UNITED STATES LOCAL STAMPS (7)

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GRAFFLIN’S BALTIMORE ONE CENT DESPATCH, in rectangular frame, inclosing monument in upright oval. Black impression on white paper. Original impressions of this stamp are exceedingly scarce, but, the plate having been bought by an enterprising dealer, reprints can easily be obtained. We are not aware of any counterfeit of this stamp, and the reprints are always printed in the true color.

KIDDER’S CITY EXPRESS POST, 2 CTS., in transverse octagon, inclosing jockey on pony. Black impression on blue glazed paper. The same remarks apply equally as well to this stamp as the preceding one, with the exception that the reprints are on green glazed paper, instead of blue. We are at a loss to account for this, as the gentleman who reprints them is nearly always correct in his colors. We have tried our best to see an original green one, but possibly it may exist.

CHEEVER & TOWLE, 7 STATE ST., CITY LETTER DELIVERY, 2 CTS. on letter in centre of a number of others, only portions of which can be seen; one to the left bears the inscription S. BOSTON; one to the right, 60 FOR $1.00; and one above, E. BOSTON. The whole are inclosed in a circle of colored ground, surrounded by circle of white. Colored impression on white paper, blue; red.

COUNTERFEIT – This is a very fair copy, but the lettering is rather larger than in the original. They can, however, be easily distinguished by the following test: In the counterfeit the corner of a letter touches the letter S in E. BOSTON; also the letter E in DELIVERY looks very much like an I in the counterfeit.

METROPOLITAN ERRAND CARRIER EXPRESS COMPANY following the border of a shield composed of engine-turned work, figure of value in centre. Colored impression, red, 1, 5, 10, and 20 cents. The originals are printed on thin white paper, but we have seen a few sheets of the 1c. on rather thicker paper. The plates were bought by the same dealer we mentioned before, but, contrary to his general rule, he has added another color, viz: blue. There are a few of these stamps to be found printed in blue on thin paper, but are generally printed on both sides, and are only printer’s proofs.

ENVELOPE STAMPS – Similar design to the adhesives, only the shield is composed of fine horizontal lines, and the figure of value and lettering is embossed. Red impression on buff paper. These have also been reprinted by the same party.