FLAW FINDER 1D TYPO PLATES 3 & 4

For the flaw finder the stamp is broken down the following headings:

- Top frame
- Left frame
- Bottom frame
- Right frame
- Top Left Corner (TLC)
- Top Right Corner (TRC)
- Left ferns
- Tasmania band
- Right ferns
- Sky
- Trees
- Water and banks
- Left Value Tablet (LVT)
- Mount Wellington band
- Right Value Tablet (RVT)
- Bottom Left Corner (BLC)
- Bottom Right Corner (BRC)

Where a flaw covers more than one area it will be shown in both.

Under the picture of the flaw the plate position is noted. Check the relevant position in section 2 for any other flaws that may be present and the description.

This flaw finder is based on the 1986 work by Keith Lancaster and earlier work by J Purves together with additional research by the author, Richard Singleton. The K Lancaster book provides a lot more detail about all the Pictorials also the perforations, watermarks etc and any serious Pictorial collector should have a copy. A number of new platings are included here.

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• This work is not complete. If you have any blocks, pairs or flaws for any of the six plates please contact by email at rsingle@enchem.co.nz.

Plates 3 & 4 were in use over a period of about six and a half years with both V over crown and Crown over A watermarks. A few flaws remained reasonably consistent throughout the life of the plates, others came, changed and disappeared over time. Dates refer to those seen by the author, the flaws may be found both before and after.

I have many other flaws on file, some no doubt are one-offs, if you have any you are unable to plate they can be posted on the TPS bulletin board, on Stampboards or contact me by email.

It should also be noted that nearly all the flaws are variable, copies of confirmed positional stamps without the relevant flaw have been found on many occasions.

The platings are based on observation of approximately 10,000 singles a few larger blocks including one of 40 from plate 4 and numerous pairs.

For all new platings a minimum of 3 copies have been viewed, this includes the new UCV's.
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Flaw finder:

Top frame

3-1

TASMANIA

3-2

TASMANIA

4-5

TASMANIA

4-12

TASMANIA

4-12
Left

3-40 S2

Right

3-2 spot 7½mm from TRC

4-9 S2 4½mm from TRC
Left frame
Top

3-35
3-40 S1
Right Frame.
Top

3-13  3-18  4-6  3-6
Left ferns

Tasmania band

3-40 S2

4-26

UCVvii

3-31

3-3 poss

4-11

3-25

3-29

4-9 S1

4-9 S2

Right ferns
Trees

Centre

![Image of trees in the centre]

Right

![Image of trees on the right]

Water and banks

4-4

4-28

4-14
LVT

4-11  4-1  UCVxx

4-11  4-41  3-53

3-25  UCVxi
Mount Wellington band

RVT

3-51 S1

3-51 S2

3-51 S2
Bottom Left Corner

3-53

3-1

Bottom Right Corner

UCV005

3-53
Plated positions Plate 3

3-1

Difficult to plate without 3-2.

Bottom left corner is constant through Nov 04 to Dec 05. These are the only confirmed dates I have.

Left marginal watermark line required plus evidence that the stamp is top row. The three top frames above are all confirmed top row showing considerable variation resulting from inking and printing.
3-2
Lancaster: "A horizontal white flaw above the ornamental ferns at top right." for both watermarks.

No copy showing this flaw seen.

Confirmed 3-2 positional flaws:

**State 1**
White spot in shading 7½mm from TRC.
Small spur on top of left central fern frond.
Dated copy 21/3/04

**State 2**
White spot in top frame and spur on ferns unchanged.
Small white spot on left of left frame shade lines 8.3mm from bottom frame.
Dated copy 25/11/04

**State 3**
White spot in top frame missing
Left frame spot and spur on fern flaw present.
Dated copies 29/8/05 - 17/1/07.
Fine break in top vignette shading line below 2nd 'A' of 'TASMANIA' (variable)

Three copies seen dated March 1904 to 1906. Degree of break varies from scratch to copy shown.

3-4
Lancaster: "A small white flaw on right of left shading column 11 mm above base frame."
Six copies seen but flaw is closer to 12mm so further evidence required.
All have top frame indicating a top row position.
Lancaster: "A possible repair: the shading immediately above left of mountain summit is augmented with horizontal colour layers which show thickening with wear (from Oct. 1907)"

Copies from 1908 and 1910. Position confirmed.

3-6
The Lancaster descriptions for 3-6 V over C is the same as that for 4-6 C over A. I have seen a confirmed 4-6 but not 3-6. I am convinced 3-6 is an error and all copies are 4-6. Confirmed flaw for 3-6 below.

Notch in top of right fern frond in left ferns

Notch to right of right scroll circle. (variable)

This flaw in left ferns is confirmed from two pairs with 3-5 & 3-7.

Dated 1904 to 1908. No sign of shading flaw between trees.
3-7
Lancaster: "A white flaw cutting an arc in the left side of right column 13 mm below top frame, tiny nick in top frame above centre of 'M'."

I have copies in both watermarks but none show the top frame nick.

All have an additional flaw of a colour spot in the sky.

![Image of flaw]

Position confirmed.

3-8
New plating

![Image of flaw]

Small white spur on right of lowest right fern frond.
3-12
New plating

Minute nick in colour above 'O' of 'WELLINGTON'

Small notch in right ferns. (variable)

8 copies dated April 1905 to December 1908

3-13
Lancaster: "A white circular spot in right column 9½ mm below top frame." Only noted on V over C.

I have copies in both watermarks from 1904 to 1908.

3-17
Lancaster: 'A white flaw on left of right column 12 mm above base frame and on level with base of right bush, with two white spots just below.'

Only on V over C watermark.

Not seen.
3-18
New plating

Small nick in top right frame.
Dated copies 1904 to 1906.

3-20

S1.
Flaw in RVT, 2 copies seen 1904.
3-21
Lancaster: "Two white dots, “The Pointers”, in the sky below ‘S’ of ‘TASMANIA’."
Vignette frame thickens by right ferns.

Weakness in shading around centre and right trees (very variable).

Caution: there is a similar flaw on a top frame stamp (one copy seen) which has not been plated.

Dated copies 1904 - 1905.

Lancaster: "Prominent diagonal white elliptical flaw in shading to right of tree at right 12 mm below top frame (from July 1907)."
3-25
Lancaster: "The left inner frame-line of LVT broken in centre (from 28.8.05)."

State 1
Spike on top of 'S' of 'TASMANIA'
Colour flaw in sky by right ferns 3 mm from right frame and 6½ mm from top frame.
Dated copies March 1904 to October 1904.

State 2
The left inner frame-line of LVT broken in centre.
State 1 flaws unchanged.
Copies dated December 1904 to January 1905.

State 3
Colour flaw in sky removed.
Spike on 'S' and LVT left frame unchanged.
Copies dated from 1907.

State 4
Spike on 'S' and LVT left frame unchanged.
Last 'A' of 'TASMANIA' flaw and spot in sky below.
Copies dated 1908.
3-26

![Image](image1)

White flaw in left ferns just above circular scroll.

1908 dated copies.

3-28

Lancaster: 'White spot at right of right column 12 mm above base.'

No confirmed copy seen.

3-29

Lancaster: "White barb on upper left of ‘S’; horizontal colour dash at upper right of mountain peak."

![Image](image2)

I have a number of copies with the spike on the ‘S’ that do not have the 3-25 or 4-11 flaws but not a clear colour dash in the sky. Dated 1905 to 1910.

3-30

New plating:

![Image](image3)

Colour flaw shaped like a question mark on mountain to left of tall tree.

Copies dated 1903 and 1904 seen.
3-31
New plating

Minute white spot left of 'T' of 'TASMANIA' by ferns. Variable present on three copies 1904 - 1906.

Minute white flaw joining base vignette frame line to horizontal white line below just to right of LVT. Variable, not always present (one 1907 copy seen without).

Small white flaw below right leg of 'M' of 'MOUNT'. Variable, not always present (one 1907 copy seen without).

Left margin watermark line.

3-32
Lancaster: "Nick in right of right column 16 mm above base frame, and a tinier nick at 8 mm above base frame."

Also spot in left column shading 8mm from bottom.
3-35
Lancaster: "Tiny white dot just inside the top left corner of the large central frond in the top right corner."

Left ferns: tiny white spot inside the top left corner of the large central frond.

Left frame: fine nick in frame 4½mm from TLC.

Copies dated 1904 and 1907.

3-39
Lancaster: "Small diagonal white spur inside base of LVT."

LVT: Small diagonal white spur inside base.

Small spike from bottom vignette frame over 'E' of 'WELLINGTON' (variable)

Copies from 1903 to 1909.
3-40
New plating in two states.

State 1:

Nick in left frame 2½mm from TLC.
Dated copies 1903 - 1905

State 2
'TASMANIA'

Spur on left end of white horizontal line above 'TA
Dated copies 1907 - 1908
3-41
Lancaster: "Thin inner colour line of RVT frame broken at left opposite the base of the top serif of ‘l’." 

S1
Thin inner colour line of RVT frame broken at left opposite the base of the top serif of ‘l’.

Scratch line in right of sky. (There is another position (3-51) with similar scratch but it is further to the left) . One 1904 copy has been sighted without the scratch.

S2
RVT flaw remains.

Scratch removed, copies from 1908 onwards.

3-43
New plating.

Minute notch in left end of title tablet.

Dated copies 1904 - 1908
3-44
Lancaster: "Tiny white flaw in RVT at right of ‘d’.

Copies seen from 1904 - 1907.

3-45
New plating

White spot to right of ‘M’ of 'TASMANIA'

Dated copies 1904 to 1906.

3-50
New plating.

Colour spot in sky below 'M' of 'TASMANIA'

Copies seen from 1904 - 1906.
3-51
Lancaster: "Thin inner frame-line of LVT broken at left (a) on level with upper serif of ‘l’ and (b) just above level of base of ‘l’; some copies also show two white lineal flaws hanging down from serif of ‘l’ in RVT."

There are a number of states of this position and the flaw in the LVT increases over a period of time.

**S1 Early 1904.**
LVT: Small break in lower left frame (1)
RVT: Lines down from upper serif of ‘1’ (5)

**S2 Late 1904 - 1908**
LVT flaw in left frame expands to (2)
RVT: Small circle of white (full or part) below upper serif of ‘1’. (variable, not always present) (6 & 7)
Sky: scratch line similar to 3-41 but further to left. (4) (variable)

**S3 1908 onwards**
LVT flaw expands (3)
No scratch in sky
No flaw in RVT

S4 1908 onwards

LVT flaw (3)

Left ferns flaw (variable)

Scratch in sky (variable)

3-52

Lancaster: "A large portion of the inner right frame-line of RVT missing."

RVT: inner right frame line missing.

Left ferns: spot in top of smallest frond.
3-53
Lancaster: "Base frame of LVT wearing thin (late printings)."

This flaw not seen.

LVT: break in shading at top left (variable)

Left Frame: Notch on left of main scroll line 12½ mm from top frame.

Bottom Corners: BLC shaved inwards, BRC extends to right and slightly down.

3 confirmed copies with all these flaws seen 1907 - 1909.

3-54

Base frame of LVT broken at lower left.

Confirmed position.
3-57
Was UCV003

White flaw joining vignette frame line to thin centre column line 9mm from bottom frame.

Some copies showing wear along the bottom and two have bottom pin holes suggesting a bottom margin position.

Dated copies 1904 to 1906, both watermarks.
Lancaster: "White barb on lower left corner of LVT bifurcating as it developed to form an inverted 'Y'."

Also: small spur in left ferns (variable).
Plated positions Plate 4

4-1
Lancaster: "A break in the top left outer frame of LVT and tiny white dot above mountain top; a small white flaw in left column 15 mm above base frame."

S1

Sky: White dot above mountain peak.
LVT: Flaw from top left corner into shading. (Variable).
The left frame flaw has not been seen in the 1904 printings before November or after early 1907.

S2
Flaws as above plus the left frame flaw.

Left Frame: Nick in left frame 15mm up from bottom frame. (Variable).
The LVT flaw is quite variable, this example shows it much smaller and I have one 1904 copy with the mountain flaw but no LVT flaw.

One 1907 and one 1904 copy have been seen with only the sky flaw.
4-2
Lancaster: "Top left corner slightly raised and distorted."

Some early copies (1904 and early 1905) show a small notch on right of left shading column and some show thickening of adjacent shading line.

Note: 4-7 also has a similar top left corner, it is less pronounced and the top left frame is not shaved inwards.

4-3
New plating.

Top right corner, top frame raised slightly to corner and top of right frame cut inwards to corner.
New plating.

Small colour dot in water right of LVT and just above vignette frame.

White flaw in margin right of RVT 2mm from bottom right corner.
4-5
Lancaster: 'Curved scallop cut out of left of right column 13 mm below top.'

This flaw not seen

New flaw:

White flaw in left of vignette frame column 13mm from bottom frame.

Dated copies 1904 to 1909.

Some copies also show flaw in left ferns.
4-6
Lancaster: "Horizontal white flaw in shading between centre and right side trees and top right of small central tree."

S1
Flaw in mountain shading between central trees in line with top of smaller tree.

S2
Mountain shading as S1
Shading in top right frame showing flaws right of right fern frond. (1907)

4-7
New plating.

Top left corner extends upwards. Similar to 4-2.
There are a number of other positions with similar flaw so do not collect as a single.

4-8
Lancaster: 'Nick in top frame 2 mm from left corner.'
Not seen.
4-9

Lancaster: "Thin white diagonal stroke going upward from left to right in solid colour over the right half of 'M' of 'TASMANIA'." V over crown watermark only

"Colour spot below left upright of 'M'; tiny nick in top frame 4½ mm from right corner." Crown over A watermark only."

S1

Thin broken white diagonal stroke going upward from left to right in solid colour over the right half of 'M' of 'TASMANIA'.

Small spur into colour above right of last 'A' of 'TASMANIA'.

I have copies in both watermarks up to September 1906.

S2

Colour spot below left upright of 'M';

Tiny nick in top frame 4½ mm from right corner. (variable)

I have copies from 1909 onwards.

Spike on 'S' of 'TASMANIA' (variable)

Flaw in water by top right of LVT (variable)

Vague break in shading above top left corner of LVT (variable)

Watermark line required to confirm.

4-12

Lancaster: "The ‘TAS’ retouch (‘finest instance of repair on this pair of plates’ — JRWP). The white line above ‘TAS’ is slightly buckled, the top left of the ‘A’ and upper right of the ‘T’ are thinned, and there is solid colour above ‘TAS’ instead of vertical shading lines. It was probably retouched prior to initial usage as no appropriate pre flaw has been noted."

4-13
New plating.

Notch in scroll above 'ON' of 'WELLINGTON' (variable)

Dated copies 1905 - 1906.

4-14
New plating.

Three copies dated 1905 C over A sighted. This includes a positioned block of 4.

4-16
Lancaster: "White spot in LVT at right of and level with base of ‘l’; white flaw on right margin of left column 8 mm above base."

No confirmed copy with these flaws seen.

New flaw:

Small white spot at lower left of 'A' of 'TASMANIA'

Dated copies 1903 to 1908.

4-18
Lancaster: "White dot in right column 16 mm above base frame." V over C.

White dot in right column 16 mm above base frame.

CHECK second dot below first 1907

Dated copies 1905 - 1909.

4-19
Lancaster: "A small nick in solid colour under right of ‘O’ of ‘MOUNT’." Noted as V over C.

A small nick in solid colour under right of ‘O’ of ‘MOUNT’.

White spot in RVT above right foot of '1'

Dated copies 1904 to 1910.
**4-21**
Lancaster "Tiny white flaw at top left of LVT covering part of shading line."

This taken from a large block and is confirmed as 4-21. The tiny flaw is also present on other left marginal positions so not practical for plating.

**4-22**
New plating

Small white spot in upper area of lowest right fern frond.

Dated copies 1904 to 1908.
4-25
Lancaster "Nick in right of right column on level with centre of bush 14 mm above base frame."

Dated copies 1906.

4-26
Small white flaw joining left end of line above 'TASMANIA' to left ferns outer line.

Dated copies 1904 - 1908.
4-28
New plating

Small white flaw in right shading column 14mm from top frame.

White flaw in water to left of centre of tall trees reflection. (variable)

Dated copies 1905 - 1907.
4-30
Lancaster: "Minute white spot on lower left of first ‘L’ of ‘WELLINGTON’.

No copies seen

4-31
Lancaster "Nick in right frame of left column 16 mm above base frame."

Dated copies 1904 to 1909.
**4-36**
Possible new plating

Notch in colour under right leg of last 'A' of 'TASMANIA'

**4-41**
New plating

LVT: Very fine break in right frame. (variable)

Dated copies 1904 - 1906.

Left marginal watermark line required to confirm.

**4-42**
New plating

Small white flaw joining lower inner vignette frame to reeds above.

Dated copies 1905 - 1906
4-47
Lancaster: 'White flaw forming on left margin of right column 15½ mm above base.'

No copies seen with this flaw.

4-51
Lancaster "Thin inner frame-line of LVT broken at left (a) on level with upper serif of 'l' (identical to same No. Plate 3) and (b) in one or two places lower down and gaining width with wear and eventually showing five breaks in all; nick in left of left column 11½ mm above base frame."
S1.

Left frame: Nick on left frame 11½ mm above base frame. Copies seen all 1904.

RVT: flaw in left frame

Break in vignette frame above 'OU' of 'MOUNT'

S2.

No Notch in left frame.

Other flaws unchanged

The RVT flaw appears to be greatest in earlier printings with erosion of the bottom frame in later printings.

All copies show the break in the vignette frame above 'OU' of 'MOUNT' 1904 - 1910.

**4-52**

New plating

Notch in left ferns in line with vignette top frame.

Dated copies 1903 - 1907.

4-55
New plating

Notch in left column on right of left scroll line 12mm from bottom frame.
Dated copies 1906 - 1907

4-56
New plating

RVT: Break in top right frame. In some cases this is just a weakness. (variable)
Fine white nick in colour above 'G' of 'WELLINGTON'
These flaws are present on two plated mint blocks and a dated 1904 stamp.
4-57
Lancaster: 'Break in lower right frame of LVT; lower right corner pointed and extended.'

S1
Bottom frame: Small nick in bottom frame below 'ON' of 'WELLINGTON'

LVT: Break in bottom right frame.

Left column: Small notch on left of left vignette frame joining it to inner thin line 10mm up from bottom frame

Copies seen from 1905 - 1906.

S2
LVT and Left column flaws as before.

Bottom frame nick gone and frame worn.

Copies seen from 1907 - 1908

S3
Some later printings show only left margin flaw, mainly due to plate wear along bottom.

Note: All copies show slightly distorted bottom right corner but this is similar to many other positions.
Bottom right corner broken.

Copies seen for 1908 (horizontal watermark) and 1909.
UCV's
I am including the UCV's from Lancaster that I have managed to identify (numbered UCV i onwards) plus a new series from my observations (numbered UCV001 onwards).

UCV i
Lancaster "Large white flaw in top left of vignette above tallest tree."

The date on this stamp appears to be 1910. This is the only one I have found that appears to match the description.

Further evidence required.

UCVvii
Lancaster "White spur on top of left of first ‘A’ of ‘TASMANIA’ (26.8.09).

Also 1910 date, this is the only copy I have located.

Further evidence required.

UCVx
Lancaster: "Break in white barbed line at right of upper left ferns 3½ mm below top frame (3.10.08)."

Three copies dated 1908 - 1910
UCVxi
Lancaster: "White flaw in base of LVT, 9th vertical row."

I have copies dated from 1904 to 1907. 9th row confirmed by pair.

Pairs showing above, left, right and below do not help.

Jerry's block of 8 right margin suggest 4-39 as a possibility based on thought that the block is the bottom right of plate 4 and the 1907 dated block shows possible indications of the flaw but largely disappeared. This is also supported by the lack of other flaws.

Further evidence required.

UCVxx
Lancaster: "Nick in right of right column 15½ mm below top frame, two breaks in right member of double vertical colour lines to left of right column; white line inside LVT paralleling left frame; further white flaws just inside; white vertical line between 'l' and 'd', another in centre of 'd' and another at right of 'd' (21.11.08)."

This copy dated 31/8/08.

One only located.
UCV002

Small spot in RVT above top right of '1'

Condition of bottom frame and two copies with pin holes suggest bottom margin stamp towards the middle.

Dated copies 1905 and 1906.

UCV003

Plated as 3-57
Nick in outer right frame 15mm from bottom.

Dated copies from October 1905 to September 1907.
UCV005

Protrusion from right frame 10mm from bottom right corner.

Note similar to Plate 1 #27.

Dated copies 1903 to 1907, the protrusion gets smaller by 1907.