

# THE EVOLUTION OF THE ONE HALF PENNY QUEEN VICTORIA YELLOW STAMP



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CHAPTER 5  
1878 (S.G. 15)

**20TH PRINTING & 21ST PRINTING:** The 20th and 21st printing present no difficulty in identification as the stamps have a compound perforation  $14 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$  produced by a line machine. The two printings differ in shade, the earlier yellow buff, the latter yellow.

**THE 20TH PRINTING; S.G. 15:** Yellow-buff WMK Crown CC White Perf  $14 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ .  
Invoiced on 18th May, 1878.  
From Day Book H Page 25.

**20TH INVOICE:** 18th May, 1878.  
The Crown Agents for the Colonies.  
Malta Postage Stamps  
214 sheets of 240 duty  $\frac{1}{2}$ d = 51,360 stamps  
Case lined tin

3	8	6
	4	6
3	13	0

Issued in Malta in July, 1878.  
The earliest recorded date is 3rd August, 1878 (Orme) and the latest recorded date 9th October, 1879 on front (Clive Smith).

**CENTRAL STRIP:** With this printing began the use of central strip between the Right and Left panes of the top and bottom panes in each sheet, perforated close to the margin of the stamps, giving rise to the central strip, and so doing away with the wing margin.

**EARLIEST-LATEST USED DATES RECORDED:** A dated copy with each strip attached to it bears the date 10th January, 1880 (Ganado, Malta) and a similar stamp with a perforated strip attached to it is on cover bearing the date 19th December, 1878 (Dr. Clough).

**21ST PRINTING:** (S.G. & Said No. 15)  
Yellow WMK Crown CC Perf  $14 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$ .  
Issued on 14th January, 1879.  
From Day Book H Page 147.

**21ST INVOICE**

14th January, 1879.  
 The Crown Agents for the Colonies.  
 Malta Postage Stamp  
 213 Sheets of 240 duty  $\frac{1}{2}$ d = 51,120 stamps  
 Case lined tin

3	8	2
	4	6
3	12	8

**EARLIEST-LATEST USED DATES RECORDED:**

This printing was released in Malta in 1879. The earliest recorded date is 14th February, 1879 (Orme), and the latest recorded date is on cover addressed to Il Sig. Carlo Zimmerman Barbaro, Cavaliere Del S. Sepolcro, Armeria, Zurrieq, htving the date 4th May, 1881 (Dr. Clough).

**CHAPTER 6**

(1880-1881) S.G. Said No. 16 & 17

The 22nd, 23 and 24th Printing

These three printings complete the stamps printed on the Crown CC watermarked paper Perf 14. Of these printings 22nd and 23rd (S.G. & Said No. 16) were orange — Yellow, of a lighter and brighter shade than any of the previous consignments, and they can be easily distinguished from the aniline printing as the ink does not show through the back.

Supply No. 24 (S.G. & Said No. 17), consisted of a stamp of pale to bright yellow. With the 23rd supply we find the introduction of the oval cancellation A 25 S.G. Type 2 with Malta along the concave side of the circle, letter slug beneath the month and date in a straight line. Copies with the S.G. Type cancellation belong to the 22nd printing (S.G. Said No. 16).

**22ND PRINTING:**

(S.G. & Said No. 16)  
 Orange Yellow WMK Crown CC Pef 14 White.  
 Invoiced on 10th November, 1879.  
 From Day Book 1 Page 25.

**22ND INVOICE:**

10th November, 1879.  
 The Crown Agents for the Colonies  
 Malta Postage Stamps  
 209 Sheets of 240 duty  $\frac{1}{2}$ d = 50,160 stamps  
 Case lined with tin

3	6	10
	4	6
3	11	4

Issued in Malta in April, 1880.

**EARLIEST-LATEST RECORDED DATES:**

The earliest recorded date being 19th April, 1880 and the latest recorded date 30th December, 1880 (Ganado, Malta). Considering that the 22nd printing was issued in Malta in April, 1880 and the 23rd printing invoiced on 27th August, 1880 it seems that the 22nd printing had a relatively short run.

**23RD PRINTING:** (S.G. & Said No. 16)  
 Bright Orange yellow WMK Crown CC White Perf 14.  
 Invoiced 27th August, 1880.  
 From Private Day Book J Page 187.

**23RD INVOICE:**  
 27th August, 1880.  
 The Crown Agents for the Colonies.  
 Malta Postage Stamps  
 211 sheets of 240 duty  $\frac{1}{2}$ d = 50,640 stamps      3   7   6  
 Case lined tin      4   6

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3   12   0

**EARLIEST-LATEST RECORDED DATES:** Th's printing was issued in Malta in 1880 (Orme). The earliest recorded date is 12th December, 1880 (Orme) and the latest recorded date is 26th March, 1881 (Bonnici, Malta).

**24TH PRINTING:** (S.G. & Said No. 17)  
 Pale — to bright yellow WMK CC White Perf 14.  
 Invoiced on 28th March, 1881.  
 Private Day Book K Page 32.

**24TH INVOICE:**  
 28th March, 1881.  
 The Crown Agents for the Colonies.  
 Malta Postage Stamps  
 209 sheets of 240 duty  $\frac{1}{2}$ d = 50,160 stamps      3   6   10  
 Case lined tin      4   6

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3   11   4

**EARLIEST-LATEST USED RECORDED DATES:** Issued in Malta in April, 1881.  
 Earliest recorded date, 18th April, 1881 (Ganado, Malta).  
 Latest recorded date 17th July, 1882 (Orme)  
 Inverted watermark copies have been recorded.

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