

# Nigeria S G 224a 4d Small Imprint

1969-72.

(a) As No. 173 etc, but printed by Nigerian Security Printing and Minting Co Ltd. With printer's imprint "N.S.P. & M. CO. LTD." P 13½ (6d.) or P 13×13½ (others)

220	1d. multicoloured .....	3-00	2-25
222	2d. multicoloured .....	4-50	2-75
	a. Smaller imprint* (13.1.71) .....	1-00	1-75
223	3d. multicoloured (7.71).....	65	2-00
	a. Larger imprint* (22.10.71).....	1-00	1-50
224	4d. multicoloured .....	8-50	10
	a. Smaller imprint* .....	65-00	
225	6d. multicoloured (1971) .....	2-25	20
226	9d. Prussian blue and orange-red (1970)	6-00	50
	a. "TD" of "LTD" omitted from imprint (Pl. 1B, R. 10/2).....	65-00	
227	1s. multicoloured (8.71).....	2-50	20
228	1s.3d. multicoloured (1971) .....	11-00	3-75
229	2s.6d. multicoloured (1972) .....	19-00	7-00
230	5s. multicoloured (1972) .....	3-25	24-00
220/30	Set of 10 .....	50-00	38-00

\*On No. 222a the designer's name measures 4¾ mm. On No. 223a the imprints measure 9 and 8½ mm respectively. The normal imprints on Nos. 222/3 both measure 5½ mm.

The date given for Nos. 222a and 223a are for the earliest known used copies.

†No. 224 has the left-hand imprint 6 mm long and the right-hand 5½ mm. On No. 224a the imprints are 5½ mm and 4½ mm respectively. The width of the design is also ½ mm smaller.

## Request for Information

Extract from S G Part 1, 2014  
Stamp Unpriced Used

The presenter is creating a display of unusual or important items sent to Oxendales in the early 1970's but has little knowledge of Nigerian material.

Any comments, positive or negative, about the suitability of this cover in such a display would be welcomed.

# Two Copies of SG 224a on Cover



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## SG 224 Larger Imprints

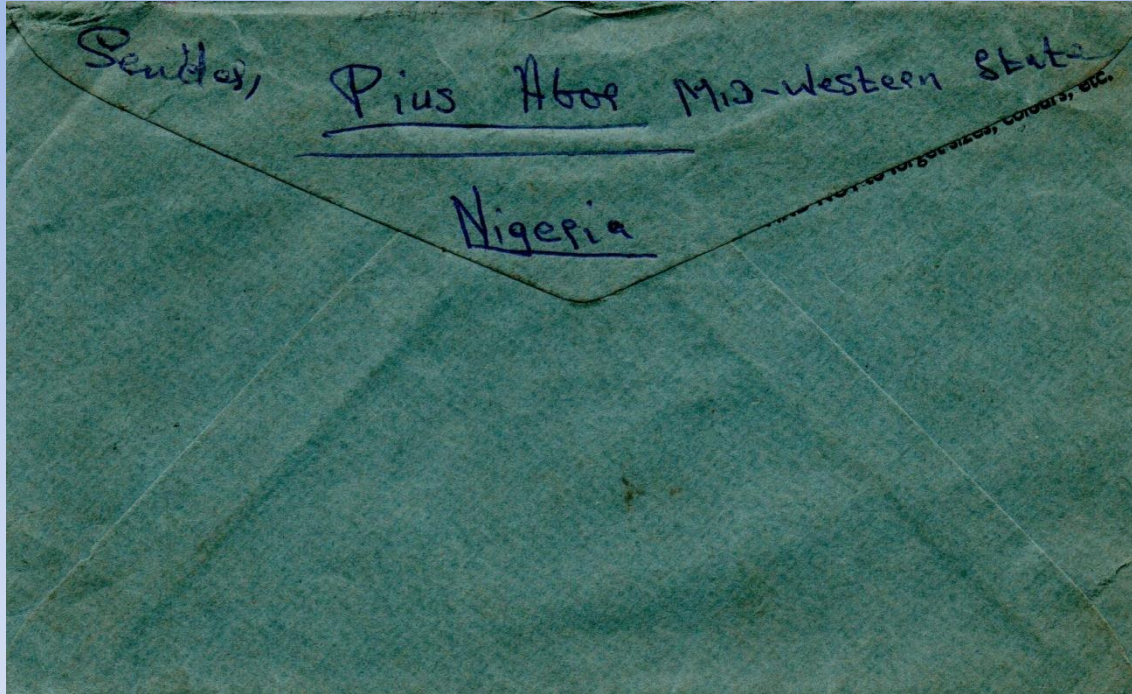


## SG 224a Smaller Imprints

The larger reduction of the artist's name compared to the printer's name, as mentioned by SG, can clearly be seen.



# Where was the Stamp Bought and the Cover Posted?



From the cover we know the state but sadly not the town.

The postmark is unclear but we can read 'ITOHA' or ITCHA

That should be helpful. Let's see if we can find anything about the postmark or the stamp in Cameo.

# Information from a Search of Digital Cameo

Result of a search for '224' It came up 56 times but only twice for this stamp, these two on July 89 P260. (A little blurred when reprinted).



Searches for 'ITOH' or 'ITCHA' revealed nothing, as did 'ITOH'. 'ITCH' had 227 refs, mainly Mitchell, but none of any use.

Perhaps one of you knows the answer or has access to a searchable Post Office list.

You may be able to identify the place where this cover was posted.

Perforated:	13½ 6d 13 x 13½ all other issued values
SG 220 1d SG 222 2d SG 222a 2d SG 223 3d SG 223a 3d	Imprint and 'MAURICE FIEVET' both measure 5½mm Imprint 5½mm, 'MAURICE FIEVET' 4½mm Imprint and 'MAURICE FIEVET' both 5½mm Imprint 9mm, 'MAURICE FIEVET' 8½mm Variety: white patch on cheetah's chest. Believed to be row 9, stamp 1.
SG 224 4d	Imprint 6mm, 'MAURICE FIEVET' 5½mm Leopards vary in colour from bright orange-brown to yellow-brown and to dull fawn-brown. The background varies from light to dark magenta.
224a 4d	Imprint 5½mm, 'MAURICE FIEVET' 4½mm. This is a scarce stamp, no value being shown in the catalogue. Pale and bright background colour
225 6d 226 9d 227 1/-	Variety: in the imprint 'td' of 'Lid' omitted. Believed to be row 10, stamp 2. Red and pale red. Grey background mostly solid but slightly mottled. In some cases the photo-screen pattern can easily be seen. Variety: broken 'F' in 'FIEVET' broken 'V' in 'FIEVET' black inscription appears doubled. Especially noticeable in imprint.
SG 228 1/3d SG 229 2/6d - 10/-	Dark (bright) brown and pale brown With the £1 value has recently appeared in imperforate sheet(s). They would seem to be classified as 'plate proofs on gummed paper prepared for use but not issued'. The 10/- exists with plate numbers 1B 1B 1B 1B (orange, blue, mauve, deep reddish-violet) at bottom left of sheet and also 1C 1C 1C 1C in same colours and position. It would seem that at least two sheets existed. Exists imperforate. See note above.
- £1	
	1970-71 PRINTED BY ENSCHEDE SG 231-232 Re-drawn and with a new printer. No printers Imprint, 'MAURICE FIEVET' at right.
Perforated:	14½ x 13 both values
SG 231 2d SG 232 4d	Value '2d' white instead of yellow White lettering and value larger. Leopards i) dull fawn brown ii) yellow brown.

**Thank You for watching**

**AND**

**That's a September challenge for somebody!**