

# QUEEN VICTORIA

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PLATES 1 TO 13 (WITH WATERMARK SPRAY OF ROSE) WERE COMPOSED OF 240 STAMPS IN TWELVE PANES OF 20 STAMPS. THE PANES LYING IN FOUR ROWS OF THREE WERE IN 5 ROWS OF 4 STAMPS OF **1 SHILLING**. PLATES 13 AND 14 WITH WATERMARK CROWN WERE IN TWO PANES OF 120 STAMPS IN 10 ROWS OF 12 STAMPS. STAMPS FROM PLATE 2 THOUGH EACH STAMP BEARS THE PLATE NUMBER “2”. PLATE “3 IS AN “ABNORMAL” AND WAS NEVER PUT TO PRESS.

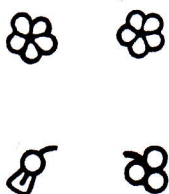


Plate number 6

WATERMARK STRAY OF ROSE FOR PLATE 1, WATERMARK EMBLEMS FOR PLATES 1 (1862) AND 4 (1865), WATERMARK SPRAY OF ROSE FOR PLATES 4 (1867) TO 13 (1873) AND WATERMARK CROWN FOR PLATES 13 AND 14 (1881). INVERTED WATERMARKS ARE KNOWN.



Spray of Rose



Emblems



Imperial Crown

PLATE 1 IS WITHOUT CORNER LETTERS. BY LATER PLATES LETTERS IN ALL FOUR CORNERS. THE 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 INTRODUCED TO REPLACE THE EMBOSSED ISSUE.