

27 Nov 1756

NEW YORK
 To
 Mr William Vain
 in Boston
 Living in Shir
 Str
 1756

Letter to Boston stamped with red New York straight line transit mark, rated 4d.

Bay of Honduras November 27th 1756
 honored father and mother these with my humble

Copy of the byline.

16 Jan 1790

FALMOUTH
 SHIP-LIKE
 Joshua Keme Esq
 Canterbury square
 Ship Williams
 Capt Byron
 London

Letter to London carried by private ship. Docked at Falmouth and reached London on 20 April.
 rated 7d, 1d for the captain and 6d for 140 miles to destination.

Br. Honduras
Missent markings

Missent to Waterford

17 Apr 1859



backstamps

Cover from Belize bearing GB 6d cancelled AO6 to Isle of Wight, annotated "Found sticking to a letter addressed to Peter Leckie & Co. Waterford", and with Waterford cds.

Missent to



10 Aug 1861



backstamps

UK to Jamaica, Belize cds preceded by manuscript "Missent to" in red pencil.

(A06)

GB stamps used in the BWI

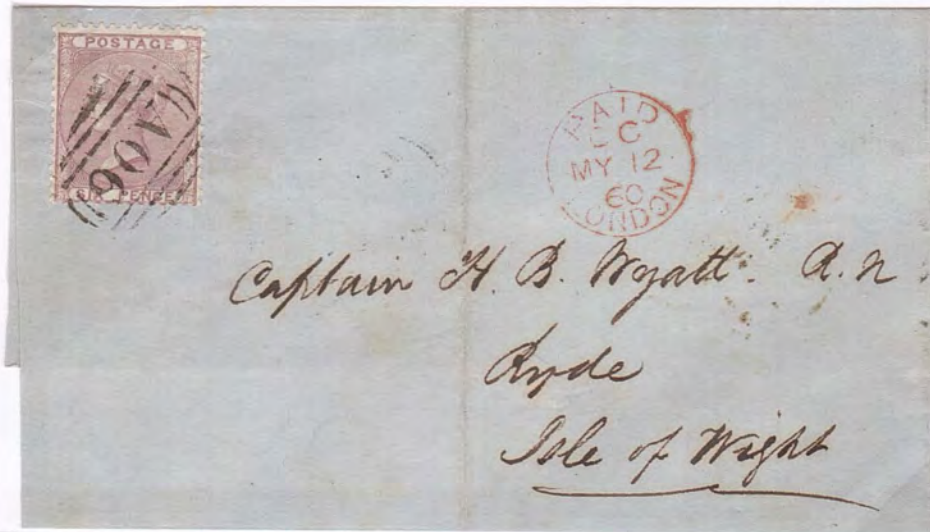
Br Honduras A06

The smaller size A06



17 Apr 1860

- Derwent 17 Apr
- Kingston 17 Apr
- Teviot 24 Apr
- St Thomas 28 Apr
- Shannon 29 Apr
- Southampton 12 May



backstamps

Single rate to the Isle of Wight, addressed to a Captain attached to Queen Victoria at Osborn house.

The taller A06

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22 Jan 1881

ON HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

A Monsieur E. Moreau
Gouverneur de l'Agentie No 9
Rivier (Seine et Oise)
La France.



backstamps

Single 8d rate to France.

Cancelled by the only known use of the Colonial Secretary's Office British Honduras cds.

Only recorded example of this franking

ex Proud

Br Honduras to Bermuda
Registered mail

25 Mar 1892

via U.S.A.



4672



Reginald Gray Esq
Barrister at Law
Bermuda.

Postmark



Registered cover routed via New Orleans (28 Mar) and New York (2 Apr) to Hamilton (4 Apr), franked by the two major overprint errors "6 and bar inverted" in both red and black. Correctly rated 12 cents for the single UPU rate of 8c (ie 4d) postage plus 4c (ie 2d) reg. fee.

backstamps

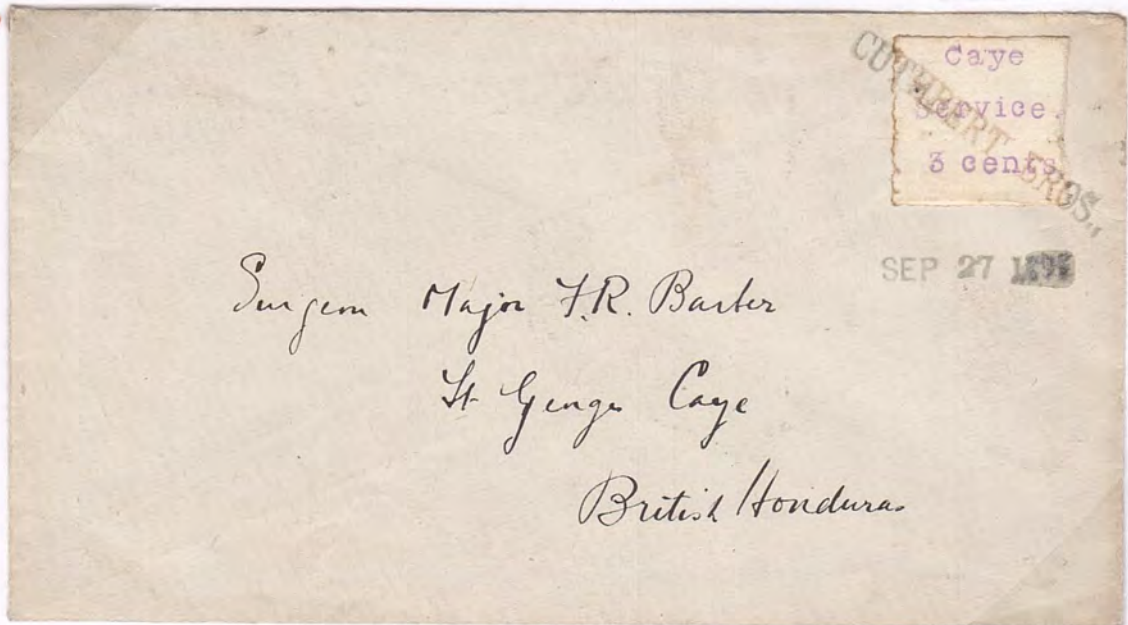
ex Tucker

**British Honduras
Local stamps**

The Cuthbert Bros label

Sydney Cuthbert, owner of Belize merchants Cuthbert Bros, commuted daily by steam yacht from his house on St Georges Cay, a small island just inside the coral reef in the Bay of Belize. Finding that friends increasingly asked him to carry mail to and from the island, he decided to subsidise his trips by charging 3c to carry a letter, printing this primitive label for the purpose.

27 Sep 1895



One of the few covers to St Georges Cay, from the Barker correspondence.

Although Hurt and Williams record only 8 such covers, about 15 have appeared in auction.

A mystery local production



A charity label? Not previously recorded.

BRITISH HONDURAS

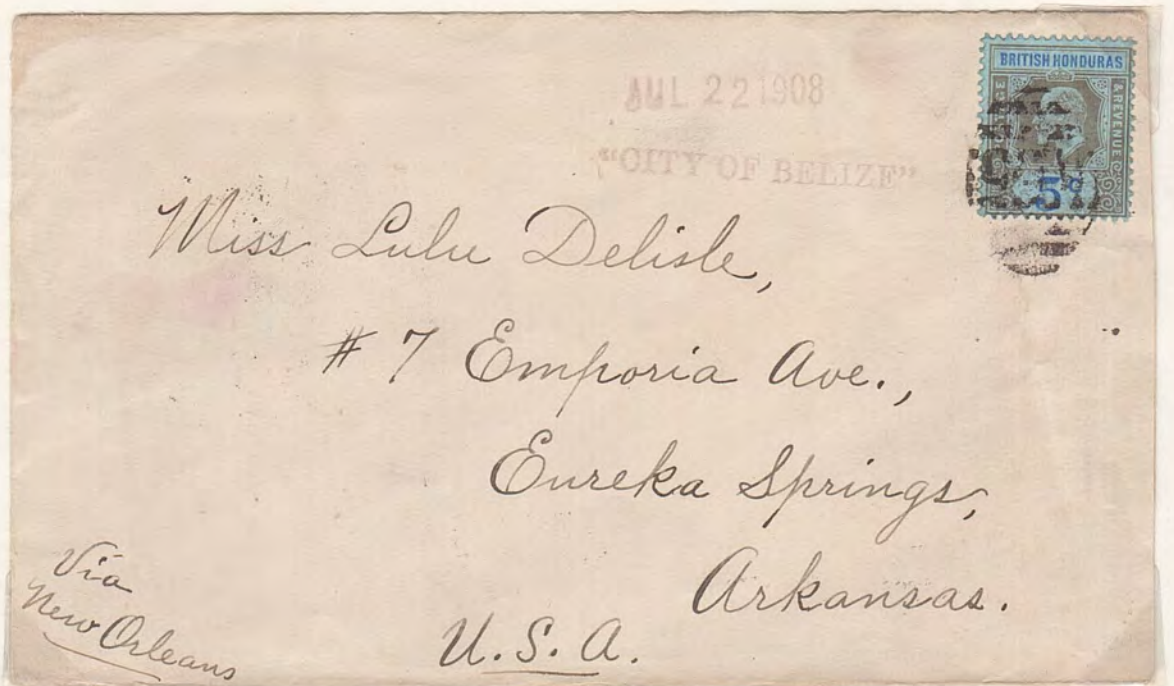
THE INLAND MAIL ROUTES.

The Northern Mail Service.

In 1907, a contract was awarded to the BRITISH HONDURAS MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY. The S.S. Egerton having sunk, the contract stipulated a vessel of 40 tons, and the "CITY OF BELIZE" was specially built for the Northern run. It depended on passengers and freight for an adequate income.

The "CITY OF BELIZE" was destroyed by fire at Orange Walk on 25th January 1911, and the tenure of the British Honduras Mail Steamship company was ended. The Egerton was raised and refitted, and together with other ships continued working until the roads brought the service to an end in the late thirties.

"CITY OF BELIZE"



The stamps on both covers are cancelled by the K65 killer. The purpose of this mark has never been determined, it has been thought to be a ship mark, so perhaps these covers go to support this theory.

Belize transit

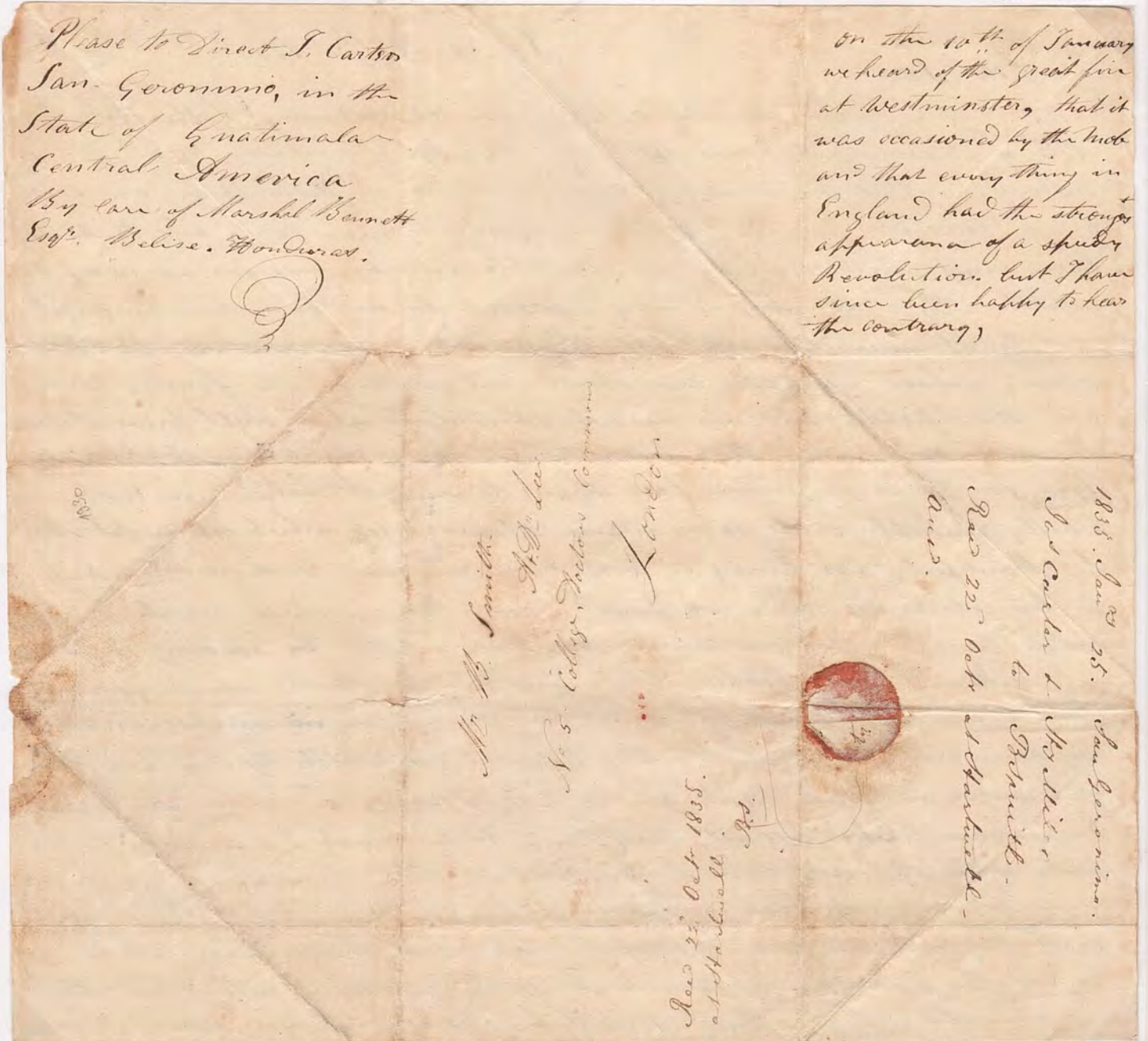
The port of Belize on the eastern coast of what later became British Honduras was a key transit point for mail from Central America, especially Guatemala but including Honduras and San Salvador, to Europe and the East. Starting in 1829 British packets stopped at Belize en route from Jamaica to Vera Cruz and in 1841 the RMSP commenced a regular service to Jamaica and London. Other ships transported mail to New Orleans.

In order to service the mails to and from Guatemala, merchants transported mail overland to Yzabal, across the lake and down the Dulce river to Belize. In 1851 this was regularised through a monthly schooner service between Yzabal and Belize. In Belize forwarding agents collected the mails, paid the packet fees to destination and billed their Guatemalan customers.

San Geronimo, Guatemala, to London

Forwarded by Marshal Bennett

25 Jan 1835



This letter was written by J Carter and H Miles on their arrival in San Geronimo to work for Henry Bennett. They relate details of their 99-day journey from London and a new life among "an uncivilised people whose Sabbaths are spent in revelling in feasts, fairs and Bullfights and who are not scrupulous at a slight provocation to stab or murder their fellow man." It asks that responses be sent to the care of Marshal Bennett in Belize, **the earliest example of a Belize forwarding instruction**. The letter arrived in London on 22 October, nine months later.

ex Guggisberg
ex Madden

BRITISH HONDURAS

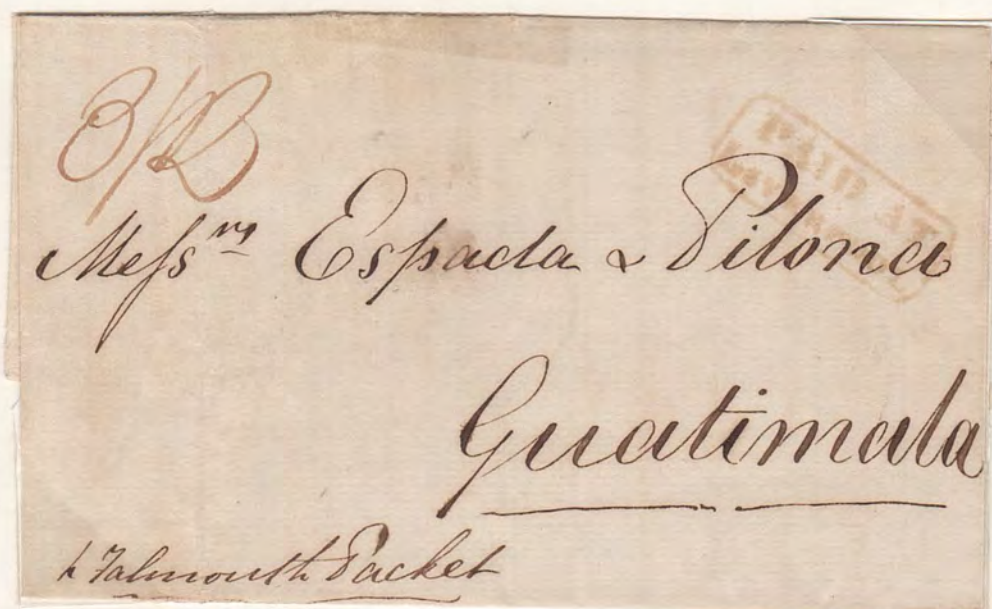
MAIL GOING THROUGH BRITISH HONDURAS.

1702 1839.

Letter from Liverpool to Guatemala, pre paid at Liverpool.

Rate:- 3/2d.

It is impossible to say whether this amount includes any transit fee through Belize, indeed it may well have been sent before this payment was introduced as the date of its commencement is very speculative.



It is only conjecture that this letter went through Belize, but as it went by Falmouth Packet it is a fair assumption.

Letters to Belize and beyond, travelled on the Mexico Packet which left Falmouth on the third Wednesday of the month. The mail was taken to Jamaica and then transferred to a branch vessel.

There are no postal markings other than those seen and a circular Liverpool date stamp on the reverse.

Belize transit

Forwarded by Charles Evans

Charles Evans was one of the earliest agents in Belize

UK to Guatemala

23 April 1839



ex Guggisberg

Liverpool prices current for the week ending 23 April 1839 mailed to Guatemala by private ship "Visitor" (without transit markings) addressed to "care of Charles Evans, Honduras".

Guatemala to UK

13 Feb 1841



ex Wood

From Guatemala to London, landed in Liverpool. Forwarded in Belize by Charles Evans.

This letter is addressed to F Huth, an important forwarding agent based in London.

Belize transit



USA to San Salvador

3 Jan 1839



Ex Madden

From Philadelphia to the French Consul General in San Salvador, via Belize.

Carried to New York where Gilpin arranged carriage to Belize by private ship; the letter was subsequently forwarded (probably through Marshal Bennett) by schooner to Yzabal and overland to Guatemala City and San Salvador. Rated 4 reales for the Guatemala leg.

Guatemala to Spain

Guatemala 2 Jul 1864



- Derwent 15 Jul
- Jamaica 20 Jul
- Tamar 25 Jul
- St Thomas 28 Jul
- Seine 1 Aug
- Southampton 12 A
- Cadiz 17 Aug



backstamp

This correspondence is usually seen cancelled by the Mathé oval handstamp. Rates charged were 1/10 to London and 4 from London to Cadiz. The "5" stamp was applied in Guatemala.

ex Proud

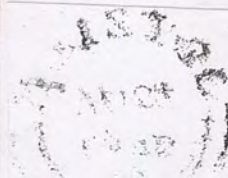
Belize transit

Guatemala to UK

Forwarded by Evans and Schurer

Two letters to Isaac Cooke in Bristol

? Aug 1842



backstamp

Carried by HMS Pilot to Falmouth where the green "Leeward Islands F" cds was applied. Back-stamped Bristol 24 August 1842. Endorsed "Guatemala" on reverse.

COVE
SHIP LETTER

12 Feb 1845



ex Wood

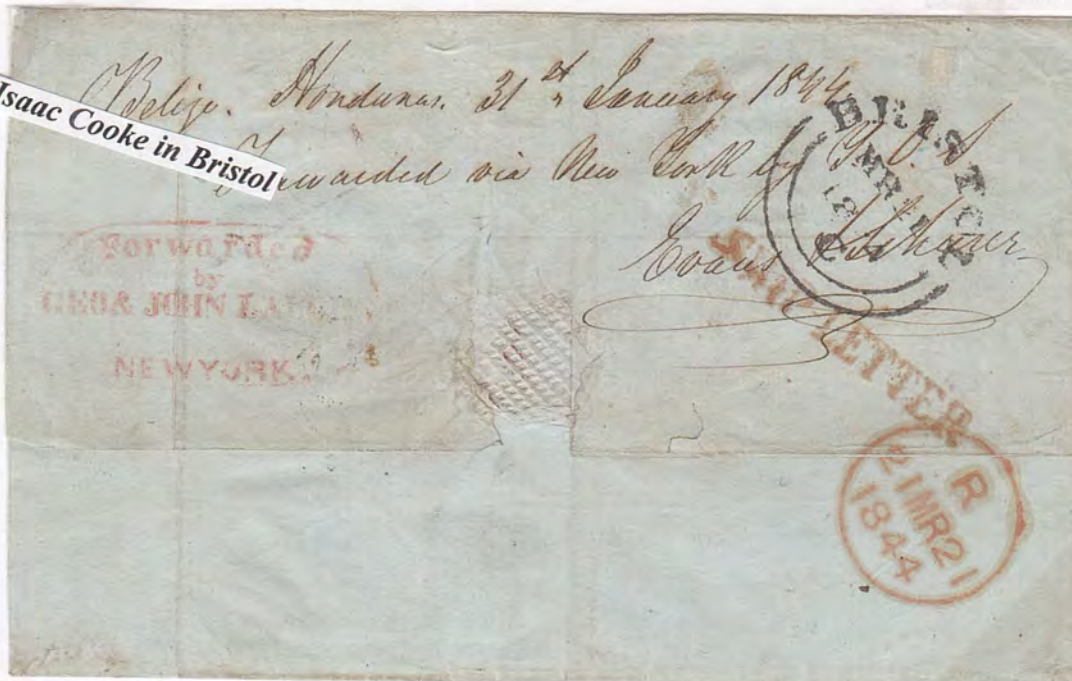
Mailed from Guatemala on 1 January 1845 and forwarded on 12 February in the same hand as the earlier 1841 Charles Evans cover. It was carried per "Sophie" and rated on the face 2/8. The letter was landed at Cove on 28 March where the Ship Letter marking was applied.

Forwarded
by
GEO & JOHN LAURIE.
NEWYORK

Forwarded by Evans and Schurer

31 Ja 1844

Two more letters to Isaac Cooke in Bristol



backstamps

ex Hart

Ex Madden

This letter rated 8d is marked on face "Guatemala Jan 20th 1844". It was forwarded by Evans and Schurer on 31 January and routed via New York to London. In New York, another agent, Geo and John Lawrie, forwarded it to Bristol, where it arrived on 21 March. The rate was low because it was carried by private ship as marked "Ship Letter" on arrival.



19 Jan 1843

- Lee 19 Jan
- Havana 31 Jan
- Medway 7 Feb
- Bermuda 14 Feb
- Forth 14 Feb
- Falmouth 4 Mar



The use of the red pad for the Belize cds on unpaid letters between 12 November 1842 and 20 November 1845 was irregular, as by international postal agreement red denoted prepayment. Belize was very late to use a marking of origin - this cds was not introduced until late 1842.

Belize transit

Guatemala to France

Forwarded by Gray Thomson & Co.

22 Mar 1844

*Lee 20 Apr
Havana 10 May
Teviot 10 May
Southampton 5 Jun
Boulogne 7 Jun
Bordeaux 9 Jun*



From Guatemala City to Bordeaux, forwarded by Belize agent Gray Thomson on 16 Apr 1844.

ex Berkinshaw-Smith

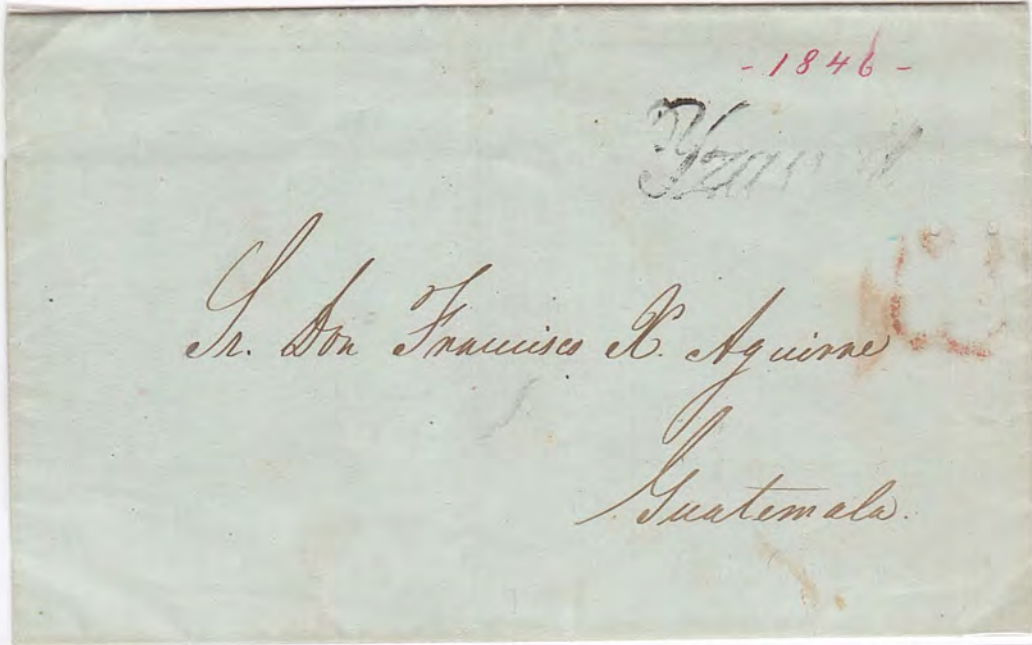
This cover took an unusual route. It was first carried to Havana, which the GPO packets served at this date. It was then picked up by the Teviot that docked at Nassau, St Georges Bermuda and Fayal en route to Southampton. Here it caught a French mail-boat crossing the channel to Boulogne, where it was transferred it to another French mail-boat sailing to Bordeaux. 20 centimes was collected on arrival in Bordeaux under Article 12 of the Anglo-French accounting convention that preceded the UPU treaty. The letter mentions the slow delivery of the outward letter carried on the alternative packet route from London to Belize and Guatemala via Vera Cruz. The Belize cds using the red ink pad is scarce.

Br. Honduras

Forwarding Agents

Mail from F Camoyano

9 Sep 1846



To Guatemala showing a transit hand-stamp for Yzabal, where the schooner from Belize via the Rio Dulce and the lake of Yzabal landed the mails.

The Anglo-French Postal Convention governed the charges for mail carried by each others' packets. No French packets called at Belize so mail for France was carried on British ships, taken to the Foreign Branch in London and bagged for France. The boxed Colonies & Art., used between 1846 and 1855, refers to the accounting marks on the way-bill for Calais.



- Belize 18 Jan
- Eagle 29 Jan
- Kingston 24 Jan
- Clyde 27 Jan
- St Thomas 31 Jan
- La Plata 31 Jan
- Southampton 15 Feb
- Calais 16 Feb



18 Jan 1854

To Mitjans & Co in Paris, arriving in Calais on 16 February.

The "15" in manuscript represents the 15 centimes charge from Calais to Paris.

Belize transit

France to Guatemala

Forwarded by F Camoyano

?29 Apr 1850

Par le Paquetbot anglais
 99h
 F. de la Seine Batres
 para entregar a J. J. de Montat
 Guatemala 4
 Repub. central de America
 Par Belize

ex Guggisberg

From Bordeaux to Guatemala via London and Belize, rated 4 reales for transit to Guatemala.

Guatemala to USA

2 Oct 1854

Uaga - Pesame
 1854
 4
 A Sr. D. W. W. W. W.
 Washington
 Escaminada por el
 F. Camoyano y

Ex Madden

From Guatemala to the Consul General for the Central American States in Washington. The green "4" represents the charge of 4 reales applied in Guatemala. Onward via New Orleans. Manuscript "Escaminada" (forwarded in Spanish) and signed by F Camoyano.

Belize transit

France to Guatemala

29 Ja 1850

Avon 1 Feb
Bermuda 22 Feb
Avon 25 Feb
Havana 5 Mar
Kingfisher 6 Mar
Belize 14 Mar

Par le Paquebot anglais
190 *S. M. Saint Patres*
paria entregue a Sr Felipe Pontat
Guatemala
Rep. del Centro-América
por Belize

ex Madden

From Bordeaux to Guatemala via London and Belize, rated 4 reales for transit to Guatemala.



Guatemala to Belgium

6 Jun 1875

via Belize
Mep. *Van Amer. Paschaal*
Canal del Amador
Antwerp
Belgium

Hand-stamped Jean Serigiers in Guatemala to Antwerp.

Belize transit

Severn 2 Jan (from Southampton)

St Thomas 24 Jan

Great Western 25 Jan

Jamaica 28 Jan

Conway 12 Feb

Belize 18 Feb

France to Guatemala

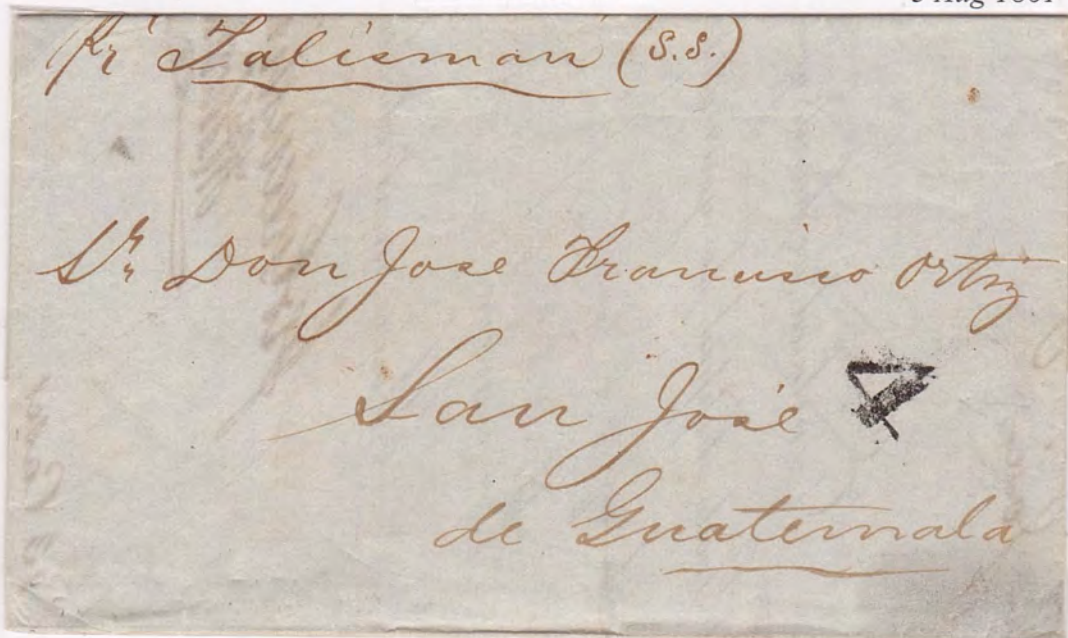
1 Jan 1851



From Paris via Le Havre to London (2 Jan 1851) and by PO Packet to Belize. 4 reales shared between Belize and Guatemala.

UK to Guatemala

3 Aug 1861



A bill of lading for 13 cases of goods supplied by Greenshields & Co of Liverpool. Carried per SS Talisman, 4 reales shared between Belize and Guatemala.

150

BRITISH HONDURAS

MAIL GOING THROUGH BRITISH HONDURAS.

1853. Cover to Ryde, Isle of Wight from Guatemala.



Posted in Guatemala on 1st. September 1853, and received in Ryde on 14th October 1853.

Double arc BELIZE datestamp of 12th September 1853.

Showing also, the handstruck Guatemalan 4 in black used between 1853 and 1867, the fee for a letter of 1 - 2 ozs.

It is very difficult to say where this 4 was applied if prepayment was not instituted in Guatemala until 1858. It is like others on letters stamped in Belize, but on the other hand, it is very similar to that used in Guatemala City at this time and it appears to be in the same ink as the Postmark.

Perhaps it was an accountancy mark, the money being claimed later by the Belize P.O. It does not carry a Forwarding agent's cachet.

It seems one will never know as three disastrous fires in the early 20th Century destroyed the G.P.O. in Belize City together with all the records.

Belize transit

Tamar 17 Aug
St Thomas 30 Aug
Conway 2 Sep
Kingston 6 Sep
Derwent 7 Sep
Belize 10 Sep

Belgium to Guatemala

Forwarded by J Alexander

10 Sep 1854



backstamp

Ex Madden

Manuscript "Care of Mr Alexander" on letter of Aug 12 from the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Belgian consul in Guatemala.

11 Jun 1859



backstamps

A letter from the same correspondence depatched on 14 May 1859. Prepaid 8 reales for the Belize-Guatemala leg (shared between Belize and Guatemala)

Atrato 17 May
St Thomas 29 May
Clyde 1 Jun
Kingston 4 Jun
Eagle 7 Jun
Belize 11 Jun

BRITISH HONDURAS

MAIL GOING THROUGH BRITISH HONDURAS.

After 1839, Mail to Guatemala mostly went through official forwarding agents.

Letter from the Foreign Office in Brussels to the Consul General at Santo Tomas, Guatemala.

Date unknown.

Albino impression of BELIZE handstamp.



Black 4 on the front used between 1853 and 1867.

Agent's stamp on reverse:-



John Carmichael & Co. are known to have been agents between 1854 and 1856, so this gives a probable date for this cover.

BRITISH HONDURAS

MAIL GOING THROUGH BRITISH HONDURAS.

Rates for prepayment of mail were laid down somewhere about 1839 and were:-

- 1 real per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz if sent by commercial ship.
- 2 rs. " " if sent by packet.

This payment cannot always have been made as in 1847 the Belize authorities refused to handle any mail unless it was prepaid between Belize and Izabal.

Although agents were known to be forwarding mail prior to this date, it became more than ever necessary for private persons to have their own agents to see the mail on its way in either direction.

Mail handled by an agent bears the normal postal markings plus his name either in manuscript or as a handstamp.



Letter to Santa Ana, Salvador from Liverpool. Probably sent privately to Belize and forwarded on on payment of 4 reals.

John Carmichael were agents in Belize from 1854 - 1856.

Green 4 used 1855 - 1856.

15 Nov. 1856

Forwarded by Antonio Mathé

The following set of accounts, reproduced in the Gaceta de Guatemala for 7 June 1860, indicates that the Guatemalan Post Office paid Antonio Mathé, the best known of the forwarding agents because of his use of handstamps, 22 pesos and 4 reales for his services in the year 1859. At the ruling postage rates this sum represented a little over 100 letters, about 8 per month. Of course, there were other agents operating within the same time-period.

USCRICION.

...dico se publica dos veces á la se-
precio de la suscripcion es: doce
doce números, en la Capital; ca-
para los departamentos y dos pesos
República.

ANUNCIOS.

Los de interes particular se insertar
pre que se entreguen á la imprenta
ticipacion, adelantando al mismo tiemp
cio, que será convencional, de once lí
arriba, y de menos, cuatro reales.

GACETA DE



GUATEMALA.

Guatemala, Junio 7 de 1860.

Satisfechos á D. Antonio Mathé
de Belice, saldo que resultó
á su favor, de la cuenta de
francatura en aquel Estable-
cimiento, de la corresponden-
cia remitida á Europa en el
año de 1859..... 22 4

Suma....\$ 1,100 7

Demostracion.

Cargo..... 4,977 7½

Data 1,100 7½

Exist. en dinero y deudas 3,877 00

Guatemala, Mayo 31 de 1860.—Domn
go Castillo.—José Justo Milla.—V. E
Cerezo.



6d rate to the UK

No 14 1859

GB stamps used in Belize 1858-60

Guatemala origin, 1/- double rate to London

2 Jul 1858



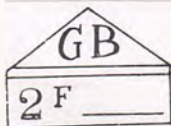
Ex Madden

The number A06 was ascribed to Belize. Two oval handstamps were made in different sizes and from observation it seems that the stamp with larger size letters was used for transit mail. Only three entires of transit mail bearing GB stamps have survived.

**British Honduras
The French Connection**

Guatemala to Paris

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3 Ap 1858

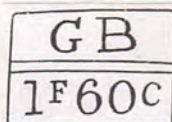
- Dep Belize
- Eagle 19 Apr
- Kingston 23 Apr
- Solent 28 Apr
- St Thomas 2 May
- Parana 2 May
- Southampton 17 M
- Calais 18 May



backstamps

ex Madden

Under a new Anglo-French Convention signed in 1856 unpaid mail carried to France by British packets was charged 1F 60 centimes per 30 grams. On 1 January 1858 this charge was increased to 2F but in May 1858 this was suspended when compulsory prepayment was introduced with the arrival of GB stamps in the British colonies. From 1858 to 1860 Antonio Mathé acted on behalf of the Guatemalan PO in franking and forwarding Guatemalan mail.



2 Se 1862

- Dep Belize
- Teviot 15 Sep
- Kingston 20 Sep
- Thames 26 Sep
- St Thomas 28 Sep
- Atrato 29 Sep
- Southampton 13 C
- Calais 14 Oct



backstamp

In 1860 the rate to France from British colonies was 1F 60c. The 6 represents the 6 reales charged by Guatemala for transit to Belize.

Ex Madden

Br Honduras

Forwarding Agents

Mail to New York from B Cramer

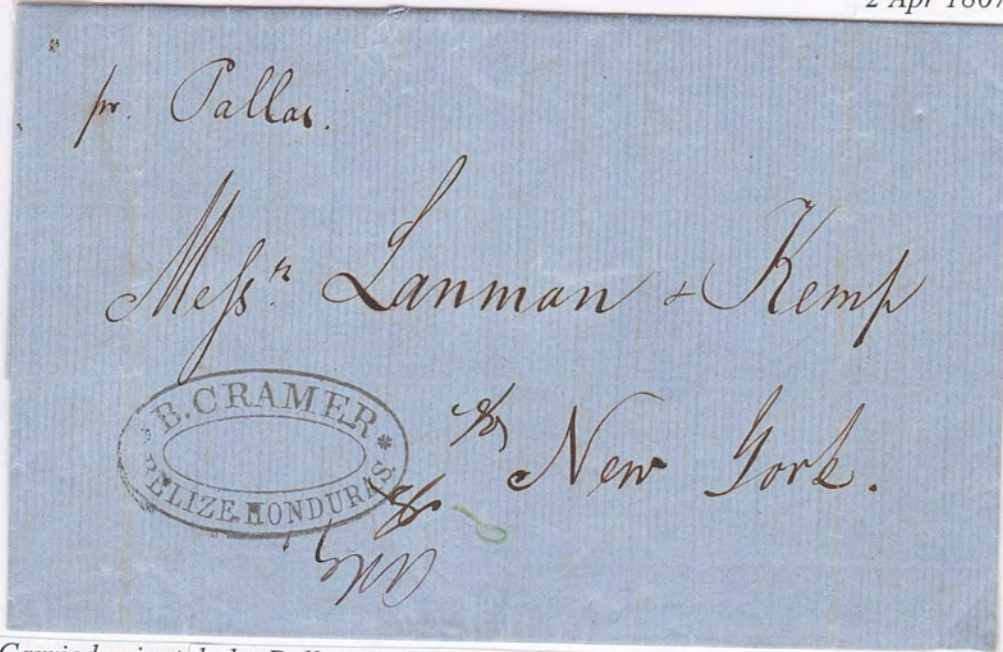
14 Jun 1859



Mailed by B Cramer, an agent in Belize. 6 US cents due on arrival.



2 Apr 1867



Carried privately by Pallas, hand-stamped by Cramer's rarely seen oval identifier.

Belize transit

UK to Guatemala

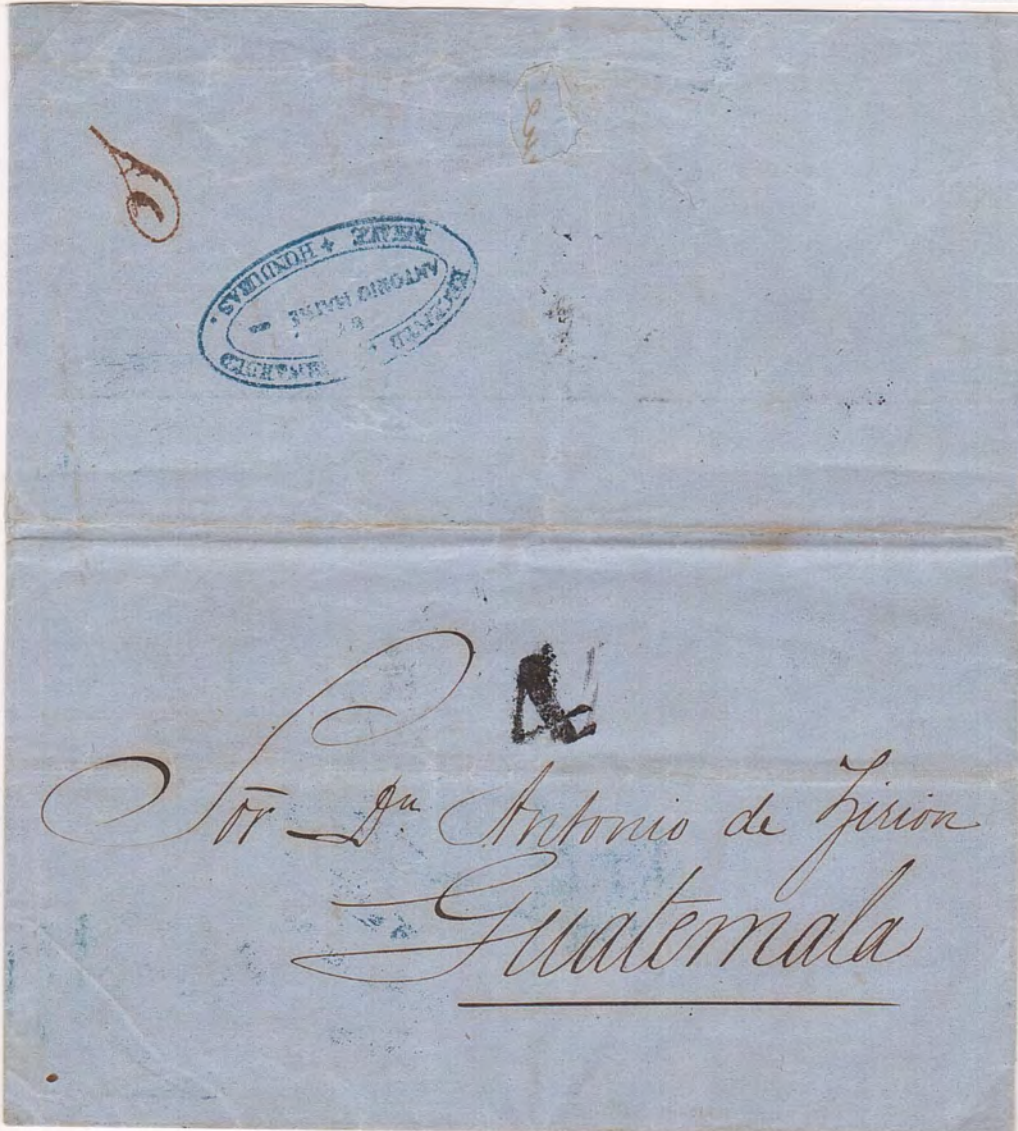
Forwarded by Antonio Mathé



In 1860 most mail to Europe was routed via Panama and a Belize routing became less usual.

16 Jan 1860

*La Plata 17 Jan
St Thomas 2 Feb
Wye 3 Feb
Kingston 6 Feb
Derwent 8 Feb
Belize 12 Feb*



Ex Madden

Unfranked from London with the rarely seen double oval "received and forwarded by Antonio Mathé" in blue. Belize and Guatemala shared the 4 reales charge for a ½ oz weight.

Belize transit

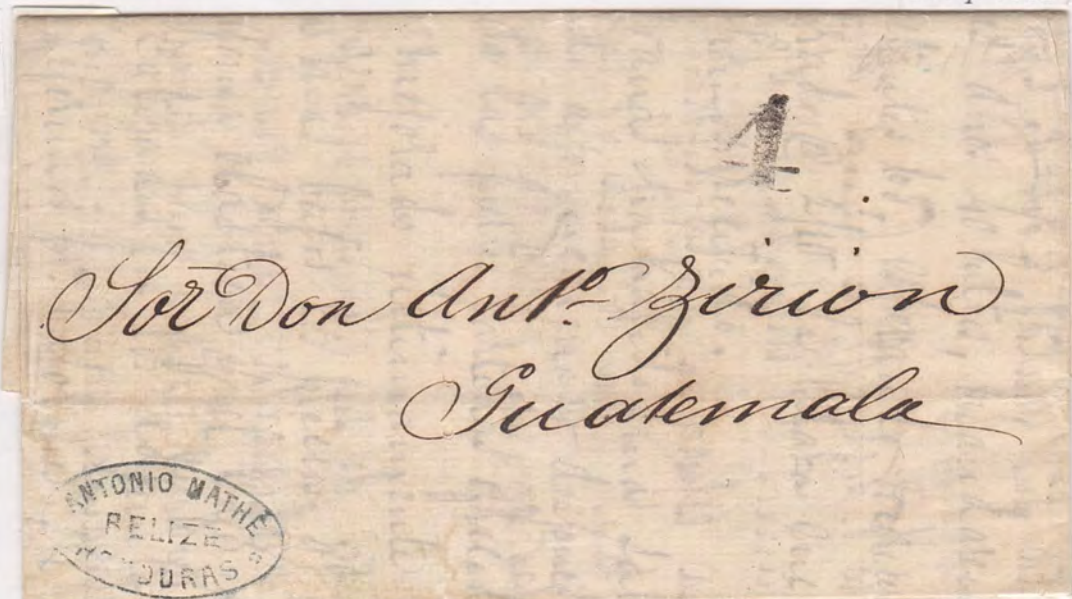
UK to Guatemala

Forwarded by Antonio Mathé

16 Ap 1862



*La Plata 17 Apr
St Thomas 1 May
Derwent 1 May
Kingston 5 May
Teviot 10 May
Belize 14 May*



Ex Barnstone

Carried by private ship from London to Belize, charged the single 4 reales rate to Guatemala.

Mathé held a contract with the Guatemalan PO to handle its transit mail in the early 1860s.

16 May 1864

*Shannon 17 May
St Thomas 1 Apr
Tamar 11 Apr
Kingston 4 Apr
Derwent 7 Apr
Belize 11 Apr*



ex Addiss

Example from the same correspondence but prepaid (red) 8 reales by Mathé.

Belize transit

Omoa (Honduras) to Paris

A French company was hired to construct a new railroad in Honduras. Its representative in Omoa reported to Mr Metivier de Val in Paris on progress, or usually lack of it. The mail was normally forwarded by B Cramer, but this one letter is marked as handled by Frank Wozilla.



Forwarded by Frank Wozilla

4 Apr 1868



GB
1F60C



- Belize 4? Apr
- Jamaica ? Apr
- Atrato 9 Apr
- Plymouth 28 Apr
- Paris 2 May



backstamps

ex Wood

Showing the Anglo-French accountancy hand-stamp applied by London's Foreign Branch.

Only recorded example



Forwarded by B Cramer

30 Dec 1868

- Belize 31? Dec
- Jamaica ? Jan
- Atrato 10 Jan
- Plymouth 28 Jan
- London 29 Jan
- Calais 30 Jan
- Paris 30 Jan



backstamp

This letter was prepaid by Cramer (denoted by the red Belize paid 4 January) to Paris. The red 4 signifies payment from Guatemala to Belize. The red PD mark was applied in London.

This letter from Mr Laurent in Omoa asks for books to be sent via Cramer.

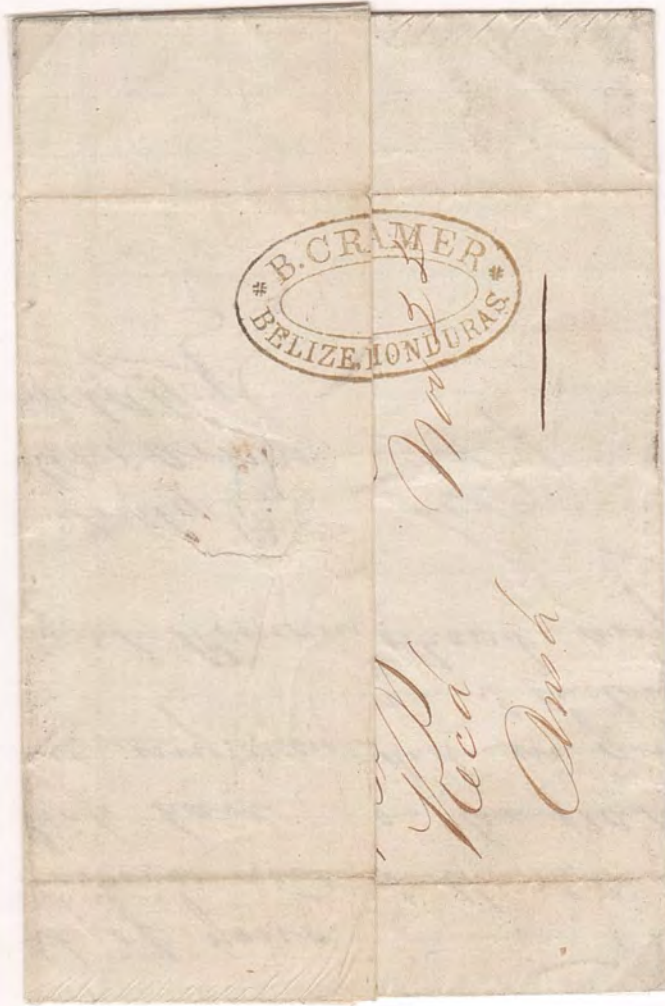
Forwarding Agents

Br Honduras

25 Oct 1867



B Cramer (Belize)



Oval handstamp on cover from Belize to New York, per Pallas.



1 Feb 1869

- Belize 1 Feb
- Jamaica 10 Feb
- Shannon 11 Feb
- Plymouth 2 Mar
- Calais 5 Mar



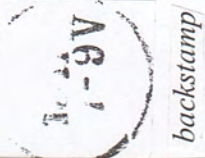
ex Madden

Entire letter from Omoa to Paris, via Belize, forwarded by Cramer

Belize transit

Guatemala to Germany

Guatemala 6 Oct 1875



This cover was sent from Guatemala to Berlin via Belize, where the Belize Paid marking was applied on 18 October. A forwarding agent paid 6d onward mail charge, 5d to GPO London.

ex Madden

Belize 18 Oct
Jamaica 24 Oct
Moselle 25 Oct
Plymouth 12 Nov
London 13 Nov

Guatemala 6 Aug 1878



Forwarded in Belize where two stamps were added to pay the onward fee.

Paid markings of the British West Indies

Br Honduras



EKD 17 Jul 1860
LKD 15 Dec 1861

17 Dec 1860

Wye 17 Dec
Kingston 22 Dec
Teviot 27 Dec
St Thomas 31 Dec
Oneida 2 Jan
Southampton 18 Jan



A double rate (1/-) cover with prepayment shown by the rare Belize Paid cds with "C" code to Liverpool. This paid mark succeeded the Crowned Circle in 1860.

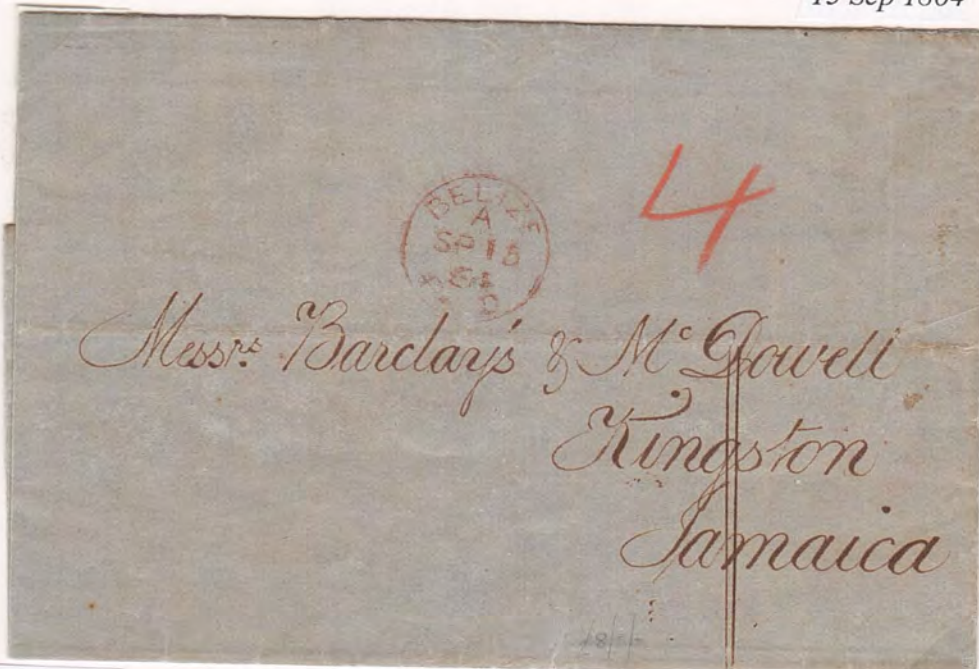
In 1863 the single rate to London was raised from 6d to 1/-.



EKD 14 Feb 1862
LKD 8 Mar 1871

15 Sep 1864

Derwent 15 Sep
Kingston 19 Sep



To Jamaica, prepaid 4d for the Western hemisphere rate.

Paid markings of the British West Indies

PAID

Br Honduras

Although Br Honduras had adhesives from 1866, relatively few franked covers survive while a surprising number of unfranked covers dated from 1866-1875 are seen with PAID handstamps.

Provisional use of the PAID straight line mark

8 Jun 1870



Unfranked envelope to New Orleans, prepaid 6d. The PAID handstamp was applied exclusively to mail for US destinations to signify full prepayment and hence exemption from US landing fees.

Omoa origin

Note the red hand-stamp PAID applied in Belize – a rare mark.

ex Harper

Provisional use of the small Belize Paid cds, showing small A code

- Derwent 7 Mar
- Kingston 10 Mar
- Douro 11 Mar
- Plymouth 28 Mar

7 Mar 1868



backstamp

Prepaid 1/1d to London, arriving 28 March.

ex Addiss

Paid markings of the British West Indies

Br Honduras



12 Mar 1871

Kingston
Nile 25 Mar
Plymouth 10 Apr



Letter to Norway from a sailor on the Norwegian ship "Oscar I". This was mailed in Belize on 12 March 1871 and prepaid 6d (1d due to ship's captain). The 3d handstamp represents the amount due from London to Bergen.



17 Mar 1891

off Pd



backstamps

OHMS embossed PO envelope to New York, Belize Paid cds confirming the validity of the usage.

Br. Honduras

Official Paid markings

Mr 17 1891

On Her Majesty's Service.



Mr. M. C. BERLEPSCH

812 Broadway

NEW YORK,

U.S.A.

Post Office.



On embossed P.O. envelope

OFFICIAL PAID. BELIZE

Only recorded usage as an official paid mark.

No 15 09

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

OFFICIAL PAID. BELIZE

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The Hermitage,

Southborne

Christchurch

England

Post Office,
British Honduras.

1909.



backstamp

Only recorded usage of this instrument sent out after the GPO fire of 30 March 1909

First example recorded

Br. Honduras
Underpaid Mail

7 Jan 1898



Br Honduras to Germany, 10c rate so underpaid 5d. T mark and blue crayon 1/25 applied in Belize. The 5d handstamp may have been applied in Liverpool or Belize. 40 Pfennigs charged.

4 Apr 1927



From Merida in the Yucatan peninsula. Underpaid 1/2d, so 2c charged and due affixed.

Br Honduras

1879 1 1/2d postcard

Artist's drawing



Hand-painted essay, stamp and legend executed in dark rose and white with pencil frame on brown tracing paper.

ex De La Rue



Die proof in sunk frame

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