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From The Editor's DeskMark W. Swetland

This issue contains 36 pages instead of the customary 32. The reason is that Bob Danzer has done an outstanding job as Advertising Manager and more space is needed for ads. 36 pages will allow the same number of pages of text as before. Ben Ramkissoon has approved 36 for this issue and for 1988. Members are urged to support our advertisers. Why? They frequently can provide major help in building a collection and they support us with their confidence by advertising.

Do you remember when the Crown Agents issued flyers for all the new issues of the colonies and countries they represented? And when these flyers came to you with each issue of the journal? A small lot of these flyers has turned up. They will be sent to the first member who sends me \$1.07 postage.

Please take time now to pay your 1988 dues. Both Tom Cusick and Bob Swarbrick will appreciate this. Bob has sent notices directly to European members and all others will find a notice enclosed. The same procedure for late payers will be followed as last year. All 1987 members will receive the first (March) journal in 1988. June and later journals will be sent only to those who have paid for 1988.

Morris Ludington and Mike Rego plan to finish their work on a joint study of the Furness Line to Bermuda by the end of this year. Plans for printing the study paper are not yet completed but will be announced as soon as available.

When you read Cayman Ramblings, page 101, and Colonial Judicature in Bermuda, page 123, you are reading articles which came to me on a computer diskette. Buzz Jehle sent the first on 5-1/4" disk in IBM format. A program, which I bought some time ago, Media Master, read the disk and converted it to Kaypro 2X format which I then printed using WordStar on my computer and the printer. A small amount of work is still needed to format tables of data correctly and to remove hard carriage returns, but this work is minor compared to typing the entire article. Bob Ingalls then contacted Buzz to learn exactly how he had formatted his disk. The results have worked well. One more article each from Buzz and Bob for the March 1988 journal is already on disk in my computer.

Please see the listing of Group Leaders on page 120. Ben Ramkissoon has now recruited Group Leaders for all countries and colonies of the Caribbean. They have all volunteered to be of help to members to answer queries. However, be sure to include a stamped, addressed envelope so as to keep them from having to bear the expense of a reply.

Please see the additional data on STAMPOREE '88 on page 129.

PERSONAL MENTION

Edmund Bayley was featured in the Living Today Section of the "Barbados Advocate" for April 25, 1987. Mr. Bayley, attorney-at-law, inherited a hobby started by his father 50 years ago. Of special interest to BCPSG members is the fact that he is working on a comprehensive book on Barbados stamps which it is hoped will be finished by the end of this year. This will be only the second book on Barbados stamps. The first, by Bacon and Napier, appeared in 1896. Mr. Bayley's address is P. O. Box 61, Bridgetown, Barbados, W. I. should any member wish to learn more about his planned book.

BACK ISSUES

				BCPSG Journals on Hand					
Volume Number	Issue Number	Whole Number	Year	Quantity On Hand	Volume Number	Issue Number	Whole Number	Year	Quantity On Hand
8	6	46	12/68	2	19	1	106	2/79	34
9	3	49	6/69	7	19	2	107	4/79	86
9	4	50	8/69	5	19	3	108	6/79	86
9	5	51	10/69	1	19	4	109	8/79	49
10	2	54	4/70	1	20	1	110	2/80	1
10	3	55	6/70	8	20	2	111	4/80	4
10	4	56	8/70	1	20	3	112	8/80	21
10	5	57	10/70	1	20	4	113	11/80	31
10	6	58	12/70	1	21	1	114	2/81	21
10	2	60	4/71	1	21	2	115	4/81	27
11	3	61	6/71	7	21	3	116	7/81	33
11	4	62	8/71	5	21	4	117	10/81	40
11	5	63	10/71	3	21	5	118	12/81	43
11	6	64	12/71	8	22	1	119	2/82	19
12	5	69	10/72	3	22	2	120	4/82	29
13	2	72	4/73	4	22	3	121	7/82	35
13	3	73	6/73	4	22	4	122	10/82	33
13	4	74	8/73	4	22	5	123	12/82	38
13	6	76	12/73	1	23	1	124	2/83	16
14	1	77	4/74	1	23	2	125	4/83	25
14	3	79	8/74	2	23	3	126	7/83	28
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15	1	82	2/75	1	24	1	129	2/84	30
15	3	84	6/75	3	24	2	130	4/84	37
15	4	85	8/75	3	24	3	131	7/84	34
15	5	86	10/75	2	24	4	132	10/84	45
15	6	87	12/75	2	24	5	133	12/84	43
16	1	88	2/76	2	25	1	134	3/85	27
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17	1	94	2/77	6	27	2	139	6/86	103
17	2	95	4/77	7	27	3	140	9/86	12
17	3	96	6/77	1	27	4	141	12/86	20
17	4	97	8/77	2	28	1	142	3/87	17
17	5	98	10/77	2	28	2	143	6/87	19
17	6	99	12/77	1	28	3	144	9/87	25
18	1	100	2/78	9	28	4	145	12/87	25
18	2	101	4/78	3	29	1	146	3/88	
18	4	103	8/78	5	29	2	147	6/88	
18	5	104	10/78	6	29	3	148	9/88	
18	6	105	12/78	2	29	4	149	12/88	

The above back issues should be ordered through Mr. Thomas E. Giraldi, 10755 Mt. Gleason, Sunland, CA 91040. In order to realize funds for operations the price has been reduced to \$2.50 per issue or \$10.00 for a complete year. Depending upon the year this is four, five or six issues. Postage is extra. On average allow postage for 5 ounces per journal. Excess postage will be refunded. Make checks payable to the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group.

CAYMAN RAMBLINGS

copyright by A. E. Buzz Jehle

In a recent US mail bid sale I came across a Jamaica 1883-97 3d. sage green watermark crown CA, perf 14 (SG 21) affixed to piece bearing a double GRAND CAYMAN Jun 16, 1894 POST OFFICE double ring oval datestamp in black, Stanley Gibbons's type Z1 (Fig. 1). I thought I was on to something, as this stamp is known used from Grand Cayman during the 1895-98 period using the later single ring round datestamp SG type Z2 and catalogued as SG Z9. The copy shown had a date that was consistent with both the stamp's usage and datestamp's usage. Furthermore, there was one other report from the 1930's of this stamp used in Grand Cayman with this datestamp, but it is not listed by Gibbons, nor have I found any photo's or other than oral references to the other item.



Fig. 1

I had the high bid on the item and rushed it to the APS for a certificate. Unfortunately, they declined to expertise it, so I then sent it off to the BPA who decided it was "a forged" datestamp on certificate #24,400. Normally this cancellation is in purple ink. It is still possible a genuine usage of Jamaica SG 21 with Grand Cayman type Z1 cancel may be found, but this item was not going to get me a new Cayman listing.

The second item I came across in a UK mail bid sale. It is a 1/2d. green on buff wrapper cutout used as a stamp in conjunction with a 1d. red postal stationery envelope (Fig. 2). This item is postmarked April 9, 1920 at Grand Cayman and bears two machine cancels on the reverse (Fig. 3), one from Kingston, Jamaica dated May 3, 1920 and one from Hamilton, Bermuda dated May 15, 1920. It was addressed to Paget, Bermuda, but there was no return address. I have seen a similar cover addressed to a different Bermuda address in the same handwriting, but backstamped in Havana, Cuba and mailed a couple of weeks later in 1920. This second cover sold in a recent Colonial Stamp Co. auction for US \$588.50 including a 10% buyers premium.

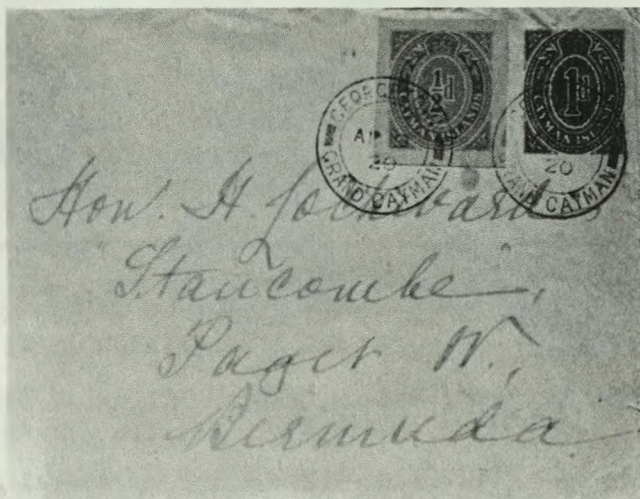


Fig. 2

I have found two references to this type of usage from Cayman Brac in 1921, not 1920. The reference in "The Cayman Islands" by Aguilar and Saunders stated the usage was May, 1921, but that no known copies existed. The second reference in "BK The Commonwealth Review" by David Potter, Vol. 2, # 16, dated 11 April 1969, also mentioned the 1921 Cayman Brac usage. Only 5000 each of both the wrapper and postal stationery envelope were printed in 1909, so even without this unusual usage they are quite scarce. I would appreciate any additional information anyone can give on this particular usage.

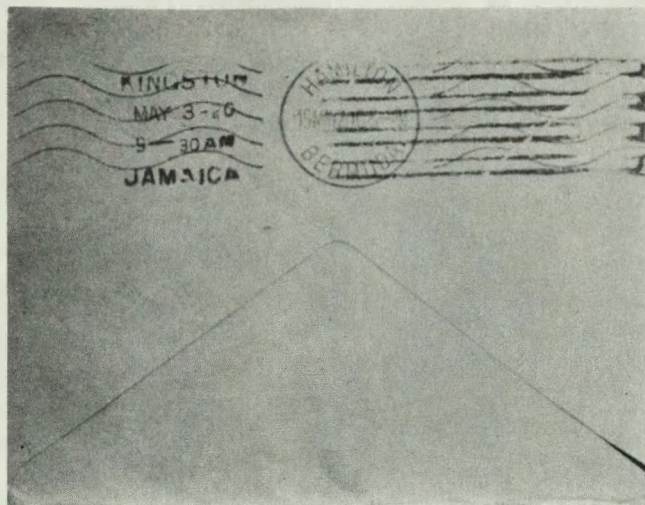


Fig. 3

Finally, a more modern Cayman variety came up in a recent BWI Auction. It is the 1969 Christmas 1/2f Blue (SG 256) on double paper. A full sheet of 25 with plate numbers 1C 1C 1C 1C 1C had double paper half way through the bottom row of five stamps. The second layer of paper was glued to the front of the bottom sheet, and both sheets had normal upright watermark. The double paper caused the blue background to be slightly out of register on the bottom row with double paper, and some paper wrinkling in two rows on the left of the sheet caused some interesting lines of color where ink was caught. Somewhere there may be another sheet with double paper at the top if Harrisons did not catch it during quality control checks. However, until someone reports otherwise, this variety will remain unique. (Ed: Mr. Jehle's address - 31 Park Place, Darien, CT 06820-5304.)

PERSONAL MENTION

Morris Ludington's article on "A 'Paramatta Wreck Cover'" has been reprinted in "The Island Sun," the British Virgin Islands newspaper, published in Road Town, Tortola, for which Vernon Pickering is the Associate Editor.

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JAMAICA DAMAGED COVERS

by R. V. Swarbrick

Recently, two covers have come into my possession, one, a 1918 cover from Egypt to Jamaica, and the other, a 1926 cover from the U.S.A. to Jamaica. From the accompanying manuscript notes I was able to identify them as being from the collection of Astley C. Clerk, a great Jamaica collector of the 30s and one of the compilers of the Jamaican Handbook of 1928.

Past experience has taught me that this gentleman was a meticulous researcher, and his findings were usually accurate. This fact was confirmed by reference to current works on wreck covers which show that five copies of the 1918 wreck cover are recorded. It lists the dates and their source - but little else. All five covers emanate from Egypt. The dates given are two posted 25 March, one 28 March, one 31 March and one 2 April. Only my copy is to Jamaica.

On the reverse of the cover (Fig. 1) under the Kingston machine cancellation the cachet "Observed to be IN BAD CONDITION/G.P.O. JAMAICA" can clearly be seen together with a red sealing wax seal embossed "Port Antonio" probably used to secure the flap. Examination of the reverse also shows a "mirror" inscription of an address in Jamaica "Miss Hannah _____, Moor Town P. O., Portland, Jamaica." Fortunately, the writer had used, what used to be called, an indelible pencil which reacted to dampness turning the black writing to purple. Hence the address of an accompanying letter had been transferred to the reverse of mine.

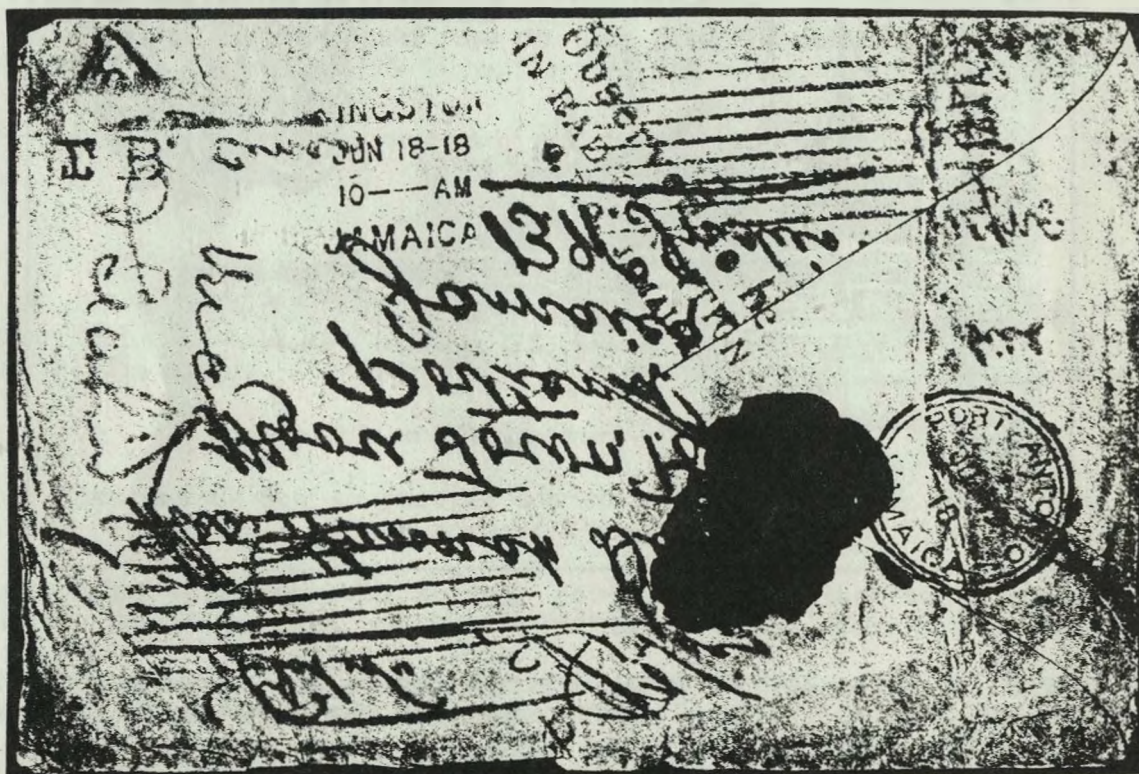


Fig. 1

In view of the coincidence of two letters to Jamaica both with with military connections, I felt that there was room for further study. Reference to the history of the West Indies Regiment proved that the 1st Battalion was serving at that time in Egypt with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force (the E.E.F.). The date on the cover is the Army date stamp in use in that theater.

With the help of fellow member Mike Wilson who was in charge of the Historical Branch of Naval Records in London, I was able to obtain a list of shipping lost through enemy action in the latter part of the war. One name stood out - the "Kingstonian." Sadly the lists give only the bare details but at least it was promising.

Fellow member Mike Rego's help was sought and he was able to add the final pieces to the jig-saw.

The Kingstonian (Fig. 2) was, in fact, the vessel concerned. She was built for the West Indies trade in 1901 for the Leyland Line, 6564 tons gross, steel-hulled, three decks, to carry 40 first-class passengers. On 11 April 1918 the Kingstonian was torpedoed by a German submarine, the U68 in the Mediterranean. Although holed, she was taken in tow and finally reached Carlosorte in Sardinia where presumably the mail and cargo were off-loaded. Due to the damage it must have been decided to return her to Alexandria for repairs. She put to sea only to be intercepted on April 29, 1918 by another U-boat, the U48. Sadly this time she wasn't so lucky and was sunk with the loss of one crew member.

Thus yet another facet of postal history comes alive and explains the use of this hitherto unrecorded cachet (Fig. 3).

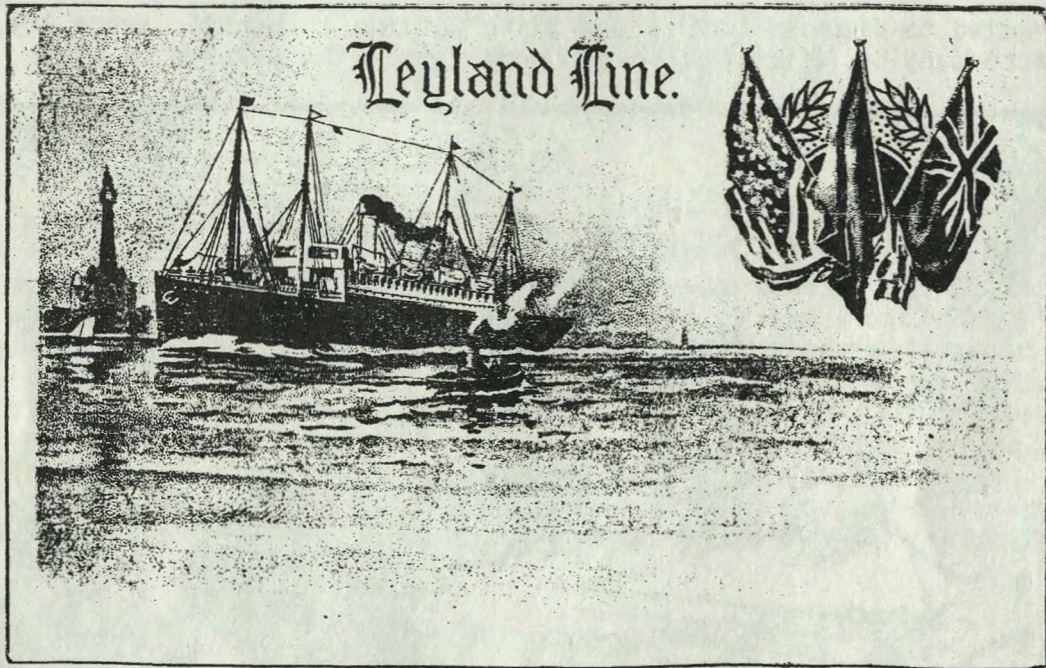


Fig. 2

The problem is - can anybody help with research on the second cover, the one from the USA (Fig. 4)? Astley Clerk's comment on the cachet was, "I have seen three of these - about same date." Here is another mystery waiting to be unravelled.

**Observed to be
IN BAD CONDITION
G. P. O. JAMAICA**

Fig. 3

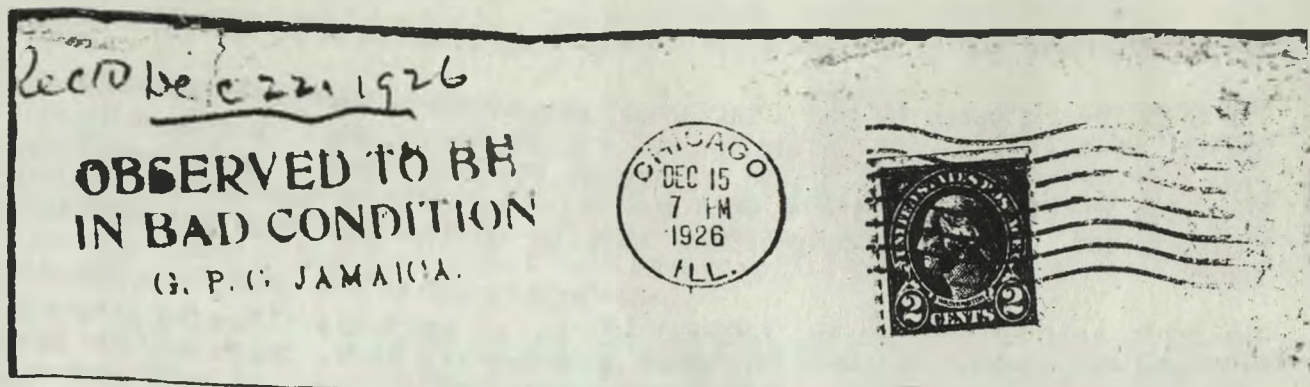


Fig. 4

Information came from:-

Naval Records "Merchant Vessels Captured or Sunk"
"Merchant Fleets in Profile No. 2" by Duncan Haws
"Wreck and Crash Covers" by Major A. E. Hopkins
"Army Historical Research" Regimental Museum, The Household Cavalry

PERSONAL MENTION

Jim Langabeer was just recovering from the flu when we were in Auckland. We did talk twice by phone. Jim would love to hear from all Bermuda collectors wherever they live. His address is 175 Fisher Parade, Pakuranga, New Zealand.

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STAMPSHOW '87

by Kil Bump

The BCPSG participated in the 101st annual convention of the American Philatelic Society at STAMPSHOW '87 in Boston, MA, 20-23 August 1987. Ben Ramkissoon's entry of Trinidad in the World Series of Philately won a gold medal and honorable mention. While there were many fine exhibits in the World Series of Philately and in the open competition, no other British Caribbean exhibits were shown.

The BCPSG held an interesting, informal meeting at which the following attended: President Ben Ramkissoon, Vice President Jay Fredrick, Elaine Boughner, Kil Bump and his son, Ben, Brock Covington, Bob Ingalls and his wife, Eileen, and Dan Walker. Several others, including Phoebe MacGillivray, Larry Martin, Mike Mead, Thomas Mills and Bob Topaz, were at the show but were serving at dealers' tables or otherwise occupied. A number of topics were discussed at the meeting, particularly our next annual meeting to be held at STAMPOREE '88 in Fort Lauderdale, FL in April 1988. We hope for a large attendance at this meeting.

Jay Fredrick gave a fine slide show of the Tortola portion of his British Virgin Islands postal history studies. His detailed researches on the spot and in the literature of the islands has resulted in a valuable work. We look forward to its eventual publication. We were delighted to see some of the scenes photographed during our well remembered BCPSG meeting in Tortola in October 1976.

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MISS WORLD OPENS NEW CLAXTON BAY P.O.

by John Chay

On 10th August 1987 a ceremony was held at the Claxton Bay Post Office to mark the first day of issue of the Miss World 1986 stamps and at the same time the opening of the new Claxton Bay Post Office building. Miss World 1986, Miss Giselle La Ronde, officially opened the new building. As Miss World hails from Marabella, the Marabella cancellation was added to the FDC by special request. The old Claxton Bay Post Office had been closed on the 8th June 1984 due to cement dust from the nearby cement plant.

Mr. William Payne, the P.S.T.T. member of the Philatelic Advisory committee, Miss World 1986, Mr. John Humphrey, Minister under whose portfolio the Post Office falls, and Mr. Gayadath Sahadeo, the P.M.G., attended the ceremony.



Figure 1
Miss World 1986 about to present an auto-graphed FDC to Mr. William Payne, the P.S.T.T. member of the Philatelic Advisory Committee.

Figure 2
The new Claxton Bay Post Office building.



The London Gazette.

Members may have seen mention in a recent issue of The American Philatelist that Mr. Robert J. Perry of Aberdeen, SD has a copy of The London Gazette dated From Monday March 12. to Thursday March 15. 1704. Through the kindness of Mr. Perry we have obtained a photocopy of this paper. On the second page is a notice of interest to all postal historians of the British Caribbean area. This notice is reproduced herewith:

"This is to give Notice, That Her Majesty, in regard to the Great Expense She is at in maintaining the Correspondence by Letters between England and Her Plantation Islands in America, hath, pursuant to the Statute made in the Twelfth Year of his late Majesty King Charles II, for Establishing a Post-Office, directed and empowered the Postmaster General of England to receive and take for the Post of all Letters and Packets that shall be conveyed by the Post lately established between the Post-Office-General in London and the Islands Barbadoes, Antegoa, Montserrat, Nevis, St. Christophers and Jamaica, the Several Rates following, viz.

"For the Post of every single Letter from England to the said Islands, not exceeding one Sheet of Paper, 1 s. 3 d. For the Post of every Letter not exceeding Two Sheets of Paper, 2 s. 6 d. and so in proportion to the same Rates for every Packet of Letters. For the Post of every other Packet of any kind of greater Bulk, for every Ounce Weight, 6 s. For the Post of every Letter from the said Islands to England, not exceeding one Sheet, 1 s. 6 d. For every Letter not exceeding Two Sheets, 3 s. and so in Proportion to the same Rates for every Packet of Letters. For the Post of every other Packet of any kind of greater Bulk, for every Ounce Weight, 6 s."

Those interested in postal rates may already be familiar with the contents of this message. However, it is of interest to learn how this change in rates was communicated to the public.

Just prior to this notice on page 2 of this same paper is another notice which reads:

"Portsmouth, March 11. Sir William Whetstone sailed from Spithead the 8th instant, with the squadron of Her Majesty's Ships under his Command, having under his Convoy a Fleet of Merchant-men bound to the West Indies."

Quite likely the departure of all fleets for the West Indies has been recorded in papers of the time. Such departure dates together with those records, which have survived, of the arrivals of the fleets at various islands of the West Indies provide much background on the carrying of the mails. While certain mails were carried by packets which sailed independently, the letters, particularly from Antigua, often show that much correspondence was carried by ships sailing with the fleets. It was also normal practice to send the yearly accounts by a ship which travelled with a fleet, generally one also carrying horseheads of sugar from the same plantation.

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Robert J. Devaux

(Continued from BCPJ, Vol. 27, NO. 3, W/N 144, pp 73-75)

It is interesting to note that the company which nurtured pioneer Shugg and his tiny ship, "Penelope", was the same company to launch the St. Lucia Steam Conveyance Co. Ltd.

On 1st March 1869 the new company was registered at Castries:³

On the First Day of March One Thousand Eight hundred and Sixty nine. Appeared Charles R. McLean Esquire, residing in the town of Castries, who requested the Registration of the following Document.

 Memorandum of Association
 And
 Articles of Association of the
 Saint Lucia Steam Conveyance Company
 (Limited)

1. The name of the Company is the St. Lucia Steam Conveyance Company Limited.
2. The Registered office of the Company is to be established in the principal town of Castries.
3. The objects for which the Company is to be established are the conveyance of Passengers and light Goods and Generally such other traffic as is the province of Steam-vessels and such other things as are conducive to such effect.
4. The liability of the Shareholders is limited.
5. The nominal capital of the Company is PND 3,000 divided into 300 shares of PND 10 each.

Articles of Association:-

It is agreed as follows:-

- 1st. No Shareholder shall transfer his shares without the Consent of the Directors expressed in writing.
- 2nd. If any Shareholder feels aggrieved with the refusal of the Directors to allow him to transfer his shares, the matter shall be settled by arbitration.
- 3rd. Calls on the shares of the company not considered as paid up shares shall be made at such time as the Directors think fit but no call shall exceed PND 5 per share.
- 4th. The Company shall not be obliged to register the transferee under the regulations numbered 1, 2 and 3 in the said table unless he is approved by the Directors but

in the event of their disapproving, the matter may be decided by arbitration.

- 5th. The Regulations of Table b as to general meeting numbered 23, 24 and 25 shall not apply.
- 6th. The First General Meeting of the Company shall be held on the first day of March next and subsequent general meetings shall be held on the first Monday in February in every succeeding year.
- 7th. An extraordinary meeting may be summoned at any time by any two Shareholders of the Company.
- 8th. All matters in question between the Shareholders shall be decided by an arbitrator appointed by the Directors.
- 9th. The regulation of Table 8 as to vote of Shareholders numbered 39 shall not apply and every Shareholder shall have one vote, in respect of every share he holds.

The first Directors of this Company will not be chosen until the first meeting of Shareholders to be held on the first day of March above referred to.

We the several persons whose names and addresses are subscribed are desirous of being formed into a Company, in pursuance of the foregoing Memorandum and Articles of Association, and we respectively agree to take the number of shares in the Capital of the Company set opposite our respective names.

<u>Names & Addresses of Subscribers</u>	<u>No. of Shares taken by Subscribers</u>
DuBoulay Minvielle & Company	Ten Shares
DuBoulay Goodman & Company	Ten Shares
H. Minvielle	Five Shares
Henckell DuBuissord & Co. per H. Minvielle - Attorney	Two Shares
Trophine DuBoulay	Ten Shares
Wortley Murray & Co. per DuBoulay Goodman & Co.	Five Shares
Macfarlane Jn. & Co.	Six Shares
Macfarlane Moffat & Co.	Six Shares
Chas. R. McLean - Castries, St. Lucia	Ten Shares

Witness to the above signatures
Sd. R. G. McHugh

William C. Quinlan	One Share
Henry Devaux	Four Shares
A. Cuvillier	Two Shares
Madme. DuBoulay	Ten Shares
C. Tontaine	Five Shares
Ch. Geo. Laubenque	Five Shares
L. Aglae Tharel	Fifteen Shares
Ch. Gaillard Laubenque	Five Shares

Victoria L. de Gaillard Five Shares
Soufriere, St. Lucia

Witness to the above signatures
Signed F. J. Claustre

Samuel Weeks Two shares
Ino Goodman Twenty Shares
Geo. Mansse Son & Blondel
of London per Ino Goodman Five Shares
John T. Watlington One Share
John Wm. King One Share

Witness to the above signatures
Signed Wm. Ch. Guihur

Francis Bousoleil Ten Shares
John T. Salmon Two Shares
Pascal Louis One Share
Joseph Goodman Six Shares

Witness to the above signatures
Signed Laurence Newton

Recorded in the Registry of the Royal Court this First
day of March one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine.

At the Shareholder's first meeting on the same day as the Company's registration, Charles Chastanet was appointed General Manager of the new company.

As can be seen from the list of subscribers, the largest shareholders were the Directors of the parent company and their immediate relatives and families.

Charles Mclean was a major shareholder even though at least two law suits were pending against him. The next day he lost the first of those suits, according to the following judgement:-⁴

Court sitting on the Second day of March One thousand eight hundred and sixty nine.

Between Messrs. DuBoulay Minvielle and Company, Merchants, residing in the town of Castries, plaintiffs on the merits of a petition answered and served on the fifth and eighth day of December last of the first part,

And Charles McLean, Master of the Steamer "Penelope" now residing in the town of Soufriere, Defendant of the second part.

Mr. Cools, Counsel for the plaintiff
Mr. Myers, for the defendant

The parties having been heard the Court adjudges and condemns the defendant to make payment unto the plaintiff in real and effective money of this island and considering the nature of

the debt with constraint by personal arrest and imprisonment of the sum of Eighteen pounds Eighteen shillings and two pence sterling being the amount of the certified account annexed to the petition with costs of suit including those of the Replication.

And the Court further orders stay of execution until the case of Charles McLean vs. H. Minvielle administrator of the succession of Captain Shugg be decided.

It is hereby ordered, etc.....

(signed) J. G. Porter Athill
Chief Justice

(Ed. References 3 and up will be given at the end of the final section.)
(to be continued)

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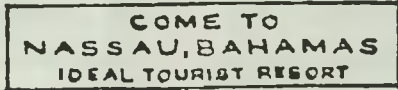
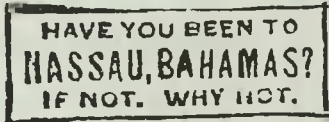
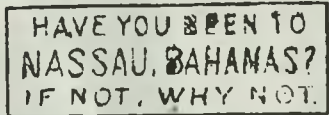
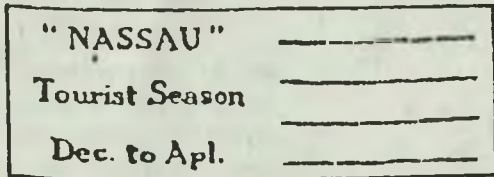
by Trevor Davis

The Bahamas Islands had not seen real prosperity since the days of the U. S. Civil War of 1861-1865, when blockade running to and from the Confederacy made the islands rich. After this brief period, the wealth of the islands declined dramatically. To regain some of their former glory, they started to promote their tourist industry.

In 1915 the first of the Bahamas handstamped slogans appeared. Nassau led the way with these advertising slogans, but they are also known from Harbour Island, Hope Town and Rock Sound. Some were used to cancel the adhesives. Others were struck elsewhere on the cover. There does not appear to be any hard and fast rule about this. Only one of the slogans can be described as "plentiful" with two others "available." All others are scarce to rare with some known by only single examples.

Some of these listed below I have never seen and I acknowledge the source of these as Morris Ludington's unparalleled book of Bahamas Postal History.

It is my hope that the listing and illustration of those known to me will provoke the illustration of those I cannot and also of those that I know not of.

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|--------------------|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| 1) Framed 2-line | ?NASSAU / APRIL ? | | c. 1915 | |
| 2) |  | black | 1915-1916 | Known cancelling adhesives |
| 3) |  | black, violet | 1915 | Known cancelling adhesives |
| 4) |  | black | 1916 | Replacement of 3? |
| 5) |  | black | 1916-1918 | Always cancels adhesives |
| 6) | NASSAU
QUEEN OF
WINTER RESORTS | ? | 1927 | |
| 7) | NASSAU
BEST CLIMATE
BATHING
HOTELS | black | 1927 | |
| 8) Unframed 3-line | "NASSAU CALLING/MORE ATTRACTIVE/ THAN EVER" | | 1927... | |

HARBOUR ISLAND

9)

IN YOUR TRAVELS VISIT
 PICTURESQUE DUNMORE TOWN.
 HARBOUR ISLAND BAHAMAS.
 THE IDEAL HEALTH RESORT.

violet 1922

10)

RADIO TELEGRAPH STATION
 IN OPERATION AT DUNMORE TOWN
 HARBOUR ISLAND, BAHAMAS.
 THE IDEAL HEALTH RESORT.

violet 1924

11)

HARBOUR ISLAND }
 BAHAMAS } The Ideal Health Resort

violet 1924

HOPE TOWN

12)

HOPE TOWN - ABACO
 THE BEAUTY SPOT
 OF THE BAHAMAS

black 1936

13)

HOPE TOWN ABACO
 BAHAMAS
 UNRIVALLED FOR SCENERY
 YACHTING - FISHING
 AND
 BATHING BEACHES
 OF WHITE CORAL SANDS

black 1936

ROCK SOUND

14)

VISIT ROCK SOUND
 ELEUTHERA - BAHAMAS
 INCOMPARABLE SCENERY

black late 1920's

15)

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blue, late 1920's to 1930's, Known
 violet cancelling adhesives

16) 5-line "TOMOTOES/OF/EXCELLENT QUALITY/ARE GROWN AT/ELEUTHERA BAHAMAS"

black late 1920's

17) 3-line "THE SWITZERLAND OF/BAHMAS/ELEUTHERA"

black late 1920's

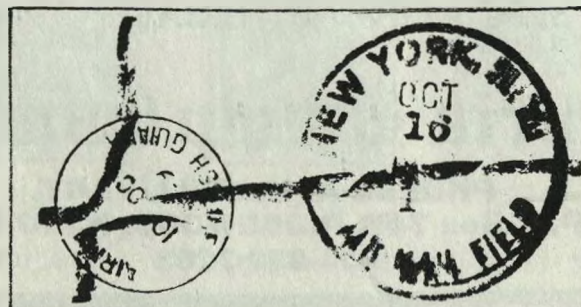
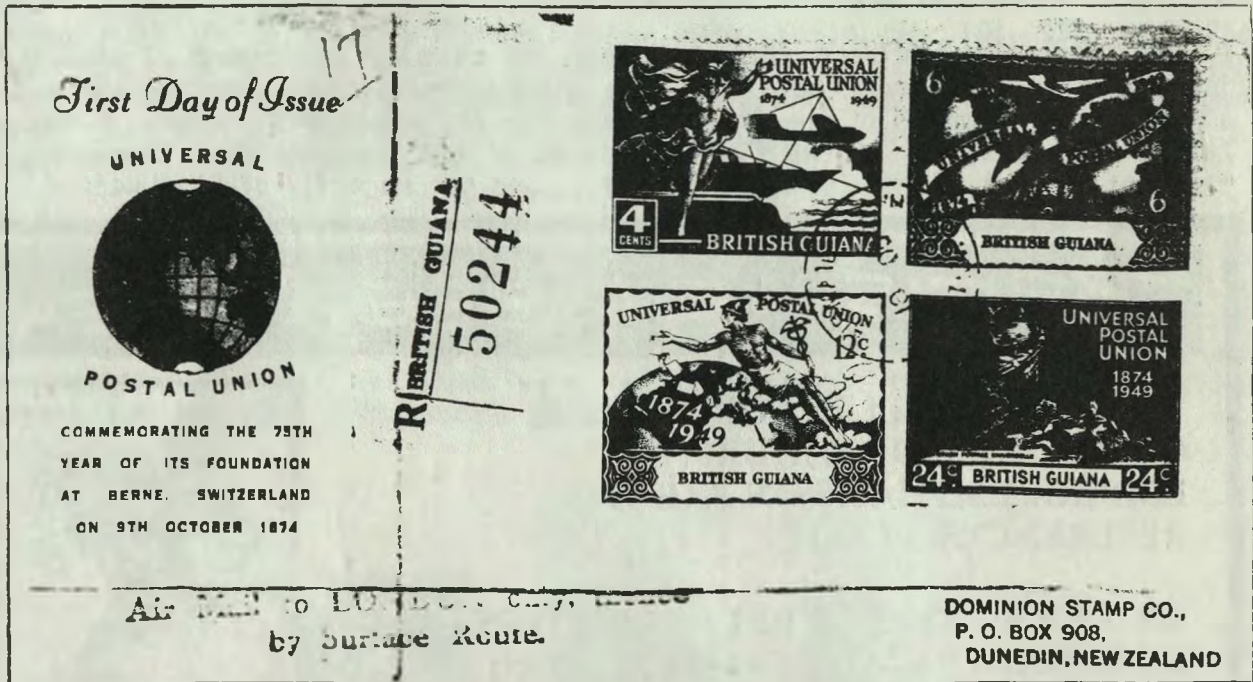
AIR MAIL TO LONDON ONLY

by Paul Raynor

I want to show a cover with an instructional marking that is quite unusual. This is a first day cover from British Guiana, postmarked with the British Guiana "AIRMAIL/BRITISH GUIANA" single ring, dated 10 OC 49 and backstamped at New York Air Mail Field on October 16th. What makes this cover unusual is the instructional marking "Air Mail to LONDON only, thence/by Surface Route," struck in violet.

This mark is in essentially the same form as the "Air Mail to NEW YORK Only/ thence by Surface Mail" as recorded in Townsend and Howe as being used between 1949 and 1957. Other instructional marks recorded Miami and Trinidad as airmail destinations but London is not listed.

If anyone can add more information, please contact me at 1466 Hope Road, North Vancouver, BC V7P 1W8, CANada.



THE "DETACHED TRIANGLE" FLAW ON THE VICTORIAN KEYTYPE HEADPLATE

by Charles Freeland

Bill Cornell's article in the March 1987 Journal is very welcome in pin-pointing that this major flaw, first plated by Edward Thompson, only appears on plate 2 of Die I. It should be easy to determine precisely which BWI stamps were printed from this plate, and therefore the stamps on which the flaw appears, but, surprisingly, that does not seem to be the case. Easton does not provide details of the plates used, nor do some of the specialized handbooks such as Ritchie (for St. Lucia) and Britnor (for Montserrat). Challis (Turks Islands) is an honorable exception.

As a last resort I have turned to the listing of plate blocks recorded in Sir John Wilson's book on the Royal collection, supplementing it in one or two instances with independent records of my own. From this, I deduce that there are twenty-six BWI stamps on which the flaw can be found (SG 1987 numbers refer):

Antigua	1/2d.(21), 2-1/2d.(27), 4d.(28), 1/-(30).
Montserrat	1/2d.(6), 2-1/2d.(10), 4d.(12)
Nevis	1/2d.(25), 1d.(27), 2-1/2d.(29), 4d.(31), 6d.(33), 1/-(34)
St. Lucia	1/2d.(31), 2-1/2d.(33), 4d.(34), 1d.(39), 3d.(40), 6d.(41) 1/-(42), 1/2d./3d.(53), 1/2d./half 6d.(54), 1d./4d.(55)
Turks Is.	1/2d.(53a)
Virgin Is.	1/2d.(27), 2-1/2d.(31)

I am reasonably confident that this list is complete, although I should be interested to hear from those who have plate number copies bearing plate 2 or alternatively examples of the Thompson flaw on any other BWI stamps. I may add that I have examples of the flaw on fifteen of the stamps listed, including all those of Antigua, Turks Is. and Virgin Is., and the majority of St. Lucia.

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In November 1984 the Government of the British Virgin Islands contracted with Philatelists (UK) Ltd. to set up a Philatelic Bureau and produce and sell stamps and philatelic material. One of their first money making ideas to be implemented was the overprinting of definitives for Official use.

In early 1985 the BVI Philatelic Bureau started using a silver arch-shaped OFFICIAL overprint (Fig. 1) on 15 of the 17 Underwater Life definitives (SG 364-80) which are now catalogued as SG 01-015. The 1/2¢ and 10¢ values were not overprinted for Official use. These stamps were designed by BG Studios. The original printings, reprints and overprinting were lithographed by the House of Questa in England. Late in 1985, the OFFICIAL overprinted stamps were made available to collectors from the BVI Philatelic Bureau and from their US agents, D & G Philatelic, Inc. All mailings from the bureau from mid 1985 onwards that I have seen have used official overprinted stamps.

In July 1985 the Birds definitives (SG 560-78) were placed on sale to replace the seven year old Underwater Life series. All 19 denominations bear the date 1985 at the bottom. These stamps were designed by Norman Arlott of Walsall Studios with the printing and overprinting lithographed by the House of Questa. As stocks of some of the Underwater Life officials and unoverprinted values were nearly exhausted, ten values of the Birds series were overprinted in a black straight line OFFICIAL (Fig. 3) to replace the Underwater Life values. The ten values issued on January 28, 1986 were the 2¢, 8¢, 12¢, 18¢, 40¢, 50¢, 60¢, \$1, \$2 and \$3. In September 1986 the remaining nine values of the Birds values were issued with the OFFICIAL overprint. These were the 1¢, 5¢, 10¢, 15¢, 20¢, 25¢, 30¢, 35¢, and \$5. The gutters on these stamps are also overprinted OFFICIAL. These nineteen stamps are catalogued as SG 016-034. Thus far no varieties have been reported on the Bird Officials, but such is not the case with the Underwater Life Officials.

Four values of the Underwater Life Officials come with two different settings of the OFFICIAL overprint, the 1¢, 3¢, 8¢ and 18¢. I have designated them as the high (Fig. 1) and low (Fig. 2) settings. These are not positional varieties within a sheet but come from two separate overprintings. The other values only come with one setting, either low (5¢ and 13¢) or high (15¢, 20¢ and all higher denominations). These varieties were readily available from the BVI Philatelic Bureau and from D & G Philatelic Inc.



Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3

By far the scarcest varieties to surface were one trial sheet each of both the

1¢ and 3¢ values with the low (Fig. 2) setting overprint typographed rather than lithographed. These stamps are easy to distinguish from the litho versions as they have a very strong indentation of the OFFICIAL overprint clearly visible on the gum side. One can also feel the difference, as the litho has much greater relief. These are expected to be listed by Stanley Gibbons as 01a and 02a. Unfortunately, half of the sheets were used as packet material before the variety was noticed.

Another scarce variety comes on the 30¢ value which is catalogued as SG 010a. The unoverprinted stamp was first issued on ordinary paper in 1980 with that date at the bottom of the design. In 1982, the 5¢, 8¢, 13¢, 15¢, 20¢ and 30¢ Underwater values were reprinted on chalky paper with the new date. These qualified for 'a' listings in Stanley Gibbons Catalogues. The BVI GPO do not classify their stocks in date order, only as to denomination. Thus when the order went out to overprint 30¢ stamps, the printers were supplied with the stock on hand which included some of the original 1980 printing of the 30¢ value. This variety was used on at least one mailing of the BVI Philatelic Bureau and a few were available from its agents. It is felt that the majority of the 1980 30¢ Officials were used on mailings by the Bureau before the variety was noticed. So far, none of the other values have turned up overprinted on the earlier printings, but discoveries are still possible as this series is still on sale and still in use in mid 1987.

The plot now thickens, as in late 1986 Philatelists (UK) Ltd. went into receivership and the Government of the BVI is seeking a replacement. Collectors can only hope that the new agents will not follow the highly questionable practices of Philatelists (UK) Ltd. such as selling imperforate proof sheets of certain issues, sheets with missing colors, stamps with unwatermarked paper when the normal was watermarked, and releasing the unreleased Michael Jackson stamps. These varieties all came straight from Philatelists to certain dealers bypassing official channels. Maybe the new agents will also drop the Official stamps, as so far as I can tell, they were never used on Official mail, only on Philatelic Bureau mail. I would be most interested in seeing copies of Officials used on non-Philatelic Bureau mail.

Two additional varieties of the Underwater Life Officials are the 25¢ with inverted watermark catalogued as SG 09ei and the \$3 with inverted overprint. The latter has a somewhat questionable pedigree as it surfaced in the UK subsequent to Philatelists going into receivership, and as a result Stanley Gibbons has yet to give it catalogue status. It is possible additional made to order errors may yet surface from the Philatelists stocks. It has been reported that Intergovernmental Philatelic has purchased all the stocks of the bankrupt firm.

These varieties, with the exception of the last two, resulted from the rush to get stamps from the BVI to England for overprinting and back to the BVI for sale and use within months of signing the new contract. The typo sheets were probably accidentally included in the first shipment to the BVI in error, because they are impossible to distinguish from the standard litho sheets just by looking at the obverse. They were discovered in the BVI and not in agency stocks.

First Day of Issue covers were not made available for either Official issue, and none of the Officials came with SPECIMEN overprint. Both sets are printed on Harrison's CA spiral watermarked paper and are perforated 14-1/2. Sheet format is two vertical panes of 5 x 5 separated by a stamp size vertical gutter.

The possibility for varieties on the Bird Officials is extremely great should the practice of using overprinted Officials be continued. The reason is that the

original stamps were printed during the agency of the Crown Agents on their CA watermarked paper which has since been phased out in favor of their new spiral script CA watermark. Philatelists (UK) Ltd. used POST OFFICE watermarked paper and unwatermarked paper. If reprints are ordered of the Bird definitives and Official overprints, who knows what we will see in the way of paper and dates?

I must thank Mr. Vernon W. Pickering, D & G Philatelic Inc. and the BVI Philatelic Bureau for helping me research this article. I would appreciate hearing from anyone about other varieties of the BVI Officials, such as setting varieties, different dates, inverted watermarks, inverted or double overprints, etc.

(Ed: Mr Jehle's address is 31 Park Place, Darien, CT 06820-5304.)

PERSONAL MENTION

David Ingle Smith was kind enough to meet us at the Canberra Airport where we had only 20 minutes to chat. He brought marvelous Jamaica postal stationery with him and promised an article in the near future. If only our trip had allowed more time to visit! We could have spent hours talking about his collection.

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Ben Ramkissoon has announced the appointment of additional Group Leaders, Mike De Lise, Michael Rego and William Ashley. The complete list of Group Leaders is given below. You may find it convenient to copy this list and hold it for future use.

If you are one of the Group Leaders, your editor would appreciate receiving input from you for a regular feature to be called "Caribbean Round-Up." Dates for receiving submissions for each issue are the same as for ads. See the inside front cover.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Jack Harwood had an article on another of his favorite subjects, Postal Orders, in "Linn's Stamp News" for October 26, 1987. Jack is the U. S. director of the Postal Order Society which was formed to promote the study and information on this form of postal stationery. Little is known about the subject outside the members of the society. In fact, this gives Jack a problem when he exhibits his material. The judges have never seen this type of postal material before.

CAVEAT EMPTOR - CENSORED COVER FORGERIES

by Jack Harwood

In the not too distant past, British Caribbean censored covers could be found in quantity in dealers' boxes of cheap covers. However, this has changed. In the BCPSG auction at CAPEX realizations were often in the \$25 to \$50 range per cover. Unfortunately, as value increases, so does the possibility of finding illegitimate items.

This cover (Fig. 1) was purchased from a dealer at a recent show. At first glance it appears to be a highly desirable item, a 1944 cover from Charlestown, Nevis, 13 NO/44, via St. Kitts, 14 NO/44 and Charlotte Amalie, NOV 24/1944 to New York. Roses Censorship Handbook lists the censor label as type M-PCL5f of Jamaica, but does not record this Examiner number. In addition, this usage is some 2-1/2 years after the latest recorded date.

A major clue to the nature of the item is that the censor label covers a small portion of the Charlotte Amalie backstamp (Fig. 2). To be genuine, the cover would have had to travel from Nevis to St. Kitts to Charlotte Amalie to Jamaica (or the place of censorship) to New York. This would take it from the British mail system to the US system, back to the British again and finally to New York. Highly unlikely!

BCPSG member, John Tyacke, provided additional evidence at CAPEX in Toronto. He was able to locate three other censored covers with Examiner 5483 labels, including two which bracketed the date of usage of the Nevis cover and one with an identical label. All were **Great Britain** covers.

It appears that someone has carefully removed the censor label from a common Great Britain cover and neatly applied it to the item shown. A dangerous deception is the result. Careful examination of censored covers before purchase is advised.

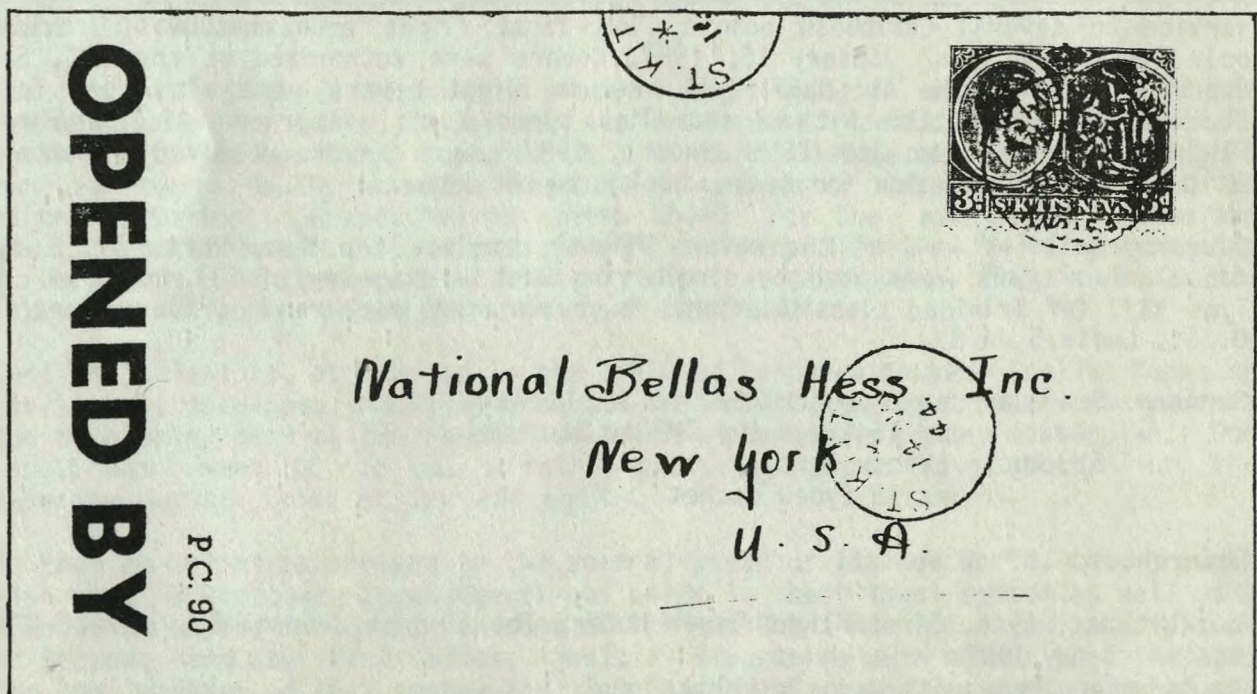


Fig. 1

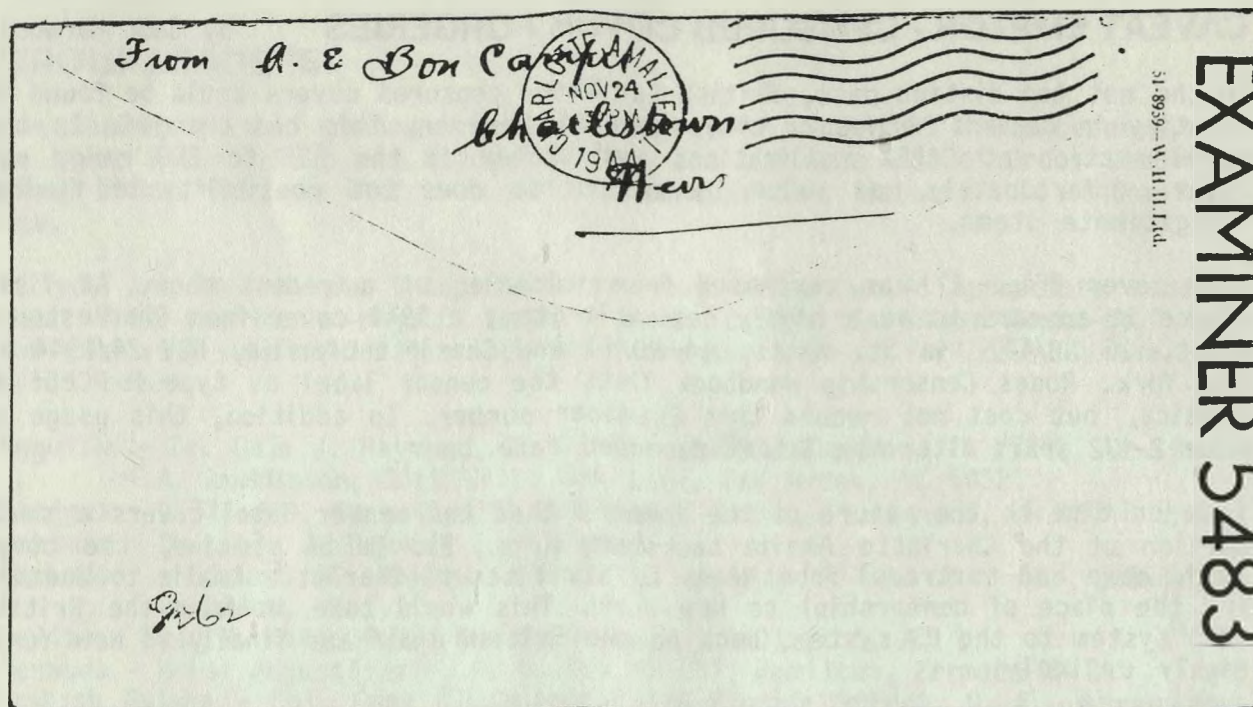


Fig. 2

AMERICAN AIRLINES SERVICE TO ST. LUCIA

Dr. Ben Ramkissoon

American Airlines extended its international (Caribbean) route by service to St. Lucia, West Indies, in early 1987.

With the inauguration of its San Juan, Puerto Rico, hub, American began non-stop service to several Caribbean points, but first flight treatment was provided only for St. Lucia on January 15, 1987. Covers were authorized at the GPO, San Juan, as well as the Air Mail Field. Return flight covers were also done from St. Lucia, the latter with a four-line typed text: 'American Airlines/First Flight/St. Lucia - San Juan/15th January, 1987.' Such covers received a January 20 backstamp. The reason for such a delay is not known.

Outgoing mail (as well as the return flight) received the Vieux-Fort, St. Lucia cancel. Two types were used, a single ring with a diameter of 23½ mm, and cds Type XIII (of Trinidad classification), a double ring mark reading Vieux Fort P. O. St. Lucia/5 JA/87.

Sunnary: San Juan	Jan 5 (black) GPO to St. Lucia	936
	Jan 15 (magenta) AMF to St. Lucia	910
	St. Lucia (Vieux Fort)	
	Jan 15 typed cachet	

References:

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2. Correspondence with Wayne Whitlow.
3. Correspondence with Robert Devaux.

COLONIAL JUDICATURE IN BERMUDA Robert H. Ingalls, Jr.

While in Bermuda recently, I found an entire from 1850 that was both philatelic and historically interesting and that is relevant by analogy to all past and present British colonies in the Caribbean area. Sent by the Prothonotary of the Court of General Assize, it is addressed to the Justices of the Peace of the Parish of Southampton (Fig. 1).

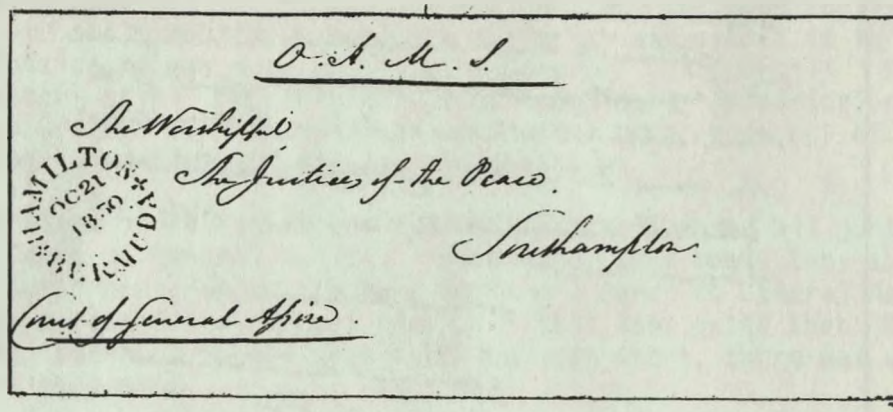


Fig. 1 The outside of the entire with Type PM4 Datestamp

The philatelic interest derives from its remarkably good condition and a very fine impression in red of the Hamilton datestamp in use at the time (Ludington Type PM4). This is the same handstamp that was used by William B. Perot, the then popular and now celebrated Hamilton postmaster, to produce the 1848-1856 Postmaster Adhesives described by Morris Ludington as "among the greatest philatelic rarities in existence". He removed the month and day, applied the impression to gummed paper, and added "One penny" in manuscript above and "W B Perot" below the year. Otherwise, the only difference from my PM4 is about \$100,000.

The contents (Fig. 2) provide a piece of legal history. A consultation of the relevant reference works on Bermuda and on English legal history resulted in whole fields of knowledge opening up. It is the nature of postal history that once one starts to dig for the context and provenance of the postal item, an entire historical perspective is often there for the examination. Items are found, some philatelic but others relating to many different fields, interesting in themselves and leading to a host of others when pursued. That is one of the things so satisfying about this branch of the hobby.

English judicature, as opposed to the codified European systems (called Roman or Civil Law), developed gradually over the centuries, drawing from diverse sources and developing more as the need arose than as the result of any masterplan. One result was what is to us a rather confusing terminology; another was the separate jurisdictions of law and equity.

As English colonists arrived in the several parts of the New World, they brought with them a thorough knowledge of and pride in their legal system as well as a keen sense of their rights. In some of the smaller areas of colonization, such as Bermuda and the West Indies, judicial structures were set up that imitated the complexities of that system and ignored the fact that a much simpler one would meet their needs. Thus, to quote the Attorney-General in 1923, the early history of Bermuda is replete with "all the paraphernalia of the Common Law,

land tenure, primogeniture, courts, juries, sheriffs, parsons, hangmen, clerks, glebes, tipstaves, constables, vestrymen, overseers, sidesmen, bailiffs, estates tail and fee-simple, common law and Courts of Original and Appellate Jurisdiction". In several cases these officers and institutions were redundant, irrelevant or both, but reform was painfully slow in coming.

Sept 21. 1830

Please the honor to enclose a writ "Vincis facis" and to acquaint you that the juries are required to be chosen between the 28th and 31st Inst. to both inclusions. The names to be written at full length with their addition. The writ is returnable on Friday the first day of November next.

Please the honor to be
 your most humble servant
 W. T. Powell
 Perthamptory.

Fig. 2 The inside of the entire

In due course, a centralized court was established. Given the population and the amount of cases arising, it would have been quite sufficient to call it The Court. Nevertheless, the Bermudians styled this court of law The Court of King's Bench Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery. This tiny Bermuda court with the grandiloquent name was the court of law of general and original jurisdiction for all cases, both criminal and civil.

There was no court of equity as such, but a strange thing happened. The Governor in Council was, in some cases, providing equitable relief in cases commenced in law and appealed from the Court of King's Bench. This patchwork justice probably worked, there being no practical reason why it should not, but it offended mightily against the distinction between law and equity firmly planted in the English legal system.

It is not possible adequately to explain that distinction in an article of this scope. A highly oversimplified explanation is that law, the older jurisdiction, developed along very rigid technical lines and was not always flexible enough to provide either a fair hearing or, particularly, the most appropriate remedy.

A whole new set of courts came into being to address this need. They had relaxed forms of pleading and could shape new and appropriate remedies. They were called Courts of Chancery (i.e. under the Treasury) and exercised their own separate jurisdiction, called equity. It was more than anything else an historical accident that there were two concurrent jurisdictions instead of one enlarged and reformed one, but separate they were and separate they remained right into the twentieth century, when they were fused under one court.

A familiar example of equitable relief in a modern context may help in understanding the distinction. If you sign a contract to sell something unique like your house or your Perot Postmaster Adhesive (there are eleven known, but each is identifiable and unique), and you subsequently and wrongfully breach

that contract, you can be sued. A court of law, in finding for the plaintiff, could do no more than make you pay money damages. There was no other remedy at law. A court of equity, however, could, at its option, make you deliver the house or the Perot, making the plaintiff much happier. That remedy is called specific performance and is a form of relief unique to equity.

By sitting as a Court of Chancery to hear appeals from the Court of King's Bench the Governor in Council had violated this distinction. In 1744 the House of Assembly finally realized this situation was contrary to good English practice. Therefore, they abolished this appellate authority and placed it in a new Court of Errors. This court was made up of...the Governor in Council! Further, the Court of Chancery still had original (not appellate) jurisdiction in equity. Therefore, the Governor in Council, an executive body made up of laymen, was busy running back and forth to the judicial hatrack.

One further reform is relevant. In 1814 the Assembly fused all jurisdiction in law into one Court of General Assize. Translated, that means they abolished the odd local "court" and changed the name of King's Bench to General Assize, which in England was a name for a circuit court a little less grand than King's Bench but fulfilling essentially the same function. In short, there was another name change and not much else.

The entire that is the basis of this article shows the working of the Court of General Assizes. Simply put, the clerk of the court instructed the parish JP's to round up some men for jury duty. It not being in the nature of the law to put anything simply, the Court of General Assize through its Prothonotary issued a writ of **venire facias**. Writs, which were inscribed in Latin with a rare sprinkling of Norman French, derived their names from their opening words, in this case, meaning "you shall cause to come...".

The parish in Bermuda is the local governmental subdivision as well as an ecclesiastical concept. Each of the nine parishes was required to provide six jurymen or veniremen (the latter name deriving from that of the writ). Seventeen would be chosen by lot for the Grand Jury (to bring indictments) and the remainder assigned to the petit juries to decide the cases. They served throughout one of the legal terms. In this case the return date for the writ would indicate it was for the Michaelmas Term, which commenced November 1st. The other terms were Hilary, beginning January 12th, and the Easter and Trinity, being based on moveable feasts and therefore having no fixed commencement.

The Court of General Assize shared the use of the Sessions House with the House of Assembly, as does its modern successor. The building appears twice on Bermuda stamps. The 1962-65 f1 definitive (SG179) shows the building as it was in 1815; and the 1970 350th Anniversary 15c. commemorative (SG267) shows the building in 1893 with the addition of Florentine Renaissance colonnades and a clock tower which were started in 1887 to commemorate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee.

A point of some philological interest appears in the text. For ease of reading a typed transcript of the entire is shown in Fig. 3. Notice the "American" spelling of the word "honor". One's initial assumption might be that the prothonotary either was influenced by Americanisms or that he could not spell. A check in the OED reveals neither to be the case. Either way of spelling the word was acceptable in England at the time, two examples of "honor" being Macaulay's History of England (1849) and Bouvier's Law Dictionary (1856).

Sessions House	Oct 21, 1850
Sirs	
I have the honor to enclose a Writ "Venire facias" and to acquaint you that the jurors are required to be chosen between the 28th and 31st instant both inclusive. The names to be written at full length with their additions. The writ is returnable on Friday the first day of November next.	
I have the honor to be [?] your most humble servant W H Darrell Prothonotary	

Fig. 3 The typed transcript of the entire

Finally, the actual individuals connected with the court are of interest. The prothonotary was William Hall Darrell, the son of Josephus Darrell. He never rose to any great position in the island, but he was well respected and a driving force within his own family and was a pillar of Trinity Church. His home was "Laurels".

From his job of Prothonotary he went on to become the Clerk of the House of Assembly, and for a brief time was mayor of Hamilton. The Assembly thought enough of him that, upon his retirement, they voted to continue his salary for life. That was a high compliment from what could uncharitably but fairly accurately be called a bunch of inveterate penny pinchers.

In the history of Bermuda he is completely overshadowed by his famous first cousin, John Harvey Darrell, who had been Attorney General for sixteen years when this writ was issued and was elevated to Chief Justice in 1856. His monumental scholarly work was an exhaustive compilation of all the laws passed in Bermuda. Further, he is said to have helped Gov. Lefroy with his great history, the Memorials. When he retired in 1871 he was offered his choice of a knighthood or a C.M.G. (Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George). Saying he was a poor man who could not afford the expenses of a knighthood, he chose the latter.

He often discussed gardening and botany with his old friend, W. B. Perot, the retired postmaster of Hamilton, who was himself busy following Voltaire's advice. (Heretical as it might seem to philatelists, it has been suggested that, even during his tenure as postmaster, Perot preferred cultivating his garden to tending to the mail.) We are thus brought full circle; it was Perot who must have applied the handstamp on the address portion of this entire.

Bibliographical Note: The definitive work on English law is Blackstone, **Commentaries on the Laws of England**, published in many editions. For a brief but excellent description of Bermuda judicial structure, see Walter B. Hayward, **Bermuda Past & Present**, 2nd edition, Dodd, Mead & Co., NY, 1933. The most authoritative overall history of this period is Henry C. Wilkinson, **Bermuda From Sail to Steam**, Oxford Press, London, 1973. Also see Sister Jean Kennedy, **Biography of a Colonial Town**, Bermuda Book Stores, 1961. (Although this article follows Hayward, Kennedy implies that there was overlap between the Courts of King's Bench and General Assize.) Morris Ludington's **The Postal History and Stamps of Bermuda** remains the only work in the philatelic area definitive in fact as well as name.

50 YEARS OF COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS TO BERMUDA

Horst Augustinovic

On June 16th, 1937, aviation history was made when the Imperial Airways flying boat **Cavalier** made the first scheduled passenger flight between Bermuda and the United States. This flight from Darrell's Island to New York took 5 hours and 36 minutes. On the return flight on June 18th, the **Cavalier** was joined by Pan American Airways **Bermuda Clipper**, making its inaugural flight to Bermuda.

Preparations for these flights began in 1935 when the Bermuda Government and Imperial Airways entered an agreement calling for construction of Bermuda's first airport at Darrell's Island. With virtually no tide-flow and 2-mile stretches of unobstructed take-off lanes in every direction, this location was ideal for the operation of flying boats.

Following the completion of the hanger during 1936, the 23-ton **Cavalier** - with a maximum flying range of 1350 miles unable to fly from England to Bermuda - was sent to the island in three giant packing cases and assembled at Darrell's Island. After several trials in Bermuda three test flights were made to New York on May 25th, May 29th and June 8th. At the same time Pan American Airways was preparing the **Bermuda Clipper** for the inaugural flight. Test flights to Bermuda were made on May 25th and 29th as well as June 5th, 8th and 12th.

I felt that the 50th anniversary was an important event and decided to try to have some covers flown by the two airlines on the approximate dates. Since the anniversary issue was to come out on June 18th, I could do nothing until the 18th. Pan Am was no problem as they had a flight to New York that day. British Airways unfortunately did not have a flight to the USA that day but did on the following day. Both airlines kindly agreed to stamp the covers with their datestamps and so I was able to create souvenirs of an event which has played an important part in Bermuda's development.

The Anniversary was celebrated locally in several ways. Apart from the stamps, the Government issued a One Dollar silver coin, showing the Pan Am **Bermuda Clipper**. At the airport an exhibit of photographs and enlarged newspaper clippings was arranged in one departure lounge. On June 16th a permanent exhibit called "Bermuda in Five Hours" was opened by the premier at the Maritime Museum. This exhibit consists mainly of photos and descriptions, but also includes models of both planes, and most remarkably, the signpost shown on the 50¢ stamp.

This signpost is a story in itself. After the closure of Darrell's Island in 1948, an R.A.F. major (Eric Russell) wanted to take the signpost along to England as a souvenir. He approached the manager of Darrell's Island (Eric Wheatley) who suggested that if he (Russell) managed to get past airport security without being noticed, he could certainly take it back to England. The story goes that on a moonlit night Major Russell rowed out to Darrell's Island, cut down the sign and brought it back ashore without incident. (Well almost! The head of airport security was fired!) It was later on display in his front yard somewhere in England.

30 years later Eric Wheatley, who also retired back to England after the war, was approached by someone who mentioned that he had found a signpost that could only have come from Bermuda. He said he found it in the basement of a house he had just purchased. On hearing this, Eric Wheatley said, "You must have bought Major Russell's house." You can imagine the surprise this comment caused. The

end result was that the signpost was returned to Bermuda, free of charge by Bermuda Airways, and is now part of our aviation exhibit, and on one of our stamps.

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LIBRARY NOTES

Dr. Ben Ramkissoon has donated to the library a copy of the COMPEX '87 200 page Directory which contains two articles in the Philatelic Literature section of interest to BCPSG members. These are:

Bylen, Peter, "The Cayes of Belize Stamp Issues," pp 127-132

Ramkissoon, Dr. Reuben A., "The Red Cross Provisional Issue of Trinidad and Tobago," pp 113-126

Members wishing to read these may direct their query to the BCPSG Library, c/o Mr. Robert P. Lovett, 177 Woodhill Road, Newtown, PA 18940.

STAMPOREE '88

Further information on plans for the BCPS meeting at STAMPOREE '88 is available now. We are planning a Friday night outing on the Jungle Queen, at their BarbBQ Ribs and Shrimp Dinner Cruise. Price for this is expected to be about \$18.00. The show will be held at the Bahia Mar, about 5 minutes from the Fort Lauderdale airport. Room rates at the hotel will be \$65 per night single and \$75 per night double.

The show is hosting a hospitality hour on Saturday night on the intracoastal waterway and there will be an awards breakfast on Sunday morning. Dates for the show are April 22-24, 1988.

Request copies of the prospectus from Mr. Robert Welky, Chairman, STAMPOREE '88, P. O. Box 24430, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33307.

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Word of two new publications of interest to BWI enthusiasts has arrived. "Tobago, Melancholy Isle, Volume I" by Douglas Archibald is the first of a projected three-volume history of Tobago. Orders from the UK and Europe should be sent to A. Shepherd, 3, Willowfield Road, Halifax, Yorks., England HX2 7JN together with £6.50 per copy including postage and packing. All other mail orders should be sent to J. Chin Aleong, P. O. Box 128, San Fernando, Trinidad, W.I., with US \$10.00 per copy including postage and packing. Checks should be made out to the person to whom the order is sent.

Vernon Pickering has written his second book, "A Concise History of the British Virgin Islands." This is the first comprehensive history of the British Virgin Islands - from origin to date. The publication date is late December this year. The price is US \$20.00 + \$3.00 airmail postage and handling. You may order the book from Vernon Pickering, P. O. Box 704, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, W. I., telephone (809-49) 42476.

PERSONAL MENTION

Bob Swarbrick wrote that he is delighted with his awards at "BPE/STAMPEX" this year. He won a large silver gilt with felicitations for "Early Pre-stamp Covers of Jamaica" and a small silver gilt for "Jamaica Telegraphs." He also won the Argyll trophy for the best postal history exhibit. Congratulations, Bob!

Bob has also asked for space to express his thanks to the UK members for making his work easy. He reports that subscriptions for 1988 are rolling in. He would also request his correspondents to submit to him their comments on the journal and their thoughts on how it can be more useful to the membership. Your editor will look forward to receiving comments from Bob in due course. Please let us hear from all of you. You would be amazed at how few comments are received.

Derek Nathan wrote some time ago that he is particularly interested in 1875 proofs of the 1876 De La Rue stamps of British Guiana. He is also looking for postcards of the villages to head up his collection of village postmarks. At the moment he has only RUPUNUNI, ROCKSTONE, CANJE CREEK, CUYUNI, ISSANORD, LETHEM, TUMATUMARI, ENMORE, HMPS, ISSANO, BLAIRMONT, BARTICA, MACKENZIE, NEW AMSTERDAM, POTARO, WISMAR, OMAI, WAZARONI, W. C. RAILWAY, KAEITUR FALLS, ESSEQUIBO RIVER. Any help in securing other postcards will be much appreciated.

NEW ISSUES

by Bruce E. Watts

BAHAMAS: Two se-tenant strips of five featuring tourist transportation. To be issued Aug. 26. Designed by Tony Theobald and printed in litho in sheets of 50 by the House of Questa on spiral CA script wmk. paper. All ten stamps share a common denomination of 40¢. One se-tenant strip shows various vessels from cruise ships to small motor launches. The second strip shows an airport scene.



BERMUDA: Set of four honoring the centenary of the Bermuda Telephone Company Ltd. To be issued Aug. 1st. Designed by Leslie Curtis and printed in litho by BDT Printers. The denominations are: 15¢ horse-drawn wagon carrying telephone poles; 40¢ an early telephone exchange; 50¢ early and modern telephones; \$1.50 satellite.

CAYMAN ISLANDS: Set of three depicting lizards. To be issued Aug. 26. Designed by Ian Loe and printed in sheets of 50 by the House of Questa. The lizards shown are: 10¢ lion lizard; 50¢ iguana; \$1 anole.

Variety: The 5¢ fruit stamp has been found with inverted watermark.

JAMAICA: Centenary of the Salvation Army in Jamaica. Four stamps and a SS to be issued Oct. 8. Designed by Leslie Curtis and printed in litho in sheets of 50. The printer is not reported. The designs picture: 25¢ Salvation Army School for the Blind; 50¢ Col. Mary Booth, Bramwell Booth Hall; \$3 1929 War Chariot; \$5 arrival of Col. Abram Dabey; the SS unites the stamps.

ST. KITTS: Christmas/Carnival clowns set of four. To be issued Oct. 28. Designed by Rosey Cameron-Smith and printed by Format International Security Printers. The denominations, 15¢, 40¢, \$1, \$3, all picture various clowns.

ST. VINCENT: Varieties: Queen's 60th Birthday 10¢ value and the \$1.50 Fresh Water Fishing se-tenant values have both been found imperf.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO: Set of four depicting Giselle La Ronde, Miss World 1988. To be issued Aug. 10. Designed by Derek Miller and lithographed by Walsall Security Printers. 10¢, 30¢, 95¢ and \$1.65 show various pictures of Miss La Ronde.

Secretary's Report

NEW MEMBERS

HOLLOWAY, Jack, 5880 Denison Drive, Venice, FL 34293, Collects Belize Covers & Cancels, W. Europe, by Howard C. Austin.

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REINSTATED

ROSENDORFF, Professor Clive

ADDRESS CORRECTION

THORNE, Robert K., Brampton, Ontario, (not Brantford), all else was correct.

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MEMBERS AT THE END OF THE PRIOR YEAR	361	382
NEW MEMBERS	46	35
REINSTATED	0	2
RESIGNED	2	7
DROPPED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES	14	14
DECEASED	9	3
SUBTOTAL	(25)	(24)
MEMBERS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	382	395

AAPE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Dr. Russell V. Skavaril has sent in word that Dr. Peter P. McCann won the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors (AAPE) Award of Excellence, given at national exhibitions to the exhibit showing best presentation, for his exhibit of "Postal Markings and History of Turks and Caicos Islands" at STAMPOREE '87. Peter showed a seven-frame exhibit consisting of covers, and a study of cancellations, cachets, censor and other markings used in the islands. His exhibit also received a Gold Medal.

STAMPOREE '87 was held May 15-17, 1987 at the Colonnade Beach Hotel, Singer Island, FL. The photo shows Peter receiving the award from Clyde Jennings who served as Chief Judge at this exhibition.

Russell, himself, was the winner of the AAPE Award of Excellence for his exhibit "Plating the Bermuda Caravel Issues" at COLOPEX '87, held April 10-12, 1987 at the Radisson Hotel Columbus, Columbus, OH. Russell's exhibit was an eight-frame exhibit of the fresh entries, plate flaws and printing flaws of the 1910-36 Caravel Issue of Bermuda.

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