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(Continued.)

Whatever the reason may be, and I do not expect we are very wide of the mark, I think I have exploded the shrinkage of paper theory, and the different matrix theory. It only now remains, *if I have done so*, for some one to get official information on the manufacture of these stamps.

I will now, if not taking up your time too much, read hurriedly through the reference list I have made out, and I shall be much obliged for any corrections or additions to it.

CEYLON.

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1857-61 (Moens, 1854?) *Eleven values.*

Engraved and printed by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon, and Co., London. Coloured impression on crisp yellowish, and spongy soft yellowish wove paper. *Watermarked*, a large six-rayed star. *Imperforate*. Two distinct dies used—A, large head, with earrings; B, small head without earrings. A, 1d., 2d., 5d., 6d., 10d., 1s.; B, 4d., 8d., 9d., 1s. 9d., 2s. Of A, the head and engine-turned oval containing it are the same in each value; but the corners and frames outside the oval differ in most of the values. Of B, all values are the same, except the lettering of value. The average size of stamps A, 26.25 mm. long, 19.25 mm wide; B, 25.75 mm. long, 19.50 wide. The varieties in the frames and lettering of A can be easily seen.

1d., blue, dark to pale.

2d., green, grass to yellow green (found bottle-green, probably chemical).

4d., milky-rose (never seen any other colour).

5d., warm brown.

6d., dark brown. violet-brown, brown, light straw-brown.

8d., deep warm brown.

9d., violet-brown (never seen satisfactory copy in any other shade).

10d., soft vermillion.

1s., pale violet to bluish-violet.