

BRITISH EMPIRE 236 NUMERAL CANCELLATIONS PRE WORLD WAR ONE

An exhibit of the use of the numeral 236 postal cancel throughout the British Empire before World War I. Numeral examples range from stampless to stamp cancel barred numerals barred numeral duplexes, starbursts, and rings. British colonies all adopted numeral cancels similar to those used by England to denote particular post offices.

The practice of using numeral identifications for postal locations was widespread throughout Europe as well as in the British Empire. European countries using 236 numeral cancels include Russia, Poland, France, Denmark, the German States, and Italy. Those countries are not included in this exhibit.

As the number of post offices increased and the volume of mail grew, the use of numerals for particular post offices was not practical and it stopped.

During and after the First World War the use of 236 numeral cancellations and markings continued for military units, registered mail, censored correspondence, and railway lines.



A 236 Numeral from Lochinver Scotland Dated 1847