

The Thompson flaw

Die proof for the QV Die 1 general keyplate



ex Homan

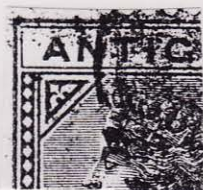
The break in the inner frame appears only on the right hand pane of Die 1, Plate 2 of the general keyplate used by Antigua, Br. Virgin Islands, Cyprus, Montserrat, Natal, Nevis, St. Lucia and Turks Islands.

Antigua

CA watermark printings from plate 2 invoiced on 4 May 1886



Only recorded example



1879 CC Watermark



A number of "phantom" varieties arising from accidental breaks or rubs similar to this have been reported. However, since it is on Plate 1 it cannot be the true state of the flaw.

The Thompson flaw

Antigua

1886 2 1/2d

1886 2 1/2d specimen



This block also shows the sloping 2 on 3/1

1886 4d



1886 1/-



BWI mails in the 18th century
Barbados

**BARBA
DOES**

The earliest handstamps were rather small, so those islands with long names were customarily issued with two-line instruments. The first Barbados mark (EKD 1747) was replaced by a large single-line stamp in the mid-1760s. This was evidently soon lost because the two-line stamp was reintroduced in the early 1770s. Students have perceived small differences in the two-line instrument but this is likely due to inking.

30 Dec 1747

EKD 30 Dec 1747

LKD 16 Oct 1798



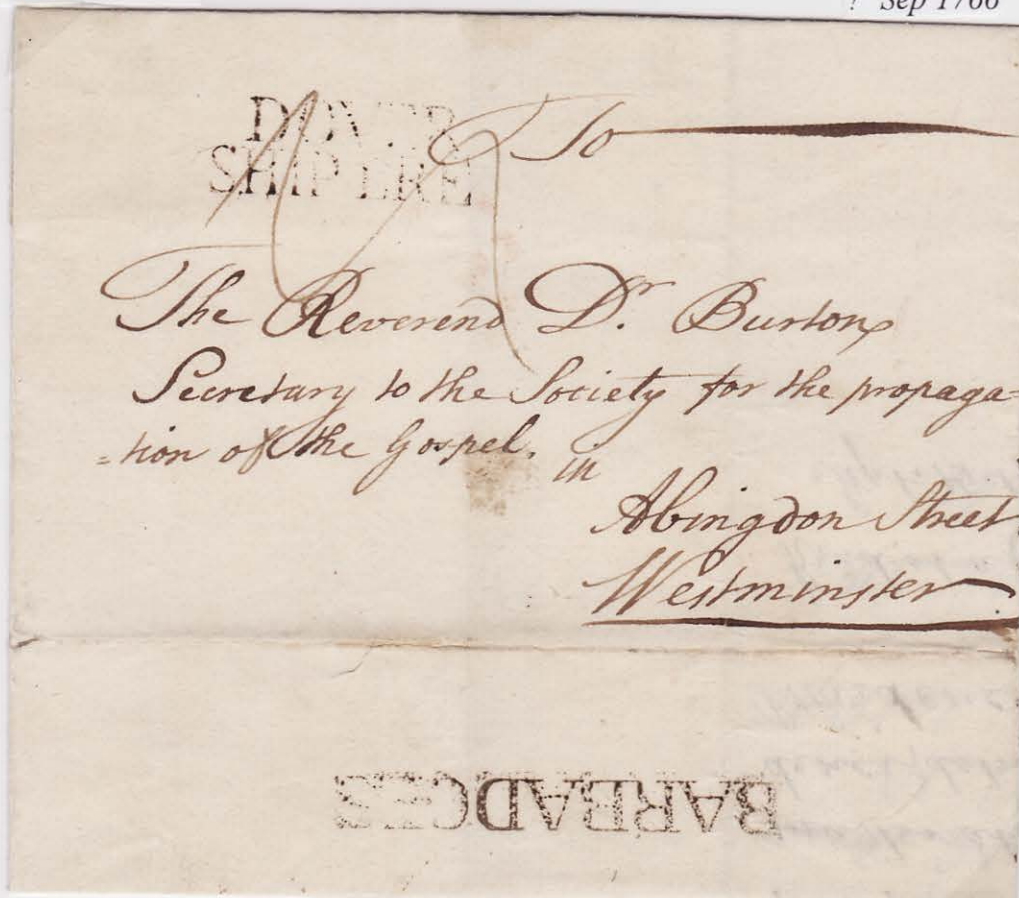
Two-line Barbados to the Charterhouse in London, rated 1N6 (1/6d). Excepting Jamaica, this is the second earliest mark seen for any BWI origin correspondence.

BARBADOES

? Sep 1766

EKD 30 May 1765

LKD 17 May 1770



The second handstamp is large (58x6 1/2 mm).

Inscribed "Bahamas, a letter from Mr Bascome, schoolmaster at New Providence, dated N. P. Jan 6 1766. Read at Committee Sept 15 1766".



backstamps



EKD 10 Apr 1847
LKD 26 May 1870

16 Dec 1858



backstamp

Prepaid 4d to St Vincent and delivered to a local estate there.

Provisional use during the period in which GB stamps were on sale at the Roseau PO.

Barbados to Jamaica

ex Nabarro

Clyde 27 Jan
St Thomas 30 Jan
Conway 1 Feb
Kingston 5 Feb

27 Jan 1859



Double rate bearing two imperf 1ds and imperf 4ds. Red "8" for GPO packet charge.

ex Morton

Br Honduras
Missent markings

MISSENT TO BELIZE

20 May 1896



Nicaragua to Berlin.

Dominica

MISSENT TO DOMINIC

? Oct 1903



Postcard from London to Cristobal.

Bermuda

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Plate proof of the 1865 1/-



Largest multiple recorded

1865 3d perf 14



Only used block recorded

1881 3d perf 12 1/2 x 14



Oneglia Forgeries

Bermuda

The watermark is always heavily impressed.



That Oneglia was a serious artist is shown by his reproductions of interpanneau margins - the spacing accurately judged.



Very crude attempt at the rare inverted surcharge.



Hand-stamped with an unconvincing "Gibraltar".

All ex Ulrich

Waterlow in the British Caribbean

The 1860 ship issue



ex Crawford

Master Die proof

Only recorded example



Plate proofs



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Grenada
The great collectors
and their stamps



perf 11x12 1/2,



, the scarce printing on laid paper

1873 6d orange-vermilion
large star watermark



1866 6d orange-red
small star watermark



The only other mint block of any issued Perkins
Bacons 6d value is in the Royal Collection.

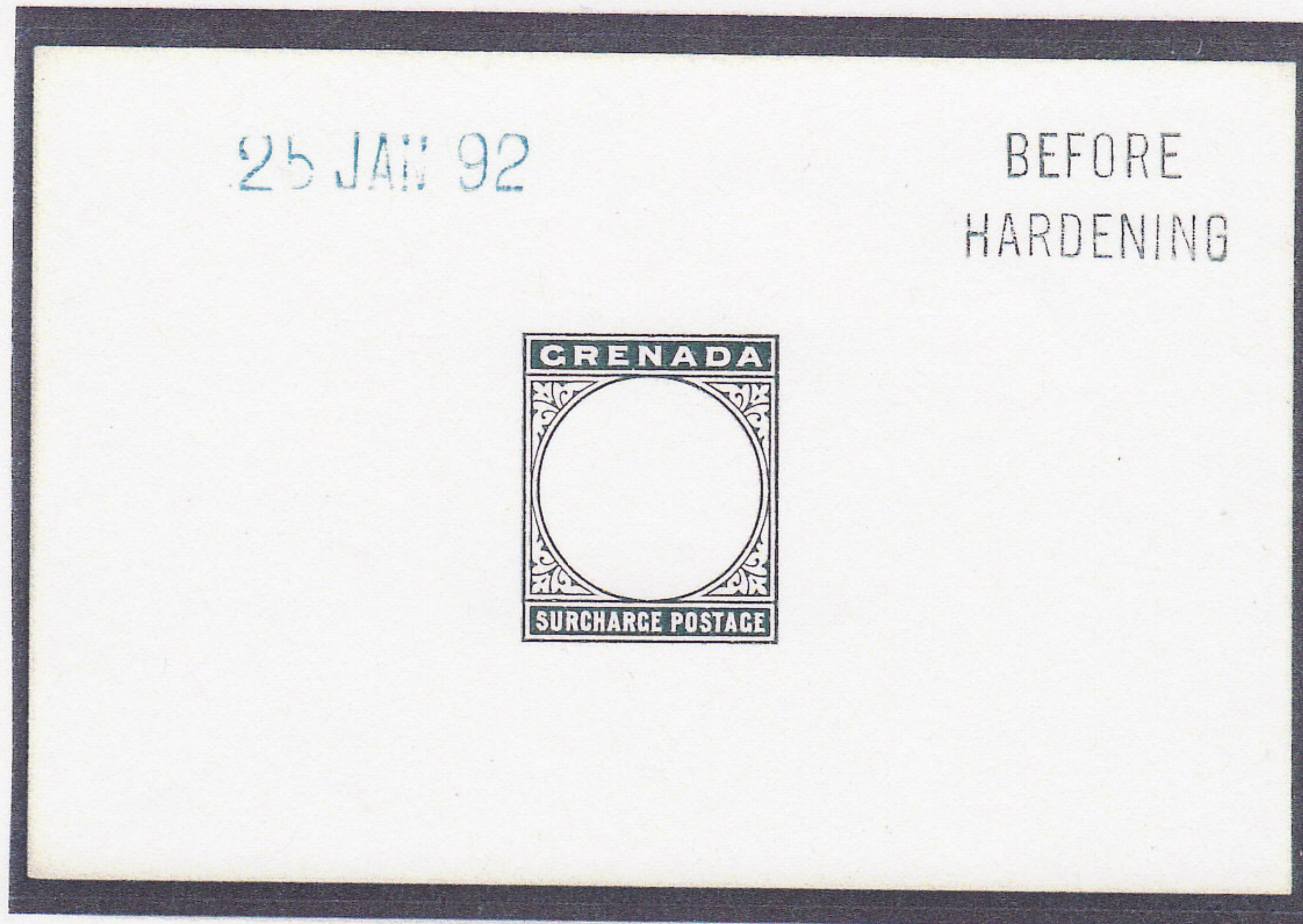
Jan 1891 1d on 8d provisional



The "mystery" strip with four overprints inverted and two upright. This seems to suggest
an overprint forme of two horizontal units but other evidence suggests a forme of sixty.

*Grenada Postage Dues
1892 De La Rue issues*

Watermark single CA



Master die proof, Before Hardening 25 Jan 1892

Overprinted D11 Specimen



Handstamped Specimen



Samuel local type GR2

Handstamped Specimen



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The only examples recorded

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On De La Rue record sheet dated March 1892, "60 set".

*Grenada Postage Dues
1892 provisional overprints
on the 1883 definitives*

The 1892 issues are often seen on local envelopes, thought to have been used for "drop mail" by the traders of St Georges to send unsealed invoices round the town. This led to the 1892 issues becoming quickly exhausted, so the current 6d and 8d were provisionally overprinted 1d and 2d.



Semicolon after "postage".



Few multiples survive.



Extraneous ink mark.



Semicolon after "surcharge".



ex Frazer

*Grenada Postage Dues
1892 provisional overprints
on the 1883 definitives*

The 1883 definitives were printed tete-beche and so the overprint had to be prepared similarly.



Posns. 6/1 to 10/1, positioned by the malformed "E" in the top stamp at pos. 10/1.

Overprint double



*This pair confirms that the surcharge was made from a single overprint forme.
On the single sheet with double overprint there is one strong and one light impression.*

Underpaid Mail

Grenada

Dues applied to refused and returned mail



Gouyave despatch 8 Sept 1892
 Birmingham 22 and 24 Sep 1892
 Birmingham RLB (returned letter branch) 26 Sep 1892
 London Returned Lr. Office 27 Sept 1892
 Grenada arrival 23 Nov 1892
 5d surcharge postage affixed 24 Nov 1892

backstamps



This unfranked cover was mailed from Gouyave (A code) on 8 September 1892 to Birmingham. The recipient declined to pay the penalty postage so it was returned to Grenada where the sender was charged the double the 2 1/2d rate required under UPU regulations. This is the only known wholly legitimate use of the provisional stamps, as well as being the largest block recorded of the 1d on 6d, mint or used. The stamps have been lifted to show the many transit cancellations reproduced alongside.

St Lucia

The French Connection

Mail to Europe by French steamers

7 Dec 1869



Backstamps

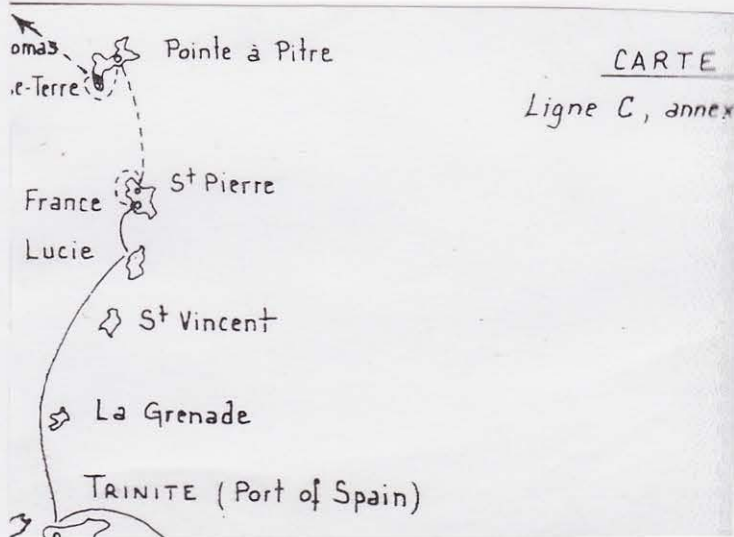
Single rate to wine merchants Audebert Frères in Bordeaux, this historic cover was mailed on board a Messagerie Maritimes steamer en route to Fort de France and the stamps cancelled with the anchor in a diamond of dots. The only recorded cover cancelled on board a French Packet.

Illustrated in the St Lucia Philatelist No.2 (1949)

EKD of this marking
ex Homan and Cartier

- Guyane 25 Dec
- Fort de France 8 Dec
- Imp. Eugenie 9 Dec
- St Nazaire 24 Dec
- Bordeaux 25 Dec

Ligne C route through the Windward Is



St Lucia
The Perkins Bacon printings

1864 Watermark Crown CC Perf 12 1/2

1/- Pale orange

Handstamped "specimen"

SPECIMEN



Samuel type D5.



Ex Homan



Stamp 3 shows an apostrophe stop after St (seen on the top few from column 3).

Largest multiple recorded

ex Charlton-Henry
ex Amundsen

St Lucia
The coastal mail

St Lucia Steam Conveyance Company

The framed label



Several copies are known of a similar stamp with a frame.

The only surviving cover bearing this stamp, from the Steindler collection, was lost in the post in 1972 when it was being submitted to Norman and Maurice Williams for expertising.

The steamer initially used by the SCC was the SS Aide that went into service in 1870. In 1873 the 52 ton steamer Creole was acquired from England to go into service alongside the Aide.

On 1 December 1879 a competitor to the Steam Conveyance Company emerged in the form of Barnard Peter and Co's SS Assistance. However, the service proved sporadic and it never became profitable. The company ceased its service altogether when its Captain died in 1889.

Barnard and Peter's SS Assistance

1 Dec 1887



Letter in French from Soufriere to the principal commission agent in Castries.

The only recorded letter bearing the oval SS Assistance handstamp

ex Reid

*St. Vincent
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May 1880 1d on half 6d blue-green



The only joined pair recorded

Note the right hand overprints are lower than those at left.

1882 4d perf 14



The rare dull ultramarine shade

Died 1955

Crown Paid markings of the British West Indies

Tobago

23 Oct 1862

- Thames 23 Oct
- Bridgetown 25 Oct
- Wye 26 Oct
- St Thomas 28 Oct
- Seine 29 Oct
- Southampton 13 Nov



backstamp

Single rate to Sun Fire Insurance Co. cancelled with the earlier type with a double-ring circle.



Crowned circle unusually applied to a stamped cover.

The rare single ring circle used from 1875 to 1878 8 Mar 1878

- Eider 8 Mar
- St Thomas 15 Mar
- Don 16 Mar
- Kingston 19 Mar



backstamps

Pre-UPU 4d interisland rate to Jamaica.



Sperati Forgeries

*Tobago
1882 4d yellow-green*

The authentic stamp



Not present in the Baillie collection.

A die proof signed by Sperati



Not present in the Baillie collection.

An actual forgery



*With BPA handstamp and
number 188 on reverse.*



BPA photo of the same forgery.

Not present in the Baillie collection.

*Tobago
1884 6d stone*

The authentic stamp



A die proof signed by Sperati



Not present in the Baillie collection.

An actual forgery



*With BPA handstamp and
number 188 on reverse.*



BPA photo of the same forgery.

Tobago
The Provisionals

1896 1/2d on 4d - the scarcer setting with no wide spaces between 1/2 and d.



12 Ap 1899



Backstamp

Philatelic cover to Trinidad bearing a strip of the scarce setting all with narrow spaces. The 1/2d postage forme is narrower than the stamps so it moves progressively to the left hand side.



28 Dec 1896



Backstamp

Overprint double



With BPA cert.

ex Ramkissoon

Wrapper bearing Pos 59 with normal spacing, i.e. the scarce setting.