value of 10d and 7¹/₂d, respectively, to correspond with the present packet letter charges."

That part of this recommendation was adopted, will be seen, as the report for the year ending March 31, 1885, says :

"To promote the general convenience in prepaying letters to the United Kingdom at the new rate, postage stamps of the value of 10d, currency, equal to 8d, sterling, were procured and issued to the public."

This 10d stamp was probably issued before the end of the year 1854, as in the Departmental accounts for the quarter ending 31st December, 1854, we find :

"Rawdon, Wright & Co., making stamps, £42,18.6," and this item very near the top of the list of accounts, which were made up by date, beside that in the statement of ac. count of stamps sold up to March 31, 1855, we find that there was 16,200 10d stamps, which would be too great a quantity for only one fourth of a year, which would be the case if they were not issued until 1855. They were probably issued about October, 1854, although all catalogues give 1855 as the date.

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