

British East Africa

NOVEMBER 1895 - JUNE 1896

THE 'ON INDIA' PROVISIONALS

Following the exhaustion of supplies of Company stamps, and pending arrival of a new definitive series ordered from the UK, supplies of Indian stamps were overprinted British East Africa at the offices of the Zanzibar Gazette. The overprinting was carried out at intervals between November 1895 and mid 1896, as supplies arrived from India. There were at least five such 'printings', showing minor differences of setting.

November 1895

Stamps of India overprinted British East Africa

½ anna : deep green



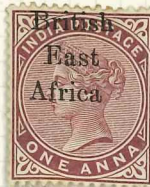
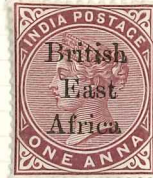
Dot to first 'i'
almost completely
omitted



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November 1895

Stamps of India overprinted British East Africa
1 anna : plum



opt misplaced



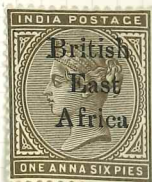
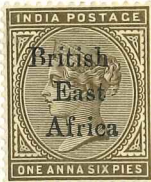
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1½ annas : sepia



Inverted 's' in 'British' and broken B.



Dropped 't' and 'Africa' sloping with dropped final 'a' (Position 24, 5th printing)



l for i in 'British'



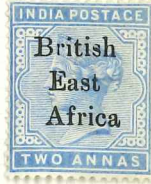
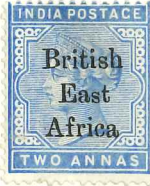
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2 annas : ultramarine



Inverted v for 'A', Offset on reverse



Inverted s in 'British'; broken B

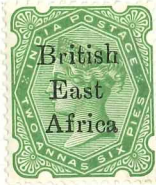
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2½ annas : green



opt semi albino

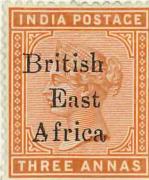
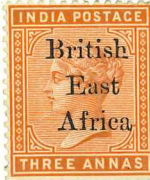


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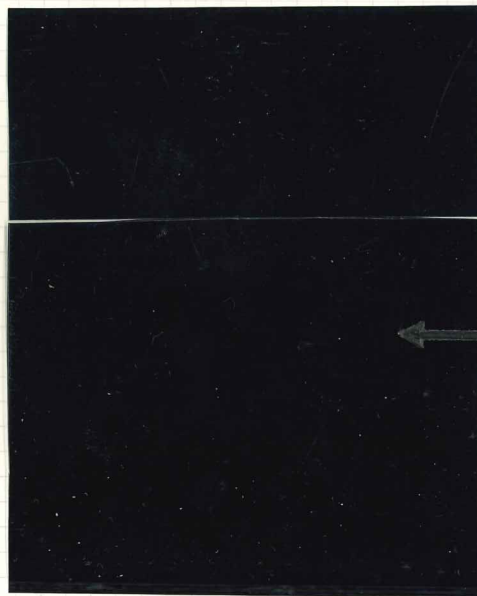
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3 annas : orange



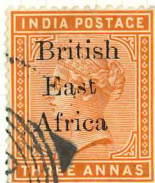
A for A



broken top
is A



largest recorded mint multiple
(Minns: P77)



Λ (inverted V)
for A

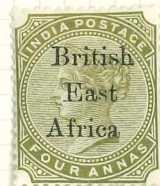
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4 annas : slate green



dropped 'B'



pos 88 : no hook to
r in Africa

pos 101 : A for A,
damaged h



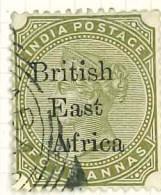
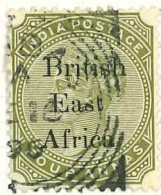
positions 86-89; 98-101; 110-113 from 5th printing
(the largest recorded mint multiple of this value : see Minns P77)



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Stamps of India overprinted British East Africa
4 annas : olive green



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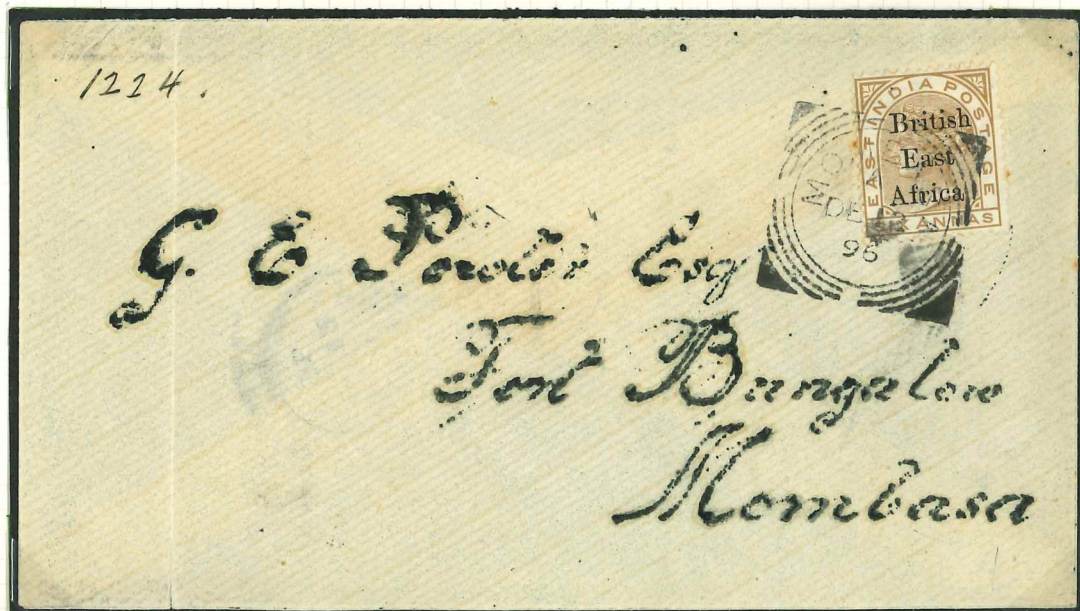
6 annas : pale brown



Small 't' in East



A for A



12 December 1896 'Powell' cover

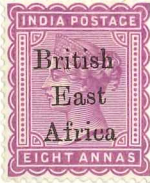
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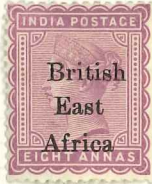
Stamps of India overprinted British East Africa

8 annas : dull mauve

(i) deep colours



(ii) pale pinkish mauve



5 July 1896 'Powter' cover

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Stamps of India overprinted British East Africa

8 annas : magenta

(i) deep magenta



(ii) bright pinkish magenta



Damaged
foot to
A

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Stamps of India overprinted British East Africa

12 annas : purple / red



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Stamps of India overprinted British East Africa

1 Rupee : slate



(1896) 1 Rupee : green and carmine

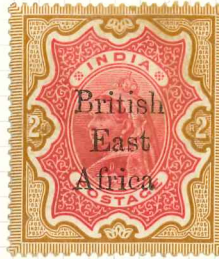
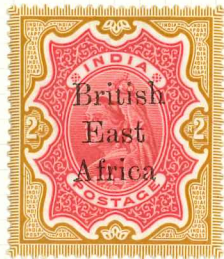


opt double
(one sideways)

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November 1895

Stamps of India overprinted British East Africa
2 Rupees : carmine & yellow-brown



overprint in lower-case lettering: 'Specimen' issue made for the U.P.U.

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Stamps of India overprinted British East Africa

3 Rupees : brown and green



Antique 'o' in Africa

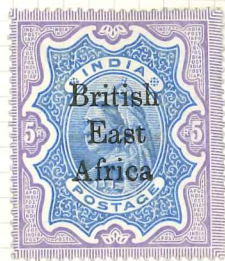
'B' inserted by hand (see study)
(only known used example) (Giblin)

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British East Africa

November 1895

Stamps of India overprinted British East Africa
5 Rupees : ultramarine and violet



overprint in lower case lettering : 'Specimen' issue made for the U.P.U .

