

IRELANDTHE TREATY PERIODUNOFFICIAL OVERPRINTS

IRISH
FREE STATE
PROV. GOVT.



Cover to Dun Laoghaine (Kingstown) with pair of G.B. 1½d with handstuck overprint IRISH/FREE STATE PROV GOVT in black tied KINGSTOWN c.d.s. JA 1922, a month before the issue of the first official overprints on 17 February, 1922.

Again as with the previous postings no attempt was made to collect any surcharges on these covers.

MYSTERIOUS OVERPRINT.—The following reaches us from a Norwich reader:—

"Could you possibly oblige me by a little information? A client of mine received from Ireland some time ago an envelope with two 1d. stamps of K.G. overprinted: 'IRISH FREE STATE PROV. GOVT.'"

"This overprint was in English—a rough printing, looked like hand-stamp, posted in Kingston, January 18th, 1922. Was this a regular overprint or merely done by some Rebels? If so, to me it would seem it should have been confiscated by the authorities. I am unable to find anything about it whatever, also I cannot show it you, as this client won't let it go out of his hands; he thinks it is very rare. I am sure he received it in a *bona fide* manner; the postmark is over the overprint."

Excerpt from "Stamp Collecting" dated March 17th 1923