

# Malta 1886 5s Overprinted Revenue

## Bogus Overprint of variety Straight tailed R

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Sold on eBay December 2019, stated as Variety Straight Tailed R

Attracted two bids and sold for £155

I contacted the Seller who agreed and suggested the overprint looked like something produced from an Ink Jet printer but that he would continue to list the item on the basis he would inform the then current leading bidder who he knew.



As can be seen by the comparison of a genuine overprint the type is nothing like the original.



The Straight R variety listed on eBay



An original overprint Type

Genuine examples of the Straight Tailed R are known on the lower values (0.5d, 1d, 2d, 4d and 1s) but this is a completely different typeset.



A second bogus Straight R variety listed on eBay by same seller



There was however a genuine variety of this overprint listed on eBay - a possible damaged 'e' plate flaw ?