

BERMUDA 1920-1923

On the 1st August 1620 the first Bermuda Government was formed. In the late 1920's the government decided to celebrate this event by producing a commemorative stamp issue.

A dispute between the Executive Council of the Government and the Governor arose as to the design of the stamp. The Governor General Sir James Willcocks designed his own stamp which was entirely different from the Council's design. After a bitter dispute, with neither side giving way it was agreed that there would be two separate issues. The Governor's design was the first issue in 1920 and the Council's in 1921

The purpose of this exhibit is to show the following:

The postal rates at this time which were:-

1d for local mail, mail to Great Britain and Commonwealth countries

2 1/2d for mail to USA and foreign countries

2d Registration fee

These rates were for half ounce in weight with an extra charge of the same amount per half ounce

The use of the stamps with single stamps of each issue, the stamps of both issues used together and used with other definitive stamps to show the different types in use at that time.

In addition the exhibit displays

Mail from small villages

The different coloured inks used for cancellations

Military mail

Swedish Naval mail

Postage due mail



Local mail from Harrington Sound to St Georges

Type H9b cds dated 11 Feb 21

This cds was introduced on 1 Jan 1921

1920 MAIL

This page shows the definitive Caraval stamps that were in use prior to the Tercentenary Commemorative stamps being issued on 11th November 1920

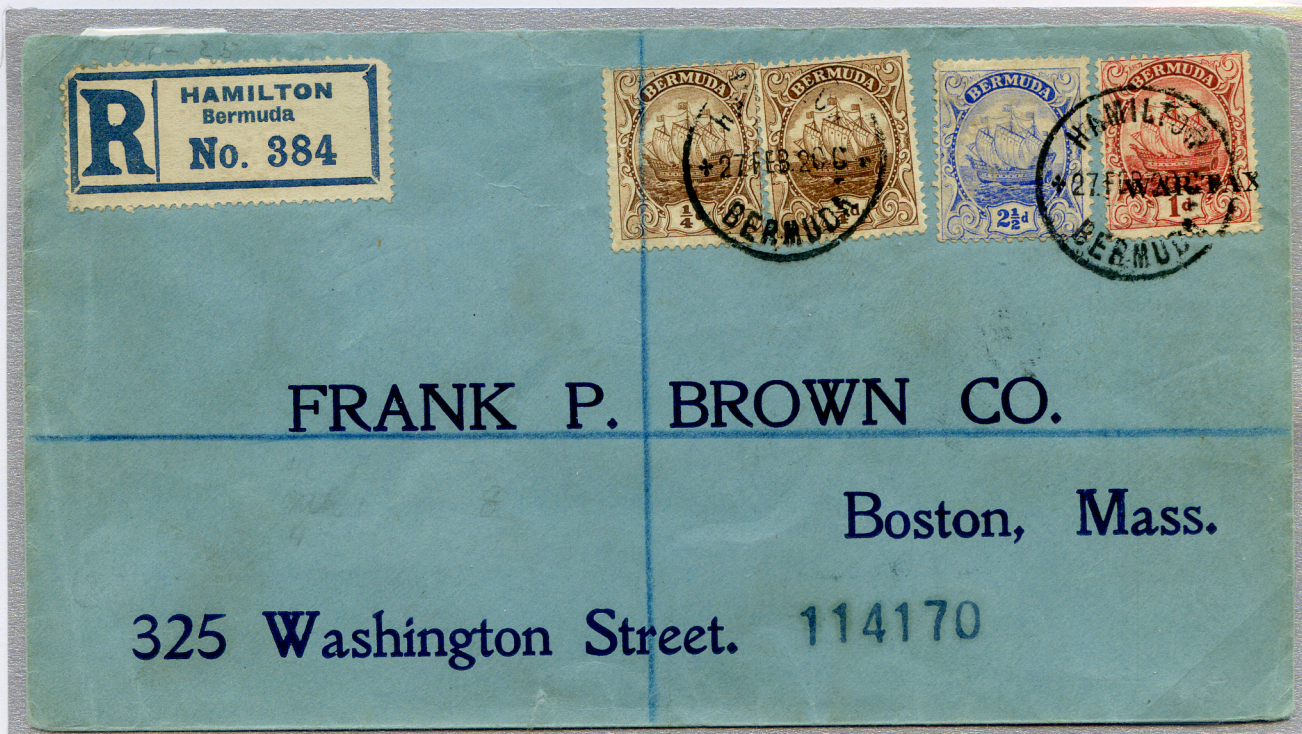
The Caraval stamps remained on sale when the Tercentenary stamps were issued which, at times, resulted in a combination of both issues being used together

MAIL TO USA

REGISTERED MAIL

FROM HAMILTON

FOUR PENCE RATE



Hamilton Type H9 cancel 27 Feb 20

The correct rate for registered mail to USA was 4½d being 2d½ postage and 2d registration fee
At first sight it appears that this cover was understamped by One Penny

The WAR TAX overprint was introduced as a result of The Postal Surtax Act 1918
which required a War Tax stamp of One Penny to be added to the normal postal rate

These stamps were required up to 1st January 1921 and thereafter could be used as normal postage stamps

At the date of this letter the War Tax stamp did not count towards postage
The cover was therefore understamped by Two Pence

FIRST ISSUE

HAMILTON

1921



To USA with Hamilton Type H9 cds dated 11FEB 21. This postmark is not known used after Feb 21

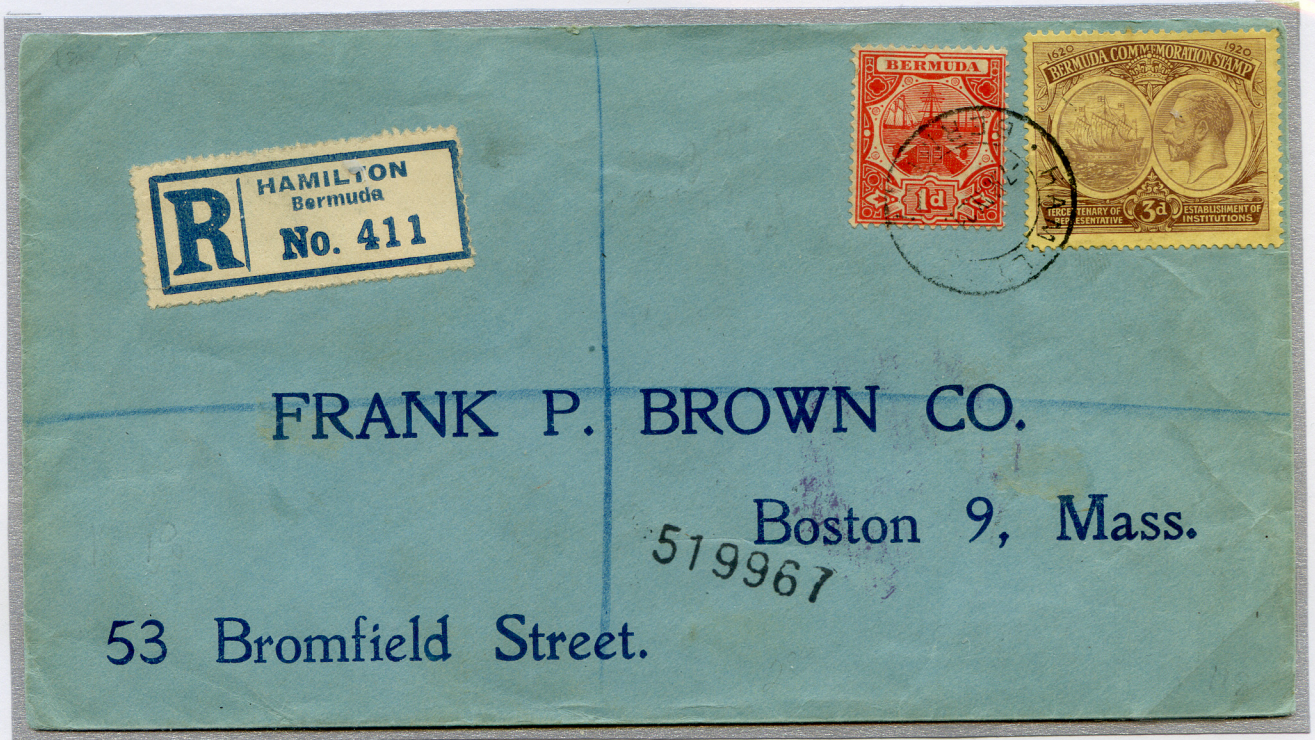


To Switzerland with Hamilton Type H8 cds dated 2 FEB 21



Registered mail from Hamilton P.O. Overweight letter being 3 times normal rate plus 2d registration fee





Hamilton Type H 8 cancel dated 7 May 21 with unusual combination of a 1d Dock stamp of the May 1908 issue but still valid and 3d 1st issue Tercentenary stamp. Under stamped by 1/2d



A USA postal stationery pre cancelled in USA with Hamilton Type H 9 dated 8 Sep 21

COMBINATION COVERS



Hamilton Type H9 cancel dated 6 Dec 1920 on pair of 1d First Issue stamps with Halfpenny Caraval stamp added to make the correct postal rate



Hamilton Type H8 cancel dated 12 Aug 1920 with One Farthing and 1d stamps of 1st issue and the same combination of values of the 2nd issue

REGISTERED MAIL

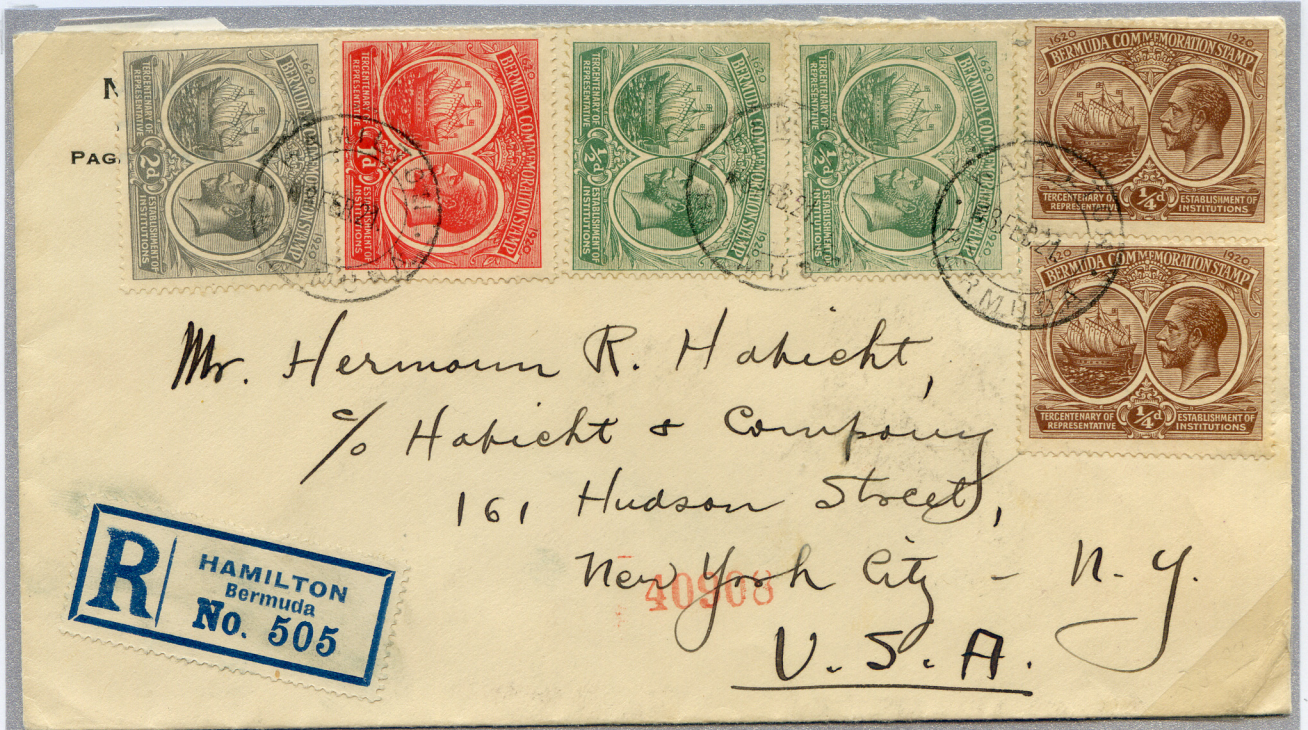
1st ISSUE 5d RATE

FROM HAMILTON

1921



Hamilton Type H7 (24mm) cds dated 27Ap 21. Block of 4 not often seen on commercial mail



Same cancel as above using pair of 1/4d, 1/2d and 1d and 2d making up the 5d rate

MAIL TO NORTH AMERICA

ONE PENNY RATE

FROM HAMILTON

TO NEWFOUNDLAND

1st ISSUE

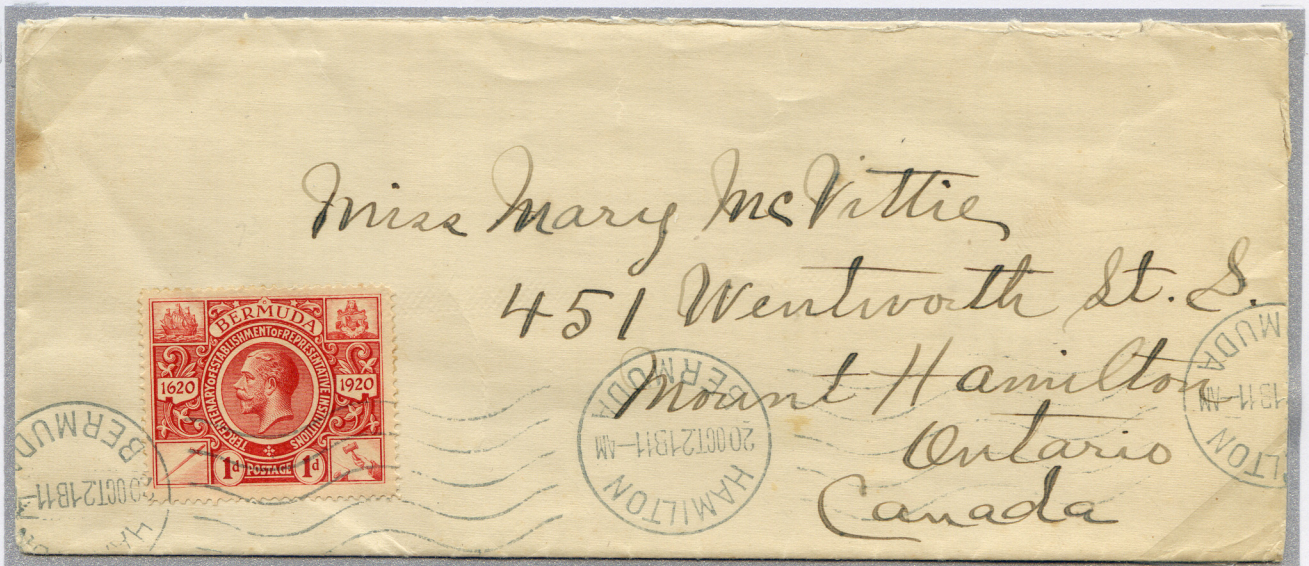


Sent from Hamilton to St Johns with obligatory War Tax stamp
St Johns receiving back stamp dated DE 31 20

FROM HAMILTON

TO CANADA

2nd ISSUE



One penny 2nd issue Tercentenary stamp with Type M 1 machine cancel for 20 Oct 21

MAIL TO USA

TWO & HALFPENNY RATE

2nd issue Tercentenary stamp on cover

JOHN S. DARRELL & CO.

STEAMSHIP AGENTS AND
COAL MERCHANTS,

ST. GEORGE'S, BERMUDA.



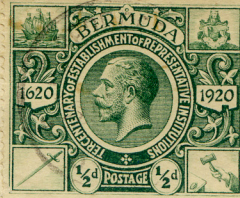
Messrs Simpson, Spence & Young

11 Broadway,

New York,

U. S. A.

To New York with St Georges Type H9 cds dated 22 Apr 22



The Piscilla Publishing Co.

85 Broad Street

Boston.

Mass.

U. S. A.

REGISTERED MAIL TO USA

VILLAGE MAIL

COMBINATION COVER

FOUR & HALFPENNY RATE

FROM FLATTS



Flatts Type H9 cancel 25 July 1921

FROM HARRINGTON SOUND

2nd ISSUE



LOCAL MAIL
ONE PENNY RATE

HAMILTON

PAGET



Hamilton 1st Type Machine cancel (M1A) dated 6 MR 22

POSTCARD

ST GEORGES

1923



Postcard of St Georges Hotel to USA. St Georges Type H9 cds dated 3 MAY 23

TYPE M1A MACHINE CANCEL

PURPLE

This cancel was used for a 3 week period from 4.2.1921 to 25.2.1921

EARLIEST RECORDED DATE



Sent from Hamilton on 4th Feb 1921 to USA at correct postal rate of 2½d.

LATEST RECORDED DATE



Sent locally from Hamilton on 25th Feb 1921 to St Georges at correct postal rate of 1d

POSTAGE DUE MARK

FROM USA

TO HAMILTON

DUE MARK 2

This small double oval mark was used from c.1901



Sent from Brooklyn on 11th Feb 1921 to a guest at the Hamilton Hotel
 Underpaid it was given an American T NY 30 centimes mark
 On arrival a purple Bermuda postage Due 3d applied

At this time the type M1a machine cancel was in use in purple.
 This was applied to back of cover dated 14th Feb 1921

The Purple Postage due mark was not recorded by Ludington or Proud
To date no other cover with the Purple Postage Due mark has been recorded

REVERSE OF COVER (reduced to 75%)

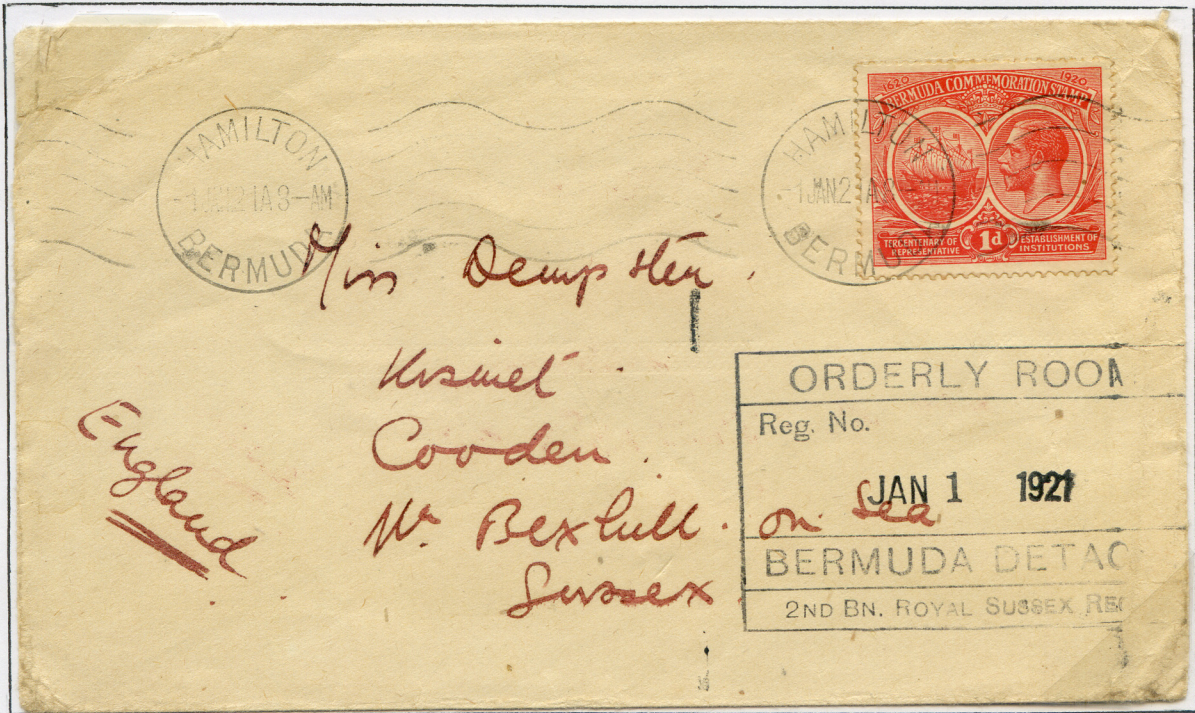


MAIL TO ENGLAND

MILITARY MAIL

FROM HAMILTON

ONE PENNY RATE



1st Jan 1921 cover to Sussex with One Penny first issue Tercentenary stamp
with Type M1 machine cancel.

CACHET

ORDERLY ROOM
JAN 1 1921
BERMUDA DETACH
2nd BN ROYAL SUSSEX REGT

This regiment was stationed in Bermuda between 1919 to 1921

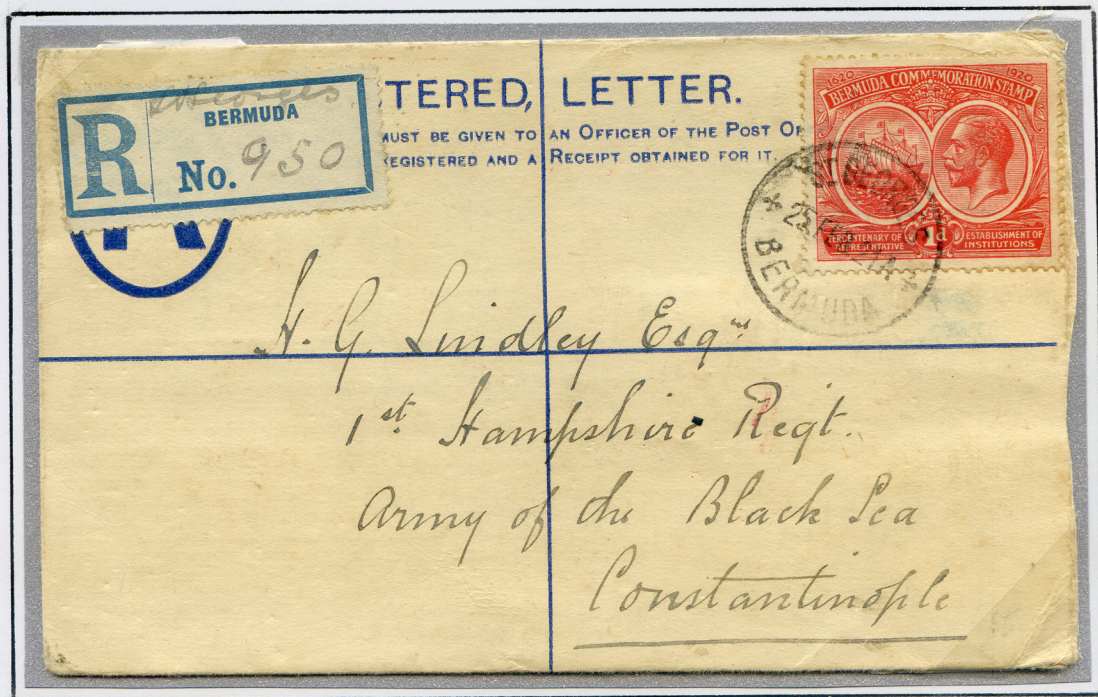
MAIL TO TURKEY

MILITARY MAIL

FROM ST GEORGES

THREE PENCE RATE

REGISTERED MAIL



A 2d Postal Stationery Envelope with a 1d Tercentenary stamp added to make up the 3d rate

**Posted at St Georges on 25 Feb 21. Addressed to a member of the 1st Hampshire Regiment
It was routed via London with red transit backstamp dated 10 MR 21. No other backstamps**

HISTORY

***On 30 March 1921 the regiment was sent to Turkey to implement the Treaty of Sevres
This treaty was a peace settlement for the Ottoman Empire following World War 1
The Regiment arrived at Constantinople On 9 April 1921. Their mission was
to keep the peace and support the treaty in an area of civilian unrest***

MAIL TO EUROPE

TO SWEDEN

FROM ST. GEORGES

TWO & HALF PENCE RATE



Sent by a sailor on the Swedish barque "Taifum" (Typhoon in English) berthed at St Georges
Posted 17th Jan 1921. Stockholm backstamp 6th Feb
Sent at the correct postal rate for mail to Europe

DRAWING OF SHIP ON ENCLOSURE

