

BRITISH BECHUANALAND

1885

Following the Constitution of British Bechuanaland on 30th September 1885, Stellaland stamps were withdrawn, and were replaced by Cape of Good Hope issues overprinted 'British Bechuanaland'. These stamps were issued on 2nd December 1885. Overprinting was carried out by W.A. Richards and Sons, Cape Town, so as to produce two panes of 60 stamps (10 horizontal rows of 6) side by side.



Red
Wmk 'Crown over CA'

Orange-red

Wmk 'Crown over CC'

TRIAL

Trial to test the effect of a black overprint on a black stamp



Overprint
'Lake and black'
BRANDON
4668



Watermark 'Cabled Anchor' inverted is not documented and is extremely rare.

David Brandon 10059

Watermark inverted.

Provisional issue
March 1887



Wmk 'Cabled Anchor'





1
JA 9 89
(Foreign cancellation)



4
Var: Broken 'S' in 'British'



5



6
MAFEKING
AP 9 6
Var: 'Bechuanaland' unelven



5
BONC
555
VRYBURG



4



4



4
Var: Broken 'i' in 'British'
Broken 'l' in 'Bechuanaland'

1885 VARIETIES

Raised 'B' in 'BRITISH'

British



6



Missing dot
over first 'i'



5

'sh' and 'naland' dropped.

British
Bechuanaland



Missing dot over first 'i' in 'BRITISH'
Position 57 left-hand pane.



1



5



6



7

British



BONC 638
Hafeking

Raised 'h' and 'and'



1885 FORGERIES



Ovpt. Double



Ovpt. Inverted



Ovpt. on Cape 5/-



British: 8mm
Bechuanaland: 16mm
Spacing: 4mm

Crude forgery
Different font



Possible forgery?



British: 7mm
Bechuanaland: 16mm
Spacing: 2mm

1885
FORGERIES



SPACING 1mm

'ritish'



British: 8mm
Bechuanaland: 17mm
Spacing: 4mm



OVERPRINT
INVERTED

Wmk 'CA'
British: 7.5mm
Bechuanaland: 16mm
Spacing: 4mm



British: 7.5mm
Bechuanaland: 16mm
Spacing: 4mm



'stop' after Bechuanaland.