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The 2d stamp was the first to be printed. It was apparent that the head vignette was too large so that the lower portion overlapped the frame. The die was therefore retouched with the sword hilt being cut away and a new plate prepared.

With sword hilt:



And without



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The 2½d blue at position 2/10 was issued without a fraction bar in the “½”.



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The 10d exists with either both or the second "O" in "HOGOFOLU" being slightly smaller than normal:

Normal



Both small "O"



Second "O" small



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Once stamp in each sheet of 60 of the 1/- black and red-brown had the hyphen missing before "TAHA".



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The watermark from the reverse of issued stamps:

Upright – all heads point upwards



Sideways – alternate heads point up/down



Inverted - all heads point downwards

