

# BERMUDA

## THE ONE FARTHING PROVISIONAL



Plate 1

An inland postage charge for newspapers was introduced on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1901.

With minimal time available to design a new stamp instructions were issued to the Crown Agents to prepare stamps of the new denomination by surcharging the 1/- value printed in a distinctive grey colour on Crown CA paper.

Essays were produced for a permanent design but the death of Queen Victoria on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1901 resulted in none being adopted.



Three printings were made resulting in two shades, dull grey and bluish grey. The first consignment delivered to Bermuda on January 10<sup>th</sup> 1901 comprising 240,000 stamps was bought out by speculators, the stock being exhausted in 24 hours. Further consignments of 486,000 and 488,880 arrived in March and September 1901.

The stamp remained in use until September 1908 when it was replaced with the One Farthing "Dock" type.



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First Printing. Pane of 60 from the upper right of the sheet showing the Plate Number 1. Row 3/6 shows the "FARTHINC" variety.

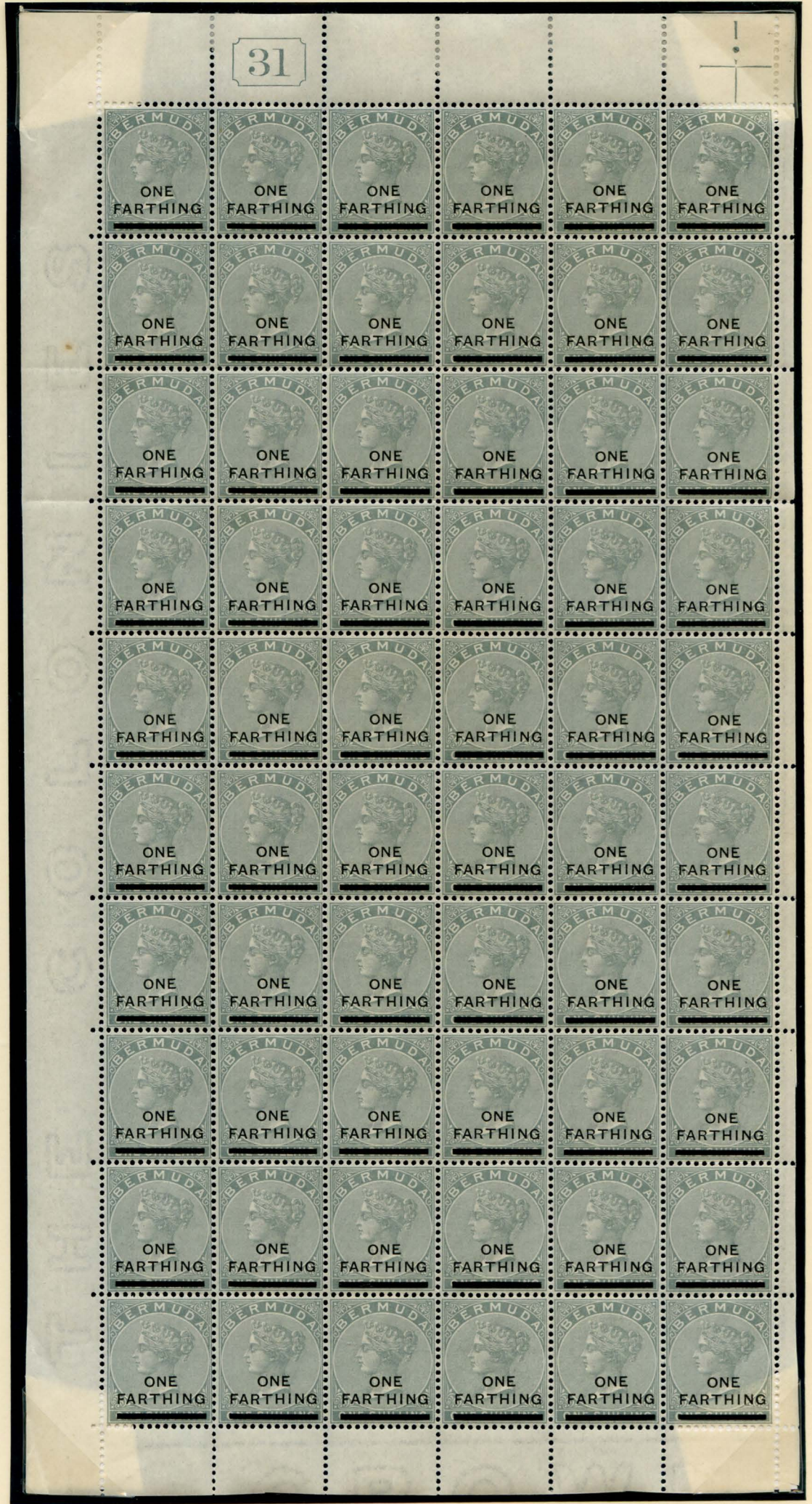




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First Printing. Pane of 60 from the upper left of the sheet showing Current Number 31.





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SECOND PRINTING - BLUISH GREY



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FIRST PRINTING - DULL GREY



Specimen





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### SECOND PRINTING - BLUISH GREY



Variety "Farthing"



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VARIETY "F" INSERTED BY HAND



This non constant variety appears in position one of an unspecified horizontal row. The variety takes the form of a handstamped "F" being inserted over a damaged impression.

Ten examples are recorded, 8 unused, one of which is in the Royal Philatelic Collection and two used, one on a postcard.



Enlargement of the stamp above showing the doubling of the "F".  
BPA Certificate 59890



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OVERSEAS MAIL - 1d RATE TO THE U.K.

POST CARD.

THIS SIDE FOR ADDRESS ONLY.

*Miss Gladys Tyson*

*c/o Mr Tyson*

*28 Queens Hill*

*Newport Mon:*

*England.*



Postcard to Newport bearing a block of four cancelled by the Hamilton c.d.s for SP 20 1902.

Hand illustrated envelope to Croydon bearing a block of four cancelled by the Hamilton c.d.s. for 31 Jan 1908.

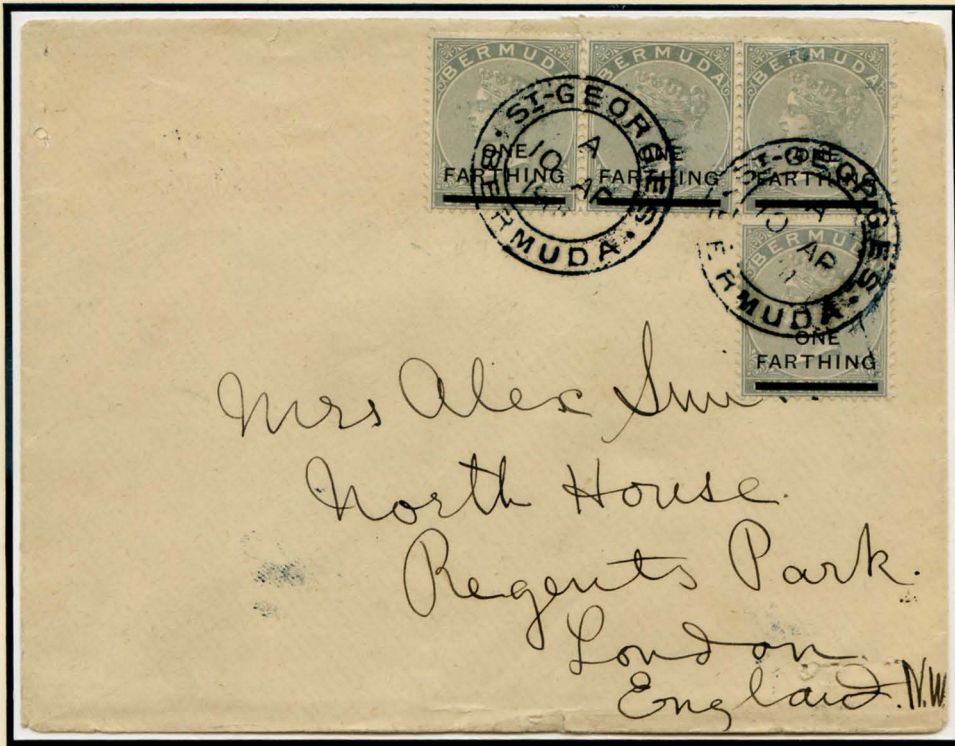


F.G.BING,  
ROSTHERNE,  
WADDON,  
CROYDON,  
ENGLAND.

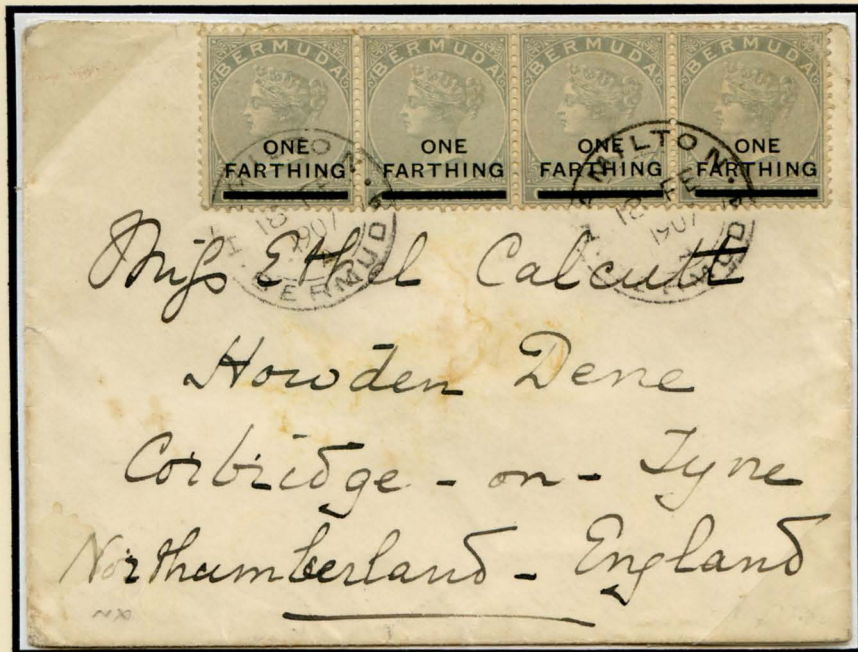


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OVERSEAS MAIL - 1d RATE TO THE U.K.



Envelope to London bearing an irregular block of four cancelled the St. Georges c.d.s. for 10 AP 1901. Arrival backstamp for AP 23 1901.

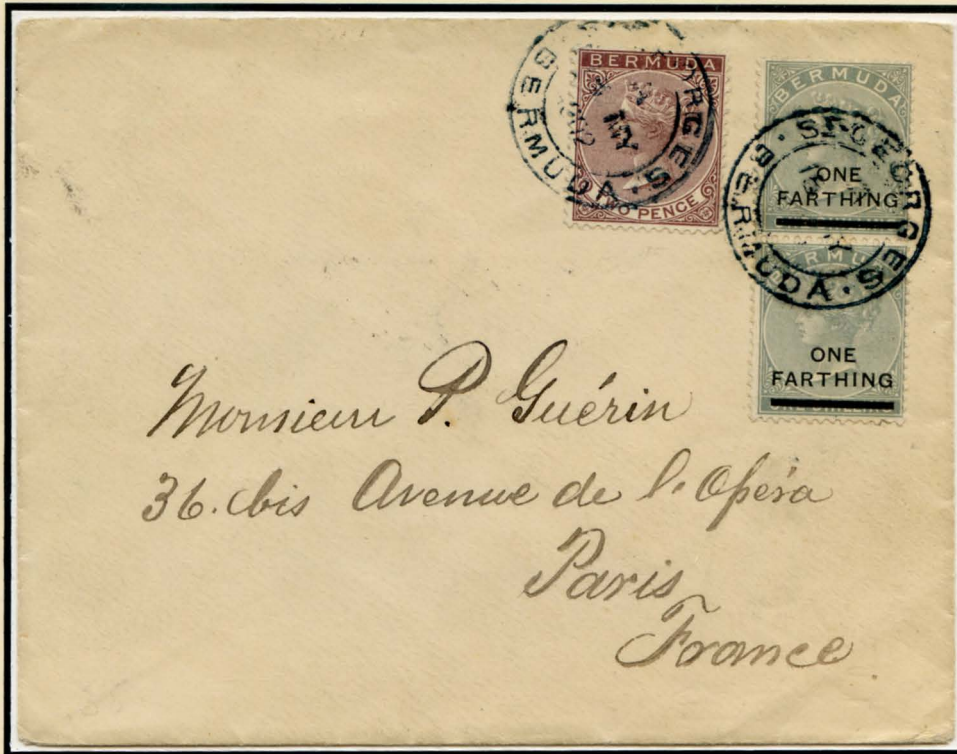


Envelope to Northumberland bearing a strip of four cancelled by the Hamilton c.d.s. for 18 FE 1907. Arrival backstamp for MR 4 1907.  
Envelope flap bears the crest of Royal Bermuda Yacht Club



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OVERSEAS MAIL - 2½d RATE TO EUROPE  
COMBINATION FRANKING



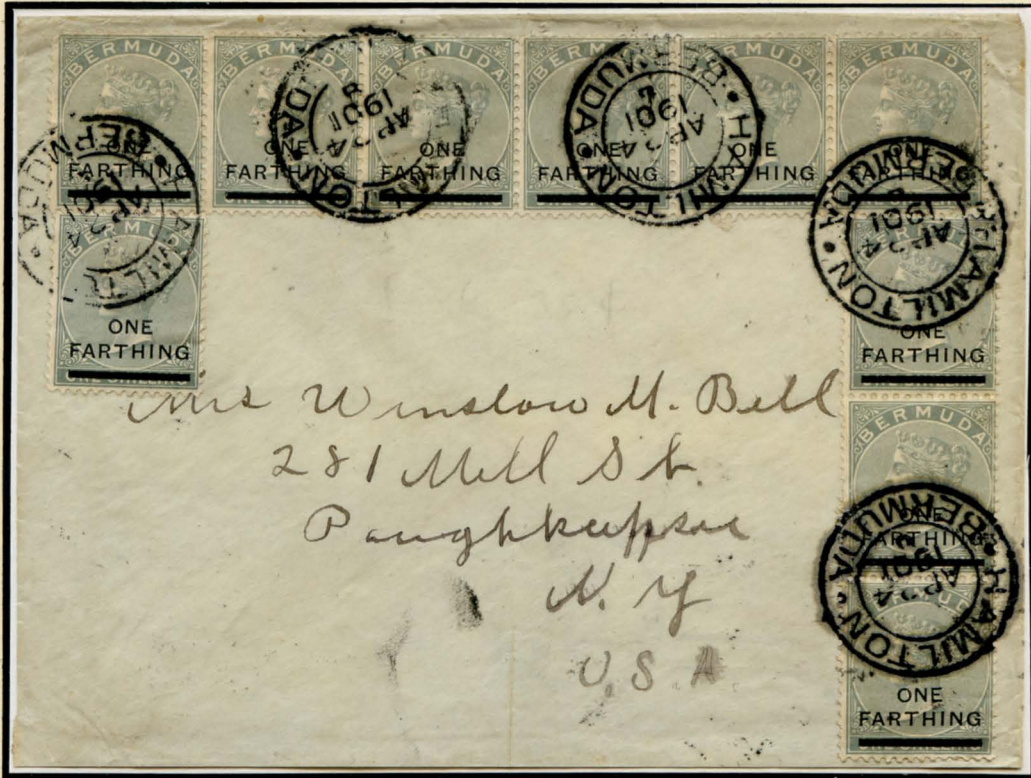
Envelope to Paris bearing a vertical pair together with a QV 2d brown purple making up the correct rate cancelled by the St Georges c.d.s. for 18 MY 1902. Arrival backstamp for MY 27 1902.



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OVERSEAS MAIL - 2½d RATE TO THE U.S.A.



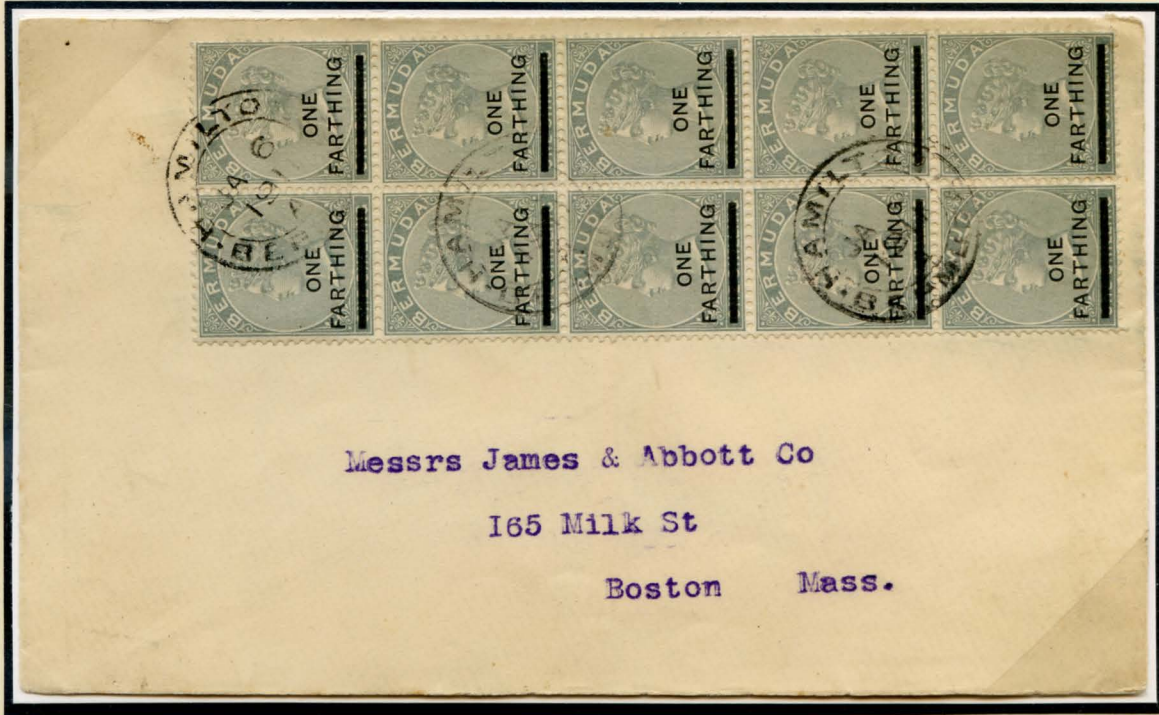
Envelope to Poughkeepsie bearing ten examples making up the full rate cancelled by the Hamilton c.d.s. for AP 25 1901. Receiving backstamp for AP 28 1901.



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OVERSEAS MAIL - 2½d RATE TO THE U.S.A.



Envelope to Boston bearing a vertical block of ten examples making up the full rate cancelled by the Hamilton c.d.s. for JA 6 1911.



Advertising envelope to Detroit bearing a horizontal block of ten making up the full rate cancelled by the Hamilton c.d.s. for JA 28 1911.



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OVERSEAS MAIL - 2½d RATE TO U.S.A.

COMBINATION FRANKING



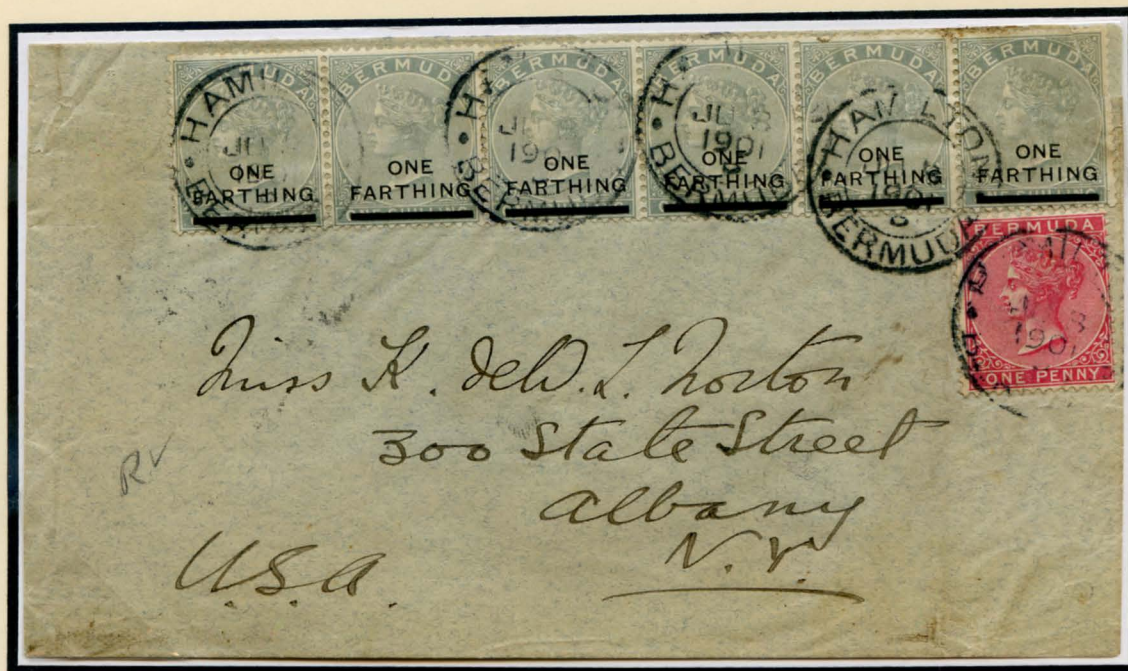
Advertising envelope to Connecticut bearing a block of four together with a pair of the ¼d "dock" type and a 1d "ship" type making up the correct rate. Adhesives cancelled by the Hamilton c.d.s. for 25 MAR 1911.



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OVERSEAS MAIL - 2½d RATE TO THE USA.



Envelope to New York bearing a strip of six of the ¼d together with a single QV 1d making up the rate.  
Adhesives cancelled by the Hamilton c.d.s. for JU 8 1901



Envelope to New Jersey  
bearing a pair of the ¼d together  
with a pair of the 1d Dock type.  
Adhesives cancelled by  
WARWICK WEST  
c.d.s. for DE 2 1902.



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REGISTERED OVERSEAS MAIL - 3d RATE TO EUROPE



Registered postcard to Berlin bearing a block of four of the 1/4d together with two QV 1/2d green and a single 1d Dock type making up the 2d registration and the 1d postage. The adhesives cancelled by the Hamilton c.d.s. for AP 29 1903. London oval Registered transit datestamp and Berlin receiving handstamp for 15 MY 03.



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PRINTED MATTER - 1/2d RATE



Envelope to U.S.A. bearing a pair of the 1/4d to pay the rate.  
Cancelled at St Georges DE 15 1906.



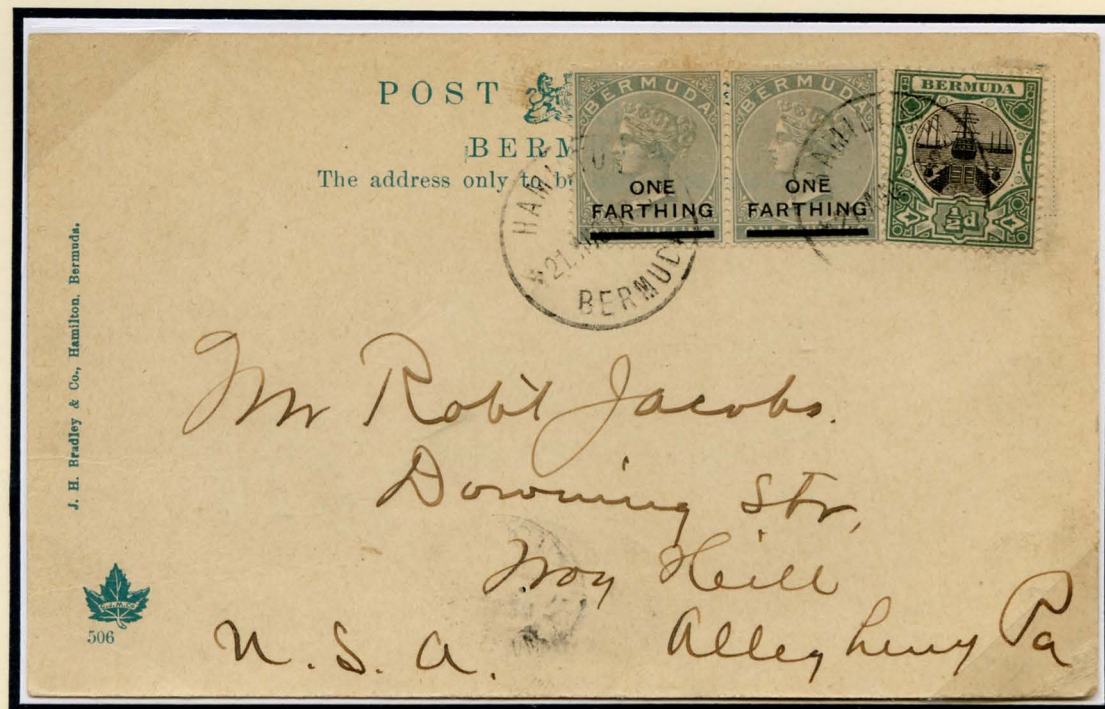
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OVERSEAS POSTCARD - 1d RATE



1/2d Formula Postcard bearing two additional 1/4d making up the 1d rate. Addressed to The Admiralty, London and cancelled by Ireland Island c.d.s. for JY 10 1903.



Picture postcard to the U.S.A. bearing a pair of the 1/4d together with a 1/2d dock type making up the 1d rate. Cancelled by a Hamilton c.d.s. for 21 AUG 07.



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INTERNAL REGISTERED MAIL - 4d RATE



Local registered envelope to Hamilton bearing a block of eight of the  $\frac{1}{4}$ d together with single 1d values from the first and second KG V Tercentenary issue making up the correct rate.  
Adhesives cancelled by the Hamilton c.d.s. for MAR 3 34.

Very late use of the  $\frac{1}{4}$ d issue.



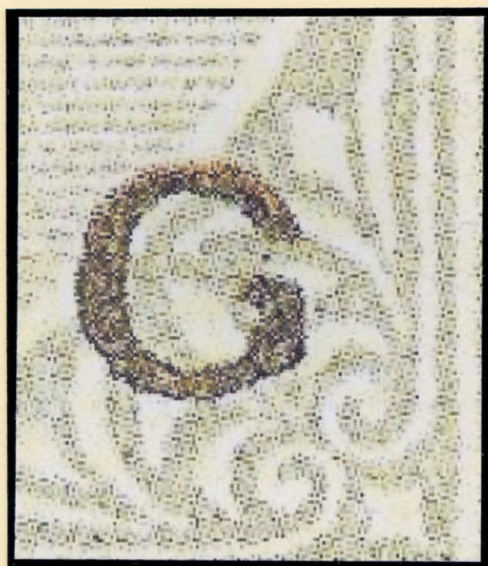
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REGISTERED OVERSEAS MAIL - 3d RATE TO THE WEST INDIES



Registered envelope to Turks Islands bearing twelve examples paying the 2d registration and 1d postage cancelled by the Hamilton c.d.s. for JY 5 1901. Red New York transit registration label. Two adhesives show the row 3/6 "FARTHINC" variety.





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REGISTERED OVERSEAS MAIL - 3d RATE TO THE WEST INDIES



Registered envelopes to Turks Islands each bearing twelve examples paying the 2d registration and 1d postage cancelled by the Hamilton c.d.s. for JY 5 1901. Red New York transit registration label.





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### PHILATELIC USAGE



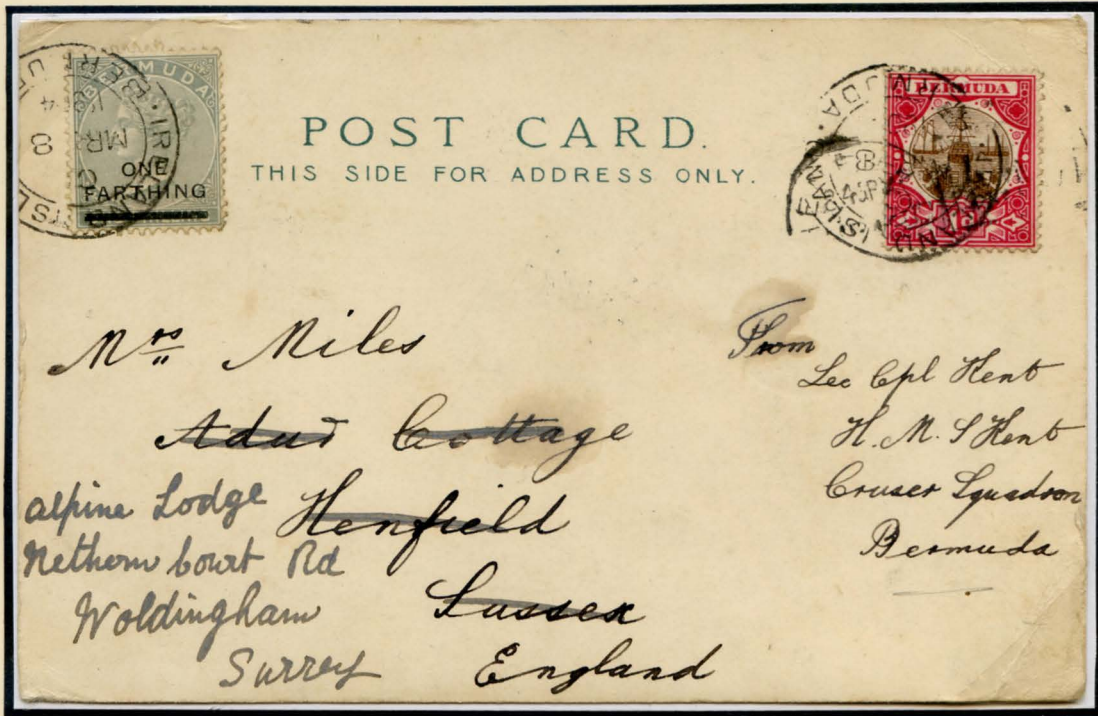
Envelope bearing three blocks of four of the 1/4d each with cut down left sheet margin and cancelled by a Hamilton c.d.s. for JY 18 1905. The local address is likely to have been added at a much later date.



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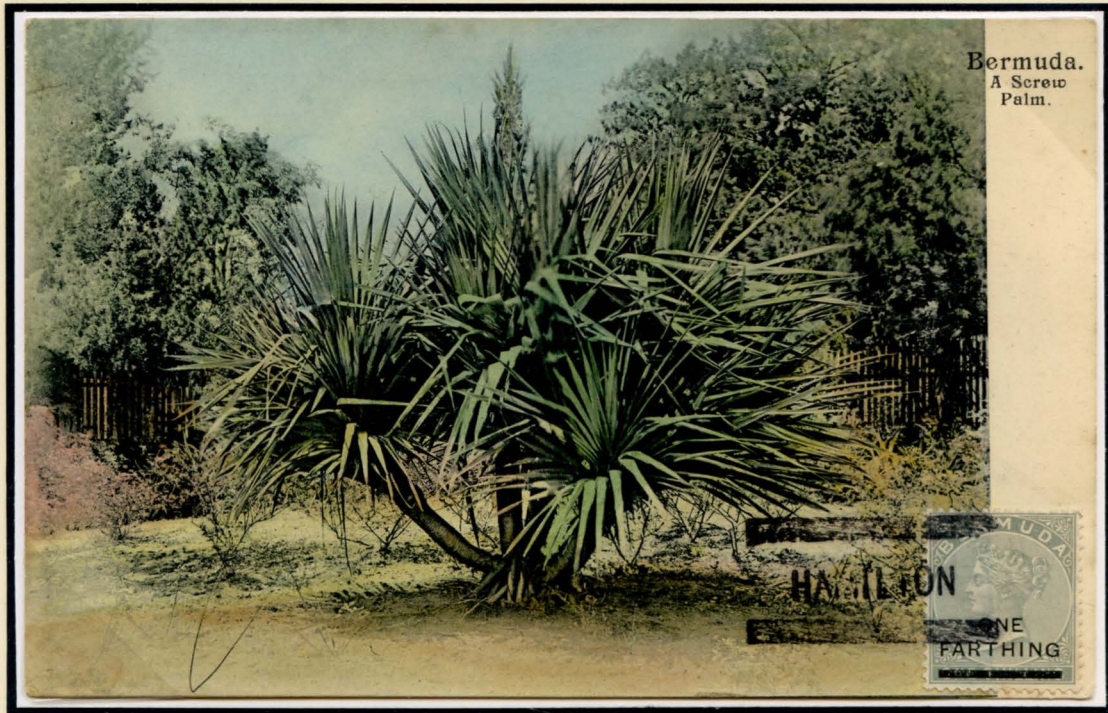
UNUSUAL "SOUVENIR" USAGE



Picture postcard addressed to Sussex bearing a single 1/4d together with a 1d dock type.

Adhesives cancelled by the Ireland Island c.d.s. for MR 8 1904.

Re addressed on arrival the card is also endorsed "From Lec Cpl Kent, H.M.S. Kent, Cruiser Squadron, Bermuda"



Picture postcard addressed to France, though likely not posted.

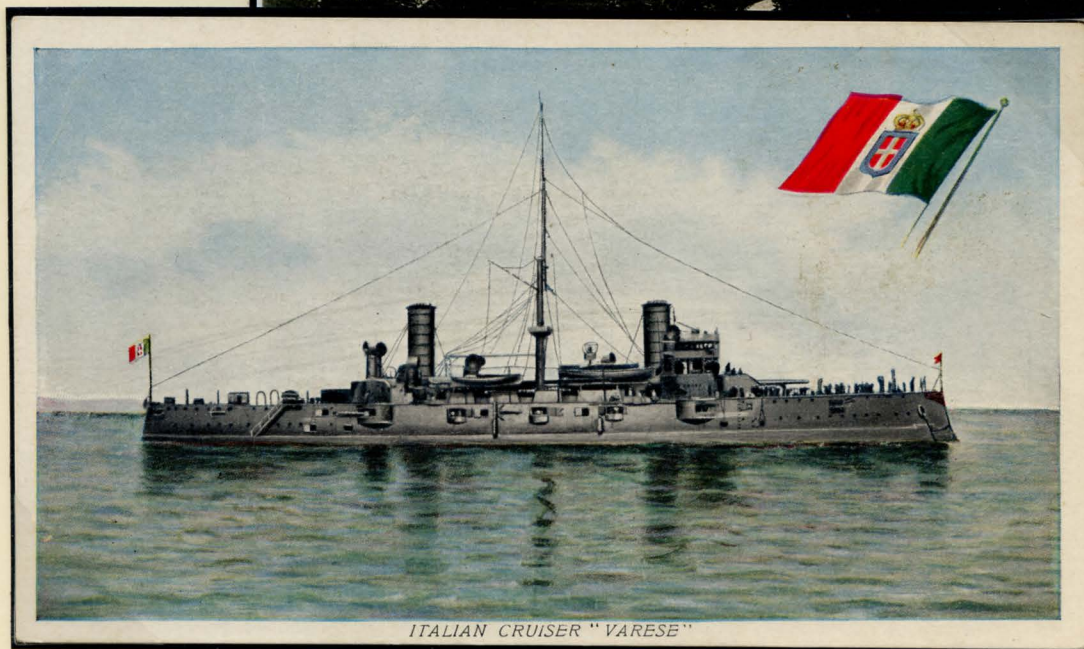
The adhesive cancelled by an unusual Hamilton straight line with bars above and below.



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SOUVENIR POSTCARDS OF A VISIT TO BERMUDA



Picture postcards bearing a single examples cancelled by Ireland Island c.d.s. the date unclear.  
It is thought that these cards were the result of a visit to Bermuda by the  
Italian cruiser "Varese" and they each bear pencil annotation on the reverse made by an Italian sailor.



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## WAR TAX

The cost of the war coupled with the loss of tourist trade made it necessary to raise additional revenues. In 1918, Bermuda joined other British Colonies by introducing a Postal Surtax, a War Tax, of 1d on letters.

The tax was applied on all letters leaving the islands in addition to the normal postage.

The stamps were placed on sale on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1918 and withdrawn on 31<sup>st</sup> December 1920 on cessation of the tax.



De Vinne Overprint  
on red  
Plate 1



De Vinne Overprint  
on rose red  
Plate 1



Ionic Overprint  
on carmine  
Plate 2

There were three printings of the WAR TAX stamps.

The first used the 1d Ship type, first issue, from plate 1 printed in red.

The overprint was applied using De Vinne capitals in one line printed in black.

This first printing comprised 180,000 stamps.

A second printing of the same quantity was made using plate 1, though this was in a rose red shade.

A third and final printing of some 239,000 stamps was made from the existing stamp stock, this being from plate 2 in a carmine shade. The overprint on this issue was in Ionic capitals in black.

All the overprints were typeset by the Bermuda Press.

When the War Tax was abolished the existing overprinted stamps were used for normal postage.



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## WAR TAX - THE FIRST PRINTING



This lower marginal block of 63 shows the impressions doubly printed on the lower row.

Pictured in  
War Tax Stamps  
of the  
British Empire  
by J. Davis.



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## WAR TAX

### THE FIRST PRINTING



Doubly printed at top



Lower impressions doubly printed at foot.



Overprint to left.



Forgery  
TAX omitted



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## WAR TAX

### THE THIRD PRINTING



Deep shade



Slurred to double print on three stamps at lower right.



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WAR TAX - FIRST PRINTING

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.



W. J. Wilson  
18 Livingstone Road,  
Handsworth,  
Birmingham,  
England.



POST OFFICE,  
BERMUDA.

Pre - printed O.H.M.S. registered envelope to Birmingham bearing 1d and 2d "Ship" types paying the 2d registration and the 1d postage. The envelope also bears an example of the first type WAR TAX overprint to pay the surtax as applicable. The adhesives cancelled by a Hamilton c.d.s. for 15 NOV 1918 the envelope also shows the circular "P.C. - BERMUDA" censor handstamp



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WAR TAX

THE FIRST PRINTING

REGISTERED MAIL TO THE U.K.



Registered envelope to London bearing six 1/2d "Ship" types paying the 2d registration and 1d postage together with the first type WAR TAX overprint applied to pay the surtax as applicable. Adhesives cancelled 29 DEC 1919.



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WAR TAX

THE FIRST PRINTING

MAIL TO CANADA



Envelope to Manitoba bearing two 1/2d "Ship" types paying the 1d postage together with the first type WAR TAX overprint applied to pay the surtax as applicable. Adhesives cancelled by "BAILEYS · BAY" c.d.s. for JA 3 1920.



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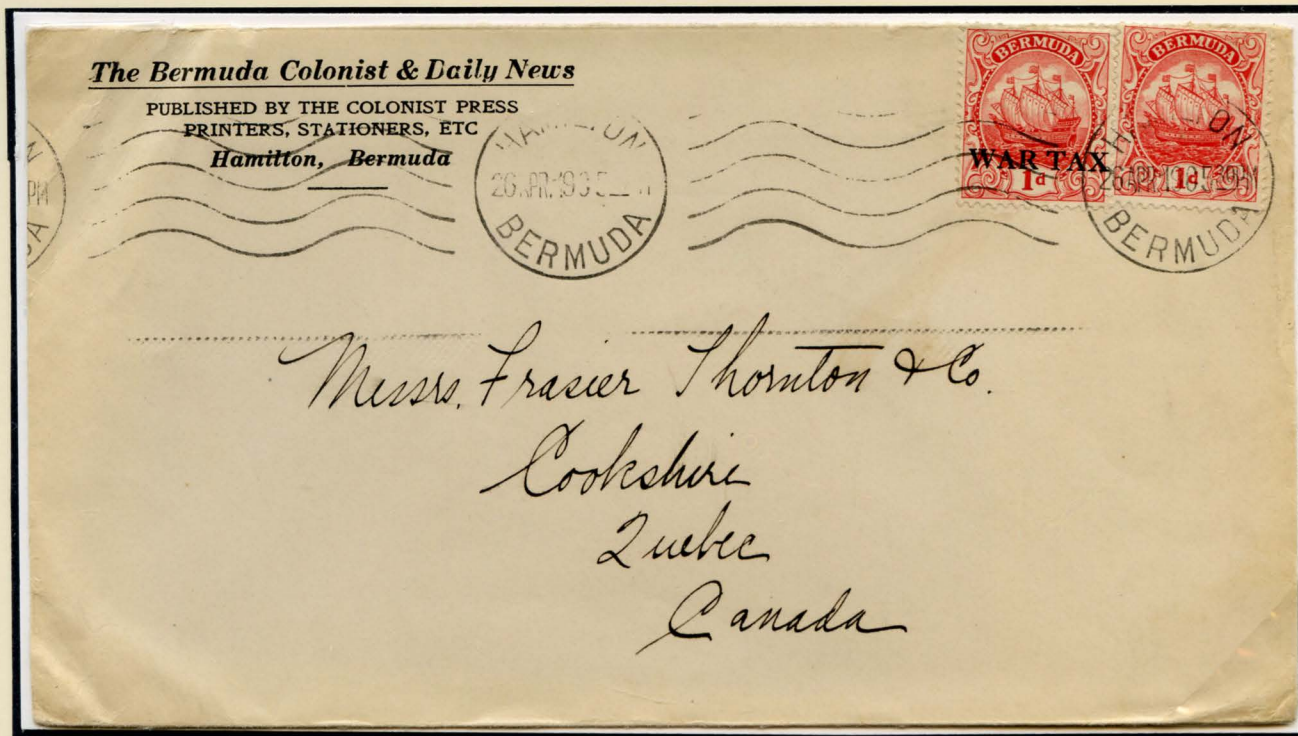
WAR TAX

THE FIRST PRINTING

MAIL TO CANADA



Envelope to Nova Scotia bearing 1d "Ship" type to pay the postage with the first type WAR TAX overprint to pay the surtax as applicable. Cancelled Hamilton 6 OC 1919.



Advertising envelope to Quebec bearing a 1d "Ship" type to pay the postage together with the first type WAR TAX overprint to pay the surtax as applicable. Cancelled Hamilton 26 APR 1919.

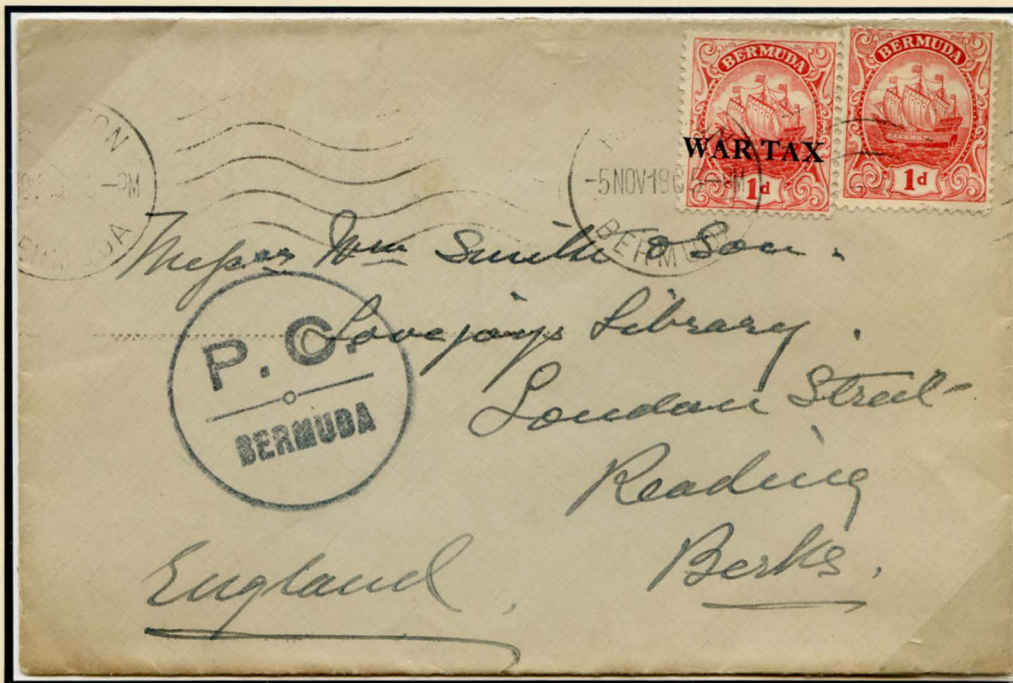


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THE FIRST PRINTING

MAIL TO THE U.K.



Envelope to Reading bearing 1d "Ship" type to pay the postage together with the first type WAR TAX overprint applied to pay the surtax as applicable.

Adhesives cancelled 5 NOV 1918.

Circular "P.C. - BERMUDA" censor handstamp on front in black.



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WAR TAX

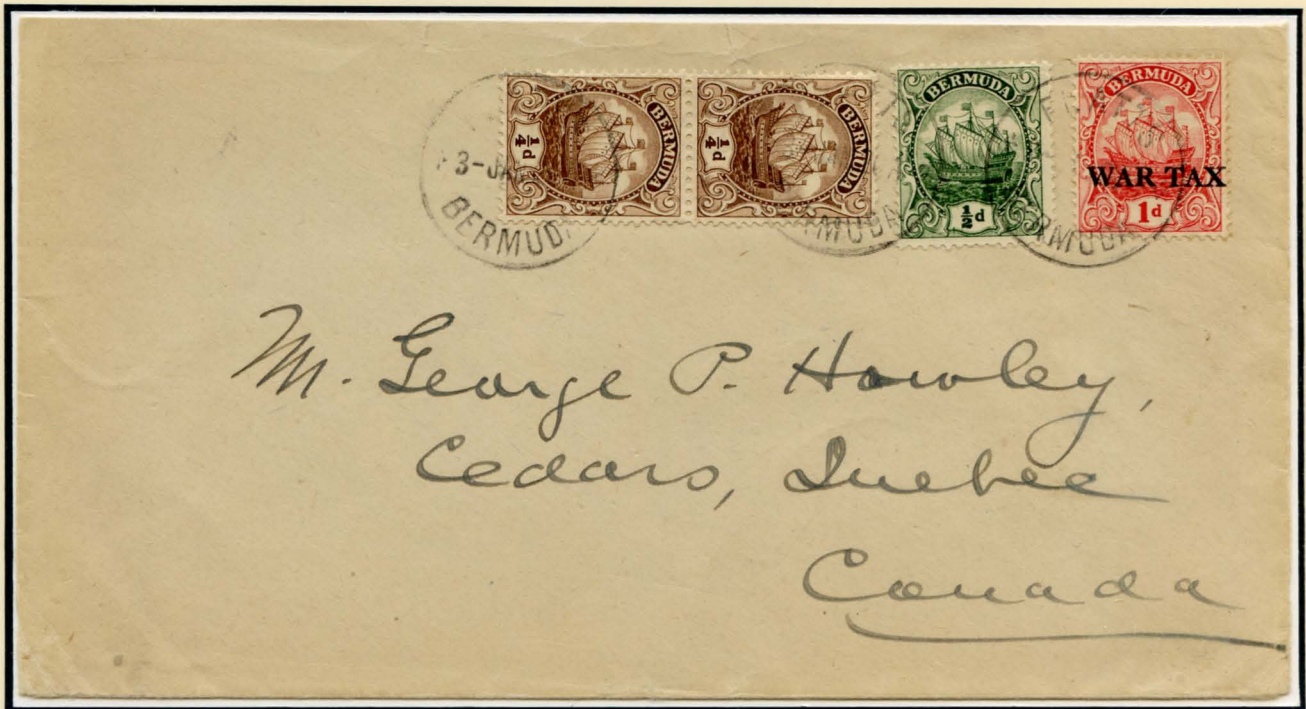
THE FIRST PRINTING

MAIL TO THE U.K. & CANADA



Envelope to England bearing a pair of  $\frac{1}{4}$ d and a single  $\frac{1}{2}$ d "Ship" type to pay the 1d postage together with a pair of the first type WAR TAX overprint applied which would seem to overpay the surtax of 1d. Adhesives cancelled 23 JUL 1918.

Circular "P.C. - BERMUDA" censor handstamp on front in black.



Envelope to Quebec bearing a pair of the  $\frac{1}{4}$ d and a single  $\frac{1}{2}$ d to pay the postage together with the first type WAR TAX overprint to pay the surtax as applicable.

Cancelled by a "FLATTS" c.d.s. for 3 JAN 1920.



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WAR TAX

THE THIRD PRINTING



Envelope used locally in Hamilton bearing a pair of the second type WAR TAX overprint applied which would seem to pay both the postage and the surtax. Cancelled Hamilton 21 MAR 1918.



O.H.M.S. envelope to England bearing a 1d "Ship" type to pay the postage together with the second type WAR TAX overprint to pay the surtax as applicable.

Cancelled by at Hamilton 4 NOV 1920.

Re addressed on arrival to Oxford apparently without additional postage being applied.



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## WAR TAX

### THE FIRST PRINTING

#### REGISTERED MAIL TO CANADA



Registered envelopes to Toronto each bearing a 3d "Ship" type together with the WAR TAX first issue in a block of four, a pair and a single all cancelled by the St. Georges c.d.s. for AUG 1918. The envelopes, almost identical, also show on the front the triangular purple handstamp "PASSED - POSTAL - CENSOR BERMUDA"



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## WAR TAX

THE FIRST PRINTING

LATE PHILATELIC USE



Envelope to London bearing the 1d value from the 1935 King George V Jubilee issue together with a WAR TAX first issue both cancelled by the Hamilton c.d.s. for 20 OCT 1936.



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WAR TAX

THE THIRD PRINTING

LOCAL MAIL



Envelope addressed to Harrington Sound bearing a pair of 1/4d and a single 1/2d "Ship" type making up the 1d postage for an inland letter and additionally bearing a block of four of the third printing WAR TAX.

The adhesives cancelled by a crisp Hamilton c.d.s. for 21 OCT 1920.

Used in the correct period for the addition of a single WAR TAX stamp there appears to be no reason for the three extra examples. Perhaps the sender wanted to donate more to the war effort?.



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## WAR TAX

### THE THIRD PRINTING

REGISTERED MAIL TO THE U.S.A.



Registered envelope to Milwaukee bearing single ½d, 1d and 3d

“Ship” type making up the correct rate, 4½d, for a registered letter to the U.S.A.

The envelope also bears a block of four of the third printing WAR TAX.

The adhesives cancelled by HARRINGTON SOUND c.d.s.’s for AP 21 1920.

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