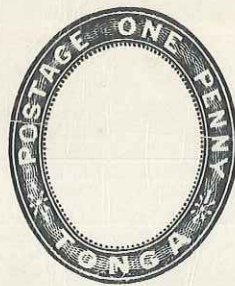


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This proof of the indicium on the flap was made sometime after the release of the stationery. A local philatelist, Colonel Frank Thomson, saw that the printing works was being pulled down and managed to retrieve the die for this. This is the only proof pulled from that die.



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Local envelope letters were introduced in 1891. They were printed in Sydney, but the number produced is unknown. They were produced without gum and, in many ways, are similar to a letter sheet. Very few are known used.

