

MESSRS. DE LA RUE
PAPER TRIALS - Ref. ER167 and ER167a

6. De La RUE PAPER TRIALS

In late 1922, paper with the watermark multiple monogram "Se" was submitted to the firm Thomas De La Rue to establish the suitability of this paper stock for typographic printing. The machine plate on press at that time was the Fiji 2d in grey green (SG 233); as this paper has slightly different characteristics to the Crown Agents' stock used for the then current Commonwealth printings, the resulting shade differs slightly from that of the the issued Fiji stamp. One(?) sheet of this imperforate paper trial was distributed later to collectors.

The above transcript was taken from the Hibernian catalogue, however it is now evident that more than one sheet was made available to collectors.

See reference book by Barry Cousins titled 'Ireland's Definitive Stamps and Essays 1922-1937' pages 3.23 & 3.24 refer.



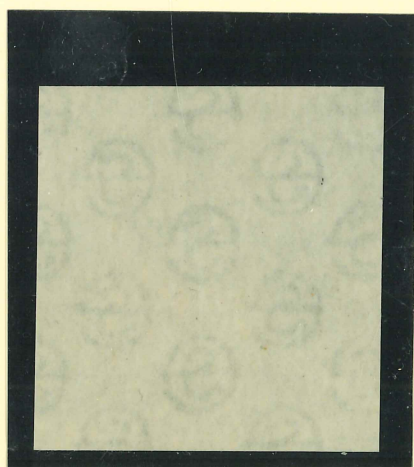
€5

SG233 (fu)
 Fiji 2d. Grey Green



€700

ER167
 Paper trial, vertical marginal pair with 'Se' watermark.



€100

Section from sheet produced by De La Rue with 'Se' watermarked paper.

ER167a
 Paper trial with 'Se' watermark and with Printer's 'blue crayon' cancel.

Paper Trials

Thomas De La Rue

Sometime in late 1922 Thomas De La Rue a London based security printing firm undertook printing trials on paper with a multiple 'Se' watermark, see figs. 49 and 50.

Paper stock was supplied to De La Rue, for them to undertake typography printing trials.

De La Rue conducted the trials using the Fiji 2d. stamps in grey-green, with machine plate 10, which was in print at the time, see fig 51.

The paper stock supplied for trials had slightly different characteristics to the Crown Agents

stock, which was currently in use with Commonwealth printings; as a result the shade differs slightly from that of the issued Fiji stamp.

It is reported that only one sheet⁽²⁾ from these imperforate paper trials, was at a later date made available to collectors.

Examples from the print trials are recorded both with and without a 'blue crayon' cancel.

Print Trial Listings

Reference	Description
ER167	2d. Fiji grey with 'Se' watermark
ER167a	As ER167, but with printer's 'blue crayon' cancel

Print Trial Examples

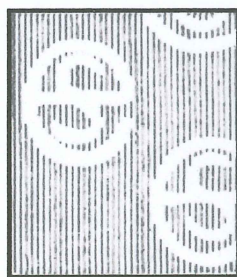


fig. 49



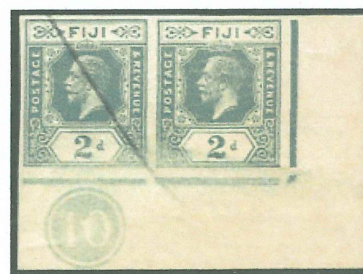
fig. 50



fig. 51
Stanley Gibbons
Reference SG233



ER167



ER167a

⁽²⁾From the author's findings it has now been proven that more than one sheet was released, see page 3.24.