### **ERRORS AND VARIETIES**

#### **OFFICIAL "REDUCED PANE"**

These were prepared by De La Rue, who also printed the booklets, and bearing no other text can only be described as a Souvenir Sheet. On the printer's packaging label they are entitled "Reduced Panes" - the titles on these labels are normally designated by Royal Mail, so it can be safely assumed that this is their approved name. This is an entirely "new product" from Royal Mail - we are unable to obtain any Official explanation for their production, but perhaps they were originally intended for a Special Railway cover which was eventually aborted! Or perhaps they were simply an experiment and should not have been placed on sale?

We can think of no other logical reason for the production of this unusual item of which only two packets of 500 have reached the market before they were withdrawn from sale after the usual 12 months of sale. This is an exceptionally small quantity for a modern printing.



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