

**BARRED NUMERAL
CANCELLATIONS
OF
ENGLAND
AND
WALES**

JOHN PARMENTER, DAVID LUCKLY,
KEN SMITH

PROF. CEDRIC PRYS-ROBERTS (WALES)



DEVON

BARRED NUMERAL CANCELLATIONS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

JOHN PARMENTER DAVID LUCKLY KEN SMITH
WITH
PROF. CEDRIC PRYS-ROBERTS (WALES)

This download is from the six-volume edition published between 2011&2013 by
John Parmenter 23 Jeffreys Road, London SW4 6QU.

It incorporates the following:

- 1/ Status of the Offices that used barred numeral cancellations.
- 2/ A list of the Sub Offices of major Offices that used barred numeral cancels.
- 3/ The later numeral allocations that were made after barred numerals ceased to be issued.

Dates, codes and times in red are new to the published volumes.

Dates of a change in status are derived largely from the Post Office Guide for January of each year, if a change occurs in say the 1865 edition, it actually took place sometime in 1864.

Status of the Offices

Head Post Offices / Post Town collected, sorted, cancelled and distributed mail from and to a series of Subordinate Offices.

The address of mail sent to a place with a Head Office would end just with the name of the town i.e. Bedford.

Independent Sub Offices evolved in the second half of the 19th Century having an address that was independent of the nearest Head Office, most of their mail could come straight to them.

Mail sent to these addresses ended with S.O. and the county name.

i.e. Shefford S.O. Beds. (from 1873 to 1886)

Railway Sub Offices (R.S.O.)

These were offices that received and sent their mail to a travelling railway post office rather than a conventional head office.

i.e. Shefford R.S.O. Beds. (from 1886 to 1905)

When the term "Railway Sub Office" was abolished in 1905, these became Independent Sub Offices; in 1909 they became Post Towns. Although the term R.S.O. was abolished in 1905 it remained in use in many cds's for several years afterwards.

Subordinate Offices The address of mail sent there had to include the name of the Head Office:-

i.e. Potton, Biggleswade. (1844 to 1854)

i.e. Potton, St Neots. (1854 to 1872)

i.e. Potton, Sandy. (1872 to present)

These normally received and sent most of their mail direct to a Head Office.

In the text the dates given are for the length of time that they were sub offices not the period of use of barred numerals.

A Sub Office in an urban environment, before 1892 was called a Town Receiving Office.

LETTER BOXES.

Pillar Boxes and Wall Boxes, did not normally have their own cancellation, exception were Late Fee Letter Boxes at Railway Stations. The cancellation was applied either in the Travelling Post Office, eg. Euston Square Station with its provincial style 964 cancellation, or in transit the Manchester/Liverpool/Leeds/Bradford Late Box cancellations which were cancelled in London.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE CANCELLATIONS:

1844 type for the single obliterators issued to all the offices in the lists to 1850.



1844

3HOS is a 3 Bar Horizontal Oval Single obliterator

The 3HOS replaced the 1844 type in the 1850's. They can sometimes be very similar in that the 1844's can have three bars at the top and base. The key characteristic to separate these from a subsequently issued 3HOS is the length of the uppermost and lowermost bars. These are long in the 1844 type and short and often convex in the 3HOS. The figure 4 almost always has a serif on the horizontal bar in 1844s and is always sans serif in the 3HOSs.



3HOS



3TH.HOS

4VOS is a 4 Bar Vertical Oval Single obliterator

3VOS is a 3 Bar Vertical Oval Single obliterator

Obliterators that were first issued as a 4VOS can through wear and local recutting become a 3VOS or indeed rarely a 2VOS. As these always derive from the original 4VOS they are placed in that category. The evidence is that the size of the figures and letters stay the same despite the reduction in the number of bars. True 3VOS's are separately proofed as such and frequently replace a 4VOS.



4VOS



3VOS



3CD

3 bar Circular oval Duplex



4VOD



3VOD

Spoon and **sideways duplex** are pre-existing categories that have been used

4 bar Vertical Oval Duplex 3 bar Vertical Oval Duplex

3VODX A distinctive pattern of 3VOD was sent to 21 towns on 10 MAY1873. In the Proof Books the cds and obliterator were separately entered, with the cds often at an angle and some distance from the obliterator. In use the cds and obliterator were also some distance apart, they were the first 3VOD cancels to be issued. They are often described as a 3VOS in the literature. Of the 21, three are common Birmingham, Manchester and Cheltenham, 11 are very rare, and 7 have never been seen. They might have been for use in an experimental new style of handstamp or cancelling machine. Whatever the nature of the experiment it appears to not to have been successful.

ILLUSTRATIONS

The majority of the illustrations are face different Proof Book entries. These have been photocopied from photocopies held in the Post Office archive.

There are very few examples of the 1844 type in the Proof Books, most examples in the catalogue have been traced from actual examples.

If there are two identical copies of a cancel entered at the same in the Proof Books this can often be shown to be the issue of two different cancels. The official stamping the entry found it easier to make two impressions of the same cancel rather than one of each.

DATE OF ISSUE

The date attached to each illustration is the first date of entry in the Proof Books. Just the month and year are quoted because of the ambiguities in the various possible dates: -

1/ The date a cancellation was sent to a Head Office, this was not always the final destination.

2/ The date in the cds of the cancellation, this is not always the same as the date sent. It can indeed be almost a year out. Volume 15 of the Proof Books consists of cut outs of cancellations, these are often duplicate entries of cancels that are in other Proof Books - however the cds date in volume 15 can often be much earlier in the year than the date in the other Proof Books. The earlier date is certainly the correct one.

3/ The date a cancel was proofed – this is in a column marked “sent” in the Proof Books.

In the literature any of these three sources could have been used for the “date of issue”.

RARITY & PRICE

The rarity index ranges from A = abundant to H = very few recorded. H* has been used for proofed cancels that have only been recorded on loose stamp.

GPO means that the cancel has only been seen in the Proof Books.

Prices for coloured cancels have not been quoted, there is too much variation.

Prices have not been updated from those quoted in the six volume set issued 2011 to 2013 - i.e. they are at least 10 years old.

POST OFFICE LISTS

The list of numeral allocations comes from a combination of several sources:-

1/ The Official Lists held in various forms in the Post Office Archives and several that are privately held.

2/ Individual changes in allocation listed in the Post Office Circular, which was a set of weekly instructions to Postmasters.

The Official Lists that have been used:-

1844 – contained in Dendy Marshall’s book. Thus seen by Brumell.

1845 - 1847 - 1855 - 1856 - 1857 contained in the relevant Post Office Directory.

1874 - 1882 - 1887 - 1892 - currently available in the Post Office Archives, in their file Post 55. The 1882 list is new, it was not seen or mentioned by Brumell.

1899 - Brumell mentions a list that he had not seen that was quoted by Whitworth (Southport 1905) as the “1899” list. Post Office Archives have an 1887 list with manuscript additions up to about 1900. This is certainly Whitworth’s “1899” list.

1902 - seen and listed by Brumell, but there is no longer a copy in the Post Office Archives.

1906 - currently available in the Post Office Archives, in Post 55. This was the last list used by Brumell.

1924, 1929 and 1949 - these have recently become available in the Post Office Archives, in Post 55, called Post Office Form 1013. They were not available to Mackay.

1954, 1959 - listed by George Pearson in his 1959 publication. The lists are not in the Post Office Archives.

1962 - an original list seen and quoted by Mackay. Given by him in 1990 to the Post Office Archives, but no longer available. A privately held copy has been downloaded from the GBPS website.

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

George Brumell, *British Post Office Numbers 1844 – 1906*. R.C.Alcock Cheltenham 1946 and 1971. The collectors "bible", the first edition had a section on postmarks, which was unfortunately left out of the later 1971 edition. It also contained a good description of earlier books published on Post Office numbers.

George Pearson, *List of Index Numbers used in Surcharge Explanatory and other Stamps in Great Britain and Northern Ireland*. Privately printed 1959. The only source for the 1954 and 1959 lists. A rare publication.

James A. Mackay, *British Post Office Numbers 1924 to 1969*. Published by the author 1981.

A good summary of what information was available at that time.

Marshall, Dendy *The British Post Office from its beginnings to the end of 1925*. Oxford University Press 1926.

An interesting collection of information on the history of stamp issues and an index of people, places and items associated with British Postal history. Contains a good annotated bibliography.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This has been a cooperative effort, with over two hundred and fifty correspondents over the last forty years. Their input varies from a making a few additions to complete editing of whole chapters.

Particular help has been provided over many years by Grahame Blackman and David Tolfrey.

Post Office Archives: Many thanks for all their help in the past, although under the current regime research is becoming increasingly difficult. This follows a general tendency amongst archivists to make preservation the all-pervading priority and making access secondary.

DEVON INDEX

ASHBURTON 29
AXMINSTER 35
BAMPTON 802
BARNSTAPLE 50BEAFORD 055
BEAFORD 055
Beaworthy 465
BIDEFORD 70
BLACKAWTON B80 & B81
BOW 056
BRANDIS CORNER 057
BRAUNTON J56 & 030
BRIDESTOWE 058
BRIXHAM 136
BUCKFASTLEIGH 37 & 130
BUDLEIGH SALTERTON 756
CHAGFORD B29
CHUDLEIGH 202
CHULMLEIGH 203 & 059
CHURSTON FERRERS 985 & G85
COLYTON 36
Combe Martin 015
COPPLESTONE 010
CREDITON 229
CULLOMPTON 214
DARTMOOR FPO G17
DARTMOOR RST G18
DARTMOUTH 237
DAWLISH 239
DEVONPORT 250
DOLTON 062
EGGESFORD 042
ERMEBRIDGE 281
ERMINGTON F21
EXBOURNE 063
EXETER 285
EXMOUTH 286
FREMINGTON A23
HALWELL B83 & B84
HARBERTON B81 & B83
HARBERTONFORD B80 & B82
HATHERLEIGH 589 & 703 & 349
HIGHAMPTON 012
HOLSWORTHY 440
HONITON 376
HORRABRIDGE B95
ILFRACOMBE 400 & 156

INSTOW A24
IVYBRIDGE 408
JUMP B96
KINGSBRIDGE 418
KNOCKERSKNOWLE B97
LEWDOWN 064
LIFTON 065 & 435
Loddiswell K89
LYMPSTONE B68
LYNMOUTH 970 & K72
LYNTON 944
MODBURY 282
MORCHARD BISHOP 067
MORETON HAMPSTEAD B28
MORTHOE J57
MOUNTS B82 & B84
NEWTON ABBOT 567
NORTH TAWTON 013 & 571
OKEHAMPTON 588
OTTERTON 955
OTTERY ST.MARY 377
PAIGNTON B69 & 584 & 805A
PLYMOUTH 620 & G91?
PLYMPTON 621
PRINCETOWN B98
ROBOROUGH B96
Salcombe 675
SAMPFORD COURTENAY 070
SEATON 37 & H22 & 722
SIDMOUTH 712
South Brent 740
SOUTH MOLTON 724
STARCROSS B90
STONEHOUSE G09
TAVISTOCK 780
TEIGNMOUTH 782
TIVERTON 800
TOPSHAM 804
TORQUAY 805
TORRINGTON 806
TOTNES 807
WEMBWORTHY 071
WINKLEIGH 072 & 435
WITHERIDGE 014 & 070
WRAFTON J55
YEALMPTON 928

DEVON 29-35

29 ASHBURTON

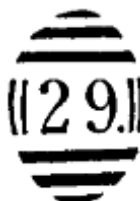
Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Newton Abbot 1855 to 1874, Railway Sub Office 1874 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1933, Sub Office of Newton Abbot 1933 to present.

Ashburton was allocated number 29 in the lists from 1844 to 1906

Number 29 was later allocated to Ashted, Surrey in the 1937 to 1962 lists.



1844
APR1844



3VOS
JUL1879



3VOS
MAY1883

1844 Used from 1 MAY1844 to 18 JUN1879 Price A £5

1844 in blue Used from 16 JUL1850 to 9 FEB1852

1844 in green Used in 16 AUG1852

3VOS Used from 8 NOV1879 to 8 AUG1882 (& ppc in 1921) Price F £40

35 AXMINSTER

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Axminster was allocated number 35 in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 36 Colyton 1844 to 1901, 37 & H22 Seaton 1844 to 1901.



1844
APR1844



3VOS
SEP1875

1844 Used from 1 MAY1844 to 22 JUL1869 Price D £8

Seen in blue

3VOS Used from 24 OCT1881 to 18 DEC1888 Price F £30



4VODA
FEB1870



4VODB
SEP1875

4VODA (Round top three) Used from 30 MAR1870 to 6 MAR1879

Codes: B C D E Price B £4

4VODB (Flat top three) Used from 20 JUN1877 to 7 SEP1880

Codes: A B C E Price C 4

DEVON 35-37



3VOD Used from 14 OCT1879 to 20 OCT1880 Codes: A B D E Price E £20
Squared Circles in use: DEC1880 to JAN1906

36 COLYTON

Sub Office of Axminster 1844 to 1901, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1901 to present. Colyton was allocated number 36 in the lists from 1844 to 1857. Number 36 was later allocated to Madley (Heref) in 1874 to 1906 and Audenshaw, Manchester in the 1947 to 1962 lists.

1844 Used from 8 JUL1844 to 31 OCT1866 Price F £60+

Occurs with a Colyton penny post receiving house mark and an Axminster cds.

1844 in blue Used in 30 APR1852



1844
APR1844

37 SEATON

Sub Office of Axminster 1844 to 1901, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1901 to ? Branch Office to Modifies Scale Post Office in 1994.

Seaton was allocated number 37 in the lists from 1844 to 1857, H22 from 1887 to 1906 and 722 from 1924 to 1962.

Number 37 was later allocated to Buckfastleigh in the 1874 to 1906 lists and then to Basildon in the 1952 to 1962 lists.

1844 Used from 26 SEP1844 to 31 OCT1866 Price F £60+

Occurs with a Seaton penny post receiving house mark and a cds. of Axminster



1844
APR1844

37 BUCKFASTLEIGH

Sub Office of Ashburton 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Newton Abbot 1855 to 1874, Railway Sub Office 1874 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to Present.

The 37 3VOSA was issued in 1874 when Buckfastleigh became a RSO.

Buckfastleigh was allocated number 37 in the lists from 1874 to 1906 and 130 in the lists from 1925 to 1962.



3VOSA
JAN1874



3VOSB
AUG1879

3VOSA Used from 16 SEP1874 to 10 JAN1879 Price G £60

3VOSB (by 1882 a 2VOS) Used from 24 OCT1879 to 10 AUG1898 Price C £20

DEVON 50

50 BARNSTAPLE

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Barnstaple was allocated number 50 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 055 Beaford 1855 to 1856, A23 Fremington 1845 to 1860, A24 Instow 1844 to 1858, 970 Lynmouth 1848 to 1903, 944 Lynton 1844 to 1903.



1844 Used from 5 JUL1844 to 28 JAN1852 Price B £5 Seen in green and blue

1844A (Ring around obliterator) Used from 21 FEB1862 to 24 JUL1866 Price H £150+

This occurs prior to its first entry in the Proof Books

An example without the outer rim seen used on 17 MAR1867



3HOS Used from 30 NOV1853 to 18 MAY1874 Price C £3



4VOS Used from 3 FEB1871 to 22 SEP1874 Price H £80

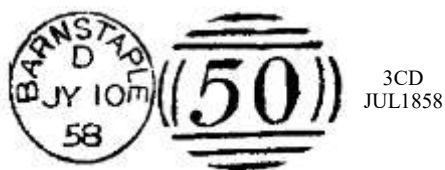
3VOS Used from 2 AUG1880 to 4 SEP1917 Price H £50



SDWYS II Used from 24 NOV1855 to 5 SEP1857 Code: B Dinv Price B £15

SDWYS II in green Used from 24 NOV1855 to 5 SEP1857

DEVON 50-70



3CD
JUL1858



4CD
NOV1863

3CD Used from 3 JAN1859 to 26 OCT1864 Codes: B C Price C £3

4CD Used from 15 MAR1864 to 4 FEB1902 Codes: B C D I J N Price B £3



4VOD
MAR1868



4VOD
MAR1870



4VOD
JUN1872



4VOD
SEP1873

4VOD Time in code Used from 28 SEP1868 to 19 APR1894

Codes: C D E F H L O Price A £3

4VOD Time in full Used from 28 DEC1895 to 26 DEC1905

Times: 930AM 1015AM 145PM 230PM 315PM 330PM 430PM 6PM 715PM 730PM 745PM 8PM Price A £3



3VOD
SEP1882

3VOD Used from 28 DEC1895 to 19 NOV1912

Times: 430AM 5AM 545AM 6AM 1015AM 11AM 130PM 145PM 245PM 3PM 630PM 715PM 730PM none(xmas) Price A £3

Squared Circles in use: AUG1881 to FEB1902

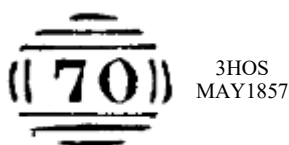
70 BIDEFORD

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Bireford was allocated number 70 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
MAY1857



3HOS
JUN1861

DEVON 70-136

1844 Used from 7 MAY1844 to 25 NOV1879 Price C £5

3HOS Used from 12 NOV1857 to 30 NOV1874 Price C £5 Seen in blue



3VOS
FEB1880



3CD
APR1862

3VOS Used from 27 MAY1881 to 23 JUN1941 Price H £60

3CD Used from 30 DEC1862 to 25 NOV1879 Codes: B C Price B £3



4VOD
AUG1870



4VOD
JAN1873

4VOD Time in code Used from 20 DEC1870 to 10 DEC1891 Codes: B C D Price B £3

4VOD Time in full Used from 15 JAN1897 to 2 JUL1898

Times: 1030AM 3PM 545PM 6PM 7PM Price E £5



3VOD
FEB1880

3VOD Time in code Used from 29 APR1880 to 24 DEC1894 Codes: B C D G ID Price A £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 17 JUN1895 to 6 SEP1905

Times: 6AM 730AM 915AM 945AM 105AM 1015AM 115PM 130PM 3PM 6PM 7PM

Price A £3

3VOD1 (1 cut in basal bars) Used from 2 MAY1898 to 20 OCT1908

Times: 5AM 6AM 8AM 915AM 1015AM 115PM 3PM 315PM 545PM 6PM 7PM 715PM Price

A £3 Squared Circles in use: SEP1889 to SEP1912

130 Buckfastleigh

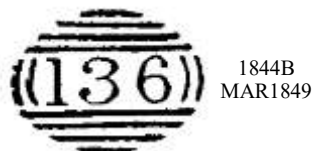
Buckfastleigh was allocated number 37 in the lists from 1874 to 1906 and 130 in the lists from 1925 to 1962

136 BRIXHAM

Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Torquay 1855 to 1862, Railway Sub Office 1862 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to present.

Brixham was allocated number 136 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.

DEVON 136-156



1844A (Flat 3) Used from 9 MAR1845 to 29 MAR1848 Price F £25

1844B (Round 3) Used from 9 JUL1849 to 1 APR1860 Price E £20



3HOS Used from 22 AUG1860 to 3 AUG1866 Price G £40

4VOS Used from 5 MAR1869 to 4 JAN1871 Price H £80



4VOD Used from 24 AUG1871 to 25 JUN1892 Codes: A B C Price D £8

3VOD Time in code Used from 11 JUL1878 to 11 SEP1903 Codes: A B Binv C D E

Price A £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 23 JAN1904 to 24 DEC1911

Times: 115AM 945AM 1115AM 145PM 2PM 230PM 315PM 330PM 730PM 745PM 945PM

156 ILFRACOMBE

Error of number 156 in a 3VOS instead of 400.

Only seen used on Board of Trade Returns used in June 1897

156 3VOS X Used on 26 JUN1897 Price H £200+



3VOS X NOT ENTERED
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

DEVON 220-214

202 CHUDLEIGH

Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Newton Abbot 1855 to 1893, Railway Sub Office 1893 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1931, Sub Office of Newton Abbot 1931 to present.

Chudleigh was allocated number 202 in the lists from 1844 to 1906.

Number 202 was later allocated to Coggleshall in the 1924 to 1962 lists.



1844 Used from 11 JUL 1844 to 1 APR 1878 Price C £8

3VOS Used from 11 OCT 1879 to 3 MAY 1881 Price G £80

203 CHULMLEIGH

Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Exeter 1855 to 1856, Sub Office of Crediton 1856 to 1860 (See Crediton), Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1872, Head Post Office 1872 to present.

Chumleigh to 1879 then Chulmleigh.

Chulmleigh was allocated number 203 in the lists from 1844 to 1857 and 059 in the lists from 1874 to 1962.

Number 203 was later allocated to Bwlch (Brec) in the 1882 to 1906 lists and then to Horley, Surrey in the 1928 to 1962 lists.

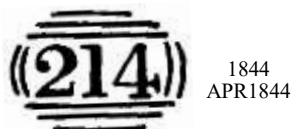
1844 Used from 25 OCT 1844 to 27 NOV 1856 Price F £60+



214 CULLOMPTON

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Cullompton was allocated number 214 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 Used from 27 MAY 1844 to 5 FEB 1881 Price A £5

1844 in blue Used from 12 AUG 1851 to 10 AUG 1865

4VOD Used from 16 FEB 1866 to 12 MAR 1879 Codes: C D E F Price B £4

DEVON 214-229



3VODA (Sloping serif on figure one) Used from 10 SEP1874 to 21 OCT1879

Code: E F Price F £15

3VODB (Straight serif on figure one) Time in code Used from 26 APR1880 to 30 JAN1895

Codes: C D E F Price D £6

3VODB (Straight serif on figure one) Time in full Used from 6 AUG1895 to 24 DEC1904

Times: 1045AM 11AM 1PM 15PM 2PM 4PM 415PM 730PM 815PM 830PM 9PM 910PM
915PM 815 830 Price A £2

Squared Circles in use: JUN1881 to NOV1888

229 CREDITON

Head Post Office 1844 to 1856, Sub Office of Exeter 1856 to 1859, Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1872, Head Post Office 1872 to 1964, Salaried Sub Office 1964 to present.

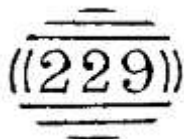
Crediton from 1856 to 1860 was reduced in status and had Exeter as a Head Office. It still had many subordinate offices. It was either a very early Independent Sub Office or a Railway Sub Office. Prior to 1861 no hint of whether or not an office was a Railway Sub Office can be obtained from the Post Office Guides.

Crediton was allocated number 229 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 055 Beaford 1856 to 1860, 058 Bridestowe 1856 to 1859, 442 Bude (Corn) 1857 to 1860, 059 Chumleigh 1856 to 1860, 010 Copplesstone 1844 to 1855 & 1856 to 1860, 062 Dolton 1856 to 1860, 042 Eggesford 1855 to 1856, 063 Exbourne 1856 to 1860, 589 Hatherleigh 1857 to 1860, 012 Highampton 1848 to 1855, 440 Holsworthy 1857 to 1860, 064 Lewdown 1856 to 1860, 065 Lifton 1856 to 1860, 067 Morchard Bishop 1857 to 1860, 013 North Tawton 1844 to 1855 & 1856 to 1860 588 Okehampton 1857 to 1860, 070 Sampford Courtenay 1857 to 1860, 441 Stratton (Corn) 1857 to 1860, 806 Torrington 1857 to 1860, 071 Wembworthy 1856 to 1860, 072 Winkleigh 1844 to 1860, 014 Witheridge 1844 to 1860.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
JUL1855



3HOS
DEC1857



3HOS
OCT1863

1844 Used from 1 APR1845 to 18 DEC1854 Price D £10

1844 in blue Used in 1850

3HOS Used from 26 JUN1856 to 7 MAR1867 Price C £5

DEVON 229-237



4VOS Used from 20 APR1868 to 31 MAR1869 Price H £60

3VOS No dated copies recorded Price H* £60+ (Price if found on dated cover)



4VOD
JAN1870



4VOD
MAR1870



4VOD
NOV1872



4VOD
SEP1874



4VOD
SEP1876



4VOD
OCT1877

4VOD Used from 3 MAR1870 to 21 SEP1880 Codes: B C Price C £4



3VOD
OCT1878

3VOD Used from 3 JAN1879 to 8 FEB1887 Code: C Price F £25

A total of only seven covers have been recorded and yet there were seven different 3VOD's entered in the Proof Books between OCT1878 and JAN1887.

Squared Circles in use: NOV1880 to APR1894.

237 DARTMOUTH

Head Post Office 1844 to 1920, Salaried Sub Office 1920 to present.

Dartmouth was allocated number 237 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Number 237 was allocated to Darwen in the 1924 list - assumed to be in error.

DEVON 237-239



1844
APR1844



3HOS
OCT1856

1844 Used from 10 JUN1844 to 18 APR1854 Price D £10

1844 in blue Used from 28 APR1851 to JAN1854

3HOS Used from 5 DEC1856 to 6 SEP1866 Price B £4



4VOS
SEP1866



4VOD
OCT1864

4VOS Used from 13 OCT1866 to 15 JUN1868 Price H £80

4VOD Used from 13 OCT1866 to 13 AUG1884 Codes: A B C L Price A £4



3VOD
AUG1878



3VOD
OCT1884

3VOD Used from 18 SEP1884 to 19 DEC1893 Codes: A B C D E Price C £3

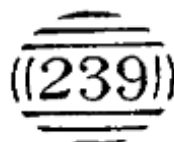
239 DAWLISH

Head Post Office 1844 to ? Branch Office to Franchised Post Office in 1997.

Dawlsh was allocated number 239 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
DEC1857

1844 Used from 25 MAR1845 to 25 SEP1867 Price D £10

1844 in blue Used on 17 APR1852

3HOS Used from 7 APR1858 to 1 JUN1867 Price D £8

DEVON 239-250



4/3VOS
MAR1869



3VOS
OCT1878

4/3VOS (Curved topped three) Used from 16 DEC1869 to 17 NOV1877 Price D £15
3VOS (Flat topped three) GPO



4VOD
AUG1871



3VOD
OCT1878

4VOD Used from 16 DEC1871 to 7 NOV1877 Codes: B D Price B £4
3VOD Time in code Used from 24 OCT1878 to 8 JAN1901 Codes: B C D E F G Price A £2
3VOD Time in full Used from 4 JAN1902 to 23 DEC1904
Times: 830AM 945AM 1145AM 12PM 1215PM 2PM 215PM 430PM 715PM 930PM 945PM
Price A £2
Squared Circles in use: MAR1881 to NOV1903

250 DEVONPORT

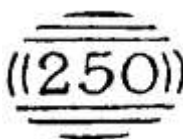
Head Post Office 1844 to 1915, Branch Office of Plymouth 1915 to present.

Devonport was allocated number 250 in the lists from 1844 to 1924.

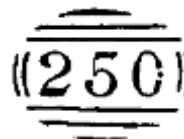
Sub Offices (that used barred numerals): -251 St Germans (Corn) 1844 to 1860, 252 Torpoint (Corn) 1844 to 1903.



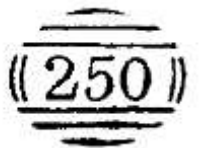
1844
APR1844



3HOS
APR1851



3HOS
SEP1855



3HOS
MAY1858



3HOS
MAR1859



3HOS
APR1859



3HOS
FEB1866

1844 Used from 28 MAY1844 to 25 MAY1852 Price A £5

1844 in blue Used in 1850

3HOS Used from 30 OCT1851 to 10 MAR1893 Price A £4

All the Proof Book entries are illustrated. A series of recuts were not proofed, some had two bars top and bottom these were in use from the 1850's to the 1880's

3HOS in blue Used from 28 DEC1851 to 9 MAY1857

DEVON 250



SDWYSX II JUN1854



SDWYS II JUL1856

SDWYS IIX (620) Used from 29 JUN1854 to 12 DEC1857 Codes: A B C D E Price C £120
 620 can be judged to be an error of number. The first sideways duplex was issued to Devonport in JUN 1854 with the number 620 of Plymouth, rather than the 250 of Devonport, which was at that time a Head Office with its own number 250.
SDWYS II (250) Used from 15 OCT1856 to 29 JUN1857 Codes: B Cinv D E Price D £15
SDWYS II in green (250) Used on 9 MAR1857



SDWYS III JUN1857



SDWYS VIII DEC1857

SDWYS III Used from 15 JUL1857 to 17 DEC1857 Codes: B C D Price F £30
SDWYS VIII Used from 22 JAN1858 to 6 JAN1862 Codes: B D Price C £10



3CD
APR1858



3CD
MAR1859

3CD Used from 30 APR1858 to 4 JAN1868 Codes: A B C D E 8 Price A £3



4VOD
JAN1868



4VOD
JAN1868



4VOD
SEP1871

DEVON 250



4VOD
FEB1873



4VOD
NOV1875



4VOD
NOV1875



4VOD
MAR1876



4VOD
SEP1877



4VOD
SEP1877

4VOD Time in code Used from 9 APR1868 to 1 AUG1880 Price A £3

All nine Proof Book entries are now illustrated.

It does appear that a cancellation can be entered in the Proof Books with a single aperture cds and be found in use with a double one.

The codes used for the various issues and their handstamp identification numbers are given below:

- 10 - C D
- 01 - C D E
- 1 - A B C D F Finv G H Hsdwys J
- 2 - A F H K
- Other codes AinvV C DO F3 1L G H

4VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 22 AUG1894 to 22 APR1896

Codes: K*A AA*P AL*P C*P E*P H*P IC*P KF*P KH*P Price E £8

4VOD Time in full Used from 22 OCT1896 to 14 MAY1899

Times: 2AM 10AM 215PM 3PM 330PM 7PM 8PM Price D £3



4VOD.HMS
JUL1868

4VOD.HMS Used from 6 NOV1868 to 19 DEC1872 Codes: B D none Price G £500+

Used on soldiers and sailors letters arriving in Devonport from overseas.



3VOD Time in code Used from 28 OCT1878 to 31 DEC1893 Price A £3

There are three Proof Book entries with different handstamp identification numbers :-

22 JAN1878 issue:- with the handstamp identification number 3:-

Used from 5 APR1878 to 2 FEB1880 Codes: A F H Price E £6

13 MAY1880 issue :- handstamp identification number 1 on the right:-

Used from 9 JUN1880 to 8 MAR1881 and a later recut 28 MAR1892 to 5 AUG1893

Codes: F H K L M M inv Price C £2

17 JUL1881 issue:- handstamp identification number 1 on the left:-

Used from 3 NOV1881 to 3 JAN1887 Codes: A F H K L Minv Price B £2

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 25 MAY1894 to 10 SEP1896

Codes: KH A AL*P BF*P E*P G*P H*P IC*P KF*P Price D £8

3VOD Time in full Used from 16 NOV1897 to 14 MAY1904 Times: 1045AM 8PM

Price H £15

Squared Circles in use: AUG1880 to DEC1905

281 ERMEBRIDGE

Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Ivybridge 1856 to 1858,

Changed its name to Ermington (number F21) in May 1858,

Ermebridge was allocated number 281 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 281 was later allocated to Madeley in the 1882 to 1906 lists and

then to Ebbw Vale (Monm) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 282 Modbury 1844 to 1855.

1844 Used from 29 MAY1844 to **20 JUL1858** Price G £80+

1844 in blue Used on 3JUN1851



1844
APR1844

282 MODBURY

Sub Office of Ermebridge 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Ivybridge 1855 to 1922,

Post Town 1922 to 1936, Sub Office of Ivybridge 1936 to present.

Modbury was allocated number 282 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 282 was later allocated to Dawley (Salop) in the 1882 to 1906 lists,

Englefield Green, Surrey in the 1924 list, Egham, Surrey in the 1929 to 1962 lists.

1844 Used from 21 JUN1844 to 15 APR1858 Price D £30

Occurs with a straight line Modbury and Ermebridge cds



1844
APR1844

285 EXETER

I have indicated some of the number of Proof Book entries to show how many there were for a typically busy office. The percentage of new issues/recuts that were entered in the Proof Books, varies from a few in the 40's, a majority in the 50's and 60's, declining to about 20% in the late 70's and ceasing in 1887.

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Exeter was allocated number 285 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Offices (that used barred numerals):- 056 Bow 1855 to 1859, 057 Brandis Corner 1856 to 1859, 058 Bridestowe 1855 to 1856, 442 Bude (Corn) 1855, 756 Budleigh Salterton 1855 to 1862, 059 Chulmleigh 1855 to 1856, 010 Copplestone 1855 to 1856, 229 Crediton 1856 to 1859, 062 Dolton 1855 to 1856, 063 Exbourne 1855 to 1856, 286 Exmouth 1859 to 1864, 589 Hatherleigh 1855 to 1857, 012 Highampton 1855 to 1859, 440 Holsworthy 1855 to 1856, 064 Lewdown 1855 to 1856, 065 Lifton 1854 to 1856, B68 Lympstone 1845 to 1864 & 1875 to 1902, 067 Morchard Bishop 1855 to 1857, B28 Moreton Hampstead 1844 to 1884, 013 North Tawton 1855 to 1856, 588 Okehampton 1855 to 1857, 955 Otterton 1844 to 1864, 377 Ottery St Mary 1855 to 1873, 070 Sampford Courtenay 1855 to 1856, 441 Stratton (Corn) 1855 to 1857, 804 Topsham 1859 to 1864 & 1875 to 1901, 806 Torrington 1856, 071 Wembworthy 1855 to 1856.



1844
APR1844



1844
AUG1848

1844 Used from 2 MAY1844 to 19 JUL1852 Price A £5 There are several subtypes.
1844 in blue Used in 1849



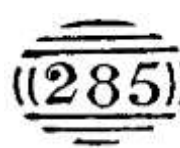
3HOS
FEB1849



3HOS
MAR1851



3HOS
OCT1853



3HOS
SEP1855



3HOS JAN1856 SENT
TO EXETER STATION



3HOS
MAR1857



3HOS
NOV1861



3HOS
JUL1864

3HOS Used from 13 MAR1849 to 22 OCT1863 Price A £4



3TH.HOS
SEP1864



3VOS
JAN1873

3TH.HOS Used on 12 DEC1867 Price H £ 40

3VOS Used from 4 OCT1875 to 22 JUL1965 Price G £40 pre 1900, £15 post 1900

Five entries between JAN1873 & MAY1880. Was used as a precancel on newspaper wrappers for the Western Times & Gazette

3VOS in red Used on 22 JUL1965



SDWYS II JUN1855



SDWYS II JUN1856



SDWYS IV JAN1857

SDWYS II Used from: 12 JUL1855 to 6 OCT1857

Codes: B C D E F G H K L none Price A £20

Two entries JUN1855 & JUN1856

SDWYS II in green Used from: 10 JAN1857 to 23 JAN1857

SDWYS IV Used from: 12 FEB1857 to 9 MAY1864

Codes: B Binv C Csdwys D E F G H K L Price A £10



3CDA
SEP1857



3CDB
APR1858



4CD
NOV1863

3CDA (16mm cds) Used from: 30 SEP1857 to 13 OCT1868

Codes: E F G H K Price A £60 Six entries between SEP1857 & FEB1868

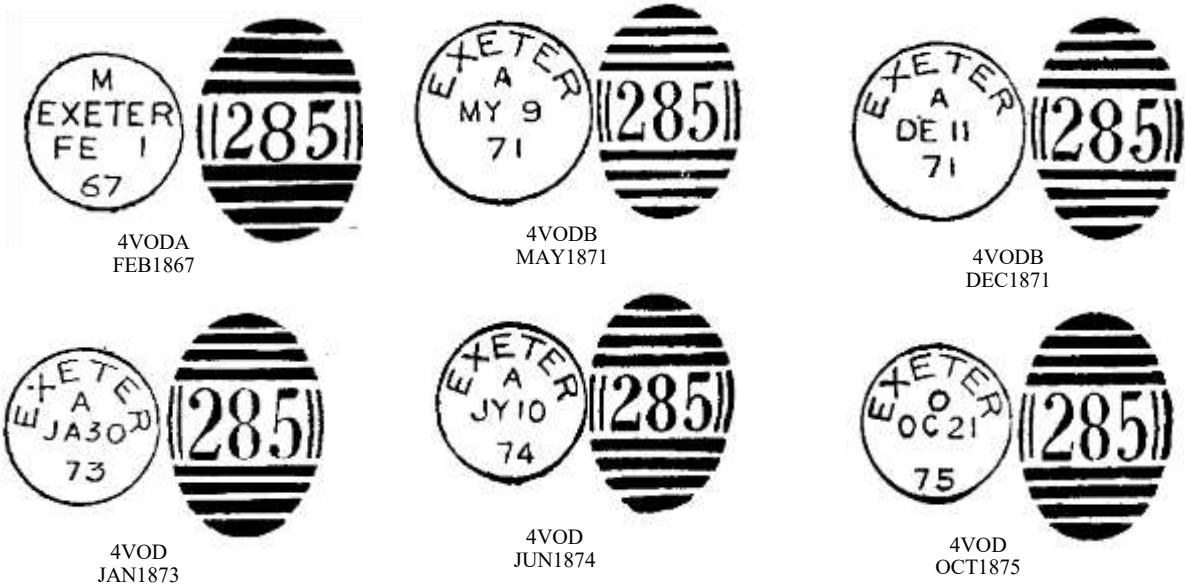
3CDB (19mm cds) Used from: 18 MAY1858 to 13 OCT1868

Codes: C D E H K L Price A £3 Five entries and one duplicate between APR1858 & DEC1863

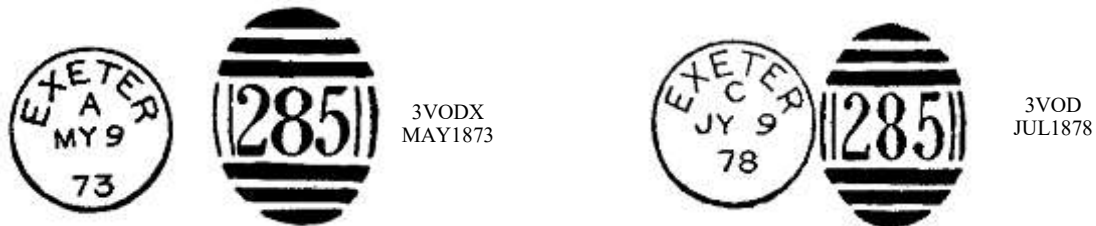
4CD Used from: 14 NOV1863 to 10 AUG1875

Codes: C D E F H K L Price A £2 Two entries and one duplicate between NOV1863 & APR1867.

DEVON 285



4VODA (Straight Exeter) 7 FEB1867 to 13 FEB1876 Codes: A B C E F K L Price A £3
 Two entries FEB1867 & FEB1869. Then two unproofed subtypes in the 1870s
4VODB (Curved Exeter) 20JUN1871 to 6MAR1882 Codes: C E F H I J K L M O Z D1
 Price A £3
 All five entries are now illustrated. At least nine unproofed subtypes occur after FEB1876.



3VODX (cds at an angle) Used from 10 NOV1873 to 16 APR1878 Codes: K O Price H £100+
 Similar 3VODXs were issued to 21 towns on 10 MAY1873. Of the 21, three are common Birmingham, Manchester and Cheltenham, 11 are very rare, and 7 have never been seen. They might have been for use in a new style of handstamp or cancelling machine. Whatever the nature of the experiment it appears to have been a failure.
 In the Proof Books the cds and obliterator were separately entered, with the cds often at an angle and some distance from the obliterator. They were the first 3VOD cancels to be issued.
3VOD Time in code (Normal pattern 3VOD) Used from: 2 OCT1878 to 2 APR1895
 Price A £2
 Eleven entries between JUL1878 & MAR1887. All with a single code, the two part code came into use after AUG1889 when new issues were no longer being proofed. Numbers 1 to 7 are for handstamp identification.
 Single codes / C D E J K L M N O P R S T U Z 3
 Handstamp identification numbers:

1 / J L M O P R R R	5 / H H L O P
2 / D F L L N O R R	6 / F F F H H K K L O R R
3 / F H H L L L M M M O P	7 / A K K M O T
4 / F H H L O R R S	

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 30 MAY1894 to 17 JUL1897

Codes: II*A BH*P C *P CH*P E*P I*P IC*P II*P MC*P Price F £12

3VOD Time in full Used from 16 OCT1898 to 14 MAY1904

Times: 815AM 330PM 4PM 615PM 630PM 815PM 915PM 930PM 945PM Price D £3

3VOD1 (1 cut in basal bars) Time in asterisk code Used from 13 AUG1894 to 5 NOV1897

Codes: KC*A AC*P CF*P CG*P DI*P FC*P I*P IC*P K*P MA*P MF*P Price F £8

3VOD1 (1 cut in basal bars) Time in full Used from 1 MAR1898 to 20 SEP1903

Times: 1AM 930AM 1030AM 1015AM 1215PM 115PM 3PM 330PM 445PM 845PM 9PM 915PM 1045PM Price A £3

3VOD2 (2 cut in basal bars) Used from 17 APR1895 to 20 SEP1903

Times: 130AM 1215PM 615PM 915PM Price G £12

3VOD3 (3 cut in basal bars) Time in asterisk code Used from 24 APR1895 to 19 MAR1897

Codes: CF*P DK*P FC*P FK*P I*P IC*P MC*P Price F £8

3VOD3 (3 cut in basal bars) Time in full Used from 26 FEB1898 to 26 NOV1900

Times: 1215PM 330PM 9PM 915PM Price G £12

3VOD4 (4 cut in basal bars) Time in asterisk code Used from 10 SEP1895 to 25 JAN1897

Codes: AF*A IC*A DK*P I*P IC*P MA*P MF*P Price F £8

3VOD4 (4 cut in basal bars) Time in full Used from 2 JUN1898 to 11 JUN1901

Times: 1115AM 1215PM 4PM 615PM 9PM 915PM 945PM Price C £3

3VOD5 (5 cut in basal bars) Used from 3 MAR1896 to 22 JAN1904

Times: 130AM 1115AM 1215PM 125PM 3PM 415PM 615PM 9PM 915PM Price B £3

3VOD6S & 6L There are at least two intermediate sized 6's between the 2.7mm and 3.2mm figures, it is better that they are placed together:-

3VOD6 (6 cut in basal bars) Used from 23 MAY1895 to 2 DEC1903

Times: 1AM 130AM 1115AM 1215PM 1230PM 115PM 2PM 3PM 330PM 445PM 515PM 615PM 830PM 9PM 915PM 10PM Price A £3

3VOD7 (7 cut in basal bars) Used from 8 FEB1903 to 11 SEP1904

Times: 1215PM 2PM 245PM 530PM 9PM 915PM Price E £8

3VOD8S (Small 8 cut in basal bars) Used from 18 MAR1898 to 31 MAR1900

Times: 1130AM 445PM 915PM Price F £8

3VOD8L (Large 8 cut in basal bars) Used from 26 FEB1900 to 28 FEB1907

Times: 1215PM 115PM 330PM 9PM 915PM Price D £3

3VOD9S (Small 9 cut in basal bars) Used from 26 AUG1898 to 1 AUG1899

Time: 915PM Price H £15

3VOD9L (Large 9 cut in basal bars) Used from 2 OCT1904 to 20 JAN1908

Times: 645PM 915PM Price G £12

3VODb (Blank cut in basal bars) Used on 24 AUG1898 Time: 915PM Price H £25

3VODZ (Letter Z cut in basal bars) Time in code Used on 27 MAY1897

Code: Z Price H £50 Illustrated below:

3VODZ (Letter Z cut in basal bars) Time in asterisk code Used on 9 JAN1895

Code IC*P Price H £50

Squared Circles in use: DEC1880 to JUN1903

Z CODE IS FOR
TOO LATE



DEVON 286-376

286 EXMOUTH

Head Post Office 1844 to 1859. Sub Office of Exeter 1859 to 1864. Railway Sub Office 1864 to 1872. Head Post Office 1872 to present.

Exmouth was allocated number 286 in the lists from 1844 to 1962



1844
APR1844



3HOS
OCT1855

1844 Used from 16 AUG1844 to JAN1853 Price E £15

3HOS Used from 5 NOV1855 to 15 NOV1866 Price C £4



4VOS
OCT1868



3VOS
AUG1874



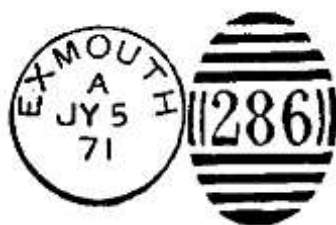
3VOS
AUG1876



3VOS
SEP1876

4VOS Used from 17 NOV1869 to 16 SEP1873 Price H £60+

3VOS Used from 9 OCT1874 to 12 FEB1969 Price G £30 pre 1900, £15 post 1900



4VOD
JUL1871



This looks genuine, but there is no evidence that Exmouth was ever allocated any number beginning with C. It is on a cover to London

4VOD Used from 7 JUL1872 to 28 JUL1887 Code: B C Price G £50

Square Circles in use: JUN1881 to DEC1894

349 HATHERLEIGH

Hatherleigh was allocated number 589 in the lists from 1844 to 1857, 703 from 1882 to 1905 and 349 1924 to 1962

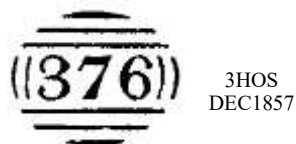
376 HONITON

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Honiton was allocated number 376 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 377 Ottery St Mary 1849 to 1855.

DEVON 376



1844 Used from 4 MAY1844 to 8 MAR1855 Price C £5
3HOS Used from 31 DEC1860 to 15 APR1872 Price D £5



3VOS Used from 17 MAY1876 to 29 APR1884 Price G £40
SDWYS II Used from 21 APR1855 to 23 SEP1875 Codes: A B C Cinv none Price A £15



4VODA (Straight Honiton) Used from 23 APR1870 to 12 FEB1880 Codes: B C Price C £4
4VODB (Curved Honiton) Used from 3 OCT1874 to 20 OCT1895 Codes: A B C E Price A



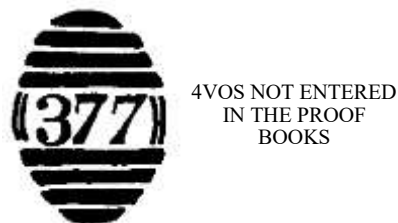
3VOD Time in code Used from 29 APR1885 to 27 MAR1886 Code: C D Price H £25
3VOD Time in full Used from 18 AUG1896 to 17 AUG1898
 Times: 645PM 845PM Price E £15
 Squared Circles in use: MAR1881 to APR1908

DEVON 377-400

377 OTTERY ST.MARY

Sub Office of Honiton 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Exeter 1855 to 1873, Independent Sub Office 1873 to 1874, Head Post Office 1874 to 1904, Railway Sub Office 1904 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to present.

Ottery St Mary was allocated number 377 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 Used from 11 FEB1848 to 25 OCT1871 Price A £5

4VOS Used from 25 JAN1872 to 6 FEB1876 Price F £50 19thC. £20 20thC.



4VOD Time in code Used from 14 FEB1874 to 6 FEB1880 Codes: C D Price D £6

4VOD Time in full Used from 8 JAN1897 to 29 DEC1903

Times: 12PM 2PM 6PM 8PM 1015PM Price B £3

Squared Circles in use: MAY1881 to MAY1907

400 ILFRACOMBE

Head Post Office 1844 to ? Branch office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1995.

Ilfracombe was allocated number 400 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
JUL1857



3HOS
MAY1860



3HOS
APR1863

1844 Used from 19 SEP1844 to 7 DEC1849 Price H £50

3HOS Used from 26 JAN1858 to 19 OCT1865 Price F £20

3HOS seen in blue used on 21 MAR1851

DEVON 400-408



4VOS
SEP1866

3VOS NOT
ENTERED IN THE
PROOF BOOKS
COPIES ARE TOO
POOR TO
REPRODUCE



3VOS X ERROR OF NUMBER NOT
ENTERED IN THE PROOF BOOKS

4VOS Used from 27 SEP1866 to 22 SEP1867 Price H £60+

The example used on 22 SEP1867 has the 400 looking like 100, the horizontal bar is missing on the figure 4.

3VOS Used from 29 JUN1897 to 28 JUL1924 Price H £50

Used to cancel a postage due stamps.

156 3VOS X Used on 26 JUN1897 Price H £200+

Error of number only seen used on Board of Trade Returns in June 1897



4VOD
AUG1868



4VOD
MAY1870

4VOD Used from 22 SEP1868 to 24 SEP1908 Codes: A B C E F G Price A £4

Squared Circles in use: NOV1880 to FEB1905

408 IVYBRIDGE

Head Post Office 1844 to 1907, Salaried Sub Office 1907 to present.

Ivybridge was allocated number 408 in the lists from 1844 to 1924.

Number 408 was later allocated to Kirkby Lonsdale (Westmd) in the 1929 to 1962 lists.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 281 Ermebridge 1856 to 1858, F21 Ermington 1858 to 1922, 282 Modbury 1855 to 1922.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
SEP1858

1844 Used from 29 MAR1847 to 14 SEP1858 Price E £15

3HOS Used from 9 MAR1859 to 29 OCT1872 Price C £3



3VOS
MAR1878



3CD
FEB1863

DEVON 408-418

3VOS Used from 14 SEP1878 to 24 OCT1899 Price H £60+
3CD Used from 9 JUL1863 to 18 APR1872 Codes: B C D Price C £4



4VOD
APR1872



3VOD
MAR1878

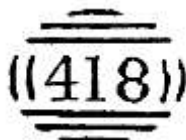
4VOD Used from 11 MAY1872 to 23 JUN1894 Codes: A C D Price C £4
3VOD Used from 31 JUL1878 to 5 JUL1894 Codes: A D E F H Price D £8
 The 4VOD and 3VOD overlap in use, the codes remain distinct.
 Squared Circles in use: APR1881 to AUG1907

418 KINGSBRIDGE

Head Post Office 1844 to 1968, Salaried Sub Office 1968 to ? Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1995.
 Kingsbridge was allocated number 418 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
OCT1852



3HOS
OCT1853

1844 Used from 10 SEP1844 to 11 FEB1852 Price D £12
1844 in blue Used from 14 SEP1844 to 11 FEB1852
1844 in green Used on 20 NOV1851
3HOS Used from 14 MAR1853 to 2 JUL1867 Price C £6



4VOSA
JAN1866



4VOSB
JUN1872

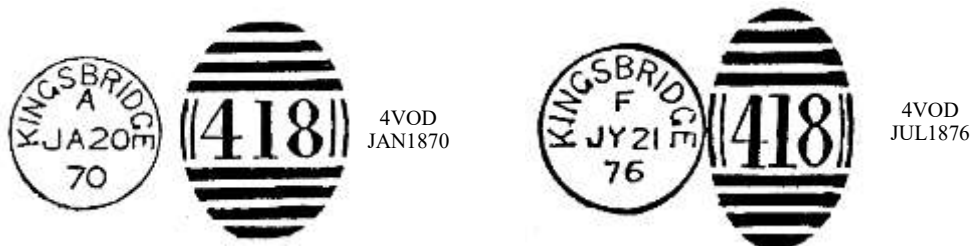
4VOSA (8.5mm high figs) Used from 20 APR1866 to 8 JUN1871 Price G £40
4VOSB (5.5mm high figs) Used from 7 FEB1874 to 19 FEB1876 Price H £50



3VOS
AUG1874

DEVON 418-440

3VOS Used on 23 SEP1875 Price H £60+



4VOD Used from 6 JUN1874 to 8 MAY1899 Codes: A C D F Price A £4



3VOD Used from 24 FEB1880 to 29 MAY1900 Codes: B C D F Price F £25
Squared Circles in use: DEC1880 to JAN1900

435 Lifton

Lifton was allocated number 065 in the lists from 1874 to 1906 and 435 from 1933 to 1959
435 Winkliegh

Winkliegh was allocated number 072 in the lists from 1874 to 1906 and 435 in 1963

440 HOLSWORTHY

Sub Office of Launceston 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Exeter 1855 to 1856, Sub Office of Crediton 1857 to 1860 (See Crediton), Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1872, Head Post Office 1872 to present.
Holsworthy was allocated number 440 in the lists from 1844 to 1962



1844 Used from DEC1844 to MAR1851 Price G £50

1844 in blue Used in MAR1851 (may be either an 1844 or 3HOS)

3HOS Used from 31 MAY1853 to 2 JUN1869 Price E £12

3HOS in blue Used in APR1851

DEVON 440-567



4VOS
SEP1871



4VOD
JAN1873

4VOS Used from 6 DEC1871 to 9 NOV1879 Price H £60+

4VOD Used from 7 JUL1873 to 28 MAY1879 Code: B Price D £8



3VOD
JUL1879



3VOD
MAY1884

3VOD Time in code Used from 31 JUL1879 to 9 SEP1895 Codes: B D E F Price A £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 22 OCT1895 to 23 DEC1905

Times: 830AM 930AM 1015AM 1030AM 1045AM 2PM 215PM 4PM 430PM 7PM 75PM
715PM Price A £3

Squared Circles in use: JAN1889 to JUL1906

465 Beaworthy

Beaworthy was allocated number 465 in the 1963 list

567 NEWTON ABBOT

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Newton Abbot was allocated number 567 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.

*Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 29 Ashburton 1855 to 1874, B29 Chagford 1884 to 1903,
202 Chudleigh 1855 to 1893.*



1844
APR1844



3HOS
MAY1860



3HOS
OCT1861

1844 Used from 18 JUL1844 to 21 JUN1858 Price B £5

3HOS Used from 27 MAR1860 to 20 NOV1869 Price F £8

The 3HOS proofed in OCT1861 is very similar to the 1844 type.

DEVON 567



4VOS
DEC1870



3VOSA
OCT1873



3VOSB
MAY1878

4VOS Used from 1 JUL1871 to 2 SEP1872 Price H £60+
3VOSA (567 No dot) Used from 14 MAR1874 to 27 APR1878 Price E £20
3VOSB (567. with dot) Used from 19 JUN1878 to 3 AUG1880 and late usage on 25 AUG1965
 Price E £20
 Appears as a 2VOS through wear and recutting from JUL1879 onwards.



SDWYS II APR1857



3CD
AUG1860

SDWYS II Used from 16 APR1857 to 1 MAY1860 Codes: B D Dinv E F Price B £10
3CD Used from 27 NOV1860 to 6 DEC1865 Codes: D H none Price D £8



4VOD
JAN1866



4VOD
FEB1870

4VOD Used from 7 MAR1866 to 10 FEB1881 Codes: A D E O V 7 none Price A £3



3VOD
DEC1882



3VOD
MAY1887

3VOD Time in code Used from 18 JUN1884 to 7 JUN1898 Codes: C D E F G H K M O P R
 Price A £3
3VOD Time in full Used from 15 OCT1896 to 5 JUN1903
 Times: 9AM 1130AM 1PM 245PM 315PM 830PM 845PM Price A £3
 Squared Circles in use: FEB1881 to SEP1906

DEVON 588

571 North Tawton

North Tawton was allocated number 013 in the lists from 1855 to 1906 and 571 from 1924 to 1962

584 Paignton

Paignton was allocated number B69 in the lists from 1874 to 1924, 584 from 1926 to 1929 and 805A from 1929 to 1962

588 OKEHAMPTON

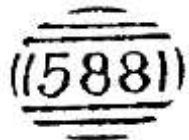
Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Exeter 1855 to 1857, Sub Office of Crediton 1857 to 1860 (See Crediton), Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1873, Head Post Office 1873 to ? Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1993.

Okehampton was allocated number 588 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 589 Hatherleigh 1844 to 1855.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
AUG1853

1844 Used from 30 APR1845 to 24 MAY1853 Price C £5

3HOS Used from 10 DEC1854 to 25 JUL1871 Price C £5



4VOS
OCT1871



3VOS
NOV1878

4VOS Used from **7 NOV1871** to 22 JAN1876 Price G £60

3VOS Used from 7 JUL1879 to 15 JUL1961 Price H £60 pre 1900, £20 post 1900

Becomes a 2VOS through wear and recutting.



4VOD
APR1873

4VOD Time in code Used from 27 SEP1873 to 3 MAY1881 Codes: A B Price E £8

4VOD Time in full Used from **13 JUN1903** to 31 AUG1906

Times: 245AM 9AM 1030AM 245PM 530PM 730PM 740PM 745PM Price A £2



3VOD Time in code Used from 21 NOV1879 to 20 DEC1894 Codes: A B C D Price B £3

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 30 APR1895 to 30 MAR1898

Codes: I*A BI*P DF*P GF*P H*P Price D £8

3VOD Time in full Used from 6 JUL1898 to 1 OCT1909

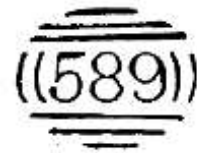
Times: 9AM 10AM 1130AM 5PM 730PM 745PM 830PM 10PM 730 Price A £3

589 HATHERLEIGH

Sub Office of Oakhampton 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Exeter 1855 to 1857, Sub Office of Crediton 1857 to 1860 (See Crediton), Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1931, Sub Office of Oakhampton 1931 to present.

Hatherleigh was allocated number 589 in the lists from 1844 to 1857, 703 from 1882 to 1905 and 349 1924 to 1962.

Number 589 was later allocated to Grasmere (Westmd) in the 1882 to 1906 lists and then Oakengates (Salop) in the 1924 to 1949 lists.



3HOS
APR1851

1844 GPO

3HOS Used from 5 NOV1851 to 13 JAN1873 Price G £80+

Seen in blue

620 PLYMOUTH

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Plymouth was allocated number 620 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.

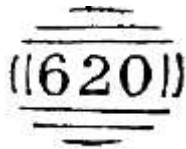
Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 781 Callington (Corn) 1852 to 1859, B06 Hatt (Corn) 1854 to 1860, B97 Knockersknowle 1844 to 1864, B08 St Mellion (Corn) 1855 to 1860.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
MAR1851



3HOS
MAY1858



3HOS
JAN1861



3HOS
OCT1863

1844 Used from 10 MAY1844 to 15 FEB1853 Price A £5

3HOS Used from 10 APR1851 to 19 OCT1863 Price A £5

3HOS in blue Used from 10 OCT1851 to 24 NOV1851

It is sometimes difficult separate the 1844 and 3HOS types, the former is 12mm to 14mm wide the latter 8mm to 10mm wide, the third bar top and base is longer in the 1844 type.

DEVON 620

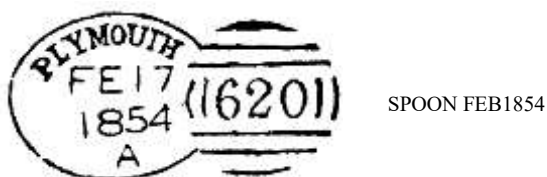


4VOS Used from 16 OCT1871 to 5 JAN1889 Price G £50 19thC to £8 late 20thC

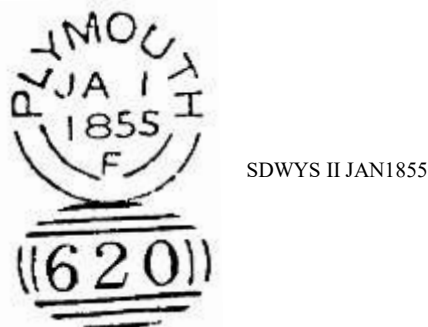
4VOS in green Used from 21 JAN1959 to 27 APR1973

4VOS in bright red Used on 11 DEC1933

The AUG1872 issue becomes a 3VOS with time.



SPOON Used from 28 FEB1854 to 10 OCT1857 Codes: A B C D E F 8 Price A £20



SDWYS IIX (Devonport in the cds) Used from 29 JUN1854 to 12 DEC1857

Codes: A B C D E Price C £120

SDWYS II (Plymouth in the cds) Used from 6 JAN1855 to 31 JAN1860

Codes: B C Cinv D E F Price A £10



3CD Used from 11 MAY1858 to 13 APR1867 Codes: A B C D E F H Inverted A B C D E
Price A £3

3CD in blue Used on 16 OCT1858

DEVON 620



4VOD
MAR1865



4VOD
MAY1871



4VOD
JUL1872

4VOD Used from 16 JUL1865 to 22 JAN1886 Price A £3

The first seven Proof Book entries had single letter codes, in use 1865 to 1875.

Single codes A B C D E F H J K L O M X inverted – B C D E sideways – A H

In NOV1875 a set of four with handstamp numbers 1 to 4 were issued. Codes:-

1 / C F J L

3 / B F J

2 / J K L M N O

4 / L N O X



4VOD.HMS
OCT1870

4VOD HMS Used from 2 MAR1875 to 7 NOV1878 D E none Used on soldiers and sailors letters arriving in Devonport from overseas - mostly Ascension. Price H £500+



3VODX
MAY1873



3VOD
MAY1879

3VODX (cds at an angle) Used from 26 NOV1873 to 9 MAR1874 Codes: C D E Einv Price F £50

Similar 3VODXs were issued to 21 towns on 10 MAY1873. Of the 21, three are common Birmingham, Manchester and Cheltenham, 11 are very rare, and 7 have never been seen.

They might have been for use in a new style of handstamp or cancelling machine. Whatever the nature of the experiment it appears to have been a failure.

In the Proof Books the cds and obliterator were separately entered, with the cds often at an angle and some distance from the obliterator. They were the first 3VOD cancels to be issued.

3VOD Time in code Used from 2 JUN1879 to 27 JUL1894 Price A £2

The early issues between May1879 & Feb1883 used handstamp numbers 1,2 & 3. Codes for each handstamp:-

1 / C E F L M N

2 / F H J K L M N O P

3 / A N P S

3VOD Codes continued:

3VOD continued:

In JAN1886 a set came into use with numbers 48,49,53,&54:

48 / C D E N 49 / F K N 53 / N O P 54 / F N

In the 1890s another set numbered 4,5,6,&7:

4 / P R 5 / D H P O S 6 / P 7 / N O P

There were also rarely used single codes:

C E Einv K L M N O P

3VOD Time in code in blue Used on 13 OCT1885 Code: N

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 7 AUG1894 to 9 DEC1895

Codes: KH*A LD*A CK*P GK*P Price H £15

3VOD Time in full Used from 2 JAN1896 to 8 JUN1908

Times: 345AM 10AM 1030AM 1115AM 1130AM 1230PM 145PM 3PM 315PM 515PM 545PM
615PM 645PM 730PM 830PM 1115PM 1130PM Price A £3

When time in full came into use the handstamp identification number was placed in a gap in the basal bars.

3VOD1 (1 cut in basal bars) Used from 1 JAN1896 to 27 APR1905

Times: 145AM 745AM 815AM 10AM 1030AM 115AM 145PM 3PM 515PM 630PM 730PM
745PM none Price A £6 on cover, £3 on ppc

3VOD2 (2 cut in basal bars) Time in asterisk code Used from 5 NOV1894 to 24 DEC1895

Codes: BA*P CF*P CK*P DF*P EA*P EC*P GK*P MK*P Price F £8

3VOD2 (2 cut in basal bars) Time in full Used from 20 SEP1897 to 15 APR1904

Times: 145PM 3PM 315PM 515PM 730PM 745PM Price D £4

3VOD3 (3 cut in basal bars) Time in asterisk code Used from 21 NOV1894 to 22 JUL1895

Codes: CI*A LF*P Price G £12

3VOD3 (3 cut in basal bars) Time in full Used from 31 JAN1898 to 30 OCT1905

Times: 145AM 10AM 1115AM 115PM 145PM 245PM 3PM 330PM 415PM 445PM 515PM
630PM 730PM 745PM 1130PM none Price A £3

3VOD4S (Small 4 cut in basal bars) Used from 3 JAN1896 to 9 JAN1903

Times: 10AM 1145AM 145PM 730PM 830PM 1130PM Price B £3

3VOD4L (Large 4 cut in basal bars) Used from 3 FEB1903 to 28 JUN1904

Times: 10AM 1030AM 1115AM 1PM 145PM 730PM 745PM Price A £3

3VOD5 (5 cut in basal bars) Used from 3 JAN1896 to 2 MAY1904

Times: 145AM 1230PM 145PM 245PM 430PM 515PM 645PM 730PM 745PM 1115PM 1230PM
Price A £2

3VOD6S (Small 6 cut in basal bars) Used from 9 JAN1896 to 9 OCT1901

Times: 1PM 515PM 730PM 745PM 1130PM 1230PM Price E £10

3VOD6L (Large 6 cut in basal bars) Used from 23 JUN1902 to 25 FEB1904

Times: 10AM 1115AM 1PM 145PM 3PM 545PM 730PM 745PM Price C £3

3VOD7 (7 cut in basal bars) Used from 13 JUL1901 to 19 AUG1902

Times: 515PM 730PM Price E £6

3VOD8S & L (8 cut in basal bars) There are at least four different size figure eight, they have all been placed together:-

3VOD8 (8 cut in basal bars) Used from 26 OCT1900 to 24 MAY1904

Times: 1115AM 145PM 215PM 3PM 330PM 445PM 515PM 630PM 730PM 745PM Price A £3

3VOD9 (9 cut in basal bars) Used from 29 DEC1900 to 24 JUN1904

Times: 1245PM 1PM 115PM 145PM 345PM 515PM 730PM 745PM 1115PM 1230PM
Price A £3

Squared Circles in use: SEP1880 to DEC1905

DEVON 620-621

STONEHOUSE PLYMOUTH:- Sub Office of Plymouth 1844 to Present, as a Town Receiving House 1857 to 1889, Branch Office 1889 to 1973 and a Town Sub Office 1973 to present.

3VODS (Stonehouse Plymouth in the cds)

Used from 10 AUG1882 to 17 SEP1888

Codes: C E I Price G £60+

Squared Circles in use: JAN1881 to FEB1882



3VODS
JUL1882

621 PLYMPTON

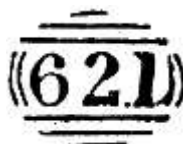
Head Post Office 1844 to 1907, Salaried Sub Office 1907 to 1936, Sub Office of Plymouth 1936 to Present, a Town Sub Office 1966 to present.

Plympton was allocated number 621 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 928 Yealmpton 1855 to 1889.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
JAN1857

1844 Used from 4 OCT1845 to 14 DEC1856 Price G £40

3HOS Used from 21 OCT1857 to 12 JAN1867 Price E £15



4VOS
MAR1870



4VOD
AUG1876

4VOS Used from 30 APR1870 to 8 MAY1876 Price E £20

Becomes a 3VOS through wear and recutting.

4VOD Used from 20 APR1877 to 7 JAN1887 Codes: B C D E G Price C £5



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

DEVON 621-712

3VOD Time in code 13 AUG1889 to 6 NOV1902 Codes: A B C D E F G H I J Price B £3

3VOD Time in full 26 SEP1901 to 6 OCT1909

Times: 545AM 830AM 845AM 9AM 10AM 1030AM 11AM 1215PM 1230PM 1245PM 125PM
330PM 345PM 4PM 445PM 5PM 7PM 730PM 8PM 845PM 10PM Price A £3

Squared Circles in use: AUG1881 to NOV1886

675 Salcombe

Salcombe was allocated number 675 in the lists from 1926 to 1962

703 HATHERLEIGH

Sub Office of Oakhampton 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Exeter 1855 to 1857, Sub Office of Crediton 1857 to 1860 (See Crediton), Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1931, Sub Office of Oakhampton 1931 to present.

Hatherleigh was allocated number 589 in the lists from 1844 to 1857, 703 from 1882 to 1905 and 349 from 1924 to 1962

Number 703 was first allocated to Queen Camel (Som) 1844 to 1857 and later allocated to Shaw (Lancs) in the 1924 to 1962 lists.

3VOS No dated copies recorded Price H* £100++ (Price if found on dated cover)

Squared Circles in use: MAY1883 to MAY1909



3VOS
AUG1876

712 SIDMOUTH

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Sidmouth was allocated number 712 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 756 Budleigh Salterton 1844 to 1855.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
DEC1857

1844 Used from 7 FEB1845 to 19 DEC1857 Price A £5

3HOS Used from 19 DEC1857 to 29 JUL1866 Price D £8



4VOS
DEC1868



3VOS
NOV1882

4VOS GPO

3VOS Used on 8 DEC1883 Price H £60+

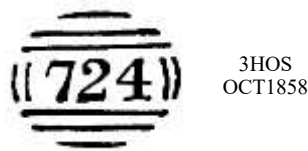
DEVON 712-724



4VOD Used from 10 MAR1867 to 12 JUL1902 Codes: A B C D E F I Price A £4
 Squared Circles in use: JUL1881 to DEC1914

722 Seaton
 Seaton was allocated number 37 in the lists from 1844 to 1857, H22 from 1887 to 1906 and 722 from 1924 to 1962

724 SOUTH MOLTON
 Head Post Office 1844 to 1860, Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1873, Head Post Office 1873 to 1920, Salaried Sub Office 1920 to present.
 South Molton was allocated number 724 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.
Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 042 Eggesford 1852 to 1855.



1844 Used from 2 AUG1844 to 3 JUL1858 Price D £8
3HOS Used from 12 OCT1858 to 30 JAN1867 Price C £5



4VOS Used from 1 JAN1868 to 3 JAN1838 Price F £40
3VOS Used from 12 DEC1872 to 1 JUL1878 Price H £60+



DEVON 724-780

4VOD Used from 26 NOV1873 to 18 FEB1898

Codes: B D E Price B £4

3VOD Time in code Used from 12 JAN1879 to 11 OCT1901

Codes: B C D E Price B £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 14 MAY1902 to 4 JAN1905

Times: 630AM 845AM 1110AM 1115AM 230PM 330PM 645PM Price A £3

Squared Circles in use: JUL1881 to DEC1911

740 South Brent

South Brent was allocated number 740 in the lists from 1924 to 1962

756 BUDLEIGH SALTERTON

Sub Office of Sidmouth 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Exeter 1855 to 1862, Railway Sub Office 1862 to 1875, Independent Sub Office 1875 to 1902, Railway Sub Office 1902 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to present.

Budleigh Salterton was allocated number 756 in the lists from 1874 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 955 Otterton 1864 to 1872.



1844
APR1844



4VOS
MAY1867

1844 Used from 18 JAN1845 to 22 OCT1862 Price D £8

4VOS Used from 11 SEP1868 to 22 OCT1871 Price G £50



3VOS
DEC1877



4VOD
JAN1872

3VOS Used from 23 DEC1877 to 5 JAN1881 Price F £35

4VOD Used from 28 FEB1872 to 18 NOV1877 Codes: A B C Cinv Price D £8

Squared Circles in use: AUG1881 to SEP1894

780 TAVISTOCK

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Tavistock was allocated number 780 in the lists from 1844 to 1962

DEVON 780



1844
APR1844



3HOS
AUG1853



3HOS
SEP1853



SENT IN ERROR TO
STAFFORD APR1852

1844 Used from 28 JUL1844 to 19 MAY1854 Price B £5
 1844 in blue Used from JUN1849 to JUL1852
 1844 in brown Used on 23 FEB1849
 3HOS Used from 15 SEP1853 to 28 JUN1867 Price C £5
 3HOSX Error of number 780 was used in Stafford from 3 AUG1852 to 15 JUN1856



4VOS
JAN1868



SDWYS II JAN1856

4VOS GPO

SDWYS II Used from 6 FEB1856 to 23 OCT1858 Codes: A B C E Einv Price D £35



3CD
NOV1858

3CD Used from 6 DEC1858 to 16 APR1869 Codes: A B Binv C D E Einv Price B £4



4VOD
JUL1869



4VOD
DEC1873



4VOD
MAY1877

4VOD Time in code Used from 1 APR1870 to 23 FEB1894

Codes: A B C Cinv D Dinv E Einv F O Price A £2

4VOD Time in full Used from 27 MAY1895 to 23 DEC1910

Times: 7AM 10AM 230PM 6PM 630PM 7PM 715PM 10PM none Price B £2

DEVON 780-782



3VOD
SEP1878

3VOD Used from 10 MAR1879 to 12 OCT1880 Codes: A B C Price E £20
3VOD Time in full This entry has been deleted they are all 4VODs

782 TEIGNMOUTH

Head Post office 1844 to present.

782 allocated to Teignmouth in all the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
OCT1855



3HOS
AUG1858



3HOS
JUN1861

1844 Used from 19 JUL1844 to 11 OCT1855 Price D £8
3HOS Used from 1 JAN1856 to 7 SEP1864 Price C £5



3TH.HOS
DEC1864



4VOS
NOV1867



3VOS
MAY1874

3TH.HOS Used from 31 JUL1865 to 30 AUG1867 Price G £50

4VOS Used from 20 NOV1867 to 25 SEP1871 Price G £40

3VOS Used from 9 AUG1874 to 3 JUL1876 Price G £40



4VOD
OCT1870



4VOD
MAY1877



4VOD
DEC1877

4VOD Used from 7 NOV1870 to 6 DEC1880 Codes: A B E F H Price A £3

DEVON 782-800



AN ERROR OF NUMBER 787 OF TETSWORTH APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SENT FROM THE GPO, BUT NOT SEEN IN USE IN TEIGNMOUTH OR TETSWORTH



3VOD Time in code Used from 26 FEB1876 to 7 FEB1894

Codes: B D E F H I J N P E3 K6 P8 Price A £3 Two part codes occur in the 1890's

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 23 NOV1894 to 3 FEB1895

Code: EI*P HC*P Price H £25

3VOD Time in full Used from 3 JUN1897 to 13 AUG1898

Times: 1115AM 215PM 345PM 815PM 9PM Price G £6

Squared Circles in use: DEC1880 to APR1906

800 TIVERTON

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Tiverton was allocated number 800 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 802 Bampton 1844 to 1874.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
MAR1855



3HOS
MAR1858



3HOS
APR1861



UNDATED ENTRY IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

1844 Used from 2 MAY1844 to 25 SEP1854 Price C £5

3HOS Used from 20 MAY1855 to 18 JUL1866 Price E £12



4VOS
FEB1868



SDWYS II NOV1856

DEVON 800-802

4VOS Used from 13 NOV1868 to 9 MAR1906 Price G £60

Becomes a 3VOS through wear and recutting.

SDWYS II Used from 17 DEC1856 to 13SOCT857 Codes: C none Price F £80

SDWYS in blue Used from 1 MAY1857 to 31 MAY1857

SDWYS in green Used on 17 DEC1856



3CD
MAR1858



3CD
APR1862

3CD Used from 5 AUG1858 to 26 MAY1871 A B C E Price A £3



4VOD
SEP1871



4VOD
JAN1877

4VOD Used from 19 NOV1871 to 29 JAN1890 Codes: C D E F G N Price A £3



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

3VOD Time in code Used from 14 MAY1883 to 26 OCT1894 Codes: D E F G Price C £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 15 APR1895 to 8 OCT1897 Times: 345PM 715PM 815PM
945PM 345 Price G £15

802 BAMPTON

Sub Office of Tiverton 1844 to 1874, Railway Sub Office 1874 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/
Post Town 1905 to 1932, Sub Office of Tiverton 1932 to present.

Bampton was allocated number 802 in the lists from 1844 to 1906.

Number 802 was later allocated to Walton on Thames, Surrey in the 1929 to 1962 lists.

DEVON 802-805



1844
APR1844



3VOS
FEB1878



3VOS
APR1882

1844 Used from 12 JUL1844 to 8 JUL1867 Price E £35
1844 in blue Used from 24 APR1846 to 21 APR1855
1844 in green Used in 1853
3VOS Used from 18 MAR1890 to 27 FEB1891 Price H £80

804 TOPSHAM

Head Post Office 1844 to 1859, Sub Office of Exeter 1859 to 1864, Railway Sub Office 1865 to 1875, Sub Office of Exeter 1875 to 1901, Railway Sub Office 1901 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1913, Sub Office of Exeter 1913 to present a Town Sub Office from 1966.

Topsham was allocated number 804 in the lists from 1844 to 1906.

Number 804 was later allocated to Dowlais (Glam) in the 1928 list and then to Rottingdean, Brighton in the 1951 to 1962 lists.



1844
APR1844



4VOS
NOV1870

1844 Used from 18 JUN1846 to 12 OCT1870 Price F £40+
4VOS Used from 6 JAN1871 to 28 JUL1890 Price F £40+



3VOD
JUN1883

3VOD GPO

805 TORQUAY

Head Post Office 1844 to present.

Torquay was allocated number 805 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 136 Brixham 1855 to 1862.

DEVON 805



1844/3HOS The 1844 and 3HOS are so similar that I cannot tell them apart

Used from 4 JUL1844 to 29 MAR1873 Price C £3

1844/3HOS in blue Used on 26 JAN1857



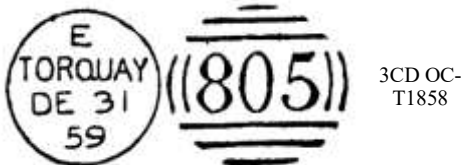
SDWYS II JAN1856

3VOS Used from 25 FEB1880 to 1 JAN1891 Price H £60 on dated cover, £10 undated newspaper wrappers and ppcs

3VOS in blue Used from 8 OCT1879 to 11 OCT1879

SDWYS II Used from 28 FEB1856 to 14 OCT1858 Codes: B Binv C – none Price A £10

SDWYS II in blue-green Used from 9 OCT1856 to 14 OCT1857



3CD Used from 1 DEC1858 to 1 DEC1868 Codes: C D Price A £3

4CD Used from 12 OCT1863 to 17 JUN1870 Codes: A B C D E F H I K M Price A £3



DEVON 805-806

4VODA (Straight Torquay) Used from 16 DEC1868 to 15 SEP1875

Codes: A B D E F H K L M N O none Price A £3

4VODB (Curved Torquay) Time in code Used from 14 APR1873 to 13 APR1894

Codes: A D F H I K L M N O P T W X Price A £3

4VODB (Curved Torquay) Time in asterisk code Used from 7 JAN1896 to 24 DEC1897

Codes: AC*P BH*P H*P HF*P Price G £15



3VOD Time in code Used from 14 OCT1882 to 19 AUG1894

Codes: D E F G H I K O P T W Price A £3

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 27 APR1894 to 2 OCT1895

Codes: CB*A KL*A PHI*A AC*P BC*P BD*P BH*P BK*P DC*P FC*P H*P HF*P Price D £8

3VOD Time in full This entry has been deleted, it was a poor strike of a 3VOD1 or 3VOD2

Handstamp identification numbers cut in basal bars:

3VOD1S (Small 1 cut in basal bars) Used from 14 DEC1895 to 28 APR1900

Times: 845AM 11AM 1145AM 115PM 615PM 8PM 830PM Price C £3

3VOD1L (Large 1 cut in basal bars) Used from 13 DEC1900 to 2 MAY1902

Times: 6AM 830AM 11AM 1145AM 115PM 215PM 615PM 8PM Price A £3

3VOD2 (2 cut in basal bars) Used from 5 JAN1896 to 2 SEP1902

Times: 830AM 11AM 1145AM 215PM 245PM 3PM 345PM 615PM 8PM 9PM Price A £3

805A Paignton

Paignton was allocated number B69 in the lists from 1874 to 1924, 584 from 1926 to 1929 and 805A from 1929 to 1962

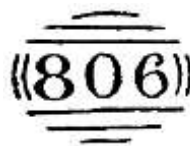
806 TORRINGTON

Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Exeter 1856, Sub Office of Crediton 1857 to 1860 (See Crediton), Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1872, Head Post Office 1872 to 1907, Salaried Sub Office 1907 to present.

Torrington was allocated number 806 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844
APR1844



3HOS
NOV1854

DEVON 806-807

1844 Used from 9 JUN1845 to 31 AUG1852 Price F £25
1844 in blue Used from 1850 to 1852
 3HOS Used from 12 AUG1855 to 21 NOV1872 Price D £8



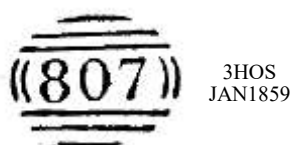
3VOS Used from 4 OCT1875 to 18 JUL1890 Price G £50+
 4VOD Used from DEC1872 to 13 SEP1878 Codes: A C Price E £15



3VOD Time in code Used from 2 APR1879 to 13 JAN1898 Codes: A B C Price D £8
 3VOD Time in asterisk code Used on 26 MAR1895 Code: GB*A Price H £25
 3VOD Time in full Used from 14 NOV1895 to 16 FEB1906
 Times: 7AM 10AM 1PM 115PM 245PM 645PM 7PM 715PM 1045PM Price A £3

807 TOTNES

Head Post Office 1844 to ? Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1994.
 Totnes was allocated number 807 in the lists from 1844 to 1962.



1844 Used from 18 AUG1844 to 19 DEC1858 Price A £5
1844 in blue Used from 13 NOV1851 to MAR1852
 3HOS Used from 27 JAN1859 to 25 MAY1868 Price C £5
3HOS in blue used on 26 DEC1860



DEVON 807-944

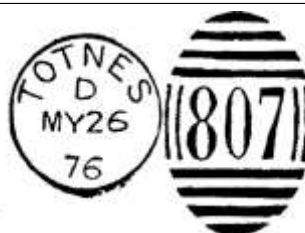
3TH.HOS Used from 28 APR1865 to 1 DEC1870 Price E £25

4VOS Used from 17 FEB1872 to 8 MAY1877 Price F £40

3VOS GPO



4VODA
JAN1870



4VODB
MAY1876

4VODA (Straight Totnes) Used from 10 NOV1870 to JAN1876 Code: C Price C £3

4VODB (Curved Totnes) Used from 8 JAN1877 to 5 SEP1884 Codes: C D E Price E £15



3VOD
NOV1879

3VOD Time in code Used from 23 DEC1879 to 11 DEC1893

Codes: B C D E F Price A £3

3VOD Time in asterisk code Used from 26 OCT1894 to 5 JUL1895

Code: C*P HE*P Price G £15

3VOD Time in full Used from 11 JUL1896 to 24 JUL1909

Times: 845AM 930AM 11AM 1145AM 12PM 12-PM 3PM 3-PM 345PM 4PM 815PM 830PM
845PM 850PM 11PM Price A £2

928 YEALMPTON

Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Plympton 1855 to 1889,

Sub Office of Plymouth 1889 to 1922, Post Town 1922 to 1936,

Sub Office of Plymouth 1936 to present.

Yealmpton was allocated number 928 in the lists from 1844 to 1857.

Number 928 was later allocated to Crowborough Cross, Sussex in the 1882 to 1962 lists.

1844 Used from 19 JUN1844 to 27 AUG1856 Price C £20

1844 in blue Used in MAR1851



1844
APR1844

944 LYNTON

Sub Office of Barnstaple 1844 to 1903, Railway Sub Office 1903 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to present.

Lynton was allocated number 944 in the lists from 1845 to 1962.

DEVON 944-985



1844
APR/DEC1844



3VOS
JUL1886

1844 Used from 29 JUL1845 to 7 JUN1885 Price A £8
3VOS Used from 24 SEP1886 to 18 OCT1887 Price F £40
 Squared Circles in use: SEP1888 to JUN1907

955 OTTERTON

Sub Office of Exeter 1844 to 1864, Sub Office of Budleigh Salterton 1864, Sub Office of Budleigh Salterton RSO 1864 to 1872, Sub Office of Exmouth 1872 to 1876, Sub Office of Budleigh Salterton 1876 to present.
 Otterton was allocated number 955 in the lists from 1847 to 1857.
 Number 955 was later allocated to Southborough, Kent in the 1882 to 1887 lists and then Filton, Bristol in the 1952 to 1959 lists.



1844
JUN1846

1844 Used from 20 OCT1846 to 26 AUG1865 Price F £60+
 Always used at Otterton with or without an Otterton cud. but always with a Budleigh Salterton cds

970 LYNMOUTH

970 allocated to Washford but not used there. Only used at Lynmouth to MAR1860.
 Lynmouth was a Sub Office of Barnstaple 1848 to 1903, Railway Sub Office 1903 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1917, Town Sub Office of Lynton 1917 to present.
 Lynmouth was allocated number K72 in the lists from 1902 to 1906 it was never allocated number 970.



1844 JUN1848 TO
WASHFORD

1844 Used from DEC1848 to 10 MAR1860 Price C £50++
 Occurs with a Lynmouth cud. and a Barnstaple or a Minehead cds.
1844 in blue Used from 1849 to 8 JAN1857
 Squared Circles in use: MAY1892 to OCT1905

985 CHURSTON FERRERS

Error of number 985 in a 3VOD instead of G85.
 Railway Sub Office 1883 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1927, Sub Office of Brixham 1927 to 1969, closed 1969.
 Churston Ferrers was allocated number G85 in the lists from 1887 to 1906.



3VOD
OCT1883

3VOD Used from 2 JAN1886 to 10 AUG1915 Codes: A C D E
 Price D £50 on cover, £25 on ppc

DEVON 010-013

010 COPPLESTONE

Sub Office of Crediton 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Exeter 1855 to 1856, Sub Office of Crediton 1856 to 1860, Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1939, Sub Office of Crediton 1939 to present.

Copplestone was allocated number 010 in the lists from 1855 to 1906.

Number 010 was later allocated to Alresford (Hants) in the 1929 to 1962 lists.

3HOS Used from 2 SEP1853 to 1 MAY1885 Price D £30

3HOS in blue Used from 2SEP1853 to DEC1853

Squared Circles in use: AUG1887 to OCT1915



012 HIGHAMPTON

Sub Office of Crediton 1844 to 1845, Sub Office of Okehampton 1845 to 1848, Sub Office of Crediton 1848 to 1855, Sub Office of Exeter 1855 to 1859, Railway Sub Office 1859 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1925, Sub Office of Beaworthy 1925 to present. Highampton was allocated number 012 in the lists from 1855 to 1906.

Number 012 was later allocated to the Lincoln & Tamworth TPO in the 1928 to 1954 lists.

3HOS Used from 21 FEB1853 to 22 OCT1880 Price F £60+

Occurs with a Highampton cud and an Exeter cds

Squared Circles in use: MAY1881 to SEP1911

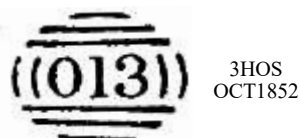


013 NORTH TAWTON

Sub Office of Crediton 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Exeter 1855 to 1856, Sub Office of Crediton 1856 to 1860 (See Crediton), Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to Present.

North Tawton was allocated number 013 in the lists from 1855 to 1906 and 571 from 1924 to 1962.

Number 013 was later allocated to Littleborough (Lancs) in the 1928 to 1962 lists.



3HOS Used from DEC1853 to 10 AUG1870 Price E £25

3HOS in blue Used in DEC1853

3VOS Used on 21 OCT1873 Price H £80+

DEVON 013-042



4VOD
APR1875

4VOD Used from 7 SEP1875 to 26 JUN1880 Code: A Price E £25
Squared Circles in use: MAR1881 to JAN1914

014 WITHERIDGE

Sub Office of Crediton 1844 to 1860 (See Crediton), Sub Office of Morchard Bishop Railway
Sub Office 1860 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1905, Sub Office of
Morchard Bishop 1905 to 1924, Sub Office of Crediton 1924 to 1935, Sub Office of Tiverton to
present.

In Jun1883 an error of number O7O in a 3VOD instead of O14 was sent to Witheridge.

Witheridge was allocated number 014 in the lists from 1855 to 1906.

Number 014 was later allocated to Llandudno Junction (Carn) in the 1928 to 1962 lists.



3HOS
OCT1852



3VOD
SEP1887

3HOS Used from 8 FEB1857 to 9 OCT1880 Price C £15

3HOS in blue Used from 2 JUN1853 to 14 JAN1854

3VOD Time in code Used from 8 JUL1891 to 13JAN1897 Code: A Price H £15

3VOD Time in full Used from 20 JAN1899 to 26 SEP1907

Times: 515PM 545PM 65PM 645PM 645 Price D £8

015 Combe Martin

Combe Martin was allocated number 015 in the 1962 list

030 Braunton

Braunton was allocated number J56 in the lists from 1892 to 1906 and 030 from 1959 to 1962

042 EGGESFORD

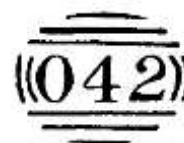
Sub Office of South Molton 1852 to 1855, Sub Office of Crediton 1855 to
1856, closed in 1856.

042 3HOS was issued when Eggesford became a Sub Office of Crediton in
1855.

Eggesford was allocated number 042 in the 1857 list.

Number 042 was later allocated to Sandplace (Corn) in the 1882 to 1924 lists
then to Slaithwaite (Yorks) in the 1962 list.

3HOS Used in NOV1856 H £100++



3HOS
JAN1855

and

DEVON 055-056

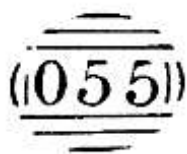
055 BEAFORD

Sub Office of Bideford 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Barnstaple 1855 to 1856, Sub Office of Exeter 1856, Sub Office of Crediton 1856 to 1860 (see Crediton), Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1931, Sub Office of Winkleigh 1931 to present.

055 3HOS was issued when Beaford became a Sub Office of Crediton in 1856.

Beaford was allocated number 055 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

Number 055 was later allocated to Peterlee, Durham in the 1962 list.



3HOS
NOV1856



3VOS
MAY1877

3HOS Used from 25 SEP1857 to 3 APR1877 Price D £20

3VOS Used from 29 MAY1883 to 6 OCT1885 Price H £60+



3VOD
APR1887

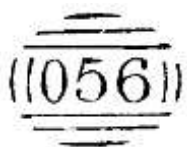
3VOD Used from 12 AUG1892 to 22 OCT1913 Code: A Price C £6

056 BOW

Sub Office of Crediton 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Exeter 1855 to 1859, Railway Sub Office 1859 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1939, Sub Office of Crediton 1939 to present.

Bow was allocated number 056 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

Number 056 was later allocated to Dinas Powis (Glam) in the 1962 list.



3HOS
NOV1856



4VOD
MAY1876

3HOS Used from 4 AUG1860 to 5 JUL1870 Price G £80+

4VOD Used from 31 JUL1877 to 6 FEB1878 Code: C Price H £80+

Squared Circles in use: JAN1882 to JUL1905

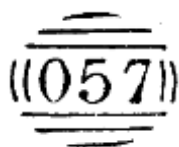
DEVON 057-059

057 BRANDIS CORNER

Sub Office of Exeter 1856 to 1859, Railway Sub Office 1859 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1946, Sub Office of Holsworthy 1946 to Present.

Brandis Corner was allocated number 057 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

Number 057 was later allocated to Hengoed (Glam) in the 1962 list.



3HOS
NOV1856



4VOS
DEC1871

3HOS Used from 30 DEC1861 to 8 DEC1871 Price G £80+

4VOS Used from 16 JUL1872 to 23 SEP1880 Price D £45

Squared Circles in use: MAY1881 to APR1912

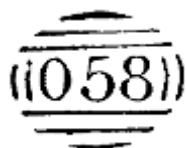
058 BRIDESTOWE

Sub Office of Okehampton 1845 to 1855, Sub Office of Exeter 1855 to 1856, Sub Office of Crediton 1856 to 1860 (see Crediton), Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1939, Sub Office of Okehampton 1939 to present.

058 3HOS was issued when Bridestow became a Sub Office of Crediton in 1856.

Bridestow was allocated number 058 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

Number 058 was later allocated to Pontyclun (Glam) in the 1962 list.



3HOS
NOV1856



3VOS
OCT1878

3HOS Used from 11 JUL1858 to 30 JUL1873 Price F £60+

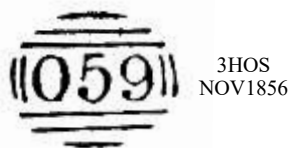
3VOS Used from 5 APR1880 to 29 JUL1896 Price F £60+

059 CHULMLEIGH

Head Post Office 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Exeter 1855 to 1856, Sub Office of Crediton 1856 to 1860 (See Crediton), Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1872, Head Post Office 1872 to present. Chumleigh to 1879 then Chulmleigh.)

Chulmleigh was allocated number 203 in the lists from 1844 to 1857 and 059 in the lists from 1874 to 1962.

DEVON 059-062



3HOS Used from 3 JAN1857 to 13 SEP1870 Price A £5
3VOS GPO



4VOD
SEP1872



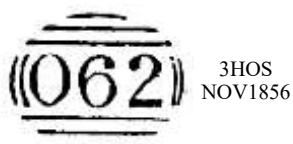
3VOD NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

Chumleigh to 1879
then Chumleigh

4VOD Used from 30 JAN1873 to 6 DEC1879 Code: A Price C £6
3VOD Time in code: 24 JUL1879 to 30 AUG1893 Codes: A B C none Price G £20
3VOD Time in full: 18 JAN1898 to 22 OCT1900 Times: 10AM 2PM 815PM Price F £15

062 DOLTON

Sub Office of Torrington 1844 to 1852, Sub Office of Crediton 1852 to 1855, Sub Office of Exeter 1855 to 1856, Sub Office of Crediton 1856 to 1860 (See Crediton), Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1931, Sub Office of Winkleigh 1931 to present. 062 3HOS was issued when Dolton became a Sub Office of Crediton in 1856. Dolton was allocated number 062 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.



3HOS Used from 3 FEB1858 to 11 JAN1871 Price H £100+
3VOS Used from 14 APR1891 to 13 AUG1898 Price E £30

DEVON 063-065

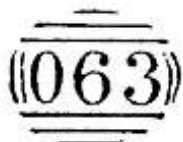
063 EXBOURNE

Sub Office of Crediton 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Exeter 1855 to 1856, Sub Office of Crediton 1856 to 1860 (See Crediton), Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1931, Sub Office of Okehampton 1931 to present.

063 3HOS was issued when Exbourne became a Sub Office of Crediton in 1856.

Exbourne was allocated number 063 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

Number 063 was later allocated to Oxted, Surrey in the 1928 to 1962 lists.



3HOS
NOV1856



3VOS
OCT1875

3HOS Used from 2 JUN1859 to 29 AUG1870 Price F £60+

3VOS No dated copies recorded Price H* £100++ (Price if found on dated cover)

Squarred Circles in use: MAR1892 to DEC1911

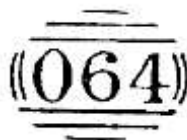
064 LEWDOWN

Sub Office of Launceston 1844 to 1850, Sub Office of Okehampton 1850 to 1855, Sub Office of Exeter 1855 to 1856, Sub Office of Crediton 1856 to 1860 (See Crediton), Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1939, Sub Office of Okehampton 1939 to Present.

064 3HOS was issued when Lewdown became a Sub Office of Crediton in 1856.

Lewdown was allocated number 064 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

Number 064 was later allocated to Broughton Furness (Lancs) in the 1962 list.



3HOS
NOV1856



3VOS
OCT1878

3HOS Used from 16 JAN1858 to 23 AUG1876 Price D £20

3HOS in grey/green Used on 20 OCT1858

3VOS Used from 22 JAN1879 to 8 APR1881 Price H £100++

Squarred Circles in use: OCT1881 to DEC1927

065 LIFTON

Sub Office of Launceston 1844 to 1854, Sub Office of Exeter 1854 to 1856, Sub Office of Crediton 1856 to 1860 (See Crediton), Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to present.

065 3HOS was issued when Lifton became a Sub Office of Crediton in 1856.

Lifton was allocated number 065 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

Number 065 was later allocated to Coniston (Lancs) in the 1962 list.

DEVON 065-067



3HOS
NOV1856



4VOS
MAR1871

3HOS Used from 2 NOV1857 to 26 MAR1870 Price F £60+ Seen in brown
4VOS Used from 7 JUN1872 to 2 NOV1880 Price E £30



3VOS
MAR1884

3VOS Used on 15 APR1885 Price H £100+
Squared Circles in use: JUL1881 to SEP1912

067 MORCHARD BISHOP

Sub Office of Crediton 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Exeter 1855 to 1857, Sub Office of Crediton 1857 to 1860. (See Crediton), Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1924, Sub Office of Crediton 1924 to 1935, Sub Office of Lapford 1935 to 1939, Sub Office of Crediton 1939 to present.

Morchard Bishop was allocated number 067 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

Number 067 was later allocated to Winsford (Ches) in the 1928 to 1962 lists.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- 014 Witheridge 1860 to 1905.



3HOS
NOV1856



3VOS
OCT1874

3HOS Used from 23 MAR1857 to 30 NOV1870 Price G £60+
3VOS Used from 30 NOV1874 to 12 FEB1879 Price G £60+



3VOD
MAY1879

DEVON 067-071

3VOD Time in code Used from 25 JUN1879 to 22 MAY1904 Codes: A B C Price C £6
3VOD Time in full Used from 3 MAR1905 to 23 DEC1906 Time: **1015AM** 830PM Price B
£3

070 SAMPFORD COURTENAY

Sub Office of Okehampton 1844 to 1852, Sub Office of Crediton 1852 to 1855, Sub Office of Exeter 1855 to 1856, Sub Office of Crediton 1856 to 1860 (See Crediton), Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1906, Sub Office of North Tawton SO 1906 to 1967, Sub Office of Okehampton 1967 to present.

070 3HOS was issued when Sampford Courtenay became a Sub Office of Crediton in 1856.

Samford Courtenay was allocated number 070 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

Number 070 was later allocated to Ballasalla (I.O.M) in the 1963 list.



3HOS
NOV1856



3VOD
JUN1883

3HOS Used on 15 NOV1860 Price H £100++

3VOD Used from **19 DEC1881** to 30 SEP1887 Codes: C Cinv Price H £100++

070 WITHERIDGE

Error of number 070 in a 3VOD instead of O14

3VOD GPO



3VOD
JUN1883

071 WEMBORTHY

Sub Office of Crediton 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Exeter 1855 to 1856, Sub Office of Crediton 1856 to 1860 (See Crediton), Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1939, Sub Office of Chulmleigh 1939 to present.

071 3HOS was issued when Wembworthy became a Sub Office of Crediton in 1856.

Wembworthy was allocated number 071 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

Number 071 was later allocated to Crosby (I.O.M) in the 1963 list.



3HOS
NOV1856



3VOS
OCT1875

DEVON 071-A19

3HOS Used from 13 JAN1860 to 26 AUG1874 Price E £30

3VOS Used from 4 FEB1878 to 29 SEP1899 Price F £60+

072 WINKLEIGH

Sub Office of Crediton 1844 to 1860 (See Crediton), Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to Present.

Winkliegh was allocated number 072 in the lists from 1874 to 1906 and 435 from 1933 to 1959.

Number 072 was later allocated to Kirkmichael (I.O.M) in the 1963 list.



3HOS
NOV1856



3VOS
MAR1881

3HOS Used from 23 APR1858 to 22 DEC1878 Price D £15

3VOS Used from 24 SEP1882 to 9 AUG1886 Price H £60+



3VOD NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

3VOD Used from 29 AUG1889 to 13 MAR1912 Codes: A B Price A £10 on cover, £3 on ppc

A19 APPLEDORE

Sub Office of Bideford 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Barnstaple 1855 to 1858, Sub Office of Crediton 1858 to 1860 (See Crediton), Railway Sub Office 1860 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1918, Sub Office of Barnstaple 1918 to present.

Appledore was allocated number A19 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.



3HOS
JUN1858



4VOS
MAR1872

3HOS Used from 19 JAN1859 to 6 APR1869 Price G £80+

4VOS No dated copies recorded Price H* £100++ (Price if found on dated cover)

DEVON A19-A24



3VOS
FEB1877



3VOS
JUN1887

3VOS Used from 29 MAR1879 to 19 NOV1894 Price H £100+
Squared Circles in use: JUL1891 to SEP1904

A23 FREMINGTON

Sub Office of Barnstaple 1845 to 1859, Railway Sub Office 1859 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1918, Sub Office of Barnstaple 1918 to 1919, Post Town 1919 to 1922, Sub Office of Barnstaple 1922 to present.

Fremington was allocated number A23 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.



3HOS
JUN1858



3VOS
FEB1877

3HOS Used from 29 NOV1860 to 6 JAN1877 Price G £80+

3VOS Used from 24 NOV1887 to 6 OCT1901 Price G £60 on cover, £15 on undated ppc and wrappers. It becomes a 2VOS through wear and recutting

A24 INSTOW

Sub Office of Barnstaple 1844 to 1858, Railway Sub Office 1858 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1918, Sub Office of Barnstaple 1918 to 1919, Post Town 1919 to 1939, Sub Office of Bideford 1939 to present.

A24 3HOS was issued when Instow became a Railway Sub Office in 1858.

Instow was allocated number A24 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.



3HOS
JUN1858



4VOS
APR1870

3HOS Used from DEC1858 to 8 AUG1867 Price D £15

4VOS Used from 10 NOV1870 to JAN1871 Price G £80+

DEVON A24-B68



3VOS
FEB1877



3VOS
JUL1883

3VOS Used from 19 MAY1878 to 31 JUL1901 Price G £50 Dot after the A24 in 1901
Squared Circles in use: APR1892 to AUG1914

B16 PLYMOUTH BRISTOL SORTING CARRIAGE

3HOS Price H £300

3VOS Price E £100

B28 MORETON HAMPSTEAD

Sub Office of Exeter 1844 to 1884, Sub Office of Newton Abbot 1884 to 1903, Railway Sub Office 1903 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1931, Sub Office of Newton Abbot 1931 to present.

Moreton Hampstead was allocated number B28 in the lists from 1882 to 1906.

3VOS Used on 9 OCT1900 Price H £100++



3VOS
NOV1879

B29 CHAGFORD

Sub Office of Exeter 1844 to 1884, Sub Office of Newton Abbot 1884 to 1903, Railway Sub Office 1903 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1931, Sub Office of Newton Abbot 1931 to present.

Chagford was allocated number B29 in the lists from 1882 to 1906.

3VOS Used from 22 NOV1881 to 17 AUG1899 Price H £100+



3VOS
NOV1879

B68 LYMPSTONE

Sub Office of Exeter 1845 to 1864, Railway Sub Office 1864 to 1875, Sub Office of Exeter 1875 to 1902, Railway Sub Office 1902 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1913, Sub Office of Exeter 1913 to 1931, Sub Office of Exmouth 1931 to present.

Lympstone was allocated number B68 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.



3HOS
DEC1862



3VOS
JUN1873



3VOS
JUN1881

3HOS Used on 7 APR1865 Price H £100++

3HOS in blue Used from 8 AUG1879 to 18 AUG1879

3VOS Used from 9 MAY1875 to 31 MAY1885 Price F £60+

DEVON B69-B80

B69 PAIGNTON

Sub Office of Totnes 1844 to 1855, Sub Office of Torquay 1855 to 1862, Railway Sub Office 1862 to 1889, Head Post Office 1889 to 1920, Salaried Sub Office 1920 to present.

3HOS B69 was issued in 1862 when Paignton became a RSO.

Paignton was allocated number B69 in the lists from 1874 to 1924, 584 from 1926 to 1929 and 805A from 1929 to 1962.



3HOS
DEC1862



3VOS
JUL1874



3VOS
MAY1877

3HOS Used from 13 APR1863 to 24 MAR1872 Price D £8

3VOS Used from 31 MAY1875 to 23 NOV1876 Price G £60



4VOD
JUN1877



3VOD
MAR1884

4VOD Used from 26 JUN1877 to 14 FEB1883 Codes: B C D Price E £12

Also used from 9 JUN1936 to 13 JUN1936 at the 23rd Philatelic Congress

3VOD Time in code Used from 6 SEP1884 to 6 OCT1897 Codes: A B C D E F Price A £3

3VOD Time in full Used from 23 SEP1898 to 18 AUG1909

Times: 7AM 8AM 830AM 930AM 1030AM 1130AM 245PM 345PM 545PM 6PM 8PM 845PM
9PM 11PM none(xmas) Price A £3



B80-B81-B83-B83-B84 3HOS's were issued when the offices concerned became Railway Sub Offices.

David Cornelius suggested that the odd overlapping dates and other anomalies could be explained by the cancellations being used in Totnes rather than in the individual offices.

DEVON B80-B82

B80 HARBERTONFORD

Sub Office of Totnes 1844 to 1863, Railway Sub Office 1863 to 1889, closed 1889 to 1901, Sub Office of Totnes 1901 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1936, Sub Office of Totnes from 1937.

Harbertonford was allocated number B82 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

3HOS Used from 15 JUL1867 to 13 AUG1881 with one record in 1893

Price H £100++



3HOS UNDATED AND
UNALLOCATED ENTRY
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

B80 BLACKAWTON

Sub Office of Totnes 1846 to 1863, Railway Sub Office 1863 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1937, Sub Office of Totnes 1937 to present.

Blackawton was allocated number B80 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

3HOS Used from 1890 to 8 SEP1902 Price H £100++



SAME CANCEL
AS ABOVE

B81 BLACKAWTON

Sub Office of Totnes 1846 to 1863, Railway Sub Office 1863 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1937, Sub Office of Totnes 1937 to present.

Blackawton was allocated number B80 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

3HOS Used from 26 JUL1863 to 17 MAY1876 Price H £100++



3HOS UNDATED AND
UNALLOCATED ENTRY
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

B81 HARBERTON

Sub Office of Totnes 1844 to 1863, Railway Sub Office 1863 to 1890, Sub Office of Totnes 1890 to 1970, closed 1970.

Harberton was allocated number B81 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

3VOD GPO



3VOD
MAY1883

B82 MOUNTS

Sub Office of Totnes 1844 to 1864, Railway Sub Office 1864 to 1905, closed 1907.

MOUNTS was allocated number B84 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

3HOS Used from 14 AUG1864 to 3 DEC1880 Price H £100++

Squared Circles in use: MAY1883 to AUG1906



3HOS UNDATED AND
UNALLOCATED ENTRY
IN THE PROOF BOOKS

DEVON B82-B84

B82 HARBERTONFORD

Sub Office of Totnes 1844 to 1863, Railway Sub Office 1863 to 1889, closed 1889 to 1901, Sub Office of Totnes 1901 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1936, Sub Office of Totnes from 1937.

Harbertonford was allocated number B82 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

3HOS Used from 8 OCT1899 to 14 MAY1905 Price H £100++



SAME CANCEL
AS ABOVE

B83 HARBERTON

Sub Office of Totnes 1844 to 1863, Railway Sub Office 1863 to 1890, Sub Office of Totnes 1890 to 1970, closed 1970.

Harberton was allocated number B81 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

3HOS Used from 22 JUL1867 to 7 MAR1881 Price H £100++



3HOS NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

B83 HALWELL

Sub Office of Totnes 1844 to 1863, Railway Sub Office 1863 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1936, Sub Office of Totnes 1936 to 1967, closed 1967.

Halwell was allocated number B83 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

3HOS Used in 1879 Price H £100++



SAME CANCEL
AS ABOVE

B84 HALWELL

Sub Office of Totnes 1844 to 1863, Railway Sub Office 1863 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1936, Sub Office of Totnes 1936 to 1967, closed 1967.

Halwell was allocated number B83 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

3HOS Used from 12 JUL1867 to 24 NOV1892 Price H £100++



3HOS NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

B84 MOUNTS

Under Totnes 1844 to 1864, Railway Sub Office 1864 to 1905, closed 1907.

Mounts was allocated number B84 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

3HOS Used from 1867 to 15 AUG1903 Price H £100++

Squared Circles in use: MAY1883 to AUG1906



SAME CANCEL
AS ABOVE

DEVON B90-B96

B90 STARCROSS

Sub Office of Exeter 1845 to 1865, Railway Sub Office 1865 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1921, Sub Office of Exeter 1921 to present.

Starcross was allocated number B90 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.



3HOS NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS



3VOS
JUN1881

3HOS Used from 28 JUN1876 to 30 DEC1880 Price G £80+ Although not entered in the Proof Books it would have been sent between JUN & AUG1863.

3VOS Used from 2 JUL1884 to 29 JUL1898 Price H £100+

B95 HORRABRIDGE

Sub Office of Plymouth 1844 to 1849, Sub Office of Tavistock 1849 to 1863, Railway Sub Office 1863 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1939, Sub Office of Yelverton 1939 to present.

B95 3HOS was issued when Horrabridge became a RSO in 1863.

Horrabridge was allocated number B95 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

Sub Office (that used barred numerals):- B98 Princetown 1866 to 1885.



3HOS
DEC1863



3VOS
NOV1873



3VOS
JUN1883

3HOS Used from 26 JAN1865 to JAN1877 Price A £8

3VOS Used from 16 APR1875 to 31 JUL1895 Price F £60

B96 JUMP

Sub Office of Plymouth 1844 to 1863, Railway Sub Office 1863 to 1864,

3HOS B96 issued in 1863 when Jump became a RSO.

Renamed Roborough RSO in March 1864.

Jump not allocated B96 in any list

3HOS GPO



3HOS
DEC1863

DEVON B96-C24

B96 ROBOROUGH

Prior to Mar 1864 this Office was called Jump.

Railway Sub Office 1864 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1939,
Sub Office of Plymouth 1939 to present.

Roborough was allocated number B96 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.



3HOS
AS ABOVE



3VOS
OCT1874

3HOS Used from 24 MAR1867 to 9 NOV1879 Price E £30

3VOS Used from 4 MAY1879 to 8 MAR1899 Price C £15

B97 KNOCKERSKNOWLE

Sub Office of Plymouth 1844 to 1863, Railway Sub Office 1863 to 1888,
Renamed Crownhill in 1888,

Lost its numeral allocation prior to the 1874 list.

B97 3HOS was issued when Knockersknowle became a RSO in 1863.

3HOS GPO



3HOS
DEC1863

B98 PRINCETOWN

Sub Office of Tavistock 1847 to 1863, Railway Sub Office 1863 to 1866. Sub Office of
Horrabridge RSO 1866 to 1885, Railway Sub Office 1885 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905
to 1939, Sub Office of Yelverton 1939 to present.

3HOS B98 was issued in 1863 when Princetown became a RSO.



3HOS
DEC1863



3VOS
AUG1878

3HOS Used from 30 JAN1867 to 6 JAN1876 Price F £60+

3VOS Used on 23 MAR1880 Price H £100+

Squared Circles in use: AUG1881 to SEP1906

C24 PLYMOUTH TO EXETER NIGHT MAIL

3VOD C.24 (with dot) Price F £150

3VOD C24 (no dot) Price G £200

DEVON F21-G17

F21 ERMINGTON

Sub Office of Ivybridge 1858 to 1922, Post Town 1922 to 1936, Sub Office of Ivybridge 1936 to present.

Changed its name from Ermebridge (was number 281) in May 1858.

Ermington was allocated number F21 in the lists from 1874 to 1906.

4VOS No dated copies recorded Price H* £100++ (Price if found on dated cover)



4VOS
MAR1871

G09 STONEHOUSE

Sub Office of Plymouth 1844 to present, As a Town Receiving House 1857 to 1889, Branch Office 1889 to 1973, Town Sub Office 1973 to present.

Stone house was allocated number G09 in the 1874 list.



3VOSA
MAY1873



3VOSB
FEB1875



3VOSC
MAY1879

3VOSA (no dot) Used on 5 JAN1874 Price H £100+

3VOSB (G09.) Used from 3 MAY1875 to 14 AUG1877 Price H £100+

3VOSC (G.09) Used on 14 OCT1880 Price H £100+



3VOD
JAN1878

3VOD Used from 13 FEB1878 to 3 DEC1880 Code: F Price G £80+

G01 LONDON TO EXETER TPO

3VOS Price G £300

G17 DARTMOOR FPO

A 4VOD issued in JUL1873 FPO = Field Post Office.

Dartmoor FPO was allocated number G17 in the lists from 1874 to 1902

4VOD Used from 9 AUG1873 to 24 AUG1873

Price H £1,000



DEVON G18-H22

G18 DARTMOOR RST

A 4VOD issued in Jul1873 RST = Railway Sorting Tender.

Dartmoor RST was allocated number G18 in the lists from 1874 to 1902

4VOD Used from 13 AUG1873 to 17 AUG1873 Price H £1,000

SIMILAR TO THE
G17 4VOD
DARTMOOR F.P.O.

G85 CHURSTON FERRERS

Railway Sub Office 1883 to 1905, Independent Sub Office 1905 to 1927, Sub Office of Brixham 1927 to 1969, closed 1969.

Churston Ferrers was allocated number G85 in the lists from 1887 to 1906 but used 985.

An error of number 985 in a 3VOD instead of G85.

G91 PLYMOUTH

In the Proof Books it appears that this 3VOS may have been sent in error to Plymouth, it has not been recorded in use. G91 was the number allocated to Wainfleet Lincs.



H22 SEATON

Sub Office of Axminster 1844 to 1901, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1901 to ?

Branch Office to Modified Scale Post Office in 1994.

Seaton was allocated number 37 in the lists from 1844 to 1857, H22 from 1887 to 1906 and 722 from 1924 to 1962.



3VODA Rarity GPO.

3VODB Seaton Devon in the cds. Time in code Used from 30 OCT1886 to 8 FEB1904

Codes: A B C D Price A £8 on cover, £3 on ppc

3VODB Seaton Devon in the cds. Time in full Used from 7 APR1904 to 18 SEP1912

Times: 930AM 1215PM 1245PM 2PM 215PM 230PM 4PM 5PM 530PM 545PM 6PM 7PM
715PM 745PM 8PM 930PM 8 Price A £8 on cover, £3 on ppc

DEVON J55-K72

J55 WRAFTON

Sub Office of Barnstaple 1875 to 1889, Railway Sub Office 1889 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1918, Sub Office of Barnstaple 1918 to 1924, Sub Office of Braunton 1924 to present, closed 1957/63.

J55 3VOS was issued when Wrafton became a RSO in 1889.

Wrafton was allocated number J55 in the lists from 1892 to 1906.

3VOS Used on 20 JUL1898 Price H £100+ on dated cover,
£60 on undated ppc



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

J56 BRAUNTON

Sub Office of Barnstaple 1844 to 1889, Railway Sub Office 1889 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1918, Sub Office of Barnstaple 1918 to 1919, Post Town 1919 to present.

J56 3VOS was issued when Braunton became a RSO in 1889.

Braunton was allocated number J56 in the lists from 1892 to 1906 and 030 from 1959 to 1962.

3VOS Used from 6 JUN1898 to 29 APR1899 Price G £80+
Squared Circles in use: DEC1891 to SEP1909



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

J57 MORTHOE

Sub Office of Ilfracombe 1852 to 1889, Railway Sub Office 1889 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1918, Sub Office of Barnstaple 1918 to 1920, Post Town 1920 to 1936, Sub Office of Wollacombe 1936 to present.

J57 3VOS was issued when Morthoe became a RSO in 1889.

Morthoe was allocated number J57 in the lists from 1892 to 1906.

3VOS Used on 30 OCT1900 Price H £100++
Squared Circles in use: AUG1892 to MAY1902



3VOS NOT ENTERED IN
THE PROOF BOOKS

K72 LYNMOUTH

970 allocated to Washford but not used there, Only used at Lynmouth to Mar1860.

Lynmouth was a Sub Office of Barnstaple 1848 to 1903, Railway Sub Office 1903 to 1905, Independent Sub Office/Post Town 1905 to 1917, Town Sub Office of Lynton 1917 to Present.

Lynmouth was allocated number K72 in the lists from 1902 to 1906.

No K72 obliterations recorded.

K89 LODDISWELL

Loddiswell was allocated number K89 in the lists from 1902 to 1906.

No K89 obliterations recorded.