

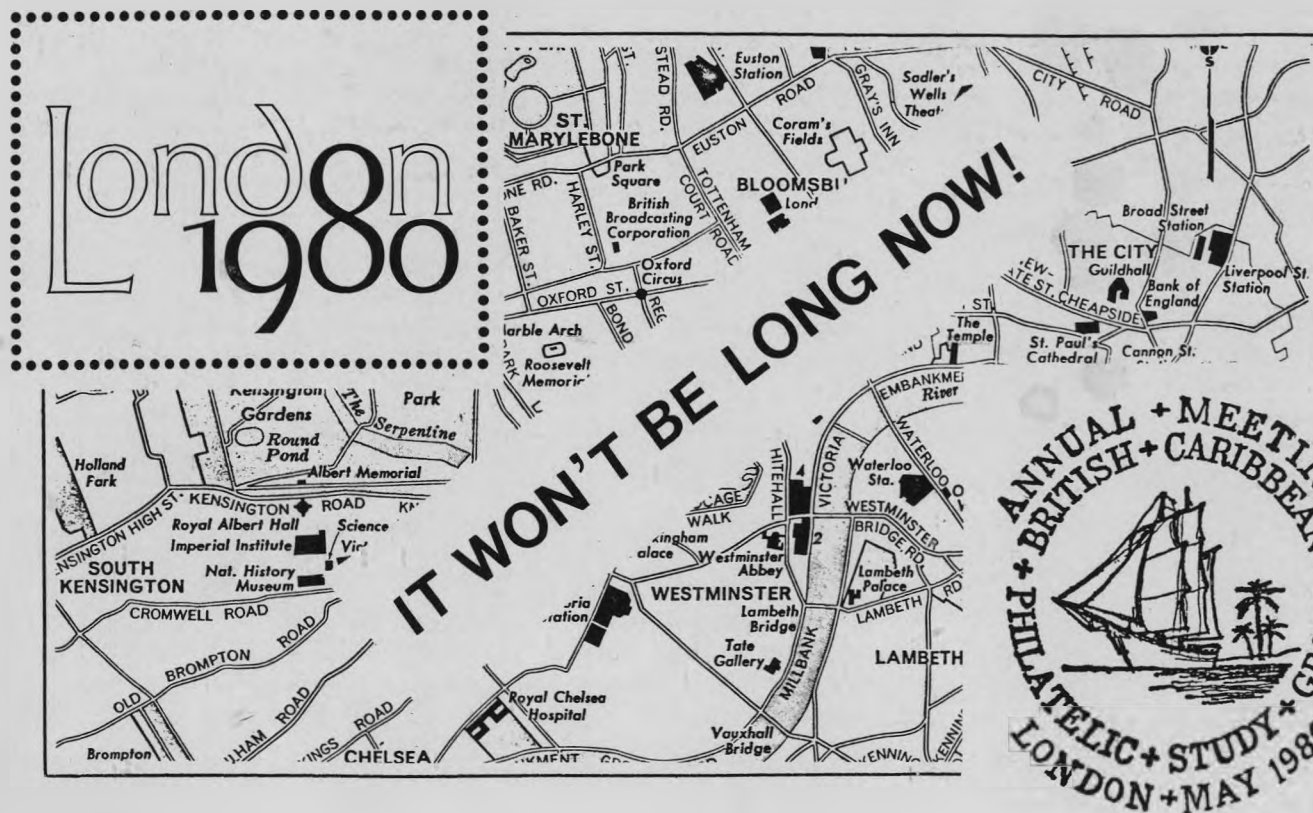
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## President's Message

Your President has, until further notice, assumed Editorship of your Journal. I take the job with a degree of restrained confidence, but in the same breath emphatically state that it is my hope that some willing member, with more time on his (or her) hands than I have, will in the near future volunteer to replace me in this unfamiliar position. Until then, I have delegated all responsibilities and duties of the President's Office to Dan Walker, and I ask that all of you give Dan your full cooperation and support.

The cost of paper has risen dramatically over the past two years, and it is a hard fact of life that inflation is with us and will be with us for quite some time. This magazine of ours costs about half again as much to produce now as it did in 1977. For this reason I am respectfully asking each member to donate some small sum---whatever amount he sees fit---to our Treasurer, marking it for Journal publication usage. Please do this now, with the understanding that this is not a formal assessment, but an informal means of support comparable to your being in a church with the plate going by. Whatever you can provide financially, tiding us over until the next formal dues increase is made effective, will certainly be most welcome. In fact, I would say that support of this type will be absolutely necessary if you expect the Journal to remain in the old familiar 8 1/2 by 11 inch size, and to carry a sufficient number of pages to be a meaningful magazine.

In an attempt to save the Group's money, I will try to hand "camera-ready" copy to the printer. Therefore, I will not have time to type material more than once, probably using liberal amounts of Sno-Pake in the process. I will not have time to agonize over the creation

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## Notes from NOJEX....

On 27 October, and for the third time in eight years, our Group held its Annual General Meeting in conjunction with NOJEX, a show considered by many to be the top stamp exhibition on the East Coast. It was a very successful BCPSG get-together where a considerable amount of business was discussed and acted upon. Thanks to the kindness of the NOJEX Committee, headed by Sidney Schneider, our members were treated to a number of pleasant social events where new friendships were made and old ones renewed.

Each exhibit of British Caribbean material (and there were eleven of them) received an award, and every one of the (at the time) nine exhibits by a BCPSG member was presented with at least as high as a NOJEX Large Silver. I speak for all of us in offering special congratulations to Walton Van Winkle, who won the Grand Award, the BCPSG Cameron Trophy, the Postal History Society Award, and the award for the best exhibit by an APS member. (Sid had informed us earlier of an old NOJEX custom, a decree requiring the Grand Award winner at any NOJEX show to be tossed into the Holiday Inn swimming pool, but somehow Wal managed to remain dry.) Dan Walker's first attempt at exhibiting earned a NOJEX Large Silver and the Frank C. Baker Award for the best display by a novice. A complete list of all our winners is included in Elaine Durnin's NOJEX REPORT, appearing on Page 18.

It was obvious from discussions at NOJEX that a significant change must be made regarding our Group's LONDON 1980 auction procedures. The lot submittal details put forth in my August issue President's Message still provide no absolutely safe and legal method to integrate our plans with UK customs requirements. Furthermore, the breakdown in Journal communication since the August issue has prevented the membership from finding out anything at all about this new auction lot submittal policy.

We have elected to modify our auction method to eliminate (insofar as our Group is concerned) the customs problems altogether. Basically, we plan to stage two auctions in 1980. One will be at London in May, where lots sent to Malcolm Watts will be sold.

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Not long after returning to California from NOJEX, I received a letter from Honorary BCPSG Life Member Reg Lant, accompanied by a manuscript entitled "The Unpaid and Tax Markings of Jamaica". It was Reg's desire that his work be published as installments in our magazine. In this way, the membership at large will be given the opportunity to add, clarify, or otherwise comment on the study as portions of it appear, thereby enabling a "fine-tuning" process to be worked into the monograph before its final issue as an integrated book. This is the same principle that was formulated for the "Antigua Monograph", which has appeared in serial form in past Journals.

Here then, beginning on the next page, is the first portion of Reg's exhaustive study of this little-known area of Jamaican postal history.

GEORGE

# The "Unpaid and Tax" Markings of Jamaica

by Reg Lant

Ignorance, forgetfulness, and unethical practices are strange bedfellows, and yet, these human traits or failures have contributed in no small measure the world over, during the past 130-odd years, in producing an array of strange postal markings termed "UNPAID AND TAX" postal deficiency handstamps.

Jamaica has proven to be no exception to the general rule. As this former British Colony elected NOT to issue Postage Due adhesives, additional examples of postal deficiency "TAX" markings, particularly in the Air Mail field, can thus be expected in the years ahead.

To the late Mr. L. C. C. Nicholson goes the distinction of focusing attention on the UNPAID handstamps by including an account, with illustrations, of the then known "RETURNED FOR POSTAGE" and "TAX" types in the Postmark section of the "1928 JAMAICA HANDBOOK". The markings in question are to be found under Types D3, D5, and D9 in this study. In addition, the late Mr. Thomas Foster, in his book "THE POSTAL HISTORY OF JAMAICA 1662-1860", gave full cognizance to the first four UNPAID handstamps in Section 12 of his work. These four marks---Numbers D1, D1a, D2, and D3---were used during the pre-adhesive era, and they are again listed in this study with updated data. Subsequent research, including reviews by Mr. Foster, has revealed major additional information, and we thus hope in the ensuing pages to portray a comprehensive listing of all these interesting Jamaican handstamps.

Prior to 1858, the prepayment of postage---both Inland and Overseas mails---was OPTIONAL, and it was usually the recipient who was called upon to assume the charges. The limited PREPAID INLAND MAILS were, for obvious reasons, so marked in m/s on the obverse of the items involved. The only exception was in Overseas mails for Foreign destinations despatched by Packet Service via London. Failure to prepay in full the Imperial postage involved to London resulted in the retention of all such mail pending receipt of the postal deficiency. (See Type D2.)

The year 1858 brought a number of innovations in the Jamaica Postal Service, including the introduction of Great Britain Postal Issues---the first postal adhesives used in the Colony.

February 1st, 1858, saw the issuance of regulations requiring all letters originating in the Colony for Overseas to be PREPAID. Unfortunately, the prepayment of mails for Great Britain and the Colonies was never actively enforced, this notwithstanding that prepayment was encouraged by the levying of a system of "FINES", which in turn became known as "POSTAGE DUES", at which time the recipient was required to pay the deficient postage, PLUS a fine comprising the full postage involved.

In November of 1858 a penalty of 4d. per letter was assessed by Treasury Warrant on all INLAND MAIL NOT PREPAID in cash or in postage stamps; this penalty was in addition to the normal rate.

All "PAID LETTERS" bore either or both the Post Town and Kingston PAID markings. In the case of a PAID LETTER originating from a Post Town, or received from sources

from outside the Island, it was the practice to use a "JAMAICA/PAID" date stamp--- Types PD2, PD3, PD5, or PD5a. If, however, the letter was posted in Kingston, it received a strike of the "KINGSTON/PAID" dater Types PD4, PD6, or PD6a. This system simplified internal accounting and enabled the Kingston GPO to maintain a check on the number of paid letters mailed at the various post towns, or posted at the GPO itself.

With the advent of the "FINE" or "POSTAGE DUE" system, it became necessary to mark the amount to be collected on the obverse of the items involved---usually in m/s in coloured ink or crayon. In later years handstruck "TAX" markings were introduced for the same purpose.

Units of deficient postage were by UPU agreement assessed in GOLD CENTIMES, a unit established as a world-wide range of exchange---five Gold Centimes being considered equal to 1/2 d. (one-half pence) Sterling. However, due to currency fluctuations, it is necessary for the UPU to periodically review the Tax Structure and make whatever changes deemed essential to maintain a suitable exchange rate. Particulars of such changes are reviewed later.

As regards Jamaican underpaid International items (other than the woodblocks), all such items were, and in fact still are, handstamped with the required TAX AMOUNT markings at the Kingston GPO.

One word of caution: Care should be taken not to confuse m/s "POSTAGE DUE" markings with normal m/s rate inscriptions on early letters which had NOT been prepaid, nor should early letters with "TO PAY" handstamps be considered an "UNPAID" marking. The "TO PAY" handstamps were merely utilized to speed up the marking of the normal postage rate on certain letters prior to the year 1860. In all such cases the "TO PAY" handstamp indicated the normal correct postage to be collected.

TABLE OF RARITY

A rarity factor is shown here where considered advisable. The majority of the "TAX" and "UNPAID" markings, even the modern items, are seldom used and are therefore difficult to assess. Members are urged to communicate with the writer on the subject, and also with regard to items not recorded.

Unique		U
Very Rare	Up to 4 or 5 known to exist. (A digit is added where the number is known.)	VR
Rare		R
Scarce		S
Uncommon		UN
Normal		N
Common		C
Very Common		VC
Current		c

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REG LANT

THE "UNPAID" MARKINGS

TYPE "D 1".

*MORE-TO-PAY*

An unframed single straight line marking 47 mm in length, with hyphenated worded oblique 5 1/2 mm serif capitals. Known in both black and red inks. Despatched to Jamaica SEP 28 1843.

EKD red ink 5 JAN 1844 VR

EKD black ink 19 JULY 1859 VR

LKD black ink 26 DEC 1859

TYPE "D 1a".

*MORE TO PAY*

A similar unframed single straight line handstamp with same wording "MORE TO PAY" - NOT hyphenated. 45 mm in length, 4 1/2 mm oblique serif caps. Known in red ink only and usually found on letters bearing adhesives.

Red ink 8 JAN 1844 1867 R

TYPE "D 2".

*N<sup>o</sup>  
Detained for Postage*

An unframed double straight line brass handstamp with legend "N<sup>o</sup> / Detained for Postage" in upper and lower oblique case fancy script lettering 2 mm - 5 1/2 mm in height with overall measurement of 45 x 11 mm. The abbreviated "N<sup>o</sup>" for "Number" placed at left to allow for insertion of a m/s number by a P.O. official. Despatched to Jamaica 26 AUG 1845.

Black ink 30 JAN 1852 U

The only example recorded is on a part paid letter from New York to Vera Cruz, Mexico, via New Orleans and Jamaica. The letter bears various American and British marks, including K7a Kingston mark of 30 JAN and Kingston Paid PD5a of FEB 12, both 1852.

TYPE "D 3".

A triple straight line brass handstamp with legend

RETURNED  
For  
POSTAGE

*RETURNED  
For  
POSTAGE*

in 4 1/2 mm oblique serif capitals, except the word "For", which is in antique letters and placed at the left of marking to allow for the insertion in m/s of the amount of postage outstanding. Despatched to Jamaica AUG 26 1845. It is always in red ink.

EKD red ink 6 AUG 1851 VR

Such markings can be found on letters bearing unofficially bisected postage stamps which had been returned to the sender for the correct postage. A pre-adhesive example follows:

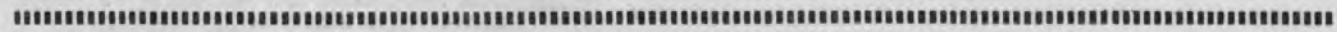


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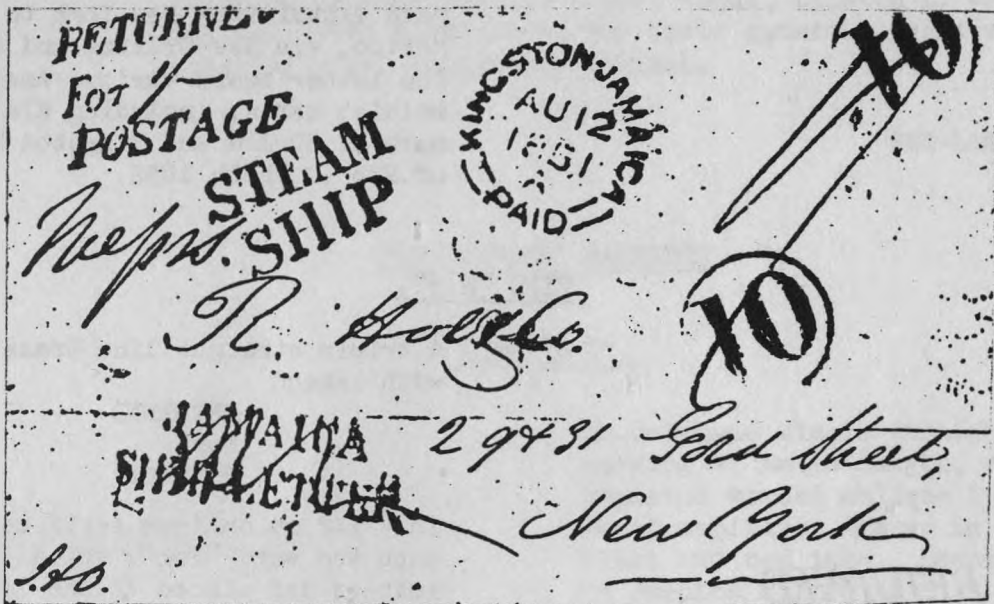
The other, consisting of lots sent to Chuck Cwiakala, will be later during the year at a meeting to be held in the States. The tentative location for this second meeting is the FLOREX show in St. Petersburg, Florida. More details will follow in the April Journal.

It is hoped to publish a complete list of the auction lots for LONDON 1980 as soon as possible, together with mail bidding instructions.

GEORGE



A round of applause is due Ed Addiss, who diligently and enthusiastically served as the BCPSG/NOJEX liaison contact. Ed did a tremendous job in acting as our on-the-spot trouble shooter and problem solver at the show site. Having him work with the NOJEX Committee and the Jetport Inn eliminated 98 percent of our show problems even before they arose. Many thanks, Ed!



Letter posted at Kingston on 6 AUG 1851 for transmission by private ship to New York and accordingly handstamped with Ship Letter SL5.

Subsequent to the arrival of the mail packet at Kingston, the letter was handstamped with Type D3 mark and returned to sender (as per P.O. regulations) for the 1/- packet postage required to transmit it to the USA via the British Post Office at St. Thomas, DWI. After reposting at the GPO on 12 AUG Type SL5 was crossed out and the Paid dater PD6 was applied to show that all the British postage had been paid. It arrived at St. Thomas on AUG 19 and was forwarded to New York by US Mail Contract Steamer. Upon arrival it was handstamped "STEAM/SHIP" and "10" (cents), the contract charge paid by the recipient.

TYPE "D 3a".

A similar unframed triple straight line handstamp with same legend

RETURNED  
FOR  
POSTAGE

RETURNED  
FOR  
POSTAGE

The lettering is in 4 mm sans serif capitals with overall measurements 35 x 17 mm. Only one example is known, struck on a letter from a Kingston merchant to Madeira on JUN 20 1854 in red ink. See following illustration.

Red ink 20 JUN 1854 U

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EVEN THOUGH THIS ISSUE OF YOUR JOURNAL WON'T GET PLACED IN THE MAILS UNTIL AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE TO WISH ALL OF YOU HOLIDAY GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR 1980!



*Paid*

RETURNED FOR 1/4 more POSTAGE

KINGSTON JAMAICA  
JUN 26 1854  
PAID

PAID  
18 JY 18

*Thomas G. Burnett Esq.*

SHIP-LETTER  
LONDON  
JULY 18 1854

*Madeira*

*Packet*

Letter was underpaid and was returned to sender for 1/4 "more" postage. Paid JUN 26 1854 and covering mark PD6a applied; item going forward on month-end Packet same date, arriving London JULY 18, 1854, and Tombstone PAID 18 JY 18 affixed. Circular SHIP-LETTER/LONDON added following day. There are no Madeira markings.

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TYPE "D 3b".

A double straight line marking enclosed within a single rectangular frame line 32 x 8 1/2 mm. Similar wording

"RETURNED FOR/POSTAGE"

but differently arranged without space for m/s insertion. Date of despatch to Jamaica unknown, but it was necessarily prior to 1907, as the only example recorded is on a part cover addressed to the late Mr. Astley Clark and bears his notation

RETURNED FOR POSTAGE

"used during and after the 1907 earthquake".

Reports of that era would indicate that no special arrangements were needed during the earthquake emergency, nevertheless it is apparent that some individuals attempted to pass unfranked items through the post. The absence of a space for m/s insertion would indicate that the handstamp was intended to be used differently. It should be noted that Mr. Clark's various notes on little known philatelic matters and postal markings have proven to be both accurate and informative.

Black ink Circa JAN 1907

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TYPE "D 3c".

An unframed triple straight line handstamp with serif lettering. Top line is 2 3/4 mm serif caps, and lower two lines 2 mm serif letters.

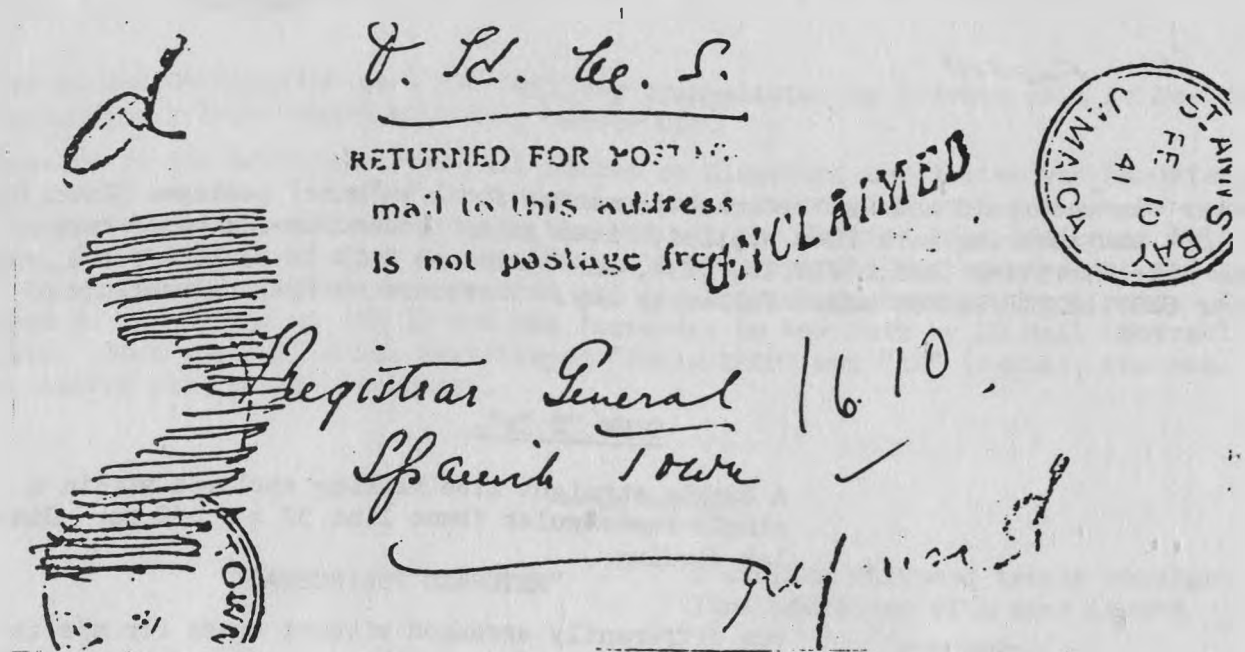
RETURNED FOR POSTAGE  
mail to this address  
Is not postage free.

RETURNED FOR POSTAGE  
mail to this address  
is not postage free.

The only recorded example is struck on an O.H.M.S. cover from St. Ann's Bay, addressed to the Registrar General, Spanish Town, as illustrated following.

Violet ink 10 FEB 1941

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The m/s figure "3" at left is in blue crayon crossed out with red ink. The reverse bears a Spanish Town receiving double ring of FE 11 41.

Does any reader have any interesting photos (with captions) that I could use for BCPJ front covers? If you wish, I'll return them after I'm finished with them.

I could always fall back on the "last resort"---the indiscriminate sprinkling of pictures of new issues. But I'd rather have the front of our journal feature something with a little more "zing".

GEORGE

TYPE "D 4".

A double straight line unframed handstamp in 2 1/2 mm sans serif capitals

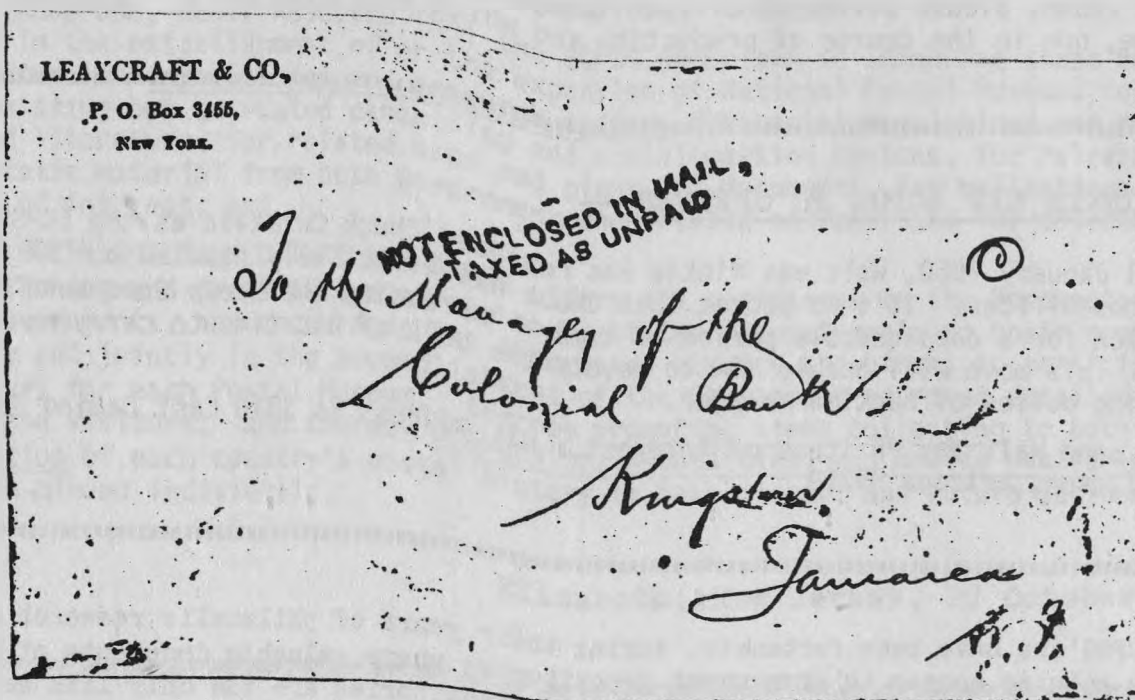
NOT ENCLOSED IN MAIL,  
TAXED AS UNPAID

NOT ENCLOSED IN MAIL  
TAXED AS UNPAID

Only one example is recorded (in black ink). See following illustration.

Black ink 12 JA 1888

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Cover with a New York corner card addressed to Kingston, Jamaica. Handstamped on the reverse with Kingston squared circle (three arcs) of JA 12 1888. Apparently carried by courier to Kingston.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

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MORE EDITORIAL OBSERVATIONS

Many readers have asked me if I intend to republish the BCP Journals of Volume 19 in 8 1/2 by 11 inch page size. The answer is no. There are no plans to reissue that volume for the convenience of "bookbinders".

# LONDON 1980 UPDATE

AL BRANSTON SAYS:

Are you coming to the "International" in London in 1980? If not, why not? If you are, then you will undoubtedly be at the all-day Group Meeting in the Bonnington Hotel, Southampton Row, on Saturday, May 10th. This is an open day for all Caribbean and West Indies collectors, with special invitations for all BCPSG, BWI Study Circle, and Roses members. There's a Ladies Programme as well, so please bring wives and friends.

Here's the action bit: Please drop a line to Al Branston for the Register he is compiling. (Ed: See Page 2 for Al's address.) Give details of whom you wish to meet, what you would like to do, and, if known, where you can be contacted. Even if this is not known, please advise Al of your intentions. Then he can send you the London Welcome, now in the course of production and which will give you all the news.

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## VAN WINKLE NEW BCPSG PR OFFICER---

As of 1 January 1980, Walt van Winkle has replaced Chuck Cwiakala as the BCPSG Public Relations Officer. It's no secret that Chuck has effectively handled our PR representation for a considerable period of time---"spreading the Group Good Word", so to speak. This move will enable him to devote the bulk of his time to carrying out the demanding duties of Auction Manager.

Please send Walt any PR items of interest. His address is 3010 East Camino Juan Paisano, Tucson, Arizona 85718.

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Many BCPSG'ers have been fortunate, during their years of philatelic research activity, in gaining access to government depositories where valuable documents of historical nature are stored. In many cases these depositories are the only link between the postal history of past generations and the theories and interpretations of the students of today.

Due to lack of funds for proper maintenance, particularly in the less affluent BWI states, "caretakers" of most of these storage areas are powerless to prevent the slow disintegration of these papers from the effects of fungus, insects, and humidity. There are very few microfilm facilities in the British West Indies, and even fewer plans to buy any.

The resolution on the following page, originally proposed by member Jay Fredrick, was unanimously approved at the BCPSG Annual Meeting at Tortola in 1976. It was again discussed at NOJEX. It puts on paper the Group's concern for the preservation and support of areas where postally historical records and allied objects may be consulted for many years to come.

The BCPSG is not now committing funds for any of the goals specified in the resolution. The BCPSG, at this time, is merely going on record that it enthusiastically supports all points of the resolution, and that it hopes that in the future some official financial backing can be made available.

Comments concerning the resolution are welcome, and any particularly thought-provoking letters will, with the writer's permission, be published in a future Journal.

## *Resolution*

WHEREAS, the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group (BCPSG) was formed to foster the study of the postal history of the British West Indies, including the Bahamas, Bermuda, British Honduras (Belize), and British Guiana (Guyana); and

WHEREAS, the BCPSG, from its inception, has encouraged the unrestricted exchange of pertinent information between its members, both individually and collectively; and

WHEREAS, the BCPSG has contributed to the heightened interest in both the postal history and stamps of these related areas through its publications and meetings, as well as membership activities; and

WHEREAS, the BCPSG wishes to promote the further availability and growth of know-ledge about the postal history of these Caribbean countries:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BCPSG undertake to encourage these Governments in the establishment of or the expansion of National Postal Museums to serve as controlled depositories and research centers for postal regulations and records, for existing but out-dated cancelling and postal-marking devices, for relevant published literature, for related maps and plans and documents, for collections of philatelic material from both Government and private sources, and for collateral items of interest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the BCPSG offers its assistance to the Postmasters in the planning and presentation of the above-stated general goals to their respective Governments, and encourages its interested members and others to participate singly and jointly in the accomplishment of the Government-approved detailed objectives for each Postal Museum; thereby promoting stamp collecting to both citizens and visitors; and thereby preserving, maintaining, and making available information of each country's postal history to both present and future serious research-minded individuals.

Elizabeth, New Jersey, 27 October 1979

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### MORE EDITORIAL OBSERVATIONS...

After I'd completed laying out and pasting up about a dozen pages of this issue, I received a large two-cubic-foot box of "Journal material" from Dan Warren via Dan Walker. This carton contained letters from members, xeroxes, manuscripts, old photos, and other documents that had apparently been planned for publication sooner or later.

I have had no time at all to wade through this material, but I hope to get to it early in January. Those of you who submitted manuscripts and items for the "Bits 'n Pieces" column some months ago, and who are now wondering why your material hasn't yet been printed, now know the reason. Since we have had no Journal since August, I feel that the highest "copy" priority at the moment is that concerning LONDON 1980, NOJEX developments, and the listing of our many new applicants for membership.

I am attempting to find out the names of advertisers who have paid in advance for advertising that was to have been scheduled for the October and December issues. I will insure that your copy---if not obviously outdated---will appear just as soon as possible, and that any credit due you will be applied against future ads.

To summarize, when this issue is finally sent to the printers, I'll begin sorting through that big box and scheduling the printing of all the worthwhile material it contains.

## President's Message (Continued from Page 2)

of neat, justified right margins. I will not have time to paw through other philatelic publications to find out who's doing what, so that I can write material for the Personal Mention and Bits 'n Pieces columns. In other words, if you got married, became a grandparent, won a Grand Award, or found a \$1.00 Columbian in a penny box, let Bernice Austin, Ed Addiss, or Russ Ott know about it. These people will forward such newsworthy items to me on a regular basis. Bernice's address is that of Howard on Page 2; Ed can be reached at 220 East 74th Street, New York, New York 10021; and Russ's address is 3541 Calle del Sol, Irving, Texas 75062.

And please, if you have manuscripts to submit, let me have them in typed form---not handwritten. My eyes are already pretty bad.

My thanks and appreciation go out to Dan Warren, who edited the BCPJ throughout most of 1979. Dan's sense of professionalism showed in his work, resulting in his giving us, during that year, a publication of outstanding quality and appearance.

GEORGE

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### ST. LUCIA CENSORSHIP

by G. G. Ritchie

Recently I obtained a PASSED BY CENSOR label of St. Lucia which was locally printed on glazed-surface blue-grey paper, but which had the word CENSOR 1 mm nearer the BY than in Type L1 (see BCPJ, December 1977, page 191). This was posted to the United States from Laborie on 21 February 1942 and the label is larger, although I do not set much store on this as labels are often cut down to fit the envelope which they are required to seal. Type L1 has a present EKD of 15 February 1941 and LKD of 8 September 1941, but I have had reported to me as Type L1a (EKD 27 April 1942, LKD 16 June 1942) similar labels on which the inscription is only 68 mm long, as compared to 75 1/2 mm in Type L1.

What I wish to know is whether the label just obtained is from a different printing of Type L1, or whether it is merely a vagary of setting? Two labels of 12 March 1942 and 24 April 1942 could, alas, be either Type L1 or L1a, as the length of the inscription was not stated.

Perhaps here I could also give new EKD and LKD of all St. Lucia items:

TYPE	EKD	LKD
H1		31 MAR 1943
L2	9 JAN 1943	28 JAN 1943
L3	1 MAR 1943	17 MAR 1943
L4	12 APR 1943	
L5	22 MAY 1943	
L6		11 JAN 1945

# Known Usages of Antigua Handstruck Stamps

By William G. Cornell

John Willem's research on the Tudway Correspondence (see Journals for June and December 1978 and June of 1979) has greatly expanded the knowledge of the known date ranges of usage of the five handstruck postmarks of the pre-adhesive period, in addition to identifying several new varieties of these marks.

Using Willem's latest information, the table below lists the earliest and latest known dates of usage of the generic types of mark, according to the Robson Lowe type designations.



TYPE	DESCRIPTION	EDK	LDK	CORRESPONDENCE
PD	Straight-line ANTIGUA	18 AUG 1780	17 DEC 1798	Tudway / Bayer
PF	ANTIGUA / date	24 MAR 1799	8 JUL 1808	Codrington / Tudway
PG1	Large Fleuron	26 SEP 1808	10 MAY 1824	Tudway / Codrington
PG2	Small Fleuron	1 APR 1825	21 FEB 1841	Atlee / Tudway
PH	ANTIGUA / arcs	2 MAR 1841	12 APR 1858	Tudway / Tudway



The importance of the Tudway material is seen in the fact that six of the ten dates are so determined, with only two of the dates being due to the Codrington Correspondence. The remaining two dates are based on other material. The LDK of Type PD, noted as from the "Bayer Correspondence", was earlier reported by Peter Brooks, based on a letter from John Otto Bayer. The EDK of Type PG2, noted as from the "Atlee Correspondence", was earlier reported by myself, based on a letter from George W. Atlee to Hastings Edwin in Bath.

The above ranges of usage narrow the hiatuses between the LDK of one type and the EDK of the next type to relatively short periods of time, with the exception of the gap of about eleven months between Types PG1 and PG2. It is of further interest to note that the Atlee PG2 date of 1 APR 1825 is the only reported date between the last Codrington PG1 date of 10 MAY 1824 and the first Tudway PG2 date of 6 JAN 1826. It will be appreciated if anyone with information that will further reduce the hiatuses will bring it forth, especially in the case of the period between PG1 and PG2.

# Secretary's Report

## NEW MEMBERS:

All applicants listed in the August 1979 Journal have been admitted to membership.

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# NOJEX REPORT

Elaine Durnin

The high number of BCPSG members living in the New Jersey-New York area was the major factor in choosing NOJEX, held at the Holiday Inn-"Jetport" in Elizabeth, New Jersey, October 26-28, 1979, as the site for the Group's Annual Meeting.

The fact that only eight area members showed up during the weekend did not dampen the spirits of the other fifteen BCPSGers who traveled from throughout the U. S. and Canada to attend the affair.

The weekend was highlighted not only by old friends meeting and talking of BeeWee philately, but by the number and quality of exhibits displayed by Group members in the competitive portion of NOJEX.

Group members greeted each other Thursday evening during the mounting of the exhibits, and caught a sneak preview of over a hundred frames of an exciting array of British Caribbean philately.

After a day spent going through dealers' wares looking for elusive material, sixteen members and four wives met for dinner and socializing Friday night in the hotel dining room. Present at the dinner, served to members seated at one long table, were JOHN and ANNE GAVELEK, Florida; DAN WALKER, Virginia; IAN WOODWARD, California; GEORGE BOWMAN, California; BILL BOGG, California; ELAINE DURNIN, Ohio; BYRON CAMERON, Florida; BOB and MURIEL TOPAZ, Massachusetts; ED ADDISS, New York; BILL ASHLEY, Massachusetts; FRED SEIFERT, New Mexico; GALE RAYMOND, Texas; HOWARD AUSTIN, Wisconsin; PAUL and JOAN LARSEN, Illinois; WALTON VAN WINKLE, Arizona; and HAROLD and ALICE GOSNEY, Ontario, Canada.

The dinner was followed by the traditional auction viewing session in a member's room.

Also present during the weekend were ARTHUR SPEAR and HARRY WHITIN, both from New York; and LINCOLN KIEFFER, BILL FOX, and RONNIE WONG, all of New Jersey.

The BCPSG Annual Meeting was held the next day, with twenty members and one guest in attendance. Later the guest, BRAD ARCH of New Jersey, turned in his signed application for membership. The meeting was presided over by President George Bowman, who thanked Ed Addiss for his efforts at coordinating the weekend on behalf of the Group.

Various possibilities for use of the Publications Fund were discussed, resulting in Bob Topaz's looking into the possibility of a monograph on British Honduras, and Elaine Durnin's volunteering to look at the Virgin Islands Copy Book (which has been in circulation throughout the membership for a number of years). The intent of this action is to coordinate the material for publication in the BCPJ and requesting further information for possible future publication in handbook form.

Hotel information for LONDON 1980 will be coordinated by Bob Topaz and Al Branston. Members interested in receiving such information should contact Bob at 34 Maryellen Road, Waban, MA 02168.

The culmination of the weekend was the awards banquet Saturday evening. Taking top honors was Walton Van Winkle and his impressive "Early Postal Markings of Jamaica", which presented a study of the postal markings from circa 1770-1890, omitting obliterators. Walton was presented the NOJEX Grand Award, a Large Gold, the American

Philatelic Society Award for the best exhibit by an APS member, and the Postal History Society Award. Van Winkle's display also was presented the first BCPSG Byron Cameron Award for the best British Caribbean exhibit. This award was in the form of a beautiful crystal vase.

Other British Caribbean area exhibits winning awards were: (All are by BCPSG members unless otherwise indicated.)

NOJEX Large Gold Awards: "Exploring Jamaica, 100 Years Ago, with Obliterators", Ian Woodward, also BCPSG Gold; and "History of Handstruck Temporary Markings of Jamaica, 1855-1925", Bob Topaz, also BCPSG Gold.

NOJEX Gold Award: "Antigua through the King George V Issue", George Bowman, also BCPSG Silver.

NOJEX Large Silver Awards: "Bahamas Postal History", John Gavelek, also BCPSG Bronze; "19th Century Postal Charges to and from Bermuda", C. Kilbourne Bump, also BCPSG Bronze; "Grenada--Postal History and Stamps to 1899", W. Danforth Walker, also BCPSG Bronze; "Leeward Islands---George V Definitives", Harold Gosney, also BCPSG Bronze; and "Victorian Issues of Trinidad", Ben Ramkissoon, also BCPSG Bronze.

NOJEX Silver Award: "19th Century Postal Markings of Bermuda", Brad Arch.

NOJEX Bronze Award: "War Tax Stamps of Turks and Caicos Islands", Harold M. Honig (not BCPSG member). (Ed: But see Supplement to Secretary's Report, Page 31.)

In addition, Dan Walker won the Jockey Hollow Stamp Club's Frank C. Baker Award for best novice exhibit. (Comment overheard concerning Dan's display was "That's an exhibit by a novice?")

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of the first Alfred Johnson Award, in the form of a crystal vase, to Bob Topaz, BCPSG founder, former president, and auction manager. The award was given to Bob in appreciation for his outstanding service to the BCPSG.

A crystal vase was also presented to Elaine Durnin on behalf of the BCPSG for her distinguished past editorial services. (Ed: Elaine left out the word "distinguished" from her report. I added it.)

On Sunday, members began to go their separate ways on their homeward hourneys, but all retained the warmth of the BCPSG fellowship experienced during the wonderful New Jersey weekend.

(Elaine's fine report reached me not long before I'd planned to take this issue to press. As a result, many of the events she had covered had already been included in other pages of the magazine layout. So, I had to chop a little here and there, but I guess in the overall journalistic scheme of things that's what an editor is supposed to do.)

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APOLOGY TO NEW ISSUE SPECIALISTS: Sorry that there wasn't any space available in this journal for new issue information, but there will be in the April edition.

## This and That...

RON WIKE has sent the Group a copy of his handbook "Trinidad and Tobago Postal Meter Stamps". This well-designed and attractively-printed 50-page study, published by the Harry Hayes firm of West Yorkshire, is available either from Ron or from the Trinidad Philatelic Society at £4.50 (\$10.00 U.S.).

Ron has requested that your Editor review the book, which he hopes to be able to do in a not-too-far-distant Journal. Your Editor will say now, however, that Ron's publication impressed him quite favorably, is loaded with sharp illustrations, and seems to present a very detailed analysis of all postal meters noted in use in the Colony. Ron has kindly asked that, after review, the book be donated to the BCPSG Library.

Ron's address is 15 Oaklands, Curdworth, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B76 9HD, England.

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New member GEORGE LESLIE writes as follows: "Recently I obtained a nice used copy of Barbados Scott #9 at auction. On the back in blue ink is a very detailed print of a flamingo, about a half-inch tall. It seems to have been made with a (wood) block. My guess is that it is the identifying mark of a collector---a well known collector, per chance. I'd like to hear from any member knowing anything about this mark. Thank you." George's address is listed in the Secretary's Report.



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BEN RAMKISSOON advises that a ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of a new General Post Office at Bridgetown, Barbados, took place on 26 August 1979. The press release, appearing in the next day's edition of the Barbados Advocate, gave the following details:

The Minister of Communication and Works, the Honorable Mr. Lindsay Bolden, who turned up the sod, declared that the facility will "end many years of planning and frustrations". Mr. Carl Yarde, Acting Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Communication and Works, accompanied the Minister, as well as Mr. Merton Hewitt, Acting Postmaster General.

The new facility will occupy a 1.6-acre site at Cheapside, Bridgetown. It will consist of a WI \$12.3 million, three-story structure administration building, and will be a complex of three separate buildings---post office and two-story sorting office ---grouped around a central plaza.

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JACK ARNELL writes that BERMUPEX 1980 will be held at the Castle Harbour Hotel, Bermuda (the site of the 1978 show) on Saturday and Sunday, 15-16 November 1980. Jack says that the show will almost certainly be preceded by a two-day Robson Lowe auction on the 13th and 14th. There will probably be package tours from London, New York, and Toronto for those interested in participating.

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# NOJEX REPORT

The following items, discussed at our Annual Meeting at NOJEX, are of general interest to the membership at large.

Members attending: Addiss, Ed; Arch, Brad (applicant); Ashley, Bill; Austin, Howard; Bogg, Bill; Bowman, George; Cameron, Byron; Durnin, Elaine; Gavelek, John; Gosney, Harold; Kieffer, Lincoln; Larsen, Paul; Raymond, Gale; Seifert, Fred; Topaz, Bob; Van Winkle, Walt; Wong, Ron; and Woodward, Ian.

Elaine Durnin was presented with a beautiful scroll, prepared by Charles Sawyer and signed by the BCPSG President and all Group Trustees in attendance, in honor and recognition of her many years of dedicated service to the Group.

As of NOJEX, membership in the BCPSG stands at 476.

Motions were made to return the Journal format to 8½ by 11 inch size, primarily to accommodate the publication of manuscripts already in existence. In the absence of the Editor, however, these motions were withdrawn. (The matter of Journal publication has since been resolved.)

Effort will be made to publish, under Group cognizance, some of the monographs and special studies that have been prepared by various members. Countries involved include Antigua, British Honduras, Trinidad/Tobago, and the Virgin Islands.

There will be two Group auctions in 1980---one at LONDON 1980, the other (tentatively) at St. Petersburg, Florida.

Future meeting sites were approved for 1981 (MILCOPEX/Milwaukee) and 1982 (ARIPEX/Tucson). The ARIPEX show will be very early in the year, probably in January.



MICHAEL MEAD has recently been promoted to Assistant Manager of the Appraisal Department of the H. E. Harris Company. This position involves a great amount of travel, says Mike, but he still welcomes correspondence with BCPSG'ers interested in the fiscal uses of BWI material.

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STEPHEN HOPWOOD offers two reproductions of paintings by Brunias (c. 1773) of two views of eighteenth century Caribbean life. He can be contacted for information (2326 Timbercrest Circle W., Clearwater, FL 33515) on acquiring copies of these limited prints.

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BOB STEIN is seeking information from members on a Leeward Islands SG 8 with 22 mm CDS of Hatton, dated AP 25 6 (1896, perhaps?). Contact Bob at 1554 Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL 60654.

# Auction Results

Listed below are the results of the BCPSG auction held at NOJEX on Sunday, 28 October. Bob Topaz, Bill Bogg, and Dan Walker are to be commended for running a smooth and efficient sale. 174 lots, plus about 50 more submitted from the floor, were handled by this team in slightly more than two hours!

Refer to the June 1979 BCPJ for lot descriptions.

Lot 1	\$12.00	36	\$19.00	71	\$20.00	106	\$10.50	141	\$16.00
2	Unsold	37	90.00	72	23.00	107	28.00	142	80.00
3	32.50	38	18.00	73	55.00	108	26.00	143	12.00
4	175.00	39	10.00	74	8.50	109	Unsold	144	8.50
5	26.00	40	17.00	75	40.00	110	6.50	145	16.00
6	8.50	41	18.00	76	8.50	111	12.00	146	6.50
7	6.50	42	12.00	77	9.50	112	21.00	147	20.00
8	Unsold	43	Unsold	78	Unsold	113	19.00	148	15.00
9	5.50	44	5.00	79	W/D	114	12.00	149	5.50
10	32.50	45	16.00	80	13.00	115	16.00	150	Unsold
11	10.00	46	3.50	81	30.00	116	42.50	151	5.50
12	30.00	47	8.00	82	26.00	117	3.00	152	6.50
13	6.00	48	3.50	83	100.00	118	3.00	153	13.00
14	15.00	49	24.00	84	17.00	119	12.00	154	12.00
15	3.00	50	13.00	85	85.00	120	6.00	155	16.00
16	6.50	51	24.00	86	52.50	121	7.50	156	12.00
17	14.00	52	24.00	87	Unsold	122	37.50	157	20.00
18	20.00	53	24.00	88	16.00	123	16.00	158	10.00
19	4.50	54	25.00	89	25.00	124	11.00	159	Unsold
20	9.50	55	20.00	90	80.00	125	8.00	160	3.00
21	16.00	56	3.00	91	7.00	126	10.00	161	11.00
22	30.00	57	45.00	92	6.50	127	17.50	162	8.50
23	8.50	58	17.00	93	14.00	128	12.00	163	10.00
24	3.50	59	30.00	94	11.00	129	6.50	164	20.00
25	9.50	60	25.00	95	16.00	130	Unsold	165	30.00
26	10.50	61	16.00	96	21.00	131	Unsold	166	3.00
27	13.00	62	14.00	97	Unsold	132	32.00	167	Unsold
28	15.00	63	12.00	98	Unsold	133	22.00	168	52.50
29	5.50	64	13.00	99	7.50	134	4.00	169	3.00
30	20.00	65	13.00	100	16.00	135	47.50	170	27.00
31	16.00	66	16.00	101	Unsold	136	32.50	171	80.00
32	16.00	67	3.00	102	4.00	137	20.00	172	42.50
33	11.50	68	6.50	103	13.00	138	12.00	173	11.00
34	21.00	69	11.00	104	21.00	139	15.00	174	15.00
35	9.00	70	20.00	105	35.00	140	8.00		

End of Mail Sale

W/D = Withdrawn

48 floor lots realized \$559.50,  
making Grand Total of \$3724.50.

Group benefited by \$910.75, including  
\$207.00 for Durnin Memorial Fund.

*Thank you for your bids!*

## Personal Mention

Down at HOUPEX, where the Group held its "mini-meeting" last August, the Grand Award winner was DR. WALT VAN WINKLE. His magnificent "Early Postal Markings of Jamaica" beat out heavy competition from a number of American Air Mail Association exhibits. RUSS OTT's "British Honduras Postal History" took a high Silver; CHARLES SAWYER's "Anguilla Postal Markings" was presented with a Bronze; and BOB BOLLING's "Airmails to and from the Bahamas, 1919-1946", his first-ever exhibit, took a Silver. BCPSG congratulations go out to all winners. After the show, GALE and NAOMA RAYMOND threw quite a supper-bash at El Rancho Raymond for all hands attending!

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GALE RAYMOND, while on an Explorers Club research expedition in April, cancelled mail (what else?) right at the Geographic North Pole (on pack ice) with his special courier cancellation. Son-in-law RICK RODGERS joined the expedition, and also came back with a special appropriately-cacheted mail from the North Pole. Gale says, "Ask Rick to tell you sometime about his 'UFO photograph' at the Magnetic North Pole." Gale's daughter SUSAN and Rick manned the field Base Camp at Lake Hazen, northern Ellesmere Island, most of the summer, and have since birthday-gifted Gale with a magnificent set of musk ox horns!

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RUSS OTT's "British Honduras Postal History" display is shaping up with a great track record. In addition to a Silver at HOUPEX (see above), Russ's exhibit earned the Reserve Grand Award at VENPEX '79, held in Oxnard, California, in September.

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PAUL LARSEN reports the following BCPSG award winners at BALPEX 1979: F. W. DOOLITTLE, a Vermeil for "Tobago"; MORRIS LUDINGTON, a Vermeil for "Royal Mail Steam Packet Company"; and PAUL LARSEN, a Vermeil and also the German Philatelic Society Vermeil, for "German Togo".

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Awards Chairman PAUL LARSEN announces that BCPSG medals will be made available at the following APS Champion-of-Champion accredited shows:

FILATELIC FIESTA, 9-10 February 1980, San Jose, California.

MILCOPEX '80, 29 February-2 March 1980, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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ED ADDISS AND BEN RAMKISSOON spent part of a day together recently in New York. They were comparing notes on Trinidad and Tobago town and village cancellations, as part of a combined effort with WALT VAN WINKLE on a monograph on the subject. (Ed: The monograph will soon be published in the BCPJ in serial form.) Prior to that visit, Ben was a guest at the GERTRUDE and KIL BUMP home in Hampden, Massachusetts. Ben enjoyed the opportunity to go over much of Kil's award-winning Bermuda material, as well as to meet other members of the BCPSG.

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# STaMpsHOW 79, Boston, 23-26 August

BY PAUL LARSEN

About a dozen or so members and applicants attended the BCPSG "mini-meeting" at the Boston STaMpsHOW on Friday, 24 August. Although the "crowd" was modest in number, the program was enthusiastically received. Bob Topaz conducted an excellent slide show on Jamaica postal history, using two slide projectors concurrently to display both the front and back of a cover at the same time.

Bob and Muriel Topaz hosted a small get-together with Charles Sawyer and Paul and Joan Larsen at their home. This was preceded by dinner at a delightful little Italian restaurant in Boston's north end. At the STaMpsHOW awards banquet, the Larsens shared a table with Kil and Gertrude Bump.

## EXHIBIT COMPETITION:

Exhibitor	Exhibit	Class	Award
George Bowman	Antigua through the King George V Issue	APS World Series	Participant *
Paul Larsen	Leeward Islands Federal Issues, 1890-1935	APS World Series	Participant
Kil Bump	Postal Charges on Letters to and from Bermuda	Open	Silver-bronze

## LITERATURE COMPETITION:

Exhibitor	Exhibit	Class	Award
Elaine Durnin	British Caribbean Philatelic Journal	Periodicals	Gold
George Bowman	Analysis of a Leeward Islands Mail Supplement (article in February 1978 <u>American Philatelist</u> )	Special Studies	Silver

\* Participants received the equivalent of a Gold Award.

Literature awards were medals and the exhibit awards were pendants, in various sizes, of Scrimshaw (cross-sectioned whale tooth with inscribed full-rigged sailing ship). The women immediately appropriated the Scrimshaw!

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An article by BILL REDGRAVE on Sombrero, W. I. was recently published in Stamp Collector. The more BWI articles that appear in the general stamp newspapers, the better it bodes for the BCPSG!

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BLESSED EVENT DEPARTMENT: DOROTHY ADACH announces the birth of a son, Robert, on March 2nd, 1979, and MARK FROMER reports the arrival of son Merle Carlton on August 6th. Mark wonders whether Merle represents a stamp collector (and BCPSGer) in the making, since sister Jeanne Celeste, 6, is already "into stamps".



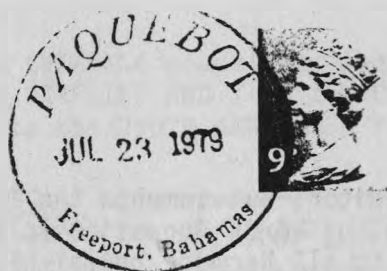
## This and That... (Continued from Page 20)

A mark showing the addition of REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO to the Postmaster General's handstamp was submitted to the Journal (and quite some time ago!) by RON WIKE. The mark is on an ON TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO GOVERNMENT SERVICE envelope mailed to Ron, but the cover bears no date stamp.

POSTMASTER GENERAL  
REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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From BRIAN LIMRICK comes a photocopy of a "...recently received PAQUEBOT cover from Freeport, Grand Bahamas, showing use of a, so far, new unreported PAQUEBOT cancel."



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This may be old news to some BCPSG'ers, especially those who belong to the War Cover Club, but it's worth repeating anyway. The August-September 1978 War Cover Bulletin (Volume XVIII, No. 6) carried the table below advising of APO/FPO changes recently made in the Caribbean. It's not known exactly when the changes became effective.

OLD FPO NY NO.	LOCATION	NEW FPO MIAMI NO.	OLD FPO NY NO.	LOCATION	NEW FPO MIAMI NO.
09551	Roosevelt Roads, PR	34051	09558	Turks Isl., Bah.	34057
09552	Antigua, West Indies	34054	09559	Andros Isl., Bah.	34058
09553	Barbados, West Indies	34055	09580	Balboa, CZ	34059
09554	Ponce, PR	34052	09584	Galeta Isl., CZ	34060
09555	Sabana Seca, Toa Baja, PR	34053	09585	Rodman, CZ	34061
09556	Eleuthera Isl., Bah.	34056			

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Members have asked me if I know of, or am personally arranging for, details of hotel reservations in London for the big show next May. Apparently some people are under the impression that I am the Group's accommodations booking agent for LONDON 1980. I am not. BCPSG'ers will have to arrange their own hotel plans, either directly or by contacting people in London to make reservations for them. If you don't have reservations by now, you should write a quick letter to Al Branston or Mark Swetland and ask them to see what they can do. (Mark's address is on Page 17.)

ALL LONDON 1980 DETAILS THAT UP TILL NOW HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO ME, BY AL, MARK, OR ANYONE ELSE, ARE IN THE PAGES OF THIS JOURNAL.

GEORGE

...from Here and There

## GROUP BUTTONS AVAILABLE!

At NOJEX Paul Larsen distributed (at a cost to recipients of one dollar each) celluloid buttons which were proudly worn throughout the weekend by BCPSG'ers. The buttons are 2 1/2 inches in diameter and feature our Group seal in dark blue on a white background. They make tremendous "advertisers" for our Group, and if a whole pack of people were seen wearing them at any stamp show, the effect could do the BCPSG nothing but good.

Four members have them for sale---Paul, Dan Walker, Howie Austin, and George Bowman. Send for yours now! It's a sweet deal for only a buck!

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## SOMETHING FISHY IN BERMUDA

A copy of the Notice below was sent to the former BCPJ Editor, but somehow the identity of the sender got lost. (Was it Jack Arnell, maybe, or Horst Augustinovic?). Anyway, the document should be of considerable interest to all Bermuda postal history buffs.

BERMUDA POST OFFICE  
HAMILTON 5-24 BERMUDA

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

The enclosed article was mailed in a pillar box post drop on the South Shore Road, Paget East, Bermuda, which is located near the "Hungry Bay Estates Road", on or before Tuesday, the 15th of June, the next date of collection.

We tender our sincere apologies for the delay and inconvenience in the forwarding and delivery of your mail at this late date, which is very much regretted - but for the following reason.

A vandalistic-minded person or persons unknown placed inside the pillar box three small fish which rapidly decomposed in the mail because of our rather hot weather, averaging 29° celsius (85° F.).

It should be further explained that the post box was not due to be cleared until the following Tuesday a.m. on the 15th June, as Sunday the 13th is a regular holiday and was followed by Monday the 14th "H.M. The Queen's Birthday" and an official holiday also, hence a period of two days elapsed during which the decomposition of the fish took place, fouling and badly contaminating most of the mail, which this Administration was obliged to put through a process of cleaning and drying before it could be returned for onward transmission in both the local and foreign mails.

Yours faithfully,

Postmaster General.

c.c. - To Sender - if possible

29th June 1976

## Personal Mention (Continued from Page 23)

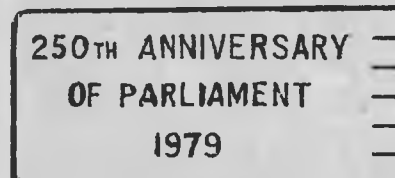
BOB TOPAZ announces that he is heading (with the able assistance of ED ADDISS) the British Honduras Handbook project. The effort is well underway, but Bob wishes that any member having interest in, or material or data concerning, BH postal history matters would contact him (34 Maryellen Road, Waban, Massachusetts 02168).

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FRANK WADSWORTH and CHARLES RICKSECKER were contacted by DR. BEN RAMKISSOON on a recent trip to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Unfortunately, Frank was leaving for Panama, and Charles for Tobago to attend the Centenary Exhibition.

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CHUCK CWIAKALA sends examples of recent slogan cancellations. The Barbados GPO is using SIMPLIFY AND / RATIONALIZE / WITH METRIC, and Freeport, Bahamas, calls attention to the 250TH ANNIVERSARY / OF PARLIAMENT / 1979.



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Just received a PS Form 3576 card from BARBARA YOUMANS. She still lives in Silver Spring, Maryland, but now her name is BARBARA ARMSTRONG and her new address is 1510 Ainsley Road, Silver Spring 20904. I knew about the address change, Barbara, but not about the new name. Best wishes from all BCPSG'ers!

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DOROTHY STAPP's "Leeward Islands" won First Place in the British Colonial section at ROPEX '79.

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BEN RAMKISSOON won a Gold Award for his "First Flights of Trinidad", shown at SUPEX, November 24-25, 1979, At Brookfield, Illinois. He also was given a Vermeil for his "Postal History of Kennedy Space Center" at FLOREX '79, and a Bronze for "Jovian Journeys---and Beyond", at AER-OPEX '79, at Redondo Beach, California. Good going, Ben!

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DR. CLEMENS PROKESCH continues as President of the Thames Stamp Club of New London, Connecticut (20th year), and begins his 14th year as Chairman of the annual THAMESPEX.

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## NEW DOMINICA SLOGAN

by WILLIAM ASHLEY

Specialists in the modern postal history of Dominica are aware of the VISIT DOMINICA B.W.I. / LAND OF NATURAL BEAUTY slogan handstamp. In 1977, a second slogan was used, reading JAYCEES SANITARY DRIVE / KEEP ROSEAU CLEAN in purple ink. All letters have serifs, with the second line of the handstamp considerably larger, measuring 85 by 5 mm as against 54 by 3 mm for the top line. The gap between the two lines of type is approximately 3 mm.

Of several dozen examples seen of this new marking, all but one adhere to the above format. In these cases, the positioning of the two lines is such that the E of DRIVE falls directly over the E of CLEAN.

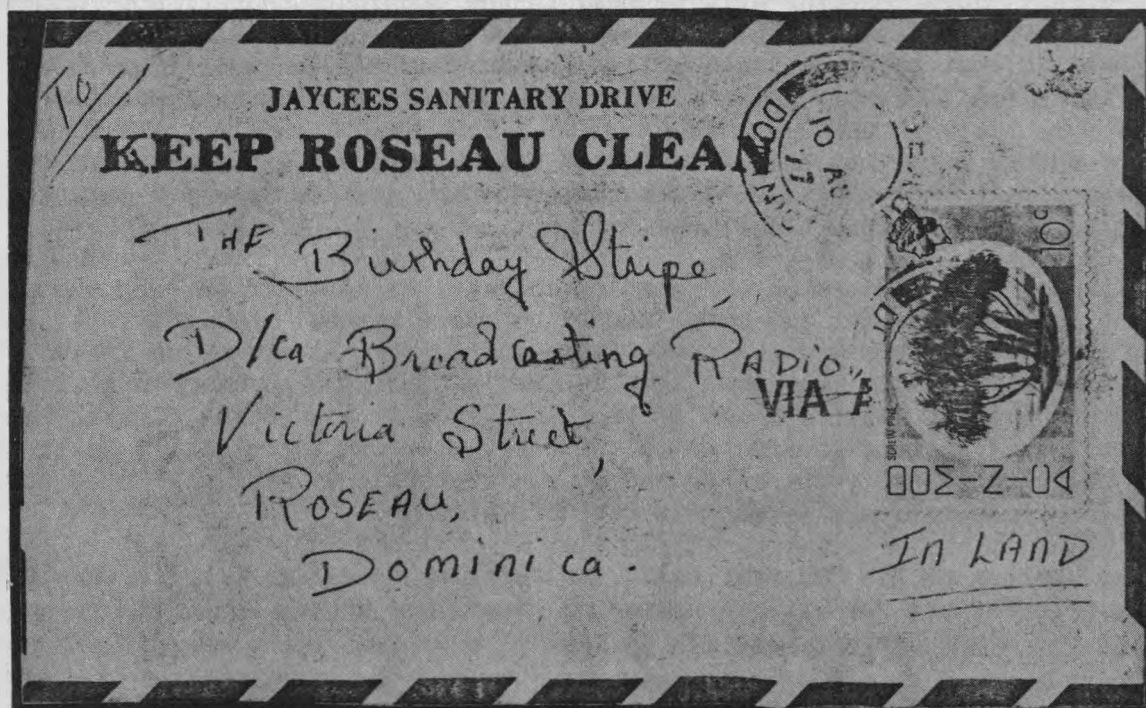
In the single exceptional case, the dimensions and lettering of the individual lines seem unchanged, but the lines themselves are juxtaposed: KEEP ROSEAU CLEAN is on the top in this case. In addition, the gap between the lines is 2 mm, and the E of DRIVE falls almost exactly under the vertical element of the L of CLEAN.

As with the previous Dominica slogans (the two types of VISIT DOMINICA B.W.I. / LAND OF NATURAL BEAUTY), the slogan was evidently applied at the GPO, as it appears on covers coming from a wide variety of Dominica towns. I have seen the "VISIT DOMINICA" slogans only on mail addressed abroad, however, while all of my "JAYCEES" to date are on local covers.

Usage dates of the new slogan are as follows:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>EARLY DATE</u>	<u>LATE DATE</u>
JAYCEES... on top	16 JU 77	11 AU 77
KEEP... on top		29 AU 77

I have also seen a considerable amount of internal mail from the above period which bears no evidence of the slogan cancel. Any further information concerning this new Dominica slogan-mark would be greatly appreciated.



# Further LONDON 1980 Update...

by George Bowman

I opened my mail today (December 8th) and found some more LONDON 1980 despatches from Al Branston and Mark Swetland. Al says:

"The draft programme of activities now being worked upon runs as follows:

EXHIBITION: Tuesday, 6 May, through Wednesday, 14 May.

Thursday, 8 May: All-day visit to Blenheim (Winston Churchill's birthplace), with lunch at Woodstock. Coach pickup at Earl's Court. (Mark adds that reservations for this trip will be required; I will try to get tentative costs published as soon as possible. However, since the April issue might be too late for reservations, I'd suggest that interested BCPSG'ers write directly to Al and make them through him---George.)

Friday, 9 May: Visit to the Victoria and Albert Museum, Kensington, with tea at the Rembrandt Hotel.

Monday, 12 May: Visit to Harrods with an English tea."

The above activities have been planned primarily to provide something for our non-collecting spouses (usually ladies) to do while their husbands are running around the stamp show all day. Jean Swetland and Peggy Pearce have been instrumental in arranging this series of interesting events, and the BCPSG owes them our heartfelt thanks. As I said before, I can't guarantee the dissemination of more detailed information concerning reservations and cost before the April BCPJ. Since the reservations closing date might well be past by the time you receive the April issue, you probably should contact Al directly to reserve space for all three events.

The "All-Groups" Joint Meeting will be held in the Bonnington Hotel, Southampton Row, on Saturday, 10 May, from 10:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Our BCPSG Annual Meeting will be held at that time, and this will be sandwiched between two slide shows, our auction, and (as Al so aptly puts it) "extended periods of fraternisation".

A wine and cheese party has been arranged by the BWISC on Friday, 9 May, at the Kingsley Hotel, Bloomsbury Way. Advance registration is also required for this affair (again, please write Al directly).

Mark continues: "Al has set up the Bonnington Hotel as headquarters for the BCPSG, but as yet is unable to get the hotel people to quote rates. The lobby, bar, restaurant, and meeting room are all comfortable and members should be satisfied. The hotel is on the Picadilly Line, the same as Earl's Court, so no changes on the underground are needed. Earl's Court is the ninth stop from Holborn (closest to the Bonnington) so it's about 25 minutes on the tube. You can enter Earl's Court from the tube underground, so you are exposed to the weather only from the hotel to Holborn station---about five minutes---in case of rain."

Al is also working on his "Contact List", or Register (see Page 12), so when you make your reservations for all the happenings mentioned above, let him know whom you'd like for him to arrange for you to meet.

## Just before press time...

### ADDITIONS TO SECRETARY'S REPORT:

#### NEW APPLICANTS:

DONNER, Max, 368 Shodown Mountain Drive, El Paso, TX 79912.

Retired. Collects Bermuda, Cayman Islands, and St. Kitts. By Thomas E. Giraldi.

HONIG, Harold M., 127 Palisade Road, Elizabeth, NJ 07208.

Retired. Collects British Empire War Tax, Australia, Canada, Ireland, Jamaica, Bahamas, Bermuda, Trinidad and Tobago, and Palestine. By George W. Bowman.

#### DROPPED FROM ROLLS:

KING, Cecil B. (No longer collects stamps.)

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#### MORE "PERSONAL MENTION" NOTES (courtesy of Ben Ramkisson):

BOB DANZER was recently elected President of the Postal History Society for a third term. Bob has just completed the publication of "400 Years of Luxembourg Postal History", a work that initially appeared as a series of five articles in the Postal History Journal between June 1978 and October 1979.

DR. FRANK WINTERS wonders if members can suggest dealers who will send BWI material on approval. He doesn't specify whether he's looking for stamps, covers, or both. Contact Frank at 240 Silver Drive, Decatur, IL 62521.

TOM GIRALDI spent the week of 6-14 October on the three main Cayman Islands, busily engaged in research for his upcoming Cayman Islands Monograph. Future Caribbean travel plans of BCPSG'ers include those of HOWARD LEWIS, who will be wintering in Grenada from 15 December to 1 April 1980.

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#### FINAL EDITORIAL OBSERVATIONS

Those of you who normally get your Journal other than by bulk mail received this issue in an envelope with a Sidney, Ohio, return address. This does not mean that Elaine Durnin is in charge of magazine mailing; it means only that we had a large supply of Sidney envelopes left over at the time of Dan Warren's switchover to the small page size. (Elaine, if any Journals get sent back to you as non-deliverable, let me know.)

I wish that I could personally write to each BCPSG'er who has phoned or written me during the past few weeks with messages of support. I especially appreciate the kind words from all the elected officers, and also from Bill Brew, Norman Thetford, Chuck Cwiakala, Elaine Durnin, Harold Gosney, Mark Swetland, Clint von Pohle, Bill Cornell, Fred Seifert, Bob Danzer, Chris McGregor, Pat Burke, Bill Matthews, Dotty Stapp, Doug Hatch, and Walton van Winkle. (Walt and I know what each other is up against---he is now the new Editor of MEXICANA, the official publication of MEPSI.) And Dotty, you'll never realize the great therapeutic value of your postcard--I've already framed it.

As soon as I get some sort of schedule and system set up, I'll begin to farm out manuscripts to you good people who have offered typing and proof-reading help. Thanks to all!

GEORGE

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