



**12TH PRINTING:** (S.G. & Said No. 9)  
 Yellow - Orange Crown CC White Perf 12½ clean-cut  
 Invoiced on 21st July, 1870

**12TH INVOICE:** From Private Day Book D Page 159  
 21st July, 1870  
 Crown Agents for the Colonies  
 Malta Postage  
 197 sheets of 240 Multiples Duty  
 half penny — 47230 stamps 3 10 11  
 Case lined tin 5 6

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**EARLIEST-LATEST RECORDED DATES:** This supply was released in Malta in May, 1871 and the earliest recorded date is 13th May, 1871 and the latest 8th April, 1873 (Orme)

**13TH PRINTING:** (S.G. & Said No. 11)  
 Orange buff WMK Crown CC perf. 14  
 Invoiced on 18th October, 1871  
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**13TH INVOICE:** 18th October, 1871  
 The Crown Agents for the colonies  
 Malta postage  
 198 sheets of 240 Multiples duty half penny  
 47,520 stamps @ 1/6 3 11 3  
 Case lined tin 5 6

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**COLOUR:** Printing No. 13 of the 18th October, 1871 S.G. & Said No. 11 consisted of stamps in orange-buff. This orange-buff shade is deeper and harsher than the dull orange (S.G. & Said No. 10) but unfortunately for classification, it is very near to the deeper shades of yellow-buff (S.G. & Said 13).

**EARLIEST-LATEST RECORDED DATES:** It was issued in Malta in May, 1872 and the earliest recorded date of use is 8th May, 1873 (Orme). Left Wing Margin Mint Block of 6 x 2 has been recorded.

**14TH PRINTING:** (S.G. & Said No. 10)  
 Dull Orange WMK Crown CC Perf. 14  
 Invoiced on 31st October, 1872  
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**14TH INVOICE:** 31st October, 1872  
 Malta Postage Stamps  
 214 sheets of 240 multiples Duty one half penny  
 — 51,360 stamps @ 1/6 (1/4) 3 8 6  
 Case lined tin 3 6

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**EARLIEST-LATEST  
RECORDED  
DATES:**

The 14th printing is almost identical to printing no. 11. It was issued in Malta in 1873, the earliest recorded date being 26th May, 1873, which is on cover (Dr Clough). The latest, 1st September, 1874 (Ganado, Malta).  
Left Wing Margin Mint Block of 6 × 7 has been recorded (Dr. Bonnici, Malta).

**15TH PRINTING:**

(S.G. & Said No. 12)  
Golden Yellow WMK Crown CC White Perf. 14  
Invoiced on 23rd January, 1874  
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**15TH INVOICE:**

23rd January, 1874  
The Crown Agents for the Colonies  
Malta Postage Stamp  
200 sheets of 240 multiples Duty one  
half penny — 48,000 stamps  
Case lined tin

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3	7	6

**COLOUR:**

The 15th Printing is the well-known Golden Yellow (S.G. & Said No. 12) which is quite distinct in colour from any other supply. The ink used for this printing is aniline, which stains the paper yellow, showing through the back of the stamp. However, care must be taken not to confuse the printing with printing No. 6, if the stamp has been immersed in water, causing the staining partly to disappear and the colour changed to orange.

**EARLIEST-LATEST  
RECORDED  
DATES:**

This printing was released in Malta in October, 1874 and the earliest recorded date has the October 6th, 1874 cancellation. This is on cover (Dr. Bonnici, Malta). The latest recorded date is 25th August, 1875 on cover (Dr. Clough).

Mint right winged margin blocks of 3 × 2 and 2 × 2 were recorded in the Harmer sale of the 15th-16th June, 1971 as items 226 and 227, and a mint block of four from the upper left corner of left lower panes and a mint horizontal strip of six with sheet margin at left, and bottom (with imprint "Malta — Postage One Half-Penny") from lower corner of left top pane has been recorded at Harmer Sale of 25th-26th October, 1971 as item 473.

**16TH PRINTING:**

(S.G. & Said No. 13)  
Yellow — Buff Crown CC White Perf. 14  
Invoiced on 6th April, 1875  
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**16TH INVOICE:**

6th April, 1875

The Crown Agents for the Colonies

Malta Postage Stamp

213 sheets of 240 Multiples Duty half-penny

— 51,120 stamps

Case lined with tin

3 8 1

4 6

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3 12 7**COLOUR:**

Supplies 16, 17, 18 were all printed in yellow buff (S.G. & Said No. 13), the commonest shade in this series. The deeper shades of the 16th printing (6th April, 1875) and the 17th printing (20th March, 1876) approach the orange buff of the 13th printing of 1871 (S.G. & Said No. 11) whilst the 19th supply of 29th September, 1877 was printed in a pale yellow buff, distinctly deeper however than the pale buff of the 18th printing of 12th January, 1877, (S.G. & Said No. 14).

**EARLIEST-LATEST  
RECORDED  
DATES:**

The 16th printing was released in Malta in September, 1875 and the earliest recorded date of use is 12th October, 1875 (Bonnici, Malta) and the latest recorded date is 9th May, 1876 (Bonnici, Malta).

An interpanneau block consisting of the Left Lower row (× 6) and the Right Lower row (× 6) of the Upper two panes and the top left upper row (× 6) and the top Right upper row (× 6) with the full inscription "Malta Postage — One half-penny" on the left and right of the separating margin of the upper and lower panes watermarked CROWN COLONIES has been recorded (Bonnici, Malta).

**17TH PRINTING:**

(S.G. &amp; Said No. 17)

Yellow buff — WMK Crown CC White Perf. 14.

Invoiced on 20th March, 1876.

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**17TH INVOICE:**

20th March, 1876.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies

Malta Postage Stamp

176 sheets of 240 multiples duty  $\frac{1}{2}$ d = 42,240 2 16 3

Case lined tin 4 6

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3 0 9**EARLIEST-LATEST  
RECORDED  
DATES:**

Released in Malta in 1876.

Only when one studies dated copies can one be relatively sure of this printing. The earliest recorded date of use is 19th August, 1876 (Dr. Bonnici, Malta) and the latest recorded dated No. 10, 71 (Dr. Bonnici, Malta).

A mint left winged margin block of 6 × 3 was recorded in Robson Lowe sale of 15th October, 1972 at Basle, item 1125. Stamps of this series cancelled with the duplex A 25 (S.G.

Type 5, Thin bars) are of the 17th printing as this duplex was used only for a few weeks in August and September, 1876, after having been discarded in 1868.

Inverted watermark recorded by Mrs. Turnbull.

**INVERTED  
WATERMARK**

**18TH PRINTING:**

(S.G. & Said No. 14)  
Pale buff — WMK Crown CC White Perf. 14.  
Invoiced on 12th January, 1877.  
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**18TH INVOICE:**

12th January, 1877.  
The Crown Agents for the Colonies  
Malta Postage Stamps  
208 sheets of 240 multiples duty  $\frac{1}{2}$ d = 49.920      10 3 0  
Case lined tin      7 6  

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10 10 6

**COLOUR:**

The 18th printing of 12th January, 1877 is a pale-buff yellow shade.

**EARLIEST-LATEST  
RECORDED  
DATES:**

It was released in Malta in March, 1877, and the earliest recorded used date is 20th March, 1877 (Bacon) and the latest recorded used date is 6th August, 1878 (Clive Smith).

**INVERTED  
WATERMARK:**

Inverted watermarked copies have been recorded of this printing (Orme).

**19TH PRINTING:**

(S.G. & Said No. 13)  
Yellow-buff WMK Crown CC Perf. 14.  
Invoiced on 29th September, 1877.  
Private Day Book G Page 202.

**19TH INVOICE:**

29th September, 1877.  
The Crown Agents for the Colonies  
Malta Postage one half penny  
199 sheets of 240 multiples duty  $\frac{1}{2}$ d = 47.760      3 3 8  
Case lined tin      4 6  

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**EARLIEST-LATEST  
RECORDED  
DATES:**

The 19th printing was released in Malta in 1878, and the earliest recorded used copy 22nd January, 1878 on piece (Clive Smith) and the latest used copy 6th April, 1880 on piece (Clive Smith).

**END OF CENTRAL  
PERFORATION  
BETWEEN PANES:**

A left winged margin block of 6 × 2 has been recorded in Robson Lowe sale of 18th October, 1973 (Basle) as item 1130.  
Up to this printing, the vertical gutter between panes were centrally perforated giving rise to 20 left and 20 right wing margined stamps in each sheet. These winged margined stamps were no longer seen after this printing.