

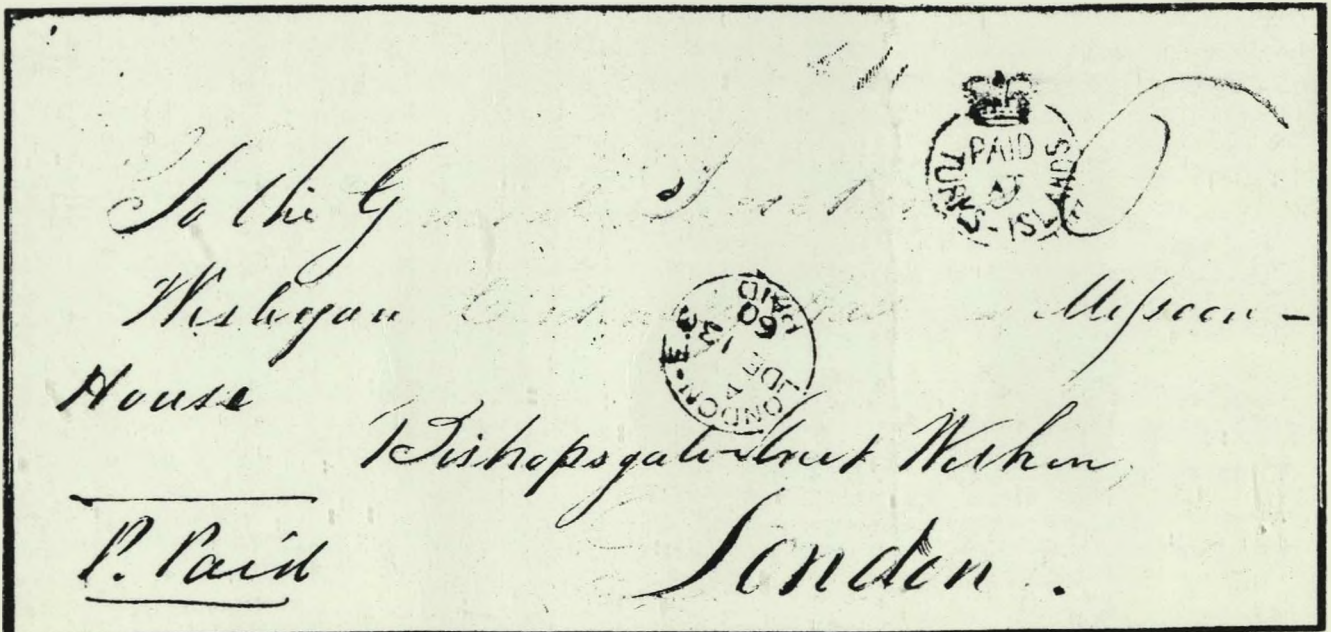
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The President's Message

.....Dr. Ben Ramkisson

The 26th Annual Meeting of the BCPSG at CAPEX '87 in Toronto was a truly successful gathering. Many informal meetings and social interactions took place before, during and after our meeting with a broad base of member participation.

I owe special thanks to Dr. Don Welsh, our Group CAPEX Chairman, to Mark Swetland, our journal editor, for providing our hospitality suite, to Paul Larsen, our Awards Chairman, for working closely with us and the CAPEX jury, to Dr. Peter McCann, for a splendid talk on The Postal History of Turks and Caicos Islands, to Jack Harwood who coordinated the Group Auction and to Jay Fredrick, our CAPEX Program Chairman. A number of our members helped to cover our BCPSG booth, which was shared jointly with the Pitcairn, St. Helena and Falklands Study Groups. This allowed for exposure of our organization to visitors and collectors with gratifying results.

Please mark your calendar now for our 27th meeting at STAMPOREE '88, April 22-24, at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Some exciting things are being considered for the meeting. (See enclosed flyer.) We hope to see many of you there. Continued Good Collecting!

From The Editor's Desk.....Mark W. Swetland

Michael Rego wrote the minute he read my message on Morris Ludington's article in the June journal. He, too, was working on an article on the Furness Line to Bermuda. Morris and Michael have agreed to combine their research and publish a joint study paper. Details of how this will be handled by the BCPSG are now under discussion. The December journal should carry this information. Meanwhile, my apologies go to those who expected to read about this in this issue.

Several members use a computer to prepare their articles. Under investigation is the possibility of my computer being able to read their disks. If this can be accomplished, articles will reach final production much faster with less effort.

Election of Trustees

It is time to elect the trustees who will serve the BCPSG for the period of 1988 to 1993. Included with this issue is a ballot listing the candidates whose resumes appear below.

1987	1989	1991
Col. Fred Seifert	W. Danforth Walker	Robert V. Swarbrick
Michael R. Rego	Harold Gosney	Quintus Fernando
C. Kilbourne Bump	A. Shepherd	Mariano B. De Lise

Thomas E. Girdali - Sunland CA where he relocated in April 1987. Tom works as a Research Technician at American Pharmaseal. His philatelic interests lie primarily in all aspects of the Cayman Islands as well as the early picture post cards of the BWI. He has contributed many article to the BCPJ as well as items to the "Bits and Pieces" column.

Tom has contributed to Geoff Rithcie's St. Lucia Handbook, Stamp Collecting and Stamp Collector. With Dr. Peter McCann he hopes to publish "Postmarks and Postal History of the Cayman Islands" towards the end of 1987. Tom has served the BCPSG

as Membership Chairman for some ten years now and is a former Trustee. He is also a member of the Roses Caribbean Philatelic Society, the British West Indies Study Circle and Civil Censorship Study Group.

Jack Harwood - Sarasota, FL. Age 43, collector since age 3. Collecting interests include postal stationery and postal orders of Great Britain and selected British empire countries. Bank commercial lending officer by profession.

Philatelic memberships include APS, AAPE, United Postal Stationery Society, The Postal Order Society (Director and US Representative), St. Helena and Dependencies Philatelic Society, Sarawak Specialist Society, Great Britain Correspondence Club, Cinderella Stamp Club (UK), and Sarasota (FL) Philatelic Club (current President). Presently serving as Auction Manager of the BCPSG. Has authored philatelic articles for BCPJ, Postal Stationery, Sarawak Journal, India Post, South Atlantic Chronicle, GBCC Newsletter, The Philatelic Exhibitor and Postal Order News.

Dr. Peter P. McCann - Cincinnati, OH. Age 43. Profession: Research Director, Merrell Dow Research Institute, Professor of Anatomy & Cell Biology, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

Member of the BCPSG since 1968. Collects postal history of the Turks & Caicos Islands, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands; also Tristan da Cunha, Gilbert & Ellice Islands and Pitcairn Island. Co-authored Handbook on Postal History of the Cayman Islands with T. E. Giraldi, to be published in 1987. Author or co-author of 23 philatelic articles, 7 published in the BCPJ. Exhibit - Postal Markings & History of the Turks & Caicos Islands, which most recently received Gold Medal and AAPE award at STAMPOREE in May; also Postal History of Tristan da Cunha which received large Silver at CAPEX. APS judge, accredited areas include British Caribbean, Atlantic & Pacific Islands and Polar. Current President of the St. Helena & Dependencies Philatelic Society; Immediate past President of the Pitcairn Islands Study Group.

Michael R. Rego - Born in Harrogate, Yorkshire in 1946. On leaving school Mike studied telecommunications and electronics and achieved CITY and GUILDS. Now with Plessey Co., U. K., as telecommunications system engineer.

Stamp interests: British Guiana postal history, stamps and most aspects to 1966. West Indies maritime, especially steamship lines to and from Caribbean from 1840 to date. Presently writing a book on the steamship lines in the West Indies. Current President of the Roses Caribbean Philatelic Society, past Treasurer of the Roses and past President of the local Wakefield Society. Active member of the BWI Study Circle, Spanish Main Society, TPO and Seapost Society, West Indies Stamps and Postal History Review.

Mike enjoys research into philatelic material and from time to time writes articles for the BCPSG, BWISC, Roses and WISPHR. Two philatelic books published so far are: "BRITISH GUIANA POSTAL REGISTRATION"
"POSTMARKS OF SANTIAGO, CHILE"

LONDON 1990 INTERNATIONAL

Information has now been released about this event. It will be held at the Alexandra Palace, London, from May 3rd to 13th, 1990. For details members initially should contact Stamp World London 90, British Philatelic Centre, 107 Charterhouse Street, London EC1M 6PT, England. Personal information from Al Branston, 11, Patching Hall Lane, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 4DH, England.

JAMAICA JOTTINGS

by Hugh A. H. James

Yet another significant find by Bob Swarbrick takes pride of place this month. Bob has sent me details of a completely new military censorship mark (Fig. 1) from the First World War (1914-1918). It is struck in blue as is the boxed FREE mark and is dated 13th May 1916. Bob says he has checked it with Derek Sutcliffe and confirmed that it is the first military censorship mark recorded.

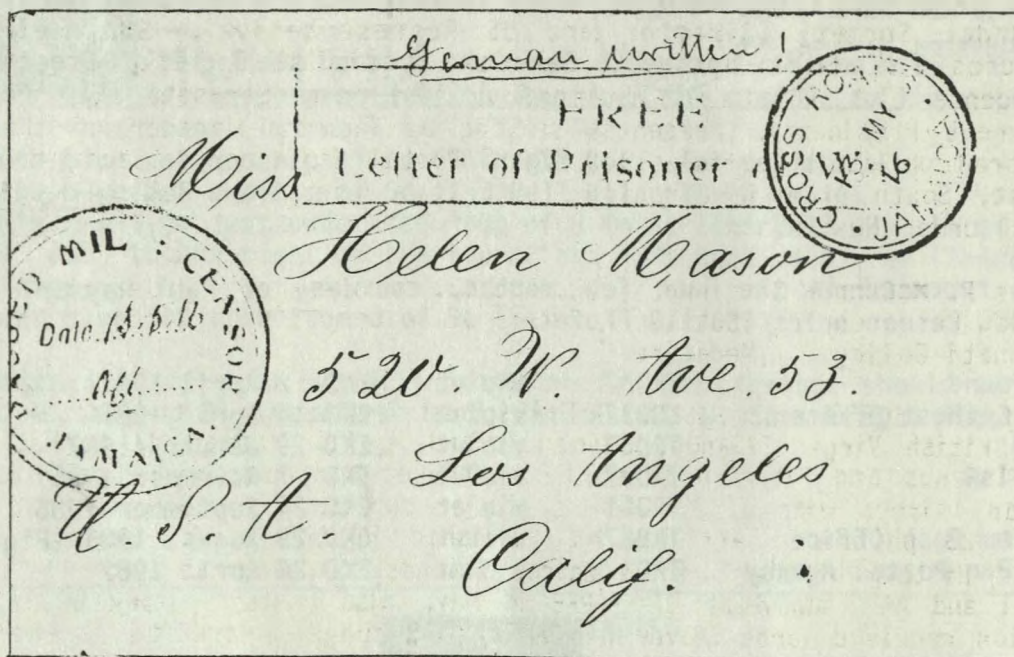


Fig. 1

On the reverse (Fig. 2) is a Kingston timed canceller also dated 13th May with a manuscript notation: "Majewsky Pris. of War. Kingston Ja. Brigade Office."

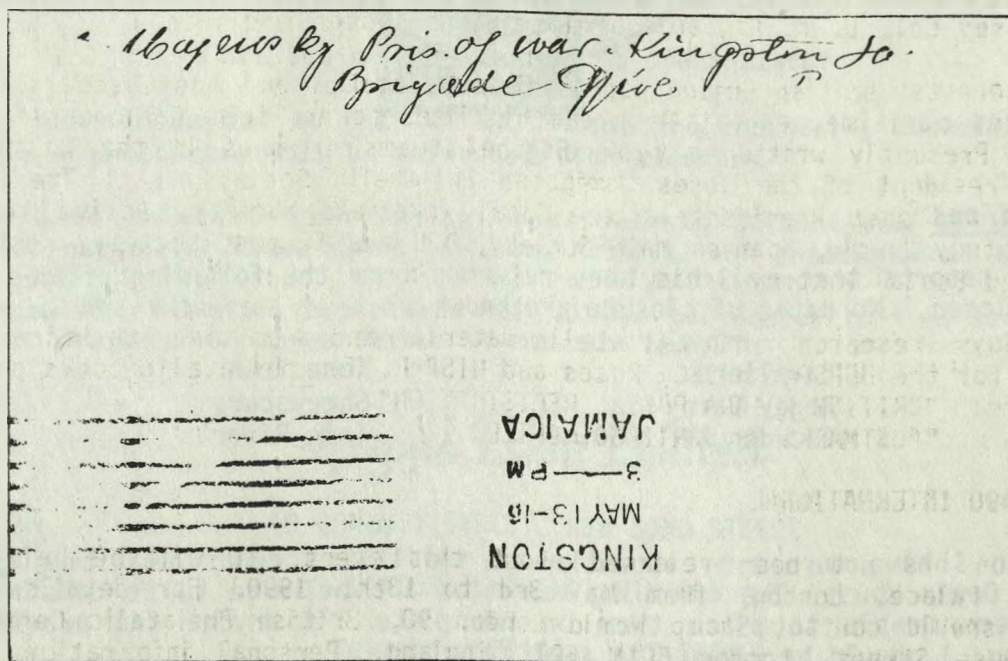


Fig. 2

From Clint von Pohle comes details of a slogan postmark (Fig. 3) which is new to me. It is CLEAN UP/PAINT UP use with the Kingston timed datestamp dated 1st May 1937. Details of any other copies of this mark and the associated postmark would be appreciated.

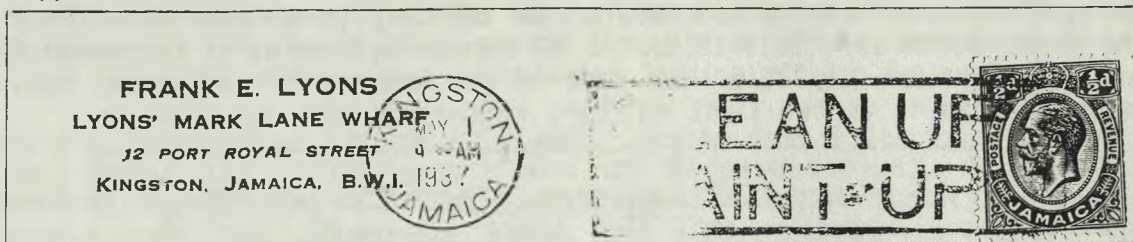


Fig. 3

New TRDs

New TRDs reported in the last few months, courtesy of Paul Raynor, are as follows:

Banana Ground	TRD37	violet	EKD 8 April 1987
Bellas Gate Post Office	TRD37h	violet	EKD 16 April 1987
Hampstead	TRD37	violet	EKD 29 January 1987
Harbour View	TRD37	violet	EKD 3 November 1986
McField	TRD41	violet	EKD 24 September 1986
Mount Salem Post Office	TRD37h	violet	EKD 29 August 1986 (Fig. 4)
Richards Pen Postal Agency	TRD37h	violet	EKD 24 April 1987

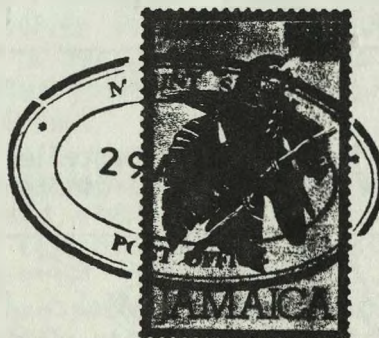


Fig. 4

Closed Offices

Paul also reports that mail has been returned from the following offices marked "Agency Closed." No dates of closure are known.

Cavaliers
Peggy Barry
Plowden

Rose Town
Shrewsbury
Toms River

Varieties

This month I have turned my attention to the 1972 9 cents definitive (SG 351) featuring Devon House. The following varieties are believed to be constant, but I have been unable to place them on the plate. If anyone can provide more information, I should be pleased to hear from them.

- a. a horizontal blue line measuring 1mm above the trees on the right hand side (Thirkell C12). I have this on three copies.
- b. a green dot on the balcony in front of the doorway (Thirkell D6/7). Three copies.
- c. a bright green dot on the lawn in front of the staircase (Thirkell O10). Five copies.
- d. Inverted watermark. Two copies.
- e. blue dot in sky to the left of the right hand tree (Thirkell A7). Five copies.
- f. blue dot in path near base of the right hand tree (Thirkell G8). Five copies.
- g. a horizontal plate scratch 3-1/2mm long from the c of 9c to the right hand edge of the stamp (Thirkell A/B11/12). Two copies.
- h. minute blue dot under c of 9c (Thirkell B12). Two copies.
- i. minute blue dot under c of 9c (Thirkell B11). Three copies.
- j. a thin red line just under the loop of 9 in 9c (Thirkell B9). Three copies.
- k. blue dot to the right of the top of the left hand palm tree (Thirkell A5). Two copies.
- l. minute blue dot under the c of 9c (Thirkell B11/12) Three copies.

(Ed. Members wishing to submit information for this feature should write to Mr. Hugh A. H. James, 26 Maplehurst Road, Chichester, W. Sussex PO19 4QL, England.)

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THE CROWNED CIRCLE PAID AT BELIZE MARK - UPDATE

by Ed Addiss

Four new confirmed items have turned up as well as sightings of four or five others since my article appeared (BCPJ W/N 139, Vol. 26, No. 2, June 1986, pp 54-56). The most exciting is the 20N045 item which brings our EKD forward by more than three years.

The 16JA54 cover to Greenock, listed as my item no. 5, was offered by Stanley Gibbons in their spring 1980 offers at £2,250. It was again listed by Gibbons in their London sale of 5-6 March 1981 as Lot 138 and estimated at £1,250. It was evidently bought in at £750 (per the List of Prices Realized) for it was once more offered by Gibbons in their New York sale of 17-18 November 1981 where it was estimated at \$2,000. Unfortunately, I do not have the Prices Realized for this sale.

My grateful thanks go to Basil Benwell, Charles Freeland, J. S. Greenwood and Morris Ludington for their information and comments.

Additional Recorded Items

BELIZE DATE	DESTINATION AND OTHER INFORMATION	RATE	RECORDED
20N045	"Rev'd J. Angus M. A./ 33 Moorgate Street/ London, England" London receiver 7 JA 1846	1/-	British Dealer, circa 1970 £250
11DE49	"John Davidson Esq./ 1 Sylvan Place/ Edinburgh" London transit 21 JA 1850 Edinburgh(?) receiver JAN 22 1850	1/-	Warwick & Warwick Dec. 1984, £1,000
180C52	"Mr. John Davidson/ 1 Sylvan Place/ Edinburgh"	1/-	Warwick & Warwick 5 Dec. 1984, Lot 155 £1,425
17JY56	"Henry Hutchings/ Kingston, Jamaica/ Prepaid," Kingston receiver 23 JY 56	4(pence)	British Dealer Oct. 1984, £1,700

I am advised that my item no. 10 is the same as one of the other items I listed which reduces the number in my first article to ten. With the above four this brings the total number of reported covers bearing Crowned Circle Paid at Belize marks to 14.

(Ed: Please note that prices given in W/N 139 without a \$ in front were in pound sterling.)

ST. LUCIA STEAM CONVEYANCE CO. LTD. - LOCALS

Robert J. Devaux

Several articles have been written in the philatelic press about this illusive company and its local post. A certain amount of mystery still enshrouds it and the full story has never been told.

I have come upon certain documents which provide additional information, and, in the case of the Governor's correspondence in 1889, insight into the company's operations and proof of its postal service.

In addition, I was extremely fortunate to have located a cover bearing the 1d. blue stamp. This cover was reproduced on the 10¢ value of the St. Lucia philatelic commemorative issue of 1980 (SG 519).

We know that a highly efficient coastal ship service existed up to the time of the French Revolution, linking all the towns and villages of St. Lucia. After the terrible upheavals of 1795, that service ceased altogether and for many years after, communications between the coastal towns and villages and Castries were conducted using only the uncomfortable canoe, horseback riders or foot-runners.

In April 1850, a post office was opened at Soufriere and for at least five years reliable schooner or sloop communication existed between Castries and Soufriere. By 1858 when St. Lucia became a branch office of the British postal system, only Castries was allocated the obliterator "A11", which suggests that Soufriere no longer existed as a branch post office.

Communications between the various coastal towns and villages were never very satisfactory and had once again deteriorated to the simple canoe, since the closure of the Soufriere post office in the mid-fifties.

Occasionally an entrepreneur would attempt to improve the service, as we learn from a notice in the "St. Lucian" newspaper of 1865:¹

NOTICE

St. Lucia August 5th, 1865

THE UNDERSIGNED BEGS TO INFORM THE INHABITANTS GENERALLY HE HAS CAUSED TO BE CONSTRUCTED A LARGE AND COMFORTABLE CANOE, WHICH HE PLACES AT THE DISPOSAL OF ALL WHO WISH TO GO COAST-WISE, AS WELL AS THOSE WHO REQUIRE A CONVEYANCE TO TAKE THEM ON BOARD THE STEAMER.etc.,etc.

SILIGNY CLAVIER
BRAZIL STREET, CASTRIES

Complaints about the inefficient postal services or the occasional total lack of communications, prompted the periodical appearance of an editorial or letter drawing attention to the deficiency, appealing to the Government to correct the situation. An attempt by the Post office in 1864 to provide a method of pre-payment on inland mail sent to Castries for onward transmission abroad was tried through an Ordinance to provide for the payment of inland postage on letters forwarded by the French packets.

This did little to encourage the use of the post office in Castries which was

still the only post office in St. Lucia.

When Captain Thomas Shugg arrived in December 1866, with his tiny steamship "Penelope" to operate the coastal trade, he was welcomed wholeheartedly by St. Lucians, who recognized the great benefits of such a service.

The services of Shugg proved to be so useful that he was granted a subsidy of PND 150 per annum. However, the suggestion by Shugg to operate a penny postal system did not obtain official approval. This, however, did not mean that he did not operate a postal service; in fact, he would have been encouraged to transport all kinds of letters, messages, etc., simply because he was operating a reliable and regular commuter service. Another important fact is that no inland mail service existed at the time.

All this came to an abrupt end on a dark moonless night in June 1868, when Skipper Charles McLean, having fallen asleep at the wheel, drove "Penelope" into the rocks at Pointe la Vierge, just south of Anse la Raye village. The good ship of less than two years old became a total wreck with no loss of life. However, the loss to the community was almost unbearable, and Captain Shugg died of grief shortly after, according to the following petition:²

To His Honor John Grey
Porter Atthill, Chief
Justice of Saint Lucia

The Petition of Henry Minvielle Esquire of the firm DuBoulay Minvielle & Company, residing in the town of Castries.

Most humbly showeth

That Captain Thomas Shugg, Harbour Master and owner of the steamer the "Penelope" has just died in the town of Castries, leaving no one to represent his estate or succession.

That the said Thomas Shugg or rather his estate owes a pretty large amount to the firm DuBoulay Minvielle & Company, for advances made towards the repair of the "Penelope" and for other purposes.

That under such circumstances the Petitioner is advised, not only in the interest of his firm, but also in that of the deceased's family absent from this island, to apply to Your Honor for letters of administration in order to enable him to take immediate charge of his succession and provide for his funeral.

That the Petitioner is prepared to give the security required by law, for his faithful administration in any amount which Your Honor may deem reasonable and proper.

May it, therefore, please Your Honor,

On considering the fact set forth in the premise to name and appoint the Petitioner Administrator of the succession of the late Thomas Shugg, late Harbour Master of this Island of Saint Lucia, on the said Petitioner giving Security for his faithful administration, to the satisfaction of Your Honor.

And it is Justice.

Castries, 1st July 1868

Signed - A. Cools
 Attorney and of
 Counsel to the Petitioner

The Court, under the circumstances with which the Court is cognizant, grants the prayer of the above petition, appointing Henry Minvielle Esquire, Merchant, of the firm of Messrs. DuBoulay Minvielle & Company in this Island of Saint Lucia, Administrator of the succession of Thomas Shugg deceased, late Harbour Master of this Island. He the said Henry Minvielle entering into his own personal security to the satisfaction of the Court for the due administration of the above succession. And it is further ordered that the above appointment shall be notified to all parties concerned by advertisement in the official Gazette: Costs to be privileged on the succession of the deceased.

Royal Court
 In Chamber
 This 1st day of July, 1868

Signed - J. G. Porter Atthill
 Chief Justice

A monument was erected at the wreck site to commemorate Shugg's memory and the valuable service "Penelope" rendered to St. Lucia.

The community began a relentless campaign to have the Government replace the service.

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BELIZE - MORE DOUBLE TROUBLE

by Peter Bylen

In the March 1987 BCPJ, W/N 142 A. E. Buzz Jehle made a significant contribution detailing his discovery of double printings of certain colors on six Belize postage stamps. Every collector who relishes errors and varieties is indebted to his meticulous investigation into the story behind these most interesting varieties. He concluded with a reminder that there may be other errors awaiting discovery. Innately inquisitive, I accepted the challenge and am pleased to report the following observations.

The Butterfly definitive series has occupied a considerable portion of my recent philatelic research. In addition to the 2¢ (SG 282/Sc 347) double light turquoise blue, \$1 (SG 392/Sc 357) and 10¢/25¢ (SG 567/Sc 423) double black varieties initially reported by Jehle, my own study has brought to light the following double black varieties: 3¢ (SG 393/Sc 358), 25¢ (SG 389/Sc 354), \$2 (SG 393/Sc 358) and \$5 (SG 394/Sc 359).

I have recently come into possession of two H size Registered Envelope with a double printing of the blue color (Fig. 1). Both were purchased over the counter at a Belize Post Office. This item was first placed on sale 2 December 1985.

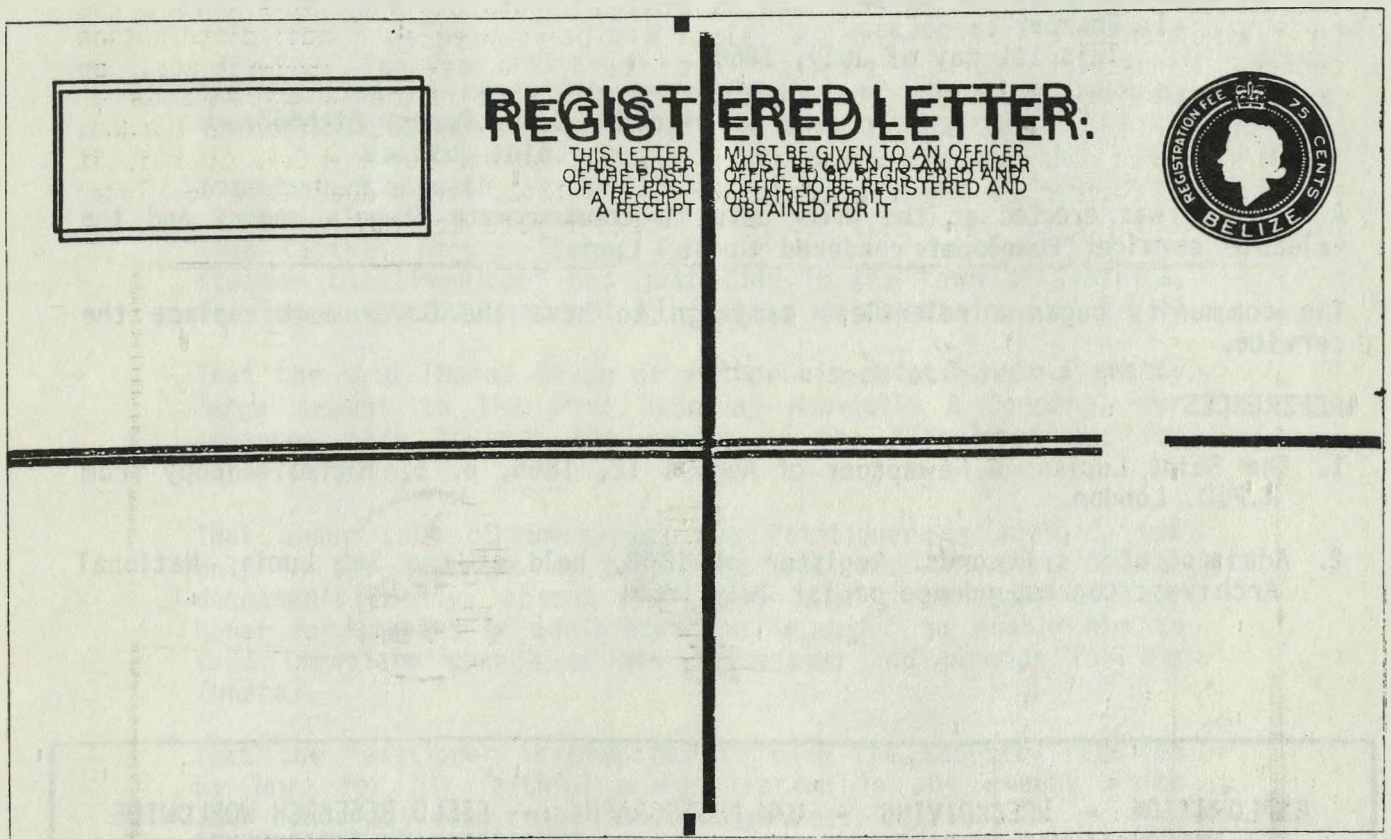


Fig. 1 (reduced to 90%)

THE CROWNED CIRCLE AND OTHER EARLY POSTAL MARKINGS OF TURKS ISLANDS

M. H. Ludington

In BCPJ Vol. 26, No. 2, W/N 139 Ed Addiss wrote on the Belize Crown Circle Paid stamp, one of the rarest known, and listed the eleven examples known to him, to which I was able to add a twelfth, used on 20 November 1845.

An even rarer Crowned Circle of the Caribbean area seems to be that of Turks Islands, of which I have been able to trace only six examples. The stamp was not listed in Charlton Henry's 1936 Supplement to Bacon's Turks Island Handbook, nor in Robson Lowe's "Handstruck Stamps" in the late 1930s. It is only briefly mentioned in John J. Challis's "Turks Islands and Caicos Islands to 1950," published by the Roses Caribbean Philatelic Society in 1983 as their Handbook No. 6. As far as I know, only one example was ever offered in an auction, many years ago, and it remained unsold, probably because its status was uncertain at that time.

The R.M.S.P. Co employed several men as postal agents at Grand Turk during the first nine months of 1842, when the Island was being used as a mail distribution center. Manuscript "Turks Island(s)" are found, in several handwritings, on letters sorted by them. But there was no regular post office in the Islands at that time. Fig. 1 shows a letter dated 19 April 1842 from Cap Haitien to London. The M/s "Turks Islands" was added by an R.M.S.P. agent. Per R.M.S.P. SOLVAY, it arrived at Falmouth 26 May and London 28 MY 28 1842. Rates dues were 4d. local Packet or Ship Letter rate plus 1s. Packet Letter rate to England.

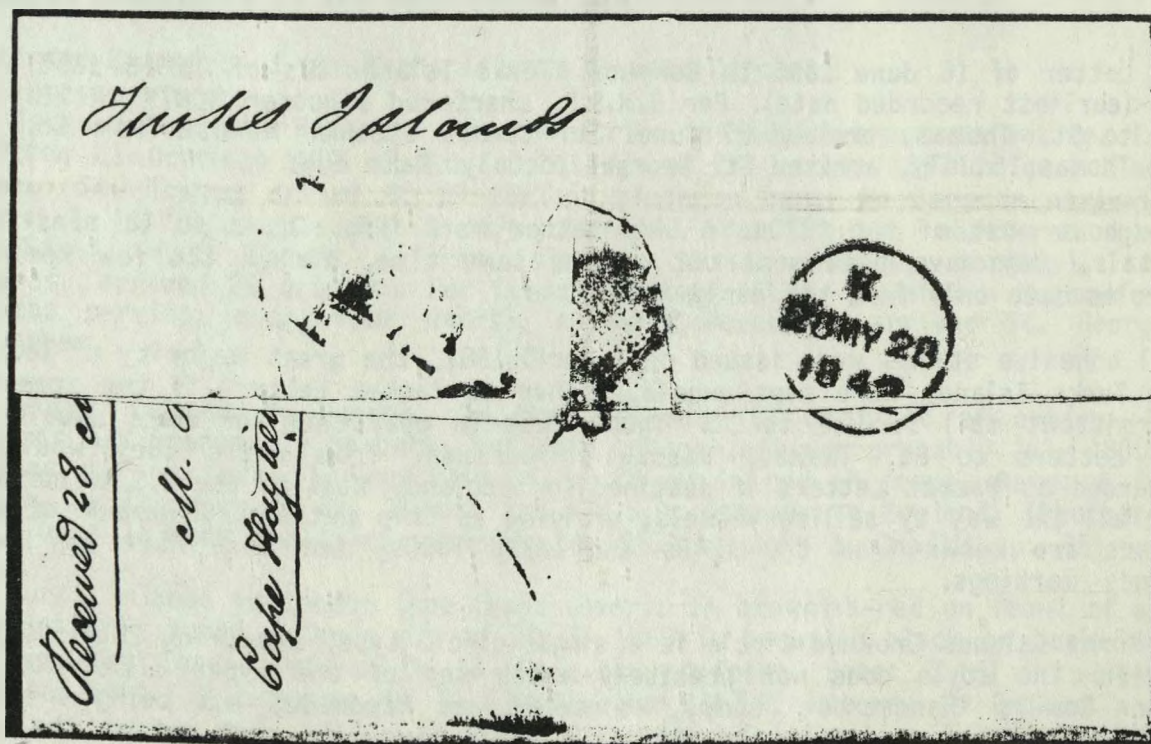


Fig. 1

Though a "TURKS ISLANDS/SHIP LETTER" mark in serified capitals is listed by

Robson Lowe as having been registered at the G.P.O., London, in 1840, and a double arc "TURKS ISLANDS" datestamp, also in serified capitals, in 1842, neither has ever been seen on cover, for no post office was opened until 11 December 1854. If they were ever sent out, they could well have been lost or in too poor condition to use. But from at least 18 June 1856, if not earlier, another double arc datestamp (Fig. 2), in sans-serif capitals, was used and remained in use

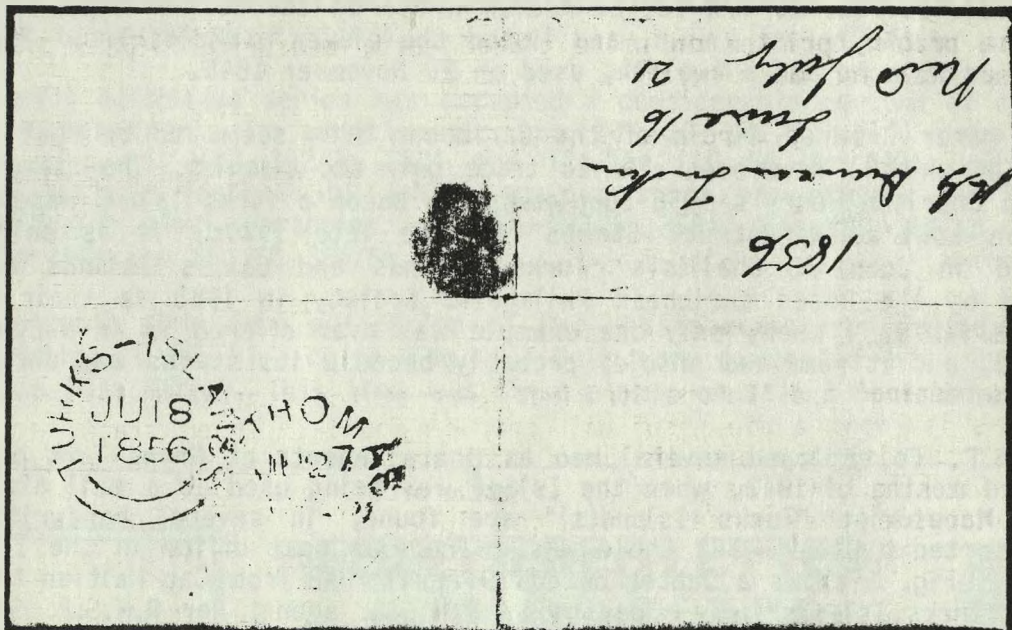


Fig. 2

Letter of 16 June 1856 to Bermuda. Turks Islands d/s of JU 18 1856, (earliest recorded date). Per R.M.S.P. chartered schooner MONTE CRISTO to St. Thomas, arrived 27 June. Per Cunard steamer MERLIN from St. Thomas 16 July, arrived St. Georges 20 July. Rate due: 4d.

throughout most of the 1870s. A Ship Letter mark (Fig. 3), also in sans-serif capitals, may have been sent out at the same time, though the few recorded examples date only from the early 1860s.

Until adhesive stamps were issued on 4 April 1867, the great majority of letters from Turks Islands were sent unpaid, either as Packet Letters if the somewhat intermittent mail service to St. Thomas was in operation, or more usually as Ship Letters to St. Thomas, Nassau or Bermuda, from where they would be forwarded as Packet Letters if destined for England. Mail to the U.S.A. normally went all the way by sailing vessels, arriving as Ship Letters. A number of such letters are known from the 1840s and early 1850s, but none have any Turks Islands markings.

The Turks Islands Crowned Circle is a single circle type, measuring 23.5 x 21mm overall. The style does not precisely match any of the types illustrated in Robson Lowe's "Handstruck Stamps," since it was handmade, but being a single circle type, must date from the 1850s. It could have been sent out at the same time as the datestamp and the Ship Letter mark.

The earliest recorded example, used on 22 October 1857, is a very smeared strike

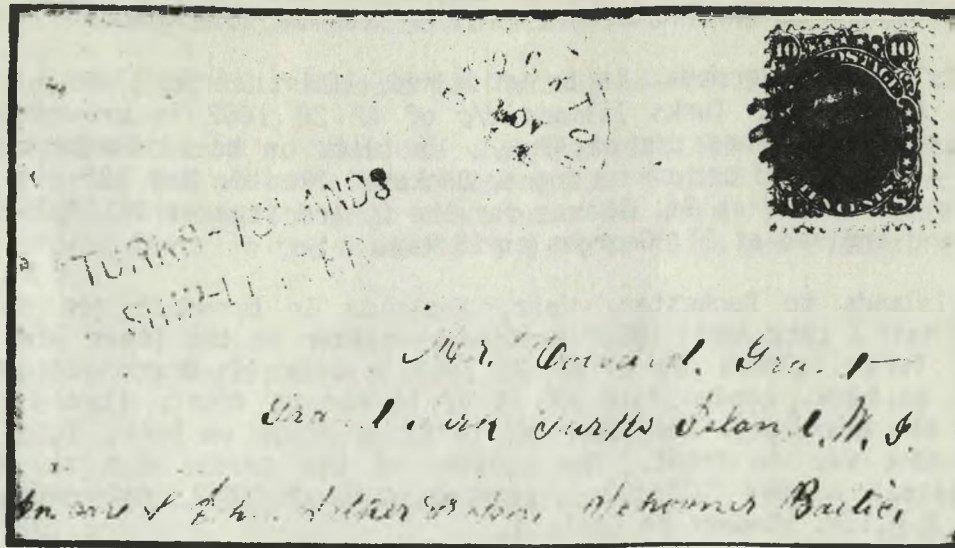


Fig. 3

Cover from Stockton, California, d/s of NOV 14 (1863). Tate Prepaid: 10¢, (Scott #68). TURKS ISLANDS / SHIP LETTER on front and Turks Islands d/s on back, both in black. 94 days in transit.

in a rather indeterminate reddish-brown, as if the ink had started to go bad in the tropical climate. This suggests that it may not have been put to use earlier. The other known examples, all dated between 1860 and 1862, are in brownish-red ink, and though not all are clear impressions, do not have the smeared appearance of the 1857 strike.

Recorded Examples of the Turks Islands Crowned Circle:

1. Turks Islands to Bermuda. Smeared strike in reddish-brown on entire. Letter written 21 October 1857. Turks Islands d/s of 22 October 1857 in gray black on back. St. Thomas d/s of OC 29 1857 in black on back. No Bermuda arrival d/s. Rate: 4 (d) in purple ink in m/s on front. Per R.M.S.P. chartered schooner AUSTRALIA, (St. Thomas - Turks Islands - Nassau service, monthly), to St. Thomas, arrived 29 October. Per Cunard steamer DELTA, (Halifax - Bermuda - St. Thomas service, every four weeks), sailed 2 November, arrived St. Georges 7 November.
2. Turks Islands to London. In brownish red (?) on front of entire. Turks Islands d/s presumably on back, but date unknown, though probably July 1860. St. Thomas d/s on back? London Paid of AU 28 60 in red on front. Rate: 6 (d) on front. By schooner to St. Thomas and R.M.S.P. steamer to England. (Photographed in "Turks Islands and Caicos Islands to 1950" by John J. Challis. p. 85).
3. Turks Islands to London (see front cover). In brownish-red on front of entire (no letter). Turks Islands d/s of NO 23 1860 in brownish black on back. No St. Thomas d/s. London Paid of De 13 60 in red on front. Rate: 6 (d) in purple ink m/s on front. By schooner to St. Thomas and R.M.S.P. steamer to England.
4. Turks Islands to London. In brownish-red, (weak at bottom), on front of folded printed report for 1860 on the schools in the Turks and Caicos Islands, dated 19 June 1861. Turks Islands d/s of AU 14 1861 in brownish-black. No St.

Thomas or London d/s. Rate: 1 (d) in purple ink m/s on front (printed matter rate). By schooner to St. Thomas and R.M.S.P. steamer to England.

5. Turks Islands to Bermuda. In brownish-red, (faint strike), on entire letter written 11 April 1862. Turks Islands d/s of AP 20 1862 in brownish black on back. Part of St. Thomas d/s of AP in black on back. No Bermuda arrival d/s. Rate: 4 (d) in red crayon on front. Docketed "Rec'd. May 19" and must have waited over two weeks at St. Thomas for the Cunard steamer DELTA, which sailed on 13 May and arrived at ST. Georges on 18 May.

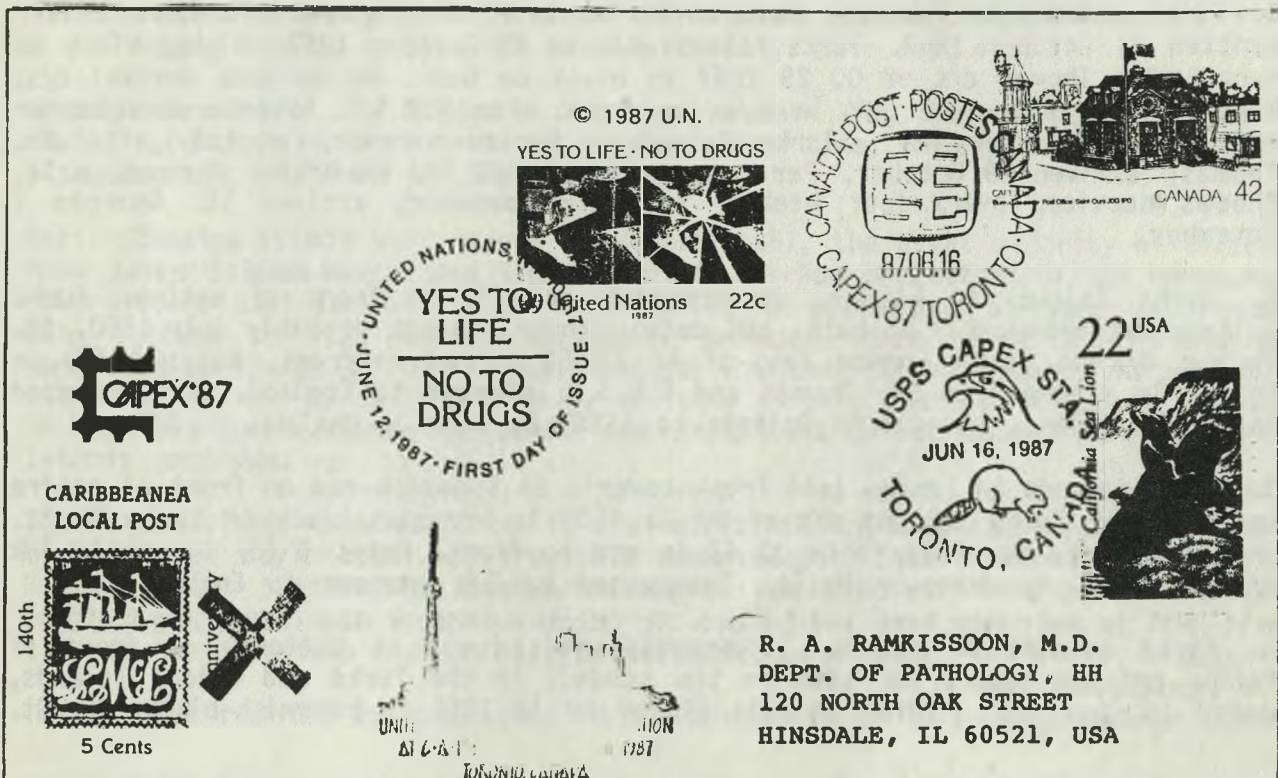
6. Turks Islands to Rochester, Kent, England. In brownish red on front of envelope. "Mail / 19th April 1862" written by sender in the lower left corner of the front. Turks Islands d/s of AP 20 1862 in brownish black on back. No St. Thomas d/s on back. London Paid MY 14 62 in red on front, (two strikes, one partly off the envelope). Rochester MY 14 62 in black on back. Rate marked: 5 (d) in carmine red on front. The marking of the credit due to the G.P.O., London, instead of the full rate, started in March 1862. By schooner to St. Thomas and R.M.S.P. steamer to England.

From the above details, if any conclusions can be drawn based on so few examples, it would seem that letters to England were separated and wrapped in their own package, and so did not individually receive transit datestamps at St. Thomas.

Any further information on the Turks Islands Crowned Circle would be most welcome. (Ed: Send your data to Morris H. Ludington, 821 McCeney Avenue, Burnt Mills Hills, Silver Springs, MD 20901.)

CAPEX COVER

Ben Ramkissoon prepared a souvenir cover at CAPEX which is shown below, bearing the Caribbeanea Local Post stamp which was available at the show and to members who are interested. The Local Post sheet of four, perf or imperf, is 25¢ each + SASE (#10 size).



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THE LEEWARD ISLANDS - PART II

by Michael Oliver

(Continued from the June 1987 issue)

1.4 The Royal Collection by Sir John Wilson

King George V was an eminent philatelist, President of the Royal for 14 years prior to his accession when he then became Patron and continued to maintain an active interest. He received plate number blocks of four of every new colonial printing (See Plate Issue Register (Fig. 1) - HM4).

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Leeward Is.

Description of Stamp	PLATE			ISSUED			RETURNED			Regr. No.	Made up By	Specimens
	Key No.	Duty.	Set.	To.	By.	Date.	By.	To.	Date.			
Postage Revenue	N ^o 11.	1 ^o	120	Lewis	LJS	13-7-26	Lewis	LJS	14-7-26	539.	Miss Hobler	No spec
	N ^o 11.	1 1/2 ^o	120	Lewis	LJS	19-7-26	Lewis	LJS	20-7-26	.	Hutchings	Spec. to
Postage & Revenue	16 16	2 1/2 ^o	120.	Lewis	LJS	15-11-26	Lewis	LJS	19-11-26	549.	" "	H.M. 4
Stamp & Revenue	16	2 1/2 ^o	120.	Lewis	WR	11-11-27	Lewis	WR	6-4-27	553, 562	Lewis	None
	"	3 ^o	"	Reis	WR	6-4-27	Reis	WR	30-4-27	562	Hutchings	None
Stamp & Revenue	16.	1 ^o	120	Reis	WR	11-3-27	Reis	WR	14-3-27	20511	Brown	H.M. 4
"	"	3 ^o	120.	"	WR	14-3-27	"	WR	"	"	Hutchings	Spec. to
"	20	1/4 ^o	120	Gale	WR	12-11-27	Gale	WR	15-11-27	571.	"	H.M. 4
"	20	1 ^o	120	Gale	WR	15-11-27	Gale	WR	16-11-27	"	"	"
"	20	3 ^o	120	Gale	WR	16-11-27	Gale	WR	17-11-27	"	Brown	"
"	N ^o 20.	1/2 ^o	120.	Gale	WR	17-11-27	Gale	WR	18-11-27	"	Hutchings	H.M. 4 C.S.
Stamp	N ^o 1.	1/2 ^o	60	Smith	WR	9-11-27	Smith	WR	16-11-27	"	Hutchings	C.S.
	N ^o 1.	2/3 ^o	60.	"	WR	9-11-27	Smith	WR	"	"	Hutchings	"
P.S.R.	N ^o 16	1 1/2 ^o	120.	Lewis	WR	7-3-27	Lewis	WR	13-3-28	583.	R. Goss	C.S.
Stamp & Rev.	16.	1 ^o	120.	Reis	WR	10-4-28	Reis	WR	11-4-28	"	Hutchings	None
"	16.	6 ^o	120.	"	WR	11-4-28	"	WR	12-4-28	"	Brown	C.S. H
"	16.	2/6	120.	"	"	12-4-28	"	WR	13-4-28	"	Brown	"

Fig. 1 - CA Plate Issue Register

Despite the high reputation of Sir Edward Bacon, curator of the collection from 1913, there are a number of discrepancies in this book with the DLR and CA records.

1.5 Gibbons Stamp Monthly

There are many references to new printings during the King George V period with information which may now be the only source - the problem is locating them.

2 - The Production of the Universal Key Plates

2.1 In letterpress or surface printing, often incorrectly described as typography, the raised areas of the design are inked and printed.

a - The original engraving of the head was made 'en epargne,' that is, the parts not to be printed were cut away (in recess), leaving the design to be printed raised (in relief). It is not difficult to appreciate that to cut two grooves in recess to leave a fine raised line in relief to be printed was a skilled task - for which Joubert de la Ferte of De La Rue was renowned.

The original engraving could be refilled with metal permitting parts to be re-engraved. The procedure was employed to great advantage, wherein the one head could have different appearances, (e. g. Sierra Leone 1859 & British Honduras 1865).

b - A punch was taken of the original head, struck into soft steel by coin presses at the Royal Mint.

c - After touching up, the master head die was struck in a similar manner, set into the frame which had been engine turned in relief, and hardened.

d - A second punch was taken of the completed design.

e - From this, lead moulds were produced and by various processes known as electrotyping, the final printing plate was made. A similar but cheaper process of stereotyping was also employed, mostly for postal stationery. Prior to 1902 the leads were produced in multiples of 60 to make a pane. They were located and held by screws in a forme which was accurately machined to give correct alignment and spacing. The same forme was used when the Duty overprints were made by the same process, thereby ensuring accurate registration for printing in two operations. With the exception of some low duties of Ceylon in the 1920's, all Universal Key Plate printings were in two operations, even though many were in the same color.

f - The completed forme of leads received a fine coating of copper. This shell was removed and filled with molten metal, which after touching up and packing to make a perfectly level plane, was coated with a fine film of nickel to become the printing plate. The marginal rule was added at the time the forme was levelled and, therefore, each plate has its own characteristics. Holes, drilled into the selvedge where numbered plugs were set, identified the printing plate.

2.2 There is no evidence to suggest that, unlike for British stamps, DLR produced more than one master die (c). It is thought they produced a new electrotype forme from the master design (d) for each different numbered plate. When file copies (see 3.1.i) are numbered as recording two plates, it is probable that two electrotype formes were made from the same impression of leads.

Printing forme sizes and plate numbers are discussed later under each reign.

3 - Proofs, Essays and Color Trials

3.1 These items can be broadly divided into four main categories.

i - Items retained by DLR as record or file copies. These items are nearly always cut down and stuck on a thick cream card. Many are initialled or annotated with printer's notes in black and red ink on the piece removed from the archives. Until about 1910 Duty Plate proofs, in particular, were defaced by red ink lines when the initial printing was completed for despatch. Most, if not all, such items are unique.

ii - Items produced for CA and the colonies, comprising hand painted designs, essays, proofs, color trials and samples. With the exception of the Imperium and Universal Color Scheme essays and color trials which are well documented in 'The De La Rue Key Plates' by Robson Lowe, little has been recorded of the many other items produced. However, most can be 'catalogued' for any colony by reference to the CA Books, or until 1901, from Easton's "De La Rue History of British and Foreign Postage Stamps." Despite its title a large part is devoted to Crown Agents and Colonial stamps.

iii - Die proofs, printed on white glazed card, measuring 3-5/8 x 2-3/8 inches, sometimes dated and many stamped.

- 1 - Before Hardening)
- 2 - After Hardening) of the second punch (2.d)
- 3 - Before Striking)
- 4 - After Striking) of the leads (2.e)

'After Hardening' and 'Before Striking' were at the same state in production and so far as is known a die proof will only be found in three states - 1, 2 or 3 and 4 - that is, any one die proof will not exist 'After Hardening' and also 'Before Striking.' How many copies of each proof were struck is not known, but it is probable they were struck for internal purposes only and those in existence today were removed from the Proof File Book, commenced in 1870.

iv - Progressive File Sheets were kept for presumably all colonies (Fig. 2). A Specimen copy of each new value and color change was stuck to a large sheet of white paper with faint blue lines at 2 x 1-3/4 inch spacing. Ordinary stamps, handstamped SPECIMEN, were sometimes included. The only large part sheet still intact I have seen is of Leeward Islands. Most, I think, have been cut up in the same way as the Universal Color Scheme Appendix Sheets.

3.2 - De La Rue's replies to CA to requests received from Colonial administrations for a new issue usually stated "we enclose a specimen." However, it would seem logical that at least three copies of an item would be produced - one for the Colony, one for CA's records and one for DLR's records.

3.3 - There were many instances when DLR were corresponding with CA directly and, therefore, one would expect only two copies of the item to be required. However, file copies were removed and used as examples for subsequent requests - the Leeward Islands id. stationery envelope was removed a year later to become the color trial of the Cape of Good Hope id. envelope.

3.4 - It has been stated that some Colonial Officers returned with items received in the Colony on completion of their tour of duty. Whilst there is no evidence this practice was adopted by Officers from the Leeward Islands' Presidencies, it can not be discounted with the knowledge of the philatelic activities of Mr. W. Pearce (latterly Postmaster of St. Kitts) over some 20 years from about 1883 - except to say it was not until quite recent times that proofs, essays and even SPECIMENS became desirable items for philatelists to include in their collections.

3.5 - Robson Lowe states the Imperium essays were printed in formes of 6. These items were produced in relatively large quantities for wide distribution and I do not think these special formes were used for individual essays. I have a DLR

Britannia head proof (ca 1901) in two colors on piece which has guide lines indicating it was a single forme printing. These were produced as samples of the printer's work to secure contracts from those territories still employing other printers, and would, therefore, have also been produced for a wide distribution.

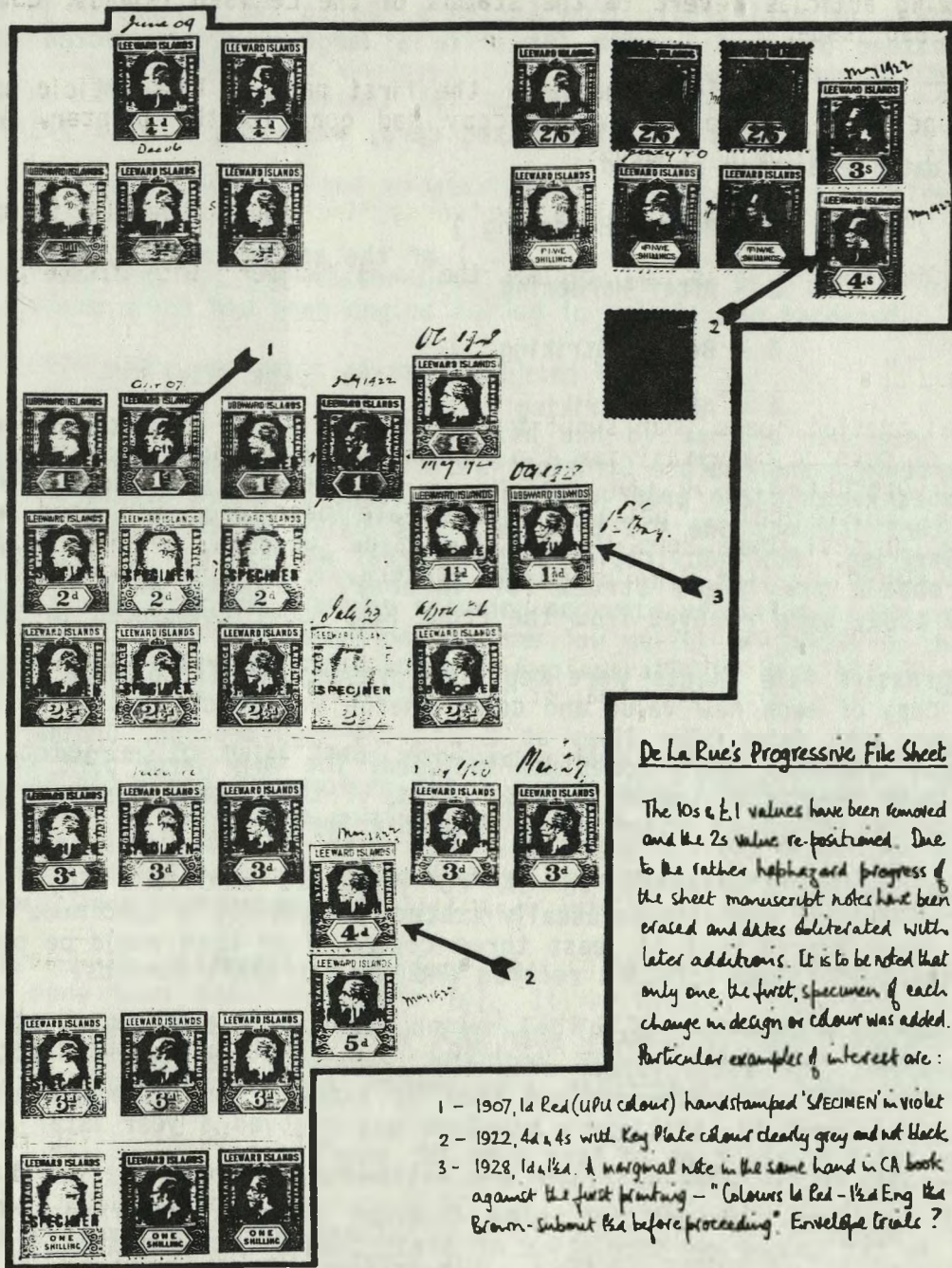


Fig. 2

3.6 - With the granting of Independence the postage stamp was an important symbol and existing records of the colonial administration which depicted the country's former monarchs did, I suspect, receive scant consideration at this time of change.

3.7 - To conclude this diversion, I think most proofs, essays and color trials of the Universal Key Plates are unique. Whilst they appear regularly on offer in

sale catalogues and by dealers, how many are duplicates? The plates remained the property of DLR and no charge was made for producing them. The designs, unlike an individual plate engraved to a specific order, did not require the Colony's approval before acceptance.

The following articles revert to the stamps of the Leeward Islands, commencing with the 1890 issue.

CORRECTIONS. Mr. Oliver's comments on the first part of this article appearing in the June issue arrived after the copy had gone to the printer. Will you please note the following changes:

Page 49, line four from top, delete the words "including philatelic items."

Page 49, line four from bottom, replace the word "Number" with "Issue".

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ANTIGUA MONOGRAPH

18.1.2 **OBLITERATORS & ASSOCIATED DATESTAMPS, 1858-1890** (cont. from June 1987)

THE A02 VERTICAL OBLITERATOR

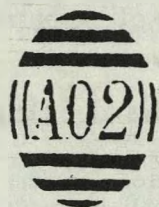


Fig. 10

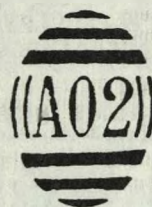


Fig. 11

Figures 10 and 11 show proof strikes of two different vertical A02 obliterators, as registered in the GPO records in London and sent out to Antigua on 16 July 1880 ((1)). The overall size of both marks is 25-1/2mm high by 18-1/2mm wide. The distinguishing characteristics of the mark at the left are the lengths of the top and bottom horizontal bars, which are respectively 7-1/2mm and 6mm. The bar lengths for the mark at the right are 6mm (top) and 6-1/2mm (bottom). There are other small differences between the two marks ((2)).

The A02 vertical obliterator was used to cancel the Antigua adhesives of the 1879-1890 period, and, infrequently, the 1890 Leeward Islands issues (reported strikes being on the 1d., 2-1/2d. and 7d. values). The overall range of known use of the obliterator with Antigua stamps is from 1880 to at least 1887. The earliest known use is as a cancel on a cover to London franked with a copy of SG 20, 4d. blue wmk Crown CC, with a Type PQ datestamp of 26 August 1880 ((2)). The latest known use is as cancel on a cover dated 20 April 1887 ((8)). Of course, the known use of the obliterator on Leewards Islands Federal adhesives begins in 1890. M. N. Oliver ((7)) believes that the obliterator may have been relegated to the Parcels Sorting Office after the issue of the Federal adhesives on 31 October 1890.

DIAGONAL BAR OBLITERATOR FORGERY

In listing Antigua forgeries, Robson Lowe ((9)) includes the following entry: "1882 postmark, a large 'A' in diagonal bars." No illustration is given.

THE TYPE PH MARK



Fig. 12



Fig. 13

The Robson Lowe Type PH proof strikes (Figures 12 and 13) show as registered in the GPO records in London when sent out to Antigua on 9 January 1841 ((1)). There are no major differences between the two strikes as regards overall form.

The Type PH mark is known used in the pre-adhesive period from 1841 to 1858, the last known date so used being 28 February 1858 (see Section 3), in which case the PH mark was badly worn, with two different fonts of numerals used in the date. However, the PH mark continued in use as a datestamp with the A02 horizontal obliterator used to cancel Great Britain adhesive stamps. As noted above, the earliest known date of such usage is 28 July 1858 ((2)). The latest

known is 12 February 1859 ((10)).

THE TYPE PR MARK



Figure 14 shows a proof strike of the Robson Lowe Type PR mark with index letter C, as registered in the GPO, London, when sent out to Antigua on 31 December 1859 ((1)). However, M. N. Oliver ((7)) notes this was not the initial registration of a Type PR mark, since a proof strike with index letter A appears in the GPO Impression Book with a date of 14 April 1859 (in addition to the strike with index letter C, dated 31 December 1859). Oliver further notes that a strike with index letter B has not been observed in the GPO records. Peter Jaffé ((11)) in 1953 stated that "The Antigua straight line circular datestamp with code letter C was sent out from the GPO-London on April 14, 1859", presumably referring to the "code letter A" strike reported by Oliver.

The Type PR mark replaced the Type PH mark as a datestamp and was used with the A02 horizontal obliterator, with the Type D Crowned Circle Paid mark, and as an arrival mark on letters to Antigua. The Type PR mark is known infrequently as a cancel on Antigua adhesives. The overall range of known use is 28 July 1859 to 23 February 1876.

The Type PR mark is known with three different index letters above Antigua - C, A and B in order of known use. The PR/C mark (index letter C) is known used in the period 1859-1861, the PR/A mark in 1862-1869, and the PR/B mark in 1870-1876. All PR marks are enclosed in 19mm diameter circles and have Antigua in a horizontal line above a two-line date of month-day/year, e.g., JY 28/59. The overall length of ANTIGUA over the extremities of the two A's is 17mm. The letter heights are slightly less than 3mm, but not as small as 2-1/2mm ((2)). It is not clear whether three separate Type PR cancelling handstamps existed, or whether one or more devices with changeable letters were used to create known strikes.

Reported usage ranges of the three PR marks as datestamps are as follows:

PR/C EDK 28 JUL 59 Cover to Glasgow, A02 hor. oblit. on 6d. GB adhesive ((10))

LDK 27 JUL 61 Cover to New York from Consulate of the U.S.A. at Antigua, Crowned Circle Paid, mss. endorsement FREE ((12))

PR/A EDK 27 APR 62 Cover to London, Crowned Circle Paid mss. endorsement 6 ((10))

LDK 19 DEC 69 Cover from Glasgow ((2))

PR/B EDK 4 JAN 70 Cover from Glasgow ((2))

LDK 2 MAY 72 Cover from Glasgow ((2))

Reported usage ranges of the PR marks as cancels on Antigua adhesives are as follows:

PR/A EDK 11 NOV 63 on SG 5, 1d. rosy-mauve ((13))

LDK 1 OCT 68 in red on SG 6, 1d. dull rose, on cover to Demerara ((8))

PR/B EDK 10 DEC 75 on SG 14, 1d. scarlet ((13,14))

LDK 23 FEB 76 on SG 14, 1d. scarlet ((13,14))

PR/C none reported

THE TYPE PQ MARK



Fig. 15

The Robson Lowe Type PQ mark (Fig. 15), replaced the Type PR mark as datestamp. No GPO London proof strikes have yet been reported. Based on the range of known usage dates, the initial use was with the A02 horizontal obliterator, followed by use with the vertical obliterator, and later use as a cancel on the Antigua adhesives of the 1879-1890 period. Finally, what were probably irregular uses on later adhesive issues have been reported.

The Type PQ mark is enclosed in a 21mm diameter circle, and has letter heights around 3mm. An index letter A appears between Antigua and the date. Thomas Barrow ((13)) and James McFarlane ((14)) have suggested that two separate marks existed, respectively with letter heights of 2-3/4mm and 3-1/4mm, but the ever-present problem of ink-spread makes this uncertain ((2)).

The earliest known use of Type PQ is reported as 12 May 1879, on a cover to Philadelphia, with a pair of SG 17, 1d. lake-rose of 1876, cancelled with the A02 horizontal obliterator ((10)). The latest use known is as a cancel on a single copy of SG 28, 4d. chestnut of 1884-1886 ((2)).

Unusually late and probably irregular uses of Type PQ have been reported by Stanley Durnin on a 1/2d. Leeward Islands Sexagenary overprint of the 1897 issue with illegible date, by William Cornell on a 1/2d. Antigua Arms Type of the 1908 issue with date of April 14 --((2)), and by Charles Freeland on another 1/2d. Arms type of the 1908 issue with multiple Crown CA watermark inverted and with cancel date of April 14 -- ((15)).

The Type PQ mark was succeeded by the circular datestamps having ANTIGUA in an arc at the top and cruciform ornaments at the bottom (see Section 18.1.3).

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CAPEX '87 REPORT

President Ben Ramkissoon opened the meeting at 1:10 PM and welcomed all members and guests. 31 members and 6 guests attended. After introductions he turned the meeting over to the editor who spoke briefly on how members can help the editor. Jack Arnell volunteered to help by strengthening illustrations so they reproduce well.

Ben noted that the June Journal carried a list of Group Leaders for most Caribbean countries. John Tyacke volunteered to serve as Group Leader for Nevis. This leaves open Dominica, St. Christopher and St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla.

The meeting was then turned over to Jay Fredrick who introduced Dr. Peter McCann. Dr. McCann's topic was "The Postal History of the Turks and Caicos" which he illustrated with numerous slides. He gave a wonderful talk.

After Peter's talk and following a brief intermission for members to view the lots, Jack Harwood conducted the auction. A report on the auction will be found later in this issue. Please refer to the Table of Contents on page 96.

The CAPEX exhibition contained a number of magnificent British Caribbean area exhibits. The following awards do not truly show the high quality and depth of research that was evident in the exhibits:

<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>CAPEX</u>	<u>BCPSG</u>
*!Ben Ramkissoon	Trinidad 1803 - 1895	Gold	Gold
*Robert Towers	Grenada 1784 - 1891	Large Vermeil	Gold
*!Dan Walker	Grenada Postal History 1752 - 1913	Large Vermeil	Gold
*Trevor Davis	The Postal History of the Bahamas of the 18th & 19th Centuries	Large Vermeil + Special Prize	Cameron Trophy
*Fitz Roett	Barbados 1882-1912	Vermeil	Gold
*Scott Gallagher	Mails in the Caribbean Through 1900	Vermeil	Gold
*Ben Ramkissoon	Postal Stationery of Trinidad	Vermeil	Gold
Peter Jaffé	St. Vincent 1789 - 1897	Large Gold	

* member BCPSG

! prior recipient of the Cameron Trophy (awarded only once to an individual)

The following members attended the meeting: Ed Addiss, Brad Arch, Jack Arnell, John Bailey, Cyril Bell, John Chay, Bill Cornell, Brock Covington, Tom Cusick, Walter Evans, Fitz Roett, Michel Forand, Jay Fredrick, Barry Friedman, Harold Gosney, Andy Hale, Jack Harwood, Peter Kaulback, Lansing Kernochan, Peter McCann, Chris Rainey, Ben Ramkissoon, Gale Raymond, George Robertson, Fred Seifert, Mark Swetland, John Tyacke, Dan Walker, Don Welsh, Rob Wynstra and Charles Zettle. Guests present were: Mary & Cliff Abrams, Theresa & Bill Frazer, former member Stu Sheppard and former member Bob Thorne who later rejoined. Members also seen at CAPEX were Chuck Cwiakala, Mel Feiner, Scott Gallagher, John Griffiths, George Holschauer, Eugene Labiuk, Paul Larsen, P. A. MacGillivray, Millard Mack, Larry Martin, T. Murata, Charles Ricksecker, Reid Shaw and Bob Topaz. 32 people attended the pre-meeting dinner Sunday evening and 40 the dinner following the meeting Monday evening. It was a successful meeting.

HELP ON FORGERIES

Alfred J. Branston

Work on my book on Forgeries of the British West Indies is going on albeit quite slowly. For some areas, that is, Barbados, Grenada, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Turks & Caicos, I do not have adequate information.

I should much appreciate help from all the members and appeal to you to fill in what is needed. Some members purchased a copy of the Explanatory Notes that was published in the USA and available at AMERIPEX last year. If you do not have a copy, please contact either myself in the UK or Dr. Ben Ramkissoon in the USA.

The needs are: 1. Comments and criticism of all kinds on the Explanatory Notes.

2. Photostat copies of all sheets which contain forgeries or suspected forgeries with the items circled and marked 'F' with all notes that can be offered in the following areas.

a) those areas already detailed in the issued Notes which are not adequately described or not included.

b) similar details on the countries listed above.

I will welcome correspondence, information and advice on this important work. It is quite desirable that the work be complete. Your help is needed. (Note that Al's address is found on the inside front cover. Ben's address is 3011 White Oak Lane, Oak Brook, IL 60521.)

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IN MEMORIAM

Two more long time members of the BCPSG have passed away, Ralph E. Group and William H. Matthews. Thanks go to Jeff Vinson for the data on Ralph and to Bruce Walker for the data on Bill.

Ralph Edward Group

A charter member of the BCPSG, Ralph passed away in February 1987 at the age of 46. His obituary in the Seattle Times reads, "Former vice president of Western Development Corp., of Washington, DC, Member of Collector's Club of Seattle, board member and former president of Classical Music Supporters, Inc., former board member Performing Dance Foundation.

Ralph performed a service for all British Caribbean collectors while in London in the 1960's. Going through the GPO REcord books, he compiled a listing by volume and page number of the record strikes of all the British CARibbean postmarks that are still on file there. (Ed:This was most useful when visiting the GPO Archives in 1985. It was also learned that Ralph's original listing was more accurate than the listing published in the Postal History Bulletin for Antigua.) He was the brother of Harry R. Group and Diane Angle. We extend to them our deepest sympathy.

William H. Matthews (1924-1987)

Little did I think when reading Bill's memorial in the December BCPJ to my friend, George Thompson of Trinidad, that six months later Bill's untimely death on 21st May would take place.

I first met Bill and his charming wife Mollie on my first visit to Trinidad in 1977. Bill was President of the Trinidad Philatelic Society and George, the Secretary. The Trinipex Exhibition at the Holiday Inn had been organized by the TPS and overseas members invited. The hospitality shown to us by Bill and Mollie and George and Marjorie was exceptional both in Trinidad and Tobago. Bill was quite active in helping to organize philately in Trinidad over 20 years before retiring to Florida in 1984.

He had formed a fine study of the airmails of Trinidad and wrote many articles published in the BCPJ and other magazines. His studies were not limited to Trinidad airmails. In his last letter in April this year he told of plans for an exhibit of the Maritime Postal History of Trinidad and Tobago. His plans, alas, were not to be. His retirement to the USA was short-lived but he took an active interest in local stamp groups and always looked forward to regional meetings of the BCPSG. Bill is survived by his beloved wife, Mollie, two sons and a daughter to whom we extend our deepest sympathy on their sad loss.

SUPPORT YOUR AUCTION

Suitable material is needed for the next group auction to be conducted at the 1988 annual meeting at STAMPOREE '88 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. on April 23, 1988. Stamps, covers, literature, cinderellas, etc. are needed now. Deadline for submitting material is February 1, 1988. Stamps and/or cover lots should be valued at \$10 or more, although the auctioneer reserves the right to accept items of lower value at his discretion. Don't wait until the last minute to submit lots. Why not do it today?

CAPEX AUCTION REPORT

Seventeen floor bidders and 50 (36 successful) mail bidders competed for 257 lots in the 1987 auction. Floor bidders purchased 80 lots, and mail bidders purchased 139. 38 lots went unsold of which 33 were literature (auction catalogues) and only 5 were stamp/cover lots. Total sales reached \$3,790 which was about 10% above estimate. One hundred six stamp/cover lots sold at or above estimate and sixty-four below. Lot 96 attracted the greatest number of mail bids, six, and was then sold on the floor! The auctioneer extends special thanks to Ed ADDISS, Brock COVINGTON, and Peter MCCANN, who assisted during the sale, and to all members who participated as vendors or bidders.

PRICES REALIZED - CAPEX AUCTION - 15 JUNE 1987

Lots not appearing in this list were unsold. Prices are in US dollars.

1	13	86	21	138	15	191	5	247	28
2	6	87	19	140	11	192	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	248	13
3	4	88	37	141	5	193	8	249	10
4	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	89	72 $\frac{1}{2}$	142	5	194	7	250	5
5	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	90	14	143	5	195	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	251	32
6	6	91	5	144	32	196	16	252	34
7	6	92	13	145	20	197	6	253	15
8	5	93	18	146	15	198	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	254	15
10	10	94	29	147	11	199	5	255	23
12	3	95	32	148	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	201	5	256	35
13	6	96	19	149	30	202	2	257	2
16	13	97	11	150	78	203	4		
17	13	98	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	151	36	205	8		
18	10	99	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	152	16	206	23		
20	5	100	5	153	27	208	16		
21	15	101	12	154	16	209	18		
22	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	102	42	155	16	210	2 $\frac{1}{2}$		
23	8	103	19	156	12	211	9		
25	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	104	1	157	8	212	6		
26	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	105	10	158	12	213	3 $\frac{1}{2}$		
27	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	106	2	159	16	214	35		
28	7	107	34	160	16	216	4 $\frac{1}{2}$		
29	22	108	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	161	25	217	50		
31	10	109	13	162	7	218	42		
32	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	110	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	163	12	219	32		
35	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	111	25	164	26	220	40		
37	6	112	26	165	18	221	32		
38	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	113	21	166	22	222	30		
39	7	114	19	167	33	223	38		
41	12	115	15	168	12	224	135		
42	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	116	10	169	15	225	70		
43	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	117	10	170	11	226	15		
46	8	118	16	171	15	227	14		
47	13	119	19	172	65	228	4 $\frac{1}{2}$		
48	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	120	4	173	8	229	7		
49	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	121	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	174	14	230	5 $\frac{1}{2}$		
50	13	122	11	175	46	231	10		
53	8	123	38	176	12	232	7		
59	8	124	20	177	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	233	15		
61	11	125	18	178	21	234	17		
66	15	126	15	179	6	235	14		
68	19	127	44	180	17	236	6		
74	8	128	9	181	4	237	17		
77	4	129	8	182	9	238	30		
78	10	130	13	183	19	239	2		
79	20	131	5	184	15	240	3 $\frac{1}{2}$		
80	21	132	6	185	9	241	5 $\frac{1}{2}$		
81	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	133	6	186	11	242	11		
82	16	134	24	187	64	243	420		
83	34	135	22	188	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	244	11		
84	8	136	16	189	8	245	3 $\frac{1}{2}$		
85	4	137	34	190	8	246	42		

NEW ISSUES

by Bruce E. Watts

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA: Set of four values and a SS depicting reptiles and amphibians. All stamps will include the CAPEX '87 logo. Designed by Bruce Bundock and printed in litho by The House of Questa. The denominations are: 30¢ whistling frog; 60¢ croaking lizard; \$1 Antiguan anole; \$3 red-footed tortoise; and \$5 SS ground lizard. The release date is June 15.

BAHAMAS: Airmail definitives set of four. To be released July 7. Designed by Tony Theobald and printed in litho by The House of Questa on CA spiral wmk paper. The denominations are: 15¢ Bahamasair Boeing 737; 40¢ Eastern Boeing 757; 45¢ PAN AM airbus A300; 50¢ British Airways Boeing 747.

Variety: The stamps in the famous pirates SS are perf 12, while those in the sheets of 50 are perf 14.

BARBADOS: Set of four to commemorate the 75th anniversary of scouting in Barbados. Leslie Curtis prepared the designs which are printed in litho in sheets of 50. The printer has not been reported. The four stamps show: 10¢ uniformed scout; 25¢ jamboree around the campfire; 65¢ scout badges; and \$2 scout band. Issue date is July 24.

BERMUDA: 50th anniversary of inaugural flights to and from Bermuda to be issued June 18. The four values were designed by Tony Theobald. Printed in litho on CA script spiral wmk paper by Walsall Security Printers. The planes pictured are: 15¢ Sikorsky S-42B; 40¢ Short S-23 "Cavalier"; 50¢ S-42B "Bermuda Clipper"; \$1.50 "Cavalier" and "Bermuda Clipper".



Also \$4 Winslow Homer stamp booklet. Two panes of five 40¢ stamps showing the same designs as the sheet stamps mentioned in the last column. Besides the four changes in denominations, the booklet stamps were printed with gray borders.

DOMINICA: Set of four and SS depicting mushrooms, to be issued June 15. All stamps have the CAPEX '87 logo. Bill Grout prepared the designs. Printing process and printer are the same as Antigua (above). The mushrooms depicted are: 45¢ *Cantharellus cinnabarinus*; 60¢ *Boletellus cubensis*; \$2 *Eccilia cystiophorus*; \$3 *Xerocomus guadelupae*; and \$5 SS *Gymnopilus chrysopellus*.

GRENADA: Set of eight and two SS depicting game fish, also with the CAPEX '87 logo. Designed by Jack Martin and printed in litho by Format International Security Printers Ltd. The fish pictured are: 10¢ black grouper; 30¢ blue marlin; 60¢ white marlin; 70¢ big-eye thresher shark; \$1 bonefish; \$1.10 wahoo; \$2 sailfish; \$4 albacore; and the two \$5 SS depict amberjack and yellowfin tuna, respectively. The release date is June 15.

VIRGIN ISLANDS: Four stamps and a SS to be issued August 12, commemorating the opening of its botanical gardens. Designed by Jennifer Toombs and printed in litho by The House of Questa in sheets of 50. The plants depicted are: 12¢ spider lily; 35¢ barrel cactus; \$1 wild plantain; \$1.50 butterfly orchid; and \$2.50 SS white cedar.

Secretary's Report

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Correction: Your editor dropped Philip T. Ashton from the roster last year for non-payment of dues when he had actually paid for both 1986 and 1987. I have apologized to Mr. Ashton and now apologize to the members for this error.

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Personal Mention

Your editor and his wife will be on a trip to New Zealand and Australia from 27th October until 3rd December. It is necessary that all material for the December Journal be typed and ready to print by no later than 20th October in order to put this issue in the mail before the end of the year, The cooperation of all authors and columnists will be most helpful.

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