

COOK ISLANDS

1932 1/2d to 6d:- P2

CYPRUS

Page 105. 1880 G.B. overprinted 1/2d to 1s handstamped with Type GB9.

After recording the corner letterings of all the specimen copies known to him, James Bendon suggests that stamps to the face value of £1 from one plate for each of the six denominations were handstamped. His findings are as follows:

1/2d Plate 12. 125 copies (including a block of 77), all different letterings from different parts of the sheet.

1d Plate 216. 117 copies (including a block of 96), all from the top half of the sheet. Some letterings on the large block are duplicated by those on various singles and multiples, suggesting that two top half sheets were overprinted.

2 1/2d Plate 14. 24 copies (including a block of twelve), all from the lower pane of 96 (lettered IA-PL) and without duplication.

4d Plate 16. 38 copies (including a block of thirty), all from the top right pane (lettered AG-JL) and without duplication.

6d Plate 16. 20 copies from adjacent panes of twenty lettered KA-OD and PA-TD, without duplication and including an inter-panneau block of sixteen (NA-QD) which was in the Richardson collection.

1s Plate 13. Six copies from the pane of twenty lettered KI-OL.

If this theory is correct, the undoubted rarity of the higher values is accounted for. Under such circumstances these stamps could have provided no more than twenty complete specimen sets. Also stamps required for use as colour standards were generally overprinted specimen in complete sheets.

The large blockss of the 1/2d and 1d specimens first came onto the market in 1931, when a large accumulation of material, apparently surplus to the requirements of the Inland Revenue, was sold by auction. There were also smaller blocks of the other values, except for the 1s, of which there was not even a single specimen copy.

Page 106. Add 1881 CC14 1pi (I), 2pi (I), 4pi (I) 6pi(I):- D7.

Add 1882-85 CA14, Die I 1/2pi emerald, 1/2pi dull green:- D7.

Correction. 1904-07 MCA 5pa, 10pa:- D9, not D10.

Add 1921-23 Script 1/2pi black (UNISSUED):- D16.

Correction. 1921-22 2pi carmine and blue, 2³/₄pi:- D9 not UPU.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

Page 112. Add Printer's Sample 1898 imperf. 2s6d blue:- BS1.