

QUEENSLAND: THE PRINTED TO PRIVATE ORDER ENVELOPES

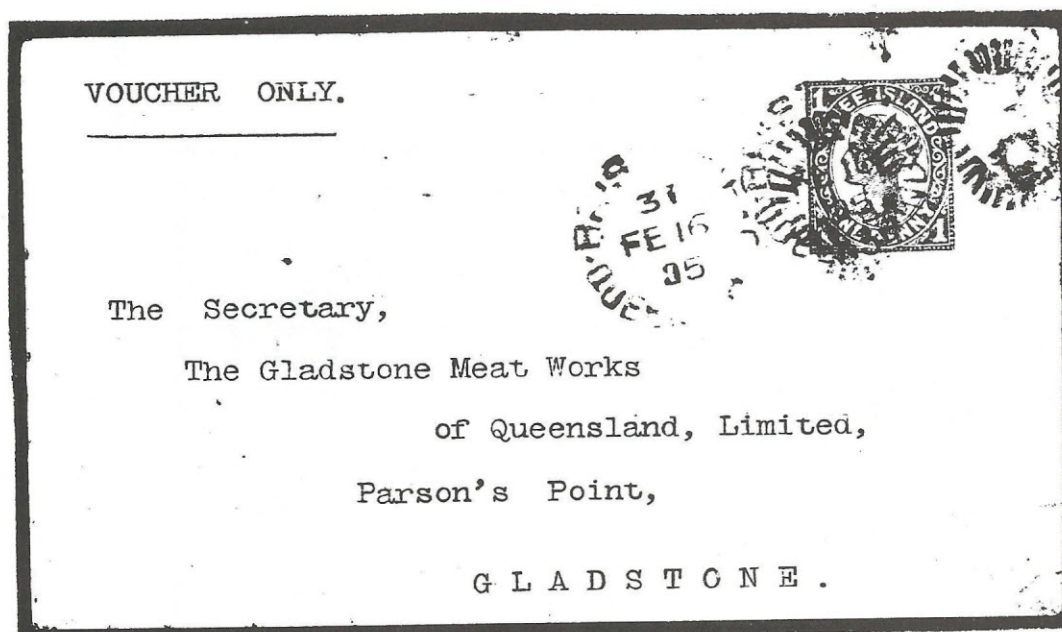
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Commencing on 25 September 1895 the Government Printing Office provided a service to Queensland companies and individuals by imprinting stationery, envelopes or wrappers, with the then current 1d or 2d postage stamp design for a fee of 3/- per 1000 envelopes. It is probably wise to list the references of 1892 in various stamp journals when the issue was first mooted

1. Gibbons Stamp Monthly Journal - 30 April 1892
2. Gibbons Stamp Monthly Journal - 31 August 1892
3. The London Philatelist - April 1892
4. Vindins Stamp Monthly - 20 August 1892.

Until Phil Collas chronicled the then known issues, probably few people had recognised any of these items, other than the remainder or specimen sets of 6 envelopes often found at stamp shops in Australia. These comprised three 1d envelopes in white, blue and manilla shades, and three 2d envelopes in similar shades each measuring approximately 138mm x 79mm. In Queensland it is rumoured that these were remainders sold by stationers shops. Whilst this is highly probable there is no evidence to confirm or deny the conjecture.

Due to lack of reference material, Collas did not list the known envelopes and I am sure that even now not all types have been recorded, one of the problems being that so few of them have survived. Below I list those examples known to me including from my own collection and that of E.C. Druce. A additional wrapper is in the Gary Watson Auction this month.



LISTING OF QUEENSLAND PTPO POSTAL STATIONERY ENVELOPES
(unless stated)

SG Type 16 No. Figures in Corners

Penny Value

Stamp	Mint/Used	Size (mm)	Town	Dates	Paper
Carmine	M	138 x 79			Manilla
	M	138 x 79			Off White
	M	138 x 79			Blue
	U	138 x 79	Brisbane	14.4.05	Blue
	U	138 x 79	Gladstone	6.6.03	Manilla
	M	120 x 95			Off White
Pale Orange	U	146 x 90	Brisbane	7.5.96	Grey
	U	146 x 90	Brisbane	5.6.96	Grey
	U	146 x 90	Brisbane	12.10.97	Grey
(all pale orange shades are B.D. Morehead & Co, Brisbane)					
Pale Carmine	U	?	Rockhampton	9.7.97	Off White
	U (OHMS)	137 x 78	Brisbane	17.10.96	Off White
Orange	U	?	Rockhampton	14.7.96	Off White
	U	147 x 90	Rockhampton	. . 96	Off White

Two-Penny Value

Stamp	Mint/Used	Size (mm)	Town	Dates	Paper
Blue	M	138 x 79			Manilla
	M	138 x 79			Off White
	M	138 x 79			Blue
	M	138 x 79	(Stamp inverted lower left)		Blue
	U	138 x 79		3.12.97	
	U	138 x 79	Gladstone	13.6.97	
	U	138 x 79	Gladstone	30.10.03	Manilla
Blue	U (OHMS)	146 x 90	Brisbane	3.12.97	Off White
	U	146 x 89		3.3.96	Off White
(Mount Morgan Mining Company)					
	U	141 X 90	Brisbane	17.10.98	Blue
	U	141 x 90	Brisbane	27.11.97	Blue
(latter two B.D. Morehead & Co, Brisbane)					

SG Type 19 - Figures in Lower Corners only

Penny Value

Stamp	Mint/Used	Size (mm)	Town	Dates	Paper
Carmine	U Wrapper	121 x 76	Brisbane	11.11.97	
	M	138 x 79			Off White
	M	138 x 79			Blue
	M	138 x 79	Brisbane	25.5.03	Blue
	U	?	Rockhampton	10.8.97	Off White
	U	288 x 122	Rockhampton	9.12.96	Off White

Two Penny Value

Stamp	Mint/Used	Size (mm)	Town	Dates	Paper
Blue	U	?	Brisbane	14.3.96	Off White
	U	?	Brisbane	27.11.97	Off White
	U	?	Rockhampton	1.2.98	Off White
	U	?	Brisbane	17.10.98	Off White
	U	?	Rockhampton	3.7.99	Off White
	U	146 x 90	Brisbane	?	Blue

(the latter is a Morehead envelope)

Half-penny Value

M	137 x 79				Off White
U	137 x 79	Rockhampton	25.7.05		Off White

SG Type 21 - Figures in All Corners**Penny Value**

Stamp	Mint/Used	Size (mm)	Town	Dates	Paper
Rose	M	138 x 79			Blue
	U	138 x 79	Brisbane	16.2.05	Off White
	U	138 x 79	Gladstone	13.3.05	Blue
Carmine	U (pair)	?	Rockhampton	2.5.04	Blue
	M	140 x 80			Off White
	U	152 x 89	Brisbane	. .05	Manilla
	U	244 x 108	Brisbane	22.12.03	Manilla
		(above two are NZ Insurance Co)			
	U	139 x 81	Brisbane	31.12.98	Off White

Two Penny Value

Stamp	Mint/Used	Size (mm)	Town	Dates	Paper
Blue	M	138 x 79			Off White
	M	138 x 79			Blue
	U	144 x 89	Rockhampton	1.7.99	Off White
Pale Blue	U	147 x 89	Rockhampton	1.2.98	Off White
		(above two Mount Morgan Gold Mining Company Limited)			
	U	?	Rockhampton	6.4.98	Off White
	U	?	Rockhampton	1.2.06	Off White
	U	?	Rockhampton	1.8.06	Off White
Dark Blue	U	?	Rockhampton	. .00	Off White
Blue	U	153 x 89	Brisbane	1.10.04	Manilla
	U	152 x 90	Brisbane	26.1.09	Manilla
	U	142 x 90	Brisbane	5.1.05	Off White
	U	142 x 90	Brisbane	10.4.05	Off White
	U	152 x 87	Brisbane	. .03	Manilla

(the above five all NZ Insurance Company)