

HALFPENCE VALUE

Printing	Qty. Printed	Order No.	Plate No.
30.11.23*	6,020,000	XL 178300	35092
10.9.24	6,000,000	XL 234805	35092
3.6.26 *	4,200,000	XL 208720	35092
29.12.26	1,200,000	XL 209577	35092
1.4.27	7,800,000	XL 173250	36206 & 35092
24.2.28	2,400,000	XL 139112	36206 & 35092
15.3.29	360,000	XL 233228	36206



Plate 35092 used for 1st four printings and in



Plate 36206 used for 7th printing and in conjunction with 35092 for 5th and 6th printings

30th November 1923 Printing

Order No. 178300

Order Quantity 6,020,000



The records of the first order comprise 5 Archive sheets but the first two are incomplete, being represented by only two panes. The second contains trial perforations with five vertical lines and four horizontal lines.

The first imperforate sheet is badly damaged. Only 2 panes, A, C remain. It is endorsed "XL 178300" "6,020,000 stamps = 25,084 pulls" and "Wording and lay c[orrect.] Improve impression to defective..." in handwriting of LFH.

The second imperforate sheet is marked "Proceed N.E.F. 29.11.23"

Another imperforate sheet which was probably marked "Green OK 30.11.23" is now represented only by panes A,B and the top 20 stamps of C,D, and there are no visible markings.

A further imperforate sheet is marked "2nd proof L.F.H. 30.11.23 11.0". The sheet is numbered 188207 and 166.

The perforated file copy sheet of 240 has pane A complete, panes B, D each lack a block of 4, and pane C has 33 stamps remaining

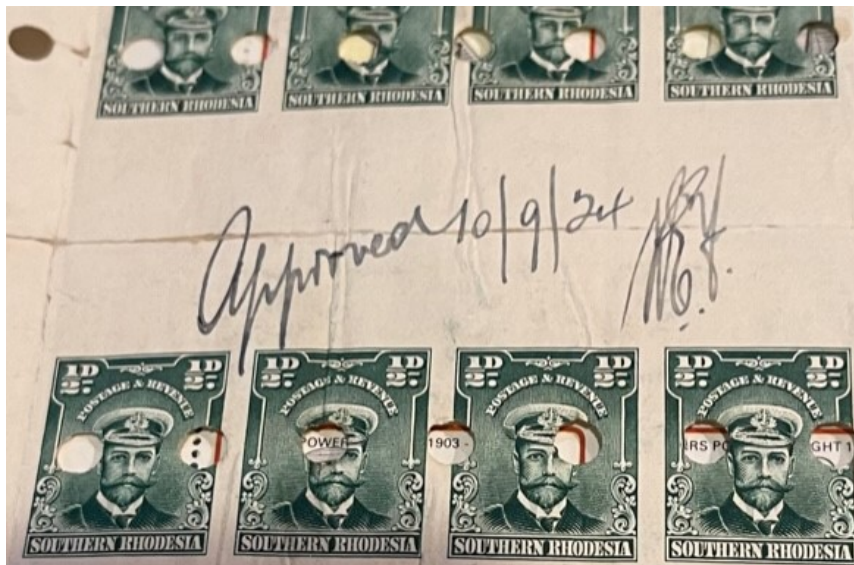
17th October 1923 Printing cont.



10th September 1924 Printing

Order No. 234805

Order Quantity 6,000,000



There are 4 sheets for this order. The first imperforate proof sheet, numbered 193136, is endorsed with "XL 234805" and "6,000,000 stamps = 25,000 pulls", "Wording and lay correct, but faces look light. Improve impression. Initials 1.9.24 5.45" other time 3.55. Also "Colour OK initials Sept 1/24".

The second sheet, with only panes B, D remaining, is marked "Standard for Examination initials 3.10.24", and "Stronger than S.P.". A third imperforate gummed sheet was marked "Approved 10.9.24 W.E.F. (?)"

The file copy is marked as such in pencil, but without any other marking.

1924 Printing continued



3rd June 1926 Printing

Order No. 208720 Order Quantity 4,200,000

There is only 1 imperforate sheet and 1 file copy. The imperforate sheet was timed in at 12.50 and out at 3.10. Endorsed "XL 208720" "4,200,000 stamps = 17,500 pulls" "Wording and lay correct" Initials same as 1924. Also "Colour Correct SGC 3.6.26". No endorsement of file copy.

29th December 1926 Printing

Order No. 209577

Order Quantity 1,200,000

Again only 1 imperforate sheet and 1 file copy. The imperforate sheet was timed in at 2.55 and out at 3.55. Dated 30.12.26. Usual endorsement by LFH plus at bottom left "Print lines and dot this side". The lines at right corners, top and bottom, and the dot at centre, appear very faint on the left side of this plate; this instruction was presumably intended to remedy this.

The file copy lacks 33 stamps from pane C. Endorsed in ink "209577" over date "29.12.26" "1,200,000 stamps" at top left, with a pencil number over the centre gutter margin "209577".

1st April 1927 Printing

Order No. 173250

Order Quantity 7,800,000



With the introduction of a second plate for 1²d, an imperforate proof of each of plates 36,206 and 35,092 was kept, the second being "Wording and lay correct (2nd plate) LFH 1.4.27 9.35". Both sheets are at bottom right 5.40, with the first showing a second time of 8.30, and second a second time of 9.35.

It would seem that 5.40 would be the day before; the endorsement (sic) OK initials 31.3.27" on both supports this; from this it may be deduced that the sheets were first checked for colour, and then for imperfections.

The proof of 35,092 is again marked at left with a circle around it and the word "improve" (see V above). The perforated file copy contains marking; panes, A, B and D are complete; pane C has 33 remaining.

24th February 1928 Printing

Order No. 139112

Order Quantity 2,400,000



There are imperforate proof sheets of both 35,092 and 36,206, both timed in at 9.20, both signed by LFH at 12.35 on 1.3.28. The file copy is in usual format, with the usual 1928 marking.

15th March 1929 Printing

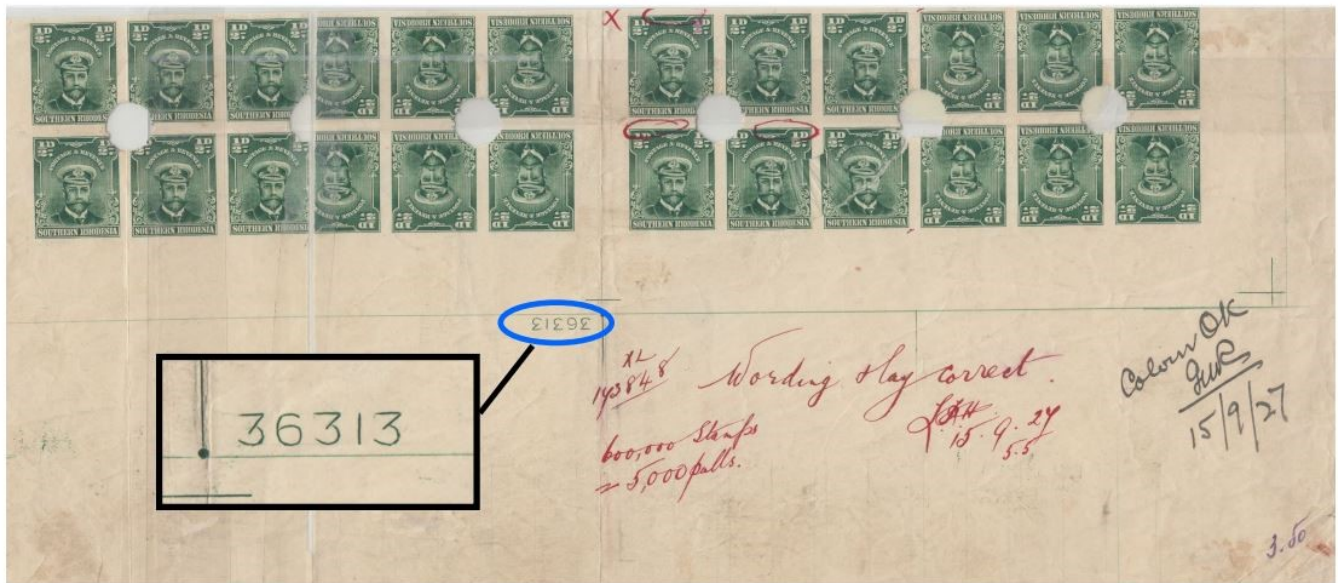
Order No. 233228 Order Quantity 360,000



Only plate 36,206 seems to have been used; it was marked "XL 223228"
"360,000 stamps = 1,500 pulls" "Wording + lay correct LFH 21.3.29 5.45".
Timed in at 5.10 and out 35 minutes later. Also endorsed "Green OK SGC
21.3.29". The file copy sheet is in usual format, with the usual 1929 marking.

HALFPENCE VALUE ex BOOKLET

Printing	Qty. Printed	Order No.	Plate No.
15.09.1927	600,000	XL173848	36313



The Archive Sheets comprised an imperforate proof sheet for each value, and a gummed perforated file copy sheet for each value.

The 1/2d imperforate proof sheet was passed on 15.9.27.

The perforated file copy sheets had been sold and were not present when the remnants of S.R.6 comprising sections only of the imperforate material, were examined in May 1987.