

A Revenue Stamps Query

on the
“Unappropriated”, “Contracts” and “Stocks & Shares”
2/- Stamps of 1926 printed on coloured paper
Do they exist?

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I am trying to put together a complete picture record, in scans and photo-copies, of every revenue stamp issued for Malta. Copies I am still looking for include the three 2/- values of 1926 (‘Unappropriated’, ‘Contracts’ and ‘Stocks & Shares’) **printed on coloured paper**. I do not recall having come across any of these stamps during my 25 or so years of collecting revenues. Nor, it seems, have other revenue collectors with whom I come in contact. I have found none listed in any of the revenue auction lots that I examined. Yet 62 sheets of each stamp are known to have been printed by Messrs. De La Rue. Where have all these stamps gone to? My guess is they were never put on sale. The most likely reason being that stocks of the same 2/- stamps of 1925, **printed on white paper**, had not yet run out at the time of the withdrawal of all revenue stamps to the 10/- value in 1928, so there was never any need for them, and they would have been destroyed with the rest of the withdrawn stamps. If this is what happened, no copies exist. Can anyone disprove this theory by claiming to have one or more of these stamps and provide a copy?

Note: The coloured paper used for the 2/- stamps of 1926 was green for ‘Unappropriated’, yellow for ‘Contracts’ and red for ‘Stocks and Shares’.



*‘Unappropriated’, ‘Contracts’ and ‘Stocks & Shares’
2/- stamps of 1925 printed on white paper.*