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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter of 8th December enclosing an unmounted mint example, with top margin attached, of G.B. No. D39, the 1951-52 ls. ochre.

I have examined this stamp and would confirm that the watermark is indeed sideways inverted, that is with the crown pointing to the left when viewed from the back of the stamp. Such a watermark variety is not previously known on this stamp, although similar items are recorded on the 1d. and 1½d. stamps from the same set.

I will certainly be happy to add this ls. variety to the 1994 G.B. Concise catalogue where it will become No. D39Wi and, of course, subsequently to the next edition of the G.B. Specialised Catalogue Vol. 2.

It is extremely difficult to produce realistic catalogue prices for such varieties which are included on the strength of a single known example. As this ls. variety does not appear to have been recorded before it would appear safe to assume that it is not one of the more common examples of this type and in such circumstances it is most likely that the item will be left unpriced at least initially.

Your stamp is returned herewith by recorded delivery. I would, naturally, be most interested to learn at which figure it is, eventually, sold on. In the meantime I shall report its discovery, by yourselves, in a future Gibbons Stamp Monthly Catalogue Column.

Best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

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Catalogue Editor