

BRITISH WEST AFRICA STUDY CIRCLE

GOLD COAST

Notes on the 1876-79 Issue

by Colin McCaig

The allocation of the various issues and perforations to consignments is in many cases a matter of conjecture as De La Rue did not include records of watermarks or perforations on their invoices. Accordingly we have to make our deductions from what evidence is available, and two major problems have to be considered:

1. Of the 1875 1d. perf 12½ the first sending included only 4,200 compared with 9,600 of the 4d. and 15,360 of the 6d. As the 1d. is not exceptionally rare by comparison with the other two values we can assume that the second sending of the 1d. on 2.10.75 (12,780 stamps) must also have been perf 12½. The next two consignments were dated 31.12.75 and 21.9.76, and as perf 14 copies have been seen dated before the latter date we can accept the 31.12.75 sending as having been line-perforated 14.

2. The CA Dandy Roll was invoiced on 29.6.81 and it is unlikely that much if any CC paper was made after that date. The De La Rue "History" gives the impression that paper was only made for specific orders and that little if any would be kept in stock. Consignments of the ½d, 1d, 2d, 4d, and 6d were sent on 3.8.81 and we are led to the conclusion that this consignment included some values on CC paper and others on CA paper.

½d and 1d values: These must have been on CA paper as S.G. Catalogue dates and dates seen on stems are earlier than the dates of the next sendings.

2d value: As the colour changed only in the 15.5.84 consignment and the 2d green is not known on CA paper the 3.8.81 sending must have been on CC paper.

4d and 6d values: The next sendings were 15.5.84 (4d) and 5.4.88 (6d) on CA paper. Earliest dates noted on CA paper are 8.12.84 for the 4d by Cameron and January 1889 for the 6d per Gibbons and R.L. It is difficult to believe that had the 3.8.81 sending been on CA paper use on earlier dates than those noted above would not have been recorded - especially having in mind the seven year gap in the case of the 6d. Accordingly I accept the 3.8.81 consignment as having been on CC paper.

I summarise my views on the individual values and consignments as follows:-

*M. J. H. \**  
*27/11/81*  
*MS*

<u>1</u> <u>2</u> d.	Sent 23.8.79		24,660 - line
	10.3.80	30,000	
	25.5.80	<u>12,000</u>	<u>42,000</u> - comb
			<u>66,660</u>

The line perf is appreciably scarcer than the comb.

<u>1</u> d.	Sent 31.12.75	20,400	
	21.9.76	16,440	
	14.5.77	5,880	
	20.8.77	28,800	
	13.7.78	27,780	
	23.7.79	<u>12,240</u>	111,540 - line
	10.3.80	30,000	
	25.5.80	30,000	
	18.11.80	<u>30,120</u>	<u>90,120</u> - comb
			<u>201,660</u>

<u>2</u> d.	Sent 23.9.79		24,900 - line
	10.3.80	30,180	
	25.5.80	12,000	
	18.11.80	30,000	
	3.8.81	<u>30,120</u>	<u>102,300</u> - comb
			<u>127,200</u>

<u>4</u> d.	Sent 31.12.75	11,820	
	14.5.77	11,400	
	20.8.77	11,220	
	13.7.78	11,700	
	23.7.79	3,900	
	23.9.79	<u>5,400</u>	55,440 - line
	10.3.80	30,000	
	25.5.80	30,300	
	18.11.80	30,000	
	3.8.81	<u>30,000</u>	<u>120,300</u> - comb
			<u>175,740</u>

<u>6</u> d.	Sent 31.12.75	5,400	
	21.9.76	7,080	
	14.5.77	11,220	
	20.8.77	11,220	
	13.7.78	<u>11,280</u>	46,200 - line
	25.5.80	18,000	
	3.8.81	<u>6,000</u>	<u>24,000</u> - comb
			<u>70,200</u>

April, 1967.