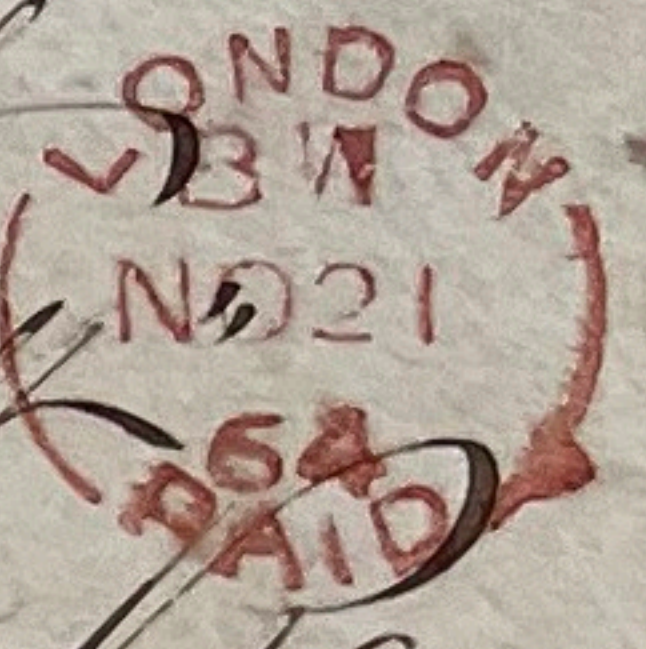


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Hawkesbury Marlborough.



Rev. John Simpson
"Hobart & Griffith"
Placentia Bay
Newfoundland

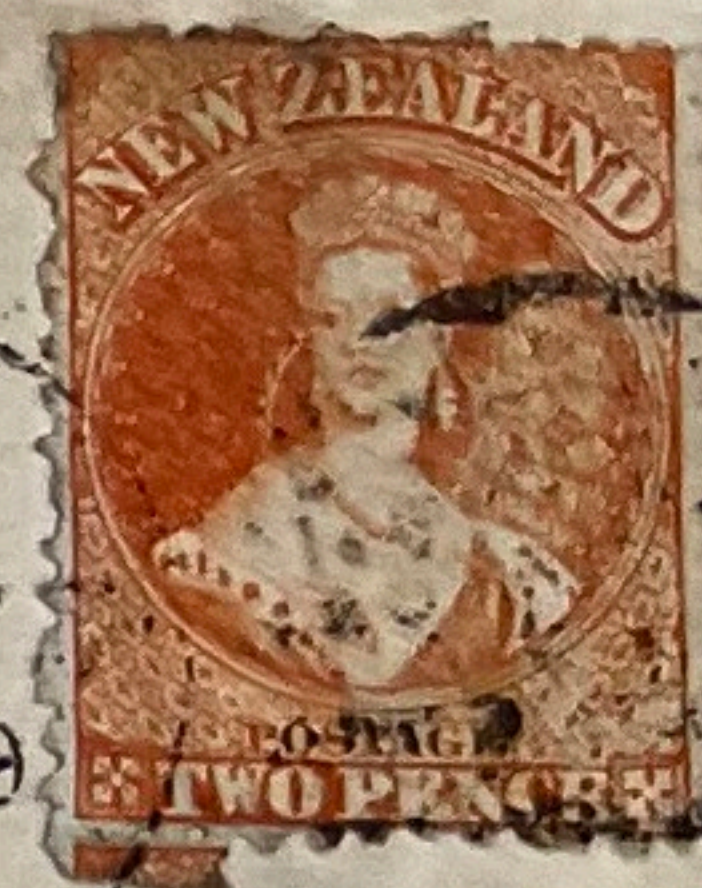


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Merchant
Dunedin



McLennan
Mr John Mackenzie
Lake Ellersmere

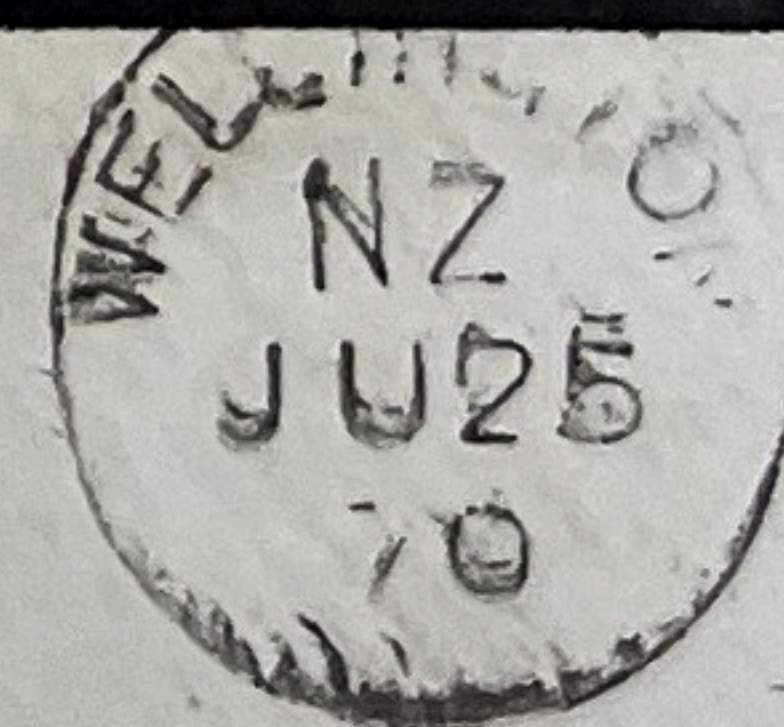
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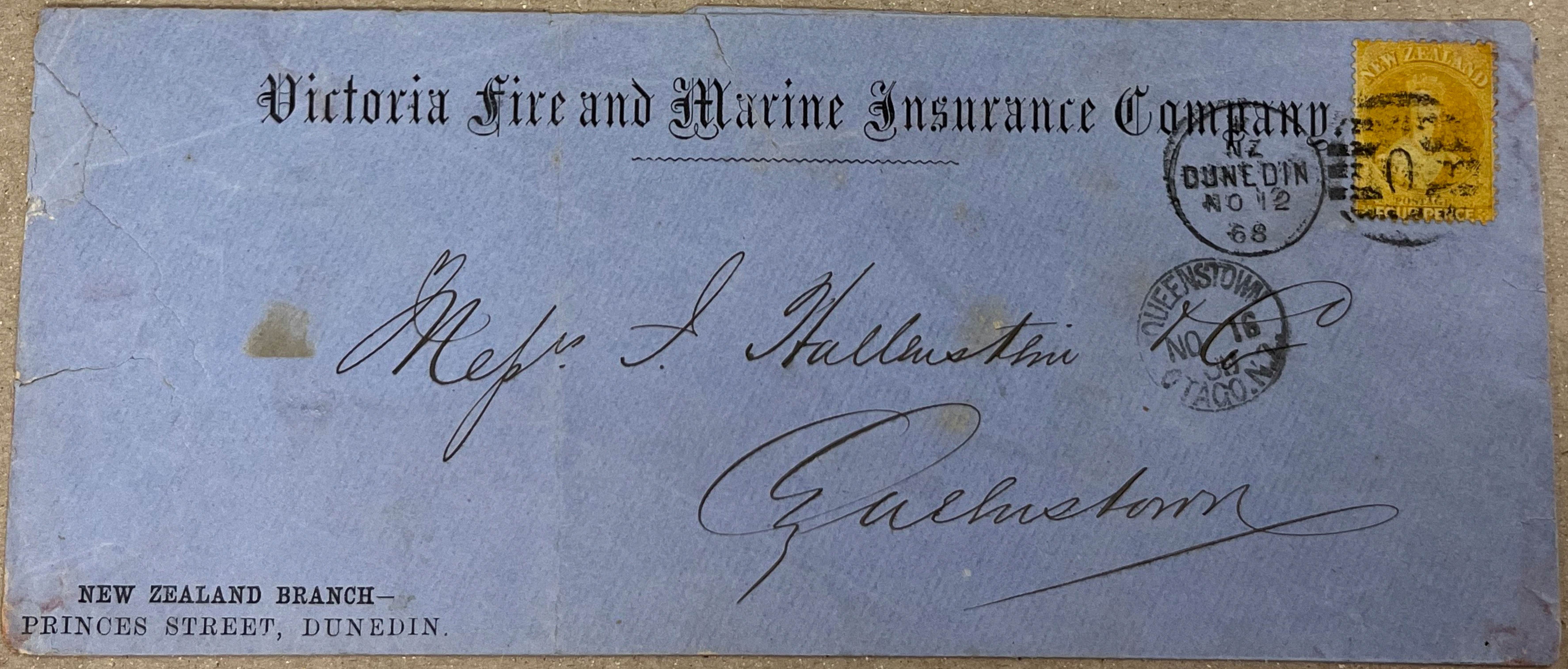
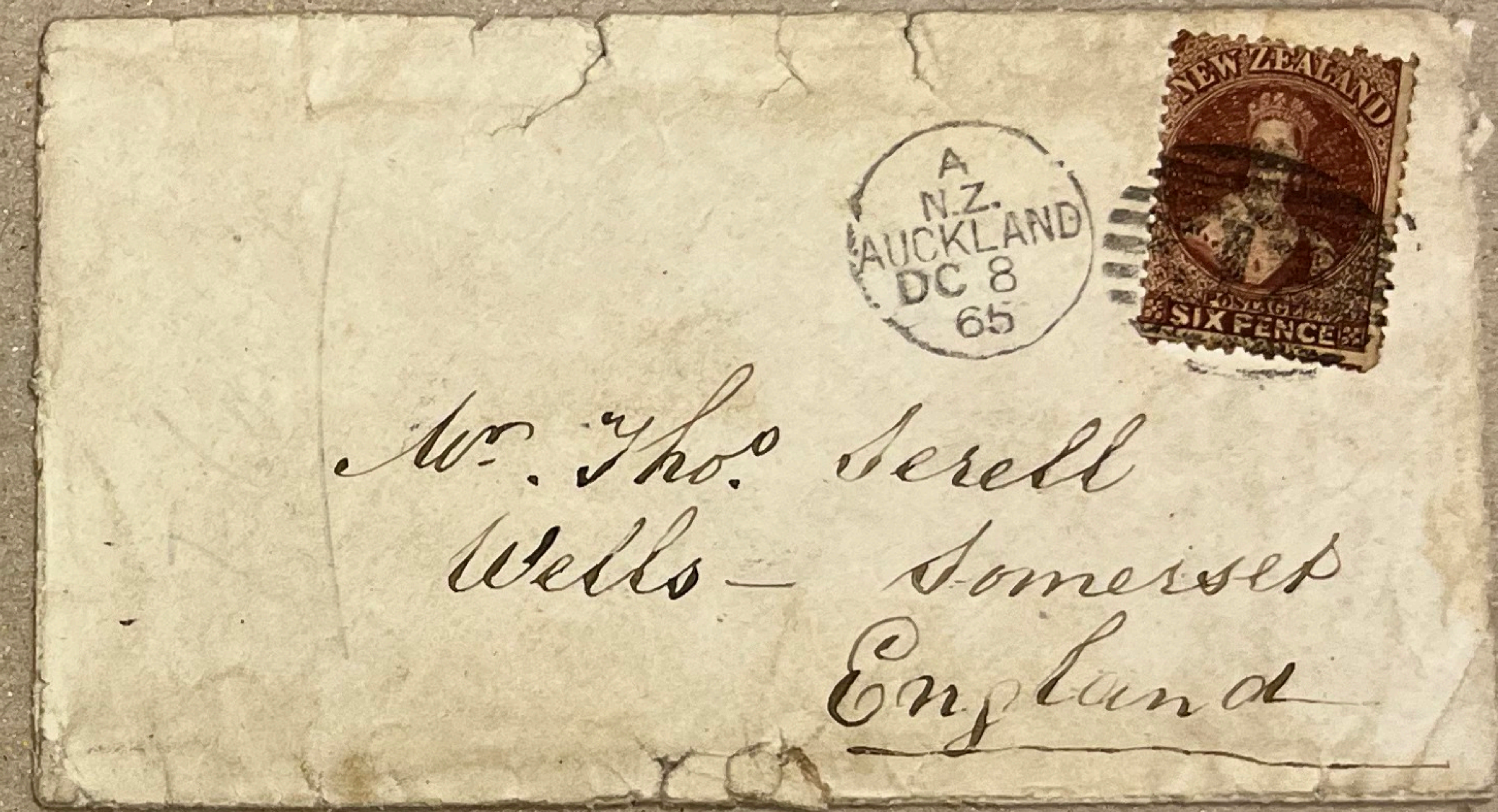
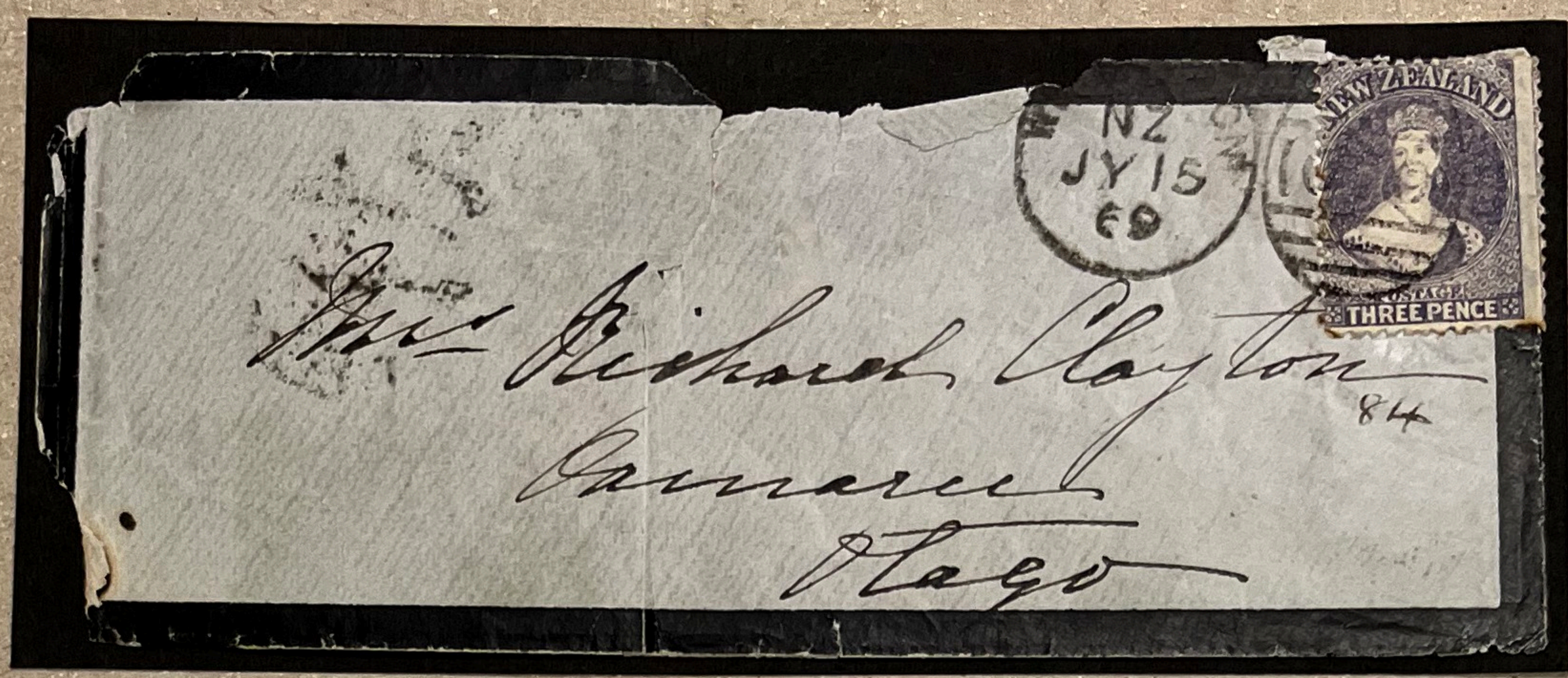


Mr Stafford
Wellington



Mr Henry Lyon
Marston
Paupitikeri







Though neither of these covers is up to normal exhibiting standards, soldier's covers from such an early period are almost nonexistent. From the same correspondence, one was not countersigned and was charged the regular rate of 6d instead of the preferential soldier's rate of 1d that could have applied.

NEW ZEALAND

Davies Print

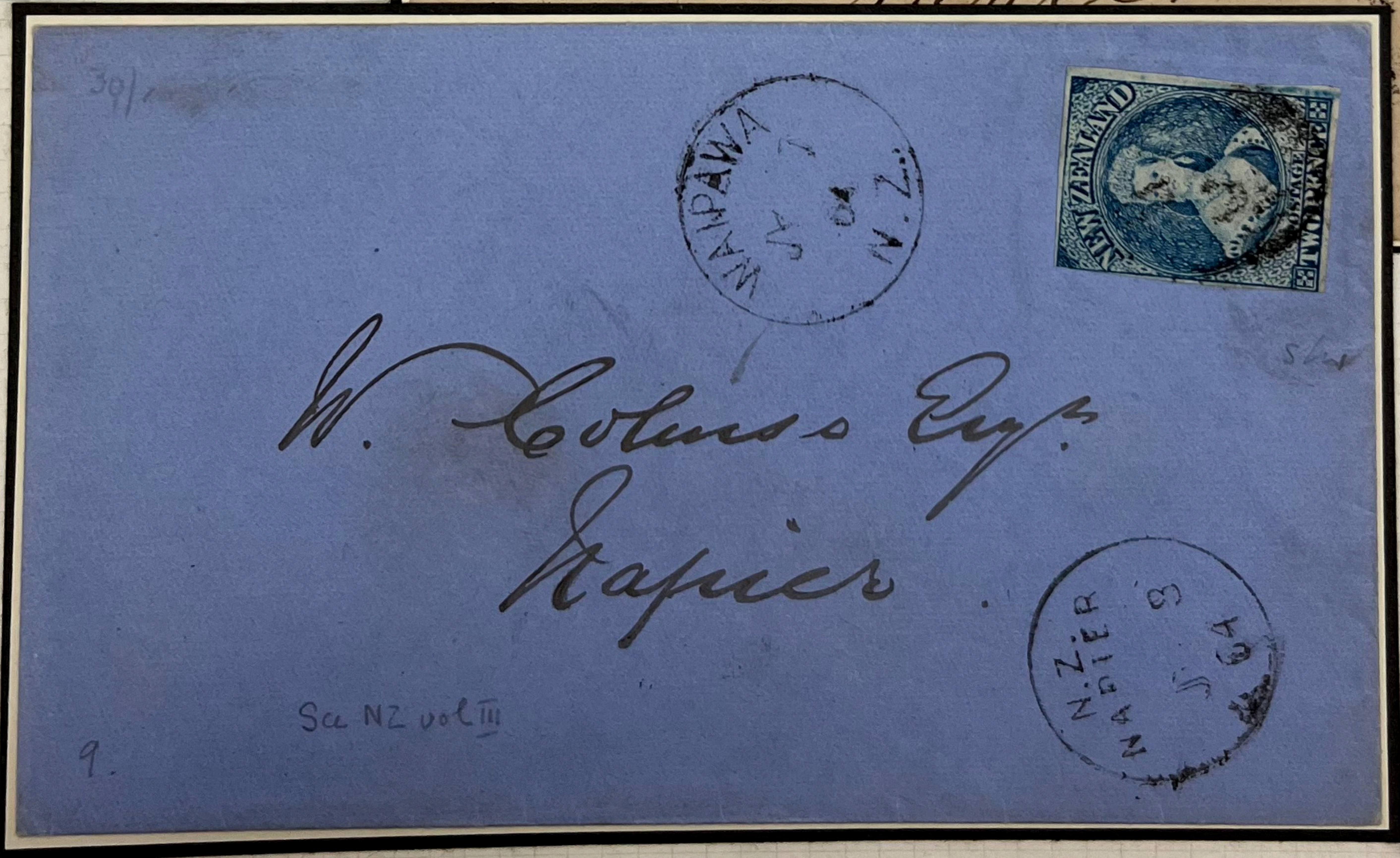
Imperforate

1862 - 64

Watermarked Large Star



East Taieri



These covers are both canceled with the barred 3 obliterator used at Waipawa.

of Overland Mail



Na Ranuira te Iho,
Turanganui.

Wairarapa

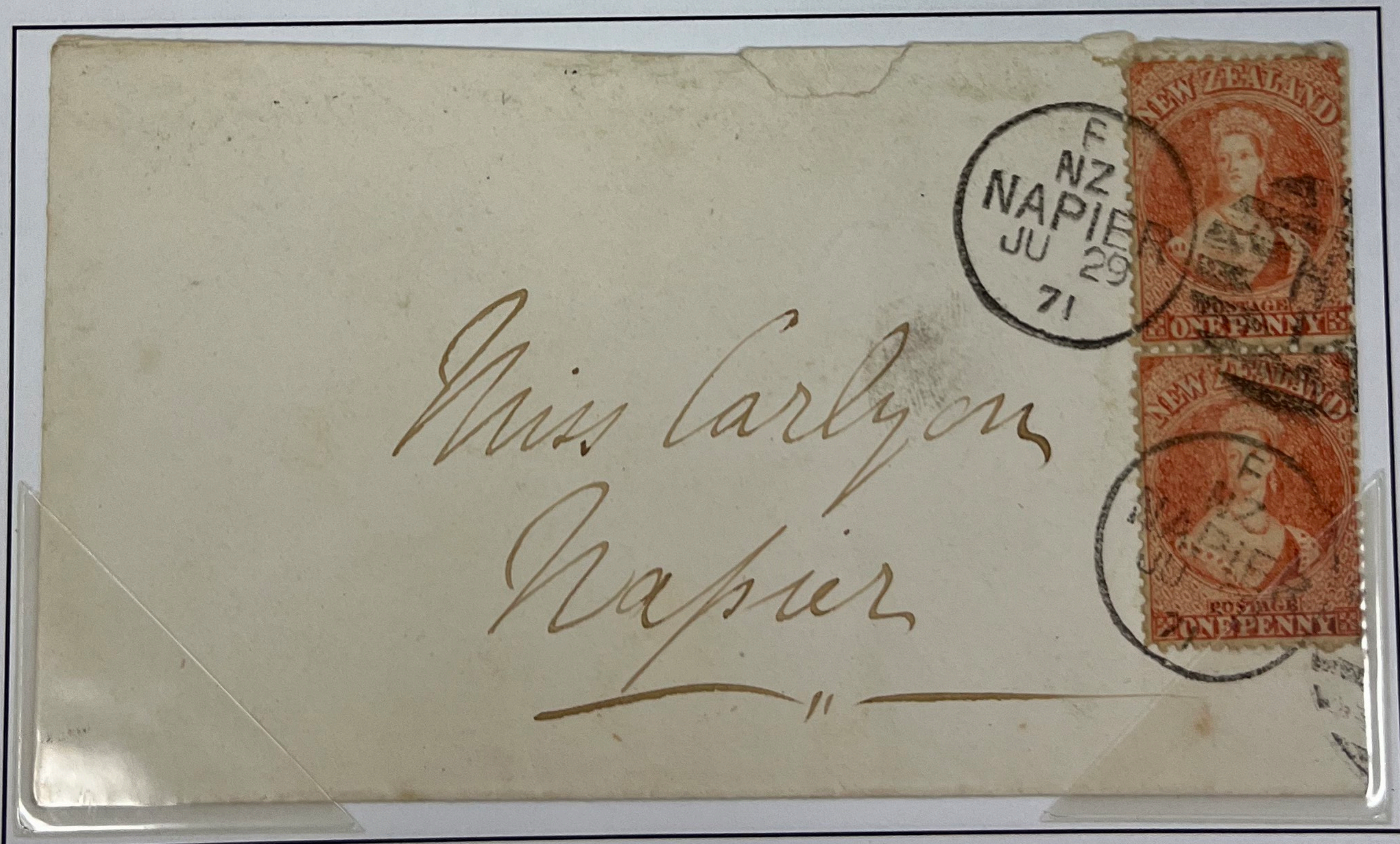
The Maori notation translates "Here is the money for the sale of the mill on 4 September 1863."

First Perforated Issues
1864-71
1d

Perforated 12½
Large Star Watermark
Used



Single Local Rate

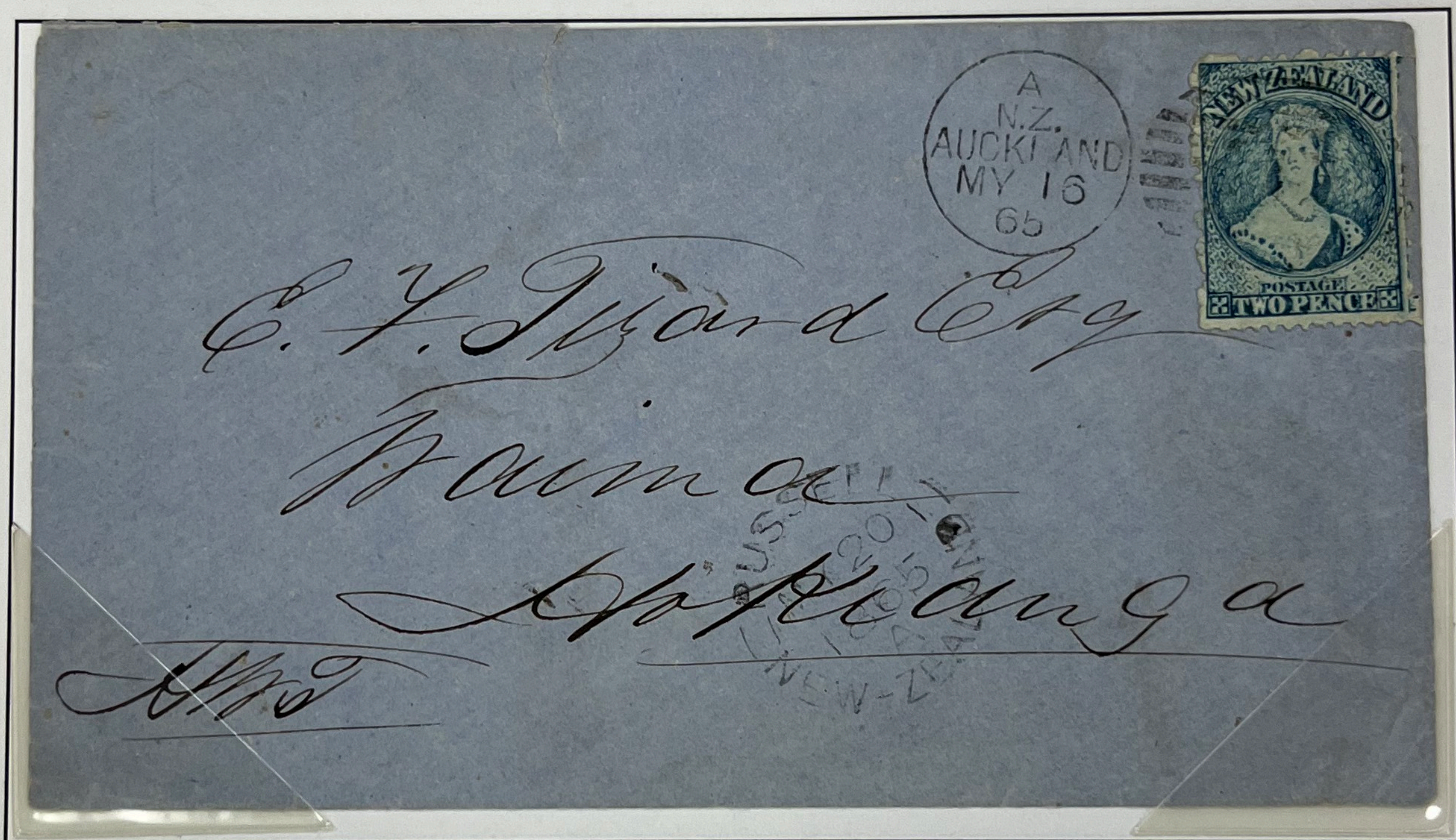


Double Local Rate
(over ½ oz.)

The "tariff rate" for delivery at the same post office was established as 1d per ½ oz. in 1867. These two

First Perforated Issues
16 May 1865
2d Plate I

Perforated 12½
Large Star Watermark
Auckland to Hokianga

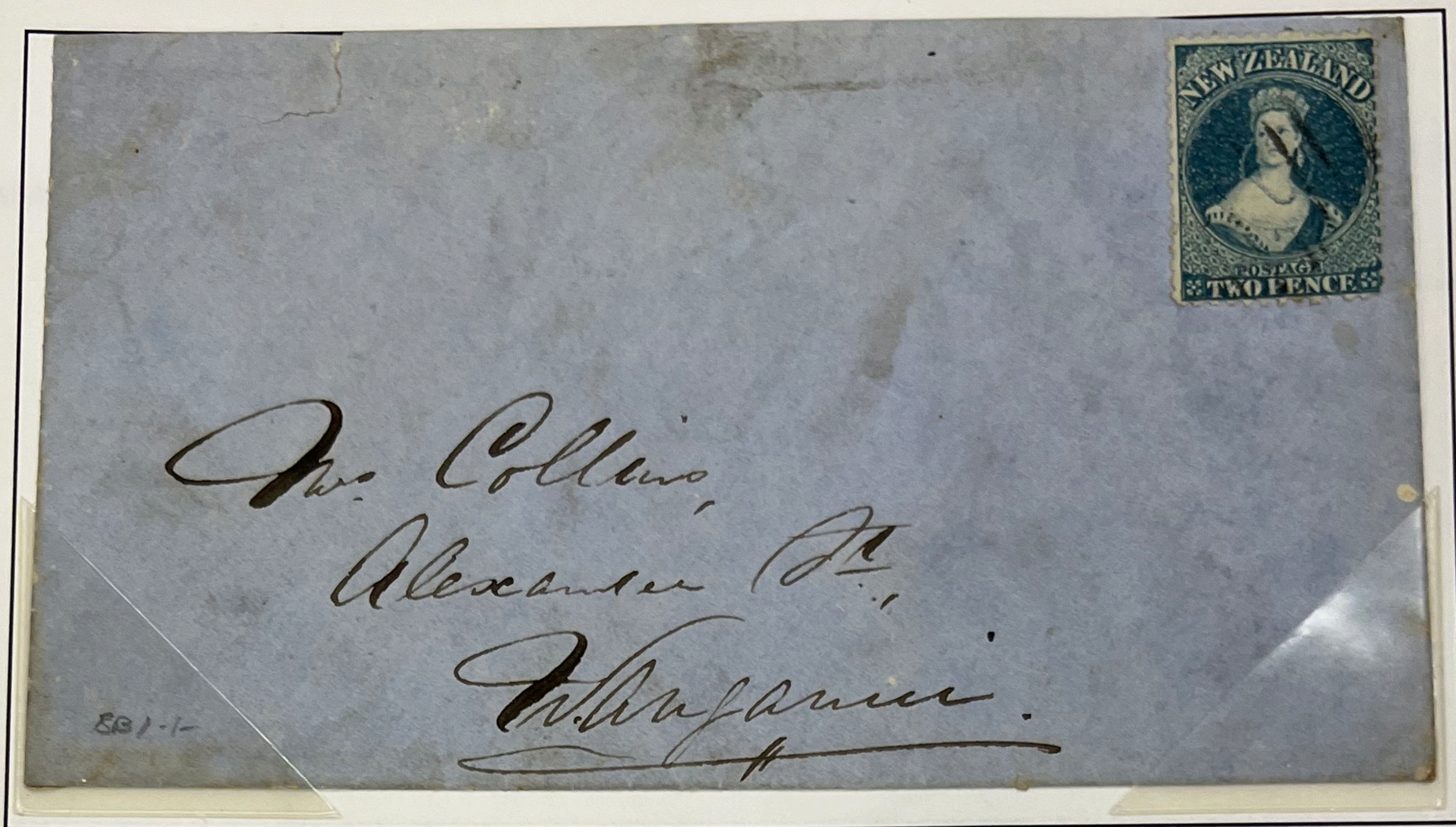


Interprovincial 2d rate

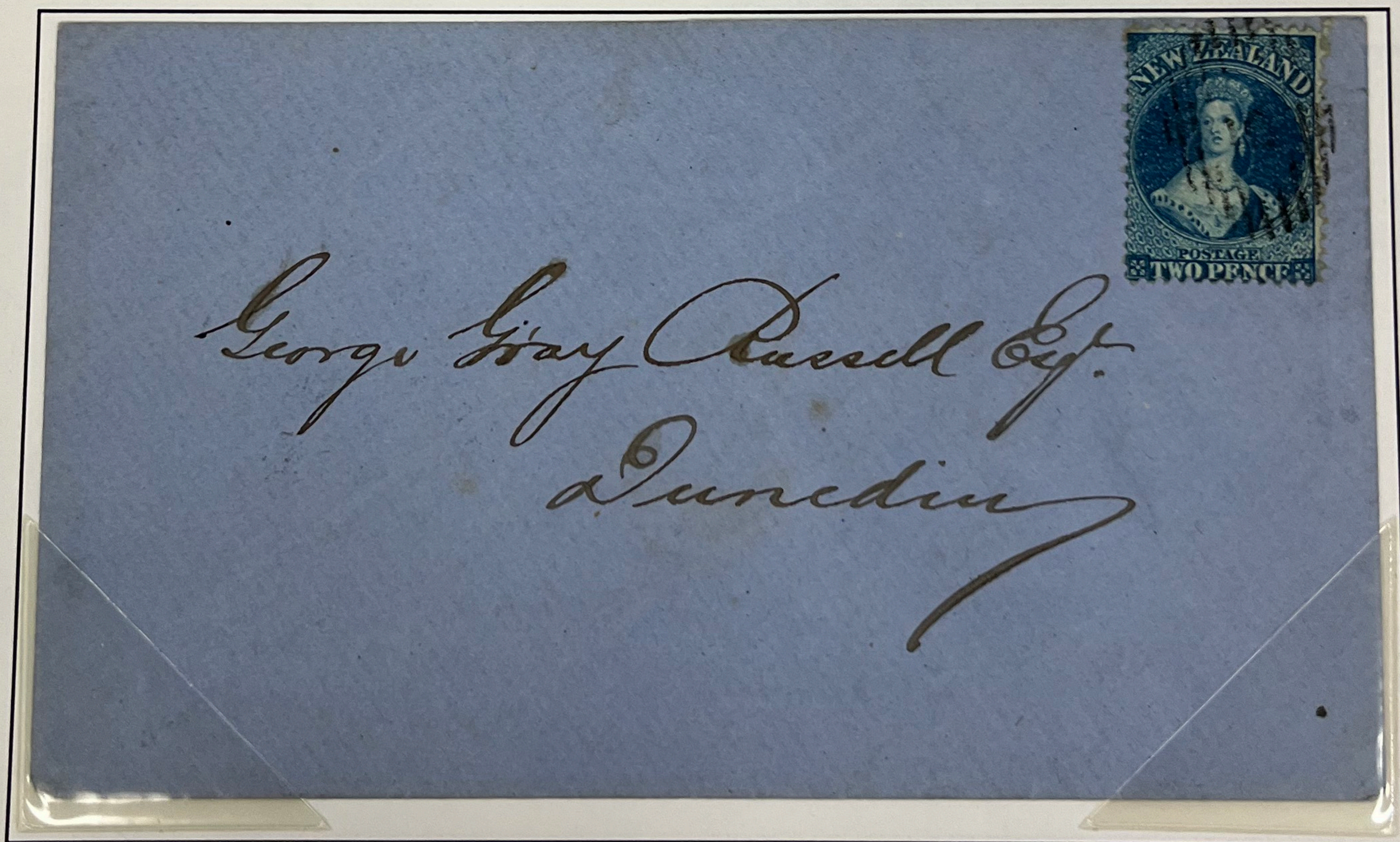
The rate for letters between provinces, the "interprovincial rate" was 2d per ½ ounce. This exceptionally well centered copy is on a letter to the grandfather of a prime minister.

First Perforated Issues
10 May 1866, 12 January 1868
2d Plate II

Perforated 12½
Large Star Watermark
Tutaenui to Wanganui, Timaru to Dunedin



Earliest proving cover for Tutaenui.



May 1866, early date for Plate II.

Tutaenui was open for just over two years. Until the "A" class datestamp was issued (and here used on reverse), a pen cancellation was used. Here that practice was continued, even though the cancellation was available.

The lower cover is an early use of a Plate II 2d stamp on private mail to the prime minister of New Zealand.

NEW ZEALAND
First Perforated Issues

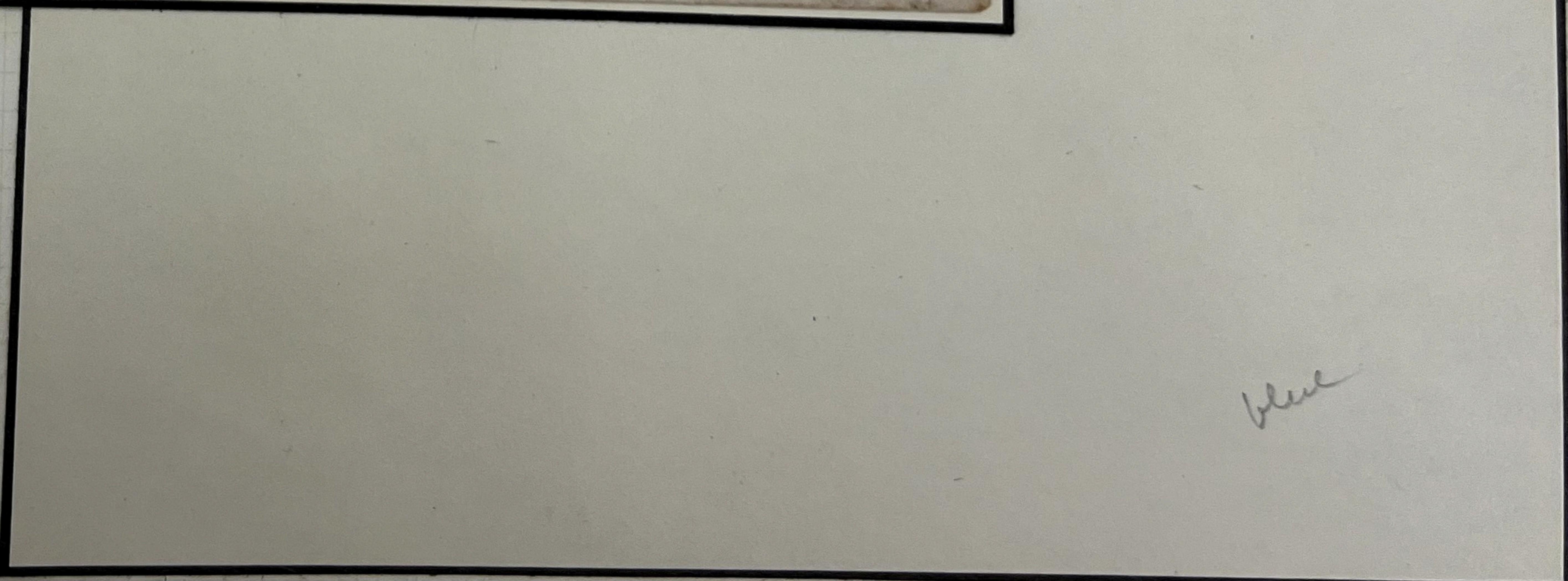
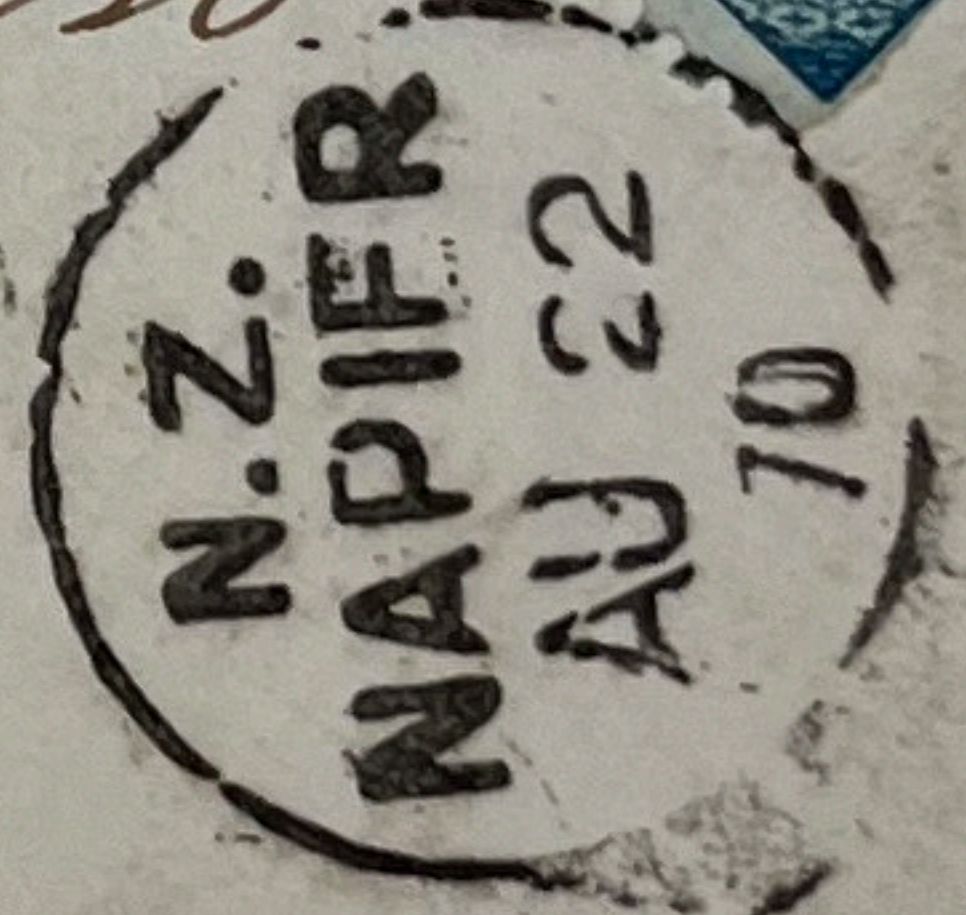
Perforated 12½

1864 - 71

Watermarked Large Star



*greenish blue
orange vermilion*

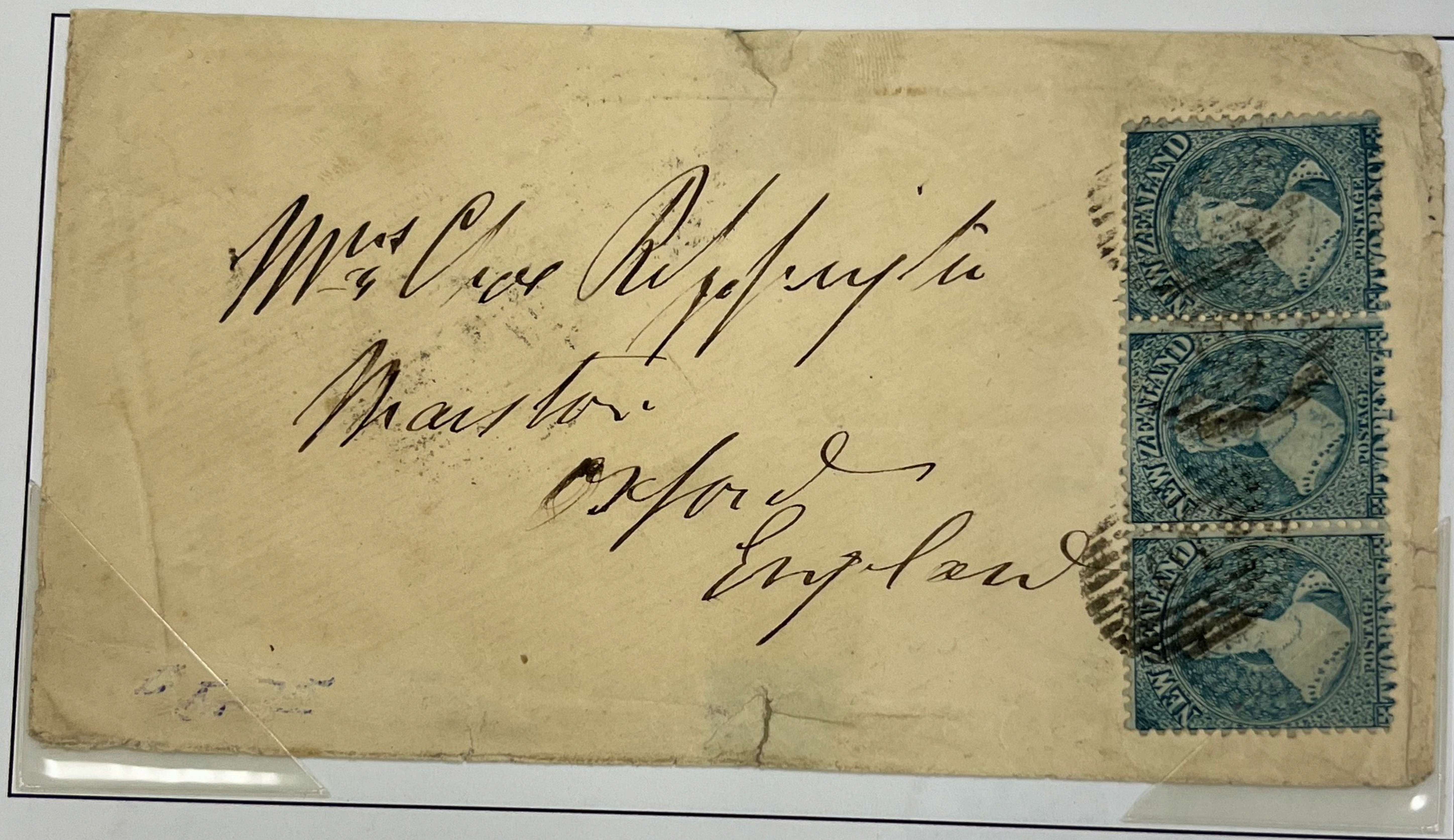


blue

At the bottom is the earliest known proving cover of Tutaenui.

First Perforated Issues
24 Nov 1869
2d Plate II

Perforated 12½
Large Star Watermark
Retouched Strip from Oamaru to Oxford, England



Retouched, Row 18, No 4-6

Although the wear continued after the retouching, it eventually stopped as the hard base of the plate under the acid weakened steel was reached. The fine details of the early retouching were lost, causing early collectors to believe that the work was done in a haphazard manner. The reconstruction after the retouch shown here has examples as close to immediately after retouch as can be found. They show that many of the positions had much additional detail. See in particular the example at Row 18, No 3, which had wear similar to the above strip in its later years.

First Perforated Issues

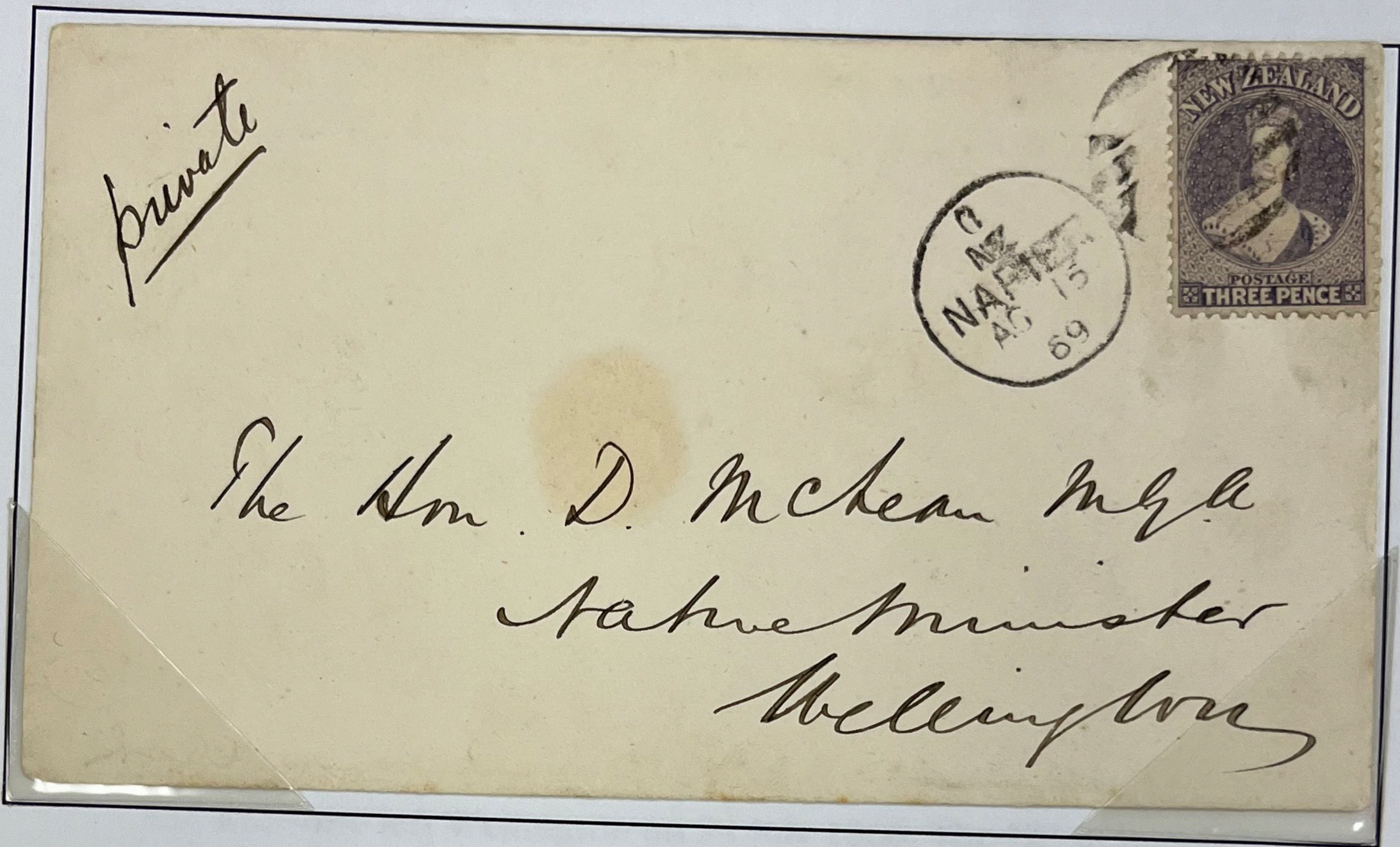
15 Aug 69, 29 Oct 69

3d

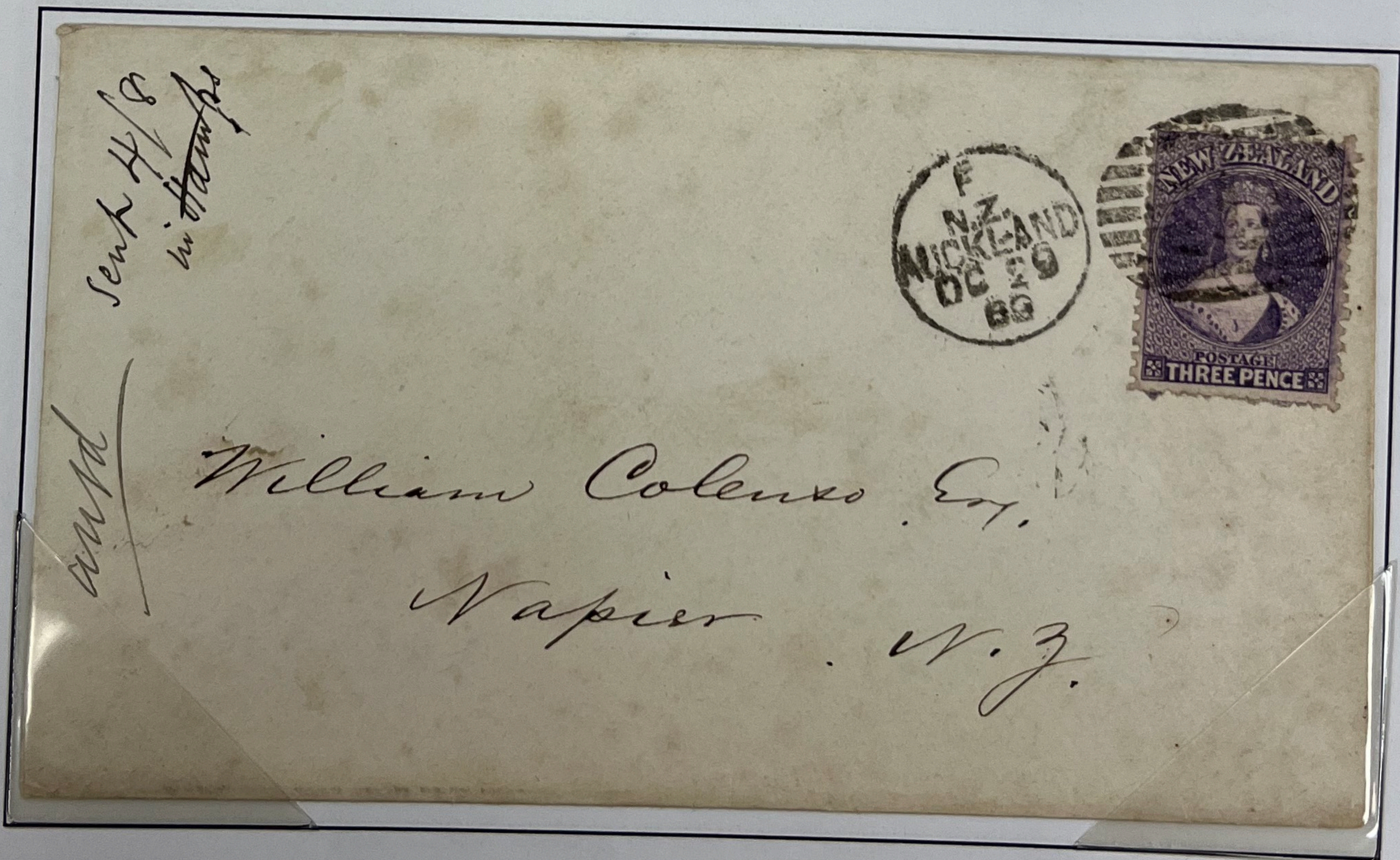
Perforated 12½

Large Star Watermark

Napier to Wellington, Auckland to Napier



Pale Mauve for Inland Postage



Deep Mauve for Inland Postage

Typical Inland letters with the 3d rate. Donald McLean was the "Native Minister" who handled the land purchases with the Maori and is thought by some to have caused the Maori Wars over disputes on how the land was handled.

First Perforated Issues

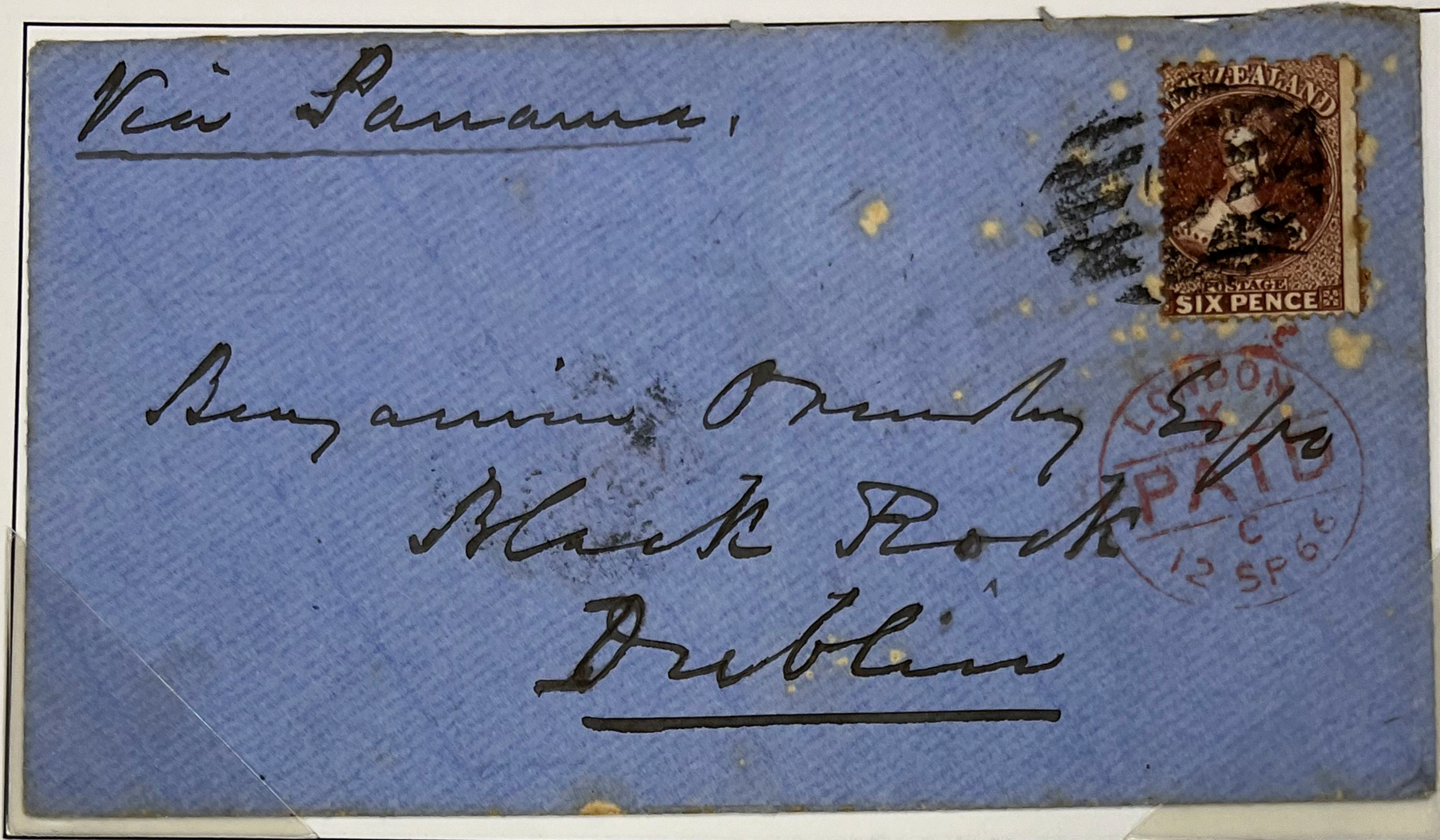
19 July 1866, 6 Apr 1868

6d Red Brown

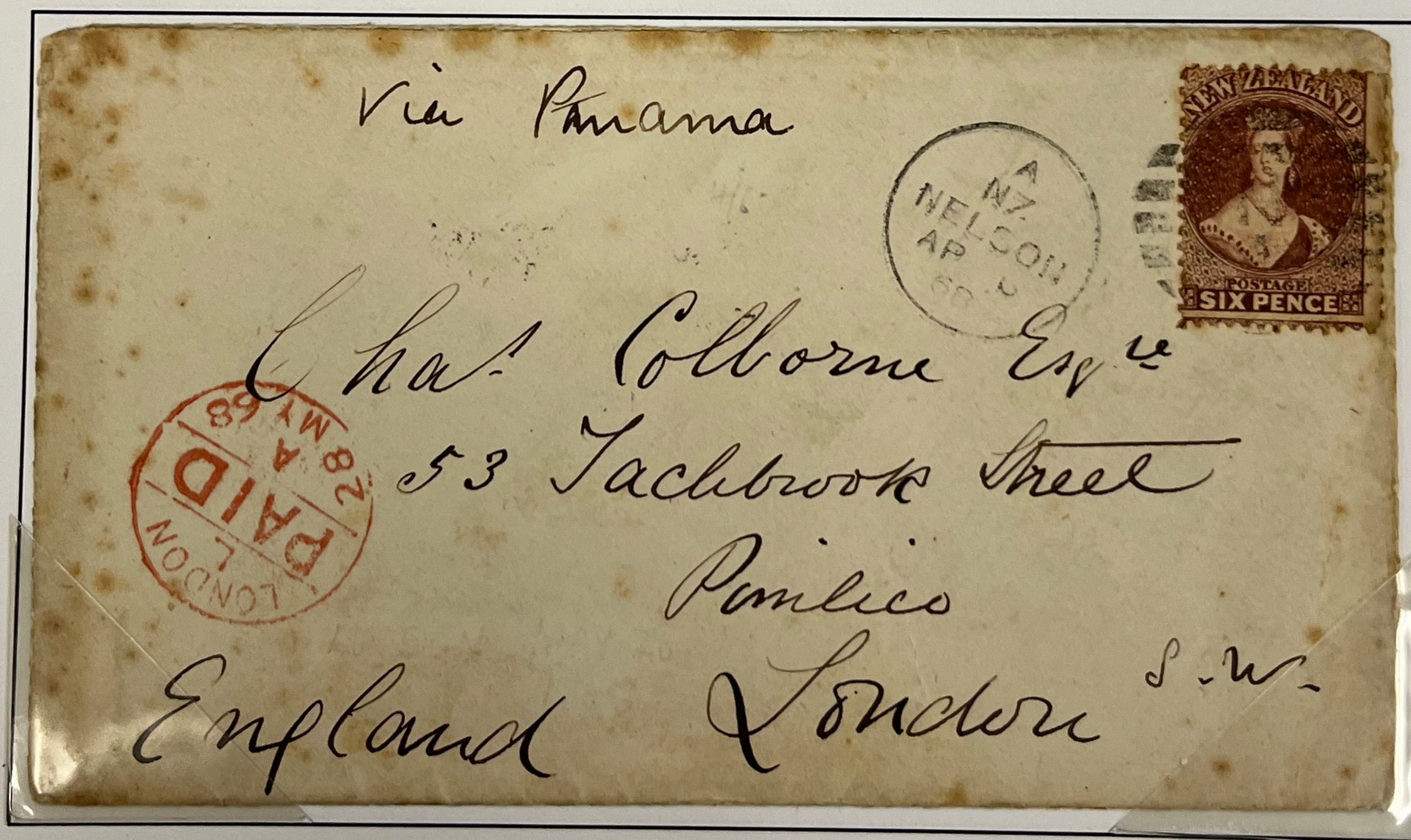
Perforated 12½

Large Star Watermark

Via Panama from Christchurch to Dublin and Nelson to London



Second Sailing of the via Panama Service, the *Ruahine* left Wellington on 24 July 1866. The "Z" in bars is a Marine Post Office obliterator and known on very few covers.

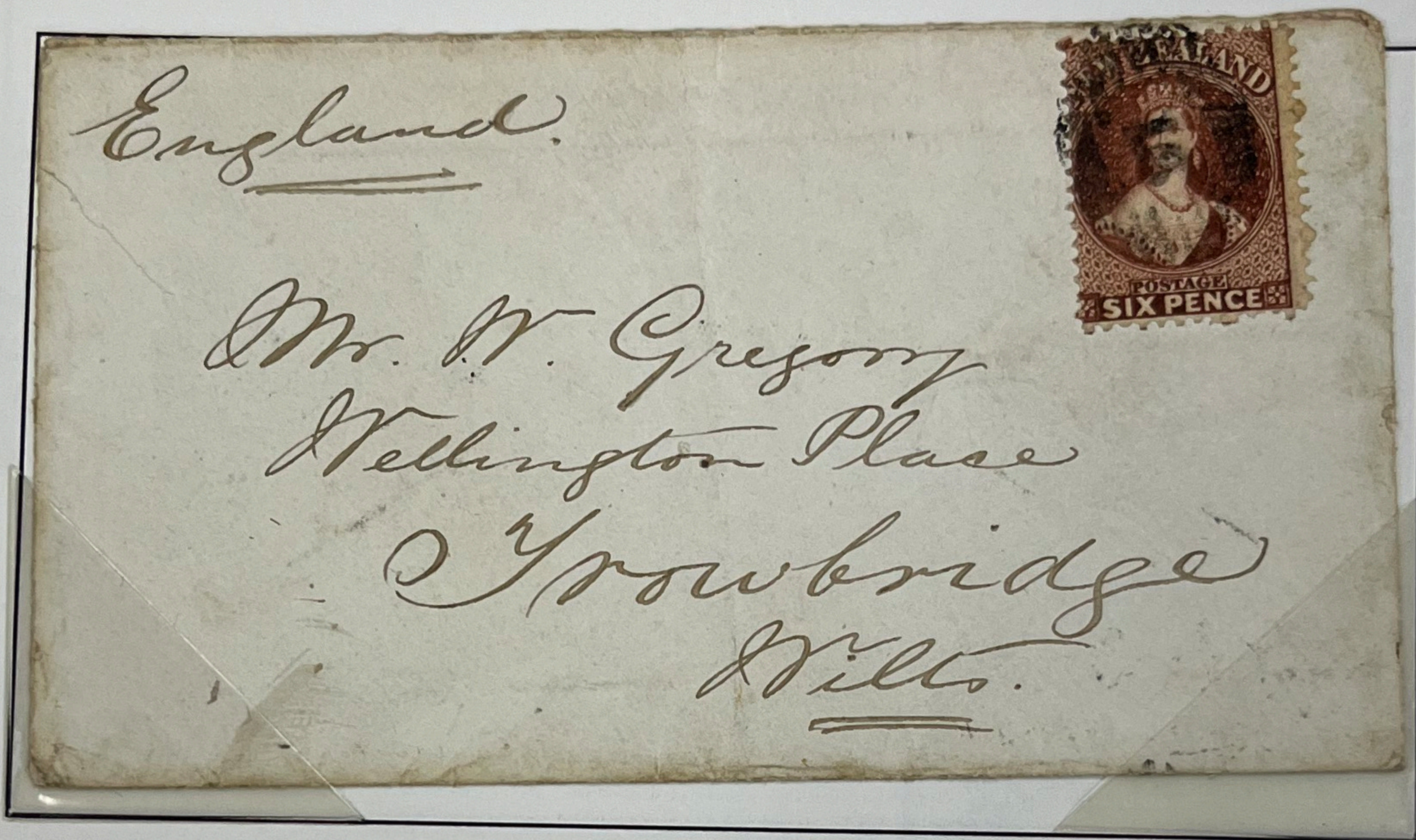


The 22nd Sailing of the via Panama Service, the *Rakaia* left Wellington on 8 April 1868

The route via Panama was initiated by contract with the first mail leaving on 24 June 1866. It was discontinued after 30 sailings, with notice given on 15 February 1869, in somewhat premature anticipation of the TransContinental Railroad service.

N.Z. Watermark Printing
15 Aug 1864
6d

Perforated 12½
N.Z. Watermark
Lyttleton to Trowbridge, England



Red Brown

One of the earliest known covers with the 6d NZ watermark, perf 12½. In spite of being of early production, when the printers would have been expected to take more care with the new machine, it shows typical off-center perfs.



Double weight letter

Both covers originated during the period of the via Panama contract, but chose to go the opposite and longer route. The upper cover overpays the Marseilles rate by 2d. The lower cover, a double rate routed "via Suez," has an annotation inside that gives a correcting return address and the text "the Panama mail is so irregular." This latter remark was mainly a comment on the eastern half from London to Panama, which often experienced problems. The Pacific half was quite regular.

NEW ZEALAND
Changed Color Issues

Perforated 12½

1871

Watermarked Large Star



NEW ZEALAND
First Perforated Issues

Perforated 12½

1864 - 71

Watermarked Large Star



Covers with single penny stamps for local delivery are very uncommon.

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N.Z
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SP 30
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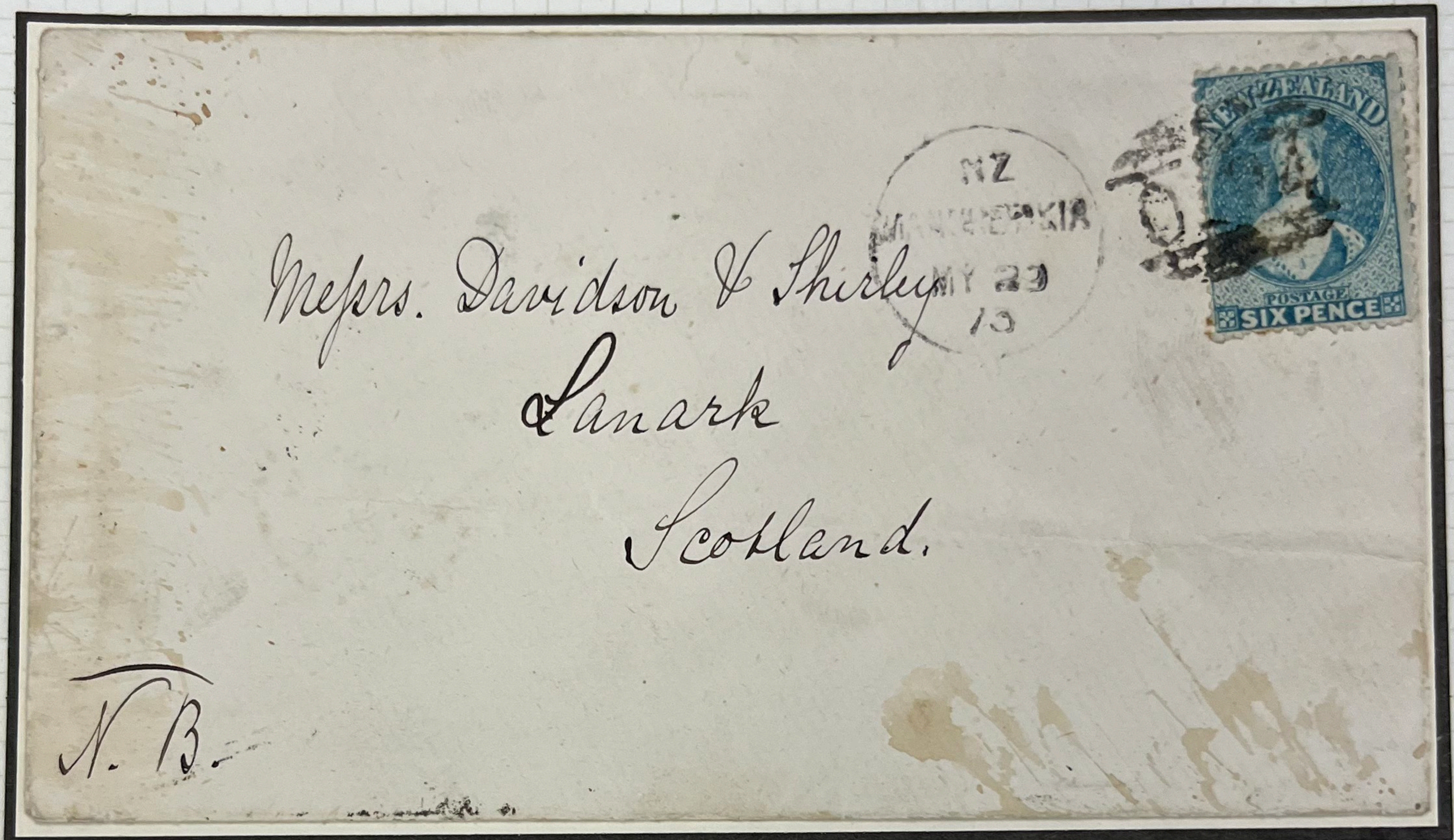
H. C. A. Young Esq
Ermedale
Riverton

NEW ZEALAND
Changed Color Issues

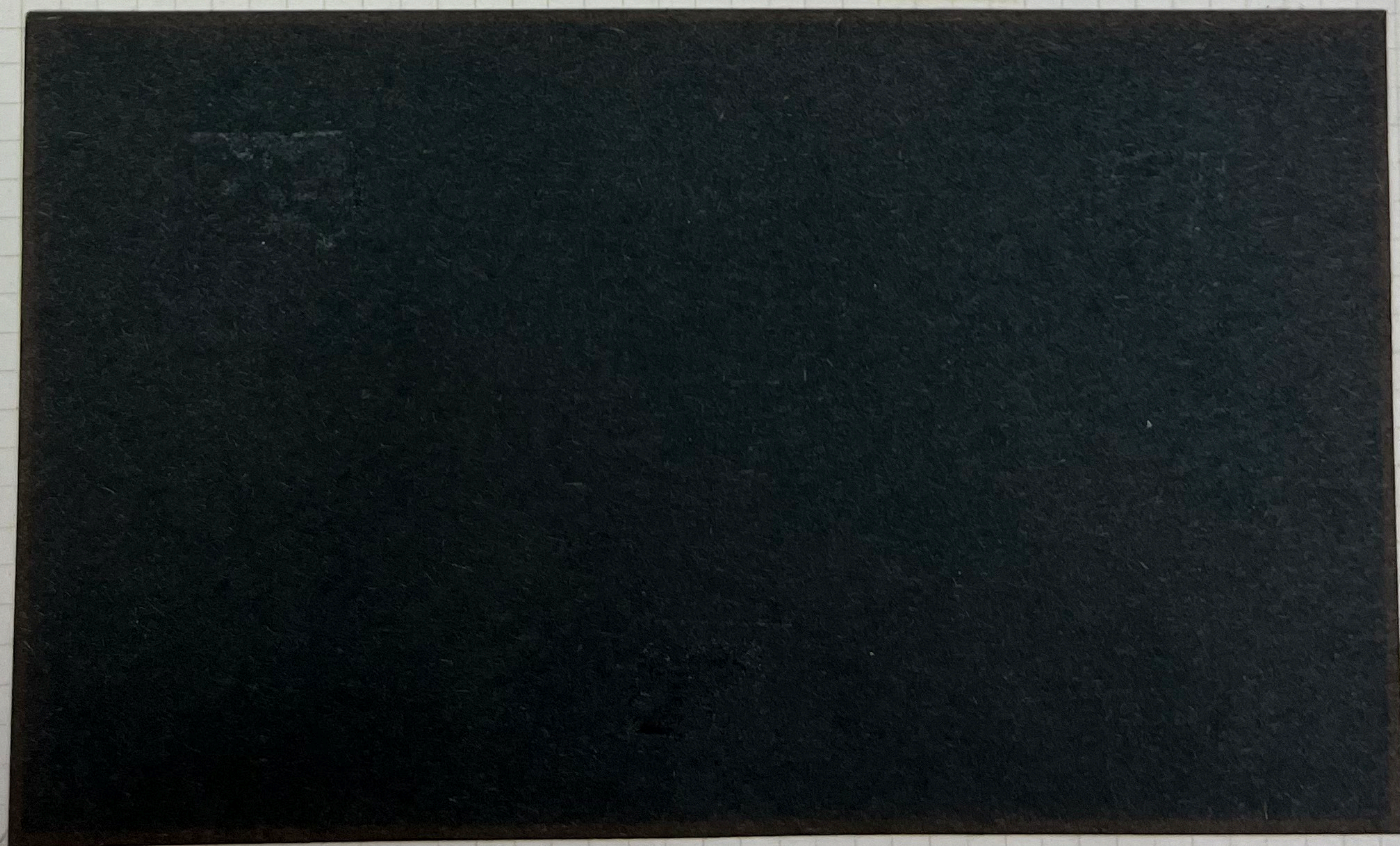
Perforated 12½

1871

Watermarked Large Star



The Manuherikia O 24 mark (Dunedin), on a late Chalon use.



The route via San Francisco was available for the final few years.