

## Experimental SPOON Cancels.

### Duplex cancel known as a SPOON type of obliterator due to its shape.

This trial was to see how well the design was accepted; the Duplex showed the Town of origin, with the Day, Month, Year and a code letter in one part, and a second part contained an 1844 Town numeral issued to the Provincial Towns of England and Wales, this was in the centre of unframed three bars top and bottom, with two bowed bars at the left and right. This was trialled in 29 Towns from 1853 to 1870; the first Town to use this method was Hull on 21<sup>st</sup> December 1853.

There are many different varieties amounting to well over 280 items which would require at least eight frames or more and that is without Northern Ireland which includes 38 Towns from 1855 to 1872.

Some of these are shown here, beginning with Hull and continuing in alphabet order.

**HULL** was the first Town to trial this stamp mark, issued on 21<sup>st</sup> December 1853, earliest date used 24<sup>th</sup> December 1853. First part of duplex **HULL / DE 31 / 1853 / B** (code letter). Second part of duplex Bar **3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 383** (1844 numeral).

**Type A** can be recognised by an oval frame joined to the Town numeral.

1d Red-brown, imperforated, Pl.165. Lettered HJ.



**Type C** the duplex is larger than the above

**HULL / AP 30 / 1858 / E; 3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 383**

1d Rose-red, perf 14, Pl.55. Lettered MI.



**Type D** re-cut, used 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1857 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 1858.

**HULL / FE 20 / 1858 / C; 3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 383**

Hull-to Barton-On-Humber.



1d Deep rose-red, perf 14, C10, Pl. 52. Lettered NB.

Reverse: Double Arc date stamp **BARTON-ON- HUMBER / FE 21 / 1858 / A**, in blue.



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### BIRMINGHAM

**Type A1** used 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1854 to 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1855.

**BIRMINGHAM / SP 11 / 1854 / K1; 3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 75**

1d Orange-brown on very blue paper, Perf 16. C1, Pl. 166. Lettered MC.



**Type B 4** used 15<sup>th</sup> October 1855 to 13<sup>th</sup> May 1857.

**BIRMINGHAM / 5 JU / 1856 / N4; 3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 75**

1d Orange-brown on very blue paper, Perf 14, C8, Pl.25. Lettered BJ.



**Type C 3** used 17<sup>th</sup> January to 29<sup>th</sup> September 1855.

**BIRMINGHAM / 22 FE / 1858 / B3; 3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 75**

1d Rose-red, Perf 14, C 10, Pl.34. Lettered PA.

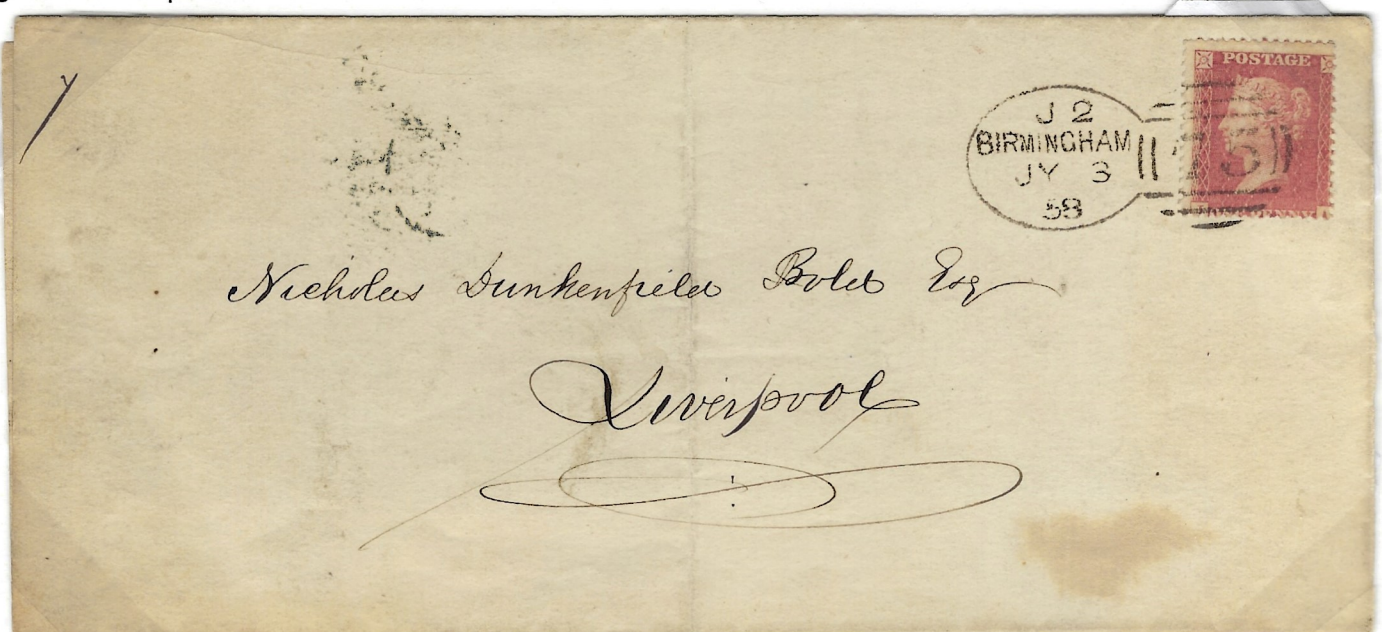


**Type E 2 Re-cut** used 3<sup>d</sup> July 1858, not recorded.

**J 2 / BIRMINGHAM / JY 3 / 58; 3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 75**

1d Rose-red, Perf 14, C 10, Pl. 56. Lettered JA.

Birmingham to Liverpool.



Reverse: Liverpool receiving circle 19mm stamp mark **A 10 / LIVERPOOL / JY 4 / 58**



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### BRISTOL

**Type B** used 17<sup>th</sup> April 1854 to 10<sup>th</sup> May 1856.

**BRISTOL / 27 NO / 1854 / I; 3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 134**

1d Red-brown, Perf 16, C1, Pl.180. Lettered EH.



### CHESTER

**Type B** used 30<sup>th</sup> August 1856 to 29<sup>th</sup> September 1857.

**CHESTER / 15 JY / 1857 / E; 3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 180**

1d Brown-rose, Perf 14, C8 Pl.37. Lettered KK.



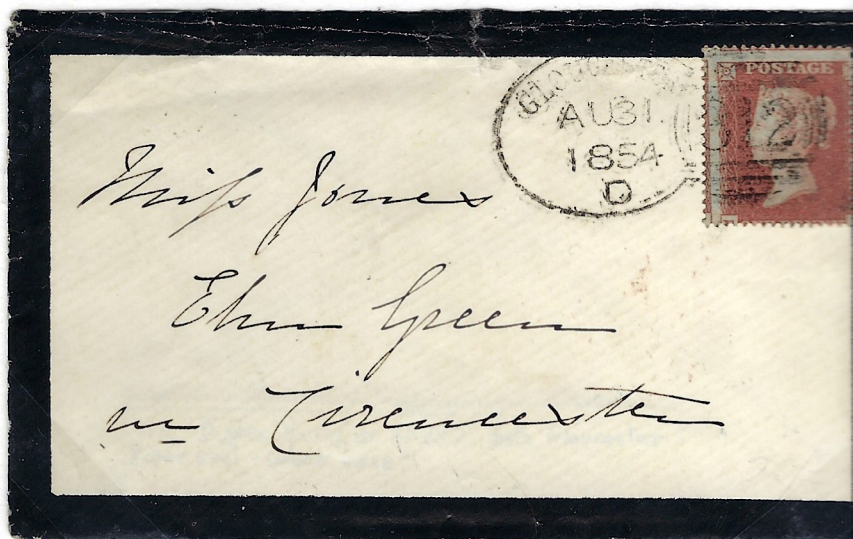
### GLOUCESTER

**Only one type** used 30<sup>th</sup> March 1854 to 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1857.

**GLOUCESTER / AU 31 / 1854 / D; 3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 312**

1d Brick-red on very blue paper, Perf 16, C1 unplated.

Gloucester to Cirencester.



Reverse:

Red Cirencester receiving double arc 24mm stamp mark, **CIRENCESTER / SP 1 / 1854 / A**, on a bereavement envelope

### LEAMINGTON

**Only one type** used 25<sup>th</sup> March 1856 to 21<sup>st</sup> March 1858.

**LEAMINGTON / JA 4 / 1858 / D; 3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 444**

Leamington to Rome, Papal States, Italy, via Dimaro.

1d Deep-rose red, Perf 14, C 10 Pl. 60.



Manuscript: pd 9d 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 1858, 1d red and two 4d stamps missing.  
1d postage from Leamington to London and 8d London to Rome  
Paid to destination with a red PD and a red Italian VIA DIMRO.

Red PD in a circle denotes Paid to Destination, overriding a black French double circle date stamp.



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### LIVERPOOL

**Type A 16 (Recut)**, used 19<sup>th</sup> December 1856 to 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1858.

**LIVERPOOL / 27 SP / 1856 / R 16; 3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 466**

1d Red-brown, Perf 14, C8. Pl. 32. Lettered OE.



**Type B 1 (Recut)**, used 10<sup>h</sup> May 1856 to 4<sup>th</sup> December 1858.

**LIVERPOOL / 3 MR / 1857 / W 1; 3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 466**

1d Red-brown. Perf 14. C8. Pl. 32. Lettered HD.



**Type B 14,**

used 28<sup>th</sup> April 1855 to 1<sup>st</sup> October 1856.

**LIVERPOOL / 14 AP / 1856 / P 14;  
3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 466**

1d Brick-red. Perf 14. C8. Pl. 35. Lettered IC.  
Identifying scratch mark midway right of the letter I.

Liverpool to Lancaster.



Reverse:

Double arc stamp mark of **LANCASTER / AP 15 / 1856 / A.**

**Type C 4,**

used 17<sup>th</sup> January 1855 to 6<sup>th</sup> February 1857.

**LIVERPOOL / DE 14 / 1855 / P 4;  
3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 466**

1d Red-brown. Perf 14. C6. Pl. 7.  
Lettered CL.

Liverpool to Derby.



Reverse:

Double arc stamp mark of **DERBY / DE 15 / 1855 / A.**



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### LIVERPOOL

**Type D**, used 25<sup>th</sup> June to 8<sup>th</sup> March 1858.

No codes used.

The only Spoon cancels to be used for registering mail.

**LIVERPOOL / 1855 / REGISTERED; 3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 466**

2d Blue. Perf 16. Pl. 4. Lettered OJ / OK / OL.



### MANCHESTER

**Type B**, used 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1857 to 19<sup>th</sup> April 1861.

**MANCHESTER / 5 FE 61 / I X; 3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 498**

1d Rose-red. Perf 14. C 10. Pl. 63. Lettered OD.



**Type D5a**, first recut. Used 15<sup>th</sup> May 1860 to 18<sup>th</sup> December 1863.

**MANCHESTER / 50 / AP 7 / 1861;  
3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 498**

1d Pale-rose red. Perf 14. C 10. Pl. 58.  
Lettered BD.

Identifying the first letter E (slopping back)  
In Manchester.

Manchester to Nottingham.



Reverse:

Part of circle stamp mark showing Town name Nottin..



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### NORTHAMPTON

Type G, first recut, used 10<sup>th</sup> February 1859 to 4<sup>th</sup> September 1863.

NORTHAMPTON / G / JY 5 / 62;

3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 570

1d Deep-rose red. Perf 14. C 10. Pl. 57.

Lettered IE.



Northampton to Daventry

Reverse:

There are two circular 20mm, date stamps: - A / RUGBY / JY 6 / 62. And DAVENTRY / A / JY 6 / 62. It seems odd that this was sent to Rugby as Daventry is much closer, possibly miss directed.

### OSWESTRY

Type B, used 8<sup>th</sup> November 1855 to 24<sup>th</sup> January 1861.

OSWESTRY / AU 9 / 1858 / B; 3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 595

1d Deep-rose red. Perf 14. C 10. Pl. 55. Lettered LJ.



### PLYMOUTH

Type first period, used 17<sup>th</sup> February 1854 to 10<sup>th</sup> October 1857.

PLYMOUTH / SP 7 / 1854 / E; 3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 620

1d Brick-red. Perf 16. C 1. Pl. 180. Lettered OI.



Plates 155 to 177 were issued in conjunction with Imperforated stamp. Plates 178 to 183 were issued 13<sup>th</sup> February 1854.

### READING

Type D, used 30<sup>th</sup> May 1854 to 15<sup>th</sup> November 1856. Known as, 'Biscuit' cancellation, with a double arc.

READING / FE 28 / 1855 / D;



3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 635, turned on its axis facing inwards.

1d Red-brown. Perf 16.

C 1. Reserve Pl. 3.

Lettered RB.

Showing a constant variety 'R' with extended serif.



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### READING

**Type B**, used 30<sup>th</sup> May 1854 to 15<sup>th</sup> November 1856, with a double arc.

**READING / AU 17 / 1854 / B;**

**3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 635**

1d Red-Brown. Perf 16. C 1. Pl.?

(Letters unreadable).

Reading to London.

Reverse:

London red receiving stamp mark  
circle 23mm,

**1854 / 17 AU 17 / A Crown L.**

**Type Reading**, as above without a code letter.

**READING / FE 13 / 1855; 3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 635**

Reading to Basingstoke, Hants.

Reverse:

Two receiving stamp marks, first a double arc in blue **THEALE** the rest is unreadable due to over stamp by the red London circle 23mm stamp mark. **V CROWN M / 14 FE 14 / 1855; 3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 635**

### RUGBY

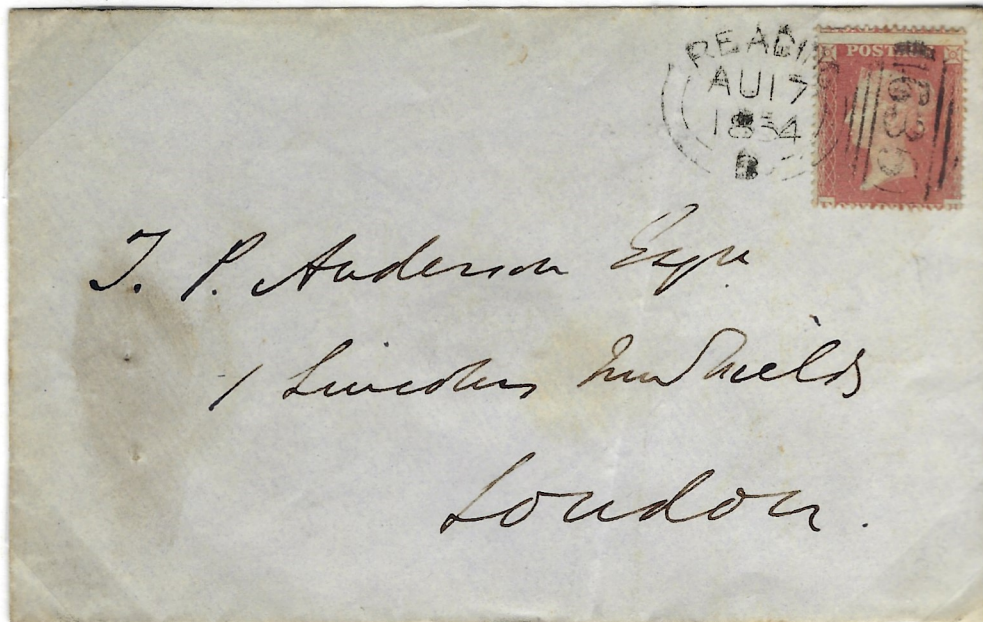
**Type Rugby** framed, used 9<sup>th</sup> September 1857 to 8<sup>th</sup> February 1859. The circle part of the spoon shape was originally designed by GW Creswell and used 25 Sept 1857.

**D / RUGBY / AP 20 / 58; 2 / 2 - 2 / 2 / 659**

Rugby to Market Harborough, Leicestershire.

Reverse: Double arc receiving stamp mark

**MARKET HARBOROUGH / AP 21 / 1858 / A**





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### SHREWSBURY

**Type C 2**, used 7<sup>th</sup> April 1857  
to 13<sup>th</sup> July 1859.

**SHREWSBURY / 18 N O / 1857 / D 2.**  
**D 2 = code.      3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 708**

1d Rose-red. Perf 14. C 10. Pl. 60.  
Lettered KB.

Shrewsbury to College Hill, Shrewsbury.



### WOLVERHAMPTON

**Type B**, used 17<sup>th</sup> February 1856 to 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1857.

**WOLVERHAMPTON / MR 27 / 1856 / H 2 (code);**  
**3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 905**

1d Red-brown on very blued paper, Perf 14.  
C 6. Pl. 12, Lettered NH.

Wolverhampton to College Hill, Shrewsbury.

Reverse: Double arc receiving stamp  
**SHREWSBURY / MR 28 / 1856 / A**



### WORCESTER

**Type 1 (second recut)**,  
used 5<sup>th</sup> April 1861 to 16<sup>th</sup> February 1863.

**code I / WORCESTER / NO 17 / 62;**  
**3 / 2 - 2 / 3 / 918**

1d Rose-red, Perf 14. C 10. Pl. 48.  
Lettered HB.

Worcester to Middle Hill, Broadway.

Reverse:  
Receiving circle 20mm stamp mark **BROADWAY / I / NO 18 / 62.**

