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The “Dubois” Collection

**To be auctioned by Corinphila in May 2020 (part I)
and May 2021 (part II)**

This famous collection, last exhibited in the Court of Honour at ‘Ameripex’ in New York in May 2016, was built up over a thirty year period as the collector's interests expanded from one area to another with the initial interest in “British Europe” being closely followed by Jamaica (not offered here) and other Caribbean areas; expanded into Crowned Circles, the Crimea, Colonial America and then the general usages of British postage stamps abroad, including on mailboats. In time, the collection grew to include a worldwide selection of postal history, tracing the involvement of the British Post Office in many different countries.

The “Dubois” collection boasts items from the great collections previously formed, especially the most important ones of each generation: E.E.Yates (1939), J.Grant Glassco (1969) and André Bollen (1983). Despite rarity, quality was of paramount importance. The following pages provide a small extract.



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American Colonies and the United States of America



Richard Henry Lee
(1732-1794)



New York Harbour



1775, Letter from Richard Henry Lee, Signatory to the Declaration of Independence, handstamped 'WmsBURG July 15'



1842, 'PAID AT NEW YORK' Crowned Circle. One of just three known

Provenance: André Bollen (1984)



1794, 'AMERICAN INLAND / POSTAGE' applied in Halifax on cover from an English Officer at Detroit (British Fort) to London.



Canada



H.M.S. Scout 1871



1868, 'D61' on cover from H.M.S. 'Scout' at Esquimalt, Vancouver, possibly applied on arrival by GB Packet Agent in San Francisco Unique!

Reference: Illustrated in *Parmenter & Gordon Handbook*, 'GB-Used Abroad' (2016)

Danish West Indies



Island of St. Thomas



1871, 'C51' - ST. THOMAS on GB 1s. in combination with D.W.I. 3c. to London.

Provenance: *J. Grant Glassco* (1969)



1875, 'ST. THOMAS' c.d.s. of the Danish P.O. on cover with GB 4d. cancelled C61 - PORTO RICO and HAPAG adhesive 10c. to Porto Plata.

Provenance: *Julius Steindler Collection* (1972)



1873, 'C51' - ST. THOMAS, cover to Constantinople. Unique destination



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British West Indies



View of Antigua



Antigua 1858, GB 4d.(3) and 6d.(2) cancelled 'A02' on cover to Whitehaven. Possibly the finest cover from Antigua. From an important discovery of early covers in the early 1990's.



A view in the Bahamas



Bahamas 1859, GB 4d. (4) cancelled 'A05' on cover to Philadelphia. The highest GB-franking recorded from Bahamas.

Provenance: Egly Collection (1952)
J.Grant Glassco (1969)



View of British Guiana



British Guiana 1860, GB 6d. (2) and 1d. (2) cancelled 'A03' GEORGETOWN on cover to Saxony. Unique destination!



British Honduras 1860, GB 6d. cancelled 'A06' after invalidation of British stamps, charged '1F.60c.' on arrival in France.

Reference: Illustrated in *Farmenter & Gordon Handbook 'GB-Used Abroad'* (2016)
Provenance: J.Grant Glassco (1969)
Dr. Kornan (1994)



British West Indies



St. Rupert Bay, Dominica



The Carenage, St. George's, Grenada



Dominica 1860, GB 4d. and 1d.(2) cancelled 'A07' on cover to Liverpool.



Grenada 1858, GB 6d. (4) cancelled 'A15' on cover to London. Largest GB franking from Grenada recorded.

Provenance: E.E.Yates (1940)

Christies R.L. Auction (1984)



The Morning Star House on Nevis



Nevis 1861, 'PAID AT NEVIS' Crowned Circle on cover to London. Very rare, just two recorded in Karl Louis Index.

Provenance: J.Grant Glassco (1969)

André Bollen (1983)



Tobago 1858, GB 6d. (2) cancelled 'A14' and 'PAID AT TOBAGO' Crowned Circle on cover to Bristol.

Provenance: J.Grant Glassco (1969)

André Bollen (1983)



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St. Christopher 1858, GB 1d + 4d + 6d. cancelled 'A12' to New South Wales. Unique destination.



St. Lucia 1850, 'SOUFRIERE ST LUCIA OC 27 1850' c.d.s. on cover to France. Earliest recorded use of just five covers recorded.



Porto-Grande, St. Vincent

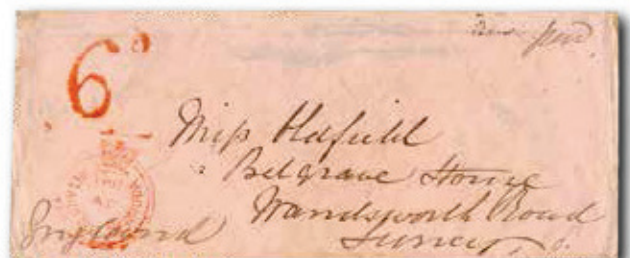


Summer sleeping tents on Ireland Isle Bermuda



St. Vincent 1858, GB 1d + 6d. cancelled 'A10' on cover to France, re-addressed and franked with France 40c. to Emms, Duchy of Nassau.

Provenance: J. Grant Glassco (1969)



Bermuda 1860, 'IRELAND ISLE BERMUDA' Crowned Circle on cover to England.

Provenance: J. Grant Glassco (1969)



Dominican Republic



1879, 'C86' PORTO PLATA, GB 2½d. (5) + 1d. used with Dominican Republic ½r. on cover to Italy. Unique combination!



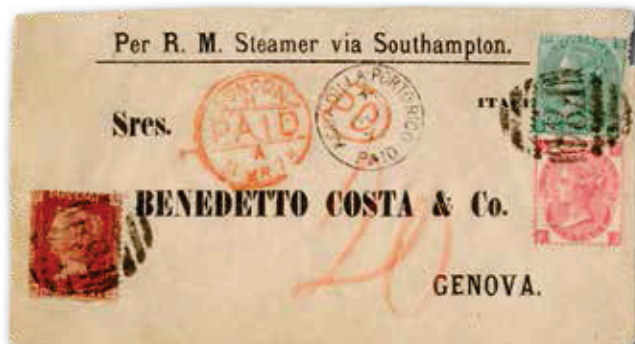
1877, 'C87' ST. DOMINGO, GB 1½d. (9) used with Dominican Republic 1r on cover to Italy.

Provenance: J. Grant Glassco (1969)

Puerto Rico



Aguadilla Plaza



1873, 'F84' AGUADILLA, GB 1d.+3d.+1s. on cover to Italy.

Provenance: Granger (1959)

J. Grant Glassco (1969)



1876, 'F85' MAYAGUEZ, GB ½d + 1d. + 10d. (2) used on REGISTERED cover to France. Only recorded Registered cover from Mayaguez in the Karl Louis Card Index!

Provenance: Vivian Sussex (2002)



1866, 'O61' SAN JUAN, GB 3d. + 4d. (2) + 1s. used with Spain 20c (2) on cover to Madrid. One of two covers known!

Provenance: J. Grant Glassco (1969)



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Central America



Mexico 1872, GB 4d. (2) cancelled 'C63' TAMPICO and Mexico 12c. (2) used cover to Vera Cruz. The only 'double rate' franking recorded.

Provenance: *Harmers of London (1975)*



Mexico 1873, GB 1s cancelled 'C63' TAMPICO used with Mexico 12c. (2) on cover to France

Provenance: *J Grant Glassco (1969)*
André Bollen (1984)



Nicaragua 1881, GB 1 1/2d. + 1s. cancelled 'GREYTOWN MR 15 81' c.d.s. used with Nicaragua 5c. + 25c. on cover to France.

Provenance: *Stanley Gibbons N.Y. Auction (1981)*
Siegel Auction (1997)



Street view of Jacmel



Haiti 1881, GB 1 1/2d. + 4d. (3) cancelled 'C59' on cover to Paris

Provenance: *Dale Lichtenstein (1969)*



Guadeloupe 1862, 'PAID AT GUADELOUPE' Crowned Circle used with French Colonial 'eagles' 5c. + 40c. (3) on cover to New York.



South America



Argentina 1868, GB 1d.+4d.+6d.+1s. cancelled 'B32' on cover. Only Four-Colour-Frinking recorded in Karl Louis Card Index



Buenos Aires 1862



Argentina 1871, GB 1d. + 2d. used in combination with Argentina 10c. cancelled 'B32' BUENOS AYRES on cover to London. Unique combination!

Provenance: Stanley Gibbons Auction (1979)
André Bollen (1984)



Bolivia 1875, GB 2d. + 1s. cancelled 'C39' COBIA on cover from La Chimba/Antofagasta via COBIA to France. The earliest usage from just a few recorded.

Provenance: J. Grant Glassco (1969)
Julius Steindler (1972)



Chile 1878, GB 5s. + 1½d. (2) + 4d. (2) + 6d. (3) cancelled 'C30' VALPARAISO on REGISTERED cover to Belgium.

Provenance: J. Grant Glassco (1969)
Smith (1975)
Virian Sussex (2002)



Chile 1875, GB 3d. (2) + 4d. + 2s. cancelled 'C30' VALPARAISO used on REGISTERED cover to Australia. Unique!

Provenance: Bertram McGowan (1950)
J. Grant Glassco (1969)
André Bollen (1984)



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South America



Peru 1868, GB 2s. cancelled 'D74' on cover with 'PISCO & CHINCHA ISLANDS PAID NO 2 68' c.d.s. on cover. The only complete cover recorded!

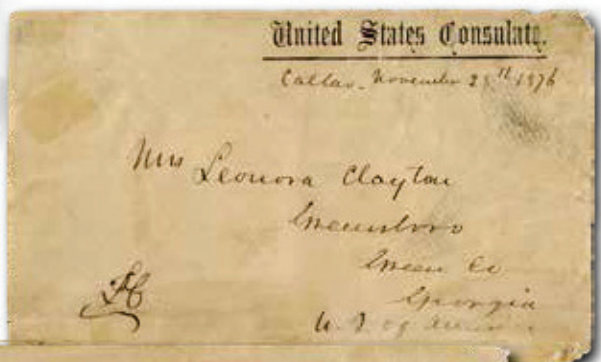
Provenance: Ennis (1948)

J. Grant Glassco (1969)

André Bollen (1984)



John Grant Glassco
(1905 - 1968)



Peru/Panama 1876, GB 6d (3) cancelled 'C35' PANAMA used with U.S. 5c. (3) on cover from the U.S. Consulate in Callao to Georgia.

Provenance: E.E. Yates (1940)

J. Grant Glassco (1969)



Peru 1877, GB ½d. + 1d. + 6d. + 1s. used with Peru 10c. cancelled 'D87' IQUIQUE on cover to Switzerland. Unique destination!

Provenance: E.E. Yates (1940)

J. Grant Glassco (1969)

André Bollen (1984)



Colombia 1872, GB 4d. cancelled 'F69' SAVANILLA used with Colombia 5c. + 10c. + 20c. on cover to the U.S. Unique combination!



Uruguay 1872, GB 2d. + 3d. (6) cancelled 'C28' MONTEVIDEO used on REGISTERED Uruguay 5c. Postal Stationery to Belgium.

Provenance: The late Count Alberic du Castel de la Howardries (1842-1919)

Adriano Landini (2012)



China & Macao



1843, 'PAID AT MACAO' Crowned Circle on cover to Manchester. One of the rarest of all Crowned Circles!
Provenance: Richard Chan (2003)



1835, 'CHINA' handstamp from the British Postal Agency in Canton.



The Landing Place, Macao

1871, 'PAGO EM MACAO' Crowned Circle used with Hong Kong stamps on cover to Portugal.



Mailboats



Mediterranean Packet 1861, GB 1d. (6) cancelled 'B16' on cover to London.
Provenance: E. E. Yates (1940)
 'Victoriana' (2007)



Posted at New Hebrides 1865, GB 4d. + N.S.W. 6d. cancelled 'B56' H.M.S. CURACAO on cover to England. Probably the most outstanding mailboat usage



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Crimean War



Russo-British Battle during the Crimean War



1855, 'OXO' cancelling GB 1d. (42) on REGISTERED letter to Ireland. The largest franking recorded from the Crimea!

Provenance: Vivian Sussex (2002)



Florence Nightingale
(1820-1910)

Florence Nightingale 1855, Receipt for a REGISTERED letter signed by Florence Nightingale.

Provenance: H.R. Harmer Auction (1966)



British Levant



View of Constantinople

Constantinople 1868, GB 2s (10) + 10d. cancelled 'C' on REGISTERED cover to London.

Provenance: E.E. Yates (1949)

John O. Griffiths (1981)

André Bollen (1983)



View of Beyrouth



Beyrouth 1 July 1875: GB 2½d. (3), First Day of use (!) cancelled 'G06' in combination with France 30c. (8) on cover to Switzerland. First Day U.P.U. for Britain but not for France (joined 1 Jan. 1876)! Unique!



Beyrouth 1874, GB 4d. cancelled 'G06' in combination with France 80c. (2) on cover to France

Provenance: André Bollen (1983)

'Cihangir', *Corinphila* (2000)



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Egypt / Overland Mail



Arrival of the Overland Mail
in Alexandria

Vienna to Bombay 1868, GB 3d.
cancelled 'B01' ALEXANDRIA in
combination with Austria 3 kr. (3)
on PRINTED MATTER. Unique!
Provenance: André Bollen (1983)



Trieste to Bombay 1865, GB
3d. + 9d. cancelled 'B01'
ALEXANDRIA in combination
with Austria 67 kr. franking.
Unique Overland Mail
combination franking!



Altenburg/Saxony to Java 1866, GB 1s. cancelled 'B01'
ALEXANDRIA in combination with Saxony 11½ ngr.
franking
Provenance: Walter Kruschel Auction (1988)



Trieste to Canton 1866, GB 1s. cancelled 'B01'
ALEXANDRIA in combination with Austria 67 kr.
franking.

Provenance: Dr. Byam (1961)
J. Grant Glassco (1969)
André Bollen (Philex France 1982)



British Steamer on the Suez Canal

Suez 1873, GB 4d. + 2s. (3) cancelled 'B02' used on cover
to the Cape of Good Hope. Unique destination!
Provenance: Robson Lowe Auction (1945)
Christies Auction (1988)



Malta



1855, GB 1d (11)
cancelled with
'Wavy line grids'
on cover to India.



View of Valletta, Malta 1860



Reference: Illustrated in *Parmenter & Gordon Handbook 'GB-Used Abroad'* (2016)

Provenance: Robson Lowe P.H. Auction (1970)
André Bollen (1983)

1855, GB 1s. cancelled with 'Wavy line grids' on
cover to England.

Provenance: J. Grant Glassco (1969)
Leon Dubus (1988)



1874, GB 1d. (4) cancelled 'A25' MALTA in combination
with Greece 65 lepta franking to Corfu.



1855, France Napoleon 20c. cancelled with 'Wavy line
grids' on cover to Paris.

Provenance: Leon Dubus (1988)

Ionian Islands



View of Corfu

Ionian Islands 1860, 'PAID AT CORFU' Crowned Circle
used with GB 1d. (3) + 4d. cancelled 'A25' MALTA in
transit on cover to Italy.



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Gibraltar



1859, GB 10d. 'Embossed issue' with 1d. (3) cancelled 'A26' on cover to Canada. The 10d. 'Embossed' used in Gibraltar is unique!



1858, GB 4d. + 6d. + 1s. cancelled 'G' on cover to the Philippines. The finer of only two such frankings to Manila recorded!

Reference: Illustrated in *Parmenter & Gordon Handbook 'GB-Used Abroad'* (2016)



1869, 10d. + 1d. cancelled 'A26' in combination with U.S.A. 3c. on re-addressed cover to Maryland.

Provenance: *Rex Stever* (1959)



1865, GB 2d. cancelled 'A26' in combination with Spain 4c. on cover to Cadiz.

Tangier



Port of Tangier



Tangier 1873, GB 2d. + 4d. cancelled 'A26' used on cover from Tangier with 'reversed N' in Tanger c.d.s. for dispatch.

Reference:

Illustrated in *Robson Lowe Encyclopaedia*

Provenance:

E.E. Yates "Africana" (1939)

J.A. Taylor (1960)

J. Grant Glassco (1969)

André Bollen (*Philex France* 1982)



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