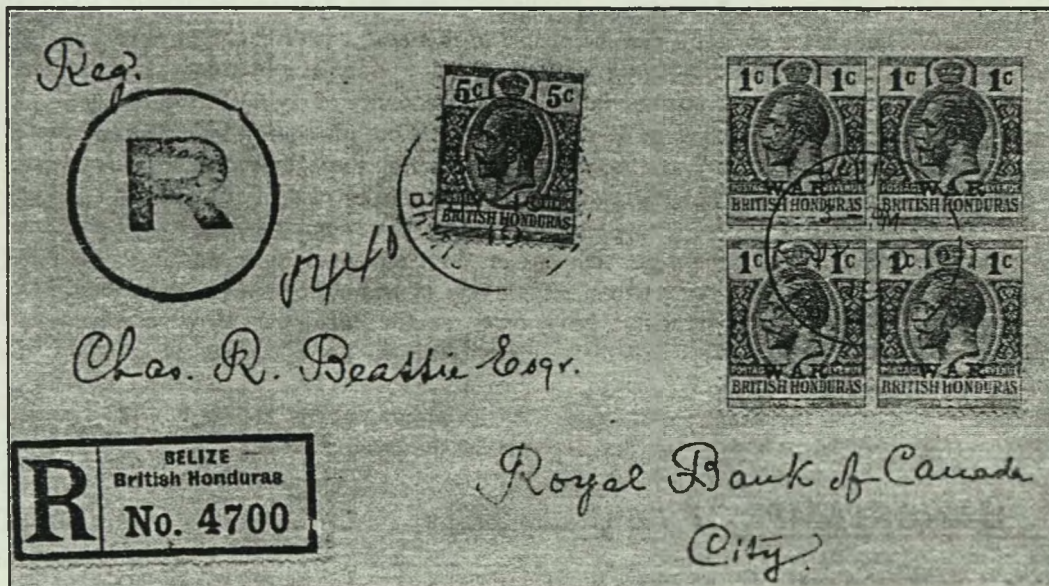


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Ian Matheson begins on page 4 an important series on registration labels, handstamps and manuscript markings of British Honduras. This cover is one of the illustrations for the first part of the article, and shows a July 10, 1919 black "R in circle" applied alongside Type 6 registration etiquette.



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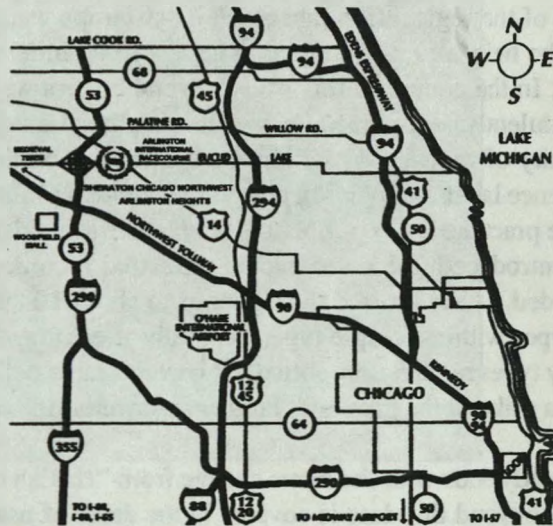
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Registration labels, handstamps and manuscript endorsements of British Honduras

By Ian Matheson
Of Switzerland

*Beginning an
important series*

This study provides a listing of the registration cachets and labels used in British Honduras. The registration datestamps are excluded as they are listed separately in the study "Miscellaneous Postal Markings" (to be published later), although the earliest of these datestamps was generally used with a manuscript number, and could equally easily have been listed in this chapter.

Most of the registration labels and handstamps were used with consecutive numbering. Where this was the case, it may be helpful to the student to have a few "milestones," so that dates and labels can be matched. This has been done. In the course of this study, several covers were found bearing registration labels which had obviously been (fraudulently) added at a later date. Another benefit of the "milestones" is that an estimate can be made of the quantity of registered mail emanating from a particular office. Cognisance must be taken, however, that out-of-sequence label use may not always constitute a philatelic irregularity, and may simply have arisen through poor post office practice. By extrapolating the numbers and dates, a reasonable estimate can be made as to when the label type was introduced (the dates quoted are actual recorded dates). Where many examples of a particular type have been recorded, I have limited the sightings to about 10 unless there were multiple periods of usage or several code letter subtypes within a single type. Generally speaking, the number of recorded dates gives an indication of scarceness. Many types remain unreported. However, I have collected data for 35 years so far, and feel that the time has come to "put a stake in the ground." Further information is always welcome.

The study ends with the name change from "British Honduras" to "Belize" in 1973, but usage of "British Honduras" labels beyond this date is covered in the dates of usage.

1. HANDSTAMPS OF GPO BELIZE

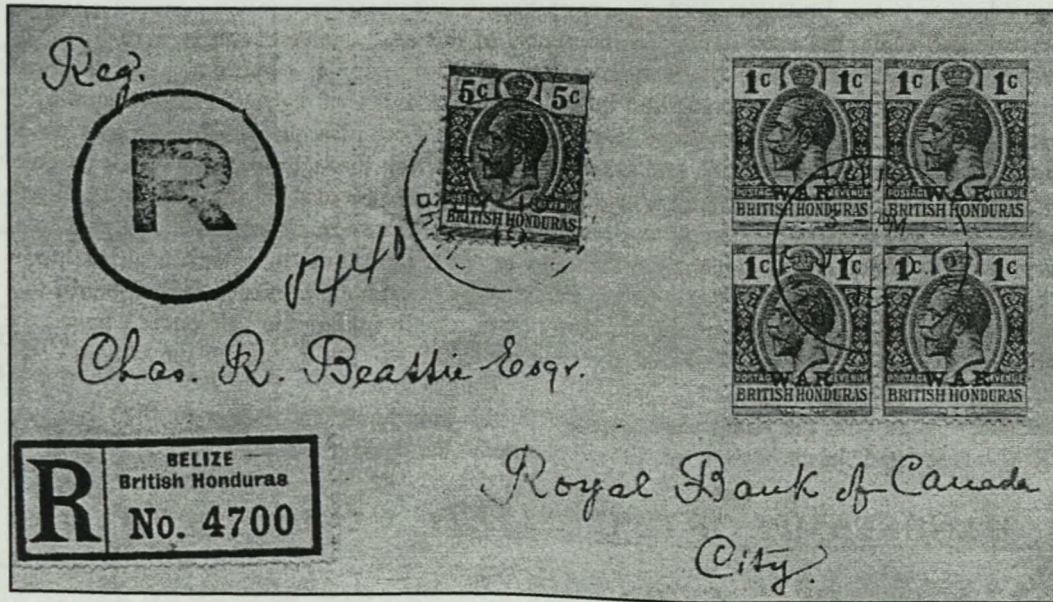
1.1 "R in Oval" Types

The first registration handstamps used at GPO Belize were the "R in oval" types. Several handstamps were prepared, of which many were probably indistinguishable. An entry in the London Post Office Archives indicates that 11 handstamps were sent out on April 17, 1894 to the Postmaster General in Belize. A proof strike was made of only one of the handstamps. As "R in oval" types were in use in the Colony prior to that date (no record exists in the Archives), there is no way of telling how many instruments were in use altogether. Several of the village offices also used "R in oval" types, which may have come from this 1894 consignment. The simplest categorization of the types is by color. A further variant is the uncommon "R in circle" used in 1919.

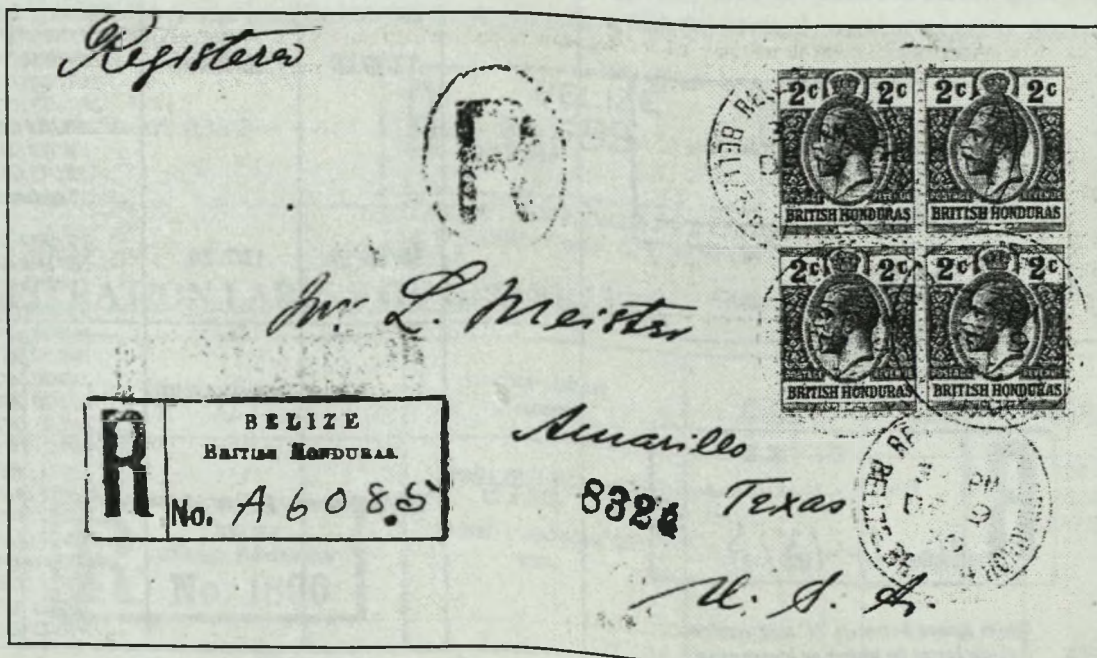
<u>COLOUR</u>	<u>ERD</u>	<u>LRD</u>	<u>Comments</u>
R in oval (Black)	26/11/1885	6/3/1907	Registration number is shown in manuscript on some, but not all examples.
R in oval (Red)	30/5/1889	21/10/1891	Used in combination with rectangular Belize registration handstamp (Type 1) or oval REGISTERED / BELIZE code B mark.
R in circle	10/7/19 (11 AM)	10/7/19 (3 PM)	Used in combination with label Type 6.
R in oval (Black)	15/10/18	22/10/19	Used in combination with label Type 6 or rectangular handstamp Type 3.
R in oval (Violet)	12/2/1920	9/12/1920	Used in combination with rectangular Belize registration handstamps (Types 3 & 4).

In 1919/20 a curious practice was introduced, whereby an "R in oval" or "R in circle" handstamp was used in addition to the registration etiquette or the rectangular registration handstamp. Where a rectangular handstamp had been used, the "R in oval" was struck from the same violet ink pad, indicating that it had been applied at the same time.

July 10, 1919: Black "R in circle" applied alongside Type 6 registration etiquette.



December 9, 1920: Violet "R in oval" applied alongside Type 4 registration handstamp.

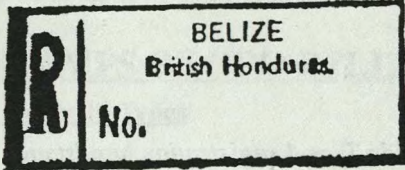
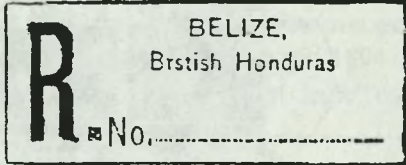
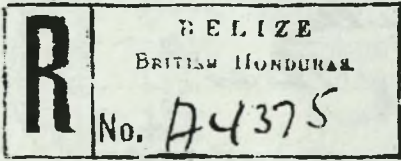


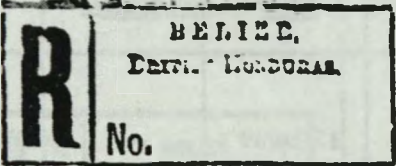
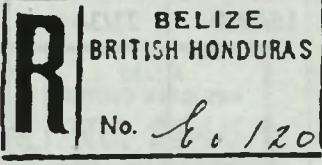
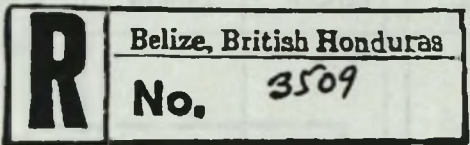
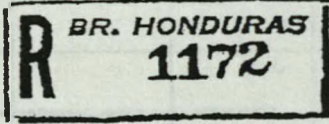
1.2 Rectangular Types

<u>Type No.</u>	<u>Illustration</u>	<u>Size (mm)</u>	<u>ERD</u>	<u>LRD</u>	<u>Milestones</u>
1	REGISTERED	38 x 4	17/4/88	6/6/89	

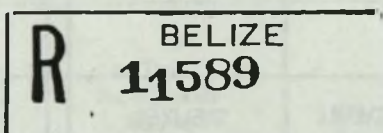
NOTE: The stock of registration labels and handstamps must have been lost in the GPO fire of May 30, 1909. For a few days after the fire, registered covers were endorsed in manuscript with "R" and the registration number, until the new handstamp (Type 2) was supplied.

Recorded Date(s): 11/6/09 (No. 143)

2		51 x 20	14/6/09	15/10/10	14/6/09 (191) 18/6/09 (216) 24/9/10 (5673) 15/10/10 (5948)
			9/4/15	7/5/15	9/4/15 (19562) 7/5/15 (19889)
			28/3/18	18/4/18	28/3/18 (2088) 18/4/18 (2280)
3	 <p>Note spelling error "Brtish"</p>	51 x 21½	22/8/18	28/1/19	22/8/18 (53) 11/10/18 (665-679) 15/10/18 (711)* 25/10/18 (860-5) 28/11/18 (1225-41) 29/11/18 (1310-13) 20/12/18 (1609)* 28/1/19 (2030)* 30/1/19 (2128)* *cyclometer.
			30/10/19	12/2/20	30/10/19 (6453) 28/11/19 (6880) 15/12/19 (7236) 12/2/20 (8169)
4	 <p>½mm space between "N" and vertical. Code letter in upper or lower case.</p>	50½ x 21	20/5/20	19/10/23	20/5/20 (A1652) 19/8/20 (A3745) 27/9/20 (A4375) 9/12/20 (A6085) 18/1/21 (A7240) 11/2/21 (A7671) 1/4/21 (A8525) 15/9/21 (A12621) 23/2/22 (A15565) 24/3/22 (A14695) 5/9/22 (A19475) 28/3/23 (A23979) 21/9/23 (C797) 19/10/23 (C1276)


Type	Illustration	Size (mm)	ERD	LRD	Milestones
5	 <p>2mm space between "N" and vertical. Comma after "BELIZE".</p>	47 x 20	29/12/23 22/2/32 12/5/37	17/4/24 — 7/12/37	29/12/23 (C2798) 17/4/24 (C5288) 22/2/32 (777u) 12/5/37 (302-953J) 30/6/37 (131-152) 5/7/37 (188) 22/7/37 (497) 16/11/37 (871)
6		39½ x 20	5/1/50	10/3/51 (Reported by Proud)	30/1/50 (C0443) 10/3/50 (D0496) 11/5/50 (F0689) 22/1/51 (O0481)
7		60 x 17	19/1/62	17/5/62	19/1/62 (3509-11) 1/2/62 (5382) 2/4/62 (9493) 4/4/62 (7022) 17/5/62 (14197)
8		Purple & red Used at various P.O.'s.	14/8/69	12/11/73	14/8/69 (1172) 3/10/69 (5099) ?/11/69 (8459) 26/4/70 (53123) 6/10/70 (67968) 6/3/71 (18468) 6/4/71 (94048) 21/6/71 (99843) 2/10/71 (03472) 7/10/72 (36905) 18/10/73 (38930) 12/11/73 (1885)


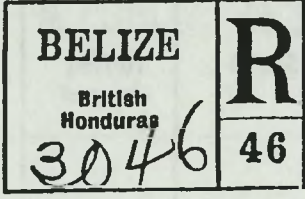
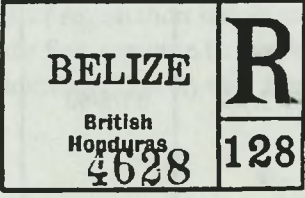


Following the change in country name from "British Honduras" to "Belize," the inscription was altered appropriately to read simply "BELIZE." A similar label format was employed, and, as with the labels, the number sequence was continued.


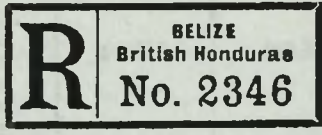
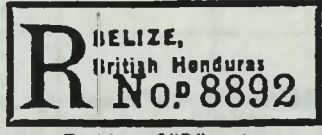

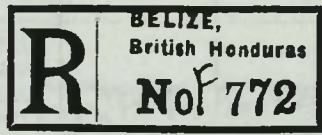
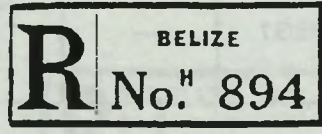




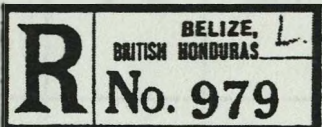


7/3/74 (11589) – Used at Double Head Cabbage.
24/6/74 (19508) – Used at GPO Belize City.

2. REGISTRATION LABELS OF GPO BELIZE



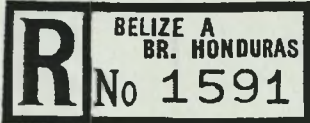

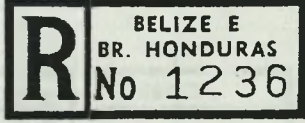


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1		"BELIZE" 8½ mm, "British Honduras" 22½ mm.	18/6/08	19/2/09	18/6/08 (1890) 2/11/08 (3724) 27/11/08 (3882) 19/2/09 (9)

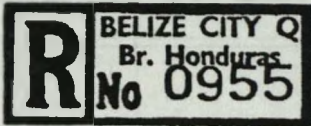


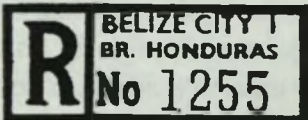
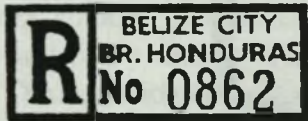
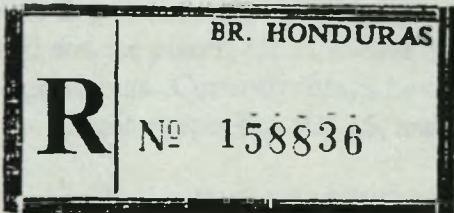
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		Type 2a = Manuscript number in left hand box.	15/3/10	21/3/10	15/3/10* (3046/46-3049/49) 21/3/10* (3121/121)
		Type 2b = 4mm high printed number in left hand box.	14/5/10	13/9/10	14/5/10* (3846/246) 9/7/10* (4628/128) 13/9/10* (5560/210)
3		"BELIZE" 14mm, "British Honduras" 24mm.	5/4/11	1/12/11	# = Type 2 * = Type 2a * = Type 2b 5/4/11 (8415) 7/4/11 (8456) 13/11/11 (1256) 1/12/11 (1508) 4/4/12 (3396) 20/5/15 (35) 23/7/15 (766) 22/12/15 (2571) 8/2/16 (3200) 27/4/16 (4277) 25/7/16 (5372) 25/8/16 (5852) 15/11/16 (6958-70) 4/1/17 (7791) 21/3/17 (8923) 18/5/17 (9755) 21/6/17 (10192) 30/8/17 (11215) 26/9/17 (11579)
4		"BELIZE" 8½ mm, "British Honduras" 23½ mm.	22/10/12	19/1/15	22/10/12(6043) 16/1/13 (7257) 21/2/13 (7799) 8/5/13 (8927) 19/5/13 (9082) 21/1/13(12028) 5/12/13 (12195) 27/1/14 (13152) 17/6/14 (15437-8) 25/6/14 (15579) 22/10/14(17266) 19/1/15 (18495)

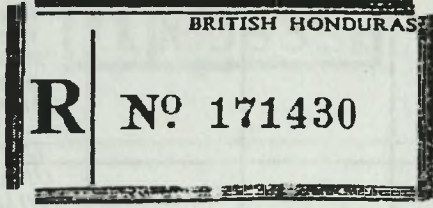
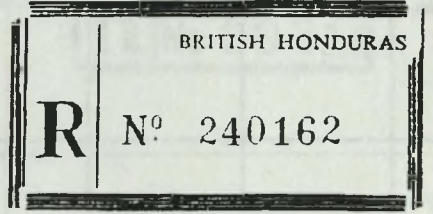
Type	Illustration	Distinguishing Features	ERD	LRD	Milestones
5	 <p>Thickness of "R" varies.</p>	<p>"BELIZE" 8½ mm, "British Honduras" 23½ mm.</p>	31/10/17	2/8/18	<p>31/10/17 (57) 30/1/18 (1240) 17/6/18 (3133) 19/6/18 (3143-79) 20/6/18 (3209) 6/7/18 (4037) 1/8/18 (3792) 2/8/18 (3770) 8/8/18 (3880) 15/8/18 (4061)</p>
6	 <p>Label frame size 40 mm x 16 mm.</p>	<p>"BELIZE" 8½ mm, "British Honduras" 22½ mm.</p>	6/2/19 ?/?/24	19/11/19 ---	<p>6/2/19 (2287-2346) 15/2/19 (2526-27) 25/2/19 (2782) 19/3/19 (3106) 24/4/19 (3614) 8/5/19 (3857) 26/5/19 (4093) 19/6/19 (4392-4412) 10/7/19 (4700-10) 23/8/19 (5359) 22/10/19 (6308-12) 19/11/19 (4412) ?/?/24 (3606)</p>
7	 <p>Position of "D" varies.</p>	<p>Comma after "BELIZE" "B" above "B"</p>	31/10/24	28/1/27	<p>31/10/24 (C8885) 8/5/25 (D3474) 3/9/25 (D6334) 2/10/25 (D7277) 16/11/25 (D8605) 27/11/25 (D8892) 6/2/26 (E884) 11/3/26 (E1560) 12/3/26 (E1645-56) 8/4/26 (E2070) 10/12/26 (E8351) 28/1/27 (E9664)</p>
7a	 <p>Position of "D" varies.</p>	<p>Large "N". No code letter ("E" omitted).</p>	1/4/26		1/4/26 (1960)
7b	 <p>Position of "D" varies.</p>	<p>As Type 7, but with code letter in manuscript.</p>	18/2/27	31/3/27	<p>18/2/27 (F109) 31/3/27 (F772-891)</p>
8	 <p>Position of "D" varies.</p>	<p>"British Honduras" omitted.</p>	14/4/27	1/3/28	<p>14/4/27 (H186-7) 27/5/27 (H894) 3/7/27 (I650) 30/7/27 (J60) 10/11/27 (L806) 6/1/28 (M955) 13/1/28 (N47) 1/3/28 (O???)</p>

Type	Illustration	Distinguishing Features	ERD	LRD	Milestones
9			22/9/28	24/5/29	22/9/28 (S482) 7/12/28 (U843) 28/2/29 (W312) 8/3/29 (W520) 2/5/29 (X337) 17/5/29 (X616) 24/5/29 (X730)
10		Code letters in lower case	8/6/29	14/7/32	8/6/29 (87b) 4/1/30 (972e) 11/4/30 (644g) 1/5/30 (908g) 18/6/30 (641?) 1/11/30 (867l) 14/11/30 (107k) 10/1/31 (123m) 31/8/31 (664t) 17/5/32 (963y) 23/6/32 (565-73z) 14/7/32 (880-899z) 14/7/32 (880-899z)
11		No code letter. Code letter in manuscript.	25/8/32 13/10/34 12/5/37	--- 22/7/36 8/9/37	25/8/32 (524) 13/10/34 (B602) 6/5/35 (F545-710) 15/5/35 (G???) 8/8/35 (H381) 16/8/35 (H594) 7/11/35 (J278) 5/12/35 (K137) 27/12/35 (K966) 31/12/35 (L660-L979) 11/1/36 (M226) 3/2/36 (N173) 21/2/36 (N756-762) 14/3/36 (O274) 7/4/36 (O824) 23/4/36 (P151) 30/4/36 (O410) 22/7/36 (Q828) 12/5/37 (B439-865) 12/5/37 (C382-651) 12/5/37 (G273) 8/9/37 (F124)
12			17/9/36 12/5/37	25/9/36 23/9/37	17/9/36 (T0447) 25/9/36 (T0536) 12/5/37 (R0502) 12/5/37 (W0960-77) 12/5/37 (Z0875) 23/9/37 (G0334)
13		No code letter.	19/10/33 12/5/37	--- ---	19/10/33 (6788) 12/5/37 (0106-3162)

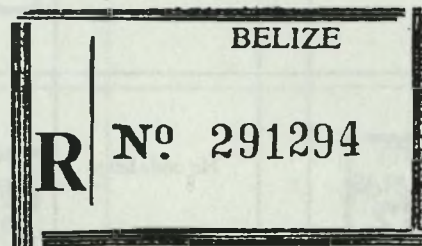
Type	Illustration	Distinguishing Features	ERD	LRD	Milestones
14			12/5/37	27/2/41	12/5/37 (R0496) 12/5/37(S0166-480) 12/5/37 (X0254) 12/5/37 (Z0535) 31/7/37 (B0583) 24/8/37 (D0648) 8/9/37 (F0124) 2/10/37 (J0027) 13/10/37 (J0511) 15/2/38 (P0804) 16/2/38(Q0166-293) 14/3/38 (L0901) 7/2/39 (Y0185) 8/12/39 (E0834) 27/2/41 (N0171) 12/12/41 (S0052) 26/8/43 (E0121) 15/11/43 (F0503) 28/11/43 (F0589) 16/12/43 (G0064) 5/2/44 (H0012) 6/4/44 (I0223) 15/11/44 (M0993) 7/3/45 (P0291) 3/5/46 (B0289-90) 14/5/46 (B0803) 9/9/46 (G0528) 23/1/47 (M0639-50) 27/1/47 (M0769-979)
15		Comma after "HONDURAS"	16/12/44	?/3/46	7/3/45 (P0291) 1/7/45 (S0095) 6/10/45 (W0781) ?/3/46 (Z0847)
16			23/1/47	2/7/47	23/1/47 (O213-6) 1/2/47 (N117-28) 4/2/47 (N67-281) 19/3/47 (O715) 15/5/47 (S104-12) 18/5/47 (S416-27)
17			23/7/47	---	23/7/47 (U465)
18			8/6/48	22/10/49	8/6/48 (E0943) 14/12/48 (L0103) 10/1/49 (M0396) 16/2/49 (N0857) 25/2/49 (O0297) 1/3/49 (O0545) 17/3/49 (P0202-0196) 1/10/49 (X0441) 10/10/49(X0204-452) 22/10/49 (Y0821)

Type	Illustration	Distinguishing Features	ERD	LRD	Milestones
19		2 mm space between "R" and "H".	16/?/51	1/9/53	16/?/51 (0635E) 2/6/53 (0208J) 1/9/53 (0277N)
20		3 mm space between "R" and "H".	16/2/51	18/4/52	16/2/51 (0252A-841A) 16/2/51 (0211B) ?/?/51 (0057G) 16/3/51 (0286I) 15/4/51 (0278-80L) 7/9/51 (0064G) 7/9/51 (0814J) 9/10/51 (0930-40K) 30/5/52 (0939T)
21		Wide numerals	9/12/55	12/11/58	9/12/55 (C0937) 5/9/57 (N0365) 18/9/58 (I0933) 12/11/58 (S0450)
22			5/10/54	9/8/56	5/10/54 (E0605) ?/6/55 (Q0060) 29/9/55 (U0666) 6/7/56 (S1982) 9/8/56 (T1003-4)
23			1/7/60	---	1/7/60 (E1236-1619)
24		Narrow numerals	15/8/63	?/?/67	15/8/63 (Y0185) 4/10/63 (T0007) 14/10/63 (N1641) 15/11/63 (Q0945) 18/2/64 (J0649) ?/?/67 (Y1261) ?/?/? (Z0439)
25		"BR. HONDURAS" 2 1/4 x 2-2/4mm	19/10/64	24/8/65	19/10/64 (B1933) 6/2/65 (K1144) 1/3/65 (M0827) 11/3/65 (J1717) 17/5/65 (R1382-1710) 27/5/65 (P1594) 24/7/65 (V0850) 17/5/65 (S0303-336) 24/8/65 (Z1201)

Type	Illustration	Distinguishing Features	ERD	LRD	Milestones
26			25/10/65	12/1/69	21/9/65 (X1221) 25/10/65 (Q0953-5) 24/1/66 (N0156) 24/1/66 (P0665) 22/2/66 (N1090) 5/3/66 (A0870) 7/3/66 (A1069) 30/5/66 (G1136) 1/7/66 (K1055) 11/7/66 (J1360) 12/1/69 (Q1340)
27		"BR. HONDURAS" 26 x 2½mm Numerals 4¼mm high	1/10/66	19/5/67	1/10/66 (P1342) 12/11/66 (T0663) 24/4/67 (F0616) 19/5/67 (?1279)
28		"BR. HONDURAS" 22½ x 1½-2mm Numerals 4¼mm high	20/9/67	---	20/9/67 (D1092)
29		"BR. HONDURAS" 22½ x 1½-2mm Numerals 5½mm high	17/11/67	11/5/68	17/11/67 (H1220) 2/12/67 (I1255) 11/5/68 (V1877)
30		No code letter	27/8/68	15/11/68	27/8/68 (0201) 15/11/68 (0862)
31		"N" of "No" 4mm high. Inscribed "BR. HONDURAS"	6/1/69	22/7/71	6/1/69 (5424) 4/2/69 (10776) 12/8/69 (37171) 2/4/70 (59936) 6/7/70 (61004) 7/10/70 (65747) 18/2/71 (119687) 4/6/71 (132050) 22/7/71 (158835-6)

<u>Type</u>	<u>Illustration</u>	<u>Disting- uishing Features</u>	<u>ERD</u>	<u>LRD</u>	<u>Milestones</u>
32		"N" of "No" 5mm high	25/3/72	28/3/72	25/3/72 (171430) 28/3/72 (171452)
33		As Type 30, but inscribed "BRITISH HONDURAS". Right hand frame partly deleted to make way for the word "HONDURAS"	16/3/73	—	16/3/73 (240162- 75)

Following the change in country name from "British Honduras" to "Belize," the label inscription was altered appropriately to read simply "BELIZE." The same label format was employed and the number sequence continued.



The second part of this series is scheduled for the January 2004 issue.

New Trinidad & Tobago Datestamps: an update to previous studies

By Edward Barrow

Webmaster

In Vol. 42, No. 2 I allocated reference numbers to the new Trinidad & Tobago date cancels introduced by TTPost (the new postal authority). This article extends and updates this information.

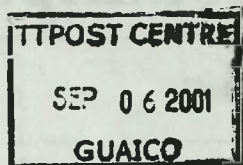
I think it is fair to say that the first few years since privatization have been a transitional period and this is reflected in the wide variety of cancellation devices used. Initially TTPost kept the existing structure of post offices and postal agencies that it inherited. Old damaged cancellation devices were replaced, mainly by Type 17 cancels. These rubber devices were not hardy and in most cases quickly fell apart. They were replaced by Type 20 self inking cancels. These are also not suited to heavy work loads and have a tendency to fall apart, but TTPost seems committed to fixing these -- unlike the Type 17 cancels. The implication of this is that the Type 17 cancels were used for a short period and so examples are somewhat scarce.

TTPost also changed its business structure during this period. Delivery services have been greatly expanded, reducing the need for postal agents who acted as local agents, holding mail for residents. The contractual arrangements with postal agents have also changed; they became franchises, and fixed monthly payments were cut (this is supplemented by payments paid per letter and as a percentage of stamp revenue). The net effect of this was to discourage low volume agents from remaining open. Thus many agencies closed and others moved into the premises of small grocery shops in the area (here the additional income is a bonus and the work an adjunct to other retail activities). In busy areas larger franchises offer a full range of postal services, for example registration, but in remote areas most only hold mail and sell stamps. In addition mail boxes held on the premises are emptied by TTPost delivery drivers. The implication of this is that cancellation devices are only used on incoming mail and not, under normal circumstances, on outgoing mail. The exception will be the limited number of franchises that offer services such as registration. Thus non-philatelic examples of these cancels will be very hard to find.

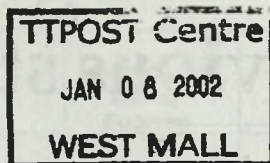
Post offices across Trinidad have undergone a similar transformation. Many were closed or converted to regional sorting or delivery centers with no retail facilities. This has left a core of 16 retail outlets in central busy locations. The transition described above is reflected in the datestamps used. Cancellation devices were released in batches as new franchises were opened or the structure of TTPost altered. None are defined by an iron clad format and given their flimsy construction and the subsequent need for replacement, there are degrees of variance. This is true not only of the format of the cancel but also of the size and font type used and the placement. However there are obvious similarities and these are arranged into type and subtype groupings. Currently things have settled down and Type 20f seems to be the cancel of choice for franchises. Circular types (22, 23, 25, and 26) seem to be used by post offices and delivery centers.

The exceptions to this are National Mail Center at Piarco and the Business Center at Wrightson Road. The usage here has been ad hoc and partly driven by what was on hand (e.g. Type 28). Some new cancels have also been introduced which have not been seen elsewhere. This includes hammer cancels (the cancel is mounted on the end of a stick like a hammer), roller cancels, new machine cancels and various rubber cancels. Any information on these or any cancels not listed would be welcome (e.barrow@tradewinds-co.com).

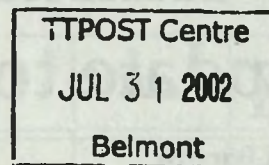
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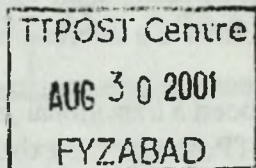
Type 19a



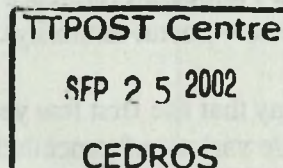
Type 20c



Type 20d



Type 20e



Type 20f

Type 17

Barrackpore
 Belmont Valley Road PA
 Belle Eau Road PA
 Blanchisseuse
 Caratal
 Carenage
 Clarke Rochard
 Clarke Road
 Cocorite
 Cumana PA
 Eastern Quarry
 Ecclesville
 Embassy *
 Fishing Pond

Granville
 Hope PA (Tob.)
 Indian Walk PA
 Irois Forest PA
 La Fillette
 Las Cuevas PA
 Longdenville PA
 Maracas Bay PA
 Maracas Road
 Mason Hall (Tob.)
 Matura PA
 Mt. D'Or
 Mt. St. George (Tob.)
 National Mail Centre Piarco

Pelican Extension
 Pembroke PA (Tob.)
 St. Barbs Road PA
 St. Francois Valley Road PA
 San Fernando
 San Souci PA
 Sangre Grande Oropouche
 Second Caledonia
 Siparia Junction Road
 St. John
 Tragarete Road
 Vance River
 Wallerfield

Type 18 (21mm x 34mm)

El Socorro

Freeport

Matelot

Type 19 (24mm x 42mm)

Chaguaramas

Newlands

West Mall

Type 19a (22mm x 34mm)

Guaico

Type 20 (25mm x 35mm)

Claxton Bay

La Brea

Palo Seco

Type 20a (23mm x 33mm)

Glencoe

Speyside (Tob.)

La Brea

Westmall (35mm wide)

Type 20b (21mm x 34mm)

Diego Martin

Petit Valley

Tabaquite

Moriah (Tob.)

St. Mary's

Toco

Moruga

Santa Cruz

Williamsville

New Grant

Tableland

Valencia

Type 20c (22mm x 38mm)

West Mall

Type 20d (21mm x 37mm)

Belmont

Mayaro

Rio Claro

Gasparillo

Plum Mitan

Type 20e (22mm x 37mm large lettering used for town name)

Curepe

Sangre Grande

Siparia

Fyzabad

Type 20f (23mm x 40mm)

Arima

Couva

Maraval (small numbers)

Barrackpore

Cumuto

Mason Hall (Tob.)

Basseterre

Des Vignes Road

Palmiste

Belle Garden (Tob.)

Fishing Pond

Paramin

Bethel (Tob.)

Four Roads Tamana

Parlatuvier (Tob.)

Black Rock (Tob.)

Glamorgan (Tob.)

Pembroke (Tob.)

Bloody Bay (Tob.)

Golden Lane (Tob.)

Point Fortin

Blundell

Goodwood (Tob.)

Point Lisas

Brothers Road

Guaico Tamana

Princes Town

Caratal

La Fillette

Roxborough (Tob.)

Carnbee (Tob.)

La Horquetta

St. Ann's

Cedros

L'anse Fourmi (Tob.)

St. Mary's

Coryal (small numbers)

L'anse Noire

Talparo

Diego Martin

Las Cuevas

Temporary *

Caroni

Les Coteaux (Tob.)

Upper Cumuto

Castara

Lopinot

Wallerfield

Charlotteville (Tob.)

Maracas Royal Road

Whim (Tob.)

*This cancel carried by delivery drivers and is loaned to franchises whose cancelling device is broken. Hence it can be used at various locations.

Type 21 (diameter 40mm)

TTPost Business Centre 92A Wrightson Road

Type 22 (diameter 38mm)

Belmont

Chaguanas

Chaguanas Retail

Cunupia

Morvant

St Anns

Scarborough Delivery Center

(Tob.)

Type 23 (diameter 38mm)

Arima

Arouca

Barrackpore Delivery

Bon Accord P.O. (Tob.)

Carenage Delivery

City Gate Post Office

Curepe Delivery

Debe Delivery Center

Gulf City Post Office

La Horquetta

La Romain Delivery Laventille

PO (diff. font)

Maloney

Marabella

Maraval Delivery

Newtown Delivery

Penal Delivery Center

Port Mall Scarborough-(Tob.)

St. James Delivery

Sangre Grande Delivery

San Juan Delivery

San Juan Retail South

Oropouche

Speyside Delivery (Tob.)

Tacarigua Delivery

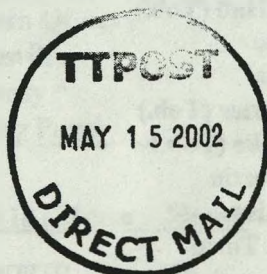
Trincity Mall

Tunapuna Delivery

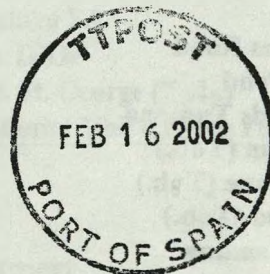
Type 24 (diameter 46mm)

Laventille PO

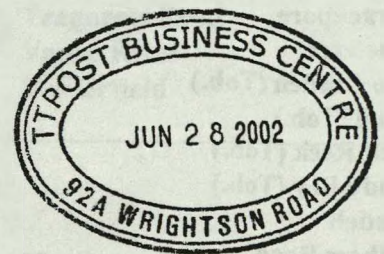
Lower Santa Cruz PO



Type 25



Type 26



Type 27

Type 25 (diameter 38mm)

La Brea

Point Fortin

Tunapuna UWI

Type 26 (diameter 38mm)

Port of Spain

Type 27

National Mail Center, Piarco

TTPost Business Centre, 92A Wrightson Road



Type 28



Type 29

Type 28

General Post Office

Type 29 (Hammer Cancel)

National Mail Centre*

*4 identical cancels recorded, seen used in red for post paid, black on ordinary mail.



Roller 2



Machine 2

Roller Cancels

Two types of roller cancels are currently in use

Roller 1, this has been seen used in red and black ink (recorded in the previous article).

Roller 2, this is new roller introduced at the National Mail Center at Piarco.

Machine Cancels

Machine 2, is new machine cancel which is seen less frequently than the other wavy line one. It has been recorded used in black ink on bulk and permit post mail.

St. Vincent Forgery Variety Discovery

By Peter Elias

St. Vincent Study Group Leader

St. Vincent's various overprinted stamps from the 1880s have been forged quite extensively. At a recent eBay auction I ran across the stamp illustrated nearby. It was advertised as St. Vincent Scott #28 (yellow green). That itself was not quite right, because this stamp looked to be more like #21, which is described to be "pale yellow green." Since the perforations are way too "rough," it can't really be #15 (which is described as "clean perfs," but is also pale yellow green").

At first I thought it was just mis-described. Looking



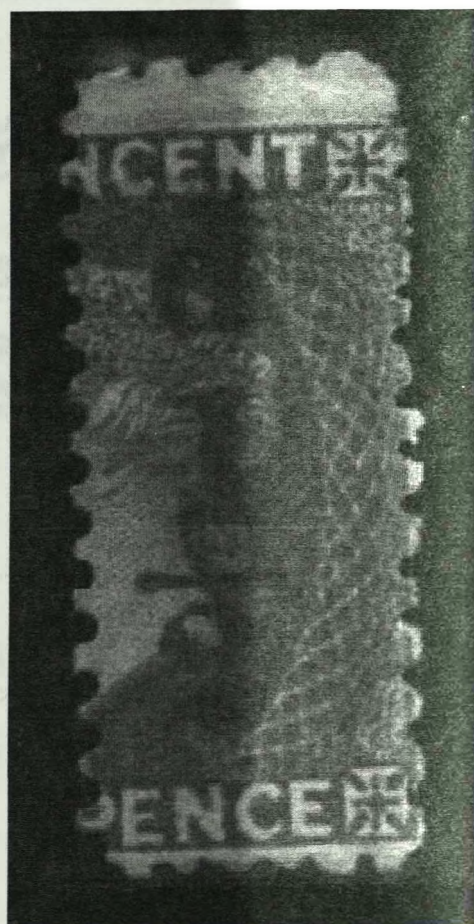
St. Vincent 6d

closer at the stamp, I noticed there was a "D _" on both the left and right sides of the stamp. This would appear to make it Scott #28, which is the only half penny overprinted stamp from St. Vincent.

But there are several strikes against this stamp:

- 1) The real #28 is on the "yellow green" version of the stamp, not the "pale yellow green"
- 2) The real overprint is red, not black
- 3) The real overprint has a lower-case "d," not the upper-case "D"
- 4) The real "_" overprint is much larger
- 5) The real #28 is vertically perforated

My research so far shows that this particular overprint forgery has not been documented. I do have a copy of another similar forgery in which the overprint is also in black but uses the "d" instead of the "D," but also on the wrong stamp variety (#21 instead of #28). That particular fake is discussed in the 1971 "St. Vincent" book by Pierce-Messenger-Lowe. No mention is made of the variety that I have recently found.



St. Vincent 1/2d

I have looked at the stamp at up to 30x magnification, but I cannot discern whether the "D _" overprint was applied over the "GB 40" marking or not. Even the "GB 40" accountability postmark looks somewhat suspicious. Illustrated nearby is the real #31, the newly discovered variety, and the previously known "black" overprint variety. If anybody has any further information about this fake overprint variety, please feel free to email me (see page 2).



Fake #31 with K

Help needed with possible Jamaican Forces in East Africa cover from World War I

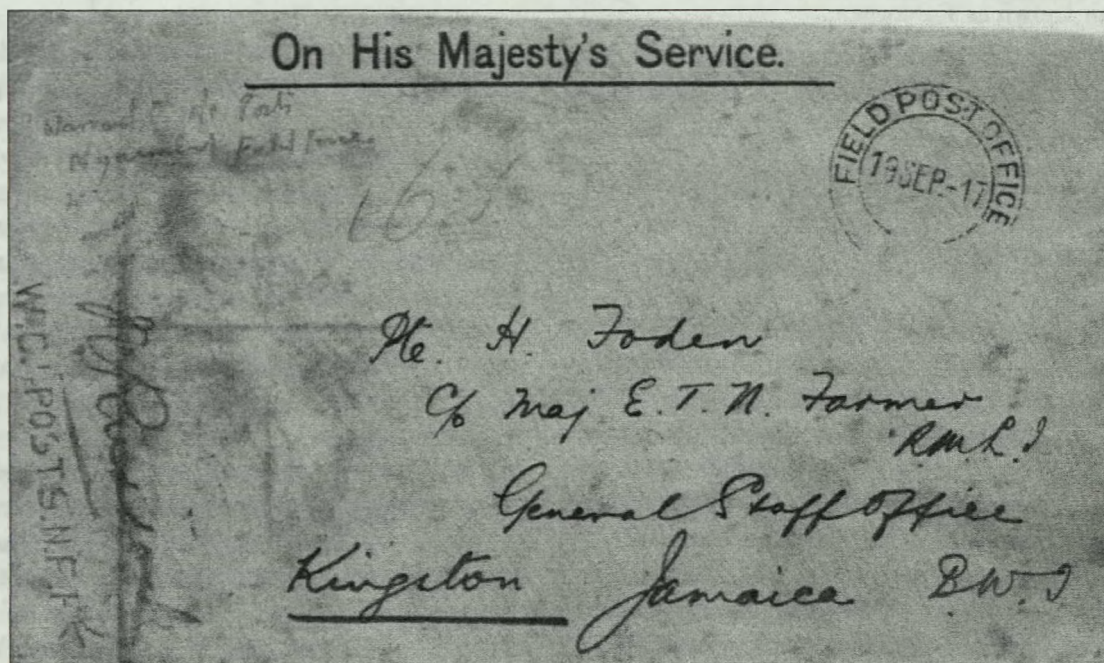
By Regis Hoffman
Of the USA

Perhaps a BCPSG member can provide commentary on this cover. It is rather mundane, except for one unusual feature -- it is addressed to a military officer in Jamaica. In my studies of World War I East Africa, I have found references to the British West Indies Regiment ("BWIR" -- comprised mainly of Jamaicans) involvement in WWI East Africa, and am trying to ascertain if this cover could be from a member of this force.

The references I have consulted include Pennycuik's book *The Nyasaland-Rhodesia Field Force 1914-1918, A Postal History* and a book titled *Jamaica's Part in the Great War*. The cover was mailed September 19, 1917. Although the FPO # is not visible, the Nyasaland book states that the "WOIC Posts NFF" (note "NFF" stands for the "Nyasaland Field Force") cachet was used at FPO #1 at Mbamba Bay. It is addressed to Pte. H. Foden in care of Major Farmer, RMLI (?) (Any idea what these initials mean?) at the General Staff Office in Kingston. The back bears a Kingston machine cancel of December 10, 1917.

According to the reference, "(the BWIR) was ordered to take over the defence of the Rufigi River and to hold the possible crossings in event of the enemy doubling back. A detachment was sent under Captain Cressal, of British Guiana, to capture Maduba, an enemy supply base about 90 miles south of the river ... it remained there until November 1917." Another battalion proceeded to Kilwa Kivings and occupied Kilwa Kisiwani on September 29.

In 20 years collecting World War I East Africa, I have never seen a cover to Jamaica, so this could be an example from the BWIR. However, I can't reconcile the known locations of the BWIR with possible entry of mail into the NFF postal system. Certainly the Kilwa troops would have used the Indian postal service, but the Maduba group possibly could have used the NFF (this is a reach). The Jamaica books also listed names of officers and those who died in the BWIR -- unfortunately no names match the "Foden" or "Farmer" (in case they were writing to a family member). So, can anyone offer any opinions on whether this cover could be from a member of the BWIR? You can reach me by email at: rmh@cobweb.net.



Walker, Ramkissoon receive Luff Award

Dr. Reuben Ramkissoon, W. Danforth Walker, and George B. Griffenhagen have been chosen to receive the 2003 Luff Awards, the highest recognition accorded by the American Philatelic Society. They were saluted at the StampShow 2003 Awards Banquet on August 9, 2003 at Columbus, Ohio.

Established in 1940 in memory of John N. Luff, APS president from 1907 to 1909, and considered the most prominent American philatelist of his era, the APS Luff Awards are awarded annually for distinguished philatelic research, exceptional contributions to philately, and outstanding service to the American Philatelic Society. Recipients sign the Luff Award Scroll and are presented with engraved rings and certificates.

This year there is an Indian connection with not one or two but all three awardees. Griffenhagen has helped the

topical movement in India a great deal with both the organizations in India -- the Indian Topical Association and Indian Thematic Society. He discovered and popularized the medicine tax stamp issued by erstwhile Indian Princely State of Cochin in his well known multi-volume work on medicine on stamps.

Dr. Ramkissoon is well-known to many Indian philatelists as THE collector of Mahatma Gandhi issues. It is great to know that he will publish a 300 page work *A Philatelic Handbook of Mahatma Gandhi*.

Walker's knowledge of Indian Princely States and British India is phenomenal to say the least. He is well known to all serious collectors and exhibitors in these subjects worldwide and has visited India on many occasions, including as Jury at exhibitions.

BWISC to celebrate 50th anniversary

Charles Freeland invites members of the BCPSG to attend the 50th anniversary celebration of the British West Indies Study Circle (BWISC) during 2004 in London.

A major reunion will be held in London on October 30-31, 2004, to coincide with the autumn stamp and postal history fair known as Trevorpex.

For more information, contact Mr. Freeland by email at Charles.Freeland@bis.org.

Subscription renewal forms mailed out

Treasurer Edward "Tim" Tweddell would like to remind members that subscription renewal forms will be mailed out to those who need to pay for the year 2004. There will be a return envelope enclosed with the form for your convenience, and he urges that everyone pay promptly as it makes his accounting work much easier in the new year.

And, he said, if you don't receive a form, you don't need to pay! If you have a question, you may write to Mr. Tweddell at 846 Silver Ln., Berkeley Springs, WV 25411-9321. His email address is: north4e@earthlink.net.

Editor's Note

As most of you know, the printing business my wife and I own publishes and distributes a large number of publications such as this -- many of them philatelic. It is a very busy office with several jobs and projects in various stages of production at any given moment. For that reason, I would like to repeat some requirements because we all tend to forget.

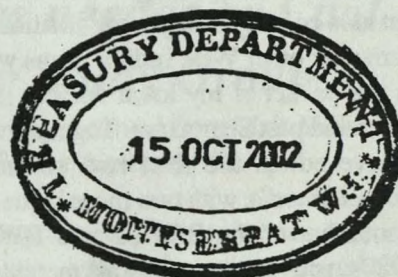
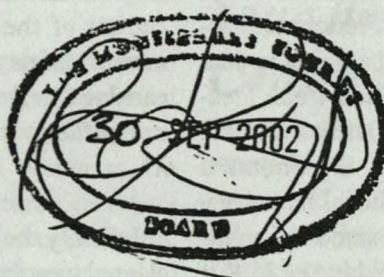
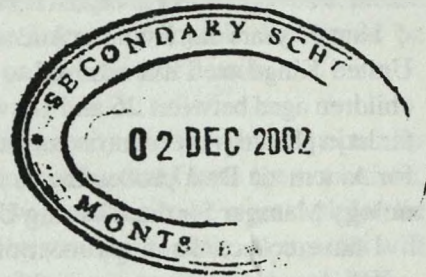
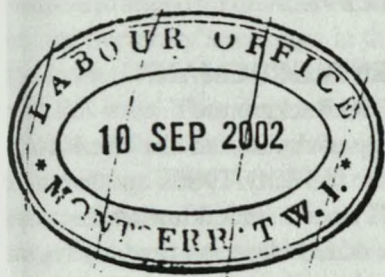
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And please, please -- review and proof your article before you send it! We've had numerous occasions where the author will follow up with two or three revisions to an article already sent because he or she discovered errors. Sometimes several sentences are added to replace a single word. If that article is already "laid in" on a page, we have to tear everything up and start over. And finally, please indicate which journal your article is to be printed in.

-- Everett Parker

Montserrat Governmental Handstamps

Member Steven G. Zirinsky of New York sent in a photocopy of several free franks from Montserrat. The hand-written lines through some of the ovals appear to have been applied on the covers.



Not too early to think about Washington 2006

Michael Sefi, Keeper of the Royal Philatelic Collection, is pleased to announce that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has granted permission to display a selection of material at Washington 2006, the international exhibition scheduled for May 27 - June 3 in that year. Considered the world's most comprehensive holding of philatelic material from the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth, it is believed that the 2006 exhibit will concentrate on classics from the British Caribbean.

The Royal Philatelic Collection is owned by The Queen, who frequently allows material to be shown at major philatelic and important events. Most recently some 27 frames toured Great Britain at various royal venues as part of The Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations in 2002, allowing the public to see stamps from the reign of Queen Victoria through to the present monarch.

The collection was started in the 1860s by Queen Victoria's second son, Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh. His older brother, who later became King Edward VII, purchased the collection in the 1890s and gave it to his son, later to become King George V. King George V was a keen philatelist even in his younger years and brought the collection into world-class status. He was a frequent bidder at auctions, paying record prices for rarities. Material purchased through his reign and before was placed in red binders holding around 60 pages each.

Binders from his son's reign, King George VI, and his granddaughter, Queen Elizabeth II, are in blue and green respectively, making up around 500 binders in total to date, with much further material in files.

The collection includes artist drawings, die proofs, plate proofs, color trials, specimens, other pre-production material, and some covers, in addition to mint stamps in singles and blocks and items which are unique.

Dr. Ben Ramkissoon wins vermeil for BWIA article

Dr. Ben Ramkissoon was awarded a Vermeil medal for his multi-part series titled "Linking the Caribbean: The Story of British West Indian Airways (BWIA) 1940-2000" which was printed in this journal during 2001-02. The award was made during the APS STAMPSHOW 2003 in Columbus, Ohio last August.

The judges noted that Dr. Ramkissoon's article was "good coverage of subject with solid supporting material." In commenting on the award, Dr. Ramkissoon said he thought a Vermeil "is a wonderful achievement for an article."

Meet your candidates for trustees

proposed for election to fill these vacancies. Following are the bios as provided by each candidate. Please see the President's Message, and the enclosed ballot.

STEVE JARVIS

I am 53 years old, living in Andover, Hampshire in the United Kingdom. I am married to Vivienne with three children aged between 26 and 14, who all regard my interest in philately as eccentric but mostly harmless. I work for Automatic Data processing as the Systems & Technology Manager for the Clearing U.K. Division.

I have collected stamps most of my life, except the usual interruption in my early 20s. I have concentrated on Jamaican stamps and postal history from the mid 1970s but also collect Madagascar (British and French) and accumulate other West Indian items when bargains appear in the packet of my local society (of which I am Treasurer and past Secretary). Together with Derek Sutcliffe, I have edited the first two volumes of the *Jamaica Encyclopaedia*, with two more in the pipeline. I have been a member of the BCPSG and BWISC since the mid-1980s, actively attending all meetings held in the U.K. I have been editor of the *BWISC Bulletin* since April 2002 and webmaster for several years. In my "spare" time, I enjoy gardening, playing bridge and am a season ticket holder at Southampton Football Club (Soccer).

DR. GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA

Over a span of 35 years, Giorgio Migliavacca has written countless philatelic articles and 14 books on stamps and postal history of Italy, Somalia, Iran, Russia, British Virgin Islands, and Great Britain. He is also the editor of the gold medal winning standard reference *Specialised Stamp Catalogue of the British Virgin Islands 1787-2001*. His *The Stamps of Somalia and their Story* won the Grand Award for Best Handbook, with felicitations of the Jury, at COLOPEX '97. For the past 30 years, he has been acting as a philatelic expert and consultant for courts of law, financial institutions, and various chambers of commerce in Northern Italy.

He is an academician of both the Academy of Italian Philately and Postal History and the Constantinian Academy of Letters, Arts and Science. Since 1987, Dr. Migliavacca has been a member of the Stamp Advisory Committee of the British Virgin Islands; and since 1985 the president of the BVI Philatelic Society. In 1980, he was awarded the annual gold medal of the USA-based Postal History Society for the best research paper published that year in the *Postal History Journal*, and in 1983 was awarded the Prix d'Honneur at TEMBAL '83, with felicitations of the Jury and medal of the Association

Internationale des Journalistes Philateliques (AIJP). His "Italian POWs in USA" collection won the Grand Award, Display Class, at AMERICAS '99. He is presently working on a 350-page companion book to the *Specialised Stamp Catalogue of the BVI*.

STEPHEN D. SCHUMANN

BCPSG Background

I have been a member of the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group since the early 1980s and became a life member in 1993. I have attended numerous annual conventions and have shared ideas, particularly regarding postal stationery, with other members. My contacts in the BCPSG have enabled me to add numerous publications of the area to my personal philatelic library. It now contains virtually every philatelic publication concerning the British Caribbean area including a complete run of the *British Caribbean Philatelic Journal*.

Candidacy and Concerns

I firmly believe in the public accountability of all elected members of the BCPSG and, if elected, pledge to continue the outstanding work that has been done to make the BCPSG one of the best philatelic study groups.

Service to Philately

I was one of the founders of the American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors and served as President from 1990 to 1994. At present I am President of the American Philatelic Congress. I have served as President of the Council of Northern California Philatelic Societies, Collectors Club of San Francisco and, since 1981, have been a Director of the WESTPEX philatelic exhibition. Other philatelic associations include life memberships in the American Philatelic Society, United Postal Stationery Society, SAS/Oceania, Royal Philatelic Society of Canada and Collectors Club of New York.

Collecting and Exhibiting Interests

Postal stationery of the British Commonwealth, particularly Australia, New Zealand and Ceylon. Philatelic literature of the world especially related to postal history and postal stationery. Nationally and internationally I have exhibited Brunei 1895-1941, North Borneo Postcards, Sarawak Postal Stationery and at present am exhibiting New Zealand Postal Stationery 1876-1936.

I am accredited to judge both philately and literature at the national level and traditional, postal history and postal stationery at the international level.

President's Message

By Peter J. Kaulback

By the time you read this message, our Annual Meeting will be mere weeks away. For many members if you still have not made your commitment to attend CHICAGOPEX, it is not too late. Please see the Secretary's message in this regard elsewhere in the *Journal*. You will note that there is an enclosed page with this issue. This sheet is to serve two functions. First, it enables you to let the Secretary know whether you will be attending CHICAGOPEX and whether you will be present for the BCPSG Dinner. It is important that we know how many people will be attending the dinner so please let us have this information. Remember that your spouse and/or guests are most welcome to attend with you.

The second function of the loose page is to enable you to cast your vote for the new Trustees that are to be elected to fill the vacancies created by the completion of the terms by Mary Kerr, James Stern and Edward Waterous. On behalf of the membership I thank these three members for having performed this role for their six year term. You will note that we have three excellent nominees to fill these vacancies. Many members may know one or more of the nominees, but for those of you that don't know Steve Jarvis (resident in U.K.), Giorgio Migliavacca (resident in British Virgin Islands) and Steve Schumann (resident in U.S.) I direct your attention to the short bio as provided by them each in this issue. We are indeed fortunate to have persons of this calibre willing to stand for the positions of Trustee.

May I please request that everyone take the opportunity to return the enclosed form as soon as possible so that we may benefit from receipt of the information regarding attendance at Chicago, and receive your votes for the Trustees, in a timely manner.

Another important item to draw to your attention is the necessity to fill one of the positions that works behind the scenes to keep the group running smoothly, in this case the post of Publication Orders. I am sad to advise that the incumbent, Cyril Bell, is currently not in good health, and it is appropriate that someone else take over this role at the earliest opportunity. Your executive is looking for a volunteer to step forward and fill this position, please. It is not an onerous task by any means and the principal role is to be in possession of all the group's publications, including back issues of the *Journal*, and to provide these to persons on an as-requested basis. A requirement is that you have a certain amount of dry storage space available, and because of the necessity of passing

on the documents to the new person, that person should ideally be in the United States, thus minimizing our costs. We need someone to step up to the plate and fill this position as soon as possible. Anyone that is interested, please contact either Duane Larsen or myself. We would be pleased to provide you with further details.

I look forward to seeing many old friends and hopefully meeting many other members that I have not met before, in Chicago. This show promises to be a great philatelic weekend and, from the standpoint of the group, this will be a terrific get-together. Hope to see you there! PJK

Your help is needed by Civil Censorship Study Group

The following letter was received from Chris Miller, secretary of the Civil Censorship Study Group.

"We have been trying to complete our series of books started some years ago, which are entitled *British Empire Civil Censorship Devices - World War II*. The only volumes remaining to be published are those for the Pacific and the Americas. It is in connection with this last volume that I seek BCPSG members' help through your pages. I have the task of coordinating the Americas volume. Much of the work has already been done elsewhere, and while major articles have not been written in recent years, I hope to put something in the pages of the *Civil Censorship Study Group Bulletin*. To date I have only covered British Guiana and Barbados, which were covered first at the suggestion of Tim Tweddell.

"The last definitive articles I have on some countries are those in the Roses handbooks. For all of the former colonies in the West Indies I am seeking information and especially photocopies, which I may reproduce to make the book as comprehensive as possible. New early and late dates of use are interesting, but can be added at a later stage or in a second print. What I really seek is previously unpublished discoveries, including the many forms used by the censors everywhere, but of which so few are listed for the West Indies. Barry Friedman has recently kindly sent me a copy of a new Grenada discovery, but this is the sole addition I would be able to make to the last published article."

Contact Mr. Miller at 161 Upper Woodcote Road, Caversham, Reading, Berks RG4 7JR. His email is: cpbmiller@aol.com.

BCPSG Exhibits and Awards

By Paul Larsen
Awards Chairman

Following is a listing of recent British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group (BCPSG) member exhibit participants and awards:

Royal 2003 Royale, May 30-June 1, 2003

Hanover, Ontario

Paul Larsen

Federal Issues of the Leeward Islands 1890-1911

Gold

APS 1900-1940 Medal

Don Walsh

Fiji, 1870-1902

Vermeil

ROPEX 2003, June 20-22, 2003

Rochester, New York

Paul Larsen

Federal Issues of the Leeward Islands 1890-1911

Gold

COALPEX 2003, June 7-8, 2003

Walnut Creek, California

Fred Dunn

Postal Stationery of British Honduras

Reserve Grand

Gold

INDYPEX 2003, June 27-29, 2003

Indianapolis, Indiana

George Bowman

Victoria Barred Oval Cancels (single frame)

One Frame Grand Award & Platinum

Membership Director's Report — By Tom Girdali

New Members

All new applicants listed in the last issue of the Journal have been accepted as members of the British Caribbean Philatelic Study Group. Congratulations and welcome to the Group.

New Applicants

Terrance M. **GAMBLE**, 133 Findlay Ave., Tonawanda, NY 14150 USA. Philatelic Interests: British Colonies, U.S. mint commemoratives. Sponsored by Thomas Girdali.

Conrad **FANNON**, 2721 SW 15th St., Delray Beach, FL 33445 USA. Philatelic Interests: Bahamas, fine used and postmarks. Sponsored by Barry Friedman.

Albert J. **HALLER**, 83 Hemlock Dr., Farmingdale, NY 11735 USA. Philatelic Interests: receiving/sending cards/covers associated with BWI cruise ship ports of call. Sponsored by Thomas Girdali.

Change of Address

Roger Baxter, 76 Pleasant Ave., Hamilton, ON L9C 4M7 CANADA

Roy Coasby, Meadow House Care Home, 47 Stubbington Ave., North End, Portsmouth PO2 UNITED KINGDOM
Bob Conrich-666, P.O. Box 616007, Dallas, TX 75261-6007 USA (This is a forwarding address for the mail to Anguilla as Bob still lives there).

David Horry, Drift End, Chapel Close, Chapel St. Leonards, Skegness, UNITED KINGDOM
Museum fur Kommunikation, Bibliothek, Leipziger Strabe 1 Postamt, 10117 Berlin, GERMANY

Henry A. Pattiz, P.O. Box 15688, Beverly Hills, CA 90209-1688 USA

Dale D. Wade, 3346 Highway 64E, Apt. 108, Hayesville, NC 28904-5184 USA

New Email Address

Peter C. Elias: peter@pcelias.com

If any member has information, such as a change of address, to be included in the Membership Director's Report, please contact me, either by mail (see inside front cover of the Journal) or by email, at TEG43@aol.com Thank you.

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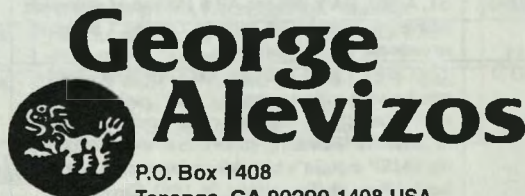
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23358	1790 entire headed "Jamaica 7th Sept. 1790" to Newton Gordon and Johnston, Madeira marked "p. Queen Charlotte Packet" showing clear strikes "JAMAICA" (across flap) and circled "DE/21" (reverse). Docketed as received "15th Feb".	£65	24882	1853 (SP 21) entire from Kingston to AC Logan at May Hill P.O. rated "6" displaying superb MAYHILL SP 24 1855 (P2a) arrival lower flap.	£65
23356	1801 clean incoming entire headed "Edinburgh 27th Feb. 1801" to David Milne. Commander of La Seine Frigate. care of James Dick. Naval Officer. Port Royal. Jamaica rated 4/4 showing "FE/28" and B/MAR 3 1801" red ink despatch marks. (David Milne captured the frigate "La Seine" off Brittany and took command. Later he became Admiral Sir David Milne and founded a naval family. His son became First Sea Lord of the Admiralty). Interesting contents.	£125	23242	RODNEY-HALL-JAMAICA (P6) JY 10 1854, fine full strike displaying upper flap of entire headed "Jericho" to Mrs. Hume, Berwick on Tweed rated "6" unpaid and showing fine Kingston and Berwick transit/arrival. Contents include "The cholera stays no more" and "great numbers are going to the Isthmus of Darien". (Over 2,000 Jamaicans went to Panama to work on the railway).	£60
26224	Entire "Spanish Town Jamaica 13th July 1816" to George Watson Taylor, London re-addressed Ryde. Carried on the packet by writer with fine FALMOUTH str. line in red and two strikes Crowned FREE on address panel, the 1/- rate mark deleted.	£200	23107	FALMOUTH-JAMAICA (P4a) JY 10 1855/0, very fine strike across flap of entire to Henry Thomas in London rated "6" unpaid. Scarce.	£120
26508	MONTEGO BAY (T4a), very fine strike across flap on AU 2 1825 entire to Scotland.	£125	24882	MAYHILL (P2a) SP 24 1855, superbly clear as an arrival mark displaying fully on lower flap of entire from Kingston SP 21 to A.C. Logan at May Hill P.O.	£65
23081	1830 entire headed "H.M.S. Magnificent. Port Royal 15th Oct. 1830" from Charles Coale Barry to Messrs. Cox & Son, London rated 2/2 unpaid. Lower flap displays good red boxed "PACKET LETTER" h/stamp, top flap with DE 10 30 arrival mark.	£80	27812	1858 wrapper with heavily inked indistinct SAVANNAH-LA-MAR OC 25 1858 despatch datestamp (P2b) alongside GB 6d left to be tied light upright "A01" to Thomson Hankey in London. B/stamped Kingston OC 27 1858 and London DE 2 58 arrival. Pre-oblierator period.	£240
23326	1844 entire from "Spanish Town 29th June 1844" to Mrs. Johnston, Newport, Rhode Island marked per steamer "Amie" showing ALEXANDRIA D.C. cds dated AUG 9 and h/struck "SHIP" in same light greenish-brown, rated "27" in m/script.	£65	27627	1859 (MY 25) double rate cover to London with GB 6d horiz. pair clearly tied "A75" numerals. Fine and rare.	£400
26225	DRY-HARBOUR (P2b) JA 20 1845, fine upr. strike clear of address panel on wrapper to London rated blue ink 1/2. Attractive as such.	£120	23239	FALMOUTH (unrecorded P9) DE 23 62, very fine small dbl-arc datestamp clear of reverse flap on entire to John Jeffrey & Co in Edinburgh which has had a horizontal strip of six 1d Pines removed leaving the barest trace of the "A38" (H) killer cancels.	£125
23157	FALMOUTH-JAMAICA (P4) SE 5 1846, very fine full above address on entire to Webster. Gordon. Copart in London rated 1/2.	£75	23240	1863 stampless cover (during adhesive period) to E.J. Ellis at Barclay & McDowall, Kingston with fine MORANT-BAY A/NO 20 63 despatch cds above address panel rated "3" unpaid. B/stamped Kingston A/NO 23 63 cds. Writer, James Munro, states "the weather is so very bad & all the roads are in bad order I am unable to send down my cart" which explains the three days for a distance of only 35 miles.	£160
23050	PORUS (P5) FE 6 1847, superb exhibition strike displaying full on top flap of wrapper docketed "Whitefield" to Rev. Tidman in London rated 1/2.	£175	23285	1864 mourning cover to Thomas Hendrick in Kingston with GB QV 6d tied Birkenhead "74" duplex dated 3/FE 29 64 (leap year). Alongside combined 2-line DEFICIENT-POSTAGE 6d/ HALF-FINE 6d with handstruck 1/- (applied London, Robertson Fig. D.5. Page E.197) subsequently deleted in pencil with "1/6" below. B/stamped Rock Ferry B/FE 29 64 and Kingston A/MR 21 64. Attractive.	£140
23256	1851 entire headed "Morant Bay Feb. 14th 1851" to H. B. Curtis, Mount Vernon. Ohio (probably sailing direct as without despatch and Kingston transit) marked "p. Crepens City" and "Per American Steamer" showing strong strikes in black of the 2-line "STEAM/SHIP" and h/struck "20". The former rarely seen on BWI mail and normally only applied to mail carried by American steamers. Filing creases but not unattractive.	£100	23243	1864 stampless entire (during adhesive period) headed "River Head Pen, Rodney Hall P.O." to Hon. A.C. Logan, Newport P.O. rated black "4" with clear RODNEY-HALL (P6) JU 29 1864 alongside address panel and fine Kingston C/JU 29 64 and NEWPORT (P.12) A/JY 1 64 cds displaying upper flap. (The Newport P.12 cds sent from GPO, London OC 29 1862 - pending arrival a skeleton cds had been in use).	£125
23068	FALMOUTH-JAMAICA (P4) JU 8 1851, fine full above address on incoming entire from London MY 16 1851 marked "p. Thames" to Pembroke Estate. Falmouth rated 4/8 changed 6/-.	£75	23105	1866 stampless cover (during adhesive period) to A. Carter in Montego Bay with RAMBLE O/JY 30 66 despatch cds on face (P10c, with Foster unlisted year in two figures) rated "2" unpaid. B/stamped same day arrival. Rare with index code.	£165
24220	BATH dbl-arc (P2a) OC (2)4 1851, good full upr. alongside transit & arrival marks on upper flap of entire headed "Potosi" to Aberdeen rated 1/2 unpaid.	£24	24824	1870 cover to Lt. Col. Kent, 77th Regt Clarence Barracks, Portsmouth with fine bright colour horiz. pair QV 6d deep purple Pine (SG.5b) pmk'd Kingston A01 duplex 2A/OC 9 70 (later than Foster). B/stamped OC 31 70 arrival. Few covers bearing this shade thought to exist. Exhibition item.	£525
28103	ST. ANNS BAY dbl-arc AP 8 1853 good alongside address on prepaid 2/4 entire to London. Contents re outbreak of yellow fever.	£75			
26371	"PACKET LETTER/SOUTHAMPTON" finely struck above address panel (Type P1, seldom seen on BWI mail) on mourning cover rated 1/- unpaid to Greenock indicating carried as a "loose letter" in the RMSP captain's bag. Mourning enclosure headed Spanish Town Nov. 26 1853. Cover has small opening fault at top.	£125			

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26222	1871 (JY 24) mourning cover to Lt. Col. Kent, Portsmouth with bright colour QV 4d red-orange Pine INVERTED wmk horiz. strip of three (some scissor-cut perfs) clearly tied "A42" numerals. B/stamped Gordon Town.	£180
24832	1875 "Per Book Post" wrapper (218 x 99mm) to Alexander Logan, Newport P.O. with QV 1d blue CC. QV 3d green CC INVERTED wmk pmk'd fair clear full "A76" (Type O. ERD) with Spanish Town C/NO 11 75 (25mm) and Newport-Jamaica NO 12 75 cds alongside. B/stamped Mandeville NO 11 75. Medium vertical crease crosses the 1d adhesive.	£185
23090	1/2d red/pale greyish blue Floriate Post Card pmk'd Kingston A 2/JY 21 77 cds addressed within town to Mary Lipman, East Water Lane. M/script "Can't be found 21.7.77" with red "UNCLAIMED" and black "ADVERTISED" and RETURNED LETTER BRANCH cancels.	£80
23224	1878 cover to C.F. Adams, Cincinnati with QV 6d mauve CC (SG.12) tied "A01" with Kingston A2/MY 23 78 despatch cds lower left corner.	£70
23048	QV 1/2d claret Post Card headed "Gordon Town June 4 1880" showing fine GOVERNMENT-PRINTING-ESTABLISHMENT d/ring dated JUN 5 1880 addressed to same at Kingston with stamp design pmk'd Kingston JU 5 80 cds. Some minor toning.	£30
24887	1880 cover to Mrs. Wm. Schiller, Moneague Tavern, Moneague with horiz. pair QV 2d rose CC (SG.9) tied "A01" with Kingston, Moneague, and violet C. LALOUBERE & Co. d/ring all dated JY 23 80 on face.	£125
23096	"A.28" (M) used ANNOTTO-BAY A/AU 12 80, good clear strikes on QV 1d blue Post Card to W.B. Espent, Buff Bay.	£48
26234	1881 (MR 1) incoming cover to Pedro P.O. with GB QV 1d Venetian red horiz. strip of four.	£90
23328	MOUNT CHARLES OC 20 82 (25mm cds), clear strike above address on QV 1d blue Post Card pmk'd Kingston IV G/OC 19 82 cds to J.A. Stephens, Mt. Charles.	£30
29266	QV 1 1/2d on 3d UPU Post Card to Bedford, UK with design pmk'd clear upr. "193" numeral with COLD SPRING 8 JU 83 cds alongside.	£125
23141	"A.60" (M) used at OCHO-RIOS 6 FE 85, mostly good strikes on face QV 1d blue Post Card to G.F. Judah, Spanish Town. Seemingly rare as only two entires recorded by me to date.	£90
24047	1887 (JA 25) single rate cover to Birmingham "via New York" with vert. pair QV 2d slate.	£20
23138	"A.82" (M) used at MIDDLE-QUARTERS C/AP 8 87, fair clear strikes on QV 1d blue Post Card headed "Mulgrove, Black River P.O." to Justin McCarthy, Booksellers, Kingston. Only five entires currently recorded.	£65
23054	"647" used at SOUTH-FIELD B C/NO 11 87, fair only clear numeral and good cds on QV 1d blue Post Card headed "Plains" to the Rev. W. Magnan, Ramble P.O. Some mild toning. Rare, only four entires currently recorded for the 1884 to 1891 period.	£65
23137	"A58" (J) used at BLUEFIELDS JA 25 (88), clear strikes on face QV 1d blue Reply portion Post Card written Salem to Mrs. Walder at Shooter's Hill P.O. Rare, only five entires currently recorded.	£65

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23049	Printed "Municipal Election, Kingston" text on reverse QV 1/2d claret Post Card mailed within Kingston AP 30 91. Advertised, Unclaimed, Returned Letter Branch h/stamps. Attractive.	£40
23260	"A59" used at NEWPORT A/6 JY 91, clear strikes and latest recorded use on entire on QV 1/2d red-brown Post Card to Miss Prendergast in Kingston. Advertised, Returned Letter Branch and other endorsements. A little damaged at lower left.	£55
24320	1892 (SP 5) cover to Glasgow with QV 2 1/2d (SG.29) clearly tied "A76" (type O). B/stamped Spanish Town, Kingston, Glasgow (SP 21 92).	£60
26365	"A47" used at HOPE-BAY A/OC 5 92, fine strikes on QV 1 1/2d slate UPU Reply Card portion from sender at "Buff Bay River 3 Oct 1892" to Mrs. D. Seath in Montreal, Canada. Some light creasing but a very difficult office on entire.	£95
23261	QV 1/2d red-brown Post Card uprated with QV 1/2d green (SG.16a) pmk'd Kingston 4E/MR 20 94 d/r to Sneek, Holland.	£18
23269	1895 local cover to Browns Town P.O. with QV 1d (SG.27) tied Kingston AP 18 95 d/ring with very fine scarcer large half moon TOO LATE.	£80
23215	QV 1d blue UPU Post Card pmk'd Kingston JA 31 96 to Guatemala.	£14
23230	Canada QV 1c black Post Card with fine hand-struck "RETURNED-FOR/POSTAGE" with added QV 1c yellow pmk'd Toronto SP 30 and OC 1 97 to Kingston, superb 2W/OC 14 97 arrival d/ring.	£48
23103	QV 1d blue UPU Post Card pmk'd Kingston 4F/NO 23 97 d/ring to Newera Eliya, Ceylon with London and arrival marks. Unusual destination.	£20
23225	1900 portion of Jamaica Mutual printed report to Port Antonio with QV 1/2d green tied Kingston 4 D/FE 26 00 d/ring showing Returned Letter Branch and arrival d/ring.	£18
24966	1900 underpaid cover per "H Castle" with 1d red Falls tied Montego Bay JU 14 00 d/ring with clear locally applied handstruck "T" in inverted triangle, plus str. line "DUE 6 CENTS. Horiz. strip USA 2c Dues tied Brattleboro JU 26 00 arrival on face. Part flap missing, full of character.	£60
23043	1901 cover from W.T. Wood & Son in Bedford mailed with GB QV 1d lilac to B. Daniels in Kingston with Bedford FE 12, Kingston MR 1, Cold Spring MR 1, AP 1, AP 2, Kingston AP 1, AP 3, and RETURNED LETTER BRANCH 28 MY 01 cancels. Advertised and unclaimed h/stamps and various m/script endorsements.	£125
29434	1905 cover to a Truant School in Springfield, Mass. with 4 x 1/2d Arms MCA and single 2 1/2d Arms CA (SG.37,35) tied by two strikes JAMAICA/NO 28 05/REGISTERED d/ring oval 35 x 25mm.	£18
23198	1907 reg. foolscap cover (226 x 103mm) to Hull with QV 6d dull orange MCA (SG.51, Cat.£25.00) tied fine Registered d/ring oval (RC 9) JU 25 07.	£50
24888	B/w ppc "Bananas ready for cutting" (Duperly 12 73560) with KGV 1d pmk'd Kingston OC 13 17 machine to Holland. Fine magenta boxed "PASSED BY NAVAL/CENSOR" h/stamp.	£48
23228	1919 local cover to Hayes with KGV 1 1/2d WAR STAMP (SG.74) tied May Pen MR 3 19.	£14
26226	LUCKY HILL (violet TRD 21) "16.5.1921", fine full upr. strike tying inverted placed 1 1/2d Contingent on local cover to Kingston.	£125

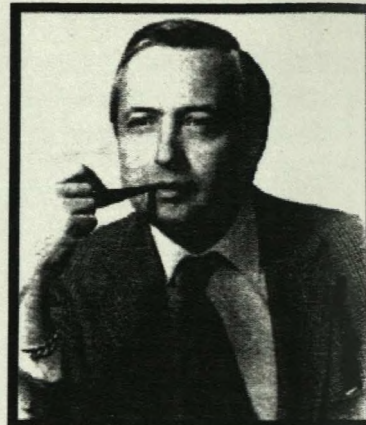
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