



GRIQUALAND-WEST STAMPS AND POSTAL HISTORY

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Griqualand West

1874 (Sept) Cape Surcharged in manuscript in red ink 1d and FOUR PENCE struck out by a horizontal stroke. This was a provisional issue made in Kimberley when the stock of Cape 1d. had been temporarily exhausted.



Figure 1: Sale 4001 Lot 273 Griqualand West 1874 (Sept.) "1d" in red manuscript by the Kimberley Postmaster on 4d. blue, fresh mint; fine and scarce. Sc. 1; S.G. 1, AAA£AAAA1,000. (WF). Photo Estimate AAA£AAAA350-400 Sold for AAA£AAAA1100 auction:Spinks, 2004

Holmes¹ reported that the Royal Collection at Buckingham Palace includes a notable strip of this provisional. It is an unused marginal strip of six, and on the margin it is written: "Purchased from the Post Office Kimberley Griqualand West September 1874 O. H. Bate". The block was formerly in the collections of M. P. Castle, and later in Sir Harold Reckitt's collection before being acquired by King George V. Used examples of this provisional are rarer than used. The strip was shown at the Royal Philatelic Society in and is illustrated below:

Examples of the Manuscript surcharge

The postage stamps, are rarely seen and even some major British Colonies did not have them. Some examples of surcharges are shown.



Figure 2: The SG1 1d. strip from the Royal Collection.



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Fresh unused example with a bold ms. surcharge, strong color, nibbed perf. at lower left, otherwise Very Fine and scarce. Scott for o.g. \$1,350 (SG #1, for o.g., AAA£AAAA1,500=\$2,250) [VF] \$400 auction:Nutmeg, 2008



S.G. #1, 1874 "1d" Manuscript surcharge on 4d Blue, fresh unused example with a bold ms. surcharge, strong color, nibbed perf. at lower left, otherwise Very Fine and scarce (Scott #1; \$1,350). View Image \$1300.00 auction:Harmer, inc June 2008

Figure 3. Examples of the manuscript surcharge.



S.G. #1, 1874 "1d" red manuscript surcharge on 4p Blue, an unused single of this rare provisional that was produced in Kimberly when the stock of 1p Cape of Good Hope stamps ran out, stamp with deep strong color, very fine for this terribly elusive and ridiculously undercataloged issue; 1991 BPA certificate (Scott #1; \$1,000.00). (Image) AAA£AAAA1,000 SOLD for \$1,200.00 auction:Shreeves Neal M. Allen Collection April 3, 2004



Sale 4001 Lot 273 Griqualand West 1874 (Sept.) "1d" in red manuscript by the Kimberley Postmaster on 4d. blue, fresh mint; fine and scarce. Sc. 1; S.G. 1, AAA£AAAA1,000. (WF). Photo Estimate AAA£AAAA350-400 Sold for AAA£AAAA1100 auction:Spinks, 2004



732 1874 (Sept.) "1d" in red manuscript by the Kimberley Postmaster on 4d. blue, unused with part original gum; a couple of shortish perfs. at right, otherwise sound. Also forged used example. R.P.S. Certificate (1941) and Holcombe Opinion (1990). S.G. 1, AAA£AAAA1,800. AAA£AAAA300-350. spinks13027

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