

BISECT FORGERY

An amazing discovery, at last a answer to an item, which has been the subject of conjecture for many years.



OTAGO-NEW ZEALAND Unframed Circular datestamp 30 October 1858
Inverkeithing datestamp 17 February 1859.

Provenance

Robert Odenweller Collection,

Illustrated "Interphil '76" Philadelphia, Exhibition catalogue, page 131.

Robert P. Odenweller wrote of this in the *American Philatelic Congress Book* for 1971, page 171; and also in the *London Philatelist* Vol. 79 (1971) pages 148-51, theorizing that the London style handstamp in this case may not have been used as a receiving or transit datestamp, but to mark the sending date of a bundle of letters.

The answer.

H. R. Harmer Auction 9/10 December 1946 Lot 416 ex Lionel Edwards collection. 1/- Green Bisected vertically, **uncancelled**, complete letter...October 30 1858 addressed to Scotland, receiving datestamp 12 February 1858.



THE COMPARISON



**I am in no doubt that all the postal markings
on this item are faked or forged.**

I have no idea where the receiving datestamp 12 February 1859, has gone, but it has always been a mystery to me why there was a five day delay for the Inverkeithing datestamp.

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