

BRITISH GUIANA

POSTAL RATES OF BRITISH GUIANA 1858 – 1879

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British Guiana issued locally produced postage stamps on 1 July 1850; however they were not allowed to be used to prepay letters on overseas mail. The local postmaster had two functions; namely that as Colonial Postmaster looking after internal postal affairs and that as a British Packet Agent for the British Post Office, who insisted they control overseas mails from the UK to and from or via its colonies.

From 1858 British postage stamps could be used on overseas letters, from British Guiana, cancelled by the 'A03' Demerara obliterator or 'A04' Berbice obliterator. Two obliterator-types of each are known, all shipped from the UK in April 1858. With the colony under pressure to produce its own stamps for overseas use, a local PO Notice, stated that on 1 April 1858 all letters for the UK must be paid in advance. Letters posted unpaid after that date were returned to the writer. What generally happened is the BG Gazette advertised unpaid letters requiring prepaid postage. The British postage stamps remained in service until the colony took over this service on 2 May 1860.

However with a change of heart, the British Post Office (BPO) which had managed the postal service for its colonies for centuries, sought in the late-1850s to transfer its postal powers and expense to their colonial territories. Consequently in 1859 Anthony Trollope was sent from the British Post Office as Post Office Surveyor to the West Indies, Demerara and Berbice, to 'persuade' the authorities to establish their own colonial post office with the ability to use their stamps for overseas letters. The venture would be financed from the increasing sale of postage stamps, as more and more people were becoming educated, and able to read and write.

During his visit to British Guiana in February and March 1859, Trollope also advised the BPO that it was no longer viable to call at Berbice (New Amsterdam) with its own Packet letters, but instead to make up a mail-bag labelled Berbice and send this direct to Demerara (Georgetown) where the mail was to be forwarded internally. This was carried out from late-1859.

On 1 April 1860 control of British West Indian post offices officially transferred to their respective local authorities, but not the Packet Service, which remained under the control of the UK.

The British Guiana postal authority took over the running of its internal postal system on Monday, 2 May 1860 and the Colonial Post Office came into operation, managing its own affairs. Any GB stamps unused after this date could be returned to the post office by 20 May 1860 for a full refund. British Guiana stamps for the first time were allowed to prepay overseas mail to the UK and the British West Indies. The initial UK letter rate was set at 12c (6d) per ½ ounce. However the running of this service was still with the BPO who controlled both Demerara and Berbice Packet letter offices, until circa July 1860.

The current BG inland letter rate of 4c per ½oz was initially added to the cost of the Packet Letter going overseas, but this was soon abolished by an Ordinance dated 17 May 1860.

It was necessary therefore for the colony to order its own postage stamps which could make up the denominations for local, regional and overseas postal rates. For example a letter to USA was currently charged at 10c (5d), to the UK 12c (6d) and to France 16c (8d). With this in mind the colony ordered its postage stamps, which arrived at Georgetown on 23 June and 7 July 1860.

The six values of 1c rose, 2c orange, 4c blue, 8c brownish-rose, 12c lilac and 24c green were issued to the public in the first week of July.

From the date that British Guiana started running its own postal service, mail going abroad, either paid or unpaid, had to be accounted for. A register was kept of each letter and "rate markings" were generally applied in red. The accountancy-marks of 1860 were firstly applied on the letter in manuscript, but the following year handstamps showing the amount credited to the British Post Office were in operation, whereby both methods

continued in use until the colony joined the General Postal Union (GPU) on 1 April 1877 (later known as the Universal Postal Union). Each accountancy mark was normally applied in red crayon or ink.

The agreed accountancy markings on the letter, first applied in manuscript then via handstamp were follows; Br Guiana packet letter to GB paid 12c (6d), was 2c (1d) to Br Guiana, 4d to GB sea rate, 1d to GB administration. A ship letter at 6c (3d), was 1½d to Br Guiana, 1½d to GB. A printed paper rate or newspaper rate of 2c (1d) from British Guiana to UK would be charged 1d (in red) the full postage cost credited to UK, the colony nothing.

Britain did not ask for overseas contributions from its colonies until 1864, when a loss on the year's postal accounts was over £87,000. Further agreements on overseas postage between Britain and British Guiana followed and were agreed using accountancy rules, until 1 April 1877 when British Guiana joined the GPU and adopted a uniform postal rate system for overseas mails. By September 1881, all the British West Indies had joined the UPU.

POSTAL RATES, INLAND, 1858-1879

3 January 1860 Inland letter rate made 4c per ½ oz. Newspapers and printed matter at 1c. Registration Fee at 12c.
13 May 1863 Inland letter rate as before. City Post for Georgetown and New Amsterdam set at 2c per ½ oz.
1 February 1866 Registration Fee reduced to 8c (4d)
1 July 1872 Inland letter rate made 2c per ½ oz.
1 April 1877 British Guiana joins the GPU, later UPU.
14 June 1878 City Post for Georgetown and New Amsterdam set at 1c per ½ oz. Free post to / from Gov. Secretary
1879 (Br. Guiana Handbook) Inland Postage. Letters are 2 cents for every ½ ounce. Letters posted in Georgetown for Georgetown, and letters posted in New Amsterdam for delivery in New Amsterdam are 1 cent for every ½ ounce. Newspapers and Prices Current, 1c each. Book Packets and Trade Patterns, 1c for first 4 ounces, and 2c for every additional 4 ounces.

POSTAL RATES, WEST INDIES REGION, 1858-1879

1840 Letter rate Br Guiana to BWI charged by weight, not the number of sheets; 8c or 4d (0-½ oz), 1/- (½-1 oz), 2/- (1-2 oz), and 1/- for each additional ounce part.

POSTAL RATES, OVERSEAS, 1858-1879

23 MARCH 1854 (BPO NOTICE NO. 15 OF 1854) Letter rate UK to BWI and British Guiana at 12c or 6d (0-½ oz), 1/- (½-1 oz), 2/- (1-2 oz), and each 1/- for each additional ounce part. Letter prepaid or unpaid. Same rate for Ship or Packet Letter.
11 May 1858 Packet letter rate UK to BWI and British Guiana at 12c or 6d (0-½oz) had to pay the inland ate as the Local stamps were not yet valid for overseas postage. Abolished on 17 May 1860 by local Ordinance. Registration Fee 12c (6d)
2 May 1860 British Guiana took over the Packet letter service using its own postage stamps. To UK 12c (6d) as before, France 16c (8d) previously 14c (7d) and USA 10c (5d) previously 8c (4d). Registration Fee 12c (6d)
1 April 1863 (BPO Notice No. 8 of 1863) Ship letter rate to the UK and BWI reduced from 12c to 6c (3d) per ½ oz.
1 February 1866 Registration fee reduced for overseas 8c (4d)
1 April 1877 British Guiana joined the GPU, later UPU. Uniform letter rate by Packet or Ship Letter at 12c (6d) per ½ oz. Letters to non-UPU countries cost more. Printed Papers, prices Current, Patterns at 2d per 2 oz. Newspapers 2c (1d) per 4 oz. Registration Fee 8c (4d)
1879 (T&H Br. Guiana Handbook)
Inland Postage. Letters are 2 cents for every ½ ounce. Letters posted in Georgetown for Georgetown, and letters posted in New Amsterdam for delivery in New Amsterdam are 1 cent for every ½ ounce. Newspapers and Prices Current, 1c each. Book Packets and Trade Patterns, 1c for first 4 ounces, and 2c every additional 4 ounces.

Overseas European Postage. Letters are 4d for each ½ ounce. Newspapers 1d each. Commercial Documents are 2½d up to 4 ounces, and 1d for every additional 2 ounces. Book Packets and Trade Patterns, 1d for every 2 ounces. Prices Currents are 1d each. Correspondence for all parts of Europe is forwarded by RMSF steamers leaving Georgetown on 5th or 6th and 25th of each month. By French Packet, leaving 5th of each month. By private steamers of the 'Direct London Line' and 'Glasgow Line' to Plymouth, once or twice a month.

Overseas West Indies Postage. Letters are 4d each ½ ounce. Newspapers 1d each. Commercial Documents are 2½d up to 4 ounces, and 1d every additional 2 ounces. Book Packets and Trade Patterns are 1d every 2 ounces. Prices Currents are 1d each. Non UPU countries. Letters 6d each ½ ounce. Newspapers 1d each. Book Packets and Trade Patterns are 3d every 4 ounces. Prices Currents are 1d each.

Tortola and San Domingo Postage. Letters 10d each ½ ounce. Newspapers 2d each. Book Packets and Trade Patterns are 4d every 4 ounces. Prices Currents are 2d each.

USA, Canada Postage. Letters 4d each ½ ounce. Newspapers and Prices Currents are 1d each. Commercial Documents 2½d up to 4 ounces, and 1d every additional 2 ounces. Book Packets and Trade Patterns are 1d every 2 ounces.

Central America Postage. Letters 4d each ½ ounce. Newspapers and Prices Currents are 1d each. Commercial Documents are 2½d up to 4 ounces, and 1d every additional 2 ounces. Book Packets and Trade Patterns are 1d every 2 ounces.

South America Postage. Letters 4d each ½ ounce. Newspapers and Prices Currents are 1d each. Commercial Documents 2½d up to 4 ounces, and 1d every additional 2 ounces. Book Packets and Trade Patterns 1d every 2 ounces. New Granada (Colombia) Letters 6d each ½ ounce. Book Packets & Trade Patterns 3d every 4 ounces. Ecuador Letters 1s 6d each ½ ounce. Book Packets and Trade Patterns are 4d every 4 ounces.

Australasia Postage. Letters 9d each ½ ounce. Newspapers and Prices Currents are 1d each. The normal route is via Southampton and Suez Canal, but correspondence can go via San Francisco if so addressed.

POSTAL RATES FOR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS, 1858-1879

- AUGUST 1850 From August 1850 soldiers and sailors had a special rate when prepaid letters with stamps were purchased on board ship charged 1d by Royal Navy Ship. If sent by Private Ship then 1d + 2d master's gratuity was charged. Letters had to be counter-signed on the front of the cover by the Commanding Officer, giving authority for the reduced letter rate.
- 22 September 1867 Officer letters were charged at 6d to any destination.

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INLAND LETTERS

13 MAY 1863, CITY LETTER RATE INTRODUCED 2c per ½oz.

1863, 10 Dec, 2c (1d) city letter rate, Georgetown to Georgetown



A03 obliterator, Demerara (10 Dec).

1864, 20 Feb, 2c (1d) local city rate, Georgetown to Georgetown



A03 obliterator, Demerara (20 Feb).

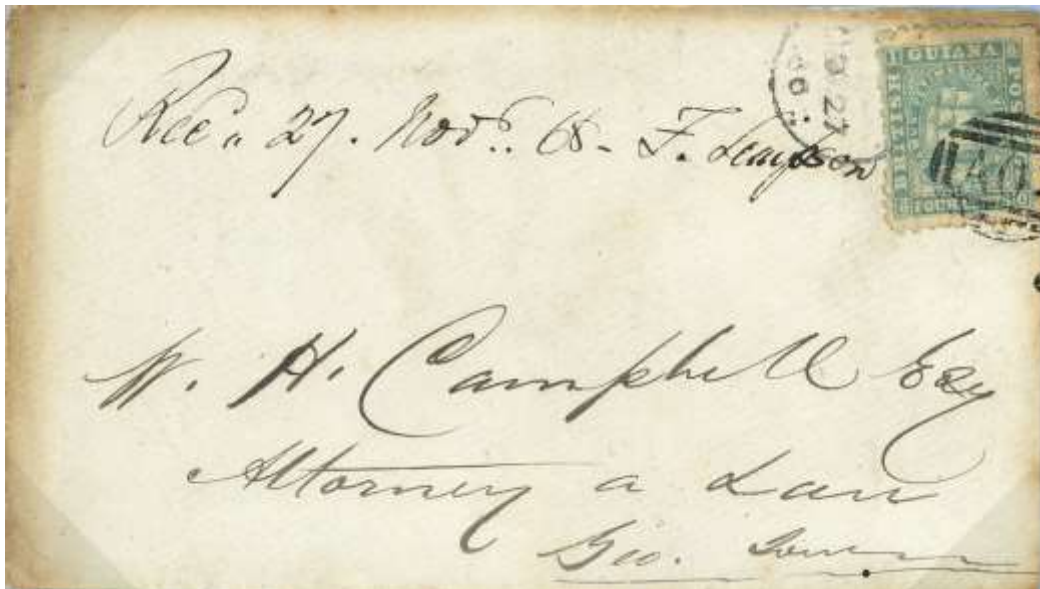
3 JANUARY 1860, INLAND LETTER RATE - 4c per 1/2oz.

1865, 22 Aug, 4c letter, Georgetown to Pln. Sophia Hope, Mahaicony



A03 obliterator, Demerara (22 Aug).

1869, 27 Nov, 4c letter, Railway R code to Georgetown



BG / R Railway (27 Nov), A03 obliterator, Demerara (27 Nov)

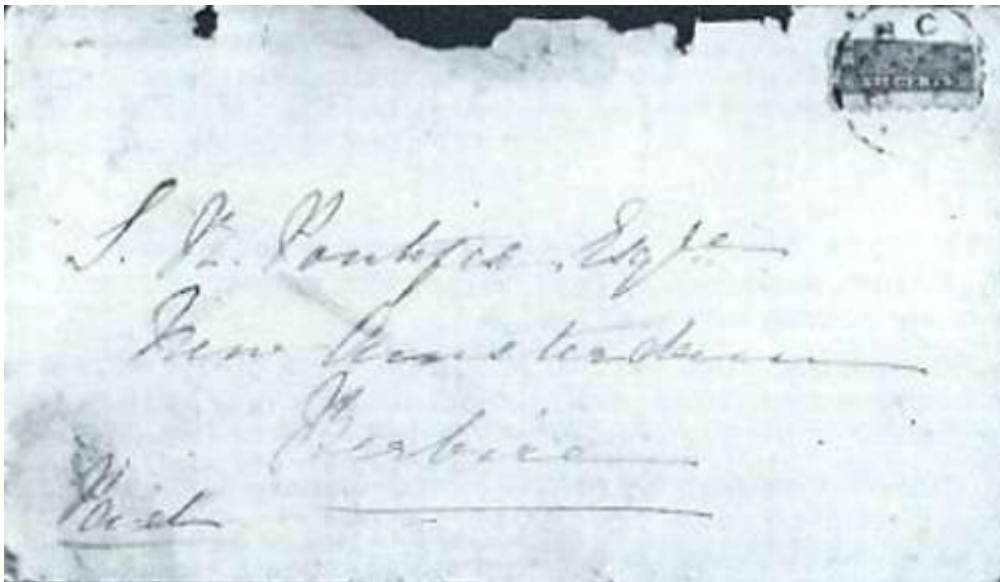
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1871, 25 Jan, 4c letter rate, Georgetown to Pln. Skeldon, Berbice



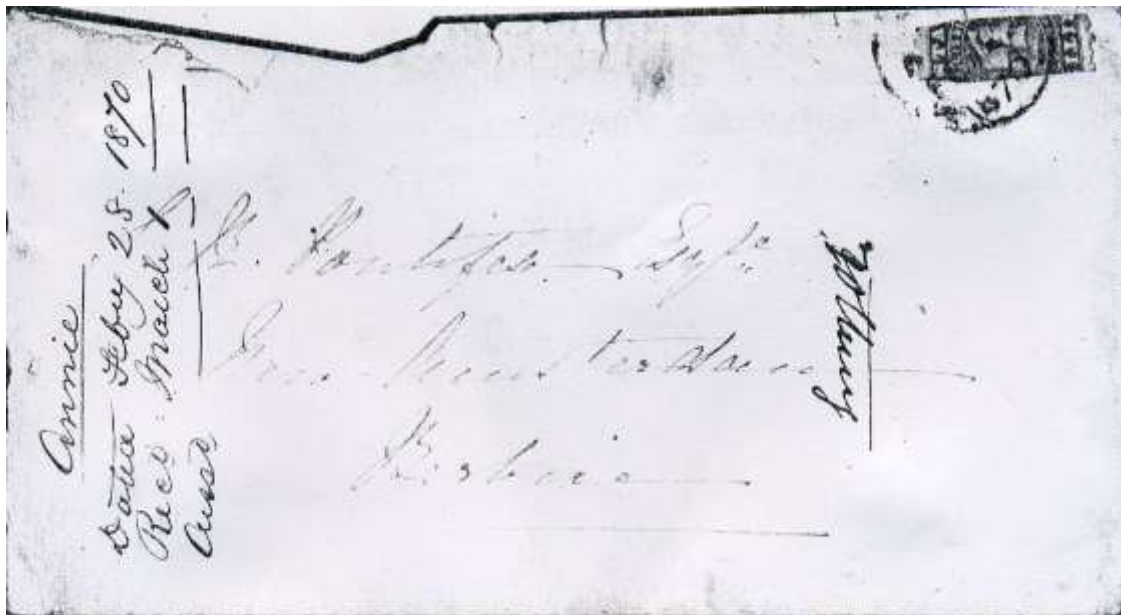
Demerara (25 Jan), Berbice (25 Jan)

1870, 25 Feb, 4c trisected 12c letter, A3C Queenstown to New Amsterdam



A3C (25 Feb), New Amsterdam (- Feb).

1870, 28 February, 4c trisected 12c letter, A3C Queenstown to New Amsterdam



A3C Queenstown (28 Feb), New Amsterdam (1 Mar).

1 JULY 1872, INLAND LETTER RATE REDUCED - 2c per ½oz.

1873, 12 Aug, 2c letter, E3C Buxton to Public Buildings, Georgetown



BG / E3C Buxton (12 Aug), BG / R Railway (12 Aug).

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1874, 18 May, 2c letter, Georgetown via New Amsterdam to Berbice River East Bank



A03 obliterator, Demerara (18 May), New Amsterdam (19 May), BIR Sisters (19 May)
Endorsed "Insp. of Schools"

1874, 14 April, 2c letter rate, Skeldon to New Amsterdam



BG / ECB6 Skeldon (14 Apr), New Amsterdam (14 Apr).

1874, 21 Nov, 2c letter, E6C De Kinderen to Brickdam, Georgetown



BG / E6C De Kinderen (21 Oct), A03 obliterator, Georgetown (21 Nov).

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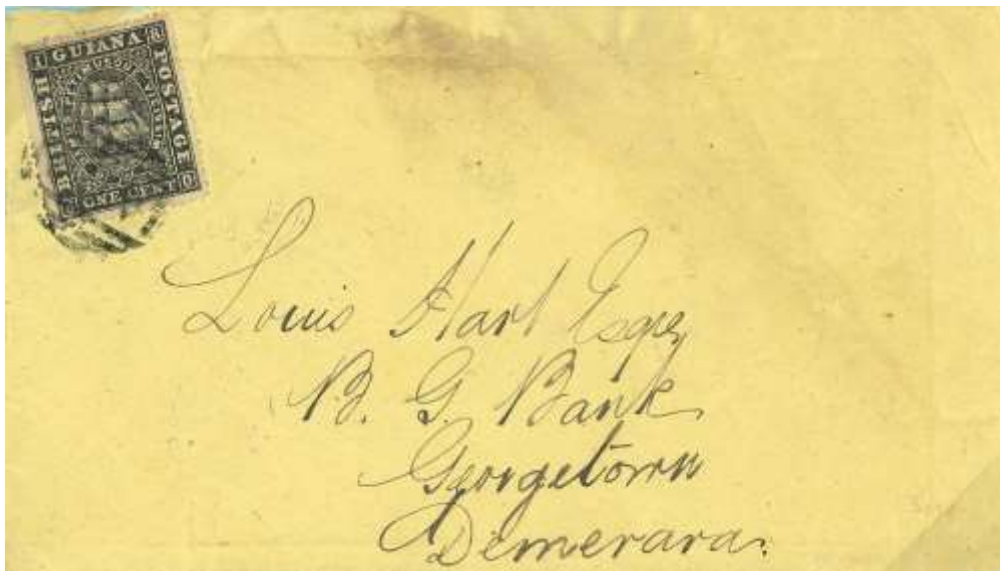
1875, 18 March, 2c (1d) city rate, Georgetown to Georgetown



A03 obliterator, Georgetown (18 Mar).

3 JANUARY 1860, INLAND PRINTED MATTER RATE INTRODUCED - 1c per ½oz.

1875, 30 Sep, 1c printed-matter rate, New Amsterdam to Georgetown



A04 obliterator, Berbice (30 Sep), Georgetown (30 Sep).

1875, 6 Oct, 1c printed-matter wrapper, Georgetown to Georgetown



A03 obliterator, Georgetown (6 Oct).

LETTERS TO UK

11 MAY 1858, GB STAMPS - PACKET LETTER RATE TO UK - 6d

1860, 10 March, GB 6d letter, GB stamp removed, Georgetown via London to Liverpool



A03 obliterator, Demerara (10 Mar), London Paid (31 Mar), Liverpool (1 Apr)
4d to GB sea rate, 2d to GB administration

1860, 8 May, 1/- prepaid double rate letter, Demerara via London to Liverpool



Demerara (8 May), London Paid (27 May), Liverpool (28 May).
"10" red crayon. (4c) 2d to Br Guiana, 8d to GB sea rate, 2d to GB administration

1860, 23 Nov, 6d prepaid single letter, Demerara to London



Demerara (23 Nov), London Paid (13 Dec), Liverpool (14 Dec)
"5" red crayon. (2c) 1d to Br Guiana 4d to GB sea rate, 1d to GB administration

2 MAY 1860 PACKET LETTER RATE TO UK, BR GUIANA STAMPS ALLOWED - 12c (6d)

1860, 7 July, 12c (6d) single rate letter, Georgetown to Stratford, London



A03 obliterator, Georgetown (7 Jul), London Paid (28 Jul).
"1" crossed out, "6" red crayon. 4d to GB sea rate, 2d to GB administration.

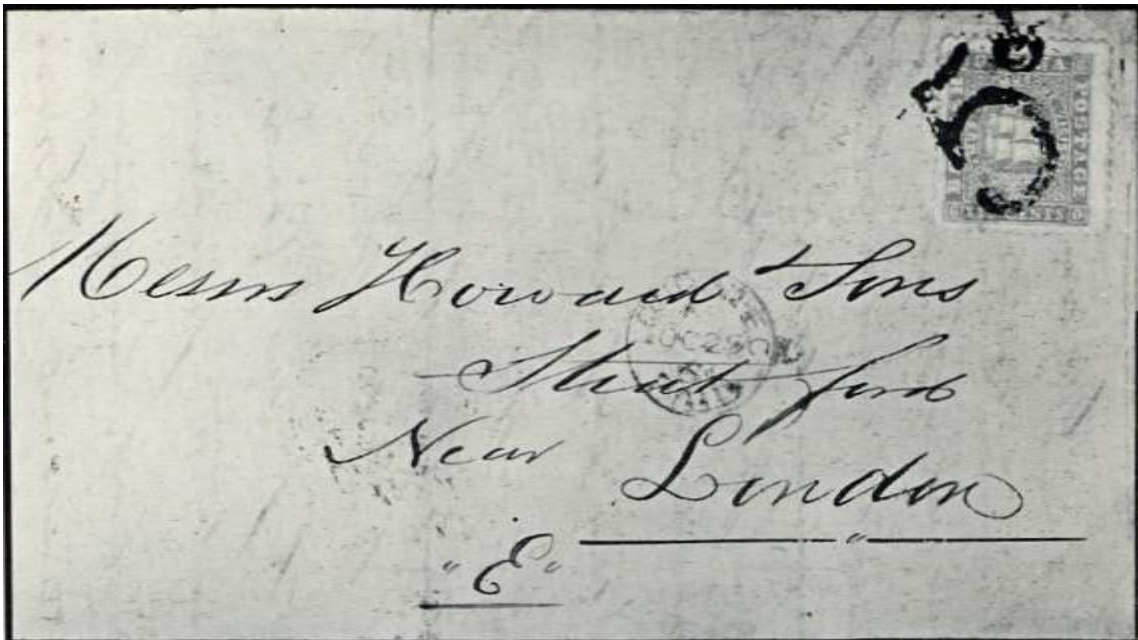
1861, 23 Sep, 1d Soldiers letter, E4C Demerara to Birkenhead, UK

(await photo)

Demerara (23 Sep), Birkenhead (- Oct)

"1" red crayon. GB 1d sea rate.

1861, 8 Oct, 12c (6d) single rate letter, Georgetown to London



Demerara (8 Oct), London Paid (29 Oct).
"5d" in red. 2c (1d) to Br Guiana, 4d to GB sea rate, 1d to GB administration

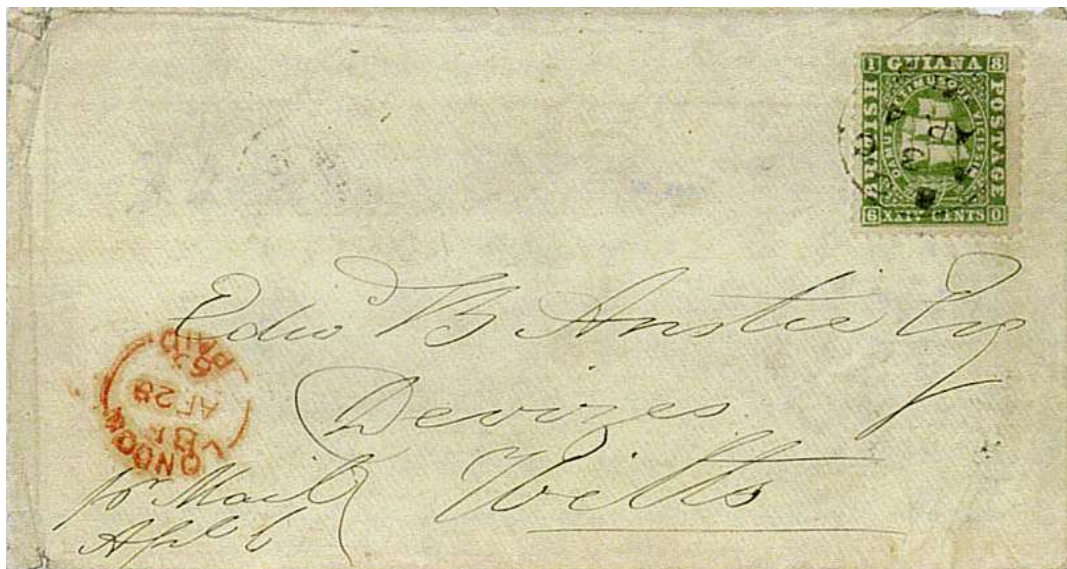
1862, 21 November, 12c (6d) single letter rate, A3C via Georgetown and London to Wiltshire



A3C Queenstown (21 Nov), Demerara (22 Nov), London Paid (14 Dec), Devizes (15 Dec).
4c (1d) to Br Guiana, 4d to GB Sea rate, 1d to GB administration

1 APRIL 1863, PACKET LETTER RATE TO UK, INCREASED - 24c (1/-)

1863, 4 April, 24c (1/-) letter rate, A3C via Demerara and London to Wiltshire, UK



A3C Queenstown (4 Apr), Demerara (4 Apr), London Paid (29 Apr), Devizes (28 Apr)
4c (2d) to Br Guiana, 8d to GB sea rate, 2d to GB administration

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1863, 4 July, 24c (1/-) letter rate, A3C via London to Devizes, Wiltshire, England



A3C Queenstown (4 Jul), Demerara (4 Jul), London Paid (29 Jul), Devizes (30 Jul)
4c (2d) to Br Guiana, 8d to GB sea rate, 2d to GB administration

1867, 23 April, 24c (1/-) single rate letter, Georgetown via London to Sterling, Scotland



Georgetown (23 Feb), London Paid (15 May), Sterling (15 May)
4c (2d) to Br Guiana, 20c (10d) to GB sea rate and administration

1867, 9 March, 24c single rate letter, A4C Bush Lot code via Georgetown to London



BG / A4C (9 Mar), Georgetown (10 Mar), London Paid (3 Apr)
4c (2d) to Br Guiana, 20c (10d) to GB sea rate and administration.

1869, 22 Feb, 24c (1/-) single letter, New Amsterdam to London



A04 obliterator, New Amsterdam (22 Feb), London Paid (13 Mar)
"10" red crayon. 4c (2d) to Br Guiana, 10d to GB sea rate and administration

1871, 21 Aug, 24c (1/-) letter rate, New Amsterdam to London



A04 obliterator, Berbice (21 Aug), London Paid (11 Sep)
"10" red crayon. 4c (2d) to Br Guiana, 10d to GB sea rate and administration

1873, 7 Jan, 48c (2/-) double rate letter, Georgetown to Frome, Sussex, England



Georgetown (7 Jan), Tunbridge Wells (29 Jan), Frome (29 Jan).
4c (2d) to Br Guiana, 1/10d to GB sea rate and administration

1 APRIL 1863, SHIP LETTER RATE REDUCED - 6c (3d) per 1/2oz

1876, 8 Feb, 6c (3d) ship letter rate, Georgetown to London

(await photo)

Georgetown (8 Feb), London Ship Letter (3 Mar)

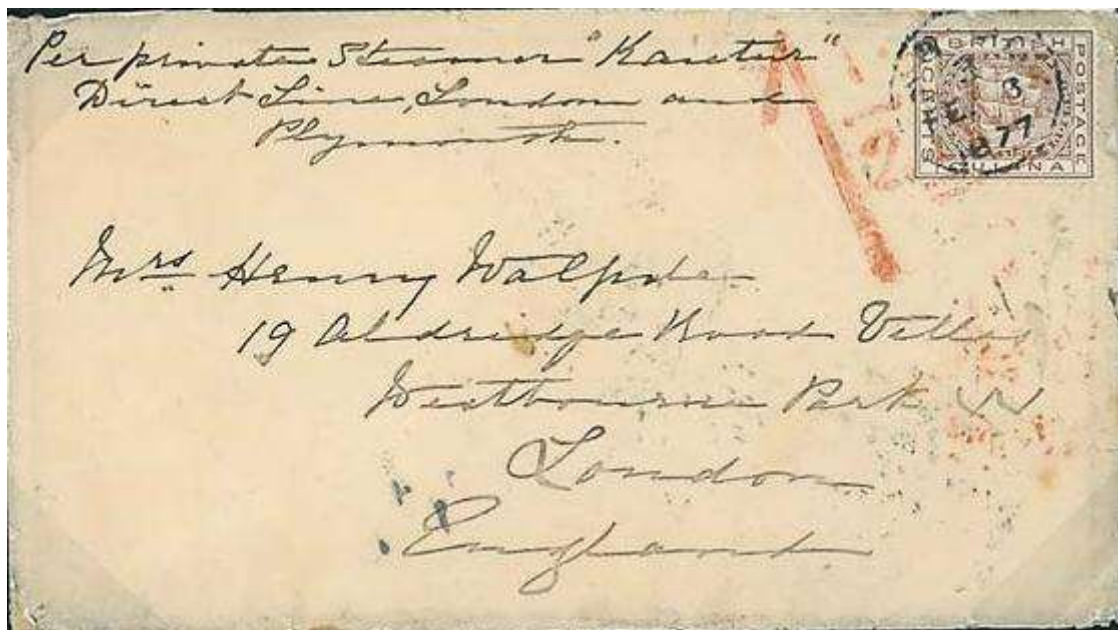
"1½ A03" red., 1½d to GB sea rate, 1½d to Ship Captain

1876, Nov, 6c (3d) ship letter rate, Georgetown to London



Georgetown (- Nov), London Ship-letter (8 Dec)
"1½ A03" red., 1½d to GB sea rate, 1½d to Ship Captain

1877, 3 February, 6c (3d) ship-letter rate, Br Guiana to London



"1½ A03" handstamp. 1½d to GB sea rate, 1½d to Ship Captain.

1865, PRINTED MATTER RATE, PRICES CURRENT - 2c (1d) per ½oz

1866, 2c printed matter rate, Georgetown to London



"1d A03" in red. Nil to Br Guiana, 1d to GB sea rate

1868, Feb, 6c (3d) triple printed-papers rate, Georgetown to Belfast, Ireland



A03 obliterator. Nil to Br Guiana, 3d to GB sea rate

LETTERS TO WEST INDIES

1840, WEST INDIES INTER-COLONIAL RATE, CHARGED BY WEIGHT - 4d

1860, 23 Mar, 5d paid letter, Demerara to Barbados

(await photo)

"1" in black and "4" in red

2c (1d) to Br Guiana, 4d to GB sea rate, Barbados 1d due on delivery

1860, 8 May, 10d double rate letter, Demerara to Barbados

(await photo)

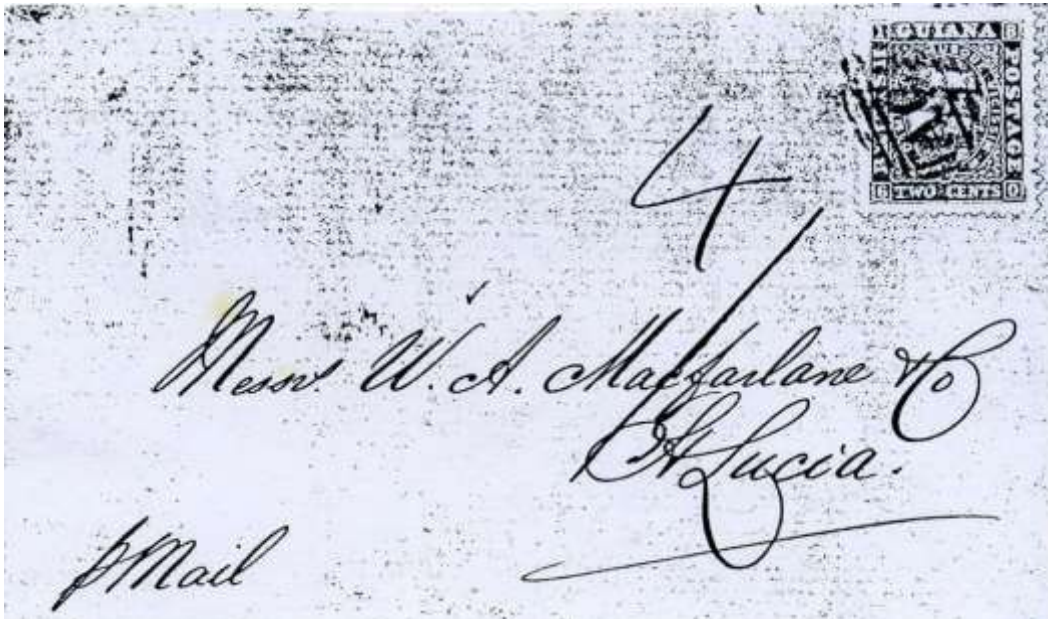
Demerara (8 May), Barbados (- May)

"2" and "8" red crayon, also "2" in black.

4c (2d) to Br Guiana, 8d to GB sea rate, Barbados 2d due on delivery.

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1860, 7 Sep, 2c paid letter Georgetown to St. Lucia



(Charles Freeland)

A03 obliterator, Georgetown (7 Sep), St. Lucia (- Sep)

"4" in black and "1" in black.

2c to British Guiana, 4d to GB sea rate, 1d local delivery; St. Lucia 5d due on delivery

1861, 23 Feb, stampless letter, Georgetown via St. Thomas to Kingston, Jamaica

(await photo)

Demerara (23 Feb), Kingston (10 Mar),

"4" red crayon and "1" black.

2c (1d) to Br Guiana, 4d to GB sea rate, Jamaica 1d delivery to Kingston

1861, 7 Aug, 4c (2d) double letter rate, Georgetown to St. Lucia



A03 obliterator, Demerara (7 Aug), St. Lucia (11 Aug)

"8" in black "2" blue crayon.

4c (2d) to British Guiana, 8d to GB double sea rate, 2d local delivery; St. Lucia 10d local charge

1861, 22 June, 10c (5d) single letter, stamps removed, Beterverwagting via Georgetown to Barbados



E2C Beterverwagting code (22 Jun), Demerara (22 Jun), Barbados (26 Jun)
“4” red crayon and “1” blue crayon.
2c (1d) to British Guiana, 4d to GB sea rate, 2c (1d) due local Barbados delivery

1862, 22 Jan, 2c printed-matter rate, Demerara to St. Lucia

(await photo)

Demerara (22 Jan), St. Lucia (27 Jan)

Oval mark “FORWARDED BY / LYNESS & Co / DEMERARY”.

“1” red crayon. 1d to GB sea rate.

1862, Sept, 2c letter-front, Georgetown to St. Lucia.

(await photo)

A03 obliterator, Georgetown (Sep), St. Lucia (27 Sep).

“4” marked and “1”. 2c (1d) to British Guiana inland, 4d due to GB sea rate, 1d due for St. Lucia delivery.

1863, 4c (2d) double letter rate, Georgetown to St. Lucia

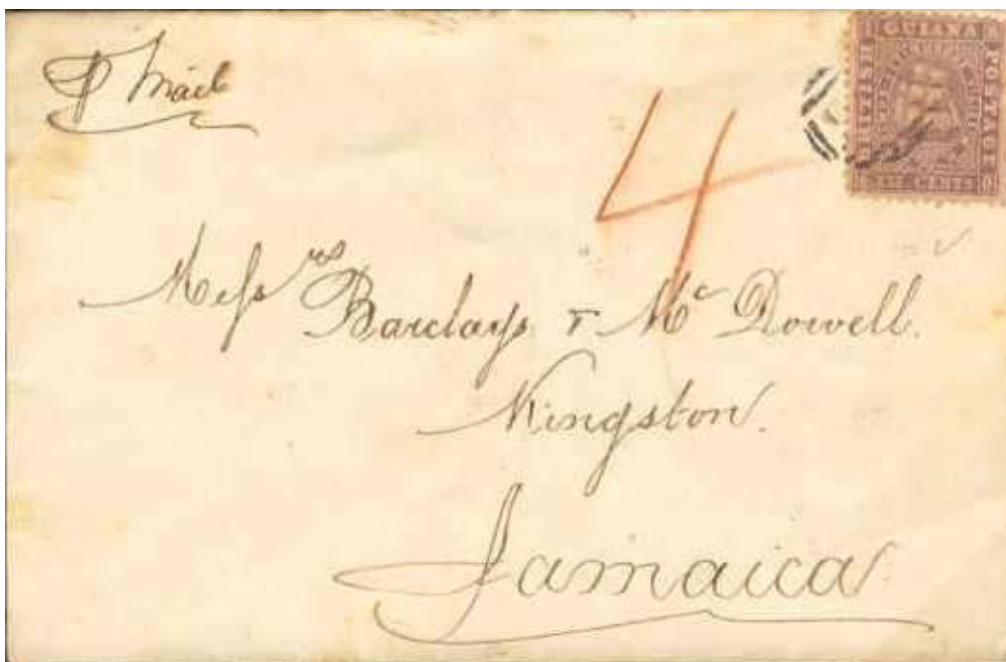


A03 obliterator, Georgetown (- Jan), St. Lucia (11 Jan).

“8” black ink, “2” blue crayon.

4c (2d) to Br Guiana, 8d to GB sea rate, St. Lucia 2d local delivery, St. Lucia 10c due on delivery

1864, 23 Feb, 12c (6d) letter, Georgetown via St. Thomas to Kingston, Jamaica



A03 obliterator, Georgetown (23 Feb), St. Thomas (28 Feb), Kingston (6 Mar).

“4” red crayon. 2c (1d) to Br Guiana, 4d to GB sea rate, 2c (1d) paid local delivery to Kingston

1864, 9 July, 12c (6d) letter, Georgetown via St. Thomas to Kingston, Jamaica

(await photo)

Georgetown (9 Jul), St. Thomas 13 Jul), Kingston (20 Jul)

2c (1d) to Br Guiana, 4d to GB sea rate, 1d paid local delivery to Kingston

1869, 23 June, 12c (6d) outer front-wrapper, Georgetown to St. Lucia



A03 obliterator, Georgetown (23 Jun), St. Lucia (24 Jun)
“4” red crayon. 2c (1d) to Br Guiana, 4d to GB sea rate, 2c (1d) paid delivery in St. Lucia

1871, 4 Jan, 2c (1d) trade circular from Surinam, Georgetown to Trinidad

(await photo)

Georgetown (4 Jan), Trinidad (- Jan)

“1” red mark. 1d to GB sea rate

1874, 5 Nov, 16c? (8d) letter, stamp removed, Georgetown to Trinidad



A03 obliterator, Georgetown (5 Nov), Trinidad (- Nov)

Endorsed “French Mail” No GB accountancy marks as sea route via French Line C.

From Nov 1874, the French Line monthly homeward steamer left Cayenne (3rd) of each month for Surinam (4th), Demerara (5th), Trinidad (7/8th), St. Lucia (9th), Fort de France, Martinique (9th).

LETTERS TO NORTH AMERICA & BERMUDA

1840, NORTH AMERICA & BERMUDA RATE, CHARGED BY WEIGHT - 4d

1865, 7 Jan, 10c letter, Georgetown via St. Thomas and Boston to New York



A03 obliterator, Georgetown (7 Jan), Boston / 10 (2 Feb), New York (- Feb)
“4” red crayon. 2c (1d) to Br Guiana, 4d to GB sea rate. US 10c due for delivery

1865, 22 Feb, 10c mourning letter, 4c and 2c stamps removed, New Amsterdam via St. Thomas and Boston to Lexington, Kentucky, then re-directed to Chicago, Illinois, USA



Obliterator A04, New Amsterdam (22 Feb), Georgetown (23 Feb), St.Thomas (1 Mar), Boston Ship 10c (30 Mar), Lexington (3 April), NOT/CALLED/FOR, Advertised (22 Mar) redirected to Chicago (24 May, 29 May).

“4” marked. 2c (1d) to Br Guiana, 4d to GB sea rate, 10c tax to USA for local US delivery

1866, 7 Sept, 20c (10d) double rate letter, Georgetown to Nova Scotia

(await photo)

Demerara (7 Sep), Nova Scotia (- Sep)

“8” and “5” marks. 2d to Br Guiana, 8d to GB sea rate, Nova Scotia 5c due local postage

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1867, 2c Prices Current, Georgetown to St. John's. Newfoundland

(await photo)

Rated 2c (1d)

1868, 23 August, 10c letter, Georgetown to New York

(await photo)

Circled "10" black, USA 10c due postage

1868, Nov, 20c double rate letter, Georgetown via St. Thomas to New York

(await photo)

"20" mark, USA 20c due postage

1871, 7 Feb, 10c (5d) letter rate, Georgetown via St. Thomas to New York



Georgetown (7 Feb), St. Thomas (12 Feb), New York Steamship 10 due (20 Feb)

Endorsed "P. Mail to St. Thomas & thence by Brazilian Line"

"4" red crayon. 2c (1d) to Br Guiana, 4d to GB sea rate, US 10c due on local delivery

1872, 7 Sep, 10c (5d) letter rate, Georgetown via St.Thomas to Stellarton, Nova Scotia



A03 Obliterator, Demerara (7 Sep), St. Thomas (13 Sep), Nova Scotia (- Sep)
"4" red crayon. 2c (1d) to Br Guiana, 4d to GB sea rate.

1872, 9 March, 20c (10d) double rate letter, Georgetown to Savannah, Georgia, USA



A03 obliterator, Demerara (9 Mar), New York 20 due (21 Mar)
"8" marked. 4c (2d) to Br Guiana, 16c (8d) to GB sea rate. New York 20c due for US delivery

1873, 10c (5d) letter rate, Surinam via Georgetown and St.Thomas to New York

(await photo)

Georgetown (1873), St.Thomas (1873), New York (20 Mar).

"4" marked. 2c (1d) to British Guiana local, 4d to GB sea rate. New York 10c due for US delivery.

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1873, 7 July, 12c (6d) letter, Georgetown to New York



A03 obliterator, Demerara (7 Jul), New York Steamer 10c due (21 Jul)
“4” red crayon and “10” pencilled.
4c (2d) to Br Guiana, 4d to GB sea rate, US 10c due local delivery

1873, 4 Sept, 10c (5d) letter, Georgetown to New York

(await photo)

Georgetown (4 Sep), New York (- Sep)
“4” mark, 4d to GB sea rate.

1873, 8 Dec, 10c (5d) letter, Georgetown to Philadelphia

(await photo)

Georgetown (8 Dec), Philadelphia (- Dec)
“Georgetown / A03 / Pa4id”, 1d to Br Guiana, 4d to GB sea rate

1874, 26 Feb, 10c (5d) stamp removed on letter-front, Georgetown to Nova Scotia



Georgetown (26 Feb), Nova Scotia (- Mar) “Georgetown / A03 / Pa4id” in red.
2c (1d) to Br Guiana, 4d to GB sea rate, Nova Scotia due local delivery

1874, 26 June, 12c (6d) letter, Georgetown via St.Thomas to Richibucto, New Brunswick



A03 obliterator, Georgetown (26 Jun), St. Thomas (2 Jul), Halifax (30 Jul).

“Georgetown / A03 / Pa4id” In red

2c (1d) to Br Guiana, 4d to GB sea rate, Canada 2c (1d) paid for local delivery

1874, 7 Sep, 10c (5d) wrapper, Georgetown via St.Thomas and New York to Philadelphia, USA



A03 obliterator, Georgetown (7 Sep), New York US Currency (20 Sep)

“4” red crayon. 2c (1d) to Br Guiana, 4d to GB sea rate, 10c due local delivery to Philadelphia

Royal Mail Steam Packet to St.Thomas, then Brazilian Line to New York.

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1874, 7 Nov, 20c (10d) double rate letter, Georgetown to Wyoming, redirected to Iowa, USA



A03 obliterator, Georgetown (7 Nov), New York US Currency (- Nov)

“Georgetown / A03 / Pa4id” in red

4c (2d) to Br Guiana, 8d to GB sea rate, US 20c due local delivery to Wyoming

1874, 7 Nov, 10c (5d) single rate letter, Georgetown via St. Thomas and New York to Philadelphia, USA



A03 obliterator, Georgetown (7 Nov), New York US Currency (20 Nov)

“Georgetown / A03 / Pa4id” in red

2c (1d) to Br Guiana, 4d to GB sea rate, US 10c due local delivery to Philadelphia

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1874, 7 Aug, 10c (5d) letter, Georgetown via St. Thomas to Bermuda



A03 obliterator, Georgetown (7 Aug), Bermuda (- Aug)

“Georgetown / A03 / Pa4id” in red

2c (1d) to Br Guiana, 4d to GB sea rate.

1874, 8 Dec, 10c (5d) letter, Georgetown to Philadelphia, USA

(await photo)

Georgetown (8 Dec), Philadelphia (- Dec)

“Georgetown / A03 / Pa4id” in red. 1d to Br Guiana, 4d to GB sea rate.

1875, 2 Oct, 12c (6d) letter rate, New Amsterdam to New York



A04 obliterator, Berbice (2 Oct), Georgetown (5 Oct), New York 5c due (21 Oct)

“4” red crayon, “5” blue crayon.

4c (2d) to Br Guiana, 4d to GB sea post, US 5c due local delivery

1876, 10c (5d) letter, Georgetown to Cornwallis, Nova Scotia



8c Waterlow, 2c De la Rue, mixed franking
Georgetown (- Aug), St. Thomas (- Aug), Cornwallis (- Aug)
"4" red crayon.

2c (1d) to British Guiana, 4d to GB sea rate, Nova Scotia postage due for local delivery.

1876, 25 May, 10c letter, Georgetown to Richibucto, New Brunswick, Canada



Georgetown (25 May), St. Thomas (1 Jun), Richibucto (- Jun)
"4" red. 2c (1d) to Br. Guiana, 4d to GB sea rate. Canada due local delivery.

1876, 2 June, 32c registered double rate letter, Paramaribo via Georgetown and St.Thomas to New York



Paramaribo (2 Jun), A03 obliterator, Georgetown (- Jun), St.Thomas (- Jun), New York (3 July)
“Registered” red crayon. Post office oval red seal on back “BRITISH GUIANA / POST OFFICE, GEORGETOWN”
“5” red. 8c registration, 4c post to Br Guiana, 20c (10d) to GB sea rate. US 5c due for local delivery

LETTERS TO EUROPE

1866, 9 July, 16c (8d) letter, Georgetown via London to Paris



Georgetown (9 Jul), London Paid (30 Jul), Angl. Calais (30 Jul), Paris (- Jul)
Circled PD, “1” and “7” red crayon. 2c (1d) to Br Guiana, 7d to GB sea rate

1867, 23 Jan, 32c (1/4d) double rate letter, Georgetown via London to St.Peray, Ardeche, France



Georgetown (23 Jan), London Paid (18 Feb), Angl. Calais (18 Feb), St.Peray (19 Feb)
Circled PD, "4d" and "1/-" red crayon. 8c (4d) to Br. Guiana, 1/- to GB sea rate.

1867, 8 July, 16c (8d) single letter, Georgetown via London to St.Peray, Ardeche, France



Georgetown (8 Jul), London Paid (28 Jul), Angl. Calais (29 Jul), Paris (29 Jul)
Circled PD. "7" red crayon. 2c (1d) to Br. Guiana, 7d to GB sea rate.

1867, 8 Oct, 16c (8d) single letter, Georgetown via London to St. Peray, Ardeche, France



Georgetown (8 Oct), London Paid (28 Oct), Angl. Calais (29 Oct), St. Peray (- Oct)
Circled PD, "1" and "1/5" red crayon. 2c (1d) to Br Guiana. 7d GB sea rate

1868, 38c mourning letter, Georgetown to Madeira

"1" and 1/4" red crayon?

1869, 22 Sep, 32c (1/4d) double letter rate, Georgetown via London to Dieppe, France



Georgetown (22 Sep), London Paid (15 Oct), Angl. Calais (16 Oct), Dieppe (16 Oct)
Circle PD, "2" and "1/2" red crayon. 8c (4d) to Br Guiana, 1/- to GB sea rate

1870, 3 June, 32c (1/4d) double letter rate, Georgetown



A03 obliterator, Demerara (3 Jun), Paris (24 Jun)

“1/4” mark and “2” double rate and “20” decimes tax due.

8c (4d) to Br Guiana, 1/- to GB sea rate. France “20” (20d) decimes local delivery

1872, 8 Jan, 16c (8d) letter, Georgetown via London to St. Peray, Ardeche, France



Georgetown (8 Jan), London Paid (27 Jun), Angl. Calais (27 Jan).

“Circled PD”, “1” and “6” red crayon. 4c (2d) to Br Guiana, 6d to GB sea rate

LETTERS TO ASIA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND

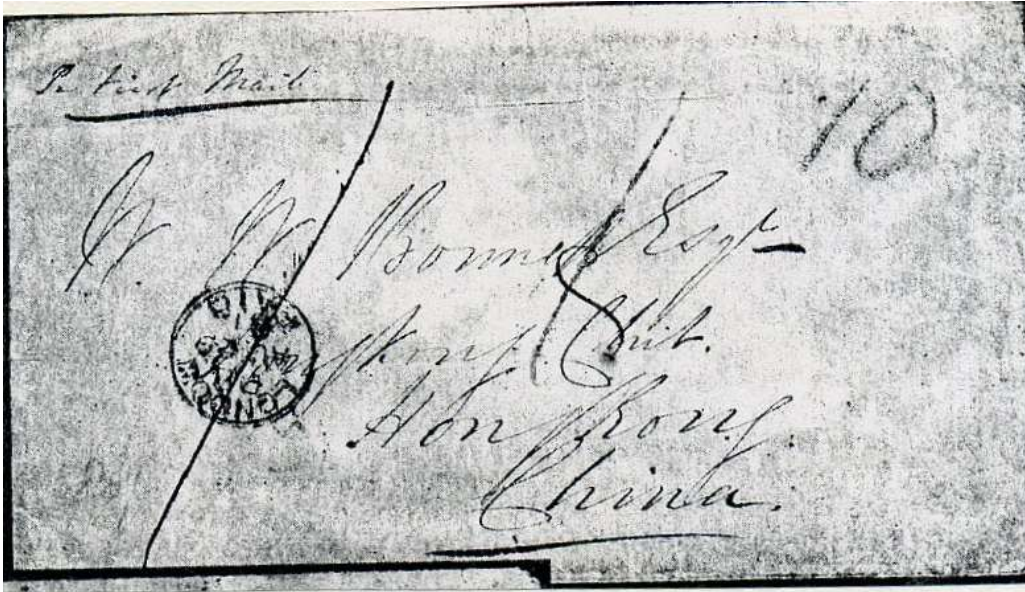
1860, - Oct, 22c (11d) underpaid letter (24c rate), Demerara via London to Ceylon

(await photo)

London (29 Oct).

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1861, 7 Aug, 1/- prepaid stampless letter, Demerara to Hong Kong



Demerara (7 Aug), London Paid (29 Aug)
"1" "10" red crayon and "1".

2c (1d) to Br Guiana, 10d to GB sea rate, 1d (2c) Hong Kong delivery

1866, 23 June, 10c letter, Georgetown via St. Thomas to Sydney, Australia

(await photo)

Demerara (23 Jun), Sydney (- Jul).

1867, 7 June, 42c (1/9d) letter, Georgetown via Panama to Otago, New Zealand



Georgetown (7 Jun), St. Thomas (- Jun), Panama (22 Jun),
"10" red crayon. 4c (2d) to Br Guiana, 10d? to GB sea rate, 9d to GB administration

INCOMING LETTERS

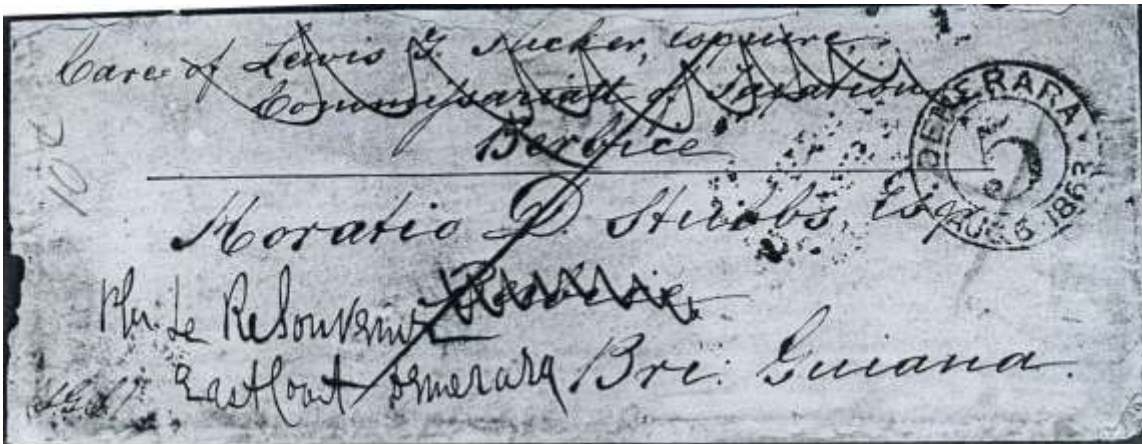
1861, 30 Aug, GB 6d Incoming Packet letter, Greenock, Scotland to Demerara



Greenock (30 Aug).

“1d” red handstamp. 1d (2c) to Br Guiana, 5d to GB sea rate

1863, 18 July, Incoming stampless unpaid letter, Turks Island via St.Thomas to Berbice



Turks Islands (18 Jul), St.Thomas (26 Jul), Demerara (6 Aug), Berbice (7 Jul), redirected Demerara
“1” and “4” red crayon over-struck by “5” Demerara accountancy cds, and Due 10c mss.

1d (2c) to Br Guiana for local delivery, 4d to GB sea rate, 10c (5d) to be collected

1867, 23 Sep, US 10c letter, Incoming letter USA via St.Thomas to Demerara



New York (20 Sep), St. Thomas (30 Sep), Demerara (- Oct)
Endorsed "per Brazilian Str. Guiding Star" to St.Thomas, then RMSP ship to Demerara.
"4" crossed out "5" added in include Demerara local delivery.

1867, 23 Sep, US 10c letter, incoming New York via St. Thomas to Demerara



Cork obliterator, New York (23 Sep), St. Thomas (30 Sep), Demerara (- Oct)
Endorsed "Per Guiding Star to St. Thomas", then RMSP ship to Demerara.
"4" deleted "5" added to include Demerara local delivery.

1868, 21 Feb, US 10c rate, incoming New York via St. Thomas to Demerara



Cork obliterator, New York (21 Feb), St. Thomas (29 Feb), Demerara (- Mar)
Endorsed "South America via St. Thomas"
"4" crossed out "5"d added to include Demerara local delivery charge.

1868, 23 Dec, US 10c rate, incoming New York via St. Thomas to Demerara



New York (23 Dec), St. Thomas (30 Dec), Demerara (- Jan)
Endorsed "Mississippi" steamer to St. Thomas, then RMSP ship to Demerara
"4" crossed out and "5"d rate mark added for Demerara local delivery

1869, 25 Nov, US 10c letter, Incoming New York via St. Thomas to Demerara



Cork obliterator, New York (26 Nov), St. Thomas (30 Nov), Demerara (6 Dec).
“5d” circle handstamp. “4” changed to “5d” to include Demerara local delivery

1871, 3 March, Guadeloupe 5c printed matter rate, Incoming Pointe a Pitre, to Demerara



Endorsed “Circular”. Lozenge, Pointe a Pitre (3 Mar), Demerara (- Mar)
Oval handstamp “Forwarded by / J. Fleuret & Co / Pointe a Pitre, Guadeloupe” in blue.
“1” pencil marking. 2c (1d) due for local delivery in Demerara.

1875, 7 June, 3d Incoming Ship-Letter, Marlborough, GB to Demerara



Marlborough (7 Jun), Demerara (- Jun)
“1½” handstamp. 1½d to GB sea rate, 1½d to Ship Captain.