DIE 1a — PLATE 3a

Printer's marks: Dot 20th right, 12·75 mm

Other marks: Fine diagonal cut (?) through 19th left, 18 mm (seen on copy of BPMA sheet)

Flaws: R20/11 Progressive plate distortion: break in rule develops, eventually affecting stamp (cf. ½d Die 1b Plate 3; ½d Die 2 Plates 3 (?) & 4; 1d Die 1a Plates 6 & 9; 1d Die 1b Plate 15b; 1d Die 2 Plate 16a)
R20/12 Tiny frame break at NE corner (cf. Plate 13); R1–2/10 Vertical scratches



Flaw R1–2/10 — Vertical scratches Perf. Type 1a

Partial impression of screw-head under 9th



Control 3a – A 11 (wide) From right sheet Perf. Type 2



Control 3a – A 11 (wide) From right sheet Perf. Type 1a



Control 3a – A 11 (wide)
From right sheet Perf. Type 1a



Control 3a – A 11 (wide)



Control 3a – A 11 (wide) From right sheet Perf. Type 1a



Control 3a – A 11 (wide) From right sheet Perf. Type 2



Control 3a – A 11 (wide)

DIE 1a — PLATE 3b (repaired?)

Printer's marks: Dot 20th right, 12·75 mm (enlarged)
Added cut under (P)E of 9th

Other marks: Minute mark in 12th under right-hand of Y

Flaws: R20/12 Tiny frame break at NE corner
R20/11 White mark on beard



Control 3a – A 11 (wide) From right sheet Perf. Type 1a



Plate distortion
The kind of progressive plate damage shown in this study was so severe that it caused a crease in the paper, in this case on R20/11.



Control 3b – A 11 (wide) From left sheet Perf. Type 2



Control 3b – A 11 (wide) From left sheet Perf. Type 2