

**CHAPTER EIGHTY-THREE****POSTAL ORDERS**

Before the days of credit cards and before most people had bank accounts, Postal Orders provided a simple means by which money could be sent to a distant person or organisation. They were effectively a Post Office cheque issued in exchange for cash and payable in cash on demand by the recipient at any Post Office. These are not well documented, so this is by way of a preliminary note of information found during other studies.

**1958****Federation Issue.**

The Crown Agents Plate Register identifies that a Local Purchase Order was placed in 1958 with De La Rue. A 15-set main key forme was produced under Requisition 470 of 1958.

On 11 August 1965, the following were destroyed, from which we can conclude that this issue included at least \$4, \$5 and \$10 values:

- Separate originals for the text and \$4 and \$10 duty overprints.
- 12 1-set electros of the front text.
- 12 1-set electros of the back text.
- 6 1-set electros of the \$2 duty.
- 10 each 1-set electros of the \$4, \$5 and \$10 duties.

**1965****Malaysia Issue.**

Requisition 5/10286/1 authorised De La Rue to produce a "New Issue 1965", which was probably the first issue to bear the name "Malaysia". There were eight values: 50c., \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$10. The three lowest values were printed from 10-set plates and the remainder from 5-set plates. Separate plates were prepared for the front and back texts using separate electros for each image. 5-set and 10-set plates were also made to overprint the value, etc. on the front. The plates and spare electros were destroyed on 7 December 1967.

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