

Corrections to *Twopence Blue Plating Guide to Plates 1–6*

Ken Statham's numbers printed of Plate 5 (page v)

Looking again at Ken Statham's figures in his *Essential Guide*, Vol. 18, p. 3685, he gave a total of 89,500 sheets printed; but if you add up the estimated individual totals (including those lost in the March 1857 fire) it comes to 98,500. It appears that the estimate for SC16 should have been 1,000, not 10,000, which makes the totals match. Thanks to Mike Dellow on the Mulready Group for pointing out the inconsistency.

Plate 2 GI — Correction to Dendy Marshall's reconstruction (page 81)

Brian Perrett, writing on the Mulready Group, has discovered an error in the Dendy Marshall reconstruction of Plate 2, where stamp GI is in fact Plate 1. This error is also in my book *Twopence Blue Plating Guide to Plates 1–6*, and on the photographs included with Ken Statham's *Essential Guide*, Vol. 18. The letter positions of GI on Plates 1 and 2 are similar, but the 'I' in Plate 1 leans to the left, and is very slightly high; while the 'I' in Plate 2 is almost vertical, and is very slightly low. The image of the true Plate 2 is reproduced here courtesy of Grosvenor Auctions, and is from a cover in their 17 May 2007 sale (Lot 131).



Plate 1



Plate 2

Plate 1 from the Crawford sheet



Plate 1 from Dendy Marshall

Plate 1 incl. in error in DM Plate 2

Plate 2 from pair on cover

Lettering PC (page 183)

Thanks to Kevin Maunder for pointing out that PC Plates 2 and 6 are transposed.

Repair to LE Plate 3, State 3 (page 242)

The description to LE State 3 is missing due to a production error. The missing text is:

State 3: Re-entered. Stronger right with TRL. Engraving at right and on eyebrow restored, later weakening with return of corrosion.