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### INAUGURATION OF A NEW POSTAL AUCTION.

A majority of the Board of Trustees has approved of the idea of our first Mail Auction. We are printing hereunder the Rules and Regulations to be observed for the auctions. If anyone seeks a change in these rules, or if experience so dictates, please write our President, so that they may be adjusted before the second sale.

We will attempt to run two sales a year.

All commissions received and all payments to vendors will be handled through the office of the treasurer, and all funds will become the property of the BCPSG. The only charges to be made against the commissions received will be postal charges and mailing costs. Complete records of all lots and all bids will be maintained for six months after the date of the sale. Prices realized will be included in the Journal following the sale.

Regulations for the first mail auction of the British Caribbean  
Philatelic Study Group.

#### VENDORS.

1. Only members of the B.C.P.S.G. or their heirs, may offer material for sale through this auction. All members are solicited to offer any surplus or duplicate material that they may wish to dispose of, through this sale.
2. Any material to be offered should be fully insured and mailed to:  
B.C.P.S.G., % Robert Topaz, 34 Maryellen Toad, Waban, Mass., U.S.A. 02168.  
All material should be sent prepaid. All material will remain the property of the owner, until payment is received by the BCPSG when sold, and insurance should be maintained by the vendor until the sale is consummated.
3. No material may be withdrawn from sale, after the final listing is made, except that a vendor may buy back his material as set forth below.
4. No reserve or minimum bids will be accepted, but vendors wishing to protect their material may bid on their own material. A commission fee of 5% will be charged Vendors buying back their own material, rather than the 10% commission that will be charged normally to vendors.
5. Lots should be a minimum value of not less than \$5.00 U.S. or £ 1./15/0 Sterling, etc. and a brief description of the lot offered would be appreciated. The BCPSG reserves the right to split or join lots, or to describe them in the manner deemed best by the BCPSG, and undertakes to carry out the Vendors instructions to the best of their ability. However, no responsibility will be assumed by the BCPSG or its agents for errors of commission or omission, in carrying out these instructions or in describing the material offered for sale.
6. A fee of 10% will be charged to the vendor on all sales except those described in paragraph #4, and in the case of heirs of members who are disposing of members material.
7. All material to be offered in the first sale must be received in Waban, Mass, U.S.A. no later than Feb. 1, 1967. We will attempt to have the sale listed in the March Journal of the BCPSG, and the date of the sale will be April 16, 1967.

#### BUYERS.

1. Only members of the BCPSG may bid in material in these sales. Members bidding will be responsible for all purchases, regardless for whom they may be bid.

2. All lots are described to the best of our ability, and are genuine to the best of our knowledge (unless described otherwise). No responsibility will be taken by the BCPSG because of incorrect description. Any claims or returns because of incorrect description must be made in writing not later than five days after receipt of the material. Lots containing more than five items are not returnable, unless grossly misdescribed.

In case of a question about the genuineness of an item, notice must be made within the prescribed five day period, and an appropriate time will be granted to obtain verification. In all such cases, the burden of proof will rest on the buyer.

3. All lots will be sold to the highest bidder at the minimum price possible. The customary 10% raise over the second highest bidder will be used to determine the selling price, except that the bidder shall not be sole an item at a higher price than he had bid. No. "BUY" bids will be accepted. In case of two identical high bids on any item, the earliest postmarked bid shall buy the lot at the amount bid. All bids shall be held confidential. The BCPSG may reject any bid not deemed appropriate.

4. All lots will be sent to the Buyer by Registered Mail or insured mail, unless bulk prohibits the practice, and the buyer will be held responsible for all mailing and insurance costs. All lots must be paid for within three days of receipt of the bill in U.S., Canadian, or Sterling funds, adjusted for exchange. Payment will in no way prejudice any claims that may be made pursuant to paragraph #2 above.

5. There are currently no arrangements possible for viewing of lots, but interested members may write for amplification of description on any lots that they may like, and an attempt will be made to supply this, to the best of our ability.

6. All bids should be mailed to: B.C.P.S.G., % Tobert Topaz, 34 Maryellen Road, Waban, Mass, U.S.A., 02168

All bids must be postmarked not later than March 31, 1967, and should be dispatched by airmail from distant points. No bid will be accepted which is postmarked later than this date.

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NEW MEMBERS:

BOLLING, ROBERT, 2395 N. E. 185th St., North Miami Beach, Florida 33160

COLE, HENRY SCHUYLER, 4700 Willow Hills Lane, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45243.

CUIAKALA, CHARLES E., 2327 W. Charleston St., Chicago Ills, 60647.

DIAMOND, J, LEONARD, 407 Lincoln Road, Miami Beach, Florida, 33139

LEVINE, DR. EARL J., Rt. 3, Wellston, Ohio, 45692. (P.O. Box 226)

LIBBY, THOMAS JAMES, 2143 Main St., Napa, California, 94558.

WEEKS, CHARLES A., 1, Kingsbridge Drive, Burlington. N. J. 08016

NEW APPLICANTS:

ADAM, ELMER DONOVAN, 1 Rekadom Ave., Kingston 10, Jamaica, MAILING ADDRESS, P.O. Box 219. Occupation Bank Manager, Collects British America.

MITCHELL, JOHN DESMOND, 54 Brentford Road, Kingston 5, Jamaica. Occupation, Salesman. Collects British Commonwealth, Specialties West Indies. Member Jamaica Philatelic Society.

MOUNSEY, RICHARD C., Jr. 18825 - 17th Ave N. W., Seattle, Washington, 98177. Collects B. W. I. (Also possibly British and Cape of Good Hope) Occupation, Certified Public Accountant, Member of APS, SPA, BWI Study Circle, Washington SPS, Royal Philatelic Society.

PATNODE, WINSTON, 2240 Olive Street, Eugene Oregon 97405. Occupation Research Chemist. Collects U.S.A., B.N.A., B.W.I. Member of Oregon Stamp Society.

The above named applicants have applied for membership in the Group in accordance with the Constitution and their names are hereby published. If no adverse reports are received by the Secretary within 30 days, their names will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for full membership.

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One Additional applicant has been received:

ROSIE, WALTER ALLAN, 16238 LITTLEFIELD, DETROIT, MICHIGAN, 48235. Occupation, Senior Clerk, Detroit Police Dept. Collects British West Indies, Specialties, Nevis, Cayman Islands.

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ZIP NUMBERS.

Anyone residing in the United States please let the Editor have your Zip Number. If your Zip Number does not appear on this months address, we dont have it. It will become mandatory after January 1st that all mail carry this number.

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

Ralph E. GROUP now lives at Idaville, Pennsylvania 17337, P. O. Box 22.

Stanley C. Durnin, is back in the U. S. and his address is P. O.Box 472, Hamilton ATB, California, 94934. Please make these changes in your Roster.

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Gale Raymond advises that Col. H. H. Rogers has a good representative handful of recent Bahamas out-islands covers which he would like to trade for mint or used British Colonies. Interested members may write him at 1608 Mason Mill Road, N.E., Atlanta Georgia, 30329.

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Mark Swetland advises that since his election to Treasurer, that Bill Cornell will take over as Group Leader for Antigua. Let us hear from you Bill with some information on this country.

NEW ISSUES:

British Honduras: Commemorative to celebrate first Honduran stamp, denominations 5, 10, 22 and 25 cents, issued 1 Oct.

Turks and Caicos: 200th Anniversary of Ties with Great Britain, issued 1 October. Denominations 1d., 8d., and 1/6d.

World Health Organization Omnibus, in which West Indies participants are: Antigua, 2 and 15 cents; Bahamas, 11 and 15 cents, Cayman Islands, 2d. and 1/6d; Dominica, 5 and 24 cents; Grenada, 8 and 25 cents; Montserrat, 12 and 60 cents; St Kitts 3 and 40 cents; St. Lucia, 4 and 25 cents; St. Vincent, 4 and 25 cents; issued September 20th. See brochure inclosed.

Guyana: Opening of Bank of Guyana Building, values 5 and 25 cents.

Barbados - Independence Commemorative Issue, released Nov. 30. Values and designs, 4 cents, Coat of Arms; 25 cents, Hilton Hotel; 35 cents, Gary Sobers; 50 cents, Pine Hill Dairy. Printers Harrison and Sons, Ltd, by the photogravure process on unwatermarked paper.

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Recently the new book by L. Britnor: MONTSERRAT, was reviewed in this Journal. The address for procuring the book has been recently changed and anyone desiring a copy, please address request to:

Mr. Philip T. Saunders,  
Little Caymans,  
Kingsthorne, Hereford,  
England.

For anyone interested in Montserrat, this new volume is a must.

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Ralph Group has compiled and sent in for inclusion in the Journal, all of the postmarks and miscellaneous marks issued at Belize, British Honduras. The list is quite lengthy and covers the subject remarkably well. It will require around 25 pages each for printing. In view of the fact that not all our members are interested in B. Honduras, it is deemed advisable to canvass our members as to who would desire a brochure on these postmarks, since producing 250 copies would entail printing 5000 sheets by offset or mimeograph with a cost of around \$3.50 each for the masters plus the cost of paper, etc. All members please let us know whether you are interested in this brochure, as soon as possible, so we will know how many to produce.

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Ralph Group, while in England this year, obtained from the Commission Books of the P. O. Department The Names and Dates of Entry of many of the early postmasters of the various West Indies Colonies. This list should be helpful to many of our members who are interested in the Postal History of the W. I.

ANTIGUA:

Falkingham, Henry 16/9/1760  
Macdonough, Peter 3/ 5/1780  
Macdonough, William 22/10/1783.  
McConnell, John (Dec) 30/5/1787  
McConnell, Henry 9/7/1814  
(Son of John)  
Athill, John 4/5/1826

BAHAMAS:

Barons, Benjamin 5/1/1765  
Delancey, Peter 25/8/1766  
Roupel, George 6/11/1771  
Delevaux, Peter (Dec) 1805  
Delavaux, Mrs Ann (Res) 29/9/1826  
(Widow of Peter)  
Malcolm, John 28/2/1832

BARBADOES:

Falkingham, Henry 10/9/1760  
 Errington, George 5/7/1782  
 Keeling, Joseph 5/4/1787  
 Errington, Mrs. George (ca) 1795  
 (Dec.)  
 Willoughby, Cholmeley 26/6/1795  
 Moore, E. H. (Rem) ca 1808  
 Mackey, Dr. Arthur (Dec) 11/8/1808  
 Pairman, James 25/3/1812

BARBADOES PACKET:

Robinson, Capt. James 1/7/1795

BERBICE:

Scott, William 25/6/1816

BERMUDA:

Taylor, James 31/7/1818

DEMERARA:

Ogle, James 7/4/1800

Williams, Thophilus 15/2/1804  
 Harper, Benjamin 15/11/1820  
 Fraser, William 29/9/1826  
 Dalton, Edward Henry 1/2/1830

DOMINICA:

Shaw, Abraham 4/5/1762  
 Middleton, Alexander 2/1/1765  
 Rustat, William 17/5/1770  
 Gordon, John 2/4/1773  
 Grove, Henry (Dec) 19/3/1783  
 Wells, Richard 7/5/1788  
 Gordon, John 5/7/1794  
 Court, Charles 20/10/1800  
 Constable, John Chas. 12/1805.  
 Constable, Daniel 29/9/1817  
 (Brother of Charles)  
 Dawbiney, Thomas 10/4/1824

GREENADA:

Shaw, Abraham 4/5/1762  
 Middleton, Alexander 2/1/1765  
 Rustat, William 17/5/1770  
 Brewman, John (Res) 12/3/1783  
 Strachan, Simpson 10/10/1795  
 Chalmers, George 4/9/1810  
 Slinger, Robert 1816  
 Kennedy, Evan 29/9/1826

JAMAICA:

Dismore, Edward 13/2/1760  
 Dashwood, Francis (Dec) 5/11/1781  
 Wilson, Gloucester (Res) 24/9/1795  
 Smith, John 23/7/1799  
 Barbauld, Benjamin (Dec) 30/9/1805  
 Marsh, John Melbourne 13/3/1809  
 Anstey, William Jekyl (Res) 4/2/1824  
 Lennox, Lord Sussex 20/3/1834

JAMAICA PACKET: (Pensacola-Charlestown)

MacDonagh, Capt. Terrence 27/7/1770  
 Steels, Capt. Samuel 30/10/1780

MONTSERRAT:

Falkingham, Henry 10/9/1760  
 Symons, Richard 7/4/1781  
 Furlonge, William, Jr. (Del) 6/2/1802  
 Burke, George 5/7/1802  
 Shiell, Queely 30/7/1808  
 Sempër, Michael Joseph 2/4/1821

NEVIS:

Falkingham, Henry 10/9/1760  
 McGill, Robert 10/10/1789  
 Stanley, Mr. (Res) ca 1828  
 Stanley, Joseph 27/5/1828  
 (Son of Mr...)

SAINT CROIX

Brandon, John 20/3/1813

SAINT KITTS:

Falkingham, Henry 10/9/1760  
 Strode, Wadham 5/5/1779  
 Nicholson, William 5/10/1794  
 Armstrong, William 4/5/1797  
 Smith, John 10/10/1809  
 Berridge, James 17/5/1822

SAINT LUCIA:

Shaw, Abraham 4/5/1762  
 Barron, Joseph 2/5/1781  
 Addison, Mrs. Catherine (Rem) 5/1/1810  
 Goodsir, Thomas 4/5/1816  
 Gordon, Robert 3/6/1818

SAINT THOMAS:

Robinson, Clarke 19/3/1813

TOBAGO:

SAINT VINCENTS:

Shaw, Abraham 4/5/1762  
 Middleton, Alexander 2/1/1765  
 Rustat, William 17/5/1770  
 Macdowall, Daniel 3/6/1778  
 Forster, Nassaw Wm. 1/2/1830

Middleton, Alexander 2/1/1765  
 Rustat, William 17/5/1770  
 Kirkup, George 29/9/1772  
 Francklyn, Peter 27/9/1775  
 Francklyn, Chas. Alfrdd 1/11/1793  
 Francklyn, Henry 16/9/1803  
 Buchanon, John 25/6/1816  
 Francklyn, Chas. Alfred 1/11/1826  
 McKellar, Duncan 9/1/1829

TORTOLA:

Peach, Henry 18/1/1786  
 Macnamara, Michael 31/7/1789  
 Lawson, Wilson (Rem) 1/11/1800  
 French, Mark Dyer 9/11/1804

(Dec) Deceased  
 (Rem) Removed  
 (Res) Resigned  
 (Del) Declined office.

TRINIDAD

Galway, Mr... (Dec) ca 1816  
 Galway, Mrs. Elizabeth R 4/5/1816  
 (Widow of Galway, Mr...)

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JAMAICA JOTTINGS

By Robert Topaz.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Very Happy New Year to all of you, and may I again take this opportunity to thank those of you who help out by writing of newsy items to fill this space. My special thanks to people like Reg Lant, Lloyd Branston and Ronnie Wong, who have helped so much to keep us up to date with new happenings in Jamaica, and collectors like Paul Aman and Tom Moselcy who keep me on my toes with new dates to extend our knowledge, and especially to Reg Lant again, Al Johnson, Clint von Pohle, Fred Seifert, Tom Foster and Milt Erickson who have put so much time in to put together the Post Town listings which have been appearing for the past couple of years. To all of you, and those who I have not listed - Thanks from all of us.

The end of the year has brought a dearth of information about new happenings in the STAMPLESS field, but I have hopes that our newly started auction service will bring out some excitement with the next issue. Watch for it and participate. It should be very worth while for all of you and for the Group.

The OBLITERATOR field is going very strong, and prices are very active these days. Was at an auction at Equitable in New York and saw a G.B. used at Black River - A-30 cancel used on the third day of use - sold for \$83.50 and an A/44 cover BB used - three stamps on cover - sold for \$105.00. Incidentally, a nice copy of # 4 mint sold for \$115.00. The listing of the obliterations is moving along slowly but hopefully, we will have the first part ready for the March Journal.

An unusual sight to see was a Jamaica Handbook - Nicholson, etc. - printed in 1928 at the New England Stamp Co. Not too many of these around these days - so if you need one, you know where you can find it.

Somehow, the opening of the PECKHAM Postal Agency in Clarendon escaped our attention, and it was only upon finding a MSR recently that I was aware that it existed. It apparently opened on 14 JUNE 1962 with some sort of a TRD, but at this writing, have not been able to determine just which one. Does anyone know of the existence

of this TRD, and the type?

New Member Chuck Cwiakala reports the existence of the 1966 Games Souvenir sheet with the Gold ink omitted. Have not seen this reported before, and it must be quite unusual.

Please add the SQUARED CIRCLE mark of Kingston type 2 index 3 N with a new EKD of 18 JU 90 - thanks to Tom Moseley.

New office openings have been reported by Lloyd Brandon as:

JACKSON TAYLOR	Hanover, opened 7 OC 66, forwarding office Sandy Bay Type TRD 37, Violet ink, noted 19 OC 66.
BESSIE BAKER	Hanover, opened 4 NO 66, forwarding office Mt. Peto. TRD type 37, Violet ink, noted 12 NO 66.
YORK PEN	Clarendon, reopened 7 NO 66, forwarding office Four Paths, TRD type 37, Violet ink, noted 15 NO 66.
HALSE HALL	Clarendon, reopened 7 NO 66, forwarding office MAY PEN, TRD type 37, Violet ink, noted 14 NO 66.
SHREWSBURY	Portland, opened 11 NO 66, forwarding office Fruitful Vale, TRD unknown at this writing.

Sunderland Postal Sub-agency - St. James, forwarding office Lottery. Opened 4 NO 66 - attempts to get a postmark ended up with Lottery postmarks, so that it would seem that this agency, like all other sub-agencies, does not have any postmark.

If you have any material to dispose of, please send it in for the forthcoming auction sale.

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PERSONAL MENTION:

EDDIE ADELSON hasn't been heard from recently, which leads us to believe that he is enjoying that new home that he and Dorothy have moved into. Drop us a line, Eddie.

JACK ARNELL hasn't checked in recently, either. Maybe its because I don't answer all of my letters. Would like to hear from you, Jack, and would enjoy some of those old time packet articles that you have sent in in the past.

RAY AUSTIN, how's retirement by now? Are you keeping as busy as most of us old retirees are?

TOM BARROW, how do you like Houston by now? As close as we live, it a shame that we havent met each other yet. May be we can arrange a meeting at Gale Raymonds sometime in the near future.

COLIN BAYLEY'S new address is 425 Hinton Ave, Ottawa 3, Ontario. Hes the Barbados expert.

ROBERT BOLLING - Welcome to the BCPSG, he is a commercial artist, and I'll bet his albums look good.

BYRON CAMERON must have been at sea a lot lately, haven't heard from him either. Are you and Mary livin' it up in that new home?

JOE CHIN ALEONG will furnish you with BWI FDC's and other material from the West Indies. Drop him a line for anything you need.

BILL CORNELL has agreed to take on the Group Leadership for Antigua. Send us in some material for the Journal, Bill.

ARTHUR COURTNEY writes that things are going well with him and sends regards to Raymond, Seifert, Ronnie Wong and Morris Ludington. Says only two things keep him from making the Jamaica meeting next year - time and money.

STAN DURNIN and Elaine, I understand got into an automobile wreck recently, which put them on crutches. Hope you all are repairing fast and will soon be around as good as ever. Stan's address is now P.O.Box 472, Hamilton AFB, Calif. 94934.

MILT ERICKSON writes that he has at long last merged the two obliterator collections - his and Gibson's - and has them check listed. There aren't many that he doesn't have, and I'm sure lots of duplicates. If you are looking for obliterators, he may trade with you.

JOHN F. FIELD - welcome to the BCPSG. He collects Caymans in the B.W.I. area.

PHILIP HAIWARD, 34 Malvern Way, Croxley Green, Rickmansworth, Herts, advises that he will exchange G. B. Penny Blacks on cover for scarce Bahamas cancellations.

ERIC HEYER and Mrs. Heyer are off again for Hawaii, to Bask in the warm sun and sand for a time. Have a good vacation, Eric, you lucky dog.

FRANK SAUNDERS hasn't been heard from for some time, but I'm sure it's because I owe him a letter or two. Will try to write soon, Frank.

Haven't heard from BERT and PAM TAYLOR recently. Hope you are both well and enjoying your stamps.

BOB TOPAZ is soliciting material for the first auction. Don't forget to bundle up your excess material and send it in to him right away. We'll all have to cooperate to make this auction a success.

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#### BAHAMAS NEWS AND NOTES.

By Gale J. Raymond.

These Notes show slim pickings this season. No news is yet in regarding the new P.O. at Earnest Street, replacing the Mackey Street one, nor of the pending new P.O.'s on Grand Bahama. I'm deeply indebted to Donaly A MacAllister, acting PM of the SAN ANDROS p.o. on Andros Island, for a fine color photo of the opening ceremony on May 25, 1966. At least on Oct. 21, the TRD was still in use. Speaking of post-office photos, I'll be glad to send a photo of the "old" (closed), PINE RIDGE, Grand Bahama p.o. for 10¢ in mint U.S. stamps plus a stamped, self-addressed envelope. These are copies from the negative made from Johnny Gavalek's unique photograph.

The Bahamas specialists have really been rambling! Morris Ludington, after a summer in Greece, has recently spent several weeks in Bermuda researching the old records, and Bill McFarlan is just home from a fabulous trip around the Caribbean aboard the M/S "Sagafjord".

Highly recommended: the new National Geographic book, "ISLES OF THE CARIBBEES", by Carleton Mitchell, with surely some of the finest West Indies photography ever published! The Leewards, Windwards, island by island, in great detail.



A recent acquisition is an 1840 stampless, folded letter to Methodist headquarters in London, from a missionary in the Bahamas. Headed from Rock Sound, Eleuthera, January 16, 1840, it describes his travels around the island to the various villages and churches minutely. Postal rate was 1 shilling (for one folded sheet), with red London backstamp of 13 JU 1840. and has the straight line "BAHAMAS" marking. The possibility exists that this straight-line marking was applied at the old CROOKED ISLAND p.o., where so much Bahamas mail was transferred to packets en route to Europe.

The long-awaited handbook on Bahamas postal markings is now nearing reality, with a publisher ready and waiting for the copy while we draft it page by page. Patience, gentlemen.

For the record, we still urgently need reports of stamps, places and covers of British stamps used-abroad in the Bahamas. Do we have a report of your examples? Too, reports are also needed of any COVERS or dated pieces bearing a large "B" killer in violet ink, circa 1940.

Regarding Eddie Adelson's query last issue on PINE RIDGE TRD early dates, we can affirm dates in 1946 and one reported in 1945. Although PINE RIDGE Lumber Camp officially opened in January 1947, apparently the p.o. opened earlier for the construction crews. Can other members confirm the 1945 date?

Best wishes to all for a Very Happy New Year, may this be a year brim full of new discoveries in our joyous paper-chase.

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#### AIR LETTERS (AEROGRAMMES) OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

By Rene M. Leotaud and Harold E. Box.

Reprinted from the Trinidad Philatelic Society Bulletin.

Air Letters or Aerogrammes as they came to be called, were first introduced in Great Britain in 1942 for use by the Forces, and later were adopted throughout the world. According to E. Bulger ("Air Letters of the British West Indies", B.W.I. Philatelist Vol. 4, No. 1, Sept 1952, page 11, "The light-weight Air Letter Service from Great Britain to civilian addresses in the B.W.I. started on 11 Sept. 1944, but the return services are dated from different dates". In Trinidad, the Postmaster-General's Report for 1944 states: "A 12-cent light-weight air-letter service to all parts of the Empire commenced on 5th October 1944".

The first of these special air letter forms for use in Trinidad and Tobago were printed in England and sold at post offices in the Colony, the stamps to be affixed on them by the sender before despatch. These were the well known Apsley Air Letters, printed in blue on grayish paper, with space for the postage stamp indicated by a vertical dotted-line rectangle, 27 x 24 mm, in the right hand top corner. Front inscribed (Top left hand corner): "BY AIR MAIL" (White sans-serif Caps. In blue rectangle, 31 x 24 mm: "AIR LETTER" (upright Caps)/IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED/THIS LETTER WILL BE SENT/BY ORDINARY MAIL". Reverse sidewith: "Senders name and address" and "The APSLEY AIR LETTER"/Form approved by Postmaster General No. -71995/1D".

E Bulger states (on p. 14 of the same article): "The First of the (Apsley Air Letter) forms I have is one used from Port of Spain, Trinidad, with 7 cents in adhesive stamps postmarked 13 JY 48".

There was another plain air-letter form sold in Trinidad before the stamped ones were issued. This was printed (? locally) in blue or rather coarse off-white paper.

Space for the stamp indicated by a horizontal solid line rectangle 33 x 25 mm, containing the words: "AFFIX/12c/POSTAGE", Scrifed caps. Front inscribed "BY AIR MAIL, (uiderlined)/IF ANYTHING...etc. Scrifed Caps) Reverse side with "Senders Name and Address:--" only.

In the descriptions below, the "First fold here", "second fold here" and "To open cuthere", are omitted, as, with minor varieties, they are common to all issues. "Reverse" means the opposite side to the front when the Air Letter is folded twice ready to be sealed.

THE AIR LETTERS ISSUED WITH LITHOGRAPHED FACSIMILES OF STAMPS, AND SOLD AT ALL POST OFFICES AT THE FACE VALUE OF THE STAMPS:--

- (1) Feb. 1, 1950. Similar to the Apsley Air Letter described above. Printed in blue on grayish paper, but with "imperforate" KG VI 12c stamp (SG Type 44, "Town Hall, San Fernando") in dull purple on a light colored rectangle 42 x 29 mm., and without the "The APSLEY AIR LETTER"...etc.
- (2) 15 Apr. 1952. Printed in blue on pale grayish-blue paper with "imperforate" KG VI 5c. (SG Type 41, "G.P.O. and Treasury") in green without surrounding rectangle. Front with "BY AIR MAIL (pale blue in dark blue rectangle as in (1), above, "AIR/LETTER" (Slanting caps.)? "If anything is en-/closed this letter/ will be sent by/ordinary mail." Reverse with "Senders name and address--", only
- (3) ? 1953. Printed in blue on pale greyish-blue paper, with "imperforate" QE II 12c (SG Type 44, Town Hall, San Fernando) in dull purple. Front and reverse as in (2) above.
- (4) ? 1953. Printed in black on dark blue paper (white inside), with "perforate" QE II 12c. (SG Type 44) in natural colors (black and purple on white). Front with "BY AIR MAIL" (blue in black rectangle 31 x 6/5 mm) /AEROGRAMME (ubderlined)/AIR LETTER" slanting caps). Reverse with "Sender's name and address", and "IF ANYTHING IS ENCLOSED THIS LETTER/MAY BE SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL."
- (5) 1 March 1960. Printed in blue on bright blue paper with "perforated" QE II 6¢. (SG Type 42, "Discovery of Lake Asphalt") in natural colors (light brown and blue on white) Front as in (4), above in blue rectangle. Reverse with "Sender's name and address:" and "AN AIR LETTER SHOULD NOT CONTAIN ANY/ENCLOSURE: IF IT DOES IT WILL BE SURCHARGED/OR SENT BY ORDINARY MAIL."
- (6) March 1960. Similar to (5) but printed in black on bright blue paper, with perforated QE II 15¢ black and bright yellow on white, in the design of the 12¢ (SG Type 44, "Town Hall, San Fernando)
- (7) Sept. 1960. Printed in dark brown on pale blue paper (both sides), with "imperforate" QE II 6¢. (SG Type 54, "Treasury Building") in reddish brown. Front and reverse as in (5), above.
- (8) Sept. 1960 Printed in vermillion on pale blue paper (both sides), with "imperforate" QE II 15¢. (SG Type 58, "CREST") in pale vermillion. Front and reverse as in (5) above.
- (9) Sept 1964. Same as above (8), but the stamp is QE II 15¢. (SG Type 58a, "Coat of Arms").

NOTE: The original rate for an Air Letter from Trinidad and Tobago was 12¢ to all parts of the British Wmpire A notice issued by the Postmaster General, G.P.O., Trinidad dated 12 May 1947, gives revised rates (effective on 1st June 1947) for Air Mail Services:-- 5¢ for "Air Forms" to Antigua, Barbados, British Guiana, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Vincent; and 12¢ to all other British Dominions and Colonies. In 1952 the 12¢ rate was made available for foreign countries throughout the world. These rates were raised to 6¢ and 15¢, respectively in 1960.