

TRANSITIONAL PERIOD

IRELAND

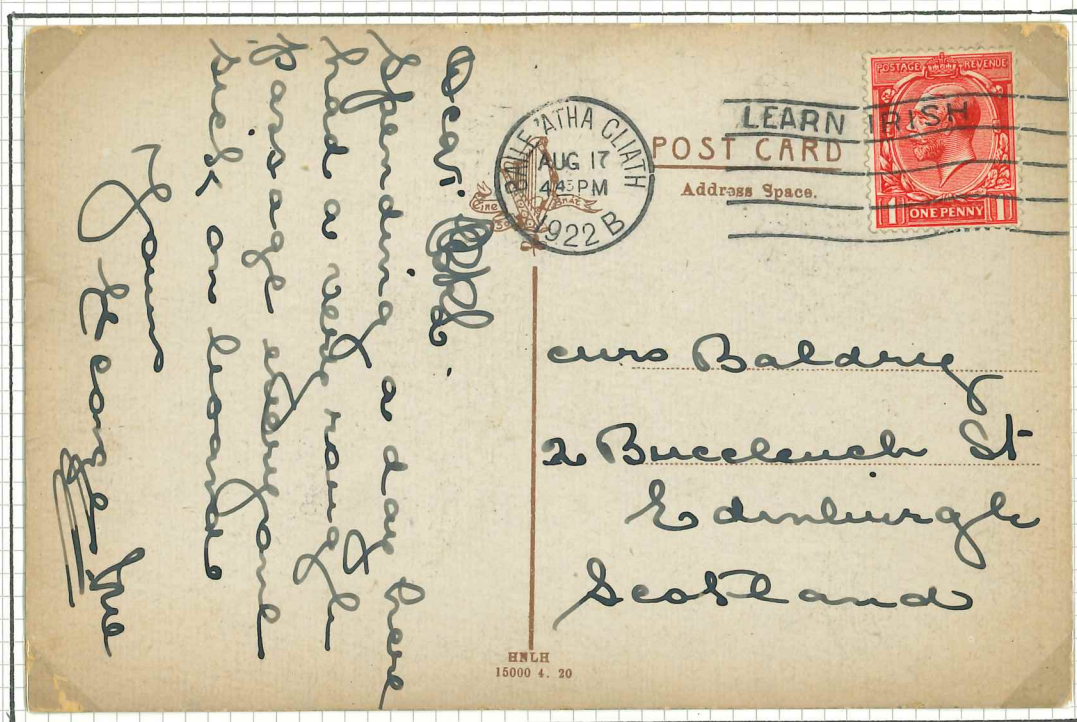
POSTAGE DUE

TO PAY OR NOT TO PAY

During the period from 17 February 1922, when the G.B. George V overprinted stamps were officially issued to the public, until 31 March 1922, when the running of the Post Office was handed over to the Ministry of Postal Works in the person of a Mr. J. Walsh for the new Provisional Government, both overprinted and non-overprinted stamps were quite legal for postage both in the United Kingdom and Southern Ireland.

After 3 April 1922 mail using non-overprinted stamps in the Irish Free State was liable to be surcharged as was mail using overprinted stamps in Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

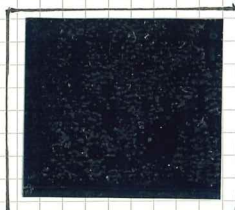
Nevertheless, as was probably expected, some mail slipped through without being surcharged.



Postcard from Dublin to Edinburgh postmarked DUBLIN-AUG 17-1922.
Allowed without surcharge.



Until the Irish Post Office issued its own postage due stamps in 1925 G.B. George V postage due stamps were used.



Issued: 1/2d November 1925
1d - 6d 20 February 1925

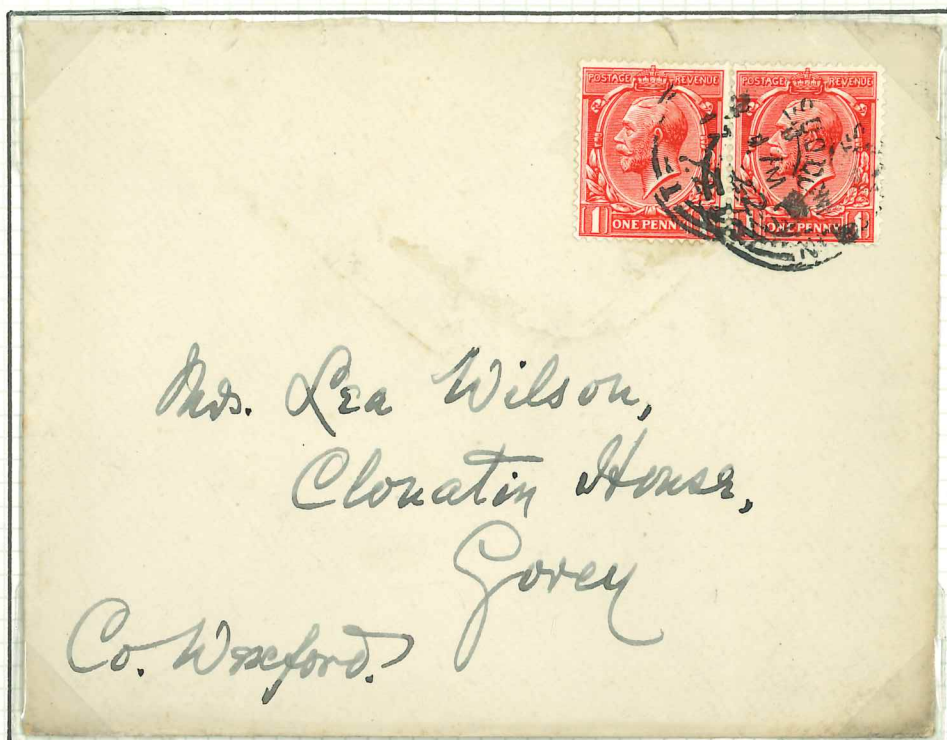
Designed by: R. McConnell.

Typographed by Government
Printers at Dublin Castle.

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Cover to Corey Co. Wexford with pair of unoverprinted 1d reds tied Rathmines D.O. c.d.s. 17. FE. 22 (First day of issue of the overprints)



Cover to Kent with G.B. 2d. (Pencil framed by P.O.) unaccepted with "ENGLISH STAMP NOT VALID IN IRELAND"; h.s. "1d" altered to "4d" in pencil and initialled. Charge collected by G.B. 4d tied Richmond 17. AP. 22 c.d.s. in the first few weeks that unoverprinted mail became liable to full surcharge without allowance.

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1922. Transition: Cover to London with unoverprinted G.B. 1/2d (2) and 1d making up 2d letter rate tied BALLSBRIDGE D.O. DUBLIN c.d.s. for 13. MR. 22. during the legal transition period.



Cover from Monaghan to Lisburn tied by Monaghan c.d.s. dated 20. MR. 23. with 1922/23 overprinted 1/2d and G.B. 1/2d and 1d again making up 2d letter rate, but well outside the legal transition period. Lisburn c.d.s. applied on arrival showing allowance made for G.B. stamps and instead of 3d being levied the surcharge was halved with G.B. 1/2d and 1d postage dues applied.

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Cover from London to Dublin franked with overprinted Thom 2d, cancelled by London machine cancel dated 26 APR. 1922. This was unaccepted being outside the legal transitional period and so a fine was imposed 4d/SE, but the full 2d was allowed by the Irish against the fine and thus only 2d was charged. A 1/2d green block of four G.B. 1914 postage dues tied Ballsbridge 27. AP. 22 c.d.s. was used to collect the fine.



Cover from London to Drogheda franked with Thom 2d (the correct Irish letter rate) and cancelled London machine dated JUL. 18. 1922 and because it had no instructional marking, this letter was not surcharged. Actually, the postage due should have been 1d (2 x 1/2d British rate less 2d allowance for the Irish stamp)

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REGISTERED MAIL



Registered cover cancelled DUBLIN 13 OCT 22 to Green Island, Co. Antrim, endorsed in m.s. "Posted out of Course" and taxed ls. "3s/186". Postage dues tied GREENISLAND STN S.D. CO. ANTRIM 14 OCT 22 c.d.s.



O.H.M.S. slip from Belfast Postmaster dated Belfast 18th Oct 1922 explaining the reason for the surcharge:- quote "the letter was not handed to an officer of the Post Office for registration but was posted in a letter box. It was therefore subjected to compulsory registration and surcharged 3d.

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Carlow
Doubling ring D/stamp
"4 D TO PAY"

Illegal use of Geo V 1d red



Surcharged at
Celbridge
Co. Kildare



Postage due labels on reverse

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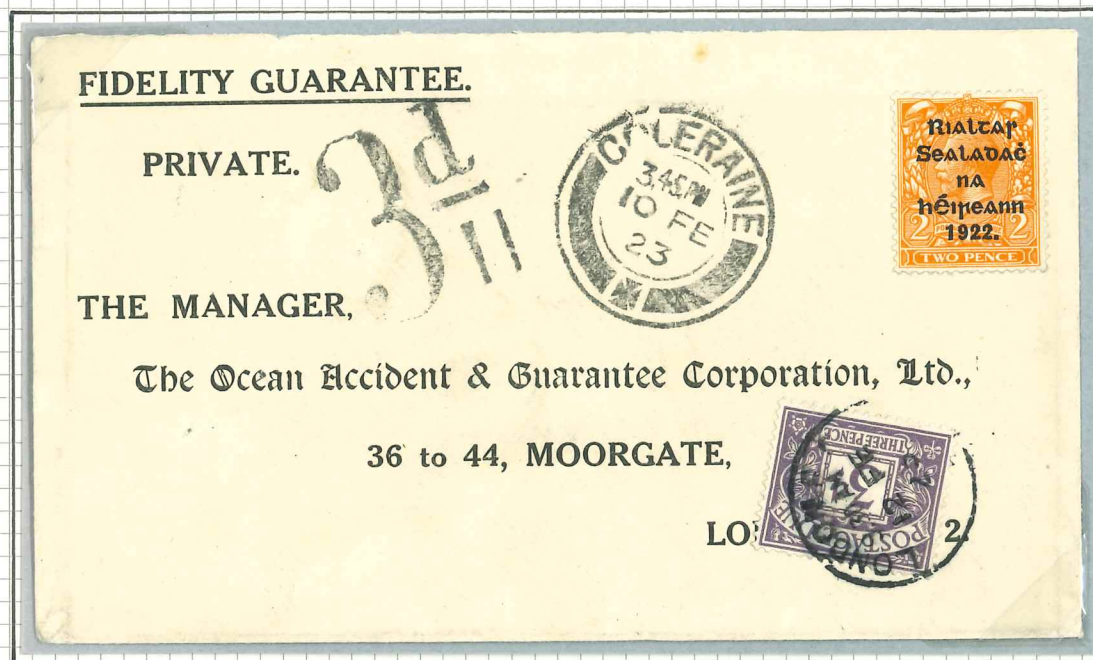


Cover from Limerick to London dated 27. DE. 24. with attempted prepayment of G.B. 1 1/2d and 1/2d S.E. Sword (2d being the letter rate). The G.B. 1 1/2d was unaccepted, being well outside the legal period for use and so a fine was imposed "3D/303" of Limerick. G.B. 3d postage due filed 29. DE. 24. c.d.s. on arrival.

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Letter from Coleraine Co. Derry to London dated 10. FE. 23 well outside the legal time limit for the use of overprinted stamps in Great Britain, that date being 31st March 1922.

The postage due is raised on the British rate, which was changed on May 29th 1922 from 2d to 1½d for letters up to 4oz.

As no allowance could be made for the Irish overprinted 2d stamp, hence the postage due raised is correct at 3d.

The 3d postage due stamp is cancelled LONDON 12. FE. 23.

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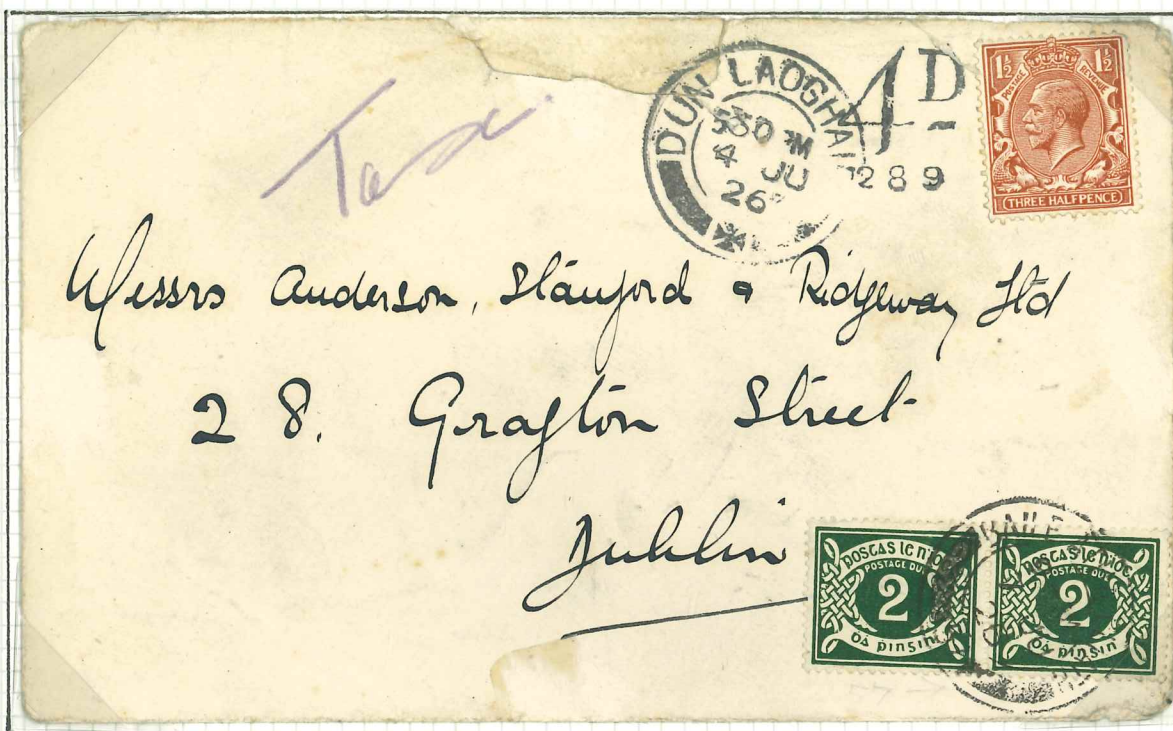
1914 G.B. 1d postage due used on underpaid postcard
Greystones to Dublin with 1d with Thom wide
setting overprint cancelled GREYSTONES 7 SP. 22.
Postage due tied DUBLIN c.d.s. 8. SP. 22. Legal Transition
usage.



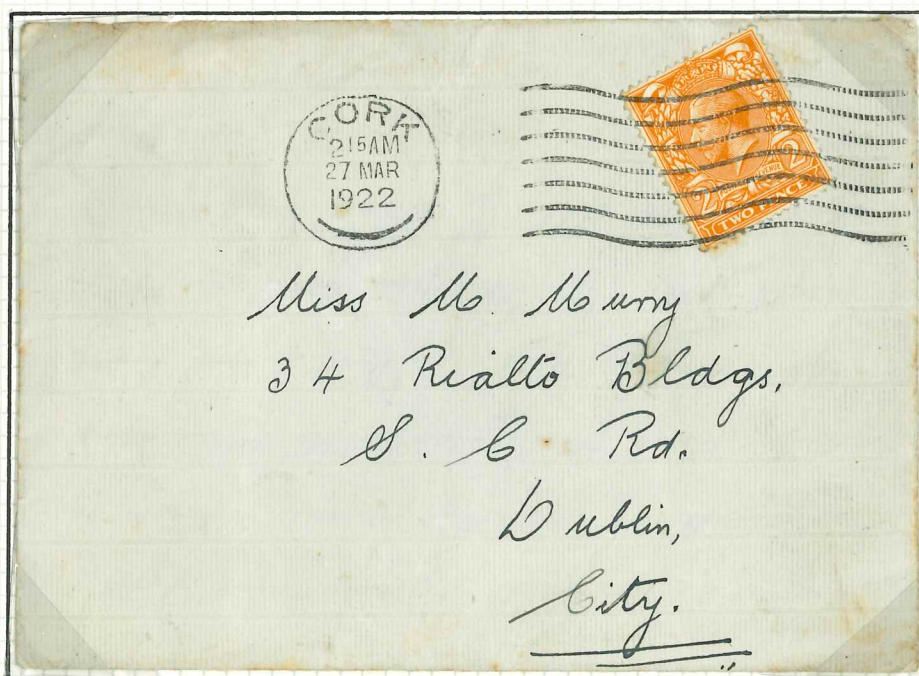
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Illegal use G.B. Geo VI 1 1/2d, left uncanceled with Dun Laoghaire cds and '40/289' due hs applied alongside



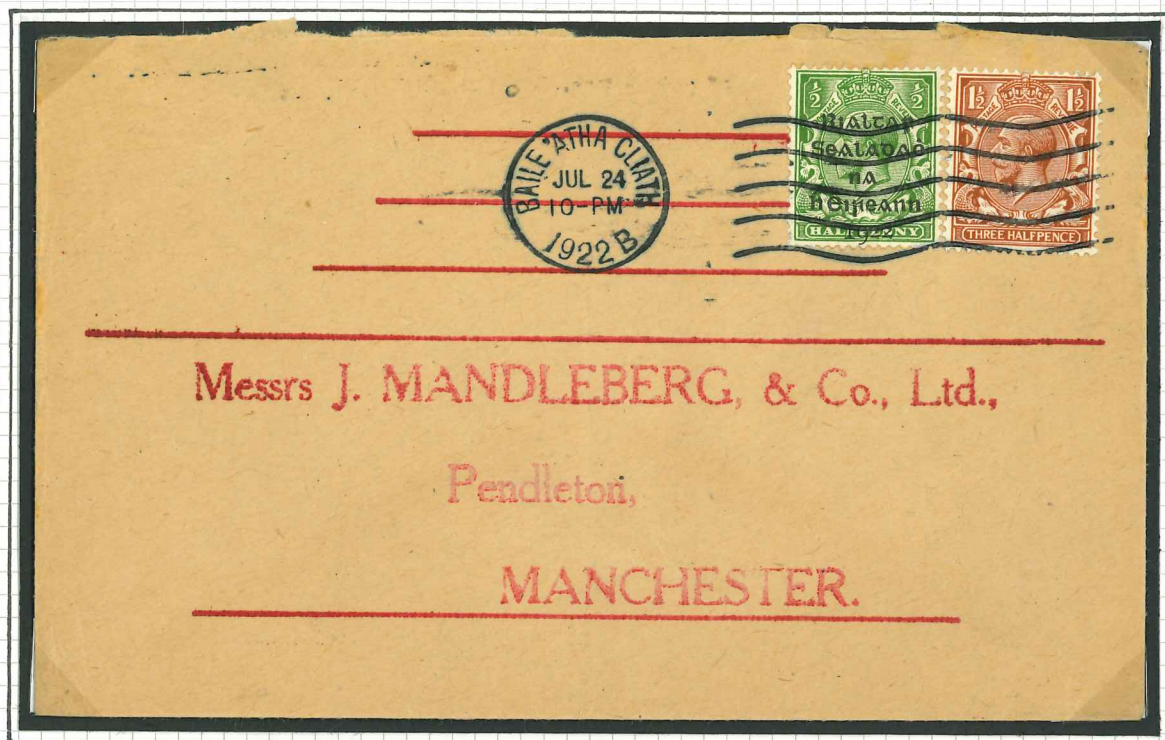
Cover from Cork to Dublin with unoverprinted GB 2d orange tied by Cork machine cancel dated 27. MAR. 1922. during the legal transition period. After 30. MARCH 1922 the use of G.B. unoverprinted stamps was illegal and therefore subject to a surcharge.

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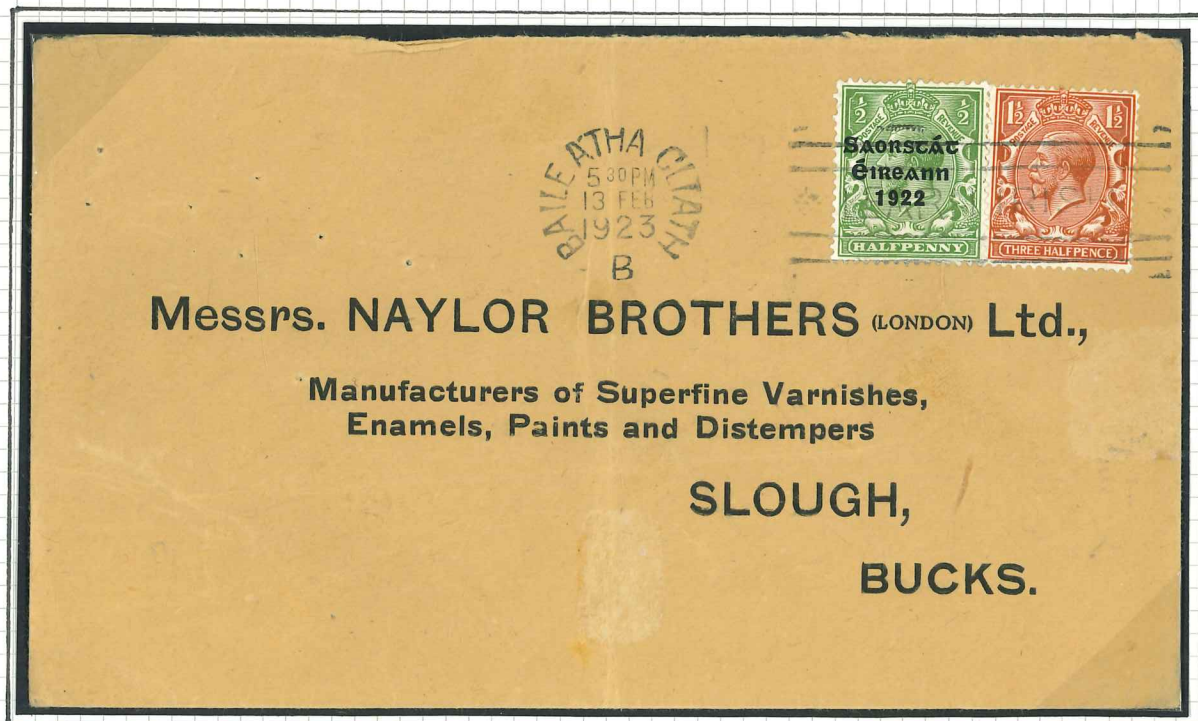
1d scarlet used on cover to Manchester tied Castlerea c.d.s. 30 AUG 22. intercepted in Manchester and on inspection 1d G.B. postage due was applied tied dumb cancel. The surcharge was incorrect as the fine should have been double deficiency of $1d \times 2 = 2d$. Irish letter rate being 2d.



Cover from Dublin to Coventry dated September 1, 1922. Upon a random inspection at Liverpool (triangular inspectors mark 466) a surcharge of 1d was applied with instructional mark. This 1d was based on the British letter rate of $1\frac{1}{2}d$ ($\frac{1}{2}d \times 2$). Since the Irish letter rate was 2d, the surcharge should have been 2d ($1d \times 2$).

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1922 Dollard ½d overprint used in combination with unoverprinted G.B. Geo V 1½d brown on printed Mandleberg & Co., Ltd. reply envelope from Dublin to Manchester, England.
Cancelled Dublin Jul-24-1922.



Thom 3/line ½d overprint used alongside unoverprinted G.B. Geo V 1½d brown tied Dublin machine cancel 13 FEB 1923 sent as closed mail and accepted without surcharge. (Both were probably reply-paid envelopes at the British rate of 1½d, the Irish rate being 2d)

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Killybegs Co., Donegal to London
February 2, 1923.

Obviously this envelope was already prestamped when sent from the Free State as the stamps were "perkins" from Selfridges, the London store, also the back flap is embossed "Selfridges Co. Ltd."

Because of the differences between the Irish and British postal rates surcharges were very often incorrectly applied

At the Killybegs office a 4d surcharge was applied (2d Irish rate x 2) This was incorrectly changed in London to 2d. Since the Irish rate was 2d, a 2½d surcharge should have been applied, being 2d x 2 less ½d allowance.

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Cover to Sheffield paid with unoverprinted Geo V 1/2d and 1 1/2d allowed without fine.

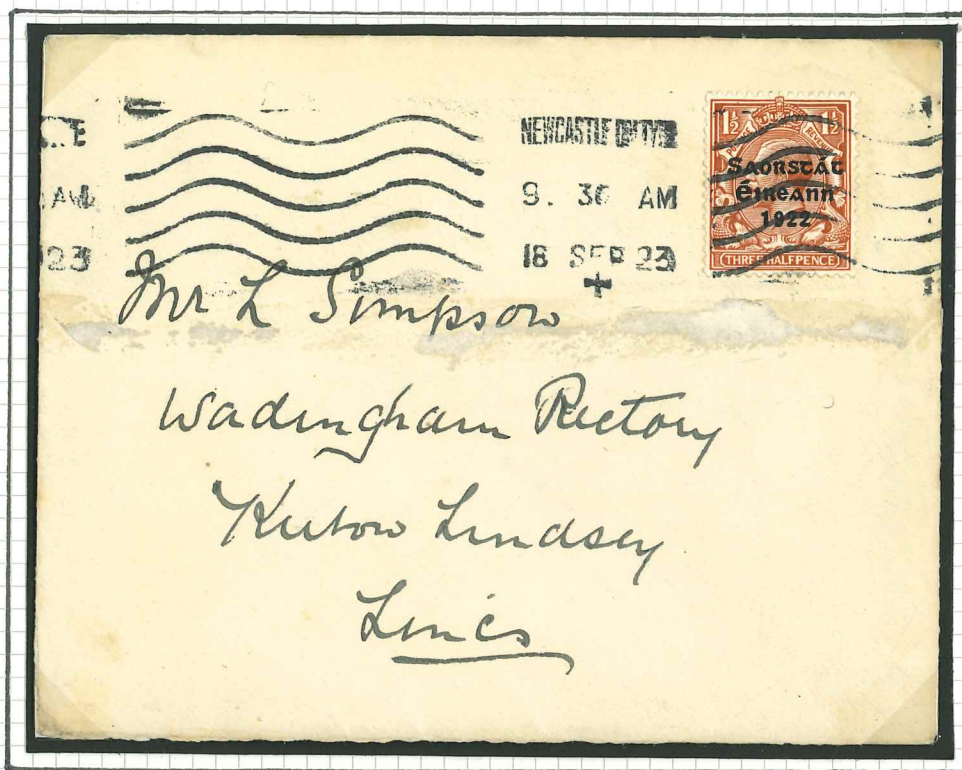


Cover to Sheffield with mixed franking again allowed without fine

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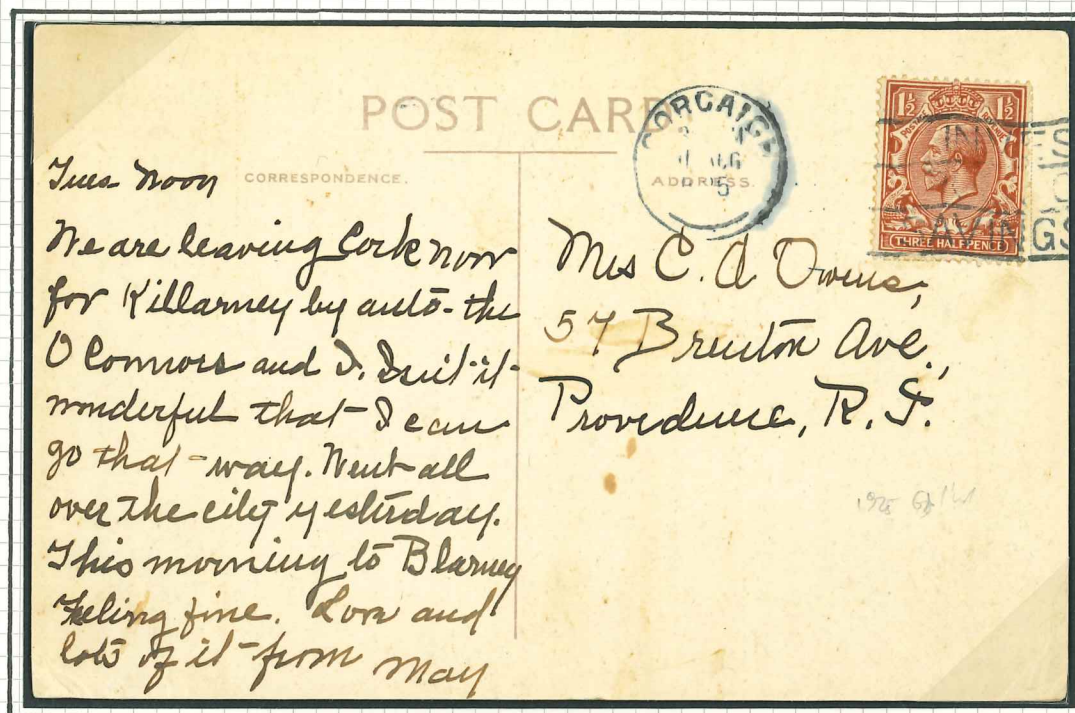


18 September 1923. Harrison 3-line W2d brown coil overprinted used in England on cover to Lincolnshire tied by Newcastle on Tyne machine cancel dated 18. SEP. 23. Illegal usage but no surcharge was made.

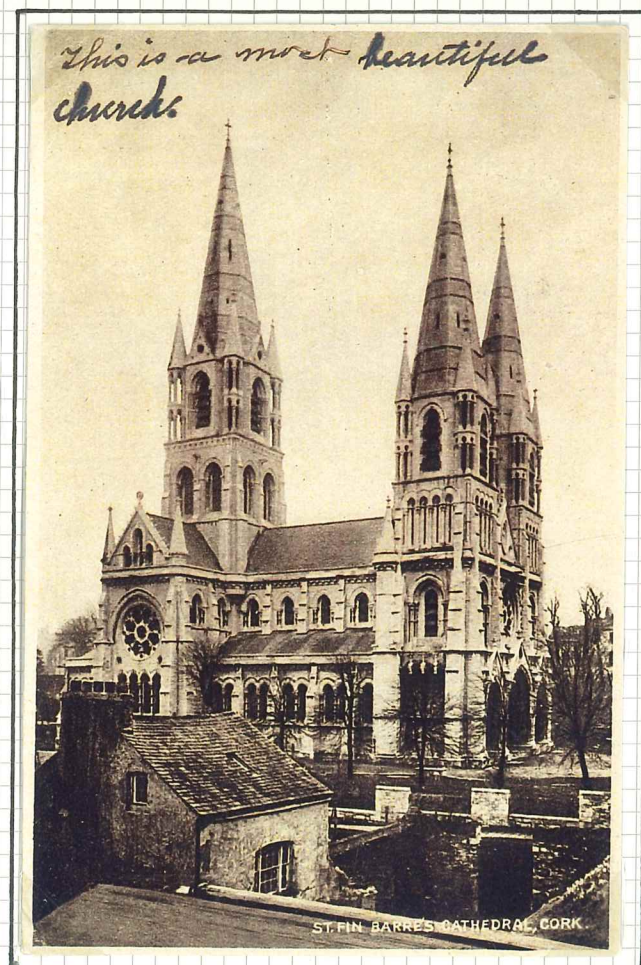
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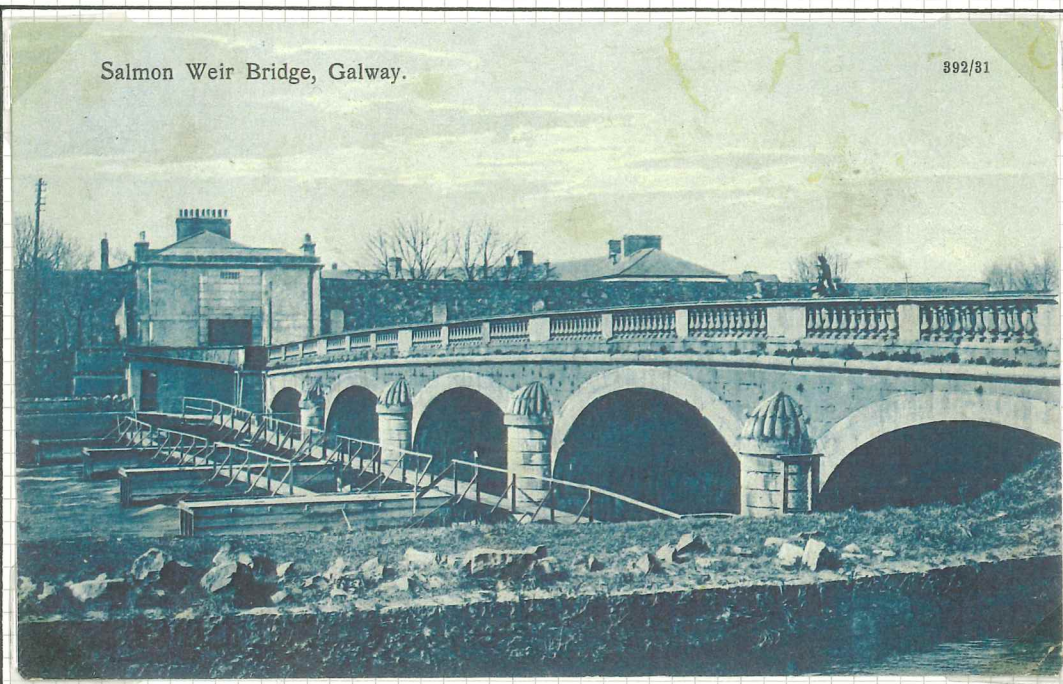
1925 p.p.c. of St. Finbarr's Cathedral, Cork used to U.S.A but paid with unoverprinted G.B. Geo V 192d brown tied by Cork machine slogan cancel, allowed without fine.



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Salmon Weir Bridge, Galway.

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Just by me
off for days
picnic - lovely
here. scenery
beautiful. we
return Thurs. 18. SE. 23
Arthur & family
with us. weather
bad. we had motor
boat on river for
picnic. Sat. children
love it - had one to dip in sea

POST CARD

1^d
TO PAY
232



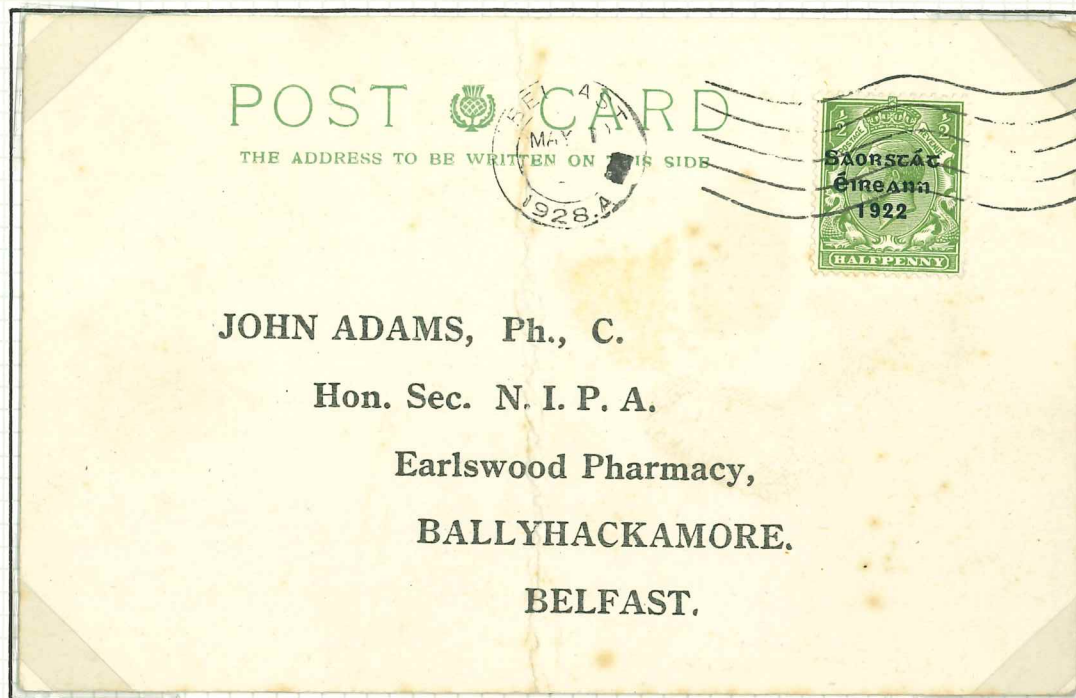
Islandmore
St Kevin's Park
Up p. Rathfarnham
Dublin



1914-24 Royal Cypher 1d red postage due label tied by
RATHGAR D.O. c.d.s. dated 19. SP. 23 to underpaid post card
from Galway to Dublin with 18/TO PAY/232 (232 = Galway)
handstamp. Inland rate for postcard being 1/2d at the time.
1d red 'map' definitive, se watermark. tied Galway 18. SE. 23.
Ireland's own postage due labels did not appear until
February 1925.



IRELAND - OVERPRINTS.



May 1928. Thom Saorstát 1/2d green used on printed reply postcard at Belfast, tied by Belfast machine cancel. Illegal use, but allowed without charge.

PROPOSED RECIPROCITY WITH GREAT BRITAIN.

(Voting Paper.)

Are you in favour of Reciprocity in the matter of
Pharmaceutical qualification between Northern Ireland
and Great Britain.

Reply "Yes" or "No" here.....

SIGNATURE.....

Yes
Robert Chapman

Reverse of post-card.

John Adams was a member of The North of Ireland Philatelic Society during the 1920's and 30's. His name appears as having won the Greer Cup several times during that period.

Transitional PeriodIRELANDPostage Due

1922. Thom 2d orange used on underpaid from Drogheda to Yokohama, Japan. Taxed "T/35" with bilingual "DUE 14 SEN" in violet. Arrival mark on reverse reads "YOKOHAMA 15.4.22 JAPAN" also in violet.



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UNDERPAID MAIL



Donegal to Toulon, France February 20, 1922.
Underpaid in Ireland, Noted in London, Paid in France.

The underpayment of this letter was not noted in the originating office in Ireland but an instructional surcharge marking was applied in London (T = Taxe, L = London). At the French post office in Toulon 35 centimes was duly raised since the letter had been sent with a 2d stamp instead of a 3d needed to cover the foreign rate.

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Cover originally sent Dublin to Menton, France bearing a pair of Dollard 1d reds tied Dublin machine cancel dated - July 1922. Taxed T/35/L. French postage dues (35 centimes) were applied and tied Menton c.d.s. Charge was not collected as cover readdressed back to Dublin where pair G.B. Royal Cypher 1d red postage dues were applied and tied Ballsbridge, Dublin, 30.JY.22.



Thom 2d orange together with Dollard 1/2d green underpaying the 3d European rate on cover from Dublin to Germany dated May 12 1922. Octagonal Tax H.S. "T/30/L" at London, German has "PORTO" and ms "240" in blue (2 mark 40 Pf., during the early period of price inflation in Germany)

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REDIRECTED MAIL



LONDON to DUBLIN MARCH 16, 1922.

DUBLIN to HONG KONG MARCH 20, 1922.

HONG KONG to SHANGHAI APRIL 28, 1922.

In accord with British practice, redirection of mail was free if made within one day of receipt. After one day, or if mail had been opened further charges were required.

This letter from London to Ireland had the then correctly rated 2d British stamp, but additional postage was necessary to redirect it to Hong Kong since four days had elapsed before redirection.

This was done with an Irish overprinted stamp, although the extra payment could have been made, in this instance and up to March 31, 1922, with an equally valid British stamp.

