

SPECIMEN STAMPS.



NORMAL USED SET

1892, CONT.







1892. CONT.

MARGINAL BLOCKS



BAKANA



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JA 4 94

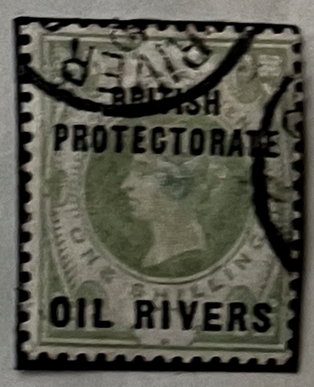


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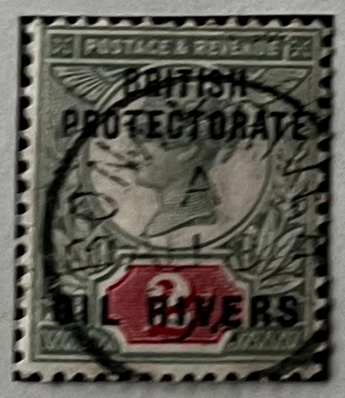


JA 24 94

BENIN RIVER



NO 16 93



AU 8 94



DE 16 93



SP 19 93

BONNY RIVER



JY 22 98

BUGUMA

POSTMARKS.

1892 CONT.





PARCEL POST



(VIOLET PMK.)
AU 21 94
21 m/m.
"OLD CALABAR RIVER"



(VIOLET PMK.)
OC 7 94
20 m/m.
"OLD CALABAR"



REG'D.



REMAINDERS?





REMAINDERS?

POSTMARKS OF CALABAR.

1892, CONT.



DE 12 92



SQUARE OBLITERATOR



PARCEL POST



AP 17 94



(RED PMK.)
OC 2 93



(VIOLET PMK.)
MR 31 97

OPOBO RIVER



OC 29 94



PARCEL POST
WARRI

POSTMARKS.

1892, CONT.

REGISTERED

THIS LETTER MUST BE GIVEN TO AN OFFICER OF THE POST OFFICE TO BE REGISTERED, AND A RECEIPT OBTAINED FOR IT.

LETTER.

FEE 2 PAID.

BRITISH PROTECTORATE
2
OIL RIVERS

BRITISH PROTECTORATE
POSTAGE & REVENUE
ONE PENNY
OIL RIVERS

Mr. R. L. Pickering

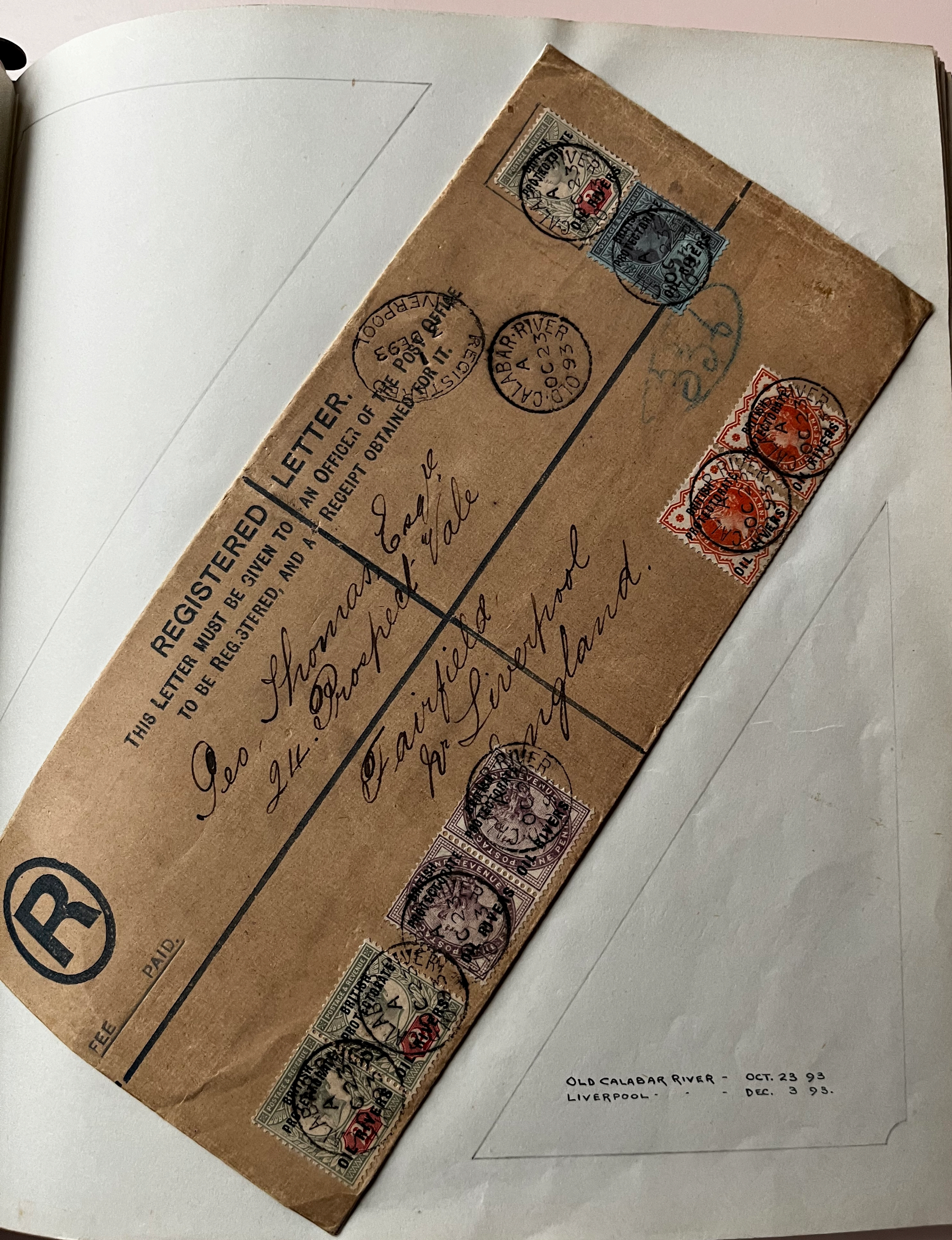
Messrs Pickering & Berthoud

Manchester

OLD CALABAR 28 DE 93

REGISTERED
T
28JA94
LIVERPOOL

OLD CALABAR RIVER - DEC. 28 93
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MANCHESTER - - - JAN. 29 94.



OLD CALABAR RIVER - OCT. 23 93
LIVERPOOL - - - DEC. 3 93.

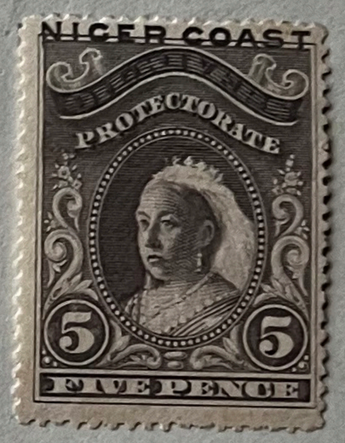


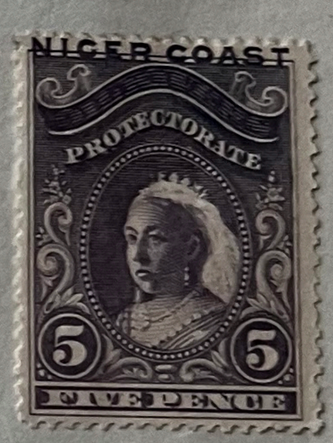














Nov. 1893

WATERLOW & SONS. NO WMK.

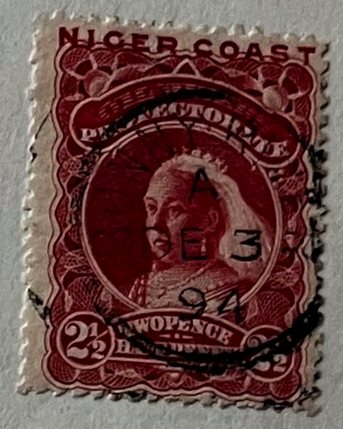
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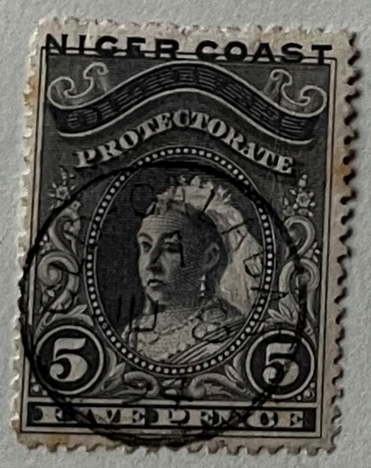




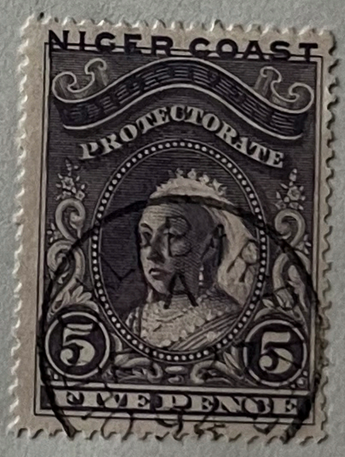














1893, CONT'D.

A 'USED' SET

SHOWING SHADES.







LINE PERF. 14½. 15

P. 13¾ →



← P. 12

PERF. 13¾ ✳ PERF. 12

1893 CONT.

IN BLOCKS OF FOUR TO SHOW VARIOUS PERFS.


NIGER COAST PROTECTORATE
THE STAMP TO PAY THE POSTAGE MUST BE PLACED HERE
REGISTERED LETTER.
THIS LETTER MUST BE GIVEN TO AN OFFICER OF THE POST OFFICE
TO BE REGISTERED, AND A RECEIPT OBTAINED FOR IT.
REGISTERED AT OLD CALABAR 23 JU 94
OLD CALABAR 23 JU 94
A. Burn
15 Belvoir Road
Montpelier
Bristol
England
FEE PAID.
OLD CALABAR, 23.JU.94.
THE 1893 SET
CANCELLED ON COVER.

~~UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE~~

POST CARD—~~GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND~~

BRITISH PROTECTORATE

~~(GRANDE BRETAGNE ET IRLANDE)~~

OIL RIVERS

THE ADDRESS ONLY TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE.

POSTAGE ONE PENNY

PAID LIVERPOOL BR. PACKET 11 JUL 94 I·G

Mr R & Broadway
Boston
Chestnut Knutsford

~~UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE~~

POST CARD—~~GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND~~

BRITISH PROTECTORATE

~~(GRANDE BRETAGNE ET IRLANDE)~~

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POSTAGE ONE PENNY

BRASS A OC 1 94

Mr. Thos. Eaton
8 Platt Street
Moss Side
Manchester
England

BRASS·RIVER A OC 1 94

(VIOLET PMK.)

STAMPED STATIONARY
FROM BRASS & OPOBO RIVERS.





























MAY 1894

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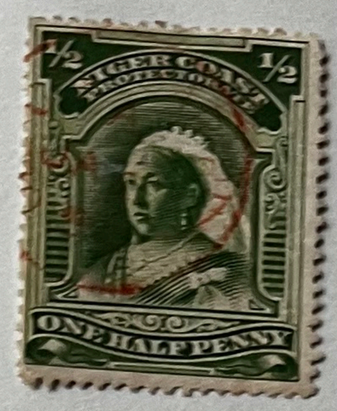
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1894

UNWATERMARKED ISSUE, CONTD.



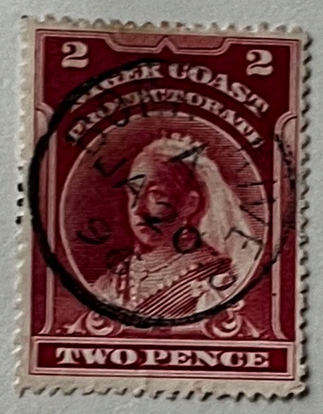
OLD CALABAR



OLD CALABAR RIVER







BONNY RIVER



BENIN RIVER



FORCADOS RIVER







SHADES

1894

UNWATERMARKED ISSUE CONT.





BONNY RIVER
(IN GREEN)



OPOBO RIVER
(IN RED)
MY 23 94



BENIN RIVER
(IN RED)







QUA·IBOE·RIVER
(EX. PILKINGTON)





LIVERPOOL
ARRIVAL MARKS

1894

UNWATERMARKED ISSUE, CONT.

POSTMARKS.





OLD CALABAR





BENIN
(EX. PILKINGTON)



BRASS
(BRIGHT MAUVE PMK.)
15. MY. 95



QUA-IBOE RIVER
(EX. PILKINGTON)



OLD CALABAR RIVER
(IN RED)
.E 21 95



OLD CALABAR RIVER
(IN RED)
JA 20 96



'REGISTERED'
(WITH PART OF 'PARCEL' PMK.)



OLD-CALABAR
(SMALL TYPE)
NO 20 99



BENIN
(BRIGHT MAUVE PMK.)
JA 12 95





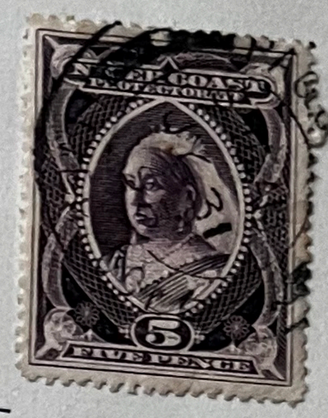
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NO. 96

POSTMARKS

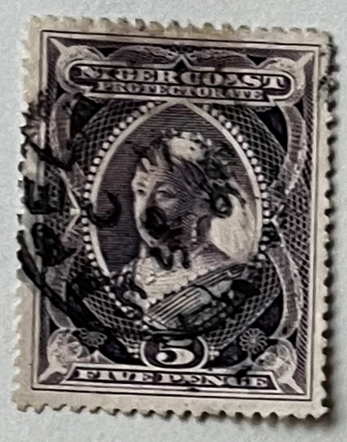
1894

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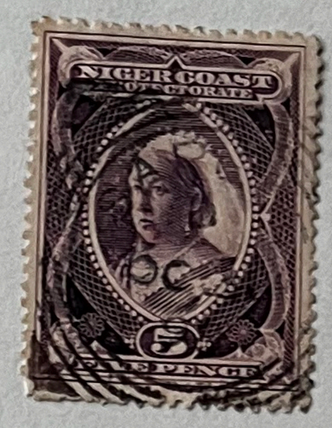


PAQUEBOT LIVERPOOL





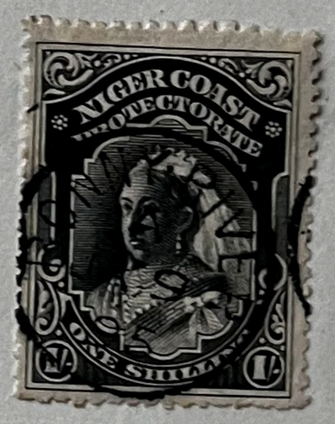
BENIN RIVER
(IN RED)





OPOBO RIVER
(IN BROWN)
SP 15 96







BENIN RIVER
(IN RED)



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POSTMARKS

1894
UNWATERMARKED ISSUE, CONT.















Nos under V











1897

WATERLOW & SONS. CRN.C.A.



PERF. 12 x 14



1897. CONT'D.
WMK. CRN.C.A.







PERF. 14½, 15.

1897, CONT^D.
WMK. CRN. C.A.



SOMBREIRO RIVER



BONNY RIVER



OPOBO RIVER



CALABAR RIVER



BENIN RIVER



OPOBO RIVER
(MAENTA PMK.)



BRASS RIVER

POSTMARKS.

1897 CONT.
CAN. C.A.
P. 14½ · 15.







SHADES



OPOBO RIVER



OPOBO, REG^D.



FORCADOS RIVER



FORCADOS, REG^D.



AGBERI



ASABA



BRASS RIVER



WARRI



WARRI
(RED PMK.)
AU. . 97



CANCELLED AT PLYMOUTH,
THE PORT OF ENTRY.



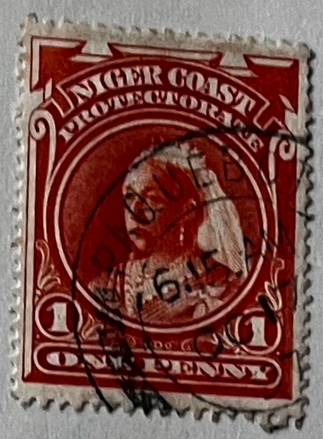
LIVERPOOL
(PAQUEBOT)



WARRI
(RED PMK.)
MY 11 97

POSTMARKS & SHADES.

1897. CONT.
CRN. CA.
P. 14½. 15.





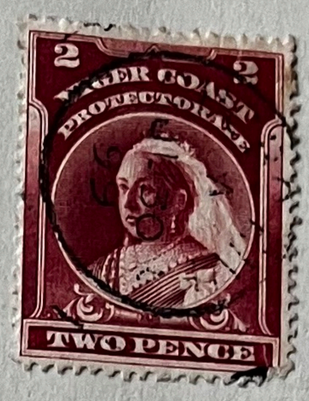
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P. 14½. 15.



SAPELE
(PROBABLY RE-ISSUE)



SOMBREIRO RIVER



OPOBO RIVER



OLD CALABAR RIVER



FORCADOS RIVER



COMBINED DATE STAMP
& OBLITERATOR, IN RED.



WARRI



OLD CALABAR RIVER



FORCADOS RIVER



OPOBO RIVER
(PURPLE PMK.)
No 6 97



FORCADOS, REG.D.



OPOBO RIVER



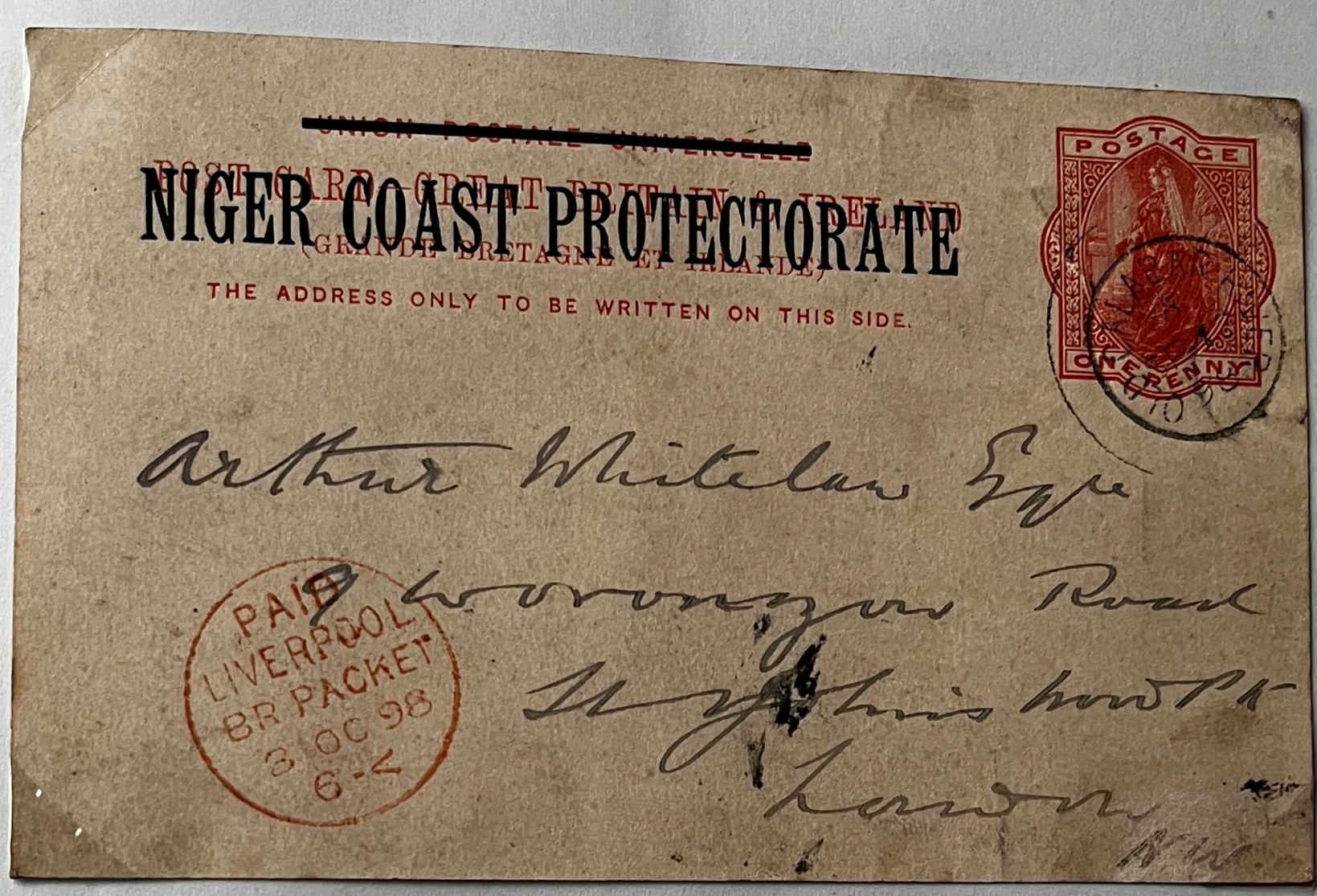
PAQUEBOT · LIVERPOOL
MR 23 98



POSTMARK OF THE ROYAL NIGER COMPANY,
USED AT BURUTU 1897-99.

POSTMARKS.

1897, CONT.
CRN. C.A.
P. 14½, 15.



H.B.M's Vice-Consulate.
Old Calabar, W.C.A.

11.9.98

Your kind note of July 22nd came safely to hand advising me of the dispatch of whisky.
You wrote all correctly - but I hear the parcel and B/L were a/d to "Thos. Hall", New Calabar - which place is over 200 miles distant and is served by another service of steamers to those that run here! I have however written round to New Calabar for it & expect it any time during these next six months. If it arrives I shall let you know my report. Chin Chin. You have my best wishes for success.

Yrs. T.A.W.

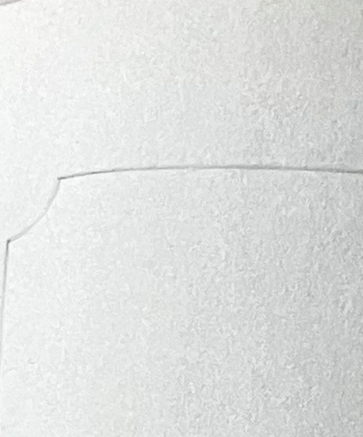


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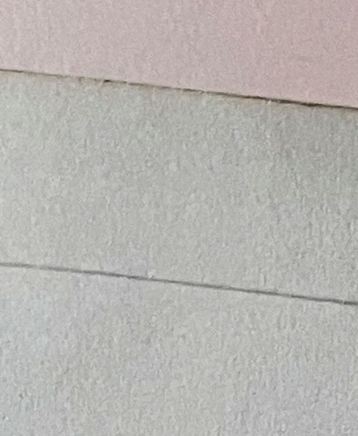


BRASS RIVER
JY. 16. 99
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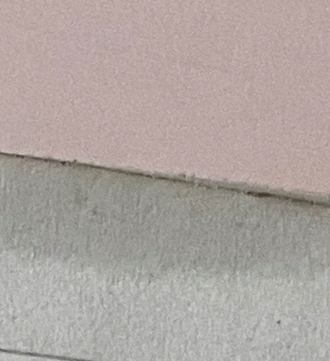
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BONNY RIVER
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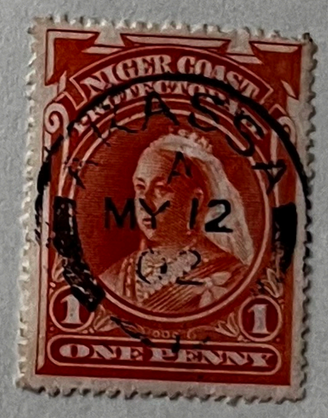


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AP. 18. 01



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MY 12. 02



WARRI
20 AP 03
(A 15½)



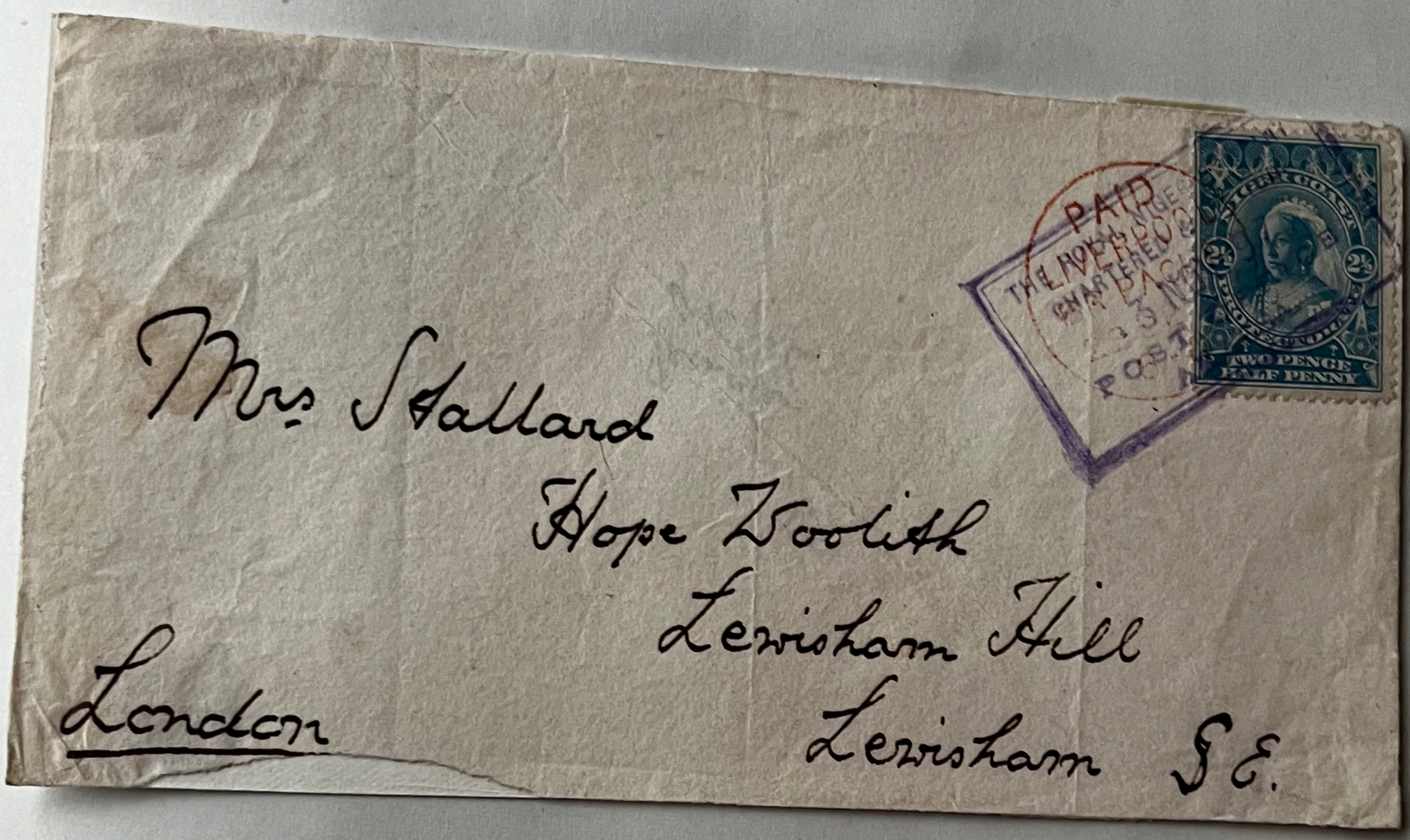
LIVERPOOL·PAQUEBOT
AU·3·00

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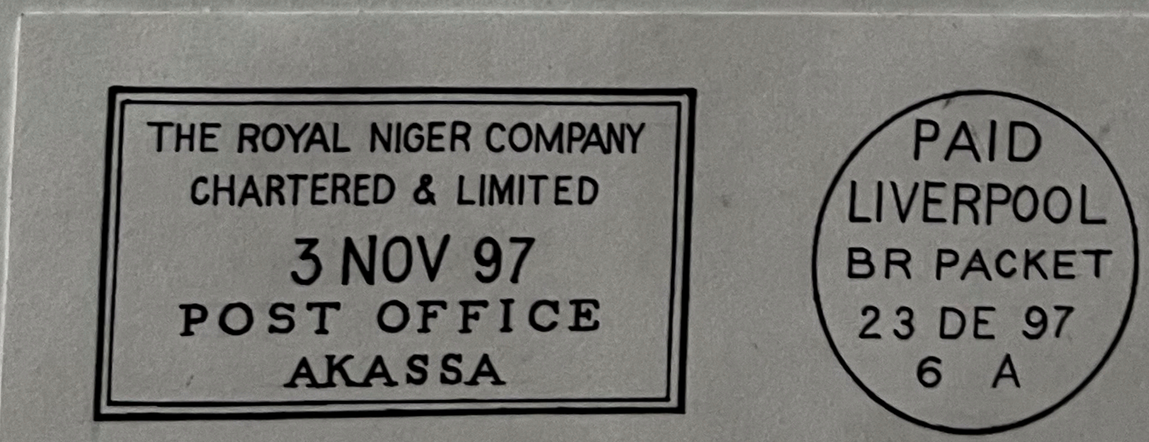
1897 CONT.
CRN.C.9.
P. 14

NEW CALABAR
NO. 26. 01 P. 14½
(EK. PILKINGTON)

A COVER FROM THE NIGER TERRITORIES (AKASSA) TO LONDON
FRANKED BY A NIGER COAST PROTECTORATE STAMP.
ISSUE OF MAY 1897. WMK. CRN.CA, P. 14



THE POSTMARKS.













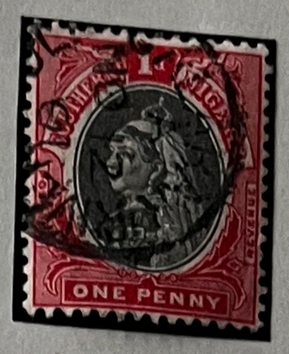


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CROWN C.A. PERF. 14







BRASS RIVER
DE·28·02



PLYMOUTH
SHIP·LETTER
MY·03



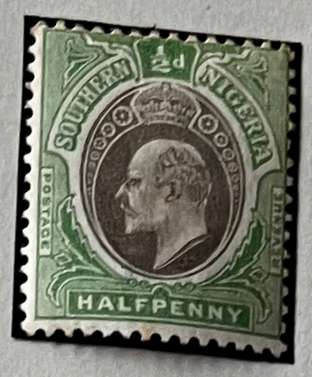
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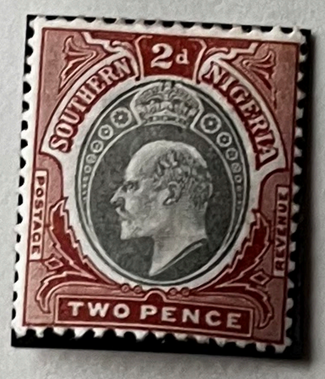


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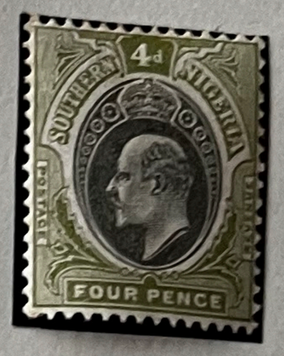
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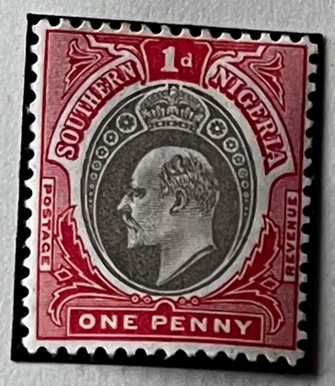


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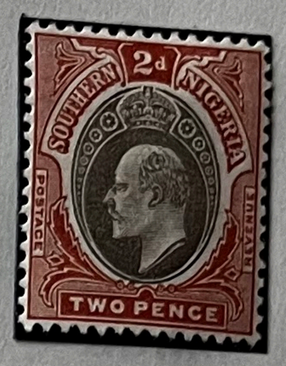
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CROWN C.A. PERF. 14

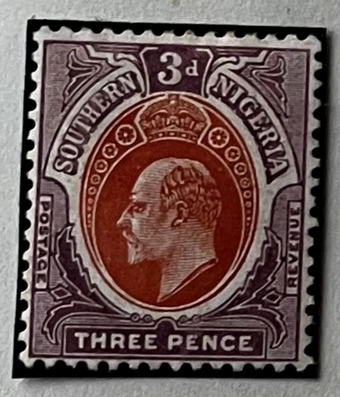


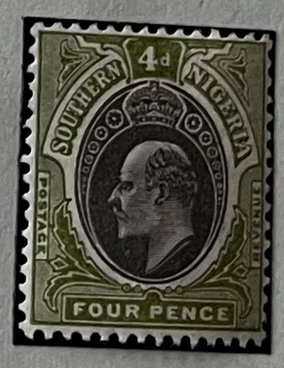










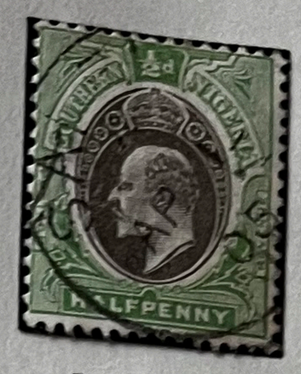


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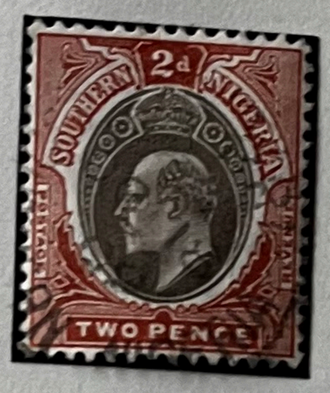
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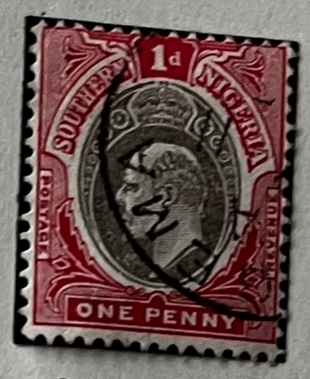


BRASS
DE 28 04



SAPELE
AP 1- 05





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(NEAR PORT HARCOURT)

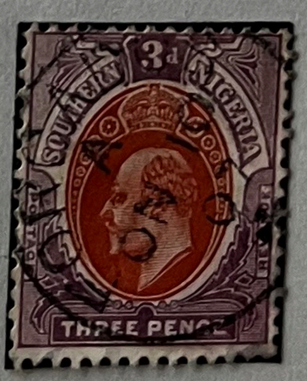


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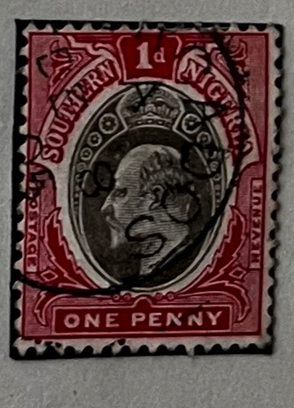




BONNY
MY 2 08



FORCADOS. NO. 10. 07.
(DATESTAMP WRONGLY ASSEMBLED)

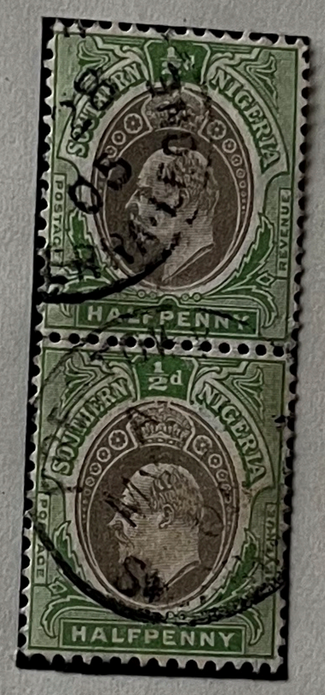


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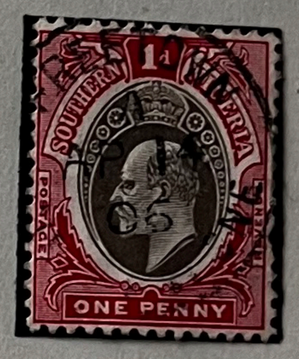
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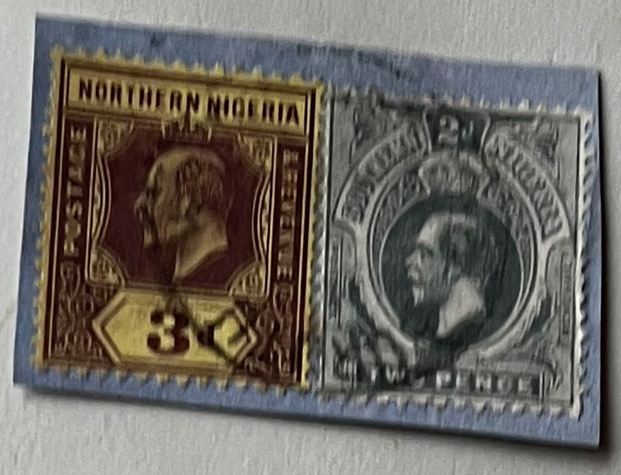


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STAMPS OF SOUTHERN NIGERIA
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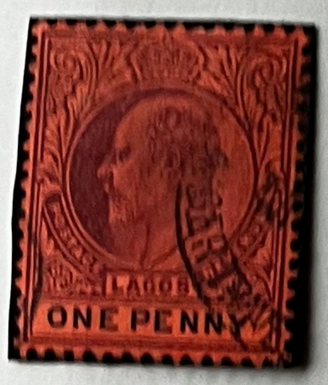
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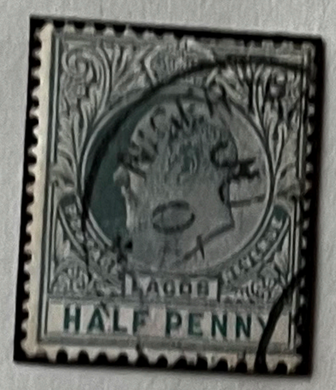
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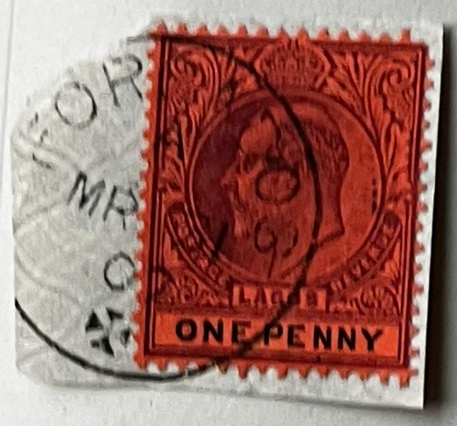
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BENIN CITY



OLD CALABAR
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USED AT FORCADOS
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QUA-IBOE RIVER
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USED AT CALABAR.
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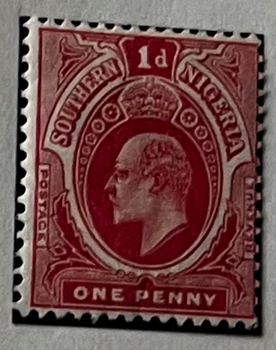




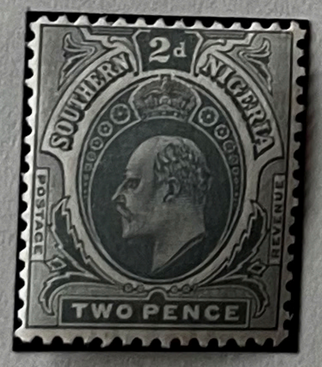
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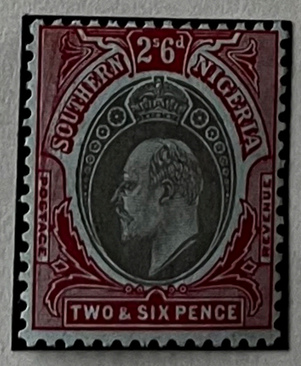


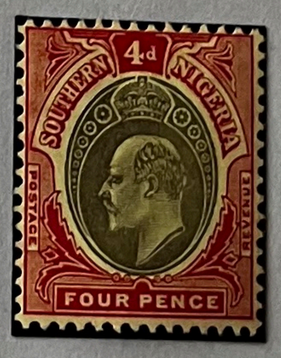
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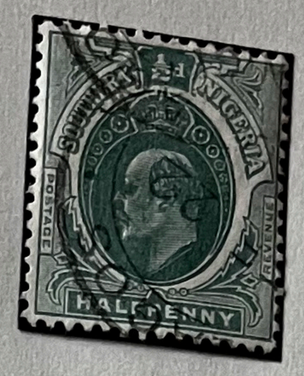
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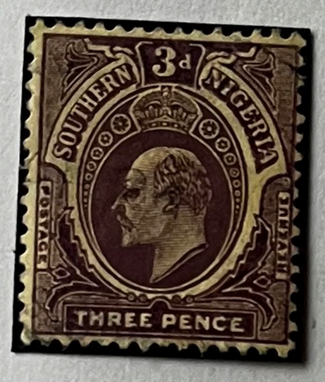






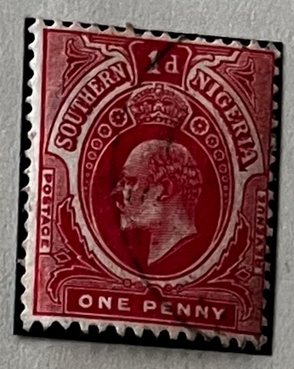
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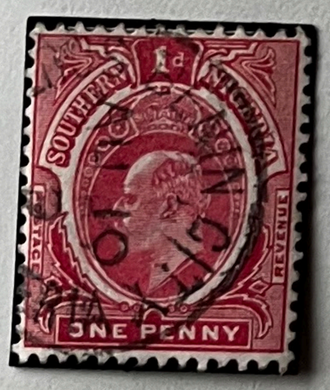
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BENIN CITY



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ABE-OKUTA
(NORTH OF LAGOS)



TRAVELLING P.O.



T.P.O., FE.19.09



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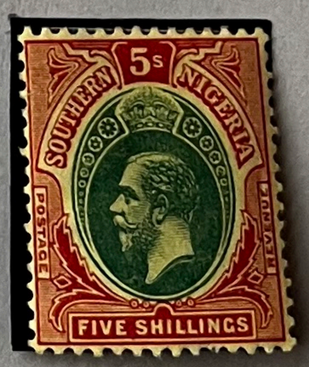












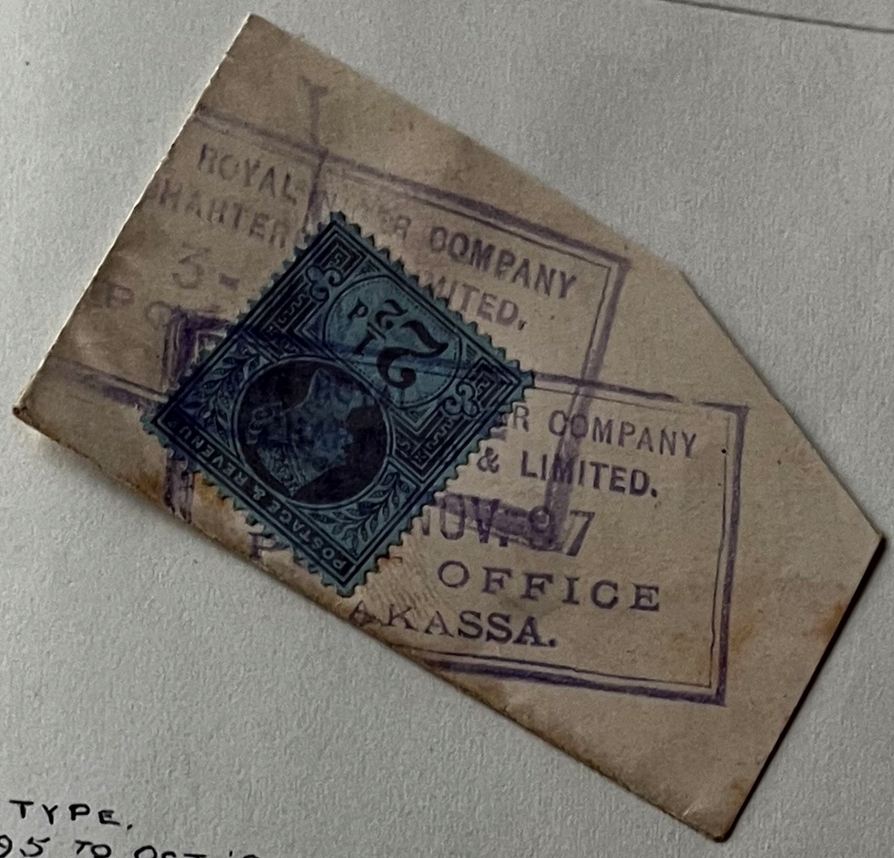
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THE LAST ISSUE OF SOUTHERN NIGERIA, WHICH, WITH THE NORTHERN PROVINCE WAS MERGED INTO THE COLONY OF NIGERIA IN 1914.

THE NIGER TERRITORIES,

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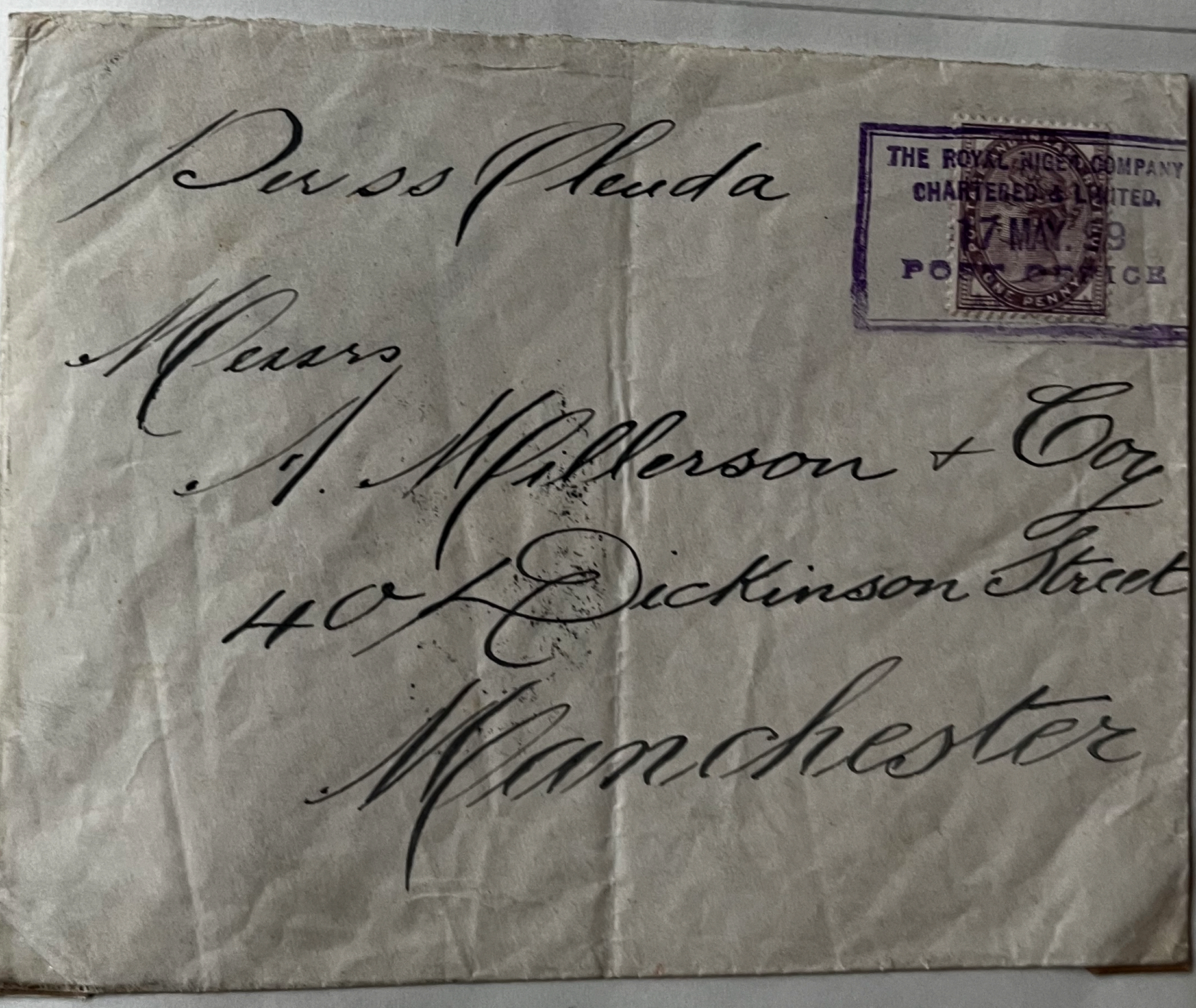
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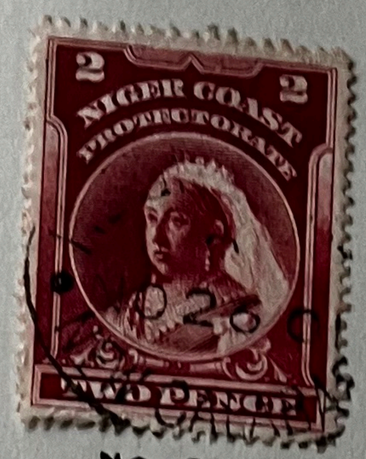
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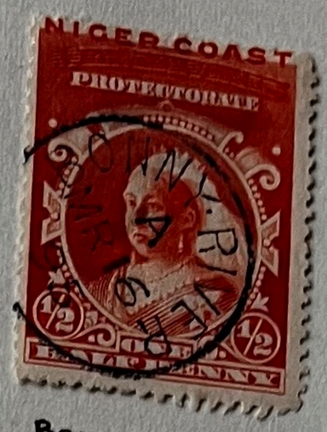


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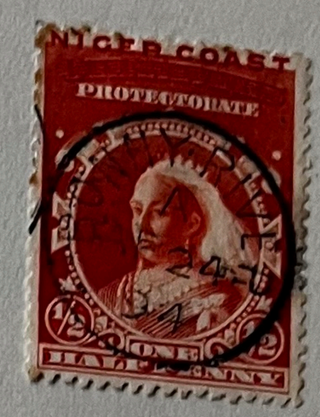
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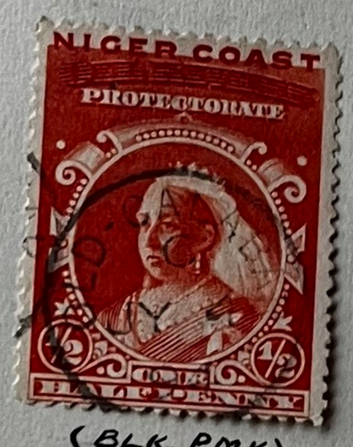




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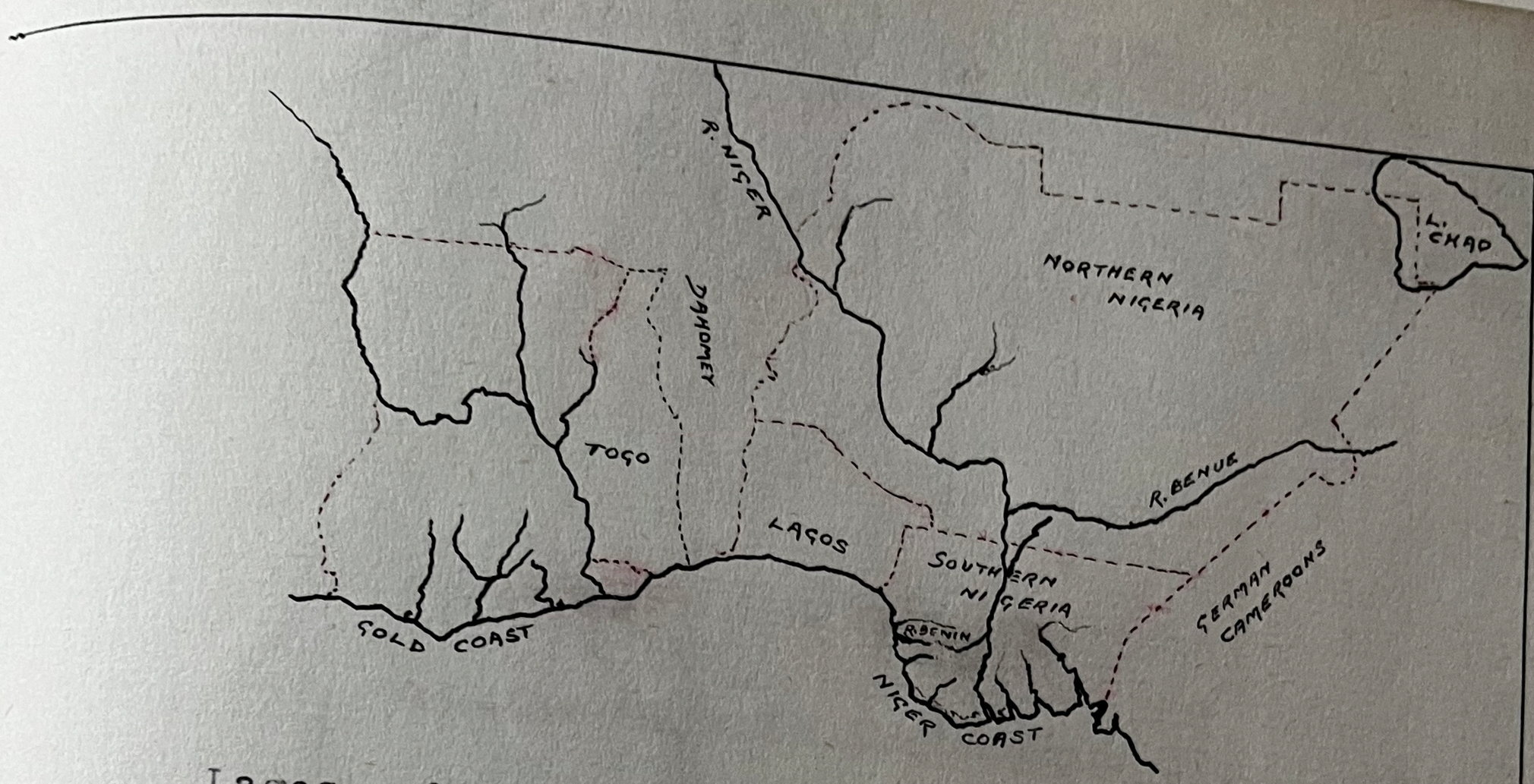
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POSTMARKS.

1893 CONT.



Lagos, Oil Rivers:
Southern Nigeria, Northern Nigeria:
N I G E R I A.

Until the late Victorian period British interests in Africa were mainly in strips of coast, peninsulas and islands. We held on to these as bases for sea-power and anti-slavery operations, which went on long after the abolition of slavery by Britain.

Our continental neighbours were meanwhile annexing territory in the continental manner, and the record of their exploitation is not good, only that of France will bear investigation.

We, under the urge of 'retrenchment and reform' left our penetration to trading companies, such as the Royal Niger Co.

This company did good work in developing the resources of the Niger territories and its rule was so beneficial to the natives that in the partition of Africa our rights in the hinterland of what became known as "Nigeria" were undisputed.

So the stamp issuing sequence is first Lagos, then the adjoining Niger Coast Protectorate, extending a mere thirty miles inland. These two became Southern Nigeria.
The hinterland became Northern Nigeria and, finally, the whole area of the Niger delta merged into the Crown colony of Nigeria.

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