

MESSRS ADAMS, LONDON & CO

The CORRESPONDENCE SERIES is an investigation into the background of recipients of British pre-stamped postal stationery. The "collection" was purchased in South Africa in 1999 as a job lot, the which took me six months to sort and mount, creating a collection spanning 140 years. I have no idea of the provenance.

The Reference work is British Postal Stationery, A K Huggins.1970. The first date with catalogue number refers to the year when the pre-stamped envelope was first issued; the second, the year when the envelope was actually used.

Philatelic Description of the item of Postal Stationery:

- 1879 (WP14)_Messrs Adams, London & Co., Pietermaritzburg, South Africa (actually used 23 10 80)
- 1889 (WP16a)_Messrs Adams, London & Co., Pietermaritzburg, South Africa (actually used 4 AP 91)

Comment:

ADAMS, LONDON and COMPANY were STATIONERS, BOOKSELLERS and PRINTERS

The following documents are extant but, for logistical reasons, to-date have not been examined.

NAB CSO VOLUME_NO 662 REFERENCE 1878/3703 DESCRIPTION: Adams, London, and Co explain the cause of the Non Delivery of Stationery at the Public Offices Up-County. 1878

NAB CSO VOLUME_NO 665 REFERENCE 1878/4032 DESCRIPTION: Auditor Forwards The Undermentioned Tenders for Bookbinding: (1) Adams, London and Company; (2) P Davis and Sons; (3) J Bedwell. 1878. Remarks: Ao1878/557.

NAB NHC VOLUME_NO II/11/5 REFERENCE R415D/1881 DESCRIPTION: Receipt to Native High Court for Purchases made at Adams, London and Company (Stationers, Booksellers, Printers). 1881

References:

1. South African Archives Repository, Pietermaritzburg.
2. Picton LJ: Nicprint-50; being an account of the history of printing etc. Unpublished thesis. University of Cape Town. 1969; 44-45