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TRANSITION PERIOD

Control of the Post Office was handed over to the Irish authorities on April 1, 1922. Technically the first overprints could be considered British stamps and were, in fact, valid throughout the Commonwealth.



Dollard overprint properly used in England February 22, 1922.



Conversely, British stamp properly used in Ireland March 29, 1922.

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Unoverprinted British stamps remained valid for use in Ireland from February 17, 1922 until April 1, 1922.



Adhesive stamp is Thom February printing, cancelled Kilmallock February 22, 1922.

British postal stationery was validly used without any overprint until Irish stationery was issued.



Adhesive stamp is Dollard February printing, cancelled Phipsborough, District Office, Dublin February 22, 1922.

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INVALID USAGE

Overprinted stamps illegally used from Great Britain to the United States, postmarked Bromley & Beckerham, Kent July 15 1950. Machine slogan cancel may be the reason why the letter was carried without receiving a postage due charge marking. No one may have handled the letter in G.B. & it passed undetected to the United States where it was accepted as valid.

