

## The Campbell Printings

The supplies of the 1d Ham printings lasted until March 1854 and the 3d until June 1854. It was decided to fulfill the Colony's future requirements of 1d and 6d stamps by obtaining printing plates from England. These stamps were expected in November 1853 but did not arrive until October 1854. It became necessary to have new printings of 1d and 3d stamps to bolster the stocks and tenders were called for the production of 500,000 1d and 2,000,000 3d stamps. The contract was awarded to J.S. Campbell & Co. One "master" intermediate stone of 24 (four rows of six) from which transfers were laid down on new stones to produce a single printing stone of 192 impressions in two panes of 96.

**Sixth Printing**  
**February 1854**  
**1d**

**Stone 1**  
**J.S. Campbell & Co**

Printed in shades of Orange-Red



[7]



[3]

Ex Harvey, Perry



[7] Melbourne 1  
 Ex Pack



[19-20] Geelong 2



[18]

Ex Dale Lichtenstein



[2-3-4-5] Casterton 7  
 Six strips of four are recorded

Sixth Printing  
February 1854  
1d

Stone 1  
J. S. Campbell & Co

Printed in shades of Orange Red



1d Orange Red [8] cancelled by Barred Oval 1 on entire addressed within Melbourne pre-paying the 2d town letter rate.

On the front is a datestamp for Melbourne (23rd March 1854).

Fifteen covers are recorded in this shade of which two are pre-paying the 1d town letter rate.

Printed in Rose



[5]



[22-23] Melbourne **1**  
Pairs are the largest multiple  
known and two are recorded.  
Ex Purves, Perry



[22]  
Ex Perry

Twenty five examples of this shade are estimated to exist

Sixth Printing  
February 1854  
1d

Stone 1  
J. S. Campbell & Co

Printed in shades of Orange Red



1d Orange-red [1] showing secondary variety of a prominent white line in shading under "VIC" and [3] cancelled by Barred Oval 1 on entire addressed within Melbourne pre-paying the 2d town letter rate.

On the front is a datestamp for Melbourne (13th May 1854).

On the 1st May 1854 the town letter rate was increased from 1d not exceeding a half ounce to 2d. There was such widespread discontent within the colony that the Act was repealed on the 1st July 1855 and the old postal rates remained.

Fifteen covers are recorded in this shade, five of which are paying the 2d Town Letter Rate.

## Printings from Stone A

The printer J.S. Campbell constructed an intermediate stone of 24 (four rows of six) to produce a printing stone of 320 types in two panes of 160. Exactly 500,000 stamps were delivered in February 1854 and the earliest known use is 26th June 1854. From the remainders, it has been estimated that 20,000 stamps were rouletted in 1857 and 96,000 perforated in 1859.

**Sixth Printing**  
**February 1854**  
**3d**

**Stone A**  
**J.S. Campbell & Co**

Printed in shades of Blue



[18]



[4]



[19-20]

Five unused pairs recorded  
 Ex Pack, Perry



[13]  
 Ex Perry



[21-22-23-24] Shelford 48  
 Ex Wawn



[1-2/7-8] Warnambool 15

Sixth Printing  
February 1854  
3d

Stone A  
J.S. Campbell & Co

Printed in shades of Blue



3d Blue [13-14-15-16] cancelled by Barred Oval 55 on entire from Beechworth to Sydney pre-paying triple the 4d inland letter rate.

On the reverse are datestamps for Beechworth (2nd September 1854) and Sydney 8th September 1854).



3d Blue block of four [1-2/7-8] cancelled by Barred Oval 1 from Melbourne to London pre-paying the 1/- ship letter rate.

On the front is a datestamp for Melbourne (26th June 1854), and on the reverse are datestamps for Liverpool (28th September 1854) and London (29th September 1854)

The earliest known date of use for this stamp.

### Retouch to the Printing Stone

Type 17 on the intermediate transfer was the only unit retouched, and this retouch is a primary characteristic appearing on every Type 17 unit on Printing Stone A. The retouching occurs under the “C” of “VICTORIA”.



[17-18/23-24]  
Ex Boker



[17] Melbourne 1



[17-18/23-24] Casterton 7  
Ex Pack, Harris

**The Make-up of the Printing Stones**

The Campbell printing from Stone A, and the Campbell & Fergusson printing from Stone B were printed in two panes of 160. The panes of 160 were constructed from complete transfer groups of 24 and parts of transfers (“cuts”) cut out and pasted up to form the pane of 160. The two panes were arranged in 9 rows of 18, with two blank spaces in the lower right corner. This arrangement was made up in two steps:

- ( i ) Six complete transfers of 24 were laid down, in two rows of three. The lower right block had the last unit (Type 24) removed.
- ( ii ) At the base of this unit, horizontal strips of 6 were added under the first two transfer groups, and a strip of 5 under the this group.

From the make-up of the panes, intersections between transfer groups and “abnormal” combinations are encountered. “Abnormals” are identified by wide base or right hand margins and secondary flaws.

**Top Pane**

1	2	3	4	5	6	1					6	1					6
7					12												
13					18												
19					24	19					24	19					24
1					6	1					6	1					6
19	20	21	22	23	24	19	20	21	22	23	24	19	20	21	22	23	
7	8	9	10	11	12	19	20	21	22	23	24	13	14	15	16	17	

**Intersection between two transfer groups**



[6-1]



[12-7]

Sixth Printing  
 February 1854  
 3d

Stones A and B  
 J. S. Campbell and  
 Campbell & Fergusson

Lower Pane

1	2	3	4	5	6	1					6	1					6
7					12												
13					18												
19					24	19					24	19					24
1					6	1					6	1					6
19	20	21	22	23	24	19	20	21	22	23	24	19	20	21	22	23	
19	20	21	22	23	24	13	14	15	16	17	18	7	8	9	10	11	

19	20	21	22	23	24
					
19	20	21	22	23	24

Sixth Printing  
 February 1854  
 3d

Stones A and B  
 J. S. Campbell and  
 Campbell & Fergusson

Intersection between two transfer groups



3d Greenish Blue [22/4], showing the intersection between two transfer groups, cancelled by Barred Numeral 3 on envelope from Castlemaine to England pre-paying the 6d ship letter rate.

On the reverse are datestamps for Castlemaine (4th December 1858); Melbourne (6th December 1858) and South Shields (12th February 1859).

Ex Pack, Perry

19	20	21	22	23	
					
7	8	9	10	11	12

Sixth Printing  
 February 1854  
 3d

Stones A and B  
 J. S. Campbell and  
 Campbell & Fergusson

Lower Pane

19	20	21	22	23
				
13	14	15	16	17

[13-14-15] Ex Pack

24	19	20
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			21	22	23	24
						
18	7	8	9	10	11	

[18-7] Ex Wawn; [11] Ex Purves

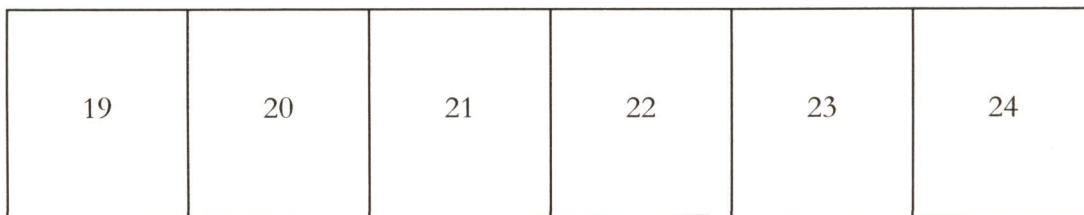
Sixth Printing  
 February 1854  
 3d

Stones A and B  
 J. S. Campbell and  
 Campbell & Fergusson

Top Pane



19	20	21	22	23	24
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13	14	15	16	17
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[13-14] Ex Purves

Sixth Printing  
February 1854  
3d

Stone A  
J.S. Campbell & Co

Printed in shades of Blue  
Abnormal combination



3d Blue [21-22] “abnormal” from the base of the sheet cancelled by Barred Oval 2 on entire from Geelong to Williamstown pre-paying the 6d inland letter rate.

On the reverse are datestamps for Geelong (1st September 1854) and Melbourne (2nd September 1854).

The “abnormal” combination of [21-22] exists on both the Top Pane and the Lower Pane of the 3d Stone A printings.

On the 1st May 1854 the inland letter rate was increased from 2d not exceeding a half ounce to 6d. There was such widespread discontent within the colony that the Act was repealed on the 1st July 1855 and the old postal rates remained.

Two abnormal combinations are recorded on cover from this printing