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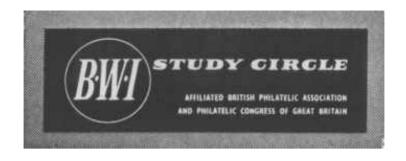
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### **ANNIVERSARY MEETING**

The Twelfth Anniversary Meeting was held at 41 Devonshire Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, April 23rd, 1966, at 3 p.m. and was attended by fourteen members.

Mr. G. W. Groves, our President, took the chair and extended a warm welcome to all present. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. K. J. Robertson, Mr. E. K. Thompson, Rose Titford and Mr. W. A. Townsend.

The Minutes of the Eleventh Anniversary Meeting, held on April 24th, 1965, as published in Bulletin No. 45, pp. 20/23 were taken as read and, with the approval of the Meeting, were signed as correct by the Chairman.

Report of Hon. Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. P. T. Saunders opened his remarks by announcing with regret the passing of Mr. H. M. Daggett and Col. O. M. Harris. Six members had resigned for various reasons and three others had been removed from the Roll, their subscriptions having lapsed. Sixteen new members of whom eight were resident overseas had been enrolled and the total membership now stood at 209. It had been necessary to send reminders to 81 members in the regard to the payment of their subscriptions and 21 were still Mr. Saunders referred to the poor response from members wishing to attend the Dinner and invited comments. Mr. E. S. Forshaw remarked that a luncheon might prove more popular but Mr. W. E. Lea said he thought that this might be inconvenient for the ladies. After further discussion it was decided that a questionnaire should be circulated inviting members to state their preference for (a) A luncheon (b) A Dinner to be held on a weekday evening other than a Saturday or (c) A Dinner on a Saturday evening as Mr. Saunders then mentioned that the sales of Paper No. 4 'Montserrat' were going well and so far 112 had been sold of which 52 were to the trade. Passing to the Accounts, Mr. Saunders stated that the balance standing to the credit of the Publications A/C did not allow for an amount of some £58 the relative Invoice not being received until January, 1966. It was agreed that no transfer be made from the Main A/C. There being no questions the adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Mr. E. S. Forshaw, seconded by Mr. R. H. Austin and passed unanimously. Mr. Saunders stated that he had booked the B.P.A. Board Room, 446 Strand, London, W.C.2, for the Thirteenth Anniversary Meeting which he felt sure would prove a more convenient venue

Report of Hon. Editor. Mr. B. B. Benwell stated he had nothing to report but wished to make his usual request to members to keep him well supplied with material for inclusion in the Bulletin.

Report of Hon. Librarian. The Hon. Secretary stated that on behalf of Miss Titford that she regretted that more use was not made of the library and that it was her intention to have an up-to-date list included in the December Bulletin.

Report of Chairman of Publications Committee. Mr. Bridgmore-Brown paid tribute to Mr. L. E. Britnor for his painstaking work in collating and editing Paper No. 4 'MONTSERRAT' and said he felt sure he was voicing the opinion of all in saying it was an excellent publication. He added that as soon as work on another colony was contemplated due notice would be given to members.

**48th Philatelic Congress.** This was being held at Brighton from 14th-17th June and the Circle's Delegates were Messrs. A. J. Branston, G. W. Groves and W. A. Townsend. Mr. Groves promised to furnish a report including the Study Circle meeting covering the British West Indies.

**Autumn Meeting.** This will be held in the British Philatelic Association Boardroom at 446 Strand, London, W.C.2, on Saturday, October 8th, 1966, at 3 p.m. It is hoped that a display of CAYMAN ISLANDS will be given by Mr. R. A. G. Lee but in the event of this not being possible our Founder has expressed his willingness to bring along a selection of pages from his collection of DOMINICA.

**Thirteenth Anniversary Meeting.** It was agreed that this would be held on Saturday, April 8th, 1967, a fortnight after Easter.

**Election of Officers and Committee.** There being no nominations and the present holders being willing to continue, their re-election en bloc was proposed from the Chair.

Following an interval for tea the following items were displayed: Mr. H. F. DEAKIN. **Bahamas:** 1828 pre-adhesive with straight-line BAHAMAS to Scotland, "Postage to Edinburgh not paid" in black; "½" in green square for Toll Gate charge, probably applied at Falmouth. Two straight-line BAHAMAS, one per Jamaican Packet to Brighton, 1828, 4/4 (double rate) in black, the other, 1839 to London, normal rate, 2/2. 1859, G.B. 6d. of 1856 (A05) to London via New York, ordinary Packet Rate to England for ½ ounce; backstamped Bahamas Apr. 14, 1859 in black and London May 5 59 in red. **Barbados:** 1809 pre-adhesive to Scotland, showing Liverpool Ship Letter in red. 1810, pre-adhesive showing straight-line BARBADOES, to Belfast. A fine example of the 1d. blue, imperf., used to Trinidad with 4d. rate in black ms, **St. Lucia:** 1859 Crowned Circle to London. 1881, 4d. yellow on cover

### **ANNIVERSARY MEETING (contd.:**

cancelled with London Paid Mark in red, with 4d, in red mss. St. Vincent: 1820 first type "St. Vincent's" fleuron. 1862, the Crowned Circle Pd. at St. Vincent with clear London Paid mark in red. 1870, a combination cover with 1868, 4d. and I/- from the Due de Polignac correspondence, Feb. 9, 1870. To Paris via London and Calais. Time of journey 19 days, rate made up of 1/-, the packet rate to England and 4d. the normal rate from England to France - the 1/3 in ms, in red indicating the amount due to the British Post Office: the other penny paid for the island's share of postage. Obliterations: oval "A10" first sent out Dec. 14 1866, St. Vincent c.d.s. in red FE 9 1870 and "P.D." in circle in red; London Paid c.d.s. in red 28 Fe. 70. French entry mark "Angl Amb. Calais. 28 Fevr. 70" in black. 1868, entire to Paris bearing 6d. deep green, S.G.4 and pair of 1d. S.G.5, from the Polignac correspondence. 1872, cover bearing l/- deep rose red, S.G.17 to London, "A10", St. Vincent red circle mark on front and London receiving mark in black on reverse. 1873, Union Estate cover bearing pair of 1871, 6d. blue-green, cancelled with "U.E." strikes and overstruck "A10" and a further circular "UE" strike alongside left. registered combination cover to Germany with 1877, 4d. deep blue, 1883-84, 2½ on 1d. lake (marginal), 1885, ½d. green (marginal), 1883-92, 2½d. on 1d. milky blue, 1883-89, perf. 12, 6d. bright green (marginal) and 1/- orangevermilion, to make up 2/3½ rate from Kingstown to Munich, via London. **Trinidad:** 3 covers: 1851, 1d. purple-brown with first type cancellation on 1852 cover to Bristol. 1859, 6d. yellow-green, pin-perf. 13½-14, used on 1860 cover to London with Trinidad and London marks in red on front, the Trinidad being a Crowned Circle. 1862/63, 1/- bluish slate with red Crowned "Paid at Trinidad" Circle, to London, also London Paid dated 63 in red.

Mr. A. H. LATHAM. Jamaica: a selection of pages showing various flaws on the Llandovery Falls issue.

Mr.P.T.SAUNDERS. Dominica: cover bearing Revenue stamp, S.G.RI, with Dominica c.d.s. dated DE 5 83 addressed to A. C. Shillingford, Esq., Hillsborough. Examples of the rare BELL postal agency cancellation: this postal agency was established for the use of labour force engaged in road construction and was closed on January 31st, 1965.

Mr. E. V. TOEG. **Leeward Islands** stamps with postmarks from Roadtown, Tortola, Virgin Island. These postmarks have already been fully described and illustrated in Bulletin 37, pp. 37, 38 and 39. Some stamps on piece and several covers were shown from the period 1911 to 1913, all being

registered marks, in a number of cases with both the registration cachet from Roadtown, Tortola and from St. Thomas Danish West Indies, but with one registration cache struck out.

P.T.S.

# **NOTES AND QUERIES**

# **BARBADOS**

#### THE POSTAL STATIONERY OF BARBADOS

#### 1. REGISTERED ENVELOPES

Official Registration Envelopes were first introduced in Barbados on 2nd October, 1882. Two values were issued with the stamp covering the registration fee only, embossed by De La Rue & Co. Ltd., on the flap. The envelopes were made of a white wove, linen lined paper with the flap on the left closing on the back. From 1888 both McCorquodale & Co. Ltd., and De La Rue & Co. Ltd. produced registered envelopes for Barbados and their respective imprints appear in various forms on the envelope under the flap. (Fig. No. 1).

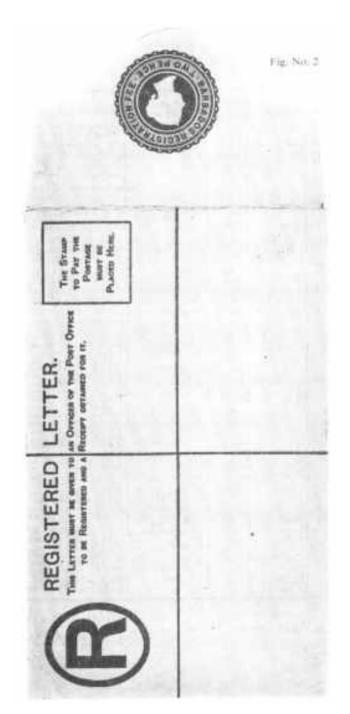
On 1st January, 1885, the overseas registration fee was reduced from 4d. to 2d. and new stationery was placed on sale bearing a 2nd embossed stamp in ultramarine. The inscriptions, previously printed in blue, were then changed to red and this colour has been used throughout all issues up to the present day. (Fig. No. 2).

Registered envelopes were redesigned for the 1898 issue and carried further instructions to the sender. Changes in the registration fee have occurred from time to time necessitating the production of new stationery. However, as it is the practice in Barbados not to withdraw postal stationery from sale upon a change in rates, but to continue in use until stocks have been exhausted, it is difficult to determine the dates on which the various issues were first sold.

The following table gives a comprehensive list of the Registered Envelopes issued in Barbados from 1882 to date taken almost entirely from my own collection. This list is probably incomplete and I would welcome from readers any additional information or corrections they may be able to supply.

Basil B. Benwell.





# THE REGISTERED ENVELOPES OF BARBADOS

No.	DATE ISSUED	IMPRINT TYPE & COLOUR	VALUE AND COLOUR STAMP	SIZE	DESIGN		USE
1	2 Oct. 1882	1 Black	1d. Pink	F 51/4 x 31/4	133 x 83mm.	QV	Inland letters
1a	"	1 Blue	41.6	"		"	" "
2 2a	"	1 Black 2 Blue	4d. Grey	,,	,,		Overseas letters from 1.9.1881
2h	"	2 Blue		"			"
3	"	1 Black	"	I 10 x 7	253 x 178mm.	"	"
3a	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
4	"	"	"	K 11½ x 6	292 x 153mm.	"	"
5	5 May 1883	1 Blue	1d. Pink	F 51/4 x 31/4	133 x 83mm.		Inland letters
5a	"			"			from 1.9.1881
6 6a	"	1 "	4d. Grey 4d. Grey-blue				Overseas letters from 1.9.1881
оа 7	,,	1 Black	4d. Grey-blue 4d. Grey	H 8 x 5	202 x 127mm.		Irom 1.9.1881
8	1 Jan. 1885	2 Red	2d. Blue	F 51/4 x 31/4	133 x 83mm.	"	Overseas letters
9	"	2 rea	2d Ultramarine	H 8 x 5	202 x 127mm.	"	from 1.1.1885
10	"	"	"	I 10 x 7	253 x 178mm.	"	
10a	"	"	"	"	"	"	
10b	"	1 Red	2d. Grey-blue	K 11½ x 6	292 x 153mm.	"	
11	28 Nov. 1885	2 Red		G 6 x 3¾	152 x 96mm.		
11a	1000		2d Ultramarine	" E 51/ 21/	122 02		T.1. 11.0
12 12a	1888	3 Blue	1d. Pink	F 51/4 x 31/4	133 x 83mm.		Inland letters from 1.1.1885
13	"	3 Red	2d. Grev	"			Overseas letters
13a	"	"	zu. Grey	"	"	"	from 1.1.1885
14	"	"	"	G 6 x 33/4	152 x 96mm.	"	
15	1891	"	2d. Blue-grey	H2 9 x 4	226 x 102mm.	"	"
16	1888	"	2d. Grey-blue	I 10 x 71/4	259 x 154mm.	"	"
17	"	"		K 11½ x 6	292 x 153mm.		"
18	"		2d. Blue-grey	H 8 x 5	203 x 126mm.		
19 20	1898	4 Red	2d. Blue	F 51/4 x 31/4 G 6 x 33/4	133 x 83mm. 152 x 96mm.		,,
21	1090	3 Red	zu. Blue	H 8 x 5	203 x 122mm.		"
22	1902	4 Red	"	F 51/4 x 31/4	133 x 83mm.	"	"
23	"	"	"	G 6 x 33/4	152 x 96mm.	"	
24	"	"	"	H 8 x 5	203 x 126mm.	"	
25	"	"		H2 9 x 4	226 x 102mm.	"	
26	"	"		F 51/4 x 31/4	133 x 83mm.	KG.V	
27 28	-		,,	G 6 x 3¾ H 8 x 5	152 x 96mm. 203 x 126mm.		
28 29	-	,,	"	H2 9 x 4	226 x 102mm.		
30	_	"	"	I 10 x 71/4	259 x 154mm.	"	
31	-	"	"	K 11½ x 6	291 x 154mm.	"	
32	1913	"	2½d. Blue	F 51/4 x 31/4	133 x 83mm.	1912	
33	"	"	"	G 6 x 3¾	152 x 96mm.	"	
34	"	"	3d Ultramarine	H 8 x 5	203 x 122mm.		Overseas letters
34a	,,	,,	2d Ultramarine	G 6 x 3¾ H 8 x 5	152 x 96mm.		from 23.10.1931
34a 35			3d. Deep Blue 3d Ultramarine	H 8 x 5 H2 9 x 4	203 x 122mm. 226 x 102mm.		(Island registration fee 2d)
35a	"	"	3d. Deep Blue	112 9 3 4	220 X 102HHII.		ree 2u)
36	1938	None	3d Ultramarine	G 6 x 33/4	152 x 96mm.	KG.VI	"
37		"	Blue 3d.	H 8 x 5	203 x 122mm.	"	"
38	1951	-	6c. Blue	G 6 x 33/4	152 x 96mm.	Pict.	"
39		-	"	H2 9 x 4	226 x 102mm.	"	"
40	1958	-	8c. Blue	G 6 x 33/4	152 x 96mm.	QE.II	Overseas letters
41	?-	- "	12- C	H2 9 x 4	226 x 102mm.		from 1.5.1953
42 43	?-	_	12c. Grey	G 6 x 3¾ H2 9 x 4	152 x 96mm. 226 x 102mm.		?
43			l .	114 7 8 4	220 A 102HHII.		

#### IMPRINTS

Type 1 McCorquordale & Co. Limited

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Patent Registered Envelope

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# THE REGISTERED ENVELOPES OF BARBADOS

No.	ADDITIONAL NOTES			
1	Flap on left. "R" without circle in blue. Crossed lines on back and front in blue.			
1a	" "			
2	"	II II		
2a	"	"R" without circle in blue with 2mm. space after "R"		
2b				
3	,,	"R" and crossed lines as before. Top line of inscription 94mm. long.		
3a 4	,,	" Top line of inscription 99mm. long.		
5	Flan on right	"R" in circle in blue, crossed lines in blue.		
5a	" "	" " "		
6	"	n n		
6a	"	" Also noted imprint in black		
7	"	" Also noted but not seen – sizes I 10 x 7 and K 11½ x 6		
8	"	"R" in circle in red, crossed lines in red.		
9	"			
10	"	" Lines of inscription 92, 166 & 126mm.		
10a		" Lines of inscription 93, 163 & 130mm.		
10b 11	.,	п		
11 11a	"	u .		
11a 12	"	"R" in circle in blue, crossed lines in blue (ultramarine)		
12a	"	" (Blue-grey)		
13	"	"R" in circle in red, crossed lines in red. Shades in colour of stamps		
13a	"	" Second line 80mm. long (13-76mm.)		
14	"	u -		
15	"	"		
16		"		
17 18	Flap on left.	"		
19	Flap on right.	" Flap folds to front		
20	"	"		
21	"	n e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e		
22	"	" Overprint "Specimen" recorded "		
23	"	" "		
24	"	n n		
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### BRITISH WEST INDIES STUDY CIRCLE

#### **LIST OF MEMBERS 1964**

KEY. - Names of colonies are given in a three-letter code, consisting in most cases of the first three letters of the name. "All" means all the colonies within the Circle's field of study. Meaning of symbols:-

C Cancellations and postal markings; D deals in material specified; M Mint **only**; PH Postal history or pre-adhesive material: PS Postal stationery; U Used **only**; x Except. \* Specialised collection, i.e., a collection including Postal history, Proofs, Specimens, Cancellations, Postal stationery, etc., unless otherwise indicated. The absence of this sign indicates a 'straight' collection of adhesives and catalogued varieties, † Overseas Member.

EXAMPLES.- "ANT, BAR & C" in col. 2 with "CAY" in col. 3 means the Member has straight collections of ANTIGUA and BARBADOS with the Cancellations of these colonies; as a secondary interest he also collects CAYMANS. "CAY: KGVI, M" would mean that his CAYMANS are limited to stamps of King George VI and only Mint.

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†Bartlett, Edmund	All & C	
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†Berridge, J. M.	All	
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Bodily, R.	D all	All
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Brown, G. Bridgmore	BER*	All C of BAR, StV
Brown, Dr. H. Vivian	DOM*	C of GRE, C & PS of ANT, StK, StL
Burns, T		
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Butt, D.G.	BER* xPh	C of BAR, JAM, TR1

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1912

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Lowe, Robson BAH: Chalon Heads

†Ludington, M. H. BFR\* PH & C of BAH, TUR & PH

†Lyman, R. W. All (Classics) Lyons, Mrs. S. TRI BAR, JAM Macmillan, H. B. JAM\* xPS All

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Marriott, John B. TRI\* to 1910

Marshall, L. M. W. ANT\* xPS GRE\* LEE\* StV\* xPS BER

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# **BRITISH WEST INDIES**

#### POSTAL RATES FROM BRITISH WEST INDIES

I have recently come across, in the Trinidad Royal Gazette, a comprehensive table of postal rates, headed by the following letter and comment:

GENERAL POST OFFICE 30th April 1860

"Sir,

I am directed by the Postmaster General to transmit to you, for your guidance, a complete Table of the Rates of Postage to be collected at your office upon Letters, Newspapers and Book Packets forwarded through the United Kingdom to British Colonies and Foreign Countries.

I am. Sir,

Your obedient Servant

ROWLAND HILL

The Post Master General, Trinidad

Secretary

TABLE showing the TOTAL AMOUNT of POSTAGE, including the Colonial Inland Rate, to be collected in the British West Indies upon LETTERS and BOOK PACKETS forwarded through the United Kingdom addressed to the under-mentioned Colonies and Foreign Countries, and the Postage, exclusive of the Colonial Inland Rate, to be collected upon Newspapers addressed to those Colonies and countries."

There then follows the table giving rates to 108 different Colonies and Foreign Countries.

About three-quarters of these are ½0z. rates and most of the rest are ¼0z. rates.

I shall be pleased to give details and answer queries from anyone interested.

The most important point about this table is that it imposes a uniform table of rates from all the British West Indies. It would be very valuable if anyone can say:

- (1) Whether this particular notice was published in any other colonies.
- (2) Whether any other tables are known which give instructions about rates from the British West Indies collectively, and at what date the General Post Office in London started fixing the rates from the British West Indies in this way.

J. B. Marriott.

#### MAIL BOAT SERVICE - continued from P.82, Bulletin No. 48.

The Voyage from Barbadoes to Tobago, Grenada, St. Vincents, and on to St. Kitts is about 10 days; therefore there is ample scope for the accommodation of the Colonies in question as the Letters by the First Packet of the Month would be left and answers collected and dropped at St. Kitts by the Schooner upon a calculation of 2 to 3 days before the arrival of the Packet with the Second Mail of the Month, and which would bring answers to Europe, supposing the Second Mail to sail from Falmouth 14 days after the sailing of the First Mail of the Month. (Postmaster General's Reports, Vol. 19, No. 69B, 2).

In 1802 Demerara, etc., were returned to the Dutch by the Treaty of Amiens, and in a further letter of 2 Dec. 1802 (P.M.G's. Reports, Vol. 22, No. 40L). Freeling suggested to the P.M.G.: "In the event of the cession of Surinam, Demerara, Essequibo, and Berbice the Mail Boats now employed in conveying the Correspondence to and from Barbadoes and these Colonies may be employed under a new arrangement for the Letters to and from Trinidad - at present that mail Boat proceeds as usual and the only difference with respect to the Letters for Trinidad is that instead of being sent from Tobago they will be forwarded from Grenada. This suggestion was adopted by their Lordships, Auckland and Spencer.

These Colonies were recaptured by Britain in the following year. Incidentally, Demerara, Essequibo, and Berbice were finally ceded to Britain in 1814. Box File 21 contains various documents dealing with the re-opening of the Mail Services to these parts:-

- 1) 4 July 1804. Mr. Freeling informs the Postmaster at Demerara that "the P.M.G. had accepted proposals by Messrs. Kentish & Nephews of Antigua for the hire of a Mail Boat to convey the Letters twice a Month to and from Barbadoes and Demerara at an Expense of £1,296 per annum. . . . that it being the intention of H.M's. Government that Surinam should also be accommodated with the Mail Boats, Messrs. Kentish had been desired to offer Terms. . . . That Mr. Casey had been reappointed Postmaster at Surinam and that the Letters for that Settlement would in future be sent to the care of the Postmaster of Demerara, who would forward them to Surinam by the first opportunity.
  - 2) 5 July 1804. Mr. Casey informed of this appoinment as Postmaster of Surinam, and that a Mail had been made up this Day, to be delivered by the Captain of the Packet to the Postmaster of Barbadoes, who was instructed to send it to the Postmaster of Demerara to be forwarded to Surinam the first opportunity, unless the Postmaster of Barbadoes should find means of sending it in a more direct Manner. Mr. Casey requested to send his proposed plan for the future Regulation of Mail Boats to Surinam.

# **BRITISH WEST INDIES (contd.)**

- 3) 19 July 1804. To the Postmaster of Barbadoes, by the desire of the Secretary of State, ordering a boat to be sent direct from Barbadoes to Surinam and to bring back Replies to the Letters, A temporary Boat to be engaged for that Service until a final arrangement can be made for the conveyance of the Mails to that Settlement.
- 4) 21 Nov. 1804. To the Postmaster of Barbadoes approving his having engaged a temporary Boat for Surinam at 960 Dollars p. month for three months certain; observing however that the Terms were very high.
- 5) 1 June 1806. Mr. Freeling to Mr. Kentish, on the complaint of Mr, Casey that no Mail Boat had been at Surinam for the Last Six Months.
- 6) 2 Nov. 1806. Mr. Freeling to Mr. Casey, informing him of the measures that had been taken to keep a watchful Eye on the Proceedings of the Mail Boats.
- 7) Statement of the Service of the Surinam Mail Boat since its Establishment in May 1805, commencing with the Second Mail from England of June in that Year, made out from the Returns transmitted by the Postmaster of Barbadoes:

Mails from England	By what Boat sent	Boats arrived at Barbadoes	Boats Sailing
1805		Burbaabes	
2 May	Elizabeth	10 June	5 July
1 June	F. Freeling	6 July	15 July
2 June	No conveyance	osury	13 July
1 July	F. Freeling	8 August	10 August
1 July	2 Mails	o riagast	To Hugust
2 July	F. Freeling	31 August	3 Sept.
1 August	F. Freeling	22 Sept.	24 Sept.
	g Mail Boat missing	1	
2 August	H.M. Brig Pert		6 Oct.
1 Sept.	No conveyance		
2 Sept.	H.M.S. Emperor -	2 Mails	
1 Oct.	No conveyance }	per	
2 Oct.	No conveyance }	H.M.S. Emma	
1 Nov.	No conveyance }	Per	
2 Nov.	No conveyance }	Major	
1 Dec.	No conveyance }	Drummond	
2 Dec.	Mary Mail Boat	9 Feb.	21 Feb.
1806			
1 Jan.	No conveyance		
2 Jan.	No conveyance		
1 Feb.	Harmony Mail	} 29 March	11 April
2 Feb.	Boat	}	1
1 March	No conveyance }	Per H.M.S. Hippomen	
2 March	No conveyance }	gone to Antigua to get	a Gun.
1 April	No conveyance }		•
2 April	Harmony	9 June	10 June
1 May	No conveyance		
2 May	No conveyance		
1 June	Harmony – 3 Mails	6 July	14 July
2 June	No conveyance		
1 July	Harmony – 2 Mails	5 August	8 August
2 July	No conveyance – the Boat	not having returned	

- 8) There follows a similar Statement regarding the Service for Demerara, pointing out that a separate Boat is used, having no connection with the Boats used for Surinam. The Boats mentioned are the Reasonable, Two Brothers, Baxter, James, Mary, Lord Lavington, and H.M.S. Lilly.
- 9) Surinam. It appears from the foregoing Statement that no regular Mail Boat existed for Surinam from Sept. 1805 to Feb. 1806, occasioned by the uncertainty of the Fate of the Francis Freeling, and that during the above period the Mails were forwarded from Barbadoes as opportunities offered by King's Ships. A regular Mail Boat was again introduced in February last, but one Boat does not appear equal to a Monthly Communication between Barbadoes and Surinam.
- 10) Demerara. The Service of Demerara seems to have been tolerably well performed, but one boat is not equal to convey the Letters "twice a month" to and from Barbadoes and Demerara as stated in Mr. Freeling's Letter to the Postmaster of Demerara of the 4th July 1804.

Trinidad was surrendered by Spain to Britain on 18 Feb. 1797, and Picton was appointed Governor; the cession of this Island was confirmed by the Treaty of Amiens in 1802. On 4th March 1800 Governor Picton wrote to the P.M.G. requesting to have a mail made up expressly for Trinidad, and to afford them a Boat directly from Barbadoes, instead of having the Mail conveyed to Grenada. Early in 1800 Freeling enquired whether the Schooners serving Tobago and Grenada could also take in Trinidad.

On 2 June 1803 Freeling submitted a plan for including Trinidad. In a letter to C. Willoughby, the Postmaster of Barbadoes, he points out that the new scheme will save the "heavy Expense which has hitherto been incurred for the Conveyance of the Letters to that Island from Grenada." The plan was: On the arrival of the first monthly Packet, one Boat should proceed with the Mail to St. Vincents, Grenada and Trinidad, and return to Barbadoes. On the arrival of the Second or Leeward Island Packet one Boat to sail to Trinidad direct, there remain 48 hours and return by Grenada, there to deliver the Trinidad Mail to the Boat which is to sail from Barbadoes with the Mails for St. Vincents and Grenada, and then to follow the Packet to St. Kitts - the Trinidad Boat may then return to Barbadoes, or occasionally, if she wants repairs she may take the Mails from the Grenada Boat, and follow the Packet to St. Kitts and call at Antigua on her return to her Station at Barbadoes, and in that case the Grenada Boat will go direct from that Island to Barbadoes to be in readiness for the next Voyage to St. Vincents, Grenada and Trinidad. (Box File 21, No. 173).

# **BRITISH WEST INDIES (contd.)**

In their endorsement of this plan the Postmaster General (Auckland & Carteret) state, "I do not hesitate to write this Letter, first because the plan does not inconvenience the Islands of St. Vincents and Grenada, second because it affords great facility to the Correspondence with Trinidad, third because it saves nearly £500 per year for a Boat to and from Grenada and Trinidad."

In his reply, dated 20 July 1803, Willoughby pointed out that he did not think the plan suitable, and submitted an alternative plan, which also included Tobago, "being now a British Island." His plan was: On the arrival of the first Monthly Mail the Mail Boat to go first to Tobago and wait there 24 hours for the Answers. To proceed from there to St. Vincent and there land the Mail for that Island without anchoring, from thence to Grenada and land the Mail in like manner without anchoring, and then to Trinidad and wait there 24 hours, and receive the Mails, returning to Barbadoes.

With the second Mail of the Month, the same route, only instead of returning here to stop 24 hours at each of the Islands, on going for the answers, and to proceed directly from Trinidad to St. Kitts there to meet the Packet.

N.B. It would be advisable for the Mail Boats instead of, as now, going into Scarborough Bay (although the Capital) at Tobago, to go to Great Couland Bay and take the Mail across the Country, which is only three miles distant.

Distance from one Island to the other:

from Barbadoes to Tobago .. one night , Tobago to St. Vincent .. one night , St. Vincent to Grenada .. one night , Grenada to Trinidad .. 24 hours

(P.M.G.'s Reports, Vol. 22, No. 77 O).

In a letter of 14 August 1802 (P.M.G.'s Reports, Vol. 21, No. 36K) Freeling refers to a request by the Committee of West India Merchants for "the Iamaica Packets on their return home should touch at Crooked Is. for the Correspondence of the Bahama Islands." Having taken the opinion of the Packet Captains through the Falmouth Agent, that such a course would not interfere with the Packets, the P.M.G. granted the request, appointed Mr. Henry Moss of Crooked Is. to manage the Office (gratis for the time being) and authorised the new service to be advertised in the Press.

In the same series of Reports (Vol. 25, No. 38A) there is a reference, dated 3 May 1806, to an application from the Bahamas for a Packet between Falmouth and Nassau, returning by Charlestown. This request was not granted

on the grounds of expense - it would require at least five Packets at a cost of £10,000 per annum; for the year ending 5 Jan. 1806 the total postage to and from the Bahamas amounted to £191.10.1; the Iamaica Packet calls at Crooked Is. in all possible cases.

In 1802 a request was made by the Committee of the West India Merchants of Liverpool, that the Jamaica Packets should touch at Crooked Island on their return home, for the correspondence of the Bahamas. Freeling satisfied himself, by reference to the Agent at Falmouth and the Packet Captains, that such a call would not delay the Packets unduly, and consequently recommended the adoption of this measure. The new arrangement was approved on 14th August, 1802, and subsequently advertised in the Press. Henry Moss, of Crooked Is., was appointed to manage the Office, gratis, until the extent of the business could be ascertained. Four years later an application was received for a Packet to go from Falmouth to Nassau, returning by Charlestown. This application was refused on 3rd May, 1806, because "This would require at least 5 Packets at an expense of £10,000 per annum. For the year ending 5th January, 1806 the total postage to and from the Bahamas amounted to £191 10s. 1d. At present the Iamaica Packet calls at Crooked Is. in all possible cases." It may be noted on passing that as late as 1832, at least, the Jamaica Packet still called at Crooked Is. on her way home to Falmouth.

By the Treaty of Amiens, 1802, the Guiana Settlements were restored to the Dutch, and a reorganisation of the Mail Boat Service became necessary, particularly as Trinidad had been ceded to Britain by the same treaty. Accordingly the following instructions were issued from the G.P.O. on 2nd June, 1803:-

"Plan for the future employment of the two Mail Schooners from Barbados to the Southward, so as to accommodate the island of Trinidad.

With the 1st Month Mail

The Mail Boat to **go first to Tobago** and wait there 24 Hours for the Answers. To proceed from **there to St. Vincent** and there land the Mail for that Island without anchoring, from **thence to Grenada** and land the Mail in like manner without anchoring, and then to **Trinidad** and wait there 24 Hours, receive the Mails and return to this Island (Barbados).

With the 2nd, Month Mail

The same route, only instead of returning here to **stop 24 hours at each of the Islands**, on going for the answers, and to proceed directly from Trinidad to St. Kitts there to meet the Packet.

N.B. It would be advisable for the Mail Boats instead of, as now, going into Scarborough Bay (altho' the Capital) at Tobago, to go to Great Couland Bay,

# **BRITISH WEST INDIES (contd.)**

and take the Mail **across the Country**, which is only three miles distant and which will bring the boat back round the East end of the Island on their way from Tobago for St. Vincent, Scarborough Bay being to the Southward of the Island."

L. E. Britnor.

(To be continued)

# **GRENADA**

I have a postmark not described in Charlton's handbook, and would welcome information re the period of its use.

20.5mm. circle Grenada - 3mm. Date 21/4mm.

I have 4 copies 6 OC85 with C on back.

1.3.86 }
6.2.86 } all without C
20.2.86 }

SG41 and 42. I have 8 dated copies of SG41 from 31 March to September, 1888 and 4 copies of SG42 from 21 July to September. These numbers are small but I wonder whether 42 was issued later than 41. What is the earliest known date in SG42?

Can any reader supply information about the "surcharge postage" regulation for Grenada.

Barbados. Re type C2 of "Postal Markings of Barbados." I have a copy of SG56, Parish 1 dated Ap. 23-73 which is an earlier date than mentioned in the supplement.

R. Jones.

# **TRINIDAD**

I have an EL. from Trinidad to London back stamped with the 21mm. double circle and dated MY25 58. Beneath the year is a "5" (lying on its back). Can anyone tell me the significance of this "5."

I have an EL. sent by "Packet" from Trinidad to Cork. On the front is a manuscript 2/9½ which has been crossed out, and a new figure of 2/6½ written alongside. On the back of the letter is the 30mm. fleuron dated SEP2 836. This has been overwritten in manuscript with two ½'s, one over the top of the strike, and the other towards the bottom, Can anyone elucidate?

Hooton Mitchell.

# HON. SECRETARY'S PARAGRAPH

Dear Member,

I hope you have made an immediate note of my new address as indicated on the slip attached to this issue. As I write I am in the midst of preparations for the move to my new home and it is from there this issue will be posted and if it is a little delayed in reaching you I am sure you will readily understand the circumstances. Needless to say I am looking forward to leading a less strenuous life with even more time to devote to our circle and a chance once more to look at my stamps.

As you will have observed elsewhere the attendance at our Dinner was disappointing and home members will find accompanying this bulletin a stamped postcard bearing a questionnaire. I will be most grateful if you will kindly indicate your preference and post it back to me whether, or not, you are likely to attend.

I take this opportunity to remind you to send in as much material as you can to the Hon. Editor bearing in mind that all contributions will be considered for the award of the 'Gilbert W. Collett' Memorial Trophy.

The following new members have been enrolled to all of whom a warm welcome is extended on your behalf: T. D. Barrow (Canada), M. H. Delingpole (Worcestershire), I. D. Jex Long (Scotland), R. W. Hamilton (U.S.A.), and P. J. Tenison (B.W.I.).

P.T.S.

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