

# SIERRA LEONE

CROWN COLONY & PROTECTORATE The first settlement in Sierra Leone intended as a home for repatriated Africans was established in 1787. The Sierra Leone Company was created by Act of Parliament in 1791, but its charter was surrendered in 1808 and the coastal settlements then became a CROWN COLONY. The inland region was proclaimed a British PROTECTORATE on 21 August 1896.

PRINTERS: all issues of Sierra Leone until 1932 were typographed by De la Rue & Co. Ltd., London.

1859 (21 Sept.) - 74 No Wmk. P.14



Cherrystone  
2014

S.G.1: 6d. dull violet  
(1859)



Cherrystone  
2014

S.G.3: 6d. reddish violet  
(P12½, line) (1872)



Cherrystone  
2014

S.G.4: 6d. reddish lilac  
(1874)

1872-73 Wmk. Crown CC P.12½ (a) Wmk sideways<sup>(\*)</sup> (April 1872)



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1876 Wmk Crown CC P.14



S.G.16: 1/2 d. Brown



S.G.17: 1d. rose-red



S.G.18: 3½d. lilac (Nov.)



S.G.19: 2d. magenta



S.G.20: 3d. buff



S.G.21: 4d. blue

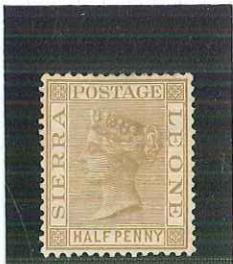


S.G.22: 1s. green



# Sierra Leone

1883 (May - 13 Sept.) Wmk. Crown CA. P.14



S.G. 23: ½d. Brown



S.G. 25 used: 2d. magenta



S.G. 26 used: 4d. blue

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1884 (July) - 91 White Crown CA P14



S.G.27 1/2 d. dull green



S.G.27 1/2 d. used



S.G.28 1d. carmine



S.G.28 1d. used



S.G.29 1½ d. pale violet  
(1885)



S.G.29 1½ d.



S.G.30 2d. grey



S.G.30 2d used



S.G.31 2½d  
(1891) ultramarine



S.G.31 2½d used



S.G.32 3d. yellow  
(1885)



S.G.32 3d. used



S.G.33 4d. brown



S.G.33 4d. used



S.G.34 1s. red-brown  
(1888)



S.G.34 1s. used

The Stamps of Great Britain were not sold at Sierra Leone post offices, although examples from ships of the West African squadron do exist with local cancellations.

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1885-96 Wmk Crown CC P14



S.G.35 6d. dull violet  
(1885)



S.G.36 6d. brown-purple  
(1890)



S.G.36 6d. br.-purple  
used



S.G.37 6d. purple-lake  
(1896)

1893 (b) Wmk Crown CA



S.G.39 1½d. on 1½d  
pale violet

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1896/97

Wmk Crown CA P14

S.G. 41/53 set of 13

Sierra Leone, west Africa, since April 1961 an independent sovereign state within the Commonwealth of Nations, is bounded north and east by the Republic of Guinea, south by Liberia and west by the Atlantic Ocean.



SG41 1/2 d. dull mauve  
(1897) and green



SG42 1d. dull mauve  
and carmine



SG43 1½d. dull mauve  
(1897) and black



SG44 2d. dull mauve  
and orange



SG45 2½d.  
dull mauve + ultramarine



SG46 3d. dull mauve  
and slate



SG47 4d. dull mauve  
(1897) and carmine



SG48 5d. dull mauve  
(1897) and black



SG49 6d. dull mauve  
(1897)



SG50 1s. green and black



SG51 2s. green and  
ultramarine



SG52 5s. green and  
carmine



SG53 £1 purple and red

# SIERRA LEONE

1886 Revenue. 1886 "Stamp Duty" short set of 5 to 2s. A rare & important set which was the basis of the 1897 postage provisional overprints & surcharges (S.G. 54/71).



1d. (base for SG 54)



3d. (base for S.G. 55/58)



6d. (base for S.G. 59/62)



1s. (base for S.G. 63/66b)



2s. (base for S.G. 67/71)

Stanley Gibbons  
2013

1897 (Mar.) Fiscal stamp overprinted "POSTAGE AND REVENUE"  
Wmk CA over Crown, w. 7, P 14.



S.G. 54: 1d. dull purple & green



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REVENUES

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Revenue. 1886 'Stamp Duty' short set of 5 to 2s, comprising 1d, 3d, 6d each in dull purple and green, and the 1s and 2s in 'dull lilac', unused (2s) or part to large part o.g. The 2s with slight faults (creasing and tiny tear at foot) but fine appearance. A rare and important set, not previously handled by us, which was the basis of the famous 1897 postage provisional overprints and surcharges (SG 54/71).



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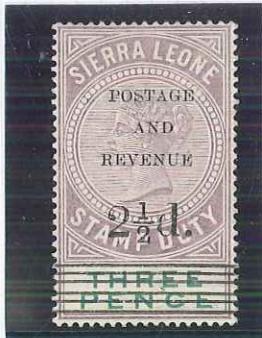
1897 Overprinted & surcharged (b): with six thin bars across the original face value

Type 8

Stanley  
Gibbons  
orig. gum



S.G.55: 2½d. on 3d.  
dull purple & green



S.G.56: 2½d. on 3d.  
dull purple & green

Type 10

Stanley Gibbons  
orig. gum  
740 printed



S.G.57: 2½d. on 3d.  
dull purple & green

Type 11

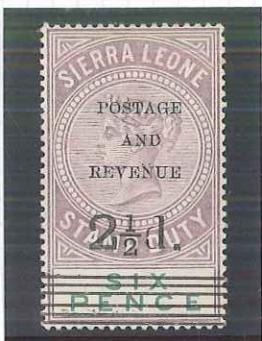
Stanley Gibbons  
orig. gum  
296 printed

Type 12

Status  
2015

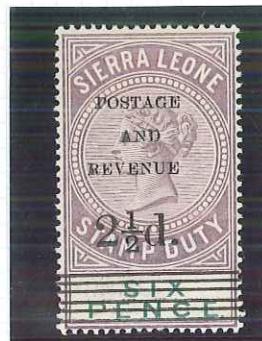


S.G.58: 2½d. on 3d.  
dull purple & green



S.G.59: 2½d. on 6d.  
dull purple & green

Type 8



S.G.60: 2½d. on 6d.  
dull purple & green

Type 10

Stanley Gibbons  
orig. gum  
980 printed

Type 11

Sandafayre  
2014  
orig. gum



S.G.61: 2½d. on 6d.  
dull purple & green



S.G.62: 2½d. on 6d.  
dull purple & green

Type 12

Sandafayre  
2014  
orig. gum

# SIERRA LEONE

1897 Overprinted & surcharged (c): overprinted "POSTAGE & REVENUE" & surcharged with 5



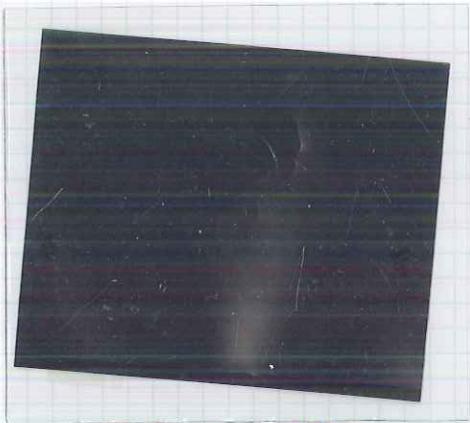
Type 8

S.G.63: 2½d. on 1s.  
dull lilac



Type 10  
Stanley Gibbons 2014  
Original gum  
140 printed

S.G.65: 2½d. on 1s.  
dull lilac



S.G.66: 2½d. on 1s. dull lilac

Type 11  
Bolaffi  
2013



S.G.67: 2½d. on 2s.  
dull lilac

Type 8  
J. Harmer's  
1998

# Sierra Leone 1903

Wmk Crown CA P14

SG 73/85 Set of 13

The area formerly known as the *colony of Sierra Leone* is wholly coastal, consisting of the Sierra Leone peninsula (at the northern end of which stands the capital and chief port of *Freetown*), Sherbro and smaller islands and Turner's peninsula.



SG73 1/2 d. dull purple and green



SG74 1d. dull purple and roseine



SG75 1 1/2 d. dull purple and black



SG76 2d. dull purple and brown-orange



SG77 2 1/2 d. dull purple and ultramarine



SG78 3d. dull purple and grey



SG79 4d. dull purple and roseine



SG80 5d. dull purple and black



SG81 6d. dull purple



SG82 1s. green and black



SG82 1s. green and black



SG83 2s. green and ultramarine



SG83 2s. green and ultramarine



SG84 5s. green and carmine



SG85 £1 purple/red

# Sierra Leone

1904/05

The former "protectorate of Sierra Leone" included the headwaters of the Niger river, which flows north-east (away from the Atlantic ocean), eventually reaching the Gulf of Guinea in Nigeria.

Wmk. Mult Crown CA  
SG 86/98 Set of 13

ordinary paper (1d) or chalk surfaced paper (others). P14

The Gulf of Guinea in Nigeria.



SG86 1/2 d. dull purple  
(1905) and green  
ordinary paper



SG87 1d. dull purple  
and rose  
ord. p.



SG88 1½d dull purple  
(1905) and black  
chalk-surfaced paper



SG89 2d. dull purple  
(1905) and brown-orange  
ch.-s. p.



SG90 2½d. dull purple  
(1905) and ultramarine  
ch.-s. p.



SG91 3d. dull purple  
(1905) and grey  
ch.-s. p.



SG92 4d. dull purple  
(1905) and rose  
ch.-s. p.



SG93 5d. dull purple  
(1905) and black  
ch.-s. p.



SG94 6d. dull purple  
(1905) ch.-s. p.



SG95 1s. green and black  
(1905) ch.-s. p.



SG96 2s. green and  
(1905) ultramarine  
ch.-s. p.



SG97 5s. green and  
(1905) carmine  
ch.-s. p.



SG98 £1 purple/red  
(1905) ch.-s. p.

# Sierra Leone

The population of the former colony of Sierra Leone belong to the Mande linguistic group (Mandingo) and to the Semi-Bantu group.

1907/12

Wmk Mult Crown CA ordinary paper (1/2d to 2½d) or chalk surfaced paper (others) P14  
SG 99/111 set of 13



SG 99 1/2d. green  
ordinary paper



SG 100 1d carmine  
o. fr.



SG 101 1+½d orange  
(1908) o. fr.



SG 102 2d greyish slate  
(1908) o. fr.



SG 103 2+½d blue  
o. fr.



SG 104 3d. purple/yellow  
(1908) chalk-surfaced fr.



SG 105 4d. black  
and red/yellow  
ch.s. fr. (1908)



SG 106 5d. purple and  
(1908) olive-green  
ch. s. fr.



SG 107 6d. dull and  
(1908) bright purple  
ch. s. fr.



SG 108 6d.



SG 108 1s. black/green  
(1908)  
ch. s. fr.



SG 109 2s. purple and  
(1908) bright blue/blue  
ch. s. fr.



SG 111 £1 purple  
and black/red  
(1911) ch. s. fr.



SG 109 2s.



SG 110 5s. green and red/yellow  
(1908) ch. s. fr.



SG 110 5s.

# SIERRA LEONE 1912-21

The £2 4½d values of the King George V series were intended for fiscal use only. Before the introduction of the Airmail Service in 1926, they could be used.

Wmk. Mult Crown CA. Chalk surfaced paper (3d. & 6d. to £5). P.14



S.G.112 ½d.



S.G.113 1d. carmine-red  
(1913)



S.G.114 1½d. orange  
(1913)



S.G.115 2d. greyish-blue  
or ultramarine



S.G.116

2½d.  
or ultramarine



S.G.117: 4d. black-red  
on yellow (1913)



S.G.118: 5d. purple  
& olive-green (1913)



S.G.119: 6d. dull  
& bright purple (1913)



S.G.120: 7d. purple  
& orange (1913)



S.G.121: 9d. purple  
& black (1913)



S.G.122: 10d. purple  
& red (1913)



S.G.116b: 3d. purple & yellow



S.G.124: 1s. black/green



S.G.125: 2s. blue & purple  
on blue



S.G.126: 5s red & green  
on yellow

S.G.128  
£1  
black & purple  
on red

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S.G.127: 10s. red & green  
on green



S.G.127b: 10s carmine  
& yellow-green on green



S.G.123  
2½d blue  
& dull purple



S.G.130: £5 orange & green  
Farmer's '97

# SIERRA LEONE 1921-28

Wmk. Multi Script C.A. Chalk-surfaced paper (6d. to £5).  
P14.

The population in the former colony of Sierra Leone also includes the Creoles, the descendants of repatriated slaves mainly from Nova Scotia and the West Indies.



S.G.131: 1½d. dull green  
S.G.131a: 1½d. bright green



S.G.132: 1d. bright violet (Die I) (1924)  
S.G.132a: 1d. (Die II) (1925)



S.G.133: 1½d. scarlet (1925)



S.G.134: 2d. grey (1922)



S.G.135: 2½d. ultramarine



S.G.136: 3d. bright blue (1922)



S.G.137: 4d. black + red/pale yellow (1925)



S.G.138: 5d. purple + olive-green



S.G.139: 6d. grey-purple + bright purple



S.G.140: 7d. purple + orange (1927)



# SIERRA LEONE 1921-28 Wmk. Mult Script CA Chalk-surfaced paper (6d. to £5). P14



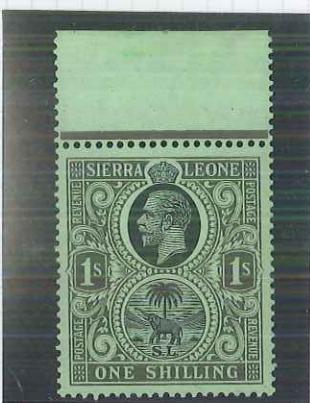
S.G.141: 9d. purple & black (1922)



S.G.142: 10d. purple & red (1926)



S.G.143: 1s. Black/emerald (1925)



S.G.144: 2s. blue & dull purple / blue



S.G.145: 5s. red & green/yellow (1927)



S.G.146: 10s. red & green/green (1927)



S.G.147: £2 dull purple & blue  
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S.G.148: £5 orange & green

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£ 130-

SG 131/46

UNUSED

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1921-27 SET OF 16 TO 10s, SCRIPT WMK, BRILLIANT O.G. (UNMOUNTED EXCEPT 5s). THIS EXCEPTIONAL CONDITION.

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SG 147

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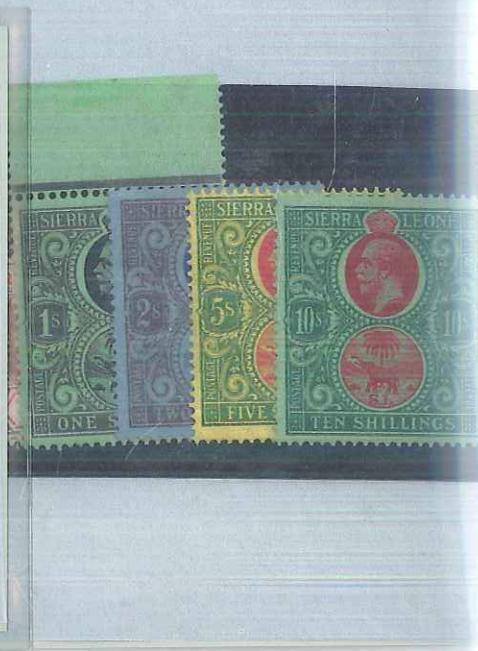
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1921-27 £2 BLUE AND DULL PURPLE, SCRIPT WMK, BRILLIANT O.G. ONE SLIGHTLY SHORTISH PERF AND TINY GUM THIN BUT MOST ATTRACTIVE. (CAT £425)



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SG 148  
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£ 2000-



1921-27 Script wmk £5 orange and green, well-centred with very fresh colours, large part o.g. The gum a little flat as often and insignificant surface specks, but a most attractive example of this rare and sought after high value. Clear PF cert (1976) as Scott 139. (cat £2500)

We have examined the enclosed Sierra Leone

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# Sierra Leone

Wm. Hult Scip. CA Recess Waterlow. P 12½

*Sierra Leone* was originally divided into many independent chiefdoms. Portuguese voyagers 1932 (1 Mar.) named the mountainous peninsula, at the mouth of the

Rokel river, *Serra Lyoa* (Lion mountain), corrupted later to Sierra Leone.



SG 155 ½ d. green



SG 156 1d. violet



SG 157 1½ d. carmine



SG 158 2d. Brown



SG 159 3d. blue



SG 160 4d. orange



SG 161 5d. Bronze-green



SG 162 6d. light blue



SG 163 1s. lake



SG 164 2s. chocolate



SG 165 5s. deep blue



SG 166 10s. green



SG 167 £1 purple

Set of 13

# SIERRA LEONE

Wmk Multiscript CA (sideways on horizontal designs). P12

In 1787 a group of freed slaves of African origin arrived in Sierra Leone from England to form a settlement.

1933 (2 Oct.) "Centenary of Abolition of Slavery & of Death of William Wilberforce."



S.G. 171 2d. purple



S.G. 172 3d. blue



S.G. 174 5d. green & chestnut



S.G. 168 1/2 d. green



S.G. 175 6d black and brown-orange



S.G. 169 1d. black & brown



S.G. 176 1s. violet



S.G. 170 1½d. chestnut



S.G. 173 4d. brown



S.G. 177 2s. brown and light blue



S.G. 179 10s. black and sage green



S.G. 178 5s. black & purple



S.G. 180 £1 violet & orange

Set of 13

# Sierra Leone

1935 (6 May) Silver Jubilee, printed by B.W., P 11x12

The settlement was revived in 1791  
by the Sierra Leone company, a trading  
company sponsored by opponents of the slave  
trade, with headquarters in London.  
A town was built and named Freetown.



S.G. 181 1d. ultramarine and  
grey-black



S.G. 182 3d. brown and  
deep blue



S.G. 183 5d. green and indigo



S.G. 184 1s. slate and purple

1937 (12 May) Coronation, printed by B.W., P 11x11½



S.G. 185 1d. orange



S.G. 186 2d. purple



S.G. 187 3d. blue

The company brought from Nova Scotia,  
as settlers, some former slaves who had gained  
their freedom serving the British in the American  
Revolutionary war. They were joined in 1800  
by "Maroons", free negroes from the mountains  
of Jamaica, who had been deported to  
Nova Scotia for insurrection.