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TO establish contact with correspondents throughout the British West Indies comprising the following colonies and dependencies:

ANTIGUA
BAHAMAS
BARBADOS
BERMUDA
BRITISH GUIANA
BRITISH HONDURAS
CAYMAN ISLANDS
DOMINICA
GRENADA

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JAMAICA
LEEWARD ISLANDS
MONTSERRAT
ST. KITTS-NEVIS
ST. LUCIA
ST. VINCENT
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS
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TO issue a quarterly BULLETIN containing articles, items of interest and other features (including 'Opinions' Service, and a 'Wants' Section) which it is hoped will widen the knowledge of members. It is emphasised that EVERY member will always be in 'the picture' no matter where he (or she) resides.

TO operate a SALES CIRCUIT to enable members to dispose of their surplus material.
MEMBERSHIP: TO be WORLD-WIDE in scope and open to all interested in the stamps or postal history of the above-mentioned colonies and dependencies whether they be advanced or new collectors. The ANNUAL subscription to be 10/6d ( $\$ 1.50$ non-sterling countries) payable 1st FEBRUARY. Cheques and Postal Orders to be made payable to "B.W.I. STUDY CIRCLE" and it will be appreciated if remittances from non-sterling countries are made by sterling draft drawn on LONDON or International Money Order.

## OUR PRESIDENT'S PARAGRAPH

Our meeting which I attended at the 'Royal' on Saturday, October 27th, 1956 was most enjoyable and once again we had some very unusual items shown to us by various members which are referred to in detail elsewhere. Whilst the attendance was very good I would like to emphasise that there is ample accommodation for many more and I should like to see a few more visitors taking advantage of the welcome that is always accorded them. The Sales Circuit has got off to a flying start after what I know to have been a considerable amount of hard work by Rose Titford. It was a new experience to receive an envelope containing mainly material of my pet colony - Jamaica - and I have no doubt that this method of selective distribution will be appreciated. I am sure I am voicing the thoughts of all members when I take this opportunity to thank her very much for all she has done which cannot but help our Circle very materially. I hope all members will do their best to contribute something from time to time and so ensure the continuance of this new branch of the Circle's activities. I feel the time has now arrived for us to seriously consider compiling, and possibly publishing, some handbooks on the various colonies and dependencies which comprise the B.W.I, group. As many are aware Jamaica was well and truly done many years ago, but even this could do with an up-to-date revision. Much has been written about the larger colonies but little has appeared in book form. The smaller colonies have had scant attention and of postal history - the interest in which has increased enormously in recent years little indeed has been published. Who will be the first to start?

G. W. COLLETT.

## Dear Member,

Once again it is our hope that you spent a happy Christmastide notwithstanding the difficult times through which we are passing. Furthermore we trust that during the past year you succeeded in filling some of the gaps in your albums and - what is equally important - extended your knowledge of your special interest. For our Circle 1956 was a year of steady progress and the increase of 41 in membership we regard as most encouraging. The growth in our overseas membership is especially gratifying and a very warm welcome is extended to the following who have joined us in recent weeks: J. Law (Canada), G. R. Raymond, H. M. Shilstone and M. M. Sternfels (U.S.A.). Having regard to what has been achieved since January 1954 we feel there is good reason to hope that our 200th member will be enrolled during 1957.

## Geographical distribution of membership.

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| Devon | 4 | Middlesex | 8 | Sussex | 7 |
| Dorset | 1 | Norfolk | 2 | Warwickshire | 3 |
| Essex | 4 | Northants | 2 | Wiltshire | 3 |
| Gloucestershire | 4 | Northumberland | 2 | Yorkshire | 4 |
| Hampshire | 6 | Shropshire | 2 |  |  |
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|  | 1 | South Africa | 4 | U.S.A. | 22 |

## AUTUMN MEETING

This was held at 41, Devonshire Place, London, W.1. on Saturday, October 27th, 1956. Our President was in the chair and extended a warm welcome to 24 members and three visitors. The Hon. Secretary announced that membership had reached 168 and took the opportunity to emphasise the need for more contributions to the 'Notes and Oueries' section of the bulletin. The Hon. Secretary-Sales Circuit followed and explained in detail the workings of the Circuit and announced that the first three envelopes had been circulated the previous week. The meeting was then devoted to members' displays, many of which included items upon which information was sought. The following members contributed:- Mr A. E. Beach: British Guiana, steamer markings including an interesting 'Esquibo Steamer' cancellation, also an unusual Tobago cover, which is illustrated on page 9. Mr B. B. Benwell: Barbados: 'Sea horses' issues, a fine study of the plate flaws and varieties. Cdr. G. Bridgmore Brown: Bermuda, an 'Ireland Isle' cover dated FE 41842 (no postage payable). The President: A Barbados fake. Mr G. W. Groves: Barbados and Dominica, in the latter varieties found in the 1879 issue including the malformed 'CE' of ' PENCE ' in the 4 d . blue ; the provisional surcharges in used blocks. Mr B. E. Johnson: Grenada, a selection of the 'POSTAGE' overprints including the inverts and other overprints. Mr W. Jones: unusual items of Jamaica. Mr F. Nabarro: Dominica - an outstanding selection of pre-adhesive material showing most types of the hand-struck markings
including the first type dated May 1778 (one of two known). Mrs. M. W. Taylor: Grenada - a variety of interesting items. Mr J. Turner: Bahamas cancellations and a 4d. CC, p. 121 on cover. .After tea, time was devoted to discussion of queries. Mr L. E. Britnor gave interesting information on the data summarised as the result of his researches and from answers obtained from members on the types of Barbados 'barred' obliterators. The President remarked that this was good co-operative work and felt sure that members would look forward to reading the result of .the final check in a future issue of the bulletin. Several members asked for information as to when Specimen stamps ceased to be issued. The answer was given by Mr E. V. Toeg; he stated none had been issued since October, 1946. The success of the meeting can best be summed up by the comments of one member: "The meeting, has been most enjoyable and seemed to me to be even better than the previous ones we have had."
R. T.

## SALES CIRCU1T

In the July 1956 Bulletin I stated that I hoped to send out the first Envelopes towards the end of the following October and I am glad to say I achieved my ambition. I regret to say, however, it entailed my giving up much more of my leisure time than should have been necessary. Many members did not comply with the simple instructions that were published and disregarded one or more of the Rules that were enclosed in each Envelope. In consequence, I had to undertake much additional work which, quite frankly, resulted in my feeling that my task was a burden instead of a pleasure. In order to avoid a repetition I shall be glad if all members will make a special note of the following requirements:
a) All sheets to be 7 inches high and $43 / 4$ inches wide, with a $1 / 2$ inch margin on the left hand side.
b) Your reference number to be given in the right hand top corner.
c) All stamps to be mounted with good hinges to avoid the need for remounting.
d) All amounts to be cast and the total given at the foot of each sheet.
e) Details of each booklet reference from which purchases have been made and number of items taken to be stated on advice slip.

I make no apology for giving the facts. It is now up to you all.

## THIRD ANNIVERSARY MEETING

As was announced in our July, 1956 bulletin this will take place at 41, Devonshire Place, London, W.1. on Saturday, April 6th at 2.30 p.m. This will be followed by a Dinner at Lords Tavern, St. John's Wood Road, N.W.1. (7 for 7.30 p.m.) The principal guests will be Mr. Cyril C. Harmer (Director - H. R. Harmer Ltd) and Mr. G. Leslie Newman (Company Archivist - Thomas De La Rue \& Co. Ltd.) Tickets will be 16/- each (excluding wine but including gratuities). Applications for tickets accompanied by the appropriate remittance should reach the Hon. Secretary not later than March 30th.

## STAMPEX, 1957

at Central Hall, Westminster, March 16th-23rd
Our Circle has again been invited to provide an exhibit which on this occasion will comprise three frames and the pages will cover Dominica, St. Vincent and Tobago. It is hoped that many more members will attend as a result of the later date arranged. For the benefit of those unable to go, full details of the exhibit and of any individual displays by members will appear in our April Bulletin.


#### Abstract

DISPLAY To the FINCHLEY and DISTRICT PHILATELIC SOCIETY on 19th September, 1956 Our Hon. Secretary accompanied by Miss Rose Titford, Mr. L. A. Courtney and Mr. J. C. W. Price gave a varied display to a most attentive audience. Selected pages were shown of Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Nevis \& St. Christopher. An interesting feature was Mr. Price's detailed study of War Tax overprints. The pages of Bermuda and some of Jamaica were kindly loaned by our member. Mr. A. A. Hershman who was unable to attend.




NOTES AND QUERIES

It will be appreciated that our Bulletin constitutes the vital link between us and is mainly dependent upon a steady flow of contributions from members. These may either afford information or raise points upon which enlightenment is sought, and it will be helpful if S.G. numbers are quoted wherever possible. ALL contributions should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary.

## ANTIGUA

"The 1921 issue on Script watermarked paper continued in general use for about seventeen years and it is not surprising that there are varying shades of the lower denominations apart from the actual changes in colour that were made. What is surprising, however, is that some of the marked differences have not achieved catalogue status. Although two distinct shades of both colours of the 1d. (S.G. 63-66) and of the $2^{1 ⁄ 2}$ d. (S.G. 71 \& 72) are quoted, there are in my view equally distinct shades of the $1 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. (deep dull green and dull green). $11 / 2$ d. (red-brown and pale red-brown), 2 d . (grey, pale slate and deep slate), 3d. (pale purple on lemon and purple on pale yellow) and finally the 6 d . (dull and bright purple and purple and bright purple). I have not found more than very slight variations in the shades of the other two $11 / 2 d$. values (S.G. $67 \& 68$ ), but that is, of course, not to say that marked differences do not exist and I shall be interested to learn the views of other members on this subject."
(Contributed by Mr. G. W. Groves.)

## BAHAMAS

The non-standard postmarks.
"Over a period ranging as far back as 1924 a number of 'temporary' date stamps have been used throughout the outer islands. The exact circumstances in which some have been brought into use is not known and the prospects of obtaining much information in this direction do not appear to be good. In most instances they appear to have been used for a restricted period but in one or two cases the same type has been used some years apart. An example of this is Bennetts Harbour, used in February 1950 and again in September 1955. The majority of these temporary date stamps can be divided into the following types:
(a) Single ring $32-36 \mathrm{~mm}$. (b) Double ring 36 mm . (c) Double ring 39 mm . (d) Triple ring 37 mm . (e) Double oval.

In connection with type (e) the West End, Grand Bahamas has very recently used a double oval cancellation of a strikingly clear impression almost as if a steel or metal die had been employed. There are also some special cancellations such as the 'Undersea Post Office' and those depicting fish and animals. An attempt to catalogue the various marks into the categories given above is being made and the existence of other types (apart from manuscript cancellations) would be most helpful."
(Contributed by Mr. A. J. Branston.)

## BAHAMAS

"Could any member please inform me of the whereabouts and history of the Post Office 'Spencers Point'? I have two copies of this c.d.s. on (a) S.G. 72 - Date off stamp - and (b) S.G. 80 (Oct. 1913). I was in communication with the late Mr. Harold Gisburn and he informed me that he had never heard of it. Possibly it may be well known to some Bahamas postal historians." (Contributed by Dr. N. Garrard, F.R.P.S.L.)

## BARBADOS

"I have in my possession a Registered Airmail cover from St. Peter, Barbados on which in place of the normal registration label there is a pendrawn rectangle with 'St. Peter/R 22' inscribed in it. It is backstamped 'Registration Branch. G.P.O. Barbados' and is dated 12th May, 1956. Can any member state whether this is a normal practice in the smaller Post Offices or if it was due to the stock of the customary labels being temporarily exhausted?" (Contributed by Mr. I. W. Dickson.)

## BARBADOS

## A Damaged Electric Cancellation

"An electric cancelling machine was installed at the G.P.O. Bridgetown in April 1926. The normal cancellation consists of seven wavy lines with the date in a circle, 21 mm . in diameter at the left. A mishap evidently occurred to the machine during 1952. The wavy lines are out of alignment and are inverted. The 'circle' measures 21 mm . across but only 20 mm . high. The earliest and latest dates of this variety which I have seen are 4th September, 1952 and 30th October, 1952 respectively."
(Contributed by Mr. L. E. Britnor.)

## BRITISH GUIANA

"Mr. Howe is correct in assuming that the 'Mobile N.W.D. Agency' launch service was primarily used for medical purposes and I intended to imply this in my earlier notes when I stated that the Government Dispenser was additionally appointed T.P. Agent. I agree that the code marks are very interesting and for some time past I have been working on them in an endeavour to discover where they were used. This is, however, not easy because of the limited number of known proving covers. There is no doubt that 'E.4C' and 'E.7C' were used at Belfield and Mahaicony respectively and I believe 'E.5C' was used at Mahaica. According to my reckoning there are 44 of these code marks of which I have so far been able to collect 38 . One way in which the story of these marks may be solved is by recording all known copies as a supplement to the meagre official records available. Including my own copies I have so far recorded close on 300 of these strikes and would be glad if, through the medium of our Bulletin, members similarly interested would assist me by giving details of any of these marks in their possession."
(Contributed by Mr. P. W. Hosking.)

## BRITISH GUIANA

"I have a copy of S.G. 87 with a Crown Circle 'Paid at Demerara' cancellation. For what period was this mark in use, what purpose did it serve and why is it to be found on stamps (as opposed to pre-adhesives)?"
(Contributed by Mr. F.G.Howe.)

## BRITISH HONDURAS

"Being in a position in which I regularly receive large numbers of (nonphilatelic) letters from the small out-villages of the B.W.I, islands and British Honduras, it is a constant source of disappointment to me that the small postal agencies simply do not even bother to cancel mail. It would seem that this onerous task is left to the larger Post Offices or the G.P.O. and it is therefore no wonder that their postmarks remain scarce. During the past two years I have received something over a hundred letters from small agencies in British Honduras and in not one single instance has the cover
borne an agency TRD. All the postmarks are Belize, Corozal, Orange Walk etc. I would be glad if any member can explain why this state of affairs persists."
(Contributed by Mr. G. J. Raymond.)

## JAMAICA Gibraltar Camp P.O.

"This Post Office was officially opened on 1st April, 1941. The first cancellor was a T.R.D. Type 37 which is very rare, as only two copies are known. This was followed by a steel type Birmingham 2 but I have been unable to trace the date when this was brought into use. I have a copy dated 15th May, 1943. It was apparently closed in 1947 but here again I have been unsuccessful in ascertaining the precise date. Incidentally this Post Office is not listed in either the January 1941 or 1952 Jamaica Post Office Guides. There is a Gibraltar Post Office in St. Ann but this has no connection with the Gibraltar Camp Post Office. The Camp buildings were taken over by the new University of the West Indies and a Post Office was set up in the Faculty building for about a week. This used a T.R.D. type 46 and Registered covers are known dated from 27th November to 1st December 1948 with Registration numbers up to 8. The College was officially opened on 16th February 1950. The Post Office was moved to the main road near the college and all mail from that source bears ' MONA ' postmark. I have no record of the date of opening but a T.R.D. type was used and the earliest date in my possession is 27th November 1951. Later a steel cancellor type Birmingham 4 was used and the one now in use is the new single ring type which was brought into use on 13th August 1956. I would offer two suggestions for the relative scarcity of these Camp postmarks. Firstly as all the occupants were evacuated at the beginning of the war it is probable that the bulk of the correspondence would have been sent to Gibraltar and not to the U.K. Furthermore as this camp was for married folk most of the letters would have been addressed to relatives and friends and probably very few covers have survived. Secondly as the men were enrolled into a Pioneer battalion and employed as guards at the Internment Camp their mail was probably handled by the Army as with other units in the area. If such were the case it was collected and forwarded to the Signals Office at Up Park Camp who in turn would have handed it in
at Cross Roads Post Office for onward transmission. The single line 'GIBRALTAR CAMP' mark I believe to be the Unit stamp impressed on all letters received at the Orderly Room before being passed to the Signals Office."

## (Contributed by Mr. W. H. H. Crow.)

## ST. CHRISTOPHER - The Mother Colony

The concluding installment of Miss Titford's article is unavoidably held over and will appear in our April issue. (Ed.).

## TOBAGO

"The cover illustrated here came into my possession recently and I believe it to be unique. It will be observed that it was posted in London on AP 2

1890, addressed to Tobago, and bears the current 4d. stamp of Great


Britain which was the correct postage rate at that time for letters up to $1 / 2 \mathrm{oz}$. in weight. Apparently this letter exceeded this weight and the Foreign section of the G.P.O. in London applied the 'T' (Taxe) mark and wrote '40' in blue pencil on the front to indicate that the deficiency of postage was 40 centimes the equivalent of four pence. The double rate of eightpence should have been paid by the sender. The letter reached Tobago on AP 20 1890 and the addressee was charged 8 d . on delivery being double the deficiency. This is indicated by the pair of 4 d . grey Tobago stamps cancelled by the Tobago Treasury. This is the first evidence I have obtained that Tobago stamps were used as Postage Dues and I shall be glad to hear if any other member of the Circle possesses, or knows of, other examples of this use. Incidentally any member possessing 4d. stamps with this Treasury cancellation and thinking it indicates fiscal use can now be reasonably certain that they were, in fact, used as Postage Dues." (Contributed by Mr. A. E. Beach.)
(The Circle's thanks are extended to Mr. Beach for defraying the cost of the block for this illustration. - Ed.)

## TRINIDAD

"In my collection I have a copy of the Q.V. $2^{1 ⁄ 2}$ d. of the $1883-4$ issue which bears, in addition to the California town mark, part of an additional boxed mark - 'BAY.86'. It has always intrigued me and I am wondering whether it emanated from a neighbouring island. I shall be most interested to know whether any other member possesses an example and can furnish an explanation of its origin."
(Contributed by Mr. J. B. Marriott.)

## DISPLAY

## To the CITY of LONDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY on 3rd December, 1956

No less than twelve members of the Circle attended this meeting, six of whom contributed displays from their respective collections. The President of the City of London Philatelic Society - Mr. E. W. Bishop, F.R.P.S.L. - in
welcoming the B.W.I. Study Circle, invited Mr. P. T. Saunders, its Founder and. Hon. Secretary/Treasurer, to introduce his members. The first display was an exceptionally fine study of the Q.V. 4d. of Jamaica from the Pine through to the MCA watermark loaned by the Circle's President - Mr. G. W. Collett, R.D.P., F.R.P.S.L. and was presented by Mr. Saunders on his behalf. It was interesting to observe that the plate for this value was in use for 52 years. Mr. A. E. Beach followed with some pages from his well known collection of Tobago with pre-adhesive covers, G. B. used in Tobago and the settings of the provisional surcharges in mint blocks - a remarkably fine study. Mrs. M.W. Taylor's exhibit of Grenada was shown by her son Mr. Robin Taylor. This commenced with a copy of the 'Grenada Gazette' of March 30th 1765 and was followed by Ship Letters and the Carriacou strikes-Carriacou being one of the smaller islands of the Grenadines; G.B. stamps used in Grenada; die proofs and many varieties of cancellation. Mr. W. H. H. Crow showed a variety of interesting items of Jamaica comprising the settings of the $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. on 4 d . provisional; the 'SER.ET' error; the 'bow' variety on the K.G.V. $1 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$.; train post office marks; air mail covers and examples of the temporary rubber date stamps of Q.V. Mr. J. J. Turner presented a splendid selection of the first issues of St. Vincent comprising all the rarities in pairs and strips; covers, the 1880 and 1881 surcharges and a magnificent well-centred copy of the 5/- rose of 1880. Mr. E. Shields Forshaw showed rare and interesting markings of British Guiana some of which were the only ones so far recorded. The exhibit was outstanding for its presentation. The final display by Major F. S. J. Norris covered four phases of Bermuda philately comprising rare preadhesive markings; prisoner-of-war covers with four examples of two of the four varieties; postal stationery including the rare 'one penny' on $1 / 2 \mathrm{~d}$. and 1 d . adhesives of 1880 (of which only 87 examples were surcharged in 1893) unused and used; a study of the Ship type stamps showing plate flaws and retouches. In proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Circle and those who had exhibited, Mr. Francis Granville made brief comments on each display and paid tribute to the enormous amount of industry and research that had been undertaken in collecting such a wealth of material. Mr. Stuart A. Robertson, who seconded, said it was obvious that the members had a wide knowledge of the stamps of their choice and that each exhibit had an interest all of its own.
R.T.

## THE HONORARY SECRETARY'S PARAGRAPH

Some time ago one of our overseas members wrote and asked me whether it would be possible to publish an analysis of members' interests, and on referring to my records I find the order in preference is as follows: Jamaica, Barbados, Bahamas, Grenada, Bermuda, St. Vincent, Cayman Islands, Leeward Islands, Trinidad and Tobago, Antigua, St. Lucia, British Guiana, St. Kitts-Nevis, Dominica, Turks and Caicos Islands, Virgin Islands, British Honduras and Montserrat. It is generally known that Jamaica is a very popular colony, so it comes as no surprise to find it at the head of the list. With my limited knowledge of the rest I am not competent to offer an opinion except to say that I never anticipated that Cayman Islands was so much in favour. It will be appreciated that a number of members collect several colonies, so the listing should only be regarded as a rough guide as to choice. It occurs to me that a new collector might well consider the less favoured Montserrat ('unpopular' is not the word), as it would seem that there is the least competition in acquiring material of that colony. As you will have read in the President's paragraph, it is suggested that a start should now be made in compiling a first handbook. It would seem prudent that in making an initial attempt one of the smaller colonies should be selected, and I feel I cannot do better than reiterate my suggestion made two years ago that Antigua might be the first subject for a handbook. If all members who collect this colony will send me notes on postal history, stamps and postal stationery the committee will be happy to collate the information. In our last Bulletin I mentioned how glad I was to make the acquaintance of members from overseas, and since then I have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. E. G. Creed, who has recently returned to Australia. He takes a very prominent part in the philatelic activities of Melbourne and has promised to bring our Circle to the notice of collectors in that city. In July 1956 I promised to inform members of the progress of the Sales Circuit, and I am pleased to announce that seven Envelopes have been sent out, one of which, unhappily, has been stolen from a member's flat. Since all material is fully insured no loss will be sustained by any contributing member. The total value of the sheets so far distributed is $£ 336$, and up to the time of going to press sales are close on £80. In this connection it would appear that many members are finding some useful items for their collections. You will, I hope, have noted the comments made on another page by the Hon. Secretary Sales Circuit, and I do earnestly enjoin all members to co-operate in every way and so lighten, which many will know from personal experience, is a very onerous task.

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## AUCTION GLEANINGS

H. R. HARMER, LTD. Sale. September 10th and 11th, 1956. Cayman Islands : 1908, $2^{1 / 2 d}$ d. on 4d. S.G.24, hor. pair used on small piece with 1907-09 1d., £65. Leeward Islands: 1938-51, £1 violet and black on scarlet, var. wmk, sideways, SG. 105 ca , Com. 21a, o.g., centred slightly on top, £95. Montserrat: 1876, 1d. bisected, S.G.1a, used on printed matter envelope, addressed to Dominica, £15. Sale, September 24th, 25th, October 1st, 2nd, 1956. British Honduras: 1888-89, 50c on 1/-, S.G.30, part o.g., £17 10s. Cayman Islands: 1908, $2^{1 ⁄ 2}$. on 4d., S.G.24, part o.g., £30. Leeward Islands: 1938-51, £1, the rare shade, S.G.105, o.g., £13. St. Vincent: 1880, 5/- rose-red, S.G.28, unused, £40. Trinidad: 1852. 1d. deep blue on yellowish, S.G.12, early impression, minute thinning, £24. Sale, October 8th and 9th, 1956. Barbados: 1875-78, p.14, 1/-, violet (aniline), S.G.82, used on entire to London, dated 'No. 10, 1877,' $£ 6$. Grenada: 1873-80, 6d. deep vermilion, wmk, sideways, S.G.13, £15. 1881, broad-pointed star, $2 ½$ d. deep claret, SG.25, part o.g., £14. Jamaica, 1870-83, 1/- var. '\$' for 'S' in 'SHILLING,' S.G.13a, part o.g., £14. Sale, October 29th and 30th, 1956: Bahamas: 1919, 1d., overprint double, S.G.112a, part o.g., centred slightly to bottom, £24. Jamaica: 1883-97, 4d,, red-orange, S.G.22, unused, £10 10s.

