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Introduction

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Since then Mike Dovey and Keith Morris have produced their splendid *Paquebot Cancellations of the World and more...*, with the blessing of Roger Hosking. This is both an update to Hosking 3 and, excitingly, contains a wealth of information on topics such as: manuscript PAQUEBOT markings; European, Italian, Japanese and US Sea Post Offices; the New Zealand Marine Post Offices; Floating Post Offices; Ship-related marks of South Africa, Australia, Dockside markings; Special Event markings; Ocean Post Offices and a host of other markings with maritime connections. Much of the "*and more...*" section has been recorded elsewhere, and is duly acknowledged as such, but to access all this information the collector would need a largish library and many published articles. The book is an invaluable reference and is highly recommended to all those interested in maritime postal history. I am most grateful to the authors for permission to reproduce their markings and data on new discoveries. I would further like to thank Mike Dovey for kindly perusing the first draft and making a number of helpful suggestions, which has helped make the Supplement that much better than it otherwise would have been.

I am also most grateful to all my worldwide circle of philatelic friends for their help, which has been acknowledged in the remarks as far as possible, and sincerely apologise for any inadvertent omissions.

Finally, my thanks to my old friend Julian Jones, webmaster of the TPO & Seapost Society, firstly for persuading the Committee to host the Supplement, and secondly for putting it on line, thus allowing any interested collectors to access the new data.

Additions or Corrections

If anyone has anything new to report, be it a new colour, extended dates, or a new marking, I would welcome their input, which should include a good quality jpeg image of the cover (at 300 dots per inch please) and the measurements in mm of a rectangle just touching the outer extremities of the marking. Please note I am not interested in tiny variations of a mm or two in size, which are usually explained by how heavily the marking is struck or other factors such as paper shrinkage, and in any case the differences are usually impossible to allocate accurately on anything other than ***** specimens of the marking. Please send to: colintabear@btinternet.com.

Notes

1. New markings in Hosking's third edition are annotated "Hosking 3".
2. Markings and date extensions recorded by Mike Dovey and Keith Morris additional to Hosking 3 are annotated "Dovey & Morris".
3. Markings reported other than these 2 sources are annotated with the name of the correspondent informing me of their existence.
4. The sizes, where given, for new markings are either the outer diameter for circular markings, or the dimensions of a rectangle that just touches the extremities of the marking, as far as I can tell from the best copy available.
5. New drawings are taken either from published works as acknowledged, or from actual examples on cover, touched up to remove as far as possible distracting manuscript markings that affect the handstamp, and enhanced to show as best I can what the complete marking should look like after inking in the faint or missing letters. The overall size is correct; the exact positioning of some of the missing letters may not be.

Death of the UK Paquebot Service

Finally, I am indebted again to Mike Dovey for informing me that the UK Paquebot service was discontinued on 29 October 2010. Yet another indication of the indifference of the Royal Mail towards its customers, and greatly to be deplored.

Aberdeen



PPWSL1

A hitherto unrecorded marking on letter to Pictou, reported by Malcolm Montgomery. Dated 22 August 1815, this was after the PPWSL scheme had ended on 11 July 1815. The letter is, however, rated under the new scheme for outward ship letters, namely half the packet letter postage, rather than the one third rate under the PPWSL scheme. Presumably Aberdeen had no available Ship Letter handstamp available so used the old PPWSL type.



P4. 53 x 14 mm.

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
S6	-	Black	1927-32	1927-35	Hosking 3
P1	-	Black	1937-69	1937-71	Hosking 3
-	P4	Black	-	2008	Dovey & Morris fig 302. Same as Glasgow

Ardrossan

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	1967	1966-81	Hosking 3

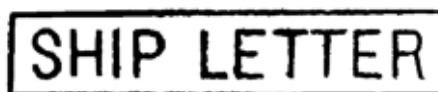
Arklow

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P2	Black	1983	1983-96	Dovey & Morris

Avonmouth

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
S1	-	Red	-	1938	New colour. Reported Brian Purcell

Ayr



S3. New marking. Tentatively allocated to Aberdeen by Hosking 3, but stated by Dovey & Morris to be known to be Ayr. 59 x 11 mm. Known 1914-19.

Extend period of use of P1 to 1984-89. (Hosking 3.)

Balina

P1 31 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	-	1970-71	Hosking 3

Bantry

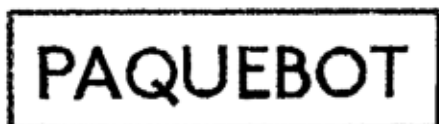
P3 31 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P2	Black	1970-80	1970-2000	Hosking 3
-	P3	Black	-	1962	Hosking 3

Basildon**PAQUEBOT**

P3. 29.5 x 4 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	1977-84	1977-90	Hosking 3
-	P2	Black	1984	1984-88	Hosking 3
-	P3	Black	-	1975	Dovey & Morris fig 5101

Belfast

P6. 58 x 15 mm.

PAQUEBOT

P7. 49 x 6 mm.



P8. 55 x 16 mm.



P9. 52 x 14 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	N1	Black	-	1968-80	Reported Paul Baines

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P3a	Black	1928-66	1924-66	Dovey & Morris
-	P4	Black	1968-84	1968-87	Hosking 3
-	P6	Black	-	1968-91	Dovey & Morris
-	P7	Black	-	1923	Dovey & Morris fig 5304
-	P8	Black	-	1992-94	Dovey & Morris
-	P9	Black	-	1991-96	Dovey & Morris

Hosking 3 records two minor variants of P4 with frames 54 and 52mm respectively – his figures 353 and 354 – used 1992-96.

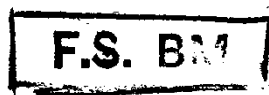
Berwick-on-Tweed

Extend period of use of **P1** to 1986-89. (Hosking 3.)

Birmingham



See also **London N76**, which may be a Birmingham marking, especially as it appears on the cover to HMS *Good Hope* discussed above.



N1



London N76

N1. This Foreign Section Birmingham marking is known used on naval mail between 1908 and 1913, and almost certainly earlier and later dates. It was also probably used on mail other than naval. An unframed version is also known (**N1a**), used in 1914, on a letter to HMS *Good Hope*, lost with all hands at the Battle of Coronel. See Hoggarth & Gwynn's *Maritime Disaster Mail*, page 158. This cover is now in the collection of Tony Walker and is reproduced below by kind permission.

Blackpool

Date for P1 extended 1975-88 (Hosking 3).

Boston

Extend period of use of **P1** to 1979-84. (Hosking 3.)

Date for **P2** extended 1984-93 (Hosking 3).

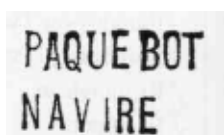
Extend period of use of **P3** to 1984-85. (Hosking 3.)

Bournemouth

Extend period of use of **P1** to 1974-89. (Dovey & Morris.)

Extend period of use of **P2** to 1985-99. (Dovey & Morris.)

Bridgewater



P3



P4

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
	P2	Black	1984-85	1984-88	Hosking 3
-	P3	Black	-	1984-85	Hosking 3 fig 18
-	P4	Black	-	1988-89	Hosking 3 fig 19

Bridport



Bridport m/s "Ship Lre" on 1783 letter from Tobago to Bristol, reported by Bill Pipe.

Bridport S1 in black dated 4 May 1841 on letter from Bombay - reported by Bill Pipe.

Brighton

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
S5	-	Red	-	1840	Reported Colin Lewis
-	M2	Red	1844	1844-47	Cavendish 13.6.98 lot 1409

Bristol



S13. Hitherto unrecorded Bristol marking on 1840 cover to Canada per *Great Western*.
Courtesy of Cliff Wheatley.

**BRISTOL
SHIP-LE.**

S1b. 13x35mm

**PAQUEBOT
BRISTOL**

P12. Hosking (3rd edn) Fig 35. 12x43mm



N3. 22x83mm

PAQUEBOT

P13. Hosking 3 fig 34. 5x35 mm.

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	S1b	Black	-	1802	Reported Brian Purcell
-	S1b	Red	-	1803	Reported Stephen Taylor
S4	-	Black	1787-1808	1785-1808	Reported Brian Purcell. Note 1
S6a	-	Red	1812	1812-15	Reported Brian Purcell & Colin Lewis
S6a	-	Black	-	1807	New colour. B Purcell
S9	-	Black	-	1827	Ditto
S11	-	Black	1846	1846-49	Cavendish 10.3.2001 lot 1649
S12	-	Black	1859-66	1859-73	Reported Colin Lewis
S12	-	Black	1905-13	1905-30	Re-use? Hosking 3 fig 21
-	S13	Red	-	1840	Reported Cliff Wheatley. See illustration above
In1	-	Black	1830-36	1830-38	Reported Brian Purcell
P4	-	Black	1925-26	1925-28	Dovey & Morris
-	P5	Purple	-	1957	New Colour reported Brian Purcell
-	P6a	Black	1924	1924-28	Hosking 3
-	P8a	Black	1969-78	1946-96	Hosking 3
-	P9	Black	1910-12	1907-13	Hosking 3

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P11	Black	1969-78	1969-92	Hosking 3
-	P12	Black	-	1996-2001	Reported Brian Purcell
-	P13	Black	-	1988	Hosking 3 fig 34
-	N2	Black	1971-75	1971-96	Reported Brian Purcell
-	N3	Black	1975-79	1975-88	Reported Frank Schofield and B Purcell. Note 3
-	N4	Violet	-	1914	Note 4

Note 1. Brian Purcell says that all the S4 markings are smudged on the last figure of the mileage and suggests that the figure is actually 122.

Note 2. John Dickson points out that for Note 6 at the top of page 43 of the original book: the first line should read “The “Cape Packet Bristol” handstamp was used on mails landed at Dartmouth by the Lindsay Line.” Further on in that Note the ship *Tynemouth* arrived at Falmouth, not Dartmouth, and *Scotland* arrived at Dartmouth on 20 June, not 24 June.

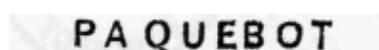
Note 3. 3 examples only seen to date. The 1975 cover was from the aircraft carrier HMS *Hermes*. Her mails must have been landed by tender – she was far too big to have entered Bristol docks. Mike Dovey reports the third example dated 21 March 1988.

Note 4. Martin Evans reports a parcel post piece from Bristol dated 18 Sep 1914 addressed to HMS *Hogue* with a rectangular marking 50 x 19 mm reading: “*Vaisseau Perdu / Ship Lost*”, too poor to reproduce. *Hogue* was sunk by *U-9* on 22 Sep 1914, so this may well be a London marking struck when the item was returned to sender.

Brixham

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
S2	-	Black	1801-09	1800-09	Reported John Loraine
S4	-	Black	1838-49	1836-49	Reported John Loraine
P1	-	Black	1950-55	1950-56	Hosking 3
P3	-	Black	1957-65	1956-65	Reported John Loraine

Burntisland



P1. 34x4 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	-	1992	Hosking 3

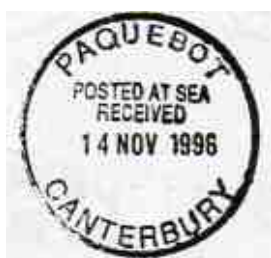
Campbeltown



P1. 34x5.5 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-*	P1	Black	-	1988	Hosking 3

Canterbury



P1. 31 mm



P2. 32 mm

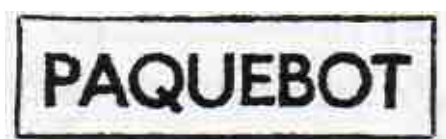
Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	-	1996-2005	Hosking 3/ Dovey & Morris
-	P2	Black	-	2009	Dovey & Morris fig 5102

Cardiff

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
S2	-	Black	-	1889	Note 1
S3	-	Black	1901-08	1901-13	
P1	-	Black	1910-92	1910-2001	Hosking 3
N1	-	Black	-	1986	Reported Mike Dovey

Note 1. Single example used on adhesive only from Brazil, reported by Roger Gilbert.

Carrickfergus



P1. 55x16 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	-	1989-91	Hosking 3. Same as Belfast

Chatham

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P2	Black	1984-5	1984-91	Hosking 3

Chelmsford

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	1979-85	1979-87	Hosking 3

Chichester

A manuscript ship letter endorsement is reported by Malcolm Ray-Smith. The date is 1774.

Christchurch

A manuscript ship letter endorsement is reported by Malcolm Ray-Smith on 1799 letter from New York to London.

Cleveland

PAQUEBOT

P1 26x3 mm

PAQUEBOT

P2 38x8 mm

PAQUEBOT

P3. 53 x 13 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	-	1990-2007	Hosking 3
-	P2	Black	-	1998-2006	Hosking 3
-	P3	Black	-	1991-95	Dovey & Morris fig 5103

Cobh – see Cove

Colchester

PAQUEBOT

P1 36x4 mm

PAQUBOT

P2 29x3 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	-	1987	Hosking 3
-	P2	Black	-	1988	Hosking 3

Coleraine



P1 31 mm



P2. 55x16 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	S2	Red	-	1818	Malcolm Ray-Smith

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	-	-	1986-87	Hosking 3
-	P2	Black	-	1983-89	Dovey & Morris. Same as Belfast

Malcolm Ray-Smith reports a hitherto unrecorded Coleraine ship letter marking for 1818. This is shown below, and is designated S2. It is struck in red ink.

Cork

PAQUEBOT

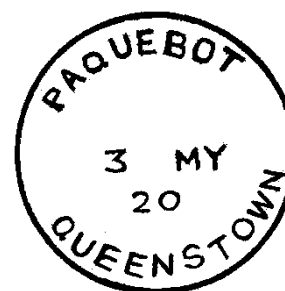
P4. 23 x 4 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P3	Black	1970-79	1970-91	Hosking 3
-	P4	Blue	-	2006	Dovey & Morris fig 405 – same as Waterford

Cove, re-named Queenstown in 1849 & Cobh in 1922

There are no amendments to the Cove markings in *Robertson Revisited*.

Queenstown markings



M2. (Queenstown). This rare marking can now be shown, courtesy of Colin D Lewis.

P5. 37 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
M1	-	Black	1898	1895-98	Reported Pat S Walker
-	M2	Purple	1904	1904	Colin D Lewis
P1	-	Black	1897-1906	1894-1906	Reported Pat S Walker
P3	-	Black	1901-05	1901-07	Dovey & Morris
P4	-	Black	1906-12	1904-21	Dovey & Morris
-	P5	Black	-	1920	Dovey & Morris fig 5305

Cobh markings

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
P3	-	Black	1924-58	1922-60	Dovey & Morris
-	P4	Black	1963-68	1961-71	Dovey & Morris
-	P5	Black	1964-66	1964-2008	Dovey & Morris

Craignure (Scotland)

PAQUEBOT

P1. 23 x 3 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	-	1980	Dovey & Morris fig 36, 2 nd omnibus type

Dartford

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	1983	1983-89	Hosking 3
-	P2	Black	1984-85	1980-91	Dovey & Morris

Dartmouth



S1a. Courtesy of John Loraine. 13x56mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	S1a	Black	1790	1789-91	Reported John Loraine
S3	-	Black?	1815-51	-	
S3	-	Blue	-	1857	Reported John Loraine
S5	-	Red	1839	1839-40	Reported John Loraine
In1	-	Red	-	1839	Reported John Loraine
In2	-	Red	-	1837	New colour reported John Loraine. Note 1
-	P2	Black	1928	1914-28	Dovey & Morris

Note 1. The In2 marking and the London receiving datestamp are both struck in identical shades of vermillion red, strongly suggesting the India h/s was also applied in London. Another cover in the Loraine collection by the same voyage has In1 struck in black ink. Loraine suggests this latter cover was in loose mails, so stamped on arrival at Dartmouth, whereas the cover showing the red IN2 was in closed mails for London, so struck on arrival there. This seems highly likely.

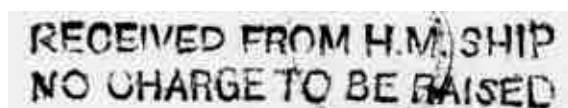
Deal

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
S1	-	Black	1767-88	1766-88	Reported Dr Seija-Riitta Laakso
S8a	-	Various	1815-51	1815-65	Reported Michael Hamilton

Devonport



InSea1. The only example seen by me, reproduced courtesy of John Loraine. The marking is 35mm in diameter, shown at left from the cover, and at right a rough reconstruction by me to clarify the lettering.



N3

N3. 69x10mm (11mm high at right where distorted). 2 examples seen, both dated 1915.



N4

N4 60 x 9.5 mm. Letters 4 mm high.

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
S5	-	Red	1825-40	1824-40	Reported Cliff Wheatley
-	InSeal	Red	-	1832	Reported G Sattin & J Loraine
P1	-	Red	1813	1813-15	Reported John Loraine
P4	-	Black	1858-67	1858-68	Reported John Loraine
P5	-	Black	1860-69	1859-69	Reported John Dickson
In2	-	Red	1829-38	1827-38	Reported John Loraine
-	N3	Black	-	1915	Tabcart collection
-	N4	Black	-	1915	Tabcart collection
M1	-	Black	1865-69	1864-69	Reported John Loraine
M1	-	Red	-	1866	New colour. Note 1
R1	-	Black	-	1859-1861	Reported John Dickson. Note 2
-	R2	Black	-	1860	Note 3
-	R3	Black	-	1869	Note 4

Note 1. M1 was applied in London, so strictly speaking is not a Devonport marking.

Note 2. Robertson showed this marking at page E62, but without dates. An 1859 example was reported by Dr Joachim Frank in the Summer 2016 Journal of the TPO & Seapost Society.

Note 3. Reported by J Dickson on cover with P4 marking of Devonport.

Note 4. Shown on cover by Robertson at page E63 with a Devonport P6 dated 6 July 1869.



R1



R2



R3

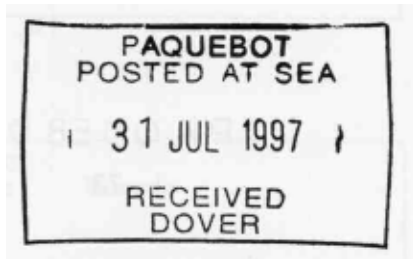
Donegal

Malcolm Ray-Smith reports a manuscript Donegal ship letter dated 1797 from Philadelphia to London.

Douglas (Isle of Man)

Extend dates of P1 to 1973-95.

Dover



P5 50 x 29 mm



P6. 41 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
S9	-	Black	1814-24	1814-29	Reported Cliff Wheatley
P1	-	Black	1911-81	1911-90	Dovey & Morris
-	P2	Black	1905-10	1904-10	Hosking 3
-	P4	Black	1985	1985-86	Dovey & Morris
-	P5	Black	-	1997	Hosking 3 Fig 60
-	P6	Black	-	2006-7	Dovey & Morris fig 5104

Hosking 3 lists a further 8 Dover paquebot markings with the same wording and format as P1, P3 and P4. All were used from 1986 onwards. Apart from minor size variations and slightly heavier or lighter lettering, they are variations too minor to list in my opinion. Flyspeckers can have fun with Hosking 3 pages 4 and 5 or Dovey & Morris pages 2 to 4 and 274.

Drogheda

Extend dates for P2 to 1955-73. Dovey & Morris.

Extend dates for P3 to 1983-97. Dovey & Morris.

Dublin



M1 32x19 mm



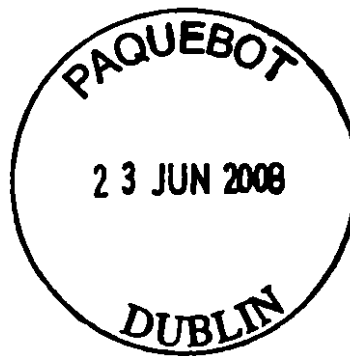
M2 31x14 mm



See Note 2



P10. 47 mm



P11. 45 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
P1a	-	Black	1857	1857-8	Reported Bryan Wood
P3	-	Black	1958-85	1958-99	Hosking 3
-	P10	Black	-	2002-09	Dovey & Morris fig 5306
-	P11	Black	-	2008-09	Dovey & Morris fig 5307
-	M1	Black	-	1869	Reported Bryan Wood. Note 1
-	M2	Black	-	1871	Reported Bryan Wood. Note 1

Note 1. M1 and M2 are thought to be Dublin markings, but may well be of Cork, for which a 1d stamp as M2 is known in 1862. They are to be seen occasionally on unprepaid transatlantic mails, with M1 considerably scarcer than M2, though neither are common. The date spread is wider than indicated – I just did not record these markings to begin with.

Note 2. This rate marking was originally entered in *Robertson Revisited* as Liverpool type M73, but with the proviso that it could have been an on-board sorting handstamp. It has now been seen on 1864 cover to Dublin, so unless Liverpool and Dublin were both issued with near identical handstamps (always a possibility) it seems that on-board sorting is probably correct. Examples are very scarce.



Martin Hosselmann reports the letter shown above, sent from Calcutta, backstamped at Liverpool on 26 and Edinburgh 27 August 1837. If this is a Dublin marking it is a pretty unique item. One wonders if it was “manufactured” at Liverpool by blanking out the second line of one of the Liverpool India markings. If so it is still a very unusual cover.

Dundee

Extend period of use of P1 to 1967-92 (Dovey & Morris).

Dun Laoghaire – see Kingstown

Dunmore East

An S1 for 1850 is reported by Malcolm Ray-Smith.

Edinburgh



N6. 73x19 mm



P9. 54x13 mm



P10. 54x14 mm



P11. 32x9 mm



P12. 23 x 3 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
N2	-	Black	1940	1939-40	Author's Collection
-	N5	Black	-	1970-72	Reported M Dovey
-	N5	Red	-	1987	Reported M Dovey
-	N6	Black	-	1939	Author's collection
P1	-	Black	1906-31	1904-33	Dovey & Morris
P3	-	Black	1925-36	1913-38	Note 1
P6	-	Black	1938-84	1938-96	Hosking 3
-	P7	Black	1930	1908-30	Hosking 3
-	P8	Black	1928	1928-29	Dovey & Morris
-	P9	Black	-	1993	Hosking 3 fig 284
-	P10	Black	-	1995-2008	Hosking 3 fig 285. Note 2
-	P11	Black	-	1996	Hosking 3 fig 286
-	P12	Black	-	1932-36	Hosking 3 fig 36

Note 1. The entry for P3 combines Hosking figs 276 and 277, since I can discern no significant difference between the two illustrations given.

Note 2. Dovey & Morris show two markings for Edinburgh (figs 285 and 302) that are so similar that I have combined both sets of dates under P10. I suspect that most collectors would have difficulty deciding which was which, even given good clean strikes. If you want the detail buy their book!

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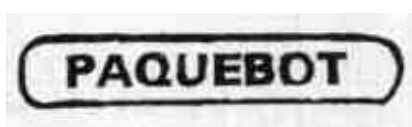
P1. 43 x 7 mm.

New marking recorded by Dovey & Morris for 1985. This is the same as Hosking fig 49 (Dartmouth).

Exeter



P1. 39x14 mm



P2. 51 x 9 mm



P3. 53 x 13 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	-	1986-96	Hosking 3 fig 62
-	P2	Black	-	1983	Dovey & Morris fig 5105
-	P3	Black	-	1994-2002	Dovey & Morris fig 5103

Falmouth



FP13

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
S1a	-	Black	1775-91	1772-92	County catalogue
S3	-	Black	1802-10	1800-10	County catalogue
S5	-	Red	-	1847	New colour
S7	-	Black	1834	1834-40	Reported Argyll Etkin
S9	-	Black	1859-68	1856-69	Argyll Etkin 28.9.2000 lot 513 &c
S9	-	Blue	-	1858	County catalogue
P1	-	Black	1802-08	1798-1809	County catalogue
-	P5	Black	1977-81	1977-99	Dovey & Morris
In1	-	Black	1819-32	1819-34	County catalogue
In3	-	Black	-	1840	New colour
FP1	-	Green	1811-35	1811-40	County catalogue
FP7	-	Black	-	1810	Note 1
FP7	-	Green	1810-40	1810-43	County catalogue
FP9	-	Green	1840-43	1839-43	Reported Gary Brown
FP10	-	Green	1829-39	1827-40	County catalogue
FP11	-	Green	1825	1825-39	Reported Simon Richards. Note 2
-	FP13	Green	-	1837-43	Cavendish auctions 688 and 716. County Catalogue
-	FP14	Green	-	1840-42	County Catalogue. Note 3

Note 1. John Loraine reports a Lisbon F dated in 1810 during the Falmouth Mutiny, struck unusually in black ink.

Note 2. Only two examples reported to date.

Note 3 The County Catalogue references 423 and 424 lists two types of a marking reading “ST THOMAS”. No 423 has dimensions 54x7 (mm?) and No 424 has dimensions 33x3. I have not seen these markings and have no illustration to offer.

Felixstowe

Dovey & Morris report new date span for P1 from 1970-1985.

Fishguard



P2. Hosking 3 fig

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P2	Black	-	1990-91	Hosking 3. Also known without “P.E.D.”

Folkestone

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
P1	-	Black	1905-6	1904-6	Hosking 3
P2	-	Black	1955-64	1948-69	Dovey & Morris
-	P3	Black	1968-81	1968-91	Dovey & Morris

Fort William



P1. Hosking 3 fig 288. 48x10 mm

Reported 1988-93.

Fowey

In1 reported known in red for 1839 – Argyll Etkin.

Fraserburgh

The sole known example of S2 was sold by Cavendish on 10 March 2000, Lot 33. The size of this marking is more probably 54x13 mm – somewhat bigger than the illustration shown in *Robertson Revisited*.

Galway



S1. 52x5 mm.

The Galway datestamp is a separate marking in exactly the same shade of ink. Both 1858 examples reported were carried by ships of the Galway Line from North America.



P4. 35 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	S1	Blue	-	1846-58	Reported Des Quail – 2 examples only
-	S1	Black	-	1858	Reported Colin D Lewis
P1	-	Black	1932	1929-32	Hosking 3
-	P4	Black	-	2000-2009	Dovey & Morris fig 5309

Glasgow



N6. To date the only reported copy, courtesy of Nick Colley. The marking is incomplete, but the vertical measurement is 16mm.



P19. 52x13 mm. Hosking 3 fig 301



P20. 52x14 mm. Hosking 3 fig 302

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
P8	-	Black	1902-21	1901-21	Dovey & Morris
P9	-	Black	1923-24	1914-34	Dovey & Morris
P10a	-	Black	1933	1932-37	Hosking 3
P11a	-	Black	1937-53	1935-53	Dovey & Morris
P12	-	Black	1948-51	1947-51	Hosking 3
P13	-	Black	1956-82	1956-94	Dovey & Morris
-	P16	Black	1922	1913-22	Dovey & Morris
-	P17	Black	1928-29	1928-51	Dovey & Morris
-	P19	Black	-	1994-6	Hosking 3
-	P20	Black	-	1996-98	Hosking 3
-	N5	Black	-	1970-72	Reported M Dovey and author
-	N5	Red	-	1986	Reported M Dovey
-	N6	Black	-	1939	Reported Nick Colley

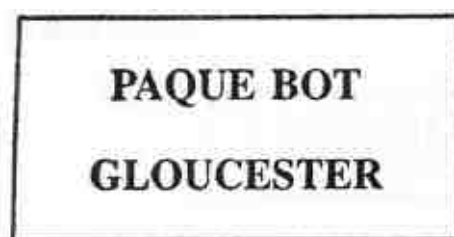
Glengarriff

Date of P2 extended 1959-68. (Dovey & Morris.)

Gloucester



P2. 51x20 mm.



P3. 59x29 mm.

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	1985	1985-88	Hosking 3
-	P2	Black	-	1989-92	Hosking 3 fig 73
-	P3	Black	-	1997	Hosking 3 fig 74

Goole

Dates of P1 now reported as 1970-98 (Dovey & Morris).

Grangemouth

P1 dates extended to 1894-1910. Hosking 3

P2 dates extended 1904-13 and re-used 1967-97. Hosking 3

P3 dates extended 1967-90. Hosking 3

Gravesend

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S1a. 55x14.5 mm. 2 examples reported.

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P1 37 x 6 mm (very rare)

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	S1a	Black	-	1800-01	Reported Paul N Davey
S2	-	Black	1802-05	1802-06	Reported Barrie Jay
In2	-	Blue	-	1851	New colour reported Paul Davey. V late usage
-	P1	Black	-	1900	Dovey & Morris

Grays

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
P1	-	Black/Red	1951-56	1951-79	Hosking 3

A minor variant of P1 without the dot after PAQUEBOT is reported by Dovey & Morris between 1988 & 2000.

Great Yarmouth

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P1. Hosking 3 fig 36

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P2. Hosking 3 fig 80

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P3. Hosking 3 fig 81

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	-	1971-85	22mm long
-	P2	Black	-	1985-91	35x6 mm
-	P3	Black	-	1989-97	26x4.5 mm

Greenock

P3. Extend dates 1945-57 (Dovey & Morris).

P4. Extend dates for **P4** to 1959-85 (Hosking 3).

P5. A new and marginally larger version of P1, dimensions 41 x 6 mm, is reported by Dovey & Morris fig 280, known in 1937 only at present.

PPWSL 2 has now been seen on cover, sold by Cavendish 24 Apr 1998 Lot 727, dated 20 May 1815. Another example has also been reported dated 3 Apr 1815.

Grimsby



P6. 42 x 15 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
S5	-	-	1936-39	1929-39	Hosking 3
P1	-	Black	1895-98	1895-1912	Hosking 3
P2	-	Black	1927-35	1927-36	Hosking 3

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P4	Black	1976-84	1976-2004	Dovey & Morris
-	P5	Black	1975-77	1952-77	Dovey & Morris
-	P6	Black	-	2000-08	Dovey & Morris fig 5107

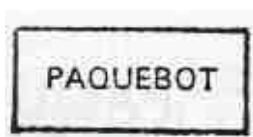
Guernsey

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P6. 23 x 4 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P2	Black	1973-81	1972-91	Dovey & Morris
-	P5	Black	1982-84	1979-91	Dovey & Morris
-	P6	Black	-	2005-07	Dovey & Morris fig 5302

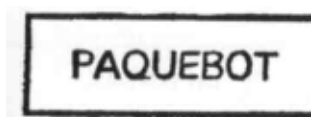
Harwich



P9. 31 x 14 mm



P10. 38x12 mm



P11. 40 x 14 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P3	Black	1963-67	1961-67	Dovey & Morris
-	P4	Black	1966-70	1966-75	Dovey & Morris
-	P9	Black	-	1987-97	Hosking 3 fig 96
-	P10	Black	-	1998-2007	Hosking 3 fig 97
*	P11	Black	-	1997	Dovey & Morris fig 5106

Hastings

Date range for S4 now 1819-1844.

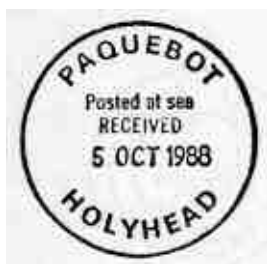
Helston

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	S2	Black	-	1803	See below

An oval ship letter marking is reported by Malcolm Ray-Smith on cover from Jamaica to London in 1803. The marking is similar in style to Liverpool's S4 and is shown below. Designated Helston S2.



Holyhead



P2. 31 mm



P3. 32 mm



S4.

A single example reported by Paul Davey. Date stamped in London on 1 Jan 1821.

The marking measures 35.5x27.5 mm. The original is very faint – the reconstruction the best I can do.

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
S2	-	Black	1820-47	1820-63	Reported Robert Johnson & Colin Lewis
-	S4	Black	-	1820	1 example only seen
P1	-	Black	1922-81	1922-88	Dovey & Morris
-	P2	Black	-	1988-92	Hosking 3 fig 248
-	P3	Black	-	1998-2001	Hosking 3 fig 249

Holyhead & Kingston Packets

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	HKP1a	Black	1861	1861-2	Reported Pat S Walker
-	HKP16	Black	1862	1861-2	Reported Pat S Walker

Hubberston

Colin D Lewis reports an S1 dated 19 Nov 1791 on arrival at London from Grenada.

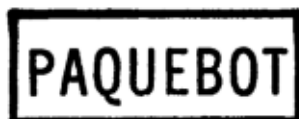
Hull



Three examples of this rare marking now seen, all struck across the join at back of the letter as was normal practice. Approx diameter 41 mm. The drawing is the best I can reconstruct from the pick of the 3 examples seen.



P6 shown to contrast with new marking P7 at right.
Thinner lettering, longer tail to "Q". 39x15 mm



P8. 42 x 15 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	PPWSL1	Black	-	1814-15	Reported RF Winter, Patrick Frost
P2	-	Black	1906-14	1905-14	Hosking 3
P3	-	Black	1927-39	1927-46	
-	P6	Black	1976-84	1970-84	Dovey & Morris
-	P7	Black	-	1987-2000	Hosking 3 fig 104
-	P8	Black	-	2000-08	Dovey & Morris fig 5107

Immingham

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P1. Hosking 3 fig 107. 26x3 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	-	1995-2006	Dovey & Morris

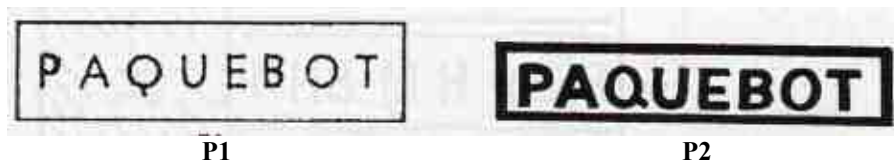
Invergordon

Date span for **P3** is now extended from 1983 to 1995 (Hosking 3).



New marking **P4** is recorded by Dovey and Morris 1983-87. 52 x 9 mm. Slightly less heavy lettering and significantly lighter frame than P3

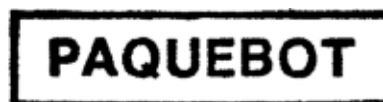
Inverness



In the original *Robertson Revisited* both these figures were labelled “P2”, incorrectly. The left hand one is **P1**, and the right hand one is **P2**. No new dates have been reported.



P3. 50 x 11 mm



P4. 50 x 12 mm



P5. 54 x 14 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P3	Black	-	1989-2000	Dovey & Morris. Same as Hosking fig 288
-	P4	Black	-	1991	Dovey & Morris. Same as Hosking fig 321
-	P5	Black	-	1995	Dovey & Morris. Same as Hosking fig 285

Inverness **N3** date span is now 1914-1917 (Author's collection). It almost certainly was used until the end of the war in 1918, if not later, but is rarely seen.

Ipswich

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	?	1971-84	1970-2001	Dovey & Morris
-	P2	?	1976-83	1976-2000	Dovey & Morris
-	P3	Black	-	1999-2000	Dovey & Morris fig 5108

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PAQUEBOT MAIL

P3. New marking

Jersey



S5

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P4. Hosking 3 fig 338. 32 x 5.5 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	S5	Black	-	1802	Note 1
P1	-	Black	1903-07	1901-08	Hosking 3
P2	-	Black	1894-1905	1894-1911	Hosking 3
-	P3	Black	1972-82	1969-91	Dovey & Morris
-	P4	Black	-	1997-2005	Dovey & Morris

Note 1. The County Catalogue records a marking for Jersey “as Liverpool S5”, measuring 40x31 mm, recorded for 1802 only. I have not seen this marking - the drawing above is a mock-up based on Liverpool S5 and is not accurate.

Kilmarnock

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P1. Hosking 3 fig 312

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P2. Hosking 3 fig 313

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P3. 54 x 12 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	-	1983-85	61x10 mm
-	P2	Black	-	1988	49x13 mm
-	P3	Black	-	1993	Dovey & Morris fig 300. Same as Glasgow

Kingsbridge

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
S1	-	Red	1840	1840-41	Reported John Loraine

Kings Lynn

Extend period of use of **P1** to 1973-94. Known in black, purple and red. (Dovey & Morris).

Kingstown (Dun Laoghaire)

Extend date range for P1 to 1923-89 (Hosking 3).

Kinsale

Malcolm Ray-Smith reports an S1 dated 1776, 5 years earlier than previously reported.

Kirkcaldy

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P2. New marking 32 x 8 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P2	Black	-	1983	Dovey & Morris fig 274 (same as Dundee).

Kirkwall

Extend period of use of **P1** to 1968-90. (Hosking 3.)

Extend period of use of **P2** to 1967-69. (Hosking 3.)

Lancaster

Extend period of use of **P1** to 1970-88. (Hosking 3.)

Extend period of use of **P2** to 1977-90. (Hosking 3.)

Leith

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P4. New Marking. 37x7 mm

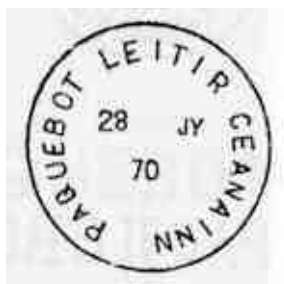
Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P4	Black	-	1904-07	Hosking 3 fig 318

Lerwick

Extend period of use of **P1** to 1932-33. (Hosking 3.)

Extend period of use of **P3** to 1967-95. (Hosking 3.)

Letterkenny (Eire)



P1. 33 mm diameter

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	-	1970	Dovey & Morris fig 5310

New marking.

Limerick

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S1a. 31x16 mm



P3. 31 mm dia. Hosking 3 fig 396

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SHIP LETTER

S3

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	S1a	Black	-	1795	Reported E Bedell. Note 1
-	S3	Red	-	1809	Note 2
-	P3	Black	-	1974	Hosking 3

Note 1. On letter from the Cape of Good Hope written by Charles Adam. It has been suggested that the two words are separate handstamps. Single example seen.

Note 2. New colour reported by Martin Townsend. Thanks to Martin the marking can now be illustrated as shown above.

Liverpool



M46a



S19a



N4



M17a



M17b

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
S4	-	Black	1800-04	1799-04	Reported Van Koppersmith
S19a	-	Red	-	1869-1880	Author & Kevin Preece
P3	-	Black	1850-57	1850-57	Note 1
-	P16a	Black	1894-98	1893-98	Reported Stewart Duncan
P25a	-	Red	-	1876	Reported by Geoff Osborn
-	P36a	Black	1912-20	1912-21	Hosking 3
-	P37b	Black	1938-61	1937-61	Hosking 3
P35	-	Black	1952-79	1952-95	Hosking 3
-	P36a	Black	1912-20	1912-21	Dovey & Morris
-	P39	Black	1984	1984-89	Hosking 3
-	P40	Black	-	2007	Dovey & Morris fig 5109
-	N4	Black	-	1939-1941	Note 3
M1	-	Red	-	1874	Author's collection
M2	-	Black	1884-1902	1884-1906	Reported Mike Dovey
M2	-	Red	1884-1902	1884-1904	Reported Mike Dovey
M4	-	Black	-	1841	2 examples now known
M5	-	Black	1855	1855-56	Reported Kevin Preece
-	M14	Black	1851-2	1851-55	Reported Nick Wraith
-	M16	Various	1915-18	-	Note 5
-	M17a	Purple	-	1942	Author's collection. Note 4
-	M17b	Purple	-	1916	Reported Robert Johnson. Note 6
-	M18a	Black	-	1878-80	Note 7
-	M19	Black	1947	1929-47	Reported Nick Wraith
-	M20	Black	1948-52	1948-55	Reported Nick Wraith
-	M21	Red	1839-56	-	Codes A, D, and M now reported
-	M25		1843	1843	Note 11
	M28	Red	1855-61	1855-68	Reported John Hossack
-	M35	Black	1852-67	1851-67	Reported Brian Cropp
-	M45	Red	-	1864	Reported Julian Jones
-	M46a	Red	-	1857	Reported Kevin Preece. Note 8
-	M47	Green	1853	1853-4	Cavendish Philatelic Auctions 13.3.98
-	M50	Red	1856	1856-61	Reported Julian Jones
-	M54	Black	-	1858-59	Reported Jeff Bohn
-	M54a	Red	1855-60	1851-60	Reported Julian Jones
-	M59	Black	1856-57	1854-59	4 minor variants known
-	M60	Black	1886	1886-1903	Various reports
-	M66	Black	1852-54	1851-56	
-	M73	Black	1864-68	1864-70	Reported Nick Wraith. Note 9
-	M88	Red	-	1853	Note 10



M88. 36x12 mm



P40. 37 mm

Note 1. P3 has been seen with only a 2-digit year date for (18)50, reported by Brian Cropp.

Note 2. Note 31 on page 157, 4th line, the *Scamander* was not a sailing ship – she was a screw-propelled steam ship.

Note 3. As Liverpool was the major assembly port for the Atlantic convoys and their escorts it is very surprising that very few examples of N4 have been seen by me to date. It is also surprising to see a named port marking as late as July 1941. Nick Colley has an example dated 18 Sep 1939 – a reasonable date before full security descended

– but three examples are known dated 13 July 1941, rather late for a fully named stamp. All three of these covers have Army type censor markings.

Note 4. The cover has a Liverpool Dead Letter Office date stamp for 11 March 1942. The wreck has not been identified as yet. The marking measures 64x5 mm.

Note 5. M16 has now been seen in red, pink, purple, and black inks.

Note 6. The makeshift nature of this stamp is clear from the ragged alignment of the letters. Used on mail ex ss *Commodore*, sunk in the Mediterranean 2 Dec 1915 by German submarine, rescued mail being brought to Liverpool for treatment in Feb 1916.

Note 7. M18a, 23 mm diameter, is similar to M18, but with wording LIVERPOOL/LANDING STAGE rather than LANDING STAGE/LIVERPOOL. Three examples seen on adhesive only, dated 17 Aug 1878 to 25 Sep 1880.

Note 8. The large 21 CENTS marking reported measures 21x21 mm and was found on cover from South Shields to Philadelphia with Liverpool transit date stamp for 10 Mar 1857 and accompanying lozenge type M27. It is most unlikely to have been sent via London and is considered a genuine Liverpool marking, albeit not seen in the (incomplete) steel impressions books.

Note 9. See Note 2 for Dublin. Probably an onboard sorting marking.

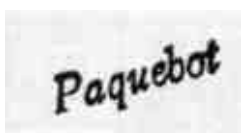
Note 10. Reported by Richard F Winter. The marking is on cover forwarded from Liverpool to the USA by the Collins liner *Arctic* in January 1853. There are no handstamps on return of the letter to the UK. The marking is significantly smaller than the similar Figure C2 of London and is considered to be most probably a Liverpool marking.

Note 11. M25 has been seen without code letter at the foot, dated 18 Oct 43, reported by Steve Ellis.

London



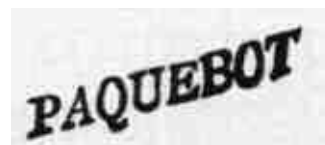
Both these markings are 23 mm in diameter. They are both on postcards from Teneriffe in 1908. They appear to be variants of S55, the left hand one with PAID and code removed, the right hand one with all the central information removed. Designated **S55a**.



Paq 23. See Note 8



Paq 25 47 x 7 mm



Paq 26 39 x 7 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
S36	-	Black	1840-48	1840-62	Various reports
-	S40a	Red	1876-78	1868-78	Reported Philip Beale
S54	-	Black	1897-99	1890-99	Reported Arthur Blundell
-	S55a	Black	-	1908	Author's collection
-	S56	Black	1905-6	1904-6	Author's collection
	P7	Black	1864-65	1864-71	Cavendish 11 Sep 1999
-	Paq1a	Black	1895	1895-1923	Hosking 3
Paq3	-	Black	1949	1947-49	Hosking 3
Paq 7	-	Black	1950	1950-54	Dovey & Morris
-	Paq 15	Black	1959-77	1959-80	Hosking 3
-	Paq 17	Black	1971-73	1971-75	Hosking 3
-	Paq 18	Black	1980	1979-81	Hosking 3
-	Paq19	Black	1978-80	1973-80	Hosking 3
-	Paq20	Black	1981	1980-86	Hosking 3
-	Paq22	Black	1985	1985-92	Hosking 3
-	Paq 23	Black	-	1912-19	Note 8
-	Paq24	Black	-	1987-94	See below
-	Paq 25	Black	-	1913-15	Hosking 3 fig 132

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	Paq 26	Black	-	1912-16	Hosking 3 fig 133
In8	-	Red/Black	1820-38	1819-38	Note 1
InSol7a	-	Black	1841-52	1841-57	Reported Guy Dillaway
N2	-	Purple	1916	1916-50	Note 2
N5	-	Purple	-	?	Undated WW1 cover
N14	-	Black	1919-20	1918-20	Author's collection
-	N14a	Black		1917	Author's collection
N19	-	Blue	-	1940	Author's collection
-	N25a	Black	-	1927	Author's collection
N27	-	Black	1935-40	1933-40	Author's collection
N26	-	Black	1933-36	1933-37	Author's collection
N32	-	Black	1940	1940-42	Reported Mike Dovey
N35	-	Black	1941-42	1940-42	Author's collection. Note 3
N37	-	Black	1940-45	1939-45	Author's collection
N38	-	Black	1940-41	1940-41	Note 4
N39	-	Violet	-	1942	Dated version now seen. Author's collection
N48	-	Red/Black	1943-61	1943-62	Author's collection
-	N49a	Black	1968-88	1968-90	Author's collection
-	N49a	Red	-	1990	Author's collection
N52	-	Red	1950-52	1946-52	Reported Mike Dovey
	N64	Black	1917-21	1917-22	Reported Frank Schofield
-	N65	Purple	-	1914	Author's collection. New colour
-	N65a	Black/purple	-	1911-15	Note 5
-	N66	Black	-	1968-70	Reported Mike Dovey
-	N67	Black	1974-82	1974-86	Author's collection
-	N68	Black	1968-9	1968-70	P Forrestier-Smith
-	N74	Black	-	?	Author's collection
-	N75	Purple	-	1917-1942	Reported Robert Johnson
-	N76	Purple	-	1914	Robert Johnson. Note 6
-	M8a	Black	-	1855	Smaller version of M8 20 x 20 mm approx. Reported Brian Cropp
M9	-	Black	1860-68	1859-68	Reported Eric Needs
M18	-	Black	1863	1863-66	Author's collection
M21	-	Black	-	1868	Reported Jeff Bohn. Single example seen.
M24	-	Red	-	1861	Reported Julian Jones
M33	-	Red	1863	1862-3	
M36	-	Black	1852-53	1850-53	Reported Brian Cropp
M37	-	Black	-	1864-67	Author's collection
M38	-	Black	1861-65	1861-67	Cavendish 2 Dec 1999



Paq 24. This is Hosking 3 fig 151. His Fig 152 is as far as I can see identical to 151, so I am showing just the one marking. Hosking's date span for both markings is 1987-1994.



N14a. Similar to N14 but with prominent stop after SHIP, and at 87x18 mm significantly larger than N14. Single example so far seen.



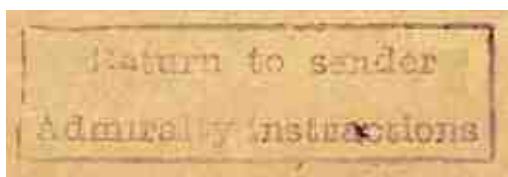
N25a. At 81x19 mm slightly smaller than N25, with significantly smaller lettering in the dater section. Single example so far seen.



N65a. Reported Jeremy Martin and Author's collection.



N74, undated WW2 marking 80x22 mm. Single example seen, Author's collection



N75 at left. 2 items only seen, 1917 and 1942. Both addressed to ships lost in action. Size of the 1917 marking is 52x16 mm; of the 1942 item 59x17 mm.



N76 at right. Frame 30x10 mm. This marking has been reconstructed from an incomplete impression so may be marginally inaccurate – the gaps in the frame at the right hand side are accurate. This may be a Birmingham marking.

Note 1. John Dickson reports an 1819 letter from Cape Town to London stamped with In8 in black. Clearly therefore this cannot be a marking applied in India as suggested in the original *Robertson Revisited*.

Note 2. A single example in my collection is dated 1950

Note 3. N35 is also known with a six-point asterisk in the inner circle.

Note 4. N38 is also found without date in 1940.

Note 5. N65a is similar to N65 but with all upper case lettering. Frame size varies a little.

Note 6. On cover from Birmingham to HMS Good *Hope*, sunk at the battle of Coronel, c/o GPO London.

Note 7. N60 and N61 are now considered to be Bermuda markings. Delete from the record.

Note 8. Paq 23 is Hosking 3 fig 130. He thought it might have been used aboard ship, but Dovey & Morris consider it a London marking.

Note 9. A variant of Fig C2, measuring 36 x 11.5 mm, is reported by Steve Pacetti for 1851

Some idea of the bewildering array of Maritime Mail cancellations used at London can be gathered from the proof copies that follow. I am obliged to Frank Schofield for letting me have access to them.

The sheet of markings shown below was sent to Alan Robertson in 1956 as a result of his enquiry of 15 October that year, and explained in the letter below.



DIVISIONAL CONTROLLER'S OFFICE,
LONDON POSTAL REGION,

King Edward Street,

London, E.C.1.

Telephone : LPR 3320

In any reply please quote:

Your Ref:

24 December, 1956.

Dear Mr. Robertson,

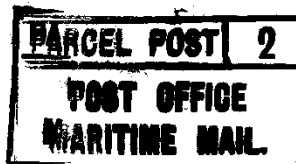
You wrote to Mr. Davenport on 15th October asking for specimen impressions of handstamps used for Paquebot correspondence and he has forwarded your letter to this office asking us to co-operate. I must first apologise for the long delay in replying.

On the enclosed sheet of art paper are specimen impressions of all the handstamps used for this type of correspondence that I can trace. With the exception of that in the top left hand corner bearing a figure 2 (and which has been impressed upside down) all these stamps are in use at the Foreign Section, Inland Section or the Parcel Section (Royal Agricultural Hall). The number 2 stamp was withdrawn in 1952 and the remainder have been in use since that year.

I trust that the impressions will suit your purpose and if there is any further information on this subject which you may require I shall be happy to assist as far as possible.

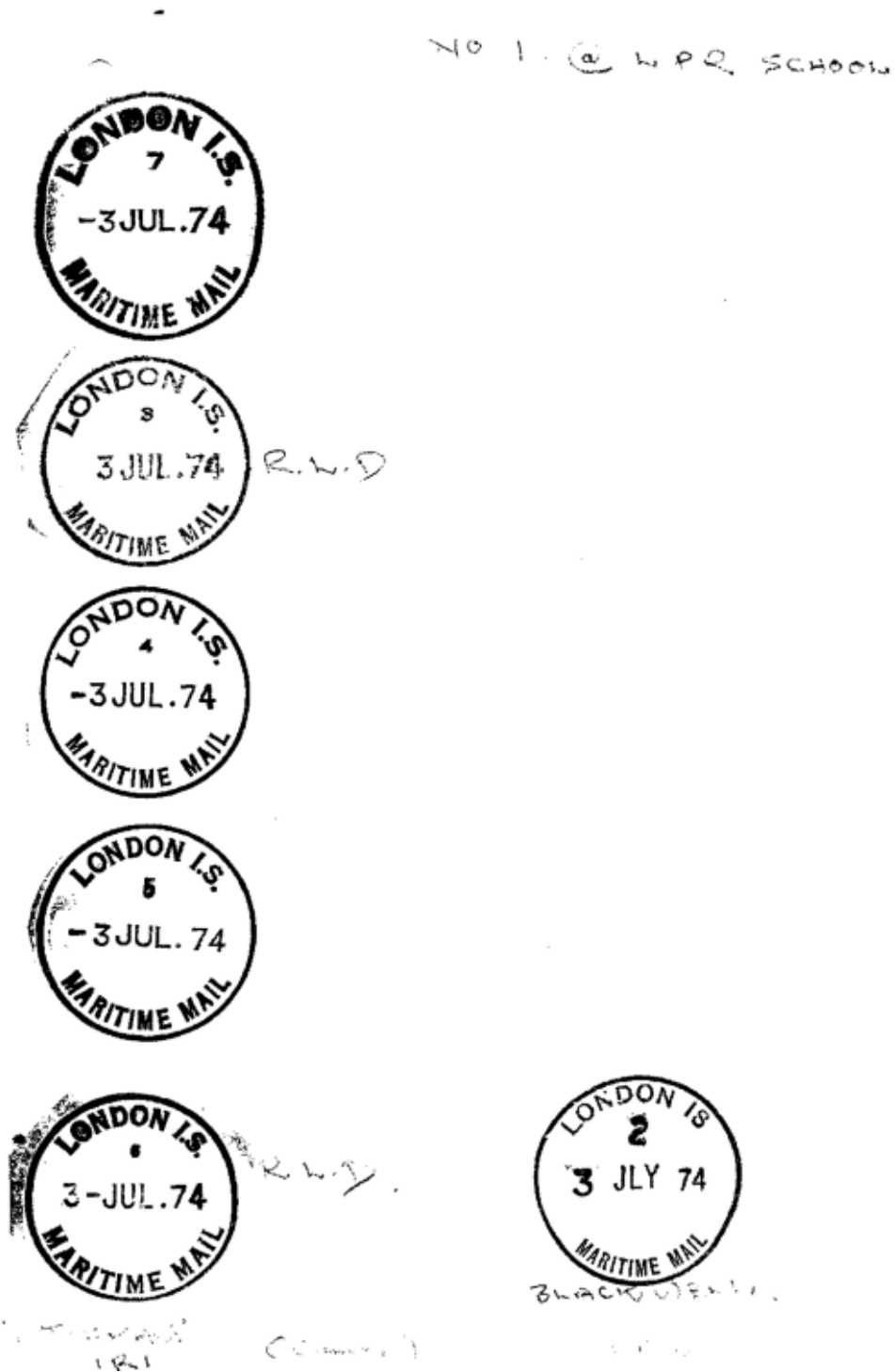
Yours sincerely,

W. H. B. B. B.



The pencilled annotations may be too faint to reproduce clearly. The top section is annotated “Foreign Section”; the centre section “Inland Section” and the bottom section “Parcels”.

The late John Daynes made similar enquiries in 1974 and subsequently. The proof sheets he received are shown below in date order, beginning with 1974.







I have made no attempt to classify the above markings, this exercise having recently been completed by Mike Dovey in his recent publication "The Maritime Mail Cancellations of Great Britain", available from the TPO & Seapost Society.

Londonderry

PAQUEBOT

P8 29 x 3 mm



P9 32 mm



P10 33 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
P1	-	Black	1871	1868-71	Reported E Bedell
P2		Red	1877-89	1877-93	Reported Mike Dovey
-	P8	Black	1980-84	1980-90	Hosking 3
-	P9	Black	1985-86	1985-89	Hosking 3
-	P10	Black	-	1997-98	Hosking 3

For some inexplicable reason drawings of P8 and P9 were omitted from *Robertson Revisited*, so they are shown above. P10 is a new marking.

Lowestoft



P2. 22 mm. Qualified as “needs confirmation”

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P2	Black	-	1973	Dovey & Morris fig 5110

Lyme

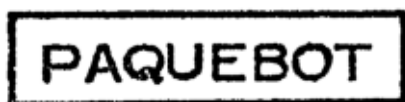
An **S2** dated 1817 is reported by Bill Pipe.
An **In1** dated 1827 is reported by Bill Pipe.

Lynn

Malcolm Ray-Smith reports a Lynn **S2** in red ink dated 1811.

Mallaig

Two new markings are recorded by Dovey & Morris, as shown below.



P1. 54 x 12 mm.

PAQUEBOT

P2. 39 x 4 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	-	1979	Dovey & Morris fig 5110. Same as Glasgow
-	P2	Black	-	1982	Dovey & Morris fig 309. Same as Invergordon

Manchester

Extend dates of P1 to 1912-90. Dovey & Morris.

Middlesbrough

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
P2	-	Black	1953-79	1953-99	Hosking 3

Milford Haven



P2. 29 mm



P3. 34 x 24 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	1970-83	1970-91	Dovey & Morris
-	P2	Black	-	1991-97	Hosking 3 fig 251
-	P3	Black	-	1993	Dovey & Morris fig 5202

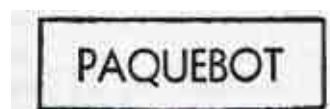
Montrose

Malcolm Ray-Smith reports a 1796 manuscript Ship Letter for this port on cover from Norway to Edinburgh.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne



S1a



P10. 38x12 mm



N4. Diameter 42.5 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	S1a	Black	-	1771	Note 1
S5	-	Black	1889-90	1888-90	Reported Mike Dovey
P1	-	Red	-	1909	New colour. Mike Dovey
P1	-	Purple	-	1905	New colour. Mike Dovey
P5	-	?	1946-55	1946-65	Hosking 3
P6	-	Violet	1956-83	1954-91	Dovey & Morris fig 36
-	P7	?	1971-75	1971-88	Hosking 3
-	P8	?	1977-81	1975-89	Dovey & Morris fig 159
-	P10	?	-	1983-2008	Dovey & Morris fig 10. Same as Blyth
-	N3	Red	-	1971	Reported Mike Dovey
-	N4	Red	-	1971	Reported Mike Dovey

Note 1. The manuscript Ship Letter illustrated above was sold by Cavendish Philatelic Auctions on 13 March 1998, Lot 419. It is the only m/s Newcastle Ship Letter that I have recorded. The letter was headed “Kingston Jamaica 30 July 1771”.

Newhaven

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	-	1966-75	1966-89	Hosking 3
-	P3	-	1966-73	1966-75	Hosking 3
-	P5	-	1979-83	1979-95	Hosking 3

Newport

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P4. 38 x 4 mm

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P5. 38 x 9 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P3	Black	1975-85	1970-88	Hosking 3
-	P4	Black	-	1993	Dovey & Morris fig 5203
-	P5	Black	-	2001	Dovey & Morris fig 5204

New Ross (Eire)

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P1. New marking. 40 x 6 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	-	1995-2000	Hosking 3 fig 407. Same as Waterford

Newry

PAQUEBOT

P2. 49x6 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
S2	-	Black	1781	1781-92	Reported Malcolm Ray-Smith
-	P1	-	-	1987-90	Hosking 3 fig 352. Same as Belfast
-	P2	-	-	1983	Dovey & Morris fig 361

Note. P1 is enclosed in a rectangular frame measuring 58 x 16 mm. The frame was removed for P2.

North Shields

Extend dates of S2 to 1821-24.

Extend dates of P3 to 1912-50

Extend dates of P4 to 1985-88

Oban

PAQUEBOT

P2. 50x12 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	-	1961-84	1961-89	Hosking 3
-	P2	-	-	1987-2001	Hosking 3

Pembroke



P2 (misspelt). 32 mm.



P3. 32 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	-	1979-84	1979-87	Dovey & Morris
-	P2	-	-	1986-87	Hosking 3
-	P3	-	-	1987-93	Hosking 3

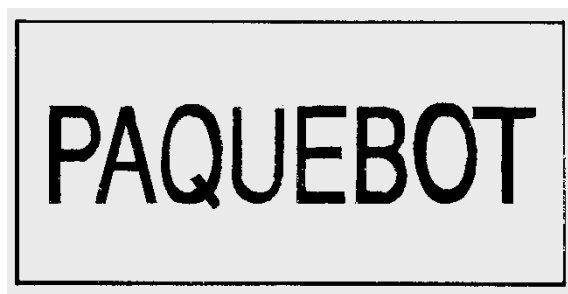
Penzance



P1. 43x7 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	?	-	1985-91	Hosking 3 fig 172

Peterborough



P1. 74 x 35 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	-	-	1998-2000	Dovey & Morris fig 5111

It seems incredible that a town so far inland as Peterborough should have or need a paquebot marking. However, since reorganisation, mail for Wisbech was sorted at Peterborough, hence the marking. See also the note for Wisbech.

Plymouth



Plymouth N9

44 mm dia.

Sole date of usage seen



MARITIME
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Plymouth N10

Reported in black 1972-82 by Mike Dovey

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
S6	-	Yellow	-	1853	New colour reported John Lorraine
S9	-	Blue	1859-60	1859-61	Reported John Lorraine
S13	-	Black	1899-1911	1895-1911	Author's collection
-	PPWSL1	Black	-	1815	Note 2
In2	-	Black	1831	1825-31	Reported John Lorraine
In3	-	Red	1831-38	1831-39	Reported John Lorraine
P3	-	Red	-	1871	Author's collection
P3	-	Black	1870-78	1870-79	Reported Paul Davey
P8	-	Black	1908-31	1906-31	Hosking 3
P11	-	Black	1933-85	1933-2007	Dovey & Morris
-	P13	Black	1922-31	1922-33	Hosking 3
P14	-	Black	1922-73	1922-79	Note 3
-	P16	-	1932-33	1932-35	Hosking 3
N2	-	Black	1926-31	1926-32	Reported John Lorraine
N3	-	Black	1931-36	1931-37	Author's collection
-	N8	Black	1972	1970-75	Reported Mike Dovey
-	N9	Black	-	1970	Reported Frank Schofield

Note 1. A rare variant of P9 with a large “X” breaking into the horizontal lines is known in 1911 - Hosking 3 fig 179.

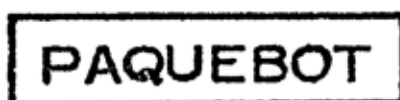
Note 2. John Lorraine has a hitherto unrecorded PPWSL Plymouth on cover to Guernsey dated 25 Feb 1815. The marking is too smudged to be reproduced accurately, but is unmistakably Plymouth. See Hull for a similar marking to get a feel for the size and shape – they were all pretty standard size markings.

Note 3. P14 is also known with PLYMOUTH/GT BRITAIN A in the dater portion of the stamp.

Poole

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
S1	-	Black	1766-98	1766-1803	Reported by Bill Pipe
S8	-	Blue	1850-51	1849-51	Reported by Bill Pipe

Port Ellen (Islay)



P1. 54 x 12 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	-	-	1987	Dovey & Morris fig 300. Same as Glasgow

Portree

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P3. 23 x 3 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P2	?	1984	1984-92	Hosking 3
-	P3	?	-	1980	Dovey & Morris fig 36. 2 nd omnibus type

Portsmouth

PAQUEBOT

P7. Hosking fig 196. 30x8 mm



N7. Approx 80 x 22 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
S13	-	Red	1827-40	1824-40	Reported David Ashby
S16	-	Black	1844-47	1844-48	Reported Stephen Taylor
In2	-	Black	1819-23	1819-30	Author's collection
-	N7	Black	-	1937	Author's collection
-	P4	Black	1972-83	1972-87	Hosking 3
-	P5	-	1976-85	1976-92	Hosking 3
-	P7	-	-	1991-2007	Dovey & Morris

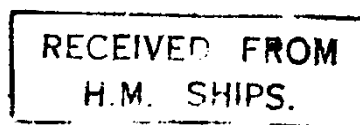
Port Talbot

P2 is now known from 1983-1992. Also known with index "Q". Hosking 3.

Preston



N1a



N1b

N1 has now been seen in violet (1956 – 2 examples) and in red (undated – circa late 1940s). Reported Michael Goodman and Frank Schofield. There are at least two variants: **N1a** with heavier lettering and a hint of serifs; **N1b** with finer lettering and definitely sans-serif. 47x14 mm for N1b and 48x15 mm for the heavier version

Queenstown (Eire) – see Cove

S1, previously recorded 1783-85 has been reported by Maurice Porter used in 1778 on disinfected letter from Smyrna.

Ramsgate



P3. 31 mm dia.

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	-	1977-81	1977-84	Hosking 3
-	P2	-	1979-80	1979-93	Hosking 3
-	P3	-	-	1991-98	Hosking 3

Romford



P4. 29 x 13 mm



P5. 65 x 25 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P2	Black	1981-85	1981-88	Hosking 3
-	P3	Black	1983-85	1983-2001	Dovey & Morris
-	P4	Black	-	1983-86	Dovey & Morris fig 5112
-	P5	Black	-	2000-2001	Dovey & Morris fig 5113

Ryde (Isle of Wight)

PAQUEBOT

P1. Hosking 3 fig 327. Known 1972-85. 33 x 5 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	-	1972-85	Dovey & Morris fig 195. Same as Portsmouth

St Ives

Malcolm Ray-Smith reports a manuscript St Ives Ship letter on entire of 1812 from Corunna to London.

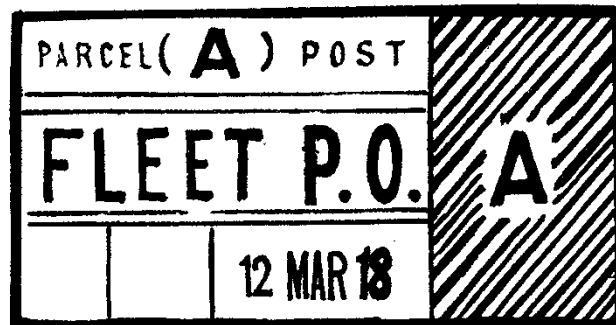
St Mary's (Scilly Isles)

Extend dates of P1 to 1980-93. Dovey & Morris

St Mawes

Malcolm Ray-Smith reports a manuscript St Mawes Ship Letter on 1825 cover to Edinburgh.

Scapa Flow



N2 can now be shown. Not seen used. There would almost certainly have been minor variants and possibly major ones also.

Scarborough

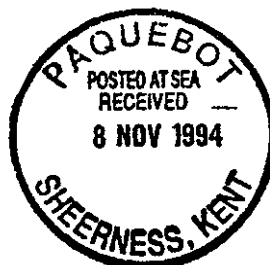
Extend period of use of P1 to 1971-89. Hosking 3.

Selby

Extend period of use of P1 to 1982-90. (Hosking 3.)

Extend period of use of P2 to 1982-94. Hosking 3.

Sheerness



P1. 34 mm dia.

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
S2	-	Red	-	1800	Reported John Loraine
-	P1	?	-	1994-98	Hosking 3

Shoreham



S1. Approximate dimensions 48x12 mm. Reported by Derek Walker on 1799 cover France to Uckfield. Sole example known to author.

Extend period of use of P1 to 1984-92. Hosking 3, Dovey & Morris.

Sidmouth

A manuscript ship letter underneath the SIDMOUTH 168 mileage mark has been reported by John Loraine on 1824 letter from Kingston, Jamaica, to London. Malcolm Ray-Smith reports another example, same year, from India to Scotland.

In similar vein Martin Hosselmann reports an India Ship Letter manuscript marking as shown below, on cover from Madras to London in 1824.



Sligo

Malcolm Ray-Smith reports an S1 in red dated 1816, and one other example in red, date not known.



P3. 31 mm. Hosking 3. Known 1971

Extend period of use of **P1** to 1969-70. (Hosking 3.)

Extend period of use of **P2** to 1971-89. (Hosking 3.)

Southampton

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
S14/15	-	Black	1876-1901	1876-1914	Note 1
MB1	-	Black	1844	1844-46	Reported Bryan Hunt
MB1	-	Red	1852	1844-52	Reported Bryan Hunt
Paq2	-	Black	1857-70	1857-72	Cavendish 12 Jun 98
Paq6	-	Black	1936-76	1936-2009	Dovey & Morris
Paq 9	-	Black	1931-34	1931-40	Dovey & Morris
Paq 12	-	Black	1956-75	1956-87	Dovey & Morris
-	Paq13	-	1952-56	1950-56	Hosking 3
N2	-	Black	1937?	1937-1939	Author's and Nick Colley's collections

See Note 2 at page 274 of *Robertson Revisited*. I consider Robertson's S14 and S15 practically identical and not requiring separate listing. The dates given cover both Robertson's markings.

Southend



P1. 31x8 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	-	1997	Hosking 3

South Shields

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P3. 42 x 7 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
S1	-	Black	1900-08	1897-1913	Dovey & Morris
P1	-	Black	1897-1950	1894-1950	Note 1
-	P3	Black	-	1913-14	Dovey & Morris fig 5114

Note 1. Interrupted period of use: 1894-1913 and again 1949-50.

Stockton



S1. New marking and new port. On 13 May 1823 letter from Nova Scotia to Edinburgh. 44 x 10 mm. Black ink. Cavendish Philatelic Auctions June 2014. Courtesy Cavendish.

Stornoway

Extend period of use of **P1** to 1966-2002. (Dovey & Morris)

Extend period of use of **P2** to 1967-93. Hosking 3.

Stranraer

Extend period of use of **S2** to 1816-19. Cavendish 10 Mar 2000 lot 28.

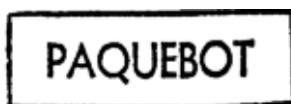
Stromness



P2. 49x17 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P2	Black	-	1995-97	Hosking 3 fig 347

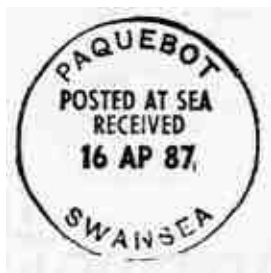
Sunderland



P3. 39x13 mm. Hosking 3 fig 231. Known 1989

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	-	1968-71	1968-78	Dovey & Morris
-	P2	-	1975-86	1975-90	Hosking 3
-	P3	Black	-	1989	Dovey & Morris fig 10. Same as Blyth

Swansea



P4 32 mm



P5 32 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P2	Black	1976-77	1976-79	Dovey & Morris
-	P3	-	1981-84	1981-93	Hosking 3
-	P4	-	-	1987	Hosking 3
-	P5	-	-	1993	Hosking 3

Tarbert



P1. 31 mm dia.

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	-	1970	Dovey & Morris fig 5311

Teignmouth

A manuscript Ship Letter is known for 1812, reported by John Loraine, and another for 1805 reported by Malcolm Ray-Smith.

S3 – extend dates 1840-53, reported John Loraine.

Thurso

Extend dates for P1 to 1976-89. Hosking 3.

Tobermory

PAQUEBOT

P1. Recorded 1980 only. Dovey & Morris. 23 x 3 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	-	1980	Dovey & Morris fig 36. 2 nd omnibus type

Torquay



P3. 31 x 10 mm.

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	-	1969-82	1969-90	Hosking 3
-	P3	Black	-	1999-2000	Dovey & Morris fig 5115

Extend period of use of P1 to 1969-90.

Totnes



S3. Two examples of this previously unrecorded marking have been reported by Barrie Jay and John Loraine. This is the best reconstruction I can make from the better of the 2 examples. The marking measures 47x14 mm. Dates: 1789 and 1792.

Troon

S1 is reported by Dovey & Morris as used in 1897 (2 copies only).

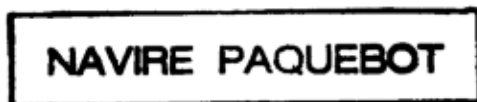
Ullapool

PAQUEBOT

P1. New marking recorded by 1977. 23 x 3 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	-	1977	Dovey & Morris fig 36. 2 nd omnibus type

Watchet



P1. 63x13 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black	-	1988-92	Hosking 3 fig 234

Waterford



P5. 40 x 6 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
S1	-	Black	1772	1772-1785	Reported Martin Townsend
-	P1	-	1969	1969-70	Hosking 3
-	P2	-	1969	1968-2006	Dovey & Morris
-	P3	-	1969	1969-70	Hosking 3
-	P5	Black	-	1995-96	Hosking fig 407

West Hartlepool

PAQUEBOT

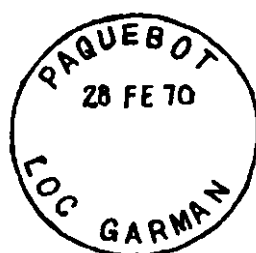
P1. 23 x 3 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black		1950-52	Dovey & Morris fig 36. 2 nd Omnibus type

Wexford



Manuscript Ship Letter dated 1808. Reported by Des Quail. WEXFORD measures 43x6 mm.



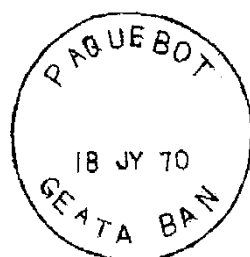
P1. 32 mm dia

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black		1970	Dovey & Morris fig 5312

Weymouth

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
In1	-	Black	1824-41	1822-41	Reported by Bill Pipe
In2	-	Black	1824-31	1820-31	Reported by Bill Pipe
S6	-	Red	1836-40	1834-40	Reported by Bill Pipe
-	P3	Black	1976-82	1975-89	Hosking 3

Whitegate (Eire)



P1. 32 mm dia

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black		1970	Dovey & Morris fig 5313

Whitehaven



P1. 40x15 mm

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	P1	Black		1986-90	Hosking 3 fig 238

Wick

Extend period of use of **P1** to 1984-86. (Hosking 3.)

Wisbech



PPWSL1



P2. 36 x 23 mm

The PPWSL handstamp was reported by Cavendish Philatelic Auctions. It would seem to be a proof strike, and is missing the date slugs. A copy on cover has yet to be seen, and probably never will be. That Wisbech, some 10 miles inland from the Wash should have such a marking seems almost incredible, but it does have modern paquebot markings, so it may not be the hoax that it suggests.

Orig. No.	New No.	Colour	Old Dates	New Dates	Remarks
-	PPWSL1	Black	-	-	See notes above.
-	P1	-	1984	1984-88	Hosking 3
-	P2	Black	-	1993	Hosking 3 fig 240

Mike Dovey says that Wisbech, and later Peterborough, were the main sorting offices for the area that covered Sutton Bridge (on the River Nene) where there was a jetty for small coasters to berth at, hence the Wisbech and Peterborough markings recorded.

Workington



The County Catalogue lists a Ship Letter marking for Workington similar to Brixham, shown left.

I have not seen either of the copies, reportedly dated 1796 and 1797, so cannot do a drawing.



New marking P1 is reported by Dovey & Morris for 1981. 23 x 3 mm

Cross-References

Name	Alternative	Name	Alternative
Arklow (Eire)	Imbhear Mor	Ballina (Eire)	Batha N Fheadha
Baile Atha Cliath	Dublin		
Batha N Fheadha	Ballina (Eire)	Baltimore (Eire)	Dun Na Sead
Bantry (Eire)	Beanntraighe	Beanntraighe	Bantry (Eire)
Bun An Phobail	Moville (Eire)	Cobh (Eire)	Queenstown
Cork (Eire)	Corcaigh	Corcaighq	Cork (Eire)
Devonport	Plymouth Dock	Dublin	Baile Atha Cliath
Drogheda (Eire)	Droichead Atha	Droichead Atha	Drogheda (Eire)
Dundalk (Eire)	Dun Dealgan	Dun Dealgan	Dundalk (Eire)
Dun Na Sead	Baltimore (Eire)	Galway (Eire)	Gaillimh
Dun Laoghaire (Eire)	Kingstown	Geata Ban	Whitegate (Eire)
Gaillimh	Galway (Eire)	Glengariff (Eire)	Gleann Garbh
Gleann Garbh	Glengariff (Eire)	Imbhear Mor	Arklow (Eire)
Kingstown	Dun Laoghaire (Eire)	Loc Garman	Wexford (Eire)
Limerick (Eire)	Luimneach	Luimneach	Limerick (Eire)
Moville (Eire)	Bun An Phobail	Queenstown	Cobh (Eire)
Plymouth Dock	Devonport		
Port Lairge	Waterford (Eire)	Sligo (Eire)	Sligeach
Sligeach	Sligo (Eire)	Waterford (Eire)	Port Lairge
Wexford (Eire)	Loc Garman	Whitegate (Eire)	Geata Ban

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