

FOUR PENCE VALUE

Date	Qty. Printed	Order No.	Plate Nos.	
17.10.23	70,000	XL 178300	34047	35082
9.9.24 *	240,000	XL 234805	35047	35082
9.12.25 *	180,000	XL 141458	35324	35082
24.2.28	60,000	XL 139112	35324	35082



Plates 35047 and 35082
Used for 1st and 2nd printings



Plates 35324 and 35082
Used for 3rd and 4th printings

17th October 1923 Printing

Order No.178300 Print Qty. 70,000



The usual 4 sheets of the first order were kept. The imperforate vignette plate proof was marked in red "Vignette plate and lay correct for 4d value L.F.H. 24.10.23 3.15", "70,000 stamps = 1167 pulls" and endorsed "Black OK RFW 24.10.23". An imperforate combined plate was marked "XL 178,300. Wording of casement correct. Improve register and impression LFH 19.11.23 5.10 "and endorsed "Red OK RFW 19.11.23". The perforated ungummed sheet is marked "OK ? initials 17.11.23" and the file copy sheet is marked "178,300 17.10.23 70,000 stamps".

The imperforate sheets were also numbered but in the top left corners 188,081 (vignette) 188,080 (combined) with a 2 in the left right corner of the vignette sheet and 236 in the right corner of the combined sheet.

9th September 1924 Printing
Order No.234805 Print Qty. 240,000



5 sheets (as 2d) although the first two were missing from the Archives.
The two imperforate record sheets were marked "Standard for Examination RP 30.8.24" and "Approved E.R.(?) 9/9/24" respectively. The file copy contained no markings, and only 33 stamps remained.

9th September 1924 Printing cont.



9th December 1925 Printing

Order No.141458 Print Qty. 180,000



3 sheets were kept for the printing, but little remained. A block of 4 of the vignette, approved 3.12.25 confirmed the use of headplate 35,324; 16 of the combined sheet remained and 25 stamps from the file copy sheet.

Note both the above two blocks were missing from the archive when examined by Colin.

24th February 1928 Printing

Order No.139112 Print Qty. 60,000



4 sheets were kept for this order, with exceptionally 2 file copy sheets.

The vignette sheet was marked as usual, as was the combined sheet 3 days later. The first file copy was gummed, without any endorsement; the second was endorsed "60,000 stamps. 139,112 24.2.28". The security holes were punched in different ways on the two file copy sheets and on one the printer's registration marks actually survived complete.