

# VICTORIA – Jeffreys forgery

## Three pence – Half Length issue of 1850



Genuine



Forgery



FLOWER



NUMBER 83

Both stamps are imperforated and printed on unwatermarked paper using lithography. The forgery is easily recognized by looking at the flower on front of the Queen's dress: it looks more like the number 83 than a flower! George Kirke Jeffreys was arrested in 1891 and found guilty of conspiracy to defraud. The remaining stock of his Victoria Half Length issue was acquired by the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria. The Society offered complete sheets of 50 of the forgery and the proceeds of the sale were deposited in their building fund.

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