1878 Queen Victoria. One Penny, Six Pence, One Shilling.

Imperforate Plate Proofs (Colour Trials) in unissued colours on white wove paper.
A growing population emphasised the need for postage stamps. They finally materialised in 1878 with the issue of 1d. and 6d. stamps, printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co Ltd in sheets of 60 stamps (six rows of ten), the first issue on thin silky unwatermarked greyish paper made by R Turner, Chafford Mills, all line perforated.

ONE PENNY

One printing only, 5.2.1878, claret, issued on or about 19th June. (20,000 printed)
At this period 1d. was the postal rate per 1/4 lb for newspapers and for books under 1 oz.
QUEEN VICTORIA 1878

No wmk  Pl4, 14.5

ONE PENNY - VARIETIES

IMPERFORATE SHEET MARGINS, bottom and left margins were imperforate.
QUEEN VICTORIA 1879

No wmk  Pl4,14.5

The postal rates between countries included in the Universal Postal Union, of which the colony was now a member, were changed in 1879. The letter rate was reduced from 6d. to 4d. per 1/2 oz and this necessitated the provision of a 4d. stamp for the colony.

FOUR PENCE

One printing only, 29.7.1879, grey-black, issued in September. (20 000 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA 1879

No wmk  P14,14.5

FOUR PENCE - VARIETIES

IMPERFORATE SHEET MARGINS, all four sides were imperforate.
FAKLAND ISLANDS

QUEEN VICTORIA 1879

No wmk  P14,14.5

FOUR PENCE - VARIETIES

PAPERMAKERS WATERMARK, portions of R TURNER, CHAFFORD MILLS in ornate double-lined capitals sometimes appear on the stamps, usually reversed.
QUEEN VICTORIA 1878

No wmk P14.14.5

SIX PENCE

One printing only, 5.2.1878, blue-green, issued on or about 19th June. (20,000 printed)
In 1878 the postal rate for letters was 6d. per 1/2 oz.
QUEEN VICTORIA 1878

No wmk  P14, 14.5

SIX PENCE - VARIETIES

IMPERFORATE SHEET MARGINS, bottom and left margins were imperforate.
On hearing that only 1d. and 6d. stamps were to be provided, the governor asked for 1/- and 5/- stamps to be supplied, and an order was placed for 1/- stamps. The proposed 5/- value was not proceeded with, as it was considered that the existing values were sufficient to meet the postal needs of this small colony at that time.

ONE SHILLING

One printing only, 6.6.1878, bistre-brown, issued in the autumn 1878. (20 000 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA 1878

No wmk  PL14,14.5

ONE SHILLING - VARIETIES

IMPERFORATE SHEET MARGINS, bottom and right margins were imperforate.
QUEEN VICTORIA 1878

No wmk P14,14.5

ONE SHILLING - VARIETIES

"O" of "ONE" with flattened base, a plate variety on stamp no. 1 in the sheet, which occurs in all printings of this value.
QUEEN VICTORIA 1891

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

HALFPENNY

First printing, 29.5.1891, deep blue-green, in sheets with the printers name in the bottom margin. (20 040 printed). All lost on the way to the islands when the "Neko" sank off Ushant on 21 July, after colliding with the steamer "Staincliffe". Only 60 stamps from the printers' archive sheet exist.
QUEEN VICTORIA
1891

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

HALFPENNY

Second printing, 7.8.1891, pale blue-green, in sheets with
the printers name in the bottom margin, issued in December.
(20 000 printed)
Although the postal rate had been reduced in January 1891, 1/2d. and 2 1/2d. stamps were not printed until May, and they did not arrive until June 1891.

HALFPENNY

First printing, 29.5.1891, issued in July, and third printing, 19.11.1891, blue-green, in sheets with the printers name in the bottom margin. (20 000 + 20 000 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA 1891

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

HALFPENNŸ - VARIETIES

WATERMARK REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed on the wrong side.
QUEEN VICTORIA 1892

Wmk Crown CA P14,14.5

HALFPENNY

Fourth printing, 20.5.1892, green, in sheets with the printers name in the bottom margin. (40 000 printed)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

QUEEN VICTORIA

1892

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

HALFPENNY - VARIETIES

WATERMARK REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed on the wrong side.

WATERMARK INVERTED AND REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed upside down on the wrong side.
QUEEN VICTORIA 1894
Wmk Crown CA Pl4,14.5

HALFPENNY

Fifth printing, 23.7.1894, deep yellow-green, in sheets with the printers name in the bottom margin.
(39 960 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA 1894

Wmk Crown CA Pl4,14.5

HALFPENNY - VARIETIES

WATERMARK INVERTED AND REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed upside down on the wrong side.
QUEEN VICTORIA

HALFPENNIES

Seventh printing, 15.4.1896, bluish green, in sheets with the printers name in the bottom margin. (18 000 printed)
TALKLAND ISLANDS

QUEEN VICTORIA

1895-99

Wmk Crown CA  Pl4,14.5

HALFPENNY

Sixth printing, 15.11.1895, and eighth printing, 19.6.1899, yellow-green, in sheets with the printers name in the bottom margin. (39 960 + 60 000 printed)
FAKLAND ISLANDS

QUEEN VICTORIA 1902

Wmk Crown CA P14,14.5

HALFPENNY

Ninth printing, 13.1.1902, yellowish green, in sheets with the printers name in the bottom margin. (114 240 printed)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

QUEEN VICTORIA 1883

Wmk Crown CA Pi4,14,5

The 1882 and all following printings of values up to 1/- were printed on paper made by De La Rue & Co Ltd watermarked Crown CA. This paper normally took 240 stamps (four sheets with ten rows of six) but the Falkland Islands stamps were a little taller and printed in sheets of 60 stamps (six rows of ten) so the paper could be cut to give only three sheets, the stamps becoming largely unevenly watermarked.

ONE PENNY

First printing, 22.11.1882, dull claret, issued in 1883. (10 000 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA 1883

Wmk Crown CA P14,14.5

ONE PENNY - VARIETIES

WATERMARK INVERTED AND REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed upside down on the wrong side.
In 1885 further printings were called for of the 1d. and 4d. values. The paper for the printings in 1885 and 1887 was cut differently with the result that the watermark appeared sideways on the stamps.

ONE PENNY

Second printing, 23.3.1885, pale claret. (20 000 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA 1885

Wmk Crown CA sideways  P14,14.5

ONE PENNY - VARIETIES

WATERMARK INVERTED, a variety caused by the paper having been put upside down when printed.

WATERMARK REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed on the wrong side.

WATERMARK INVERTED AND REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed upside down on the wrong side.
QUEEN VICTORIA

1887

Wmk Crown CA sideways  Pl4,14.5

ONE PENNY

Third printing, 3.10.1887, claret. (20 000 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA 1887

Wmk Crown CA sideways P14, 14.5

ONE PENNY - VARIETIES

IMPERFORATE SHEET MARGINS, all four sides were imperforate.
QUEEN VICTORIA 1887

Wmk Crown CA sideways PI4,14.5

ONE PENNY - VARIETIES

WATERMARK INVERTED, a variety caused by the paper having been put upside down when printed.

WATERMARK REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed on the wrong side.

WATERMARK INVERTED AND REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed upside down on the wrong side.
QUEEN VICTORIA 1891

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

ONE PENNY

Fourth printing, 21.4.1891, red-brown, issued in May.
(20 000 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA 1891

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

ONE PENNY - VARIETIES

IMPERFORATE SHEET MARGINS, all four sides were imperforate.
QUEEN VICTORIA

1891

Wmk Crown CA   Pl4,14.5

ONE PENNY - VARIETIES

WATERMARK REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed on the wrong side.
QUEEN VICTORIA 1891

Wmk Crown CA P14,14.5

ONE PENNY

Fifth printing, 14.10.1891, orange red-brown, issued in December. (20 000 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA 1891

Wmk Crown CA  Pl4,14.5

ONE PENNY - VARIETIES

BROWN, a shade in the fifth printing caused by a fresh mixing of the ink.
TALKLAND ISLANDS

QUEEN VICTORIA 1891

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

ONE PENNY - VARIETIES

WATERMARK REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed on the wrong side.

WATERMARK INVERTED, a variety caused by the paper having been put upside down when printed.

LARGE PRE-PRINTING PAPER-FOLD which, when unfolded, shows a white line across the stamp.
QUEEN VICTORIA 1892

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

ONE PENNY

Sixth printing, 20.5.1892, reddish chestnut.
(20 000 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

ONE PENNY - VARIETIES

DOUBLE PERFORATION HORIZONTALLY, a variety caused by the line perforator having been operated twice on the same row of stamps.
QUEEN VICTORIA

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

ONE PENNY

Seventh printing, 18.1.1894, orange-brown, watermark reversed. (18 000 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA

1894

Wmk Crown CA  Pl14,14.5

ONE PENNY

Eighth printing, 23.7.1894, bright claret, watermark reversed. (19 980 printed)
TALKLAND ISLANDS

QUEEN VICTORIA 1894

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

ONE PENNY - VARIETIES

WATERMARK NOT REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed on the "wrong" side compared with the main part of the printing.
QUEEN VICTORIA

1896

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

ONE PENNY

15.11.95

Tenth printing, 15.4.1896, venetian red, watermark reversed. (24,000 printed)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

QUEEN VICTORIA

1895

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

ONE PENNY

15/4/1896

Ninth printing, 15.11.1895, deep claret. (19,980 printed)
FAKLAND ISLANDS

QUEEN VICTORIA

1898

Wmk Crown CA  Pl4,14.5

ONE PENNY

Eleventh printing, 10.6.1898, venetian claret.
(18 000 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA 1898

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

ONE PENNY - VARIETIES

WATERMARK REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed on the wrong side.
FAKHLAND ISLANDS

QUEEN VICTORIA

1899

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

When the Imperial Penny Post was introduced on Christmas day 1898 with the postal rate of 1d. per 1/2 oz between the countries in the British Empire, large quantities of 1d. stamps were required.

ONE PENNY

Twelfth printing, 19.6.1899, pale red. (120 000 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA

1902

Wmk Crown CA  Pl4,14.5

ONE PENNY

Thirteenth printing, 13.1.1902, orange-red. (60 000 printed)
To cover the registration fee of 2d. a stamp of that value was issued.

TWO PENCE

First printing, 15.11.1895, purple, in sheets with the printers name in the bottom margin. (19,980 printed)
FAKLAND ISLANDS

QUEEN VICTORIA 1896

Wmk Crown CA P14,14.5

TWO PENCE

Second printing, 15.4.1896, reddish purple, in sheets with the printers name in the bottom margin. (18 000 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA 1898

Wmk Crown CA  Pl4,14.5

TWO PENCE

Third printing, 10.6.1898, pale purple, in sheets with the printers name in the bottom margin. (36 000 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA 1891

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

TWO PENCE HALFPENNY

First printing, 29.5.1891, very pale chalky ultramarine, in sheets with the printers name in the bottom margin. (20 040 printed). All lost on the way to the islands when the "Neko" sank off Ushant on 21 July, after colliding with the steamer "Staincliffe". Only 60 stamps from the printers' archive sheet exist.
TALKLAND ISLANDS

QUEEN VICTORIA 1891

Wmk Crown CA Pl14,14.5

TWO PENCE HALFPENNY

First printing, 29.5.1891, issued in July, and second printing, 7.8.1891, issued in October, pale chalky ultramarine, in sheets with the printers name in the bottom margin. (20000 + 20000 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA 1892

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

TWO PENNY HALFPENNY

Third printing, 19.11.1891, dull blue, in sheets with the printers name in the bottom margin, issued in 1892. (20 000 printed)
TWO PENCE HALFPENNY

Fourth printing, 18.1.1894, prussian blue, in sheets with the printers name in the bottom margin. (12 000 printed)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

QUEEN VICTORIA

1894-95

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

TWO PENCE HALF PENNY - VARIETIES

1894 WATERMARK REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed on the wrong side.
QUEEN VICTORIA
1894-96
Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

TWO PENCE HALFPENNY
(Fifth printing, 23.7.1894, and sixth printing, 15.4.1896, ultramarine, in sheets with the printers name in the bottom margin. (19,980 + 18,000 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA 1898

Wmk Crown CA  Pl4,14.5

TWO PENCE HALFPENNY

Seventh printing, 10.6.1898, pale ultramarine, in sheets with the printers name in the bottom margin.
(18 000 printed)
TWO PENCE HALFPENNY - VARIETIES

WATERMARK REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed on the wrong side.
FALKLAND ISLANDS

QUEEN VICTORIA 1901

Wmk Crown CA P14,14.5

TWO PENCE HALFPENNY

Eighth printing, 18.9.1901, deep ultramarine, in sheets with the printers name in the bottom margin.
(30 000 printed)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

QUEEN VICTORIA 1883


FOUR PENCE

First printing, 22.11.1882, grey-black, issued in 1883. (20 000 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA 1883

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

FOUR PENCE - VARIETIES

WATERMARK INVERTED, a variety caused by the paper having been put upside down when printed.
QUEEN VICTORIA 1885

Wmk Crown CA sideways  P14,14.5

FOUR PENCE

Second printing, 23.3.1885, pale grey-black. (20 000 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA 1885

FOUR PENCE - VARIETIES

WATERMARK INVERTED, a variety caused by the paper having been put upside down when printed.

WATERMARK REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed on the wrong side.

WATERMARK INVERTED AND REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed upside down on the wrong side.
QUEEN VICTORIA

FALKLAND ISLANDS

Wmk Crown CA sideways \( P14,14.5 \)

FOUR PENCE

Third printing, 3.10.1887, grey-black. (20 000 printed)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

QUEEN VICTORIA 1887

Wmk Crown CA sideways P14, 14.5

FOUR PENCE - VARIETIES

IMPERFORATE SHEET MARGINS, all four sides were imperforate.
QUEEN VICTORIA

FALKLAND ISLANDS

1887

Wmk Crown CA sideways  P14,14.5

FOUR PENCE — VARIETIES

WATERMARK INVERTED, a variety caused by the paper having been put upside down when printed.

WATERMARK REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed on the wrong side.

WATERMARK INVERTED AND REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed upside down on the wrong side.
QUEEN VICTORIA

1890

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

FOUR PENCE

Fourth printing, 26.9.1889, olive grey-black, issued in 1890. (20 000 printed)
FALKLAND ISLANDS

QUEEN VICTORIA 1890

Wmk Crown CA  Pl4,14.5

FOUR PENCE - VARIETIES

IMPERFORATE SHEET MARGINS, all four sides were imperforate.
FOUR PENCE - VARIETIES

WATERMARK REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed on the wrong side.
FAIRLAND ISLANDS

QUEEN VICTORIA 1894

Wmk Crown CA P14,14.5

FOUR PENCE

Fifth printing, 18.1.1894, grey-black, watermark reversed.
(3000 printed)
TALKLAND ISLANDS

QUEEN VICTORIA 1895

Wmk Crown CA P14,14.5

FOUR PENCE

Sixth printing, 11.5.1895, olive-black. (39 960 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA
1892

Wmk Crown CA  Pl 14,14.5

SIX PENCE

First printing, 19.11.1891, orange-yellow, watermark reversed, issued in 1892. (20 000 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA 1892

Wmk Crown CA Pl4,14.5

SIX PENCE - VARIETIES

WATERMARK NOT REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed on the "wrong" side compared with the main part of the printing.
QUEEN VICTORIA

1896


SIX PENCE

Second printing, 15.4.1896, yellow. (12 000 printed)
DOUBLE PERFORATION HORIZONTALLY, a variety caused by the line perforator having been operated twice on the same row of stamps.
QUEEN VICTORIA 1895

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

The 9d. value was required to cover the postal rate for small packages not exceeding 1lb.

NINE PENCE

First printing, 15.11.1895, vermilion, in sheets with the printers name in the bottom margin. (19 560 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA 1895

Wmk Crown CA P14,14.5

NINE PENCE - VARIETIES

WATERMARK REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed on the wrong side.
QUEEN VICTORIA 1896

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

NINE PENCE

Second printing, 15.4.1896, pale vermilion, in sheets with the printers name in the bottom margin. (18 000 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA
1895

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

ONE SHILLING

First printing, 15.11.1895, grey-brown. (19,980 printed)
ONE SHILLING - VARIETIES

"O" OF "ONE" WITH FLATTENED BASE, a plate variety on stamp no. 1 in the sheet, which occurs in all printings of this value.
QUEEN VICTORIA 1895

Wmk Crown CA p14,14.5

ONE SHILLING - VARIETIES

WATERMARK REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed on the wrong side.
QUEEN VICTORIA
1896

Wmk Crown CA    P14,14.5

ONE SHILLING

Second printing, 15.4.1896, yellow-brown. (18 000 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA 1896

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

ONE SHILLING - VARIETIES

WATERMARK REVERSED, a variety caused by the paper having been printed on the wrong side.
QUEEN VICTORIA

Wmk Crown CA  P14,14.5

VARIETIES

INCORRECT STAMP SIZE, a variety caused by the sheet having been inserted incorrectly into the line perforator with the result that the stamps are much taller than normal.
QUEEN VICTORIA

Wmk Crown CA Pl4,14.5

VARIETIES

MISSING PERFORATION HOLE, a variety caused by the line perforator having been operated with a pin missing or broken.
In 1891 the postal rate to Great Britain and the Empire was reduced from 4d. to 2 1/2d. per 1/2 oz. There being no 1/2d. or 2 1/2d. stamps available, authority was given for bisecting the 1d. stamp, each half to do duty for 1/2d., as from 1st January 1891. On 11th January 1892 a notice was issued stating that the provisional issue was no longer in use.

ONE PENNY BISECTED

Third printing of 1d., 3.10.1887, claret, watermark sideways.
In February the little hand-stamped surcharge came into use, and whole sheets were done at the post office. Letters bearing the bisected stamp without the surcharge had it applied at the post office before despatch, but many were allowed to pass through without it. On 10th December a notice was issued stating that no further issue of the provisional stamps would be made.

ONE PENNY BISECTED AND SURCHARGED "1/2d."

Third printing of 1d., 3.10.1887, claret, watermark sideways.
ONE PENNY BISECTED AND SURCHARGED "1/2 d."  - VARIETIES

UNSEVERED PAIR, because whole sheets were surcharged at the post office, unsevered pairs were sometimes used as 1d. stamps.
Some unsevered pairs show a diagonal pen stroke guide line. This line was inserted at the post office and was intended to show the public how the stamps should be bisected, from top right to bottom left.

UNSEVERED PAIR, WATERMARK INVERTED, a variety caused by the paper having been put upside down when printed.
FAKLAND ISLANDS

PROVISIONAL ISSUE 1891

Wmk Crown CA sideways P14, 14.5

ONE PENNY BISECTED AND Surcharged "1/2d." - VARIETIES

UNSEVERED PAIRS, SURCHARGE DOUBLE, piece with horizontal pair of unsevered pairs, one with double surcharge, tied by cork obliterator (type Ob. 1B/90).
PROVISIONAL ISSUE 1891-92

Wmk Crown CA P14,14.5

ONE PENNY BISECTED

Fourth printing of 1d., 21.4.1891, red-brown, watermark upright, issued in May 1891.
FALKLAND ISLANDS

PROVISIONAL ISSUE 1891

Wmk Crown CA F14,14.5

ONE PENNY BISECTED AND SURCHARGED "1/2d."

Fourth printing of 1d., 21.4.1891, red-brown, watermark upright, issued in May 1891.
ESSAYS, PROOFS AND SPECIMENS

1898 QUEEN VICTORIA. FIVE SHILLINGS

Imperforate Printers Sample in blue (unissued colour) perforated SPECIMEN.
QUEEN VICTORIA 1898

Wmk Crown CC Pl14, 14.5

The two high values were printed on paper watermarked Crown CC in sheets of 60 stamps (six rows of ten), with the printers name in the bottom margin. There is sometimes a slight blueing of the paper.

HALF A CROWN

One printing only, 10.6.1898, deep blue. (6 000 printed)
QUEEN VICTORIA 1898

Wmk Crown CC   P14,14.5

FIVE SHILLINGS

One printing only, 10.6.1898, red. (6 000 printed)