1903. SECOND PORTRAIT: DIE PROOFS

Die proof mounted in sunk card dated July 8, 1903 initiated as approved by Post Master General (P.M.G.) Johore Unique. Ex De La Rue archives.

Die proof of head vignetter “BEFORE HARDENING” Ex De La Rue archives.
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1903 - 1904. SECOND PORTRAIT: DIE PROOFS

Die proof for head plate with value tablets and frame surround still uncleared
Ex De La Rue archives. Possibly unique.

Die proof for head plate with value tablets cleared for duty plate; dated and initialled
Unique item ex De La Rue archives.
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1904. SECOND PORTRAIT: NEW HEAD PLATE AND NEW VALUES

Printer's proofs for head plate with second portrait and duty plates for new 8 cent value (with solid background) and three new higher dollar values. Orders noted for 240 leads plus 6 extra for head plate, and 120 leads each for duty plates.

Unique. Ex De La Rue archives.

Printings were from the upper half of Plate No. 1 (12 x 10 format), featuring a co-extensive single jubilee line broken at the perforation positions, except in columns 6 and 7. Plate numbers were placed on the margins of columns 2 and 11.
Three and one cents paying letter rate, Muar (Bandar Maharani) to India in 1907.
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1904. SECOND PORTRAIT: PRINTINGS ON SINGLE ROSETTE WATERMARKED, ORDINARY PAPER

Two and one cents paying postcard rate, Johore Bahru to Boston in 1905.
The stamps were printed only from the upper half of Plate 1 (12 x 10 format). Blocks above are from the first six columns, the upper from the top five rows, and the lower from the bottom two rows. Jubilee line from the head plate surround the stamps.
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1904.  SECOND PORTRAIT: THE LOWER DOLLARS VALUES

Value tablet using prior plate, in lined background

Newer low dollar values from first portrait of sultan, on solid background.
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1904. SECOND PORTRAIT: THE TEN DOLLARS VALUE

Die for duty plate
Ex De La Rue archives.

The new dollar values are set on a white background.

Specimen
Scarce in multiple

Fiscal usages
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1904. SECOND PORTRAIT: THE FIFTY DOLLARS VALUE

Die for duty plate
Ex De La Rue archives.

This high value was used primarily for fiscal purposes.

Scarce in multiple

Fiscal usages
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1904. SECOND PORTRAIT: THE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS VALUE

Die for duty plate
Ex De La Rue archives.

This high value was used primarily for fiscal purposes.

Scarce in multiple

Fiscal usages
1910. SECOND PORTRAIT: PRINTINGS ON SINGLE ROSETTE WATERMARKED, CHALK-SURFACED PAPER

The original printings were on ordinary, watermarked paper. The one, two and ten cent values were also printed later on chalk-surfaced paper.
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1912. SECOND PORTRAIT: "3 CENTS." OVERPRINT ON 8 CENTS ON SINGLE ROSETTE WATERMARKED PAPER

Muar, April 7?, 1912

Johore, April 13, 1912

Singapore, April 13, 1912

Defective "T" appears in at least two positions in the pane. Some examples show the "T" almost omitted, which might have turned into the "T" omitted variety later on in the printing.

Paquebot mail from Muar to Singapore; stamp cancelled by Singapore post office. This provisional was in use only for a short period, as the regular supply of 3 cents arrived on April 19, 1912.
The initial printings on multiple rosette watermarked paper (horizontal) were only made for the three, four and ten cents values. Subsequent printings for all cent values and the one dollar stamp were made on vertical watermarked paper.

Printed on upper half of Plate 1. The plate number does not appear on the bottom margin of column 2.
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1910. SECOND PORTRAIT: PRINTINGS ON HORIZONTAL MULTIPLE ROSETTE WATERMARKED, CHALK-SURFACED PAPER

Three cents value and one cent single rosette watermarked stamp used on foreign postcard rate to Germany, 1912.

Three cents stamp used on postcard to England in early 1912. The 3 cents with vertical multiple watermark was issued in April 1912.
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1912 SECOND PORTRAIT: PRINTINGS ON VERTICAL MULTIPLE
ROSETTE WATERMARKED, CHALK-SURFACED PAPER
IMPERFORATE PLATE ROOFS

These plate proofs as single copies are scarce. Blocks of four or other multiples are scarcer.
It is unclear why the paper was switched from rosette watermark horizontal to vertical.
Probably the paper mill supplier changed the format of cutting the blank sheets.
As with the single rosette, and horizontal multiple rosette watermarked issues, these plate proofs and the issued stamps were printed from Plate 1 in two operations. The surrounding marginal line was printed by and in the same color as the head plate.

The plate blocks in these two pages all come from Row 1-2, Columns 7 - 8, the column positions verified by the half-point markings at the left top margin.