OVERPRINT ON STRAITS SETTLEMENTS STAMP

1885. “JOHOR” Overprint in Triplet Setting on 2 cents rose (Plate 1), watermarked Crown CA

Thick, upright sans serif capitals, 2 1/4 mm high
Triplet Setting with Wide “H” (13 1/4 mm)

A triplet setting with “H” wide as Unit 2 was described William Brown in 1885. The triplet with “H” wide as the first unit has 14 1/4 wide overprints. The stamps below probably make up the triplet described by Brown, and other potential settings.

Unit 2 - “H” wide

Probable units 1 and 3 - all narrow, distinguishing features not yet described in the literature. Some of the stamps below are probably units of the triplet with wide “H” described above, or some other yet undescribed setting(s).

“J” raised  “J” raised, “R” low  All letters level  “H” low

“JO” raised  Left marginal stamp, definitely unit 1 of unidentified triplet

An unscientific survey of stamps in this exhibit and duplicate material, and items in auctions reveal that overprints with lengths shorter than 14 mm are less common. The narrower overprints are units for Settings I and II, and the setting(s) described above.

“R” low; second “O” dented at right side. Overprint double at lower stamp. Unlisted.
OVERPRINT ON STRAITS SETTLEMENTS STAMP

1884? - 1885?. "JOHOR" Overprints (Unidentified Triplet Units) on 2 cents rose (Plate 1), watermarked Crown CA

Thick, upright sans serif capitals
Units not matched with the seven previous triplet settings

12 1/4 or 12 1/2 mm wide, but not Setting I units

- First "O" and "R" raised
- "J" and "R" raised; fine crisp
- "JO" and "OR" spaced; thick

13 1/2 mm wide (all identified units are not of this length)

- Normal
- Normal
- First "O" raised

14 3/4 mm wide (but not Setting IV units)

- "R" raised and defective
- "R" raised and defective

Only 2 mm high; normal at 2 1/2. Unlisted.

14 mm wide
- "J" raised
OVERPRINTS ON STRAITS SETTLEMENTS STAMPS

1884. "JOHOR"
Overprint on 2 cents pale rose, watermarked Crown CA
Large Roman capitals, 3 mm high
Setting 1

The setting is a triplet, with the units almost indistinguishable from each other.

Careful examination of the pane show slight uneven alignment of the triplets in Columns 1-3 and in Columns 4-6

Unit 1 - 14 1/2 mm
Unit 2 - 14 1/2 mm
Unit 3 - 14 3/4 mm

A complete pane, with margins removed.
Very few full panes are known.
OVERPRINT ON STRAITS SETTLEMENTS STAMP

1884. "JOHOR" Overprint
on 2 cents rose (Plate 1), watermarked Crown CA
Large Roman capitals, 3 mm high
Setting I - Triplet setting

There are no noticeable differences among the triplet units

Double or triple overprints from manually applied overprintings

1885?. "JOHOR" Overprint
Large Roman capitals, 3 mm high
Setting II or III - Setting of 60 (6 x 10 to cover a pane)
Setting II has wide and narrow "J" overprints and one stamp with tall "J" (3 1/2 mm)
Setting III has wide and narrow "J" overprints, but without the tall "J" variety

Thin, narrow "J" from Setting II or III (position 6/6 in pane)

This distinctive overprint variety is catalogued, and is also present in an unlisted setting (Setting V?), in position 47 shown on a later page.
OVERPRINT ON STRAITS SETTLEMENTS STAMP

1884. “JOHOR” Overprint
on 2 cents rose (Plate 1), watermarked Crown CA
Large Roman capitals, 3 mm high, Setting I or II

Usage in combination with unoverprinted Straits Settlements stamps

Johore Bahru, September 11, 1888
Zurich, December 13, 1888

Pair of overprinted stamps paid local postage to Singapore.
Straits Settlements stamps paid registration and onward franking.
Johore cancellation applied only on local stamps.

Straits Settlements stamps were required on mail going abroad before Johore joined the UPU. Combination covers are rare.
OVERPRINT ON STRAITS SETTLEMENTS STAMP

1890. "JOHOR" Overprint
On 2 cents rose (Plate 2), watermarked Crown CA

Large Roman capitals, 3 mm high
Setting IV, Overprint Set of 60?

Block from Rows 8-10, left bottom pane of sheet, showing Plate 2 below Column 2.
Not overprinted in a triplet setting, so most likely in a format of 60 overprints on the pane.
Presence of Row 6 could have confirmed this block to be Setting IV, if the narrow "J" variety is found in the sixth stamp (Position 36).

The literature describes only one setting of this overprint type (SG Type 10) on Plate 2. The full pane on the next page is definitely not from Setting IV, as the narrow "J" variety is in Position 47, not 36. The font from that full pane varies subtly from the block above (see enlargements below, with Row 10 of the full pane placed over Row 10 of the block), showing the settings to be different.
OVERPRINT ON STRAITS SETTLEMENTS STAMP

1890. "JOHOR"
Overprint on 2 cents bright rose, watermarked
Crown CA
Large Roman capitals,
3 mm high
Unlisted Setting (V?)

The setting covered a pane of 60, with wide "J" except in position 47.

Slope of the overprints show that this pane was placed slightly tilted left at overprinting.

This is not Setting IV. A thin "J" in that setting is in Position 36. Moreover, font in this setting vary from overprints of this size.

Thin, narrow "J" in position 47, Row 8

A complete pane, with top and bottom margins removed.
Very few full panes of the overprints in 60 are known.
OVERPRINT ON STRAITS SETTLEMENT STAMP

1890. Usage for External Mail in Combination with Straits Settlements Stamp

2c overprint (on deep rose, 1890 issue), franking local rate to Singapore, in combination with 8c Straits Settlements paying UPU rate to India, from Johore Bahru, May 5, 1890 (datestamp struck in red)

Combination usage ceased on December 25, 1898 when Johore, in association with the Straits Settlements, gained acceptance of its stamps for mail going abroad.

"Crescent and star" undated canceller (earliest type) used 1884 - 1899

"PAID" datestamp, struck in red, used 1887 - 1897

It was an early practice of the Johore post offices to cancel the stamps with undated cancellers (Proud type K), with the datestamp struck elsewhere on the cover.
OVERPRINT ON STRAITS SETTLEMENTS STAMP

1886. “JOHOR” Overprint in Triplet Setting on 2 cents rose (Plate 1), watermarked Crown CA

Thick, narrow Roman capitals, 9 x 3 mm high

Unit 1 - Normal

Overprint double*

*discovery copy which led to catalogue listing

Unit 2 - “J” slightly raised

Overprint double

Unit 3 - “R” impression heavier

Multiples this overprint are rare

A contemporaneous overprint of the same font but with “JOHORE” is shown earlier among the “JOHORE” overprint group.
OVERPRINT ON STRAITS SETTLEMENTS STAMP

1886. "JOHOR" Overprint in Triplet Setting on 2 cents rose (Plate 1), watermarked Crown CA
Thick, narrow Roman capitals, 9 x 2 1/2 mm high

Unit 1 - "J" raised, "R" low

Unit 2 - Serif of "J" slanting upward

Unit 3 - "H" low

Multiples this overprint are rare
OVERPRINT ON STRAITS SETTLEMENTS STAMP

1888. "JOHOR" Overprint
on 2 cents rose (Plate 1), watermarked Crown CA
Large Roman capitals with stop, 15 1/2 x 3 mm

Printed in a setting of 30 (3 x 10) to cover vertical half of pane.
Single copies of this overprint are scarce and multiples are rare.
Catalogue valuation is not reflective of scarcity.

1884 - 1888. "JOHOR" Overprints
Dated cancellations on these overprinted stamps are scarce. Cancellations predominantly consist of the undated double-ring canceller with crescent and star used by Johore Bahru, Muar or Kota Tinggi; or the crescent and star with the double-ring removed.

Johore Bahru
datestamp
In red

Kota Tinggi or Muar double-ring In red

"Stamped" Manuscript; Singapore cancel

Singapore cancel
OVERPRINT ON STRAITS SETTLEMENTS STAMP

1890. “JOHOR” Overprint
on 2 cents bright rose (Plate 2), watermarked Crown CA
Small Roman capitals, 12 1/2 -13 mm x 2 1/2 mm

JOHOR

The overprint was printed in one setting (6 x 10) covering an entire pane, mainly with narrow “J” and “R”, and wide “O” fonts. Both “O” narrow is in position 4, wide “R” in position 36, and wide “J” in position 54. Overprinted on Plate 2 only.

Bandar Maharani, 5 SE 90
Earliest recorded date;
Dented “O”, position 44
Ex F.E. Wood

Large “R”, heavy serif,
Unmatched with 58 units in pane on next page; Ex F.E. Wood
(Fig. 16)

Dropped “R”
Column 6; unlisted
Ex F.E. Wood

For a low catalogued stamp, multiples of this issue are surprisingly elusive. Large multiples are scarce.
OVERPRINT ON STRAITS SETTLEMENTS STAMP

1890. "JOHOR"
Overprints on 2 cents
bright rose, watermarked
Crown CA

Small Roman capitals,
12 1/2 - 13 mm x 2 1/2
mm

Both “O” narrow, position 4
Rows 1

This is the only setting for
this overprint (6 x 10)
covering the entire pane.
“J”, “O” and “R” are both
in wide and narrow
states, with narrow “J”
and “R” and wide “O”
predominating

Wide “R” in position 36, Row 6

Dented “O” in position 44, Row 9

Wide “J” in position 54, Row 9

A full pane with stamps 7 and 8
removed. Scarce in this large
multiple format. Bottom right-
hand pane, with Plate 2 on
column 5 margin.
THE "Two Cents" SURCHARGES and OVERPRINTS on 24 CENTS
Issued when Singapore Post Office ran out of 2 Cents rose stamps.

1891. "JOHOR Two Cents" and Cancelling Bar Overprints on 24 cents green, watermarked Crown CA applied in a setting covering a full pane of 60 stamps

(a) "JOHORE" in thick Roman capitals, "Two" in italics, and "CENTS" in antique capitals
(b) "JOHORE" in thick Roman capitals, "Two" in italics, and "CENTS" in thick Roman capitals
(c) "JOHORE" in thick Roman capitals, "Two" in thick Roman, and "CENTS" in thick Roman capitals
(d) "JOHORE" in thick Roman capitals, "Two" in thick Roman, and "CENTS" in small Roman capitals

Overprint positions: (a) Rows 1 to 5; (b) Row 6; (c) Rows 7 to 9; (d) Row 10

The first printing included the "CENST" error in position 28. The second printing corrected the error and resulted in minor shifts in the forme, most notably in Row 10 (Type d). Multiples of the second printing (152 panes) are scarce; a complete pane is not known to exist.

Second printing Type (d) units are identifiable by reference to the full pane of the first printing, but their relative positions (within Row 10) are indeterminable in the absence of a complete pane or a full strip of the six stamps of this row.
OVERPRINT ON STRAITS SETTLEMENTS STAMP

1891. "JOHOR Two Cents" Overprints on 24 cents green, watermarked Crown CA
First Printing

The "CENST" error in position 28

Only 108 maximum possible.

This error on stamp with watermark inverted is rare, and not listed in the Stanley Gibbons catalogue (2004).
OVERPRINTS ON STRAIT SETTLEMENTS STAMPS

1891. “JOHOR Two Cents” Overprints on 24 cents green, watermarked Crown CA

First printing (with “CENST” error)

Type (a), Rows 1 to 5

“CENST” error, position 28, removed

Type (b), Row 6
Thick narrow “J”, position 36

Type (c), Rows 7 to 9

Type (d), Row 10

Full pane with “CENTS” error removed. Rare in this multiple format, as very few full panes are known. This is from the bottom right position of the sheet, with Current 3 in column 5 margin.