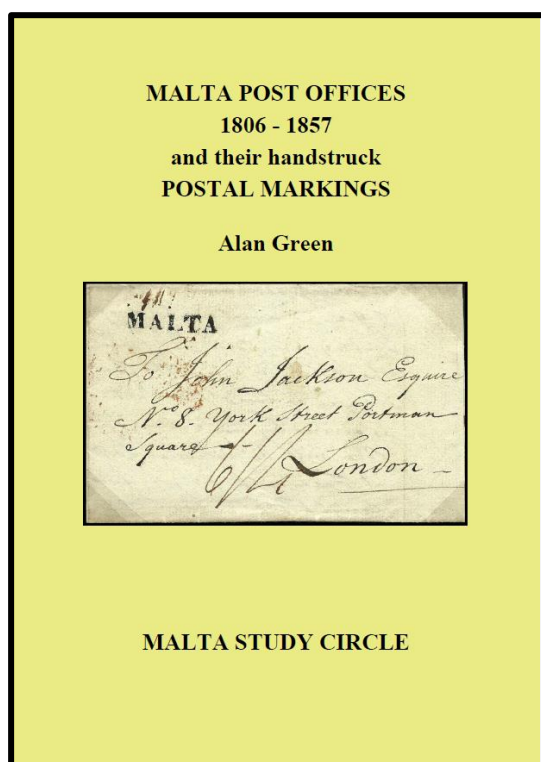


‘MALTA POST OFFICES 1806 – 1857 and their handstruck POSTAL MARKINGS’



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