



CAPE-OF-GOOD-HOPE STAMPS AND POSTAL HISTORY

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The Hooded Circular Datestamp of 1888



Figure 1:

This datestamp was another experimental postmark issued in an attempt to develop a combined defacer and backstamping canceller. It was issued to the larger post offices in the Cape of Good Hope in 1888. This stamp did not gain general favour and was never issued to smaller post offices.

The Hooded datestamp derives its design from similar datestamps of Great Britain. It consists of a circle with a diameter of 19 mm, surmounted by a 'hooded' portion which contains the name of the town. The circle is divided into three sections by two horizontal bars. In the middle of the bars is the date and the top and bottom have either a star or a time control letter or none, which results in the different variations of this stamp. Six variations are normally recognised and these are designated HCDS 1 to HCDS 6.

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