

Adhesive Period
1840 - 1875

1855 Dublin Duplex
1873/78 Dublin/Newtownards Double

The *Duplex* handstamps were defined as those where neither the salient parts could be detached from each other on the handle. In mid April 1857 the *Double* handstamps were introduced where both were mounted on the same handle but could be separated.



1855 (December 18th) envelope showing a **penny red** tied by a Dublin **5/DE18/55/ 186 Duplex** (first year of usage) struck twice.

1873 (May 27th) letter from Dublin to Spain showing a **6d chestnut PI 11** tied by a double **DUBLIN/18/MY27/73** and a (four three four) bar diamond **186**.



1878 (February 6th) letter sent locally showing a **1/4d rose pl. 13** tied by a black double handstamp **NEWTOWNARDS/E/FE678** and (four three four) bar diamond **358**.