REIGN OF SULTAN ABU BAKAR

1898. FIRST PORTRAIT: THE TWENTY FIVE CENTS VALUE

Die for duty plate. Ex De La Rue archives.

Printer's proofs of values for 10 cents and 25 cents. Unique item ex De La Rue archives.
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1898. FIRST PORTRAIT: THE FIFTY CENTS VALUE

Die for duty plate. Ex De La Rue archives.

Printer's proof of values for 50 cents
Unique item ex De La Rue archives.
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1898. PROOFS OF NEW DOLLAR VALUES

24 FEB 98

Proof of 2 Dollars Value
Ex De La Rue archives.

24 FEB. 98

Proof of 3 Dollars Value
Ex De La Rue archives.
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1898. PROOFS OF NEW DOLLAR VALUES

Proof of 4 Dollars Value
Ex De La Rue archives.

Proof of 5 Dollars Value
Ex De La Rue archives.
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1898. FIRST PORTRAIT: THE DOLLAR VALUES

Printer’s proofs for duty plates. Orders for 120 leads each noted.
Unique. Ex De La Rue archives.

Printings for these issues featured a continuous single jubilee line surrounding the stamps in the head plate color.
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1898. FIRST PORTRAIT: THE DOLLAR VALUES

The duty plate for $1 continued in use from the Sultan Abu Bakar reign (lined background)

Printer's proofs for duty plates. Orders for 120 leads each noted. Unique. Ex De La Rue archives.
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1899. FIRST PORTRAIT: COLOR CHANGE FOR 4 CENTS

Color change was likely done to avoid confusion with new 50 cent value issued in 1898

Pair paying 5 cents registration and 3 cents local rate, Muar to Singapore.
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1903. FIRST PORTRAIT: "10 cents." SURCHARGE ON 4 CENTS VALUE

Original value uncancelled

With original values cancelled

Used copies scarce in multiple

Cancellation of the original values was done manually.
1903. FIRST PORTRAIT: "3 cents." SURCHARGE ON 4 CENTS YELLOW

Original value uncancelled

Surcharged stamp used with earlier issues in 1903 letter from Johore Bahru to Germany.
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1903. FIRST PORTRAIT: "10 cents." SURCHARGE ON 4 CENTS VALUE
THIN "1" VARIETIES

Original values uncancelled

With original values cancelled, thin "1"

Stamp No. 92 had been described as having
"unduly thin" figure, which is likely the ex-
tremely thin variety above.
The thin variety has not been written up.

Block showing thin "1" at upper left
and extremely thin "1" at lower left.

<< (top right shows open lower loop of "0" variety)
Likely block position: Rows 7-8. Columns 6-7

Two ten cents and a three cents provisional
used with other issues for total of 45 cents
franking registration (5c) and 40 cents quintu-
ple rate to Paris, 1903. Used on official linen
state stationery, with state crest on flap.
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1903. FIRST PORTRAIT: "10 cents." SURCHARGE ON 4 CENTS VALUE
TALL "1" IN "10" VARIETY

Original values uncalled, very scare in this state

With original values cancelled

Positional block, Row 9, Column 12 showing location of variety (letter "L" instead of "1").

Cancellation of the original values was done manually.
1903. FIRST PORTRAIT: "50 Cents." SURCHARGE ON $3 VALUE

Scarce in multiple

Postal usage  Fiscal usage
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1903. FIRST PORTRAIT: “One Dollar” SURCHARGE ON $2 VALUE

“e” of “One” inverted. Major error, scarce.

Normal overprints

Rare in multiple

Major break in canceling bar
Cancelling bar break in two locations

These surcharge flaws are not described in the literature. Locations in sheet unknown.
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1904. FIRST PORTRAIT: "10 CENTS" SURCHARGE ON 4 CENTS YELLOW

Large blocks of this surcharge are scarce

Johore Bahru cancel
Muar (Bandar Maharani)

The surcharges were likely typeset as two rows of 12, from which five stereos were produced to cover the 10 x 12 format of the sheet. Thus, theoretically there are 24 minor varieties (considering letter size and positioning). These variations are apparent in large multiples.
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1904. FIRST PORTRAIT: "10 CENTS" SURCHARGE ON 4 CENTS GREEN

Thin and short "S" variety on third stamp.
Unreported in philatelic literature

Johore Bahru cancel
Johore Bahru cancel

Issued four months following the 10 cents surcharge on 4 cents yellow.
While the surcharges appear to have used the stereotypes from the prior issue, the setting was different. There are less visible variations, and horizontal alignment of the letters were more even.
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1904. FIRST PORTRAIT: "50 CENTS" SURCHARGE ON $5 VALUE

Scarce in multiple

Used with earlier surcharged stamps on registered letter to Singapore, May 3, 1904 is five days earlier than issue date per the London philatelic press.