

British South Africa Company

The overprints on the stamps of the Cape of
Good Hope

1896

Covers illustrating largely commercial usage.

1st MATABELE WAR -
1893-1894

2ND MATABELE WAR (THE MATABELE REBELLION) –
1896 -1897

FUELLED BY THE MATABELE REBELLING AGAINST THE
BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA COMPANY

Due to the Matabele Rebellion in 1896, stamp supplies dried up and Supplies of Cape stamps, overprinted by the Argus Printing & Publishing Company were ordered from Cape Town. They arrived in Bulawayo on 22 May 1896.

Some 150,000 stamps were overprinted

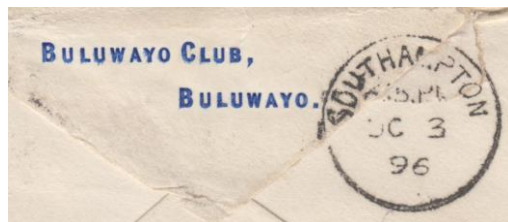
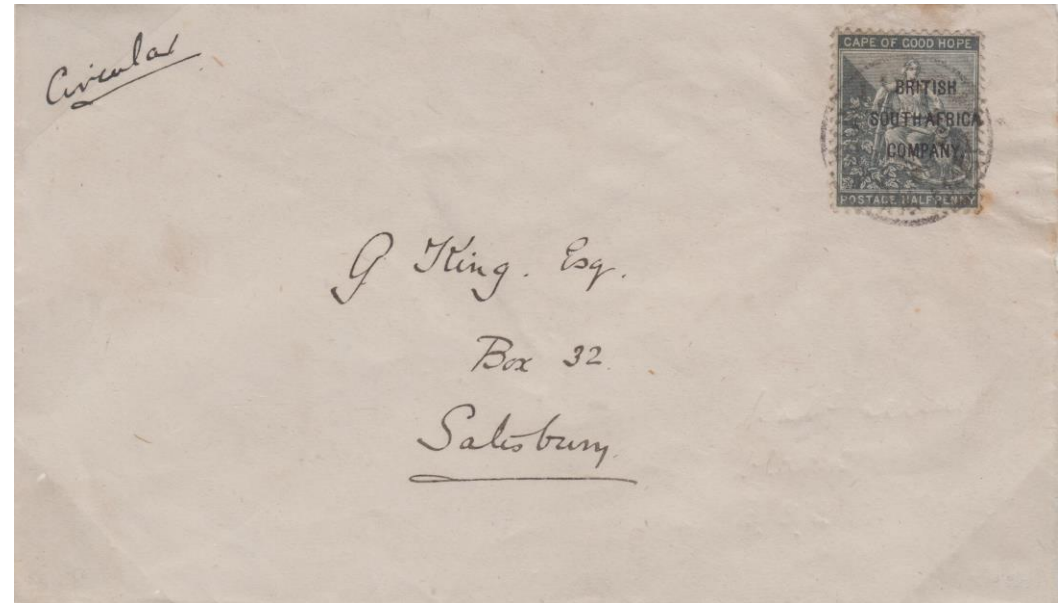


Full set on cover from Bulawayo to Kimberley
Postmarked BULAWAYO MR 5 1897

The 6d per ½ oz letter rate to England



The 1/2d per 1/2oz open letter rate - internal



The 6d per ½ oz postage rate to the United Kingdom



Overfranked 4s 2d registered cover to England -
1896



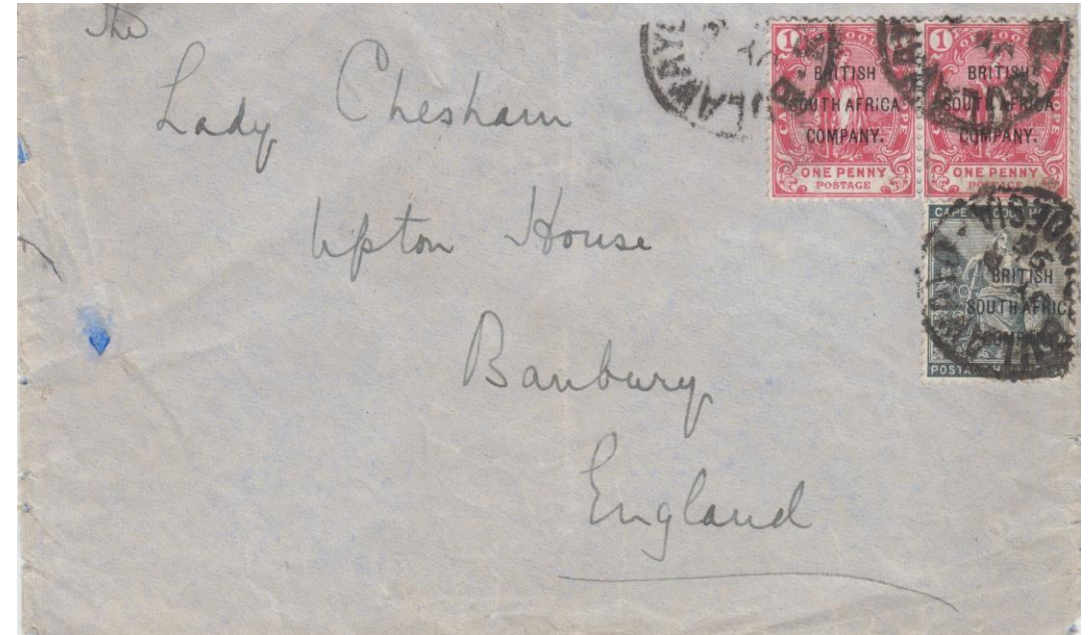
Double rate cover to Canada (2 x 6 1/2d) weight 1 oz
1896



Correct 4d per 1/2oz letter rate to Cape Town -
1896



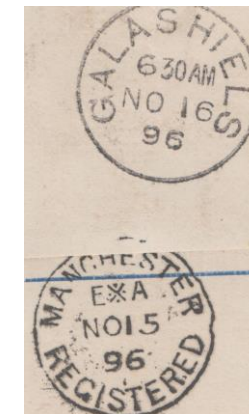
Invalid (?) 2 1/2d letter rate to England



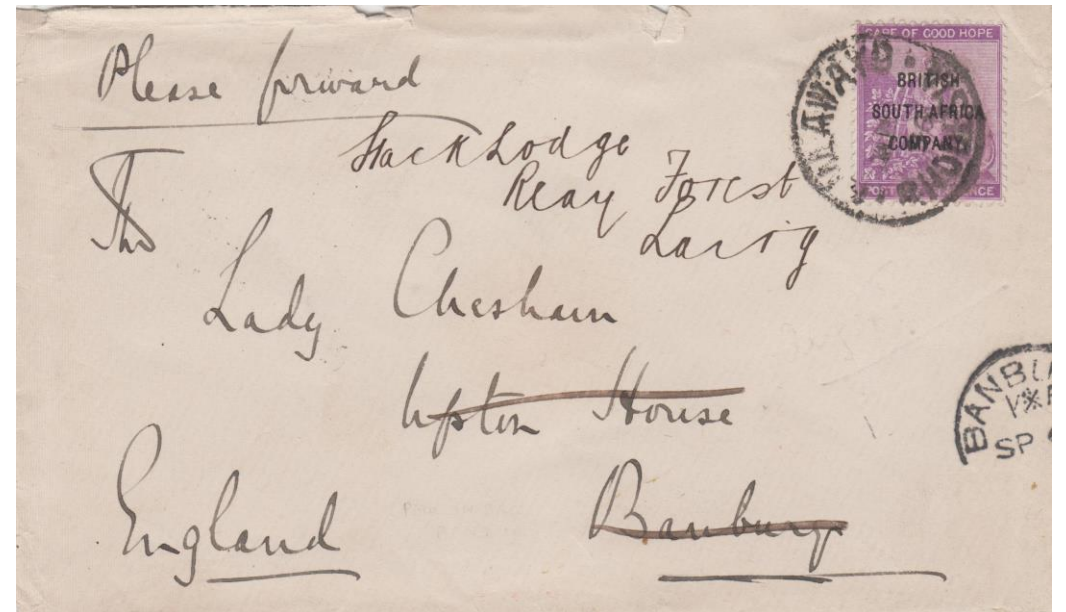
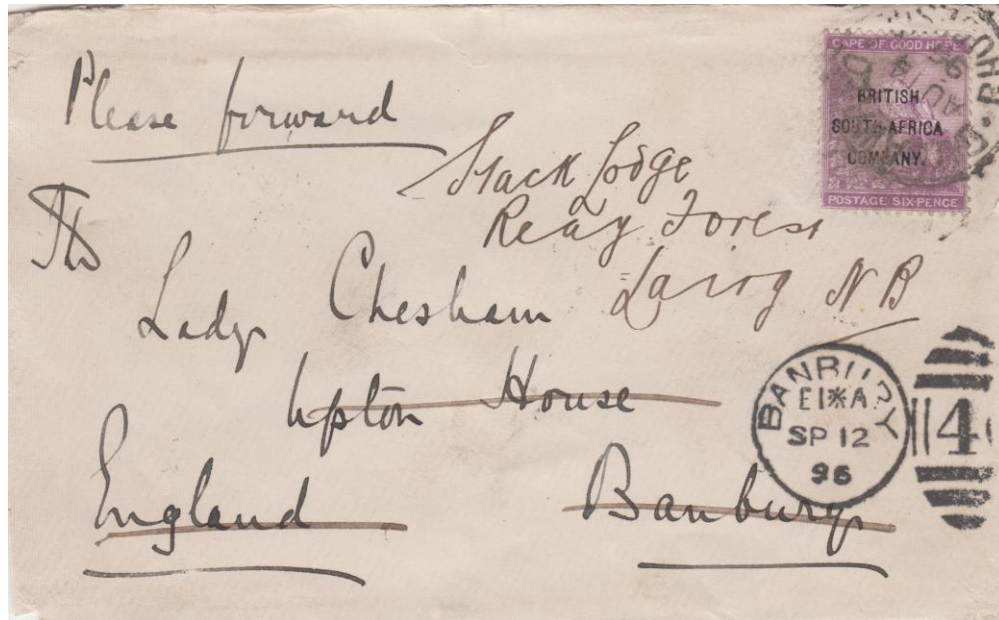
Correct 6d per 1/2oz letter rate to England effective
1 August 1892 to 14 July 1900



Double rate (2 x 6d) registered letter to England

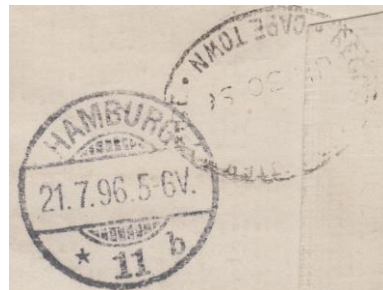


Two 6d per ½ oz letters to England 1896



Banbury arrival back stamps SP 96

Correct 6 1/2d per ½ oz letter rate on registered cover
from Bulawayo to Germany - 1896



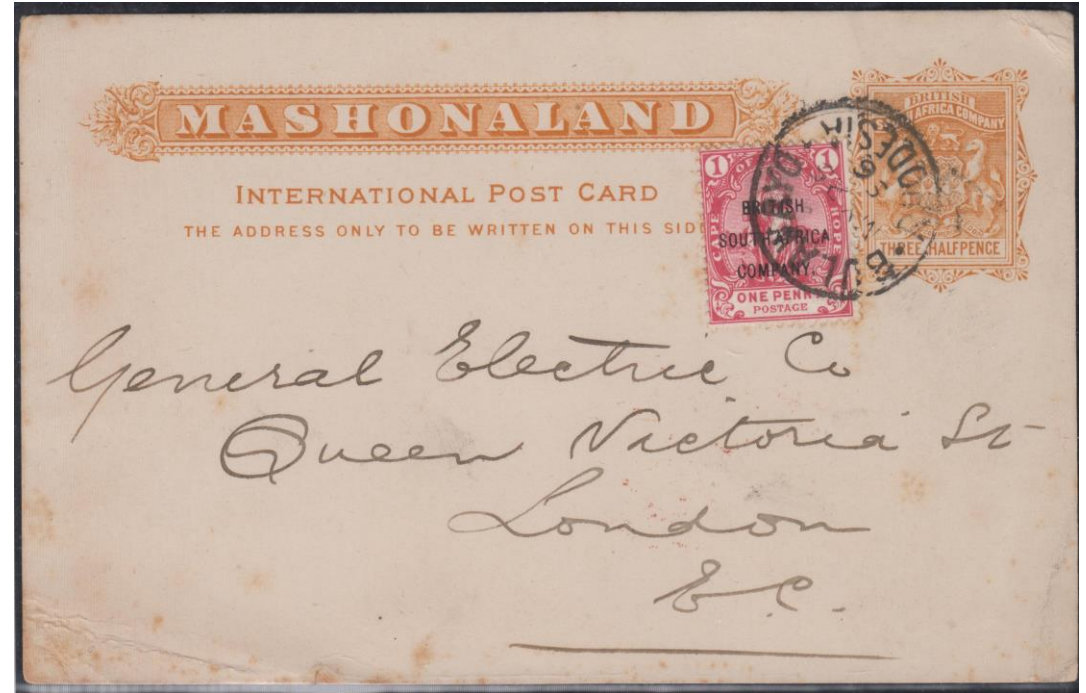
Correct 6d er ½ oz letter rate from
Bulawayo to Bradford Yorks UK - 1896



Correct 6 1/2d per ½ oz letter rate from Bulawyo to Germany - 1896



Post Card uprated by 1d for the 2d post card rate from Bulawayo to London - 1896



Home made wrapper used for Book Post from Bulawayo to London franked 1 1/2d for a lightweight newspaper or journal - 1896



Endorsed – PER BOOK POST

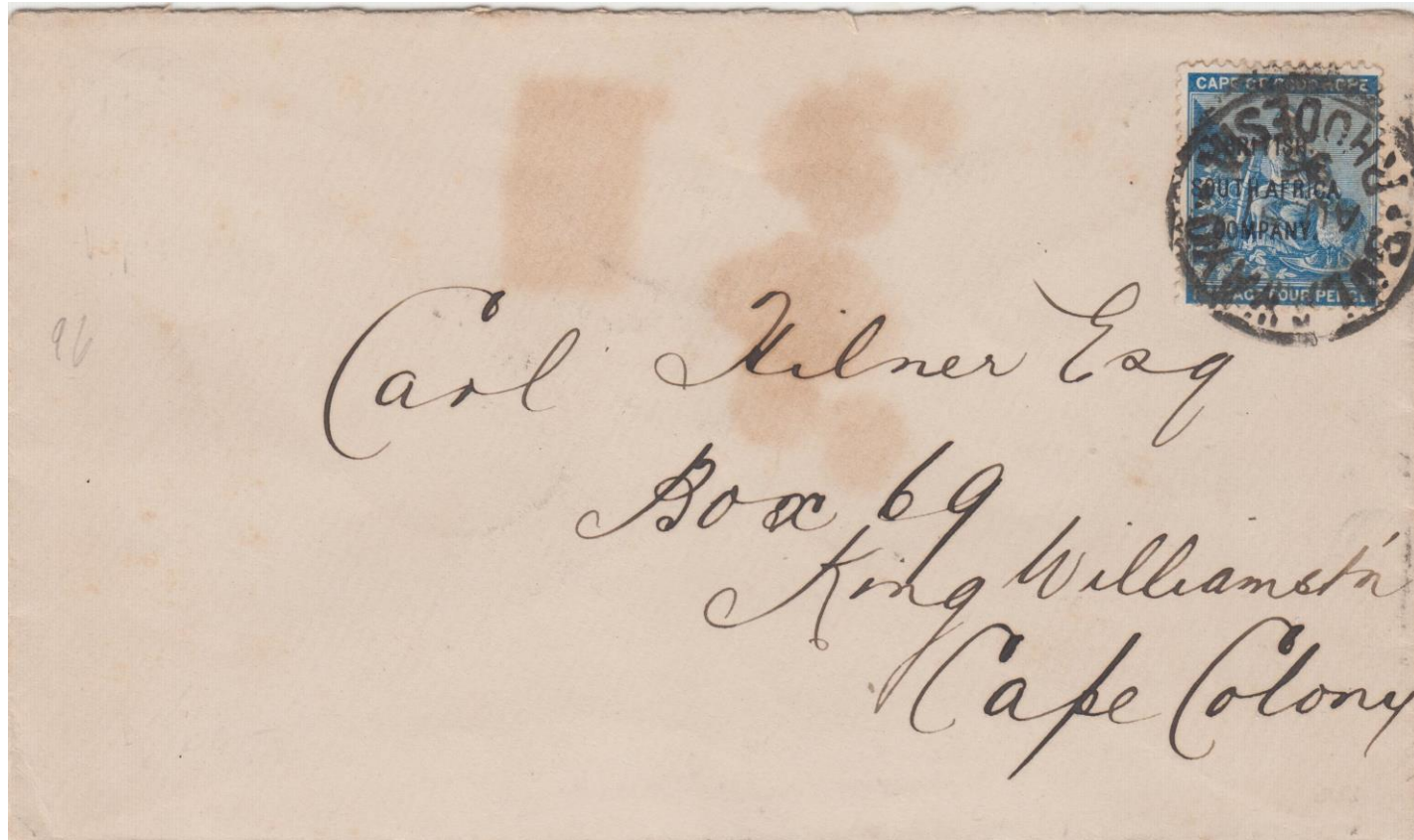
Correct 6d per 1/ oz letter rate from Bulawayo to London - 1896



Colourful 4 colourfranking using 3 different stamp issues

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Correct 4d per 1/2 oz
letter rate to the
Cape Colony
Unusual single
franking
Used at the time of
the 2nd Matabele war
– the Matabele
Rebellion

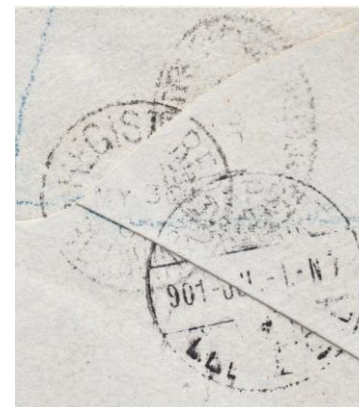


Unusual use of 1/- Cape Overprinted stamp to pay the double 6d per half ounce letter rate
Backstamped Banbury SP 28 96 on official WILLOUGHBY'S CONSOLIDATED stationery and bearing
company wax seal



TRIPLE RATE COVER TO GERMANY

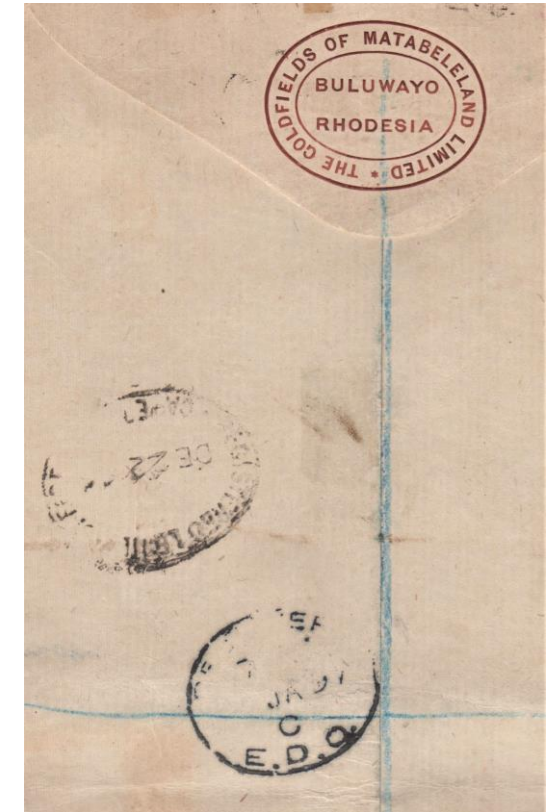
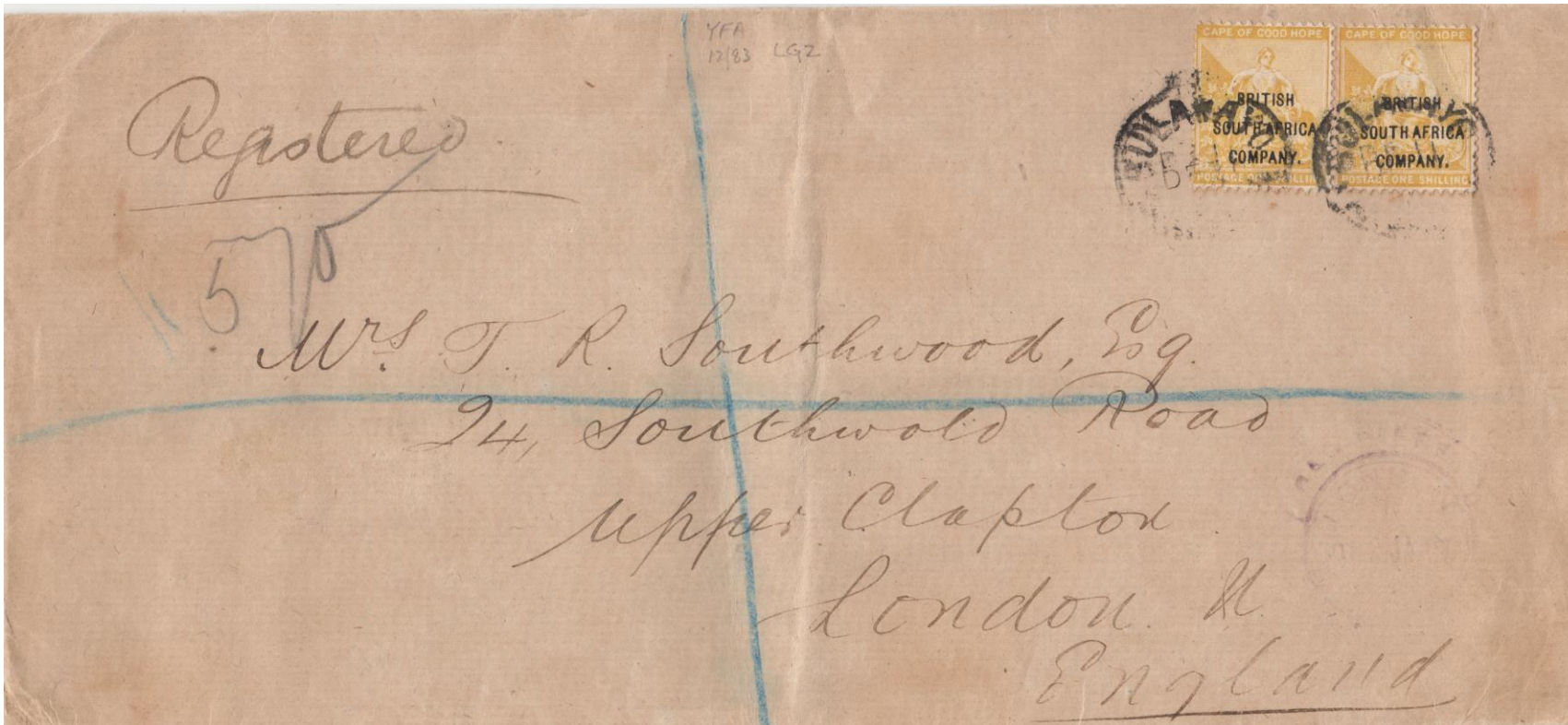
Late use -1901 1s overprinted Cape stamp on cover
from Sebakwe via Cape to Hungary –correctly franked
1s (presumably for the TRIPLE 4d per ½ oz rate
effective 28 June 1901 to 30 November 1902



Unusual use of 1s Cape overprint for postage

1897

THE GOLDFIELDS OF MATABELELAND LIMITED – BULUWAYO RHODESIA company stationery envelope ex Waterlow & Sons Limited (see embossing under flap) sent from Bulawayo to London, franked 2s for the QUADRUPLE 6d per ½ oz letter rate



Unusual use of the Cape overprinted 1s duty for postage – especially a multiple

Use of 7 x Cape overprinted 1/- stamps (for use for postage and for revenue) as payment of stamp duty on Bond of Security in 1896 – stamps cancelled by violet oval date stamp of HIGH COURT MATABELELAND and dated 11 OCT 1896

