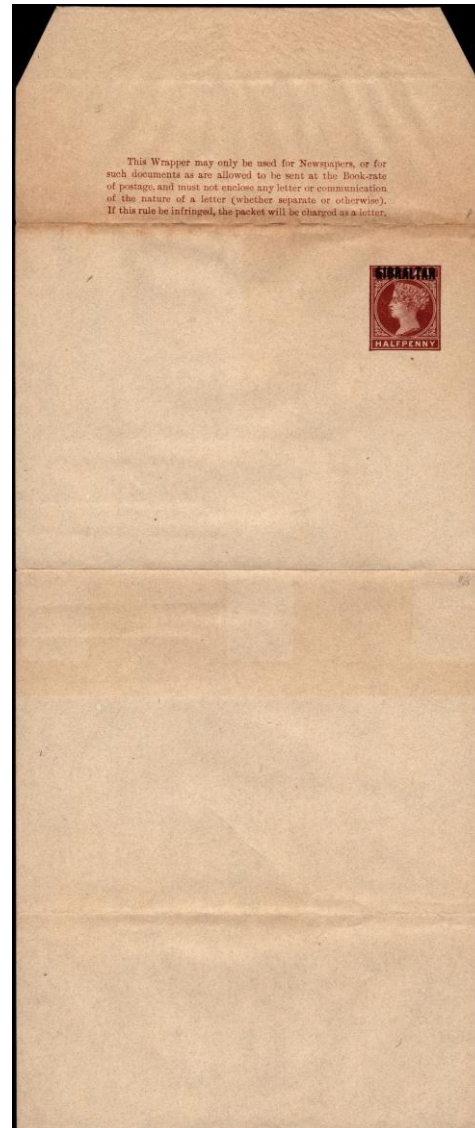
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1889



Changing the Entity Name – Colonies & Territories



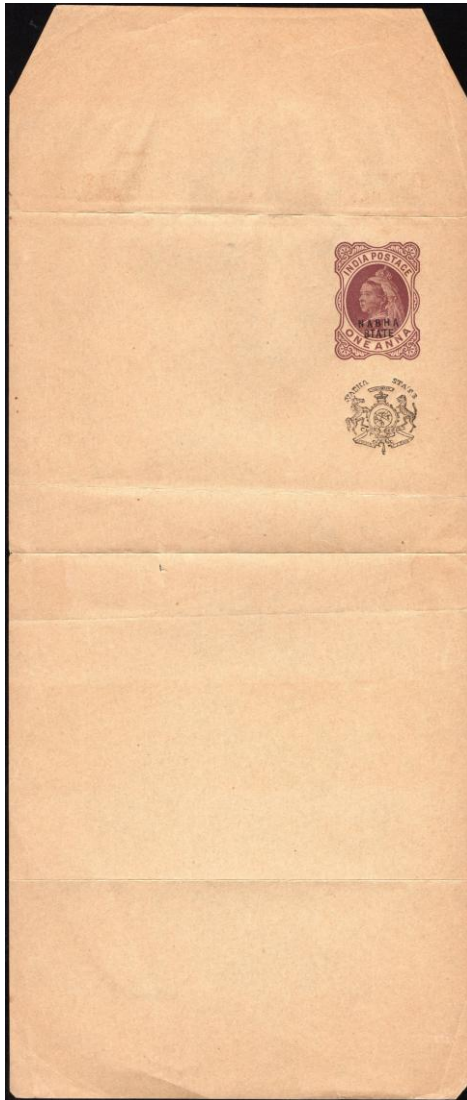
Gibraltar overprinted Natal wrappers.



K 001 1886

Changing the Entity Name – Used in Another Country

Nabha State overprinted India wrappers.



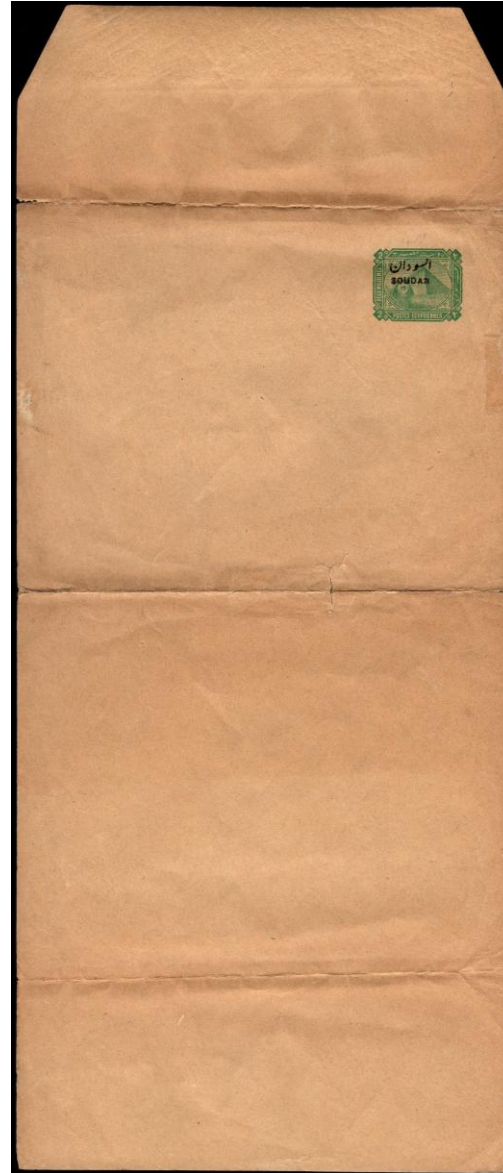
K 002 1896

K 001 1896



Changing the Entity Name – Used in Another Country

Soudan overprinted Egyptian stamps/wrappers

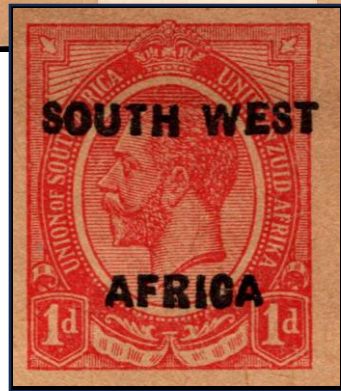
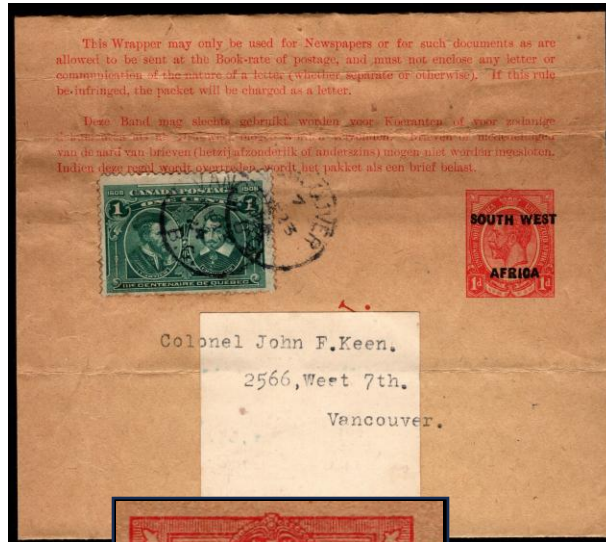


K 002 1898

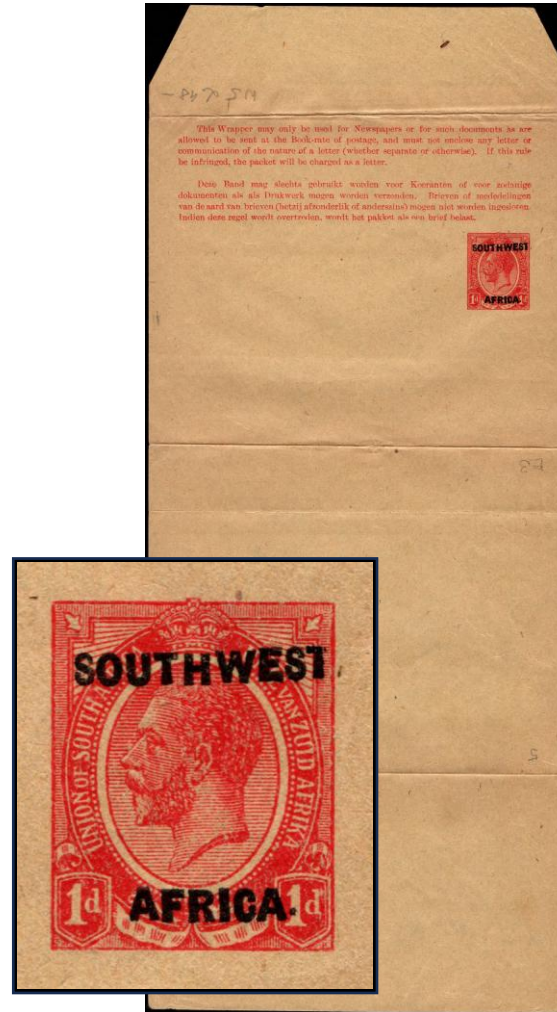


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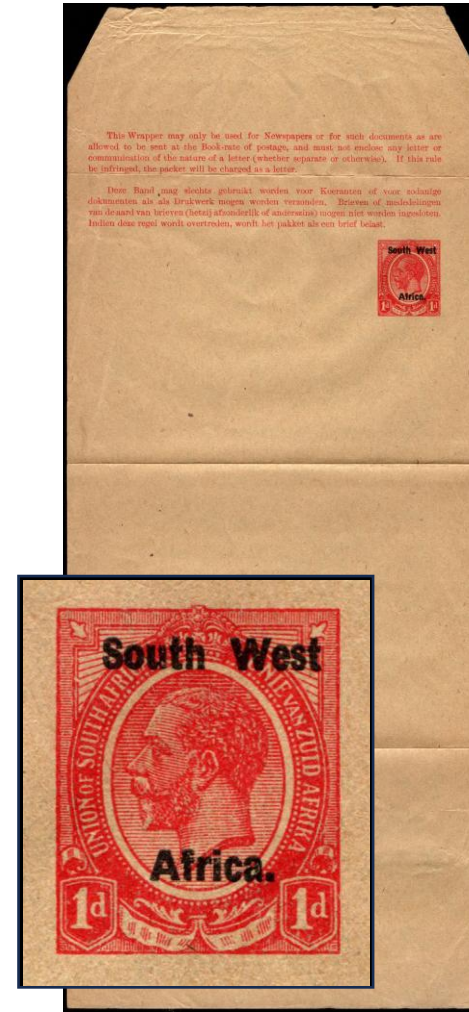
South West Africa overprinted on wrappers of South Africa.



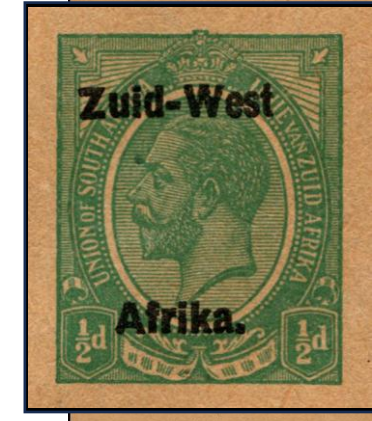
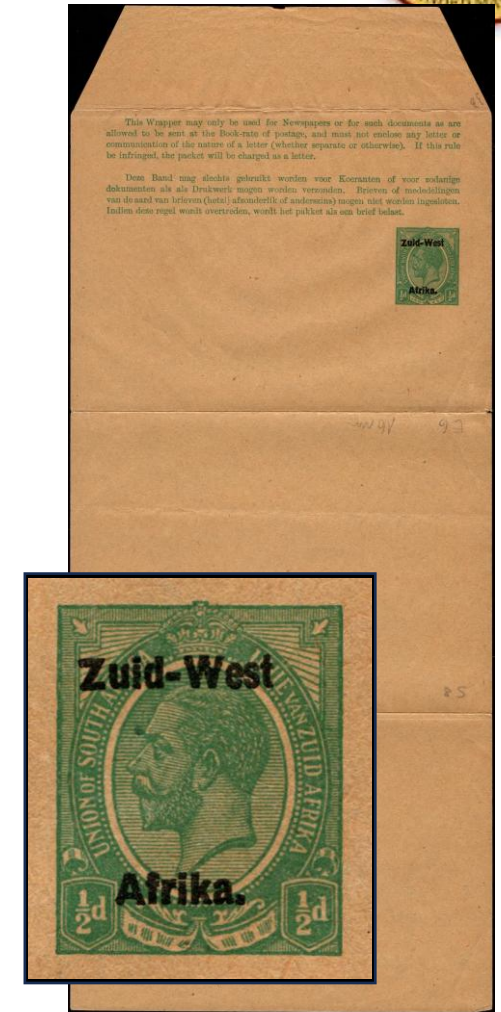
K 002as 1923



K 004 1923



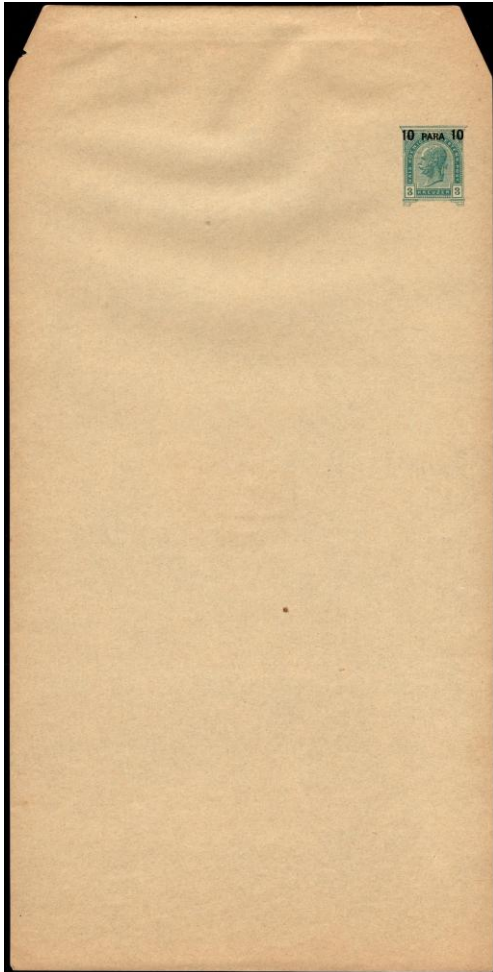
K 008 1923



K 009 1923

Changing the Entity Name – Postal Systems Operated in Another Country

Ottoman Empire (Levant): Postal system operated by Austria



Changing the Entity Name – Postal Systems Operated in Another Country

Ottoman Empire (Levant): Postal system operated by Germany



K 001 1900



K 002 1901



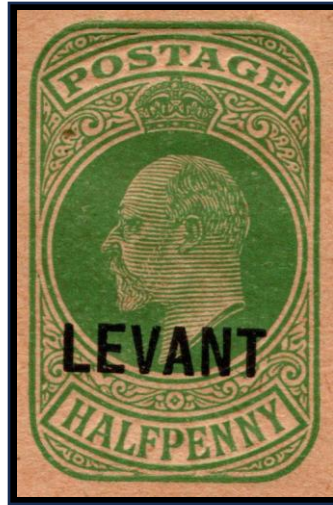
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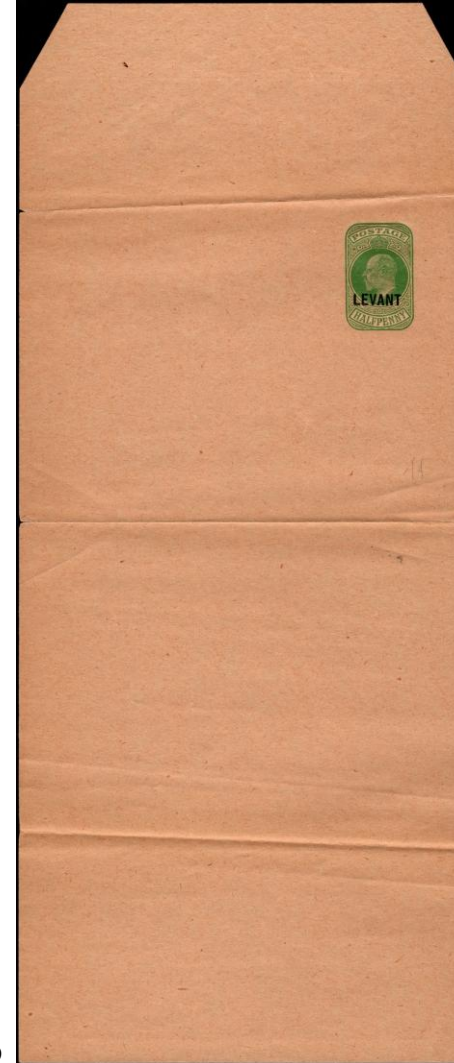
K 006 1908

Changing the Entity Name – Postal Systems Operated in Another Country

Ottoman Empire (Levant): Postal system operated by Great Britain

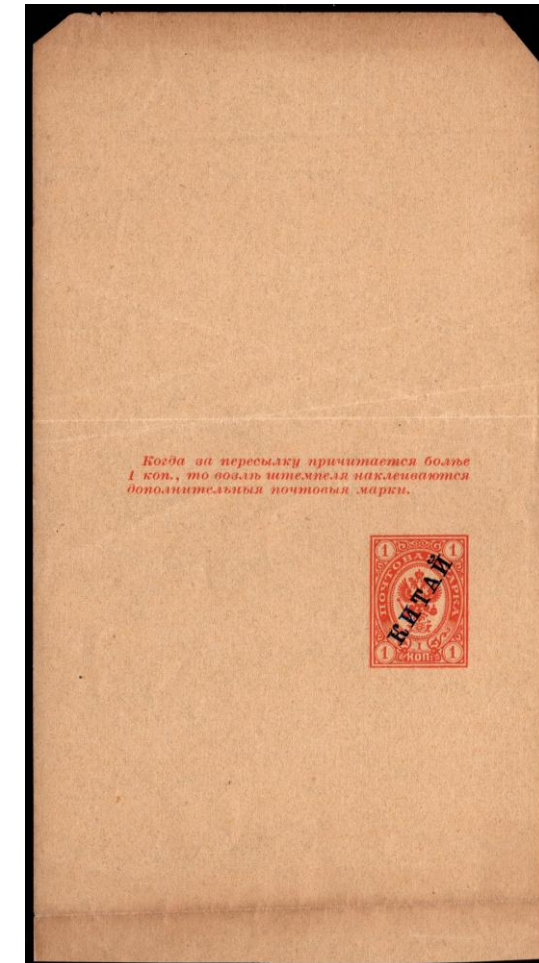
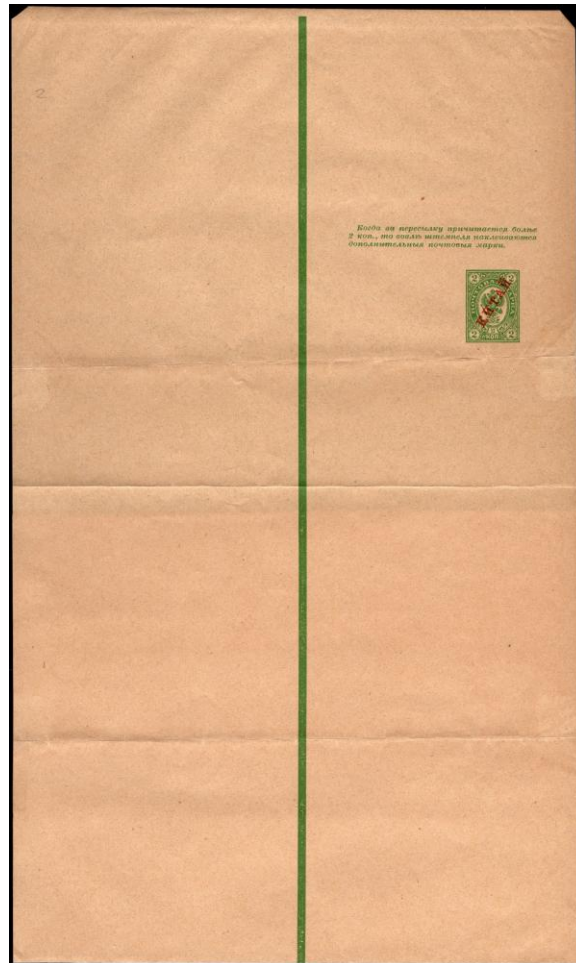


K 001 1905



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China: Russia P.O.

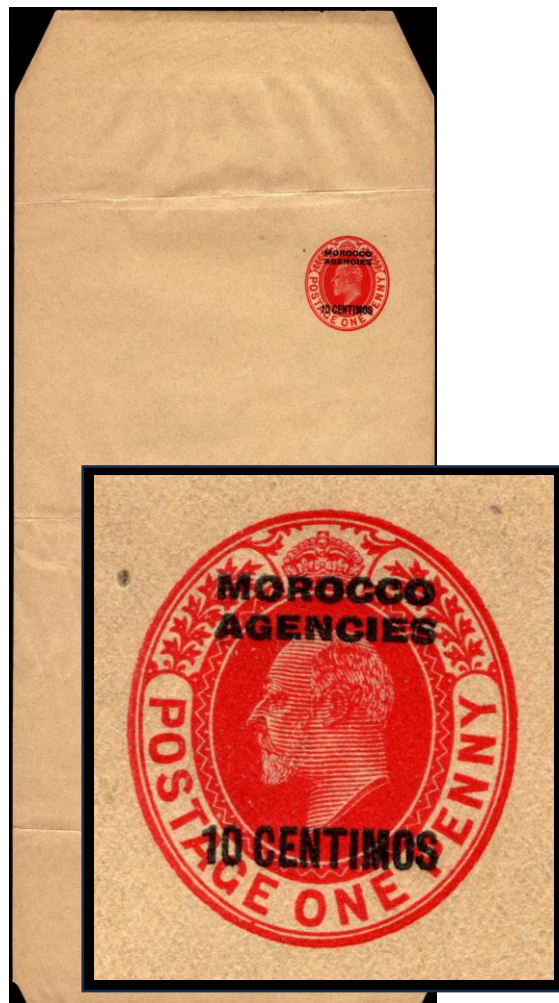


Changing the Entity Name – Postal Systems Operated in Another Country

Morocco – GB stamps/wrappers overprinted Morocco Agencies



QV Gibraltar stamps overprinted at the offices of the Gibraltar Chronicle in 1898



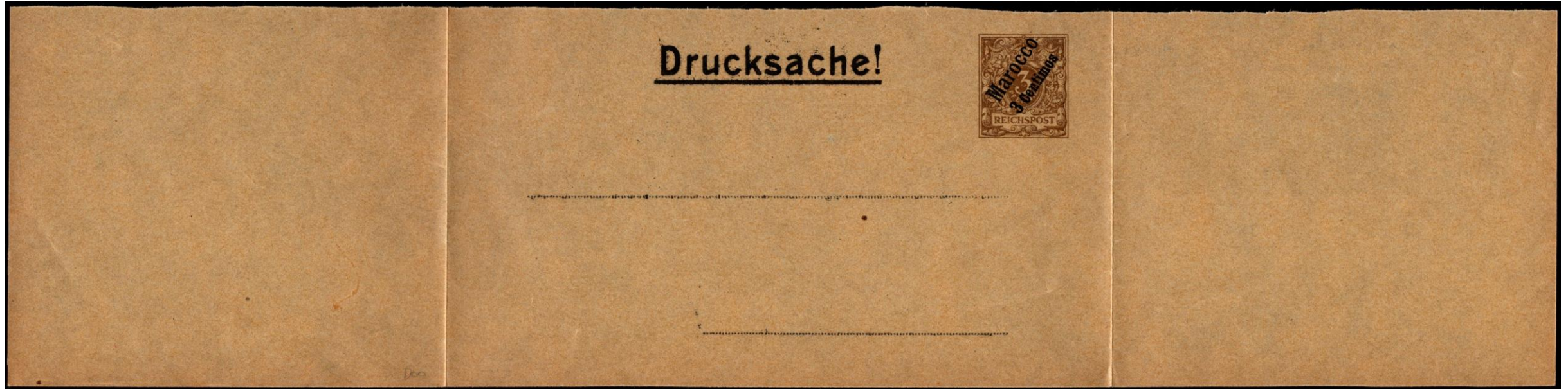
KEVII GB stamps overprinted in 1907-12.



KGV GB stamps overprinted in 1912

Changing the Entity Name – Postal Systems Operated in Another Country

Morocco: German P.O.



K 101a 190?

Changing the Entity Name – Wars, Revolutions & Civil Disturbances

Cilicia: Surcharge on stamps/wrappers of the Ottoman Empire



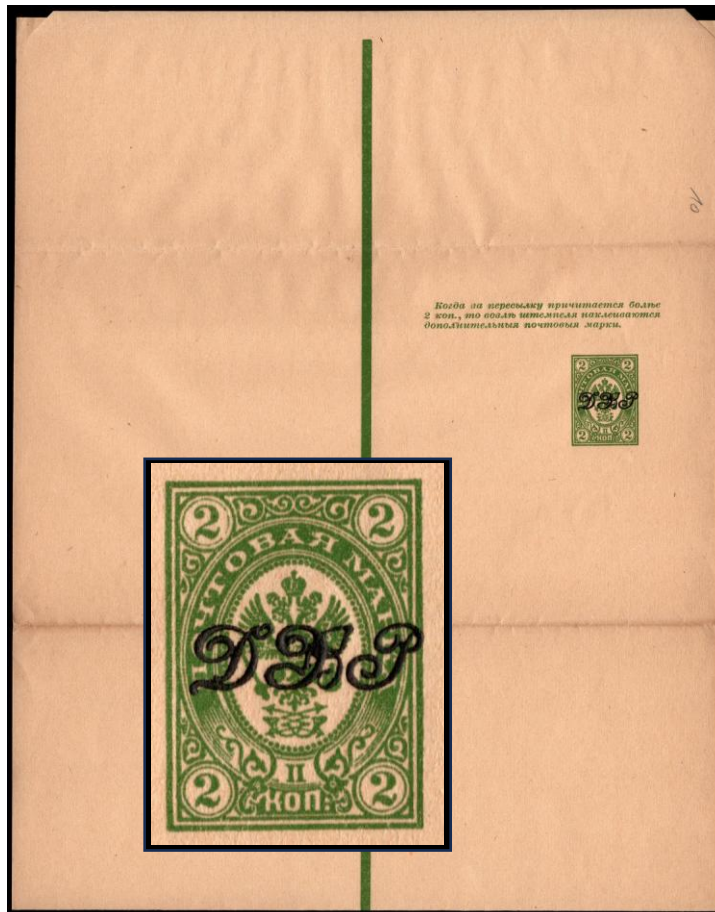
Changing the Entity Name – Wars, Revolutions & Civil Disturbances

Eastern Military Command on German wrappers



Changing the Entity Name – Wars, Revolutions & Civil Disturbances

Far Eastern Republic on Russian wrappers

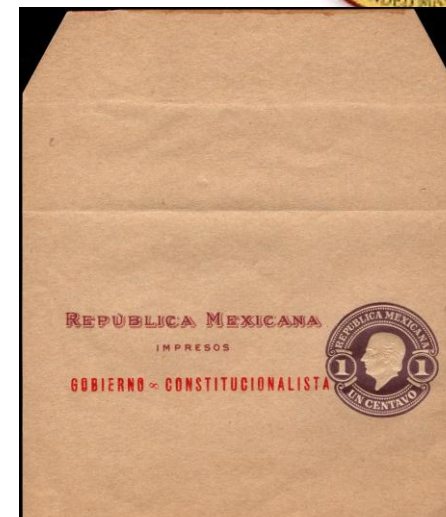
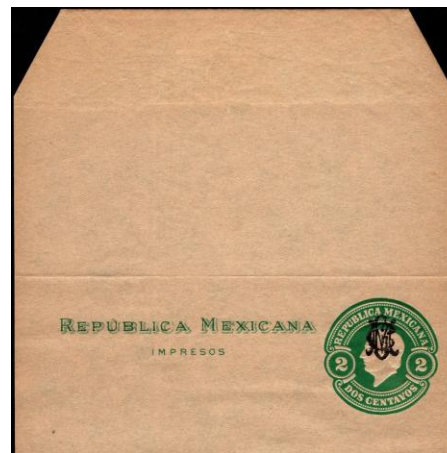
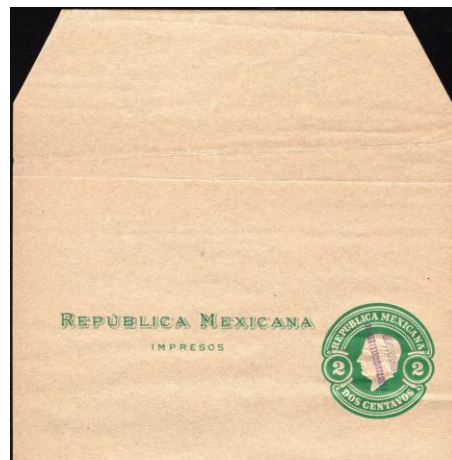
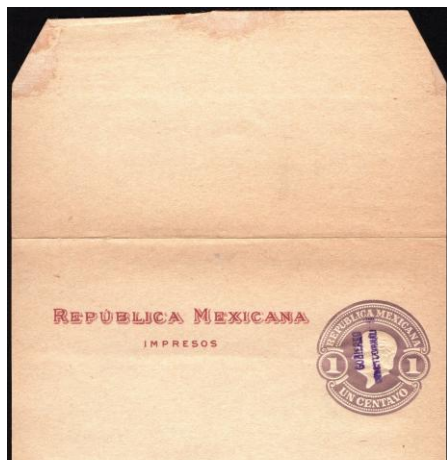


Far Eastern Republic
1920-1922

Changing the Entity Name – Colonies & Territories

Mexican wrappers overprinted during the Mexican Revolution (1910-1929).

Wrappers used 1914-15.



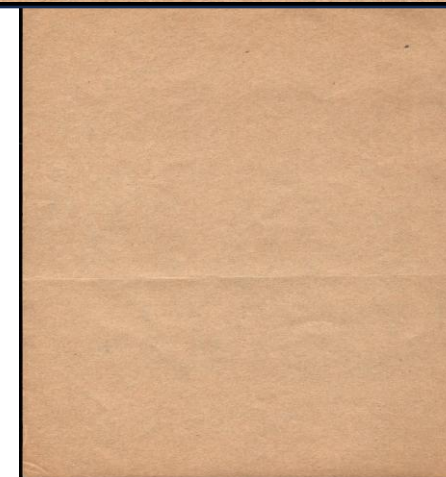
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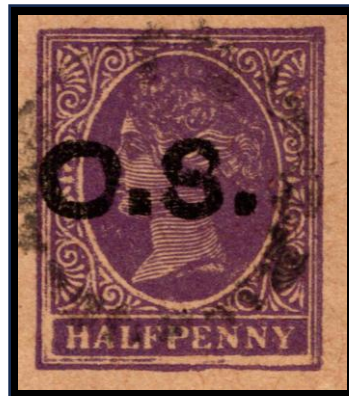
Sinaloa



Villa-Zapata



Carranza



Denoting a Purpose

Denoting a Purpose – Australian Colonies – South Australia

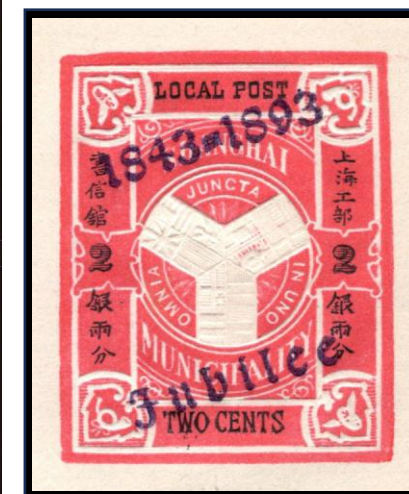
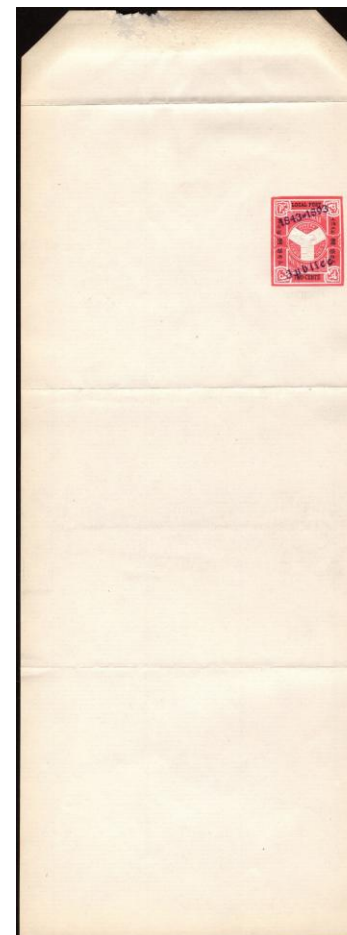
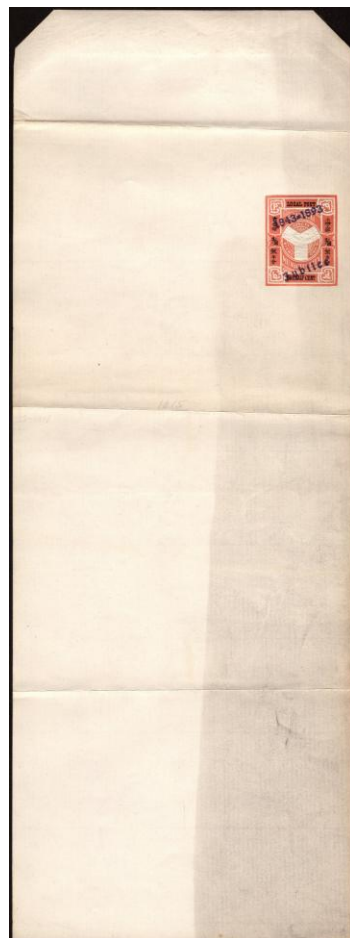
Official Service



1882

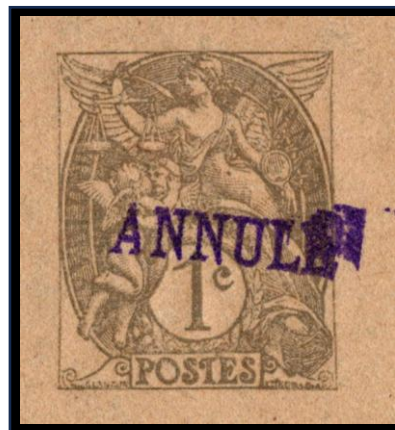
Denoting a Purpose

Shanghai: Commemorative overprint



Denoting a Purpose

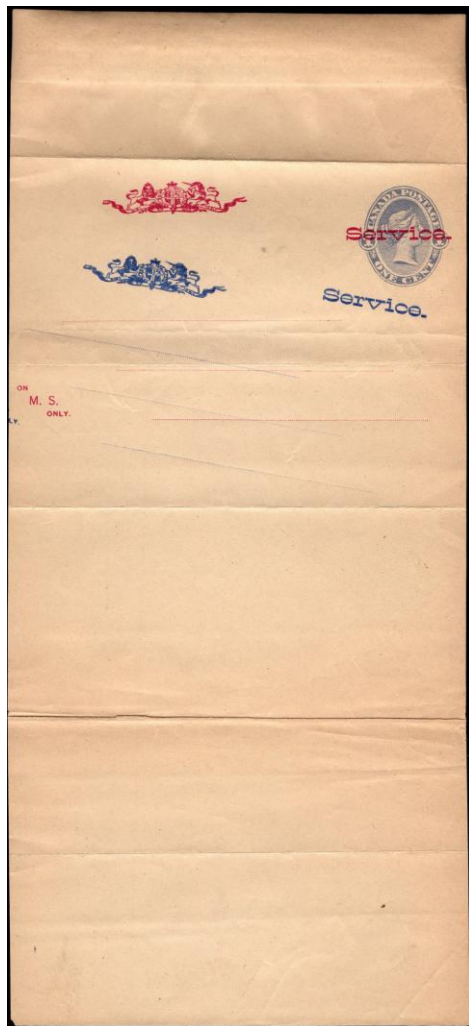
France: “Annulé” (“Canceled”) overprint



1910 – 1919

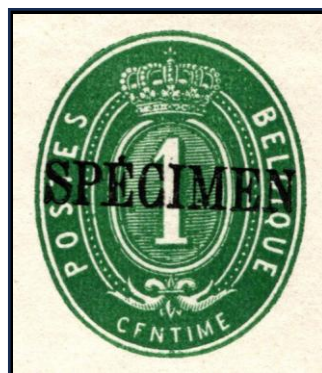
Denoting a Purpose

Canada: Bogus overprint by Henry Hechler



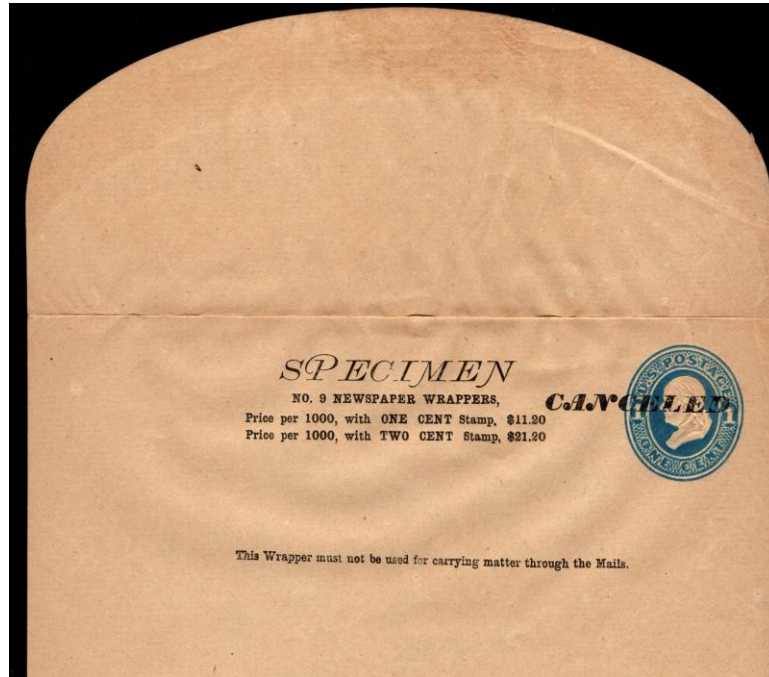
Specimens

- UPU Specimens
- Printers' samples
- Distribution of unused material

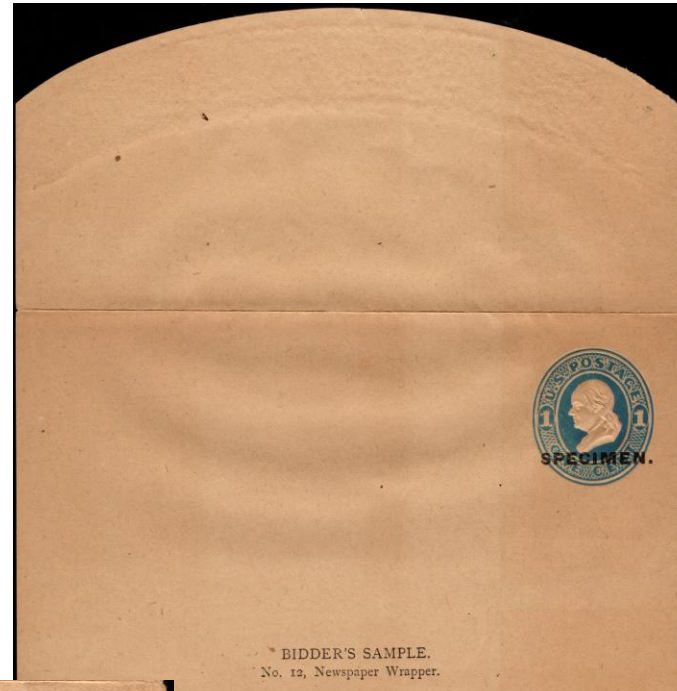


Specimens – US

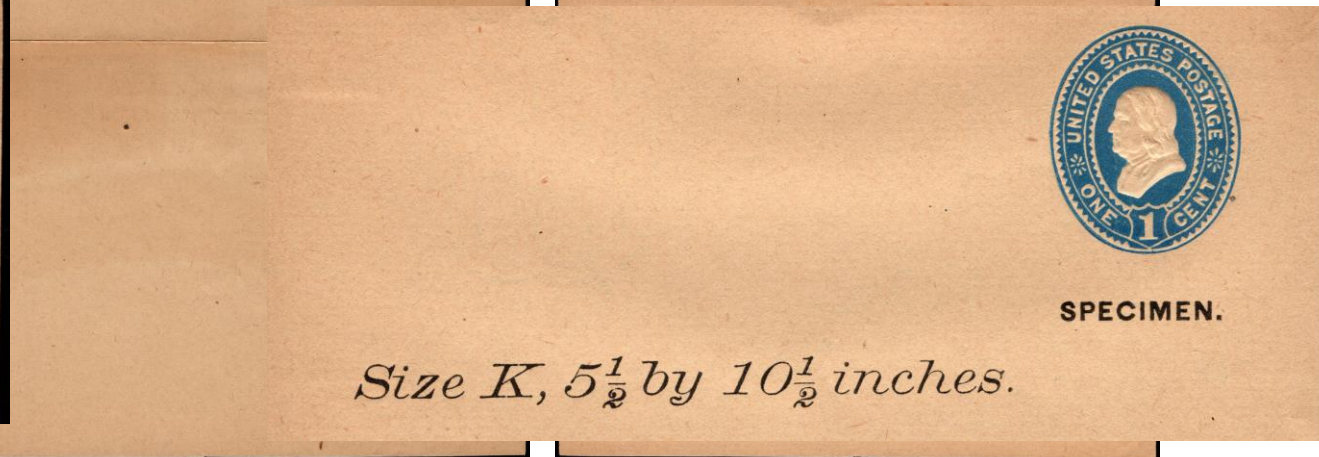
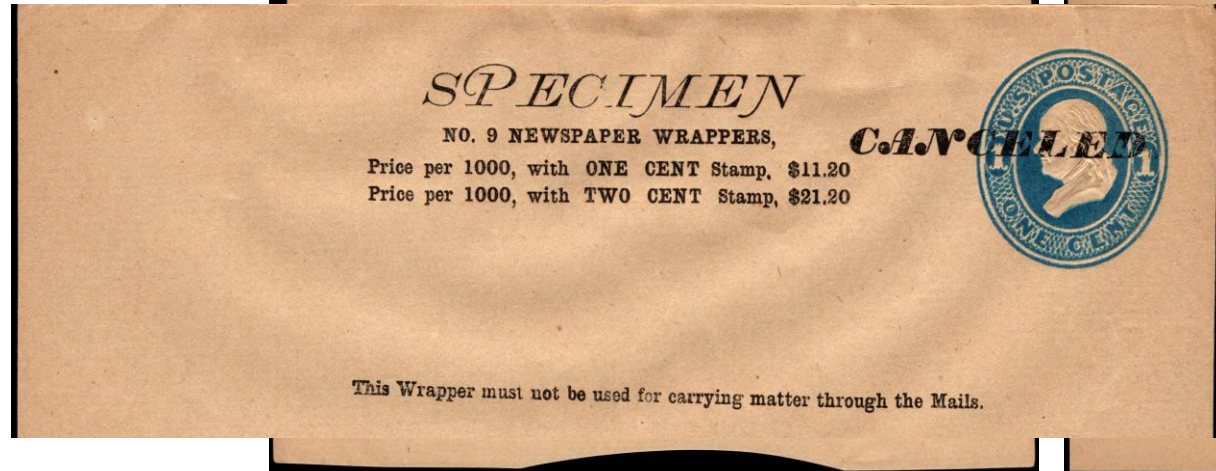
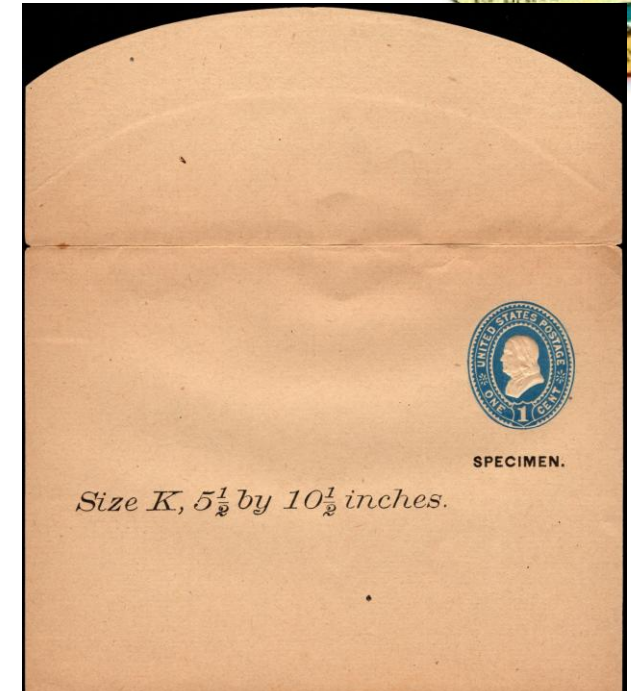
W120
1874-86



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W301
1886-94



Specimens – US

1875 War Department
officials.



1875 WO46

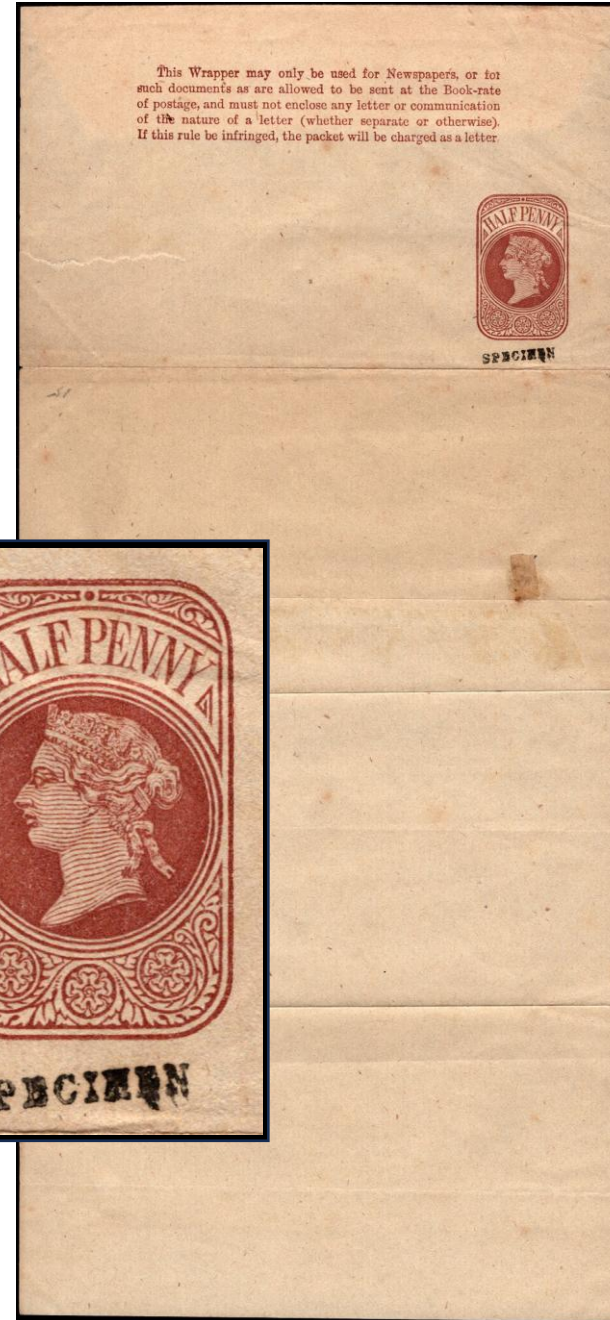


1875 WO50

Specimens – Great Britain

1879, printed by De Le Rue in London.

This specimen was from a sheet of 14 sold uncut.



Specimens - Colombia

1917, printed by Perkins Bacon & Co. in London.

Blue "OFICIO" handstamp was applied to UPU specimens.



Specimens – Australian Colonies – New South Wales



1870, 1892, 1897

Specimens – Australian Colonies – South Australia

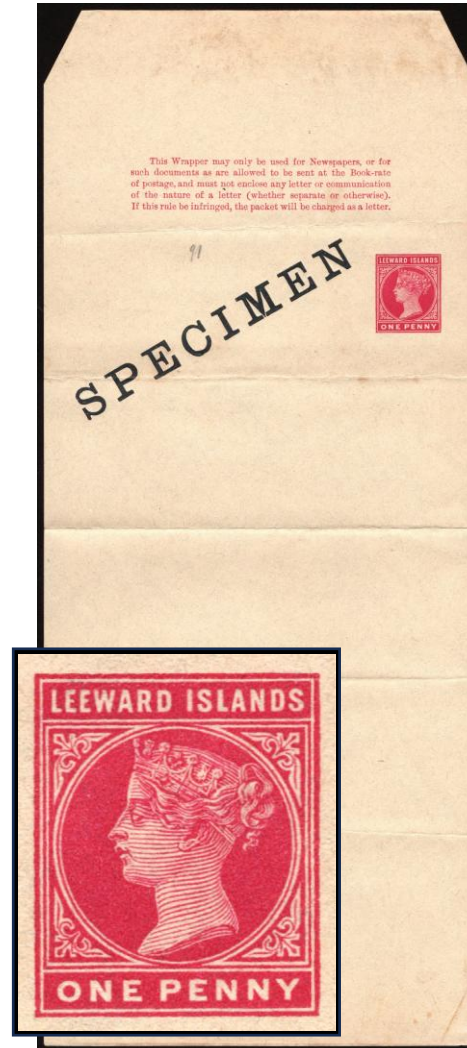
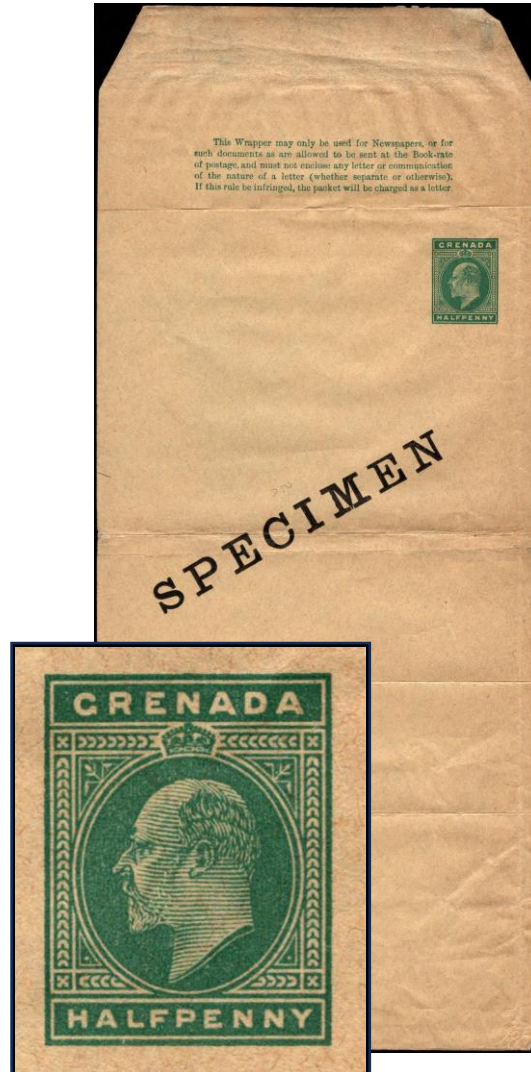


1885, 188, 1884

Specimens – UPU Specimens – British Empire

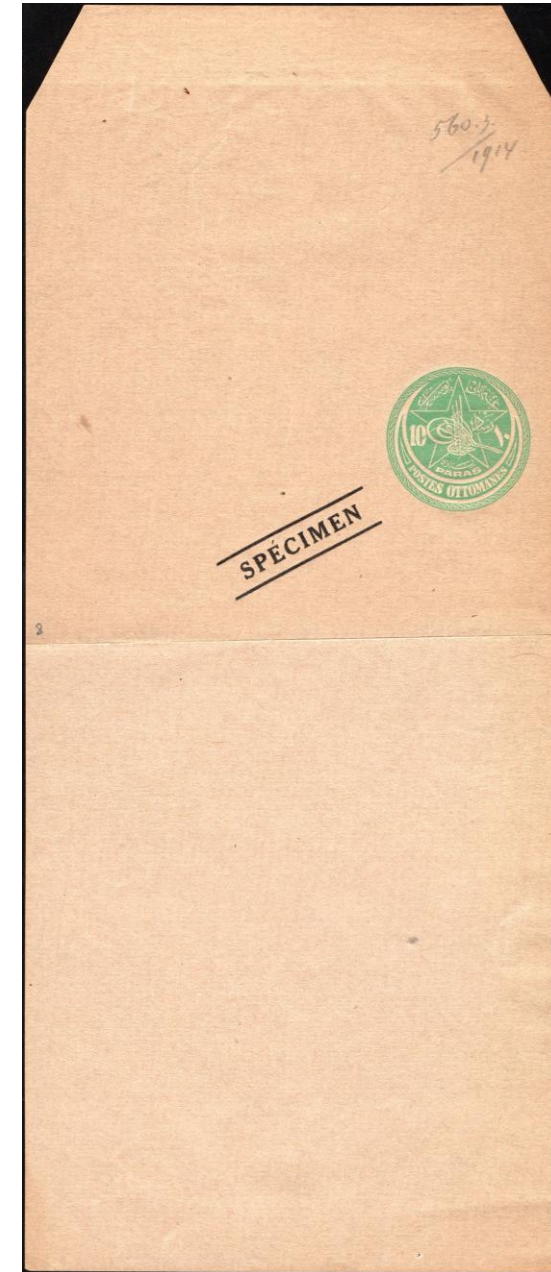


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Specimens – Ottoman Empire

1914: Printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., London.
Specimen is spelled in French



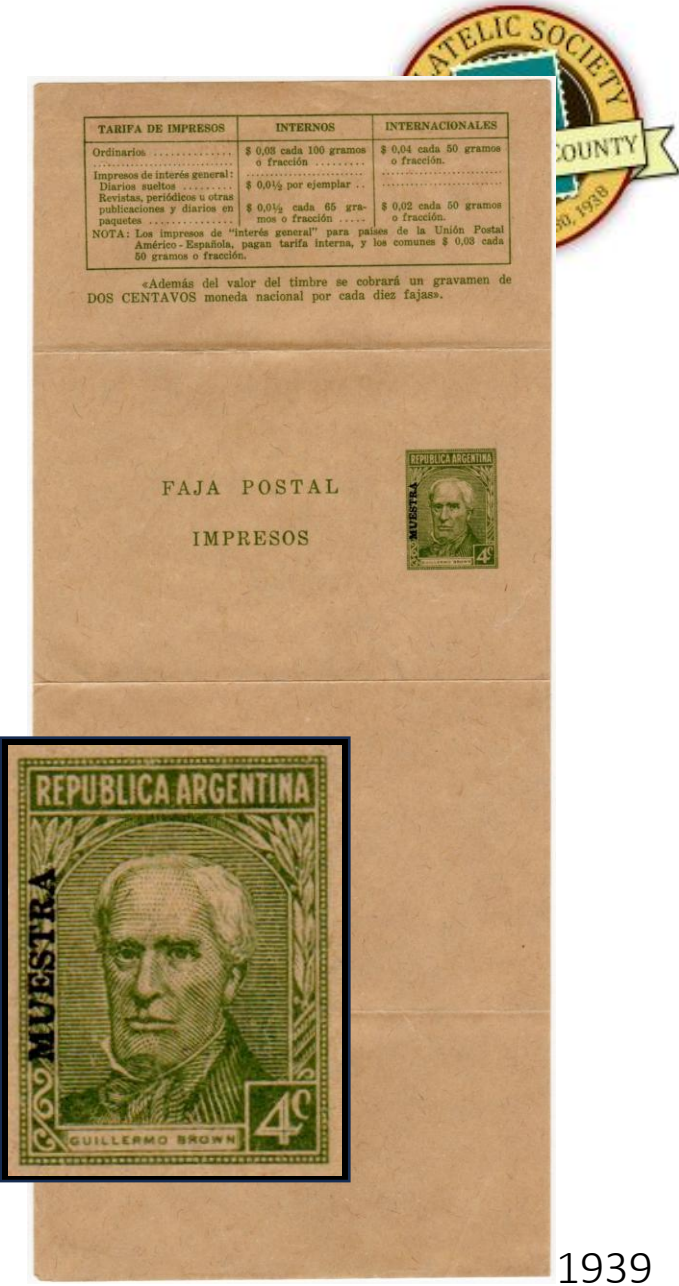
Specimens – Argentina



1889-90



1896



1939

Specimens – Belgium

1877. Belgium did not issue newspaper wrappers. These specimens were produced as essays, presumably in preparation of issuance.

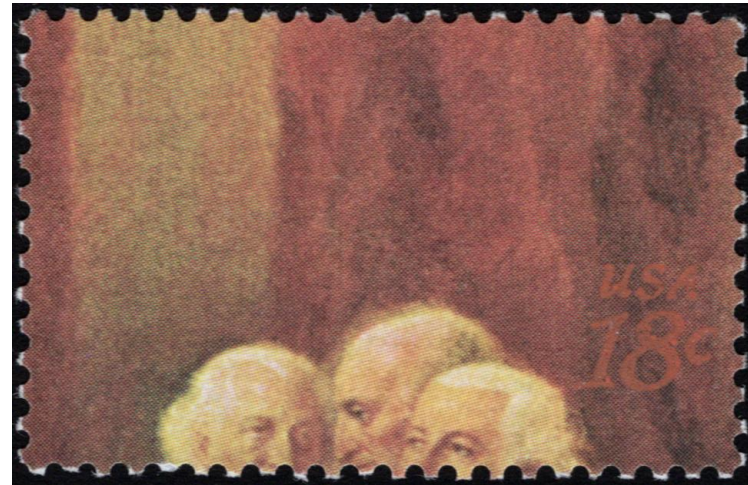
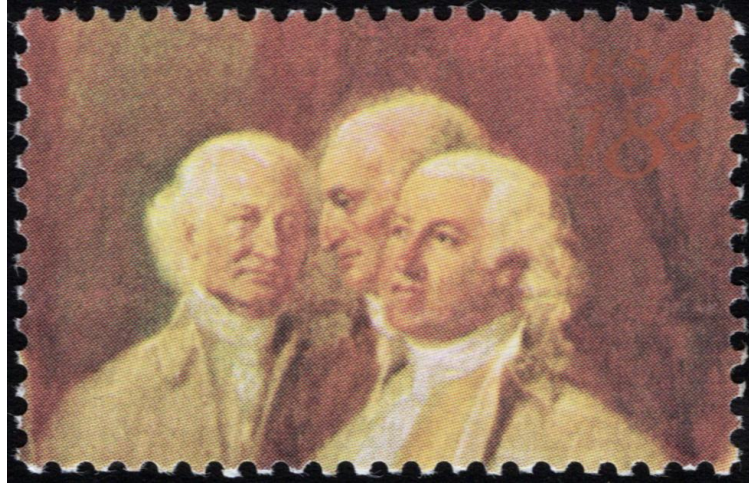


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