

# QUEEN VICTORIA

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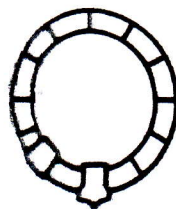
PLATES 1 AND 2 WERE PREPARED AND REGISTERED BUT PLATE 2 WAS NEVER PUT TO PRESS. THE ONLY REGULAR ISSUE FROM PLATE 1 IS IN ORANGE. 10.000 SHEETS PRINTED IN PURPLE-BROWN USING PLATE 1 WERE LATER ALMOST ALL DESTROYED. THE PLATES WERE COMPOSED OF 240 STAMPS IN FOUR PANES, EACH OF 60 STAMPS. THE PANES, ARRANGED TWO AND TWO, WERE IN 10 ROWS OF 6 STAMPS OF **8 PENNY**.



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WATERMARK LARGE GARTER. STAMPS WITH INVERTED WATERMARK EXIST.



Large Garter

LETTERS IN ALL FOUR CORNERS. THE LARGE COLOURED CORNER LETTERS RAN FROM AA – AL IN THE TOP ROW DOWN TO TA – TL IN THE BOTTOM ROW (QUOTING LOWER LETTERS ONLY).

PERFORATION 14

THIS VALUE WAS ISSUED TO PREPAY THE THEN RATE OF POSTAGE TO AUSTRALIA VIA BRINDISI.