

Egypt

Third Issue.
First Printing 1872.
Perf $12\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{3}$.

10 Para.
Shade varieties.



Although the printing was all done at once the ink was pigment in suspension. Unless continually stirred the heavy pigment settled, which caused variations in colour.

Perf $13\frac{1}{3}$



All values, except the 1 piastre, were produced from a composite die. The fusing within the constituents is most accurate on the 10 para, as illustrated by the completeness of the 'P' in 'POSTE' on all examples.